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## Updates

**30/06/2011:** Deceased Brother: Simeón Izquierdo Pascual (Ibérica)

**30/06/2011:** ChMMF - Fraternity Notre Dame de l'Hermitage - Santiago, Chile

**30/06/2011:** City of mercy, Tanzania

**29/06/2011:** Meeting of the Enlarged Bureau of Laity

**28/06/2011:** ChMMF - Fraternity Corazón sin fronteras - Santa Ana, El Salvador

**28/06/2011:** First profession in Kumasi, Ghana

**27/06/2011:** Deceased Brothers: Norberto Francisco Rauch (Rio Grande do Sul); Kevin Friel (Sydney); Alberto Antolín del Alba (Cruz del Sur)

**27/06/2011:** Evangelisation, education and defense of the rights of children

**26/06/2011:** Marial Mission at Tarauacá, Amazonia

**24/06/2011:** ChMMF - Fraternity "Encuentro" - Madrid, Spain

**24/06/2011:** Brothers over 90

**24/06/2011:** Fourth Inter-American congress of Marist solidarity

**24/06/2011:** A new edition of Marist history from 1786 to 2009

**23/06/2011:** Brazil - Preparation for the World Youth Day

## The murmur of the Gier Meeting of the Enlarged Bureau of Laity



The murmur of the waters of the Gier accompanied the first meeting of the new Enlarged Bureau of the Laity, held at the Hermitage from 30 May to 5 June 2011. Speaking of the Hermitage, Br Jean-Baptiste says that Marcellin, « after having seen everything and closely examined it, found nothing more suitable for a religious house ». The proximity of the Marist places, under the guidance of Br Benito Arbués and destination of an interior pilgrimage, was the meeting's source of inspiration. In building the house of the Hermitage, Marcellin built a family. For Tony, Agnes, Sylvain, Ana, Linda, Fabiano, Raúl and Javier, coming from five continents, the experience of the meeting meant knowing our families, listening to our vocation stories, appreciating our cultural accents and giving proof of our Marist heart. These days contributed to building brotherhood and creating communion.

In the course of our meeting, we were able to realize the statement in Around the same table: « Not only is there a place at the table for each one, but we need the others at our sides. » At certain moments of deep reflection, echos of the developments of these last years in the Institute arose with force: our Marist future is one of communion; brothers and laity, we can contribute to the birth of a new era for the Marist charism; from this new relationship the lay identity and the brother's identity can emerge with more force; the Marist charism is a gift we share with the whole Church; preferential attention to poor children and young people projects our missionary passion...

Our work agenda was dominated by the revision of the Action Plan for the three year term. We reworked this Plan, indicated matters of urgency, detailed the courses of action, reflected on the implications for

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each member of the Bureau and revised the calendar. Two meetings programmed required greater attention. First there was the Regional Meeting of teams or commissions for animating the laity, or rather, for the new brother-laity relationship. They will be held in Curitiba, Guatemala, El Escorial, this year of 2011, and in Asia and Australia at the beginning of 2012. The second meeting is intended to be a time of serious reflection on the lay Marist vocation, at Institute level, and is programmed for October 2012.

As this was the first meeting with the new members of the Bureau, the agenda was a heavy one. We recalled the horizon of our Bureau coming from the General Chapter. We spoke about the updating of the Champagnat Movement, processes of joint formation, a better linking up of the lay people, itineraries of conversion for

brothers as for laity. We pinpointed the more backward Regions of the Institut in this respect. We noted the different rhythms of the lay movement, in the Provinces as much as in the Regions. We dreamed of sustaining every shoot of Marist life and charismatic novelty emerging in our Regions.

We consecrated a whole afternoon to dialoguing about mixed communities. The presence of Br André, of the Mulhouse community; of Arturo, with his experience in Bolivia and at La Oliva; of Gianluca and Rosa, of the Giugliano community, and of Annie and Br Diogène, of the Hermitage community, enriched and inspired our exchange.

The murmur of the river, the vegetation of the valley savoured to us of fertility, of life offered. To recall the beautiful experiences of vitality spread around the geography of the Institute, to share

with the groups from Manziana and the Escorial, representing a great variety of Provinces and cultures, to appreciate the details of the welcome we received from the community of the Hermitage, to celebrate the feast of Saint Marcelin, all this was like a harmony coming from an orchestra, which joined the murmuring of the Gier. It recalled what Br Jean-Baptiste said: « the valley of the Hermitage is a picturesque and most delightful spot, especially in the spring. » Despite some rain, the days at the Hermitage had a tone of spring. For the members of the Enlarged Bureau of Laity, these days were tinted with communion, hope, the future, newness.

