

# POST PERPETUAL GIER PROGRAM

23 young brothers will participate in programme to continue formation

**T**wenty-three brothers who have recently made their final vows will participate in a first of its kind, five-week programme in August to strengthen their vocation.

"It's the first time this program runs, and it will possibly be repeated in two years if the experience and its evaluation are positive and if there are enough candidates," said Brother Hipólito Pérez, assistant director of the secretariat 'Brothers Today.'

The course 'Post Perpetual Gier Programme,' which will take place from Aug. 13 – Sept. 20 with brothers from around the world, also seeks to take a closer look at Marist roots.

It will take place in the General House in Rome for the first two weeks, then in L'Hermitage, France, for another two weeks, and the final week back in Rome.

Br Hipólito said the aim is to "strengthen the vocational project that has been chosen (and) to offer the possibility to experience the reality of the call of this new beginning through a deep encounter with one's self and with God in a dynamic of intercultural dialogue and listening, as well as through a close encounter with our Marist roots."

"We will also have the opportunity to know and live the "Taizé" experience of spirituality, communion and welcoming of youths," he told the general house press office on July 22.

The programme will be conducted by the secretariat of Brothers Today as well

as by formation teams from Manziana and El Escorial.

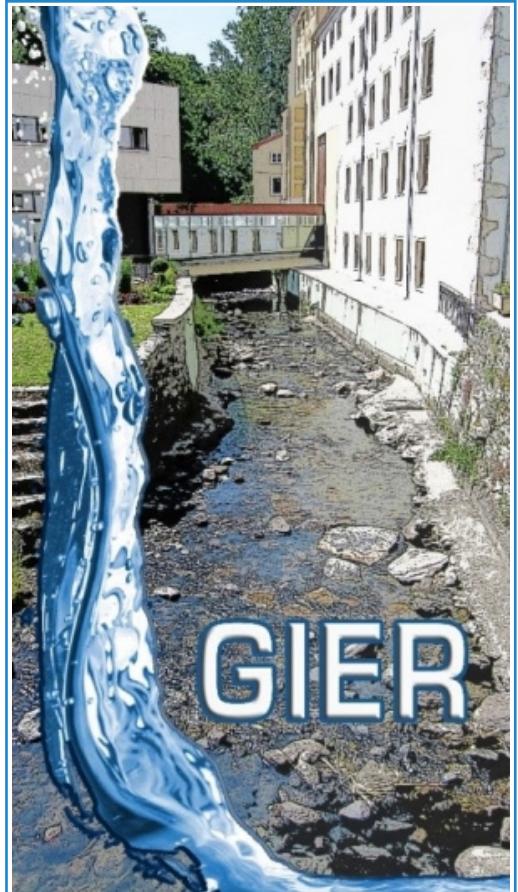
Several general councillors as well as other lay people and brothers have also been invited to speak.

Br Hipólito noted that the first two weeks will include looking back and "re-reading one's life, with careful attention, appreciative dialogues, multiculturalism, and future horizons of the XXI general chapter."

The following two weeks, he continued, will take place in L'Hermitage, "where we will explore the history of our founder and our Marist origins with our heart, eyes and feet."

According to Br Hipólito, "in our sacred land we 'go forth,' like Marcellin, from the first formation of La Valla to the new house of L'Hermitage and we travel its roads, from L'Hermitage to the mountains of Le Bessat.

"During the last week, we'll be back in



Rome, participating in the encounter for young religious organized in Rome for the Year of Consecrated Life," affirmed Br Hipólito.

"It will also be a time of synthesis, where we will reflect on the question 'Quo Vadis? (where are you going?)' and like Saint Peter, take up a new beginning in the project of life, up to its last consequences," he added.

# MEETING OF YOUNG BROTHERS

## East Central Africa province (PACE)

**T**wenty-four young African brothers gathered in Nairobi for the first time to meet with brothers of the general administration of Rome.

"The main purpose of this encounter was to accompany the vocational journey of these young brothers, listen to their concerns and prepare their hearts for a new beginning of the Marist Institute," said Brother Hipólito Pérez, assistant director of the secretariat 'Brothers Today.'

Br Hipólito told the general house press office on July 22 that the event was "animated and accompanied" by two general councillors, Brothers Antonio Ramalho and Ernesto Sánchez, as well as himself.

The group included brothers of temporal vows and perpetual vows.

They travelled from Congo, Tanzania, Rwanda, Kenya and Central African Republic to attend the conference, which took place from July 19 – 21.

These five countries form the East Central Africa province (PACE) within the Institute of the Marist Brothers.



The encounter touched on the subjects of the Marist charism - mission, fraternity and spirituality – based on the experience of the Brothers in their communities.

"For three days we experienced the power of the Holy Spirit telling us that things must not be the way they are," said Brother Adolphe Paluku Tandika on July 21.

"We need a change for a new beginning and this starts with 'me,' I must be the change I expect in others," added the Congolese. "We promised ourselves to make a difference."

After the three-day encounter, the young brothers continued to meet for a work on the Constitutions, guided by Brother Antoine Kasindu.

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### Spain: 21 lay people make official promise to follow Marist charism

**D**uring a Mass in the city of Alcalá de Henares at the provincial house, 21 lay people individually expressed their promise to follow the Marist charism.

