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General Council

Calendar July - September 2011



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July 4-7: Chapter Melanesia: E. Turú and M. De Waas

July 4-8: International Commission for the General House : J. Mc Kee and V. Preciado

July 10-14: Enlarged General Council - Asia

July 13: Regular Council meeting

July 16-23: Retreat Norandina, Quito: E. Turú, E. Kabanguka and J. M. Soteras

July 20-27: Retreat Mediterránea, Lavaronne: A. Ramalho and E. Sánchez

July 25-31: Retreat Norandina, Bogotá: E. Turú, E. Kabanguka and J. M. Soteras

Aug 2-6 : Retreat Mediterránea, Fuenteheridos: A. Ramalho and E. Sánchez

Aug 4 - Oct 2: Session Senderos, El Escorial

Aug 8: Regular Council meeting

Aug 10-15: Marist Youth encounter, Madrid: E. Turú, J. M. Soteras, E. Kabanguka, A. Ramato, C. Rojas and J. C. do Prado

Aug 10 - Oct 9: Third Age session Span-

ish/Portuguese, Manziana

Aug 11-18: Retreat Cameroon, E. Sánchez

Aug 14 - Sep 23: New Zealand Visit: J. Klein and M. De Waas

Aug 18 -31: Retreat RDCongo. ETurú and J. Mc Kee

Aug 23-30: Retreat Mediterránea - Líbano Siria: A. Ramalho and E. Sánchez

Sep 1-2: MIC Board Meeting, J. Mc Kee

Sep 1 - Oct 31: Sydney retreat and New Zealand visit, J. Klein and M. De Waas

Sep 3-6: CSAC Nairobi, A. Ramalho and J. Mc Kee

Sept 5-9: CIAP, Lujan, E. Turú, J. M. Soteras and E. Kabanguka

Sep 10: Meeting Provincials Arco Norte, ETurú, J. M. Sotera and, E. Kabanguka

Sep 11-20: Visit Cruz del Sur, E. Kabanguka and J. M. Soteras

Sep 20: Regular Council meeting

Sep 22 - Oct 27: Visit United States: E. Kabanguka and J. M. Soteras

Sep 25 - Oct 2: Sydney Province retreat: J. Klein and M. De Waas

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Awareness of belonging to the same network

In France the Marist Brothers assure the trusteeship of ten establishments

The Brother's trusteeship (*Tuttele*) takes in charge houses which no longer have Brother Directors or Brothers teaching. Its purpose is to maintain the climate which gave value to these institutions, a particular spirit inherited from Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Brothers, and his first disciples.



The establishments under trusteeship are often schools founded by religious congregations. These institutions perpetuate a long tradition. It should not be forgotten that teaching in France was for a long time assured by the Church, and that almost exclusively before the State took control.

At the beginning of the XX century, the religious congregations heavily involved in this service were excluded from official teaching. Numerous religious men and women after 1903 chose to become expatriates and carry on their mission abroad. After the second world war, tensions evaporated. In 1959, a sort of law of tolerance permitted the Catholic schools to be associated with the "public service of instruction". Most accepted going over to contracts with the State and thus contributing to the public service of teaching.

Religious teaching personnel were at that time very numerous. Then came the recruitment crisis and lay people

progressively replaced the Brothers. In contact with the religious, many became impregnated with their spirit, and maintained as best they could the spirit which had been the strength of the catholic establishments. The law of 1959, in addition, recognised and accepted that the schools under contract should preserve what was called their "proper character".

It is the trusteeship which has the responsibility of promoting the formation of the personnel to preserve the Marist spirit in these schools where those who have known the Brothers are becoming less and less numerous. The service of formation is an important means for maintaining the Marist spirit. It is the charge of Brother Henri Vignau, surrounded by a team of formators coming from various areas. Among them are persons who have come from the establishments themselves. Some, after a long time in Marist schools, try to transmit

what they have received from the Brothers.

Some time ago, the establishments under trusteeship in the northern sector of France met at Lagny (Seine-et-Marne) at "Saint-Laurent-La-Paix". Thanks to these regularly organized meetings, an awareness has developed of belonging to a single network. Times of conviviality and celebrations help people to get to know each other.

The directors and their pastoral assistants of the southern sector in their turn met at Bourg-de-Péage to study together how best to take up the pastoral mission entrusted to them.

It is the trusteeship which appoints the heads of the establishments who have the weighty responsibility of seeing that an evangelical climate reigns in the houses they direct. They are assisted in this role by the "pastoral assistants". They should be able to equally count on the "local Marist teams", the laity of their establishments impregnated with the Marist spirit and who try to radiate the convictions which animate them.

Br Bernard Méha, after an interview with M. Christophe Schietse, delegate to the trusteeship for the Marist establishments of France.

Programming of new projects

Commission of the Marist Spiritual Patrimony

The members of the Commission of the Marist Spiritual Patrimony met in Rome from 10 to 24 June. The aim of the meeting was to report on the activities carried out in the different regions of the Institute in connection with the Patrimony and to programme the next steps.

Planning was basically centred on preparations for producing a History of the Institute for publication in 2017, on the occasion of the second Centenary of the foundation of the Institute. To help the historians, Br Juan Moral has placed at their disposal a reference bibliography of the collections of documents in the Archives in Rome. Br Aureliano Brambila has drawn up a line of methodology for composing the Marist history of Mexico, which may be helpful in undertaking similar work in other Provinces. The proposal will be published in Marist Notebooks No. 30. For his part, Br André Lanfrey presented the outline of history of Marist France from its origins up to 1907.

