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29/07/2010: Video: Message of Br. Emili Turú to the Brothers of the Prov. of México Central

29/07/2010: Ad Gentes yesterday

29/07/2010: Deceased Brother: Francisco Donato Fernández Pérez (Cruz del Sur)

28/07/2010: Video: Message of Br. Emili Turú to the Oceania Lay Partnership Conference

28/07/2010: Philippines - 8th Marist Educators' Congress

27/07/2010: New book received: Junho com Champagnat (Joaquim Oliveira, fms)

27/07/2010: Australia - Young Marist Liturgy in Brisbane

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Re-structuring of the services

In their intense sessions of work, study, and programming in Rome in March, May, and July this year, the General Council has defined various activities for the coming years. First of all, we present the objectives of pastoral animation which they see as guiding their activities as general government.

Objectives of pastoral animation of the General Council

The Council sees itself as being guided in its pastoral activities in the next few years by the following objectives:

- 1. Encourage** the development of the "Marial face" of the Church in order to come closer to young people and the needs of today's world.
- 2. Promote** in the Institute a **participative style of leadership** in such a way that each member is able to exercise the authority that derives from his role in the service of the Institute's mission.
- 3. Accompany** the **discernment in the administrative units and in the regions** with a view to discovering the import of "to go in haste to a new land" in their own context.
- 4. Encourage** among the brothers **re-discovering and taking delight in their own vocation**, to live and witness it in a radical, open and joyful way in the Church and in the world of today.
- 5. Come up with** and/or accompany **new forms of living the Marist**

charism among the brothers as well as the laity, and promote the **development of the lay Marist vocation**, building a **new relationship** which is mutually enriching and recognizes the continuing fruitfulness of Champagnat's heritage.

6. Continue developing the Marist mission, as part of our identity and fuel for our spirituality, especially in the three aspects emphasized by the General Chapter: a more visible presence among **poor children and young people**, and their **defense of the rights of children and young people**.

7. Promote a better understanding and appreciation of **internationalism and multiculturalism**, living globalisation in an alternative way, and encouraging a greater missionary availability to respond to new needs.

8. And, finally, provide continuity for promoting and applying the "**Evangelical use of goods**" and the exercise of solidarity at all levels of the Institute.

Councillors connect

The General Council has maintained the criterion, applied by their predecessors, of having each region of the Institute attended to by two councillors, who act as links between the regions and the General Council in matters relating to the General Administration and to provide support for the Provincials through communication and accompaniment. For the Americas, the liaisons are Brothers Eugène Kaban-guka and Josep María Soterias, for Asia and Oceania, Brothers John Klein and Mike de

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Waas, and for Europe and Africa, Brothers Antonio Ramalho and Ernesto Sánchez.

Areas of collaboration:

The new Council has also decided to restructure the areas of collaboration. Over the next years, the General Council will be supported by five Bureaus, each headed by a Director supported by one, two or three Councillors. They are the following:

Brothers Today (*César Rojas*, J.M. Soteras, E. Kabanguka, E. Sánchez)

Laity (*Javier Espinosa*, A. Ramalho)

Mission (*João Carlos do Prado*, J. Klein)

International Missionary Collaboration (*Teófilo Minga* -Ad gentes-, Joe McKee)

FMSI (*Rick Carey*, Mike de Waas)

Appointments

The General Council has made the following appointments, to be added to those already announced on the web page:

Manziana

Vice-director of the Spanish and Portuguese language Third Age course: Brother **José Feix**, (Rio Grande do Sul). He begins his term in the session of August 2010.

El Escorial

Vice-director of the Spirituality Centre for Spanish and Portuguese speakers: Brother **Joaci Pinheiro**, (Brasil Centro-Norte). He begins his term in the session of January 2011.

Rome

Bureau of Brothers Today. Director: Brother **César Rojas**, (Norandina). He begins his term in January 2011.

Bureau of Mission. Director: Brother **João Carlos do Prado**, (Brasil Centro-Sul). He begins his term in January 2011.

Bureau of Laity. Two co-directors: **Ana Sarrate**, lay woman (Ibérica) and **Tony Clark**, lay man (Sydney). They begin their mandate on 1 September 2010. Mrs **Linda Corbeil** (Canada), has had her membership of the Enlarged Bureau of Laity extended for a further year, starting from 1 January 2011.

For the "Fundación Marista para la Solidaridad Internacional" (**FMSI**), a Vice-president has been appointed for a period of six months (to December 2010): Brother **Jude Pieterse**, (Southern Africa - África Austral).

Brother **Antonio Martínez Frigola**, (L'Hermitage) has been placed in charge of various general services of the General House. He began his service on 1st June 2010.

Brother **Marcelo de Brito** (Cruz del Sur) will remain at the General House for a year, commencing on 1st November 2010, to construct a new data base for the General Administration.

Geneva

Two Brothers have been appointed to work in the Children's Rights office: **Vicente Falqueto**, (Brasil Centro-Norte), who will start in January 2011; and **Manel Mendoza**, (L'Hermitage), who will commence on 1 September 2010.

Commission for the Study of the Financing of the General Administration and the Administrative Units (Recommendation of the XXI General Chapter).

Brothers Victor Preciado (México Occidental), Councillor General and Econome General, who will serve as Co-ordinator, Rick Carey (USA), Roy Deita (East Asia), Alberto Oribe (Ibérica), Nicholas Banda (Southern Africa), Delcio Afonso Balestrin (Brasil Centro-Sul), and Messrs Juan Martín Cebrián

(Santa María de los Andes) and Rex Cambrey (Melbourne).

