



# MARIST NEWS

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## MARIST FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

### FMSI'S NEW BOARD BEGINS ITS NEW JOURNEY



FMSI's new board, in charge of accompanying and overseeing the foundation's work regarding the promotion and defense of the rights of children, met in Rome from July 25 – 29.

Appointed by the general council and presided by general councillor Brother Michael de Waas, its members are vice president Jimena Djaura Grignani from Brazil,

economista general Brother Libardo Garzón, Gianfranco Cattai from Italy, Brother Allen Sherry from Australia and Inmaculada Maillo from Spain.

During these days, the board was able to reflect further on the functioning of FMSI, in order to get to know firsthand their performance and to share these reflections with the people that carry out its work on a daily basis.

New members highlighted the meeting's fraternal atmosphere and expressed gratitude for having been chosen to form part of the board and for being able to take part in the mission "Making the world a better place for children and youth."

From now on and with the rest of the people who form part of FMSI, the board will seek to stay close to the most vulnerable children and youth.

In doing this, they hope to make the dream of Marcellin Champagnat a reality and to contribute to building a more just and united world, in which all boys and girls can have their rights guaranteed and a better future.

But they affirmed that they are convinced this cannot be achieved without the collaboration of the whole Institute, since this mission depends on all people who make up the Marist Institute and to which as Marists they should feel called to.

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

From Aug. 2 – 5, Br Emili Turú and Br Antonio Ramalho participated in the Provincial Chapter of Hermitage.

From Aug. 2 – 4, Br Libardo Garzón participated in the meeting of the provincial bursars in Kigali, Rwanda.

From August 4 – 7, Brother Michael de Waas, general councillor, took part in the chapter of the East Asia Province in the Philippines.

From August 8 to August 19, begins another formation phase of the "new

horizons" for mission leaders of the Nigeria province and of the West Africa district in Accra. Br João Carlos do Prado and Br Miguel Ángel Barrera Espinosa, of the Secretariat of Mission, took part in the encounter.



## WE ARE ONE MARIST FAMILY!

### USA PROVINCE CELEBRATING GOOD TIMES AND A NEW BEGINNING!



As the song by Kool and the gang goes "There's a party goin' on right here, a celebration to last throughout the years. So bring your good times and your laughter too.

We gonna celebrate..." and that is exactly what Marists, both consecrated and lay, from the Province of the USA did during our Fourvière conference, which took place during the week of July 18-22, 2016!

As the institute was celebrating at the Shrine of Fourvière in Lyon,

France, we USA Marists were in solidarity with our Marist Brothers and Sisters overseas as we remembered, we celebrated and we re-committed ourselves to a new beginning as we continue to bring Marist life and mission into a third Century.

The event which brought representatives from the five branches of the Marist Family was a wonderful opportunity to come together, as a family – laity, Sisters, Missionary Sisters, Fathers and Brothers, and share

our experiences and hopes for the future.

The conference theme "Commemorate, Celebrate, Collaborate" set the tone for the week and allowed the participants to reflect on many levels as we look toward the future.

In addition to prayer experiences prepared by each of the branches of the Marist family, Presentations on the topics of "The Pledge of Fourvière and its Significance for Us as Marists", "The Spirituality of Jean-Claude Colin as seen through the eyes of Marcellin Champagnat" and "Building the Marian Face of the Church" provided opportunities for private reflection and group sharing.

Furthermore, a variety of workshops in the area of mission, spirituality and Marist identity complimented the experience.

At the closing ceremony and liturgy of the conference all were invited to re-commit themselves to a third century of Marist life and mission.

After Brother Sam Amos, FMS publicly renewed his vows as a Marist Brother all were invited to sign a new pledge committing themselves to the vision and values of our spiritual heritage and our respective founders.

## SPIRIT OF SORORITY

### MARIST DISTRICT OF ASIA CHAPTER

The Chapter of the Marist District of Asia was held in Cambodia from July 25-29 which included brothers and lay Marists from Spain, El Salvador, New Zealand, Philippines, Vietnam, Bangladesh, China, Brazil, Guatemala, Solomon Islands, Malaysia, Italy, Paraguay, Argentina, Ghana, Ecuador, Australia, India, Germany, Mexico, Korea and France.

Brother Tony Leon, of the Brothers Today Secretariat,

facilitated the chapter. Brother Joe McKee VG was the president and Brother Chris Wills, of Cmi, was an observer.

Thirty-five of the participants were voting members of the chapters and there was also representation from the novices and lay Marists. A four-member council consisting of Brothers, Canisio Wilrich, Luis Sobrado, Eugenio Sanz and Ismael Valls was elected to support the District

NEWS IN BRIEF

**CME - 200 E +**

Each year, the Spanish Marist Conference coordinates the preparation of teaching materials and resources on a topic that serves as motivation during the academic year for students of the four Marist Provinces with works in Spain. The theme for the next school year, which begins in September, will be '200 e +, live the dream.'

