



# Marist News

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Marist Brothers - General House - Rome

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## Updates

**02/07/2008:** Marist Calendar - July 2008

**02/07/2008:** Portugal - Marist College of Carcavelos

**01/07/2008:** General House - A second numerous group of martyrs moves towards Beatification

**01/07/2008:** Deceased Brother: Mark Gillogly (Sydney)

**01/07/2008:** Deceased Brother: Jesús Luengo Rivero (Ibérica)

**01/07/2008:** General House - A double edition of the "Marist Notebooks" collection

**30/06/2008:** Photo gallery: Remodeling work at the Hermitage - 13

**30/06/2008:** Worldwide presence - Photo gallery number 185

**30/06/2008:** Philippines - Ten brothers sent in Mission

**27/06/2008:** Deceased Brother: William George Weldon (Sydney)

**27/06/2008:** Vatican - Celebration of the 2000th Anniversary of Paul

**27/06/2008:** Brazil - The Founder's statue finds its place along the route of the pilgrims

**26/06/2008:** Haiti - The celebration of Saint Marcellin Champagnat

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## Marist International Festival

### Previo a la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud

#### Sydney

World Youth Day (JMJ) will take place in Sydney from July 15 to 20. As an event organized by the Catholic Church, JMJ brings together young people from all over the world. Thereby the young people have a chance to build bridges of friendship and hope across the continents, across a variety of peoples and cultures. In Sydney itself the final preparations are drawing to a close, in readiness to welcome the youthful pilgrims who will be coming from the five continents as well as from all parts of Australia. The number of pilgrims which Sydney expects to host for the JMJ will be greater than the number of visitors received for the 2000 Olympics.

For the days prior to the JMJ, the Marist Brothers have put together an international festival which will run from Thursday, July 10 to Sunday, July 13. The basic theme for JMJ-2008 is drawn from Acts of the Apostles 1:8, "You will receive power from the Holy Spirit who will come upon you, and you will be my witnesses." The passage is the lead-in to the Pentecost narrative of Acts, a narrative which depicts the Virgin Mary in the midst of the Apostles "in the upper room." The icon which represents the Virgin Mary as Mother of the Church is the icon which symbolizes the Association of Marist Schools in Australia. The icon will, in fact, be the inspiration for the Marist Brothers' International Youth Festival.

The Marist Brothers' Festival has been set up with close links to the General Council. Many young people around the world are associated with the Marist Brothers in one way or another. To such young people the Council desires to make clear the international character of the Institute.

The Festival will take place at Saint Joseph's College, Hunters Hill. The program envisions the following elements: reflections groups, debates, conference by invited guests, times for prayer, sacramental celebrations.

For those who come as pilgrims, the event promises to be a time for personal enhancement, thanks to the shared experience to be had by young people who, coming from many places and cultures, have links with the Marist Brothers.



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# Preparation for the XXI General Chapter



21<sup>st</sup> General Chapter  
**new hearts  
for a new world**

## General House

### April 2008

"On the road to the XXI General Chapter: initial consultation"

2) Organize and classify the input (by the administrative unit's secretary, along with the administrative unit's coordinator)

### May - October 2008

#### Provincial - Local Stage

#### Preparation

- The regional coordinator contacts the coordinators in the administrative units.
- The respective Councils adapt the process and the materials to the situation in their administrative units, as well as how the input from the laity will be collected.

#### Process

1) Consultation in Marist communities, animation and governing bodies (council, assemblies, commissions, teams...), and laity and Marist youth

3) Sent off to Rome (before October 31)

### November - December 2008

"Orientations for reflection before the XXI General Chapter"

The Preparatory Commission gathers the input from the initial consultation, and develops a reflection instrument that will be a help in analyzing the results in depth.

### January - May 2009

#### Provincial - Regional Stage

In-depth analysis of the document "Orientations" on the provincial and regional levels.

1) Goal: to encourage fraternal dialog on various aspects highlight-

ed by the initial consultation...

2) Preferably in an atmosphere of prayerful discernment (retreats, weekends, weeks of deeper analysis, encounters...)

3) Accompaniment by some of the coordinators and elected delegates.

