

MARIST SPIRITUAL PATRIMONY

Commission's Annual session in the General House

The Commission of the Marist Spiritual Patrimony held its annual session in the General House from 16 to 20 June.

Brother Michel Morel recalls the role of the commission in the life of the Institute and presents the main topics for reflection during this session.

Composition of the present commission, appointed by the General Council in May 2012 :

Brs André Lanfrey, co-ordinator, Antonio Martínez Estaún, Demosthenes Calabria, Mme Heloïsa Afonso de Almeida Sousa, Brs Michaël Green, Patricio Pino, Spiridion Ndanga, and Michel Morel, secretary.

Brs André Lanfrey and Michaël Green were part of the preceding commissions. Br Demosthenes handed in his



resignation last Spring.

Brs Eugène Kabanguka and Ernesto Sanchez are the two General Councillors responsible for accompanying it.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The plenary session of the General Council finished on Tuesday 8 July. After bringing various topics to conclusion, the Council approved a series of agreements and decisions, in addition to defining details for the calendar of the coming months of 2014 and 2015.

Brs Chris Wills, of the Secretariat of Collaboration for Mission International, and Miguel Angel Espinosa, of the Secretariat of Mission, have met with the Inter-American Mission Commission in New York from 7 to 11 July.

Br Javier Espinosa, of the Secretariat of the Laity, is in Argentina, directing a retreat for brothers and laity from 9 to 11 July.

Brs Josep Maria Soterias and Eugène Kabanguka, of the General Council, have gone to accompany the retreat of the Province of Brasil Centro-Sul, in Florianopolis from 11 to 19 July.

Role of the commission

It is an organ of the Secretariat of Brothers Today in order to give more emphasis to the connection between the sources of our spirituality and the mission which the brothers and laity are called to live. This is the reason why Brs César Rojas and Tony Leon attended one or other of the sessions.

It contributes to the animation of the Institute through the production of various studies on the patrimony and the animation of various meetings, retreats, colloquia...

It is a team for reflection and work which reflects the international and intercultural character of the Institute.

Work carried out in this session

The commission spent a long time on the finalising of a History of the Institute, drawn up by Br André Lanfrey.

Volume 1 (1789-1907), validated during the 2013 session, is in process of being translated into Spanish, Portuguese and English. Volume 2 (1907-2016), largely completed, was the subject of a lengthy presentation on the part of its author and a lengthy exchange of points of view.

One of the normal tasks of the commission is to plan the publication of articles for the next Marist Notebook, an annual review intended for the dissemination of research on various topics of Marist history and spirituality, the publication of documents relating to Marist origins and newsbriefs about current activities (books, courses...) linked to the patrimony in different parts of the Institute.

This session also allowed us to become acquainted with the new General Archivist, Br Colin Chalmers, and to see how the commission and the archivist can work together.

The commission also discussed how it might make its contribution to the preparation for the bicentenary of the Institute in 2017 ; through the production of articles or the contribution of one or other of its members to a symposium.

The annual session allows us to become aware of the various activities of each of the members, or of others, in his or her geographical area : animation of retreats, creation of programmes of formation for brothers and laity, various publications...

One of the preoccupations of the members of the commission is to make the riches of the spiritual patrimony better known to brothers and laity, and to integrate these riches into the programmes of initial and ongoing formation.



BR EMILIANO GARCÍA LLAMAS, 100 YEARS OLD

Ecuador, Province of Norandina

Brother Emiliano was born in Cuadros, León, Spain, on 24 June 1914. He began his vocational journey in Marist life in 1927, at the age of 13, when he entered the Juniorate in Venta de Baños, Palencia. On 19 March 1930, he entered the novitiate of Tuy and on 19 March 1931 made his first profession. He made perpetual profession on 02 February 1939, in Mar del Plata, Argentina.

His apostolic mission was carried out in various communities and countries: Spain (Segovia 1931 and 1932); Argentina (Rosario, Rafaela, Buenos Aires: 1933-1949); Spain (Tuy Scholasticate: 1949-1955, Sahagún, Director: 1956-



1959).

Passionate for God and attracted by new mission lands in 1960, he went to Cat-

acochoa (Loja) when the Marist work in Ecuador was still in its sowing season. In Catacocha he fulfilled the office of Rector of the "Colegio Artesanal Marista", from 1967 to 1975. From 1976 to 1994 he assumed the responsibility of Director of the school "Nuestra Señora del Cisne" of Catacocha, where he spent the greater part of his life serving the children and young people of the region with gratuitous devotion.

