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## HIGHER EDUCATION WITH THE CHARISM OF CHAMPAGNAT

### ASSEMBLY OF THE MARIST INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN APRIL 2019

The President of the International Marist Network of Institutions of Higher Education, Br. Roberto Méndez López wrote a letter on the past June 19, convoking its members to the next Assembly, which will take place in Lima (Peru) from April 1 to 5 2019. This will be the 8th Assembly of the Network, which met for the first time in the year 2004, in Curitiba (Brazil). More than 20 Marist Institutions of Higher Education will participate in it.



## Marist International Network

of Institutions of Higher Education

The International Marist Network of Institutions of Higher Education is a weave of works of the Shared Mission of brothers and lay persons which operate in various Provinces of the Marist Institute. Each Institution of Higher Education is a node of the network, with drives that are multidirectional in its inter-institutional communication, and unidirectional in relationship with a co-ordinating node for specific tasks and functions collectively agreed upon.

The objectives proposed for the International Marist Network of Institutions of Higher Education are as follows:

- To strengthen intelligence and collaboration among the Institutions belonging to the International Marist Network of Institutions of Higher Education.
- To provide intelligence on subjects that are common to us.
- To share and exchange experiences and information which allow us to improve activities and processes in carrying out our Mission.

- To promote inter-institutional mobility, encouraging academic and solidarity connections which offer opportunities for teachers and students to gain international experience.
- To contribute to attending to the needs and concerns of Marist works in the different areas of Mission.
- To collaborate with the Marist Solidarity Foundation (FMS International), and other institutions, in uniting forces for the education of the most needy and obtaining access to the organizations of the United Nations involved in caring for youth and education.

The Marist International Network of Institutions of Higher Education is accompanied by the Secretariat of Mission of the Institute, which promotes the integration of the journey of these institutions with the strategic plan of animation and governance of the Institute.

## GENEAL ADMINISTRATION

- The plenary session of the General Council will end on July 12.
- On the same day, the course for current formators – which began on May 15, with the participation of 17

brothers from 14 countries – will also come to an end.

- Brothers Ben Consigli, João Carlos del Prado, general councillors, and Carlos Saúl Corzo, from the province

of Norandina (auxiliary secretary during the General Chapter), are working on the conclusion of the minutes of the Chapter, which will be published later on.

## BRAZIL: "THE SENSE OF LIFE"

### THE PUCPR CARRIES OUT AN EVENT OF THE PROJECT ATRIUM OF THE GENTILES

The edition of 2018 of the Project 'Atrio de los Gentiles' in Brazil will have as theme "The Sense of Life" and will take place from the 3rd to the 5th of September, in Curitiba, in the Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná (PUCPR).



The 'Atrio de los Gentiles' is a project of the Pontifical Council for Culture from the Vatican and its objective is to favor dialogue between believers and non-believers on the fundamental themes of human existence. In Brazil this is carried out by the Institute of Science and Faith of the PUCPR.

The Project 'Atrio de los Gentiles' is a response to the inspirational discourse of Benedict VI on December 21, 2009. At present Pope Francis reaffirmed the importance of this dialogue for the Church. Starting from this, the Pontifical Council for Culture obtained inspiration to create places of encounter and dialogue, a space of freedom

of expression and respect for those who do not believe and for those who ask questions regarding their own faith.

Referring to the "Atrio de los Gentiles" of the temple of Jerusalem constructed after the exile, during the years 20-19 BC, this Project is a space which everyone can cross, without distinction of culture, language or religious vocation, and where it is possible to ask oneself regarding the great questions of life and of society, and, in this way, get closer to the "unknown God".

In this way the Atrium is an open window to the world of contemporary culture which wants to hear the voices which resound in its different searches and perspectives.

The details on the event which will take place in September may be consulted in the following link: <http://cienciaefe.pucpr.br/>

## REACHING OUT FOR CHANGE

### PROVINCE OF NIGERIA LAUNCHED A SOLIDARITY FOUNDATION



The Province of Nigeria have launched a foundation called Marist Solidarity Foundation (MaSoF), Nigeria. The foundation was launched on June 30 by the provincial, Brother Vincent Abadom, and members of his Council. A committee to work out the Mechanism of Operation of the foundation was inaugurated by the Provincial during the ninth Provincial Chapter Strategic Planning session. The committee has worked out the first phase of the Mechanism of Operations. The members of the committee are Brothers Henry Uzor (Coordinator), Christian Onu (Secretary) and Ekene Osuji (Member).

