

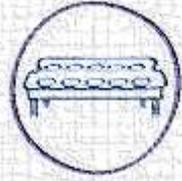


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FINAL PROFESSION – BROTHER LOURENÇO SAPALO



The Marist presence included Br. Norbert Mwila, Provincial Superior, all the Brothers from Angola, a party of our “juniors” from Kuito, as well as some teachers and students from our IMNE in Luanda. Of course, there were numbers of other religious men and women to be seen.



THE ceremony of final profession of Br. Lourenço Sapalo took place at the *Santissimo Nome de Jesus* parish in Luanda on Trinity Sunday, 11 June 2017. The Archbishop of Luanda, Dom Filomeno do Nascimento Vieira Dias, assisted at the altar by eight priests, led the celebration of the liturgy of the day in a ceremony that was aired nationally on Angolan television.



The celebratory luncheon, prepared by the Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny, took place on the patio of our IMNE in Luanda.



The church of the *Santissimo Nome de Jesus* was the obvious choice for the celebration. Cared for by the religious Sisters known as the Daughters of Jesus, the parish employs Br Lourenço as a catechist, and in the formation of catechists.



Some 60 family members and friends attended the celebration, coming together from places as far apart as Benguela (about 600 km), Sumbe (nearly 350 km), and Luanda. Many parishioners, of course, also took part in event.



PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

- For our forthcoming **GENERAL CHAPTER** that it bear fruit worthy of all the preparation for it, and that all Marists may make its message become a reality for the church and the world.
- Our **sick and elderly Brothers** that they bear their sufferings with patience and may soon recover their health.
- Our Brothers (including **Davy Mbasela**, **F. Dostie**, and **Mario Colussi**) who have recently been bereaved, and their wider families and friends who have lost loved ones
- For an **End to the Arms Trade**, and for **Peace** in the world.
- **Br Brendan O’Shea** († 24 June 2017) and the wider family and friends who mourn his passing.



BROTHER NORBERT WRITES ...

“Step back and take a long view”

A **FUTURE NOT OUR OWN**, a text commonly attributed to Blessed Oscar Romero¹, is a reflection I find insightful and a worthwhile reminder of how I need to perceive life.



More often than not, I refer to this passage with a sense of gratitude and appreciation. My focus today is on the phrase, “Step back and take a long view.”

With that, I remind myself of the particular importance Bro. Charles Howard attached to the exercise of the review of the day. I come to realise how the people I meet and the events of the day play an essential role in realising the action of the Spirit dwelling in me. The regular opportunity for stillness and quietness in prayer brings to a deeper consciousness how in the course of the day I related to God, to people, and to the environment around me. I thank God for the moments that the Spirit prevailed and led me to do well, and at the same time ask for pardon and strength where human frailty took the upper hand and gave way to failure.

Given the reality of the complexity and an increasingly busy world we live in, finding quiet moments of prayer is not always easy. Yet it must be a non-negotiable aspect that requires a deliberate commitment and a discipline. Imagine the life of a Religious who finds every reason to justify why it’s not possible to have personal time for prayer!



I find it a humbling experience to express the difficulty and struggle faced in finding daily quiet moments for personal prayer. It’s true that there are situations when we are overwhelmed by the increasing demands of the activities of the day and are unable to share the same sentiments of the Psalmist that, “Like the deer that yearns for running streams so does my soul long for you my God, and that my body pines for you like a dry weary

land without water.” Moreover, even at night we may find ourselves equally busy and unable to say with a longing heart: “On my bed I remember you.” The situation of a life too busy to have personal prayer offers a challenge. We need to reconsider our priorities: striving to let God be God so that he assumes his rightful place in our lives. We are not talking about seeking an easier lifestyle. Our founder became a man of constant prayer even when engaged in the most absorbing work. He is a model for us of consciously living in the presence of God. His constant awareness of the presence of God reminds us that unless the Lord builds the house we labour in vain.

Stepping back and taking a long view can facilitate an inner transformation of our lives with special attention given to following Christ in the way of Mary. I have been greatly impressed to meet Brothers and Lay Marists who have taken the task of Christian education seriously, inspiring young people, especially those from vulnerable families where little love is shown, to realise their potential to be good and responsible citizens. As Brothers and Lay Marists on mission, we all contribute to the common good as we respond to the call of Lord in communion with his Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

For the two special anniversaries we are celebrating, 150 years of Marist presence in Africa and the bicentenary of our Institute, Brother Emili highlights the following core aspects.

Gratitude: For the 2000 year-old gift of the charism of St Marcellin to the Church and across the world. Initially, the mission of Christian education of poor children and young people was largely confined to the Brothers. But now it is increasingly carried out in communion with lay Marists. Thank you for the faithfulness to the charism and mission with a generosity of heart without borders.



Asking for pardon: “I humbly beseech all those whom I may have offended or disedified in any way.” Such is the lesson of a life of humility coming from our founder’s spiritual testament. Let us admit and be aware of moments when we offend others, sometimes unconsciously. It is vital to ask for forgiveness and thus live our lives reconciled with one another.

¹ This text was actually composed by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw in Michigan, USA, who died in 2004.



Commitment: It is worthwhile to revisit the spirit and original intention of the founder and renew our dedicated service to mission with the signs of the times. Like St Marcellin who ardently desired to have the Marist

presence across the world, we now feel the call to respond to current needs through initiatives like founding International Communities in marginalised areas.

