



GENERAL HOUSE WELCOMES REFUGEES

THREE IMMIGRANTS FROM IVORY COAST ARRIVE TO GENERAL HOUSE



Three immigrants from Ivory Coast arrived to the general house on June 23, after the general superior and

the general council announced they would open the doors to refugees back in September.



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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

On Monday, June 27, the meeting of the Commission of Laity of the Ibérica Province in Zaragoza ended, which included Br Javier Espinosa, director of the Secretariat of Laity.

Brother Joe McKee was with the formation group Horizontes, in El Escorial, on the 27th and 28th of this month.

On June 28, the candidates for the Lavalla200> project finished a retreat at the Hermitage with Brother

Emili Turú, Superior General, and Brother Hipólito Pérez, vice director of the Brothers Today Secretariat.

On Thursday, June 30, Tutti Fratelli gathered in Rome, with the participation of the Brothers Tony Leon and Hipólito Pérez, director and vice director of the Brothers Today Secretariat.

The General Council has dedicated this week to studying the first draft of the Constitutions, concluding their contributions this weekend at a retreat house in Ariccia, Italy.

Hamed, 35, Moussa, 19, and Adama, 24, will stay at the general house for six months as part of an integration programme in collaboration with Caritas.

During this time, they will learn the Italian language and culture and obtain their two-year renewable Italian residency permit.

After the six months, Caritas will then offer them another location as part of the second phase of their integration into the Italian society.

The Brothers believe this experience of welcoming people who are in precarious situations and welcoming a very different culture will enrich the community.

The Ivoirians, who are living in a small apartment on the ground floor, will be able to eat breakfast and dinner alongside the Brothers of the general house when they finish Ramadan.

Caritas, on the other hand, is offering them the Italian lessons, lunch, metro and bus tickets and €2.50 each day.

“Both members of the general council and myself give our full commitment to this wonderful initiative, offering the general house immediately to welcome a family,” superior general Brother Emili Turú had stated in an appeal issued on Sept. 8 for Brothers Provincial of Europe to do the same.

The initiative is a response to the Pope’s appeal to the Church in Europe to take in migrant families during his Angelus prayer on September 6.

CHRONICLE OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF FORMATION OF THE LAVALLA 200> PROJECT (JUNE 6 - 12)



I think that the memory of 18 April 1999, the date in which Pope John Paul II proclaimed Marcellin Champagnat a saint, is still alive in the eyes, the mind, but especially in the hearts of many Marists.

In scarves, bags and shirts... everywhere one could read: “a heart without borders.”

To recover this spirit, 17 years later and in a small lost town in Toscana, a group of Lavalla200> celebrated the feast of Saint Marcellin on June 6: 23 hearts without borders and anxious to give their life to something beautiful and new.

The feast and the feasts (we celebrated the birthday of Miguel Ángel on June 5, of John Lavngé on June 7 and Veronica’s on June 11) stressed the unity that reigns among the five fraternities and in the whole group.

They contributed to endure the week’s weather a bit better, characterized by rain and lightning, characterized by rain and lightning, and that did not invite one to sing “O Sole Mio”.

José Cristo Rey (a Claretian), Brother Joe McKee (Vicar General) and Jose María Pérez Soba (known as ‘Chema’ among friends) accompanied us this week.

José Cristo Rey reminded us that the times in which we live requires that we each insert ourselves in the context in which we live, respectfully and without pretensions of being the carriers or messengers of truth.

Each has his own place, all rowing in the same direction, synchronizing movements to achieve the desired goal. A synergy for the Kingdom.

Brother Joe McKee came to visit us on Wednesday, June 8. His visit aimed at keeping a dialogue with each of us and answering the inevitable questions that naturally arise before an uncertain future.

He could not meet with everyone and promised to return another day of the following week. Before returning to the general house to continue with the plenary session of the Council, he answered the questions that we posed him.

We are aware that not everything is clear and well defined in this new adventure. The words of Pope Francis came to our minds:

Newness always makes us a bit fearful, because we feel more secure if we have everything under control, if we are the ones who build, programme and plan our lives in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, our

NEWS IN BRIEF

COMPOSTELA'S VOLUNTEERS

Several volunteer groups of the Compostela province have already left for their volunteer experience that have been organised through work camps of the NGO SED. In total, 106 people will take part in this experience throughout the summer in 15 countries: Paraguay, Guatemala, Peru, El Salvador, Honduras, Bolivia, Chile, Romania, India, Zambia, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Tanzania, Mozambique and Kenya.

