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## Constitutions and Statutes

The Brothers of the General House receive the new edition



The brothers of the General Council and the General Administration took part in a simple ceremony together during which the Superior General presented to them the new edition of the Constitutions and Statutes. This took place during the Eucharist on the 26th of February 2011 in the chapel of the General Administration community. After communion, before presenting the work, Brother Emili addressed a few words to the brothers, encouraging them to receive this document as a project of community life for the whole Institute which would help us on the way towards celebrating the second centenary of the foundation of the Institute (2017).

Copies of the new edition, in the four languages of the Institute, were placed in

the centre of the chapel at the foot of a statue of Saint Marcellin, against which there was a copy of the first edition of the Rule presented to the brothers in 1837. This sign was intended to show the communion of the whole journey of holiness made by the Institute from its origins up to our time. Thousands of Marist brothers have lived their religious and apostolic lives under the guidance of this Rule of life which has been adapted to the requirements of the times.

Together with the copy of the Constitutions, Brother Emili presented each brother with a holy card representing Mary at Pentecost surrounded by many persons. This icon shows Mary occupying the central place in the Cenacle, among

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the apostles, placing in relief her central role in the origin and animation of the Church. In this way, Brother Emili wanted to insist on one of his favourite themes: that the brothers take Mary as reference point in their attitudes with respect to the Church, in order to build a Church like the one founded by Mary on her faith and surrender to the Lord.

The new edition presented to the brothers brings together the various changes made at different times by the last three General Chapters (1993, 2001 and 2009). It also presents them in a unified way to the whole Institute, in format, graphic lay out, harmonisation of the translations and numbering of each of the articles or respective Statutes.

The pages containing the normative proper law of the Institute are complemented by the Spiritual Testament of Marcellin Champagnat, in accord with the practice since the 1844 edition, followed by an extensive analytical index to facilitate the finding of themes in the text.



# Province of South Asia

## 4 newly professed Brothers

Saturday the 26th of February 2011 four of our novices who had completed their novitiate formation made their first profession during a meaningful Eucharistic celebration held ceremoniously at the Marist Novitiate Chapel. A Large number of Brothers, Priests Sisters and other invitees were present on this joyful occasion.

Rev. Father Henry Silva the Director for Bible Apostolate, in the Arch Diocese of Colombo was the Chief Celebrant. Rev. Fathers Gregory Fernando, the parish priest of Ja-Ela and Krishntha o.m.i the chaplain of De Mazenod College, Kandana were the concelebrants. Brother Joeseeph Peiris was the Master of Ceremony.

The novices were brought to the Novitiate Chapel in a procession to the beatings of 'Magul Bera'. Just before the beginning of holy mass a ritual of Arati, an Indian form of ritual was performed where a sacred song was sung and the Chief celebrant and the congregation were welcomed and blessed with the circulating of a lamp.

After the reading of the Holy Scriptures and the homily, it was the time for the rite of Profession. Brother Chinappan the Novice Master called out the names of the Novices to be professed and invited them to be examined by



Brother Shanthi Liyanage, the Provincial of South Asia.

Navinda Fernando, from Sri Lanka, Imran Yousaf from Pakistan, Jiji Dhasan and Riyas Arulthasan from South India made their first Vows. Brother Provincial accepted the vows on behalf of Rev. Brother Superior General. The newly professed Brothers were given cords by Brother Provincial and the Novice Master.

Jude Pradeep of India and Zubair Yaqub of Pakistan were given the Religious habits to mark the commencement of their Second Year of Formation while Brothers Chamara Hettiarachchi of Sri

Lanka and Albert Anthonysamy renewed their temporary vows for one more year.

After the Holy mass the newly professed Brothers were warmly greeted and congratulated by all those who were present. Thereafter everyone took part in a festive lunch and dispersed thanking and praising God for the gift of four young men to the Marist Congregation.

May the intercession of Blessed Mother and St. Marcellin Champagnat enable all of us to persevere in our vocation.



# English Midlife Spiritual Renewal Programme

Manziana - 23 January– 10 June 2011

On the afternoon of 23 January, 5 Brothers gathered at the General House to travel to Manziana to join with the other 7 Brothers to begin their Renewal programme. The Team had prepared well for their arrival and the Brothers felt very welcomed. The first week was used to allow the Brothers to slow down and reflect on their hopes for the Programme. Each Brother was invited to share the highlights of his life as a Brother. Listening to one Brother after another proved to be inspirational as well as helpful in getting to know each other. Bro. Phocas due to his visa problem only managed to join us on 29 January.



The programme covers a wide range of areas of Mid-life issues. After the first week of orientation into the programme with the wholistic living that help us to look at our own health issues. As the weeks proceed there will be time to look at the transitions that are part of our present stage of life and Religious life as lived in our Communities. We expect we will be able to look at choices of the heart and the model of Mary as the First Disciple.

