



## THE FIFTH CHAPTER OF THE HERMITAGE PROVINCE CONTINUING A HISTORY THAT HAS COME A LONG WAY!

The motherhouse of Notre-Dame de l'Hermitage, built by Marcellin Champagnat himself, hosted the 5th Chapter of the Province of l'Hermitage, which took place from Aug. 1 – 5.

The Marist province, inaugurated in 2003 as the result of a restructuring, includes France, Catalonia, Greece, Hungary, Algeria and Switzerland, with the explicit will to live shared projects with internationality. It is now home to 290 brothers with its base located in the French city of Lyon.

In the fifth chapter, 50 brothers and eight lay people took part, as well as superior general Brother Emili Turú and general councillor brother Antonio Ramalho.



Participants were distributed in eight tables to facilitate a dynamic of exchanging and consensus. Brother Maurice Berquet opened the chapter and

## SHORT FILM SHOWS INSTITUTE'S WORK INVOLVING CHILD PROTECTION



The Institute's communications department has launched a new video with the aim of revealing the work of the Marist Brothers to protect and safeguard children.

The short film includes an interview with a member of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors and president of the Centre for Child Protection of the Gregorian University, Father Hans Zollner.

Other interviewees include a Brother who recently graduated from the Centre, FMSI's director in Geneva and a Brother who works as a victim response coordinator in New York.

To see the video, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ta2GwsCS1OA>.

welcomed the participants. He passed the word to the new provincial, Brother Pere Ferré, and thanked many people, especially Brother Pere. Then, an object from Africa was given to the new provincial, which reminded one of the delicate mission entrusted to him.

Superior general Brother Emili Turú then spoke, receiving his inspiration from two icons. The icon of Friendship and the icon of the Trinity. The second icon related to the fertility of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Br Pere briefly thanked Brothers Maurice and Emili for their words. "Let us not begin from zero, we are heirs of a long history, which we must continue."

The central commission, presided by the new provincial brother, is formed by Brothers Gabriel Villa-Real, Jean Ronzon, Jaume Parés, Bernard Régis and George Vidalis.

The chapter studied several documents: the report of the provincial council, the synthesis of the encounters of the preparation, the economic report and the letter of Brother Emili Turú to the province, an echo of the responses given at the election of the provincial. At the end of the day, the participants climbed up to La Valla, cradle of the Marist Institute. The Eucharist, the dinner and an evening closed a day of in-

tense, deep and shared listening. The chapter went to focus on its activity towards the future, a new triennial, through the formulating of new guidelines.

"The fifth Gospel."

The first presentation was made of the work of Brother Henri Vergès, assassinated in Algolia on 8 May 1984 due to his faith.

The proposed guidelines and dialogue, voted for by the chapter, related to six areas: the Marist laity, formation and accompaniment, evangelization, peripheries, Marist spirituality and communication.

The last day was highlighted by the election of provincial councilors and the approval of a message to the Province of the Chapter rules and provincial standards.

Brothers Xavier Giné, Mateos Levantinos, Manel Martín, Michel Morel, Jaume Parés, Jean Ronzon, Ramon Rúbies and Gabriel Villa-Real were chosen as councillors. The Mass at the end of the morning brought feelings of joy and gratitude. In the afternoon, Provincial Brother Pere Ferré, addressed the participants with his message. A final prayer, around the shrine of Marcellin Champagnat, concluded the works of the fifth Chapter.

## DISTRICT OF MELANESIA

### BROTHERS' ASSEMBLY IN PORT MORESBY



The Brothers' Assembly was held at Sivarai Namona Pastoral Centre in Bomana, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, from July 17 to July 20.

There were 13 Brothers who attended the assembly.

The theme of the assembly was "The Name of God is Mercy".

Br Michael de Waas (General Councillor) was the main facilitator of the assembly and helped the Brothers to reflect on the following theme:

"Where am I?", "Personal and Collective Leadership", and "The Institute and the District".

Br. Michael reminded the group that we are part of one big family in liaison with the Celebration of Fourvière Year and the Bi-centenary of Fourvière commitment.

At the same time, he highlighted the theme of the assembly with this Jubilee year of Mercy.

