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Oct 3-25: Visit Madagascar: Antonio Ramalho, Ernesto Sánchez

Oct 4: Third age session (Portuguese and Spanish), Manziana, Emili Turú

Oct 7-11: MAPAC Graduation & Board meeting: Joseph Mc Kee

Oct 8: 125 years USA Province: Josep Maria Soteras, Eugène Kabanguka

Oct 14-16: Provincial Councils, Australia: John Klein

Oct 17-20: International Commission on Finances, Víctor Preciado

Oct 17 - Dec 15: Third Age session, English, Manziana

Oct 18 - Dec 18: Session Umbrales, El Escorial

Oct 24: Regular Council meeting

Oct 27: Preparatory Commission to the General Conference, Emili Turú, Joseph Mc Kee, Ernesto Sánchez, Michael De Waas

Oct 30: CEM (Marist European Conference), Mindelheim, Antonio Ramalho, Ernesto Sánchez

Nov 7: Regular Council meeting

Nov 8-9: Oceania Council, John Klein

Nov 10-11: Umbrales, El Escorial, Emili Turú

Nov 10 - Dec 13: Visit to Nigeria, Antonio Ramalho & ESanchez

Nov 21-23: AMAG Sector council, Bangkok, Joseph Mc Kee

Nov 22: Third age session, in English, Manziana, Emili Turú

Nov 23-25: USG (Assembly of Superiors General)

Nov 24 - Dec 14: Retreats Central America: Josep Maria Soteras, Eugène Kabanguka

Dez 1-2: Umbrales, El Escorial, Joseph Mc Kee

Dec 10: Closing centenary Sri Lanka: Emili Turú

Dec 15-22: Retreat Norandina, Bogotá: Emili Turú, Eugène Kabanguka, Josep Maria Soteras.

Dec 19: Regular Council meeting

Dec 27-30: Enlarged General Council, Africa, Nairobi



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Interamerican Conference of Provincials

Argentina

The II InterAmerican Conference of Provincials (CIAP) was held from 4 to 9 September in the Villa San José of the city of Luján, (Argentina), 60 km from Buenos Aires. The Villa San José and the Marist College are a short distance from the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Luján.

The programme was based on the following objectives:

- To give close study to the challenges of animation in harmony with the calls of the XXI General Chapter;
- to grow in communion of life and projects among the administrative units of America;
- to shed light on and evaluate their proper mission of animation.
- And, finally, to celebrate two years from the beginning of the 21st General Chapter (8 September 2009).

The meeting began with the sharing of experiences of animation inspired by the words of Br Emili Turú, Superior General. He began his talk by affirming that "this is a time to support one another and to talk about matters we do not have opportunity to discuss in daily life" in order to "help one another understand better the time we are living through in religious life". He recalled that "the Chapter challenged us to go to new lands. And to go as emigrants. To journey into the unknown", since, "nothing great, nothing new and creative can be given birth by those who are incapable of living here below as exiles". This is an opportunity to "refine the sensibility so as to capture the germs of life which emerge from the collective, from the whole of Marist life". He concluded his address by declaring: "Tomorrow, the future, will hold your eyes", recording the title of a book.



The 5th was devoted to considering the challenges posed for religious life in the region and the evangelization of children and young people. Fr José María Arnáiz, Marianist, anthropologist and theologian, helped the participants "to discover the signs of life that the Spirit is causing to emerge in Marist life today".

On the following days, the work of the meeting took a different turn in being directed towards the co-ordination of the region with the programming the General Council has realized through the Secretariats of Brothers today, Laity, and Mission. Advances are to be made in extending to the Arco Norte region the preparation for perpetual profession experience carried out this year between the regions of Cono Sur and Brasil, beginning a close study of the feasibility of having regional houses of formation, especially for the scholasticate, continuing with the Spirituality Network and the Cepam courses, organizing a Vocations Ministry meeting at the American level, supporting the Seminar on the identity of the religious brother to take place in Manaus, from 22 to 24 March 2012 and taking part in it. There will be follow up to the sec-

ond Meeting of Formation of Directors and the creation of the Management subcommittee. CIAP also approved the InterAmerican Solidarity Document as a reference document for the administrative units of America.

Brother Josep Maria Soterias then exposed some lines of animation of the General Council. In concrete terms, the presence of the liaison Councillors in the Provinces and the next meeting of the Enlarged General Council.

CIAP II approved 12 proposals of action for the coming years. The main ones are the following: the CIAP meeting every four years and the creation of a permanent CIAP Council, composed of three brothers. The co-ordinators of each Region are members of the Council and decide who is the annual co-ordinator of the Council and CIAP.

