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## Central-East Africa Province Provincial Assembly - Goma, D. Rep. of Congo



From 13 to 16 April in the city of Goma (Democratic Republic of Congo), on the shore of the beautiful lake Kivu, we held our Provincial Assembly. This assembly was prepared by three regional assemblies held, during 2010, in Orero (Kenya), Save (Rwanda) and Kisangani (Democratic Republic of Congo).

A total of 43 Brothers and 12 lay people, coming from the 17 communities and 5 countries that compose the Province, met for this event.

Br. Valentin, Provincial, opened the Assembly welcoming all participants, stressing the richness of the participation bringing together Brothers and Lay people from all over the Province. He reminded us of the importance and transcendence of the meeting.

We began each day around the table of the Lord in the celebration of the Eucharist, in such a way that it set the rhythm and spirit for the work of the day.

Brothers Albert Nzabonaliba and Teodoro Grageda (Provincial Councillors) presented the proposals from the three different regional assemblies and the draft of the "strategic development plan" (SDP) as basis for the reflection of the assembly.

At the same time they explained to us that, taking these two documents as "working documents," the Provincial Council invited us all to draw up the strategic development plan that will help us move forward as Province for the next 5 years.

Then Brothers Antonio Ramalho and Ernesto Sanchez (General Councilors) took charge to co-ordinate the reflection and dialogue of the assembly, dividing us in 7 round tables to study in more depth each one of the seven areas proposed in the draft SDP.

Through a very interactive dynamic, the whole assembly was able to provide more inputs into the work presented by each table. At the end of three very intensive days, we produced a more detailed plan in which we can all see reflected our ideas and dreams for our Province.

Br. Michael Oruche, from the Province of Nigeria, shared with us the experience of his Province. A very insightful contribution to our sharing.

During the evenings we had lively social times which also helped us to interact with one another and to celebrate our being together and some special events

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in the lives of our Brothers, like the silver jubilee of Br. Albert Nzabonaliba.

At the end of the assembly, we all shared a sense of brotherhood and

renewed enthusiasm to develop our young Province.

We are most grateful to Br. Provincial and his council for organizing this assembly, and to Brothers Antonio and

Ernesto for their co-ordination. We eagerly look forward to the next opportunity to come together around Jesus and our good Mother.

Bro. Kiko Baeza, Provincial Secretary.



## BE-LIV-IN' ... in Christ

### Vocations Easter 2011 - Roxos, Spain

For some years, the Vocations Team of Europe has been organizing an Easter celebration in Roxos (Santiago de Compostela). This time, those invited were young people of 22 and over who were planning their life vocations within the Marist ambit. So from the afternoon of Holy Wednesday to the morning of Easter Sunday, 9 young people (5 from Ibérica, 2 from Mediterránea and 2 novices from Compostela) met with 6 brothers (2 from the novitiate, 2 from Mediterránea, 1 from Ibérica and Br. César Rojas, of the Bureau of Brothers Today). We represented 4 nations: Spain, Italy, Portugal and Colombia. Although three youth and a brother were going to come from Syria, in the end they could not take part because of the social upheaval in their country. We kept them in mind during our meeting.

We came with three clear objectives: to celebrate the mysteries of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus, to continue discerning our call, and to share our own journey of searching.

We organized the topics around the theme of the summer Marist Youth Encounter: BE-LIV-IN'. Centred on being, life and interiority. With this programme, the mornings were times of reflection and personal prayer with



time for personal accompaniment, and the afternoons were occupied with group work.

Thus, the work of Holy Thursday (BE) revolved around love and the following of Jesus. In the afternoon, Br. César shared with us the witness of some persons and works of his Province of Norandina. In this way he illustrated in a living manner the theme reflected on in the morning. The Lord's Supper and the prayer of Gethsemane served to celebrate what we had lived during the day.

Good Friday (LIV) introduced us to the theme of death-life of Jesus. The reflection oriented us towards discovering the role of the heart in our vocation and the discovery of our personal wounds. The afternoon was devoted to the testimony of the Cistercian monks of Tibhirine (Algeria) through the film

"Of gods and men". The Way of the Cross as well as the Death of the Lord helped us to light up our life through faith. We ended our day around the Cross.

Saturday (IN) was an invitation to interiority. For this, the morning was empty except for three moments around Mary. The afternoon's reflections centred on the topic of the difficulties of our vocation. A time of sharing by provinces and of evaluation prepared us for living the paschal vigil in the parish church of Villastrexe, near our house in Roxos.

On Sunday morning, we met to celebrate the missioning which invited us to accept God's plan for each of us and to discover the life budding around us.

These four days were certainly a Passover, that is to say, the passing of God through our lives. The personal richness of each one, the depth of sharing, the joyful and cordial personal relationships,... made us feel like a family and helped us recognize our own vocation as brothers and laity and gave us courage to continue living it with intensity. A moment providing energy for the return to Galilee to meet the Risen One.

