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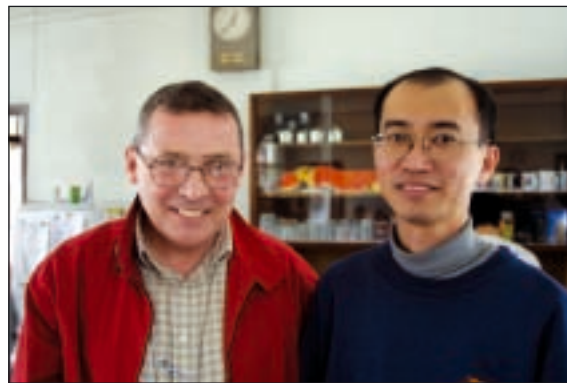
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## MARIST ASIA

The General Council's on-site visit with our Marist brothers in Asia culminated with meetings in Hong Kong from February 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup>. Some very interesting points came to the fore. Catholics account for a mere 3% of the population of a continent that's home to more than half of the world's population – our brothers are part of a small minority, carrying out their mission in places and situations unacquainted with Christian faith. Their experience can show us the way to carry on a dialog with other religions and educate students from a solidly Christian perspective. In some cases up to 90% of their students belong to other religions. Our Marist brothers in Asia live in countries that have deep-seated spiritual traditions. In this regard they have a lot to tell us about values of the spirit, which elsewhere in the world are being overshadowed by spiraling neo-liberal economic policies. Our Asian Marists are planting the charisma of St. Marcellin Champagnat in the cultures of countries, languages, and traditions rich in diversity, yet at the same time far removed from the mindset that gave birth to our brotherhood. During their meetings with the Council, they wrestled with the question: What is God's dream for Marist Asia?

## Looking back on New Year's Day

Br. Sean D. Sammon, Superior General



Brothers Seán and Andrew Chan in Hong Kong, China

memory of previous years. Now, be careful: memory is not an entirely unwelcome guest, if only because it helps most of us to limit the number of January 1<sup>st</sup> resolutions on which we are willing to stake our reputations.

New Year's Day came calling once again this year with gifts in hand. And even if they totaled no more than one, e.g., the chance of somehow beginning again, for so many of us, January 1<sup>st</sup> dawned with an undeniable freshness. After all, in our enthusiasm, didn't you and I pledge to keep more resolutions than were possible, and agree to plans that were beyond our reach to carry out?

Year after year, we manage to repeat this pattern, ending that first day of each New Year with a precious treasure in hand: a heart filled with hope. Yes, hope! A wonderful virtue that allows you and me to believe that all is possible, even in the absence of the evidence necessary to support our contention.

But every New Year's Day also gets underway clothed with the

As we grow older, however, we come to understand more fully that each year our memory for things past must be washed in a detergent called grace. By so doing, we eventually begin to see the world as God does. And that is called "wisdom." Yes, wisdom—pure and simple. May it be God's gift to you and to me, and may it be the gift that we give to ourselves and to one another this New Year.



## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IN BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

*Children and youth needing direction**Giovanni Avanzini, Program coordinator**The children we serve*

Giugliano in Campania. All of us, for the most part young people between 19 and 30 years of age, have been able to thoroughly enjoy our unified efforts and personal growth in a place you might call "the frontier." Bucharest is a troubled city, often filled with contradictions. Human relationships seem stunted by ghosts of regimes past, which have left behind a trail of desperation and widespread poverty, plus an inability to face up to all this as a community in solidarity. Certainly there are exceptions, volunteer groups and humanitarian organizations, although too few in number. Most of these are linked almost exclusively with the Catholic community, which amounts to a tiny minority in Bucharest. Often in these cases the initiative comes from outsiders – from communities of Mother Teresa's sisters in Father Martin's parish, with whom several groups of foreign volunteers are associated. Also from a small community of Marist brothers looking to do its part in bringing a ray of hope to people in this city, which seems to regard its degradation with detachment and resignation. It is this community of four brothers that has welcomed and looked after us, allowing us to turn their home into a camp-

