

SMbulletin

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YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

As a follow up to the [Reflection of Fr John Larsen](#) last week and to respond to the call of Pope Francis to celebrate this current year of St Joseph, a small leaflet has been produced by the GA containing some common and Marist prayers. You can find this leaflet in the prayer section of our website www.maristsm.org/about/. Another version can be found under “resources” on the [Colin website](#).

AUSTRALIAN PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

From 22 to 25 February the Province of Australia finally held its twice postponed Provincial Chapter. The previous Chapter of 2018 had acted to address the stark realities, especially of diminishment in personnel and resources faced by the Province. It mandated that the present provincial administration put into place processes for new governance and leadership structures and that the 2020 Chapter review and finalise this transition. So, a little later than planned, the chapter has carried out its task.



The decisions reached were the outcome of extensive work over the preceding two years, with proposals drawn up and discussed in local communities and assemblies before forming the central item on the agenda of the chapter – a true exercise in synodality. The spirit of respectful listening, assisted by an excellent facilitator, contributed to a serene arrival at

some very hard but significant decisions for the future.

Besides a decision on a change in governance structures, the Chapter also reached decisions on a body of “statutes” for the new structures, the future of the province’s three prioritized ministries, properties of the Society’s patrimony, vocations, health and aged care. These decisions now go to the Superior General for his approval.

LET US PRAY THAT OUR DECEASED CONFRERES MAY REST IN PEACE

P. Yves Gouget
Europe (France)

12.09.1927—30.01.2021

P. Robert Barber
Australia

12.03.1949—13.02.2021

P. Maurice Valette
Europe (France)

20.05.1930—13.02.2021

F. Martin Williams
New Zealand

30.08.1941—11.03.2021

P. Soane Patita Hautafa’o
Oceania (Wallis et Futuna)

13.04.1955—16.02.2021

P. Francis Kigina Takaku
Oceania (Papua New Guinea)

21.02.1961—19.02.2021

P. Ipolito Bakava Teburea
Oceania (Fiji)

11.08.1958—05.03.2021