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NIVAVA, MOZAMBIQUE - CHAMPAGNAT DAY

The community took the opportunity of the presence of our Provincial, Norbert Mwila, to anticipate the celebration of our Founder's Day on 1 June. In addressing the community, Norbert referred to Nivava as a *Community of Reference* because of its location in a remote and poor region and its composition: Portuguese missionary Br António Reis, Mozambican Br. António Sanasana, Angolan novice Inocêncio Felismino, and Brazilian volunteer Ms Ana Cristina.



Father Xadrique is in charge of the local parish named *Our Lady Queen of the World*. He led the joy-filled celebration with the community students, teachers and friends. During the occasion, Brother António encouraged parents and educators to be present in the lives of their children helping them to value their studies as a step towards their future.
(Novice Inocêncio Felismino)



Like our early Confreres, let us work to improve the lot of all those who share our Common Home, the Planet Earth.

BROTHER NORBERT'S MESSAGE

MARISTS MOVING BEYOND BORDERS

I'd like to begin this message with a word of thanks to the younger generation of Marists! Many of you have demonstrated your desire to serve God and his people in a very concrete way: by crossing the borders of your own country and going to *new lands*. Thank you for your availability to minister in places where you are most needed for Marist life and mission. Your readiness is a tangible expression of your love for the Lord and his invitation to take the gospel to all nations.

Here, I would like to quote Pedro Arrupe SJ (1907 – 1991), who served as Superior General of the Society for eighteen years (1965 – 1983).

"Nothing is more practical than finding God, that is, than falling in love in an absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the mornings, what you will do with your evenings, how you will spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, what amazes you with love and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything."

Allow me to mention two different sets of young Marists: the current fourth-year Brothers at the Marist International Centre and the Young Lay Marists in Johannesburg.



Earlier this year, Norbert visited Cape Town. Here Br. Nnodu Onwutalu hands him a birthday gift from the two local communities.



✚ Early in the year, the **first Marist international youth volunteers from Southern Africa** left for a six-month experience. Palesa and Shari left for Germany, and Daniela for Rwanda and Tanzania. These three young women are former students of Sacred Heart College in Johannesburg and are a part of the Marist young adults of Johannesburg. There is a good number of Marist young adults in South Africa with the desire to grow, deepen and bond with the Marist charism and live their Christian vocation within the Marist charism. Daniela is currently winding down her presence in Masonga, Tanzania, while Palesa and Shari are well into their second month in Germany.

✚ Before she left on her mission, Daniela remarked: "Indeed, the Marist lay vocation is reality among us. It is a specific way of being disciples of Jesus in the manner of Mary, following the insights of Marcellin Champagnat and Gathered Around the Same Table."

✚ In reply, I remarked: "I see you being very creative in responding to the calls of the Institute and sacrificing generously of your time. Your deep inner desire to share your lives and reach out on

mission beyond borders is incredibly admired and it is a great source of inspiration to us all. I am impressed with the response of our first and courageous Marist young adults to commit themselves to a six months Marist international experience in Tanzania and Germany. In these young women recognise fruits that give rise to a global availability and a willingness to go beyond the Province and one's native country."

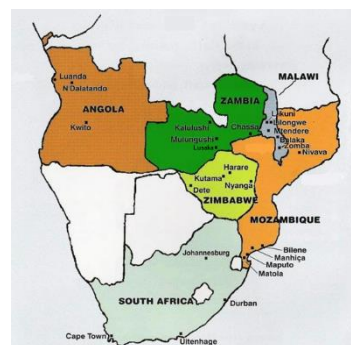
- ❖ As for the current **fourth-year student Brothers**, I had occasion to address the group during my visit to Nairobi for the meeting of the Conference of Superiors in February. With regard to the topic of global availability, as Marist Brothers we belong to the Institute and not only to our own native countries or to the Province of Southern Africa.
- ❖ I was deeply impressed and grateful at the same time to see how this new generation of Marist Brothers explicitly and in evident humility said that they would respond out of thankfulness, and imitate Jesus by embracing his mission, committing their energy to make him known and loved wherever they would be needed. All six completing their formation at MIC are available to go on mission where they are needed most.
- ❖ Bro. Fonseca Inácio from Angola is sent to Angola, Kuito community; Bro. Boston Chaipilah and Bro. Victor Chomba, both from Zambia, are respectively sent to Malawi, Marist Secondary School community and Zimbabwe, Kutama College community. As for the three Malawians, Bro. Raphael Time Kenneth is sent to Mozambique, Bilene community, Bro. Misheck Mkanthama is sent to South Africa, St. Joseph's, Cape Town community, and Bro. Godfrey Kadzuwa is sent to Zambia, Chassa Secondary School community.

