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## Management with a view to values

### The Marist Province of "Brasil Centro-Sul" forms managers in Marist values

Baccalauréat, masters, doctorate, post-doctorate, languages and others, are the qualifications required for choosing the broad fields of the Brazilian enterprise market. But this is not enough for the Province of "Brasil Centro-Sul" (PMBCS), which is in train of passing to a professional management based on Marist values. So it has set up a four session Course for Managers, Management of Values, in which 60 persons have already taken part: superintendants, managers and administrators of "Mantenedoras" (juridical bodies responsible for the educational works). The group completed the course in France, the Marist cradle, in May.

The managers have to harmonise the val-

ues of the Institution with their daily professional work. With thousands of direct collaborators, the PMBCS works in the fields of education, solidarity, health, publishing, Convention Centres, Formation Centres, Universities, Communications, Hospitals, Social Centres and a Centre for the Protection of Children. Co-ordinating and reconciling all these aspects demands the capacity for harmonising professional training and spiritual values.

For the engineer Fábio José Ricardo, of the Infrastructure Sector, harmonising Marist values and professional practice has not been a challenge: "As I am Catholic, it has been easy for me to integrate the two aspects. I evaluate my work strategically,



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but always with the support of the values of the institution and those of my professional life. It is clear that in daily activities it is difficult to see the application of these values when I am developing the technical part, but the final result helps me believe in the mission".

"The course has contributed to my professional and personal formation. The reflections conducted at each stage have allowed me to understand that the institutional values have to be known, understood and deepened", affirms the director of the Schools Network, Isabel Cristina Michelan Azevedo. "For more than 15 years I have been part of the Institution, but this

course has helped me understand how to integrate the cultural dimension and the regular and strategic actions for a successful outcome of the activities."

**The cradle of the Marist Institute**

For one of the course creators, Br Joaquim Sperandio, of the Sector of Consecrated Life and Laity, it is essential to harmonise all the sectors of the Province's activities: "Following this process, we perceive something for the future, that is to say, we have the intention of working on many fronts, without abandoning our mission." According to Br Joaquim, the pilgrimage to the Hermitage, has further reinforced the values studied in the four modules: "The

idea was for all the managers to know at first hand the places significant for Marists, such as, for example, the place where our Founder lived."

The group also visited Rome and had the possibility of admiring, even if only rapidly, some of its historic beauties and to take part in the Papal audience on the morning of 18 May. The meeting with Br Emili Turú, Superior General, was very positive. He touched on the topics of the Marial face of the Church, the sharing of Champagnat's charism and the possibility for so many of our students to have contact with the Church and to receive a proposal for life.



# What am I that you should love me

## Philippines - Ten brothers profess their first vows

On 20th of May, on the occasion of Father Marcellin Champagnat's birthday, ten novices from East Asia Province professed their first vows at the chapel of San Carlos de Borromeo Parish in Maguindanao, Philippines. Reverend Bishop Jose Colin Bagaforo, DD presided the Eucharist, together with his co-presiders, in the presence of the Marist Brothers, parents and relatives, parishioners and visitors from different religious congregations.

The ten novices were: Br. Jeffrey Abian, Br. Ismael Catulong Jr (from the Diocese of Kidapawan), Br. Roel del Rosario, Br. Jano John Evangelista, Br. Clint Guanzon, Br. Adrian Mana-ay, Br. Dolph Franz Mejia, Br. Efren Savariz (from Archdiocese of Cotabato), Br. Jeffry Guino-o (from Diocese of Tagum), and Br. Alejandro Lagos III (from Diocese of Marbel).

Prior to their first profession, they already chose the theme, "What am I



that you should love me and hold me as your dearest love of all" as fruit of their retreat in preparation for the day of profession. It captures the core experience of their formation years. They chose deliberately the all-embracing and loving presence of God through Jesus Christ who embraces each one of them with an unconditional love. The theme itself was adopted from the song, "My Heart's Thanksgiving", by Himig Heswita.

Bishop Colin gave three points for

them to remember in responding and living out the call of God in their lives. First is to listen to God in many ways. To learn in the ways that God wants them to be; just like Jesus Christ to the Father, and lastly, to make extra effort in following Christ every day. These, according to the bishop, are the essence of prayer... life of prayer.

The Brother Provincial, Br. Manuel de Leon, delegate of the Superior General Emili Turu, accepted their vows in the presence of the whole assembly.



# The footsteps of Marcellin indicate our route

## Prov. México Central - Assembly of Marist youth

It was on the celebration of Marcellin Champagnat's birthday (May 20) that the first Provincial Assembly of Marist Youth from 18 to 25 commenced. It had two aims: Listen and share with the Marist youth of the Province, generate a new space for listening and dialogue for sharing of life, share about the local situations and their proposals for a new reality and determine on the provincial delegates to the International Marist Youth Meeting to be held in Madrid.

30 young people from 7 works, continuators of the dream of Champagnat, made up this multicoloured way leading to Jesus through Mary.

