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Enlarged General Council of Marist Europe

Those responsible for Marist Europe give the region a push



Brother Superior General and his Council invited the Provincial Councils of Europe to a meeting at the Hermitage (France) from 13 to 16 March 2011. This brought together the Councils of five provinces: Compostela, Central West Europe, Ibérica, L'Hermitage and Mediter-ránea. The region of Europe has a new configuration on the European map since restructuring. Now it covers 17 countries, distributed as follows:

which was incorporated in the Province on 12 July 2003.

* **The Province of L'Hermitage** completed restructuring on 29 July 2003. It includes Argelia, Spain (Catalonia), France, Greece, Hungary and Switzerland. The Swiss communities were incorporated into the former Province of Beaucamps-St. Genis on 30 December 1999 and then passed to the Hermitage.

* **Compostela.** Completed restructuring on 2 January 2004 and is present in Spain (Castilla + León), Honduras and Portugal

* **Mediterránea.** Date of restructuring: 6 August 2003. Present in Spain (Bética + Levante), Italy, Lebanon and Syria. The communities of Lebanon and Syria were incorporated in the former Bética Province on 30 June 2000.

* **Central West Europe.** Date of restructuring: 15 April 2000. Includes Germany, Belgium, Great Britain, Holland and Ireland

The brothers in Europe are distributed as follows: Compostela (227), Central West Europe (147), Ibérica (183), L'Hermitage (350) and Mediterránea (229). In total: 1,136.

* **Ibérica.** Restructuring completed on 26 November 2003. Currently present in Spain (Madrid + Norte) and Rumania,

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Objectives of the meeting

The brothers propose during this time to analyze the situation of the provinces of Europe and their prospects for the coming years, within the present context of the Church and Religious Life on the continent. To construct together, with realism and faith, a vision for Marist life

in Europe, taking as starting point the calls of the 21 General Chapter as well as the progress made by each province in response to this call: What is the "new land" to which we are called to journey collectively in Europe? To define the main options for the future as Marist Europe for the next few years in accord with the vision formulated.

To proceed, they propose to adopt a methodology of participative type facilitating maximum interaction, giving value to the richness of each group. To favour fraternal dialogue as basic attitude: what is the Lord saying to us for the life of the Institute and for our activity as leaders through an attentive listening.



Final Vows in Pakistan

Brother Adnan Asif

On February the 26th one could very well, sing out aloud with Mary to the Lord, "The Lord has done great things for me". Last Saturday, we the Marist Brothers in Pakistan had Brother Adnan Asif, making his Final Vows. Along with Mary, Brother Adnan said, YES, to venture out into new lands, in Marist way of life.



The evening, at John Paul II Boys Town, the boarders made the night very colourful with singing dancing and various other activities. Number of rituals were celebrated by the family members of Brother Adnan, Brothers and the hostellers. There was great rejoicing and celebration by all those connected to Brother Adnan and the Marist Brothers.

Bishop Rufin Anthony, the Bishop of Rawalpindi Islamabad diocese was the chief celebrant, along with number of Priests. He compared the Marist Brothers with a rose, adding beauty to the garden of God. He appreciated and valued the work done by the Brothers and encouraged vocations to our way of life.

Bro. Paul Bhatti, the provincial delegate in Pakistan, received the Vows on behalf of Br. Emili Turu. All the Brothers in Pakistan joined Adnan in celebrating his day. Many Religious, friends, relatives and family members of Brother Adnan were present to witness the Vows.

In the vote of thanks, Adnan was grateful to all those who have been support to him during his initial formation and organizing his Final Vows.

Bro. Paul Bhatti, extended special thanks to the family members of Br. Adnan for the gift of his life to the

Congregation. He also thanked Bro. Adnan for taking such a bold step in offering total commitment to religious life. Certainly it is a challenge for many young men.

On the same day, two young Pakistani Brothers, Francis Rahmat and Kamran Younas renewed their Vows. It was another simple but beautiful time to rejoice and celebrate.

At the end of the programme, all the invitees joined for a delicious meal.

Pakistan also received the gift of another Pakistani Brother. Bro. Imran Yousaf, who was one of those four Brothers who made their first profession in Tudella, Sri Lanka.

So, we the Marist all over the world and especially in Pakistan, join Adnan, Francis, Kamran and Imran and say, "The Lord has done great things for us."

Paul & Kamran. FMS



By being brothers, we open up new ways of life

Meeting with the community animators in the Province of «América Central»

Many years ago, a sailor, hoisted up a mast and in the gloom of discouragement, saw the light and shouted: Land, land! And this shout in the midst of a stormy sea awakened hope, broke the tension, and opened the passage to a universal story.

The sound of this new and prophetic hymn – «With Mary, go in haste to the new land» - would indicate that the moment has arrived for some prophet of the consecrated life – for some, tired and insignificant, for others, discredited, for the more enlightened, under attack from terrorist surliness or, perhaps in real crisis – to come out shouting: communities, communities! and they would free themselves from the alarms of sensibility to discover this great GIFT of God to the Church, a gift which, lived and shared today, is certainly an incendiary spark?

From 18 to 20 February, the Province of «América Central» brought together its community animators. From Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Porto Rico, Cuba and Honduras, they were given rendez-vous, at the voice of the Spirit which awaited us under the simplicity of the motto: «BY BEING BROTHERS, WE OPEN UP NEW WAYS OF LIFE».