I am hopeful that the love of the charism of St Marcellin and the Marian spirituality in each of you will make you feel welcomed into any Marist community with the family spirit renowned for as one of our characteristic features. Take note that going to any community and engaging in any ministry is not first and foremost about doing things to and for the people, but rather learning from them and accepting that they might have more to share with you than what you have to offer them.

As disciples of St. Marcellin who learned a great deal from Mary, equally learn from her spirit of attentive listening and responsiveness. Your sense of generosity and availability will not go fruitless. Your presence and love will result in precious memories in the lives of the young people and colleagues you work with. As you share your lives, you will be making Jesus known and loved.

May Mary's gentleness touch your hearts to love like her, may her attentive eyes rekindle your compassion for the most needy children and young people, and may the touch of the hands of our Good Mother inspire confidence in all those entrusted to your care.

St. Marcellin
NORBERT



PRAYER REQUESTS



- ✚ In thanksgiving for the life of six **MARIST JUBILIANS**: Paul Nkhoma (60); Piero Bettin (50); Joseph Walton (50); Vincent George (50); Stephen Phiri (25); and Auxensio Dickson (25).
- ✚ **OUR LAY VOLUNTEERS**: (1) Brazilian **Ana Cristina** who is doing one year's experience and currently in Nivava; (2) South African **Murphy Phiri** due to leave during July for a six-month stint in Germany.
- ✚ For **THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM**, especially the sick

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

24-06-1992	Kudakwashe Blessed Vambe
25-06-1983	Peter Zulu
25-06-1984	Davy Mbasela
30-06-1990	Celestino Ngonjo

JULY

09-07-1992	Elia Madimba
17-07-1975	Nnodu Onwutalu (Int.Com.)
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

13-08-1987	Baptista Fernando
14-08-1981	David Kachoka
20-08-1983	Patrick Banda
21-08-1993	McNorman Maremba (nov.ad.2018)
23-08-1968	John Katumbi
24-07-1947	Joseph Walton
24-07-1996	Inocência Felismino (nov.ad.2017)
27-08-1976	Joseph Nsambo
29-08-1964	Raphael Mariso



Mtendere Secondary School, Dedza, Malawi



**The Lotus -
National Flower of Malawi**



WHAT KINDS OF FRIENDS DO YOU HAVE?

The word *friend* according to the *Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary* means: a person whom you know well; or with whom one is vaguely or indirectly acquainted; someone who is not an enemy; someone you can trust.



**Elia Madimba
(MIC - 2nd)**

In our times, types of friends can be compared to the components of a computer and its accessories. We have different types of friends: Hard disk, Ram, Screen-saver, Internet, Server, Multi-media, CD ROM, and Virus.

Hard Disk friends: They remember everything forever.

RAM friends: They forget about you the moment you turn them off.

Screen Saver friends: They are good for nothing, but at least they can be funny.

Internet Friends: They are difficult to access.

Server Friends: They are always busy when you really need them.

Multi-Media Friends: They make horrible things that appear to be attractive.

CD-ROM Friends: They react speedily when you deal with them.

Virus Friends: These are the type who arrive unexpectedly, they install themselves, and make use of all the resources you have. If you try to uninstall them you lose some things, but if you don't try, you lose everything.

The question is: ***What type of friends do you have?***

FLYING ROUND OUR PROVINCE ON 6 JUNE!



