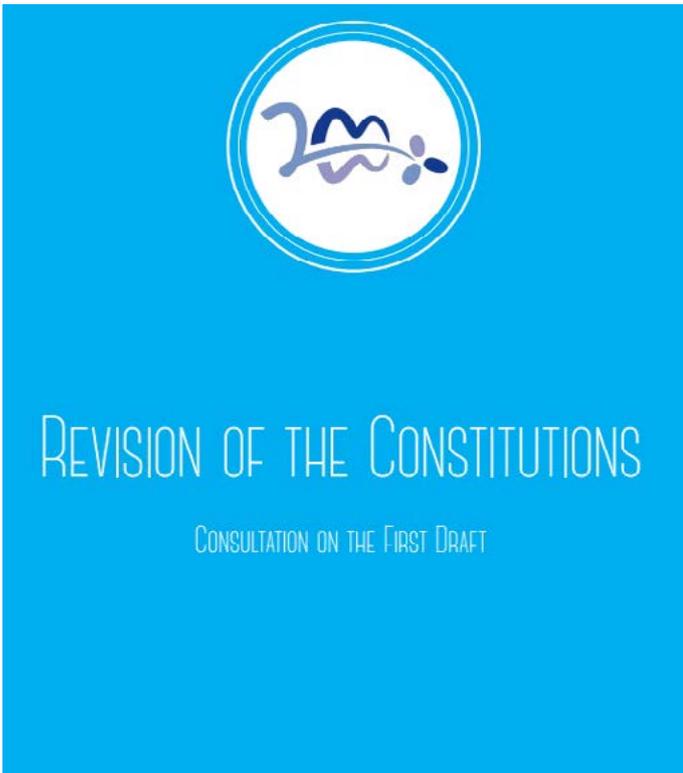




PROVINCES AND DISTRICTS REMINDED TO SEND CONSULTATION BY SEPT. 30

REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTIONS



The Commission for the Revision of the Constitutions is reminding provinces and districts to email their consultation form of the first draft to const@fms.it by Sept. 30.

After the consultation form of the first draft of the constitutions is sent back by September, the General Chapter Commission will send out a chapter consultation to be worked on between October 2016 and January 2017.

The consultation of the second draft of the constitutions will then be sent for provinces and districts to work on between February and June 2017.

The Constitutions' Commission will then prepare a third draft from July to August 2017, which will be presented at the 22nd General Chapter.

The Commission's members are Brothers Tony Clark, Eduardo Navarro, Albert Nzabonaliba, Antonio Peralta, Josep M. Soteras and Sebastião Ferrarini.

For more information on the process of the Revision of the Constitutions, click here: <http://www.champagnat.org/400.php?a=16>. To read the consultation of the first draft, click here: http://www.champagnat.org/shared/RevisConst/Const_borrador1_EN.pdf.

BR EUGÈNE KABANGUKA, GENERAL COUNCILLOR SHOWS SIGNS OF RECOVERY

THREE MONTHS AFTER INCIDENT, BR EUGÈNE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Three months after his stroke, which initially paralysed the right side of his body, Brother Eugène Kabanguka is showing good signs of recovery.

Following the general councillor's incident on June 15, he was initially taken to San Camillo Hospital in Rome and on June 23 he was transferred to a private clinic, Villa Sandra, to begin a rehabilitation process.

He was then transferred to the Rome American Hospital on Aug. 30, where he is expected to stay for at least a month, depending on the speed of his ongoing recovery and the advice of medical doctors.

Thanks to his daily therapy, Brother Eugène is now be-



Superior General Br Emili Turú, Br Eugène Kabanguka and Br Spiridion Ndanga in the American Hospital in Rome

ginning to move his right foot and eat without help using his left hand.

He can also beginning to move his right shoulder and arm.

At the request of the Superior General, Brother Spiridion Ndanga, from Rwanda, came to Rome in July and

continues to monitor closely the recovery of Brother Eugène. Brother Eugène is living through this very difficult moment with his accustomed serenity, positivity and patience.

The Institute continues to entrust Brother Eugène to the tender care of our Good Mother.

FOURTH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF THE SOUTH ASIA PROVINCE

DREAM TOGETHER FOR A NEW BEGINNING



ince forward.”

The Chapter began with an installation ceremony for the new Provincial, Brother Mervyn Pereira, during which the chapter participants blessed him in support of his new ministry.

Lay Marists and youth gathered with the Brothers on Aug 27, encouraging the Brothers to go further in developing Marist life and ministries.