The Province of Nigeria had been involved in solidarity ventures since its inception. There is need to harmonise these solidarity ventures under a more structured solidar-

ity foundation for efficiency and better service delivery.

In addition, the global Marist body under the auspices of the Marist Solidarity International Network (MSIN), felt the Province of Nigeria is capable of operating a full solidarity foundation owing to the magnitude of the solidarity ventures and initiatives on-going in the province.

The numbers of the poor, marginalised, indigent children enjoying scholarships in Marist Schools and non-Marist Schools, the Hopeville Rehabilitation Centre, the Nike Centre for the Disabled, among others, are on-going solidarity ventures in the province. There is a strong need to bring all these solidarity initiatives under a solidarity foundation for better and efficient management.

The objectives of the Foundation are:

- To promote education, solidarity justice and peace
- To identify with the poor and oppressed in the society
- To support the spiritual and cultural empowerment of the youth and act in solidarity with the oppressed
- To promote human right and self determination
- To develop and coordinate fund raising strategies that will respond to the solidarity needs of the province

To cooperate and partner with other solidarity groups and organisations towards the development of solidarity culture that respond to the people on the margins.

NEWS IN BRIEF

**AUSTRALIA**

On July 1, Brothers gathered at Marcellin College Bulleen to celebrate the jubilees of several Marist Brothers in the Melbourne region: Brothers Bill Dillon (70 years), Peter Howes (60 years) and John Hilet (25 years). On Saturday, July 7, other brothers celebrated their anniversaries in Hunters Hill, in Sydney: Peter Corr (50 years), Francis Elvidge (50), Luke Smyth (75), Gerald Burns (70), Bill Dillon (70), Vincent Shekleton (75), Robert Aitken (50), Ray Arthur (50), Paul Murphy (60) and Bernard Hatfield (70).

**MEDITERRÁNEA**

The 'Cambridge Assessment English' will collaborate with the schools of the province – in Spain, Italy and Lebanon – so that the students can obtain the B2 First level by the end of their pre-university studies.

**CRUZ DEL SUR**

From June 20 – 22, the annual assembly of general directors, administrators, legal representatives, coordinators of educational centres and administrators of the works of the province was held. The meeting took place in Luján, Argentina, and counted with the participation of members from the province's three countries.

**CAMBODIA**

The website of the Marist Solidarity Cambodia ([www.maristcambodia.org](http://www.maristcambodia.org)) is now available online. MSC is an international non-government organization and an integral part of the mission of the Marist Brothers. It promotes advocacy and provides education and referral for children and young people with disabilities.

STATISTICS OF THE INSTITUTE – 31/12/2017

PROVINCES	Temp.	Perp.	Brothers	Novices
AFRIQUE CENTRE EST	11	70	81	10
AMÉRICA CENTRAL	3	93	96	0
ASIA (DIST.)	8	0	8	8
AUSTRALIA	1	206	207	4
BRASIL CENTRO-NORTE	15	87	102	3
BRASIL CENTRO-SUL	11	83	94	0
BRASIL SUL-AMAZONIA	4	113	117	1
CANADA	0	103	103	0
COMPOSTELA	3	189	192	1
CRUZ DEL SUR	4	99	103	1
EAST ASIA	31	85	116	6
EUROPE CENTRE-OUEST	0	100	100	0
IBÉRICA	0	151	151	0
L'HERMITAGE	1	271	272	0
MADAGASCAR	11	45	56	2
MEDITERRÁNEA	1	174	175	0
MELANESIA (DIST.)	6	17	23	2
MÉXICO CENTRAL	4	82	86	2
MÉXICO OCCIDENTAL	13	109	122	6
PACIFIC (DIST.)	2	74	76	4
NIGERIA	17	83	100	20
NORANDINA	6	106	112	5
S <sup>a</sup> . MARÍA DE LOS ANDES	3	81	84	1
SOUTH ASIA	6	47	53	3
SOUTHERN AFRICA	42	68	110	7
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1	128	129	1
WEST AFRICA (DIST.)	25	58	83	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>2722</b>	<b>2951</b>	<b>95</b>



## MARIST WORLD



Spain: Valladolid: Brothers Tomás Briongos, Tony Leon and José Santamarta



Côte d'Ivoire  
Khorogó



Canada  
Rawdon, Quebec - Camp Mariste



Brazil: Porto Alegre: III Assembly of América Sur Region



France  
Lavalla200> in La Valla



Australia  
Sydney Jubilee Celebrations

## COURSE FOR FORMATORS

### PILGRIMAGE OF THE GROUP OF FORMATORS TO MARIST PLACES

The course for formators, which began on May 15 and has 17 participants, will conclude on July 12. A part of the programme included a pilgrimage to Marist places, from June 21 – 30.

