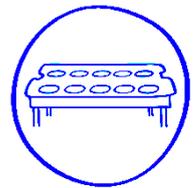




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# BROTHER EMILI VISITS SOUTH AFRICA



St Henry' Durban



Tree-Planting



St Joseph' Cape





With High School leaders

# Sacred Heart Jo'burg



Br Emili addressed the High School learners on the **culture of encounter** that Pope Francis is promoting among youth. He noted that the students at Sacred Heart live out this encounter – and that they are an example of encounter for the rest of South Africa and the world. As a symbol of our global connection, water from the five Marist schools in RSA and from France where St Marcellin began his mission was poured into the College fountain. This is a reminder that we are all connected to our original source



Primary School leaders



# St David's Marist Inanda Jo'burg





1200 students celebrate Holy Mass on the Feast of the School's Patron (Holy Name of Mary)



With Gary Norton, Headmaster

Marist Brothers  
Linmeyer, Jo'burg  
(Marian College)



## AFFILIATION OF DAVID DRYDEN SJ

Dave Dryden has been associated with Marist Schools in South Africa since 1981 - at various times chaplain, teacher of science and mathematics, and sports coach (seen here with an Under 13 cricket team at Saint Joseph's). Currently he is part-time chaplain at both Sacred Heart and Marist Linmeyer. Moreover, for the Brothers he has always been a friend, companion and loyal supporter. It was fitting that our Superior General could himself hand over the Certificate of Affiliation to Father Dryden. (9 Sep. 2016)





Br Emili Turú & Dave Dryden SJ  
9 September 2016



Br Joe Walton gave the occasional address



## LETTER FROM BROTHER NORBERT

### WITH MARY'S INSPIRATION AND GUIDANCE

A month into the Provincial leadership role I have had an honoured and a uniqueness of experience in the light of what could have been similar to Mary's. My reflection and attention go to her visitation, attentive listening and an undoubted patience with her cousin Elizabeth who was in need of a helping hand.

At the end of the Chapter in Malawi, I opted to go on a brief visit of the Brothers' communities namely: Balaka, Champagnat Formation House, Hermitage, Likuni, Marist, Mtendere and Zomba Secondary School Communities. With an advantage of reasonably short distances among the communities I was able to cover all the seven communities in a space of a week. Thanks to Bro. Frank Mwambucha who accompanied me and facilitated my travel.

The encounter with all the Brothers I had an opportunity of meeting and sharing with gave me a better idea of their personal experiences both in community and mission, I felt enlightened on a good number of issues including those that in my perception needed a follow up that needs to be fraternally inclusive and collective.

Crossing into Zambia, Chassa was my next community with a brief visit of the Brothers and then I travelled to Lusaka where the Brothers of the newly opened community offered me accommodation while processing the Work-permit for South Africa.



In waiting for the Work-permit, my continued visitation of the Brothers Communities took me through to St. Marcellin and St. Paul's in Kalulushi and Kabwe respectively and then back to Marist House in Lusaka.

In this one month I feel that Mary's experience has awoken in me what she could have gone through during her visit of her cousin Elizabeth, the listening and sharing that went on during the visit and the undoubted patience she would have experienced while awaiting the birth of Elizabeth's child.

In a similar way, the experience and enjoy I have had while visiting the Brothers, Marist Associates, Teachers and students in their respective places has given me a better sense of the wider Marist family in existence and

the need to cherish and uphold it as a special gift to the Marist for the mission of the Church.

Keep me in your minds, supportive and unfailing prayers as I am far away from my designated place of Provincial Administration and service as a part of my ministry.

A very special word of thanks to Bro. Mario who has been very instrumental in linking me up to the communication and other Provincial issues that require my attention even though away from the Provincial house.



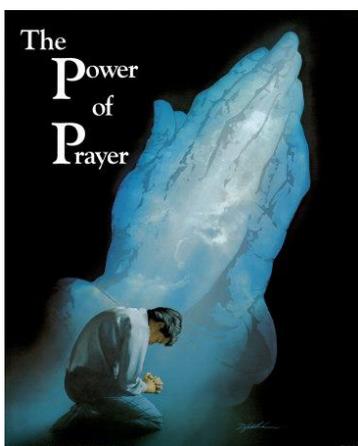
Pray for me and with me for Mary's blessing to accompany and inspire me with the much needed patience as I await the Work-permit at the same time profiting from the occasion to visit, listen and share with the Brothers and the people in our Marist Institutions.

