

## TOGETHER WITH FATHER CHAMPAGNAT

“Community animators” came together in the house of Father Champagnat

Between 31 May and 9 June, the groups of brothers taking part in the second course for “community animators” organized by the General Council, in Manziana, Italy, and El Escorial, Spain, came together for ten days in the house of Father Champagnat to make a pilgrimage together to our family roots.

The image of Marcellin Champagnat, who during the holidays used to summon the directors of schools to make a retreat, form them and with them go about sharing the future of the Marist project, became a reality for us during those days. Brothers coming from the five continents, we felt warmly welcomed in this house by those today who provide a service to the Institute in helping pilgrims experience the encounter with Mar-



## GENERAL HOUSE

On Monday 18 June, Br Emili and the Brothers of his Council, Eugene Kabanguka, Josep Maria Soteras, and Michael de Waas, had a meeting with the Brothers of the General House community to share the conclusions of their visitation and inspire a better community life.

The members of the International Spiritual Patrimony Commission are meeting this week in the General House to define their work plan and present it to the General Council. The Commission is composed of Br André Lanfrey (L'Hermitage, coordinator), Br Demosthenes Calabria (East Asia), Mrs Heloisa Afonso de Almeida Sousa (Brasil Centro Norte), Br Michael Green (Sydney), Br Antonio Martinez Estaun (L'Hermitage), Br Spiridion Ndanga (East Central Africa), Br Patricio Pino (Santa Maria de los Andes) and Br Michel Morel (L'Hermitage, secretary). Also taking part are Councillors Eugene Kabanguka, Josep Maria Soteras, and Ernesto Sanchez, and Br César Rojas of the Secretariat Brothers today.

The directors of the Secretariats met with the Brothers of the General council on 19/20 June.

cellin and the first brothers in visiting the Marist places.

A significant moment for the group was the celebration of the feast of Saint Marcellin at the Hermitage. A day of much emotion. Contemplating the composition of the community which shared the Eucharist was to contem-

plate the Marist world in miniature and the dream of Champagnat, "all the dioceses of the world enter into our views", became reality.

During our pilgrimage, we took the opportunity to go to Geneva to learn at first hand about the situation of the brothers of the FMSI NGO who are

working on the defence of the rights of the child before the UNO. Marcellin's project never ceases being updated.

We are grateful to the communities who gave us hospitality and have given a face to those places which connect us with our Marist roots.



# PROVINCE OF MÉXICO CENTRAL

## Appointment of Provincial: Br. Ricardo Reynoso



After studying the sondage carried out in the Province, the General Council has decided to appoint Br. Ricardo Reynoso as Provincial of México Central for a second term of three years. Br Ricardo will begin his new term during the holding of the Provincial Chapter in November.

The General Council recognizes the satisfaction of many Brothers of the province with regard to Br Ricardo's first three years of service as Provincial. At the same time, it invites all the Brothers of the Province to give support to strengthening the enthusiasm for being brothers, revitalizing community life and contributing to the new relationship with laity, vocations ministry,

and the reorganization of works and communities.

Taking up the words of Br Emili Turú addressed to the Province: "Mary of Guadalupe journeys with each Brother and lay person to the "new land" to which the XXI General Chapter calls us. May she continue to be our model, companion and source of inspiration".

Brother Ricardo was born October 25, 1956. Before his election in 2009, he was vice-Provincial and Master of Postulants at FMS Mexico's interprovincial Postulancy. In submitting a brief autobiographical sketch as delegate to the last General Chapter, in 2009, Brother Ricardo wrote as follows:

*My path between false starts and successes has found direction in the measure that I have found God.*

*I have felt myself accompanied by « THE GOOD MOTHER » during my 11 years as formator in the postulancy, as director, master or apprentice among the Mixtec Indians, accompanied by communities and charitable brothers who have opened their heart to me :Chepe, Arturo, Chacho, Jorge, Renato, Avelino, Pancho ...*

*I received training as a primary and second-*

*ary school teacher, and when I had need of new tools to succeed in carrying out Marcellin's « dream », I participated in a seminar on pastoral planning and in a course for formators at Valpré (France). Most recently, in order to accompany the postulants, under my charge, in their journey of self-discovery, I took a course in psychotherapy.*

*My family is a large one. We lived the faith there in poverty and in the joy of sharing bread and work. My father, an active social activist, my tireless mother, an artist at heart, and my brothers, all have been a valuable resource for me.*



### Deceased Brothers

- 18/06/2012: Bede McCabe  
Europe Centre-Ouest
- 17/06/2012: Hilary Costello  
Europe Centre-Ouest
- 16/06/2012: Rakotobe Léonard  
Madagascar
- 16/06/2012: Armelindo Postingher  
Rio Grande do Sul
- 14/06/2012: Víctor Barrioluengo Blanco  
Compostela
- 11/06/2012: Dante Luiz Brugalli  
Rio Grande do Sul
- 08/06/2012: Richard Chabot  
Canada
- 05/06/2012: Alfano Ferrua  
Mediterránea



# PROVINCIA NORANDINA

## Appointment of Provincial: Br. Libardo Garzón



After studying the sondage carried out in the Province, the General Council has decided to appoint Br Libardo Garzón, Provincial of «Norandina» for a second three year term. He will begin his new mandate during the Provincial Chapter to be held in December.

