



FROM THE PROVINCIAL'S DESK ...

1 May 2016

Dear Brothers and Friends,
I have been reading the recent document from the Vatican: **"Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church"** and would suggest you all read it. If you want a soft copy, send an e-mail to me and I will send you one. I believe it has much to say to us and should be studied with care. I am not going to write my own message this month but rather give you a taste of this publication.

Here follows sub-section §10 of the document (pp.7 & 8) entitled ***Developing the Common Treasure***. I strongly recommend that you read it and use it for shared prayer or community meeting.



+ ***"Developing the common treasure"***

The current context of Church-Communion facilitates and demands more than ever that Religious Brothers reaffirm, with renewed vigour, this original purpose of consecrated life, not only within their communities but in the whole Church community. They do so as leaven in the dough, as *expert guides in the spiritual life*, fraternally accompanying other believers and helping them discover the riches of the Christian tradition, or simply as Brothers who share their own experiences with other brothers for mutual benefit. Let us highlight some aspects of this common treasure that Religious Brothers commit themselves to develop:

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+ ***Sacramental life.***

Religious consecration has its roots firmly planted in Baptism and the other sacraments of initiation. From them, the Brother experiences the filial impulse towards the Father, celebrates the new life that he has received from the Risen Lord, regards himself part of Jesus Christ, Priest, Prophet and King, and is guided by the Holy Spirit.

+ ***Belonging to the People of God.***

The Brother affirms his belonging to the community of believers, inserting himself willingly into the local Church and in its structures of communion and apostolate, in accordance with his own charism. He affirms also his belonging to all humankind, he stands in solidarity with all its needs, especially with its members who are weaker and more vulnerable: "The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted... nothing genuinely human fails to raise an echo in their hearts."

+ ***Personal integration of lay and consecrated identity.***

The Brother unites both these aspects in his own person. Thus he maintains the unity between the

profane and the sacred, a unity which has become more evident since the human incarnation of the Son of God.

✚ Sign of God's presence in secular realities.

The Brother assumes ecclesial ministries with his Brothers in community, with other members of his congregation and with other believers who participate in the same founding charism. Thus he seeks and points to God in the secular realities of culture, science, human health, the workplace, and the care of the weak and disadvantaged. Similarly, he seeks and points to the human being, man and woman, "whole and entire, body and soul, heart and conscience, mind and will", convinced that "the human person deserves to be preserved; human society deserves to be renewed".



✚ Fraternal life in community.

The Brother deepens fraternal communion in a common life and ministry as his *way of being* in relationships outside the community. Sustained by the core experience of his vocation, that of experiencing himself with Jesus as a beloved son of the Father, he lives the *new commandment* of the Lord as the centre of his life and as the first commitment of his religious consecration.

✚ A shared charism.

The Brother becomes aware of the wealth contained in his own foundational charism, and he shares it with other lay believers who could live it from other ways of life³². He accepts being an instrument of the Holy Spirit in the transmission of the charism and takes responsibility for being a living memory of the founder. Thus the charism retains its Gospel richness for the building up of the Church, the good of people and meeting the needs of the world.

While developing the common treasure, the Religious Brother is aware of himself as a brother of the Christian people and hears within himself the Lord's call to his servant, "*I have chosen you as a covenant of the people*" (Is 42:6). This call gives meaning to everything that he lives and does, it converts him and makes him a prophet among his Brothers, and, by virtue of it, and he lives his consecration in a missionary and evangelizing community."

I would like to end this message from what the Pope says about consecrated life and joy.

"I want to say a word to you and that word is Joy. The beauty of consecrated life: joy, joy... there is no holiness in sadness.

Joy is not simple a useless ornament; it is a necessity, the foundation of human life. During their struggles, each man and woman tries with all their being to attain joy and remain joyful.

There is often a lack of joy in the world. We haven't been called to perform epic achievements nor proclaim momentous speeches but to give witness to the joy which comes from the certainty of knowing we loved and from the confidence of being saved.

In calling us, God tells us "You are important to Me, I love you and I trust you." Jesus says it to each one of us!

Joy is born from this! The joy of the moment when Jesus looked at me. Understanding and hearing is the secret of our joy. Feeling loved by God, feeling that for Him we are not just a number but people; and knowing that it is He who is calling us.