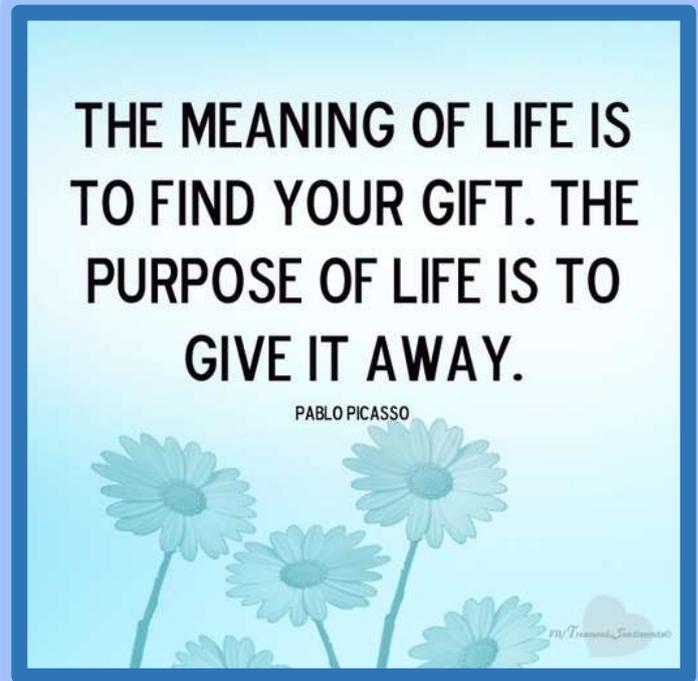
Wishing you all a continued blessed and happy celebration of the two-fold anniversaries of 150 years of Marist presence in Africa and 200 years of the Institute.

St. Marcellin
NORBERT



FORTHCOMING BIRTHDAYS

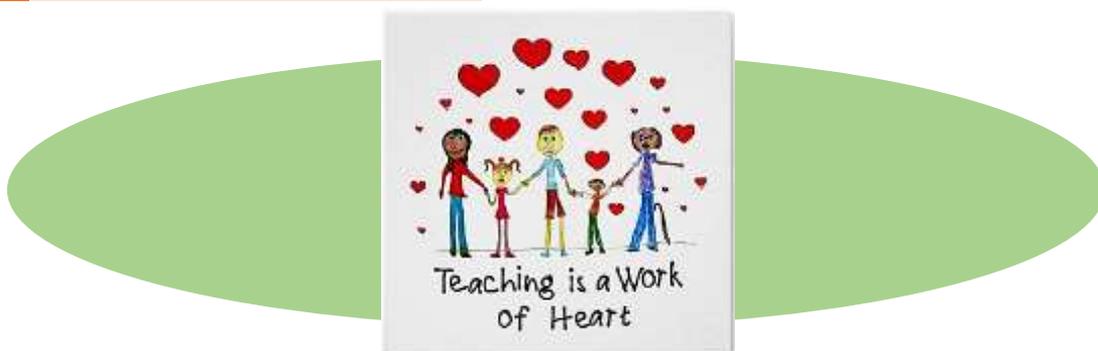
| JULY | |
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| 09-07-1992 | Elia Madimba |
| 23-07-1985 | Boston Ngulube |
| 25-07-1970 | Vigirio Bwalya |
| 26-07-1992 | Stephen Muleba |
| 28-07-1978 | José Hebo Francisco ("Richa") |
| 29-07-1969 | Geraldo Medida |



| AUGUST | |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 07-08-1994 | Emiliano Hamupembe (nov.ad.2017) |
| 13-08-1987 | Baptista Fernando |
| 14-08-1981 | David Kachoka |
| 20-08-1983 | Patrick Banda |
| 23-08-1968 | John Katumbi |
| 24-07-1947 | Joseph Walton |
| 24-07-1996 | Inocencio Felismino (nov.ad.2017) |
| 27-08-1976 | Joseph Nsambo |
| 29-08-1964 | Raphael Mariso |



| SEPTEMBER | |
|------------|------------------------------|
| 01-09-1939 | Jude Pieterse |
| 02-09-1940 | Mario Colussi |
| 04-09-92 | Dominic Zgambo (nov.ad.2016) |
| 05-09-1992 | Lawrence Ndawala |
| 08-09-1975 | Nicholas Zvenyika |
| 10-09-1966 | Óscar Martin Vicario |
| 11-09-1994 | Filipe Palanga (nov.ad.2017) |
| 13-09-1992 | Henry Ngeli |
| 18-09-1993 | Aubrey Chimangeni |
| 23-09-1973 | Andrew Sikelo |
| 25-09-1942 | António da Silva |
| 28-09-1989 | Misheck Mkanthama |



INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS IN JOHANNESBURG

Rebecca Bromhead – or “Bec” – from Australia has been re-contracted by Sacred Heart College as Three2Six Development Coordinator. A committed lay Marist, she impressed others with her first spell at the project. The program helps the children of refugees integrate into the state school system, and has now spread to two other school campuses in Johannesburg. She has written the piece that follows about the new community for young adults in Johannesburg.



Our current international volunteers at the Three2Six program, with some of their Three2Six colleagues in Johannesburg

This year has seen a wonderful new initiative starting in Johannesburg, with the opening of Marcellin House, an international young adult community for young Marists.