Bilene, Mozambique
The final practice by the choir



Cape Town, St Joseph's College
Serious business after a joyful Holy Mass



Dete, Zimbabwe
During the Holy Mass



Sacred Heart College, Johannesburg
After the Mass, story-telling under the trees



St Henry's, Durban
During the Mass: Reverence & Curiosity!



Johannesburg: St David's Primary
staged a Mini Soccer Tournament on 6 June





Johannesburg, Inanda
Grade 12's lead Grade 1's into Mass



Marist Brothers Linmeyer, Jo'burg
Preparing to raise the flags of many nations



Angola-Ndalatando
Primary School pupils enjoying their party!



Zimbabwe, Nyanga
No lack of colour for Champagnat Day Liturgy!



Angola, Kuito-Bié - After Mass ...
the Celebrations are taken into the streets!

KENYA – 6 JUNE - CELEBRATIONS AT OUR CENTRE



Br Spiridion Ndanga introduced the Holy Mass with the remarks below

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning! Happy feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat!

We have come this morning to celebrate the feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat, Founder of the Marist Brothers. Marcellin was born on 20 May 1789 in France, during the French Revolution, and died on 6 June 1840. He was canonized on 18 April 1999.

What does it mean to celebrate St Marcellin Champagnat? To answer this question, let me take a comparison. On the 20th October of every year here in Kenya, we celebrate an event. Which one? The Mashujaa Day! The Hero's Day. Who are our heroes? The freedom fighters, the father of the Nation or even any person who did something special for the good of the nation. We celebrate their big heart, their courage, their sense of the human dignity, their involvement in the liberation of human beings from whatever oppresses them. They deserve our love, our praise and our admiration. The celebration is at the same time an invitation to imitate their examples.

Marcellin Champagnat is a Saint, a hero. "The processes of beatification and canonization recognize the signs of heroic virtue, the signs of a life constantly offered for others, even until death. This shows an exemplary imitation of Christ, one worthy of admiration of the faithful." (Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation, *Gaudete et exultate* # 5)

When he became priest, Marcellin noticed the religious ignorance and poverty of the youth of his time. He had been prepared to that awareness by his own difficulties in education. He was thus challenged by events and resolved to do something to help the youth that was in that miserable situation. Surely, he was listening to the Holy Spirit speaking into his heart. He founded the Institute of the Little Brothers of Mary or Marist Brothers of the Schools. We have to remember that Marcellin founded the Institute of the Little Brothers of

Mary at the age of 27 years, and only five months from his ordination as a priest. He was younger than most of us here present, and no money to start his project. Other priests of his age and those older than him did not have the same sensitivity with regard to the plight of the children and youth of his time. What a tremendous audacity! Is not this to be a hero?

Marcellin had a passion for Jesus and a compassion for Humanity. His zeal to serve the youth drew its energy from his spiritual experience of being loved by Jesus and



Br Christian Gisamonyo led a reflection on "Responding boldly to the world's emerging needs."

Mary. He wanted to tell those who did not know about that happiness of being loved, especially the youth, how much they were

loved, and thus, to share his happiness. The School was the best way to form children into good Christians and virtuous citizens.

Celebrating St Marcellin is, therefore,

- ✚ To admire what he has done for humanity, his generosity and love for people, especially for the youth, in particular the most neglected.
- ✚ To thank God for the gift of a good shepherd for the youth, and for the foundation of the Institute of Marist Brothers.
- ✚ To pray God through the intercession of St Marcellin for the needs of youth and for the needs of the Institute of Marist Brothers
- ✚ To imitate St Marcellin in his love for Jesus and Mary, in his family spirit and simplicity, and in his compassion for the youth in need.

As our Superior General, Brother Ernesto Sanchez, concluded his message to the Institute on this 6 June 2018,

"May each one of us, Marists of Champagnat, be capable, as Marcellin was, to look with attentive eyes and show a compassionate heart. May our Good Mother inspire and accompany us in this mission as she did with Marcellin and our first Brothers".

Happy celebration of our Founder!

