

HAITI: MARIST MISSION HIT BY A STRONG HURRICANE

SCHOOLS COULD REOPEN WITHIN A MONTH AND A HALF

Since hurricane Matthew hit Haiti on Oct. 3, nearly 900 have been confirmed dead and the homes of Marists have been greatly damaged.

But the Brothers themselves have not been hurt by the hurricane although it hit the south of the island, the poorest part of the country and home to the Marists.

No damages have been recorded in the scholasticate located in the capital, Port-au-Prince.

The 14 postulants of the residence in Les Cayes, whose ceiling was destroyed, are currently living in the retreat house of the diocese.

The solar panels of the Jérémie novitiate were also destroyed, as well as the property's fence.

The brothers' high school in Lati-bolière was partially damaged and their home there was to a greater extent.



Haiti, which belongs to the Mexico Occidental province, has nine native brothers and six Mexican brothers currently living there.

Brother Antonio Cavazos Bueno, who lives in Jérémie and is currently taking part in the "Amanecer" programme at the general house in Rome, states that further information will soon be available to help the Marist mission in Haiti.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

From Oct. 12 – 11, the Extended General Council of Oceania is taking place in Sidney. The General Council is meeting with the Councils of the Australia Province and that of the Districts of Melanesia and the Pacific.

From Oct. 11, the International Network Committee of Marist

Publishers met in Recife, Brazil, with the participation of Brother Miguel Ángel Espinosa Barreira, of the Secretariat of Mission.

From Oct. 12 – 16, the director of the Brothers Today Secretariat, Brother Tony Leon, is meeting with Marist schools in Ireland.

There were no news of the Marists in Dame-Marie, where the Brothers also have a primary and a secondary school.

Brother Parnel César went to the site by motorcycle, seeing that the two schools have been destroyed.

The homes of the families of several brothers were also completely destroyed, but the members are well.



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Brother Guillermo Villareal, of the provincial headquarters, announced that the Marist works “do not need medicine, food or clothing, which is already arriving. The most urgent need is reconstruction.”

“The schools could possibly reopen within a month or a month and a half,” he affirmed.

Brother Enrique Escobar, of Port-au-Prince, wrote on Oct. 10, “I know the Haitian people is strong and find strength to start again, and I know we can do something.”

“There is an urgent need for aid and for reconstruction,” he continued.

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FMSI has already sent a small emergency fund to the Mexico Occidental Province, which is responsible for the Marist mission in Haiti, and is currently trying to get an estimate of the damage.

Further information on how to help will be available in the next few days.

EXTENDED GENERAL COUNCIL OF ASIA IN BANGKOK

THE VOCATION OF A BROTHER AND THE NEW BEGINNING

The General Council met with the region of Asia’s three administrative units, the Councils of the Provinces of South Asia and East Asia, as well as the Marist district of Asia, from Oct. 4 – 8.

The meeting took place in “Camilian Pastoral Care Center” in Bangkok, Thailand. The encounter’s main objective was the reflection on the meaning of new beginning for the vocation of Brothers in the region.

The general outline of the recent Vatican document “Identity and mission

of the religious brother in the church” served as base as a guide for reflection during the meeting.

Another goal was related to sharing ideas about the different processes that the Institute is currently promoting: the Revision of the Constitutions; LaValla200> Project (International Communities for a New Beginning), Global framework for Marist Lay Processes, International Colloquium on initial formation, New Models of Animation, Government and Management and the preparation of the 22nd General Chapter.

The region of Asia could be characterized by being a very rich and varied mosaic of cultures and traditions, also very clearly revealed in the Marist life.

Some of the countries have a long educational tradition and with schools that have been very well recognized by society and by the Church. The Marist District of Asia (previously known as Mission Ad Gentes Sector) is more recent. The novitiate of Tudella in Sri Lanka is currently home to novices of the South Asia Province and the Marist District of Asia. The District also includes two novitiates of the Melanesia District.



The novitiate of Tamontaka, in the Philippines, includes youth of the East Asia Province. The post novitiate is for all those in Manila (MAPAC). The topic of initial formation was an important topic of reflection during the encounter.

In the evening of Oct. 7, was an occasion for the brothers and laity of the Marist District of Asia present in Thailand to celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary together. Four or five members who have joined the district after having done the formation programme in Camaldoli for the LaValla200> Project (and that are currently doing a preparation programme in Bang-

BRIEF NEWS

PROFESSION IN PORTUGAL

Brother Jaime Barbosa celebrated his perpetual profession in the Marist School of Carcavalos in Portugal on Oct. 8. His family, Marist Brothers, members of educational communities of the country, group animators and friends took part in the Eucharistic celebration.

