



## FRANCE: MEETING OF THE CONTINENTAL COMMISSIONS MEETING

### NEW RELATIONSHIP PROCESS IN THE INSTITUTE



Fifty participants are meeting in Notre Dame de l'Hermitage from Oct. 3 – 8 to define proposals on the life of Marists of Champagnat and which will be presented at the 22nd General Chapter.

The summarised objectives are:

- Present the General Chapter with a set of proposals resulting from the experience of and the reflection about the new relationship processes in the Institute, in order to promote greater vitality of the Marist charism and construct a future of communion.
- Enhance the laity's sense of internationality throughout the Institute.

- Strengthen the international animation structure.
- Bring to a closure the Champagnat Movement update process.
- Celebrate and enjoy the Marist places.
- Prepare the final synthesis of the lay Marist identity framework (BEING A LAY MARIST).

The 50 participants come from all parts of the Institute and include members of the five continental committees and several guests.

For more information, click here: <https://goo.gl/hKS1Dx>.

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

On Oct. 2, was the closure of the four-day meeting of the Council of the OIEC in Cebu in the Philippines, with the participation of Carlos A. Rojas, the successor of the Secretariat of Mission's director.

From Oct. 3 – 8, the meeting of the Continental Commission of Laity is taking place at L'Hermitage. Superior general Br Emili Turú participated on the first day and general councillor Br Antonio Ramalho is accompanying the group throughout the whole encounter along with Br Tony Leon of the Brothers Today Secretariat and the Commission of Laity director, Br Javier Espinosa.

From Oct. 4 – 8, the Extended General Council is taking place in Bangkok, Thailand, a meeting with the General Council and the councils of Asia's three administrative units.

From Oct. 6 – 7, Br Hipólito Pérez, of the Brothers Today Secretariat, will be accompanying the Brothers that are taking part in the Thresholds (Umbrales) programme in El Escorial.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, and the following day, the New Models Meeting with the Councils of Asia in Bangkok, Thailand will take place. Br João Carlos do Prado and Br Carlos A. Rojas, director of the Secretariat of Mission and his successor, as well as general councillor Br Michael de Waas will participate.

## PRE-CHAPTER PROCESS: PREPARATORY COMMISSION SENDS DOCUMENT TO ALL MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT

On Oct. 1, the Preparatory Commission of the 22nd General Chapter sent the document "Pre-Chapter Process" to the superiors of all administrative units – a document which aims to engage brothers' communities and other Marists in contemplative conversations and immersion encounters leading to the Chapter itself.

The Preparatory Commission is inviting all Marists to participate in the three-stage process outlined below:

### 1. From October 2016 to February 2017: Creating New Conversations

We are inviting you to three conversations where we will explore together (a) the meaning of living the La Valla experience today, (b) becoming more aware of world around us, and (c) what else may be going on in the world that we are not yet aware of – and to imagine ways to reach out to and encounter those new realities.

### 2. From February to May 2017: Immersion Encounter ... Entering New Territory

Following the invitation of Pope Francis to be a Church that "goes out," and that allows itself to be challenged by the geographical and existential frontiers, we are invited to go out to meet new realities, for example people or things on the margins, opening our minds and hearts to what the Spirit may wish to say to us through them.

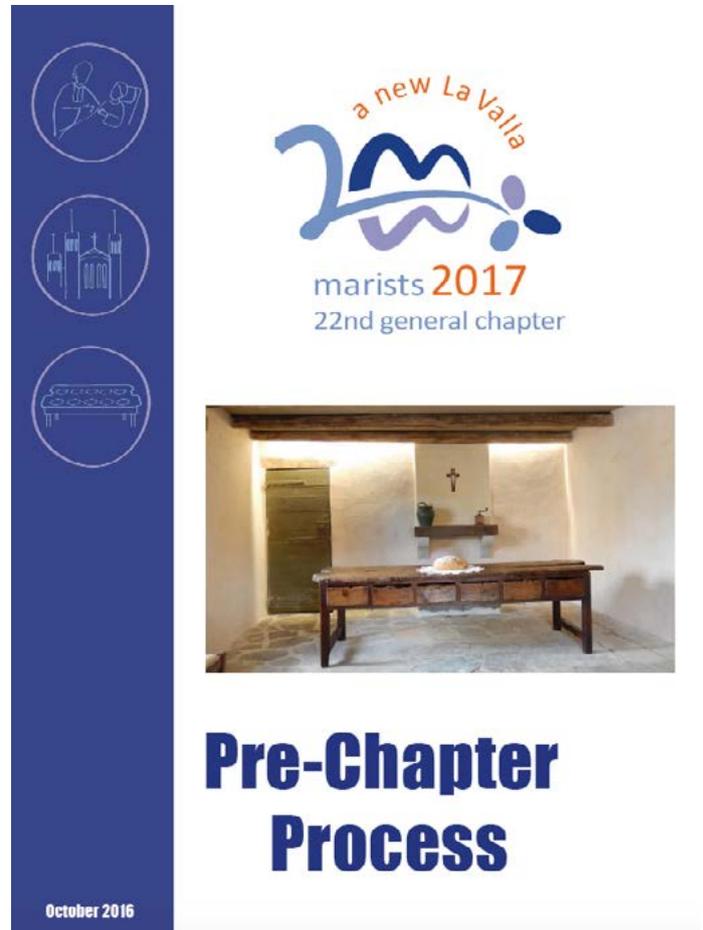
### 3. From May to August 2017: Gathering the Fruits

