

## NEW PROVINCIAL OF THE UNITED STATES

Br Patrick McNamara



On December 19, 2014, Br. Ben Consigli, Current Provincial of the United States, announced that Br. Emili Turú, Superior General, together with the General Council, has confirmed the election of Br. Patrick McNamara as the next Superior of the Province.

In a letter sent to the Province of the United States, Br. Emili states: "I am

grateful to Patrick for his availability and willingness to serve in this capacity. The results of your Discernment Process clearly indicate that Patrick has the strong support of the brothers in the Province, and your confidence and trust in him will serve as an important source of support throughout his term of leadership".

At the same time, the Superior General thanks Br. Ben Consigli, Current Provincial, for his service to the Province, the Institute, and the General Council.

Presently, Br. Patrick is part of the FM-SI-Geneva team and a member of the Marist community in Prévessin-Moëns, France. He will take over from Br. Ben Consigli during the next Provincial Chapter, which is scheduled for June 2015.

Br. Patrick was Provincial of Poughkeepsie (now USA Province) from 1994 to 2000. He began to follow Marcellin's way in 1973, and has enjoyed living in the Marist community carrying out the mission of Christian education of young

people and poor children through different services in the United States, and working in the defense of the rights of children through FMSI Geneva.



### Br. Emili to the Youth of Australia:



"Thanks to all the Marist Youth Festival participants for your great

welcome and your passion for Just Living.

Remember that living is more than just existing. That living fully is more than living. And that living as one is both our dream and our commitment! May Mary be your inspiration and your blessing!"

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Br. Emili Turú participated recently in the Marist Youth Festival in Sydney, Australia.

From 10 to 22 January, Br. Javier Espinosa and Pep Buetas, Secretariat of the laity, will be visiting the province of Europe Central West.

Starting tomorrow, the Control Committee of the Bedford Fund meets in the General House in Rome, with the presence of the General Counsellor, Br. Víctor Preciado.

On Saturday 17, Br. Chris Wills travels to Lebanon and Jordan to investigate a possible Intercongregational project with the Brothers of La Salle.

Next Friday, Br. Libardo Garzón, the new Econome General will arrive at the General House replacing Br. Víctor Preciado.

# WORLD CONGRESS ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION

## Congregation of Catholic Education, Vatican

In 2015 the Congregation for Catholic Education celebrates two significant anniversaries in the educational mission of the Church: the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration on Catholic education "Gravissimum Educationis" and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Universities "Ex Corde Ecclesiae".

The Congregation for Catholic Education desires that these anniversaries be an opportunity to examine the fundamental issues of education, in collaboration with schools and universities as well as Bishop's Commissions, religious Congregations, associations and educators.

Therefore, we are pleased to inform you that from 18 to 21 November 2015, a World Congress on Catholic education will be held in Rome. Its aim is to share experiences and look to the future with new missionary zeal.

We provide the above information in order to ensure your welcome presence at the Congress. In due time, this Congregation will communicate the detailed program and reg-



istration procedures, publishing them through the website [www.educatio.va](http://www.educatio.va)

We hope that you will be able to participate and thank you for your attention.

S.Em. Card. Zenon Grocholewski



## Letter to the laity of Cruz del Sur

Brother Horacio Bustos, provincial of Cruz del Sur, sent a letter to the laity of the Province with two very concrete invitations. In the first, lay men and women, families included, are invited to offer themselves to take part in the life and mission of a Marist community situated in a context of poverty, for at least a year. Concretely, in the communities of La Boca (Rosario) or Las Heras (Mendoza) or Tacuarembó (Uruguay). These three communities are inserted in the midst of the people and offer a prospect of education in contact with poor children and families. The first two evangelize through

formal education and pastoral work in the quarter, the third through popular education and pastoral care.

In the second, persons who feel a vocation to collaborate in the administrative direction of a Marist College/Work



and are available, are invited, after suitable preparation, to move to other geographical parts of the Province, to take up this service for a period of not less than three years. This concerns a time of service to be carried out in community form, that is, in a fraternity composed of brothers and laity who wish to venture on a common project of evangelization, community life and spirituality. Challenging invitations, without a doubt.

Download the letter in [www.maristas.com.ar](http://www.maristas.com.ar)



# A MANY-YEAR-OLD YOUNG COUNTRY

## Five years after the earthquake that shook Haiti

January 12, 2010. Five years have gone by since this event marked the history of Haiti, an earthquake that shook the land and the soul of these people who are so alive, always ready to struggle and hope.

