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## Secretariat on the Laity

### Animation Plan of the Secretariat for the Next Three Years



A meeting of the Secretariat on the Laity took place during the week of September 13-18, 2010 in order to plan out the animation of Marist Laity for the next three years. Participants at the meeting were Javier Espinosa, the new Director of the Secretariat, the two new co-directors Ana Sarrate and Tony Clark, the new liaison of the General Council, Antonio Ramalho, all recently nominated for this service, and Linda Corbeil and Brother Afonso Murad, who were already acting as members of the enlarged Secretariat.

The objective of the meeting was to come up with the Animation Plan of the Secretariat for the next three years. It would be a kind of road map or path way.

After a week of intense work, the central reference point that will steer of the Secretariat has been defined, in the Plan of animation. This road map is inspired by the fundamental call of the 21st General Chapter. For the Secretariat the call includes the challenge to contribute to the birth of a new epoch for the Marist charism; to bring to life and to solidify a new relationship between the Brothers and the laity, to visualize the Marist future as a communion of people in the charism of Champagnat.

This Plan conceived by the Secretariat is a first draft to be discussed and enriched with the echoes of laity and brothers in the following months before being presented to the General Council in its session dur-

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ing the month of January 2011 for its approval.

We are now able to single out some highlights of the Plan: A firm support and development of the Marist lay vocation; the priority for the formation process; to utilize and benefit from the role of the laity and the growth in communion (unity); to work in conjunction with the Plan of the General Council, and of other Secretariats, especially with "The Brothers Today"; to define the functions

and responsibilities of the co-directors; to better unify the laity in different regions; to broaden the Secretariat with a representative from each region of the Institute; to propose the revision of the Project for life of the Champagnat Movement.

The meeting in Rome was done in an atmosphere of intense work, and in great fraternity and communion (unity). The support and work of Brother Afonso Murad which he gave during his time is

the Secretariat are greatly appreciated and acknowledged. We remember with gratitude Brother Pau for all his initiatives and work these past years.

During this time the Secretariat was in contact with Brother Charles Kitson, who is responsible to the Association of Christian and Montserrat Schools, co-secretary, as well as with the community of San Egidio, with the aim of maintaining dialog with the lay movements of other institutions or groups.



# Marist Youth Pastoral

## 4th Continental Congress in Guatemala

Under the motto: "I cannot see a child without telling him how much Jesus loves him", eleven Provinces got together in Guatemala and the district of Paraguay in order to participate in the 4th Youth Pastoral Continental Congress.

For three days, previous to the Youth Pastoral Coordinators Congress, there were two parallel meetings, on one hand reflecting on what has been going on in the American Provinces since 2004 with the REMAR renovation process and how this effort has resulted in new ways to generate youth work processes, some of them very well designed and structured and some others which are on its way of consolidation, but always realizing the concern of being preachers among the young.

On the other hand, a meeting about the new Youth Pastoral sceneries. It has been a table where those experiences where the young who live in poverty and social vulnerability have been shared. It has also been a space which has allowed: the listening to the young and "feeling" the human growth they have had, to expand new young work horizons and cause the reflection that it is possible to share efforts in the Marist mission. The Youth Pastoral and Solidar-

ity Continental Sub commissions have been in charge of coordinating the work that has been done these days.

During the Youth Marist Pastoral Coordinators Congress the reflection on the provincial, national or local youth pastoral coordination's role has been impelled and Brother Alfonso Murad from Brazil enlighten some days with the topic about Youth Pastoral Management and Mystic of its Animation, where it was discussed how Pastoral Management tries to accomplish efficiently the Mission and that it is a human process so it is a competence to coordinate processes and to animate people with leadership to announce Jesus Christ.

Socorro Álvarez, from Central Mexico, was also there. She helped with experience a personal encounter, to share a sight and to dare to see our own eyes. To be able to get back our Youth Pastoral history of life has been a significant moment and to see how on the youth pastoral attendant's personal process it is important to take care of the person and to realize how this daily life of ours is important; be able to see sources of personal and spiritual nourishing in our colleagues.

In behalf of the Youth Pastoral Sub



Commission, Brother Miguel Ángel Espinosa Barrera shared the work done during the last two years, the summary of the consultations, the state of the Provincial Coordinations, and the communication report. In behalf of the Institute, Brother Joa Carlos do Prado thanked everybody for participating and gave a diploma to every member of the Sub Commission that finished their period. He also thanked Claudia González from Santa María de los Andes Province and to Ulises Centeno from central Mexico Province, and Brother Luiz André da Silva from Central North Brazil Province, who are members of the new Youth Pastoral Sub Commission with Brother Jun Ignacio Fuentes from Cruz del Sur Province for the service with the animation that they will provide to benefit children and young people in the American Continent.



# Canada

## 125th anniversary of the arrival of the Marist Brothers

The general programme for the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the arrival of the Marist Brothers in Canada included a solemn reception at Château-Richer.

Following this programme, it was on 12 September 2010 that our community was honoured to receive some distinguished visitors. To give them a fitting welcome, we invited the communities around the capital to take part in the reception. Brothers Bernard Beaudin, provincial, and Yvon Bédard, provincial economer, were present to meet our guests.