Br. Spiridion Ndanga

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF BR PIETRO BETTIN



Cape Town - St Joseph's Marist College: Holy Mass on Champagnat Day
Hands extended in blessing by the leading Celebrant and the members of both Communities



FROM THE POSTULANCY MTENDERE

On 11 May, we welcomed **Brother Jack Gonzalez** from the Compostela Province and currently based in Portugal. His presence has brought much help (if not relief) for the staff at Champagnat House. Jack adapted very quickly and was prepared to use as much free time as possible with the postulants. He is teaching Discernment and Psychology, Mariology and Introduction to Prayer.

During free times, he is ready to show movies to the postulants. He is really a *"SPEEDY GONZALEZ"*. When I was a student at MIC in the late 80's he was Dean of Studies there. He is proving to be a fine companion and confrere this time around.

On the Feast of Corpus Christi, the postulants took an active part in the parish celebration. (*Nicholas Banda*)





THE FUTURE OF MARIST IN SOUTH AFRICA

Persons shown in this photograph taken on 12 May 2018 will form the nucleus of a group that will in the long term oversee and ensure the legal and financial interests of the Institute in South Africa. From left to right they are: Alan Barbeau; Br Jude Pieterse; Adrienne Egbers; Br Joe Walton; Iain Grieve; and Br Norbert Mwila. Alan, Adrienne and Iain know the Brothers well, having served on the MSC from 1999 to 2017. In the future, the group will include two other members: Br Fortune Chakasara (currently a member of the South African Marist Schools Council) and Br John Bwanali (Provincial Bursar).



YOUNG SOUTH AFRICAN MARISTS VOLUNTEER IN EUROPE

Two South African youths arrived in Mindelheim, Germany, earlier this month marking the first time ever that South African Marists volunteer in Germany.

Palesa Shabangu, aged 21, and Shari Maluleke, aged 18, arrived on May 3 and will be looking after kindergarteners in two schools until December. Palesa will be at the Marcellin-Champagnat-Kindertagesstätte and Shari will be at the Johann-Baptist-Luxenhofer-Kindertagesstätte.

Upon their arrival, Marists as well as the mayor of Mindelheim, Stephan Winter, received them.

Brother Chris Wills, director of the *Collaboration for Mission, International* secretariat, underscored that "Germany wishes to open itself to the rest of the Marist world and using the Cmi volunteering system is one way of doing it in both directions."

Palesa and Shari will be living in a Marist international youth community. These communities are not student accommodations, nor are they part of fraternities of the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family (MChFM).



"But they have a shared spirituality and culture so it's more than just a boarding house, it's a Marist community," stressed Br Chris on May 14. "Just as Marist Brothers' communities are different in different parts of the world, so are these, but they're all Marist."

"You instantly feel at home in them," he continued.

Their residence in Johannesburg was formerly part of the convent of Holy Family Sisters in Parktown. It has been named **Marcellin House**. It hosts volunteers from different countries such as Australia, Brazil, Spain and Germany as well as South Africans.



ZIMBABWE: “SHARING OUR CALL” AT KUTAMA



From 26 April to 1 May, some members of staff from each of our schools attended a **Sharing Our Call** workshop run by Pam Paton-Mills and Mike Greeff. The workshop last two days, and three days were devoted to training lay leaders. Those who attended the program were deeply touched. From Dete, I received a report from Br Jacob that those who attended were so enthusiastic, that they have already shared with the Form Ones at the school. They intend to share their experience taking a stream at a time. From Nyanga, I hear a similar report. The Headmaster of Kutama is one of the Lay Leaders and he feels equipped to make the school much more Marist than before. (Br Ebel Muteveri)



ZAMBIA 1: END OF THE BLOCKADE IN LUSAKA

The broken Bus has been removed we finally have an Entrance Driveway!



ZAMBIA 2: RENOVATIONS AT ST PAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL

The School was founded to help local children enter the High School



ZIMBABWE: MARIST CAMP AT DETE

A successful Marist Camp was held in Dete from the 19th to the 21st April.

In attendance were Brothers Ebel Muteveri, Tererai Gijima, Leonard Brito, Paul Chikaola, Henry Ngeli, Muchima Kasombo, Jacob Mutingwende, David Kachoka and Daughters of Calvary Sisters.



