



REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTIONS SECOND DRAFT OF THE CONSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

After working on the feedback of the First Draft, the Commission for the Revision of the Constitutions has published the Second Draft of the Constitutions.

The Commission is reminding all Brothers to send their suggestions using a pdf copy of the consultation sheet and to email it to const@fms.it by June 15.

The Commission will use the suggestions to prepare the third and final draft during July and August, which will be presented at the General Chapter in September.

The consultation on the first draft confirmed the proposal to simplify the Constitutions, retaining everything required by Canon Law, and to produce a complementary text containing items that go beyond such canonical requirements.

The limited time available to us means that we are only able to present here the complete text of the Constitutions and Statutes.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Over the weekend and until March 13, Superior general Brother Emili Turú was at Escorial, taking part in the Senderos formation programme. Brother Michael de Waas also left Rome to attend to the affairs of the South Asia Province in Sri Lanka.

The General Council is continuing its plenary session from March 15 – 17. In addition to its regular council session, it is closing topics of last week and is studying proposals to define the new structure that should coordinate the animation of the Marist mission.

The Fratelli Project is meeting this week in Lebanon from March 12 to 19, with the participation of

Brother Chris Wills, member of its Council. From March 13 – 18, Br Javier Espinosa, director of the Secretariat of the Laity, is assisting an encounter in Santiago do Chile.

On Wednesday, Br Manel Mendoza of FMSI will be visiting Geneva to meet with the Human Rights Council and for other appointments until March 23.

On March 18, Br Mark Omede and Br Carlos Alberto Rojas of the Secretariat of Mission will be gathering with members of other Marist Family branches at the general house to prepare for the International Gathering of Marist Youth in 2019.

During the months that the consultation is proceeding, the Commission will continue its work on the complementary text (what we called the "Rule of Life" in the first draft). Our intention is to present this text directly to the Chapter as a working document.

Finally, in the light of this new consultation, a third draft of the Constitutions and Statutes will be prepared during the months of July and August.

To download the online publication, visit: <https://goo.gl/qFj2Xh>.

ACCOMPANYING LAVALLA200> IN ASIA AND AUSTRALIA

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES FOR A NEW BEGINNING



To the communities of the current District of Asia (MDA) (...), we wish to add a number of new communities. This time, however, they will be distributed throughout the world, and will be set up and accompanied in close collaboration with each of the Marist regions (The dance of the Mission, p. 15).

During February, Brothers Jeff Crowe and Angel Medina, visited the communities where members of the Project are living, to continue their mission of accompanying participants of the initiative "International communities for a new beginning," Lavalla200>. We invite you to take this "trip" with us.

Thailand

Bangkok: there we meet with Brother Juan Castro, superior of the district of Asia (MDA), and with the Brothers of the district community. The fraternal treatment of each other allowed us to know a bit better the path that as Marists is being done in the region; we also spoke about the relationship between the MDA and of the Lavalla200> initiative.

Cambodia

Brothers John Nyuydine and Bernhard Tremmel waited for us in the capital, Phnom Penh. A trip of nearly six

hours allowed us to reach the city of Saen Monourom (province of Mondul Kiri), where Br Max Meier, the third member of the community, received us.

A few of the activities of the Brothers includes accompanying a group of youths that reside in a "hostel" of the parish and giving English lessons to those who have been adding Brothers and youth to neighbouring homes in a spontaneous way. They only speak Khmer or Buonona, but they also want to learn English and participate in the classes with the Brothers.

Back in Phnom Penh, before leaving Cambodia, we could get to know the "La Valla School," a Marist work of the Australia province for children and youth with different disabilities; most of the personnel that look after them have some sort of physical disability. The spirit that you breathe there is endearing!

Philippines

The new house of the postulancy is in Davao, southern Philippines; the group of 14 youths, accompanied by Brothers Paco García, Luis G. Sobrado and Marc Poro, to which Brothers Larry Lavalle and Ricky Gómez from Lavalla200> have been added; The family atmosphere speaks for itself of the Marist spirit that young postulants grow.

