



TO BLOOM ANTICIPATING SPRING PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF WESTERN MEXICO



From Dec. 21 - 23, 26 Brothers, under the motto "To Bloom anticipating Spring", participated in the XVIII Provincial Chapter of the Province of Western Mexico.

Besides de members of the Chapter, other Brothers and lay persons participated as observers.

Others guests included Brothers Eugène Kabanguka and Víctor Manuel Preciado, general councillors.

Also, Ricardo Reynoso, José Sánchez, Luis Felipe González, Javier Salcedo of the Province of Central Mexico.

Luis Carlos Gutiérrez participated from the Provincial of Central Amer-

ica. Sister Martha Chica, Regional Superior of the Marist Sisters, participated on behalf of the congregation.

The first day of the Chapter was marked by the report of Br. Eduardo Navarro de la Torre at the end of his service as Provincial.

He underlined the achievements of the last three years.

He invited the Brothers "to shape the features of the Province that we want, not only with documents or proclamations but also with the cooperation of the heart".

The second day was marked by the Eucharistic celebration during which

Br. Miguel Angel Santos assumed the charge as new Provincial.

On Dec. 23, four Councilors were elected who will accompany Br. Miguel in his work in charge of the Province.

The two remaining Councilors will be elected by Br. Provincial.

Br. Eugène Kabanguka, link of the General Council with the Province, underlined the importance of the vocation of the religious Brother.

In a symbolical gesture, he handed the recent document of the Vatican on this theme over to Brother Miguel.

He also handed him a backpack, which symbolizes his pilgrimage on his mission as Provincial Superior.

The Province of Western Mexico has works in Mexico and in Haiti.

In the Website of the Province <http://www.maristas.org.mx>, you may have access to a detailed account of the Provincial Chapter.



NEW VIDEO EXPLAINS FOUR BRANCHES OF THE MARIST FAMILY

THE FAMILY WILL CELEBRATE 200 YEARS OF THE FOURVIÈRE PLEDGE IN JULY

The general house press office has released [a new video](#) detailing the similarities and differences of the four branches of the Marist Family.

'The Marist Family' includes interviews with members of the governing bodies of the Marist Fathers, the Marist Missionary Sisters, the Marist Brothers and the Marist Sisters.

The press office released the film in preparation for the 200th anniversary of the Fourvière Pledge, which will take place in the Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière on July 23 in Lyon, France (go to the official site). The event will commemorate the day in which 12 young men pledged to establish the Society of Mary.



CHAMPAGNAT MOVEMENT OF THE MARIST FAMILY

GREGORIO PASTOR FRATERNITY: LA NEGRA DE ALTO HOSPICIO

The Champagnat Movement of the Marist family in its long history of 30 years has wanted to help each member to discover and carry out his/her personal mission in the construction of the Kingdom of God. The new Project of Life which is being prepared within the process of updating of the Movement continues to include this dimension of the Marist mission, which seeks to develop the Marian face of the Church, that is to say, a Church that is humble, that serves and accepts, committed with those in greater need.

In our site we will be sharing some witnesses of Marist Fraternities which are projected in social centres, parishes, schools... with a strong dimension of solidarity that integrates it with their family and professional obligations. Today we present the Fraternity Gregorio Pastor, of Chile (Province Santa María de los Andes).



When the Spirit blows, the paradoxes of the Gospel take place

It was a short time since the classes had begun in the new School of the Marists, which bears the name of one of

the martyrs of Zaire, Brother Fernando de la Fuente. This School is in the northern part of our country, more than 1700 kilometers away from Santiago, in the municipality La Negra de Alto Hospicio, the poorest municipality or county of the country and with a high rate of drug addiction. We are invited to know this new school. Marist volunteers were called.

Once we were there the tasks were numerous, the principal one was to transfer or move the whole Library from a first floor to a second one, to prepare index cards, cover books, to decorate and prepare the place for the acts or sessions....

We returned to Santiago after this first encounter, quite tired, but certain that we had a great task to carry out.

To the School Brother Fernando one does not go for a visit, not for an outing, one goes there to encounter Marcelin whom we knew when our sons were learning the

NEWS IN BRIEF

SRI LANKAN MARISTS

On January 2nd (Foundation Day), the Sri Lankan Marists went to a shrine of Our Lady to re-commit to the Marist ideal - 200 years since the first Marists made their pledge at Fourviere and on the 199th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Brothers.

ADMINISTRATORS OF PACE

From Dec. 7 - 8, the administrators of almost all the communities of the Marist Province of East Central Africa, gathered at Save, Rwanda for a workshop addressed to Brothers and Lay collaborators who are working as financial administrators of the communities and apostolic works of the Province.

