

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2012

Calendar of the General Council and the Directors of the Secretariats

November 1-3: Animation teams of the Champagnat Movement of Europe, Alcalá - Ana Sarrate

November 2-4: Centenary Madagascar - Joe Mc Kee

November 5: Council meeting

November 5-9: Regional meeting on MYM, Philippines - João Carlos do Prado, César Rojas

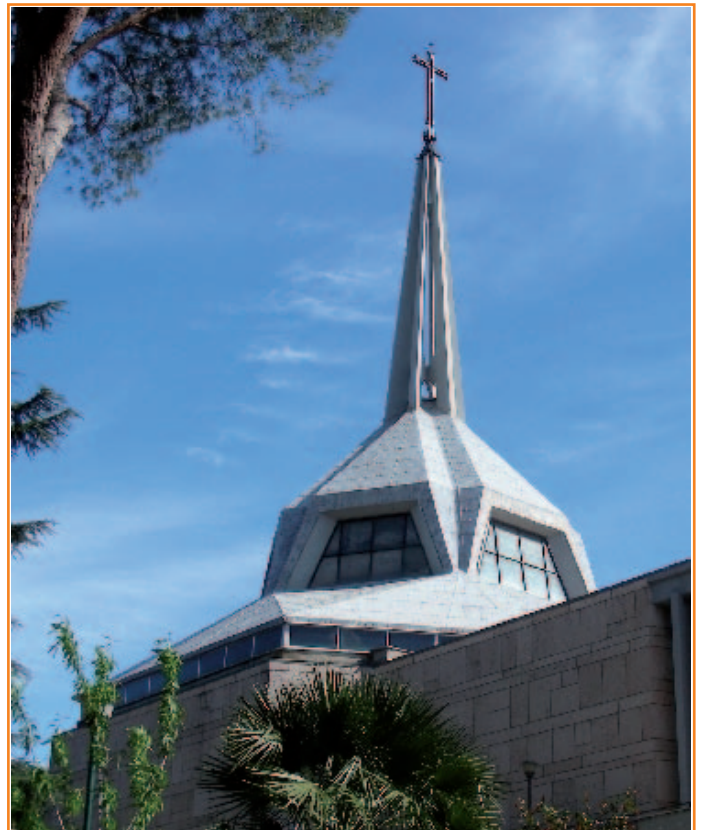
November 7-8: European Marist Conference, Valladolid - Ernesto Sánchez, Antonio Ramalho

November 10-17: Visit of Brothers today and CMI to East Asia, Mindanao - César Rojas & Chris Wills

November 11 - December 2: Visit to Province of L'Hermitage - Antonio Ramalho, Ernesto Sánchez

November 12-15: Com. New models of animation, management and government - John Klein, Víctor Preciado, João Carlos do Prado

November 12-14: Systems Thinking Conference, Indianapolis - Joe Mc Kee, Emili Turú



GENERAL HOUSE

Brother Vicar General Joe Mc Kee, who has been in Madagascar from 2 to 4 November for the closure of the Marist Centenary, arrived back in Rome on the 6th. Br John Klein came back from the United States on Sunday 4, while Br Michael de Waas continues improving his Spanish in Seville.

The Council held its regular meeting on Monday 5.

Brother Antonio Ramalho will be in Valladolid for the European Marist Conference on 7 and 8 November.

Brothers Joao Do Prado, and César Rojas, of the Secretariats of Mission and Brothers today, are holding the regional meeting for the Marist Youth Ministry of Asia in the Philippines from 5 to 9 November.

- November 16-17:** Education seminar of the USG/UISG, General House - João Carlos do Prado, M.Meuti
- November 16-21:** Cruz del Sur - Assembly and Chapter - JM Soteras, Eugène Kabanguka
- November 17-19:** México Central - Provincial Chapter - Emili T.
- November 18 - December 8:** Visit of the Secretariat CMI to AMAG: Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia - Chris Wills
- November 19-22:** International Commission on General House - Víctor Preciado, Joe Mc Kee
- November 23-24:** Leadership South Asia - John Klein, Michael De Waas
- November 22-30:** Sta. M^a de los Andes, Retreat in Peru - JM Soteras, Eugène Kabanguka
- November 27-29:** Preparatory Com. - International Youth Meeting, Rio 2013 - João Carlos do Prado
- November 27-December 3:** Visit to India - John Klein
- November 28-30:** Meeting of European Commission of laity, Madrid - Javier Espinosa. Ana Sarrate
- November 29 - 3 December:** Council of Sector AMAG (Ad Gentes), Bangkok - Joe Mc Kee
- December 2-7:** Brasil Centro Norte - Assembly - Josep Soteras, Eugène Kabanguka
- December 3:** Council meeting
- December 3 -7:** Preparatory Com. - Int. Marist Mission Assembly - João Carlos do Prado, César Rojas, Javier Espinosa
- December 6-8:** International Leadership - A.Ramalho, Joe Mc Kee, John Klein, E.Sánchez
- December 8-12:** Australia - Provincial Chapter - Emili Turú, Michael De Waas
- December 9-11:** Brasil Centro Norte, Provincial Chapter, Mendes - Eugène Kabanguka, Antonio Ramalho
- December 10-13:** Formation of Directors, Ruanda - João Carlos do Prado
- December 10-14:** Rio Grande do Sul - Provincial Chapter - Josep Maria Soteras
- December 12-14:** Norandina - Provincial Chapter
- December 14-15:** Formation of Directors program, Ghana - João Carlos do Prado
- December 15-20:** District of Melanesia - Retreat, Joe Mc Kee
- December 18-22:** Retreat Brothers-laity in Venezuela - Javier Espinosa
- December 21-24:** México Occidental - Provincial Chapter - Eugène Kabanguka
- December 26-30: Ibérica - Provincial Chapter - Emili Turú
- December 26-30:** PACE - Provincial Chapter, Nairobi - Antonio Ramalho
- December 27-30:** Mediterránea - Provincial Chapter - Ernesto Sánchez