The community is comprised of eight young people, six of whom are international volunteers working with the Three2Six Project run by Sacred Heart College. This year the volunteers are from Germany, Brazil, the United States of America and Australia, the majority of them coming through the CMI Marist international volunteer program. The two remaining spaces are reserved for members of the South African Marist network. Anyone can apply and it is hoped in future to have a mix of young Marists from across South Africa. This year we have Nicole, a Marist intern teacher and Khanyi, a Marist alumna.



Bec Bromhead with Justine, co-ordinator of Three2Six at Holy Family College

The Marcellin House community members share in daily life together and in different forms of service with the Three2Six Project. They have a weekly community night and also join in the monthly 'Marist Young Adults Joburg' gathering (meal and reflection) with the Marist Brothers and fellow young adult alumni. This group is also exploring coordinating a monthly community service activity to pair with the monthly dinner night. A pilot event was held in March, with six young Marists helping with a soup kitchen at Holy Trinity Catholic parish, next to the campus of the University of the Witwatersrand (“Wits”).

The Marcellin House community look forward to their first full year and to welcoming other young Marists when they host some of the Marist Young Adult evenings. *(Bec Bromhead)*



Marist Volunteers helping in the soup kitchen at Holy Trinity parish church



“TRY TO MAKE JESUS KNOWN AND LOVED”

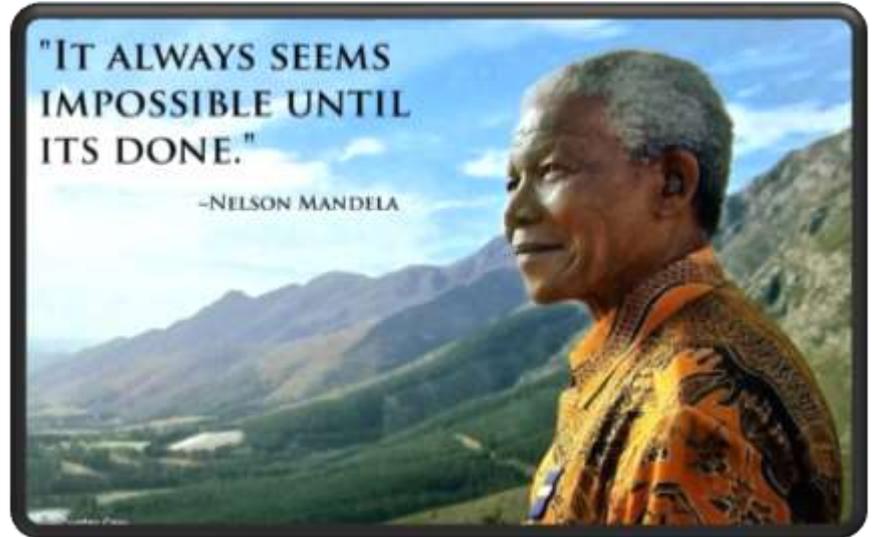
(Marcellin Champagnat)

18 JULY IS INTERNATIONAL NELSON MANDELA DAY

Can you spare **67 minutes** of your time helping others? Every year, on Mandela Day, people around the world are asked by United Nations² and the Nelson Mandela Foundation to do just that.

By devoting 67 minutes of their time - one minute for every year of Mr. Mandela's public service - people can make a small gesture of solidarity with humanity and a step towards a global movement for good.

"**MADIBA**", as he was commonly known, was born on 18 July 1918.



MOZAMBICAN BROTHERS IN CAPE TOWN

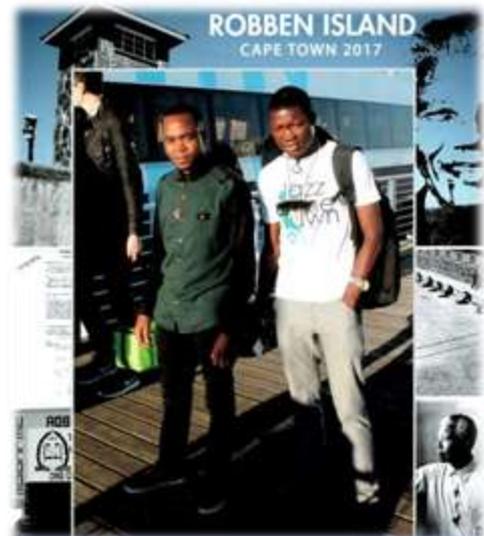
Brothers Rufino Macimcuele and Gerónimo Raimundo were kept busy during their time at St Joseph's College Rondebosch.. In the community, they were involved in house chores – cleaning inside and outside the building, and cooking from time to time.



In the school, they observed lessons in the primary school, and also taught RE to the very little ones.

In St Michael's parish some 20 minutes' walk away, they shared their musical talents in the youth choir, took part in the Genesis Youth Group activities (including the soccer team), and with Genesis

visited the Missionaries of Charity who work with poor and disabled children in Gugulethu.



A Sunday Excursion to Robben Island

² Declaration of the UN General Assembly in November 2009

“Sorry for all the times we have been the object of scandal”

THE CHURCH AND THE FIGHT ON PAEDOPHILIA:

The experience of the Marist Brothers - Br Emili Turú



18/01/2017: General House

<http://www.champagnat.org/400.php?a=6&n=4216>

The SIR News Agency SIR (*Servizio di Informazioni Religiose*) of the Italian Bishops' Conference (CEI) held an interview with Br. Emili Turú, superior of the Institute, highlighting the topic of paedophilia. The starting point of the conversation was the apology for the abuses committed, which Brother Emili made in his message to the Marists of Champagnat on the occasion of the celebration of the bicentennial of the foundation of the Institute.