The pilgrimage was divided into three parts:

Time for prayer and personal reflection;

Study time for appropriate content for the formators, under the guidance of Brother Michael Green of the province of Australia;

Visits and pilgrimage to different places of Marist origins, including Taizé, due to its significance for the formation of young people.

They travelled by bus, but they also did parts of the route on foot so that they could “feel what Marcellin experienced” during his countless walks.

The programme’s coordinating team prepared the pilgrimage in advance and based it on each of the participant’s spiritual experience. For many, it was their first opportunity to visit the places where the founder and the first brothers had lived.

Brother Antón, from Vietnam, underscored that “being in the places where Saint Marcellin lived is a special emotion and one learns about the history, charism and spirituality of the Congregation, which is essential for a formator brother.”

Brother Rodrigo, of the province of América Central, stated “it was a grace to be able to come back again.

Now, I could taste the experience more calmly and, like Mary, meditate at each place from the heart and on events that had taken place there.”

A special thanks to the team of L’Hermitage and to Brother Michael Green for the welcome and the excellent reflections they gave us.





## A JOYFUL CELEBRATION AND AN AUDACIOUS VISION

### 10 YEARS AS EAST ASIA PROVINCE AND 70 YEARS OF MARIST PRESENCE IN PHILIPPINES

On June 23, Notre Dame of Cotabato, Philippines, hosted a triple celebration: 70 years of Marist Presence in the Philippines, 10 Years as East Asia Province and the culmination of Marist Bicentenary. Marist Brothers from all over the East Asia Province as well as from Mexico and the United States, lay collaborators from the different Marist schools, representatives of partner congregations and dioceses, benefactors, PTA officers, alumni, students and other invited guests graced the momentous affair.



Tributes were given to American Brothers who have worked in the Philippines, Mexican brothers who have worked in Korea, the Archdiocese of Cotabato, the Dioceses of Antipolo, Malaybalay, Marbel, and Kidapawan, the Apostolic Vicariates of Jolo and Puerto Princesa, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI), the Marist Fathers (SM), the Marist Missionary Sisters (SMSM), the Passionist Fathers (CP), the Oblates of Notre Dame (OND), the Dominican Sisters (OP), and the Religious of the Virgin Mary (RVM).

The theme, "A joyful celebration and an audacious vision", was an expression of gratitude for what has been accomplished for 70 years in this part of the Marist World.

In his video message, Br. Ernesto Sanchez, FMS, focused on the five calls of the 22nd General Chapter. On the other hand, His Eminence Orlando Cardinal Quevedo, OMI, DD, the first Filipino cardinal who is a Marist alumnus, shared his gratefulness for being a product of Marist education.



Br. James Mcknight, FMS, former Provincial of the Philippine Province, talked about how delighted he was with the way the Filipino Marist Brothers accepted him and other foreign brothers.

The event also made the Marist Brothers and lay partners more appreciative of what is to be Marists in word and deed. It marked as well a new beginning for all Marists of Champagnat as they journey on with their goal to make Jesus and Mary known and loved by all.

## THE LAITY COMMIT THEMSELVES TO MAKE JESUS CHRIST KNOWN AND LOVED

### LAY LINKING IN THE IBERIAN PROVINCE

On July 1st, in Lardero, a ceremony was held to celebrate the linking to the Marist charism through the Iberian Province. This public gesture of linking and adherence to the Charism has been made by five lay persons from Pamplona (José Antonio Zazu Piramuelles, Marisol López Fernández, Irene González Antón, Rodrigo Espinedo Escalada and José Ignacio Hualde Gallego) and two from Zaragoza (José Antonio Negre Hernández de la Torre and Cristina Martínez Marques).

It has been a ceremony filled with sentiments and emotion celebrated within the Sunday Eucharistic celebration. Many persons have participated who wanted to share the joy of the encounter and of the recognized vocation: Brothers, companions and friends have celebrated this step in the life of these seven persons who, beginning today, are recognized as Marists.

The itinerary of lay linking to the Marist Charism is a proposal realized and promoted in the Province in co-



ordination with the Marist Institute, in order to provide a process of formation for those persons who desire to deepen their being Christians in the example of Mary and in the tradition of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, and which culminates in a public recognition of the linking of the layman or laywoman to the Charism on the part of the Marist Institution. The proposal is fundamentally based on the discernment of the experiences lived and on personal accompaniment.

