



202 YEARS OF THE INSTITUTE

FEAST OF JANUARY 2, 2019 IN LAVALLA EN GIER

The Brothers of the community of La Valla invited the Brothers of l'Hermitage, Marlies and Saint-Etienne to mark, as is appropriate, the birthday of the Foundation of the Institute. There were about fifteen Brothers as well as a couple who are affiliated members of the Institute, originally from La Valla.

We met in the mission room to celebrate a Eucharist of Thanksgiving, presided over by Father Gabriel Perret and animated by Brother Michel Morel. An excerpt from the Christmas message of our Superior General, Brother Ernesto, comprised the first reading on the topic of the "faces of mercy" and it allowed us to share our hearts and our prayers with our "global family" present on the five continents. To remember our history and our present situation and not just our foundation, is always a strong experience, full of emotion.

After sharing the Word of the Lord and the Eucharistic bread, it was on to more earthly foods, not only to the flavours of the soil, but also to conviviality and fraternity. May



the charism of Marcellin, who took as his source the Gier, in the depths of Mont Pilat, continue to irrigate the hearts of the Marists in whatever part of our earth they are planted and bloom.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- From 1st January Brother Rick Carey is the new director of FMSI, replacing Marzia Ventimiglia, who has held the post for the past two years.
- Until 8 January, Tony Leon, director of the Brothers Today Secretariat, was in Lomeri, Fiji, to participate in the meeting of the Brothers of Oceania under the age of 50.
- Raúl Amaya, director of the Secretariat of the Laity, participates this week in the retreat of the directors of the Marist schools in Chile.
- The meeting of the animation team of the International Meeting of Marist Youth of the 4 Marist Branches

- will take place from 10 to 15 January in Guatemala. Brothers Beto Rojas and Mark Omede, directors of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization, and Tony Leon, director of the Secretariat of Brothers Today, will participate in the meeting of the animation team. The International meeting with the young people begins on 15 January.
- Raquel Avendaño, is the new journalist of the Communication Department of the General Administration. Born in Peru, she began her collaboration with the Marist Brothers on 7 January.

ALL CHILDREN DESERVE TO FEEL SAFE, HAPPY, SECURED, LOVED

WORKSHOP ON CHILD RIGHTS AT MIC, KENYA

From 17th to 21st of December, immediately after the end of semester examinations, MIC community embarked on holiday workshops which were divided into year groups. As for the Second Year Brothers, we had a privilege of learning more on Child Rights which was facilitated by Brother Evaristus Kasambwe. The facilitator took us through the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the African Charter in a very participatory way. He enlightened us on how to identify abuses on children through the guiding principles. Special focus was put on Right to Education particularly on articles 28 and 29 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. He encouraged us to promote these rights as advocates of children and youths.

At the end of this workshop we discovered that the topic on Child Rights is very important to us as apostles and educators of children and youths today. As it is said, "healthy boundaries create healthy relationships": this really summarizes all what we have learnt. Those who know better than us, once said, "to be good is noble, but to teach others how to be good is no-



bler and less trouble."

We are really grateful to our Br. Evaristus for the good work of empowering us with such an overwhelming knowledge which we need to enable us accompany the youths of today.

THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE LOOKS BACK ON THE COMBINED JOURNEY AND CONSIDERS MORE SYNERGISTIC PROCESSES FOR THE FUTURE

PROVINCIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE REGION OF AMERICA SUD HOLD DISCUSSIONS IN SÃO PAULO

Between the 14th and 16th of November, the Regional Committee of America del Sud met in São Paulo. The meeting traced the development of the Region since its foundation in 2016, aligning proposals and opening areas of dialogue concerning the future plans for the five Provincial meetings.

In the course of this three day encounter, the group revisited the Strategic Plan of the Marist Institute and the calls of the General Chapter, as a way to evaluate and to reflect on the implementation of animation and administration which it is building in the South American Region. Besides discussing topics dealing with government and re-evaluating the way forward, there were also discussions on topics such as mission, resources and structures, the Marist life and communication. The Executive Secretary of the Region, Brother Alberto Aparicio, also gave a presentation to the Brothers of the Province dealing with the structure of animation, government and administration.

The next meeting is scheduled for April.



