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General House

First meeting of the Commission entrusted with the study of the future of the General House

The Commission recommended by the XXI General Chapter for studying the future of the General House met in Rome from 4 to 8 July 2011. Those taking part were Brothers Joe Mc Kee (General Council), co-ordinator, Tom Chin (East Asia), Lauro Hochsheitd (Rio Grande do Sul), Edgardo López (América Central), Primitivo Mendoza (Compostela), Zeno Pizazza (Mediterránea), Víctor Preciado (General Council), Anthony Robinson (Sydney) and Antoni Salat (General Administration). Br Straton Malisaba (Central East Africa) was unable to attend owing to visa problems. Br Juan M. Anaya (General Administration) acted as Secretary and translation was provided by Carla Bertana and Chiara Cappai.

The program for the meeting was as follows:

1.- The first part of Monday morning was dedicated to the welcome, mutual introductions, and an explanation of the task the Commission was confronted with according to the recommendation of the General Chapter (cf. Chapter Document, pp. 55-57). This involved continuing the work begun during the Chapter so that the Superior General and his Council may take the most appropriate decision if the conditions laid down by the Chapter are fulfilled.

A first step was to know the current situation of the real estate and the distribution of the areas of the property by means of an audiovisual presentation and a guided visit of the buildings.

2.- The remainder of Monday, Tuesday and the morning of Wednesday were taken up



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by the presentation of studies on the state and valuation of the property made by 3 companies, and summing up our perceptions and impressions about these reports.

Each firm had been given a list of key questions about the current property and each followed the same scheme of presentation and study: there was between an hour and an hour and a half for each to present its report; a half hour for questions of clarification, of listening and amplification of questions of interest to those present; a time for mutual dialogue among the members of the Commission by themselves.

3.- The afternoon of Wednesday, there was work in language groups to answer 3 questions: 1. What additional information do we need now? 2. From what we have heard, what steps do we need to take? 3. If there is need to define steps, is it necessary for someone to accompany us?

The late afternoon and evening we devoted to a visit to Frascati and supper in this beautiful locality, giving us the opportunity to extend our time of getting to know and enjoy one another.

4.- Thursday and part of Friday morning was given over to the study of the criteria for determining the characteristics



of a possible new base for the General Administration of the Institute.

This involved the following steps: personal work; work in language groups; sharing of the group work; exchange of opinions on the common points exposed in the previous step; agreement by consensus.

The language groups were responding to the questions: 1. How do we conceive a General House? 2. What criteria should we take into account? 3. What services do we need? 4. Where would it be situated? in Rome? in Italy? outside Italy?

5.- Then, also on Friday morning, various pieces of financial information were presented about the results obtained from the creation of the Casa per Ferie and the rent from the different businesses using the areas of the General House not utilized by the General Administration.

6.- The remainder of Friday morning was devoted to reaching consensus about the tasks pending for the next meeting. In general, these tasks were entrusted to Brothers Víctor Preciado and Antoni Salat, seeing that they are tasks fundamentally involving the gathering of information and the initiation of bureaucratic proceedings which

have to done in Rome.

Some other tasks we have anticipated were then assigned to the next meeting of the Commission.

Br Juan M. Anaya drafted the minutes of the meeting. Brothers Joe Mc Kee, Víctor Preciado and Antoni Salat will prepare a report for the General Council on the work achieved, the tasks pending, and the guidelines the Commission is following. This report will be presented to the Plenary Meeting of the General Council in January-February 2012.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held in Rome from 7 to 10 March 2012.

7.- Br Joe Mc Kee closed the meeting by thanking those present for the excellent climate of dialogue and fraternal listening which characterised the meeting, as well as for the work achieved. The meeting had been fraternal, frank, and fruitful. He also passed on the thanks of Br Emili to all those present, having spoken with him that morning.

Juan Miguel Anaya Torres, fms
Secretary of the Commission

Mission team of America meeting

Vitality, articulation, enculturation and prophetic attitude in the mission



During the following days: 27th, 28th, 29th July 2011, the Marist Province of Santa Maria de los Andes welcomed the Mission Team of America Meeting in Santiago, Chile. The participants were: Brother Luis Carlos Gutierrez and Angelica Alegria (Arco Norte), Brother Valdicer C. Fachi and Mercia Procopio (Brazil), Brother Juan Ignacio Fuentes and Ernesto Reyas (Conosur) and Brother Joao Carlos do Prado (Secretariat of the Mission).

The main objective of the meeting was to reflect upon a Strategic Plan for the Team. We spent three days working very intensively and we finished with an excellent proposal for the Marist Mission in America.