*St. Norbert*  
NORBERT



## BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

02-10-1974	Tomás Kalumbula
09-10-1976	Floriano Silepo
09-10-1977	Chiza Phiri
10-10-1988	Fonseca Fernando
16-10-1976	John Bwanali
19-10-1978	Paul Mbuyi
21-10-1996	Tembo Mariot
23-10-1985	José Quintas
26-10-1978	Daniel Banda
28-10-1984	Daniel Jariosse
30-10-1992	Rufino Macimacuele (nov. ad.2015)



For PEACE in the world, especially in places such as Syria and South Sudan.

For our PROVINCIAL and his COUNCIL as they work together for the animation, government, and management of the Province.

For the guidance of the Holy Spirit as our Institute prepares for its 22<sup>nd</sup> GENERAL CHAPTER.

For our ELDERLY & INFIRM BROTHERS, and for our YOUNG BROTHERS that they persevere in following in the footsteps of Champagnat.

# BE THANKFUL ...

## BR EUGÈNE KABANGUKA, GENERAL COUNCILLOR SHOWS SIGNS OF RECOVERY

### THREE MONTHS AFTER INCIDENT, BR EUGÈNE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Three months after his stroke, which initially paralysed the right side of his body, Brother Eugène Kabanguka is showing good signs of recovery.

Following the general councillor's incident on June 15, he was initially taken to San Camillo Hospital in Rome and on June 23 he was transferred to a private clinic, Villa Sandra, to begin a rehabilitation process.

He was then transferred to the Rome American Hospital on Aug. 30, where he is expected to stay for at least a month, depending on the speed of his ongoing recovery and the advice of medical doctors.

Thanks to his daily therapy, Brother Eugène is now be-

ginning to move his right foot and eat without help using his left hand.

He can also beginning to move his right shoulder and arm.

At the request of the Superior General, Brother Spiridion Ndanga, from Rwanda, came to Rome in July and



Superior General Br Emili Turú, Br Eugène Kabanguka and Br Spiridion Ndanga in the American Hospital in Rome

continues to monitor closely the recovery of Brother Eugène. Brother Eugène is living through this very difficult moment with his accustomed serenity, positivity and patience.

The Institute continues to entrust Brother Eugène to the tender care of our Good Mother.



## 13 MARIST LAY LEADERS IN JO'BURG



Pam Paton-Mills and Mike Greeff welcomed lay leaders from South Africa who met from Aug. 27 - 30 in Johannesburg for a formation programme in which 13 laity took part. They gathered for intensive work, prayer and to share their life and spiritual growth.

The main objective of the programme was to provide formation to the group to enable them to return to their respective schools better equipped to lead the Marist Lay groups in each school. The format of the experience was a deep exploration of the three themes

of spirituality, community and mission in a Marist context coupled with personal experiences of each. Each morning began with centering prayer as a lead into contemplative prayer.

Superior General Brother Emili Turu also took part and offered the participants a description of the Marist identity.

We finished the four days with a commissioning ceremony of prayer, song and dance that gave each person their own Water from the Rock, water brought from significant sources at each school and mingled with water from the River Gier.

Each person also took home their own parcel of seeds, seeds with a sprinkling of the seeds brought back from Rome by Pam and Mike.