MARIST WORLD



Cuba
Lavalla200> Holguín



Romania
Case ale Sperantei - Bucharest



United States
Florida Communities



Thailand
Marist Centre for Migrants, Samut Sakhon



Fiji: Under 50 Brothers' Gathering of
Oceania at Lomeri novitiate



Spain
Provincial Chapter of Mediterránea

GIVE LIFE

CHAPTER HELD IN THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA



The VIth Chapter of the Province of Compostela took place from the 27th to the 30th of December in Valladolid. 23 Brothers and 10 lay people were also invited to take part. The motto of the meeting was "Give Life."

On the first day, as well as the celebration of the "Day of the Province", Brother Tomás Briongos assumed the mandate of Provincial for a second period.

Representing the General Government of the Institute were Brothers Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, and João Carlos do Prado, General Councillor.

December 28 was given over to listening and dialogue. The reports from several sectors of the Province were presented and the members of the General Government then presented the Strategic Plan of the General Council. On the third day the work was centred on defining the priorities that will guide the work of the Province during the next three years. The work of the groups consisted in clarifying tendencies and selecting the priorities that will be published at a later date by the new Provincial Council.

Next, the capitulants analyzed the proposals of the new provincial flowchart and other specific topics dealing with the life of the Brothers, such as the norms of the Province and the provincial economy.

The feast of the Holy Family marked the last day of the Chapter. The Brothers who will help Brother Tomás in the provincial animation have been chosen: Máximo Blanco, Salvador Hidalgo, Lisardo García, Eduardo Montenegro, António Leal and Román Álvarez.

The chapter concluded with Brother Ernesto inviting everyone to be new FMS, F for the global family, M for Mary and S for service.

All the information and videos of the Chapter are available on the blog: <https://darvida.home.blog>

CONSTRUCTING BRIDGES

VI PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF THE MARISTS OF IBÉRICA



The VI Provincial Chapter of Iberian was celebrated in Lardero (La Roja) from December 26 to 29, 2018. Thirty-one Brothers members of the Chapter and eight Lay invited guests formed the Chapter Assembly. Brothers Luis Carlos Gutierrez, Vicar General of the Marist Institute, and Ben Consigli, General Councilor and link person for the Marist Region of Europe also participated.

The first day in an open session there was the taking possession of Br. Moisés Alonso Pérez as Provincial in his second three-year mandate.

The second day was marked by reflection, dialogue and sharing in common on several aspects of the mission. Then the presentation of the surveys, which transmitted the echoes of the works, communities and teams of the Province, sent to the Chapter. The proposals and suggestions turned around the mission and the Marist life, the work in networks, the formation of Marist leaders and of new educators, openness to the rest of the Church and the social commitment. Several of the Provincial teams presented their reports on the three-year period 2016-2018.

In the morning session of the 28th there was a conference on the theme of this Chapter, the challenge of "constructing bridges". Brother Luis Carlos Gutierrez, Vicar General of the Marist Institute, developed the keys, which have to accompany us in the joint work of Brothers and Laity to construct bridges. The question, which served for the

reflection for those present, is: "What small change in my community can bring a great transformation?"

Master guidelines for the next three years

Then work was begun on the master guidelines of the next triennium or three year period. The master guidelines were concretized and approved unanimously by those present on the last day of the Chapter:

FIELD OF MARIST LIFE

To accompany the personal processes and the different formulae of community life and to deepen on this prophetic and significant dimension in the respective environments.

To grow in spirituality and interiority connected with the life and the mission favoring vital experiences among the poorest, which lead to the change of the person.

FIELD OF THE MISSION

Be a point of reference in the environment according to our educational style, renewing the Marist pedagogical model and updating oneself to the context in which we live.

To Evangelize according to the current reality of young people and their families making them protagonists of their vital processes.

Make of the social commitment one of the signs of the identity of the educational works of the Province.

On the last day, December 29, there was the election of the Provincial Councilors. The elected Brothers were Ambrosio Alonso, Samuel Holguin, Alfonso García, Abel Muñoz, Jaime Comabella and Alejandro Mena.

The Chapter day ended with some words of thanksgiving from the Vicar General, the General Councilor, and Br. Provincial, as well as from the Lay invited guests. We recall the words of Br. Moisés: "The most important thing is the richness that each one takes with him interiorly, and may we transmit that enthusiasm among all, from a very important key: a future full of hope".

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