The genesis of the Marist volunteer program in Romania took place in our community at Genoa, Italy and involves twenty-eight volunteers coming mainly from Genoa and

site. We have concentrated on bringing hope and encouragement to children and young people, one of the most abandoned segments of the population here. Thousands roam the streets aimlessly, or settle in places that take them in, but from which they often prefer to run away. For these children and young people we have tried

to set up recreation centers where they can come together in a positive atmosphere. Our main effort has been to integrate and value the most marginalized. However, these children seem to multiply before our very eyes, and we've been inundated with new requests for help, forcing us to make hard choices. Like in a desert, there are great needs that lay bare our limitations. Perhaps our sense of powerlessness and frustration would have overwhelmed each of us, but in our group, deeply sharing our daily experiences during times for reflection each evening, we began to realize that we are part of a wider undertaking, that goes

*Life at the margin*

beyond ourselves as individuals, beyond our group, beyond the city of Bucharest itself. In our volunteer group, many of us have encountered the Marist brothers for the first time, yet Marist spirit, interpreted in its truest sense, has enabled us to form a solid community, filled with respect and embracing our differences, truly the driving force behind our whole experience.

*Our volunteer group: joy in mission*

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# Young people are fascinated by the person of Jesus

Brother Théoneste Kalisa, interviewed by Brother Lluís Serra

Brother Théoneste Kalisa, 49, is a member of the General Council and President of its Vocation Ministry Commission. He was born in Rugari, Democratic Republic of the Congo, has served as District Superior in his home country, and earned degrees in Cultural Anthropology and Sociology (Kinshasa) and Moral Theology (Rome).



Brother Théoneste with youth in the Philippines

## THESE DAYS, THE IDEA OF RECRUITING VOCATIONS MUST BE A TOUGH BONE TO CHEW ON.

Vocations to the consecrated life have declined to the crisis point. The life of society and Church change very quickly, thus creating a new context for Consecrated Life. Our vocation ministry must be expressed in new and appropriate terms. The image of a bone to chew on is quite appropriate; reality is dry and hard, but it must be taken on resolutely.

## THE WORK YOU DO, ISN'T IT SOMETHING LIKE MARKETING, ALBEIT OF A SPIRITUAL NATURE?

It's difficult today to make our life as Consecrated Persons known and appreciated without using marketing terms which have invaded everything and which young people understand better. We borrow these terms to communicate with the young. But, every time we do, we have to dissipate possible misunderstandings and aim at what is essential.

Marketing terms are insufficient to express the reality of our vocation, a domain where all is a gift.

## WHAT CRITERIA DO YOU USE IN DISCERNING THE VOCATION OF A YOUNG MAN INTERESTED IN BECOMING A BROTHER?

Our young candidate must show sufficient signs of a personal relation with Jesus and generosity in the service of others. However, in this matter we must avoid oversimplifying. The movements of the Spirit in each person are a secret between God and the person himself. Our criteria aim at being clear, but they must be applied with humility.

## WHAT IS THE SO-CALLED VOCATION CRISIS ALL ABOUT?

What is seen are the reduced numbers of professions and the massive numbers of departures. But reality is multiple and complex. Secularization and its consequences are a fact. The phenomenon of sects is a fact. The crisis in the family and the smaller number of children are a fact. Let's also point to the crisis inside religious families.

## IS THERE REASON FOR OPTIMISM?

Yes. Young people today show a deep interest in the basis of Consecrated Life. On the one hand, the person of Jesus fascinates them – they talk about him and want to know more. On the other, they want to serve others, especially those most in need. Let's note also that in certain parts of the Institute the number of Brothers is growing.

## WHAT TOPICS WILL YOUR COMMISSION BE LOOKING INTO?

The Commission will reflect on our new fields of apostolate and will try to contribute to responding to urgent situations. Our themes will be: Exchanges on vocation ministry in the Institute, Formation of the Brothers in charge of vocations, direct Invitation as a means of recruiting, and Accompaniment in the Marist vocation.



