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## FOURVIÈRE: THE REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS

### LETTER OF THE SUPERIOR GENERAL

Superior General Brother Emili Turú published a letter addressing the Marists of Champagnat for the occasion of the Fourvière Year, which will conclude on July 23 with the celebration of the 200 years since the first Marists made their promise.

The letter "is an attempt to continue this commitment to renew the Church. On this occasion, we seek to reclaim, from a community perspective, the active participation of all baptised persons."

When announcing the three years of preparation of the celebration of the Marist bicentenary in the letter in 2014 titled "Just a Tent as the Heart of our Future," Brother Emili announced that he would write a letter each of those years.

The current letter follows last year's, which was titled "The Dance of Mission" and reflected on the Marist mission, theme of the Montagne Year. To read the full letter, [click here](#).



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# Fourvière

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

During this week's plenary session, the General Council devoted an entire morning to the themes of the Secretariat of Mission. It also continued to reflect on the new international communities, addressed the reports for the next General Chapter, the Fratelli Project and areas of the Institute that require special attention.

The annual meeting of the Marist Spiritual Patrimony Commission began on Monday at the General House and ends today, June 17.

From June 13 to 18, Brother Libardo Garzón is taking part in a seminar on self-financing of the Administrative Units in India. From June 16 - 18, the New Models project team met with representatives of the Institute's regions.

Aside from the team members and the Secretariat of Mission, Brothers Josep M. Soteras, Chris Wills and Mario Meuti also took part.

From June 16 to 25, the two groups of the Horizons Program are on pilgrimage at the Marist places in France.

Brothers Hipólito Pérez and Tony Leon, of the Secretariat Brothers Today, are accompanying the participants.

On June 14, the Fratelli Project Council met at the general house with the participation of vicar general Brother Joe McKee and Brother Chris Wills of Cmi.

## INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF MARIST PUBLISHERS

### ATTENTION TO PARTNERSHIPS



In the words of a colleague, “each space of this place evokes stories, mysticism, spirituality and Marcellin's dreams.

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Two of the meeting's days were dedicated to institutional formation, with guided tours by the L'Hermitage House, Rosey, Marlies, Le Palais, La Valla and Fourvière.

Some of the participants also visited the Maisonnette house, where Brother Francisco lived, during their free time.

At each site, a team of animators of L'Hermitage, gave explanations and encouraged them to reflect and pray, making it an eminently Marist programme.

Other three days were devoted to the technical part of the Assembly.

Guided by the Brazilian adviser, Mário F. Alves and Brothers João Carlos do Prado and Miguel Ángel E. Barrera of the Secretariat of Mission, through different dynamics, participants learned what each Publisher is doing, its main projects, achievements and challenges.

Luca Olivari spoke about the New Models of Animation, Government and Management project, which the general council is implementing in the Institute.

The third international assembly of Marist publishers ended at the feet of Our Lady of Fourvière in Lyon, with our consecration to Mary, repeating the gesture Saint Marcellin and his 11 colleagues made in July 1816.

The next encounter will take place in São Paulo, Brazil, in 2018.



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L'Hermitage was chosen as the site for the third international assembly of Marist publishers from May 30 – June 3, which included 39 participants.

The participants were representatives of the publishing houses GRAM, from Buenos Aires, FTD Educação, from Brazil, EDELVIVES from Spain, and its Mexican subsidiary PROGRESO.

The Assembly adopted three common lines of action for the next two years:

- joint work in IT - educational technology
- study of new markets, notably in Latin America
- attention to partnerships and/or acquisitions of similar companies in the event of proven advantages

L'Hermitage speaks for itself.

It is the Institute's cradle where everything there reminds one of Marcellin and his first Brothers as well as of the projects those pioneers dreamed of.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

### SAFEGUARDING MINORS

Brother Fortune Chakasara, of Zimbabwe, Southern Africa Province, obtained a Diploma in Safeguarding Minors at the Centre for Child Protection of the Pontifical Gregorian University. He received his diploma on June 14, an occasion that counted with the participation of Brothers Emili Turú, Antonio Ramalho, Michael De Waas and Pau Fornells.

### THE CME'S MAGAZINE

The Spanish Marist Conference published the tenth edition of the 'Maristas Siglo XXI' magazine. The main topic is "the Marist educative proposal." The digital edition can be obtained at [www.maristas.es](http://www.maristas.es).

### AUSTRALIA ARCHIVE

The new provincial archive was launched on June 14 in Mascot. According to the provincial superior, Brother Peter Carroll, this archive "is a symbol of the unity that has been experienced during the last three years." It unites the archives of the old provinces of Sidney and Melbourne, which led to the creation of the Province of Australia in 2013.

## WEEKEND GATHERING OF 15 MARIST SCHOOLS FROM THE US, CANADA AND MEXICO

### MARIST YOUTH GATHERING 2016: LET ME DREAM



Nearly 300 people gathered during the last weekend of May for a Marist youth gathering at Marist College in New York.

"We had a wonderful weekend," affirmed Matt Fallon, the director of the Marist Youth Ministry of the USA Province.

"The theme "Let Me Dream" was inspired by the Casting Crowns song "Dream for You" and the first Marists dream at Fourvière 200 years ago," he told the general house press office on June 2.

Young people from 15 Marist schools and parish youth groups of the provinces of the United States, Canada, and Mexico Occidental as well as brothers from Africa took part.

