



## GLOBAL "PHOTOGRAPH" OF THE MARIST MISSION

### MODULE MISSIO OF THE MARIST SYSTEM FOR DATA MANAGEMENT

We are living a time of grace for the Marist Institute. On the threshold of the new centenary, God offers us new horizons, keys for reading, so as to look at our history and mission with gratitude and openness of heart and mind. We are preparing this new beginning by means of several processes, among others: the implementation of the document Evangelizers among the Young, the experience of the International Assembly of the Marist Mission in Nairobi, the preparation of the General Chapter, the revision of the Constitutions, the New Models, etc. These place us in a new attitude in the face of the needs and opportunities of the Marist Life and Mission.

We are invited to recognize ourselves as a global International body. For this it is necessary to know the real data of our mission. In the past three years, counting on the support of the Marist Province of Brazil Centro-Sul, in Curitiba, we have been working on the development of the Module Missio, of the Marist System, which together with Domus, Kosmos, Nexus and Archivium will allow us to have a clearer photograph of the Marist Mission counting with information that will help us in the reflection, animation and the taking of decisions on the Marist Mission.

The Module Missio will gather data on the Schools, Universities, Health Ed-



itorials, Social Works and projects of non-formal Education, Foundations, and structures at the level of the Administrative Unit among others. A simple mechanism will be offered with the

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

From Nov. 16 – 21, Vicar general Brother Joe McKee and Brother Chris Wills, Director of the Secretariat Collaboration for Mission, International attended the council meeting of the Fratelli Project in Lebanon.

Since yesterday until Nov. 26 the coordinators of the commission of the laity of the Americas are meeting in Quito, Ecuador. Brother Javier Espinosa, director of the Secretariat of the Laity, is taking part in the encounter.

From Nov. 18 – 22, the Bedford Fund Board and Control Committee are gathering in Buenos Aires with the participation of Brother Libardo Garzón, econome general.

From Nov. 22 – 28, Brother Víctor Preciado, general councillor, is participating in the retreat of the América Central province in El Salvador.

From Nov. 25 – 27, the second International Symposium of Superiors and Econome generals organized by the Congregation for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life in Rome. Superior general Brother Emili Turú and econome general Libardo Garzón are taking part.

On Saturday, Nov. 26, the Tutti Fratelli group will gather at the general house of the De La Salle Brothers. Some 30 Marist brothers and superior general Brother Emili Turú take part.

possibility of having access from the cell phone, Tablet (iPad) or computer.

The resolution of the global "photograph" of the Marist Mission in the

different levels and areas will depend on the faithful updating of the data according to the established dates. We would like to offer this photograph for reflection and discernment on the

Marist Mission during the XXII General Chapter. This will depend on the effort of each AU to fill in their data about the Marist Mission.

## HAITI: HOW IS THE ISLAND A MONTH AFTER HURRICANE MATTHEW?

A month after hurricane Matthew hit the southwestern part of the island of Haiti, the situation of thousands of displaced people remains critical. External humanitarian aid is insufficient and, when it arrives, it is slow and spaced out in time, due to the challenges in its distribution, as well as to the state of the roads.

Today the island is experiencing the worst humanitarian crisis since the earthquake of 2010, in which an estimated 50,000 children lost their homes and now live in temporary shelters. It is also estimated that approximately 100,000 children have not been able to return to school.

### The Marist world in Haiti

Marist Brothers who reside in the island have been working tirelessly to serve and help our communities. In a first moment, it was difficult to assess the damage due to the difficulty of communication with the communities of Jérémie, Latibolière, Dame-Marie and Les Cayes, whose inhabitants have lost everything. Later, they realised that the three Marist schools on the island had been severely damaged, with fallen ceilings, broken windows, ruined walls, destroyed solar panels and broken or missing water tanks. In addition, many houses of the affected populations, including those of the same brothers and their families, had damages that varied between small and very severe. In the most serious cases, some houses were completely destroyed and others are still uninhabitable, due to damage to the foundations, walls, ceilings and water tanks.

### Status of the "Solidarity for Haiti" Campaign - Mexico Occidental

It will be one month this week since the "Solidarity for Haiti" campaign began. Support of the Marist schools of the Mexico Occidental province has been requested by means of the campaign in order to join their communities to this work of solidarity with the Haitian people.

In this context, we have already managed to send some



aid to our brothers, with the aim of beginning the most urgent work. We are very proud to communicate that the campaign has had an echo both nationally and internationally, with the participation of the schools of our sister province, Mexico Central, as well as Fundación Marista Solidaridad, Educación, Desarrollo (SED) and Marist International Solidarity Foundation Onlus for the benefit of children (FMSI) who are also supporting us with rebuilding schools in Dame-Marie and Latibolière.

However, to date we have raised just 15% of the budget needed to fix the Marist works in Haiti and ensure that our children can continue to study.

