

## A NEW WAY OF BEING A BROTHER TODAY

### Inter-provincial renewal course in Rawdon, Canada

On July 19 a summer session was begun in Rawdon, Canada, called Inter-Provincial Renewal Course (CIR). The course was organized for Brothers from 40 to 60 years of age. The six Administrative Units of the Province Arco North participated in the initiative with the presence of 24 Marists. The nine days session was divided into three blocks of three days each. The themes discussed were: Fraternity, Affectivity and consecrated Celibacy, and the shared Mission between Brothers and Laity.



This meeting has been conceived or thought of as a time of personal and community conversion, the objective of which, so as to say, is the joint search for the healing of the "wounds" which affect us at the level of the heart, the body and the spirit. The group of Brothers was accompanied by experts or specialists of the different themes proposed.

Every two years, the Provincials of the six Administrative Units of the Province Arco North, offer the CIR program to the Brothers of the Region. The participants of this year come from the following countries: Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador (Norandina); Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador (Central America); Mexico (Central and Western); United States and Canada.

This inter-provincial retreat was possible thanks to the three Brothers who have assumed the responsibility of the coordination: Ismar Portillo (Norandina), Miguel Santos (Mexico Western) and Bernard Beaudin (Canada).

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Br. Antonio Ramalho, Councillor General, participated in the meeting of the European Network of Communities, in El Escorial, from 8 to 12 August.

From 10 to 14 August the Chapter of the District of West Africa takes place in Ghana. Br. Ernesto Sánchez participates on behalf of the General Council.

Br. Hipólito Pérez, from the Secretariat Brothers Today, guided the retreat for lay people and brothers of the Province Ibérica, in Miraflores, Spain, from 1 to 7 August.

Br. Chris Wills, Director of Collaboration for mission, international (Cmi), a member of the Governing Board and Treasurer of the project 'Solidarity with South Sudan', was in South Sudan during the first week of August.

On 10 August, began the Third Age Renew Program for Portuguese and Spanish-speaking Brothers, in Manziána. The course of ongoing formation will last for two months.

The Post Perpetual Gier Program for Brothers with 3 to 7 years of perpetual profession Begins on 13 August. The directors of the Secretariat Brothers Today and formation team from El Escorial and Manziána will accompany the 22 participants.

This team was helped, supported by Canadian Brothers and Laity responsible for the logistics: Gérard Bachand, Jacques Bélisle, Réal Cloutier, Mari-

us Fournier, Chantal Cayer, Jonathan Drouin and André Grimard. The theme, "A new way of being a

Brother today" has been the fundamental axis around which the sharing and reflection have been interwoven and taken place.



# EDUCATING TODAY AND TOMORROW

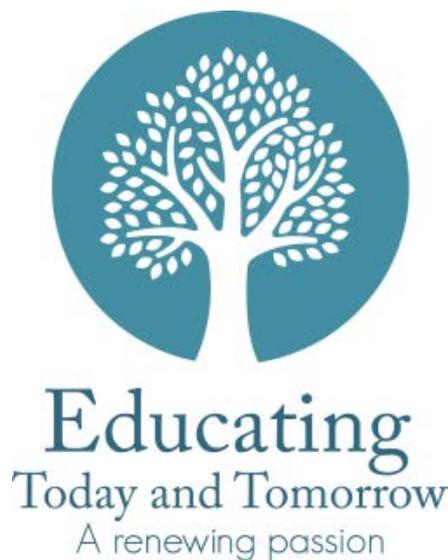
## World Congress promoted by Vatican

From 18 to 21 November 2015, a World Congress, "Educating Today and Tomorrow. A renewing passion", will take place in Rome under the auspices of the Congregation for Catholic Education.

multireligious. Today's educational emergency demands that we refresh what we are offering in our formation, so as to follow our young people closely as they work at shaping their life-plans.

The inspiration for the Congress derives from two anniversaries: the fiftieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration Gravissimum Educationis and the twentyfifth anniversary of the Apostolic Constitution Ex Corde Ecclesiae. These documents are our starting-point for relaunching the Church's dedication to education.

Participation in the Congress is open to all those involved in the educational mission of Catholic schools and universities throughout the world. Our aim is to reflect on the contribution that the Christian community can make to education globally, in rapidly changing contexts that are both multicultural and



The Congress offers Catholic schools and universities a chance to dialogue among themselves, so as to sharpen their identity and mission, in light of the Magisterium. They will be able to examine the various groups of people that make up the educating community, confirm the need for educators' initial and ongoing formation, and share their views on how to face up to present and future challenges. A renewing passion.