In the message, you asked forgiveness for “all the times we were the object of scandal.” Why?

Throughout our history, we had many reasons to give thanks and to acknowledge our sin. Situations of abuse have taken place in some of our institutions, meant to be safe places for all children and youths, which left deep scars in them. In many cases, these scars will remain open wounds for their entire lives. Our Institute was created to help children and young people become good Christians and good citizens, as wanted by our founder. And fortunately, this mission was accomplished for the majority of those who attended our Marist Education centres. The abuses that have taken place caused deep suffering among us. They are in stark contradiction with our life and our mission.

How could all of this have happened?



In the past, it was considered a moral problem. But today we know that it's also a psychiatric disorder and a criminal offence in most countries. When it was believed to be a moral problem the offenders were given counsel and guidance for

repentance, they were encouraged to devote more time to prayer, and they were transferred to opportune locations. But now we know that that “geographic treatment” failed, for the first person that the offender met in his new destination was himself, facing the same problem.

What measures did the Institute adopt to address these situations?

Clear institutional policies were adopted, designed to help us prevent situations of abuse and to react promptly before any suspicion or report of abuse, in compliance with the national legislation of the interested Country and the laws of the Church.



In the past six years, we have held a set of international seminars on the protection of minors, attended by the leaders of all Marist provinces. This kind of formation continued in the provinces, adapted to the various local realities. We are presently networking with the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome to offer all Marist Institutes a formation programme on the protection of minors and the defence of their rights. Naturally, we ascribe primary importance to the careful selection of candidates to Marist brotherhood and their ensuing accompaniment.

Thus you adopted rigorous protocols?

Each Marist province has adopted a set of measures for the protection of minors centred on what for us is a cardinal principle, namely, the respect and the protection of children and youths. The wellbeing of children and the support to the victims come before everything else, along with the protection of the Institute and of the person that committed the abuse.

Transparency equally holds primary importance, both in terms of informing the competent bodies and the civil authorities. However, we always try to combine justice with mercy. Justice without mercy turns into revenge, while mercy without compliance to justice and truth is a deceit.

Are special forms of accompaniment of the victims envisaged, in case the latter request them?

Yes, also for those civil cases under the Statute of Limitations we always offer the victims the possibility of accessing appropriate treatment with various forms of counsel and accompaniment: psychological, psychiatric, spiritual, etc.

It is often said that cases of paedophilia occur more frequently inside the Church. But official figures show a different picture...

Unfortunately there are more cases of abuse than most people imagine. Figures released by **"One in Four"**, the organization set up in Ireland and in Great Britain,

show that one in four adults has been the victim of some form of sexual abuse before turning 18.



It was for this reason that we launched a campaign in our Institutes to help families and minors protect themselves by identifying and reporting possible signs of abuses. Approximately 30% of all sexual abuses were perpetrated by family members, while 60% of abuses occurred in the family environment. This fact further complicates the situation: when the sexual offenders are members of the family it's harder to denounce them. In fact, most cases of sexual abuse occur within the family or in the family environment. This in no way diminishes the gravity of the sexual abuses committed by priests and religious, protected only by the image of persons "consecrated to God" who in reality cause not only psychological and mental damage but also spiritual damage, thereby giving a completely distorted image of God.



CHAMPAGNAT DAY AT ST MARCELLIN'S, CHIBULUMA



On 6th June, St Marcellin's at Chibuluma, Zambia, joined the rest of the Marist world in commemorating Father Champagnat, our valiant founder and champion of young people,.



Like the Apostles who gathered in Jerusalem with Mary, over 600 pupils gathered in the school hall to mark the event. Brother Chiza Phiri shed some ideas on the five aspects of the Marist charism as practised in our schools. The Eucharist that followed was led by Fr. Nicolas Mubanga. During his homily, the priest challenged the pupils to be heroes. He exhorted to

them to be good and honest citizens. He challenged everyone to emulate the example of Father Champagnat.

After Mass, the school relaxed with some ball games, including some matches between staff and pupils. The celebration was concluded with a shared meal. It was a wonderful experience for all those present.

What the Brothers are doing in Chibuluma is exactly what Father Champagnat wished for. May the presence of Mary our Good Mother remain with us and all our associates.

[Henry Ngeli – 2nd-year Novice).



YOUNG MARIST SCHOOLBOY TO THE RESCUE ...

(Adapted from an article in **THE SUNDAY TIMES** Johannesburg, 18 June 2017)



Nine-year-old **Dario Gouveia** has vowed not to stop collecting shoes - from fancy heels to spunky sneakers - until he reaches a million pairs.

The Grade 4 schoolboy at Marist Brothers Linmeyer has taken on the massive task of collecting the shoes for the less fortunate. He started his **“Soul2Sole”** initiative five months ago after he handed his own pair of school shoes, which he had outgrown, to a shoeless boy begging with his mother on a street corner.

Since then Dario has amassed more than 8 000 pairs – 1,300 of which he donated the victims of the recent massive fire in the Southern Cape.

His efforts have inspired children from as far afield as New Zealand to start their own campaigns.

Dario was initially sceptical about taking donations of spanky heels, but he has since realised their worth: giving matric girls a chance to add an extra touch of glamour to their matric farewell ensembles.

