

CHANGE – MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

International Marist Youth Meeting and World Youth Day - Rio de Janeiro

Everything is ready for the III International Marist Youth Meeting (IMYM), which will begin on 17 July in Rio de Janeiro, and end on the 21st. Organised by the Marist Union of Brasil and the Secretariat of Mission, the meeting, like those in Sydney (2008) and Madrid (2011), will host representatives from the various Administrative Units of the Marist Institute, in the "Colégio São José".

25 Provinces and Districts will be represented, with 187 young people registered from 40 countries of the 5 continents. 45 volunteers from Brasil will help with the organisation and development of the meeting, and 12 persons from the General Government, Provincials and other guests will also take part. The 17 members of the Organizing Commission will also be present. The total number of participants will be 261.



On 22 July, there will be a common meeting of the youth of the four Marist branches: Marist Brothers, Marist Fathers, Marist Sisters and Marist Missionary Sisters. The four Marist Superior Generals will join the 381 participants.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Now in its last week of plenary session, the General Council is giving time to reflection, with the Secretariat Brothers Today, on vocations ministry and initial and ongoing formation; continuing the debate on the project of new models of animation and government; updating the calendar of the Councillors' activities over the coming months. It will conclude with a series of agreements on principles and decisions relative to the topics treated over the five weeks.

The International Commission of Brothers Today, composed of Brothers from different parts of the Institute, is meeting in the General House in Rome from 4 to 10 July.

Br Pedro Sanchez completed his term as Secretary General on 1st July and returned to Spain. He will remain in contact with the team of the General Secretariat to assure the transition.

On 20 July, all the Brothers present at the IMYM will meet Br Emili Turú and the members of the General Council.

After the IMYM will be held the World Youth Day (23-28 July), whose motto is: "Go and make disciples of all the na-

tions!" (Mt 28: 19). Some 1,100 Marist youth will take part in the event.

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Below you will find the complete programme of the IMYM

17/07: Welcome and opening celebration

- * Welcome during the day
- * Interventions of Brothers and youth

18/07: Make the difference!

- * Little communities
- * Round tables
- * Celebration

19/07: Life, witness and mission

- * Promenade
- * Mission in the community (12 different places)

20/07: Knowledge, sharing, learning

- * Intervention and discussion (Br Emili and General Council)

- * Exchanges of youth (workshops)
- * Feast of the Cultures
- * Meeting of the Marist Brothers (community of Tijuca)

21/07: Youth have the word!

- * Calls of the Marist Youth and conclusions of the IMYM

22/07: Marist Family (4 branches)

- * Meeting of the 4 Marist branches
- * Welcome of Marist pilgrims to the WYD
- * Time of conviviality

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Australia

Inaugurated a Marist Youth Care's Skills Development Centre in Blacktown

Marist Youth Care's Skills Development Centre, in Blacktown, Australia rolled up the doors and was officially launched on Friday 14 June by Peter Garrett, Minister for School Education.

The Skills Development Centers provides at-risk young people in the com-

munity, many of whom have left school early, with practical vocational skills training and placement into ongoing and sustainable employment in areas where real vacancies exist.

The SDC uniquely assists early school leavers, often lost in between school and employment, by providing choices

and pathways to return to school, alternative education or employment.

Through a variety of training programs connected to local employment, Marist Youth Care aims to place more than 100 at risk young people into local jobs each year.

<http://www.maristyc.com>



PROVINCE OF UNITED STATES

Year of Marist Vocations

On June 16, the Year of Marist Vocations in the United States has begun with Foundation Stones, a weeklong experience in Esopus, New York, for juniors and seniors at Marist schools throughout the country.

The weeklong experience included morning conferences on various topics including Marist Apostolic Spirituality, Marist Internationality, community and manual work, prayer and personal spirituality, vows and life of the Brothers today, Marist history and Marist formation.

This experience gave to the students who are interested in exploring Marist life for themselves a chance to live, pray and work together in various service projects on the Esopus property.

Also Br. Emili sent a video message to the participants of the meeting.

Vocation Year will close with the Marist Youth gathering at Marist College in May 2014.



PROVINCE OF "NORANDINA"

Meeting of the Provincial Commission of the Marist Laity

The members of the Provincial Commission of the Marist Laity, Claudia Rojas, María Torres, Moisés Beltrán and Br Pau Fornells, met in Bogotá from 13 to 17 June 2013. The work agenda was as follows:

1. II International Marist Mission Assembly

With the Brother delegates Carlos Alberto Rojas and Wilson Torres, we considered the preparation and living of

the IMMA in the Province. In the proposed plan, there is a local phase, a provincial phase and a national phase so as to obtain the greatest participation possible of brothers and laity. The force will come from living the process at the local level.

2. Provincial experience of joint formation

The Commission of the Marist Laity, strengthened by the presence and

participation of some members of the National Team of the Marist Laity of Colombia, has launched the immediate preparation of the experience of joint formation which will take place from 29 September to 4 October in Los Teques, Venezuela. This experience, involving Brothers and lay delegates from each of the three countries of the Province, opens the way for each of the countries in 2014 and 2015 to become engaged in the organisation and implementation of similar experiences.



3. Progress of the Marist laity in the Province

Sunday 16 and Monday 17 June were devoted to sharing, evaluating and projecting the specific mission of the Commission of the Marist Laity. We shared the progress of each of the countries in this area and looked to pushing on the plans of work and especially to strengthen the processes which generate life in each of the localities.



PROVINCE OF CANADA

Celebration of jubilees at Château-Richer

On 8 June, the community of Mont Champagnat welcomed families, friends and colleagues to a eucharistic celebration in honour of eleven Marist Brothers and a Marist Father, the chaplain of Château-Richer. The ceremony underlined some noteworthy jubilees of religious life:

- Br Laurent Potvin, 75 years
- Br Fernand Rheault, 70 years
- Br Wilfrid Breton, 70 years
- Br Armand Laflamme, 70 years
- Br Bertrand Beauregard, 60 years
- Br Jean-Paul Fortin, 60 years
- Br Léonard Ouellet, 60 years
- Br Gaétan Fecteau, 60 years
- Br Gérard Lamontagne, 60 years
- Br Léopold Truchon, 60 years
- Br Jean-Paul Salvas, 60 years
- Fr Raymond- Marie Moreau, 60 years

At the beginning of the 1940s, Charles Trenet composed a nostalgic song entitled: "What remains?" He was thus looking back at his past: "What remains ... of those beautiful days. A photo, an old photo, of my youth." In fact, what remains of those "beautiful days" of our jubilarians? There remains much more than a memory, than an old



photo. There remains a testimony of fidelity, constancy and perseverance. Those values which depend on their

commitment made to follow the poor, chaste and obedient Christ for 60, 70 and 75 years. There remain also those, young and less young, whose Christian and professional lives continue to bear fruit in keeping with the Gospel thanks to the contact with one or the other of our jubilarians.

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