MARISTS IN NICARAGUA

On Dec. 27, Nicaraguan brothers and family gathered to share life and give thanks for the benefits they received in the year 2015.

NEW MODELS OF ANIMATION, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Check out the two new bulletins available online of the Secretariat of Mission's New Models of Animation, Governance and Management project:

[‘International Assembly’](#)
[‘Roadmap for a new dawn of the Marist mission’](#)

life of the Founder, that Marcelin who accepts, listens, plays, laughs, works, who instructs, but above all, who teaches us that the most important thing is love.

Since that date, (almost 9 years ago) we go back twice a year, to make ourselves available to the school community to carry out the work that they entrust to us, from sewing a button up to guiding days with the professors, pupils, parents and the whole community.

But this experience of solidarity of our fraternity is not limited only in “doing and taking” but it has been a transforming living experience where looks are connected with the heart.

The fear of the first encounters in walking through the dusty paths

have given place to affection, and lack of trust no longer worries but we have been seduced, invited to solidarity.

This is a solidarity that involves the neighbor, the brother, the parents, pupils and those who form part of this school community, with its stories of efforts made, struggles, sorrows and joys.

A solidarity where at sunset the same table is shared and they are invited to joy, to emotions, to listening and the secrecy, the friendship and trust, but above all, the infinite thanks to God for such an immense gift, where everything that is few, poor and lacking that can exist in this place becomes a transforming force that enlarges and enriches the soul.

PUCPR OFFERS COURSE ON CHARISMA AND MARIST EDUCATIONAL PRINCIPLES TO THE ENTIRE INSTITUTE



Charisme et principes éducatifs maristes
 Marist charism and educational principles
 Carisma e princípios educativos maristas
 Carisma y principios educativos maristas

The Pontifical Catholic University of Curitiba, thanks to an initiative of the Network of Marist Universities offers a course in the Marist charism and educational principles.

The first group began in February 2014 and a second in February 2015.

PUCPR now offers places for the third group, which will begin in April 2016.

Below we publish a letter from the course coordinator, Adalgisa de OL-

iveira, communicating the call and providing details about the course and registration, intended for Brothers and Marists Laypeople.

Dear brother,

We are pleased to announce that PUCPR, motivated by the students' approval and the expectations generated in some environments of the institute, decided to open up enrollments for the course Marist Charism and Educational Principles, an initia-

MARIST WORLD



Nicaragua: Meeting with families of Brothers



Spain: New Provincial Council of Mediterránea



Kenya: New Provincial Council of East Central Africa



Bolivia: Profession of two Brothers in Santa Cruz



General House: Celebrating 199 years of the Institute's foundation



India: Christmas Celebration in Talit with Brothers, and Shantal students

tive of the Marist International Network of Institutions of Higher Education.

It is a great pleasure for us to provide a Marist quality service in the formation of brothers and lay Marists, which world inclusion covers it of an international and ecclesial dimension, harmonized with the proposals for the preparation of the celebration of the second Marist centenary.

Some information to guide those who want to take this course follows:

Course beginning

The course begins in April 12, 2016.

Admission deadline and payment

Admission will be done in three steps:

application for admission: admission to the course is done by the student forwarding the academic

documents requested and filling in the admission form on: www.pucpr.br/carisma.

Admission must be done before March 1st, 2016;

admission confirmation: before March 10, 2016, PUCPR Secretariat will make a list of the students that have completed the admission and are in accordance with the academic requirements of PUCPR together with a payment note of all the course tuition fee;

admission payments: once the notification of admission has been received, the enrollment payment transaction can be initiated; payment must be done before March 20, 2016, through a bank transfer to CNPJ: 76.659.820/0003-13 to ASSOCIAÇÃO PARANAENSE DE CULTURA.

The copy of the invoice should be sent to PUCPR via the e-mail carisma@pucpr.br.

Course fee

Course fee is \$3,500 (US dollars) that can be paid either during the application or in two instalments: one during the application and the other at the beginning of the fifth subject.

Should the student choose the second option, the first amount shall be 2.000\$ American dollars and the second one shall be 1.600\$ American dollars.

The fee does not include other expenses such as banks transfer charges, transfer certification procedure, nor the students' transportation expenses, if needed.

In order to certify distance learning courses Brazil's law calls for two requirements: students to sit through the final exam and present the final course project, both can be accomplished online.

Universities integrated to the Marist

International Network of Institutions of Higher Education can offer its students a double certification.

