

BOOK RELEASED BY YOUNG MEMBERS  
OF THE MARIST FAMILY'S FOUR BRANCHES  
'BEYOND FOURVIÈRE... REFLECTIONS FROM YOUNG MARISTS'



A new book has been published to commemorate the Fourvière Year titled 'Beyond Fourvière... Reflections from Young Marists.'

The book includes an introduction from members of the Marist family – Father Anthony Corcoran SM, Sister Jane Frances O'Carroll SM, Sister Vivienne Goldstein SM, Sister Margaret Ryan SMSM and Brother Eugène Kabanguka FMS.

The book is a series of letters from 18 young members directed to the founders of the four branches of the Society of Mary – Marcellin Champagnat, Jeanne-Marie Chavoïn, Jean-Claude Colin and the pioneers of the Marist Missionary Sisters.

It offers a reflection on the importance of the Fourvière event, the way the pledge coincides with their dreams, their experiences in fulfilling their dreams as well as their deepest desires now as Marists.

In a combined letter to Marists in September 2014 of the Marist Family Congregation leaders, the four superiors general announced the desire to publish "a collection of contributions from the young members of our Marist family on their hopes and dreams for the future, inspired by the young men of Fourvière."

For the full PDF, visit: [http://www.champagnat.org/shared/bau/Fourviere\\_2015\\_16.pdf](http://www.champagnat.org/shared/bau/Fourviere_2015_16.pdf)

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Brothers Antonio Ramalho and Ernesto Sánchez, general councillors, are continuing their visit at the Hermitage Province. After having visited France, they are visiting the Catalonian communities these days.

Br. Tony Leon, director of the Secretariat Brothers Today, visited the novitiate of Tudela, in Sri Lanka, where he attended the entry of new novices.

## ONLINE PREPARATION AVAILABLE TO HELP YOUTH CELEBRATE FOURVIÈRE PROMISE

### FRANCE: INTERNATIONAL MARIST YOUTH MEETING IN LYON



in July.”

The “Itinerary” is a roadmap that involves five themes titled “The World of Young People, The World Today, The Church, Fourvière, and The founders and pioneers.”

Each theme has five perspectives titled “From our experience, that is, from the everyday reality of Young people, From the Beatitudes (This is the central theme of the Pope’s message to the WYD), From the Marist Bicentennial of the promise of Fourvière, From a Marian spirit, From Prayer.”

The worksheets are titled ‘A look at our reality today,’ ‘Links with those who suffer,’ ‘A house for everyone,’ ‘A life-giving promise,’ ‘A spiritual teacher of mercy,’ ‘Jeanne Marie Chavoïn,’ ‘The pioneers SMSM “Prophets of Yesterday and Today”,’ and ‘Through Marcellin’s eyes.’

Around 400 youths from the four Marist branches – the Marist Brothers, Fathers, Sisters and Missionary Sisters – will participate in the encounter in Dare to Dream.

Two hundred and fifty of them are from the branch of the Marist Brothers.

The encounter will focus on the celebration of the promise at Fourvière 200 years ago by a few young seminarians, and the preparation of the bicentennial of the founding of the Marist Brothers.

The gathering will take place in the Marist School of Sainte Marie Lyon – La Solitude, located on the hill of Fourvière and the youth will stay at the Lycée Aux Lazaristes high school.

For the full itinerary, [click here](#).

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**Youths who are not able to physically take part in the meeting, are highly encouraged to reflect on these worksheets to spiritually accompany the other youths**

Organisers are offering youth online material to help them prepare for the international Marist youth gathering that will take place in Lyon from July 17 – 23.

There are eight worksheets available on the gathering’s website [www.lyon2016daretodream.com](http://www.lyon2016daretodream.com) for youth, including those who are not able to participate.

According to Brother Miguel Ángel Espinosa Barrera, of the secretariat of mission, “youths who are not able to physically take part in the meeting, are highly encouraged to reflect on these worksheets to spiritually accompany the other youths.”

“All young Marist can access this space of reflection, encounter and dialogue to celebrate the Fourvière Promise with their group, to experience it in their life,” he added.

“The 400 representatives of the Marist groups of the whole world will have the opportunity to share their experience with other youths

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NEWS IN BRIEF

SCHOOLS IN PERU

The Marists of Peru are preparing the Educational Intervention Protocol for serious behavior problems. The first text has been prepared by psychologists and educators working in Marist works. After a review process, the document will be approved by the Council Mission and applied to all Marist schools in the country.

