

2017: BICENTENARY OF THE INSTITUTE

Logo chosen for the celebration

The General Council asked various persons to design a logo for the celebration of the Bicentenary of the Institute. During the last plenary session, from among the proposals presented, one was chosen to accompany us on the way that leads to 2017. The logo chosen was designed by Andrés Gil, a Spaniard of the province of Ibérica.

The principal idea of the logo is to celebrate 200 years. Therefore, the number 200 is a principal element. This number in its turn is composed of 3 elements, which indicate that 2017 is not simply an historical remembrance, but A NEW BEGINNING:

* The number two, outlined in blue, recalls the horizon, the future, a new beginning... Here we can also see the letter "L", which La Valla, L'Hermitage, the cradle of the Institute.

* Two letters "M", one a mirror image of the other, form the two zeros of the number 200. They refer, in the first place, to our being Marists, but also are a reminder of the historic personages of our journey: Montagne, Mary, Marcellin... In addition, they recall the call to mission, to mysticism. The two "m"s superimposed also symbolize the



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a new beginning

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Br Emili Turu, Superior General, is visiting El Salvador from 27 July to 3 August. Then he will visit Honduras.

Br Antonio Ramalho C.G. took part in the Conference of Provincials of Africa in Nairobi on 28 and 29 July. From 1 to 3 August he will be in Ruanda, attending the Provincial Assembly of Central East Africa (PACE).

The Postulator General, Br Luis Jorge Flores Accues (Lucis), is going to Mexico to facilitate the diocesan phase of the process of Br Basilio Rueda. He will return to Rome when the process in the diocese of Guadalajara is completed.

past and the future, the exterior and the interior.

* The outline of the number "2" terminates in 3 elements which are the 3 petals of a violet. They are situated at

the end, with a projection in front like a signature. The violet is frequently presented as a symbol of simplicity, an important element of Marist spirituality...

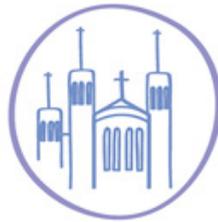
The principal color is blue (Mary), con-

trasted with purple and orange.

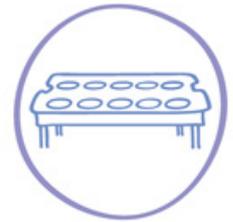
The typography is classic, which facilitates the delivery of the phrasing in the different languages where the Marist charism is alive.



2014|2015
Montagne



2015|2016
Fourvière



2016|2017
La Valla

We have, as well, three years ahead of us to celebrate, in a spirit of faith, our Bicentenary: the Montagne Year, the Fourvière Year, and the La Valla Year. In addition to the logo, which will be the symbol of the process as a whole, each year will have its own graphic element. These 3 symbols will be created by the Province of Rio Grande do Sul, and serve to recall the central element of the theme proposed for each year: the encounter of Marcellin with the dying Montagne boy, an invitation to accompany the young Montagnes of today; the Basilica of Fourvière, place of the promise of the foundation of the Society of Mary; La Valla,

the mystical dimension of the charism, the table, the place of encounter with Jesus, the bread of life.

Thanks to all who sent their proposals for the logo. We hope that all of us, each in his own area, are helping the dawn to be born, the dawn of a renewed Marist Institute. Only the commitment of everyone will make possible A NEW BEGINNING.

Download the log in:
<http://www.champagnat.org/000.php?p=364>



YEAR MONTAGNE

October 2014 – July 2015

The encounter with the young Montagne was an event that profoundly marked Father Champagnat's life, and clearly brought about the birth of the Marist Institute.

On October 28, 2014, anniversary of Father Champagnat's meeting with the young Montagne, we will begin the 'Montagne Year'. It will coincide with the celebration of the year of Consecrated Life in the Church worldwide. This first icon will accompany us until

July 2015. It will be a reminder of the importance and urgency of our mission, as relevant today as it was in Father Champagnat's time. Inspired by our Founder, who walked for several hours from La Valla to this place, we feel the same call to get going and meet the new Montagnes of today, wherever they may be.

The insistent call of Pope Francis to leave our own comfort zone in order to reach all the "peripheries" in need of

the light of the Gospel (EG 20) echoes in our ears.

