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## Uruguay Pilgrimage to the Hermitage

### A Grand Marist Experience



**A**s a community of Marist educators from Uruguay, we, Brothers and laity, made a pilgrimage to various Marist places from September 14-19 where the dream of Marcellin began. We 50 pilgrims were welcomed and accompanied during this entire time by the Marist community of the Hermitage and we are very grateful to them for their hospitality and family spirit which they offered to us during our days there.

The Hermitage, Rosey, Marlhés, La Valla and many other places were all central to our experience.

It was a time for soaking in the Marist spirit, growing together in our shared faith and spirituality.

*"The welcome has been exceptional... it has totally surpassed my expectations, I leave with great peace, filled with energy and a great restlessness about how I can continue to live out the reality of the spirit of Marcellin in Uruguay especially with the youth."*

*"It is a unique experience, it revived the spirit of Marcellin and we shared time with a group of people who felt the same inspiration, and how to model it..."*

*"I have enjoyed this experience, I have enjoyed, every moment each word, I feel a part of this history."*

*"This was an incredibly rich experience; a variety of methods brought us to the most profound understanding of ourselves and our mission.... Our dreams are many; our priority now is to share what is now burning in our hearts with others..."*

*"This experience invites me to a greater commitment to the Marist mission, with my students, fellow workers and my family."*

*"This was an incredible experience for me... I dream of being able to participate in the celebration of this life among brothers and laity, laity and brothers."*

*"In all my years and as a former Marist student I never imagined being able to live this out.... I come away renewed, filled with the spirit of faith..."*

*"I was able to encounter God many times and I was able to take advantage of and enjoy praying."*

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# Province of Nigeria

## Perpetual Consecration

Marist Brothers, Province of Nigeria, for the first time had the Perpetual Consecration outside the South East of Nigeria. About 32 Marist Brothers, Rev. Sisters, Priest, Marist past pupils and the Lay people were in attendance as Br. Andemario Donaldson Ikpajombu made his perpetual Consecration at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Cathedral, Makurdi, Benue State, Nigeria.

The priest who gave the homily, Rev. fr. Ortese Oliver, who is the Dean of student at St. Thomas Major Seminary, Makurdi, took his time to explain to

the people of God the identity of the Marist Brothers. According to fr. Oliver, Brothers are humble witness of Christ. They do not preach but they live by action. Brothers live a simple life. They do not come to the pulpit to preach but they live the life of witness. Brothers may not make headlines in the national dailies but they train citizens. Brothers go about doing good work unnoticed. For him, a Brother is a person who chose to answer God's call in the most humble manner.

Brothers witness Christ in a realistic way without bothering what the

people say. He challenged the faithful " If you want to know the qualities of the Marist Brothers, do not ask them but ask the students they are training.

The provincial, Br. Joachim Ezetulugo, thanked the Catholic diocese of Makurdi, for accepting the Marist Brothers to have their perpetual consecration in their diocese and urged them to encourage their sons to embrace the vocation of the Marist Brotherhood.

Elias Iwu, fms



# On the way to a New Land

## Canada - Meeting of Community Animators

The weekend for Community Animators was held from 30 September -2 October at Rawdon, Canada. It was with the theme: « With Mary, pilgrim, we accompany our brothers on the way to their new land » that the 24 Animators and Provincial Councillors attended the session of 2011.

The participants compared their « GPS » to check its quality. They had to take the route to see if their respective community was « prophetic of brotherhood in the sense of sending to the world the greatest sign of vitality possible: Humanisation ». In other words, does each person in my brotherhood become more and more human? Isn't it made in the image of God?



## United States

The Province of the United States has created a new DVD on the life of Marcellin Champagnat (in English). It is based on the book, A Heart that Knew No Bounds by Brother Seán Sammon. For the USA province, the hope was to create a classroom-friendly presentation, which captures the essence of Champagnat for the students and inquirers. While the 18-minute DVD is classroom-oriented in that it covers much information, it can also serve as inspiration for those of us who know the Champagnat story well.

Let us continue to encourage each other, our students, our colleagues, and potential new members to reflect on the life and charism of Marcellin Champagnat, who as Seán Sammon stated was "a man our Church calls a very modern-day saint, an apostle to youth. Marcellin Champagnat was both for his time in history; he is no less for ours today."



# Pilgrimage to the Hermitage

## Spain - Courses in Champagnat Documentation at the IEM

We arrive at the Hermitage to verify on site the traces of Champagnat, after having followed, investigated and studied for three years, by means of his letters in the three Cycles (A, B and C) of the course of CHAMPAGNAT DOCUMENTATION, organized by the HIGHER INSTITUTE OF MARIST STUDIES (IEM) of the Pontifical University of Salamanca.