Online inscription on the website [www.educatio.va](http://www.educatio.va) (until 30 September 2015)

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## Year Fourvière - July 2015 – July 2016

On July 23, 1816, the day after their ordination, a group of young priests, full of enthusiasm, travelled to the shrine of Fourvière in Lyon. At the feet of our Lady, in the small chapel behind me, they promised to establish the Society of Mary. In 2016, we will celebrate the pledge made in that chapel 200 years ago. The icon of Fourvière, therefore, will guide us in this second year, from July 2015 to July 2016.

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# SOLIDARITY WITH SOUTH SUDAN

## Three Marist Brothers in collaborative and inter-cultural ministry

The organisation 'Solidarity with South Sudan' was initiated by the men's and women's Unions of Superiors General (USG/UISG). Projects began in 2006, five years before independence in July 2011 following an approach by the South Sudanese bishops.

'Solidarity', as it is commonly called, focuses on teacher education, health education, agriculture and pastoral projects in this new country. The objective of each of the projects is to build local capacity in these focus areas.

Nigerian Marist Brothers Christian, Matthew Mary and Longinus are members of Solidarity communities in Yambio (Teachers College) and Riimenze (Agriculture) in Western Equatorial State. Their communities are mixed sisters, brothers, lay and ordained; male and female.

Christian and Matthew Mary join Sisters Rose from Vietnam, Josephine from Kenya and Cathy from USA in Riimenze. Longinus is 30km (1h20m) away in Yambio and he is part of a community made up of London, a South Sudanese volunteer, Trish, a lay volunteer from Australia and Sisters Margaret Scott from New Zealand, Julia from Ecuador, Carolyn from USA Ailish from Ireland, Pat from USA, Margaret Sheehan from Ireland along with Brother Methodius from Ghana. Overall there are forty six volunteers from nearly forty congregations working in the field for 'Solidarity' in South Sudan.

The Director of Collaboration for mission, international (Cmi), Br Chris Wills, is a member of the Governing Board and Treasurer of 'Solidarity'. The Board has been meeting in Juba with the Bishops' Conference in August with the



intention of establishing stronger relationships in order to create a sustainable future for the projects.

Br Christian had his 70th birthday in July and has expressed the wish to renew his volunteer contract for a further three years. He is the 'elder'. He issues the challenge for other Marists, particularly from the African continent, to join him and the other brothers in this collaborative and inter-cultural ministry.

Brs Matthew Mary and Longinus are eight months into their first year but give the impression that they have been in South Sudan for much longer.



### Patronal Feast of the Institute

Like Father Champagnat, we go to Mary as a child to its mother (3). By prayer, and by studying what the Church is saying about Mary, we seek to deepen our relationship with her. Her great feasts, especially the Assumption, which is the patronal feast of the Institute, are special times for intensifying our devotion to this Good Mother. (Constitutions 74)





El Escorial  
Red de Comunidades de Europa marista



Ghana  
Chapter of the District West Africa



Peru: Marist Inter-American Meeting of Co-ordinators of Evangelization



New Zealand: The Oceania Regional Council and the College of Leaders



Vatican  
Brothers of the Course Gier



United States  
First Profession of Br Sam Amos

## New Horizons Authentic and transforming leadership for a new Africa

The workshop New Horizons was celebrated in Dimesse, Nairobi from July 27 to August 7, 2015, organized for the directors of the Marist Schools and other schools which were invited from the Provinces of Madagascar and Central Eastern Africa (PACE).

The theme of the Seminar centered itself on the development of Marist leaderships and their contribution to the development of Africa and the evangelization of children and youth by means of education.

The workshop presented six modules or forms directed by Prof. Joseph Kwabena Onyiah (Ghana), Br. Michael Burke, from the Christian Brothers (South Africa), Br. Jonas, Combonian (Kenya), Br. Antoine

Kazindy (Rwanda), Prof. Frank Malloy and Br. David Hall (Australia). The participants were 70 Brothers and lay men and women from the Marist Schools and also some religious Sis-



ters invited by their Provinces. The workshop is an initiative of the African Commission for Mission which

has the support of the Conference of Provincials of the African continent and of the Secretariat of the Missions. For the development of the program, there was a working group and the support of Br. David Hall (Province of Australia), as facilitator. The project received financial help from international agencies and from the NGO SED from Spain, through the mediation of FMSI of Rome. Each Province also contributed for the financing.

Next year there will be two workshops: one for the schools of the Province of Southern Africa and the other one for the Province of Nigeria and the District of Central Western Africa.

