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## XXI General Chapter



The 21st General Chapter of the Marist Brothers, meeting in Rome from 8 September to 10 October 2009, elected today, 26 September, as Superior General Brother Emili Turú, and as his Vicar, Brother Joseph Mc kee for a period of eight years.

The calling of this 21st Chapter has brought together 83 capitulants representing more than 3,700 Brothers, and some 43,000 lay collaborators spread through 79 countries educating more than 660,000 children and young people. The Marist work makes the charism of Champagnat present in centres of social care, schools at various levels, and in university centres.

For two years, the Marist Institute has been engaged in an intense process of preparation involving lay people as much as Brothers. With the dynamic proposal of creating "new hearts for a new world", it sounded the feeling of the different regions of the Marist world by means of "letters" composed in each region. The chapter has begun discerning and responding to the

fundamental call which God is making to the Institute for the next eight years. This call includes the value of the Brother's consecration in a world of confrontation and division, the service to children and young people, the journeying together of Brothers and lay people in the manner of Mary. Following from this fundamental call is the study of various themes relating to the life and mission of the Marist Institute, in order to bring them into harmony with the demands this call sets forth for the world of today.

The General Chapter has paid special attention to the Marist laity. Nine lay people, coming from different parts of the world, and invited by Brother Superior General and his Council, participated in the reflections of the Chapter for the first fortnight. They have left the Brother capitulants a message destined for the whole Institute, in which they manifest their expectations for the future and their commitment to collaborating in the spread of the Marist charism.



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# Br. Emili Turú Rofes

## New Superior General of the Marist Institute



Brother Emili Turú Rofes was born on 24 January 1955 in Barcelona (Catalonia, Spain). He passed his childhood in Marçà, Tarragona, the youngest of five brothers. He commenced his Marist life in Llinars del Vallès in 1968. He completed his novitiate at Santa Maria de les Avellanes, made his first vows in 1975, and his perpetual ones in 1982.

He obtained his certificate in primary teaching at the University School, Cardenal Cisneros de Alcalá de Henares; his Masters in Catalan from the Free University of Barcelona, and the Licentiate in

Theology (Theology of man) from the Teresianum in Rome.

Although he has worked in pastoral ministry with children and young people (from primary through to university), the greater part of his service to the Institute has been in the initial formation of Brothers and in various provincial services. He accompanied young Brothers as director of the scholasticate in Alcalá de Henares, and, since that time, has shown himself as a man concerned about the spiritual life, religious life, and culture. As a for- mator, he knew how to communi- cate his passion for poverty and

justice and his commitment to the Church.

Later he acted as Delegate for Ministry and Delegate for Education and Province for the then Marist Province of Catalonia.

He played an active part in the organization and development of the Congress of Religious Life in Catalonia, collaborating in the production of the document "What is new requires novelty", which was a reflection on the future of religious life.

During his time as provincial, he was distinguished for his closeness to the Brothers and the life of the communities. He promoted the animation of educational works, with special emphasis on the lines of ministry, attention to persons, and shared mission with the laity. He was a driving force behind the creation of small communities inserted into working class areas and the development of social projects. He was also involved in co-ordination with Marist Spain and with Marist Europe.

At the XX General Chapter (2001), he was elected to the General Council. As a Councillor he promoted the holding of the International Marist Mission Assembly at Mendes, and the creation of various work groups for Marist youth ministry, university formation, Marist mission and the co-ordination of social works, etc.

His facility at communication and his mastery of different languages has allowed him wide contact with the Marist world for the dynamizing of the Brothers' mission today.



# General Superiors of the Marist Institut



Seán Sammon (2001-2009)



Benito Arbués (1993-2001)



Charles Howard (1985-1993)



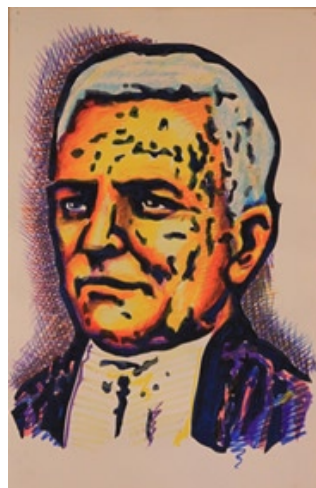
Basilio Rueda Guzmán (1967-1985)



Charles Raphaël Ergen (1958-1967)



Léonidas Garrigue (1946-1958)



Diógenes Becuwe (1920-1942)



Stratónique Usclard (1907-1920)



Théophile Durand (1883-1907)



Néstor Granier (1880-1883)



Louis Marie Labrosse (1860-1879)



François Rivat (1839-1860)

# Br. Joseph Mc Kee

## New Vicar General of the Marist Institute

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1950. Made his postulancy (1968) and novitiate (1969) at Avellanes, Spain, where he learned Spanish. Finished his studies at the scholasticate in Maynooth, Ireland (1970). Took his final vows in the Institute in 1978. Has followed study courses Barcelona (1973), in Glasgow H. K. (1976) and in Chicago, at Loyola University (1993). He has spent his apostolic life mainly in Africa: Nigeria, Cameroon, and Nairobi.

He taught in Bamenda, Cameroon, from 1979 to 1987. He was District Econome in Mankon (1997), then Rector of MIC in Nairobi from 1999 to 2005. MIC had some 70 young Brothers of Africa who were doing university studies. Members of other religious congregations of men and women also studied at the centre. At the same time as being Rector of the Marist International Center, he was co-ordinating the little Marist communities into which this Marist university centre was organized.

Brother Joseph is attending this Chapter as Provincial of West Central Europe, which has its provincial house in Nijmegen, Holland. The capitulants have shown their confidence in him by choosing him as Vicar General. He is fluent in English, Spanish, Portugese, and French. He is a man of communion, calm, accepting, steady, and of strong Marist convictions.

