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## The Document of the XXI General Chapter

### Brother Emili Turú, Superior General, places the Document in the hands of the Brothers

In a symbolic gesture performed in the community chapel of the General Administration, Brother Emili Turú presented to the Brothers present the Chapter Document freshly emerged from the printery. Having returned from Brasil, where he took part in the Provincial Chapter of « Brasil Centro-Norte », which installed the new Provincial, Br. Wellington Mousinho de Medeiros, Brother Emili wished to mark the dissemination of the document to all the Brothers of the Institute by this symbolic gesture of giving copies into the hands of the Brothers of the General House.

The text of the Document required a great deal of work of composition after the end of the Chapter. The Brother capitulants left the reference text in the hands of a little commission, which then had the task of making grammatical and textual corrections, while respecting the intentions of its authors. Once the editing was completed, the text had to be artistically presented. The Document has been printed in five different formats: one for each official language of the Institute, plus a fifth which uses expressions peculiar to the Spanish of Latin America. The printers worked fast, so that on 9 December 2009 we already had received the finished work.

The work of packing and dispatching the copies from the General House was likewise done quickly, and on 16 December the parcels were delivered to Fiumicino to be flown around the Marist world.



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# Province Brasil Centro-Norte III Provincial Chapter

## The new Provincial takes up his charge



The unity of the Province of «Brasil Centro-Norte» will be the biggest challenge facing the new Provincial, Brother Wellington Mousinho. His predecessor, Brother Claudino Falchetto, addressed him some moving words on this occasion. In his acceptance speech on 7/12/2009, Brother Wellington emphasized, among his objectives for the three year term, government at the service of the mission and its future, which foresees the following challenges:

- Acquiring a new Province vision which includes the diversity of states which now make it up.
- Adapting the formation to the new situation.
- Balancing the finances of the Province.
- Animating community life.
- Reinforcing the mission of evangelisation.
- Renewing the consecrated life.

« I will not be alone in this mission », affirmed Br. Wellington, recalling the essential role of the Council which will be elected later, as anticipated in the

programming of the Provincial Chapter. Justice, ethics, and transparency are other qualities the new Provincial expects from his team.

The website [www.marista.edu.br](http://www.marista.edu.br) gives a direct transmission of the ceremony of taking possession.

The Assembly and the 3rd Provincial Chapter take place in the city of Mendes (RJ), from 7 to 14 December, with Brothers and lay Marists taking part.

### Start of the Provincial Chapter

The Assembly and the 3rd Provincial Chapter commenced on Monday 7/12/09, with the participation of Brothers and lay Marists and the presence of the Brother Superior General, Emili Turú, as well as Brother Antonio Rammalho, Councillor General. « Mendes is a sacred place. Numerous missionaries have departed from here ». It was with these words that Brother Claudino Falchetto began his speech of welcome to the participants. There followed a moment for reflection on the question: « What is it that I am bringing to the

Chapter? » After the sharing, the participants received as a souvenir a little statue of the Good Mother.

The first activity of the day was the election of the Central Commission, which will conduct operations during the Chapter. Br. Wagner Cruz was elected president, and Brs Salatiel and Ataíde, as secretary general and assistant secretary respectively. Brothers José Manoel Pires and Alexandre will be the moderators.

### Election of the new Provincial Council

The second working day, the Brother capitulants elected the four new Provincial Councillors. They are Brothers José Wagner Rodrigues da Cruz, current president of UBEE-UNBEC, Renato Augusto da Silva, Ataíde José de Lima and Adalberto Batista Amaral.

The team's challenge will be, alongside Brother Wellington, to reinforce provincial unity over the next three years. The Provincial's profile for the Councillors was:

- A life centred on Jesus Christ, having Mary at its heart.
- A love of the Marist Institute, its mission and its patrimony.
- Concern about the problems of the Province and interest in the future of Marist Brasil.
- To be a man of reflection, knowing how to study questions thoroughly.
- To be open to differences and to dialogue; to be a man of relationships.
- Justice, maturity, ethics, transparency and love of work.
- Vision of the Province as a whole, of the world and of modern society.

# Process of beatification of Br. Basilio

## Mexico



From 4 to 11 November, Brs. Giovanni Maria Bigotto, Postulator General, and José María Ferre, his nominated successor, visited Guadalajara, Mexico, to make contact with the two vice-postulators of the cause of our Br. Basilio Rueda, Brothers José Flores García, "Chepo," and Jorge Luis Flores Aceves, "Luchis", and to assess the progress of the diocesan process of our dear Brother.