As a prior step in our preparation for the General Chapter, the participants from each Administrative Unit will organize a time for communities or the whole Province or District to share experiences of the previous stages. This will help capitularies and those invited to the Chapter capture what has come from their administrative unit and transmit this wealth of experience to the Chapter assembly.

In the letter written to the provincials, the Commission, bearing in mind the objectives of the Pre-Chapter Process, stressed, "we are not looking for 'Calls of the General Chapter,' but we are rather aiming to engage at a deeper level with our reality and the reality of the world around us.

"In the process, we hope that these conversations and encounters will enable us to move into unknown territory and attain a broader, deeper awareness of the circumstances in which we live these days," it continued. "This movement can then be the foundation from which the Chapter discerns the "Calls" at this point in history."

Each Administrative Unit, according to the indications given by the Preparatory Commission to the superiors, will organise the pre-chapter work, which aims at being a joy-



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## Pre-Chapter Process

ful engagement with our own experience and the experience of our Marist companions. It is a celebration of our lives and the beginnings of the passionate co-creation of our future together; it begins our process of exploring and discerning what God wants us to live and to be.



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BRIEF NEWS

**BRAZIL**

The next edition of Vivemar 2016 will take place from Oct. 17 - 21 at the Centro Marista Marcelino Champagnat (CMMC) in Curitiba. Collaborators of the Brasil Centro-Sur Province, both Brothers and Laity, will take part in the encounter.

**UNITED STATES**

In the United States, members of the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus (MBCE) and the Mid-Hudson Valley Camp (MHVC) Board met on Sept. 30.

Also, the superiors of the Marist communities of the US will be meeting on Oct. 7 and 8 at the Province Center in Forest Hills, New York.

**MEXICO**

The directors of Merida entrusted the Centro Marista de Desarrollo (CEMADE) during its preparation of a celebration to start the La Valla Year. At the end of the Mass, a group of youths gave their families a lovely memory made by the students of catechism themselves and that reminds them of the values that they wish to live this year.

MARIST CALENDAR

- **Oct. 5:** the first Marist school opened in Venezuela (1925)
- **Oct. 6:** Brother Bernardo was martyred in Barruelo, Spain (1934)
- **Oct. 7:** Br Charles Howard is elected 10th Superior General (1985); approval of the post-Vatican II Constitutions (1986); Br Benito is elected 11th Superior General (1993)
- **Oct. 8:** Brother Laurentino and 45 other brothers were martyred in Montcada, Spain (1936)

MUSICAL "WITH YOU MARCELLIN"

BR TONI'S OPINION REGARDING THIS RESOURCE



The musical is an idea born initially of pastoral work with children of primary school and later developed so that each generation feels challenged.

Twelve small and easy scenes to learn and play.

Seventeen songs that tell the scenes and provide a Marist message for this bicentennial: the rights of boys and girls.

The first part focuses on the life of Marcellin and his family, his relatively unsuccessful early schooling, his response to Jesus' call and being sent on mission to La Valla.

And there, the breaking point with the security of his personal journey took place: the cry of children, our most distressing reality today.

The second part centers on Marcellin's compassionate reaction, his sharing the dream with others and his never-failing trust in God and in Mary,

The musical stops there, in the early years of the foundation of the Institute, which were 1817-1824.

But the message transcends time: everyone is invited to act like him

and to turn children into protagonists of their personal and social story.

We have sought a great diversity in the melodies and musical arrangements so that all cultures can feel comfortable.

The songs are intentionally brief.

The messages are easy to remember and songs are designed to last beyond the musical's context, either as small hymns or as prayers, especially Marian.

There is absolute freedom to use all or part of it, to adapt it and to change it. In some places, they aim are aiming at creating a stable acting company that go over the Marist works.

In others, each educational unit represents the play and it is up to the different groups of the same establishment to find its audience.

Some think only of preparing the songs to use them as musical history.

It is up to each to decide...

Click here to download all of the resources: <https://goo.gl/el3oiW>.