Because when we put Christ at the centre of our lives, we remove ourselves from the centre! The more you unite yourself with Christ and He becomes the centre of our life, the more He leads you out of yourself, leads you away from making yourself the centre and opens you unto others. We are at the centre; we are, so to speak, "relocated". We are at the service of Christ and of the Church. Anyone who has met the Lord and follows Him faithfully is a messenger of Joy." Pope Francis

✚ Be joyful!





**19 Birthdays during MAY...
including one SEXAGENARIAN
and two OCTAGENARIANS!**

01-05-1987	Godfrey Kadzuwa
01-05-1987	Guilherme Aly (novice adm.2016)
06-05-1967	Arthur Ganiza
08-05-1936	Jesus Sánchez Martin 80
09-05-1984	Victor Mwamba
10-05-1956	António Sanasana 60
11-10-1939	John Heng Hee Soon
11-05-1971	Gilbert Zenda
12-05-1964	Deodato Magomero
15-05-1975	Kasongo Mwape

15-05-1994	Artur Mineze (novice adm.2016)
17-05-1982	Chrisantius Mwansa
23-05-1941	Neil McGurk
24-05-1994	Peter Joseph (novice adm.2016)
25-05-1987	Joseph Daka
25-05-1991	António Armando (nov. adm.2015)
25-05-1992	Yob Mathias
30-05-1995	Constantino Tchilungo (nov.2016)
31-05-1936	Christopher Zimmermann 80

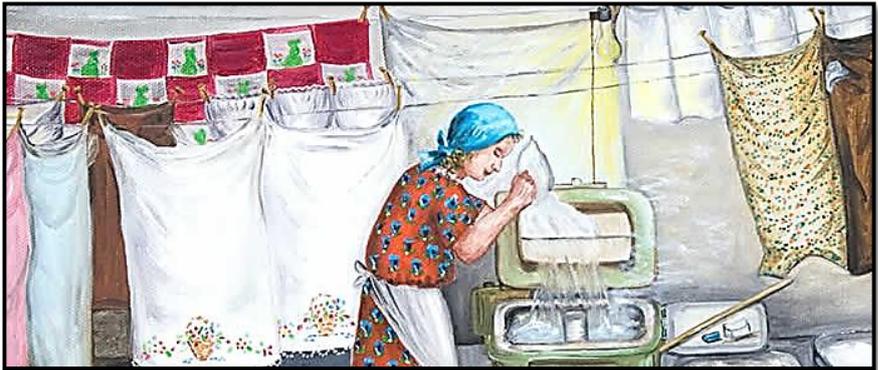


**Something to Think About
APPRECIATION OF HARD WORK**

A certain young academically excellent person went to apply for a managerial position in a big company. He passed the first interview. The last interview as reserved to the director who made the final decision. The director discovered from the CV that the youth's academic achievements were excellent all the way, from the secondary school until the postgraduate research, never had a year when he did not score very well.

The director asked, "Did you obtain any scholarships in school?" The youth answered "None".

The director asked, "Was it your father who paid for your school fees?" The youth answered, "My father passed away when I was one year old, it was my mother who paid for my school fees".



The director asked, "Where did your mother work?" The youth answered, "My mother worked as clothes cleaner." The director requested the youth to show his hands. The youth showed a pair of hands that were smooth and perfect.

The director asked, "Have you ever helped your mother wash the clothes before?" The youth answered, "Never, my mother always wanted me to study and

read more books. Furthermore, my mother can wash clothes faster than me”.

The director said, “I have a request. When you go back today, go and clean your mother’s hands, and then see me tomorrow morning”.

The youth felt that his chance of landing the job was high. When he went back, he happily requested his mother to let him clean her hands. His mother felt strange, happy but with mixed feelings, she showed her hands to the kid. The youth cleaned his mother’s hands slowly. His tears began to fall as he did that. It was the first time he noticed that his mother’s hands were so wrinkled, and there were so many bruises in her hands. Some bruises were so painful that his mother shivered when they were cleaned with water.

This was the first time the youth realized that it was this pair of hands that washed clothes every day to enable him to pay the school fees. The bruises in the mother’s hands were the price that the mother had to pay for his graduation, academic excellence and his future. After finishing the cleaning of his mother’s hands, the youth quietly washed all the remaining clothes for his mother. That night, mother and son talked for a very long time. Next morning, the youth went to the director’s office.

