



CHANGE – MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

International Marist Youth Meeting
Rio de Janeiro - 17 - 21 July 2013

A major event of the Marist Institute directed towards youth is beginning to come closer. It is the International Marist Youth Meeting, which will be held from 17 to 22 July in the Colégio Marista São José – Tijuca, in Rio de Janeiro, shortly before the World Youth Day.

The theme of the meeting is CHANGE: make the difference!, and the slogan, in common with the World Youth Day, is: Go and make disciples of all nations. About 300 Marist young people, from the five continents, are expected for the meeting. Each Province or District has 12 places.

All young people are invited to take part in the experiences prior to the meeting which will be organized by the Administrative Units of the Institute.



Internacional Gathering of Marist Youth | RIO 2013

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.

For further information, access the web page CHANGE: <http://2013change.org>



GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Brothers Emili Turu, Joe Mc Kee, Mike De Waas and Ernesto Sanchez met with the Preparatory Commission for the General Conference at the Hermitage from 20 to 22 May.

Brothers Ernesto and Antonio Ramalho returned to the General House on 18 May after a month visiting the Province of Mediterranean.

Brothers Eugène Kabanguka and Josep Maria Soterias returned to Rome in their turn on 20 May after over a month of visits and meetings in Brasil and Cono Sur.

Br Javier Espinosa of the Secretariat of the Laity is taking part in the Meeting of the Network of Marist Spirituality of America in Canada, 18 to 24 May, on the theme: "Conversion to the new relationship between brothers and laity."

Br. Joao Carlos do Prado of the Secretariat of Mission and Br. Jim Jolley of FMSI are meeting with the Committee of Formation of Directors in Nairóbi from 21 to 25 May.

TOWARDS A RENEWAL OF OUR COMMUNITIES

"Brothers Today" European Commission

On Saturday, May 4th, the Brothers Today European Commission met in Barcelona, coordinated by Br. Antonio Leal (Compostela) and a brother representing each of the provinces: Juan Carlos Fuerte (Mediterranea), Carlos Garcia (Ibérica), Maurice Tailde-man (Central-Eastern Europe), Jean-Pierre Destombes (Hermitage). Br. César Rojas, director of the Brothers Today Secretariat also participated in the meeting, as well as Antonio Aragon, who facilitated the translation.



ting some proposals involving a significant number of brothers.

We feel that this Commission provides a good chance to deepen the reflection on the meaning of what it is to be a brother today in Europe, and to start taking steps in order for the renewal to which we all are called to translate into a new community life, welcoming the calls made by the

XXI General Chapter.

We hope, for the new course, to develop some new activities, which will be promptly communicated to the brothers and communities.



It was a good opportunity for Br. César to outline the lines of action of the Brothers Today Secretariat

and their impact on our journey as a commission. We have also had the opportunity to discuss the new direction and meaning that the commission has acquired, the richness of sharing the various initiatives that are being carried out in the provinces and genera-

DISTRICT OF MELANESIA

Formation community in Laumanasa, Solomon Islands

We have closed our formation community in Wewak in 2012. We have moved from Wewak, which used to cater for our first year aspirants and postulants, but now in Laumanasa, Solomon Islands. This means that, this year, we have the two years of initial formation in one house of formation.

The second year started in February

and on March 17th the first year's program began with the orientation week. The second year postulant is attending classes at the NAC and will be having his weekly accompaniment at Laumanasa.

During the first semester, the first years will be having all their classes at Laumanasa on Marist life and Spirituality and their weekly accompaniment. They will also be

having some selected courses at the NAC in the second semester. There will be also an opportunity for the young men to have some apostolic Involvement every week and an intensive apostolic experience during the year at different Marist Communities.

We have nine young men with us. One second year postulant and eight aspirants. The aspirancy pro-

gram will go on for

three months—March, April, and May. The young men who can live up to the Marist Charism will be accepted to postulancy in June.

Three Brothers form the Formation Team. Br Jean Marie is the community leader and formation director in charge of first years. Br Ken Lasin is the assistant formation director and he is in charge of the second year. He is also the community bursar. Br Clement is the Marist Vocation Promoter for the District. Formation is a very important ele-



ment in the life of the District and the Marist Institute. Therefore, we are all invited and called to the work of formation for those who are showing an interest in our way of life. Whether in schools, in

youth ministries, in communities, we are called to encourage vocation through the witness of our life as a Marist Brother and as a Lay Marist.



THE GENERAL COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN THE BROTHERS' FORMATION

Itinerary of formation in preparation for perpetual profession (Bolivia)

Br. Emili Turu spent some time at the end of April with the Latin American brothers who are preparing their perpetual profession in Cochabamba (Bolivia). The Bro. Superior General chose "The new way to be a brother" as the theme for his presentation.

During the first week of May, the young brothers spent some time with brothers Josep Maria Soteras and Eugène Kabanguka, the two General Counselors for this geographical region.

The second itinerary of formation in preparation for their perpetual profession is currently taking place in Cochabamba (Bolivia). It started on March 5th and goes up to June 29th. The group is gathered together in order to experience community life, talks, retreats and moments of mission within



the country. This meeting aims to foster an experience of personal development that will strengthen their Marist identity through solidarity actions and prayer.

Among the participants there are also representatives from the Provinces of "Brasil Centro-Norte", "Brasil Centro-Sul", "Rio Grande do Sul", Norandina and Central America.



"In giving us Mary's name, Father Champagnat wished us to live her spirit. He was convinced that it was she who has done everything for us, and he called her our Ordinary Resource and our First Superior" (*Constitutions and Statutes 4*).

MIDLIFE RENEWAL COURSE AT MANZIANA

Our pilgrimage of faith

Dear Brothers and Marist laity. Greetings from Manziana where we continue our programme of ongoing formation in a spirit of brotherhood. In communion with the Church which is celebrating the Year of Faith, our community undertook a pilgrimage to Assisi from 25 to 27 April. It was an opportunity for us to be challenged by the person of Saint Francis of Assisi in joining thousands of pilgrims from all over.

After this intense time in Assisi, Brother César Rojas of the Secretariat Brothers Today, with conviction and enthusiasm, reminded us that our Vocation as Religious Brothers should always maintain its fascination and its place in the mission of the church today. His presence for two days at Manziana revived in us the call of the 21st GC inviting us to be authentic witnesses of a «new consecrated life, firmly rooted in the Gospel, which promotes a new way of being brother».

Ana Sarrate, of the Secretariat of the Laity, knew how to touch our hearts by her personality and her Marist convictions. Her presence rendered more explicit the need for collaboration between Brothers and Lay Marists in our different places of mission.

Brother José Maria Ferre, as a good spiritual master, shared with us the significant moments



when our Good Mother had to renew her Fiat. Always in the line of the 21st GC, he made us aware that our journeying with Mary supposes our commitment to offer a presence which reflects the marial face of a Church closer to the youth and people of our world today.

Our stay at Manziana is a particular opportunity for us to recharge our batteries and open ourselves up to the grace of God which daily gives us new energy in view of a more authentic Marist religious life.

Thanks to the Formation Team, Brs Barry, Antoine, Anthony and Fr Neil for their savoir faire and skill in accompaniment.

We remain united to you all, Brothers and Lay Marists, who remember us in your prayers.

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