

## UNION OF SUPERIORS GENERAL

### Br Emili Turú reelected to the Executive Committee

From 21 to 23 November 2012 there took place in Rome the Assembly of the Union of Superiors General (USG). This is an organization of representation, coordination and support in the name of the approximately 55,000 male religious in the Church.

The Superior General dedicated a day and a half to the study of two current themes: the recently held Synod on the New Evangelization, and the economic crisis and its implications for consecrated life. In the time remaining, the Assembly elected a new governing body as well as delegates for some organizations for dialogue with the Holy See.

Elected as President of the USG for the period 2012-2015 was Fr José Rodríguez Carballo, Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor and as Vice-president the General of the Jesuits, Fr Adolfo Nicolás. The other elected members of the Executive Council of the USG are: Fr Bruno Cadoré (Order of Preachers – Dominicans); Fr Mario



Aldegani (Josephites of Murialdo); Fr Flavio Peloso (Opera di Don Orione – Orionians); Fr Josep María Abella Batlle (Claretian Missionaries); Fr Eamon Fitzgerald (Trappists); Br Emili Turú (Marist Brothers); Fr Thomas Handgraetiner (Premonstratensian Canons); Fr Richard Baawobr (Society of the Missionaries of Africa); Fr Javier Álvarez-Ossorio (Congregation of the Sacred Hearts – Picpus); Fr Pedro Aguado Cuesta (Poor Clerics Regular of the Mother of God – Scoloppians).



### Latest deceased Brothers

26/11/2012: Mario Pinato - Mediterránea  
 22/11/2012: Bernard Lanthier - Canada  
 18/11/2012: Néstor Juan Pedrotti - Cruz del Sur  
 18/11/2012: Máximo del Pozo Hernández - Santa María de los Andes  
 16/11/2012: José de Jesús Cuadrado y Liqueste - América Central

12/11/2012: John Mullins - Sydney  
 05/11/2012: Jean M. Bénigaud - L'Hermitage  
 01/11/2012: André Martin - Europe Centre-Ouest / West Central Europe  
 29/10/2012: Burkhard (Heribert) Lindner - Europe Centre-Ouest / West Central Europe  
 09/10/2012: André Caze - L'Hermitage

# PROVINCE "BRASIL CENTRO-NORTE"

## III General Assembly of the Champagnat Movement

**A** path which discloses the future: such was the motto of the III General Assembly of the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family of the Province of "Brasil Centro-Norte", held in Brazlândia/DF, from 2 to 4 November. Organised every three years, the Assembly is formed by the representatives of the fraternities of the Province, the provincial co-ordination team and the brother adviser. On this occasion, there were 30 representatives from the 35 fraternities of the Province.

The Assembly is a special time for exercising lay responsibility, since it is the representatives of the fraternities who evaluate their progress over the past three years, define the objectives and priorities for the future of the Movement in the Province and choose the new co-ordination team and the substitutes.

During the Assembly, proposals of modification were presented and voted on for the Plan of Formation of the Internal Regime of the CMMF, created six years ago in view of structuring the

Movement in the Province, thus filling in several gaps in the Life Project of the Champagnat Movement.

The Assembly was enriched by messages of support for the participants, sent by Brothers Antonio Ramalho, Javier Espinosa and Claudino Falchetto.



Br James Pinheiro and Eder D'Artagnan spoke about the sections they co-ordinate – animation of vocations and Marist laity, respectively. Other Brothers were present at different times : José de Assis, Luís André, Paulo Martins, Romero Ferreira, José Augusto, José Machado and Wagner Cruz. Important to mention also the significant presence and support of Br Wellington

Medeiros, Provincial.

The Assembly finished with some moving moments : the election of the new co-ordination team for the period 2013-2015, composed of Geraldo Siqueira (co-ordinator), Gonçalo Flamarion (adviser for formation and communication) and Raphael Gobbo (adviser for the secretariat and finances), and the taking of possession of the new provincial adviser for the CMMF, Br Adalberto Amaral, in the presence of Br Wellington Medeiros. The Assembly then paid homage to Br Salatiel Amaral for his 22 years of devotion and service to the Champagnat Movement as provincial adviser.

The event was a historic moment for the Movement in our Province, for those taking part had the possibility of meeting to evaluate the path traversed and look towards the coming years 'around the same table'. It was a rich moment lived by those primarily concerned, the lay people of the Movement, together with the Brothers, for the construction of a 'path which discloses the future'.




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## SHARING THE MARIST VOCATION

### Mexico: National Meeting of the Marist Fraternities

**T**he XVIII National Meeting of the Marist Fraternities was held at Toluca in Mexico on 2, 3 and 4 November 2012, with the motto: "Let the one who is thirsty come to me

and drink." Organised by the Fraternity "Agua de la Roca" with the support of its sister Fraternity "Estrella de la Mañana",

the meeting developed in a joyful family climate, where we felt welcomed, brothers and laity, by all the affection of our hosts.