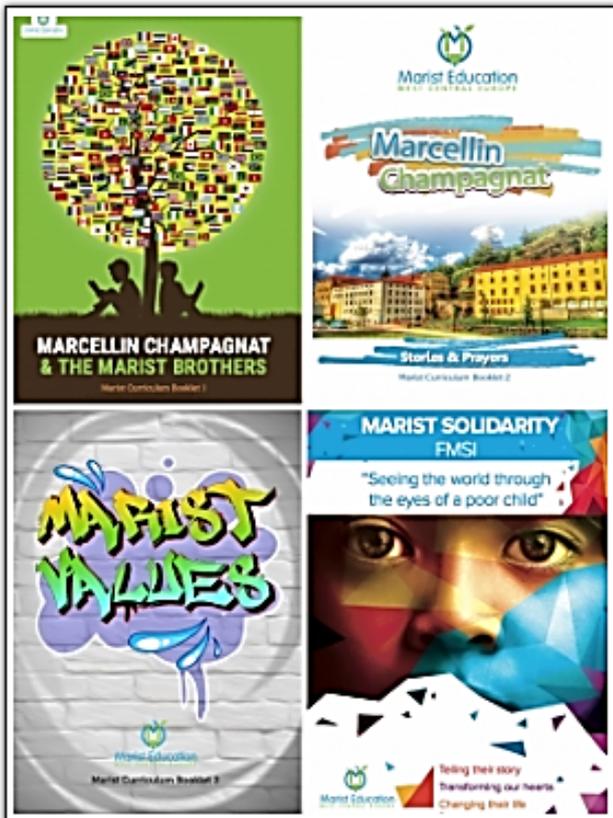
# CHAMPAGNAT RESOURCES

## Launch of the new Marist Curriculum in West Central Europe

02/09/2016: Netherlands

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Me gusta



Marist Education in West Central Europe launched the new Marist Curriculum for schools in the Province. The curriculum will be available for all schools and projects in the province.

The curriculum has been created into four individual A5 booklets. Students will begin with booklet one which details the life of Marcellin Champagnat and outlines the Marist community in the province and worldwide.

The second booklet explains in detail some of the key Marist stories and introduces students to some Marist prayers and reflections.

Booklet three looks closely at the Marist values and what they mean in today's world.

Finally, booklet four focuses on the work of Marist Solidarity FMSI worldwide and encourages students to support and learn more about this work.

Each booklet



Marist Education  
WEST CENTRAL EUROPE

provides activities and project work for students with printable resources available. A Marist liturgy has been created for each year group at the end of booklet.

Each booklet is available in digital form on [www.maristeu.com](http://www.maristeu.com) with supporting resources and liturgies.



## NOVIATIE COMMUNITY BIDS FAREWELL TO BR. NORBERT

We say good bye to people and not to their memories because physically apart we may be but we are connected spiritually. It is always a good gesture and tradition to give farewell to people because it makes us even more connected. As the community gathered in the chapel for the Eucharistic celebration we put Br. Norbert Mwila in prayers as he leaves the Novitiate community. After that we had a meal together with the community of the Fransalian Fathers followed by recreation in which a number of activities were performed.

It came like a joke which shocked our minds that, you are leaving the Novitiate. Firstly, we thought that you are just going for meetings as usual, only to realize later on that you are going



for good. Our eyes dropped tears. But again we rejoiced because you are becoming our provincial superior, hence more meetings await. Reflecting on your life, many volumes of books can be written, because your life manifests how to be a Marist Brother today. Indeed, you are a true disciple of Father Champagnat.

For the past nine years that you have been at Matola as a community superior and Novice Master; this place became your home. Your great sense of humour and good relationship with people made you to be loved by everyone. We will miss you in all corners of life because you have left an indelible mark on each one of us Novices. You are a good example to us and you have planted a seed that one day will grow and will need further development. May St. Marcellin Champagnat

continue inspiring you and may our Good Mother Mary accompany you in your new apostolate.

*(Henry Ngeli – 1<sup>st</sup>-year novice)*



## GENERAL COUNCILLORS VISIT THE NOVITIATE



Like Elizabeth welcoming Mary, the Mother of our Saviour, we received a blessing in the form of two General Councillors visiting our community on behalf of the General Administration. Brother Ernesto Sanchez and Brother Antonio Ramalho came to our community at different dates on account of Br Antonio's presence at the 7th Provincial Chapter. Their visit was conducted at both a personal level

and at community level. They shared reflections on the year of Fourvière, the La Valla year, and our coming bicentenary, helping us to increase our spirit of family. We thank the Lord for their gifts of time and wisdom.

*(Anderson Mphatso Kafatsa – 1<sup>st</sup>- year novice)*

# HOW THE COUNTRY OF MOZAMBIQUE GOT ITS NAME!

[Mozambique Tourist Information](#) > [101 Best Mozambique Holiday & Tourism Highlights](#) >

## Ilha de Mocambique

### Ilha de Moçambique (Island of Mozambique, or Mozambique Island)

Ilha de Moçambique is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is often referred to as a 'living museum' due to its infrastructure being highly untouched since it was the capital of Mozambique back in 1898. The only work done on this island for most of the last fifty years is rehabilitation of the old colonial infrastructure. You will find a prize photo on almost every corner as one really gets the sense of having travelled back in time.



