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Marist presence in Asia

Extended General Council in Bangkok



In its animation plan, the General Council includes the holding of Extended General Councils in the various regions of the Institute. This is one way of putting into operation the decisions of the XXI General Chapter regarding Animation and Government: The principal mission of the General Government (2009-2017) is the animation and government of the Institute. With the aim of achieving this mission, the principal focus of the General Government should be the accompaniment and animation of the leadership of the Provinces and Districts, especially of the Provincials and the District Superiors.

Among the methods indicated is the Extended General Council, which is a means by which the General Council in plenary meets the Councils of a Region, to accompany the Provincial and District Councils, learn about the actual situation of the Region, and exer-

cise co-responsibility in the animation and government of the Institute.

After the Extended General Council for Europe, held at the Hermitage from 13 to 16 March, it was the turn of the Region of Asia. The place chosen was the Camillian Pastoral Care Center, in the city of Bangkok, Thailand, from 10 to 13 July 2011.

The meeting began on the morning of the 10th July with the singing of the Salve Regina. Br Emili Turú pronounced the words of welcome and outlined the main objectives of the meeting:

- To get to know one another and share about the situations of the two Provinces (East Asia and South Asia) and the Sector AMAG (Mission Ad Gentes in Asia).
- To exchange about the ways the objec-

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tives of the XXI General Chapter are being put into operation in the Administrative Units and see what are the commitments leading to a New Land.

- To look for possibilities of common work for Marist Asia today.

The Superior General invited those present to look beyond their frontiers, to think as a Region, to discover that resources are to be found within their group, and that the union of forces will be able to engender new vitality for the Marist mission in Asia. Finally, he recalled the importance of remaining attentive to what the Continent and Church of Asia expect today of the Marist Brothers.

The liaison Councillors for Asia, Brothers Michael De Waas and John Klein, took charge of everything relating to the organisation of the programme. There were presentations on the situations of the three Administrative Units. After a time for reflection, there was an exchange around the tables, looking for the common and significant elements in the three presentations, the signs of life

as well as the challenges.

In the afternoon, the Vicar General, Br Joe McKee, stimulated discussion rising from the General Chapter and the current situation of the Region. He questioned the participants about what had already been done at the local level and what could be done at the regional level. He insisted it was necessary "to think outside the box" – to look beyond one's own situation... And he concluded by saying we can do much more when we work TOGETHER. The day concluded with the Eucharist, filled with signs, and coinciding with the liturgical memorial of the martyrs of China of the XVII to XIX centuries.

The participants in the Extended General Council were 26 Brothers coming from four groups of origin:

- East Asia: Manny De Leon, John Tan, Robert Teoh, John Oh, Jacobo Song, John Chin and Pat Corpus.
- South Asia: Shanti Liyanage, Mervyn Perera, Godfrey Perera, Chinnappan Devadoss and Paul Bhatti.

- Sector AMAG: Luis Sobrado, Juan Castro, Michael Potter, Alex Arockiamasamy and Cañisio Willrich.

- General Council: Emili Turu, Joe McKee, John Klein, Michael De Waas, Victor Preciado, Eugène Kabanguka, Josep Maria Soteras, Ernesto Sánchez and Antonio Ramalho.

The three Units represented include the following countries:

- East Asia (117 Brothers): China, Singapore, South Korea, Philippines and Malaysia.
- South Asia (65 Brothers): India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- AMAG: Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, India (West Bengal), Thailand and Vietnam.

NB.- Lebanon and Syria are part of the province of Mediterranean and East Timor is part of the Oceania Region (Australia).



Province East Central Africa

Six new professed Brothers

On Sunday 26 June 2011, the solemnity of Corpus Christi, six of our novices who had completed their formation at the novitiate of Save/ Rwanda, made their first profession during Mass in the chapel of the School ENP/TTC-Save. A large number of brothers, sisters, priests and other guests were present at this joyful occasion.

Father Jean Marie Vianney G., Vicar General of the diocese of Butare and Rector of the Catholic University of Save, presided at the cel-



eburation. The concelebrants were Father Kalisa Gérard, s.j., preacher of the novices' retreat, assistant to the Jesuit master of novices at Cyangugu, and Fr. Joseph, Salesian, master of novices at Butare.