Discussions included forming a joint mission community for Brothers and lay Marists, being more systematic in organising youth ministry structures and revitalising the Brothers’ prayer life.

This revitalisation could come about through the witness of a new community for Brothers and lay that would focus on the contemplative aspect of Marist life, and inviting other Marists from abroad to participate in the community.

The chapter concluded with the decision to focus on four topics for this three year term: Brothers and Laity, community life, prayer and vocation.

Click here to read the full chapter message in English: <http://www.champagnat.org/shared/bau/SoutAsiaChapter2016Message.pdf> .

The new Provincial Council of South Asia are Brothers Rajakumar Soosai Manikam, Mervyn Perera (Provincial), Chinthana Nonis, Sunil Liyanage, Noel Fonseka, Saul Placious.



The Chapter was described as one of **deep fraternal joy** and a **spirit of openness and honesty**

The Brothers of the Province of South Asia, gathered in Negombo, Sri Lanka, from Aug. 26 - 28 for their fourth provincial chapter under the theme 'Dream together for a new beginning.'

Participants included vicar general Brother Joe McKee and Brother Philip Pinto of the Congregation of Christian Brothers, who was the facilitator.

The Chapter, held at the Good Shepherd Serene Pastures Spirituality Centre, was described as “one of deep fraternal joy and a spirit of openness and honesty”, and included time for personal and group reflection.

Br Philip encouraged members to “speak the truth in love to each other, and to be creative and daring in responses that would lead the Prov-



BRIEF NEWS

COMPOSTELA PROVINCE

The Compostela Province has a new team of provincial solidarity, which met for the first time a few days ago to set the goals of this year and the lines of action of the triennium. The accompaniment of local realities, the care of social works and the presentation of the provincial plan for solidarity are among the issues that were raised during the two-day meeting.

CANADA

A meeting of community animators of the Canada Province was held on Monday, September 12 at the provincial house. Almost all of them were present and the meeting resulted in fraternal exchanges.

BRASIL CENTRO-NORTE

The aim of the formative itinerary that is taking place until October 5 is to promote continuing education for primary school teachers in the curricular elements of religious education. It is an initiative of the education management of the Marist province Brasil Centro - Norte, which includes video conferencing and an interactive environment at the Marist Center for Distance Education.

COLOMBIA

The Champagnat de Popayán school is undertaking a project of environmental awareness that is linked to the solidarity and the Marist values that Father Champagnat wanted children to receive through his teaching. The protagonists of the project are sick children seeking treatment and that finance the project through their recycling garbage.

MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION OF AMERICA IN BRASILIA: EVANGELISING EDUCATION



The Subcommittee of Education of the CIAP (Inter-american Conference of Provincials) met from Aug. 28 – 30 in Brasilia.

The encounter began with a moment of prayer and the reality of the education of Marist provinces were then presented by representatives that make up the Subcommittee.

The members are Ricardo Mariz (Umbrasil), Br Nicéforo González (América Central Province), Ana Laura Calderón (México Occidental Province) Br César Serna (Santa María de los Andes Province) Br Manuir Mentges (Brasil Sur-Amazonia Province) and Br Luis Carlos Gutierrez (Ciap and Provincial of América Central).

In the morning of the second day, the coordinator of the area of mission of Umbrasil Ricardo Mariz presented the planning, organisation and operation of Marist Brazil.

According to Mariz, the subcommittee has the role to add all common public education initiatives of the Americas.

It gathers all experiences and it elaborates documents and common guidelines.

There are currently four subcommittees of the Commission of Mission of

the CIAP (Inter-american Conference of Provincials): Education, Solidarity, Evangelisation and management.

Discussions at the meeting included the status of committees and subcommittees, work plans under the Strategic Plan and the path of the general government to the process of regionalization proposed by the new models: the Arco Norte and América Sur regions.

Another topic of the meeting was the exchange or internship of directors that happened in Porto Alegre, Brazil, resulting in a positive assessment of this exchange and suggesting that it continue.

A second draft of the Subcommittee is to the Masters for Directors.

Both the semipresencial Masters offered by the Champagnat University in Peru, and the distance masters of the Marist University of Guadalajara in Mexico have received positive evaluations.

Twenty-one students are currently studying and 12 have already finished.

Another important moment of the meeting was covering the work and the decision making regarding two documents: Future and Hope, foundation for an evangelising education and the Management Model.