The Director noticed the tears in the youth’s eyes, asked: “Can you tell me what have you done and learned yesterday in your house?” The youth

answered, “I cleaned my mother’s hands, and also finished cleaning all the remaining clothes”.

The Director asked, “Please tell me your feelings”. The youth said, “Number 1, now I know now what appreciation is. Without my mother, there would not be the successful me today. Number 2, by working together and helping my mother, only now do I realize how difficult and tough it is to get something done. Number 3, I have come to appreciate the importance and value of family relationships.”

The director said, “This is what I am looking for in my manager. I want to recruit a person who can appreciate the help of others, a person who knows the sufferings of others to get things done, and a person who would not put money as his only goal in life. You are hired!” Later on, this young person worked very hard, and received the respect of his subordinates. Every employee worked diligently and as a team. The company’s performance improved tremendously.

Moral: If one doesn’t understand and experience the difficulty it takes to earn the comfort provided by their loved ones, than they will never value it. The most important thing is to experience the difficulty and learn to value hard work behind all the given comfort.



- In **thanksgiving** for the success of the **New Horizons** workshop
- For **all those who made the workshop possible**: planners, organisers, helpers, animators, and the funders.
- For our **sick and elderly**: e.g. Brother Joseph Murakho, Khanya Mills (20), the daughter of Lay Marist Pam Paton-Mills, who has been diagnosed with cancer, and others we know.
- For postulant, **Horacio**, who recently took his own life, and for all those affected by the tragedy, especially his family.
- For the **father of Br Lourenço Sapalo** who passed way recently.



NEW HORIZONS

For Marist Educators in Southern Africa

During April 2016, sixty-five delegates from six countries representing the Marist Province of Southern Africa met at Good Shepherd Retreat Centre while attending the 'New Horizons' Marist workshop at Meerhof, Hartebeespoort Dam in South Africa. Marist Brothers and lay leaders from Angola, Malawi, Zambia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and South Africa participated over a twelve day period in discussions and presentations covering various aspects of authentic leadership for Africa in the future - hence the name of the workshop - 'New Horizons'.

Attentive to the signs of the times

Prof Br David Hall from Australia facilitated the workshop which included a number of prominent speakers from parts of Africa. Mr Joseph Kwabena Onyinah from Ghana presented 'Leadership in Africa: Then and now', Br Michael Burke and Dr Nonthando Hadebe, both from South Africa discussed 'Role Models and Witnesses', and 'Distributive Leadership' and 'Rights of Women and Children', respectively. Br David Hall discussed a number of topics such as 'Prophetic Leadership', 'Decision making in uncertain times', 'Servant Leadership'

and directed the 'Impact' sessions after each horizon or topic. Mr Frank Malloy from Australia presented 'Ethical Leadership' and a number of sessions on 'Strategic Planning'.

Each country group did a presentation to the delegates covering the history of education in their respective countries, issues, highlights and challenges. These presentations were very informative and enjoyed by all.

Role Models and Witnesses

Creating a Different Future

This being the first of such workshops conducted in the Province of Southern Africa, created opportunities for the participating countries to engage with one another and to share best practices and to focus on their roles as leaders in a new African context.

During this workshop, the New Horizons Project Team met to plan the Phase II of the Program. Br Erick Silali, Br Michel Mami and Br Joao Carlos do Prado will be involved in the second planning phase to commence in 2017

The venue at Good Shepherd Retreat Centre provided a calm, peaceful backdrop for the participants to prepare, reflect and assimilate the discussions and presentations in a meaningful way. The participants and organizers were extremely grateful to the donors for providing the funding for this exceptionally valuable workshop.

