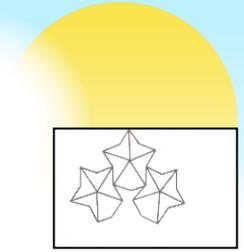


# MARIST CAMP REPORT 2017-2018

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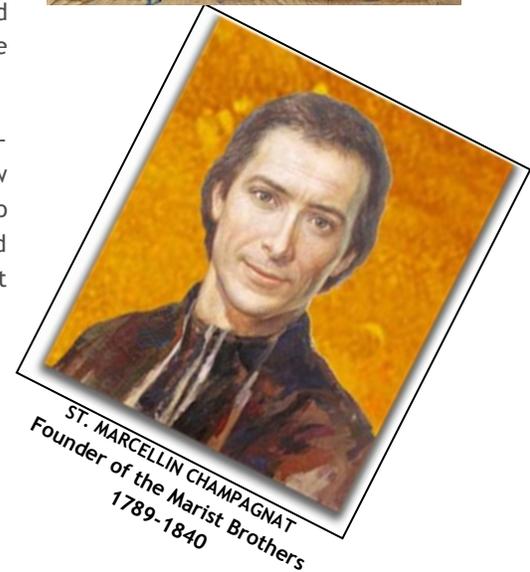
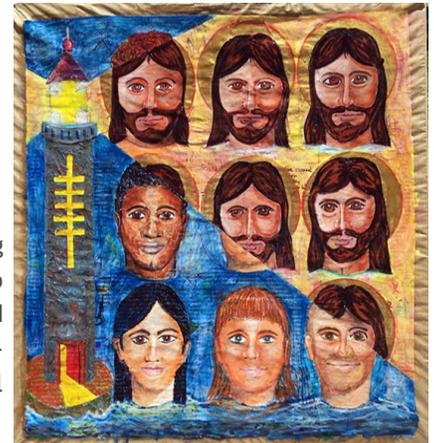
Jesus, today you continue to call us to relate to others in a fundamentally new way (Mk 3, 20-31, 31-35), to listen to your Word and put it into practice, with urgency and without excluding anyone. (Message of the 22nd General Chapter which took place in Colombia in 2017).

This year's Marist Camp coincided with our 22nd General Chapter. It therefore, befitting that we took one of the calls of the Chapter in this year's Marist Camp report. Marist Camp remains a beacon of hope in this turbulent world, bringing hope to so many disadvantaged children in Zimbabwe. This year we welcomed 125 campers and 40 leaders at Kutama College. Marist Brothers is an international religious organization and this year the international nature of our Institute was seen when we welcomed two volunteers from South Africa: Daniel and Daniella. Towards the end of the Camp we also welcomed Bro. Paul Rasford Chikaola who joined Kutama Community this year. We were very delighted to welcome volunteers from beyond our borders

Today please join me in thanking all the volunteers both local and international volunteers and Brothers who came for this year's Marist Camp to celebrate Christmas and New Year with the campers from the 27th December 2017-4th January 2018. The children who came for the camp were very happy and grateful to the selflessness of the volunteers and Brothers. Daniella was unanimously voted the best dedicated leader for the 2017 Marist Camp towards the end of the camp by the campers. Congrats Daniella!!!

*"Marist Camp is the best place to be..."*

At Lake Chivero Picnic site... (Beautiful moments reveal what life can be...).



## Marist Camp 2017-2018 Programme

This year's Marist Camp programme started on the 27th December-4th January 2018. Each day was filled with activities. There was a lot of creativity from the volunteers

#	DAY	DATE	MARIST CAMP PROGRAMME
1	Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Campers and Leaders Arrive and Check In at Kutama College
2	Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Day 1-Orientation    Opening Mass with Fr. Ignatius Mhonda
3	Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	Bases Day 1
4	Saturday	30 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	Bases Day 2
5	Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> December 2017	Bases Day 3    Happy New Year 2018 Preps & Thanksgiving Mass
6	Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2018	Bases Day 4    Happy New Year 2017    Thanksgiving Celebrations
7	Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2018	<b>Marist Foundation Day-High Mass    Celebrations and Presentations</b>
8	Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018	Picnic and Treasure Hunt-Lake Chivero
9	Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Farewell and Departure- <i>Fambai Zvakanaka!!!</i>

who animated the activities very well. We had also opportunities to celebrate Mass for the campers and volunteers and it a privileged moment to thank the Lord for the gift of life and sharing the Word of God with the campers.

***“Responding boldly to emerging needs.”***

### Beneficiaries of Marist Camp

Our campers came from Kutama village, Chinhoyi, Hurungwe, Karoi, Banket, Murambinda, Mbare, Hopely Farm and Epworth. They were independently identified and selected by parish priests, Parish Chairpersons, Section Leaders and Marist volunteers of these different places.

Most of the campers it was their first time to travel from their homes to a distant place. The leaders accompanied the campers from their different parishes to the Camp. It was indeed a great act of sacrifice and selflessness. The cooks and the leaders who were preparing the meals played a pivotal role in ensuring that everyone was well fed and looked after. Each one had an important role to play and played it very well in ensuring that the Camp was a success.



New beginning sign of new life and growth!