International Commission of experts to study the future of the General House (Recommendation of the XXI General Chapter).

The 21 General Chapter commended to the General Council the "appointment of an international commission of experts" to study the future of the General House. In fulfillment of this mandate, the Council has appointed the following persons to join this commission: Joe McKee, Vicar General, (co-ordinator); Víctor Preciado, Econome General; Antoni Salat (L'Hermitage), member of the General Administration; Zeno Piazza (Mediterránea), of Italy; Primitivo Mendoza (Compostela), of Spain; Straton Malisaba (Central East Africa), of Rwanda; Lauro Hochscheidt (Rio Grande do Sul), of Brasil; Edgardo López (América Central), of Puerto Rico; Tom Chin (East Asia) and Anthony Robinson (Sydney), of Australia.

International Work Group in Defence of Children.

The General Council has decided to seek the advice of an international work group to draw up a declaration of institutional policies centred on the respect owed to children. These policies will serve as reference point so that each administrative unit can work out its own, if it does not already have one. This work group will have to design a document which reflects the special attention given by the Institute to situations generated by violence towards children and the sexual abuse of minors. The members of this work group are Brothers John Klein (co-ordinator), General Council, Brendan Geary (West Central Europe), Jim Jolley (Melbourne), Gérard Bachand (Canada), Nicolás García Martínez (Compostela). The group has been charged with beginning work on 17 June 2010 and of presenting its conclusions in the plenary session of the General Council in January 2011.

Province of « México occidental »

First professions in the novitiate of Morelia and Haiti



Melesio, Felipe, Miguel, Rodrigo and Iván took their first vows last month on 13 June in Morelia, Mexico, while Jonatas and Kinson took theirs on the 19th of the same month in Dame Marie, Haití. All belong to the Province of México Occidental.

During their Novitiate experience they discovered in their lives the great love God has for them and which they have confirmed in their personal stories. They have been sensitive to the appeals of children and youth which they have converted into a vocational call: meetings with them in the missions, in catechetical centres, in the school, in the neigh-

bourhood, in the penitential centres, among children with special needs (handicapped), etc.

After serious discernment, they have decided to commit their lives to God's Project as Little Brothers of Mary. This is the way they have expressed it in the celebrations held in the company of the Brothers of the Mexican Provinces and the Sector of Haití, and of their families and friends.

They enter on this life at a time full of challenges: when young people are longing for witnesses, for brothers who will accompany them in their lives. They make their vows to let the people of Haití know that they can count on them, especially after the tragic events they have lived through.

We wish that in their generous commitment they succeed in becoming true disciples of Champagnat: that they have a deep love for Jesus and Mary, for children and young people, arrive at apostolic zeal, be known for the Marist virtues, especially simplicity... that they be our Brothers and our companions on the journey.

Let us always remember what Jesus says to us: "I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you". Jn 13: 15.



Novitiate of Kumasi

District of West Africa and province of Nigeria

19th June 2010, was a wonderful and a grace-filled day for the Marist world, especially the District of West Africa and province of Nigeria. Eight vibrant, energetic, and spirit-filled young men were admitted into the family of the little Brothers of Mary. We thank God for these precious gifts and we pray for their perseverance.

They are from different African countries; Eric Kramo from Ghana, Yves Eyong Mbiatem, Kfeban Divine Sebeey from Cameroon, and Ocheme Anthony,

Nwodo Elias Chukwulob, Abutu Edwin and Michael Okutachi from Nigeria.

The faithful came in their numbers to witness to this great occasion. The Bishop of Obuasi diocese, Ghana, Most Rev. Gabriel Justice Anokye, was the chief celebrant. The faithful, priest, religious and the formatees came in their numbers. Brothers Sylvain Yao, and Christian Mbam and a good number of Marist Brothers from the District of West Africa were in attendant. We thank God for the gift of vocations. We continue to pray

for more and for the perseverance of those who have already been called.



Province of the United States of America

Marist Brother Jubilarians celebrate 890 years of service



El On Sunday, June 20, a large crowd of Brothers, colleagues and friends gathered at the Immaculate Conception Center in Douglaston, New York to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the religious profession of Brothers Paul Urban Phillipp, Norbert Rodrigue and Victor Serna; the 60th anniversary of Brothers Hugh Andrew, Robert James, Austine Landry, William Lavigne, Robert Leclerc, Donald Richard, Kenneth Robert and Mar-

tin Ruane, and the 50th anniversary of Brothers Bartholomew Boscia, Edward Breslin, Rene Roy, and Christopher Shannon.

The Jubilee Liturgy was concelebrated by Fathers Daniel Danik, Albert Berner, William Brogan, Edward Doran, Gerald Leclerc, William Morris, and Msgr. James Burke at the main chapel of the Center. During the liturgy, Brother Ben Consigli, Provincial, spoke of these

Brothers' dedication "to making Jesus Christ known and loved" for the thousands of students and colleagues who have been touched by their lives over these many years.

Following the liturgy, a celebratory luncheon was served at the center's dining hall where our Jubilarians were praised for their faithful service to the people of God.



Holidays - August 2010

During the month of August, the communications office will be closed due to holidays. The service of updating the site and sending the Marist News newsletter will return to its normal rhythm from the beginning of September.

