

OUR NEXT MARIST BLESSEDS

66 BROTHERS AND 2 LAY PEOPLE MARTYRS IN SPAIN

Beatification - Tarragona, Spain - 13 October 2013

Dear Marist brothers and friends. Cordial greetings to you all. May Jesus, Mary and Marcellin accompany you and bless you. I am inviting you to look back to 28 October 2007, when 47 of our brothers were beatified in Rome, and I am also inviting you to recover ever so slightly... the enthusiasm, devotion and joy which was ours in living this event, whether from a distance or close up.

Let us now centre our attention on what is happening very soon, on 13 October 2013. We will be celebrating the beatification of 66 brothers and 2 lay Marist martyrs, faithful witnesses of the faith which lit up their existence and led them to the total gift of their lives, confessing by their deaths their total option for the person of Christ.

I would also invite you to move beyond a certain scepticism, with regard to persons and events so remote from us in space and time. My invitation is based on the fact that they are not only our predecessors having left traces of their passage on this world, but especially brothers, our brothers, members of our family, our predecessors, leaving us an extraordinary sense of Marist consecrated life, given to God and to others according to the charism inherited from Saint Marcellin Champagnat.

Let us recall the words of the hymn sung in honour of our brother martyrs beatified in 2007: « they fixed their eyes on Christ, without ever turning back... »

May we all, as members of this MaristInstitute, take an interest in the event and rejoice in the beatification of our martyrs, which is nothing other than the official and public recognition of their holiness on the part of the Church.

Today, 20 September, when I am writing these lines, we remember the anniversary of the deaths of Br Eusebio and 59 other Marist Brother martyrs, whose cause of beatification is being taken up again, after at least four years of « pause ».



As we see, brothers and Marist friends, the Marist vocation continues to appear to us as a good tree bearing good fruit.

Br Luis Jorge Flores Aceves, Postulator General
20 September 2013

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MARIST YOUTH

Appeals of the International Gathering of Marist Youth for The Marist Institute

During the celebration of 21 July, the Marist youth gathered in Rio de Janeiro for the International Marist Youth Meeting addressed to the Institute, through its Superior General, Br Emili Turu, some « calls » which indicate new directions for the future of Marist Youth Ministry. These calls are the fruit of the dialogue and sharing among those taking part in the meeting – youth, brothers and laity. They are divided into two parts : appeals to the Institute and appeals to the Regions.

Appeals of the IYMM for The Marist Institute

1. To strengthen the Marist mission so that young people, lay people, brothers and sisters continue preaching the good news.
2. To find new ways for the young Marists, by knowing the legacy of Champagnat, to be close to the most vulnerable ones.
3. To cultivate the gift of listening to meet the needs of youths and to find concrete answers that encourage the integration among young people, lay people, brothers and sisters.
4. To promote a space for consultation and deliberation with the youths, through the creation of a Marist Juvenile Undersecretary linked to the Secretariat of Missions.
5. To promote exchange among the Administrative Units (young people, lay people, brothers and sisters) to strengthen the internationality of the Marist Institute.
6. To establish bridges among young people, lay people, brothers and sisters through open communities that foster the spirituality and the Marist identity, by ensuring the dimension of silence, solidarity and internationalism.
7. To create an online space for the integration of the Marist Youth.

Appeals of the IYMM for the region

Asia

- * To strengthen the importance of the establishment of the Marist Youth Ministry in Asia.
- * To strengthen the invitation so that the brothers and sisters are in direct contact with the youth.

Africa

- * To engage lay people and volunteers to help in the development of the Marist work, by giving them education and training.
- * To increase the number of Marist representatives and volunteers in the Marist international meetings.

Brazil

- * To expand and strengthen spaces for dialogue and co-

existence among young people, lay people, brothers and sisters, in order to assist the construction of the life project.

- * To search for the dimension of the "heart without borders" so that we can deconstruct the barriers that separate us, with the goal of inculturation and sharing experiences, by respecting the diversity and creating links beyond the Institute.

