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## Marist Publishing Houses

### International Meeting of Marist Publishing Houses



The 1st International Meeting of Marist Publishing Houses took place on 2 and 3 November, in the Hotel Quality, in São Paulo (Brasil). The general objective was to promote integration, harmony and co-operation among the publishing houses in view of strengthening the institutional mission in the publishing field. The meeting also had some specific objectives: to understand better the international publishing market situation; to learn about the organisation, structure, products, good practices and challenges of the Marist publishing houses; to study proposals of co-operation for activity in network of the publishing houses in the publishing market.

Those taking part in the meeting were: For the "Grupo Editorial Luis Vives" (Spain): Br Antonio Giménez de Bagüés Gaudó, President of the Council of Administration and Provincial of "Mediterránea"; Br Julián Sanz Falces, Director General; Br Ambrosio Alonso Díez, Provincial; Br Óscar Martín Vicario, Provincial of "Compostela"; Alberto Pazos Arranz, Director of Publishing Organisation and Development; Ignacio Merino

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For "Editorial Progreso" (Mexico) ; Br José Joaquín Flores Segura, Director General; Br Ricardo Uriel Reynoso Ramírez, Provincial of "México Central"; Camilo Gómez Gallardo, Director of Production; Br Gerardo Torres, Provincial Councillor and Secretary; Víctor Ricardo Guzmán Zúñiga, Director of Publishing Development.

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For the General Government of the Marist Institute: Br João Carlos do Prado, Director of the Mission Secretariat, and Br Josep Maria Soteras Pons, Councillor General.

Br Valdícir Civa Fachi guided the morning prayer on 2 November: "Life is a tissue of dreams". The meeting opened with interventions from Br Délcio Balestrin, in the name of the Province of

"Brasil Centro Sul" and the "Editora FTD"; Br João Carlos do Prado, for the Secretariat of Mission, and Br Josep M. Soteras who declared the meeting open in the name of Br Superior General. Br João Carlos do Prado then gave a conference on "Marist Mission: international challenges and perspectives in the field of publishing" and Mr Antonio María Ávila, Director of the Federation of the Corporation of Spanish Publishers, spoke about "Challenges and perspectives in work in network in the publishing market". In the afternoon, the Publishing Houses presented their activities on panels.

On 3 November, Dolores Crisci Manzano and Elizete Nicolini, managers of the "Projeto Setorial Integrado – PSI Brazilian Publisher", gave a conference on the "Situation of the publishing markets: Brasil, Spain, Mexico and Argentine". Then work groups formed tables to begin constructing proposals for co-operation. The discussion and exchanges were resumed in the afternoon so that the results from the groups could be presented at the plenary session.

By way of conclusion, the participants drew up an agenda of collaboration to be implemented by the publishing houses over the next few years. An Executive Committee was also set up to co-ordinate the programme of co-operation among the publishing

houses, composed of 1 or 2 members from each of the 4 countries: Mexico, Argentine, Spain and Brasil, plus the representative of the Secretariat of Mission. The Committee co-ordinator will be the Director of the Marist Publishing House which will organize the next meeting in two years. This will take place in Spain (date to be chosen from between 5 and 15 October 2013), under the responsibility of the Edelvives Publishing House.

The participants then turned to the programme for 4/11. Afterwards, various speakers expressed their great satisfaction over the way the meeting had gone, for the participation and goodwill of all, for the organisation and hospitality offered by the General Government of the Institute, UMBRA-SIL, the Province of "Brasil Centro-Sul" and "Editora FTD". The day ended with Mass and a convivial meal.

The 4th of November was devoted to visiting the plant of "Editora FTD": the Graphic Park, Publishing House, and Administration Building in São Paulo. It was in the latter building that the meeting ended, with speeches from Brothers Délcio Afonso Balestrin, Julián Sanz Falces, João Carlos do Prado and Josep Maria Soteras. "Editora FTD" was thanked once again for their hosting and organisation of the meeting. Its director, Br Délcio Balestrin, received a memorial plaque of the event.



## Nigeria - Inaugurated Marist College, Yangoji, in Abuja

On October 7th, 2011, Marist Brothers of the Schools, Province of Nigeria inaugurated Marist College, Yangoji, Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. The bishop thanked the Marist Brothers for the good work they are doing. He urged the students to be good ambassadors, stressing that they are the people that will change Nigeria positively. He said that there must be a place education will be run very well, and that is what the Marist Brothers are doing. He wants the church to be at fore front. He told the children to consider themselves very fortunate to be in Marist school. He prays that God should take the Brothers to where their vision is.

The Archbishop use the opportunity to explain about the mission of the Marist Brothers. He told the students that Marist Brothers do not pamper children, instead, they give them good training. He told the children that if they want to be pampered that there are many schools in Abuja that do that. He thanked the parents for making wise choice, that they can be reassured that their children are in the right place. He reminded the children that they are going to pray a lot of rosary with the Brothers but by the time the finished, they will realize that the Lord and good Mother Mary are good to them. Finally, He thanked the Provincial superior.