MARIST WORLD



Madagascar: visit to the community of the Marist Missionary Sisters, Ambositra



Mexico: Yadira García receives a prize of graphic design, Marist University of Guadalajara



Italy: Feast of the Holy Name of Mary celebrated at the house of the Marist Sisters



General House: course 'Amanecer'



Brazil: Young people from the Province Brasil Centro-Sul



Spain: Maristes Montserrat School, in Lerida

OCEANIA COUNCIL AND COLLEGE OF LEADERS

The Oceania Council and College of Leaders gathered from Aug. 14 – 16 close to Sydney, Australia, to discuss several initiatives including a new international community, an Oceania partnership and the New Models Project.

During the encounter, which took place at the Mount Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville, the Council was told that for the new Lavalla 200+ International Community ([Mount Druitt, Australia](#)) has been named Rodrigo Gris Castro, Argelia Hernandez Mendoza – who are husband and wife – and Br Lawrence McCane.

Initiatives for lay Marist formation that are being developed were discussed, including the making of a regional programme for lay Marist formation delivered locally by formators that will be created next year in Melanesia and the Pacific.

Talks covered also three initiatives regarding initial formation for Brothers, the establishment of a Brothers Today committee and an invitation for younger Brothers to gather to reflect on the future of the mission in region in January.

Finally, the Oceania Council established a think tank to develop proposals for the New Models project in the region in preparation for the meeting with the general council.

The general council will meet in an extended session with the provincial and district councils of the Oceania region at Mittagong from Oct. 11 - 16.



LATEST DECEASED BROTHERS

10/09/2016: John Hyland Prov. Europe Centre-Ouest / West Central Europe - Ireland, Dublin	León Alfonso) Prov. Compostela - Spain, León
09/09/2016: Antônio Kehl Prov. Brasil Sul-Amazônia - Brazil, Porto Alegre	24/07/2016: Thomas Maher Prov. Australia - Australia, Box Hill, Victoria
28/08/2016: Fernando Arnido Armendez Prov. East Asia - Philippines, General Santos City	18/07/2016: Rafael Amo García Prov. Mediterránea - Spain, Benalmádena
19/08/2016: Joseph Sacino Prov. United States of America - United States, New York	13/07/2016: Francisco José Monego Prov. Brasil Sul-Amazônia - Brazil, Porto Alegre
18/08/2016: José Renato Schmaedecke Prov. Brasil Sul-Amazônia - Brazil, Porto Alegre	12/07/2016: Louis Vincent Prov. LHermitage - France, Saint Genis Laval
08/08/2016: Leslie Garfield Saker (Religious name: Luke) Prov. Australia - Australia, Hunters Hill	11/07/2016: Victoriano González Suárez Prov. Compostela - Spain, León
07/08/2016: Avelino Schwindt (Religious name: Adolfo Luis) Prov. Cruz del Sur - Argentina	10/07/2016: Floravante Bernardi Prov. Brasil Centro-Sul - Brazil
05/08/2016: Laurence Toohey Prov. Australia - Australia, Campbelltown	08/07/2016: Martin T. Ruane Prov. United States of America - United States, Bronx
05/08/2016: Fermino José Schneider Prov. Brasil Sul-Amazônia - Brazil, Porto Alegre	07/07/2016: Roger Soulier Prov. LHermitage - France, Saint Genis-Laval
03/08/2016: Donald Kelly Prov. United States of America - United States, Poughkeepsie	30/06/2016: Paul Breyse Prov. LHermitage - France, Saint Genis Laval
30/07/2016: Jesús Llamas Llamazares (Religious name: León Alfonso)	20/06/2016: Salvador Martín Fernández Prov. Norandina - Colombia, Ibagué
	12/06/2016: José María Mazuelas Prov. Cruz del Sur - Argentina, Luján
	10/06/2016: Armand Laflamme Prov. Canada - Canada, Château-Richer

THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS BORN IN BRAZIL

LAVALLA200> PROJECT

Being the Marian face of the Church, creating a space so that brothers and laity can share life, faith and mission, being an evangelising presence between children and youth who are in vulnerable situations.

This is the goal of the first international community of the Lavalla200> Project that is being launched, in the América Sur region, and that launched its activity on Sept. 1 in Tabatinga in the Amazon.

The LaValla200> Project proposes immediate action for the Institute to promote, in all regions, the creation of mixed communities of brothers and laity, of different places around the world, that commit themselves to give new and bold answers to the changes and needs of the world today. According to Superior General Brother Emili Turú, the



proposal of living with brothers and laity of different nationalities is going in that direction.

