

CONTINUOUS FORMATION

Meeting of coordinators of Third Age formation programs in Rome

Awakening the dawn ... new ways of being Brother ... new ways of being in mission ... the call to be mystic and prophet for today's world ... so many themes call for our attention. How can they be deepened and integrated into the life of our Brothers?

Such was the background to the meeting in Rome of coordinators of Third Age formation programs for the different language groups of the Institute – French, English and Spanish/Portuguese. The meeting took place October 3-5 at the General House guided by Brothers Eugène Kabanguka and César Rojas. Attended the meeting Brothers Bernard Beaudin and Maurice Goutagny for French, Michael Sexton and Donnell Neary for English, Landelino Ortego Guerrero and José Kremmer Feix for Spanish/Portuguese, Barry Burns and Antoine Kazindu who have been running the program for English speaking for the last six years. Brother Anthony Hunt

who is full time administrator for both programs attended too.

In a very brotherly atmosphere of sharing and listening the meeting was able to draw on the experience of those formators who have already animated the Third Age programs. Thanks especially to Barry and Antoine who will soon finish their long years of service in this animation.

The next stage of the dynamic allowed the formators time to work in language groups, reflecting together and developing ideas for their particular programs. The whole group came back together at regular intervals so that ideas and wisdom could be shared and so that, as far as possible, we could move forward together in our planning.

"With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding." Job 12



BR. MIGUEL ÁNGEL ESPINOSA BARRERA

Assistant Director of the Secretariat of Mission

The General Council has appointed Br Miguel Angel Espinosa Barrera, of the Province of "México Central", assistant director of the Secretariat of Mission. The Sec-

retariat, a strategic instrument of the General Government for the animation, reinforcement and articulation of the Marist mission at all levels of the Institute, has the responsibility of

contributing, creatively, boldly and prophetically, to "making Jesus Christ known and loved by children and young people". It has been inspired by the calls of the General Chapter to work for the Marist mission in a new world, by

educating and evangelizing the children and youth of our time. Welcome, Br Miguel Angel ! we are counting heavily on your presence and service.

Biography of Br. Miguel Ángel Espinosa Barrera (MAEB)



Miguel Angel was born on 6 August 1973 in Querétaro, Mexico. His parents, Luis Felipe and Yolande, and his siblings, Luis Felipe and Martha Yolanda, were the ones who sowed the seed of family spirit and fraternity which

have grown in him over the years.

One can say he has been "Marist" since the age of 6, as a pupil of the "Instituto Querétaro". At 12 he was already in the Marcha group, then he became part of the nascent "Ciudad Nueva Marista". At 16 he began his formation in the novitiate, where he had the grace of having the venerated Brother Basilio Rueda as master. In 1995 he made his first vows and in 2001 consecrated himself to the Lord in perpetuity with his 4 companions.

A passionate, joyful and open man, ready to learn and to build in community. Irapuato, Guajanao, was his first apostolic community, then he worked in Sahuayo, Mich. He did his apprenticeship in these educational communities both as teacher and brother

among children, adolescents and young people.

In 2003 he began work within the Marist Youth Ministry of the Province. From 2006 to 2010 he was a member of the Youth Ministry Sub-commission of America, and from 2005 to 2012 he was part of the Provincial Council.

From 2010 to July 2013, Miguel Angel was working in the co-ordination of the Province's Educational Ministry, as part of a large team, where he learned to "look further and listen more attentively", in order to respond more creatively to the needs of the Province.

And now he is enthusiastically taking on the task of deputy director of the Institute's Commission of Mission.



"LUMEN COMUNICAÇÃO"

Marist presence in the communication media in Curitiba, Brazil

The Marist Province of "Brasil Centro-Sul" in Curitiba, has two radio stations and a centre for audio and video productions. This is "Lumen Comunicação", which has been in operation for twenty years. In part, it is an inheritance from the archdiocese ; the Province took over the ensemble following the repeated requests of the local bishop. A similar operation had taken place some years earlier regarding the Catholic University, today PUCPR. One of the stations – Lumen FM 99.5 – animates cultural and educational activities while offering a quality programme of popular music ; it is recognized by the Ministry of Culture of Brasil.



The other, "Rádio Clube" FM 101.5, is directed towards a wider and more diverse public, through music and treat-

ment of topics important in local society, with strong audience interaction. The two stations cover a range of 150 km and reach a population of more than 3 million inhabitants.

Another initiative is "Lumen Classica" - web radio – which transmits classical music exclusively, with the support of the PUCPR.

