

SYNOD ON THE NEW EVANGELIZATION IN THE VATICAN

Br. Emili Turú will take part in the coming Synod

From 7 to 28 of October, the XIII General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops will be held in Rome on the theme "The new evangelization for the transmission of the Christian faith". On 8 September, Br Emili received a notification from the Secretary of the Synod that Pope Benedict XVI has personally appointed him to participate in the works of the synod.

Although the great majority of the members of the Synod are Bishops, the synodal process includes the presence of a certain number of other persons (priests, religious and laity) by reason of their personal experience and the specific preparation in relation to the theme to be treated and studied by the members of the Synod.



This appointment is proof of the confidence the Holy Father has in our Superior General and, at the same time, recognition of the work performed by the Marist Institute in the evangelizing mission of the Church.



GENERAL HOUSE

Br Joe Mc Kee, Vicar General, has gone to the Philippines for a MAPAC meeting from 1 to 9 October. Br Ernesto Sanchez CG has gone to Brasil for a National Formators Meeting at Florianopolis from 2 to 5 October.

The Rome FMSI team was in Madrid on 29 and 30 September for the 20th anniversary of Spanish Marist solidarity NGO, SED.

Br César Rojas of the Secretariat Brothers today was in Medellin, Colombia, from 30 September to 5 October, to take part in the meeting of Formators and Vocations Animators of Arco Norte.

And from 5 to 23 October, Br Javier Espinosa and Ana Sarrate and Tony Clark of the Secretariat of the Laity will be in Sri Lanka for a meeting and then have other contacts in Thailand and the Philippines.

MARIST MISSION

Nigeria - Meeting of the African Mission Commission

The annual meeting of the African Mission Commission was held at Orlu, Nigeria, from 11 to 15 September. The participants were Brothers: Fortune Francis Chakasara (Southern Africa), John Kusi Mensah (District of West Africa), Rémy Mbolipasiko Dikala (Central East Africa), Michel Maminiaina Razafimandimby (Madagascar), Ifeanyi Mbaegbu (Nigeria), Chris Wills (Secretariat of International Collaboration for Mission), João Carlos do Prado (Secretariat of Mission). There were also three members of the Secrétariat of



the Laity: Br Javier Espinosa, Mr Tony Clarke and Br Silvain Ramandimbarisoa

During the first two days of the meeting, the Secretariat of the Laity animated a workshop for the members of the Commission on the Marist vocation of brothers and laity. The objective was to deepen the understanding of the vocation of the lay Marist, to share experiences of the mission and charism between brothers and laity in Africa, and to lay down common paths for sustaining the vocation of the lay Marist. It was an extraordinary experience which allowed us to realise the advances and the challenges in the continent on this subject.

Br Chris Wills presented the Project of International Volunteer Service at the level of the Institute, and spoke about the Mission Ad Gentes Project in Asia.

The participants were able to consider the numerous possibilities of co-operation for the African Provinces among themselves and with other Provinces in the world.

The participants also reviewed the implantation of the document "Evangelizers in the midst of youth" in Africa and shared the experience of the workshop on the same theme conducted in Nai-

robi, from 27 August to 1 September, as well as the implementation of a common Programme for the Formation of Directors.

Two days were devoted to learning about and supporting the fine and stimulating Marist mission being carried out in Nigeria, especially in the towns of Nteje, Orlu, Uturu, Enugo and Abuja. The welcome of the brothers, laity and children everywhere was extraordinary.

This was a marvelous opportunity for grasping the great vitality of the Marist presence and mission in the continent. Africa is fertile territory for receiving with love and offering a number of possibilities for the Marist charism.



Inter-community meeting – Catalone

Profiting from the feast of 8 September and the beginning of the new school year, 86 brothers from the communities of Catalonia gathered at Les Avellanes. Brother Provincial and some of his Council provided information first of all about what could be called "the logistics" at the beginning of a new year: the PVC, the Brothers/Laity Forum, the new community in Athens, the theme for the year, etc.

After having "revved the motor" with this information, they went into more depth with the programming of the provincial calendar: gatherings, networks, meetings, preparation for the 4th Provincial Chapter with the elections of capitulants, visit of the General Councillors, redistribution of tasks among the Councillors of Catalonia, sondage for the nomination of the Brother Provincial, financial questions, with merited applause for Brother Héribert Pujolàs on his 9 years of service as Provincial Econome.

"CHANGE: MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!"