Gary Norton

New Paradigms for Schools



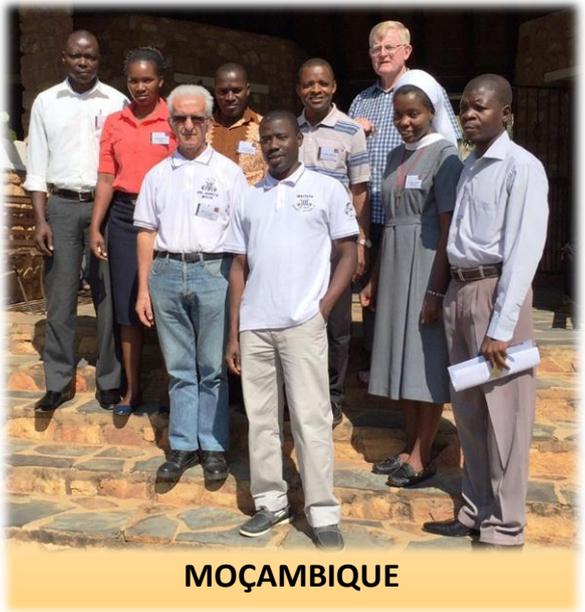
A special vote of thanks to the generous donors who covered the costs of this gathering.



**NEW HORIZONS
MEET THE PARTICIPANTS**



ANGOLA



MOÇAMBIQUE



MALAWI



ZAMBIA



SOUTH AFRICA



ZIMBABWE



**NEW HORIZONS
PARTICIPANTS IN ACTION**





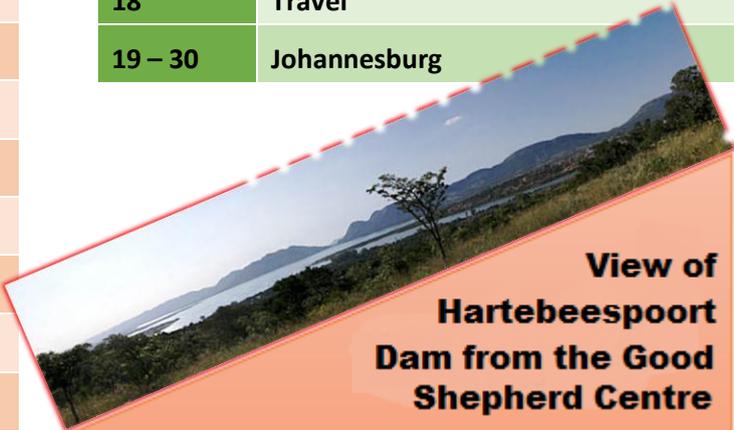
Chapel at the Good Shepherd Centre



JOE'S CALENDAR

MAY	
1 - 4	Johannesburg
5	Travel
6 - 8	Dete
9	Travel to Johannesburg
10 - 16	Johannesburg
15	Assembly South Africa
17	Travel
18 - 20	St Marcellin's Kalulushi
21 - 23	St Paul's Kabwe
24 - 25	Lusaka Community
26 - 27	Provincial Council, Lusaka
28	Travel
29 - 31	Johannesburg

JUNE	
1 - 7	Johannesburg
8	Travel
9 - 13	Uitenhage
14	Travel
15 - 17	Cape Town
18	Travel
19 - 30	Johannesburg



LIKUNI BOYS' SECONDARY SCHOOL "LAUDATO SI" and Love of our Common Home

Looking at the photos, you exactly see what kind of future generation Likuni Boys Secondary School is forming. Moving together with the troubled world where the nature is destroyed, Likuni Secondary School does not sleep watching at this problem growing. It has a Wild Life Club in the school which has the greatest passion for nature that for them seeing nature destroyed, is a great source of pain.



Now as a practical contribution, the Wild Life Club of Likuni Boys Secondary School in conjunction with Lilongwe Wild Life Trust Centre, has planted 1200 trees in the school. This made the club proudly change the name Wild Life as it is known countrywide into their own favourable name, 'LOVERS OF NATURE!' This has been done with the help and guidance of the author.

As a way of taking care of our environment, I explained the world-wide challenge to the group who totally grasped what I told them. Now they do everything very well even without my physical presence. Indeed I believe that every child is good: they just need friendly company and guidance.

They can perform wonders in transforming this world. See the pictures of happy boys trying to restore the lost beautiful environment of Likuni.

Let's empower the young people! They have great potential!!!!

Br. Patrick Banda.



IT ALL HAPPENS AT MIC! Working with Students at a local Secondary School

It was all wonderful last term at Joram G. Secondary School. Our brothers, Moffat, Boston and Magnus (Nigerian) do Apostolate there. Our driver, Peter Zulu, became part and parcel of the **group**

The group above learnt something new and touching! It is the poem well-known to all brothers who did their novitiate at Matola, Mozambique, a poem composed by Bro. Mario: "WHO IS THIS CHILD?"