The formula for the linking has been the following:

In the presence of God our Father, our Good Mother and Marcellin Champagnat: after a process of discernment of my Christian vocation lived in the Marist Charism of Champagnat, I – desire and this is my will - to be recognized as a Marist layman/laywoman in our Iberian Province. I ask Brother Provincial Superior to be accepted into this family and I commit myself to take care and to live my faith, to share it in my community and with other Brothers and Marist Laity and to make Jesus Christ known and loved, constructing, with the help of the Spirit, a prophetic and Marian Church”.

## LAVALLA200> OCEANIA

### MOUNT DRUITT COMMUNITY STRENGTHENS TIES WITH THE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY

One of the International Communities for a new beginning (Project Lavalla200>) is in Mount Druitt, a suburb of Sydney, Australia. Its members are Argelia Hernández Mendoza, Rodrigo Gris Castro, Br Jonnel Sisneros and Br Lawrie McCane. The main work of the community is with the Marist Learning Zone (MZL).

MLZ is a cooperative learning program partnership between Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) and the Mount Druitt Lavalla200> community. MLZ is not a school but offers a temporary re-location for young people enrolled in a CEDP school who have disengaged from their education. It connects them back into their learning, building skills in com-



munication, collaboration and general life readiness. It prepares young people to re-engage with learning in pathways that suit their needs. MLZ is

offered at no cost to participants.

On 31st May, the Lavalla200> community and the students of the MZL joined the staff of the Jarara Indigenous Education Unit to participate in a Reconciliation Day, during the Australian Reconciliation Week, which had as theme "Don't keep history a mystery. Learn. Share. Grow".

Jarara Indigenous Education Unit interacts with Aboriginal students from across 55 primary and secondary schools. Jarara is an integral part of the system of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta and is dedicated to the education and pastoral care of Aboriginal students and their families.



## THE “MARIST GOSPEL” BASED ON THE EXAMPLE OF A LIFE MADE LOVE FOR NEIGHBOR

### MARIST LAITY OF CHAMPAGNAT OF HUACHO, PERU

A group of Marist Laity from Peru works with approximately 1,380 children, without counting the adults and persons of the Third Age. They have been doing this for over a five year period of time, providing the classrooms, the school equipment and material as well as clothes for the little ones who go to the Class rooms of Early Stimulation SET for children from 1 and 2 years of age and then for those children who participate in non-formal School Programs of Initial Education –PRONOEL – for children between 3 and 5 years of age, stages which are not taken care of by the public educational system.

The group has its Center in the Marist School San José in the city of Huacho, 150 kilometers to the north of Lima, and is integrated in the Province “Santa Maria de los Andes”. Its activities are diffused through the page of FaceBook LAICOS MARISTAS DE CHAMPAGNAT PERU (@laicosmaristasperu). This responds to the need of fostering communication with the former pupils in the social networks, so that they do not lose their identity and keep the beautiful legacy of spirituality which they received in the school.

At the head of the Team and of its social work are the veteran former pupils Arturo Bazalar and Alejandro Montes, accompanied by Brother Carlos Arrazubi, and they have the

support of a priest Don Antonio Colombo, Vice Parish Priest of the Cathedral San Bartolomeo. The group is also integrated by the former pupils Antonio La Rosa and Manuel Lau Chang and the elderly Brothers Isidoro Ramiro and Angel Labrador, who work between Spain and Peru as volunteers.

The fixed number of the Team is eight, to which on some occasions is joined by the Educational Community through some pupils, parents and professors who join the Team



of Solidarity Pastoral work. When the activity requires it, all the above mentioned members, approximately 38 in number, show that the School is not an island but a source of solidarity.

The meetings are held in the School and they usually take place every fifteen days; during these meetings the activities are programmed consider-

ing the petitions received after previous verification of them. This last point demands going to the different places and contacting those who are responsible and the social agents of the different villages and settlements.

They understand that the authentic “Marist Gospel” is based on their example of life made love for the neighbor. Their presence is habitual in the neighborhoods of the peripheries to support the families which are desirous to educate and provide schooling for their children under the slogan: “To learn today is to learn for one’s whole life”. They admire the struggling spirit and the capacity for sacrifice of the mothers to assure the right of their children to receive education.

The group of Lay Marists from Huacho carries out an apostolic work of great solidarity wherever they discover a need or where they hear a voice asking for help. Their material help is centered in providing for the children a worthy and adequate place to respond to their formative needs during those crucial years of their infancy. This is how they formulate their fundamental objective: “To continue to work with those in greater need of a friendly hand, of the love of the Lord, of the tenderness of the Good Mother and of the human warmth of Father Champagnat”.

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