"I saw this barefoot kid at the side of the road kicking stones. He touched me. My mom and I rushed home and gave him a pair of shoes that no longer fitted me. He was very, very happy," said Dario.

Dario wrote a letter to his friends at school, appealing for donations of shoes.

"My goal at the time was 1 000. People opened their hearts and started donating. In a few months, I have collected 8200 pairs of shoes. We collect the shoes from collection points at shops and malls and we drop them off at orphanages and shelters.

"One of my school friends emigrated to New Zealand last year. She heard about what I'm doing and started her own campaign there and she's collected over 2 000 pairs, which she donated to the Salvation Army.

"I love doing good for others and will continue until I reach a million pairs of shoes."

“I SAW THIS BAREFOOT KID AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD KICKING STONES. AND HE TOUCHED ME.”



BR EMILI TURÚ SPEAKS ABOUT HIS MEETING WITH POPE FRANCIS



Our previous issue made mention of the occasion when Pope Francis received superior general Brother Emili Turú in a private audience. In this interview, Brother Emili speaks about his encounter with the pontiff, who gave him a message for the Marists of Champagnat.

Why did this audience take place?

We are celebrating the bicentenary of the Institute's foundation and, on another hand, the 22nd General Chapter will take place in September of this same year in Colombia. Therefore, we thought it was important to ask the Pope for a message for all Marists of Champagnat on the occasion of these celebrations.

Where was the audience celebrated and what was the tone of this meeting?

As is usual for a private audience, this took place in the private library of the Apostolic Palace. The place is very impressive: before reaching the library, you have to go through long corridors and various Renaissance halls, all of them extraordinarily decorated ... and, of course, various checkpoints. In any case, the personal warmth of the Pope makes you forget right away that you are in a "palace." I would say that the tone was very brotherly, as expected.

The mere fact of sitting, not face to face with a table in between, but on one side of the table, with the chairs nearby, already indicates the tone of closeness that the Pope wants to give to such encounters.

Can you share any of the issues addressed with the Pope?

Almost from the beginning, the Pope was interested if we felt that the vocation of 'Brother' was sufficiently understood in the Church. I believe that the vocation of Brother is "one of the best kept secrets of the Catholic Church," as the Vaticanista John Allen once said.

It is not known or valued enough, especially in the context of male religious life, which is mostly clerical, and that is how I expressed it to him.

For example, I showed him the invitation I received for this audience, where I was called "Father"... and, in fact, that is how it was published by Vatican news.

The Pope, as he has said many times, underscored that that is due to the strong clericalism that persists in the Church, which often ignores or even annuls the laity.

In this sense, he encouraged us to appreciate our own vocation as brothers.

Any other topic you would like to mention?

The Pope was very explicit in his assessment of the extraordinary importance of the education of children and young people, and insisted that the school continues to be a privileged place for that education. That is why, he said, look for new places and ways to educate and be close to children and young people, but do not abandon the school.

Did you speak about new projects?

I took the Pope a book, as a gift, that is a photo-report on the 'Fratelli Project,' promoted jointly with the De La Salle Brothers in Lebanon, serving displaced children and youth, especially from Iraq and Syria.

He was very interested in the project, so much so that he kept one of the books, but in another one he wrote, in his own handwriting, a beautiful dedication to the brothers who collaborate in this project, thanking them for their service and encouraging them to continue to plant because, in his own words, "it will bear much fruit."

We also spoke about the "Blue Marists" of Aleppo, for whom he had words of admiration and sympathy, and to whom he sent a special blessing.

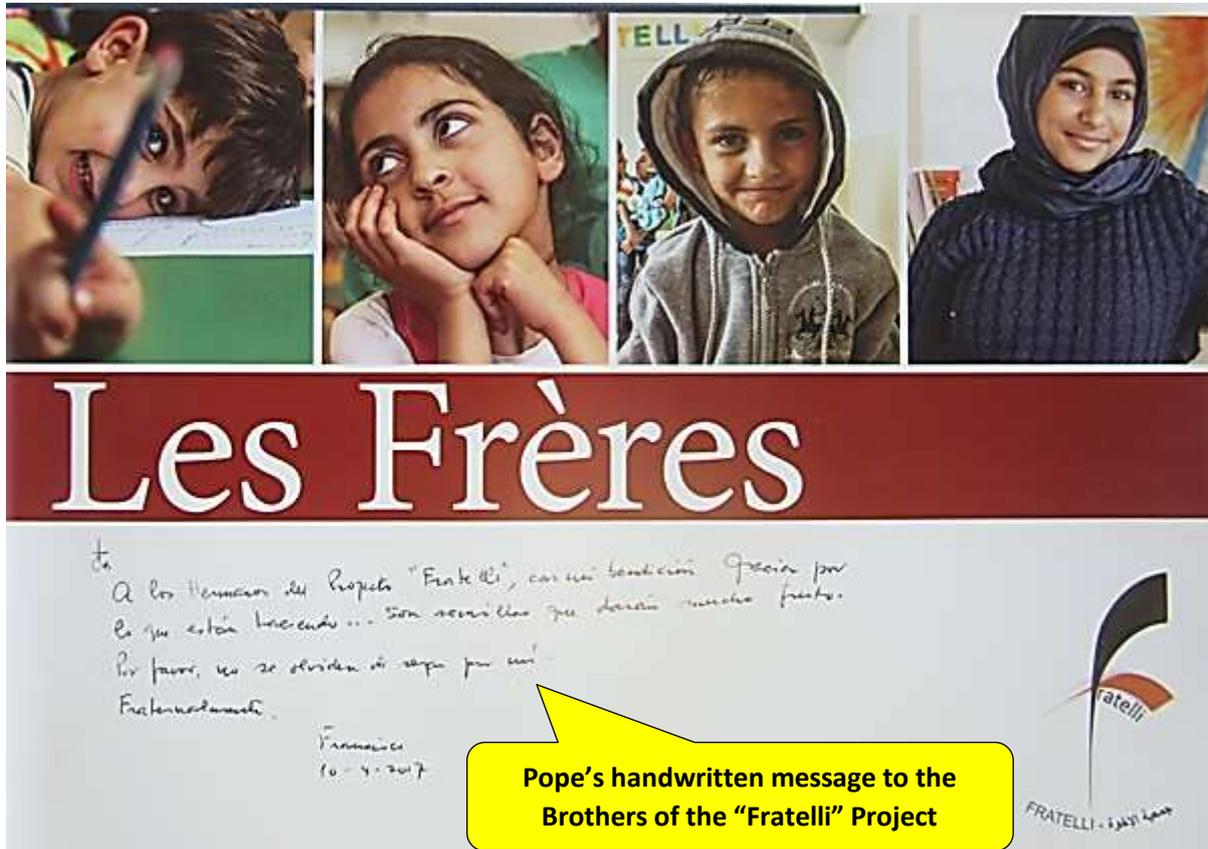
I also had the opportunity to speak to him about the new international foundations, from the “ad gentes” project (2005) and now with the Lavalla200> project.