It was a joint effort of Peter and Moffat who geared themselves to animate the group. We are grateful for their efforts: it was not easy. Those who know the poem can acknowledge how difficult it is especially the gestures involved!!



Br Boston Ngulube



FAREWELL Brother Raimundo Puente Calleja

A third of a century has passed since **MUNDO** arrived in Zambia from the then Province of Castilla and was posted to St Paul's Mulungushi High School. He was to spend some 21 years there, during which time he served

the **students** as ...Housemaster, Teacher, Deputy Head, and Head;

and the **community** as ...Bursar and Superior;

and the **Zambia sector of Castilla** as ...Sector Superior;

and the **Province of Southern Africa** as ...Councillor.



In 2004 he was posted to Chibuluma in the Copper Belt as a member of the community there at the very new St Marcellin's Secondary School. When the St Marcellin's Skills Centre was completed he became its Director in 2011.

Under his leadership, the variety of skills being offered was gradually increased, notably the FOOD PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT in 2016.

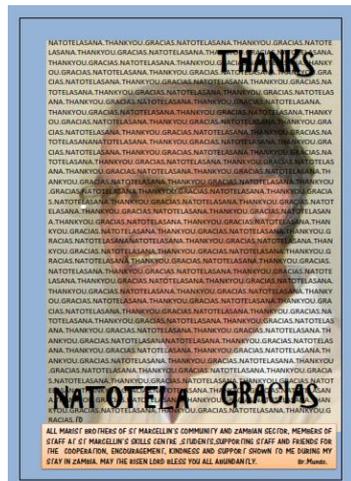
The students at St Marcellin will miss MUNDO (see the latest annual report from the Skills Centre).

From all the Brothers, lay Marists, associates, friends and students who have been touched by the presence and contribution of MUNDO, a heartfelt THANK YOU, with prayers that continue to be blessed by the Lord.



BR JOHN HENG gave his impressions of **MUNDO** for this issue of the Newsletter:

“Kind, humble, generous, prayerful, consistent, persistent and stick to the plan as a wood glue. But above all, he is a shrewd (in good sense) person in business. Just imagine with himself he is able to look for the necessary money U.S. 2.6 million to build the Marist Education Centre, and yet in conversation I have never heard of him glorifying his personal importance.”



Late News –Br John Heng

JOHN HENG wrote to me this morning (29 April): “Greetings from Zambia here. Because of poor health and ageing, **I will be leaving here for good on May 5 2016.** Thanks for your friendship----- living in Rome, at Nairobi and at Jo-berg.” [We will miss you, John. MC]

May God be with you, John, for the rest of your days.



WELCOME Br OSCAR Martin Vicario



Brother Oscar, former Provincial Superior of Compostela has volunteered to work at our novitiate in Matola, for at least one year. He was due to arrive in Mozambique during the last week of April.

Thanks for your generous offer, Oscar.

HORACIO MITENGO RIP

Postulante Horacio Mitengo de Moçambique tirou a própria vida na terça-feira 26 de maio 201. A descoberta foi um evento devastador para irmãos Simeão e Nicholas, e por todos os jovens sob seus cuidados em Champagnat House, Mtendere ..

Vários irmãos e postulantes acompanhou o corpo do falecido para a casa de sua família no norte de Moçambique. Estamos humilhou diante do mistério do ser humano. Pode Horacio resto na paz do Senhor.



JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Marist Leaders enter the Holy Door of St Peter's

Pilgrimage of New Provincials and General Council to the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica

15/04/2016: Vatican



The 14 new provincials who are [meeting with the General Council](#) in Rome celebrated the Jubilee Year of Mercy, passing through the Holy Door of the Vatican.

The pilgrimage ended with a Mass celebrated by Don Jorge Carlos Patrón Wong, former Marist student and who currently works as Secretary for Seminaries of the Congregation for the Clergy.

He also accompanied them to visit the statue of Saint Marcellin, located in front of the Casa Santa Marta, residence of Pope Francis.



- See more at: <http://www.champagnat.org/400.php?a=6&n=3933#sthash.3fWdSVSg.dpuf>