

# SMBulletin

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## THE FEAST OF SAINT PETER CHANEL, VISITATIONS AND AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SUPERIOR GENERAL



The General Council has concluded its plenary session celebrating **the feast of Saint Peter Chanel**. In unity with Marist around the world, the Superior General presided over a festive Mass, joined by Marist Sisters, including a group of sisters who are in Rome for a renewal program, Marist Missionary Sisters, Marist Brothers, the formators and students of Casa di Maria, and the complete General House staff. As is tradition, the Eucharist was celebrated with Saint Peter Chanel's chalice. The celebration continued with a fraternal lunch with all guests, filling the General House with joy and gratitude for Saint Peter Chanel's life, his mission and his martyrdom.

This week Fr Declan is carrying out the visitation of **Casa di Maria**; Fr Tony Kennedy is in **Mexico** for a visitation of the district and Fr Albert Kabala has started the visitation of the province of Europe with a visit to the confreres in the **Netherlands**.

**Marist Seminarians have interviewed Fr Declan Marmion**, sharing and reflecting on the first months of work of the new General Administration.

The video is available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).

## OCEANIA FINANCE COMMITTEE



From 5 to 7 May the Finance Committee of the Oceania Province held its annual meeting at Hunters Hill, Australia. Present were Fr Lote Raiwalui (provincial), Fr Lutoviko 'Olie (provincial councilor), Mr Lawrence Cakau (provincial accountant), Fr Setefano Mataele (*Marist missions of the Pacific* office) and also two financial advisors. They reviewed the outcome of their finances and investments, and it was noted that those have weathered some storms well in spite of the global difficulties. Time was also given to the reports from every sector in the province, and to see how to best support communities and missions in need. Finally, projections were made to further consolidate the province in the future.

## MARIST FAMILY IN ITALY

Last weekend a Marist Family gathering took place in the North of Italy. The initiative came from a Marist Laity group living near Turin, and it gathered representatives of the Marist Family in Italy. Fr Larry Duffy, who was present along with other Italian confreres, reports: *There were five short talks about how living in today's world as Marists. Discussions and questions followed and in the afternoon there was a symbolic activity of 'building a Marist house' and looking at furnishing it. Fun in the evening! Sunday morning was dedicated to developing some concrete ideas to foster unity and collaboration in the future. Participants were struck by the unity of spirit along with a healthy diversity, and the gathering took place in an atmosphere of great joy and fraternity.*