Brother Théoneste heads the Vocation Ministry Commission



# ● MISSION AND A CONSUM

*The fourth call of our 20<sup>th</sup> General Chapter is “Go forward, Brothers and Lay persons together, in a clear and decisive way, drawing closer to the poorest and most marginalized of young people, through new ways in education, evangelization and solidarity.”*

*We can't afford to sit back and watch the world go by.*

*The cries of impoverished children and young people are driving us to wholeheartedly carry out our Marist mission without delay.*

*We must be creative, finding new ways to serve and to develop this work we share with the laity.*

## HOW CLOSE?

Among the people we know, we feel that some are close to us while others remain quite distant. It has to do with loving care, relationships, and shared space and time.

Individuals are close to me when I know and confide in them, when I freely spend time with them, make their concerns and trials my own, rejoice with them and celebrate their victories, have frequent conversations and share my life with them. Men, women, and children are close to me when I love them and I show them that love.

The Chapter challenged us to be close to the poorest and most abandoned children and young people. Not only to not turn anyone away, but to definitely demonstrate a clear preference for them! And to do this creatively – brothers and lay people side by side, taking new roads, maybe leaving behind traditional structures and customs. Education, evangelization, and solidarity are providing us with a wide array of possibilities.

We need to come upon new ways of living among the young, of being sensitive to their outlook on the world, their ways of feeling, thinking, being, and developing their lives. Taking another look at our daily planner, telephone list, address book, and E-mail addresses of our friends could tell us a lot – give us a clear picture of those we hold close to our hearts. Glancing at our lists, do we find many names of children and young people who are poor and abandoned?

**Br. Laurentino Albalá Medina**  
Provincial - Norandina Province  
(Colombia – Ecuador – Venezuela)  
Quito, Ecuador

## A HEART FULL OF LOVE

I work on the Ilha Grande dos Marinheiros (Great Isle of Sailors), in the Guaiba Archipelago in the state of Porto Alegre. There, the Marist Brothers run a nursery school and an educational center, Nossa Senhora Aparecida das Águas, providing social services and professional training. In all, we serve about 320 children and adolescents.

We develop educational programs, promote reading, guide study work, and teach computer skills. In the area of physical education, we develop psychomotor skills and have sports programs. Education in the arts includes music, drama, dance, painting, and gymnastics. Doctors, dentists, psychologists, and social workers collaborate with us in providing health care.

In doing social work, Champagnat coordinated his efforts with other organizations. Sharing his vision, we work in partnership with religious, civil and governmental agencies in caring for those in need. A culture of solidarity brings together parents, teachers and young people, as well as local residents, aiming to transform society through quality education for all.

Following the example of Our Good Mother, our life and work are marked by the maternal qualities of affection and tender care, for education is accomplished through love. As the children and teenagers at our Marist Center say, **“We want hearts so great and full of love that they will turn this Ilha Grande dos Marinheiros into the Ilha Grande do Amor.”**

As a Marist at heart, I thank God that, as a layperson, I can take part in the Marist Institute.

**Neusa Teresinha Sanches Batista**  
Coordinator of Crèche Marista Tia Jussara  
Marist Province of Rio Grande do Sul  
Ilha Grande dos Marinheiros  
PORTO ALEGRE - Brazil



# SOLIDARITY •

## MINING FIRE

### GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. What are some ways that we, brothers and lay people, can live out our Marist mission side by side through new forms of education, evangelization and solidarity?
2. What concrete steps can we decide on here and now in favor of poor and marginalized children and young men and woman?

### WHEN WE BREAK BREAD

Wherever we live, we don't have to go out of our way – walk by a shack someplace – to come across people suffering from poverty, exclusion, and hatred. Faced with this situation, I ask myself: what would their lot in life be if these people had a chance to leave behind the world they live in?

No longer can we put off transforming the world. It's time for a new day!