Five topics were treated which prepared heart and spirit to celebrate in depth the Sunday Eucharist. In "To the rivers of living water" it was a question of conversion and the need to remain united to the Father. The other themes were : "Love of Jesus and his Gospel", "To become rivers of living water", "The Holy Spirit will come upon me", "Stay and persevere in Mary's way"

All the times shared – prayers, meals, dances and 'mariachi' music – were times of animation for the spirit and the heart.

On Sunday, after a moving Eucharist presided over by Mgr Francisco Javier



Chavolla, Bishop of Toluca, each Fraternity received a wooden cross symbolising the commitment to make Jesus the centre of our lives. At the moment of farewell, we felt united by the sharing of the Marist vocation which encourages us to continue together building up the Marist family.

Our friends of the Frat of Toluca inform us that they have opened a group on Facebook to keep in contact by this means and share photos and testimonies on the way God has spoken to us during the meeting : <https://www.facebook.com/EncuentroDeFraternidadesMaristas2012>



# A HEART THAT KNOWS NO BOUNDS

## New Champagnat Comic Book by Goyo

On the occasion of the centenary of the Marist presence in Spain, the Spanish Marist Conference (CME) published (1988) a CB on the life of Fr Champagnat, illustrated by "Goyo", Gregorio Domínguez, the recognised publicist of the figure of Marcellin for our time. The text was composed by Br Eugenio Sanz, then enriched by Br Gabriel Michel for the French version.

Our current European Vocations Team has come up with the idea of a new edition, taking the best of both texts, broadening its content and the number of pages. The first edition finished with the Champagnat's death, but the life of the Institute has continued to bear fruit which, we believe, should be known by the children and young persons for whom it is intended.

The current edition has added a page which puts us in touch with the task confided by the Church to the infant Society of Mary with regard to the new mission in the Pacific.

Three supplementary pages have been added at the end, as well, providing significant facts such as: the expulsion of the Brothers from France, the more than 200 Marist martyrs in the course of our short history, the canonisation of the Founder, the rich presence and experience of the Marist laity among us, mission Ad Gentes, the current vast Marist mission of the present day and the "new" Hermitage, which is calling on us to recover the spirit which animated the Brothers in the construction of the first mother-house.

Our publishing house Luis Vives is responsible for the edition and a group

of brothers and laity have made the translation into the 11 languages spoken in Marist Europe.

Copies will be distributed, by language, by the Provinces of Europe. Persons wishing to purchase them should order via the e-mail address of this page or the CME one [direccioncme@maristas.es](mailto:direccioncme@maristas.es)

For further editions in another language based on the originals destined for the printer, you will need also to contact CME : [direccioncme@maristas.es](mailto:direccioncme@maristas.es)

We take joy in putting this publication at the service of the whole Marist Family which desires to learn about our origins and our mission in the world of today.

Br Ernesto Tendero, co-ordinator Euro-



# EVANGELIZERS IN THE MIDST OF YOUTH

## Philippines - Regional meeting of the Marist Youth Ministry of Asia

The Secretariat of Mission, together with the International Marist Youth Ministry Commission, organized the Regional meeting of the MYM of Asia in the Philippines, at MAPAC, Manila, from 4 to 8 November, to study and understand the steps of the document "Evangelizers in the midst of youth".

46 delegates attended, representing the three Administrative Units of Asia and the District of Melanesia. The group was made up of students, Brothers, and laity from the Marist schools as well as Brothers and a lay missionary from MAPAC. Co-ordination and animation were the work of Brothers Rommel Ocasiones, João Carlos do Prado, César Rojas, Chris Wills and Teófilo Minga.

The meeting dynamic followed the proposal of the document "The road to Emmaus", understood as a paradigm for the evangelisation of youth today. This dynamic proposed several activities, study, moments of sharing and conviviality... which contributed to creating an atmosphere of great animation, full of life and excellent prospects for the implantation of the MYM in Asia and Melanesia.

The various activities motivated our desire to pursue the 'dreams' of Marcellin Champagnat to be the evangelizers among the youth of today, through our presence "in all the dioceses of the world". By its religious diversity, Asia poses a

"We are close to young people in their actual life-situations, taking the risk of going into what may be unexplored areas where those in material and spiritual poverty await the revelation of Christ."

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challenge and an invitation for the Marist mission.

This bond of unity established

through the meeting is a sign of the vitality of the Institute in the Region of Asia.

"To journey with the disciples of Emmaus to a New Land", will be the ideal of the Marist Youth Ministry, which we will put into operation through our activities in the different contexts where we work in Asia.

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