



# MARIST NEWS

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“WE ARE PRESENT WHERE PEOPLE HAVE OPEN WOUNDS”

BR EMILI PARTICIPATES IN A PANEL ON CONSECRATED LIFE



Brother Emili Turú was one of the speakers in a panel of religious during the International Encounter on Consecrated Life promoted by the Vatican

held on Jan. 28 – Feb. 2. The discussion took place on Feb. 1 at the Paul VI Hall, just before an audience with Pope Francis alongside 5,000 participants.

Director of the Holy See Press Office, Father Federico Lombardi, was the moderator of the seven religious, who reflected on “Consecrated Life today in the Church and in the world: provoked by the Gospel.”

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

\* In another week of plenary session, after assisting the events of the closure for the Year of Faith, the GC dedicated most of its meetings to prepare for the encounter with the new provincials in April, as well as issues related to the communications department, the Secretariat of Mission and some areas that the Institute requested be looked at. On Thursday evening, the whole GC went to the General House of the De La Salle Brothers for a meeting of the two Councils.

\* Br João Carlos do Prado, director of the secretariat of mission, met in L'Hermitage with a provincial team of education to discuss the New Models project.

\* Br Tony Leon and Br Hipólito Gómez, directors of the Secretariat Brothers Today, are assisting the Brothers Today International Commission encounter in the General House from Feb. 3 - 6.

They represented the different forms of consecrated life - ordo virginum, cloistered monastic life, religious institute of apostolic life/ monastic life/ societies of apostolic life, secular institutes, and new Institutes/ 'new forms'.

In his speech, the Superior General covered three dimensions of religious life: mission (the religious is present where people have open wounds and in the peripheries); fraternity (it is up to the religious brother to “exaggerate fraternity”) and mysticism (“What I am able to make transparent?”). To read Br Emili’s words, which were done off-the cuff, visit: <http://goo.gl/cfl9ya>.



## CHILDREN IN LATIN AMERICA FMSI CONO SUR

One of the great challenges that children in Latin America have to face are the multiple forms of violence that affect them, among which physical punishment that takes place within the families stands out.

For this reason, with the sponsorship of Save the Children, the expert from Costa Rica, Milena Grillo, Executive Director of the PANIAMOR Foundation, visited Chile from Jan. 18 - 19.

She participated in different activities organised by the National Chapter of the World Movement for Infancy (MMI Chile).

Milena Grillo presented the experience that had some impact in Costa Rica for the approval of the law that bans physical punishment to boys and girls, as well as the implementation of a public program of the Ministry of Health, addressed to the change of behavior in the families, in favor of education without violence.



This experience at present is a reference point in Latin America and the foundation that it directs played a key role in the whole process lived up to the present time.

Among the activities that it developed, are stressed a meeting with the authorities of the institutions of the MMI Chile to explain the process that had social and political effect, meetings with organs of the State (Ministry of Social Development and National Council of Infancy) and a Seminar in which was discussed this affair in the framework of the legislative reform which is being promoted at present in the country.

This last activity had only one concurrence and counted with the par-

ticipation of representatives of the executive power, of UNICEF and of spokespersons from civil society.

The Movimiento Mundial por la Infancia (World Movement for Infancy in Latin America and the Caribbean) (MMI - LAC) is an organized strategic Alliance of civil society, agencies and international organisms.

Its principal objective for the next years is to make of Latin America and the Caribbean a region free from physical and humiliating punishment.

In Chile, FMSI Southern Cone has led the creation and coordination of MMI Chile, in which at present eleven institutions participate with an international bond or link.

### MARIST CALENDAR

**02 February 1833:** Br Stanislaus enters La Valla

**02 February 1934:** The first Marist Brothers arrive to Uruguay

**03 February 1874:** The companion of Saint Pedro Chanel, Br Marie Nizier, dies

**03 February 1914:** The Brothers begin their first works in Germany

**04 February 1911:** The Brothers leave for Chile

**05 February 1872:** Author of Saint Marcellin's first biography, Br Jean-Baptist, passes away

**07 February 1742:** Marie Thérèse Chirat, Marcellin's mother, is born

## ENCOUNTER OF THE BRANCHES OF THE MARIST FAMILY

### FOURVIÈRE YEAR IN MADAGASCAR

The branches of the Marist family gathered in the private secondary school Saint Joseph in Antsirabe, Madagascar, on Sunday, Jan. 17, to celebrate the Fourvière Year.