AMÉRICA SUR

The first meeting of the implementation team of Region América Sur, created in February, was held in Chile from May 6 to 10. During the meeting, they were planned lines of cooperation and implementation of the Institute's new regional structure.

BLUE MARISTS

On May 8, Br George Sabe gave an interview to Spain's radio Cope, during which he spoke about the difficult situation that Syrians in Aleppo are still experiencing and other problems linked to war. The audio, in Spanish, can be heard at the following link: <http://goo.gl/iwRzLd>

MARIST WEEKEND IN NOTRE DAME DE L'HERMITAGE  
FRANCE: THE PROMISE AND COMMITMENT



This is the fourth year that Institute offered a 'recovery' weekend to laity and Brothers in France in Notre Dame de l'Hermitage.

A group of 40 laity and Brothers accepted the invitation to meet, share their life experiences, listen and interiorise from April 2 – 4.

The vocational coordination team in France focused this year's topic on Promise and commitment.

During the first afternoon, they gathered using a symbol of a personal Marian path already travelled.

In their expressions, one could see that the presence of the promise of

the first Marists in Fourvière filled their hearts.

The following day, three witnesses presented with simplicity and trust, the life choice that they had made: their commitment in the field of education, in the business world and in the field of the family.

The three topics touched their hearts, perhaps even provoked them in a way, but the topics especially raised a reflection on themselves.

At the end of the gathering, each participant wrote their own promise, a promise that will guide their path.

MARIST CALENDAR

**May 14:** Brother Euloge was murdered in Wanganui, New Zealand (1864)

**May 15:** The brothers opened their first school in Wellington, New Zealand (1876)

**May 18:** Br Louis-Marie read the Spiritual Testament of Fr Marcellin Champagnat to the brothers (1840)

**May 20:** the birth of Saint Marcellin Champagnat in Rosey, near the town of Marlhès (1789)

## MARIST WORLD



France: Collège Mariste à Chazelles-sur-Lyon



Chile: First meeting of the implementation team of the Region América Sur



Portugal: Casa da Criança centre in Tires



Germany: Youth Meeting, Maristen Realschule Cham



Cuba: National Youth Commission with students



Spain: Mataró community of Catalonia in L'Hermitage Province

## FOURTH ENCOUNTER OF PERPETUAL BROTHERS UNDER THE AGE OF 57 CRUZ DEL SUL, SANTA MARÍA DE LOS ANDES AND PARAGUAY

Continuing with the dynamic of encounters of Brothers under the age of 57 of the Provinces of Cruz del Sur, Santa María de los Andes and of the Paraguay district, around 19 Brothers took part in a gathering held at the city of Coronel Oviedo, Paraguay.

The gathering was animated by Brother Carlos Vélez of the Centro América province.

The methodology that was used was based on encounters that took place in a period of four days, which covered three topics (encounter, heart and transformation, the challenge of renovation) and a concluding moment.

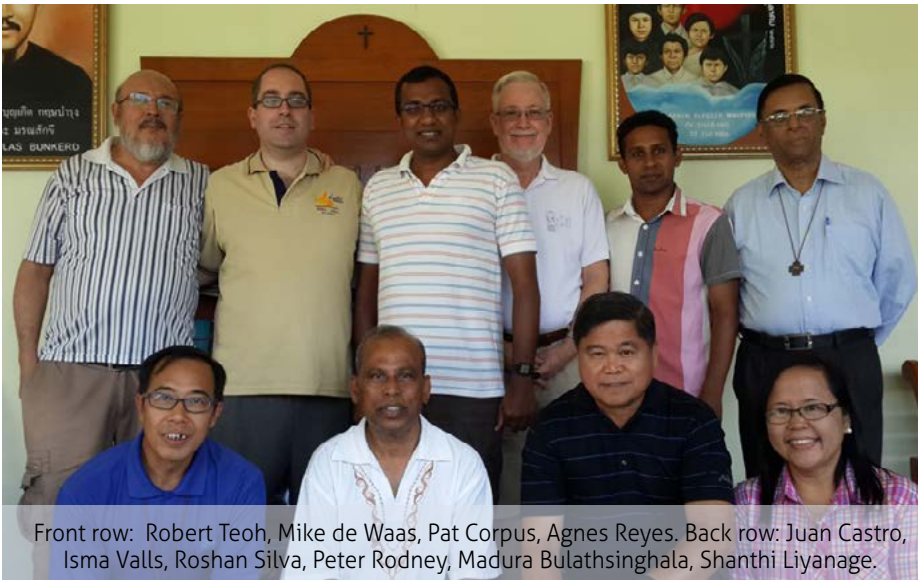
The theme sought to be relevant to the age and stage of life of the



participants, as well as the confluence of provinces and districts. A presentation was given in the morning and another in

the afternoon with the related work or meetings. They were dynamic, with introspection, and included much dialogue and sharing life experiences.