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS



This picture was taken at its most recent meeting in Rome a couple of months ago. From left to right:

Br. Xavier Giné (bursar for the Hermitage Province);
 Mrs Adrienne Egbers (Southern Africa);
 Br. Alfonso Fernández Garcia (bursar for Iberica);
 Mrs Flavia Angi (PA to the Econome General and Secretary for this meeting);
 Br Jorge Gaio (former bursar - Brazil Centro Sul);
 Br Libardo Garzón (Econome General);
 Mr Bernard Krenna (bursar for Australia);
 Mr Luca Olivari (invited consultant)

SEVENTY YEARS AS MARIST BROTHERS

Three Canadians who gave much to Southern Africa

On the 16th of June, the Brothers in Canada marked three Jubilees of Brothers who had laboured in Southern Africa: Powell Prieur (Zimbabwe), Léopold Duchêsne (Malawi) and Jean-Charles Ferland (Malawi). Br Powell became a Councillor General during the second term of Br Basilio Rueda as Superior General. Later, and, together with the new Superior General, Br Charles Howard (SG), he became one of the key founders of MIC, our post-novitiate centre in Nairobi. *(The Editor thanks Br Claude Audy)*



PROGRAM FOR FORMATORS IN ROME

Br Gilbert Zenda holds the flag for Southern Africa



Meeting Br. Seán Sammon, former Superior General

The group relaxes outside Rome from time to time

Gathered round the Lord & Br. Ernesto Sánchez

DISTRICT OF WEST AFRICA – NEW SUPERIOR



Our **CONGRATULATIONS** go to Br. **Cyprian Gandeebo**, the newly appointed Superior of the District of West Africa. The District forms part of the **Province of Mediterránea** that is spread over three different continents: **Europe** (Spain & Italy); **Asia** (Lebanon & Syria); and **Africa** (Liberia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Cameroon and Chad).

Brother Cyprian is no stranger to our Province. He obtained an M.Ed. in Johannesburg before being posted to MIC. During his time as formator, he completed Ph.D. For the past few years, as principal of MIUC, he has continued his involvement in the formation of our young Brothers.



MARIST YOUNG ADULTS MEET AT THE BROTHERS' HOUSE

On 14 May, the Marist Young Adults of Johannesburg held their monthly meeting at the Brothers' house in Observatory. At these meetings, apart from sharing a simple meal, the group spend some time in prayer and reflection, in sharing recent events of note in their lives, and in some activity of a recreational nature.

Joining Vincent, Norbert, Joe and Mario on this occasion were Pam Paton-Mills, nine young adults, two head students from Marist Brothers Linmeyer, and two from Sacred Heart College.