Br. Juan Carlos Fuertes



# Youth Easter on the Pearl of the south

## Cuba: Preparation for the Jubilee of the Virgin of "Caridad del Cobre"

**W**ishing to live our 'young' Easter in the light of preparations for the Jubilee of the Virgin of "Caridad del Cobre", the young people of the diocese of Cienfuegos met once more in an ambiance of joy to proclaim that Jesus Christ, Lord of life and history, is journeying with Cuban youth, here and now.

The first part of the day was spent at the Botanic Garden of Cienfuegos, third in the world in the category of tropical gardens. We also felt that the contact with nature was inviting us spontaneously to peace and harmony with the God of life. We welcomed each of the communities of the centre and the outskirts of the city: Aguada, Abreus, Cumanayagua, Trinidad and the east zone of our diocese.

The central moment of the morning consisted of presenting, in a climate of prayer, Mary's life project in rapport with that of youth. We believe that the whole life of Mary is a response of love and openness to the action of God. This is how we see her at the Annunciation, the Visitation, in Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Cana, on Calvary, at the Resurrection of her Son and in the life of the first Christian communities.

We had times for sharing our research on a life project: Who am I and what do I want to be? What meaning and value do I want to give to my life? What am I living for? How do I want to spend my life? How does God enter into my life project? What is Mary saying to me for my project?



Another important moment was the celebration of the eucharist, presided over by our bishop, Mgr Domingo Oropesa, as a community of youth on the move and searching, where

Mother of the Risen Jesus, teach us to sincerely read the Gospel and translate it into our life project with all its unsettling consequences, in the radical spirit of the beatitudes and in the total risk of love which knows how to give its life for those one loves, in order to rise with your Son to a new life.

the Risen Christ gives himself to us as true food and the bread of everlasting life. The Word of God spoke to us of Christ's appearance to his Apostles and then to Thomas. This passage shows us the certainty of the Lord's resurrection and, through the mouth of Thomas himself, expresses the faith of all Christian generations in the risen Christ who continues to say to us: "Do not doubt any more, but only believe".

As young people, we will only experi-

ence the risen Jesus if we return to Galilee to follow him, walking behind him, continuing his cause, since the following of Christ is the only worthy expression of faith in him. For the youth of

today, it is in "Galilee" that Jesus continues to walk. It is there that he carries on his cause, the Kingdom of his Father, the cause of the life of the poor. It is there that he continues to share the table and the bread, to give sight back to the blind, to make the dumb speak, putting people on their feet so

that they can walk. It is there that he continues to live with the fishermen.

Young people, do not be afraid! We know you are looking for Jesus the Nazarean, the Crucified one. He is risen, so he is not in the empty tomb. Go and tell the youth of Cuba:

*Whoever follows Jesus, whoever continues his cause, will see him risen!*

*He is risen, alleluia!  
Jesus is living today!*





# Mission Assembly of the District of Melanesia

## Papua New Guinea: Mission Assembly of the District of Mela-

**T**he Marist Mission Assembly of the District of Melanesia was held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, from 25 to 28 April. The participants numbered 49: Brothers and laity of the four countries composing the District (Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu and New Caledonia) and three guests from Fiji and New Zealand. Br. Graham Neist, of the Province of Sydney, was animator. Those present also included Brothers from Rome: John Klein, General Councillor, and João Carlos do Prado, Director of the Mission Bureau.

The theme of the meeting was: «Gather Around the Fire». The participants discussed the meaning of the call of the XXI General Chapter– "With Mary, go in haste to a new land" - for the Marist mission in Melanesia. They took note too that the mission we are carrying out is the one God has entrusted to us through the Church.

Fire symbolism is characteristic of the cultures of the various peoples of the



region. The fire is very present in the lives of families and communities. It is around this that people reflect and discern their lives. The fire also contributes to unity and the strengthening of the mission community, restoring energy for all. Fire has been accepted as a symbol of unity, communion, sharing and co-responsibility between brothers and lay people in the Marist mission.

The Assembly has been considered an historic one by the Brothers. It is the first Mission Assembly held in the District. It has facilitated the sharing of experiences and questioning in the face of current challenges and helped construct a vision of the future with regard to the Marist presence and mission in Melanesia.



## Salamanca, Spain: Marist study days "Children 2.0"

**B**oys and girls 2.0 are the ones we have in our classrooms and groups, the ones parents have in their homes. For these are the children born with the net, the use of computers, remote control in hand and portable phone nearby. Expressions relating to these tools are common among them. They show intuition and interest in mathematical competitions. They are the generation 2.0. Children and young

people become movers in educational change following the appearance of computer and mathematical resources which revolutionize communication.

Analysis of this situation, the risks and insecurity access to the net poses for minors, necessary supervision and adequate controls, the distance educators and the school show in relation to the children, the updating and the necessary

mindset to adopt in the face of the culture 2.0 and the changes in methodology necessary in education, such were the objectives sought on the occasion of these IIInd Days, which were held on 7 and 8 April 2011 in Salamanca, organized by the Institute of Marist Studies (IEM) and the Normal School Luis Vives of the Faculty of Human and Social Sciences of the Pontifical University of Salamanca.

