

# HEADING FOR IMYM RIO 2013

## International Marist Youth Meeting

The IMYM (International Marist Youth Meeting) began in Sydney in 2008. In 2011, it was the turn of Madrid. Now it is up to us to prepare the next IMYM to be held in Rio, as a sign of the youth of God, by celebrating life, giving concrete responses with regard to evangelisation and listening to what God wants from us as Marists of Champagnat in this globalised world.

We are close to an important time for the Marist Youth who will take part in the International Marist Youth Meeting (IMYM RIO 2013) and the World Youth Day (WYD). The IMYM wishes to foster the appropriation of the progress made during the previous two meetings (Sydney and Madrid), collaborate with the Marist Institute in response to the calls of the XXI General Chapter, in view of the continuing relevance of the 'dream' of Champagnat.

IMYM RIO 2013 will take place before the WYD, from 17 to 21 July 2013, at

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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the « Colégio Marista São José » – Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil. The theme of the meeting is : « CHANGE : make the difference ! » and the motto: « go and make disciples of all nations » (Mt 28: 19). We are already insisting on the importance of preparing the young people who will take part in the Marist meeting and the WYD.

UMBRASIL (the Marist Union of Brasil) is co-ordinating the various aspects connected with the organisation of the Meeting and working closely with the Organizing Commission of IMYMO RIO 2013, in order to assure its success. Below is some information on this subject:

\* IMYM RIO 2013 : from 17 to 21 July 2013. 12 places will be reserved per Province or District, 10 for the young people and 2 for those accompanying them. The Meeting of the Youth of the Marist Fathers, Marist Sisters (SM) and the Marist Missionary Sisters (SMSM) will take place at the same time at another Marist school in Rio de Janeiro. The two groups will come together for the last day of the Meeting.

## GENERAL HOUSE

The General Council finished its plenary session on Friday 29 June. Soon the Superior General and his Councillors will be leaving for different parts of the world to continue their mission of animation or to take time off for retreat, relaxation or family visits.

Brothers Josep Maria Soterias and Eugene Kabanguka, of the General Council, and César Rojas, of the Secretariat "Brothers today," are meeting this week with the Brothers responsible for the ongoing formation courses at El Escorial and Manziana with a view to making future formation proposals.

Some Brothers of the General Administration are also on the move, either for mission, holidays, family visits, or to make their annual retreat, now that Europe is enjoying the summer vacations.

\* The enrollments for the IMYM will be made by the the person responsible for the Marist youth of the Province (information and criteria useful for enrollment will be available in [www.champagnat.org](http://www.champagnat.org) from the month of August, in the section Rio 2013).

\* Meeting of the 4 Marist branches: this will be held on 22 July.

\* World Youth Day: from 23 to 28 July. We propose the participation of Marist youth in three main events: Opening Mass, Vigil, and Closing Mass.

\* International Marist Festival: this will take place on 26 July at the end of the day in the « Colégio Marista São José ». It will be an important moment of fraternity for the Marist youth taking part in the WYD Rio 2013.

\* The other times relative to the WYD programme will be the responsibility of each Marist delegation taking part in the Meeting. The Marist delegations will be accomodated at the « Colégio Marista São José ».

\* We ask the Provinces not to make the enrollments directly on the site of WYD Rio 2013, but to wait for the arrival of information relating to the enrollment of the Marist pilgrims. It is important to appoint a person in charge of the group going to the WYD. The WYD site is: [www.rio2013.com](http://www.rio2013.com) (Por-

tuguese, Spanish and English). The information relative to the enrollments of the Marist delegations will be sent later.

\* For any concerns or questions about the Programme of the IMYM and the WYD 2013, please contact UMBRASIL, Mr João Carlos de Paula, at the electronic address : [change2013@umbrasil.org.br](mailto:change2013@umbrasil.org.br)

\* Some information on IMYM RIO 2013 will be sent out shortly : site, official logo and social networks.

We hope that thismessage reaches all the youth of the Marist world, so that they may be inspired to carry out their mission in their own milieus.

May Saint Marcellin Champagnat inspire us to stay with the young, to look after their lives, promote and defend their rights, thus contributing to fashion the Marial face of the Church. Heading together for the IMYM RIO 2013 and the WYD, let us prepare to make the theme resound: CHANGE – make the difference!

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Logo and other informations - [www.champagnat.org](http://www.champagnat.org)  
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/2013change>  
YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/2013change>



# MARIST PRESENCE IN GERMANY

## Marist Family's Pentecostal Meeting at Cham

Every two years the traditional Pentecostal Meeting of German Marists is performed at the Marist Secondary School in Cham. Pupils, former students and brothers met this year to spend light-hearted days rich in faith on the subject of "On the road with Mary and Marcellin."

