



INTERNATIONAL MARIST YOUTH ENCOUNTER BEGINS THIS SUNDAY

VOLUNTEERS ARRIVED EARLY TO LYON TO PREPARE 'DARE TO DREAM'



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The team of volunteers that will support the International Marist Youth Encounter arrived to Lyon a few days ago to start preparations for the event, which will run from Sunday through to July 23.

"There is an excellent spirit and great energy to welcome participants," affirmed Brother Miguel Angel Espinosa Barrera, vice director of the Secretariat of Mission.

On July 12, the team of volunteers received a presentation of the encounter's objectives and their work. There was also a run through of the different spaces in which the encounter was developed and they formed commissions.

Most volunteers speak Spanish, English or French, as well as Greek and Hungarian to a lesser extent. Over 400 partic-

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Marist Brothers and laity that work in the general house and in the General Council celebrated on Monday the 200th anniversary of the Fourvière Promise. Brother Antonio Ramalho animated the prayer and Superior General Brother Emili Turú stressed the important aspects of his letter "Fourvière: the revolution of tenderness."

Brother Ernesto Sánchez informed of events that will mark the path towards the General Chapter in September 2017 and Br Emili announced some changes in personnel of the general administration.

On July 13, the seven-week-long course 'Horizons' taking place in Manziiana and El Escorial came to an end.

General councillor Brother Michael De Waas is visiting the Melanesia District. From July 13 – 21, he will take part in the District Assembly, taking place in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

From July 13 – 16, Br Libardo Garzón, Econome general, is taking part in a meeting of the Commission of the Control of the Bedford Fund in Puerto Rico.

Br Miguel Ángel Espinosa, of the Secretariat of Mission, is already in Lyon preparing the International Encounter for Marist Youth.

ipants from the four Marist branches are expected to attend, from 46 countries.

These are Spain, Guatemala, Argentina, Lebanon, Mexico, France, Italy, Peru, Brazil, Rwanda, Canada, Ghana, Australia, South Korea, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, United Kingdom, New Zealand, Tonga, Italy, New Caledonia, United States, Chile, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Senegal, Bolivia, El Salvador, Belgium, Ireland, Germany, Philippines, Gambia, South Africa, Uruguay, Portugal, Jamaica, Fiji, Samoa, Cameroon, Greece and Madagascar.

The gathering will take place at 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.

On July 22, participants will visit the Hermitage, one of the communities of the Marist Brothers.

The encounter will end at the Basilica di Notre-Dame de Fourvière on July 23, coinciding with the 200th anniversary of the Fourvière promise.

Further information on the encounter and daily chronicles will be available on <http://www.lyon2016daretodream.com>, while social network sites will use the hashtag #daretodream.

PROVINCIA CRUZ DEL SUR

SECOND SESSION OF FIFTH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER



The second session of the fifth provincial chapter of the Cruz del Sur Province took place from July 4 – 5 in Luján, Argentina. Brothers that had been sum-

moned and nine lay people representing the three countries that make up the province (Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay) took part.

The new provincial scheme and the current governance structure was presented, then a further step was taken in making clarifications, presenting the care that the Chapter felt should be taken care of and suggestions in this time of transition.

During the encounter, two other topics were also covered: the norms of the Province and the revision of the chapter regulation.

Some “echos” reflected the encounter’s spirit: “A lot of dialogue and serenity...”; “it had an active and completely fraternal participation...”; “we thought about the ALL...”

The first session of the Fifth Provincial Chapter took place on Nov. 1 and 2, 2015.

LAVALLA200> INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES FOR A NEW BEGINNING

MARISTS SENT IN MISSION BY THE SUPERIOR GENERAL

On June 28, at ND de l’Hermitage Br Emili Turú, Superior General, sent on mission a group of lay and brothers Marists who participated in the formation session for the Lavalla200> programme, to prepare themselves to live in one of the new international communities: Amazônia, Brazil (America Sur); East Harlem, United States (Arco Norte); Sicily, Italy (Europe); Mount Druitt, Sydney - Australia (Oceania) or in one of the communities of the Marist District of Asia.

This marked the end of a two-month period of intense formation, which, of course, included the discernment on the place where each one of the participants would be sent.

At the end of June, each of the participants wrote to Brother Emili a personal letter in which they communicated their availability as well as indicating any preference they might have had.