NEWS IN BRIEF

UNITED STATES

Two recent Marist College graduates, Mike Duffy and John Herman, are currently making a trek across Asia to raise funds for wells in rural Malawian villages and for Biosand filters for families and schools in Cambodia. They are completing 15 ironman triathlons – 36 miles swimming, 1,600 miles on bike and 390 miles on foot – through Thailand, Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia. Throughout the journey, they are also volunteering with Marist affiliated communities. To follow their journey and donate, visit www.journeyforwater.com.

SYRIA

The Blue Marists in Aleppo started drilling a well on March 9 in order to be able to respond to the increasing request of water from the displaced families under their care.

AUSTRALIA

On March 16, Brother Jonnel Sisneros of the East Asia Province will join Br Lawrie McCane at the Mount Druitt community, one of the new communities of the Lavalla 200> project. It is expected that Argelia Hernández and Rodrigo Gris, a Mexican married couple and Lavalla200> members, will transfer to Mount Druitt in May.

GHANA

Marist Youth Ministers gathered for a formation session on Feb. 25 in the Marist community of Buokrom in Kumasi, Ghana. It covered topics such as awareness on the bicentenary celebration, preparing their July Marist youth celebration, the restructuring of MYM of Ghana, and awareness of the MYM identity and mission.

Australia

Br Jeff travelled to Manila to meet with a Brothers who will take part in Lavalla200> this year. From there, he continued to Australia for a short break; in Sidney, he was able to meet with Br Lawrie M. of the Mount Druitt community that, since last year, forms part of the international communities. We hope that a married Mexican couple, Argie and Rodri, and a Brother from the Philippines, will be able to join the community as soon as they obtain their visas.

Hong Kong

Brother Angel travelled to Hong Kong where he was welcomed by the community of Saint Francis Xavier College and had the opportunity to spend a few days accompanying Laura, a

young lay woman from Bolivia, who is studying Chinese as part of her preparation for the MDA mission.

Sri Lanka

Brother Angel's last stop before returning back to Rome was the joint novitiate of the MDA, the South Asia province and East Timor (Australia) in Tudella, Sri Lanka. Those days were experiences of true fraternal sharing with the Brothers Nicolás Fernando, Rod Thomson, Peter Walsh and Reál Sauvageau, the formators, as well as with the 12 young novitiates. The experience of the community's life is an expression of a new beginning, similar to that of Father Champagnat, 200 years ago in La Valla.

*Brothers Jeff Crowe and Angel Medina
Lavalla200 Team*

CRUZ DEL SUR PROVINCE ANIMATORS DISCUSS PATH PROVINCIAL ENCOUNTER OF ANIMATORS



Members of the Cruz del Sur province's animation gathered in Mar del Plata from Feb. 23 – 25 to reflect on their path in this new beginning.

Participants included animators of Paraguay, who travelled to Argentina to add their voice and their opinion in this new historic phase of the Marists of the América Sur region, which was

the fusion of the three countries – Uruguay, Paraguay and Argentina – that now make up the province.

A few of the encounter's objectives were to create fraternal bonds, to continue realizing the province's vision for the triennial, to improve the province's organization and to continue to raise awareness of the pro-

MARIST WORLD



General House: International Women's Day



Ireland: Communication workshop with student leaders - Dublin



Spain: 'Senderos' programme in El Escorial



Brazil: Portuguese course to Haitian immigrants in Joinville



Lebanon: Nine Brothers living in the country and a Brother from Syria



General House: 'Tutti Fratelli,' made up of brothers from various congregations

vincial body, one of the calls of the assembly and of the provincial chapter.

One of the highlights was the climate of fraternity and the space that was given for dialogue and for listening.

Participants shared with the different teams their goals and dreams as part of the Cruz del Sur province.

The participants, gathered at the Villa Marista, also analysed a new scheme and provincial organization chart.

REMAR CELEBRATES ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR

MARIST YOUTH 'ROW INTO THE DEEP'



On Feb. 24, young Marists of ten cities of Colombia celebrated the fortieth anniversary of REMAR, a movement that aims to evangelise youth and help them grow to be good Christian leaders.

The movement's members of Bogotá, Ibagué, Manizales, Armenia, Cali, Pasto, Popayán, Ipiales, Medellín and Villavicencio recalled the birth of the movement, which was created by Colombian Brother Nestor Quiceno.