The audio-visual productions sector caters for the educational needs of the University, the Province and the FTD publishing house. This sector also produces programmes

with a religious content used by more than 200 Brazilian stations.

The team of "Lumen Comunicação" is composed of some 70 persons, with the presence of Br Lauro Pazeto. It is a way of broadening the educational and social activity, by facilitating the rapprochement of the families of the Marist institutions. You can listen to the stations at the address :

<http://www.lumencomunicacao.com.br>



PROVINCE OF "BRASIL CENTRO-NORTE"

Young Brothers meet in Belo Horizonte

The Province of "Brasil Centro-Norte" organised the second meeting for young brothers from 11 to 13 October, in Belo Horizonte. The topic chosen was "Religious consecration", and the motto, "Pray and share the living of the vows".

Among the activities, there were times with the Provincial, Br Wellington Medeiros ; a sharing of projects such as the formation itinerary which, in 2013, had sent four Brothers of the Province for the experience of vocational discernment to Cochabamba, Bolivia, and the construction of a common project for young religious life in the Province. The participants also discussed some proposals : the missions in the District of Amazonia, vocations ministry, and some points relative to perpetual vows in 2014.

The meeting, co-ordinated by the Commission of Formation and Consecrated Life, brought together brothers in temporary profession and those with two years of perpetual vows.

The first meeting was held last May. The young brothers reflected on the mystic and the prophet.



Latest deceased Brothers

- 19/10/2013:** Ladislau Figueiredo
Prov. Brasil Centro-Norte
- 16/10/2013:** Ronald Hickman
Prov. Europe Centre-Ouest / West
Central Europe - England
- 13/10/2013:** William Leo Connell
Prov. Australia
- 12/10/2013:** Raymond Pouliot
Prov. Canada
- 12/10/2013:** Alberto Fuentes Herrón
Prov. Compostela, Spain
- 05/10/2013:** José T. Hernández Chávez
Prov. América Central, Guatemala
- 29/09/2013:** Armando Luiz Bortolini
Prov. Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil
- 27/09/2013:** Gaston Beaulieu
Prov. Canada
- 25/09/2013:** Raymond Harold
Prov. New Zealand
- 24/09/2013:** Federico Plumed Fedec
Provincia L'Hermitage, Spain



"NEW" COMMUNITIES

Inter-community meeting of Marist Cuba

13 September 2013 was the day chosen to hold the inter-community meeting of the Marist communities committed to making Jesus and his Kingdom present on this beautiful island: the Pearl of the Caribbean. It was a radiant morning and full of energy, inspiring us with optimism and a readiness to share, discern and risk the new challenges being presented to us. Those present were Brothers Carlos, Héctor, Hipólito – provincial

, Jesús and Salvador. Among the outstanding aspects:

- * The real desire to work so that more young men opt for our style of life and our charism.
- * To succeed in creating more fraternal communities where family life is a reality.
- * To share among ourselves about the path towards the XIV Provincial Chapter and the General Confer-

ence.

We dream, trust and hope that "to awaken the dawn" becomes a reality in our lives and our communities and that in this way we are converted into Prophets and Mystics for our place of apostolate and our time.

Br Salvador Salinas



SHARING THE SEEDS OF THE CHARISM

Colombia: joint formation of Brothers and laity

Twelve brothers and 14 lay Marists from the three countries of the Province of "Norandina" came together, from 28 September to 5 October, in the beautiful and hospitable house of "Santa María de Bogotá", belonging to the Sister Slaves of the Sacred Heart :



It was the first meeting organised in our Province of the joint formation of brothers and laity type. This is a formation experience where all are both masters and pupils ; the learning is consolidated to the extent that the participants share their life in the different processes of personal and community integration : faith, spirituality, mission, vocation... As one progresses, one discerns these experiences until arriving at the common or

personal conclusions which help each one in his/her journey as a Champagnat Marist.

In the process of formation in our Marist mission, we were greatly helped by being able to visit in groups, the whole of one day, six missionary experiences directed towards poor children suffering from grave psycho-social and affective problems ; two of these took place in our Marist centres of La Paz and Sierra Morena, in Bogota. We were able to compare these experiences with the ones we are conducting in our places of origin and to enquire about the persons addressed, the different methodologies used for their integral education, and the personal and community living of the educators.

Our meeting was distinguished by fraternity and joy, deep sharing and reflection, consensus on the subject of the future of religious and lay Marist life.



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