The 20<sup>th</sup> General Chapter signaled this new sunrise. Its five calls clearly show that as lay people we too should commit ourselves to be heralds of the gospel.

One of the calls, the fourth, urges us to approach the poorest and most marginalized of children by means of education, evangelization, and solidarity.

Right here in our own neighborhoods these children and young people need us, not to feel sorry for them but to help them look forward to gaining a sense of self-worth. And we? ... We have lots of excuses, our mouths abounding with "buts," while the children keep looking to us, struggling to hang on, waiting for us to do something.

Now is the time to act, answer the call – not to wait and see what everyone else is doing.

Brothers and lay people, embraced by the charism of St. Marcellin, let us commit ourselves to caring for the needs of the least favored in our communities.

When Jesus reclined at table with his disciples, he did so with the Eucharist in mind, that lavish banquet we are all invited to attend.

We – what are we waiting for?

**Liliana Coalova de Gaviglio**

Colegio Sagrado Corazón in San Francisco  
Marist Province of Córdoba  
Argentina

### 30 YEARS WITH THE MARIST BROTHERS

I started with the Marist Brothers in 1973 as a teacher. The teaching staff was composed of 7 lay people and 4 Brothers. Bro. FERRE José, ALONSO Cecilio (+), DOMINGUEZ José, and NGELEMA Floribert. As for the lay teachers, we had Mr. ABRAMOWICZ Claude, KABASELE Ngindu, KAYEMBE Mpoyi, MAFUTA Mulangu, NSITA Nzuzi, TAMBU Luita, and myself. The school was called INSTITUT CHAMPAGNAT, then BINZA College, and finally BOBOKOLI Institute. We had two sections: Arts and Sciences. The very next year the Arts section was eliminated, and we have continued until now with the Science options Math-Physics and Biochemistry. There was also a primary school. In 1985 I married Miss FWALA Marie in a religious ceremony and we have had 5 children.

When Zairianization occurred, the Direction of the Institute was confided to a layperson, Mr. BUNDUILE LUSAMBA, for one year. In 1983 I was named Director of Studies. During my term I saw a succession of Brothers as head of the School, according to their respective mandates: Bro. MALISABA, NGOMBWA, SHANYUNGU, and finally MASUMBUKO.

During my 30 years with the Brothers here I appreciated the family spirit that reigns among the Brothers, the professional staff, and the students. During recreation times, I learned to note those students who used to stray from the group and be alone in a corner, off by themselves. I would go meet them and talk to them nicely to learn the reason for their isolation. It wasn't easy at the beginning, for they were suspicious and reserved. By dint of my meeting with them, they finished by talking with me and I understood that these children had very serious problems.

**Jean Marie Amusini**

Bobokoli Institute - Marist Brothers  
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## Marist Fraternity in action



*V Gathering of Fraternities, Province de Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*

### THE HENRI VERGÈS FRATERNITY IN NÎMES, FRANCE

We are living a family spirit tied to the Brothers' community of Saint-Victoret in Bouches du Rhône, attentive to whatever is troubling anyone among us: sickness, relational difficulties... We share each other's joys: marriages, births... We join in the Brothers' lives by prayer. Listening to and sharing the Word of God and learning more about the life of St. Marcellin are essential to our fraternity and to our daily lives. In the future, we would hope for the following:

- To invite other people in order to get known and perhaps enlarge our "frat" by being concerned about welcoming others.
- To live the Marist spirit more profoundly.
- To be more visible.
- To realize our desire to belong in a more official way, by pledging to the

movement, in order to show concretely that the movement is indeed the extension of the Institute.

- To bring a community of Brothers into the diocese, which the bishop has requested.

**Pierre and Mireille Reynaud**

### THE MARIST FAMILY CELEBRATES: 12 SEPTEMBER 2002

This year the Maison Pierre-Chanel in Quebec, Ste-Foy took the initiative to organize a general gathering of the members of the greater Marist Family (Priests, Brothers, Sisters, and Laity) to celebrate the feast of the Holy Name of Mary.