**Keep me safe, my GOD,
for in you I take refuge.**

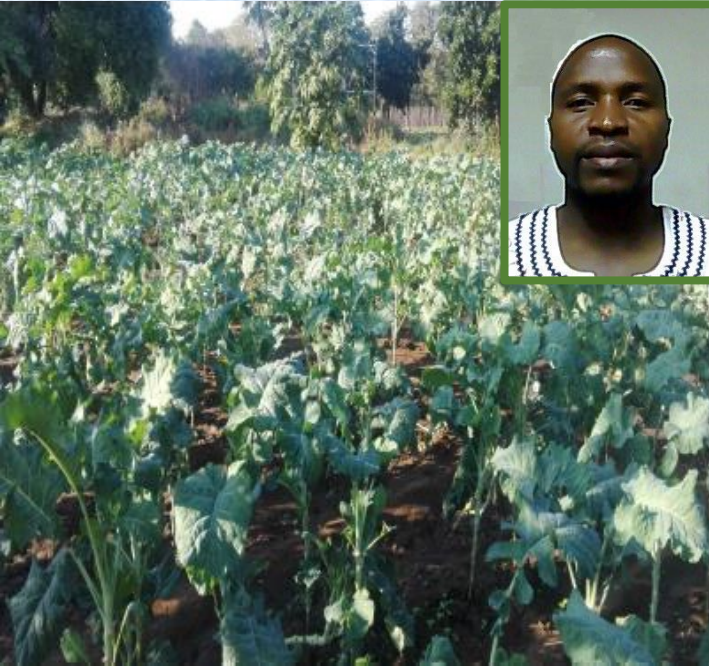
-Psalm 16:1

MAKING GOOD USE OF PRECIOUS WATER IN ZIMBABWE

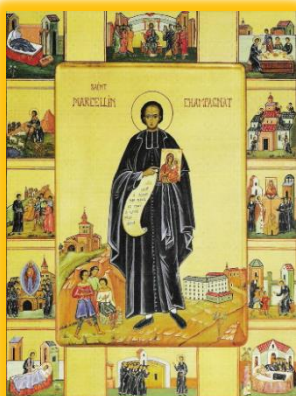
The school community in NYANGA has recently completed a weir to facilitate irrigation on the farm.



In DETE the school garden is now overseen by BR DAVID KACHOKA while ablution facilities are being renovated.



ICON OF SAINT MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT



It had been the intention to complete the explanation of the **MINIATURES** that form part of the **ICON OF OUR FOUNDER** in this issue of the Newsletter.

However, with so many pictures of Champagnat Day activities, this issue has already reached **bumper** size! And so **Part Three** (and the last part) of the commentaries will feature in the next issue.



A NEW BEGINNING IN AFRICA

Marist International Community Atlantis (Lavalla200 Atlantis)

Cape Town, South Africa

Our **Marist International Community Atlantis (MICA)**, South Africa, officially began on Sunday, 8 April with the arrival in Cape Town of the fourth member of our community, Brother Nnodu Onwutalu (Nigeria). Nnodu joins Brother Pietro Bettin (Italy) who arrived in September 2017, Ms. Maria Bobillo Añel (Compostela, Spain), who arrived in October 2017, and Brother Tony Clark (Australia), who arrived in March 2018. We are extremely grateful for the wonderfully warm and generous hospitality we received from Brothers Joe Walton, Fortune Chakasara, and Peter Zulu of the Marist Community in Rondebosch during those months of waiting and preparing. Our thanks also go to Brother Norbert Mwila, the Provincial representative, and to all those Brothers and lay Marists from who have welcomed us and offered us encouragement, support and practical advice, making our transition into a new and unfamiliar place much easier.

The Marist International Community Atlantis (MICA) is an initiative of the Marist Brothers international leadership. It was formed in response the calls of the previous General Chapter to create international and intercultural communities of Brothers and Lay Marists, who seek to be a presence for good and hope among children and young people in situations of need and vulnerability. Atlantis was chosen by the Conference of Superiors of the African Continent (CSAC) as the first Marist International Community for the continent of Africa. MICA is funded by each of the administrative units of the continent of Africa. Maria, Pietro, Nnodu and Tony have made an initial commitment of three years to the MICA project.

We moved into a rental home in Table View, Cape Town, on the 6th April, as sadly no 4-bedroom houses were available for rental in Atlantis. Table View is the northernmost suburb of the city of Cape Town, and a 30-minute drive from Atlantis. The house is simple and comfortable for our needs. The house owner, Paula, lives in a separated 'granny-flat' at the back of the house. She has been very kind in offering the use of her well to supplement our water needs, with the restrictions of 50 litres per person per day due to the three-year drought in Cape Town. Thankfully, in the months of May and June, Cape Town has received good rains to help begin to replenish Cape Town's dams.

Atlantis is a township located sixty kilometres north of Cape Town. The town of Atlantis was established in the 1970's during the apartheid regime, under the infamous Group Areas Act. The Government of the time saw Atlantis as being a model community and industrial centre for the coloured population of Cape Town. While initially this project attracted a few big companies offering employment to the people, the plan did not come to completion, resulting in the now large-scale unemployment with all the accompanying social problems.



Atlantis has a significant youth population, many of whom don't complete secondary school. Many face material poverty, alcohol and drug abuse, domestic and sexual violence, and the pervasive influence and power of local gangs. The good news is that the people of Atlantis are very proud of the community they have worked hard to build, having faced many challenges during these forty years. The people are generally very welcoming and appreciative of those willing to work with them in promoting the development of the community and its people, especially the young. The first language of the people is Afrikaans.