Forwarding responses to the Preparatory Commission prior to 31 May

### June 2009

«Proposals for the XXI General Chapter»

The Preparatory Commission gathers the input, and extracts proposals to be submitted for reflection by the delegates and to deliberation by the Chapter.

### July - August 2009

The delegates prepare for the Chapter



## Ten brothers sent in Mission

### Filippines



The month of June this year has given us another great blessing of ten more Brothers for the Asia Mission Ad Gentes Sector. They were missioned to the Sector by Bro. Sean Sammon on June 08th at a ceremony held in the Dominican Retreat House in Davao, Philippines. The ceremony was simple but meaningful and powerful. Sean, delivering an inspiring homily,

invited the Brothers to be like the Mary of the Magnificat in the Scriptures.

The Brothers were missioned to Cambodia (3), West Bengal, India (3) and to one more country (4). They will move to their new mission areas in August and September, this year. A warm welcome to these Brothers!



# Edelvives Opens on the Internet

## Spain

**E**delvives, a Marist Brothers' publishing establishment, opened an internet website «sehacesaber.org». The goal of the website is to become a source through which all those who are involved in education will be able to find a shared digital-age environment.

The website is divided into subject matter much like a news magazine. From the opening page you can click into any one of four categories: teachers, students, families, institutions.

Let's take a quick glance at the teachers' section:

The introductory visuals of this section start off by saying: learning is self improvement, that learning helps one to grow and discover new things. The "menu" in this section (aimed at teachers) has six main areas, and, in addition a news-capsule set up according to the site's main four categories. The categories, however, are treated from the educator's point of view.

**The TIC Hall:** In the TIC Hall, one will find: Course 0, web 2.0, and, in the Hall, an extensive area which offers digital screens, web-quests, mathematical programs and interactive evaluation tools.

**Formation:** The Edelvives website provides access to in-person formation courses, such as the one called «Vívelo Project» and to on-line formation courses: simple ones of five to ten hours per blog, and other for researchers, with web tools 2.0, basic power-point and basic internet.

Teaching tools: In



this part of the website, extended documentation is found regarding courses and information resources about curriculum projects, classrooms programs, printable photo activities, various activities and an image bank. The last name focuses for now upon oncology, anatomy/ physiology, and Earth and Universe.

**Teachers' Room:** is a bulletin board about the reading plan which the editorial board is developing along with updated information for each of the sub-groups.

**Religious Education:** Here you have a very carefully prepared site-section which gives updated news on Religious Instruction in the Schools (ERE). The section moves immediately into a very large collection of teaching aids for all levels of the school, offering direct documentation about Religion Departments in the schools: teacher formation, basic school law, curriculum projects, classroom programs. The site-section ends up with a page offering the chance for individuals or groups to share ideas which they have found helpful.

**How to Promote Student Reading:** The last part of the site-section gives a reading guide applied to many books, especially those of the "Allah Delta and Alanda" collections. A paragraph on culture also appears, giving references to book exhibits, video games and other Web pages.

All these new features of the Edelvives Publishing House constitute an invitation to become more familiar with what this Marist institution is offering to the public. Edelvives is dedicated to serving education through the book medium. To find out more about Edelvives, you have only to go to: [www.edelvives.com](http://www.edelvives.com).



## Meeting of the Marist Alumni

### Cuba

**T**he Marist brothers and alumni of "la Perla del Sur" in Cuba gathered last 14th June in the Chapel of the House of the Virgin of the Rosary to celebrate the Eucharist and give thanks to the Lord for the blessings of God through Marcellin Champagnat.



The Eucharist was presided over by Fr. Saimel Perdomo. Brother Carlos Martinez Lavin reminded us that the charisma of Marcellin is like a "channel that grows within its banks: the channel became a river and the river a sea". Marcellin was a man faithful to God in times of crisis, a man who continues to call many pupils of Cienfuegos to be "good Christians and righteous citizens". In the present, as he did in the past, Jesus invites people to welcome children in his name to build the kingdom of God starting from what seems irrelevant. Children are frank, transparent, simple, joyful, without complications. They are not vengeful, they forget the offences they receive.

