

## "LET US SAVE ALEPPO"

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Br Emili Turú, as Superior General of the Marist Institute, has given his support to the appeal "Let us save Aleppo", launched by Andrea Riccardi, founder of the Community of San Egidio.

Br Emili says:

"I would like to express my gratitude to Andrea Riccardi for this stupendous initiative, to which I give my total support, in the name of the Marist Institute. Our commitment for peace and reconciliation is expressed through the active presence of a marvellous group of Marists in this city. The Marist Blues are demonstrating, day after day, with endless creativity, that dialogue and peaceful coexistence are possible, and that diversity is not a threat but a richness."

"For this reason," continues Br Emili, "the appeal of Riccardi is most timely. It is necessary to put an immediate end to a massacre which has lasted two years. It is necessary for an international intervention to deliv-



er Aleppo from the siege. To achieve this, all the governments involved must demonstrate responsibility: from Turkey, aligned with the rebels, to Russia, with influence on Assad. To save Aleppo is worth more than to secure one or other part of the terrain. It is necessary to open up humanitarian corridors immediately and provide supplies for the civilian population trapped in the city. And then it is necessary to negotiate at all costs an end to the fighting."

See the appeal in <http://www.champagnat.org/400.php?a=6&n=3312>



## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

During this week's plenary session, the General Council took the opportunity to evaluate the progress of the new administrative structures in the General House and the « Casa per Ferie », and also what has been done in the areas of the Institute requiring special attention. The Councillors spent much time on the initial planning for the XXII General Chapter in 2017, the operation of the Secretariat of Collaboration for Mission International (CMI), the planning of ongoing formation sessions for the next 4 years, and finalising preparations for the II IMMA.

# MARIST INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

## Philippines: Second preparatory meeting for the VI Assembly

Following the program outlined last year in Rome, the Executive Committee of the Marist International Network of Institutions of Higher Education has had a meeting on the campus of Notre Dame of Marbel University, in Koronadal City, in the Philippines.

The week of work resulted in the conclusion of the Assembly program, logistical and infrastructure support and a notice of meeting for the participants of the Marist IHEs. A proposal was also made for presentation at the Assembly

for the creation of a Permanent Secretariat which would be responsible for the dynamics and management of the Network.

The executive level team which supported us in Koronadal for planning the meeting guarantees the development of the assembly under the best conditions. Functions and responsibilities were spelt out for covering transport, assuring accommodation and facilitating the registration of the participants; provisions were made for the opening

and closing, the religious celebrations, the visit to the Mission of Santa Cruz and the outing to Lake Sebu.

The executive Committee expresses its gratitude to the staff of the university, and especially to Br Willy Lubrico and the academic and Marist community, for the attention lavished upon us during these days: optimum conditions for our work, the collaboration of various areas of the university complex, and the meals we enjoyed "healthy, abundant and well-seasoned".



# CHILDREN PROTECTING THEMSELVES AGAINST SEXUAL VIOLENCE

## Brazil: Marist Solidarity Network

The campaign "Defend yourself" is a creation of the Marist Solidarity Network of the Province of "Brasil Centro-Sul", with the help of the Marist Centre of the Defence of the Child and "Lumen Comunicação", in partnership with the Social Action Foundation of Curitiba. Its aim is to help children protect themselves against sexual violence, on the occasion of the World Cup, by means of publications able to be used during the period of the championship and on other occasions in the future.

The materials provide advice so that the children are in a situation to defend themselves from sexual abuse and exploitation.

The campaign proposes six videos destined for children from 5 to 11 years old. They are accessible on the [Face-Book page of the Network](#) and on [YouTube](#).



# PROVINCE OF CANADA

## Provincial Chapter

The Marist Brothers of Canada held their provincial chapter on 30, 31 May and 1 June. A chapter offers the opportunity for looking back over the previous three years of government and animation following the nomination of a new provincial, in this case Br Gérard Bachand. It is also the occasion for electing the councillors who, along with the provincial, will see to the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the assembly.

It was also an opportunity for living a time of brotherhood which we extended to our lay «guests». A brotherhood intended to be the expression of the dearest wish of our founder, Saint Marcellin Champagnat.



The new government for 2014-2017:  
Gaston Robert, Gilles Lacasse, Richard Roy (Vice-Prov.), Gérard Bachand (Prov.), Jacques Bélisle, Yvon Bédard, Félix Roldán.



# MARISTS OF URUGUAY REACH OUT TO THE CHILDREN OF SYRIA

## Marist house welcomes refugee children

Two months ago, the president of Uruguay, José Mujica, called on his countrymen to help some of the thousands of abandoned children in the refugee camps around Syria. In September, the first 40 Syrian refugees will arrive in the country. And they will be accommodated in the St Joseph retreat house of the Marist Brothers, located 16 kilometres from Camino Maldonado.

Most of the children are at present in the refugee camps in Jordan and Lebanon run by the United Nations. They are from vulnerable families of different types: children accompanied by an adult cousin, a widow with sons, or grandmother with grandchildren, according to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Luis Almagro.

Just as in Aleppo, the Marists of Uruguay are close to the children of Syria.



## Latest deceased Brothers

**24/06/2014:** Antonio María Merelo Pérez, Prov. Mediterránea - Spain

**22/06/2014:** Leo McVeigh, Prov. Australia

**21/06/2014:** Gerhard Mensch, Prov. Europe Centre-Ouest - Germany

**17/06/2014:** Horacio Francisco Publio Hernández Esc-

obedo, Prov. México Occidental

**07/06/2014:** Mário Moser, Prov. Brasil Centro-Sul

**05/06/2014:** James Ryan, Prov. United States of America

**04/06/2014:** Etienne-Marie Meynier, Prov. L'Hermitage - France

**01/06/2014:** Anthony Iazzetti, Prov. United States

# MARIST CAMP IN DETE CHEZHOU

## Zimbabwe: A glorious opportunity for making Jesus known and loved...

**F**or the needy children from Dete Chezhou (Zimbabwe) neighborhood and surrounding villages Easter was not only an occasion to pray and celebrate the joy of the risen Lord at the church the Marist Brothers and Daughters of Calvary also organized Marist Camp for (from 21 to 23 April).

The camp started with 90 registered needy children but by the end of the camp we had more than 150 children joining in various ball games and recreational activities which were lined up.

This was a glorious opportunity for making Jesus known and loved by the little ones. Every moment was filled with joy and happiness.

The children had a lot of activities ranging from: soccer, netball, athletics, cooking, dancing, talent shows, dramatization, poetry and storytelling just to mention a few.

It is customary and traditional that the Camp in Dete is run for 3 days since annually we host the bigger Camp at Kutama College in December.

This was another occasion to see Marist Youth Ministry in ac-



tion reaching some of the most vulnerable children in Dete.

A good number of the children who came to attend the camp were orphans and some have stopped schooling due to financial problems.

The Marist Brothers in Zimbabwe would like to sincerely thank the Canadian Brothers who funded the camp and continue to help it with

financial support.

Marist Camp is a registered Welfare Organization that is run by the Marist Brothers. It was founded in 1971 to give a Christmas & Easter holiday 'camping' to poor children between 8 and 11 years of age.

The Marist Brothers select the campers from among the outcasts, the ignored, the orphans, the unloved and especially those kept at the fringes of the society. Families that are most in need are our target in order to achieve our goal: share with them the simple God given gifts such as affection, loving presence, time, attention and care.

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