The Pope, in the written message he gave to Br Emili, refers to the 200 years of existence of the institute, as “a great history of delivery in favour of children and young people”...

That is so, and he repeated several times his gratitude not only for what we have done in the past, but, in particular, for what we are and do in the Church today.

And, of course, he asked us to pray for him!

I assured him that he can count on our prayers and support, and I thanked him in particular for the impulse he has given to the Church, inviting us all to be in a “permanent state of mission” and “going forth.”



[The FRATELLI PROJECT is a joint venture of the De La Salle Brothers and the Marist Brothers to assist children who have fled to Lebanon to escape the devastating civil war in Syria]

TRANSLATION of the handwritten message (in Spanish) of Pope Francis to the Brothers of the Fratelli Project

“To the Brothers of the Project “Fratelli” with a blessing. Thanks for everything that you are doing ... they are seeds that will bear much fruit. And please, don't forget to pray for me. Fraternally ... Francisco. 10-4-2017.”



THE POPE'S MESSAGE TO THE MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT



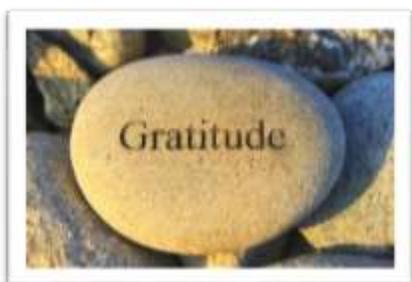
To Brother Emili Turú Rofes

Superior General of the Marist Brothers

Dear Brother

I T IS A PLEASURE for me to greet you and, through you, the **entire Marist family** on the occasion of the bicentenary of the foundation of your Congregation during which you will celebrate your 22nd General Chapter in Colombia. You are keenly preparing for this event with the motto "A New Beginning": This sums up a whole programme of renewal and implies a look at the past with gratitude, a discernment of the present, and an openness to the future with hope.

Gratitude is the primary emotion flowing from the heart. This attitude of thanksgiving is necessary in order to appreciate the great things that God has done through you. At the same time, giving thanks does us good; it helps us see ourselves as little ones in the eyes of the Lord and as indebted to a tradition freely given to us. You belong to a large family rich in witnesses who knew how to give their lives out of love for God and neighbour with that spirit of fraternity so characteristic of the Congregation which sees in the other "a dear



brother, especially dear to me" (Philemon 16). These two centuries of existence have been transformed in their turn into a great story of devotedness to the children and young people you have welcomed from over the five continents and have formed into good citizens and, in particular, into good Christians. These works of charity are expressions of the goodness and mercy of God, who, in spite of our limitations and blunders, never forgets his children.

However, it is not enough simply to reflect on the past; it is also necessary to **discern the present**. It is right for you to examine yourselves and it is good to do this in the light of the Spirit. Discernment is objectively and charitably acknowledging your present state and facing up to it in the spirit of your founding.

**CAN YE NOT
DISCERN THE SIGNS
OF THE TIMES?**

For his time, Saint Marcellin Champagnat was an innovator in the fields of education and formation. He experienced for himself the need for love to highlight the potential that each child has hidden within. Your holy Founder used to say, "Education is for the child what cultivation is for the field. However fertile the field may be, if it is not worked, it will produce only brambles and weeds". An educator's work is one of constant devotedness demanding sacrifice; but, education is a work of the heart and that is what makes it both different and sublime. Being called to cultivate demands, before all else, self-cultivation. The Religious-educator must take care of his own interior field, his human and spiritual reserves, in order to be able to go out to sow and cultivate the ground entrusted to him. You need to be aware that the ground you are working and shaping is "holy" seeing on it the love and footprint of God. By your devotedness and effort, faithful to the mission you received, you will contribute to the work of God, who is calling you to be simple instruments in his hands.