Europe

- * To prioritize the presence of the Marist Brothers among young people.
- * To promote a community life among young people, lay people, brothers and sisters, which ensures the dimension of spirituality and pastoral action.
- * To provide personal support for young people that promotes vocational search.

Northern Arc

- * To promote the Marist Youth Ministry through the creation of interaction networks, cooperation and collaboration among the Provinces.
- * To create Communities of Young People, linked to Marist Youth Ministry, in which faith, life and mission are shared.

Oceania

- * To promote a training process where spirituality, understanding of charism and the Marist mission in cooperation with young people, lay people, teachers, brothers and sisters are cultivated.
- * To boost into young people new ways of being witnesses and strengthen the presence of youth in the Marist spaces that promote life and mission (resources: prayers, songs, camps, online profiles).

Southern Cone

- * To foster the Marist spirituality in the vocation of young people, lay people, brothers and sisters, so that they become promoters of the dreams of Jesus and Champagnat.
- * To streamline and strengthen inter-regional communication to promote awareness, respect and appreciation of our differences and similarities, by enriching our mission.

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2013

Calendar of the General Council and Secretariats

- **02-05 October:** Meeting with the European Laity Commission in l'Hermitage (France) – Javier Espinosa
- **3-5 October:** Meeting with the coordination of the Third Age course, General House – Eugène Kabanguka, César Rojas.
- **3-8 October:** Visit to Lebanon – Antonio Ramalho, Ernesto Sánchez
- **6-14 October:** Meeting of the Secretariat of Laity in South Africa and in Madagascar – Javier Espinosa, Pep Buetas, Tony Clarke
- **7-8 October:** Meeting of the European Vocational Team in Sevilla (Spain) – César Rojas
- **7-9 October:** International Meeting of the Marist Printing Press in Zaragoza (Spain) – João Carlos do Prado, Miguel Angel
- **9-10 October:** International Council of Economic Affairs, General House – Víctor Preciado, Mario Meuti
- **11-13 October:** Beatifications of Marist Martyrs in Spain – Tarragona
- **11-15 October:** Meeting with the Provincial Bursars, General House – Mario Meuti, Víctor Preciado
- **15-20 October:** Workshop about relationship between Brothers and Lay People, Nairobi (Kenya) – Javier Espinosa
- **17-20 October:** Meeting with superiors of the Province Mediterránea – Guardamar – Ernesto Sánchez
- **17-20 October:** Meeting of the Cmi with Volunteers from Germany – Chris Wills
- **18-20 October:** Meeting with the new Provincial Council of South Asia (Sri Lanka) - Michael De Waas
- **20-23 October:** Provincial Chapter Southern Africa (Malawi) – Antonio Ramalho
- **21-28 October:** Preparatory Commission for the II Marist International Mission Assembly, Nairobi (Kenya) – Javier Espinosa, César Rojas, João Carlos do Prado, Miguel Ángel Espinosa
- **23 October:** Regular Council, Rome
- **24 October:** Finance Committee, South Sudan Solidarity, Rome – Chris Wills
- **25-27 October:** Meeting in the Province of West Central Europe (Germany) – Emili Turú
- **26-27 October:** Meeting with the Provincial Council of Mediterránea – Ernesto Sánchez, Antonio Ramalho
- **28 October a 2 November:** Preparation of II Marist International Mission Assembly with MIC and PACE – Miguel Ángel Espinosa, João Carlos do Prado
- **29 October - 4 November:** Visit to the Novitiate of Matola (Mozambique) – César Rojas
- **1-24 November:** Visit to the District of West Africa – An-