Br Superior General and his Council

thank Br Libardo for his availability and the support he has received from the brothers of the Province, as well as their satisfaction. Br Emili invites the brothers to continue to support him and strive to develop a spiritual life centred on Jesus; to accept making significant moves; to assure the accompaniment and the ongoing formation of the brothers ... ; to improve interpersonal relations so that they become bearers of life; to make the provincial identity became clearer by searching for unity; to look after the new relationship with laity, vocations ministry, and the reorganization of the works and communities.

This is Br Emili's recommendation to the Province : « It is by living the inspiration which drove Saint Marcellin to respond to the needs of the children and youth of today, and with the participation of each one, that you will be able to implement the desire of restoring to

the brothers the taste and fascination for their vocation, and arrive at provincial unity. »

*Born on February 7, 1963 in Filadelfia Caldas, Colombia; he belongs to the Province of Norandina. He was a member of the REMAR movement and then of the aspirancy program in Manizales. He made his postulancy and novitiate in Medellín, where he took first vows in 1985. In 1989 he made perpetual profession.*

*He has a licentiate in philosophy and religion from the University of Santo Tomás; he was a participant in the masters of novices course directed by Br. Basilio Rueda in 1990-91 at Castalgandolfo; he obtained a licentiate in psychology from the Gregorian University in Rome. He has followed courses in administration and in educational systems management.*

*He has had a variety of ministries: teacher, master of novices, vice-provincial and provincial administrator, rector of School, etc.*



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# PROVINCE OF BRASIL CENTRO-NORTE

## Appointment of Provincial: Br. Wellington Mousinho de Medeiros

Following the sondage held in the Province, the General Council has decided to reappoint Br Wellington Mousinho de Medeiros as Provincial of « Brasil Centro-Norte », for a second three year term. Br Wellington will commence his mandate on the occasion of the holding of the Provincial Chapter in December.

When he was appointed Provincial, Br Wellington committed himself to working for the construction of unity in the Province. He entrusted his service of animation and government to Our Good Mother, telling the Brothers he would only be the vicar of Mary, the first Superior. To gain the desired unity, he asked of all understanding and a sincere desire to live what the General Chapter said



about restructuring : live the process and readily assume it. At the 3rd Provincial Chapter, the Province took as motto : « With Mary, to construct without delay the unity of the Province ». The urgency of the new land spoken of by the General Chapter became, for the Province, the new land of unity. This is what Br Wellington and his Council have tried to do during their first term.

*I am Wellington Mousinho de Medeiros. Born October 1947, in João Pessoa, Paraíba. I am a former student of the Marist college Pío X. Entered the juniorate in 1963, the postulancy in 1964, the novitiate in 1965, and the scholasticate in 1966-67. I took perpetual vows in 1970, and stability in 1984.*

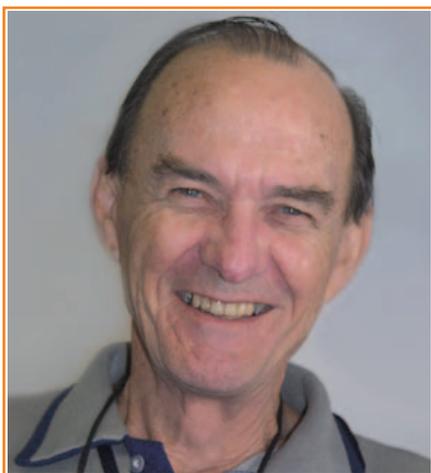
*I have licentiates in Theology, History, and Pedagogy (School Administration). I specialized in the Theology of the Religious Life at the "Lumen Vitae" Institute in Brussels , and in the Theology of Education in the Institute of Theology and Ministry of CELAM and the Universidad Javeriana (Bogotá – Colombia).*

*I worked in the houses of Marist formation – coordination of the juniorate and the scholasticate. Director of various Marist colleges and currently Director of "Marista de Maceió". I was the first Vice-President of the Association of Catholic Education of Brazil, and President of the Associations of Catholic Education of various states of Brazil. . In the former Province of Brasil Norte I was provincial counsellor and responsible for the provincial coordination of Educational Ministry.*



# NEW PROVINCE OF AUSTRALIA

## Appointment of Provincial: Br. Jeffrey Crowe



ince: "Brothers, as you continue on the journey towards the inauguration of the new Province in December, be assured that you go forward with our very best wishes. May this time be a moment of true grace not only for your Province, but for the Institute as a whole. Rest assured that you all are very close to us in thought and in prayer, as we discern together "a new consecrated life, with a strong Gospel identity, that will promote a new way of being brothers."

*Born in Sydney, I was educated by the Brothers from the age of 8! Since completing university studies*

*in 1968, I have worked in Australia only 8 of the past 40 years. After teaching in Bougainville and leading a school in Solomon Islands (1970-78), I became the first District Leader of Papua New Guinea / Solomon Islands (1981-87). After post-graduate studies I worked full-time in Province administration (1989-1993), in community animation at first and then as co-ordinator of Province ministries. I was a member of the General Council (1993-2001), during which time I visited mainly in Africa, Asia, Pacific, Central-West Europe and was the final co-editor of In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat. In 2002-2003, I worked in pre-novitiate formation in India and established a project for children affected by HIV/AIDS. In 2004-2007, I served as Rector of MAPAC, the Asia-Pacific post-novitiate centre in Manila, Philippines. In late 2008 I became Provincial in Sydney.*

**H**aving studied the results of the consultation, the Superior General and his General Council have appointed Bro. Jeffrey Crowe as Provincial of the new Province of Australia for a period of three years beginning on December 08, 2012.

Br. Emili Turú has told the brothers in its statement to the Prov-

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