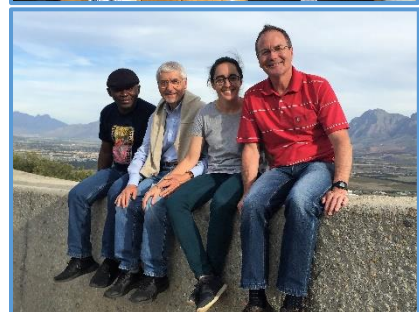
Our primary objective during this initial phase of our ministry in Atlantis is to (a) make ourselves known to all those working with children and youth, (b) to listen to their stories, hopes and concerns, and (c) to begin to understand what are the most urgent needs. We have been collaborating with about four or five different youth organisations by participating in their weekly activity sessions. This experience helps us to get to know and understand how the young people experience and view life. Most people are surprised to learn that we have all made a commitment to serve the people in Atlantis for three years. One has the sense they are used to 'outside people' coming to do something and then leaving more or less straight away. It will take time to make connections, to build trust and to really understand the realities of life in this community. So as to speak to the 'heart' of the people, we have also been engaged for many weeks in an intensive Afrikaans language course.

As our first ministry initiative, the four of us have organised a Marist Youth Holiday Program (MYHP), in collaboration with St Joseph's College Rondebosch, the Parish of Atlantis, some of the Atlantis Youth Groups and the City of Cape Town. MYHP will run from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th July. This holiday program offers us the opportunity to respond to a need in the community, to learn how to engage effectively with the young people, and to identify young adult leaders from the parish and other youth groups with whom we can work with in the future. After MYHP, we will then undertake a more detailed needs analysis that will help us formulate a direction for our ministry in Atlantis, and a proposal that we can present to the Conference of Superiors of the African Continent (CSAC).

We are all very happy to be part of this exciting new Marist initiative and new beginning for Africa. A time of planting seeds and slowly building new Marist foundations in Atlantis. We have been blessed by the hospitality, encouragement, generosity and support we have received from Marists and the people in Atlantis and Table View. Atlantis is a community that has significant needs and issues. We are discerning how best to respond to what will help the young people in their development and future lives. We are guided by the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit, the Gospel, Pope Francis's pastoral vision and our own Marist General Chapter calls and priorities.

Let us continue to pray for each other.

María Bobillo Añel, Pietro Bettin, Nnodu Onwutah, Tony Clark



BR EMILI TURÚ ROFES

Appointed as Secretary General of the Union of Superiors General



The president of the Union of Superiors General, Friar Mauro Jöhri – superior general of the Capuchin Friars – announced on June 19 the appointment of Brother Emili Turú Rofes as the new secretary general of the Union of Superiors General.

“We are happy to collaborate as an institute through Brother Emili in this important inter-congregational organisation that brings together all the male religious

congregations of the world,” affirmed **Br Ernesto Sánchez Barba**, current superior general of the Marist Brothers.

In his letter of appointment, Friar Mauro mentions the active and enriching participation of Brother Emili at the USG during his years as superior general of the Marist Brothers.

Brother Emili will begin this service in Rome, Italy, in the office of the USG, in March 2019 and will be part of the Marist community of San Leone Magno.

Brother David Kinnear Glenday, a Comboni Missionary who was superior general of his institute, is currently general secretary of the USG, since 2009.



CHAMPAGNAT DAY – MORE PICTURES





Athens, Greece
Brothers and associates in Celebration



Marist Brothers Linmeyer, Johannesburg
Celebration in the HS Quadrangle



RENOVATION OF A MARIST BURIAL PLOT

Across many cultures, burial sites are respected and maintained by family members. In the case of prominent public figures, special monuments are erected and often provide venue for remembering the struggles of previous generations. The public cemetery in Braamfontein, Johannesburg is one such place. Among the special tombs located there is that of Enoch Sontonga, a Xhosa clergyman, who composed *NKOSI SIKELELE AFRICA* in 1897. This cemetery was closed for further burials in 1964.