The Marist Missionary Sisters of Ambohitra (SMSM), the Marist Brothers, former Marist students (AEFM), lay Marists, young Marists of Madagascar (JMM) and families of the Brothers participated in the celebration.

The big hall of the St Joseph private school was built to receive this "Marist world."

After the prayer, prepared specifically for this encounter, the Brother provincial explained the meaning of the Fourvière Year and why this year had been created for its celebration.

A video by Superior General Brother Emili Turú was used to explain the



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### MARIST VOCATIONS

The team of vocation promotion of the Brasil Centro-Norte Province held a retreat with eight people who are preparing to enter the formation house from January 29 to 31 in Vila Velha.

### NOVICIATE OF MEDELLÍN

The "La Valla" Novitiate of Medellin recently held the ceremony of the opening of this year. Currently the interprovincial novitiate in Colombia welcomes 11 novices, of which nine have just entered the first year.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Marist Youth from Brisbane, Australia, are organising a meeting for the Sundays of Lent at a bar at 19:00 for young people who are interested in drinking chai, reading the Bible and enjoying the vibes.



importance of Fourvière so that all participants could understand how and why it is being celebrated.

After listening to the Superior General, there was a question and answer session followed by a presentation of the congregation of the Marist Fathers by the Marist Missionary Sisters (SMSM).

They spoke about the main founders, the history of the foundation, the objectives and the activities that are complimentary to the ministry that they do.

Then the Sisters spoke about their own congregation and that of the Marist Sisters.

Brother Michel Maminiaina, Vice Provincial, presented the congregation of the Marist Brothers. Presentations of the lay Marists, alumni and young

Marists also followed.

This encounter was an opportunity for the families of the Brothers to regain an impulse and organize itself as a Marist group.

A break followed by a Eucharistic celebration took place to conclude the gathering.

The Mass was celebrated in thanksgiving for the event's success and for the prevailing unity among the branches of the Marist family.

It was a time of prayer, meditation and fervor that the liturgical group responsible for the animation of the Eucharist gave the participants.

After Mass, they joined for dinner for which all had contributed with food brought from their own homes allowing them to share the celebration joyfully with each other.

## ONLINE BULLETINS

- 03/02/2016: Provincia of Southern Africa, : Marist Brothers | Irmãos Maristas
- 03/02/2016: Province of Canada: Périphéries 2/1
- 02/02/2016: Spain - Province of Ibérica: La Asociación Espiral Loranca
- 02/02/2016: Sri Lanka - Province of South Asia - News and announcements
- 01/02/2016: Province of Canada - Nouvelles en bref

<http://goo.gl/037o67>



## MARIST WORLD



Cambodia: Colloquium of Marist District of Asia at Phnom Penh



Spain: Colegio Marista 'San Fernando' in Seville



El Salvador: Retreat of two fraternities of the ChMMF



Spain: Novices of Europe - Novitiate of Seville



Colombia: Novitiate of La Valla, Medellín



Sri Lanka Novices of Tudella

## AMERICAS PLANNING TO FURTHER ELABORATE EVANGELIZING EDUCATION PREPARING THE III CONTINENTAL ENCOUNTER OF MARISTA EDUCATION



The Subcommittee of Education of the CIAP met from Jan. 13 – 17 in Lima, Peru.

The purpose was to fine-tune the preparation work of the III Continental Meeting of Marist Education, to-

gether with the executive team facilitated by the Province of Santa María de los Andes, Peru.

This activity invites all provinces of America to discuss and delve into one of the lines agreed by the strate-

gic plan of the Continental Mission Commission, which is evangelizing education.

"It is a key element of our Marist being and it helps us to integrate the mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved within the educational action," said the provincial of América Central, Br Luis Carlos Gutiérrez Blanco.