# 50 years of Marist presence in the mountains of Tarahumara

## Mexico - Happy and grateful to Onorúame-Eyerúame

The "Sierra Tarahumara" is situated in the south of the State of Chihuahua, Mexico. The inhabitants call themselves "rarámuri" (the light-footed ones). The celebration took place at Sisoguichi, in the heart of the Sierra, starting at mid-day on Thursday 7 July.

In the afternoon, some of the pioneers told us about their experiences in the first years of the foundation: Br Sergio, who is still at Sisoguichi, Dr Jaime Nieto, member of the founding community, and Brs Cristóbal Castillo and Carlos Preciado. Br Noé Sotelo, one of the first old boys of the "Instituto Sisoguichi", also told us of his adventures.

Inspired by these beautiful memories, we shared thoughts based on a few questions: What experiences have you had with the Marists? How has sharing with the Marists helped you personally and as a family? What is the most significant thing the Marist Brothers have contributed to the "Sierra Tarahumara" during these 50 years? Four groups were formed to share on these questions: the Indians, the mixed race of the Sierra, the mixed race from outside, and the volunteers and former volunteers. The dialogue, very deep, was an expression of joy and gratitude for the various personal experiences. The day ended with supper and an evening around the fire, with several volunteers displaying incredible dexterity at games of strength.

The following day, Friday 8 July, after a succulent breakfast prepared with the help of the Sister Servants of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Poor, the group re-



Sisoguichi" for the souvenir photo. Then we enjoyed a succulent 'barbecue', to the musical accompaniment of the group Los Triunfadores de Norogachi, with the joyful tunes of the music of the north. The guests were more and more numerous. Among them, the "rarámuri" friends coming from Chinatú, Norogachi and Bawinocachi. But also the volunteers who had given a hand with the Indian board-

ers from those communities during the school year. Also Brothers and former Brothers who had given part of their lives in the Sierra Tarahumara, priest friends, men and women religious with whom we share the pastoral and educational task. What a joy to know oneself accompanied by neighbours from the locality and other villages nearby, rarámuri and mixed race, to live the celebration as one should.

During the presentation of each group, it was very pleasant to note so many things which have marked our lives, especially the hand of Mary of Guadalupe who has guided our journey over all these years. The secretaries of each group expressed our desire that the Marist mission go ahead despite the present difficult situation. We were amazed to observe that there were now many of us – Marists, brothers and lay people, Indians and mixed race, from the Tarahumara and elsewhere, to dream with Saint Marcellin of an evangelizing education of the children and young people of the Sierra. The time of reflection ended with the free participation of the guests and a prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe to continue to guide us.

But the celebration had hardly begun. The participants went to the "Instituto

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In the evening, we interrupted the dance... to begin the Eucharistic celebration. It was presided over by our Bishop, Rafael Sandoval, accompanied by Fr Gabriel Parga, a former Marist Brother, and Jesuit Frs Gilo and Neftalí. After the words of welcome, we celebrated the penitential rite and the Liturgy of the Word, centred on the parable of the Sower. His Lordship preached the homily and the Indian governors in their turn pronounced their nawésare or sermon in 'rarámuri'. The representative of the Br Provincial, Br Manuel Franco, Chiquilín, and some friends also addressed us a message. This is how the celebration continued, in reflecting and in "dreaming" the Word during the night.



# Searching together for a greater vitality of the charism

## Guatemala: regional Meeting of Animators of the Marist Laity

The Regional Meeting of the Animators of the Marist Laity took place on 4 November at the Marist Formation Centre, under the slogan "Searching together for a greater vitality of the charism". This meeting, with the encouragement of the International Secretariat of the Laity, seeks to foster the animation of the various activities undertaken by the laity in the different Marist Provinces of Arco Norte.

The Brothers and lay people invited came from the following Provinces: Canada, United States, México Central, México Occidental, Norandina and América Central, to share the animation experiences each Province is running.

Br Hipólito Pérez, Provincial of América Central, welcomed the participants. Carlos Navajas and Fabiano Incerti then presented the objectives of the meeting. At the end of the morning, the group visited the "Liceo Guatemala"



where the brothers and laity who animate the school welcomed and had lunch with them.

In the afternoon session, a representative of each Province gave a brief presentation of the structures and procedures where brothers and lay people work together in the area of provincial animation. The day finished with a time for personal reflection, followed by supper and preparation for the next day's work.



# Province "Brasil Centro-Norte"

## Meeting of young Brothers

Young Brothers of the Province of "Brasil Centro-Norte" gathered in September in Belo Horizonte/MG (Brasil). It was the second meeting of the year. The first, in Brasilia, the Provincial House, was only for young Brothers of phase II. This meeting was also open to Brothers of phase I, that

is, those still in formation at the Scholasticat. There were 19 in total.

The programme included times of sharing, reflection on the Consecrated Religious Life, life in common, prayer and relaxation. All the activities, under the co-ordination of Br Adalberto, were

carried out with the collaboration of the participants themselves: dynamics of animation, prayers, the Eucharistic celebration, social gatherings. Of special interest was the intervention of the Brothers who had taken part in the "Vocation Itinerary" in Cochabamba (Bolivia).