The evaluation of the meeting was very positive and everyone was very much satisfied with the result. We were very grateful to the Province of Santa Maria de los Andes for welcoming us and for everything they provided for the

meeting. We would like to thank more particularly Brother Antonio Peralta, Provincial and Brother Mariano Varona, Vice Provincial.

Below you will find the mission, vision and objectives of the Mission Team for the period 2011-2017.

MISSION:

The Continental Team Mission promotes a reflection about Marist Mission in America. It also articulates projects to give vitality and support to people in charge and animators of the Administrative Units trying to answer the calls of the General Chapter and the common needs of the groups.

VISION:

In 2017, we hope to have sufficiently contributed to the Marist Mission of the Americas giving to it greater vitality, articulation, enculturation and a prophetic character.

OBJECTIVES:

- To promote processes and spaces that favour evaluation, impulse of the mission and Marist works in America giving them vitality, better articulation, enculturation and a prophetic character.
- To promote a vision for the future in government teams of the Administrative Units keeping in mind and trying to answer the calls of God among children and youngsters.
- To contribute in the reflection and proposals of the structures to animate and give vitality to the Marist Mission in the Americas.
- To promote formation and updating of the animation and government teams in the different Administrative Units of the Americas to answer to the challenges of vitality and sustainability.



Brazil - New affiliation to the Marist Institute

On 13 August 2011, in the chapel of the Colegio Marista Ribeirão Preto, in the state of São Paulo, Brasil, during the mass celebrated on Fathers' Day, the Provincial Superior, Bro. Davide Pedri, presented the diploma of affiliation to the Marist Institute to

Mr João Batista de Figueiredo Faria. The chapel was packed with teachers, fathers of students and friends of the recipient. His family were also present. In his thanksgiving speech, the newly affiliated stated that his Marist life had started at the age of 11, and that he would continue to be a Marist until the

end. Mr João Batista de Figueiredo Faria was a teacher at the college, then its advisor and administrator. For 40 years he had distinguished himself by his qualities and attachment to the Marist mission, in the College as well as the Social Work the Province.

A New Consecrated Life

Retreats in the Province Norandina

The first Provincial Retreat took place from 16th till 23rd of July 2011. 47 brothers aged between 46 and 70 participated to a retreat in the BETHANY RETREAT HOUSE located in Valle de los Chillos, Ecuador. The retreat was led by brothers Emili Turu (Superior General), Eugene Kabanguka and José Maria Soterias (both General Counsellors). The subject chosen was the first call of our General Chapter: "A new consecrated life deeply rooted in the Gospel, that promotes a new manner of being a Brother".

The second Provincial Retreat took place from 25th till 31st July 2011 in Fusagasuga, Colombia. 37 elderly brothers of five different nationalities participated coming from three continents. The oldest is 91, the youngest –a Provincial Counsellor- 38. As in the first retreat, brothers Emili Turu (Superior General), Eugene Kabanguka and Joseph Maria Soterias (General Counsellors) led the retreat accompanied and helped by the Provincial and his Counsel. The place chosen this time was the RETREAT HOUSE OF LA SALLE, located in Fusagasuga. It is one and a half hours away from the capital city of Colombia.



reality of the Province and try to emphasize successes and challenges that were then mentioned during the Eucharist.

Second day: Silent day consecrated to the "Spiritual Path". We tried to discover the false ME, my ego and its characteristics.

Third day: Day dedicated to conversion going through a deep personal reflection. Three different dynamics were proposed: 1) Awareness Walk; 2) Consolidation (writing down how one feels and perception of the general atmosphere); 3) Discover the Ego under the light of divine experience –as ego usually flees away from light-.

Fourth day: During the day we remembered the deceased, especially the last ones who left us.

Fifth day: During the day we celebrated the Jubilee of the participants. The subject of the day was to re-centre our lives in Christ and his Gospel. We are facing a new world that is challenging us. In the afternoon, there was a long time of dialogue with the Superior General and his two Counsellors. We wrote a letter to the Superior General that was given to him at the end of the Eucharist.

Sixth day: During this day we tried to be aware of the reality of our Province. There was a long dialogue with the Provincial and his Counsellors. We finished this beautiful experience with a solemn Eucharist and a fraternal dinner. That is how this six day retreat was ended.



The day always started by a morning prayer led by a facilitator, then was continued by the Lectio Divina highlighted by Brother José Maria Soterias. At 8.30 p.m. the days was concluded by the reading of the day, a prayer and sometimes the adoration of the Holy Sacrament.

First day: Review of the year under the perspective of the Provincial Plan. We need to wake up and connect with our inner being. We need to get free from prejudice and accept ourselves realistically. In the afternoon, we divided into six groups to study the