- tonio Ramalho, Ernesto Sánchez
- **1-24 November:** Meeting of the Cmi with Volunteers of the Province South Asia – Chris Wills
- **4-7 November:** Workshop of the FMSI to Brothers and Lay People of the Provinces of West Central Europe and United States, in Geneva (Switzerland) – Jim Jolley
- **8-12 November:** Commission of revision of the Constitutions, Rome – Emili Turú, Joe Mc Kee
- **11-14 November:** Workshop of the FMSI to Brothers and Lay People of Africa, Nairobi (Kenya) – Jim Jolley
- **15 e 16 November:** III Education Workshop of the UISG/USG, Rome (Italia) – Mario Meuti, João Carlos do Prado
- **17-23 November:** Retreat Brothers-Lay People in El Salvador – Javier Espinosa
- **18 November:** Regular Council
- **19-21 November:** Annual Conference, South Sudan Solidarity, Rome – Chris Wills
- **25 November - 01 December:** Retreat Brothers-Lay People 1, Guatemala – Javier Espinosa
- **27 November – 01 December:** Meeting of the Provincial Councils of Europe (Germany) – Ernesto Sánchez, Antonio Ramalho
- **2-13 December:** Visit to the District of Paraguay – Josep Maria Soterias, Eugène Kabanguka
- **4-7 December:** Provincial Chapter of East Asia, Manila (Filipinas) – Emili Turú, Michael De Waas
- **4-10 December:** Retreat Brothers-Lay People 2, Guatemala – Javier Espinosa
- **11-18 December:** Assembly and Provincial Chapter of New Zealand, Auckland – Michael De Waas, Emili Turú
- **12-17 December:** Provincial Chapter of Central America, Guatemala – Eugène Kabanguka
- **14-21 December:** Retreat in the Province of Cruz del Sur, Mar del Plata (Argentina) – Josep Maria Soterias
- **23-31 December:** Retreat and Assembly with the Brothers in Angola – Antonio Ramalho
- **31 December:** Regular Council

Philippines: Two young men vow for life as Marist

Two young men vow for life as Marist Brothers last September 21, 2013. Brother Albert Bolibol and Brother Danilo Sevilla present themselves to Brother Manuel V. de Leon, the delegate of the Superior General, during the Eucharistic celebration as they profess their evangelical vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for life as Marist Brothers. The said celebration presided by Bishop Colin M. Bagaforo, DD, the Auxiliary Bishop of

the Archdiocese of Cotabato, was held at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Church in Lagao, General Santos City, Philippines.

With the theme, "Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the works of your hands," Bishop Colin reminds the two brothers about their commitment as prophets called by God to be in their particular tasks, and to make Mary, the

inspiration in following Christ.

Brother Albert Bolibol comes from the Diocese of Marbel and presently assigned in Cotabato Community, working at Notre Dame of Cotabato. While Brother Danilo Sevilla comes from the Archdiocese of Cotabato and is presently assigned in Jolo, Sulu; working at Notre Dame of Jolo High School Kasulutan.



Australia: Marist Life Mentors program

The Vocations Australian Team recently launched the Marist Life Mentors program, focused on providing teaching and non-teaching staff in Marist Schools of Australia with basic skills for vocationally mentoring senior students. The program has three aims:

1. To encourage and affirm senior students who show a passion for faith, justice, or ministry activities.
2. To connect senior students to post-school Young Marist activities in their region.
3. To invite and affirm senior students who they believe are open to consider-

ing a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood.

We have been delighted with the positive feedback from staff who have participated in the workshop so far. These will continue into 2014.



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The PUCRS is the 2nd best private University in Brasil (and 19th among all the Institutions), according to « Ranking Universitário Folha » published by the journal « Folha de São Paulo » on 9 September. Five aspects were taken into account : teaching, research, market, innovation and internationalisation. With regards to innovation, the Institution figures as the 1st private and 11th among private and public institutions ; as concerns research, it is in 2nd place as private, just after

the PUC of Rio de Janeiro ; in the evaluation of market, it is in 16th position among all those in Brasil ; in the field of teaching, it is the 1st of the private Institutions in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, and as for in-

ternationalisation, it appears in 14th place among private Institutions and 1st in the State.

Account was taken of data such as : requests for patents between 2002 and 2011, evaluations of the Ministry of Education, quantity of academic production and number of professors having obtained a doctorate in the Institution, as well as interviews with the executives of Human Resources all over Brasil.



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