MAPAC

Six Brothers of Asia (Aljon, Cian, Dudz, Jeffrey, Lloyd y Philip) ended their formation period at the Marist Asia Pacific Centre on Oct. 7. Two others from other congregations studied with them.

SPANISH MARIST CONFERENCE

The Marist Spanish Conference (CME) celebrated its annual assembly of representatives in Guardamar, from Oct. 4 - 8. This year, representatives of the four provinces with works in Spain discussed the protection of minors.

UMBRASIL

From Oct. 11 - 14, the Marist Union of Brasil will promote the fifth edition of the International Marist Congress of Education, in the centre of conventions of Pernambuco, Olinda. The encounter gathers three thousand educators and Marist administrators.

NEW ZEALAND

Thirty-five Brothers made their annual retreat in Auckland, New Zealand recently. The retreat was led by Fr Neil Vaney SM. This year the retreat focused on Mary as part of the Fourvière Celebrations.

kok before going to their respective countries) also took part. The aim of the celebration was to give thanks for the past 200 years of Marist life that will be celebrated in 2017.

The three councils met for another day and a half to be able to deal with the New Models of Animation,

Government and Management. Their encounter was animated by Brothers João Carlos do Prado (current director of the Secretariat of Mission) and Carlos Alberto Rojas (new director starting January). Other participants included Luca Olivari (assessor) and members of the New Models' project team for the Asia region.

SYRIA: SPANISH PRIZE AWARDED TO BLUE MARISTS €15,000 WILL GO TO AID, EDUCATION



A renowned prize of the Spanish government has been awarded this year to the Marist Brothers of Aleppo, Syria, for their work in a zone of armed conflict where they have risked their lives to attend to people affected by the war.

The "Blue Marists," Brothers Georges Sabé, Bahjat Azrié and Georges Hakim hope to allocate their prize of 15,000 Euros, to programmes of humanitarian aid and emergency for Syrian refugees, as well as educational programmes for children.

The award, called the "Premio Internacional Navarra de la Solidaridad," is given by the government of Navarra, one of Spain's 17 regions, and recognises the work of people that help disadvantaged social sectors and impoverished people around the world.

Other religious orders that have received this award in the past include the Missionaries of Charity in (2003), the Jesuit Refugee Service (2004) and the Juan Ciudad NGO of the Brothers Hospitallers of Saint John of God (2014).

The NGO Solidaridad, Educación y Desarrollo, which collaborates with the 'Blue Marists,' put their name forward as possible candidates for the prize.

The jury praised the volunteers who work with them and those who help them network with other Christian, Muslim and secular organisations.

They also praised the fact that they had stayed in Aleppo after the war began and their continued focus on the vulnerable population.

MARIST WORLD



Argentina: Centenary of the Manuel Belgrano School in Buenos Aires



Canada: Community of the Bellevue Marist House for autumn 2016



Ireland: Preparing the 60th anniversary of Moyle Park College in Dublin



Portugal: Profession of Br Jaime Barbosa in Carcavelos



Spain: The Asociación Espiral receive members of the Iberica Province



Switzerland: Community of Morat (Murten) – Brothers Pierre, Fernando, Jean-Louis

NEW NATIONAL DIRECTOR FOR MARIST SCHOOLS AUSTRALIA: FRANK MALLOY



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The Marist schools in Australia will have a new director from January 2017, who will be succeeding Brother Michael Green.

Frank Malloy, who holds a doctorate in education from the Australian Catholic University, has been the New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory regional director of the Marist schools in the country since 2011.

“We are very pleased to be able to appoint to the leading role in Marist education in Australia, an individual with such an outstanding record in education and the Marist tradition,” Provincial Superior Brother Peter Carroll affirmed in a media release dated Sept. 16.

“He brings to the role of national director an enormous breadth of experience and a deep insight into our Marist values.” Br Peter stated that Frank has been “associated with the Marists since



his early school days at Red Bend Catholic College, Forbes and throughout his professional career, as well as through his significant experience in the wider catholic education sector.”

The Provincial thanked Br Michael for his “enormous contribution and dedication to Marist Schools Australia”.



YOUTH FROM A LEBANESE MARIST SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WITH THE FRATELLI PROJECT

A three day camp was held in Rmeileh with the participation of 25 youth and teachers from one of the Marist schools in Lebanon to help teach 150 displaced children and visit their homes.