Once free of direct responsibility in the classrooms, he took advantage

of his retirement to undertake new projects for the benefit of the neediest community of the Paltas District. He carried out reforestation work in Fátima, encouraged the development of sand selling in Fátima, promoted the construction of the brick factory of Chininuma, created the Santa Regina Foundation to help single mothers, was the driving force behind the Cursillos of Christianity, the Charismatic Movement and the John XXIII Movement to foster the conversion and evangelization of the adults of Catacocha.

In February 2010, he was transferred to the residence for senior brothers in the city of Loja where he lives at present.

Br Emiliano today, at 100, continues to be an example of life and witness which we have the pleasure of sharing with him.

May the God of Love, the Good Mother and our Founder Saint Marcellin continue to bless his pilgrimage in this land.



PROVINCIAL OF "BRASIL CENTRO-SUL"

Appointment of Brother Joaquim Sperandio



On 28 June, the Superior General, Br Emili Turú, informed the Province of « Brasil Centro-Sul » of the appointment of Brother Joaquim Sperandio as Provincial for a second term of three years. Br Joaquim will begin his new mandate at the Provincial Chapter, in December 2014.

In his letter, the Superior General thanked Br Joaquim for his willingness to continue serving the Institute as Provincial, emphasizing that the results of the sondage clearly show that he enjoys great support within the Province.

Br Joaquim Sperandio was born on 7 March 1949 in the State of Santa Catarina in the city of Rio do Sul.

He became a Marist junior in 1961. His formation as junior/postulant, novice and scholastic, took place respectively in the houses of: São Bento do Sul, SC; Passo Fundo, RS, and Santa Maria, RS. He made first profession in 1968 and perpetual profession in 1973.

In addition to a degree in Physical Education obtained in Joinville, SC, he has a degree in Methodology of

Teaching from the Pontifical Salesian University in Rome.

Br Joaquim has always been distinguished for happiness and joviality, which have certainly helped him as a formator and co-ordinator of vocations ministry. He inherits from his family the religious spirit, tenacity in work and a healthy optimism. As a lover of sports, he did studies in this area. To further these interests, the Province gave him the opportunity to study in Rome, a wise decision confirmed by his subsequent responsibilities.

Up to 1976 he taught in various Marist colleges in the then Province of Santa Catarina. From 1976 to 2008 he carried out the work of formator in various houses and levels. At various times he was the vocations co-ordinator of the Province. For 12 years he acted as provincial councillor. In 2009 he was elected vice-provincial and took charge of co-ordinating the Province's Consecrated Life and Laity Sector. On 3 December 2011, he assumed the charge of Provincial Superior, replacing Br Davide Pedri for a first term.



NEW MODELS OF ANIMATION, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Balance of the work done in the Americas

The call of the XXI General Chapter; "With Mary, go in haste to a new land" has given birth to many life processes in the various regions of the Institute and has helped us to look at the heart of the Marist Charism, its vitality, internationality and interculturality, the situation of children, adolescents and young people on the 5 continents. This and more offers us new wine. What wineskin will we need for it?

Brother Emili and the General Council have launched the project of "New Models of Animation, Government and Management" so that the whole Institute can take part in the current analysis and dream about and throw light on the new age for the Marist charism.

In June we evaluated the process and results of the visits to the Provinces and Districts, and the Regional Meetings carried out in the Americas. We also held several meetings in Rome with AT Kearney: Project Team, from June 14 to 17; International Commission on June 21; and meeting with the General Council on June 23.

The goals this month were:

- Assessing the visits and regional meetings held in the Americas and the South Asia Province.
- Sharing and evaluating the results of the work done so far.
- Planning the upcoming visits and regional meetings in Africa, Oceania, Europe and Asia.
- Developing the research on the Marist Institute's organization throughout history based on the General Chapters.
- Seeking a way to communicate more effectively with the Administrative Units in order to promote better understanding of the New Models

Project and a wider participation of brothers and lay people.



The evaluation of the Project's first phase in the Americas was very positive. It was a great learning experience for the Project Team regarding the methodology of the visits and regional meetings. It assured enough knowledge, synergy and proximity to all Administrative Units. We defined a first global picture of Marist life in the Americas with a special focus on animation, governance and management. Thanks to the contributions from the participants in the regional meetings and during the visits to the Administrative Units, we are now sketching possible scenarios regarding our topic for the future of the entire Marist Institute.

- Specifying the Project's activities and strategies for 2014 and 2015.

A word of thanks to all Provinces and Districts of the Americas, and to the Marist Province of South Asia for their availability, involvement and participation in the Project. We place all the visits and regional meetings planned for the second semester in other areas of the Institute in the hands of Marcellin and our Good Mother.

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