The main purposes of the gathering were: to celebrate these major events as a district, being part of one big Marist family, to reflect on our personal and collective leadership in the district, going into the 3rd year of Melanesian leadership, to be grateful for the blessings received in the last two years and to begin a discernment process for our future and the most important one was to celebrate our vocation as

Marist Brothers together. All these were done in a dynamic of prayer, In-put, group discussions, formal and informal conversations.

There was a very good participation from the Brothers who attended the assembly. The participants concluded the

assembly with the Eucharistic celebration during which the brothers recommitted themselves to do God's mission with a Marian face.

## BRASIL CENTRO-SUL PROVINCE ORGANISES THE FIRST RETREAT FOR BROTHERS AND LAITY



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Brothers and laity had their first joint retreat together in Florianopolis from July 16 – 21 in the Marist province Brasil Centro-Sul (PMBCS) with the support of the lay and consecrated life sector (SVCL).

Twenty brothers, 10 lay women and nine lay men, adults and youth alike from different religious communities and mission fronts of the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family (MCh-FM), lay groups and lay youth. Paolo Quermes, of the sector of Consecrated and Lay Life of UMBRASIL and Gustavo Balbinot, of the sector of spirituality of the Marist province Sul-Amazônia accompanied the experience.

The days were highlighted by moments of personal and community prayer, dialogue in small groups and times of reflection and silence. “Brothers, who are used to these things, helped the laity in this path.”

The retreat included the participation of lay theologian Lucia Pedrosa Pádua, who led the reflection of the group on the retreat's theme, “new life.”

At the end of the retreat, superior provincial Brother Joaquim Sperandio invited the participants to “descend from the mountain” and return to their own life, to the Marist mission and the commitment to Christian community.

He invited them to walk in the company of Jesus, participating in his intimacy, conscience that the Lord is the one who is asking them to move towards deeper waters.

This type of experience of a joint retreat between brothers and laity takes place in several places of the Marist world.

It is about a new relationship, which is more structured and with more and more commitment.



## MARIST WORLD



Brazil: Celebration of the Day of the Marist in the UMBRASIL



Thailand: Marist Centre for Migrants, Samut Sakhon



Madagascar: Profession of Br Ralaiarison Beloved Julien in Farafangana



Spain: Summer activities "MarCha" of the Compostela Province in Tui



Cambodia: Lavalla community



South Africa: Computer Training by Marist Mercy Care

## EAST ASIA PROVINCE HOLDS 4TH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

### TOWARDS A NEW BEGINNING, AS MYSTICS & PROPHETS IN COMMUNION



The Marist Brothers of East Asia Province had their 4th Provincial Chapter on August 4 – 7, 2016 in

Marist School, Marikina City, Philippines, with the theme, "Towards a new beginning, as mystics and

prophets in communion."

There were 28 elected delegates, 17 coming from Philippine Sector, 6 from China Sector and 5 from Korea-Japan Sector. Br. Michael de Waas, General Councilor, was also present, as well as 5 observers, 1 translator, and 5 members of the secretariat. The scholastics animated the liturgies and the Marikina and MAPAC (Marist Asia Pacific Center) joined in the celebration of the daily Eucharist.

Br. Peter Rodney, the rector of MAPAC, was invited to facilitate the said gathering.

On the third day, the delegates elected 4 Provincial Councilors (instead of 6 as in the previous term). They are Br. Lindley Sion-

osa (re-elected) of the Philippine Sector, Br. John Chin (re-elected) of the China Sector, Br. Domingo Lee (re-elected) of the Korea-Japan Sector and Br. Dominador Santiago (new) of the Philippine Sector. Br. Robert Teoh was re-appointed in

February as Provincial for a second term.

The East Asia Province has a total of 115 Brothers, 70 of these are from Philippine Sector, 23 are from China Sector and 22 from Korea-Japan Sector.

## PROVINCE MÉXICO OCCIDENTAL

### 2ND SESSION OF THE 18TH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER



The second session of the 18th Provincial Chapter in México Occidental took place from July 29 – 30.

During the opening session on Friday, 29 July, Brother Miguel Ángel Santos Villarreal, Provincial, stressed that the chapter is a theological place where the Lord has something to say collectively and individually.

The agenda was then presented, highlighting two main topics to be dealt with during the chapter: the revision of the Norms of the Province and the presentation of the Provincial Strategic Plan for 2016 – 2021, with its three axes: Vocations and Marist Life, Marist Educational Mission and Animation, Management and Government.