International Gathering Marist Youth - Rio 2013

The International Gathering Marist Youth 2013 (IGMY) will be held in the "Colégio Marista São José" – Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro – Brasil, from 17 to 22/07, in the week preceding the World Youth Day (WYD). The theme will be: «CHANGE: make the difference !", and the motto, in communion with the WYD: "Go and make disciples of all nations» (Mt 28:19). It involves a courageous invitation to undertake a change in ourselves, where we are, in order to increase good, solidarity and the Marist presence in the world. These days will provide unequalled riches through the sharing and exchange of experiences among young Marists from the five continents.



ing this link. It is a PDF file:
http://www.champagnat.org/shared/JMJ2012_Maristas_info_en.pdf

May we walk boldly, like Fr Champagnat, to the meeting of Marist youth. We believe that youth are the theological place where "the lives and faces of young people (each and everyone) are places where this God of life reveals Himself to us and we come to know Him" (Evangelizers in the midst of youth, n° 79). We see the IMYM, the presence of the Pope and the WYD as opportunities for helping youth come closer to Jesus, "the way, the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6).

The Organizing Committee of the IGMY 2013 | CHANGE is presenting some information which will contribute to preparing the Provinces to take part in the event.

May Mary, our good Mother, enlighten us, bless us and protect us on our road towards the International Gathering Marist Youth 2013 | CHANGE !

Br. José de Assis Elias de Brito - Co-ordinator General of IGMY 2013 | CHANGE
 Br. João Carlos do Prado - Director of the Secretariat for Mission

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MARIST PUBLISHING HOUSES

Meeting of the Board of Direction in São Paulo

The Board of Direction of the International Marist Network of Houses of Publication met from 11 to 13 August, at the headquarters of "Editora FTD", in São Paulo, Brasil. The participants were: Br Julián Sanz Faices, Director General and President of the Board; Mr Alberto Pazos Arranz, Director of Organisation and Development of the Publishing Houses, for the group Editorial Luis Vives – Spain; Mr Francisco Flores, Adviser, and Mr Víctor Guzmán, Director of Development, for "Editorial Progreso" - Mexico; Br Agustín Martínez, Provincial Econome, for "Gram Editora"

– Argentine; Br Délcio Afonso Balestrin, Director President; Br Dario Bortolini, vice-president; Antonio Luis Rios da Silva, Director General, for "Editora FTD S.A." – Brasil and João Carlos do Prado, Director of the Secretariat of Mission.

At the same time, there were meetings of the Executive Committees which treated matters relating to the organisation of the Network and the common Projects undertaken by the Marist Houses of Publication. These Committees are:



a. Organisation: the committee charged with the creation of the statutes which define the Network's models of co-ordination.

b. New technologies: the sharing and research of synergies between the Publishing Houses in the digital domain.

c. Graphics and Production: the sharing and research of synergies between the different graphic studios and the departments responsible for the whole chain of production,

logistics, administration and supplies.

d. Publishing and Marketing House: responsible for the sharing and research of synergies between the different Plans, funds of the Publishing Houses and Marketing activities.

All the projects carried out will be evaluated during the Assembly of Marist Publishing Houses to be held in Madrid, Spain, from 6 to 9 October 2013.



"EVANGELIZERS IN THE MIDST OF YOUTH"

Nairobi: Marist Youth Ministry Africa And Madagascar Regional Meeting

The Regional workshop on Marist Youth Ministry (MYM) for Africa and Madagascar was held in Nairobi, Subiaco Centre, from 27th August to 1st September 2012. The meeting brought together 18 youth leaders from the five Administrative Units of Africa and Madagascar.

The meeting was aimed at bringing together youth leaders in the region to study the document, 'Evangelizers in the Midst of Youth', and make proposals for its application and implementation at the provincial and district levels. This was done by presentation and indept study of each chapter of the document.

Apart from the study of the document there was a mutual enrichment of participants through presentations and sharing of youth ministry experiences in their Administrative Units. After listening to each other it became clear to participants that Africa is a privileged place for MYM with her teeming population of young people who are too hungry to pray.

The conclusion of the workshop ushered in the beginning of a long journey of implementing and reviewing of youth ministry activities in Africa and Madagascar.



Listening to the speech of the Superior General Brother Emili Turu, to the participant (via video), the participants saw the immediate and obvious need to invigorate MYM in the continent and a successful implementation of the document as a must which cannot be done without the full support of the Conference of Superiors of Africa and Madagascar. At the end of the meeting a communiqué was written to the Superiors of Africa and Madagascar to

this effect, requesting them to ensure that a follow-up workshop on the document, "Evangelizers in the Midst of Youth", is organized in the Administrative Units of Africa and Madagascar. Each Administrative Unit is therefore invited to form a Provincial or District Marist Youth Commission to see to the implementation of the recommendations of the participants.

At the end of the meeting, the participants left the venue with hope that through sharing of experiences, aspirations and challenges via facebook they will remain connected and providing continued support to each other.

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