In the area of programming, the commission has planned the contents of the next numbers of the Marist Notebook (30 and 31). The publication of *Origines des Frères Maristes*, which has just appeared in three volumes and which brings together all the documents relative to Champagnat, underlines the necessity of also undertaking the publication of the notebooks of Brs François and Jean-Baptiste. The appearance of the *Chronologie Mariste*, first number of FMS *Studia*, poses the need for defining policies for the priority and a rhythm of publication of the following numbers of this collection.

On 22 June, there was a meeting with representatives of the four Marist



branches. Among the participants were Fr. Bernard Bourtot sm and the sisters Jane Frances o'Corroll sm, Superior General and Bridget Brady, sm; Pauline Gresham, smsm, and Margaret Ryan, smsm. The day was consecrated to Mgr Pompallier, an important and controversial personage of the Marist origins, and also founder of the Church in New Zealand. The first session recalled the departure of the first members of the Society of Mary for Oceania and the blessing of the chapel of the Hermitage by Mgr Pompallier, both in 1836. The second session bore on the history of the different branches from the end of Vatican Council II up to the present. The day ended with a video about Mgr Pompallier (55'), made by French television on the occasion of the transfer of his remains from Paris to New Zealand (see it on our site).

During the meeting, the Patrimony Commission reflected on its own future. With the contracts of its members expiring in 2011-2012, this was the last session of the Commission set up by the preceding General Council. Work on the Patrimony of

the Institute has taken a great step forward since the setting up of the Commission of six members. At present, it is formed of Brothers André Lanfrey, Michael Green, Aureliano Brambila, Ivo Strovino, Jaume Parés, Robert Théo and Henri Réocreux (secretary). It has been necessary as well to harmonise with the new guidelines coming from the General Council. So the Commission now depends on the Bureau Brothers today, headed by Br César Rojas.

On another line, it has appeared necessary to co-ordinate formation, research and the new project of university formation "on line", based at the Marist University of Curitiba, Brazil.

During the closing Mass, Br Emili Turú presented an image of the Good Mother to each of the members of the Commission, thanking them for the "work accomplished in depth in cultivating the roots of the tree of the Institute, work whose results are only seen at the moment of harvesting the fruits".

Centenary of "ADEMAR Barcelona – La Inmaculada"

Recall the history, thank the persons, assure the continuity

On 29 April 2011, the celebration of the centenary of the Association of Former Students of the school "Maristas La Inmaculada" began in the main hall of the establishment. The first statutes of the Association of Former Students of the "Maristas La Inmaculada" school were approved in April 1912 (under the designation "Asociación de Antiguos Alumnos Maristas de Barcelona").



This association was founded when the school was in Rue Lauria, 38. The history of the establishment continued in Rue Valencia 370, site of the present school. The members of the Committee of Directors of our Association have been very numerous, as have been the former students who, in the course of the years, have belonged to the Association (those who have never been part are even more numerous). Many Brothers have been Advisers of the Association, and most of the school's Teams of Direction have always supported us. A great thank you to all!

The celebration of the centenary of our Association has just been launched, and the celebrations will continue for a whole year (April 2011 – April 2012). For this purpose, we have prepared a programme of activities which, we hope, will allow us to recall the event as it deserves. But we are convinced that what is most important on the occasion of this Centenary is to remember and thank all the persons who have made this history possible and

allow it to continue. So we invite you to aim at this triple objective: recall our history, thank those who have made it possible and assure its continuity.

The opening ceremony on 29 April was a resounding success. It was presided over by Br Andreu P. Sánchez, director of the school, Mr Francesc Torralba, Mrs Judit Gratacós, President of the Association of the Parents of Students of the school, Mr Jordi Cunillera, President of ADEMAR La Inmaculada, and Mr Albert Estany, Vice-president of ADEMAR la Inmaculada. It began with some words of greeting from the Director of the school to all those present. Br Andreu P. Sánchez also thanked the Association of Former Students for the work carried out all through its history, and hoped that this Centenary would be one more step on the Association's journey.

Then the President of ADEMAR La Inmaculada addressed those present, thanking all the persons who collaborated in the organizing of the Cente-

nary. He also insisted on the manner of attaining the triple objective mentioned above. We then had the pleasant surprise of hearing a message from the Superior General of the Marist Brothers, Br Emili Turú, delivered by video. We are very grateful to him for his words. The Provincial of the Hermitage, Br Maurice Berquet, also added to the messages of felicitation on

the occasion.

After the opening address, it was time to begin the central part of the inauguration. First, Dr. Francesc Torralba, philosopher and theologian, gave a remarkable conference on the theme: "To educate with enthusiasm", centred on the need to work with enthusiasm, as much for the educator as the person being educated. It was a brilliant presentation; everyone was convinced that if education generally as well as social activity was approached with enthusiasm, the future would be much better. The inauguration programme closed with a round of songs from the "Orfeó Badaloni" (Badalona Choir), which had chosen for the occasion an international repertoire – a musical promenade through many countries – with a view to presenting a global vision of the presence of the Marist Brothers in the world. The last piece interpreted, the hymn of the "Colegio La Inmaculada" of Sancho Marraco, was taken up in choir by all those present.



"To you who are working in our educational and social works, we invite you to encourage your students to transform their hearts, their lives and actions, so that they grow to be persons with respect for life, committed to the building of a just and solidarity-oriented society. Teach the students the importance of ecology, and encourage them to be willing to work towards a better and sustainable world. Realize that the idea of going out to a new land carries some implications: sharing the responsibility for mission, giving priority to evangelization, giving preference to the poor and least favored, and transmitting the Marist charism to a new generation of educators."

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