

AUSTRALIA PROVINCIAL CHAPTER ADDRESSES POSSIBILITY OF CREATING MARIST 'VILLAGES'

New provincial and council take up office

The new provincial of Australia and his council took up office during the province's Chapter from Sept. 27 – 30 in the Hermitage, Mittagong, where discussions included the possibility of creating different types of communities with laity.

"Can we imagine a Marist 'village' in some locations where we have, say, three houses on a property which allow for distinct forms of vocation to our spiritual family to be expressed,

yet provide space for common sharing of life and mission?" questioned provincial councillor Brother Michael Callinan, before the start of the encounter.

He stressed the importance of "creating an opportunity for the Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat (which includes over 500 members) to form a new expression of communion."

"It's my belief that our Australian Province needs a visible model of a new way of being Marists outside an institutional

setting," reflected Br Michael.

During the Chapter, the new provincial, Brother Peter Carroll, replaced Brother Jeff Crow, who will form part of the international team that will ac-

sought to respond to the calls of the Holy Spirit, the Church and our Marist Institute for the next three years."

It was the second Chapter of the province of Australia, since its birth three years ago, after the provinces of Melbourne and Sydney joined.

Thirty Brothers gathered for the encounter, including vicar general Brother Joe McKee, and they began each day with Mass in the

Chapel of the Annunciation.

Aside from lay members, the Marist Association includes over 100 Brothers as well as priests, sisters and a bishop.

There are over 230 Brothers living in 38 different communities across Australia, working in a variety of locations and ministries.

company the formation of the future members of international communities in the different continents.

The Chapter also established Brothers Jeffrey Barrington, Darren Burge, Michael Callinan, Paul Kane, Greg McDonald and Ken McDonald as the new provincial council for the next three years.

According to a statement of the province, "it was a time of prayer, deep listening and shared encounter as we



39 BROTHERS AND LAITY GATHER IN GUATEMALA

'Inter-American Encounter of Vocational Animation' meeting promotes multiculturalism, internationality

Thirty-nine Brothers and laity gathered in Guatemala City for the Inter-American Encounter of Vocational Animation from Sept. 16 – 20 under the theme 'A vocational animation with a tent as the heart.'

"It was a very positive experience to see the quality of the participants, Brothers and laity, as well as the dynamism that exists in the administrative units in relation to the subject of vocation," said general councillor Brother Ernesto Sánchez, who was among the participants.

"I was invited to offer a talk one morning on the issue of vocational culture," he told the general house press office on Sept. 27. "Besides helping me catch up on the subject, I think the subject was very well received and generated a profound and positive reflection."

He told how the encounter kicked off with two "very motivating video messages" from superior general Brother Emili Turú and the provincial of Central America, Brother Luis Gutiérrez, who is also president of the permanent council of provincials of the Inter-American Conference of Provincials.

Br Ernesto noted that the meeting "was important to innovate structures and processes of formation and qualification of its animators to promote Marists – brothers and laity – mystics and prophets, sensitive to the calls for



multiculturalism and internationality."

"It sought to guide one of the main lines of the strategic planning of the Inter-American Commission on Spirituality, Brothers and Laity, and in particular the Subcommittee of Brothers of the Inter-American Conference of Provincials," he added.

"The moments of prayer that were shared were deep and we also enjoyed moments of fraternity, leisure and culture," Br Ernesto stated.

This was the first encounter of vocational animation for Marists across the continent and it is expected to reoccur in the future.



FINAL VOWS: BR FARANCIS KING

Province of South Asia (Pakistan)

Br Farancis, 37, hails from a Catholic village, Mariakhal, in the Diocese of Islamabad Rawalpindi. He comes from a very devout family. Having completed his novitiate in Sri Lanka and post novitiate at MAPAC he worked as a boarding master at Boys Town for two years. He also worked for a year in Kalpitya in Sri Lanka to get experience as a missionary. After working for a little more than a year at St Mary's High School he

joined the community in Sargodha in Sept. 2015. On the eve of the vow ceremony there was a cultural celebration of 'Mahandi' organized by the teachers of Sargodha Catholic High School. It was a very joyful and colorful evening, with songs and dancing to the beat of drums. Farancis professed his final vows in Sargodha's St Francis Xavier Church on 11 September. Fr Jacob Dogra, Chancellor of the Diocese was the main celebrant, and



Fr Leonard Steger, the parish priest, the Co-celebrant. Fr Khalid Mir OFM Capuchins, the elder Brother of Br Farancis gave the homily. There were a number of priests and religious present along with Brother's family members and many friends and well-wishers. Vicar general Br Joe McKee and general councillor Br Michael de Waas were also present for the occasion. Br Joe received the vows. Over 200 were invited to a delicious meal prepared by the teachers and lay Marists. The teachers from St Mary's and St John's were among the many invited guests (including Muslim teachers) who enjoyed this wonderful occasion. For many it was the first time to witness a religious profession of a Brother. The Marists would like to witness many more of these in the years to come.



NEW INTERNET APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

Secretariat Collaboration for mission international

Cmi, the secretariat Collaboration for mission international has managed Volunteers and Marist Host Communities through a database hosted on the champagnat.org website since 2012.

Until now, Luiz da Rosa, Director of Communications, for the General Administration wrote and maintained the code.