The fraternal greeting, the farewell accolade, the reflection, the harmony, the family atmosphere, the visit of the elderly brothers of the Champagnat Home, the daily prayer, the presence of Mary and the kiss of peace at each Mass: so many brotherly gestures and sensible gifts of the Spirit which helped us maintain and continue the renewal



of our communities.

As a result, we would become «seekers for God», «dreamers of reachable stars», «men touched by joy and hope» and «Marist Brothers who have discovered that it is the centrality of Christ and the experience of Lectio Divina which will renew our consecrated life».

Creativity led us to take a further step and ask ourselves: what communities do we want for today and for the future? The replies have made up an interesting project, full of all sorts of challenges, which we simply share with you.

- * We imagine a Marist community where our retired brothers are a great reference point, where we concern ourselves with their state of health, their spaces for formation, their occupations, their rest.
- * To revitalize the fascination of community life and mission.
- * To be a parable of communion and apostolic brotherhood.
- * To spend a life in common in a community of life.

- * To promote the quality of personal relationships which lead us to become more human.
- * Life in the rhythm of the Word (Lectio Divina).
- * In the company of the pilgrim Mary.
- * To produce dynamisms of life.
- * For our lay companions to be welcome in our family.

The scenes, lighting, contrasts, landscapes, rhythms, leading actors and the mode of fantasy of this great film of Marist consecrated life in community are there in each of the nine Beatitudes which challenge us to change, to 'fair-play', to be «as we should».

And there we are, with the power and freshness of the Spirit, sent to live the same Gospel, but in different fields, cultures, ideologies, and ages. It is the time of the Spirit who wants to renew all things.

We, amateur artists, receive not a big brush but fine brushes to create atmospheres of light, diffuse the shadows,

open spaces of vital communication. It is not allowed to paint caricatures of consecrated men or women; paint rainbows of colours, ranges with gestures of solidarity and love; paint our communities with open doors and windows, round tables which echo what happens to us daily in the mission. At the centre of your sails (community), place a Jesus on earth who eats, laughs, tells jokes, congratulates, embraces, walks, prays, shares...

Courage, animator and brothers of our communities; it is all of us who build

and write the history of our communities. Let us remember that every dissatisfaction, every failure, is personal and community; in the same way that every joy and benefit for the community are from all, from the Spirit and from us.

There is no renewal in a void; renewal has the face and age of a man or woman; it has its own identity.

So, «artists, take up your brushes!», the time of RENEWAL has arrived.

Br. Teódulo Hernando.



Novice for Sydney Province

Br. Daniel Lynch

On March 6, one month after his arrival in Canberra Daniel Lynch was formally accepted into the Novitiate Formation Programme in a simple, prayerful ceremony by Br Jeffrey Crowe, Provincial. Supporting Daniel were the Canberra Community including Br Kevin Herlihy. We were joined by Br Michael Flanagan, Daniel's Master of Postulants, Br Tony Leon his Vocation Director, and Br Michael Hill the Chair of the Oceania Formation Commission. Br Tony Caddy Formation Director, Br Patrick Connell newly professed, and Ash Higgins – postulant were present with us from Melbourne with Gerard Barklmore – postulant from Forbes.

During the Ceremony Daniel was presented with the Institute Cross by Br Jeffrey, the Constitutions by Br Tony Shears, a Prayer candle by Br Lawrie Mc Cane, an Icon of Jesus & Mary by Br Michael Flanagan.

As part of the Novitiate programme Daniel will attend Kairos - the Inter congregational Novices Seminars at the SVD formation house at Epping, Sydney weekly till the end of June. This will begin next week. The Community at North Sydney will generously continue to offer a Sydney home to the Novitiate once again.

There will be about 17 Novices from a variety of congregations also attending Kairos. It will be a good mixture of men and women. Interestingly, there will be members of 3 of the 4 branches of the Marist Family on the programme for the first time. 2 Novices from the Marist Missionary Sisters, 2 from the Marist Sisters for 3 months and Daniel. Daniel will most probably be the only non clerical male novice as well.



Province of «Brasil Centro-Sul»

The Assembly on Ministry brings 150 persons together in Curitiba

The Province of «Brasil Centro-Sul» held an Assembly on Ministry from 1 to 3 March, at the Centre Marcellin Champagnat in Curitiba – PR. Some 150 persons met with the aim of attaining the following objectives: review the progress of ministry in the Province from 2003 to 2010; hear about the successes, challenges and projects deriving from the «Mantenedoras» (juridical entities responsible for the Marist schools of Brasil) of the Marist Enterprises and Units as far as the institutional mission was concerned; reflect on the fundamental calls of the XXI General Chapter and the challenges currently arising; consolidate the main lines of action for evangelization of the Marist Ministry of the Province of «Brasil Centro-Sul» (PMBCS) and suggest new horizons ; promote attentiveness to the voices of the PMBCS on the action of evangelisation.

As methodology, the assembly started from considering the actual situations, with particular attention to the main pastoral initiatives implemented, identifying progress, gaps, and dreams. From the systematisation of the data collected, preliminary propositions were made, capable of orientating the discussions during the meeting. Thus, beginning with the central question: «What is the new land to which we are called to journey?», the participants were invited to indicate the main horizons of the pastoral action of the Province for the next few years. To guide the reflection, the assembly benefited from moments of celebration, the help of Prof. Jung Mo Sung and the report on the results of the research on Beliefs and Values carried out with the pupils of Intermediate Teaching of Marist Brazil.