NEWS IN BRIEF

BOLIVIA

Marist educators of Bolivia have taken a formation programme for animators of the Marist mission, which on this occasion covered the topics of the Church's social doctrine, of Our Lady and of the sacraments.

PRESTIGE OF THE PUCRS

The Marist university of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, is the second best private university of Brazil according to the ranking of Latin America published by the Times Higher Education and is among the top 23 in Latin America.

PROFESSION IN KISANGANI

On July 3, Brother Gabriel Targo Aditay made his first profession in Kisangani, Democratic Republic of Congo. It was a historical event for the city's Marist community. Brother Théoneste Kalisa, Provincial of PACE, received his vows.

With this information, the General Council dedicated one of its sessions to study the composition of the future international communities. Finally, Br Emili personally interviewed each of the participants during their time in ND de l'Hermitage.

In the formation of the new communities, the General Council has tried to combine Brothers and Laity, as well as taking into account cultural diversity and the qualities of each person.

As the fruit or result of this process of discernment, the persons the Superior General has sent on mission to the Lavalla200> International Communities are:

Amazônia, Brazil

Íñigo García Blanco, fms – Prov. Ibérica
Justin Golding, fms – Prov. Australia
Peggy Vivas Rodríguez – Prov. Norandina
Verónica Rubí – Prov. Cruz del Sur
East Harlem – United States
Bruno Socher – Prov. Brasil Centro-Sul
Luis Vega Saguier, fms – Dist. of Paraguay

Sicily, Italy

Gabriel Bernardo da Silva – Prov. Brasil Centro-Sul
Mario Araya Olguín – Prov. Santa María de los Andes
Michael Callinan, fms – Prov. Australia
Onorino Rota, fms – Prov. Mediterránea
Mount Druitt – Sydney, Australia
Argelia Hernández Mendonza e Rodri-

go Gris Castro (married) – Prov. México Occidental

Lawrence McCane, fms – Prov. United States

Marist District of Asia

John Lavngé Nyuydine, fms – Dist. West Africa
Laura Miño Pérez – Prov. Santa María de los Andes
Lawrence Lavalley, fms – Prov. United States
Réal Sauvageau, fms – Prov. Canada
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Álvaro Sepúlveda Romero, fms – Prov. Santa María de los Andes

At present, all the participants of the programme are in their Province of origin where they will remain, at least for the months of July and August. These two months can be used to get visas or prepare other practical aspects, so that the new communities can begin as soon as possible after the month of September. Lay and brother Marists who wish to apply for the 2017 programme can respond to Br Emili latest invitation (Fourvière: the revolution of tenderness, page 20).

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF THE SOCIETY OF MARY

On 23 July 1816, around 12 youths, priests and clergy committed themselves before the altar of Our Lady of Fourvière to establish the Society of Mary. Marcellin Champagnat was among them. Representatives of the four branches of the Marist family will gather this July 23. Marist communities from around the world are also organising celebrations locally. Materials are available to prepare for this important event on our website. Visit <http://www.champagnat.org/000.php?p=360>.



MARIST WORLD



South Africa: Marist Mercy Care - Marist Brothers and Sisters of Mercy



Madagascar: Retreat of Postulants in the Monastery of Maromby Fianarantsoa



Philippines: Noviciate of Immaculate Conception, Tamontaka, Maguindanao



Colombia: Our Lady of Fourvière in Bogotá



United States: Marist High School Chicago



Brazil: Itamaracá, Pernambuco - regional retreat of the ChMMF

NEW WEBSITE FOR VATICAN DOCUMENT ON BROTHER'S IDENTITY

TUTTI FRATELLI GROUP LAUNCHES RESOURCES FOR FURTHER REFLECTION



On the last day of June, the 'Tutti Fratelli' group with members from various congregations of brothers,

gathered at the General House of the Brothers of Christian Instructions to promote our common

identity as religious brothers in the Church.

In the past months, this group has produced an extensive range of resources for all communities of brothers and associates to deepen the reflection on the Vatican document, "Identity and Mission of the Religious brother in the Church".

These resources, in five languages, are now available on the dedicated Tutti Fratelli web page: <https://sites.google.com/site/romatuttifratelli/website-builder>.

To accompany the launch of these resources, there are Marist versions of the Tutti Fratelli posters on the Brothers Today resource page: <http://www.champagnat.org/000.php?p=392>.

