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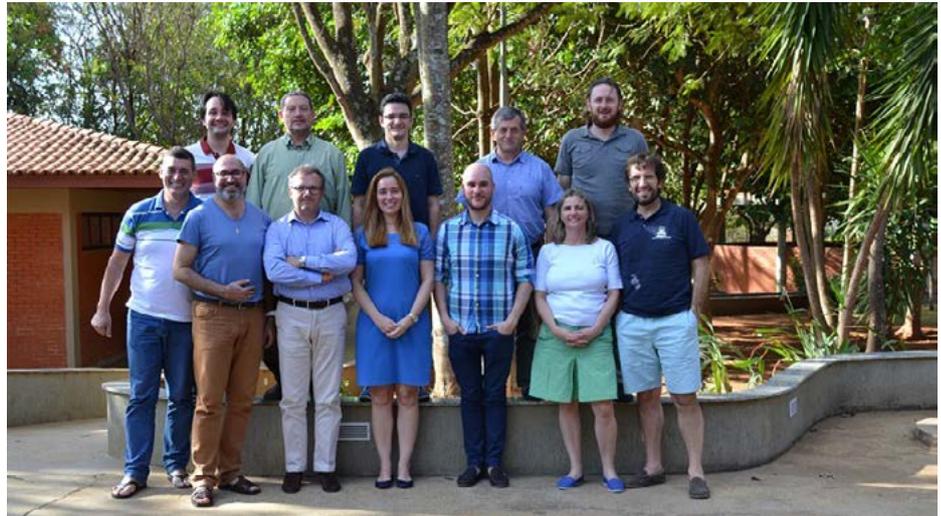
AMÉRICA SUR REGION

ENCOUNTER OF THE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

The second encounter of the implementation team of the América Sur region was held in Brazlândia, Brasil, from Sept. 2 – 5 to discuss the progress of the new region's strategic projects and structures.

It also served to discuss the complete texts that will be used in the presentation to provincials and vice provincials in next month's encounter in Curitiba.

Five provinces and one district took part, with Brothers and laity from Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay.



The superior of the Brasil Centro-Norte province, Brother Ataíde José de Lima, received the participants.

The group debated priority projects and initiatives of the following topics: vocational itinerary, vocational promotion, identification of re-

gional experts, vision, the region's principles and priorities, operating model, network of schools and communication plan, the bursar's network and the regional novitiate's network.

Marcelo Cordeiro, a lay Marist of the Brasil Sul-Amazônia province, pre-

sented the team the first version of the text containing the vision and the principles for the region.

Brother Patricio Pino, Province of Santa María de los Andes, then described the project's strategic objectives for vocational animation of Brothers and lay people.

The team's last encounter will be held in Uruguay in March 2017 for the presentation, delivery and implementation of its projects.

The executive secretary of the Marist Union of Brazil / UMBRASIL, Brother Valter Zancanaro, was present at the meeting to hold a dialogue with the team on the functioning of the interprovincial institution that will serve as an inspiration for the operating model that prepares the team.

The region was created in February 2016 to strengthen local Marist activities. It is also the result of the

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Several brothers of the general administration and of the general council met in the General House of the Marist Sisters, with the other branches of the Marist family for the celebration of the Marian feast, the feast of the Holy Name of Mary on September 12.

On Sept. 13 the regular session of the general council is taking place.

From Sept. 13 - 16, Br Chris Wills, director of Cmi, is taking part in the encounter of the provinces of Arco Norte in New York.

On Sept. 17, superior general Brother Emili Turú and Brother Antonio Martínez Estaún, postulator general, are participating in an encounter that will celebrate 17 martyrs of Argelia in Lyon, France.



Institute's restructuring of the Institute to carry out the New Models of Animation, Government and Management project.

The seven countries that make up the América Sur region represent 240,000 children and youth, assisted by 538 Brothers and 35,000 lay people.

The team's members are Br José Wagner Rodrigues da Cruz and Maria Manuela Suassuna (Brasil Centro-Norte); Br Jorge Gaio and Rony Ahlfeldt (Brasil Centro-Sul); Br Devis Fischer and Marcelo Cordeiro (Brasil Sul-Amazônia); Br José Kuhn, Br Alberto Aparício e Inés May (Cruz del Sur); Br Patrício and Ernesto Reyes (Santa María de los Andes); Luca Olivari (Advisor of the general administration).

MEDITERRANEA PROVINCE: RETREAT FOR BROTHERS AND LAITY



Each year, the Mediterranea Province's Secretariat of the Laity promotes the proposal of a retreat for Brothers and lay people in the area of Spain and Italy.

It defines the structure of the retreat and the line of work, objectives and content, which is usually in harmony with other provincial retreats.

This year's theme was on mercy.