This Marist house is a Center for Vocational Training, founded in 1999, year of the canonization of Marcellin Champagnat. The community, made up of one priest and two Brothers, offers resources (training, internships, meet-

ings...) to young people looking for vocational jobs.

The **Champagnat Marist Fraternity** in Quebec is happy to have participated in this initiative, and supports this effort to consolidate our fraternal links as members of the Marist branches. A snapshot taken during our celebration shows the joy and camaraderie that reigned as we shared a meal that the women had prepared for everyone, cordial conversation, and a Marial prayer around the Word and Communion.

In addition, the occasion was tailor-made to highlight the anniversaries of commitment to the Consecrated Life of Father Jean Martel, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Father Jean-Claude Trottier, 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the birthday of Mrs. Colombe Simard, one of our members, who was celebrating her birthday that very day. Thanks to the interest of everyone involved, we readily agreed that we ought to continue this important celebration. It is nourishing, a sign of the Church in our time, which above all wants to be open and in communion with its brothers and sisters in the Family of Jesus Christ, under the maternal care of Mary our Good Mother.

**Edmond Lévesque**

### POPAYÁN, COLOMBIA: TEN YEARS IN MARIST FRATERNITY

Together with the brothers at *Colegio Champagnat* here in Popayán, our Marist Fraternity **Brother Angelo** has celebrated its tenth anniversary.

In an atmosphere of prayer, reflection, and fraternity, we centered our lives around the Eucharist in thanksgiving



### FRATERNITIES IN COLOMBIA STRONGLY COMMITTED TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

Our 13 Marist Fraternities in 7 Colombian cities work closely with each other and stress the importance of the Plan for Community, with its emphasis on the spiritual life, the formation of its members, and a strong commitment to social responsibility and volunteer work. The names and locations of our fraternities: **Family of Mary** in Bogota; **Brother François, Zamora-Champagnat, United in love-Santo Domingo**, the Novitiate youth Fraternity **Abba**, and **Rural Travesías** in Antioquia; **Brother Julio José** in Armenia; **Brother Angelo** and **Disciples of St. Marcellin Champagnat** in Popayán; **St. Marcellin** in Pasto; **Escala** in Sibundoy; **Women Disciples of Marcellin Champagnat** in Dosquebradas; and **Mother of Christ** in Manizales.

**Claudia Rojas**



to God for these years of His love and our response to Him in faith. Our activities over the years have revolved around monthly meetings, yearly celebrations and retreats, and participation in the community prayers of the brothers. Apostolically we have devoted ourselves to our families, the workplace, and our neighborhoods and

parishes. As a group we work with the Vincentian Sisters in proclaiming the Gospel in Barrio Bello Horizonte, and we offer assistance to parents groups in several *colegios*.

**Ruperto Lasso Benavides**

#### **THE MARIST FRATERNITY IN VICHY, FRANCE**

In the course of the summer of 1996 the five branches of the "Marist Family" (Priests, Missionary Sisters, Marist Sisters, Lay Marists, and Marist Brothers) got together to visit and learn about and pray at the places of their origins. Thus, we were warmly received in and around Lyons, at Fourvière, Saint-Genis-Laval, Cerdon, la Neylière, Marlihes, La Valla, N-D de l'Hermitage, Cuet, Belley... Mrs. Rose Deteix, affiliated to the Marists for more than 40 years, represented the Department of Allier. Upon returning to Vichy, she did not want to keep to herself the many graces she had received but was eager to pass them along to her friends and acquaintances in Vichy and its environs. Some monthly gatherings were scheduled, for everyone interested, in the crypt of the church of Jeanne d'Arc in Vichy, gatherings announced and supported by the local clergy and, shortly afterwards, approved by the bishop under the name of **Marist Fraternity**.

We debated the "Life Project" and possible engagements, though everyone usually participates in multiple Christian activities in his or her parish. We need to learn more about ways of being "Marists" in our family and society. There seems to be a need for formation in this area.