### Reconstruction work on the island

Wood, nails and metal sheets have been purchased to date through the money that has been raised so far in order to begin the reconstruction of the schools in Dame-Marie and Latibolière, and the necessary local labour has been recruited. (Bulletin presented by Solidaridad Marista AC - México Occidental Province - 9 November)

It is now urgent to restore the schools' electrical system, among other things, so we will continue our fundraising efforts to get the necessary amount to complete the reconstruction work in our communities. How to help the affected population: <http://www.champagnat.org/400.php?a=6&n=4118>

NEWS IN BRIEF

**NEW WEBSITE USA**

The United States Province has launched a new website ([www.maristbr.com](http://www.maristbr.com)). A contract has been made with a communication team and the news of the province will be disseminated daily through this team and social networks.

**BUCHAREST, ROMANIA**

The "Centre Saint Marcellin Champagnat" of Romania celebrated its 10th anniversary on Nov. 18 and 19. The Ibérica Province dedicated the centre to homeless children.

**PROFESSIONS IN AFRICA**

Seven African Brothers made their perpetual profession in the Marist Institute on Nov. 12. Brothers Michael Okutachi, Abutu Ocheme Anthony and Edwin Abucho professed in Nigeria. Brothers Daniel Banda, David Kachoka, Witman Phiri and Patrick Banda professed in Malawi, in the Southern Africa Province.



Brothers Emil, Joan, Jonnel, Nester and Allen; Ted, Fred, Dionesio, Ian, Dean and Jeffrey

**PHILIPPINES: LISTENING TO HEART-WARMING STORIES**  
**TEMPORARY PROFESSED BROTHERS IN ACTIVE MINISTRY**

Three times a year, the Temporary Professed Brothers in Active Ministry (TP-BIAM) of Philippines get together as part of their formation. It is an opportunity for the young brothers to share their experiences in the ministry as well as be renewed through the group accompaniment.

The second gathering for the year, with 9 brothers and their accompagnateur Br Ted Fernandez, was hosted by the Marikina Community on October 28-29.

Br. Lindley Sionosa, the superior of the host community, gave the input to the group. He talked about the New Models of Animation, Governance and Management, with special attention to the initiatives adopted by the Asian Region. Furthermore, the session gave the young brothers a deeper under-

standing of the New Models Project, affording them a wider perspective on the Marist world and the international and global nature of the Congregation.

The heart of the gathering was the life sharing and updating. It was an occasion for each brother to share about the joys and challenges he is facing as a religious in the active ministry. Telling and listening to heart-warming stories of bliss and sorrow paves the way to a better knowledge, understanding and acceptance of self and others. Overall, the gathering revitalized the young brothers, uplifting their spirit and giving them the needed strength in their vocation as they continue to work in the vineyard of the Lord

**NEW MODELS FOR AFRICA**

**MEETING OF THE AFRICAN MISSION COMMISSION IN NAIROBI**



The Commission in Nairobi, Kenya

The African Mission Commission, which gathered in Nairobi from Nov. 8 – 12 with the hope of addressing the most important issues affecting the region, has drawn up a strategic plan for the next six years.

Participants included Br Mario Meutti (FMSI), Br João Carlos do Prado, Br Carlos Alberto Rojas, Br Mark Omede (Secretariat of Mission) and Luca Olivari, the consultant and facilitator of the New Models of Animation, Governance and Management Project.

They discussed the following issues:

- An in-depth study and analysis of New Models of Animation and Governance project for its adaptation and implementation in the African region

## MARIST WORLD



Lebanon - Rmeileh: Visit of the Fratelli Project Council



Syria  
Blue Marists



United States  
Molloy High School



Samoa  
Marist Primary School Mulivai



Australia - Provincial and District Administrators of Asia and Oceania



Spain: Marist School in Sarriguren

- Prioritisation of needs in the region for the New Models initiative to be presented in the extended council session in December 2016
- Evaluation of the workshops on New Horizons and planning the second phase
- A review of the Commission's six years strategic plan
- A plan for the implementation of the outcome of MIMA II in the African region

There were also moments of personal reflection to try to identify the Institute's calls, such as internationality, rights of children and youth, Marist youth ministry, the relationship between brothers and laity, accountability and sustainability, and leadership formation in the light of the New Models Project.

The atmosphere was described as "open and with a spirit of fraternity." Luca facilitated the meeting's sessions on the New Models Project.

The Conference of Superiors of Africa and Madagascar entrusted the African Mission Commission the responsibility of animating and leading the process of implementation of the New Models of Animation and Governance project in the continent.

The members of the Commission are Brothers John Kusi Mensah, Ifeanyi Mbaegbu, Michel Maminiaina Razafiman-dimby, Erick Silali and Francis Fortune Chakasara.

## GENERAL HOUSE: COURSE "AMANECER" (DAWN OR DAYBREAK) IN ROME

The course for the Third Age in Spanish and Portuguese, for Brothers from 70 to 80 years of age, which was held from September 1 to October 31, has been finished.