A large number of participants from the provinces of America are expected in the Continental Meeting, which will be held from March 31 to April 4.

During the meeting, the results of the continental survey of evangelizing education will be presented, completed by a large majority of schools in the continent.

"It will delve into the vision of children and youth in their reality, and



will advance in a guidance document to evangelise by educating and its correspondence with the model of school management," Br Luis Carlos told the general house press office on Jan. 24.

The subcommittee's encounter touched on several topics including the progress of the continental survey and the development of the Masters

on Marist educational management with the University Marcelino Champagnat of Lima and the Marist University of Guadalajara.

Other issues were the progress of the working paper for the III Continental Encounter of Evangelizing Education and the school management model, as well as the evaluation of the experiences of formative internships of

the continent's directors.

Finally, activities of how the document "The director and his management at the service of the mission" has been publicized were also discussed.

The members of the subcommittee are Ernesto Reyes (coordinator), Manuir Mentges, Ricardo Spínola, José Wagner, Irma Zamarripa and Luis Carlos Gutiérrez.

## BROTHERS ATTEND SEMINARS ON CONSECRATED LIFE AND AN AUDIENCE WITH POPE FRANCIS

### MARISTS JOIN 5,000 FOR CLOSURE OF YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Around 30 brothers took part in a four-day event, including a papal audience, which marks the closure of the Church's Year of Consecrated Life.

Brothers from the General House and 15 others from the five Marist provinces of Europe attended the Vatican's 'Consecrated Life in Communion: International Encounter' from Jan. 28 – Feb. 2.

The gathering included over 5,000 consecrated from around the world of five religious forms of life.

They are ordo virginum, cloistered monastic life, religious institute of apostolic life/ monastic life/ societies of apostolic life, secular institutes, and new Institutes/ 'new forms'.

The Institute of the Marist Brothers is a form of religious Institute of Apostolic life.

"I think what is fascinating is that it's not just brothers and sisters in the traditional manner and this will challenge our paradigm of what consecrated life is," said Brother Tony Leon of the secretariat Brothers Today.

"We're in an exciting period of discovering new ways of expressing consecrated life as baptized members of the Church today and as married men and women or as religious, identifying with particular charisms, seeking union with God through apostolic and/or contemplative service," he told the general house press office on Jan. 28.

The gathering started on Friday morning with an introduction by Cardinal João Braz de Aviz, Prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, followed by talks led by various religious. On Saturday and Sunday, the participants were divided



into five different locations across Rome, according to their form of consecrated life, to assist seminars.

Then on Feb. 1, all of the consecrated gathered at Paul VI Hall for a panel discussion on the topic 'Consecrated today in the Church and in the World. Provoked by the Gospel' and an audience with Pope Francis.

Superior General, Brother Emili Turú, was among the panel, moderated by Father Federico Lombardi, head of the Holy See Press Office.

The evening closed with a concert titled 'On the Trail of Beauty' directed by Monsignor Marco Frisina of the Vatican's Pastoral Worship Center.

"I think we need to be more concise in our reflection of consecrated life, as baptized members of the Church today, lived in a communal form or marital form," affirmed Br Tony. "It would be a more accurate reflection of the identity of consecrated in the Church today."



## DEBATE ON VOCATIONAL MINISTRY: THIRD VOCATIONAL MARIST SCHOOL

The 'Third vocational formation school' promoted by the Brasil Centro-Norte province was celebrated from Jan. 18 – 22 in Ribeirão das Neves, Brazil.

Seventy-two participants attended the encounter, including diocesan priests and religious, who came from 37 congregations and religious institutions from all over Brazil.

This third edition covered illuminated biblical elements in the process of vocational animation.

It also covered affectivity and sexuality in vocational accompaniment, and vocational theography.

Another topic that was discussed was psychological aspects of accompanying vocations.

And finally, the experience of faith as a fundamental dimension in the vocational process, as well as

faith as a healing experience and vocational pedagogy were also addressed.

The vocational school is divided into three main areas. These areas are anthropological

and theological, psychological and spiritual, and experiential.

It aims to provide a theoretical and experiential formation that provides spaces of debate and deepening of the different experiences in these fields.



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