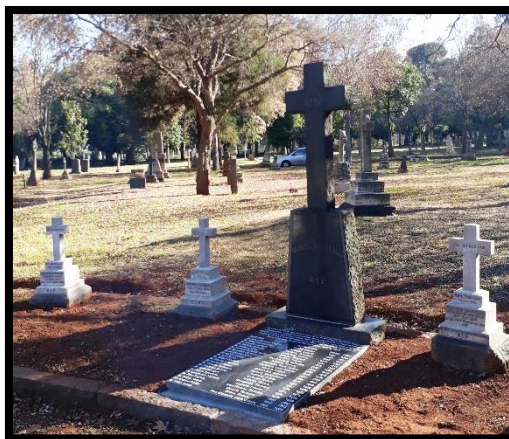
As for the Marist Brothers, we were invited to Johannesburg in 1889, three years after the city began as a mining camp for thousands of people who flocked there to find their fortune by digging for gold. Between 1892 and 1964, a total of 22 Brothers were buried in a common plot in the Catholic section of the cemetery, adjacent to the area where many Oblates of Mary Immaculate were interred.

Readers should note the cosmopolitan origins of the early Brothers coming to South Africa.

BROTHER	BIRTHPLACE	BORN	DIED
Albert Dominic Claffey	Dublin, Ireland	1861	1892
Sebastian McNulty	Donegal, Ireland	1848	1893
Anselm Carrigan	Glasgow, Scotland	1844	1902
Gerland Hittinger	Lemberg, France	1873	1903
Aristeus Wybo	Bruges, Belgium	1851	1914
Louis Luitprandt Fuchs	Lorraine, France	1876	1923
Maurilius Hermanutz	Wurtemberg, Germany	1880	1928
Antinogène Roux	Ardèche, France	1880	1930
Aidan Cooney	Uitenhage, Cape Colony	1908	1933
Eric Burke	Uitenhage, Cape Colony	1903	1936
Bliden Baetsch	Alsace, France	1877	1942
Boniface Niehaus	Westphalia, Germany	1914	1947
Bernard Fermen	Zermatt, Switzerland	1879	1949
Vincent Tauleigne	Ardèche, France	1886	1949
Ambrose Bonnet	Ardèche, France	1887	1950
Marcellin Igon	Ardèche, France	1886	1952
Alexis Zgordecky	Westphalia, Germany	1913	1959
Leudomire Hébrard	Ardèche, France	1880	1959
Pius Freytag	East Prussia, Germany	1878	1959
Arthur Hefele	Bavaria, Germany	1883	1961
Andrew Guépe	Rhône, France	1914	1963
Valdes Jones	Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony	1883	1964



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The Entire Plot June 2018



BRO NORBERT'S VISITS: JULY – OCTOBER 2018

27 Jun: **Matola to Joburg**

30 Jun: **Joburg to Luanda**

02 Jul: Kuito

07 Jul: Ndalatando

12 Jul: Luanda

16 - 17 Jul: COUNCIL MEETING – Luanda

18 Jul: **Luanda to Joburg**

22 Jul: **Joburg to Nairobi**

23 - 28 Jul: CONF. OF SUPERIORS – MIC

01 Aug: **Nairobi to Lilongwe**

05 Aug: Retreat with Brothers in Malawi.

12 Aug: End of Retreat.

14 Aug: Postulancy, Mtendere.

25 Aug: Hermitage Community.

28 Aug: **Lilongwe to Chassa, Zambia.**

01 Sep: Chassa to Lusaka

07 – 08 Sep: COUNCIL MEETING – Lusaka.

12 Sep: Kabwe St. Paul's.

19 Sep: Chibuluma, St. Marcellin.

22 Sep: Silver Jubilee at Chibuluma

29 Sep: Lusaka - Marist House.

02 Oct: Chassa.

09 Oct: **Chassa to Lilongwe.**

10 Oct: Mtendere, Marist SS Community.

13 Oct: Silver Jubilee at Mtendere.

16 Oct: **Lilongwe to Chassa.**

19 Oct: Lusaka.

23 Oct: **Lusaka to Harare**

27 Oct: Kutama Community.

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ON YOUR JOURNEY