It was in August 2011, on the occasion of the summer vacations, that a group coming from the Marist works of Oviedo, Madrid, Sevilla, Málaga and Salamanca, made ready to make the Pilgrimage to the Marist Places, which we had been preparing and looking forward to for a considerable time, as colophon to the Marist patrimony courses mentioned.

With our guide, Br Fernando Hinojal Citores of the Province of Mediterránea, professor and tutor of the courses,

we traversed, children and adults, the interior of the Hermitage. We perceived the presence of Champagnat in the chapel, the gardens, the mission room, the community room, his bedroom, the tour of the plane trees, the cemetery, Br François' herb garden, the house of the rock..., and the new locations constructed for the better stay and hospitality of the pilgrims.

We also detected the footprints, presence and closeness of Marcellin in the corners of Rosey, the Montagne

house, La Valla, Marlhes, Maisonnettes, Lyon, tracks, valleys, and mountains... Numerous images immortalize the Marist places. The specific prayer lived in each of them and the personal and group experience shared, made of these days a special oasis of Marist family encounter.

I would like to underline our gratitude for the welcome and attentions received from the communities of Rosey, La Valla and especially the community of the Hermitage

We wish to continue relying on the formative spaces and places which bring us close to the Marist sources, to the same shared spirit and charism, that we have to carry into the heart of our daily mission.

A cordial greeting to all.

Fernando González Alonso  
Director IEM



## Centre of Marist Studies (CEM)

### Brazil - 25 years in the service of the conservation and diffusion of Marist history

The Centre of Marist Studies was founded by the Brother Provincial of the former Marist Province of Rio de Janeiro, Gentile Paganotto, and his Council in their meeting of 27 to 31 August 1986, at « Recanto Marista », Areias, Ribeirão das

Neves, in the State of Minas Gerais.

At its creation, the Centre had as first aim « to study Marist history in order to better discover its religious, spiritual, apostolic and educational roots. » Its function,

among others, was to organise and maintain a service of textual, visual and auditory documentation relating to Marist life; to produce material on Marist life and mission; to disclose Marist documents, courses of programming and activities on Marist themes.

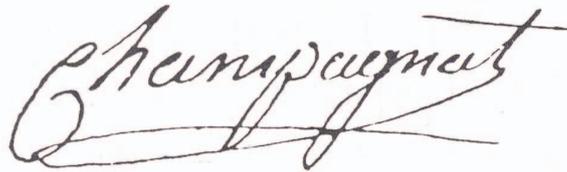
Its first director was Br Luiz Silveira, former provincial and general councillor, and, at the time, master of novices. After this Brother died, in 1991, three other Brothers succeeded him at the head of the Centre: Xavier Gonçalves, Alfonso Esteban Saéz and Afonso Murad. Since June 2002, the Centre of Marist Studies has been placed under the direction of Mme Professor Heloisa Almeida Afonso de Sousa.

Situated at Belo Horizonte/MG, the CEM has been on different sites until its definitive establishment in the current building, constructed with the installations appropriate for its functioning, in a zone adjoining the Marist school « Dom Silverio ».

At present, the CEM possesses an internal organisation with three specific sectors which work and progress hand in hand towards the goal for which it was created: Historic and Institutional Archives, Libraries, Marist Museum. The Historic and Institutional Archives organise the historical documentation of the communities, the Marist Units and the Brothers, in order to preserve and tell Marist history. They are composed of historical documents, organised in funds and collections, permanently preserved, as well as other collections.

The Libraries provide a doctrinal base and a specific formation in Marist spirituality and mission. They are: Marist Specialised Library and Saint Marcellin Champagnat Bibliographic Collection, as well as other works added since.

The Marist Museum displays Marist history and mission for visitors, especially to a public of children and youth, and young Marists in formation. Its structure is composed of the following sectors: Exhibition Rooms, Technical Reserve, Art Gallery and Laboratory of Preventive Conservation.



## Marist presence in Asia

### Fortieth anniversary of Marist presence in Korea

The Brothers of Korea Sector celebrated its fortieth anniversary of Marist presence in Korea last September 18, 2011 at Marist Education Center in Seoul, Korea. This is to commemorate the arrival of the first Mexican Marist Brothers on September 13, 1971.

Br. Manuel De Leon, the Brother Provincial congratulated the Brothers especially Br. Alfredo Herrera, one of the Mexican pioneers in Korea, who was present during the jubilee celebration.



There was a brief presentation of the history of the Marist Brothers and its apostolic mission in Korea, and was followed by the Eucharistic celebra-

tion. What the Brothers have done so far, is to manage social welfare houses and giving retreats to the youths.

The said event was attended by the Brothers' benefactors and friends, youth from the Marist Houses and Religious congregations in Seoul.