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Raúl and Javier.  
Bureau of Laity  
7 June 2011



# Twelve apostles of the youth

## Ghana: First profession in Kumasi

It all happened on the 11th of June, 2011 at the Catholic Parish of Trede Kumasi, Ghana. The entrance hymn for the day was carefully chosen to suit the occasion: "This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad, Amen". Our people say that a good day begins with a good sunset. The day indeed began with a good sunset in spite of the fact that we are in rainy season, and in fact every other thing follows suit. If you ask me why 11th June, 2011 was good, I will say that it was good because twelve apostles of the youth were born to the Institute of the Marist Brothers' of the schools. Six of these apostles came from Cameroon, one from Ghana and five from Nigeria.

Most Rev. Gabriel Justice Anokye, the Bishop of Obuasi diocese was

the main celebrant. In his homily, he encouraged the newly professed to keep the vow they have made, noting that some priests and religious are no longer serious with the vows they have made to the Lord. The occasion witnessed many priests and religious including formatees from different religious congregations. Parents and relations of some of the newly professed, especially Michael Telewa (son of the soil) were also in attendance. The new queen mother of Trede was also in attendance.

Br. Sylvain Yao, the district superior of West Africa, and the delegate of Superior General, received the vow while Br. Joachim Ezetulugo, the newly appointed provincial of Nigeria helped in girdling the cords around the waist of the newly professed



as a sign of chastity. The cord has three knots symbolizes the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty and obedience.

While we thank God for the gift of these young men, we keep praying for more vocations to the Church especially to the Marist way for life.

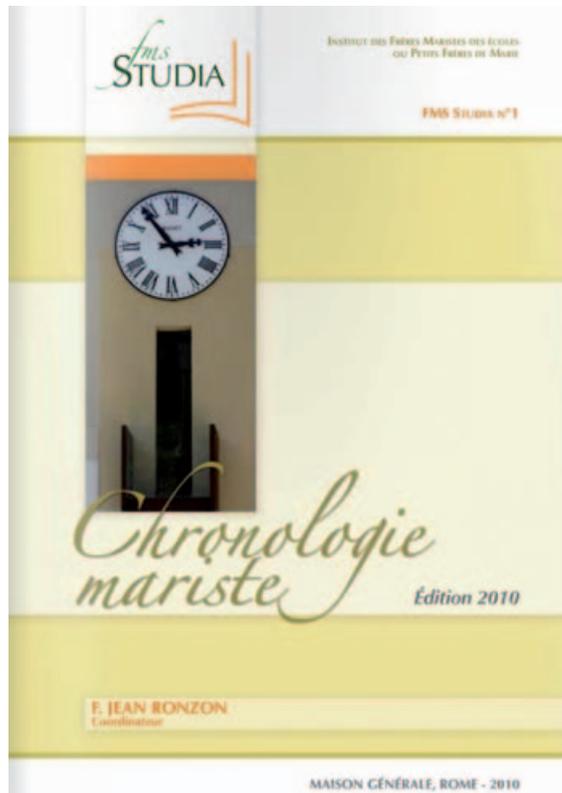


# Marist Chronology

## A new edition of Marist history from 1786 to 2009

During his service as Secretary General, Br Jean Ronzon co-ordinated the work of a team of qualified persons invited to draw up the work that has now been published. This new compilation of data developed from the first Chronology published on the occasion of the centenary of the Institute in 1917 and the subsequent edition of 1976. The present one will be referred to by the date of its publication. The "2010 edition" is a volume of 535 pages, printed in four colours, with tables and illustrations.

The information is distributed through six chapters with titles indicating the most significant stages in Marist history: 1. Before the foundation of the Institute up to 1816. Revolution and Empire: times of destruction and reconstruction (1789-1815). 2. Marcellin Champagnat and the Brothers in the Society of Mary project (1816-1840). 3. The work carried on by his disciples (1840-1903). 4. The Institute put to the test by global change (1903-1958). 5. From the Spirit of the Institute to Marist Spirituality (1958-1976). 6. Resistance, redistribution, deepening



(1796-2009). The volume is completed by 12 Appendices.

