

CMMF - OPEN FORUM

Process of revitalising the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family

Last June, a commission formed of persons of the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family from different countries began work on outlining a process for the revitalisation of this movement with enthusiasm, reflection and great interest. For this, the contributions received from the national meetings have been very valuable.

This undertaking touches personal and community life, and the depth of the mystery of God who has been present among us all these years.

We encourage you to reread your history and discover the lights and shadows of the course covered, as well as to discern in fraternity ways of being more and more creative and faithful to the God of Life.

We INVITE you to make use of the [space of the web site we have launched](#) to express yourselves, offer your experiences in fraternity or in



group, present ideas and suggestions for furthering the process of the Champagnat Movement, the lights and shadows you perceive, some creative proposal... What a richness to be able to share our lived experience !

We wish this to be a means of expression open to all on the Champagnat Movement, whether we are part of it or not. The diversity of points of view is always a richness. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

GENERAL HOUSE

Brs Joe Mc Kee and Victor Preciado met with the team accompanying the "Marist Places" at the Hermitage on 24 and 25 September.

Br Ernesto Sanchez was at Manziana on the same dates with the Third Age group.

Br Joao Carlos do Prado, director of the Secretariat of Mission, left for the Hermitage to take part in the meeting of the European group "Evangelizers in the midst of youth" from 23 to 28 September.

Br Michael de Waas is making a visitation of East Timor (Province of Melbourne) from September 25 to October 2.

NATIONAL MEETING IN ARGENTINA

Fraternities of the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family

The National Meeting of the Fraternities of the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family was held in Luján, Argentine, with representatives from eleven Fraternities, to launch the process of renewal encouraged by the Secretariat of the Laity. Our reflections were aimed at responding to this call to be reborn, be renewed... to find a new meaning for our identity as members of Fraternities.

After contemplating the icons for a Marial Church on the evening of Friday, Roberto Fleba helped the group the following day to reflect on the way we look at youth and children today, in the light of the actions of Jesus and Saint Marcellin. At this stage, the members of the Fraternities engaged in a rich exchange based on their lived experience.



In the afternoon, Br Juan Ignacio Fuentes animated profound reflection on the meaning of the vocation of the laity; his talk helped greatly in our becoming aware of this essential dimension of the identity of the members of the Fraternities. Saturday concluded with the Eucharist, placing on the altar the experiences of the day. After supper, there was the traditional "fraternal night".

Sunday morning, we tried to study the journey and life of the Fraternities of the Movement in the face of current challenges, in the sense of the call of the XXI General Chapter : "With Mary, we set out in haste to a new land..." Once we got started, the participants were invited to express their credo of the Fraternity.

The members of the Fraternities received the PROJECT OF LIFE published

in the Circular of Br Charles Howard : "The CHAMPAGNAT MOVEMENT OF THE MARIST FAMILY", as a means of finding inspiration and meaning. For the Fraternities of the Province of "Cruz del Sur" it is urgent, in fact, to rediscover the inspiration, the original drive which gave birth to the Movement.

Fraternities present: "Aguas de Rosey" (Tigre); "Acordaos" (Collège Macnab Bernal); "Río de agua viva" (Jujuy);

"Huellas de Marcelino" (Darregueira); "Champagnat" (Zelaya-Pilar); "Violetas de San Marcelino" (La Plata); "Crecer en la fe" and "Marcelino Champagnat" (Rosario); "Nehuen Lil" (Neuquén); "Resurrección"(La Inmaculada).

Brothers Felipe Fuente; Demetrio Espinosa and Joaquín Zamponi accompanied the members of the Fraternities. Luján, 7 - 9 September



Deceased Brothers

- 18/09/2012:** Basil Ward - New Zealand
- 16/09/2012:** Glauco de Vilhena Almeida Santos - Brasil Centro-Norte
- 15/09/2012:** Faustino Saraiva de Abreu - Compostela
- 13/09/2012:** Kevin (Lucian) Herlihy - Sydney

- 10/09/2012:** Gabriel de la Iglesia Mediavilla - Mediterránea
- 09/09/2012:** Martín López López - L'Hermitage
- 01/09/2012:** Jesús Gonzalez Torres - México Central
- 23/08/2012:** Teodoro Campo García - Norandina



JAPAN IS TRANSFERRED TO THE PROVINCE OF EAST ASIA

Marist Community of Kobe

The Marist Brothers arrived in Kobe, Japan, in 1951. Today, the Institute has three Brothers in this land: Ramon Bereicua, Bernard Yamaguchi and Joseph Yoshida. The Kobe community currently belongs to the Province of the United States. Last year, the Brothers of Kobe requested that the community be transferred to the Province of East Asia. The request was the fruit of a discernment process brought to maturity by contacts between the Provincial Council of the United States and the General Councillors responsible for the Sector, John Klein and Michael De Waas. The request was recently accepted by the Province of East Asia and Br Emili Turú has informed the Provincial of the United States that the change will come into effect in October.

We reproduce below part of the text written by Br Ben Consigli, Provincial of the United States, to the Brothers of the Province on the Marist mission in Japan.

