



ARCO NORTE COMMISSION MEETS IN GUADALAJARA

WORK TOOL FOR MARCH MEETING IN QUITO ON ITS WAY

The commission appointed by the Provincial Brothers of the Arco Norte region and in charge of helping develop its relationships as a region met in Guadalajara, Mexico from Jan. 10 – 14.

“We hope that the Provincials and their councils can count on a work tool in March that helps us move forward in our collaboration as the region of Arco Norte,” stated Brother Gregorio Linacero, who resides in Guatemala.

Brothers and laity from all of the region’s provinces participated with the guidance of the Provincial of

México Occidental and regional coordinator, Brother Miguel Santos.

“We resumed the reflection that is taking place throughout the Institute related to the New Models of Animation, Government and Management,” Br Gregorio told the general house press office on Jan. 20.

He underscored that afterwards they began preparing a work tool “that must be addressed by the Provincial Councils of Arco Norte in the March meeting in Quito.” “The working approach was ambitious and was not completed,” he added.

“We left with tasks to complete in our provinces and a calendar to coordinate the completion of such work.”

Br Gregorio labelled the participation of the Institute’s Secretariat of Mission director, Brother Joao Carlos do Prado, and of the advisor of the New Models Project, Luca Olivari, as “valuable collaboration” and expressed gratitude for their support.

“A fraternal spirit prevailed during the meeting and the Province of México Occidental showed generous hospitality,” he said.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

In this week’s plenary session, the General Council dedicated some time to financial matters.

The Council also discussed issues related to the secretariat Brothers Today, FMSI, the LaValla200< project and the General Chapter of 2017.

From January 28 to February 2 it is taking place in Rome an international encounter for the conclusion of the Year of Consecrated Life. Participants include around 30 brothers of the General House and of the five provinces of Europe.



The commission of the Arco Norte region in Guadalajara, Mexico

ARCHIVE PUBLISHED BOOK REVEALS CONVERSATION WITH BR EMILI TURÚ

TRAVELING IN RELIGIOUS LIFE

For the closure of the Year of Consecrated Life in February, the Vatican Publishing House released a book with encounters and interviews of 14 superior generals, including Br Emili Turú.

The book, titled "Viaggio nella vita religiosa" (Traveling in religious life), is written by the journalist Riccardo Benotti, who presents a journey through the charisms of the Church, revealing a rich world.

The superiors, based on their own life experiences, tell what it means to make a definite option, facing the present difficulties and challenges of consecrated life.

The protagonists, aside from Brother Emili Turú, Superior of the Marist Brothers, are: Notker Wolf (Benedictines), Fernando Millán Romeral (Carmelites), Mauro-Giuseppe Lepori (Cistercians), and Bruno Cadore (Dominicans).

Others include Jesús Etano Arrondo (St John of God), Michael Anthony Perry (Friars Minor), Antoine Kerhuel (general councillor of the Jesuits), Eduardo Robles Gil Orvañanos (Legionaries of Christ).

And finally, Flavio Peloso (Congregation of Don Orión), Valdir José De Castro (Paulines), Ángel Fernández Artime (Salesians), Heinz Kulüke (Verbitas), David Kinnear Glenday (Union of Superiors General).



MARIST INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FOUNDATION

FMSI THANKS ITS DONORS



While waiting to make a complete balance of the state of 2015, regarding the funds that have been collected and used, we thank those who have given donations to FMSI to support its activities during the past year.

Besides the usual and substantial contribution of the General House of the Marist Brothers (Rome) Found-

er of FMSI, we have received generous contributions from:

- Marist Province of Central America (Guatemala)
- Marist Province of the United States (USA)
- Marist Province of L'Hermitage (France)
- Maristen-Fuersorge-und MissionsVerein (Germany)
- Sacred Heart College of Auckland (New Zealand)
- Association of Former Pupils of San Leone Magno of Rome (Italy)
- Theater Company Artisti da sé, Rome (Italy)

without forgetting all the private, the religious communities, the schools which from several parts of the Marist world, have sent their donation for the projects of FMSI.

Significant amounts have been received for the Blue

Marists of Aleppo (Syria), the post-emergency reconstruction of the typhoon Hayan (Philippines), the Marist School of Mwanza (Tanzania), the construction of a school and dormitory in Moulvibazar (Bangladesh), a program of Primary School for evacuated children of Bobandana (Dem.

Rep. of Congo) and for the Solidarity Fund of San Leone Magno.

The Foundation has also benefited from contributions from:

- Misesan Cara (Ireland)
- Italian Episcopal Conference

- Italian Caritas
- Dutch private Foundation

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NEWS IN BRIEF

MARIST MEMORIES

The project 'Marist Memories: Stories of love and life', Brasil Sul province-Amazônia, wants to rescue and value the life story of brothers who, with their daily lives, helped to live the Marist charism. The videos with the stories are available at <http://maristas.org.br/memoria/>

BLUE MARISTS

The Marists in Aleppo organised in the centre of entertainment of the MIT a seminary on the topic "peace after trauma" under the guidance of Brother Georges Sabé and Leyla Antaki. The event is the result of the meeting of Brother Emili Turú with the "Blue Marists" in Lebanon last year in which they discussed the main ways of resisting trauma.

VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

The first national encounter of Guatemala's Youth and Vocational Ministry took place on Jan. 16 and 17. The work was centred on the teams of coordinators of the ministry of Marist centres, planning the formation of leaders.

MARIST SPANISH CONFERENCIA

The CME organized a second encounter from Jan. 18 to 29 for tutors of the levels of kindergarten and primary in the provincial house of the Compostela Province in Valladolid.

WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF THE FOURVIÈRE YEAR

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.

