

BEATIFICATION IN SPAIN

Reflection on the Marist martyrs

Dear Marist brothers and friends. In the article recently posted on our site, I referred to a holiness already acquired by our brother martyrs but not yet officially proclaimed by our Church. Perhaps we are part of a good number of Marists who remain indifferent about whether the holiness of our martyrs is proclaimed or not, which leads us to a certain lack of concern with regard to the different official steps towards sanctity (venerable, blessed and saint).

The life of each one of us has developed in the measure that we have passed through the stages that defined us more and more as persons. We have been successively children, adolescents, young people, and persons with the human maturity and the qualities we have developed in these stages. Each of them has been preceded by a certain enthusiasm stamped with the hope of becoming something more than what we were... We have not lived these stages alone ; many have helped us : our parents, our family, friends, companions, formators. At each step we have obtained results that others have recognised, even officially, which has filled us with joy and enthusiasm to go further.

The stages of the spiritual life, only by way of comparison, obey the same dynamic. As baptised, we have undertaken a journey which renders us little



GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Br Javier Espinosa of the Secretariat of the Laity met with the European Commission of the Laity at the Hermitage in France from 2 to 5 October. Meetings are also planned with lay people in South Africa and Madagascar from 6 to 14 October, in which co-directors Josep Buetas and Tony Clarke will take part.

Brs Eugène Kabanguka C.G. and César Rojas, of the Secretariat Brothers Today met in the General House from 3 to 5 October with the teams who will co-ordinate the Third Age courses in English, French and Spanish. Br César then went to Seville in Spain to meet the European Vocations Team on 7/8 October.

Brs Antonio Ramalho and Ernesto Sanchez visited the communities of Lebanon from 3 to 8 October.

Brs Joao Carlos do Prado and Miguel Angel Espinosa of the Secretariat of Mission took part in the International Meeting of Marist Publishing Houses in Saragossa, Spain, from 7 to 9 October.

Brother Victor Preciado, Econome General, and provincial economies and accountants from all over the Marist world are meeting in the General House from 11 to 15 October.

Next weekend, 68 marist martyrs will be beatified in Tarragona, Spain. The Superior General and members of his Council, together with some brothers and 2 lay persons of the general administration, will be present at this important Marist and Church event, which will take place in three places : Les Avellanes, Barcelona and Tarragona.



Marists witnesses to the faith

66 Brothers and 2 Lay people martyrs in Spain

Beatification - Tarragona, Spain - 13 October 2013

by little pleasing to God and to our brothers, which is nothing other than progress on the path of holiness. Yes, we are saints, by the grace of God and the living of the evangelical values which have gradually reinforced the image of God in us.

Now, at the ecclesial level, we will be presented with some models of holiness, attained to the highest degree by our brother martyrs. Using a comparison with something we are all familiar with, our 68 brothers will be recognized officially as having obtained a DOCTORATE 'SUMMA CUM LAUDE'. That fills us with joy, we who love them for what they are

for us, and invites us to live with optimism our lives as men of God.

I encourage you, then, to unite yourself with this celebration, close up or from afar, which will be for our 68 brother martyrs a true RECOGNITION at the level of the Church, because they remained faithful right to the end, giving themselves totally to Jesus and his Gospel and becoming from this fact our MODELS.

Br Luis Jorge Flores Aceves - Postulator General
Beatification of the martyrs: www.champagnat.org



MARIST CHARISM AND EDUCATIONAL PRINCIPLES

Marist formation course offered to the entire Institute by the PUCPR

After months of preparation of the contents and necessary didactic resources, we can announce that the course on Marist charism and educational principles will begin on February 3rd, 2014, and it will be offered in the four official languages of the Institute.

It is a great joy to offer this service of Marist formation to the Brothers and lay throughout the Marist world. The characteristics of a course with potential students in all the countries where we are present give to this initiative

an international dimension which on the one hand is a richness, but on the other forces them to overcome many difficulties. At this time, we can already provide some practical information to guide those who may wish to attend these courses.

Registration dates and payment of tuition

Enrolment must be made through a process consisting of three stages:

1. Registration to the course. It is

achieved by the student through the presentation of the required academic documents and the completion of information on a registration form located on the course's web page: www.pucpr.br/carisma

Registration must be completed by November 28, 2013.

2. Confirmation of registration. The Secretariat of PUCPR will have until December 8th, 2013, to verify the registration requirements and it will issue a fiscal note indicating the cost of the

course.