Accompanied by both Brothers, we were able to have a meeting with the archdiocesan tribunal which has initi-

ated the cause. Now we are able to report the progress achieved: the phase of the collecting of the testimonies and the analyzing of the written documents of Br. Basilio by the theological censors has already been practically completed. The latter part is what has taken most time, given the abundance of his writings. The task of the censors was, on the one hand, to show that they contained nothing contrary to Catholic faith and morals; and, on the other, to draw up the human and religious profile emerging from the writings of the Servant of God. Both theologians

were impressed by the rich personality of Br. Basilio.

If all follows this rhythm, as we hope, the diocesan tribunal will be able to complete its work in the course of next year, 2010, and will send all the material to Rome. The Vatican must study the whole process followed in the archdiocese and, if it approves it, begin the Roman phase.

All this gives us great joy, and we congratulate the two Brother vice-postulators for attentively following up the evolution of the process.

The other important element in this stage is the collection of material and testimonies which make manifest the so-called "reputation for sanctity" of Br. Basilio. This is expressed in a series of publications, activities, graces and favours obtained through his intercession. We were also able to observe the efforts displayed in the two Mexican Provinces to make Br. Basilio known. Numerous Brothers, former students and lay Marists, especially in the fraternities, have recourse to the intercession of our Servant of God, and feel that they are heard. It is a stimulus and invitation to the whole Institute. Br. Basilio Rueda was a great Superior General and continues to be a great intercessor.



### Remodeling work at the Hermitage



# Prov. Rio Grande do Sul III Provincial Chapter

Brazil



The 8th of December saw the opening of the 3rd Provincial Chapter, an assembly of a deliberative nature which will establish the general objectives for the activities of the Marist Network for the next three years (2010-2012). This organization represents the operation of the Institute of the Marist Brothers of Rio Grande do Sul. Present in some 78 countries, the Marist Brothers in our Province direct three Management Councils, on which depend one University (PUCRS), 21 schools and 28 Social Centres. In all, there are more than 50, 000 students, 9,000 employees and about 40, 000 persons given free assistance in the Social Centres.

Brother Inácio Etges, new Provincial of the Province of « Rio Grande do Sul », took possession of his responsibilities in the presence of the members of the third Provincial Chapter gathered in Veranópolis, from 7 to 11 December 2009.

Brother Inácio succeeds Brother Lauro Hochscheidt. About 60 persons took part in the Chapter, including an important group of lay people. Brother Joseph McKee, Vicar General of the Institute, assisted at the ceremony on behalf of Brother Superior General and his Council.

Thanks to a work of dialogue and consensus, the Chapter was able to define

the fundamental call of God for the Province: « To follow Jesus Christ, as Mary did, with courage and fidelity, in assuring a significant presence, especially among the poor: children and young people ». Starting with this call for 2010-2012, the principal objective and priorities of the new Provincial Council were defined for the three years.

As a result of the dialogue and group work of these last days, the following six priorities have been settled on for the period:

1. Animate the processes of personal and collective conversions of Brothers and laity.
2. Give depth to community life so that brotherhood, prayer, sharing, communion and pardon become witnesses of consecration.
3. Reinforce Marist apostolic spirituality and the spirit of discipleship of the Brothers and the laity.
4. Prophetic and significant presence first among the poor: children and young people.
5. Animation of vocations as an urgent matter for Brothers and laity.

The members of the new Provincial Council are Brothers Corrent Arlindo, Gilberto Zimmermann Costa, Francisco Lauro Hochscheidt, Onorino Moresco, Pierre Vilmar Ost and Sandro André Bobrzyk.



## John Craddock assistant priest of L'Hermitage



John Craddock was born in NZ in 1944 of wonderful parents in the small West Coast mining town of Westport and enjoyed an advantaged childhood. John's mother, now aged 92, came from the other side of the Alps which gave him an early taste of bi-culturalism. After primary schooling locally, he was sent across to Christchurch to board at St Bede's College conducted by the Marist Fathers. After five years, he entered the Marist Seminary. In 1968, he was ordained in his parish Church.

For thirty years, John taught a variety of subjects in Marist Secondary Schools including ten significant years at St Joseph's School, Tenaru, Solomon Islands, a school conducted by the Marist Family.

Returning to NZ, he was appointed as an assistant priest in a parish, revelling in its different pastoral opportunities. However, late in 1998, he was asked to be director of Marist Laity where he has remained for these last eleven years. He spent six months of 2008 in Europe on Sabbatical. He looks forward to this surprise appointment to L'Hermitage, France. John enjoys good health, swimming and walking to keep fit.