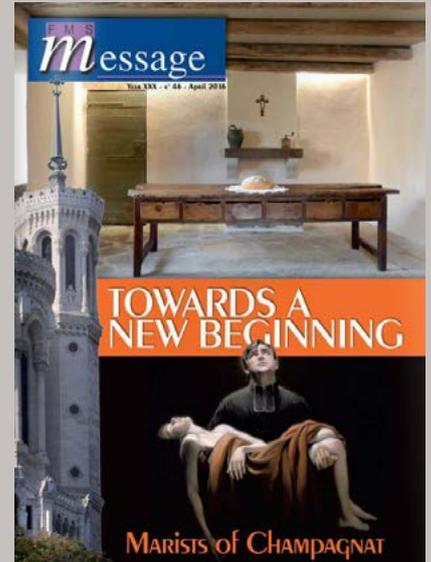
Brother Javier López then presented suggestions submitted by some communities for the Chapter to revise. During the afternoon, the work focused

on the strategic objectives and the contributions made in groups and the day ended with a Eucharist celebration during which Brothers Mele, Poncho, Julián, Rubén, Charlie, Junel, Bricely, Ernsó, Alexeste and Carlos renewed their religious vows.

During the second day, July 30, Brother Raúl Lara presented the province's financial situation and mentioned the need for greater sustainability of some works. General councillor brother Víctor Preciado offered a historical overview on the different chapters that have taken place, highlighting their evolution through dialogue and diversity. Finally, Brother Miguel Ángel Santos offered a concluding message for the end of the 18th Provincial Chapter reminding of the need for conversion with God as a reference.

The first session of the Chapter was held in December 2015.

## FMS MESSAGE 46



### Towards a New Beginning

The latest edition of the FMS Message (April 2016) presents the life of the Marist Institute from the perspective of the three years of preparation for the bicentenary of his birth.

It highlighted the three icons (Montagne, Fourvière and La Valla), linking them to the architectural structure of the house where the Institute was born (the three-story house of La Valla) and the Marian icons presented by Brother Emili in the circular of 2012 (the Visitation, Pentecost and the Annunciation).

The first chapter in this issue is on the mission (Montagne, the top floor of La Valla and the Visitation), the second chapter on communion (Fourvière, the ground floor of La Valla and Pentecost) and the third on spirituality (La Valla, the basement of La Valla and the Annunciation).

The idea was to present examples of life, taken from the different Marist moments of everyday life, which are emblematic and serve as a stimulus for a new beginning. We wanted to create a mosaic that reveals the new beginning that is already emerging in our lives.

## BRASIL CENTRO-SUL PROVINCE

### PROVINCIAL ENCOUNTER OF MChFM



From July 29 – 31, 181 members from 28 fraternities of the MChFM, gathered at the Marcellin Champagnat Marist Centre in Curitiba for the annual encounter of fraternities as well

as to experience the Marist belonging, united in hearts in preparation for the celebration of the bicentenary of the Marist Institute. Aside from the “La Valla 200 years

of the Marist Institute” conference, which reminded of the path and the achievements of Marcellin during the seven years of his life in La Valla, participants were enriched through several workshops during the encounter.

The last day of the encounter was marked by the Eucharistic celebration and the exchanging of experiences.

“Rediscovering friends, knowing new people, we dialogued, exchanged experiences.

We return to our happy homes and committed to the Marist cause,” affirmed Pedro Lucyk, one of the participants, of Criciuma.

## RWANDA: ENCOUNTER OF PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATORS OF AFRICA

The administrators of the administrative units of Africa gathered from Aug. 2 – 4 in Kigali, Rwanda, to share the reality of each province and reflect on alternatives of cooperating as a region.

“The environment of the encounter was really good,” said one of the participants.

“The welcoming of the community of Kigali and the Province of PACE was appreciated.”

Participants included Brothers: Tous-saint Randriamanantena de Madagascar, Theoneste Kalisa, Teodoro Grageda, Emile Motanda and Crescent Karerangabo of the PACE province, Innocent Ndububisi of Nigeria, Birkem Pascal of the West Africa district, Juan



Ignacio Poyatos of the Mediterránea province, Nicolás Banda of Africa Austral, Francisco Baeza and John Bwanali

of the Finance committee of MIC and of MIUC, and Libardo Garzón, economo general.

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