



SM bulletin

Friday, 9 December 2016

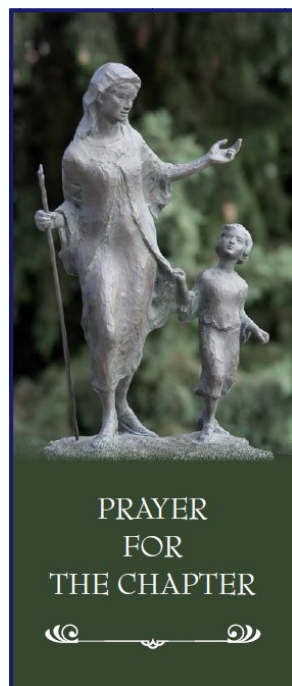
General Administration

Fr Alejandro Muñoz has returned to Mexico to attend the Provincial Chapter which begins next week.

Fr Larry Duffy is coming to the end of his visitation of the Province of New Zealand.

Fr John Hannan has been engaged with Fr Ted Keating (USA) in his debriefing after completing his term of office as provincial (better late than never).

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR THE GENERAL CHAPTER



God our Father,
we thank you that you have called us
to follow your Son Jesus Christ
and to serve your people
according to Mary's way.

As we prepare for the General Chapter
and our Society takes a new turning
on its pilgrim way,
pour out upon us
the light of your Spirit.

May he teach us your ways,
and show us your paths,
so that we may walk in your truth
and witness to your merciful love.

We ask this
through Christ our Lord,
confident in the support of Mary,
our first and perpetual Superior

Amen.

Father Jean Claude Colin,
pray for your sons.

Mother of the Journey - Keiji Kosaka

From 1 January 2017, the feast of Mary the Mother of God, all communities and confreres worldwide are invited pray for the General Chapter (September 20—October 11). A special prayer card has been produced and sent out to the provinces, districts and regions, for distribution to all confreres. It is available in English, French, Spanish, German, Dutch, Portuguese and Italian. On the front of the prayer card is pictured the sculpture "Mother of the Journey", depicting Mary and the boy Jesus crossing the desert on their return to the Holy Land.

FIVE PRE-NOVICES PREPARE FOR THE START OF THEIR NOVITIATE

Five pre-novices are currently engaged in a two month enculturation program in Eden, Davao, prior to the start of the novitiate which will begin in late January 2017. They are Iosefo Amuri (Oceania), Carlos Olivares Flores (Mexico), Timothy Hare (Oceania), Jaime Pérez Martínez (Mexico), and Christian from Africa. Please keep them in your prayers.

ORDINATION TO THE DEACONATE IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

On 27 November Humphrey Karua was ordained to the diaconate by Archbishop Adrian Smith sm in the Cathedral of Honiara, Solomon Islands. Humphrey was professed in the Society of Mary in 2011, and completed his studies at the Pacific Regional Seminary in 2014. He has ministered in Dala and Tanagai in 2015-



16. He will continue to be a member of the Marist Regional House community in Tanagai, and minister as a deacon in the Tanagai Parish.