Br Sixte NDAHAYO officiated as master of ceremonies in the chapel. The school choir, directed by Br Valens MUSHINZIMANA, animated the Mass. The novices were led in procession to the chapel. The profession rite came after the reading of Holy Scripture and the homily. Br Valentin DJAWU, Provincial of PACE, called up each of

the novices: HAKUZWIMANA Clément (Rwanda) , INGABIRE Jean-Marie Vianney (Rwanda) , KABALISA Théogène (Rwanda) , MANIRAKIZA Paulin (Rwanda) , NGUIYA PALHY Patrick Newton (R.C.A.) , NTUMBA Kabeya Serge (R.D.C.), pronounced their first vows, which were accepted by Br Provincial in the name of the superior General.

Br Provincial and Br Master of Novices then presented cords to the newly professed.

On the same occasion, Brothers Ernest AKIMANA, Valens MUSH-

INZIMANA, François Mayira, Crescent KARERANGABO and Thomas OMARI, renewed their temporary vows for another year. After the Mass, the newly professed were warmly greeted and congratulated by all present. After the taking of photos, all took part in a festive meal, thanking and praising God for the gift of these young men to the Marist congregation.

May the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and of Saint Marcellin Champagnat help us all to persevere in our vocation!



Ongoing Formation

The formators consider new courses

The Bureau of Brothers today, responsible for the formation of the Brothers, met in Rome, from 28 to 30 June, with the members of the teams in charge of the formation houses of the Institute. First of all, they reflected and exchanged on the development of the courses « Senderos » (Escorial) and « Midlife Renewal » (Manziana). The two teams expressed their happiness with the experiences and the processes followed by 13 Brothers at Manziana and 9 at the Escorial.



The principal aim of the meeting, however, was to organise the formation programme for the community animators to be held next year in the two houses. This will be a special programme lasting two months: the first from 2 February

to 31 March, and the second from 26 April to 23 June 2012. One of the novelties of the programme is that the two groups will do the Hermitage experience together. There is the challenge of language, Marist universality, the multiculturalism of the group, etc., but it is a value and

a challenge to be lived for 9 days.

The meeting in Rome with the Brother formators was also an opportunity for sharing points of view with the liaison Councilors of the Bureau, Brothers Eugène K., Josep Maria S. and Ernesto S. This was a time for confirming the support of the General Council for the programme and its direct involvement in the development of some of the workshops planned.

The members of the two formation teams, English as well as Spanish and Portuguese, went back very satisfied, looking forward to receiving the new groups who will take part in the programmes at Manziana: « Horizontes » in August, and « Third Age » in October.



FMSI - Visit to "Misean Cara"

Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale ONLUS



The organization has financed various projects in South Africa and Malawi, in collaboration with FMSI and the Institute of the Marist Brothers. Recently it approved two new projects in which FMSI is also involved. The first is for the construction of a centre for teachers of the primary school in East Timor; the second is directed towards the formation of educators and social agents on children's rights in Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, and the Solomon Islands.

In June, Br Mario Meuti and Angela Petenzi, director and project co-ordinator respectively of the Rome Bureau of FMSI, were in Dublin to take part in the annual meeting of "Misean Cara" (www.miseancara.ie), an Irish organization which, in collaboration with the Government agency for co-operation and development, "Irish Aid", finances projects of co-operation of missionary organizations.

Br Mario and Angela attended the assembly at the invitation of Br John Hyland, the reference person for the Institute of the Marist Brothers for relations with "Misean Cara" and the presentation of projects. The meeting was very fruitful, seeing that it allowed us a better knowledge of the working method and the priorities of "Misean Cara", and a personal meeting with the members of the board of direction.

"Misean Cara" is made up of 87 organizations which work in countries in the process of development. As well as financing projects, "Misean Cara" supports programs for strengthening the capabilities of organizations in developing countries and in Ireland, by means of courses of formation, support for local personnel and communication initiatives.



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Integrated Service of Vatican news

On Tuesday 28 June, eve of the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Benedict XVI sent his first message via the « micro-blogging » web Twitter to announce the inauguration of a new portal of information for the Holy See, News.va. During a meeting held in the Apostolic Palace, the Pope chose the option « Publish » on an iPad to officially launch this new Vatican portal which collects the information sent out by the communication media of the Holy See.

This historic 'tweet' launched by a Pope on the web via the Vatican information portal is a red letter day in the history of the Vatican communications. The publication can be read in two languages: English and Italian. One can follow the news through « twitter ».

Thanks to this portal, access is available to six sources of information which have functioned up to now relatively independently: the Fides Agency, L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican

press room, the VIS (Vatican Information Service), Radio Vatican and the Vatican Television Centre. The need for better co-ordination of the Vatican's information source has been evident from certain breakdowns observed, for example, the diversity of interpretation of some of the Pope's writings coming from the offices of the Curia. Among the participants at the meeting, there was the president of the Pontifical Council of Communications, Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli.