They finished by publishing this short message:

Heirs of Saint Marcellin,
Marist brothers and laity of America,
Transformed in the experience of God,
Sensible to the needs of our peoples

and strengthened in fraternal communion, together for a better education for more poor children and young people:

- in being close to them,
- in leading them to Jesus Christ,
- by ways of solidarity,
- by promoting and defending their rights.

With Mary the pilgrim, in haste!

Before concluding the work, there was a session of open dialogue for the sharing of information on matters of interest.

Those taking part in CIAP II were 11 Provincials: Bernard BEAUDIN (Canada), Ben CONSIGLI (U.S.A.), Hipólito PÉREZ (América Central), Ricardo REYNOSO (México Central), Eduardo NAVARRO DE LA TORRE (México Occidental), Libardo GARZÓN (Norandina), Inácio ETGES (Rio Grande do Sul), Wellington MEDEIROS (Brasil Centro Norte), Davide PEDRI (Brasil Centro Sul), Antonio PERALTA (Santa María de los Andes), and Horacio BUSTOS KESSLER (Cruz del Sur); 2 District Superiors: Sebastião FER-

RARINI (Amazonia), and José María CUSTODI (Paraguay); 3 members of the General Council: Emili TURÚ ROFES, Josep Maria SOTERAS and Eugéne KABANGUKA; and 3 Directors of Secretariats: Javier ESPINOSA (Laity), César ROJAS (Brothers today), and João Carlos DO PRADO (Mission).

The Co-ordinating Team of CIAP was composed of Brothers Antonio Peralta, Mariano Varona, José María Custodi and Horacio Bustos.



Conference of Superiors of the Continent of Africa

Nairobi, Kenya

The CSCA is composed of the Superiors of our five Marist Administrative Units in Africa (4 Provinces and 1 district), as well as the Superior of the common Scholasticate for the whole continent (MIC – Marist International Center). Normally, this organization meets twice a year, generally in Nairobi, Kenya, which offers ideal facilities, to maintain the closest relations with the large community of Brothers present at MIC.

The second meeting this year was held at Nairobi in the Scholasticate from 5 to 7 September. All members were present: Brother Provincials, Thomas Randrianantenaina, Madagascar (President), Joe Walton, South-



ern Africa (Vice-president), Joachim Ezetulugu, Nigeria, Valentín Djawu, Central East Africa, Sylvain Yao, District of West Africa, and the Superior of MIC, Br Lawrence Ndawala. As has become customary, the Rector of the MIUC (Marist International University College), Br Joseph Udeajah,

attended as a guest.

Among the other guests were Brothers Antonio Ramalho and Víctor Preciado, General Councilors, Vincent Chunga, Administrator of MIC, John Bwanali, the next Administrator, Mathew Mary, (Finance Committee), and Christian Gisamonyo (MIC Jubilee Team).

The days previously, 2 and 3 September, the Council of Administration of MIUC also met; its members are also the

same, plus Br Joe McKee, Vicar General, Brothers Straton Malisaba and Nicholas Banda (of the Finance Committee), and Mr Frederick Mutuku (Administrator of MIC), to review general progress, accounting and financial forecasts for MIUC. The secretary at both meetings was Br Kiko Baeza.

In the course of the meeting, the CSCA touched on the broad range of topics relative to the vast horizon of Marist life and mission on the continent. The Conference Statute was also an object of study as an important tool for the good functioning of the organization in view of greater organization, reflection and common decision making for the whole Region.

Promotion, formation and accompaniment of vocations received special attention from the participants who wanted greater collaboration in this area, particularly in what concerns the formation of formators and the preparation of young Brothers for

perpetual profession. There was also a presentation of an evaluation of MIC by the new Superior, Br Lawrence Ndawala. The Provincials had before them a prospective chart of the formators' needs for MIC over the next 10 years. The financial report for MIC was also presented and the budget 2011-2012 approved.

Brothers Victor and Nicholas explained the new model to be put in place for financing the General Administration and solidarity in the Institute. Br Antonio Ramalho indicated the main lines established for the Enlarged Council of Africa, to take place in Nairobi from 27 to 30 December, and encouraged the

participation of some members of the Conference in the Meeting for Animation of Brothers and Laity to be held at the Escorial (Spain) next November.

The Superiors shared the most important news about their Administrative Units. After revising various topics and taking the necessary formal decisions, the participants approved the calendar for 2012, including the celebration of the closing of the 25th jubilee of MIC, which will take place on 10 February. At the end of these busy days of meetings, time was also taken to meet all the brothers of the large community and share with them.