In Spain, the retreat took place in La Zubia, Granada, from Aug. 3 – 7.

Thirty-seven people took part: 12 Brothers, 21 laity and four youth.

Most participants belong to a fraternity or to a Marist group within the province.

This year's participants also included young people from youth groups

(GVX) that, having finished their catechesis sessions, joined their local Marist groups.

Marists in Italy met in Foce (Amelia) in the region of Umbria, 70 kilometres from where the earthquake shook the country's centre on Aug. 24.

Around 30 people including couples, young people, children and Brothers, participated in this formation course, which ended on Aug. 28.

"We allowed ourselves to be embraced by an atmosphere of a real family and also of closeness with people who experienced anxiety," affirmed Brother Giorgio Banaudi, summarising the experience that they had close to the area of the earthquake.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

PAKISTAN

During this month of September, the Brothers from Pakistan are celebrating 50 years of Marist presence in the country. The first one to arrive was Brother Remigius Fernando, on Sept. 10, 1966.

MÉXICO OCCIDENTAL

The Group of Marist Friendship Experience, or GAMA, met at the Marist house 'La Misión' on August 27 in Mexico. The aim of this activity is for the youth to learn about the dynamics that one lives within the apostolic group so that they join GAMA.

BRAZIL AND CHILE

A Marist student exchange experience gathered Marist Youth from Brazil and Chile from September 4 - 11. Chile welcomed students from Marist College Pius XII of Novo Hamburgo, Brazil. Then young Marist College of Rancagua (Chile) will be received by the same Brazilian school from November 6 - 11.

CRUZ DEL SUR

The animators for meetings for new teachers met at the provincial house in Buenos Aires on September 1. They reflected on different criteria and future actions, as well as the value of shared community experiences.

PROVINCE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

7TH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER



Twenty-two participants from six different countries as well as two brothers from Nairobi converged on Mtendere in central Malawi for the Seventh Provincial Chapter of the Province of Southern Africa over the period 23 - 26 August 2016.

Were present, from the General Administration, Brothers Emili Turú, Superior General, and Antonio Ramalho, Councillor.

Apart from the handing over of the baton of leadership from Brother Joe Walton to Brother Norbert Mwila, the Chapter spent four days examining the current situation of the Province, and outlining the way forward to a New Beginning.

The Preparatory Commission for the event had done sterling work in adapting procedures learned at a recent Sustainability Workshop held in Nairobi for the Chapter.

Making use of suitable "matrices", the Chapter covered five major themes:

- Mission – the impact made by the Montagne experience on Champagnat and its relevance for us today
- The Fourvière Promises led the Chapter to do a SWOT analysis of the Province.
- The Dream – The assembly was facilitated to propose dreams for the future, and to contrast them

with the situation on the ground.

- Position of the Province – After reflection on the statistics of the Province as well as the challenging financial situation, the group emerged with four criteria that could be used for evaluating our current works.
- La Valla – This last theme led the group to work on the WAY FORWARD using key words such as ELIMINATE, REDUCE, RAISE/INCREASE, CREATE, DO DIFFERENTLY.

The last day of the Chapter was marked by the formulation of two resolutions, one concerning the future promotion of shared leadership in our schools by the establishment of Boards of Governors or the equivalent where these do not exist; and the other concerning the promotion and appreciation of the Lay Marist vocation in our Province.

The new Provincial Council is formed by the Brothers Frank Mwambucha, Ebel Muteveri, Geraldo Medida, Euclides Nangolo, Jude Pieterse e Patrick Bushilya.

The four days of work was animated throughout by the Christian Brother Michael Burke, a person with outstanding skills in listening to and guiding groups through an event of this nature.

The Province is very thankful for his having made himself available for this event.

MARIST WORLD



General house: course 'Amanecer' for third age brothers



Brazil: Young people from the Brasil Centro-Sul Province



Madagascar: Retreat with general councilors Antonio Ramalho and Ernesto Sánchez



Kiribati: Launching of the La Valla year at Spirituality & Formation Centre, Bikenibeu



South Africa: Br Emili Turú, superior general, visits St Joseph's Marist College - Cape Town



General house: Fourth meeting of the Preparatory Commission of the XXII General Chapter

A NEW LA VALLA: CONVOCAION OF THE 22ND GENERAL CHAPTER

LETTER OF SUPERIOR GENERAL BROTHER EMILI TURÚ

One year before the official opening of the General Chapter, which will be on Sept. 8, 2017, the Brother Superior General and his Council send the Circular of Convocation to all the Brothers. This Circular contains the opening date and gives the practical details for the

election of delegates and the opening of the Chapter (Statutes of the General Chapter, 3).

To read the full letter, visit: <http://www.champagnat.org/400.php?a=6&n=4072>.