Before the Portuguese inhabited the island over 500 years ago it was inhabited by Musa Al Biq, an arab trader whose name by Portuguese settlers was interpreted and later written as Moçambique - the name that was later given to the then colony.

The highlight of the island is the commanding Fort São Sebastião, located at the northern tip of the island. Over 450 years old, the fort is the oldest European-style fort still standing in sub-Saharan Africa (the Great Zimbabwe is argued to be a native fort built up to 100 years earlier). With no natural water source to be found on the island the roof run-off is still used by many on the island for water for their everyday lives.



The Nossa Senhora Beluarte Chapel (Capela da Nossa Senhora de Beluarte) is found almost within the fort on the eastern most tip of the island and is the oldest European building in the entire Southern Hemisphere. Architecture fans should take note of the fantastic vaulted roof.

Other highlights include the historic "Sporting" club with its now abandoned pool, and the giant hospital which seems to occupy a larger proportion of the island than the population of approximately 14,000 inhabitants would seem to justify. Do not make the mistake of missing out on a walk through the densely populated Makuti Town to see a real look at today's Ilha life.



## CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME HOME!

Dear Brothers Carlos, Daniel, Dias, Dominic and Francis,

I write to congratulate you for your successful completion of your Formation and Academic programmes at MIC and MIUC respectively. With no doubt, you are well formed and prepared for Mission.

On behalf of all the Brothers in the Province, a special word of thanks to the Formators and Lecturers at MIC



and MIUC through whose hands you passed while in formation and pursuing your studies.

I warmly welcome you to the Province and we look forward to your settling in well into your new communities and wishing you a Marian touch and success in your Apostolates with the young people you are entrusted to.



*S. Norbert*  
NORBERT

# OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

After Vatican II there was a trend in several quarters to drop popular devotions. As a young Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina, Jorge Bergoglio caused a rift among his men partly on account of his stand on this issue. Later, as head of the Archdiocese of Buenos Aires, he was more open to dialogue and consultation, as well as work with the poor masses. Still he gave the lead for public expression of popular piety. He saw in it the action of the Spirit. He insisted that it enabled the people to find the support of God's love in their needs.

The Rosary has been part of popular devotion for a long time. It came into being out of the needs of the Church in various needs. At one time it helped to counter the spread of heresy, like the threat of the Albigensians in the days of St Dominic. In 1571 recourse to the Rosary contributed to a major naval victory that put a stop to the conquests of the Ottoman Turkish Empire in Europe. It is then that the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was instituted. For a long time, the Rosary helped to keep the faith among the faithful and kept Catholic families united.

In a document in 2002, Pope John Paul II placed the Rosary at the very centre of Christian spirituality. He wrote that the final goal of Christian life is to be transformed into Christ. "The Rosary helps believers come closer to Christ by contemplating him. It unites us with Mary's own prayer who in the presence of God prays with us and for us."

October devotions have long been kept in our houses and our schools. In Zimbabwe, for instances, it has been customary for pupils and Brothers to gather after

supper at a grotto or shrine of Our Lady in October to pray the Rosary. Students about to write final exams come to seek assistance. Many others join. There may even be a sprinkling of non-Catholics with us. One can sense a respectful, pious mood in those gatherings each evening.



Let us continue to use this opportunity to bring pupils and staff to a deeper appreciation of significant moments in the life of Jesus, Mary present to him. This is an excellent occasion to involve students in preparing and leading these prayer sessions. There can be insistence on following in the footsteps of Jesus, acting out of our convictions both at school and at home, face to the challenges we all have to face. For us, Marists, we have here a wonderful way to live out our commitment as Marist apostles.

*(Brother James Langlois)*



## FORTHCOMING FINAL PROFESSION CEREMONIES

ZAMBIA	Saturday 15 October
MALAWI	Saturday 12 November
MOZAMBIQUE	Saturday 4 December
ANGOLA	2017 date to be decided



# WRECKS REMOVED! TREE TRUNCATED!

## Facelift at Marist Novitate, Matola

### Young & Old help to Clean-up

