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UMBRALES – EL Escorial

An experience of formation and vitality

Faithful to the foundation charism and the calls of the XXI General Chapter, the members of the group taking part in the 87th session of the UMBRALES course found themselves in the beautiful region of San Lorenzo de El Escorial, near Mount Abantos, and not far from the illustrious and noble city of Madrid. The course is an experience of formation and vitality, an opportunity for taking a new step towards personal realisation, quality of life and interior growth, which encourages a new way of being Brother.

It commenced on the evening of 20 October, at the main door of the house, with words of brotherly welcome from the Brothers of the Community of the Marist Spirituality Centre. Then, in the hall inside the house, the course was officially opened

by a celebration of praise and thanksgiving, which continued with an aperitif and festive meal in the dining room.

The group is composed of 13 Brothers from different regions of the Marist world: Romero Rodrigues Ferreira (Brasil Centro-Norte), Adilson Suhr (Brasil Centro-Sul), Eladio Gallego Neira (Hermitage), Lorenzo Peñasco Cervigón (Ibérica), Georges Trad (Mediterránea), Primitivo Blanco Martínez (Compostela), Gregorio Alonso García (Compostela), Gerardo Contreras Moz (América Central), Humberto Alejandro C. Bravo (Santa María de los Andes), Barsen García Alonso (Santa María de los Andes), Armando Alegría Moscoso (Santa María de los Andes), Sergio Vásquez Mora (México Occidental), Noé Sotelo Villalobos (México Occidental), Joaci Pinheiro (Brasil



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Centro-Norte/Co-ordination), Angel Medina (Cruz del Sur/Co-ordination and Fr Mario, Augustinian, chaplain. The total ages of the 15 Brothers come to 905 years, which gives a medium age of 60.32.

Apart from the subject matter presented for study, reflection and prayer, the UMBRALES session also offers a pilgrimage to the places of our Marist origins (L'Hermitage), passing through Geneva (FMSI) and Taizé (ecumenical spirituality).



New relationship between brothers and laity

Regional Meeting of Animators of the Marist Laity

The members of the provincial teams for the animation of the lay Marists – new brother-lay relationship – of the regions of « Cono Sur » and Brasil, met in Curitiba from 21 to 27 October. The Provinces concerned were: Brasil Centro Norte, Brasil Centro Sul, Río Grande do Sul, Santa María de los Andes, Cruz del Sur and the District of Paraguay

There was plenty of matter for study: introduction and presentation of the situation in the provinces, a body of reflection based on the references of the General Chapter, module centred on the vocation of the lay Marist from the sharing of personal situations, a deeper acquaintance with the document Around the same table, study of the draft of the future international meeting on the lay Marist vocation and also the presentation of different lay groups enjoying a community experience within the fraternities of the ChMMF as well as in other groups. The module « Towards a new brother-lay relationship » gave us opportunity to share the joint formation experiences which have been held in the Provinces and also the knowledge of situations which are a source of vitality for the Marist charism. The last day was devoted to reviewing the topics discussed and seeing how to make them concrete in the Region and the Provinces. The gathering ended with a simple missionary prayer, very well prepared, during which we received a little lamp meant to symbolize the light we have to mul-



tiply in our various living places.

These meetings are aimed at promoting a creative animation of the processes affecting lay people, making familiar the new relationship of communion between brothers and laity and its implications in the life of the Provinces, and finally encouraging a solid bonding among the laity.

Among the most important fruits of the meeting, we can emphasize:

- We gained a better understanding of our respective situations concerning the
- animation of lay Marists: structures, experiences, resources...
- We reinforced the communication between the Administrative Units of the Region on this subject, and also with the Secretariat of the Laity.

We defined some actions for travelling this road in the Provinces.

And, above all, we listened to one another, offered one another mutual encouragement and tried to discover what we need to cultivate in order to create the future of the brother-lay communion.

As happens whenever we meet, the atmosphere was a very family one; we were able to take advantage of the different cultural sensibilities at the moments of celebration, prayer and feast.

We want especially to thank the Province of « Brasil Centro-Sul » for their welcome. Thanks too to each Province and District for the work realised in making us feel from close up the life that we are encouraging and the desire to move forward.



International Marist Youth Meeting 2013

Rio de Janeiro - First meeting of the Organizing Committee

Brasil awaits you with open arms, just like Christ the Redeemer blessing all the young people coming here to take part in the World Youth Day - Rio 2013, gathered under the motto already announced by Pope Benedict XVI : « Go, then, and make disciples of all the nations » (Mt 28:19). As announced in the 'Osservatore Romano, the WYD Rio 2013 will be held from 23 to 28 July. The Arch-

diocese of Rio de Janeiro and the National Conference of the Bishops of Brasil (CNBB) are working tirelessly on the organisation of this important event for the Church.