3. Payment of tuition fees. Following the notice of registration, we may proceed to pay the tuition which must be received by January 18, 2014, by way of the deposit of the tuition amount into bank account CNPJ: 76.659.820/0003-13 in the name of ASSOCIAÇÃO PARANAENSE DE CULTURA. Once the deposit has been made, the student informs by e-mail the PUCPR, attaching a copy of the invoice, at one of the following e-mail addresses:

- FR: charisme@pucpr.br
- EN: charism@pucpr.br
- PT e ES: carisma@pucpr.br

Enrolment fee

Tuition is 4,000 US Dollars which can be entirely paid upon registering for the course or in two instalments of 2,000 Dollars: one upon registering and the other one at the beginning of the fifth discipline (October 13th to 25th, 2014). In the event this second option is selected the first instalment will be of \$2,000 and the second payment will be of \$2,100.

The tuition amount does not include bank fees for the transfer of money, or



the final processing fee of the title, or the travel cost the student may incur for the face exam prior to completing the course.

The face exam and the presentation of the Final Course Project are two requirements under Brazilian law to give recognition to all courses taken at a distance.

The Universities that are part of the International Marist Network of Institutions of Higher Education may offer

their students a double degree. Thanks to an agreement with the PUCPR, their students can take the course on Marist Charism and Educational Principles at a distance offered by this University and each University, in turn, may legalize the course for its validity in the country where it is located.

For further information, you may consult the PUCPR web page www.pucpr.br/carisma with a space dedicated to the course, or contact us at:

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Certain that Mary and Marcellin accompany our steps and encourage our hearts to head toward a new land where the Marist charism and educational principles will fertilize the field of the father of families, I remain at your disposal for whatever information may be useful.

H. AMEstaún
Course Coordinator - PUCPR



FIRST PROFESSION IN CUBA

Br. Mario José Pentón Martínez

On the morning of 12 September, feast of the Holy Name of Mary, our Br Mario Pentón Martínez made his first profession in public, consecrating himself to God in the Institute of the Marist Brothers of the Schools, for the service of the Kingdom of God. The Br Provincial, Hipólito Pérez, the Brothers of Cuba and relatives of the Pearl of the South accompanied him in the Eucharist in the name of the Brothers of the Province of América Central and of the whole Institute.

Mario followed an itinerary of accompaniment and discern-

ment in the community of Cienfuegos as aspirant and postulant; a further year of postulancy in Havana and two as a novice, accompanied by the Brothers of the community and particularly by Br Jesús Bayo Mayor, master of novices.

Mario, the Brothers of the Province of América Central welcome you with joy in the following of Christ Jesus as a Little Brother of Mary. You can count on us, but more, you know you can count on Mary, Our Lady of Charity, and her Son Jesus: they are always faithful.



Mexico: 2nd International Meeting on Education

The Marist University of Valladolid is convoking the 2nd International Meeting on Education, to be held from 22 to 24 October 2013 in Morelia Michoacán, Mexico. Under the devise « A socially responsible education », the university renews its commitment to educational transformation while continuing contemporary reflection and

debate among the various actors involved in the field of education. The Education Meeting is intended to be an academic domain which promotes reflective, deep and open dialogue between the agents of education and the society in which they are inserted.

Read more: <http://www.unidelvalla.mx/encuentro>

MARIST MISSION IN AFRICA

Meeting of the African Mission Commission and Working Group on the Formation of Directors

The meeting of the African Mission Commission was held in Kumasi, Ghana, from 30 August to 2 September. Those taking part were Brothers Rémy Mbolipasiko (PACE), Ifeanyi Mbaegbu (Nigeria), Michel Mami (Madagascar), John Kusi Mensah (District of West Africa), Fortune Francis (Southern Africa), Chris Wills (CMI), Jim Jolley (FMSI) and João Carlos do Prado (Secretariat of Mission).



The first day was devoted to Children's Rights and the support the Administrative Units of Africa can offer, together with FMSI. Br. Jim Jolley co-ordinated this session. For his part, Br Chris Wills worked on the International Volunteer Service. The other days were given over to considering other topics : Marist Youth Ministry in Africa, formation of directors, formation and co-responsibility of lay Marists in the mission, and sharing of information about the II International Marist Mission Assembly (Nairobi 2014) and the International Marist Youth Meet-

ing held in Rio de Janeiro. We took one afternoon to acquaint ourselves with the Marist works of Kumasi, visit the novitiate and take part in the traditional ceremony of the installa-

tion of a new chief of a local community.

On 2 September, we welcomed Br David Hall (Australia) and Mr Gary Norton who, along with Brs Michel Mami, John Kusi Mensah, Fortune Francis, Jim Jolley and João Carlos do Prado, have continued the preparation of the Programme of Formation of Directors of Marist Schools in Africa. We shared the project proposal with the African Mission Commission in order to receive its suggestions on the topic. The work of this group continued until 4 September.

The two meetings went off well. Important progress was noticed in the projects being implemented in Africa. There is a good understanding between the members of the Commission and those of the Working Group. Many thanks to the District of West Africa for their excellent and warm welcome, especially the communities and novitiate of Kumasi and Accra.

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