A team of 23 Marist young adults helped animate the programme, while laity, Brothers, and two Marist Missionary Sisters gave support and helped in the workshops, keynote presentations, and activities.

The students came from Archbishop Molloy, Central Catholic, Chris-

## BROTHER EUGÈNE KABANGUKA



General councillor Brother Eugène Kabanguka suffered a cerebrovascular accident (CVA), on Wednesday, June 15.

He was immediately taken to the San Camillo hospital in Rome.

He is currently under observation and in semi-intensive care, waiting for his situation to stabilize. We entrust Br Eugène to the tenderness of Mary, our good Mother.



## MARIST WORLD



Kinsangani: Marist University of Congo



Cuba: Intercommunitary meeting



Paraguay: Mission Assembly



General House: International Commission of Brothers Today



Lebanon: Angela Petenzi (FMSI) & Angela Matulli (De La Salle Onlus)- Fratelli Project



Sri Lanka: Sustainability workshop for Africa and Asia

topher Columbus High School, Marist HS Bayonne, Marist High School Chicago, Msgr. Pace High School, Mount Saint Michael Academy, Roselle Catholic High School, Saint Joseph Academy, Saint Joseph Regional High School, Saint Mary's High School, the youth group in East Harlem, as well as from schools of Canada and Mexico.

The gathering included keynote talks from Brother Patrick McNamara, Maureen Hagan and a panel discussion led by Brothers Hank Hammer and Al Rivera.

There were many workshops, moments of prayer, a square dance, a concert by the popular Christian band Array of Hope, Champagnat

games and Mass presided by Father Richard LaMorte.

Superior General Brother Emili Turú sent a video message to the youth, in which he stresses the importance of having a dream.

To watch the full video message, [click here](#).

## WEST CENTRAL EUROPE: PROVINCIAL GATHERING ON EDUCATION 'JOURNEYING THE MARIST WAY'



**Being Marist is a Marian way of living the Gospel... and a caring presence to the young**



"Journeying the Marist way" was the theme of the second provincial gathering on Marist education.

About 50 Marists, Brothers and Lay Persons, from the five countries of our Province met in Guardamar, Spain, from June 3 - 6.

The aim was to carry on from the first gathering, which had taken place in the same venue in June 2014, but on



this occasion we focused on the Marist Identity of those who are involved in the schools and other projects of the Province.

After a resume, presented by Aisling Demaison, of what had happened in the last two years with regard to Marist Mission, we listened to the personal Marist stories of two lay persons and two Brothers.

The sharing which followed allowed each one of us to take a position, and throw some light on what are the specifics of being Marist: a Marian way of living the Gospel, done with simplicity, family spirit, a personal and common engagement, a closeness and a caring presence to the young, according to the spirit of Champagnat and the first Brothers. Workshops allowed us

to consider in depth some aspects of Marist Mission in today's context. Times of meditation and social interaction brought a good balance to the gathering.

Finally, future plans were laid out, in particular with regard to the celebration of the Bicentenary of the Institute, in the schools with staff and pupils, and in the different projects in the Province.

Equally, the Marist Network and Marist Identity were strengthened and were a source of enthusiasm for all the participants.

From the General Administration, were present Brothers Ernesto Sánchez, General Councillor, and Tony Leon, Director of the Secretariat Brothers Today.

## MARIST LEADERS OF SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS MEET

### SEEING NEW VISIONS, DREAMING NEW DREAMS

Leaders from the five Marist schools in South Africa met from May 25 – 27 to look at the theme of 'Regeneration – seeing new visions, dreaming new dreams'.

They were inspired by the call of Pope Francis to 'look at our cities with a contemplative gaze, a gaze which sees God dwelling in their homes, in their streets and squares...' (Evangelii Gaudium; No.





71). They were also inspired by Water from the Rock – ‘Sustained by the faith and example of Saint Marcellin and the first Brothers, Marist spirituality urges us to move towards unexplored horizons (155)’.

As well as looking at the systemic regenerative projects in the city of Johannesburg, they also spent time reflecting on rejuvenating themselves professionally and spiritually, as leaders in education, and stewards of the Marist charism.

## FIJI: FOUR TEACHERS TO JOIN MARIST SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

### MARIST CHAMPAGNAT INSTITUTE

A school in Fiji for children with learning disabilities and young people who have struggled to fit into mainstream schooling will be receiving four new teachers this month to teach its 125 students.

The Marist Champagnat Institute, or MCI, which currently has 23 teachers, opened 16 years ago as a school for post primary students aged 13 and above with learning difficulties and special needs.

The school’s infrastructure, built mainly from funds received from donors, includes ramps to accommodate students on wheelchairs.

Subjects taught at the school include literacy, numeracy, art, cooking, sewing, physical education, religious education, woodworking, agriculture and engineering.

“MCI will soon be classified as an inclusive school by the government, I hope,” remarked the school’s principal, Francis Varea.

“The type of education offered at MCI is guided and supported among other documents by Fiji’s inclusive education policy, which only came about in 2012.”



Francis explained that agriculture is one of the programmes that most students are involved in and that “all vocational programmes support enterprise education which is aligned to the education ministry policy of enterprise education.”

At its completion, students are encouraged to return to mainstream schools or undertake a further two

years of vocational training.

“Hopefully, more partners will come on board to help the school grow, not necessarily in numbers, but more so in the programmes and infrastructure,” stated Francis.

“Champagnat Marists must be ready to continue the good work of the Marist Brothers in Fiji,” he affirmed.

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