What burned in Father Champagnat's heart as he made his way back to La Valla after encountering the young Montagne? What energy pulsed through him, leading him to found the Institute just a few months later? We might ask, are we not called to travel this same road again, allowing ourselves to be deeply challenged by the situation of the young Montagnes of today? NM

DISTRICT OF AMAZONIA

Brother João Gutenberg, superior for a second mandate



Amazonia (DMA) for a further three years. His mandate will begin with the holding of the District Chapter from 26 to 31 December 2014. Br João has been head of the District these last three years (2012-2014) as well as for two other terms.

The choice responds to the expectations of the District itself. The survey of the brothers and laity of Amazonia emphasized the necessity of having as superior someone who is a good animator of the brothers and communities, who has a deep spirituality, is well inserted into the Amazon situation and active in the mission of District, among other things.

During the consultation, other priorities were also defined which will be considered in the course of the District Chapter. Some of the points listed were : resumption and reinforcement of the promotion of vocations, the restructuring of the District, the reinforcement of a deep and well-lived spirituality, the environmental dimension and the focus of the mission, a systematic and personalised formation, the co-ordination of the Consecrated Life, attention to youth and financial autonomy, among others.

Brother Ignace Etges, Provincial of the Province of « Rio Grande do Sul », announced on 10 July, the election of Brother João Gutenberg as Superior of the Marist District of Am-



JUST LIVING: HEARTS WITHOUT BORDERS

Australia: Marist Youth Festival

We are excited to announce to you the news about our upcoming Marist Youth Festival, (#MYF15) to be held in Sydney on the 12-15 January, 2015. The title of the Festival is "JUST living: Hearts without Borders". The Festival will be a LIVE IN experience.

The Festival will feature two international guest speakers: Brother Emili Turu fms, Superior General of the Marist Brothers from Rome, and Fr Greg Boyle SJ, founder and Executive Director of Homeboy Industries; as well as two prominent national speakers: Laura John, the Australian Youth Representative to the United Nations in 2014 and Fr Rob Galea, a singer, songwriter and founder of Stronger Youth.

For more information please visit: www.maristyouthfestival.com o facebook.com/maristyouthfestival



ASSEMBLY AND CHAPTER OF THE DISTRICT OF MELANESIA

Nearly 50 people gathered for the Assembly and Chapter of District of Melanesia, in Port Moresby (14-20 July). The Assembly gathered Lay and Brother Marists from all across the District – PNG, Bougainville, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, New Caledonia and MAPAC. Brothers Jeffrey Crowe, Michael de Waas, David McDonald and Siaosi Ioane participated as representatives of the Institute and other Oceania Units.



A very important part of the Assembly was a thank you and celebration for all that Br Ken McDonald has contributed to the District over the last thirty years and especially in leading the District over the last nine years. Ken handed over leadership of the District to Br Jean Marie Batick. Jeff Crowe offered thanks to Ken on behalf of Province of Australia and the Oceania Region. Jeff also congratulated the Marists of the

District, assured them of the Region’s support and observed that the occasion marked the conclusion of a process begun at the Concurrent Chapters in 2010.

The Assembly was a great gathering and prepared the Brothers for the Chapter that immediately followed.

The Chapter focussed mainly on the life of Brothers and the communities within the District and the delegates elected the new District Council joining Br Jean Marie in the leadership of the District. The new council is formed by Brothers Stanley Bakere, Rodney Pauru, Mark Kenatsi and Clement Pekube.



VENEZUELA: BROTHERS AND LAITY TOGETHER

Profoundly convinced that the Marists of Champagnat – brothers and laity – can gather around the same table, eleven lay persons and nine brothers met from Saturday 21 to Wednesday 25 June at the Formation House of Los Teques to carry out the first experience of joint formation in Marist Venezuela.

and laity, we shared faith and life, revitalising our personal stories and, with them, our specific vocations.

Sharing life in the little communities helped us pose questions and invited us to discover our own responses for the future of the Marist charism in



Venezuela. By way of conclusion of the meeting, we recognised that we, brothers and lay Marists of Champagnat, are responsible for the vitality of the charism.



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From the delta of the Orénoque to Tierra del Sol Amada (Maracaibo), via Caracas, Maracay, Los Teques and Punto Fijo, we came together to live this experience in community. Together, brothers