The text is divided into three columns for the year, with the corresponding information highlighted with a coloured band. Each year constitutes a section of its own, so that the information

for each new year begins on a new page. Where the information occupies more than one page, a shaded fringe marks the continuity. The first column gives the date of the data presented. It may be a precise date or an approximate indication (during the holidays, at the end of the month of..., during the year, etc.). The central broader column is devoted to the description of the events presented in the work. This text may come from different sources, and for this reason, it has been fragmented in some cases so that the different provenances may be appreciated visually. And the third column displays the references and annotations of the sources providing the data. The rest of the work contains footnotes, photographs, and graphics complementing the information.

The edition is published in French. Following the criteria set by the General Council for the collection FMS Studia, whose works will be published in the language of the author, no translations into other languages are envisaged.

600 copies of the edition have been printed. You can download the PDF on [www.champagnat.org](http://www.champagnat.org).



## Marial Mission at Tarauacá, Amazonia

Wishing to further the mission of evangelisation and mark the Marial Year in Brazil, the community of Tarauacá, Acre, in Brazilian Amazonia, organized a Marial Missionary Week. After intense reflection and good organisation, the parish of Tarauacá carried out, from 20 to 30 May, a vast programme to relaunch the missionary dimension of the Catholic Church in the region. Several congregations were involved in this mission: Spiritan Fathers, Sisters

of Notre-Dame, Marists (Brothers and lay persons, one Sister and a Father), as well as numerous lay people from the four parish communities affected. The Marist community, through the intermediary of Brothers Carlos Scottà and Braz Lanius, was fully involved in the project, organizing the infrastructure and programming. The communities of Sisters, Fathers and Brothers hosted the missionaries during the mission.



# Solidary heart

## Fourth Inter-American congress of Marist solidarity

We have started this walk since 2004, when the first congress of Marist solidarity took place in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, in 2006 in Belo Horizonte, Brasil and in 2009 in Belém, Brasil.

People have arrived to Mexico from different Marist Provinces and countries with the hope to give validation to the Inter-American document of solidarity, dialogue and share the experiences of the Provinces and districts that promote the reflection and dynamics of the Marist Solidary Heart network in America and become experts in the evangelization of children and youth and the defense of their rights.

Brother Ricardo Uriel Reynoso Ramírez, Provincial of Central Mexico, gave the participants the welcome to Mexico and the invitation to continue searching of ways to make Marcellin's dream a reality through the solidarity

The praying moments had as a central theme the message of the "Nican Mopohua", in the one we remember the experiences of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In a very simple way we have explained symbols and shapes that helped us, the ones who made a peregrination on the pursuit of a more fair and filled with solidarity society, to understand the mission that Our Lady of Guadalupe gave to us: "offer to the people who have a lot of poverty all of our love, protection, help and defense."

The Brother Emili Turú cheered the participation in his message for the encounter and shared; "we need your commitment, we need you to help us and to push us to dream ... We need to be people with a deep spirituality...", also, he expressed his gratitude



in the name of all of the Institution because each one of the participants contribute through their everyday mission to make the Marist community and the Church more credible.

During a lot of days the process of the construction of the document was overlooked, opinions and suggestions, a little by little we have been appropriating its contents to get it running and to let people know about it.

Brother João Carlos Do Prado communicated the projects, plans and lines of action of the Institute's Mission Secretariats

Sara Panciroli, and the Brothers. Vicente Falqueto, Manuel Mendoza y James Edward Jollie on a representation of the International Marist Solidarity Foundation (FMSI) explained that they (the FMSI) are here to help all of the Marist Provinces and the districts to implement the call of the XII general chapter: "to promote in all of the levels of the Institute, the rights of the children and youth and to promote them to the governments and the other public institutions".

Some of the tasks that have surged from this encounter are the necessity to strengthen the structure and dynamics of the Marist Solidarity Network, as well as linking our works with other organizations that promote the defense of the children and youth rights.

Almost at the end of this encounter there was a reflection of the tasks and suggestions for for the next three years, besides we chose the ones who will form the Sub-commission of Marist Solidarity. For the Northern Arch; Ma. Del Socorro Álvarez Noriega, part of the Central Mexico Province, on the South Cone, Juan Carlos Pellón, part of the Saint Mary Province, representing Brazil, Brother Miguel Antonio Orlandi, from the Rio Grande do Sul Province, who will be accompanied by Angelica Alegría from the Western Mexico Province, integrant of the Continental Mission Team.

America breathes and today as Champagnat Marists, brothers and laity people recognize that our hands weave the hope, that we are hearts that get united and transform, another world is possible for all of us.