The need for upgrading, maintenance and the creation of reports has become more urgent and Cmi is fortunate to be able to outsource the work to a team of enthusiastic professionals from the Province of Brasil Centro-Sul who are based in Curitiba, Brazil (PUCPR).

The new application named Cmapp (Collaboration for mission application) will join other web based tools (KOSMOS,

Domus, Missio and Archivum) in a suite of applications which provide administrative and pastoral support for the Institute. When Cmapp is launched after final testing, Provincials and Coordinators of

CPVs can expect to change to the new system in November 2015.

They will be provided with simple online training modules so that they can make the best use of the application.



This application comes at a time when the dream of International Communities for a New Beginning is gaining momentum and concrete expression. Marists are accepting the invitation to commit

Province Volunteers (CPV) will be able to access a more sophisticated common source of information such as profiles with this tool. Individual Volunteers and Host Communities will also be able to access and check their own information.

Entry to the application will continue to be through the champagnat.org website.

themselves, Regions are finalising collaborative communities and planning by the international coordination team begins in October. Cmapp will be a valuable tool.

The photo shows the development team in Curitiba who are leading this international collaboration as a service to all Marists.



90 PARTICIPANTS GATHER AT THE 'III PROVINCE MISSION ASSEMBLY' IN VALLADOLID, SPAIN

Discussions focused on the Marist identity and communion between Brothers and Lay People

Ninety Marists met in Valladolid to speak about the identity of a Marist at the III Province Mission Assembly of Compostela, held from Sept. 24 – 26.

The first day included a talk from vicar general Brother Joe McKee, on being "new" Marists, and on the "laity in a new spirit of communion," covering the period of the 1960s until now.

"It represents a relationship from equal to equal, not from superior to inferior," he stated.

"There is some confusion for some brothers about their identity, perhaps because they do not understand the Second Vatican Council in which we are all called to radically follow Jesus," he added.

Br Joe made reference to the Marist charism, describing it as something that is not set in stone.

He told how when he was in Pakistan, some schools had a majority of Muslim students but they "curiously have a Marist Spirit."

A group of six young people then spoke about what it means to be a

Marist at the age of 30 and on their concerns.

They highlighted presence, fraternity and family as fundamental pillars of

participants the results of a survey completed by teachers, students and their parents on ways Marists can improve their educational works.

The encounter ended with proposals brought forward from participants that will taken to the provincial chapter of the Compostela province in December.

Brother Óscar Martín, Provincial of Compostela, ended the encounter with a letter addressed towards the participants.

In it, according to a statement from the province, he "invites us

to be brave, for we are how really be Marists by unfolding the challenges we face."

"And he stresses that being Marist is a way of life and fulfilment," it continued.

The encounter ended with and a Eucharistic celebration which was, according to the statement, "a family celebration, which was shared around the altar and summarised what we had experienced in the previous days."



their Marist experience. On Sept. 25, other lay participants spoke about their experiences and feelings on shared formation and groups of spirituality.

General councillor Brother Antonio Ramalho addressed the project 'New Models of Animation, Governance and Management,' focussing on key Marist principles and guidelines that give meaning to the project.

He stressed that "the fact that there are more lay people than Brothers is an opportunity for the Institute."

Ignacio Gerbolés showed partici-

Latest deceased Brothers

- **06/08/2015:** Elias Quijano Porro
Province Santa María de los Andes - Chile, Providencia
- **10/08/2015:** Eladio Díaz Lerindegui
Province Ibérica - Spain, Zalla
- **14/08/2015:** Spartaco Porfiri
Province Mediterránea - Italy, Carmagnola
- **16/08/2015:** Silvino Susin
Province Rio Grande do Sul - Brazil, Veranópolis
- **16/08/2015:** Laurent Létourneau
Province Canada - Canada, Québec
- **18/08/2015:** Eusebio Pando Fernández (Religious name: Gaudencio)
Province General House - Chile, Santiago de Chile
- **13/09/2015:** Emiliano Gutiérrez Serrano
Province Ibérica - Spain, Villalba
- **18/09/2015:** Paul Bissardon
Province LHermitage - France, Lille
- **18/09/2015:** Luis González Gallo
Province Ibérica - Spain, Collado Villalba
- **25/09/2015:** Benedict McGranahan
Province Europe Centre-Ouest / West Central Europe - Ireland, Athlone
- **25/09/2015:** Laurence Morrison
Province África Austral / Southern Africa - South Africa, Cape Town
- **29/09/2015:** Frederick McMahon
Province Australia - Australia, Campbelltown
- **30/09/2015:** Louis Destombes
Province LHermitage - France, La Valla
- **03/10/2015:** Eduardo Carlos Gatti
Province Cruz del Sur - General House, Buenos Aires
- **03/10/2015:** Teodoro Barriuso Martínez
Province Compostela - Spain, Valladolid

Pictures of the week



Spain (Barcelona): Blessed Laurentino, a Marist brother, was killed on 8 Oct. 1936



France (L'Hermitage): Marist international colloquium, from Oct. 4-14



Spain (Barruelo): Blessed Bernardo Fábrega Juliá, Marist brother, was killed on 6 Oct. 1936



Australia: retreat for the brothers in Mittagong



Italy (general house): Marist NGOs of Europe meet for the first time



Mexico: Primary Marista, Aguascalientes