Among the hopes expressed by the brothers are that the mid life program will help them to:

- \* Discover and nurture my inner life
- \* Rediscover and reclaim myself as a true disciple of Champagnat.
- \* Understand my mid life experiences and understand my new mission.
- \* Have a break, to rest and restore balance in my life and above all to reconnect with my inner life.
- \* Understand myself, accept my vocation and to be a balanced brother

in deed and truth.

- \* Find a deep meaning about my life in the Marist Brothers and to open my eyes to see clearly the presence of God in others.
- \* Accept what is happening with me and to re-energise me and to enable me to be available to what is to come.
- \* Looking forward to share life in an international Marist community and living life together.

### Brothers attending

1. Adrien Mercier – He has been working in Central African Republic for 27 years before last year being appointed to teach Mathematics at Lycee Saint Marcellin Champagnat in Berberati, Central Africa Republic. On contract with the Province of Africa Central East. (Hermitage)
2. Anthony Tay – For the past 5 years Br Anthony has been Principal of Catholic High School in Sibu, Malaysia. (East Asia)

3. Domingo Lee – For the past 2 years he has been the Director of the Marist Home for the intellectually challenged boys in Chung Joo, Korea. (East Asia)
4. Evans Okpalanchedo – Has for the past two years been Deputy Director of the Hopeville Rehabilitation Centre in Uturu, Nigeria. (Nigeria)
5. Greg McDonald – For the past 7 years he has been the Coordinator of Youth Ministry at Marist College Canberra and 4 years as Community Leader. (Sydney)
6. Alphonse Balombe – originates from the Marist community – Kisanгани in the Democratic Republic of Congo. (Africa Central East)
7. Guy Yuangi – is teaching English to French speaking Year 11 and 12 students at St. Michel College, Santo in Vanuatu. (District of Melanesia)
8. John Hilet – For the past 6 years Br

John has been Principal of Red Bend Catholic College. A Year 7 – 12 Co-educational Boarding College located at Forbes in the Central West of NSW. (Melbourne)

9. Lawrence Ndawala –Has just completed 6 years as the Provincial of Southern Africa. (Southern Africa)

10. Noel Fernandez – For the past 6 years Br. Noel has been Principal of both Grade School and High School of Notre Dame of Kidapawan – Integrated Basic Education Department in the Philippines. (East Asia)

11. Phocas Ndagijimana – For the past 6 years he has been the Principal of TTC Mururu Secondary School,

Rwanda. (Africa Central East)

12. Samisoni Talia – Is teaching at St Joseph’s College in Apia, Samoa. (New Zealand)

13. Todd Patenaude - Most recently Br Todd has been running an Adventure Retreat Program for a number of different groups including, High School Students, College Students, Sports Teams, Doctors and Teachers. (USA)

**Supporting us in our time here are the team**

1. Father John Allardyce SM – New Zealand

2. Barry Burns – New Zealand

3. Antoine Kazindu – Africa Central East

4. Anthony Hunt - Sydney

An integral part of the program is a directed retreat at Nemi. At the conclusion of the program there will be a 16 days of pilgrimage to Champagnat Country.

The programme also has time for a trip to Subiaco, Assisi and a Papal Audience. We are all looking forward to the weeks ahead with gratitude in our hearts, towards the members of the Team and the members of our Provinces who are continuing the home ministries while we take part in this period of renewal.



# Marist presence in Sri Lanka

## Celebrating 100 years of dedicated service

The Marist Brothers will soon complete 100 years of their dedicated service to the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka. The pioneer Brothers of the Marist Congregation reached Sri Lanka in 1911 at the request of the Jesuit Fathers. These European Brothers first served at St. Michael’s College in Baticaloa. They were to leave Sri Lanka in 1917 as their contract was over. However, the then Archbishop of Colombo requested that the Brothers assume responsibility for St. Mary’s College, Negombo in 1917. Thus they settled in Negombo and spread throughout the land, including to the places where they are today. On the 2nd of January 2011 all the Marist Brothers in Sri Lanka, their past students and well wishers gathered round the Altar at Maris Stella College Chapel, Negombo to inaugurate this Jubilee year. Its theme is, “LIFE GIVING WATER.” Rev. Rasaih Jayaraj, SJ was the main celebrant and at the Entrance Rite Brother Shanthi Liyenage greeted all in attendance and gave an overview



of the pilgrimage of the Marist Brothers to this point in their history.

After Communion the Jubilee proclamation message was brought to the altar by the eldest and the youngest Brother to the tune of “Magul Bera and Traditional Dance.” It was solemnly proclaimed by Brother Shanthi

and all the brothers and the participants praised and thanked God for the glorious things He has done for the Marist Brothers throughout the past 99 years.

The celebration ended with a Fellowship lunch at the Marcellin Nivasa.

