

## Chapter Day 17

### Election of the General Assistants

With joy and gratitude we announce that today the General Chapter has elected the four members of the new General Council.



#### Fr John Harhager (U.S.A.)

He is currently president of Marist School Atlanta. In the past he has served in parishes, initial formation and in the general administration, both as general assistant and general bursar, in the US provincial administration as bursar and as director of the Mission Office.

**Born:** 06.08.1949 **Profession:** 22.07.1972 **Ordination:** 28.04.1979



#### Fr Bernard (Ben) McKenna (Oceania)

He joined the Society in Australia, and has been ministering in Oceania since 1981. In the early years he was mainly active in parish work on the Solomon Islands. After a formation course in Ireland in 1992-1993 he started ministering as a formator, first in Australia and later back in Oceania. Since 2013 he has been the provincial of the province of Oceania.

**Born:** 17.09.1953 **Profession:** 20.01.1974 **Ordination:** 09.12.1978



#### Fr Juan Carlos Piña (Mexico)

He is vicar provincial of the province of Mexico and the director of the Centro de Proyección Universitaria. Previously he had been mainly involved in parish work and teaching. In 2011-2012 he participated in the training of formators program in Rome, and since then he has been superior of the formation house of the province.

**Born:** 05.05.1975 **Profession:** 01.08.1999 **Ordination:** 09.07.04



#### Fr Paul Walsh (Europe)

He is member of the provincial council of Europe and head of formation in the province. After his ordination he spent a short time in education and was then for four years in Norway. He was working as a formator in Ireland and later in the district of Africa and became its District Superior. During 7 years he was the rector of the international community of Notre Dame de France in London.

**Born:** 22.06.1949 **Profession:** 24.09.1967 **Ordination:** 06.07.1975