Frank Aumeier, Chairman of the Association „Friends of the Marist Secondary School Cham e.V.“ as well as teacher and school chaplain Johann Staudner were responsible for the preparations. With the visit of former Marist students from Zele/Belgium this meeting was again awarded with a certain international character.

The participants were quartered either in school or in the tent camp on the school grounds. Frank Aumeier described the Pentecostal Meeting as a work in terms of lived Marist family in the spirit of Marcellin Champagnat.



# CHAMPAGNAT SPACE IN THE CHURCH OF MARLHES

## Inauguration of the new Saint Marcellin Champagnat space

A church dedicated to Saint Saturninus but which placed itself under the protection of the saint of the area when, in 1999, was created the parish of Saint Marcellin en Pilat.

A church which has just passed 100 years since its consecration in 1911...

A pulpit and stalls which have just cleared a century of existence since being set up in 1912...

A Champagnat corner, at the entrance to the church, which has become too confined to receive the ever growing number of groups coming from all around the world and who like to stop at this place before reaching Le Rosey...

A painting dating from the first half of the XX century but somewhat hidden in the chapel of the Blessed Sacrament...

... such are the circumstances which have led the parish committee, together with the parish animation team and the diocesan sacred art commission to consider a new space for Champagnat, larger, more welcoming, and bringing together the three elements: statue, painting and stained glass window.

\* The statue of granite carved by the sculptor Pierre Brun, and representing Marcellin bursting from the rock.

\* A portrait of Champagnat painted on canvas, restored and prominently positioned.

\* The window of the artist Balmet representing Marcellin Champagnat in train of visiting a school.



\* Behind the stalls, at the back, 7 windows have been painted by Marlhians of all ages, recalling in four languages the little virtues Marcellin knew how to practise: humility, simplicity, modesty, generosity, spirit of work, hospitality, humour. The lighting recently put in place, and the brightened up back wall, allow the highlighting of the colours.

### 3 June - Inauguration

The church of Marlhes filled up very quickly at Mass time on the Sunday morning.

Members from the different parishes and the community of Marist Brothers did not want to miss the inauguration of the new space dedicated to Saint Marcellin Champagnat.



At the beginning of the celebration, the faithful who created the windows entered in procession and placed their materials at the foot of the granite statue representing Marcellin.

Brother Lucien Brosse retraced the history of the church, which turned a hundred last year, the history of the Champagnat space since 1955, and then the project of setting up the new space.

# YOUTH ASSEMBLY 2012

## Province of "Brasil Centro-Sul"

On June 15 to 17, 96 teenagers and young people from the Marist Youth Ministry (MYM) in the Marist Province of Central-South Brazil got together in Curitiba for a Youth Assembly. These people – representing nearly 4000 MYM participants from the School Network, Educational and Social Units, Professional Education, Marist formation houses and Marist University – had the opportunity to discuss and share regarding the challenges and new proposals for the MYM, and also exercise their responsibility by choosing the new Provincial Youth Commission: a body made up by young people collaborating with Marist Ministries in the youth evangelization process



proposed by the Marist Institute. "The Commission: no higher rank, but plain service" was the main slogan inspiring the different activities during the weekend. Following in the footsteps of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, it was emphasized that any member of the Provincial Commission must keep a perfect balance between sensitivity, planning and action: he or she must be ready to listen to the challenges posed by young people from the different Units, remaining aware of his or her mission as consultant, purposeful leader, and representative. This implies a number of responsibilities, especially a clear commitment to the needs of young people and to the Marist charism.



# THE 35<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REMAR

## Colombia: Taking on the plan of Jesus Christ and fulfilling Marcellin Champagnat's dream

In 2012, we are celebrating the 35th anniversary of the REMAR movement. Since the first carabela (carnival) began its journey through Ipiales (Colombia), hundreds of young people have taken on the grand challenge of advancing the plan of Jesus Christ, to find out that to love and serve is our true North, working together to realise the mission of the Church and making Marcellin Champagnat's dream come true.

Accompanying young people provides the opportunity to understand their realities, their language and desires, as well as to

pass the project proposed by the movement on to them with a Christian approach. This is quite a challenge, as each proposed experience is a good way to discover the presence of God as Jesus Christ in the daily life of each member. This process aims at providing answers to young people's

questions and meeting their needs by offering a variety of choices for their day-to-day lives, along with a method and the unique spirituality of the movement. This makes working as a timonel (helmsman), animator, counselor and remero (rower) the answer to the call of Mary (Star of the Sea), Marcellin (the Old Salt) and Jesus Christ (Friend and Great Helmsman) to continue to build a new world, celebrating each new day and always remembering that "a person whose purpose is not to serve has no purpose in life."

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