

# MUSICAL THEME FOR IMYM/CHANGE

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

**U**MBRASIL organized a competition to choose the musical theme for IMYM – CHANGE, and received eight compositions from the Marist Provinces of Brasil for final selection.

The songs were chosen by the Organizing Commission of the IMYM and a technical committee composed of the music teachers of the "Colégio Marista São José Tijuca" and "São José da Barra".

The song chosen was Let's Change the world, whose author is Cristiano Ramos Pereira.

MP3 -> [www.champagnat.org](http://www.champagnat.org)

IMYM RIO 2013 will take place before the WYD, from 17 to 21 July 2013, at the "Colégio Marista São José" – Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil. The theme of the meeting is: "CHANGE: make the difference!" and the motto: "go and make disciples of all nations" (Mt 28: 19). We are already insisting on



FAÇA A DIFERENÇA!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

¡HAZ LA DIFERENCIA!

FAIS LA DIFFÉRENCE !

the importance of preparing the young people who will take part in the Marist meeting and the WYD.

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.



## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The General Council is in its second week of plenary session. In the first week, time was given to sharing on its own community life, then to topics such as the next beatifications, our child protection policies, models of animation and government, and evaluation of the Extended General Councils. This week is devoted especially to integration with the various Secretariats.

# PROGRAMME OF FORMATION OF DIRECTORS FOR MARIST AFRICA

## New Horizons: authentic and prophetic leadership for a new Africa

From 22 to 25 May 2013, at the Subiaco Centre, in Nairobi, Kenya, there was held the 2nd meeting of the Working Group of the African Mission Commission to prepare the Formation Programme for Directors of the Marist Schools of Africa. Those taking part in the meeting were Prof. Norton (Southern Africa), and Brothers John Kusi (District of West Africa), Michel Maminiaina Razafimandimby (Madagascar), David Hall (Australia), facilitator, James Jolley (FMSI) and João Carlos do Prado (Secretariat of Mission).

The objective of the meeting was "to raise up school leaders who contribute to the implementation of authentic and prophetic leadership in the new Africa". It aimed to take up the contemporary challenge of looking for true leaders and tried to respond to two questions: What makes us authentic leaders of the Catholic school ? How can our Marist charism help us achieve this type of leadership ?

Five themes were considered. The first, "Reading the signs of the times", was centred on the social historic context, emphasizing the phenomenon of globalisation and its impacts, consequences and opportunities for today's children and young people in Africa. The second was "Evangelisers in the world", and dealt with our mission as Marist leaders. The 3rd treated "Solidarity and social justice" as challenges for the Marist leaders and works of Africa, especially in what concerns human rights and the construction of a culture of solidarity. The 4th theme focused on the new epoch of the Marist



charism, especially on the subject of the co-responsibility of brothers and laity in the mission: "New era for the Marist charism". And finally, the 5th was centred on the dimension of leadership in the context of the "Marial face of the Church".

The programme will be offered to all the directors of the Marist Colleges of Africa and other leaders of Marist works during three regional meetings each lasting 13 days: Region 1, Province of "Southern Africa" ; Region 2, Madagascar and Central East Africa ; Region 3, Nigeria and the District of West Africa. For each meeting, it is planned to invite some schools, other Catholic networks and also a group of students of Secondary Teaching of the Marist Colleges.

The drawing up of the programme will be concluded in September 2013, with a challenge: the quest for financing

and the approval of the Conference of Superiors of the African Continent. The provisional calendar for the implementation of the programme envisages the months of August and December 2014 and August 2015.

In our days, the Marist presence and mission on the continent are experiencing a great expansion in 68 of our school establishments, among others, which take in more than 55,040 children and young people and which benefit from the animation and leadership of more than 4,800 lay collaborators and 454 Marist Brothers. Marist Africa is organised into 4 Provinces and 1 District, operating in 20 countries. To form Marist leaders, is to glimpse and guarantee an horizon of opportunities and great vitality for the Marist charism. It is also to strengthen the communion between brothers and laity in Marist life and mission.

# MYSTICISM AND PROPHECY

## Meeting of the young Brothers of the Province of "Brasil Centro-Norte"

Sharing of life, prayer and joy marked the Provincial meeting of young Brothers held from 24 to 26 May in Ribeirão das Neves/MG, with the theme of "Mysticism and prophecy", and the motto "With Mary, united in a single heart, we go to Jesus". The 12 youngest Brothers of the Province were present, as well as the Provincial, Br Wellington Medeiros, and other members of the Provincial government.