"Today we publicly acknowledge your vocation and we welcome you within the charismatic family of Marcellin Champagnat," said the members of the Marist laity commission of the Ibérica province in a statement given to the general house press office on July 15.





Nairobi: MIC-MIUC Budget Meeting



Rome International Commission ChMMF



Ir. Joe McKee em Bangladesh



Young people from Brazil in Rome



Adelaide, Australia



Brothers of the Province Compostela

## Province of Norandina: Experience of joint formation of Brothers and Laity

In Armenia, Colombia, a group of 10 Brothers and 16 Marist Lay persons, met from the 8 to the 11 of July to live an experience of formation.

After a profound lived experience and of reflection on spirituality, vocation, mission and the new relationship between Brothers and Marist Laity, helped by the methodology of small communities, the following calls and challenges ring in our mind and in our heart:

Foster personal and community prayer on the Gospel as foundation elements that help to maintain spirituality. We feel that in participating in the birth of a new dawn in our Institute, we are invited to promote the charismatic vitality through complementarity, in communion of life of Brothers and Laity who reflect on their common and specific identity.

We are all mission and beginning with Baptism both Brothers and Laity, we assume the challenge to make Jesus Christ known and to make him loved.

We are co-responsible in the mission and we are called to leave our comfort zones and go to the peripheries,



together both Brothers and Laity in common union. To favor Marist communities of Champagnat open to dialogue. Re-create Marist prayerful communities of Champagnat, that mutually accompany one another vocationally, bring about transformation and changes in the "Montagne" situations".

## Latest deceased Brothers

**31/07/2015:** Leonardo Gómez Blanco - Prov. Mediterránea - Spain, Cartagena  
**27/07/2015:** Carlos Preciado Rodríguez - Prov. México Occidental  
**25/07/2015:** Gerard Gillespie - Prov. West Central Europe - Scotland, Glasgow  
**23/07/2015:** Ignacio Esteban Lazcano Uranga - Prov. Compostela - Spain, Valladolid  
**21/07/2015:** Julius Walsh - Prov. Austrália, Ashgrove  
**16/07/2015:** Paulo Passin - Prov. Rio Grande do Sul  
**15/07/2015:** Lorenzo García Porres - Prov. Ibérica Spain, Villalba

**12/07/2015:** Jan (Henri) Jorissen - Prov. West Central Europe - Belgium, Genval  
**12/07/2015:** Félix García de GaldeYear Ona - Prov. Ibérica Spain, Lardero  
**07/07/2015:** Albert Kennedy - Dist. Pacific New Zealand, Auckland  
**17/06/2015:** Antonio Boldo y Ricart - Prov. Santa María de los Andes - Peru, Lima  
**13/06/2015:** Jean Baptiste Tamessuien - Dist. West Africa Ghana  
**10/06/2015:** Emilio García Rilova - Prov. Ibérica Spain, Lardero

## FMSI invites the Marist NGO's of the American continent Objectives include the rights of children

This is not the first time that it happens: in 2004 (when FMSI was an office of the Marist General Administration) there was a meeting in Santa Cruz de la Sierra (Bolivia), which was the origin of the network Corazón Solidario (Solidarity Heart), which up until now functions regularly at the level of the Marist provinces, in different countries and even at continental level, as can be seen from the meetings held in Belo Horizonte (2006), Belem (2009), Mexico City (2011) and Quito (2014).

During the meeting in Belem in 2009, promoted by the present Superior General Br. Emili Turú, Dominick Pujia and Sara Panciroli represented FMSI and already at that time there was talk of an international network of Marist NGO's and organisms of solidarity with a global perspective in mind.

According to what was developed in the American continent, the moment has arrived for FMSI to create a global network, at Marist level.

In fact, it is foreseen in the next months to have four meetings for large

geographic zones, reserved to those responsible for the NGO's and to the Marist Provincial Offices.

The place and date of the first two meetings have already been fixed: in the city of Guatemala, from 17 to 19 of August 2015 for the American continent and in Rome, from the 5th to the 7th of October 2015, for Europe. FMSI is now in dialogue to fix the place and date of the other two, foreseen for 2016: one for Asia-Oceania and the other one for Africa.

The objectives of the encounter are multiple: from knowing one another and exchanging experiences up to the opportunity of opening our horizons in the whole Marist world, perfectly in harmony with the commitment of the Institute to make effective its internationality. Three documents will be studied, deepened and shared: one on "our idea of solidarity" in connection with the promotion of the rights of children; a second document on "the policy of protection of minors" that can serve as inspiration for Marist organizations; and a third one to study



the establishment of an international network of Marist NGO's, objective of FMSI for 2017.

We will begin with the meeting in Guatemala, in the Marist Center of Formation in that city, where it is foreseen that there will be 25 persons: some are responsible for ten non-governmental organizations legally recognized, others represent diverse Marist Offices of solidarity of the administrative units and others represent organisms of the Marist Inter-American Network, such as the Sub-Commission of Solidarity and the Commission of Mission. Manuel Mendoza and Mario Meuti, directors of the Offices in Geneva and Rome will be at the meeting for FMSI, accompanied by Vicente Falchetto and Alvaro Sepulveda.