Finally, I encourage you to **be open to the future** with hope, journeying with a renewed spirit. This is not a different road you are taking, but one brought alive in the Spirit. Society today needs people who are solid in their convictions, who can give witness to what they believe in, and, in this way, build a better world for all. On this journey, you will be guided by the motto of your Religious Institute, "All to Jesus through Mary; all to

Mary for Jesus". Have confidence in Mary and allow yourselves to be guided by her in her humility and service, her readiness and silent commitment. These are the attitudes that a good Religious and educator must transmit through his example.



The young people will recognise something extraordinary in your way of being and acting and they will understand that it is worthwhile, not only to learn these values, but more importantly to make them their own. Mary will accompany them in this project and, at her side, they will be confirmed in their vocation, contributing to the creation of a constantly evolving humanity, in which the weak and the marginalised are valued and loved.

This future that they desire so much and dream of, is not an illusion: it is being built today, saying "yes" to the will of God, with the certainty that, as a good Father, he will not deceive our hope.

I thank the Lord and Mary, our Good Mother, as Saint Marcellin liked to call her, for the presence in the Church of your vocation and service, and I ask for you the gift of the Holy Spirit so that, led by God's Spirit, you will bring to children and young people, as well as to all those in need, the nearness and tenderness of God.

Vatican City, 10th April 2017

Francisco

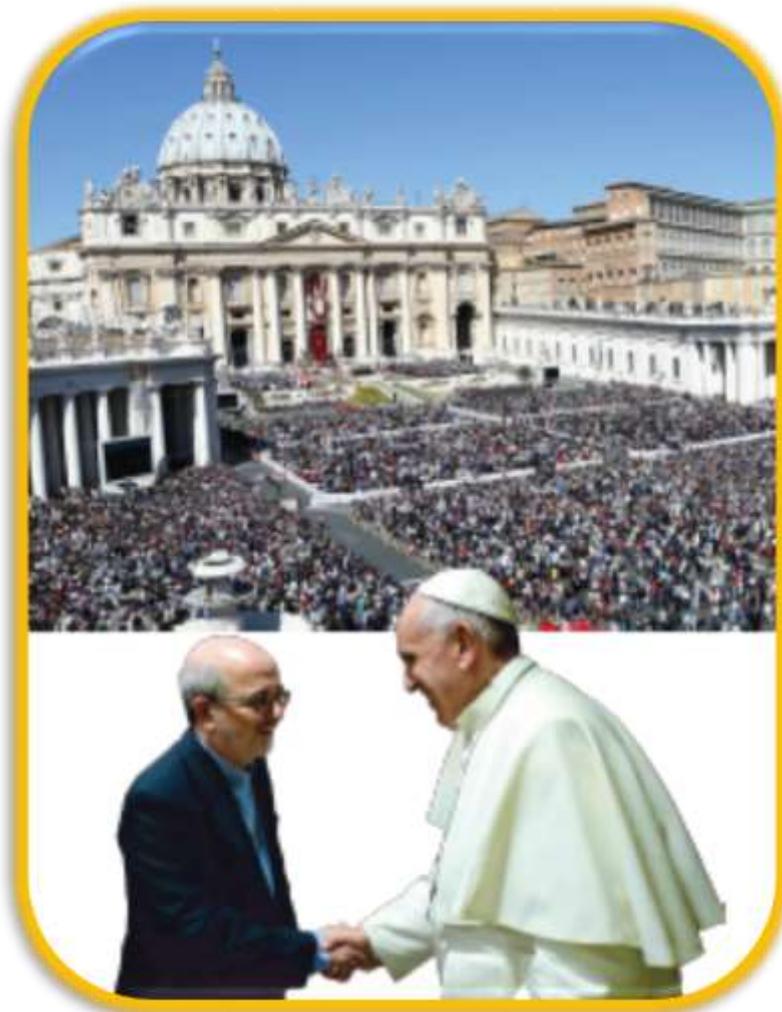


PHOTO TIME



Brothers Mario, Gerónimo & Rufino enjoying winter sunshine in the Cape on a park bench dedicated to the late Brother Laurence Morrison



Participants of the Mid-Life (EN) & Senderos (ES & PT) programs meet at Le Rosey in the heart of Champagnat Country (Spot the four Brothers from our Province, and even without the yellow shirt find Teófilo!)



Madagascar - Bicentenary Celebration in Antsirabe



The "Mini-Marists" at St David's Pre-School mark the Bicentenary of the Institute



Rome - Planning the Second Phase of the New Horizons Program for Africa. Notice Br Mark Omede (Nigeria) & Mr Mike Greeff