"We are initiating a new form of Christian life in the Church, living in communion between religious and laity and respecting the different vocations that are mutually enriching," he affirmed.

Since the last general chapter of the Institute, which took place in 2009, the idea of creating international communities began to take shape.

Participants of the general conference of 2013 decided to create at least two international communities in each of the Institute's six regions: Africa, Asia, América Sur, Europe and Oceania.

Missionaries

One of the members of the community is the lay missionary Verónica Rubi. Born in Argentina, Verónica has been working in the Marist Institute for over two decades.

"Always within the Marist field, the mission has always been turning itself into something each time more important in my life," stated Verónica.

Its preparation to participate in the international community began at least two years ago.

"I presented my availability to the Institute to go again in a mixed community on this occasion," she continued. "I arrived to Amazonia in 2014, specifically to Tabatinga."

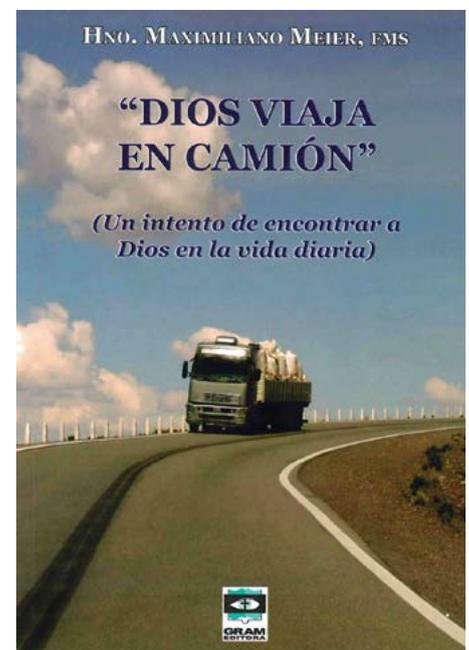
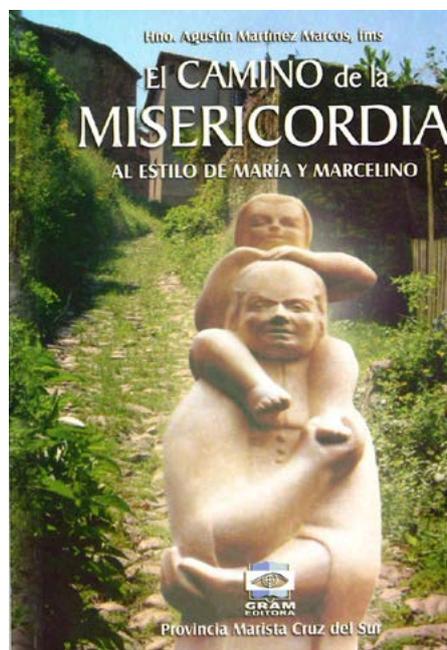
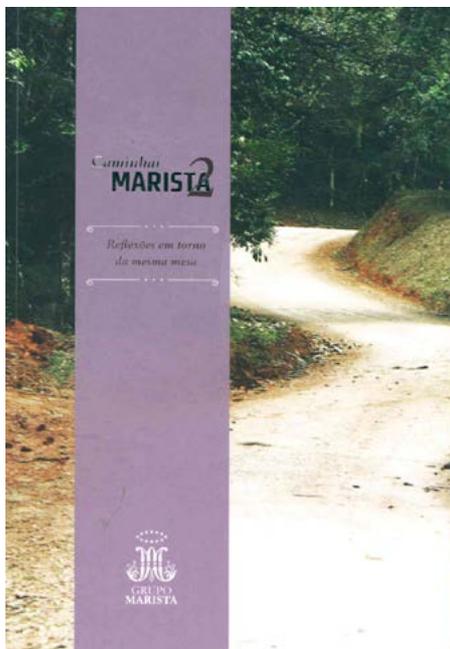
About her expectations, Veronica tells us that she is very happy to participate in this historic moment of the Institute.

"The challenge is great and exciting," she affirmed. "We have the presence of the Spirit that precedes us at all times and we walk with Him, in communion with many other Champagnat Marists worldwide."

In addition to Veronica, the community includes brother Íñigo García of Spain; Brother Justin Golding, of Australia and a lay woman, Peggy Vivas from Venezuela.

The international community will use the existing structure in Tabatinga, of the community of the Brasil Sul-Amazônia Province, where it is already established the presence of the Brothers has already been consolidated. The official inauguration of the community will be on Sept. 18.

LATEST RECEIVED BOOKS



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