**Br. Louis Hochet**



*Everyday life in a new light*

#### **THE FATIMA FRATERNITY IN TIJUANA, MEXICO**

We are a group of 40 people, with Brother Ignacio Martínez as our consultant. We are the **Fatima** Fraternity, the Marist Family of Tijuana, composed of men and women who, attracted by the person and charism of St. Marcellin Champagnat, try to base our lives on the Gospel and according to the hallmarks of Marist spirituality.

We meet once a month and share knowledge, experiences, and times of prayer. We are parents, teachers and friends who in union with the brothers look for ways to become closer to our founder and let Jesus and Mary guide us as we travel the road of our state of life.

**Patricia Sánchez**

#### **THE SAINT MARCELLIN FRATERNITY IN MORÓN, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA**

My name is Rodolfo and I belong to the **Saint Marcellin** Fraternity in Morón, Buenos Aires. I'm a dad – my son is in seventh grade at *Instituto San José*. My wife and I have been members of the Fraternity since 1997, together with other parents at the *Colegio*. We meet twice a month. Each meeting starts with a prayer and then we reflect on the life of our Founder St. Marcellin, on his thoughts, work, letters, and prayers. Also on topics from the last General Chapter, biblical passages, commentaries, news over the Internet... We help others in any way we can during this difficult time that our country is going through.

**Rodolfo Aguirre**

#### **PERTH MARIST PARTNERSHIP GROUP**

"I am glad to be here," words echoed by some members when we meet, says all. We meet after school on Fridays, in the Marist Brothers community. In the tranquillity and environment offered to us, as compared with the business of a school day, our meetings are very attractive and conducive to our spirituality.

The meetings offer us a time to be still and silent and reflect on our feelings. Each member brings a wealth of love, commitment and shared responsibility. Although silence is important, it's paramount that we listen actively to each other, as we gain wisdom from each other. Often a member will affirm another member, giving confidence to take the next step if need be.

We are now bonding slowly and the glue of the meeting is more noticeable outside, when we see each other at school breaks and realise that our vocations and ministry in the College are shared and people are only too ready to support one another with a smile, a word of encouragement....

We have two Marist Brothers at our meetings and the group consists of a wide age range and a wealth of life experiences and commitment. We are slowly coming out of "Shadow to an Image" and realising how vital our vocation is each day, and the means we have to develop spiritually and around one another, in a nurturing and pastoral environment.

**Kevin Davis**

Members of the group: Don and Rosemary McBeath, Owen Stanley (facilitator), Nicole Gray, Pauline Murphy, Lillian Vinciguerra, Maria Outtrim, Stewart Palmer, Kevin Davis, Br. Bill Dillon and Br. Noel Hickey.

## Marcellin Champagnat & His Image of Mary

*Br. Sunanda Alwis - Province of Sri Lanka  
Team member, Marist Renewal Center - Manziana, Italy*

There have been many models of Mary presented in the Church throughout history. During different periods, various images of Mary have come to the fore in the Church:

- Mary the mother of Jesus, in the New Testament
- Virgin–Mother, of the “poor banished children of Eve”
- Second Eve in the original sin debates
- Mother of God of the Council of Ephesus
- Fair Lady of the crusading knights
- Courtly Madonna of medieval chivalry
- Our Lady of Victories in the battle of Lepanto against the Turkish Empire.
- And in general the nurturing, compassionate counterpart of the interpretation of divinity as male.

Most of these images of Mary have overlooked some of the significant real life descriptions of Mary in the Gospels. She was a poor village woman who brought up Jesus to be one of the greatest revolutionary leaders of all time. His was a revolution of love, justice, non-violence and peace. For this he gave His own life. Mary was with Him from birth in

a poor stable to His cruel death on the cross. She protected Him as a child from the evil designs of Herod, and lived as a refugee in exile in the land where her people had been slaves. She followed Him throughout His public life of contesting the powerful evildoers of His day, and stood by Him during the agony on the cross. Beyond His death she was with the persecuted infant Church, strengthening the community as the mother of its risen leader.