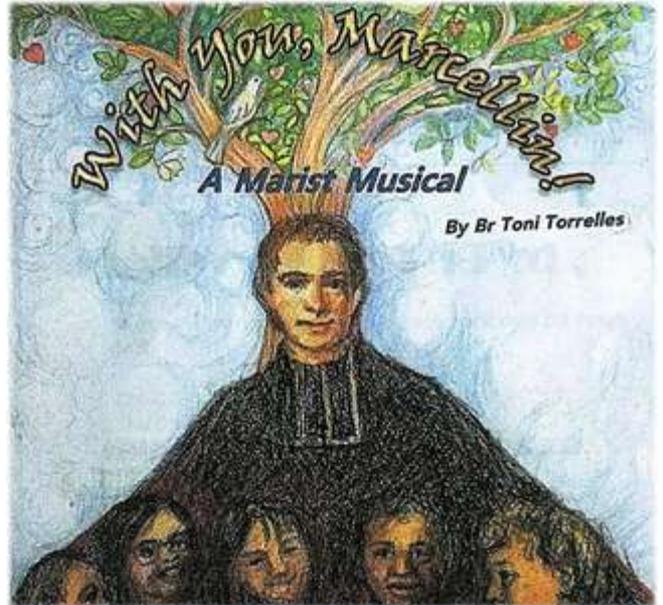
Nyanga, Zimbabwe: Br Aubrey Chimangeni (centre) has now left the community and is headed for MIC. Seen here with Brothers Leonard Brito and Raphael Mariso. ["Water from the Rock"]



PICTURES PLUS!



Kuito-Bié, Angola
Champagnat Day Holy Mass in the Cathedral



The musical "WITH YOU MARCELLIN" put on at Sacred Heart College involving all the primary pupils in dance & song was beautifully produced by Pam Paton-Mills. The packed audiences were delightfully entertained.

The pics below were taken at rehearsals

THANK YOU, PAM!



Brothers Norbert & Euclides
with students at Kuito-Bie



Daniela Goeieman (1) & Nicole Mangondo (2) are representing South Africa at the Marist Youth Festival in Sydney (30 June-3 July). The Head and both Principals at Sacred Heart held a small farewell party for them and invited Brothers to attend.



LATEST NEWS

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN CAPE TOWN

Toward the end of June, Brother Emili communicated as follows to Brother Norbert:

“As the fruit or result of this process of discernment [by the General Council and others], I wish to communicate to you to which community I have appointed each of the participants: -

CAPE TOWN (South Africa) [The community will be sited in Atlantis, 60 km north of the city centre]

Tony Clark fms (Australia),
María Bobillo (Compostela),

Pietro Bettin fms (Mediterránea),
Nnodu Onwutalu fms (Nigeria)”

Br Norbert's Travels

05 Jul: Jo'burg to **ZAMBIA**, St. Marcellin Community.

24 Jul: Lusaka to **NAIROBI, MIC** - Superiors' Meeting.

06 Aug: Nairobi to **ZIMBABWE** Prov Council – Retreat

22 Aug: Return to **JO'BURG**.

25 Aug: Jo'burg to **SPAIN** – visit Madrid and Compostela

06 Sep: Spain to **COLOMBIA**, General Chapter.

22 Oct: Colombia for Madrid.

23 Oct: Madrid for Johannesburg.

24 Oct: Arrival in **JOHANNESBURG**.

26 Oct: Jo'burg to **MALAWI**.

28 Oct: 75th Anniversary of Zomba Catholic Secondary

31 Oct: Travel to Chassa, **ZAMBIA**.

06 Nov: Return to Lilongwe, **MALAWI**.

08 Nov: Return to **JOHANNESBURG**.



BR BRENDAN O'SHEA 1936 – 2017 RIP



Brid and Eileen are nieces of the late Br Brendan. They came from Ireland to take part in the funeral

The funeral took place in the school chapel at Sacred Heart College at 11h00 on Wednesday 28 June. The chief celebrant was Father Ivan Stricic OFM, the chaplain to the Observatory community. People travelled from Durban, Uitenhage and Cape Town to take part in the event. Present, of course, were all the South African Brothers as well as Marist associates, friends and religious from the Johannesburg area.

The Brothers of the Community at Sacred Heart College, Observatory **THANK ALL THOSE WHO SENT MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE** from various parts of the world, and for their prayers for the deceased and the wider family of Brendan at this time of sadness.

DEATH

A poem for the Human Spirit

Thoughts about death, not my death,
just death itself. A few words
at a funeral. And it's autumn -
in my life too I suppose -
dead leaves in the park.
Autumn has its own beauty, red and gold;
the radiance of the shorter day
that tells us that time itself will stop
can kindle hope in the mysterious future.
Death is not a disease, an accident.
The diminishing air, escaping blood,
pain, and the fear of pain, mask death's true face.
We, the dead, are taken from ourselves.

Augustine Shutte

The Way Home: Poems for the Human Spirit

BEAUTIFUL PLACES IN OUR PROVINCE



**Ngonye Falls on the upper Zambezi River,
Western Province, Zambia**
*(Five out of six countries in our province
feed water into the mighty Zambezi)*



**August in Namaqualand,
a semi-desert area in South Africa,
about 550 km due north of Cape Town**



EL GRECO – A FAMOUS ARTIST

Doménikos Theotokópoulos (5 Oct 1541 - 7 Apr 1614), most widely known as **EL GRECO**, was a painter, sculptor and architect of the Spanish Renaissance. "El Greco" ("The Greek") was a nickname, a reference to his Greek origin, and the artist normally signed his paintings with his full birth name in Greek letters.

El Greco was born in on the island of Crete, which was at that time part of the Republic of Venice, and the

centre of Post-Byzantine art. He trained and became a master within that tradition before traveling at age 26 to Venice, as other Greek artists had done. In 1570 he moved to Rome, where he opened a workshop and executed a series of works. During his stay in Italy, El Greco enriched his style. In 1577, he moved to Toledo, Spain, where he lived and worked until his death. In Toledo, El Greco received several major commissions and produced his best-known paintings.



PENTECOST by El Greco, 16th Century