VOCATIONS MINISTRY AND INITIAL FORMATION

Colombia: Meeting of the Brothers of Arco Norte

From 28 September to 4 October, a group of 25 Brothers from 6 Provinces composing the Arco Norte (United States, México Occidental, México Central, América Central and Norandina) met in the conference centre of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Rionegro, Antioquia, Colombia. The meeting

was co-ordinated by Br Carlos Saúl Corzo, seconded by the Formation Commission of our Province.

Br Libardo Garzón, Provincial of Norandina, opened the meeting with a message of encouragement, congratulations and thanks, placing in relief the meaning of our style of life

and the mystery of God hidden in the mission which we carry out. He emphasized that the vitality of our Marist life depends, in great part, on our own formation and the faith processes which we foster for the good discernment of vocation among youth.

The first two days were animated by

Mme Sofía Uribe Arbeláez who, from her vision of psychoanalysis, dealt with the theme of Accompaniment in religious life : understanding, possibilities and challenges. She treated the subject through a personal and group approach, such as that presented in our Formation Guide.

On the third day, a rest day, we were able to share with the community of the interprovincial novitiate of Guatemala. We had a beautiful tour around the Piedra El Peñol and the village of Guatapé. The weather proved splendid and offered us a magnificent sunny day.



The last days, helped by Brothers César Rojas (of the Secretariat Brothers today), Carlos Saúl Corzo and Carlos Vélez (members of the Sub-commission of Brothers of America), we reflected on several proposals, challenges and support strategies to present to the Brother Provincials of Arco Norte in order to follow it up with the aid and animation of the Brothers of the Sub-commission.

Each work day began with morning prayer, each afternoon with Marial prayer around our good Mother, and each day ended with the celebration of the Eucharist, animated by the Brother participants of the different Provinces. Father Jaime Escobar remained very close to us and very well grasped the spirit of the Meetings, summed up in the slogan that had brought us together : « Break down frontiers, look for new dawns »

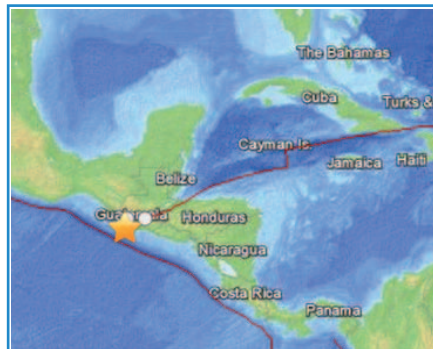
Br Marco Antonio Vargas



EARTHQUAKE OF 7.2 DEGREES IN GUATEMALA

No damage to the Marist schools

Yesterday, 7 November, at 10.35, Guatemala was struck by an earthquake of 7.2 degrees on the Richter scale. The epicentre was at Champerico, in the south of the country, and the seismic wave affected the departments of San Marcos, Retalhuleu and Quetzaltenango. Our Marist school establishments suffered no damage.



The authorities have announced that at San Marcos there were at least 48 dead and other hospitalised. There are still people buried under the rubble. Several seismic waves of lesser intensity have again struck the disaster zone.

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Cambodia - New community in Saen Monorom

The opening of the new community in Saen Monorom, Mondulkiri, Cambodia proved to be challenging for the founding brothers Max, Pedro and Bernhard. Leaving Kampong Cham on 17th of January, they arrived and settled themselves in a Saen Monorom.

Situated in a mountainous area, it was a challenge to cycle through its tracks to reach the market. Our Brothers

have to do marketing as often considering that they have no fridge for food storage in the community. Thanks to an Australian friend who gave our brothers a small motor-bike that helped ease their mobility in the area.

Presently, our brothers are charting their mission directions through series of community meetings. The intention is to set a clear vision for their mission in Mondulkiri in the next 5 years



MORE THAN 800 YOUNG MARISTS

Meeting of Marist Youth of the Province of « Rio Grande do Sul »

The Marist Youth Meeting (EJM), principal gathering of the MYM of the Province of RS, brought hundreds of young people together in Porto Alegre to reflect and exchange about important points in relation to the context of youth. The programming of the meeting motivated the young people to think about their role in the community by means of 15 workshops conducted on the afternoon of 20/10.

The Communication office dealt with the topic of the use of social networks. Two other workshops also treated interesting topics : the neurological effects of drugs and how these can influence learning, and also the preventative and conscience raising role a young person can exercise himself on his friends ; respect for life in its last moments, in collaboration with the programme « Vida Urgente », of the Thiago de Moraes Gonzaga Foundation.

The workshop on « Libras » (Brazilian sign language) was one of the most striking activities. It sought to teach young people to



communicate in this language, but also to discuss among themselves about their role in regard to the challenges of integration, especially for handicapped people.

The youth were able to take part in other workshops : « capoeira », percussion, bio dance, spirituality, music... They also had the opportunity to live the Divine Office of Youth and a moment of prayer and reflection. On this occasion, the young people learned that the venue for the 2013 meeting will be the « Colégio Marista São Luís », in Santa Cruz do Sul.

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