At Cienfuegos, like in the rest of Cuba, Marist alumni and pupils are called to be sowers of hope day by day. "New hearts, new times. New hearts for a new world, for a new Cuba of solidarity and fraternity". The meeting ended with a moment of sharing to the rhythm of the local music. "guaracha, son and habaneras". The meeting was also an opportunity to celebrate the 50th anniversary of 3 bachelor's degrees dating back to 1958. Congratulations!



# A Visit from the Bishops of Bangladesh

## General House

Archbishop Paulinus Costa, Archbishop of Dhaka, along with 5 other Bishops of the Catholic Bishop's Conference of Bangladesh came to the General House to meet with Bro. Sean Sammon and Bro. Luis Garcia Sobrado. The Bishops took advantage of this time in Rome during their Ad Limina visits to come and discuss the future placement of the Brothers in Bangladesh.

The Bishops came for an informal social and dinner. After dinner, the Bishops met with Bro. Sean, Bro. Luis, Bro. Peter Rodney and Bro. Michael Flanigan to discuss the situation of the church in Bangladesh and the needs that many dioceses have in relation to education of the poor.

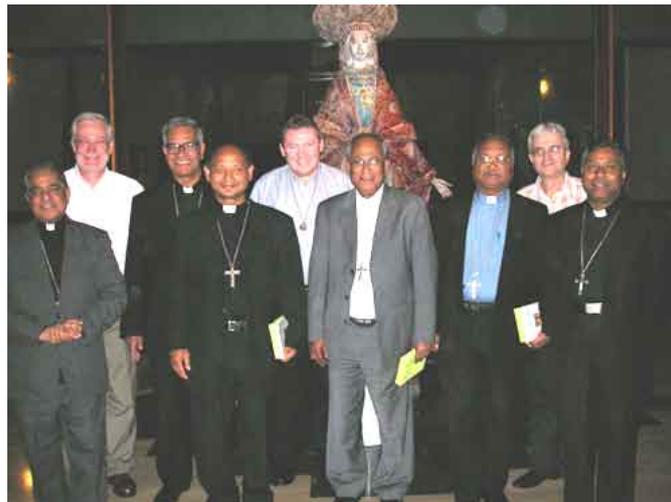
Bro. Sean has sent seven Brothers to Bangladesh. They are presently living and studying Bangla in the capital city of Dhaka. Archbishop Costa has taken special interest in the Brothers and has guided them to show them the needs of the Church, the society as well as learning

the language and the culture of the people. After the Brothers have learned Bangla well enough, then a discernment will take place of which dioceses and ministries the Brothers will minister in the future. This will be done in dialogue with the Archbishop of Dhaka, Bro. Superior Ge-

neral, and Bro. Mike de Waas, Superior of the Asia Mission Ad Gentes Sector, as well as, of course, with the Brothers there in Bangladesh.

The Bishops who came to the house are Most Rev. Paulinus Costa, Archbishop of Dhaka, Most Rev. Theotonius Gomes, CSC, Auxiliary Bishop of Dhaka, Bejoy Nicephorus D'Cruze, O.M.I. Bishop of Khulna, Most. Rev. Patrick D'Rozario, Bishop of Chittagong, Paul Ponen Kubi, CSC, Bishop of Mymensingh and Most. Rev. Gervas Rozario, Bishop of Rajshahi.

The evening was enjoyed by all and was appreciated as the beginning of a long relationship between the Marist Brothers and the Church of Bangladesh.



## First communion in solidarity

### An alternative proposal

The Marist website offers pleasant surprises time after time. Not so long ago we received an extraordinary message. You will find it copied below, and we took care of safeguarding the anonymity of the person who wrote.

"Dear brother, I live in a city in the

south of Spain, connected to the Fraternity of Montserrat, with which the Marist brothers of Barcelona are related to. In three years time I hope my children will receive their first communion in our chapel, so that this event may involve them in some of the projects you run. I would like the presents they receive to become a collection of funds to

visit one mission or another in Europe, I was thinking of Rumania, and possibly even make a donation toward it. I believe it is the most consistent experience my children can have of such an important event as their first communion. Would it be possible? Could you suggest me another destination? Thank you for your attention".