Five years after this experience, we offer you an update on the rebirth of these people.

### A young country

Haiti is an overwhelmingly young country. Most of its inhabitants have not reached 35 years of age. Even though it was the first Latin American country to achieve independence, it is also one of the countries that is furthest behind in terms of economic, political and social development. That is why we can say it is a many-year-old young country.

Port-au-Prince, the city that directly suffered the earthquake of 2010, has been gradually recovering. Many buildings have been reconstructed. There is not much debris left in the city, and all the refugee camps have virtually closed. The infrastructure of the country is slowly being repaired. People are doing their best regarding economy and social development, despite strong economic and political interests that impede any attempt to move forward.

### We need food!

International aid after the earthquake was swift, and the Marist community did not fall behind in this regard. Many Provinces sent their support, either through Rome, the Province of Western Mexico, or directly to Haiti.

Even though the region where the brothers live in Haiti is far away from the epicenter, it indirectly suffered the effects of the earthquake, because many victims from Port-au-Prince, driven by fear and uncertainty, returned to their hometowns. This triggered a sudden growth of the population in the countryside, with the consequent lack of food, which was the main cry for help. The first international aid we received enabled us to provide numerous families with food, support the reconstruction of many damaged houses, and share our funds



with other religious congregations that are present in Port-au-Prince.

The generosity of the Marists worldwide also allowed us to make some repairs and improvements to our facilities, such as the construction of a multipurpose room at the School of the Nativity, the renovation of the roof in Fatima School, and the construction of a dining room in Alexandre Dumas School. We started constructing a community center in Jérémie, which will promote the formation of young people and children in the region.

In order to help the so-called "restavec" children (Creole for "qui reste avec" = "that stays with"), who have no opportunity to study, Broth-

er Laurent and a group of teachers opened a special evening school aiming to help them join the official school. These children lost their families, and are under the care of another family that should look after them, but sometimes they are literally turned into little slaves.

### We keep dreaming

The Marist Sector of Haiti is still dreaming. We dream about a Sector run by Haitian Marists. There are currently 18 brothers in our Sector (1 from Canada, 5 from Mexico, and 12 from Haiti). Five of the Haitian brothers are still in formation at the scholasticate of Guadalajara (Mexico). We have three novices and seven postulants.

We dream about forming young leaders in our schools, who may be able to bring positive changes to their society.

We dream about training professionals in education and other areas who can transform reality by educating and evangelizing their people.

We dream about Haiti as a renewed, fulfilled, hopeful, free and truly independent country.

We believe this is also the dream of the God of Life, and we are willing to keep fighting for it, so that everyone may have Life and have it in abundance.

Bro. Luis Henrique Rodríguez



# INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY IN EDUCATION

## International meeting in education in Morelia, Mexico

The Universidad Marista Valladolid, convenes its 3rd international meeting on education to be held in the month of February 2015 in the city of Morelia, Mexico. The orientation of the meeting will be driven based on the general theme "Innovation and creativity in education".

The purposes of the meeting are:

- Provide to the participants an alternative teacher training.
- Provide up-to-date and reliable information on the grounds and prospective of changes and scope of the new educational proposals.
- To make known the methodological proposals to allow teachers to acquire specific tools they could implement in their institutions.
- Generate reflexive processes about the challenges and alternatives of educational transformation.

Further information on the international meeting is available in <http://unidelvalla.mx>



## Philippines: Temporary Professed Brothers

13 Temporary Professed Brothers in Active Ministry of the East Asia Province had their second gathering on November 2014 in Tamontaka, Philippines. During the apostolic year, three gatherings are scheduled. Each gathering has a different focus. This time, the aim of the meeting was to continue reflecting on how a young religious can maintain the balance of community life, apostolic life and prayer life; and, to support, strengthen, and affirm one another as brothers.

Br. Wenceslao Paterno, the community leader of the Novitiate community, shared his experiences of harmonizing prayer, community, and apostolic life. On the other hand, Br. Lindley Sionosa, the Master of Novices, guided the young brothers in a process of reflection. The gathering was a great opportunity for the young brothers to share about what they have been through in past few months, after the first gathering in August. Guide questions were given in order to stay focused and directed. Each brother was able



to recognize the reality, and the challenge they are facing as young religious.