The 18 participants of the course "Amanecer," which was directed by Brothers Landelino Ortego y Javier

Ocaranza, included 15 Marist Brothers and three Marianist Brothers from Spain, Mexico, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil, Portugal and Mozambique.

One of the participants said: "Soon we knew one another and gradually created profound fraternal bonds of union, in the style of the first Chris-

tians, with the desire to profit to the maximum of this course which is offered to us".

The course was centered on the anthropological axis, the spiritual and the Marist axis.

During the anthropological axis, the

participants discussed the knowledge of an elderly person, integral health, maturity in religious life and inter-personal relationships.

The spiritual axis covered the personal history of salvation, the following of Jesus and the commitment, the mission of the elderly in the Bible and prayer and centrality in Christ.

The Marist axis dealt with the Charism of Marcelin, Marian spirituality, the vision of the Institute by the Superior General, Brother Emili Turú, the Year La Valla and the celebration of the Bicentenary. They also discussed the mission of the Laity in the Church and in the Institute, as well as the re-



Participants in Fourvière, France

lationship of the Brothers with the Laity.

The participants visited Rome and its surroundings such as Cerveteri, Albano Lake, Frascati, Viterbo and Bolsena. They also made some pilgrimages to Assisi, Subiaco, the Catacombs of San Calixto, the Shrine of Divino Amore, the Hermitage (France) and ended the course with a Papal audience in the Vatican.

## A SIGN OF HOPE FOR OUR MARIST FUTURE

### GUATEMALA: 100 YEARS OLD: BR ALBERTO CASTRILLO TABLADO



On the 19th of this month, Br Alberto Castrillo Tablado, of the Province

of Central America, celebrates 100 years of life. The community of the Provincial house in Guatemala and the whole Institute celebrates this centenary of a life dedicated to the ideals of Fr Champagnat.

Br Alberto was born in Palacios de la Sierra, Burgos, Spain. His first appointment was to Cuba. He has spent most of his life in El Salvador, especially in the city of Santa Ana.

Those who know him well describe him as a simple brother, warm and with a big heart, very much aware of what is happening around him, a man of a deep spirituality, much appreciated by his ex-students.

Br Emili, in the letter he sent to express his good wishes, told Br Alberto that "your fidelity to your vocation is, at the same time, a wonderful sign of the FIDELITY of the Lord to you and to each one of us".



Participants with Br Seán Sammon, ex Superior General.

The "Marist Vocation Animators for a New Beginning" encounter is moving forward and it will end on 14 December.

During the first week, Brother Seán Sammon accompanied participants and currently they are working with Brother Óscar Martín Vicario.

After the meeting, we will send a number of Marist News dedicated to the meeting. News and photos are available at: <http://www.champagnat.org/000.php?p=450>

## NEW ZEALAND: MARISTS ARE SAFE DESPITE EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI

It has been confirmed that the 7.5 magnitude earthquake and tsunami that struck New Zealand on Monday, Nov. 14, has not affected the Marists of Champagnat in the country.

The four schools run by the Brothers and the additional 22 schools in the Marist Education Network were not damaged either.

The earthquake that killed two people took place in a relatively unpopulated area, affecting mainly the town of Kaikoura, which has around 3,600 residents and 1,000 tourists.

"The major damage is to the roads and bridges in the area although a lot of buildings will need to be rebuilt and repaired," Brother Kevin Wanden told the general house press office on Nov. 14. "There are a lot of aftershocks with over 800 today



alone, some of these are quite large being over 5 on the Richter scale," he added.

Two earthquakes shook the city of Christchurch in 2011.

There are a total of 81 Brothers and three novices in the Pacific District with 58 of them living in New Zealand.

## PASTORAL ASSEMBLY OF THE MARIST PROVINCE BRASIL CENTRO-SUL

From Oct. 26 – 28, Brothers and laity of the Brasil Centro-Sul province gathered in the pastoral assembly in Curitiba.

Under the theme "a new beginning: discipleship, mysticism and mission" and under the theme "... And he walked with them (Luke 24:15b)," the encounter gathered over a hundred participants, representatives of different areas of provincial mission.

The assembly's main objective was to give new impetus and vigor to the provincial pastoral ministry. The process was divided in three phases: a pre-assembly, the pastoral assembly and the post-assembly. The first phase was dedicated to studying the reality by visiting all the units to listen to pastoral agents. From this list came ideas that helped establish the pastoral horizons of regional meetings.

The second phase, the assembly in itself, was a moment of celebration, of studying and of preparation of the ministry guidelines at provincial level. Brother João Batista,



in charge of the provincial ministry, manifested that the "assembly was an occasion to turn one's gaze back to the evangelizing action of different units, with the goal of revising the processes and advancing in the Marist mission."

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