The Higher Council of the Marist Union of Brasil (UMBRASIL) has welcomed the proposal of the Secretariat for Mission to hold an International Marist Youth Meeting in Brasil, in 2013, and has elected an Organizing Committee to prepare for this important event for youth and for the Marist Institute.

The Organizing Committee of the IMYM 2013 held its first meeting on 7 and 8 November, at the base of UMBRASIL, in Brasilia, to plan the event based on IMYM 2011 (Buitrago, Spain). The teams consists of Br João Carlos do Prado – Director of the International Secretariat for Mission, Br Valdicer Civa Fachi –



Executive Secretary of UMBRASIL, João Carlos de Paula – Adviser on Mission of UMBRASIL, Br Luiz André Pereira –representing the Commission « Evangelisation of the Americas », as well as representatives of the Provinces: 'Rio Grande do Sul' – Br Devis Alexandre Fischer and Jair Rodrigues Dutra ; 'Centro-Sul' – Br João

« Go, then, and make disciples of all the nations »

(Mt 28:19)

Batista Pereira, Marilúcia Resende and Bruno Manoel Socher ; 'Centro-Norte' – Br Iranilson Correia de Lima, Br Pedro Jadir de Araújo Melo, Br Marciano de Brito Silva, Michel Fábio Francisco Nantes and João Ribeiro Bastos Cunha.

The youth, Brothers and laity pres-

ent at Buitrago shared their enriching experience during the meeting. They ardently hope that the next IMYM revives the dreams and calls of the Marist youth expressed in the letter, and also in the Institute's recently published document Evangelizers in the midst of youth.

The next IMYM will be held from 17 to 22 July 2013, in Rio de Janeiro, the week before the WYD. Numerous youth branches will come to share their lives, their experiences with regard to the evangelization of youth, and to continue to prolonger the dream of Marcellin Champagnat. We know that our hearts remain burning, on the road to the New Land, just like those of the disciples of Emmaus.

The next meeting of the Organizing Committee of the IMYM will take place in Rio de Janeiro, from 14 to 17 February 2012, with the participation of guests from America Central, Europe and Australia.

We already welcome with open arms all the pilgrims committed to following Jesus, guided by the first disciple, Mary, and inspired by the charism of Champagnat. Welcome to all!

Formation of Religious and Lay Educators

Education Commission of the Unions of Male and Female Superiors General

The Unions of Male and Female Superiors General, in their concern for the Educational Ministry entrusted by the Church to religious institutions, have for years been running a Commission of Education, whose main function is to invigorate the commitment of its institutions with the educational task that they carry forward everywhere. This Commission convoked a "seminar of reflection and study" on the theme "The formation of religious and lay educators, in the service of education in a changing world" which was held in Rome November 11, 2011. The objective of the meeting was the search for convergent ideas that would allow "the weaving of a network of collaboration" among all the institutions covered by the Unions of Male and Female Superiors General.

The meeting was held at the General House of the Marist Brothers, with the participation of Brothers Emili Turú, Superior General, João Carlos do Prado, President of the Secretariat for Mission, and Juan Miguel Anaya, as a member of the Commission of Education of the Unions of Male and Female Superiors General.

In a tight schedule, meeting at round tables of five or six people each, they shared in language groups the contributions made after a study of a document sent in advance to the Superiors General.

The reflection centered on looking at the reality of the changing world and how to serve it, valuing the person, overcoming aggression and individual-

ism, using the great possibilities of communication to be able to promote a "shared mission". For that to happen it will be necessary to confront "the demands and challenges" of the world in which we live.

With relation to the formation projects it was affirmed that they should be presented in a double direction: in part, "from what we are and what we want"; in part, "from the realities to which we should respond". Some of the characteristics of the education that should be encouraged among educators are: adapted to a changing and constructive society; open to the influence of other cultures; supportive, in dialogue, respectful of others and of the environment, creating peace; based on values and open to transcendence, and therefore educating in the faith.

The formation options that should be reflected on and encouraged by the institutions in relation to their own educators, both religious and lay, should include, at the least, the most essential: the institutional formative framework, the styles and common priorities and the contextualized strategies. By "institutional formative framework" is understood those principles that all the institutions should promote in a systematic, clear, and prioritized way: shared mission, charismatic identity, the charismatic community of reference and the ministerial character of education.



Taking into account style and common priorities, that is to say, the aspects - pedagogical, pastoral, educational, organizational, etc. - that we desire to encourage in our institutions, it would be necessary to promote formation in working as a team, formation in personal and group accompaniment, an adequate professional formation, a system of progressive and systematic formation and formation for work with families.

The meeting concluded with some proposals to the leaders of the two Unions represented at the Seminar: 1. Promoting a joint publication of both Unions in relation to the principal challenges in the formation of our educators. 2. Carrying out a study, at the level of General Administrations, of the "best practices" in relation to the formation of educators in our institutions. 3. Make known to the whole body of the Male and Female Superiors General the conclusions of this "seminar of reflection and study" on the formation of educators.