CONGRESS OF EDUCATION

From 11 to 14 October 2016, the Marist Union of Brazil - UMBRASIL held the Fifth International Congress of Marist Education in the Pernambuco Convention Center, in Olinda. Under the theme "Quality education: senses, experiences and horizons," the meeting will include the participation of Marist educators and leaders. It also included systems and networks of public and individual education, entities related to education, guests, partners and university students.

VIRTUAL CHOIR

The Province of Australia is leading an effort to create a special video for the 200th Anniversary and is looking for Brothers and other Marists from around the world to join in the singing of the Salve Regina. If you would be interested in participating, the deadline is July 1. For more information about this unique project, contact Br Michael Herry at michael.herry@marists.org.au.

MARIST ALUMNI MEETING

The Marist meeting of 2016 took place on June 25 in the House of Animation of the Chile sector. It was a moment of fraternal sharing, which allowed dialogue, reflection and the analysing of various issues in the sector, with a view to the Bicentennial of the Marist Institute in 2017.

own preferences.

This is also the case when it comes to God. Often we follow him, we accept him, but only up to a certain point. It is hard to abandon ourselves to him with complete trust, allowing the Holy Spirit to be the soul and guide of our lives in our every decision. We fear that God may force us to strike out on new paths and leave behind our all too narrow, closed and selfish horizons in order to become open to his own.

Yet throughout the history of salvation, whenever God reveals himself, he brings newness - God always brings newness -, and demands our complete trust: Noah, mocked by all, builds an ark and is saved; Abram leaves his land with only a promise in hand; Moses stands up to the might of Pharaoh and leads his people to freedom; the apostles, huddled fearfully in the Upper Room, go forth with courage to proclaim the Gospel. This is not a question of novelty for novelty's sake, the search for something new to relieve our boredom, as is so often the case in our own day.

The newness which God brings into our life is something that actually brings fulfilment, that gives true joy, true serenity, because God loves us and desires only our good.

Let us ask ourselves today: Are we open to "God's surprises"? Or are we closed and fearful before the

newness of the Holy Spirit? Do we have the courage to strike out along the new paths which God's newness sets before us, or do we resist, barricaded in transient structures which have lost their capacity for openness to what is new?

The meeting with Chema made us understand that we are a culture and that every cultural change affects our identity.

Speaking of our future communities, he helped us understand the importance of dialogue. However, not a dialogue based on a set of assimilated and implemented techniques.

Dialogue is a form of life, he told us. In addition to those important ideas for the future of our communities, Chema transmitted his enthusiasm and joy of being a Marist and to be able live this grace with his family and with other fraternities.

We had Saturday and Sunday off to enjoy a well-deserved rest.

Some took the opportunity to visit a typical place of Italy (Pisa, Assisi, La Verna ...), others preferred to stay home and walk through the woods that surround Camaldoli before facing the last stage preceding the departure to the Hermitage.

Brother Onorino Rota, San Martino a Monte, 13 June 2016.

CHRONICLE OF THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH WEEKS OF THE LAVALLA 200> PROJECT (JUNE 13 - 25)



MARIST WORLD



Samoa: Marist Brothers Primary School Mulivai



Spain: Br Alberto Vizcaya makes his first profession in Huelva



France: The groups of the Horizons programme, together in Hermitage



Syria: Summer activities in Aleppo - Skill School



Mexico: Pilgrimage of Marist Laity to El Tepeyac



Bangladesh: Br Eugenio Sanz Uwavutse with youth in Giasnagar

From June 13 – 19, here at San Martino a Monte, we had the pleasure of sharing some days with Sister Cristina, a religious of the Assumption, who helped us to understand that we are in a moment of initiation as a LaValla200> community.

We deepened our experience of discernment individually and in groups, preparing our hearts for this new beginning.

We talked about the importance of dedicating time to re-read and embrace our lives, to be aware, to stop and deepen the adventure of a life of faith.

To give time to reflect on the meaning of life, to celebrate and live every moment, and in this dynamic to cultivate silence, the silence that recreates because it lets the Spirit act.

Following Sister Cristina, Brother Angel Medina and Brother Jeff Crowe led us in a process to reflect on our experience during three months of formation.

Through different expressions (photos, stories, songs, pictures, paintings, music, etc.) we shared our personal synthesis about this time of formation and discernment.

This opportunity provided a space for an open heart

sharing, which was received with the same warmth and tenderness for each participant.

On the weekend (June 18), we had a community outing to Frasassi, where the wonder of nature, through the majesty of caves with rock formations of millions of years, reminded us of the greatness of the presence of God in the universe.