## MARIST WORLD



New Zealand: Annual retreat in Auckland



Lebanon: Scouts with Br Miquel Cubelles of the Fratelli Project - Rmeileh



Sri Lanka: Negombo



France: The Superior General at the Meeting of the Continental Commissions Meeting



General House: Students, staff and parents of Marist College Penshurst



Spain: Meeting of Spain's 4 provinces on protection of minors - Guardamar

## MOTHER OF CMI DIRECTOR PASSES AWAY: INSTITUTE OFFERS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO BROTHER CHRIS WILLS AND HIS FAMILY



**Our deepest sympathies to Chris, his three sisters and brother, on the loss of their mother**



Brother Chris Wills, the director of the Secretariat of Collaboration for Mission, International (Cmi) received news on Sept. 29 that his mother, aged 93, passed away in Newcastle, Australia.

Sheila Wills, who lived 28 years longer than her husband, had been receiving palliative care for some time.

Chris said goodbye to her before leaving home some months ago when it was clear that she was failing.

"Our deepest sympathies to Chris, his three sisters and brother, on the loss of their mother," stated superior general Brother Emili Turú, expressing the affection of all Marists of Champagnat.



## THRESHOLDS AND AMANECEC: FORMATION COURSES

### NOW TAKING PLACE IN ITALY AND IN SPAIN

Two formation courses are currently taking place simultaneously, one in Spain and in Italy (Thresholds), as well as a second one for third age brothers in Italy (Amanecer).

Thresholds is being held in Manziana, Italy, for English speaking brothers and in El Escorial, Spain, for Spanish and Portuguese speaking brothers.

The coordinators in Manziana are Brothers Dennis Cooper and Teófilo Minga and for the course in El Escorial, they are Brothers Antonio Peralta and Joarês Pinheiro de Sousa.

In Manziana, twelve Brothers between the ages of 61 and 70 from Mozambique, Malawi, Philippines, Malaysia, Kenya, Australia, and New Zealand are taking part in course, which began on Aug. 11 and will finish on Oct. 12.

In El Escorial, the course also began on Aug. 11 and will end on Oct. 12.

There are 16 participants, from the District of Asia and of the Provinces: Brasil Centro-Norte, Santa María de los Andes, Norandina, América Central, México Occidental, Mediterránea and Ibérica.

The other formation programme titled Amanecer is for third age Brothers, over the age of 70, taking place at the general house in Rome from Sept. 1 – Oct. 31, under the guidance of its two directors – Brothers Landelino Guerrero and Javier Ocaranza.

It hopes to give new strength to the 20 Brothers who travelled from Honduras, Haiti, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, Brazil, Mozambique and Spain to take part.

The same programme for English speaking Brothers will be held in Manziana, Italy, from Oct. 20 – Dec. 16.

Both programmes include a week's trip to L'Hermitage in France to visit historic places that are significant to the Institute.



Thresholds - Manziana



Amanecer - Casa General



Thresholds - El Escorial



## IRELAND: MARIST STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

A group of 30 Marist students and 6 coordinators embarked on their Marist Leadership Training in September in Ireland. The three Irish schools involved are Moyle Park College Dublin, Marian College Dublin and Marist College Athlone.

This exciting Marist Leadership Programme is led by Marist Education in West Central Europe, in partnership with the Kinharvie Institute Scotland.

The Marist Leadership programme aims to empower students to lead with Marist values. On the training day students learned about a variety of leadership styles, and developed an awareness of their own qualities and styles as Marist leaders.

They also built upon their own understanding of how to support and lead a team to work effectively together.

It was a community building activity in many ways, as the students from each school had never met each other.

By the end of the day they had many discussions together, completed leadership activities, presented key leadership duties and built key relationships with real Marist family spirit.

Aisling Demaison from Marist Education, and Alastair Callaghan from Kinharvie Institute facilitated the day. The

Marist leaders then went back to the schools with their Certificates, new leadership badges and action plans of how to bring the Marist Values alive in their schools. They will be supported by two key coordinators and by a Marist Core Team of teachers in each school.

The Marist leaders also have a website [www.maristeu.com](http://www.maristeu.com) which allows them to connect via a forum and discuss and advise each other on leadership tasks. They will also have the opportunity to blog about the duties they carry out in order to give each other ideas and stay connected as a community.

Thanks to the staff at Kinharvie Institute and the Marist Education team the website will be updated with leadership articles and key information for students continued leadership journey.

The next Marist Leadership Training for this group will take place in May in L'Hermitage France. Here the students will evaluate their leadership roles through a coaching model and will follow the footsteps of Marcellin to understand the origin of the Marist values.

Follow this link to watch photos from the training day: <https://goo.gl/fkgau7>. If you would like any information about the programme, please contact Aisling Demaison: [a.demaison@maristeu.org](mailto:a.demaison@maristeu.org).

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