

VATICAN COULD OPEN CAUSE OF FUTURE MARIST SAINT WITHIN DAYS

MARISTS REQUEST VATICAN TO INVESTIGATE BASILIO RUEDA'S CAUSE FOR SAINTHOOD



Above: the Marist delegation at the Vatican request the opening of Basilio Rueda's cause.

The Vatican process may start the cause of canonization of Brother Basilio Rueda within days, after a group of Marists delivered the investigation completed at the Diocese of Guadalajara, Mexico.

Ten Marists from the general council and the provinces of México Central and México Occidental – including several acquaintances of Basilio – handed the Congregation for the Causes of Saints two large boxes on April 20, containing thousands of pages on his life.

After handing the investigation of a Diocese, the prefect of the Congregation – Cardinal Angelo Amato – can take up to 15 days to decide on the possibility of investigating the cause

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

From April 24 to May 15, Br Eugéne Kabanguka is visiting Brasil Centro Norte.

From April 25 to 29, Brother Joe McKee is with the Marist District of Asia Council in Bangkok, Thailand.

From April 26 to 6 May, Br Javier Espinosa is visiting Canada.

From April 27 to 29, Br Libardo Garzón is at a meeting of Provincial Bursars, of the provinces with presence in Spain, in Valladolid.

On 28 April, a group of brothers

of the Council and of the General House attended the celebration of the Feast of St. Peter Chanel SM, with other members of the Marist family, at the the Marist Fathers' general hosue.

From April 29 to May 1, Br João Carlos do Prado and Luca Olivari are attending the New Models project meeting with the Asia Region.

From April 30 to May 1, Brother Michael De Waas is at a Marist Asia Conference in Bangkok, Thailand.

From May 1 to June 30, Brothers Jeff Crowe, Ángel Medina and Chris

Wills are participating in the formation programme of Lavalla200> international communities in Camaldoli, Italy.

From May 1 - 8, Brothers Ernesto Sánchez and Antonio Ramalho will visit the Hermitage Province, in the French sector.

From May 2 to 4, Brother João Carlos do Prado of the Mission Secretariat is visiting the Asia District.

From May 3 to 4, Brother Miguel Ángel Espinosa Barrera is taking part in the European Mission Team Meeting in Issenheim in France.

for sainthood, that is, by May 5. The documents that were handed to the Congregation are written testimonies of Br Basilio, analysis of his personal letters and circulars he wrote during his 18 years as superior general, as well as proof of his biographical data, such as his birth certificate and the marriage certificate of his parents.

Among the group was his postulator, Brother Luis Jorge Flores Aceves, and Brother José Esteban, the 'official carrier' of the documentation, appointed by the Diocese of Guadalajara.

Others included Mexico's provincial superiors, Brothers Miguel Angel Santos and José Sánchez Bravo, their secretaries, Brothers Gerardo Torres and José Esteban González, as well as lay Marist Araceli Nuñez. Superior general Brother Emili Turú and general councillors Brothers Eugène Kabanguka, Ernesto Sánchez and Antonio Ramalho also took part on behalf of the general administration.

They gathered with Father Giacomo Pappalardo, in charge of collecting information on behalf of the Vatican about possible new saints.

After the Marists met with Fr Giacomo, he accompanied Brothers Luis Jorge and José Esteban to submit to Cardinal Amato's secretary the application for the decree of the opening of the Vatican process.

After being affirmed a Servant of God, the Vatican must declare a person 'Venerable' and then 'Blessed' before the Pope can canonize him.

A person is given the title 'Venerable' after the Congregation affirms he was "heroic in virtue," which means he lived the theological and cardinal virtues to a heroic degree.

The Congregation then declares the person 'Blessed' if a miracle attributed to this person is proven and 'Saint' after a second miracle.

LAITY AND BROTHERS RECEIVE JOINT FORMATION IN HERMITAGE

PARTICIPANTS FINISH FORMATION PROGRAMME 'WITH GREAT SATISFACTION'



Participants finished the formation programmes for community animators of El Escorial and Maniziana with great satisfaction on April 20.

Through this opportunity, the programme's participants experienced a new and positive experience of joint formation, in the spirit of horizons of the XXI General Chapter: "A

new spirit of communion between laity and brothers," when they shared the pilgrimage to Hermitage from April 5 – 13.

The brothers, together with 14 laity of different countries: Portugal, Spain, Argentina, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela and Mexico, reflected in depth on the Marist intuitions

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NEWS IN BRIEF

COMPOSTELA

A meeting for IDEM formators took place in Roxos from 21 to 23 April. The proposed objectives were to reflect together on the identity of the lay Marist, their initial formation process and belonging to the Institute. Other objectives also included designing an itinerary, regarding the future, and looking for other elements that should be included.

BRASIL CENTRO-SUL

From 21 to April 23 came the Marist Leadership Course (CLIMA) took place: a formative experience of the itinerary on growing in faith of the Marist Youth Ministry (PJM). In 2016, CLIMA took place in four Marist units (São José -SC, Cascavel-PR, Ponta Grossa-PR e São Paulo-SP), with the presence of 350 young people.

DISTRICT OF THE PACIFIC

Last week, the Grove hosted a Marist family: Rodrigo (aged 33, teacher), Estela (aged 32, doctor), Josue (aged 5) and Lucia (18 months) Sánchez – en route from Cambodia to their home in Mexico. They had worked in partnership with the Ad Gentes community in Pailin for three years, including the time that Br Tim Leen was there.

and spirituality, while at the same time they were able to walk along the paths and places of our origins.

Before this experience, the Brothers and laity of El Escorial had a formation session on Marist patrimony, specifically on the letters of Marcellin, directed by Brother Patricio Pino.