AMÉRICA SUR

MEETING OF THE NETWORK OF BURSARS' OFFICES



Top: Br Libardo Garzón, Pedro Calbiague, Ivo Cadaval, Mauri Alves, Rosangela Specht, Marcelo Armendáriz, Br Lauro Hochscheidt, Br Pedro Herreros.
Bottom: Alejandro Sfelk, Luca Olivari, Br Gerardo Accastello, Br Jorge Gaio, Br Renato Augusto.

Provincial administrators of the new Marist region América Sur gathered with lay collaborators of each province in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from Aug. 12 - 16 to create a network of bursars' offices.

The five provinces of the region participated: Northern Central Brazil, Southern Central Brazil, Sul-Amazonia Brazil, Santa Maria de los Andes and Cruz del Sur as host.

In this work they were accompanied by Brother Libardo Garzón, General Bursar and Lucas Olivari, adviser or consultant of the New Models of Animation, Governance and Management project.

The encounter forms part of the "azul" project of the region, which seeks to construct the network of Bursars' Offices as a support structure for the region.

The first objective, which was amply attained, was to know and share the economic-financial reality and the administrative organization of each one of the provinces. The data or information contained in the Marist "Domus" allowed us to see clearly, transpar-

ently the information and to know the achievements and challenges that we face.

The information about the strategic projects of the Marist Institute and their implications for our region, made us aware of our belonging to a broader reality and aroused our sense of responsibility for it. Throughout the encounter, there was the prayer animated by each province which maintained us attentive to the action of the Lord who builds the house. The hospitality of the community of the provincial house of Cruz del Sur, for which we are profoundly grateful, made us experience that we have "only one heart and one same spirit."

From the encounter emerged six initiatives on which the members of the meeting will work, in working groups, according to the priority suggested by the implementation team of the region and the result of our own sharing as bursars. The majority of these projects must be designed or outlined by November and shared with the members of the network.

The next meeting was fixed for the 11 and 12 of May 2017, in Brazilia.

UNITED STATES



Brother Brian Poulin Celebrates his Final Profession

The Marist Brothers of the United States province celebrated the final profession of Brother Brian Poulin on Saturday, Aug. 27 during a liturgy at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, New York. Br Brian is the son of Steve and Roberta Poulin. He received his first sacraments at the Holy Rosary Parish in his hometown of Edmonds, Washington. Prior to entering the Marist Brothers, Brian graduated from Bishop Blanchet High School in Seattle, Washington and from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. He also worked in China for five years teaching English as a second language.

On Sept. 8, 2008, Brian became a postulant to the Marist Brothers and lived in community at the Marist Brothers Novitiate in Esopus, New York.

On Feb. 8, 2009, Brian officially entered the Marist Brothers Novitiate by becoming a Novice during a ceremony held in the Chapel at the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus. Following his first profession in June 2010, Brian moved to the Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he lived in a Marist Brothers community and taught at Central Catholic High School for two years.

In 2012, he moved to the Our Lady of Grace community in the Bronx, New York, and began working as a teacher and campus minister at Mount Saint Michael Academy, where he continues to serve today.

CUBA: YOUTH ATTEND 'SCHOOL FOR LEADERS'

60 YOUTH GATHER TO LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP



serve to live," very much in tune with the Year of Mercy proposed by Pope Francis.

In the fourth edition, participants included youth from the dioceses of Santa Clara, Camagüey, Holguín, Santiago, Bayamo-manzanillo and Guantánamo-baracoa.

Participants had the opportunity to re-read their personal history in the light of faith, meet Jesus in the Eucharist and in prayer workshops.

They were also able to experiment community life in 'groups of life' where they shared in a free and simple manner how they had been experiencing God and life in their history with their light and shadows.

They realised that Jesus loves them how they are and invites them to follow him more radically.

During Marian moments and the Eucharist at the shrine of Mary of Charity, the encounter encouraged participants to better live out the call of an "apron" Church, serving and going out to the peripheries, like Mary at the Visitation, that is, a Church that encounters the simple and needy.

Techniques of public speaking and tools to be a good animator to better serve adolescents and youth were also covered.

Br Héctor Ávalos Gil
Executive Secretary of the National Committee of Youth Ministry

Whoever does not
live to serve, does
not serve to live.

Summoned by the National Commission for Youth Ministry, 60 youth and animators of youth ministry took part in the fourth 'School for Leaders I' in Cuba from Aug. 8 – 13.

The encounter took place at the feet of Our Lady of Charity in the retreat house of El Cobre.

The School for Leaders I is a youth experience aimed at having a profound encounter with Jesus, with ourselves and with others to form and prepare them to the mission that the Lord proposes them based on their personal and group life project. The leadership, always well understood, from the perspective of the style of service of Jesus of Nazareth.

The school's theme is "whoever does not live to serve, does not

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