For his part Fr. Champagnat accompanied the early Marists and faced the kinds of joys and trials that Mary of Nazareth experienced in Egypt, in her native Galilee, and on Calvary. His devotion to our Good Mother was based on his day-to-day living experience. Mary was for him a living model (something unheard in his time), not someone on a ‘supernatural pedestal.’

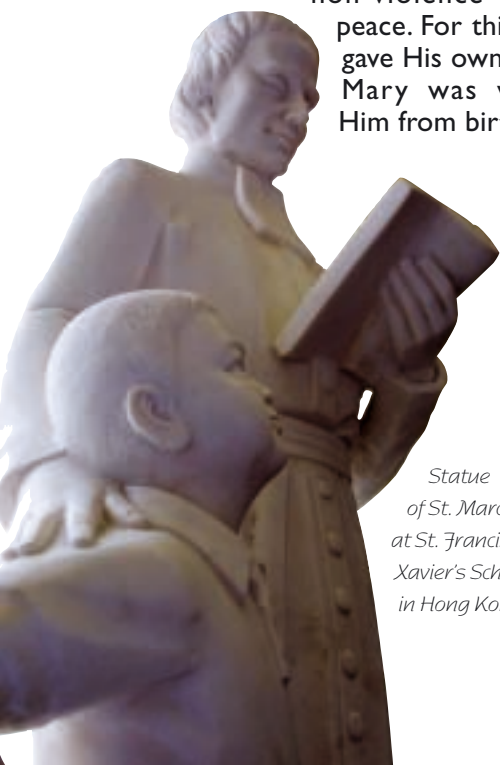
“If the members of the Society of Mary are too imperfect to act as models for you, cast your eyes, my dear Cassian, on her who can be a model for both the perfect and the imperfect – she who loves them all. The perfect because they display virtue and lead others to doing good, the imperfect because it was especially for them that Mary has been raised to the sublime level of Mother of God”. (Letter to Br. Cassian, summer of 1834, at Sorbiers, Loire)

“Don’t be frightened, we have Mary as our protector. All our hairs are numbered and not a single one will fall unless God permits it.” (Letter to Br. Antoine and the community at Millery, Rhone, 15<sup>th</sup> August 1830.)

“As you wait, place yourself in the arms of Mary, she will help you in a powerful way to carry your cross.” (To Br. Dominic at Charlieu, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1834)

### VISITS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council is continuing its scheduled visits to the Marist world spread over five continents. It has met in Africa and Asia; now it's South America's turn. Each visit unfolds in three phases: retreats, which took place during December and January; visits to the brothers and communities; and sessions with the extended Council – the General Council plus the Provincial Councils of the region being visited – to discern the challenges of the region involved. In Cochabamba, Bolivia March 10 to 14, Brother Seán presided over meetings to organize Province visits and teams in South America as follows: to Santa María de los Andes (Bolivia, Chile and Peru), Brothers Emili Turú, Néstor Quiceno, and Galo Rivera; Brazil Centro Sul, Brothers Luis García Sobrado, Víctor Preciado, and Alberto Ortiz; Rio Grande do Sul and Amazonia, Brothers Maurice Berquet, Antonio Leal, Raul Figuera, and Zeferino Zandonadi; Cordoba and Río de la Plata in Argentina, and Paraguay, Brothers Pedro Herreros, Landelino Ortego, and Antonio Rieu; Rio de Janeiro and Brazil North, Brothers Théoneste Kalisa, Manuel Villalobos, and Genuino Benini; and to formation centers, Brothers Antonio Ramalho and Ernesto Sánchez. The extended General Council will meet in Cochabamba from May 17 to 31 to build on the Marist momentum being generated in this part of our Marist world.



*Statue  
of St. Marcellin  
at St. Francis  
Xavier's School  
in Hong Kong*