At the same time, the brothers of Manziana reflected in depth on

the spiritual itinerary of Marcelin Champagnat, accompanied by Brother José María Ferre.

The experience of joint formation concluded with a retreat, a synthesis and an evaluation; accompanied by the brothers of the Brothers Today secretariat and inspired by the icon of Bethany as community of love, humanity and new life.

Brothers Today Secretariat

MARIST YOUTH LAITY IS BORN IN THE BRASIL CENTRO-SUL PROVINCE

OVER 70 YOUTH MEET IN CURITIBA TO REFLECT AND COMMIT TO A MARIST PROPOSAL



The XXI general chapter of the Marist Institute proposes “a new relationship between Brothers and laity, based in Communion, in search of a greater vitality of the Marist charism for our world.”

As we approach the celebration of the bicentenary, this is a call that will very soon be answered if it depends on the will of the Marist youth of the Brasil Centro-Sul province.

Over 70 youth of 15 cities gathered in Curitiba on April 16 – 17 for the encounter titled “Charism and commitment,” an activity for Marist graduates.

The Marist Youth Laity was born

during this encounter, initiating a bold way with a new way to live the values of Mary and the charism of Champagnat.

The encounter included the collaboration of several people, including Brother André Lanfrey, who did a presentation on Brother François Rivat, and Brother João Batista Pereira, who told the youth the importance of having a life project both personal and regarding the community.

Other committed laity who share the Marist ideal helped in animating the encounter.

“This movement of the laity is an aim to give continuity to the Marist life, even after having completed

MARIST CALENDAR

29th April: Pope Gregory XVI approved the priests branch of the Society of Mary (1836); Marist Brothers began their work in Holland (1937); Brother Moisés Cisneros was murdered in Guatemala (1991)

MARIST WORLD



Brazil: Marist School of Iguatu



Philippines: Marist School Marikina



Australia: Marist Youth Ministry, Brisbane



Argentina: Marist Subcommission of Evangelization of America



Spain: First Communion Marist School Cervantes in Cordoba



South Africa: New Horizons African Leadership Formation Programme

university," stated John Sedrez, former student of the Marist Archdiocesan São Paulo School.

The encounter concluded with a celebration of the commitment, which reissued the promise of the twelve

young men almost 200 years ago who went up the hill of Fourvière to give their lives and their works to Mary. Participants made a commitment to live the charism casting their promises at the feet of the image of Our Lady.

COMING TO UNDERSTAND OUR ROLE AS MARISTS

MARIST EDUCATORS AND CAMP COUNCILORS COME TOGETHER



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During the week of April 10th, 2016 over 20 individuals representing the different Marist Schools located in the states of New York, Florida, Texas, New Jersey and Massachusetts as well as representatives from Camp Marist in Canada came together to discuss, learn and explore their identity as Marist Educators and Camp Councilors.

It was a rich experience for teachers and councillors to come together to not only share and discuss their current realities and their ministry and experiences with young people, but more importantly the programme provided an opportunity for the participants to discuss, learn and grow in their identity as Marists.

During the course of the conference a variety of presentations were given by both Brothers and Lay Marists that invited the participants to reflect on the following topics:

- St. Marcellin Champagnat, Founder and Educator
- Marist Apostolic Spirituality
- Characteristics of a Marist School
- The Marist Educator: Practical Applications
- Understanding the Present Youth Culture
- Responding to my Call: Becoming Marist.

The days of the conference were filled with good food, fun and moments for private prayer and reflection as well as opportunities for the participants to share their experience and create a bond that was rooted in Marist family spirit.

This is the 34th session of the Sharing Our Call 1 program within the Province of the United States. These Marist men and women join over 800 participants that have made the program since its inception in the fall of 1998.

ITALY: SHARING MARIST LIFE ENCOUNTER OF LAITY AND BROTHERS



Around 40 people, who arrived from the Italian cities of Genova, Cesano, Rome and Giugliano, met from April 9 – 10 at the general house to share their life experiences.

Lay people and brothers from around Italy, in the Mediterránea Province took part.

The most significant moments included the encounter with superior general Brother Emili Turú, moments dedicated to sharing and Sunday Mass.

FEAST OF SAINT PETER CHANEL

Saint Peter Chanel (12 July 1803 – 28 April 1841), born Pierre Louis Marie Chanel, was a Catholic priest, missionary, and martyr.

At the age of twenty-eight, he joined the forming Society of Mary (Marists) and eventually travelled to Futuna.

The king Niuliki ordered his son-in-law to stop his son from converting to Christianity. After a fight, the king's son got medical help from Peter, who was then killed by the son-in-law.



NEW IMAGES PROMOTE VATICAN DOCUMENT ON THE IDENTITY OF THE BROTHER

BROTHERS TODAY AND TUTTI FRATELLI DESIGN NEW RESOURCES



The Secretariat Brothers Today and the "Tutti Fratelli" group, in order to keep the memory alive of the new Vatican document on the identity of the religious brother, have published a series of images and are designing resources for prayer and reflection.

In December 2015, the end of the Year of Consecrated Life, the the Congregation for Institute of Con-

secrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life gave us as the gift of the document titled "Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church."

We have received this document with joy as brothers, we take up the challenges of welcoming and deepening our everyday life as "being story of grace for our contemporaries, especially the poorest amongst

them" (cf. 32). To sustain the interest and life of this document, the "Tutti Fratelli" group is designing accompanying resources for group and personal reflection and prayer.

We now present some images in five languages for visual stimuli and for the possibility of printing banner and posters. In the coming months, other resources will be made available.

We appreciate and acknowledge the cooperation and creative generosity of Mr. Angel García Trincado, a lay Marist from Puerto Rico, who created these designs.

You can download them at [this link](#). For images in Italian, contact the Brothers Today Secretariat: hpez@fms.it.

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**We have received
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