**MARIST PATRIMONY**

The Champagnat Marists of Peru participated in the third edition of the Diploma in Marist Spiritual Patrimony, which the University Marcellin Champagnat of Lima offers. The course consists of three semesters and a virtual phase of four months.

**VOCATIONAL WEEK**

From Aug. 15 – 21, the Marists of Brazil celebrate the vocational week under the theme: "Marist vocation: a call to a great mission." The three Marist provinces use these days to strengthen the vocational culture and awaken consecrated and lay vocations, making the experience of the charism of Champagnat visible.

**NEXT ISSUE**

During the last two weeks of August, the vacation season in Europe, the Institute's communications office will reduce its activity. The next issue of Marist News will be sent on Sept. 2.



Leader, Brother Juan Castro for the next three years.

Recommendations from the chapter included directions, strategies and policies concerning Community Life, Formation and Ministry and Projects.

The chapter was a time of reconnection among MDA community members scattered throughout six

countries in Asia – India, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand and China.

The MDA postulancy is in the Philippines and Novices attend the international novitiate in Sri Lanka.

A great spirit of fraternity and solidarity was enjoyed by all the participants.

**SECOND SESSION OF THE PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF THE EAST CENTRAL AFRICA PROVINCE**

The provincial chapter of the East Central Africa province (PACE), gathered in December 2015 in the city of Nairobi, Kenya, decided to celebrate a second session to deal more carefully with its own rules and the economic and financial situation of the Province.

This second session held from July 26 – 28 in Save, Rwanda, presided by provincial brother Théoneste Kalisa and moderated by Brothers Albert Nzabonaliba and Christian Gisamonyo.

Aside from the two topics, that occupied most part of the time and that were covered very seriously and with great participation, the chapter also received detailed in-

formation on the revision process of the Constitutions, on changes in the structure of the MIC-MIUC of Nairobi (post novitiate and university Center) and on several provincial schedules.

In the closing of this second session of the chapter, the provincial brother made an appeal to continue to develop all possibilities of the Province, which are many, and to support great initiatives that the provincial council needs to undertake.

Brother Antonio Ramalho, general councillor, accompanied the works on July 29 and participated in the beginning of the four-day encounter that the provincial council will hold.

## MARIST WORLD



Brazil: Coordination Team of the Champagnat Movement in Taguatinga



Ecuador: Shrine of Our Lady of the Swan



Spain: Youth of Ibérica Province in Cracow for World Youth Day



Rwanda: the second session of the Provincial Chapter of PACE in Save



France: New Council of the Hermitage Province



Bolivia: Volunteers of SED in Roboré

## POUGHKEEPSIE, UNITED STATES

### VII ASSEMBLY OF THE MARIST INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION



The VII Assembly of the Marist International Network of Institutions of Higher Education was celebrated from July 6 to 11, in the Marist College of Poughkeepsie, United States.

There was reflection on the networks, leadership, the project of the New Models of the Institute and the global vision of the preparation of the new Marist centenary thanks to the message in the video of Brother Emili Turú.

The Assembly also analyzed the projects carried out in the past two years and approved the report and the Balance Sheet of the accounts of the Executive Council. The theme that stood out was the approbation of the document "Marist Evangeliz-

ing Action in Higher Education”.

Then it was proceeded to the election of the new Executive Council of the Network for the period of time from 2016 to 2018 which was constituted by Br. Roberto Méndez López, from the Marist University of Querétaro, Mexico, as President; Br. Clemente Ivo Juliatto, from the PUCPR Curitiba, Brazil; David Hall, from the Catholic University of Australia, in Sydney; and Br. Pablo González Franco, from the University Champagnat of Lima, Peru.

The following priorities were set:

- Strengthen and qualify the mission of the Marist Institutions of Higher Education;
- Contribute to social transformation;
- Create the Network according to the basic principle of collaboration, organizing and guaranteeing a minimum operational structure for its functioning;
- Strengthen cooperation by means of research or investigation and exchange;
- Support the projects of the Marist Institute.

For the next two years the following projects will be developed:

- Organization of the Network;
- Strengthen or implementation of pastoral programs in all the (IES) Institutions of Higher Education;
- Identification and strengthening of the observatories and similar existing initiatives;
- Continuation and implementation of degrees and programs on the rights and protection of children;
- Promotion of the exchange of students, professors and knowledge. Finally, it was decided that the VIII Assembly of the Network would be held in 2018 and in the city of Lima, Peru. The Assembly was held in a climate of integration and dialogue. The quality of the encounter was very positive because of the collaboration of all the Marist IES. The participants acknowledged the effort made by the Marist College and especially, by the Brothers Seán Sammon and Michael Flanigan, for the welcome offered to all the participants and the arrangement of all the conditions favorable for the encounter.