Brother Pepe Sánchez shared about Marcellin's encounter with the young Jean Baptist Montagne and the yes that changed his life. The youth expressed many questions, feelings and calls: Marcellin, are we going well? Was this your dream? Why did you believe in youth, in the ignorant? How can you make a person love God in a short time, or how convince him of the infinite love of God? How do I fill myself so as to fill others? What did Jean Baptiste Montagne feel while Champagnat was telling him about God?... "We identify with Montagne, and we see in many of you Champagnat, who with their support, help, struggle and listening, infect us and motivate us not to lose the faith, to do something for the rest, to go out to meet others".

In a variety of ways, the youth delegates shared their situations and their views on the various problems and also their dreams; there was an obvious climate of fraternity and simplicity, a wish to be participants of a new scenario

and a call to accompany them on this road.

The problems of Mexico today provided another space for reflection under the guidance of Brother Rodrigo Espinosa. It is certainly complicated to see a national panorama in a brief time, but it is important to try to enlarge one's views and respond with creativity and faith to situations lived today in our country.

One of the most significant moments was to learn about Marist responses to these situations. Coco Álvarez of Solidarity made us aware in a dynamic manner of the efforts being made in the Province: participation in Miravalles, Potoichan, Poza Rica, Ixtaltepec, Students and Teachers for Service, Special Groups, Educadys... The majority of our young people discovered and valued the effort, were astonished and asked questions, and were enthusiastic about the challenges and that something that was once a dream is now a realized project.

There was discussion in the age groups about their thoughts, dreams and needs, and the group continued to integrate in different ways. They were the main players in this meeting, shared life, found themselves enthused. It was a time for making their voice heard and for shaping it. Iván Chacón of the vocational field, spoke about being loved, called and sent, which means to believe as a dynamic process which



touches mind and heart.

The final day's prayer invited the Assembly to be "One in mind and heart" valuing what they had in common and giving witness of community (Acts 4:32-37).

Our youth believe in the God who loves them, listens to and accompanies them, they believe in you and me, they believe in Mexico, they believe in the charism of Jesus, Mary and Champagnat, they believe in the family and they believe in the life that springs from love.

Recognising themselves in what they believe marked the end of the first part of the Meeting, a photograph sought as one more of the many reminders of this weekend, while the salon was preparing to pronounce on and elect those who would speak on behalf of our youth, share our situation and the processes of the Youth Ministry of the Province.

Singing the Salve, we placed ourselves in Mary's hands at this moment, as a single family, as Marists of Champagnat.

# Marist Solidarity Network

## Brazil - The Social Centres take part in the Week devoted to games with the pupils

Educators are unanimous in saying that play is the one of the principal forms of expression for children. So, guaranteeing space and time for them to play with friends, parents or by themselves, is an essential condition for their development. It was in support of the right of children to play that the International Marist Solidarity Network organized a series of activities for the World Game Week (22-28 May 2011).

The Marist Solidarity Network of the Province of "Brasil Centro-Sul" conducts Social Units in the States of Paraná, Santa Catarina, São Paulo, Mato Grosso do Sul and in the Federal District. Nine of them work in Education at Nursery School level and look after 982 children from zero to six years old in the Social Centres of Itaquera, Ir. Justino and Robru, in São Paulo; Lar Feliz, in Santos; Santa

Mônica, in Ponta Grossa; Educacional Marista, in Curitiba; Champagnat, in Cascavel; Ir. Rivat, in Sambaia, Federal District and ProAção (Programa de Ação Comunitária e Ambiental) Irmã Eunice Benato, also in Curitiba.

During the World Play Week, the Network launched the campaign "Right to Play", seen through to a successful conclusion with the support of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). The campaign programmed ten initiatives to promote the right to play, such as "playing is not a waste of time", "play teaches respect for others" and "play allows children to express their imagination and creativity".

According to the Marist vision of education and formation of citizens, games stimulate children's creativity and contribute to integral develop-



ment. The legitimate time for play is directly linked to childhood, the time in life when fantasy, "storytelling" and "once upon a time" reinforce one another. The Universal Declaration of the Rights of Children (approved by the United Nations General Assembly in 1959), art. 31, underlines the right to play at the same time as the right to education: "The member states recognize the right of the child to rest and leisure, to be free to play and take part in recreational activities appropriate to his age, and to participate freely in cultural and artistic life."



# Province East Asia

## Six new novices received their habit

Five Filipino and one Korean received their habit on May 16, 2011 at Immaculate Conception Novitiate, known as Marist Brothers Novitiate in the following novices are: all from Philippine Sector, and from Korea Sector.

Each one also received a copy of the Institute's Constitution and Bylaws. The new Brother Novices begin to



study and live out their commitment as canonical novices for one year and

becoming missionary novices after a year.

The Eucharist was presided by Fr., a Marist Father while the habit-taking ceremony was done in the presence of the Brother Provincial, Br. Manuel De Leon, , the Director of Novices, Br. Demosthenes Calabria, the Director of Postulancy and other Brothers in the Novitiate.

