

# SMBulletin

Friday, 29 May 2026

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

**Fr Declan Marmion** participated in the General Assembly of the USG (Union of Superiors General) which was held this week in Sacrofano outside Rome. About 150 Superiors General attended the 3 days meeting. The theme was “Transmitting the Charism in the Service of governance” and on Friday a meeting took place with officials of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith.

On Sunday **Fr Albert Kabala** departs for Canada where he will visit the confreres and he will also participate in their extraordinary Provincial Chapter which will take place on 3 June. The Province of East Canada is currently in the process of becoming a District.

**Fr Pat Brophy** will be in Senegal to follow up on financial matters.

## “MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS”



On 25 May 2026 the Holy Father launched his first encyclical “Magnifica Humanitas”, as the Church’s response to the challenges posed by a rapidly digitalising world and Artificial Intelligence.

Also at our last year’s General Chapter the question of how “bringing the gospel to the digital world” was raised (nr.3), and “Magnifica Humanitas” may guide our further discernment in this field. These are some extracts from Pope Leo’s words at the presentation of the encyclical:

*Magnifica Humanitas was born from listening and from this listening matured a disturbing conviction: artificial intelligence needs to be disarmed. Decisions about technology must never be separated from conscience and responsibility. “Let each builder choose with care how to build” (1 Cor 3:10) warns St. Paul. He does not fear the worksite; rather, he warns against building without solid foundations. Let’s not fear artificial intelligence but constantly keep the question of the human in play. We cannot be careless with our most powerful technical instruments. I therefore invite all members of the Church and of the human family: let us learn to listen to one another, face the present challenges with courage, and cooperate in building a more human and fraternal society.*

The 240 pages encyclical is divided in 5 chapters. You can find the complete text [here](#).

## PERPETUAL PROFESSION AT CASA DI MARIA

On Saturday, 23 May, Robert Badjeck from the District of Africa was Perpetually Professed in the Society of Mary. The profession Mass was celebrated in the chapel of Casa di Maria, and Fr. Juan Carlos Pina, representing the Superior General, received his vows. The Casa di Maria community was joined by local Marists, and friends of Robert for a wonderful day of celebration. His family were able to join in the Mass via livestream from Cameroon. Robert will return to the District of Africa after completing his studies in Rome in July.