Corporative image for the Marist Works of Europe

The new brand "Marists" gives unity to the institutional image

The Conference of Provincials of Marist Europe has approved the norms guiding the application of the brand "Marists" to bring unity to the institutional image in the region. The visual corporative identity is the sum of the elements which, utilized in a coherent way, define the unique and recognizable character of a brand and transmit its personality. The visual image constitutes one of the most important communication resources a corporation has. It is the primary medium for transmitting the values and personality of a corporation and its proper identity, different from other institutions. For this reason, all the corporation's communication materials should maintain a visual language and a uniform quality and exactly reflect the values and objectives which characterize it. The elements utilized in communicating the institutional image must be palpable and visible and be designed in



accord with the basic principles of the corporative image.

The new Marists brand, adopted by the Provinces of Europe, has the objective of unifying for the public the presence of the Marist work in Europe, making use of a single image. Therefore, a modern image has been created through which it is sought to symbolize the values the Institute transmits through its works. The brand consists of the M, of Marists, in the form of a heart, in which one can detect the figure of an educator with a child, accompanied by three violets. The name Marists is situated beneath this written in a form of print conveying the values of youth and closeness.

A manual has been composed to make the new brand known. It will serve as a guide for applying the visual elements constituting the new corporative image. The publication contains the design reg-

ulations to be used, the size and proportions of each element, the colours, the number of the "palette" which identifies the colours of the inks in the print, and the way of applying the brand on the various communication items used: paper, labeling, clothing, etc. The "Brand Guide" constitutes, then, a reference and working document for all those people responsible for the correct application of the "Marists" brand image.

Together with the brand, it also defines the position to be occupied by the space devoted to

"publicity", utilized to denominate Colleges, Provinces or Projects associated with the congregation. The use of the "publicity" is obligatory associated with the brand in a form so that both form the institutional logotype of the Marist works in Europe. Its location will always be beneath the brand and centred with

respect to the word Marists. The brand must be separate from other graphic elements to maintain its integrity as a visual expression. No element must invade the "brand's protective area".

The use of logos and brands has been becoming more and more general in the Institute to identify specific events, such as General Chapters, Marcellin's canonization, regional meetings, General Conferences, etc. The initiative of Marist Brasil in unifying the logo and brand for the works of all three Provinces and the District of Amazonía, has offered a new experience of how to make oneself present in our world through the technical use of the communication media. United with that of Brasil, the Marist European initiative shows up the deficiencies of our collective institutional image, at the same time as it proves the ability to generate efficacious solutions.



District of Amazonia

Marist presence among the Indians

We work in the indigenous community of the Maronal, at the source of the Curuçá River. Our Marist community of reference and support is the one at Tabatinga. Our commitment to the Maribo people of the Maronal is for the three years 2010-2012. Our principal activity is the school education of the Indians. Last year, Br Eder was with me, but this year I am alone. We should be able to count on a companion from CIMI (Indigenous Missionary Council, of the Episcopal Conference), who will form community with me and collaborate in the work of teaching.

This year, we have to boost the commitment of the pupils to their studies. If everything goes as planned, the end of Elementary Teaching (9th year) will take place on 3 December. This will be something new, since this will be the first group from the entire Indian territory of the Valley of Javari to reach the

end of the school cycle. And for 2012 a « Digital bridge » has been planned, so that the students can continue their studies in the village.

Other important events are the 4th Meeting of « Pajés » (tribal chiefs) and the III Cultural Festival. Many communities of « Marubos » from the Curuçá and Ituí Rivers took part, as well as the Mayoruna people from the Pardo River and two young Matis.

The meeting of the « Pajés », and those of the healers and other « praying people », laid bare their concerns about the new illnesses which they are not familiar with and have no success in curing. According to them, these are illnesses of the Nawa (the white people). On the other hand, they are successful in curing their own maladies!

In this second term, education will

have the place of honour as well as the traditional feasts. It is the planting season: manioc, mamão, bananas, millet, sweet potatoes of the Marubo people, and fruit: cupuaçu, mamão, mangue, abacaxi, cajou, goiaba... Hunting and fishing are also abundant.

The work is an important challenge for us. Apart from the distances, the worst problem is the constant malaria. Some youth and adolescents have asked for baptism. I will prepare them during this term so that they can decide whether or not they want to take up the Christian faith. We have to be very careful in the confrontation of the Christian religion with some cultural practices. It is important to conscientise these youth and adolescents in such a way that they can, much later, take a decision. The baptisms are planned for 4 December.

Br. Nilvo Favretto