# MARIST CAMP IN PICTURES

## 2017-2018

*“For the people we meet each day we seek to be reflections of God. Our desire is to be a visible and permanent memory of the loving and merciful presence of God in the midst of people: living signs of the Father’s tenderness. In some mysterious way, God works through us and in us. Despite our limitations, which we well know, our goodness is able to come through. By being with God we learn our way of being like him: shepherd, friend, faithful companion”. (Extract from a Marist publication-Water from the Rock, page 74, Article No.:137, -Bringing Good News to the Poor)*

### Campers enjoying free swimming session after being taught how to swim



# DIFFERENT SCENES AT THE CAMP

Below far left: Campers and volunteers arriving at the picnic site, right: Bro. Ebel, centre below campers in the Art Base.

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*A gift shared is a gift long remembered... Leaders grilling meat for the campers!*



*Education is the key to success: campers learning about different types of vegetables in the Art Base.*



# Visit to the Hospital

Campers and leaders visiting the hospital and on the foreground is Daniella & Daniel our international volunteers. Bottom right: Simon at the cooking base conducting his first lesson.





*Above: Volunteers and Brothers teaching campers singing at the Singing Base. Below campers at the Puzzle Base.*

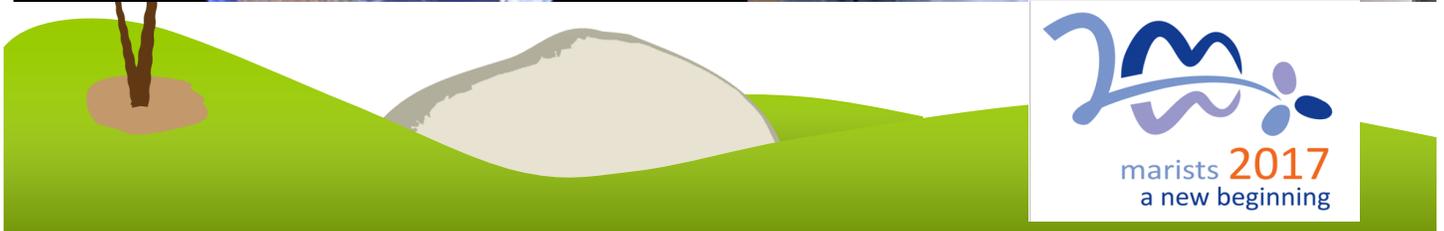


# Photo Collage 1 of 2...



*A gift share is a gift long remembered....the time we spent with the campers is memorable.*

Photo collage encompassing different moments at the camp.



# Photo Collage 2 of 2...



Above: Campers and volunteers and Brothers celebrating.



# Marist Camp Group Photo



MARIST VOLUNTEER LEADERS, BROTHERS AND ZIMBABWE NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY OFFICIALS POSE FOR A GROUP PHOTO AT LAKE CHIVERO PICNIC SITE



# THE EDUCATIONAL DIMENSION OF MARIST CAMP

The educational dimension of Marist Camp can never be underestimated. Marist Camp takes very seriously the formative aspect of the camp by educating the children who come to Marist Camp. *“To educate a child you must love him first.” St. Marcellin Champagnat*



**MANY THANKS TO THE MARIST CAMP ORGANISING COMMITTEE- SEE PICTURE BELOW...**



**ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

From left to right: Tinotenda Wakabikwa, Tatenda Sabina, Mercy Nyatsanga, Nyasha Boora, Liberty Dzihwema, Memory Tutayi, Terrens Vhareta, Bro. T. Gijima and Tatenda. Missing on the picture: Bro. David Katyoka and Bro. L. Brito

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Marist Camp Zimbabwe, would like to take this opportunity to thank sincerely our Brothers of Canada Province for their continuous financial support and for making this year's camp a success. This Camp could not have been successful without the full support and creativity of our Marist Camp Organizing Committee. Congratulations ladies and gentlemen for your dedication and commitment before and during the camp!!! Well done! Marist Camp is very grateful to Caritas Chinhoyi for donating food items which were used during the Camp. We would like also to thank all the Brothers of the Sector of Zimbabwe who managed to come and assist during this camp to bring joy to the children. We are extremely grateful to our Marist Lay leaders the young men and women who spent a lot of time teaching the campers various activities during the camp and looking after the campers. A special word of thanks to Daniel and Daniella who travelled all the way from South Africa and came to participate as volunteers during the Camp. Thank you for this act of solidarity and concern to help needy children. Our thanks also goes to the Parks and Wildlife Authority of Zimbabwe who gave us free entry to the picnicking site at lake Chivero. Lastly but not least many thanks to Mr. J. Mukoyi Head of Kutama College for providing us with boarding & recreational facilities, accommodation and the transport to carry the campers and leaders. A special word of thanks to Bro. Ebel Muteveri our Provincial Councillor and Brother James (Sector Bursar) who worked so tirelessly facilitating the bank transfers so that we could timely have funds to run the Camp. May the Good Lord bless you all in abundance. On behalf of Marist Camp Zimbabwe I would like to wish you all a successful and blessed 2018.

**BRO. L. BRITO (CAMP DIRECTOR)**