Among the visiting Brothers were: Émili Turú, Superior General, Eugène Kaban-guka and Joseph Maria Soterias, Councillors General, André Décultry, delegate of the provincial of l'Hermitage, Ben Consigli, provincial of the United States, Hipólito Pérez, provincial of America Centrale, Libardo Garzón, provincial of Norandina, Eduardo Navarro, provincial of Mexico Occidental, Ricardo Reynoso, provincial of Mexico Central.

At 10.30, Mass was celebrated in our solemnly decorated chapel by our chaplain, Fr. Raymond-Marie Moreau, Marist. In the congregation, many of our neighbours, some guests and our confrères.

The « Choir of Peace and the Good Mother », directed by M. Reynald Lavoie, masterly performed the musical part of this Mass. This choir is made up of members of the Champagnat Marist Family. The organist, Jean-François Mailloux, and the instrumentalists admirably supported the choir, and on occasion, the whole assembly.



After the Mass, our guests visited the Champagnat Gallery and the History Centre of our Province. Br. Paul-André Lavoie guided our visitors with his customary adroitness.

Our distinguished guests and the Brothers then shared a toast. This was followed by the banquet. The menu chosen by our Chef, Monsieur Gabriel Naud, and his devoted team, was to everyone's taste, as proved by the applause of the diners when Br. Bernard Beaudin, provincial, gave them some well-merited congratulations on their preparation and presentation of the dishes.

Finally, Br. Rodrigue Dion, superior, had had a souvenir gift prepared for our noted visitors: a red album with the title: GALERIE CHAMPAGNAT - CHÂTEAU-RICHER

This album, a product of our bindery, contained the photos of the Champagnat Gallery taken by Br. Yvon Bédard some days earlier. This souvenir will be a reminder to them of their visit to Québec on 12 September 2010. It might also suggest to certain of the visitors the idea of a like initiative in their own countries to honour this giant among educators of youth: Saint Marcellin Champagnat.

Finally, our guests visited our Marist Provincial Museum, the MPM, recently rearranged by Br. Paul-André Lavoie, assisted by Monsieur Jean-François Haller and Madame Marie-France.

12 September 2010: a great and unforgettable day for our House of Château-Richer and the Brothers of the Province of Canada!



### Marist Kumasi Novitiate, Ghana

On the 8th of September, the feast day of the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, seven new candidates were admitted into the novitiate to start their novitiate formation

# Champagnat's dream on Haitian soil

## 25th anniversary of the Marist presence in Haiti

Unless the Lord build the house, the builders work in vain (Ps 126). It is now 25 years that we have been building, with the help of God, Champagnat's dream on Haitian soil. We already feel full of hope and filled with blessings. A large number of Haitians recall the boldness of the first five Canadian Brothers: Gérald Gatién, Gilles Lacasse, Daniel Cournoyer, Gilles Hogues and Marcel Labarre who, leaving their land, ventured into the unknown of the mission of Haiti.

The Marist foundation started at Dame-Marie, where we now have a primary school and a secondary school going as far as 'terminale' (philosophy). The sowing has borne its fruits and we now have two other centres of apostolate: a secondary school up to school-leaving certificate at Latibolière and a postulancy at Jérémie. As part of those fruits, we can also mention our former students working in the public services, the many priests and the young Brothers who are now the hope of Marist Haiti.

This anniversary celebration was magnificently enhanced by the visit of Brothers Emili Turú, Superior General, Manuel Franco, Vice-Provincial of the Province of « México Occidental », to which Haiti has belonged since January 2008, and Clément Rondeau, a Canadian who has devoted many years of his life to the mission of Haiti. The Superior General and the Vice-Provincial visited our three communities, beginning with the postulancy at Jérémie. The following day, they went to Latibolière, where they took part in the meeting of the teachers of our school « Al-



exandre Dumas » and shared some time with the Brothers of the community.

The day after, they left very early for Dame-Marie, where they took part in the meeting of the teachers from our schools « Notre-Dame de Fatima » and « Notre-Dame de la Nativité ». At the latter, they inaugurated the new buildings. Brother Superior General presented certificates of thanks to several teachers and workers who have given 10 to 25 years of service to our works. In the afternoon, Br. Emili met all the Brothers and young people in formation of the sector to share a convivial supper. The employees of our communities (cooks, ground staff, housekeepers...) were also invited to this great festive occasion and they all received certificates of recognition for the number of years of service rendered to our local communities.

Next morning, a thanksgiving Mass

was celebrated at Dame-Marie, with some of our students and former students in attendance. At midday, we savoured dishes of Haitian gastronomy offered by the former students and parents of our young Brothers, novices, postulants and aspirants.

In the afternoon, Br Emili met with the Brothers and future novices of the sector to discuss our Marist situation, our hopes, and our challenges as a sector. Finally, after supper, the Brothers from our other works and overseas returned to their communities.

We offer a great thank you to the Lord for having given us this opportunity to discover a Marist life full of hope, and to see the realisation of Marcellin Champagnat's dream in Haiti. We, the Mexican and Haitian Brothers, feel proud to have received such a beautiful inheritance from you, our Canadian Brothers.