PAKISTAN: CONFERENCE AT MARIST SCHOOL OF SARGODHA

NEWNESS IN "GATHERED AROUND THE SAME TABLE"



A talk titled 'Newness in "Gathered around the Same Table"' took place at the Marist School of Sargodha, Pakistan, from June 21 – 22. Brother Teófilo Minga, of the Compostela Province, dedicated a talk to Superior General Brother Emili Turú's letter, "Fourvière – the Revolution of Tenderness."

Five Marist Brothers, 35 teachers of the school and Lay Marists attended the seminar. "It was worth the initiative to be able to listen to each other and to learn new things about the relationship between Brothers and lay," affirmed Brother Paul Bhatti in a statement dated June 23 to the general house press office.

Brother Rohail Niamat underscored that the seminar "came in good time, when the question of the relationship be-

tween brothers and lay Marist people is becoming a crucial one in the Marist world."

He called on participants to pay attention to cultural matters when thinking of lay Marist communities or mixed communities in the future. But some more informal activities were also considered, such as collaboration in youth ministry programmes in various localities in Sargodha and youth sports clubs, irrespective of religion.

Along with these ideas Anil, who has participated in the II MIMA in Nairobi, and Anum Maria presented a report of their groups underlining the need of more sessions like the one offered now to the teachers: they could be a way to have in the future Marist people from Pakistan participating in international

communities. Anum Maria approached the facilitator to elaborate more in some points raised during the exchanging of ideas. He chose two head titles of the letter: 1) God is community; 2) Fourvière, a Dream and a Promise. God is community, but very often not much attention is paid to this reality and therefore do not act as "communion people". The facilitator remembered an impacting experience he had in the 7th Assembly of the World Council of Churches.

The young theologian from the Presbyterian Church of Korea opened the Assembly with a beautiful dance accompanied with a song and a narrative text. At one moment she said: "In the beginning God was relationship..." and she was applauded by the whole assembly. To be Christian is to live and to give life through communion, creating a network of living relationships.

Br. Emili reminds Marists of this important principle in Christian life and quoting Pope Francis he speaks of a "web of relationships."

The second point is the recall of Fourvière, a dream and a promise.

This point is developed later in the biggest paragraph of the letter, "Marist Community, a Charismatic Family".

FIRST RELIGIOUS PROFESSION IN KUMASI

INTERNACIONAL NOVITIATE IN GHANA

On the 18th of June, 2016 ten Novices from Kumasi International Novitiate in Ghana made their First Religious Consecration. The profession ceremony took place at Sacred Heart Parish Trede. The Eucharistic Celebration was presided by Rt. Rev. John Yaw Afoakwa, Catholic Bishop of Obuasi Diocese. Br. Francis Lukong, the Superior of West Africa District received the Vows. The Brothers include: Ahmadu Ezekiel, Nwatu Jude, Ogar Victor and Okoliko Philip (Province of Nigeria); Konate Eric, Mantobaye Francois, N'Guettia Kossonou, Tweh Sam, Wiysenyuy Habib and Yenwong Cylas (District of West Africa).



PUT AN END TO VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

FMSI CONO SUR



The Governments of the world think that it is possible to put an end to the violence against children in the whole world.

For this a Global Alliance to put an End to Violence Against Children has been created with the objective of supporting the actions of all those who seek to prevent violence against children, to protect the children and to help societies to be more safe for children.

This Global Alliance is developing a plan that will help to impulse the so urgently necessary change so that all – including communities, children and Government leaders – may work together to put an

end to violence against children. During the month of March 2016, FMSI Cono Sur, as member of this Alliance, made a consultation in which 826 Marist children and adolescents (between 10 and 17 years of age) participated from Argentina, Chile, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico and the United States.

The objective of this work was to know the opinion of children in relation to the violence that affects them, as well as the necessary actions which can put an end to it, whether in their community, in their country and at world level.

The present material represents a synthesis of the voices and their

coincidences, for the purpose that a tool of critical reflection can be created, and a fundamental contribution at the time of thinking about educational strategies, of accompaniment or of political effect.

Listening to them “the boys” and “the girls”, placing them in the “center” of our mission, is a form of being faithful to the legacy of Marcelin Champagnat, on which FMSI is inspired.

For more information, visit <http://www.champagnat.org/shared/bau/LaNinezMaristadeAmericaopinasobreLaViolencia.pdf>



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