We also spent a few hours in the town of Gubbio, where the history of Saint Francis of Assisi and the wolf is remembered.

On Sunday (June 19), we enjoyed the dynamic and creative presentation of the Arco Norte region, which helped us to understand more deeply the socio-cultural and Marist reality among the countries that represent the region in this program (Venezuela, Mexico, USA, Canada).

In our last days (June 20 – 23) here at San Martino a Monte, we have shared with Brother Chris Wills concrete and key elements of this new beginning as LaValla200> communities.

We reviewed the Regional statutes of the new communities, the memorandum of understanding and "Our Call".



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The reflection of these elements lets us see the new language that this experience and others of the Institute have given to our Marist family, as well as new ways to understand and relate to each other.

Finally, the symbol that highlighted this new consciousness of fraternal love and service was the gift of the apron and shirt that we received.

Thank you for your prayers as we continue our journey!

Laura Alejandra Miño Pérez

SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF MARIST SPIRITUAL PATRIMONY



The International Marist Commission of Spiritual Patrimony held its annual gathering with the participation of its nine members in Rome from June 13 – 17.

The sessions began with each member presenting the work done since last year's gathering which included publications, the animation of sessions, retreats, rereading of the Institute's history and Marist Note-

books number 34. The main novelty of this session was the work meeting of the Commission of Patrimony on June 14 in the afternoon held with the Brothers Today Secretariat, which concluded its annual gathering.

The meeting aimed at raising awareness of the expectations of both teams in order to achieve closer cooperation, particularly in the initial

AMÉRICA CENTRAL



Br Antonio Cavazos (master of novices), Br Louis Oscar, Br Frantzley (delegate of the Superior General), Fr Dimitry, Br Mayliko and Br Dimmy.

First profession of three brothers

Brothers Dimmy, Mayliko and Louis Oscar made their consecration to God on 12 June in Haiti, deciding in this way to respond to the call of Jesus of being with Him and being sent to build the Kingdom of Love among children and youth, who needs so much brothers and evangelizers to show them the love and the tenderness of Jesus. The priest that presided this celebration was Father Dimitry, former Marist student and graduate from the school of Latibolière. The theme that the three newly professed brothers chose was inspired from the XXI General Chapter: "With Mary, let us go in haste to a new Haiti."

The Marist mission, which our newly professed Haitian brothers have ahead of themselves, is very beautiful, actual and urgent. A dream that begins to come true and for which they put in all their hearts in order to go and build it day by day, just like the 12 young priests, founders of the Society of Mary. They consecrated themselves to Mary in the shrine of Fourvière on 23 July 1816 in order to place their whole person available for making the Society of Mary a reality and the project they embraced of building a Church with a Marian, serviceable, maternal and fraternal face. The mission of Haiti belongs to the México Occidental Province.

and ongoing formation of brothers and laity. Participants reflected particularly on the opening of a centre of archives in Santiago de Chile for the Chile sector as well as the France sector in St Genis-Laval in the old premises of the harquebus.

The proposed construction of a spirituality centre for Asia in the Philippines was also discussed.

Also, the publication of Volume I of the Institute's history in three languages at the end of 2015 provided an opportunity for a time of exchanging thoughts on this important achievement.

Volumes 2 and 3 in four languages continues to be fine-tuned and the publication must take place next year, before the General Chapter.

Marist Notebook number 35 is also being prepared. Some members of the Commission of Patrimony will participate in the sessions scheduled for next year and will be organized by the Brothers Today Secretariat or by the Secretariat of Laity.

In the next session of Patrimony, which will be held from June 19 – 23, 2017, the brothers of the Brothers Today Secretariat will take part.

The theme could be: spiritual patrimony and formation.

Finally, the session was affected by the health problem suffered by Brother Eugène Kabanguka, general councillor and link between the Commission of Patrimony and the General Council who is usually very present in the meetings of the Commission's work, on June 15.

PUBLICATION OF THE INSTITUTE'S HISTORY FROM MARLHES TO THE WORLD (1789-1907)



The general council, through the Commission of the Patrimony, promotes the publication of the Institute's history.

It will be an instrument to mark the Bicentennial celebration of our Foundation.

It is a work in three volumes, which will be published in the Studia collection.

The first volume (From Marlies to the world (1789-1907)), written by Br André Lanfrey, comprises Marist history until 1907.

It is now available in three languages (Spanish, French and Portuguese).

The English translation is being finalised and will be published soon.

The second volume (1908-1985, Br André Lanfrey) will be published at the end of this year.

The third volume (1985-2017, Br Michael Green) will be published next year.

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