The theme "Mysticism and Prophecy" was developed with the search for integration between the internal and external living of religious life kept well in mind. The participants also reflected on the revitalisation of the communities of the Province, the different mo-

dalities of Marist religious life and the institutional policy relating to the protection of children and adolescents.

At the end of the meeting, the Brothers defined the calendar and the groups for the missionary experience in the District of Amazonia. There will be two groups in the month of December 2013 and one in June 2014.



# MARISTS IN BAUCAU

## East Timor

On Saturday, 1st June, some three hundred members of the Marist family, friends and representatives of organizations supported by the Marists in Timor-Leste, gathered to honour and celebrate St Marcellin Champagnat and Br John Horgan's Golden Jubilee as a Marist Brother. Father Justiniano SDB presided at the Eucharist celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Anthony in Baucau. After guests moved to the parish hall for a program of speeches, traditional and modern dances, and songs that acknowledged and honoured the gratitude the Brothers and people of Baucau have for the way in which John has lived and continues to live so generously and positively his life as a Marist.



## Latest deceased Brothers

- 12/06/2013:** Agustín Fernández Santos, Chile, Santiago
- 07/06/2013:** Anthony Vivian Bridge - Sudáfrica, Johannesburg
- 31/05/2013:** Rudolf Karbe - Germany, Furth
- 28/05/2013:** Arthur Starck - France, Saint-Genis-Laval
- 24/05/2013:** Jean-Paul Mounard - France, Saint-Étienne
- 18/05/2013:** Kenneth Leslie Bambridge - Australia, Alice Springs
- 16/05/2013:** Bernard-Jean-Joseph Descroix - France, Saint-Genis-Laval
- 14/05/2013:** James Kearney - United States, New York
- 11/05/2013:** Henri Rémy Luquet - Brazil, Recife
- 10/05/2013:** José Henriques Pereira - Brazil, Patos de Minas

# THE "DAWNING" OF A NEW MARIST LIFE IN ASIA

## 1st Meeting of the Lay Marists and Brothers Commission in Asia

**T**he first gathering of the Lay Marists and Brothers Commission in Asia was held on May 7-8, 2013 at Champagnat Youth Center, Port Dickson, Malaysia. In attendance were Br. Joe Peiris and Ajith Perera of South Asia, Br. John Tan, Elma Rafil and Agnes Reyes of East Asia, and Br. Ismael Valls of Ad Gentes Sector. Agnes was elected chairperson of the Commission for 2013-2015. The presence of the chair of the Marist Asia Conference, Br. Shanthi Linayage provided a strong support and encouragement to the Commission. Tony Clarke, the co-director of the Secretariat of the Laity, was very much appreciated for his guidance and valuable input. The Commission was blessed to have the presence of the newly appointed Provincial of East Asia, Br. Robert Teoh, who had given his availability to address the Commission's needs during the duration of the meeting. Gratitude was expressed to East Asia Province for hosting the said event.



### Asia Commission Statement

The Lay Marists and Brothers Commission in Asia established by and responsible to the Marist Asia Conference (MAC) believes that 'Christ unites all of us as the People of God, equal in dignity and diverse in our service and state of life. (cf. Gathered around the same table, #6, pp 25) Respectful of the religious diversities in Asian context, we feel "invited to dream, to pray, and to live God's dream together." (Gathered around the same table, p. 107)

In order to answer this call, we wish to experience and share life and faith as we seek to:

1. Organize shared Asia Marist Formation experiences and create formation structures that will facilitate a deeper understanding

of our spirituality, communion, and mission.

2. Promote and encourage formation opportunities for Brothers to deepen the understanding of the Lay Marist identity and the new relationship between Lay Marists and Brothers.

3. Intensify the promotion of the Lay Marist vocation especially for those involved with the mission work of the Brothers.

4. Strengthen the spirit of communion,

and promote new experiences of living in community, in order to deepen mutual relationship and support between Brothers and Lay Marists.

5. Create avenues for a deepened understanding and appreciation of the different spiritualities that exist in Asia.

6. Promote processes of discernment in order to respond to God's call to mission in Asia.

7. Strengthen a network of communication among the Brothers and Lay Marists.

8. Support the promotion of Lay Marist life in countries where Lay Marist life, identity and spirituality are less developed.

9. Work closely with the Secretariat of the Laity to share and communicate its plan of action.

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