The Mission and Service Camp is an annual activity of the Marist Youth Ministry of the Collège des Frères Maristes Champville.

"This year, we decided it had to be in association with the Fratelli Project and at the service of refugee children," Edouard Jabre, officer of pastoral youth ministry at Champville, told the general house press office on Sept. 15.

"We wanted to step out of our comfort zone and go towards refugees, despite all the social and political tensions created by and around their presence."

The camp, held from Aug. 30 – Sept. 2, involved organizing activities, games and lessons with two daily shifts.

In the morning, they visited children and their families at refugee shelters, and in the afternoon they received other groups of refugee children at the Fratelli Project centre.

"I guess the most important thing is that we tried to live as a Marian Church, showing mercy, tenderness, affection, and that we got to know these people beyond the fact that they're Syrians and Muslims," stated Edouard.

"We lived an experience of community, and witnessed what (superior



general) Brother Emili said in his letter about Fourvière, that the dream of communion is the dream of every human being," he affirmed.

A final ceremony on Sept. 2 with the members of Champville as well as the refugee children and their families brought the camp to an end.

Currently, the Fratelli Project is led by a Marist Brother, Brother Miquel Cubeles, and a Lasallian Brother, Brother Andrés Porras, as an initiative of inter-congregational collaboration and is opened to other congregations to take part.

Another Marist Brother joined the community this year on Oct. 6 from the Iberica Province.

Brother Isaac Alonso Arribas had taken part in the first group to receive formation of the project LaValla200> International Communities for a New Beginning earlier this year.

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Encounter in Hermitage on Marist laity

The Laity Continental Commissions Meeting gathered at Hermitage, France, from Oct. 3 - 8 to study the proposals that the next General Chapter will present. Around 50 lay

Marists reflected on the path of the Marist laity. A special edition of Marist News on the encounter will be published on Friday.

GREECE: SPANISH YOUTH VISIT REFUGEE CAMP

Nine youth of the Maristes La Immaculada school of Barcelona visited a camp of 500 Syrian, Kurdish and Afghan refugees in Filippiada, Greece, from Aug. 25 – Sept. 1 to show support and to teach children.

During their stay, they collaborated with the Hope4Kids project, an initiative of a United States citizen, which had previously helped refugees in Lesbos and Idomeni.

The young Marists set up arts and crafts workshops, painted faces, played and taught dances, and songs. They taught mainly English to the younger ones, who were mostly Syrian, and they collaborated in some mathematics and English lessons for the older ones, predominantly Afghans. They also helped organise the vast amount of material that comes regularly to Filippiada, located 400 kilometers north of Athens.

The group stayed in a rented floor in Arta, about 15 km of the refugee camp, which they arranged with the help of Hope4Kids. There, the Greek government gives refugees a temporary permit of free movement in Greece, three meals a day and a drinking water point. The UN Refugee Agency provides



them with tents that house up to nine people and a sort of hammock that serves as a bed. There are medical visits once or twice a week in the refugee camp. They also have prefabricated showers and toilets, but no right to work.

SPAIN: PROVINCIAL ENCOUNTER OF YOUTH MINISTRY IN LARDERO

One hundred and sixty people gathered on Sept. 24 and 25 for the provincial encounter in Lardero, Spain, which included a concert by the Marist band Kairoi and testimonies of young people who participated in the Marist international youth encounter, Dare to Dream, and in World Youth Day over the summer.

Participants included animators of Marist schools of the Iberica Province and youth from parishes of the Marist Fathers. Brother Benito Arbués Rubiol and Martha Eugenia Martínez of

the L'Hermitage community, and general councillor Brother Ernesto Sánchez, also gave their testimonies.

According to the Iberica Province, "they all spread their excitement and enthusiasm of the experiences that they presented, making others think about the direction that we want the ministry's dreams to take."

Participants addressed the following questions: what is the Church's Marian face that we dream of, what can we do to deal with the injustices around us, who are our Montagne of today, how can we take care of our interiority and our communities? During the encounter, they also recalled the advice that superior general Brother Emili Turú gave in the same encounter last year when he said to allow one's self "five minutes of silence a day and ask ourselves what we can do for our brother each day."

The Kairoi band offered a concert on the evening of Sept. 24, after a previous act by Carlos Fernández Lázaro, co-author of the song dedicated to this year's educational theme of the Marist Spanish Conference, "200 and +, live our dream."



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