## THAILAND: FIFTH GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING MARIST ASIA CONFERENCE



Front row: Robert Teoh, Mike de Waas, Pat Corpus, Agnes Reyes. Back row: Juan Castro, Isma Valls, Roshan Silva, Peter Rodney, Madura Bulathsinghala, Shanthi Liyanage.

Postulancy of MDA in Davao, Philippines.

- The program of Preparation for Perpetual Profession at Lomeri, Fiji (East Asia, South Asia, and the District of the Pacific).

The Conference has in place three commissions: Laity, Mission and Spirituality, and their work has been significant.

The Laity Commission has been especially active in being a catalyst for the formation of Lay Marists.

Their needs across the region are so diverse that the Commission maintains its focus on the situation of individual Administrative Units, within the wider context of the vision and priorities both of the Institute and the Church in Asia.

Following its organisation of the highly successful Asian Marist International Mission Assembly (Asia MIMA) in Sri Lanka late last year, the Mission Commission is now planning ways of carrying forward the Assembly Message.

The Spirituality Commission presented its first reflection paper: Marist Spirituality in the Context of Asia.

It drew forth a very fruitful discussion during the Meeting, such that the Conference has requested the Commission to arrange for similar dialogues at local levels around the region.

A fourth commission – Formation – was inaugurated by this meeting. One of its first tasks is to organise a Regional Initial Formation Colloquium on the theme: Marist Formation in



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The leaders of the Asia Region gathered again in Bangkok, Thailand, for their general annual meeting from 30 April – 1 May.

The Conference and its annual meeting serve as a forum for planning and co-ordinating regional activities and the exchange of expertise and resources.

In the sharing of activities that takes place during such meetings, the participants come to an intimate knowledge of the bigger picture of just how much regional co-operation is already in place.

Initial Formation might provide some of the most obvious examples of regional vision:

- The International Novitiate at Tudella, Sri Lanka (South Asia, Marist District of Asia (MDA), District of Melanesia, Province of Australia).
- The support by the China Sector of the Province of East Asia for the



a Multi-cultural Community. A significant number of formators from all across the region will gather at MAPAC early in December.

While the Annual Meeting was in progress, meeting at the same place was the regional New Models team, with the two facilitators from Rome: Br. João Carlos do Prado and Luca Olivari.

Significantly, the vision of regional co-operation being developed by the New Models team, was already happening in the MAC annual meeting in next room.

For a number of the participants this was their fifth and final meeting.

Having been in the Conference since its inception, they offered a valuable perspective on the development of the Conference.

As they shared their experience, phrases such as the following were mentioned often: "expresses the unity that exists in the region", "development, openness, freshness, thinking with one mind", "a free environment to talk – like a family", and "to support one another in projects, to move as a region."

## MAY : CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF MARY

The relationship of Marcellin to Mary was deeply marked by an affective and total trust in her, as the "Good Mother," because it was her work that he undertook.

He wrote once: Without Mary we are nothing and with Mary we have everything, because Mary always has her adorable Son within her arms or in her heart.<sup>33</sup>

This belief remained constant all through his life.

Jesus and Mary were the treasure on which Marcellin had learned to place his own heart.

This intimate relationship helped shape the Marial dimension of our spirituality.

In our tradition, the phrase "Ordinary Resource" has come to encapsulate our constant reliance on Mary.

The motto attributed to Champagnat by his biographer, All to Jesus through Mary, all to Mary for Jesus, captures this close relationship between the Son and the Mother and our Founder's attitude of confidence in Mary, which we are invited to live (Water from the Rock, 25).

**Br Giovanni Bigotto wrote a series of reflections on Mary, which can be used this month for prayer and meditation. They can be found here:**  
<http://www.champagnat.org/500.php?a=11b>.



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