Through an agreement with PUCPR the students can attend the distance learning course on Marist Charism and Educational Principles offered by this university and each university can legalize the course validity in the country where it is based.

We trust that Mary and Marcellin will guide our steps and nourish our hearts towards a new land where

Marist charism and educational principles animate the field of family fathers.

We are available for any further useful information you might need.

Further information

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PARTICIPANTS EXPRESS GRATITUDE, ENCOURAGEMENT AFTER 2-MONTH PROGRAMME

THIRD AGE MARIST AND MARIANIST BROTHERS GATHERED FROM 11 COUNTRIES



After a two-month course for elderly Brothers, which brought together English-speaking Marist and Marianist brothers from 11 countries at the general house in Rome, participants expressed gratitude and encouragement.

"I learned so much about our Marist worldwide mission and I was encouraged by what we do and whom we

serve," said Brother James McKnight, who travelled from the United States. "The role of lay Marists in our mission is so vital – we are all the Marian face for the Church."

Brother James Devine, also from the U.S., underscored that the third age programme was "a very meaningful experience."

MEDITERRÁNEA



Solidarity: breakfast on the road

**Marist Brothers
Giugliano Institute**

We make the common mistake of always think about Africa, Romania or Siria as places too far to reach.

Too many times we are lost in the rhetoric of words, we are happy with just watching a TV program, without thinking that we should just move the curtains of our living room to see what's reality.

The senior year of the Marist College of Giugliano, in Italy, decided to do exactly so: leave the nest and touch with our bare hands the solidarity.

From the beginning of this school year, we decided and suggest the principal to go twice a month, during religion class, to every route of our town to bring breakfast to everyone that every day, challenging the weather, sick a job.

We are realizing that this people need someone to talk to, confront and tell their stories that are in many cases true desperation.

The school and our parents are supporting this action that will go on until the end of the year.

I just hope this can be the begging of our journey to make our life a gift to others.

- Alina D'Aniello and students of the "Quinto Liceo"

"The very caring and competent team tended to our every need while the presenters gave us much food for thought," he told the general house press office on Dec. 10. "I am delighted that I came and that I will return home refreshed and renewed."

The programme, which ended on Dec. 12, focused on the psychological and spiritual "dynamics" in their changing age, with the participation of 16 Marist brothers, two Marianist brothers and a Marianist priest as their chaplain.

Brother Michael Sexton, who led the course alongside Brother Donnell

Neary, noted there has been "a wonderful community spirit" and that "it has been a pleasure to share this time with such a fine group of men."

The course included a pilgrimage to historic places in France related to the founding of the Marist Institute as well as an encounter with other members of the Marist Family – Fathers, Sisters and Missionary Sisters.

Guest speakers included superior general Brother Emili Turú and Brothers Tony Leon and Chris Wills from the general administration, as well as the superior general's former secretary,

Brother José María Ferre. Brother James Langlois, from Zimbabwe, underscored that it was "a great privilege to rest a while with the Master (Jesus) in the company of Mary and fellow disciples, to be spoken to intimately, taught what I needed to learn, thus gathering strength for the challenges He (Jesus) puts to me for the road ahead."

The Marists who took were from the U.S., Australia, New Zealand, Kiribati, Argentina, the Philippines, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Spain. The Marianists came from the United States, India and France.

BRASIL CENTRO-SUL PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY: LOOK AT THE PAST WITH GRATITUDE, THE PRESENT WITH PASSION, THE FUTURE WITH HOPE



The Provincial Assembly of Brasil Centro-Sul was celebrated in Curitiba with 87 Brothers and 70 laity from Dec. 12 - 14. Br. Provincial Joaquin Sperandio indicated the five dimensions of the Assembly: a lived experience, to celebrate, reflect, review and program.

He also recalled the Pope's words and invited participants to look at the past with gratitude, the present with passion and the future with hope.

The Brothers deliberated on themes related to consecrated life, the laity

studied the document "To be a Marist lay man or woman: lived experiential formative itineraries" prepared by the Provincial Commission for the Laity.

On the first day, 11 Brothers renewed their vows in Mass.

On Dec. 13, they celebrated the Jubilee of Brothers: Davide Pedri (60 years of consecrated life) and Sebastião Ferrarini (50 years of consecrated life).

Brothers and Laity gave witness before the Church that around the table, we place our talents and vocations in the service of the Kingdom of God.

The Assembly recalled the theme of the Year of Mercy was present with the Pope's words: "there are moments in life in which we are called, in a more intense way, to fix our look on mercy in order to convert ourselves into effective signs of the action of the Father".

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