Another highlight of the fortieth anniversary will take place in Ibagué,

Colombia, from April 12 - 16, during which 450 members will celebrate Easter under the theme Duc in Altum "Rema a lo Profundo" (Row into the deep).

REMAR, which means 'to row' in Spanish but which also stands for 'Renovación Marista' (Marist Renewal), uses marine terms in its activities.

Its members are divided into groups to form a 'caravel,' which has to pass through different 'ports.' Another term it uses is to 'board' (el 'Embarque'), which means to start a group.

REMAR works with youths in a parallel way to the psychology of their age. In earlier years, the focus is on friendships and teamwork, while later it is on serving society and helping the needy.

It also teaches the youths to speak in public, to study together, to be organized and to analyse society's different realities.

The members join in their teenage years and can continue in the movement for years after they have finished university.

Throughout the years, the youths pass through different 'travesías' (crossings). The red crossing, which focuses on communication, the blue crossing, which focuses on internalisation and the yellow crossing, which focuses on commitment.

REMAR is present in 13 countries in Latin America – Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina and Paraguay – as well as in Australia.

LAST MEMBER ARRIVES TO THE NEW EAST HARLEM COMMUNITY

LAVALLA200> IN NEW YORK

All members of the new East Harlem community are now in New York after the last one – Brother Luis Fernando of Paraguay – arrived on Feb. 25.

The community, part of the Lavalla200> International Community for a New Beginning project, is made up of Br Luis, Brother Jim McKnight of the United States and Bruno Socher of Brazil, a lay Marist.

Argelia Hernández and Rodrigo Gris, a Mexican married couple who are members of Lavalla200>, arrived as temporary support to the East Harlem Community early January.

They are supposed to transfer to the Mount Druitt Community in Australia when they receive their visa in May.

The East Harlem community is replacing the old Comunidad Juan Diego, which focused on helping mothers and immigrant families, mostly Spanish speaking.

Brother Ángel Medina, one of the brothers in charge of the formation of the members of the Lavalla200> project, affirmed that the East Harlem community will continue working with mothers and immigrant families, but the aim is for its members to work

also with others outside of schools and parish groups.

The community is currently continuing this work, but it is also exploring new ways of helping other people in need.

Br Jim, who formed part of the old Comunidad Juan Diego, will attend the second formation programme for participants of Lavalla200> held in San Martino a Monte, Italy, from April 30 – July 3.

Br Jim, who was born in Queens, New York City, has been a Marist Brother for nearly 56 years. He lived in the Philippines for several years, served as a provincial councillor and taught in Marist schools in New York, New Jersey, Florida and Illinois.

Br Luis Fernando, aged 34 of Asuncion, Paraguay, underscored he is "passionate about movies and music, especially those that have a lesson to teach" and that "joy is something that accompanies me all the time, especially when sharing with others."

Bruno, aged 28 of Curitiba, Brazil, studied history and cinema and is currently studying theology. He has been involved in youth ministry for 15 years.



A MARIST ORGANISATION HELPS INTEGRATE CHILDREN BACK INTO SOCIETY THE MARCELLIN FOUNDATION HELPS GIVE CHILDREN A BETTER FUTURE



A Marist organisation in General Santos City, Philippines, is helping children living in poverty and in conflict with the law to integrate back into society and obtain a better lifestyle.

"The ultimate aim is to integrate these kids into a more permanent home structure where their self-worth and self-respect are enhanced, and with the larger objective of transforming them into productive members of society," affirmed Brother Karl Angelo Labio, one of its members.

"The Marcellin Foundation is indeed the fruit of the Holy Spirit working in the process as it develops and progresses through the years," he added.

"The ideals of Marcellin Champagnat in educating children about the

Good News have also inspired Brother Crispin Betita to incarnate Marcellin's dream of evangelization."

The Marcellin Foundation, which marked its twenty-sixth anniversary on Jan. 29, also provides shelter, education and job placements.

During its anniversary, it inaugurated and blessed a new school, the Yamaha Training School, sponsored by the Yamaha Corporation.

A Brother involved in the work, Brother Dominador Santiago, noted that "the success of this foundation is not merely on the material things received, but on the number of lives touched by this Institution."

"Many children have been helped to achieve their dreams and accept the goodness of the Lord in their lives," he continued.



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