The Japanese Mission Territory has a very interesting history. In the years following World War II, it was evident that the great Marist Province in continental China, with a membership of over 200 brothers, half of them Chinese, would come to an end as the Communists were taking control of the government. As a result of the violent Communist persecutions on the China mainland in 1950, the Brothers looked for new mission countries in Asia. European brothers who had spent many years in China sought refuge that year in the city of Kobe, Japan. To maintain community life and to extend Marist influence to the foreign colony in that city, they opened an English speaking school there. With a curriculum modeled on the British educational system, the school awarded the coveted Cambridge diploma.

[In 1956, two Spanish brothers who had studied at Marian College, Poughkeepsie, were sent to Japan by Br Léonida, Superior General at the time. They were the first Marist reinforcements to arrive in Japan after the II World War. Shortly after their arrival, they were sent to Tokyo to learn Japanese. At that period, the mission in Japan belonged to the China Province. Of the two brothers, José Nicolau and Francisco J. Castellanos, the first returned to Spain, while Br Francisco J. Castellanos was

economer of the school in a Kumamoto for many years. He was also director of the school during Br Patrick Francis' sabbatical year.]

In 1957, at the request of the Superior General, three Brothers from the United States went to Japan to begin the transition of the Marist Brothers International School to administration by the US Province. Brothers Daniel Michael Sullivan and Patrick Francis Tyrell were assigned to Tokyo to study Japanese, while Brother John Benedict Laroche went directly to Kobe.

With the success of the English-language school in Kobe, the Brothers expanded their mission by founding Marist High School in Kumamoto, conducted in Japanese. In 1957, Brother Patrick Francis Tyrell was appointed to oversee the construction project, and the school opened on April 12, 1961 and continues to this day.

When the United States Province was divided in 1959, the Japanese mission was entrusted to the Poughkeepsie Province until the two provinces were reunited in 2003.

In 1995, a devastating earthquake destroyed much of the city of Kobe. The Brothers began the arduous task of rebuilding the school and residence, and

today the Marist Brothers International School continues its mission as a Catholic school with a Marist heritage.

In 1998, the Brothers withdrew from the Kumamoto school and turned over the administration to a lay board of directors.

By 2012, the three Brothers remaining in Japan, Brothers Ramon Bereicua, Bernard Yamaguchi and Joseph Yoshida, while retired, continue to make Jesus Christ known and loved in the way of Mary through their pastoral work in local parishes. Our recent 125th anniversary Province celebrations called us to "Remember, Celebrate, and Believe!" With that in mind, we remember with great pride and gratitude all the efforts of so many faith-filled Marist Brothers and lay Marists who helped to build and nurture the Church in Japan over these 60+ years.

We celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of their tireless efforts in making Jesus known and loved, and we must believe that we will continue to be strengthened and encouraged to live the Marist dream given to us by Saint Marcellin, trusting, like Mary.

Br Ben Consigli, Provincial of the United States



HAITI: COMMUNITY OF DAME-MARIE

Formation at the school of Notre Dame de Fatima

From 11 to 15 September, the teachers of the school of Notre Dame de Fatima followed a training course in pedagogy. At the end of the course, they expressed their satisfaction for this good sharing of work experiences as Marist educators.



Thank you from the teachers of Fatima

To say thanks, is a gesture of love and great generosity. It is in this perspective that we present our gratitude to those in charge of the Marist sector of Haiti and in particular to the Marist community of Dame-Marie who thought of organising a week of pedagogical animation for the teachers of

the national congregationist school Notre Dame de Fatima. This initiative is part of the programme for providing good work in the classroom for the academic year 2012-2013. This formation course brings us not only new knowledge but also practical resources which will make our task easier.

We also want to thank from our hearts Brother Manuel Franco Jáuregui for his support in teaching materials which he has gifted to the school. How much we would like to meet him in person before the end of the current year, for greater familiarity.



ANIMATION AND LIVING OF MARIST SPIRITUALITY

Sub-commission of Marist Spirituality of America

The Sub-commission of Marist Spirituality of America met in Lima, Peru, from 10 to 12 September, as programmed in its two year plan to support the Provinces, Districts and Regions of America in the animation and living of Marist spirituality, in response to the Fundamental Call and the Horizons traced by the XXI General Chapter.

of "Norandina" (theme, programme, team responsible); 18th Meeting of the Network to be held in Canada from 18 to 24 May 2013 (theme, programme and team responsible); and also the definition of the logo and site of the Network, which will shortly be launched.

The methodology of the meeting was simple and very participative, facilitating the unfolding of the activities in a climate of fraternity and family spirit, as our Father Founder, Saint Marcellin Champagnat, wished.

The meeting finished with the joyful celebration of the Holy Name of Mary, patronal feast of the Society of Mary. May our good Mother and Saint Marcellin continue to bless this network and foster its mission in the various places of our America.

On this occasion, the Sub-commission considered the order of the day: evaluation of the meeting held in Guatemala from 11 to 17 April; retreats of the Province

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