From the beginning, the first Marists conceived the Society of Mary as a large tree with different branches: priests, brothers, sisters and lay people.

The project was not recognized by the Church at that time; perhaps the historical situation was not yet ripe.

Today, circumstances are very different today.

We gratefully acknowledge the fact that the Holy Spirit has made lay Marist vocations flourish among us.

Thousands of lay men and women around the world feel called to live the Gospel like Mary, according to the tradition of Father Champagnat and the first brothers.

The origins of the Society of Mary



MARIST WORLD



Birthday of Br Emili Turú,
Superior general - General House



Brothers of the Pacific District in
Brisbane, Australia



Course for primary tutors
Valladolid, Spain



Animators of Marist students meet in
Brisbane, Australia



Marist mission in Tarahumara,
México



Encounter of lay Marists in Los Teques,
Venezuela

remind us that, as religious and laity, we come together for mission, and are called to be the Marian face of the Church through our particular way of being and building Church.

Our last General Chapter invited us to a new relationship

between brothers and laity people, to better serve the inspiring mission entrusted to us by the Church.

The same Chapter stated: we see our Marist future as a communion of people in the charism of Champagnat, open to the creativity of the Holy Spirit, who can lead us, perhaps, on paths we might never have imagined.

EAST ASIA HOLDS SECOND PROVINCE ASSEMBLY

65 BROTHERS AND LAITY GATHER FROM ACROSS ASIA



Sixty-five brothers and laity gathered from several Asian countries for the second Province assembly of East Asia from Jan. 13 – 15 in General Santos City, the Philippines.

Participants travelled from Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Korea, Japan... to gather with other Filipino Marists.

“The highlight of the assembly was the presence of Br Michael Green from the Province of Australia, who acted as a resource person and facilitator on the topic concerning the New Models of Animation, Governance and Management of the Institute,” stated Br Allan de Castro.

“He guided the province into further reflections as to how

the brothers in the province collaborate with the new system proposed by the general administration," he told the general house press office on Jan. 20.

Under the theme 'Changing heart, changing minds for the new beginning,' its aim was to strengthen the province's structure and to enhance the ministry and mission, spirit-

uality, vocation promotion and formation and lay partnership.

Other objectives were to strengthen unity among brothers in China, Korea, Japan and the Philippines as well as to be oriented on the new direction of the institute's governance, animation and management.

BROTHERS OF CRUZ DEL SUR LOOK AT THE EFFECTS OF ABUSE ON VICTIMS RAISING AWARENESS FOR THE NEED OF CHILD PROTECTION



Thirty brothers took part in a workshop on child protection in Mar de Plata, Argentina, from Jan. 13 – 16.

The aim was to become more sensitive to the reality of abuse, the complicated underlying dynamics and to comprehend better the victim's perspective and understand their silence.

The psychologist María Paz Ábalos led the seminar, titled "Affectivity and policies to protect and care for children and youth."

Topics included "sexuality as a dynamic force and in permanent process of humanization."

Another issue that was covered was "the process of incest: the seduction

phase, phase of sexual abusive interaction, secrets, disclosure, repressive phase, the process of vampirism, pedophilia, the courage to heal: keys for psycho-spiritual accompaniment and protocols in context of prevention policies."

According to the Provincial of Cruz del Sur, Br Alberto Aparicio, the workshop aimed at showing the brothers the subsequent need for "words" in the process of their (the victim's) human growth.

The encounter sought to approach the world of the perpetrator and of others involved.

Another goal was to look at prevention policies, child abuse treatment, respective protocol and the approach



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*Provincial of Cruz del Sur,
Br Alberto Aparicio*



to potential key accompaniment. "In the evaluation, we valued a lot the information we received and becoming aware of the problem," he told the general house press office on Jan. 21.

"Big challenges still need to be implemented: an increased awareness level of each of the participating regions and mainly to put ourselves in the place of the victim and not only in an institutional way, since we have had so many mistakes throughout history," he stated.

WORKSHOP FOR ADMINISTRATORS FROM COMMUNITIES AND SCHOOLS

PROVINCE OF EAST CENTRAL AFRICA



From Dec. 7 to 18, the administrators of almost all the communities of the Marist Province of Africa Centre East (PACE), 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; we also welcomed Sisters from the Congregation of the Incarnate Word, who share with us in some of our schools. The facilitators of this workshop were: brothers Yvon Bédard (Canada), and two brothers staying in PACE: Emile Motanda (Kinshasa- DRC) and Kiko Baeza (Mwanza-Tanzania).

The objectives of this workshop were to give the basic formation to economies and bursars, in order to be able to prepare accurate balance sheets, to be efficient in the reporting, to have a common the charts of accounts in our Province and to follow a unified system of accounting. All these topics were explained and later on practiced by using the computer program of Quicken which as a practical tool, simplifies and facilitates the report that can be produced at any time. This new way of doing things will bring us to speak all of us one language, and to go beyond the simple way of "doing accounts", but becoming



the conscience in our communities and institutions on the way to use our goods, according with the Gospel.

The workshop developed involving few concepts, but using logic and practical statements in how to place our accounts in the system. We all profited from the experience that Br Yvon has in the matter, and his way of passing the information in a pedagogical way. For some of us, it was the first time to be in touch with the computer program of Quicken, which was found as an easy way to be more accurate in our recording, that in the end will reflect the true image of our financial situation: as Community, as an Institution and as a Province. We also reviewed the Vademecum of Financial Affairs for PACE, to place it as a guide to be followed in all our proceedings.

Being together, brothers and lay people, offered also an opportunity to strengthen our unity as a Province. We all are ready to commit into a new way of doing things, a new beginning for a good developing of our apostolic mission in the Central and East Africa.

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