## LA VALLA200>

### COMMUNITY OF MOUNT DRUITT



Mount Druitt Community is the new community created by the Region Oceania answering to the Brother Emili's call to create International Communities for a new beginning.

Mount Druitt is located 45km west of Sydney CBD, New South Wales, Australia.

Our suburb has been identified as the most disadvantaged area of Sydney.

It is also the most culturally diverse and has the highest population density of indigenous people in the country.

Unemployment, family violence, crime, homelessness and drug use are out of control in this, Sydney's poorest suburb.

Many children are disengaged from schooling and wander the streets, especially those of indigenous

background, or refugee children from Africa or the Middle East.

When the LaValla200> project begins in Mount Druitt, we will be targeting young people who are not at school.

We will establish a new pathway for disengaged youth to re-connect with education, other forms of training or employment.

In partnership with Local Catholic Education Authorities we aim to begin a centre in Mount Druitt, Marist Learning Zone, where each young person will be given fresh educational opportunities, and the hope of a more promising future.

Once established, the new community will comprise Argelia Hernández Mendoza and Rodrigo Gris Castro, a young married couple from Mexico Occidental Province and Lawrie McCane, a Brother from the Province of Australia. Negotiations are continuing for others to join the community as well.

## NEW DIRECTORS FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF MISSION

The General Council has appointed Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas Carvajal, of the Norandina Province, and Brother Mark Omede, of the Province of Nigeria, as new directors of the Secretariat of Mission starting Jan. 1 for a period of three years.

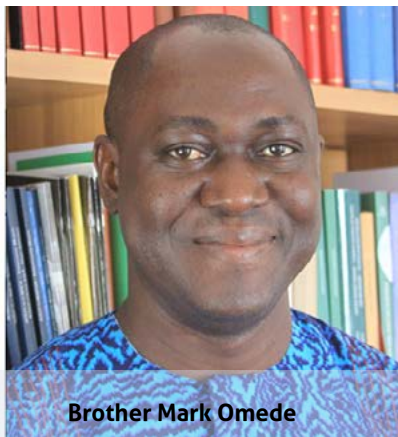
Br Carlos Alberto will be the new director substituting Brother João Carlos do Prado, while Br Mark will be the new assistant director, substituting Brother Miguel Ángel Espinosa Barrera.

The appointments were made known in a letter of Superior General Brother Emili Turú published July 17, to Brothers Provincial, superiors of districts and their councils.

"My sincere gratitude to Brothers João Carlos do Prado and Miguel Angel Espinosa whose terms as Director and Assistant Director are ending," he wrote. "Their excellent service has given a huge impulse in the whole area of the mission, and most especially through their strong involvement in the project we have called New Models."



Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas Carvajal



Brother Mark Omede

### Brother Mark Omede

Brother Mark Omede, aged 43, is currently provincial councillor of the Nigeria province and director of the Polytechnic center in the town of Emene.

Br Mark just finished the Horizons programme in Manziána and is currently participating in the International Marist Youth Encounter from July 16 – 23 in Lyon, France.

He began his postulancy in 1995 at Orlu, Nigeria. Br Mark began his novitiate formation at Sabin- Akrofrom, Kumasi, Ghana in 1996, made his first profession in 1998 and his scholastic formation in Nairobi until 2002. Br Mark worked as the Director of catechetic for the Catholic diocese of Idah, teacher

and deputy dean of student affairs at the Marist Brothers Juniorate in Uturu, vice principal of the Marist Comprehensive College Ezzagu and then principal of the same school until 2015. He has been the interim registrar of the proposed Marist Polytechnic from 2015 until now. He graduated at MIC Nairobi and holds an M.ed and Ph.D in educational administration and planning from Abia State University Uturu.

He has also served his province as chairman of the Marist schools management board, of the Marist schools examination committee, of the Marist service commission and of the Religious and Moral Education Committee. He has also served on the commission for the preparation of the second Marist International Mission Assembly.

### Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas Carvajal

Br Carlos Alberto, aged 43 and known among the Brothers as 'Beto,' studied at the Colegio Champagnat school in Bogotá, Colombia.

He began his postulancy in 1989 in the city of Popayán and did his novitiate in Medellín. He made his first profession in 1991 and his perpetual profession in 1997.

Beto has a degree in religious sciences of the Pontifical University of Salamanca in Spain and in Social Sciences of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He also holds a Masters in Disciplinary Studies on Development (Estudios Disciplinarios sobre Desarrollo) at the University of Los Andes in Colombia.

He has worked as educator in the Champagnat de Ipiales and Pasto schools, as vice rector of the schools Ipiales, Pasto and Villavicencio, provincial coordinator of youth ministry, secretary of solidarity of the province and as the provincial's delegate in Colombia.

He was a member of the New Models of Animation, Government and Management team for the past two years and is currently Provincial Councillor and economo of the Colombia sector of the Province.

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