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GENERAL HOUSE: MARIST VOCATION ANIMATORS FOR A NEW BEGINNING

INSTITUTE WILL HOLD AN IMPORTANT VOCATIONAL ENCOUNTER FOR BROTHERS & LAITY

Leaders and speakers will gather at the general house from Nov. 10 – Dec. 14 in what is expected to be one of the Institute’s most significant gatherings on vocations for both brothers and lay Marists.

“Since the year dedicated to vocations in 2006, such an important event has not yet taken place, especially under the new perspective of a vocation for both brothers and laity,” said Brother Hipólito Pérez Gómez, assistant director of the Brothers Today secretariat.

“This meeting’s goal is to encourage and energize vocations in different contexts of the Marist world, whether in the provinces, districts or in local communities.”

The event, titled ‘Marist Vocation Animators for a New Beginning,’ will have 40 participants, including the coordinating team and guest speakers.

“We are very excited about this programme and it is a blessing that there are so many people participating,” he continued.

“It will also happen during Advent, which is a sign of illumination and on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, a sign of hope.”

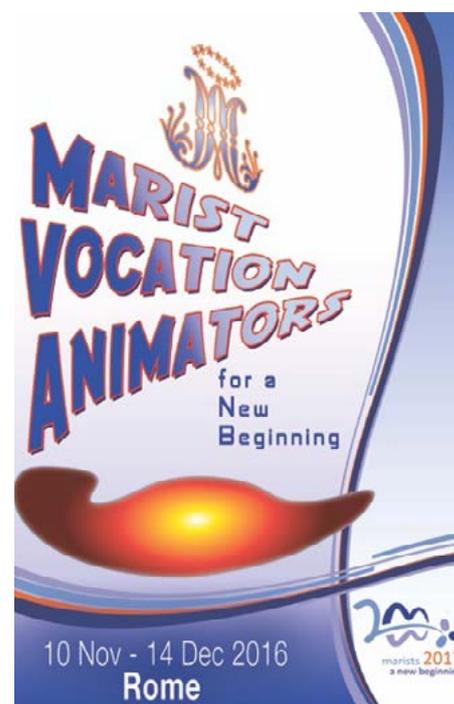
The encounter includes three parts: the first part centres on a personal spiritual experience, the second part in the theological implication and the culture of vocational ministry, and the third on ways of planning and carrying out the best practices

to promote vocations. The event’s icon is a clay lamp meant to symbolize two elements that coincide with the topic of vocations.

“The first element is that it is a mystery of God and that we cannot control it,” told Br Hipólito .

“The second element is that it is an issue of the heart and involves the passion we put into it, both at a personal level and in community.”

The speakers are superior general Brother Emili Turú; Brother Miguel Angel Espinosa Barrera, vice director of the Secretariat of Mission; Pep Buetas, co-director of the Secretariat of the Laity; Brother Óscar Martin will cover interiority, Cristina Meléndez of the Asociación ADSIS; Father John



GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

From Oct. 31 – Nov. 3 the extended general council of Europe is gathering in Guardamar, Spain.

On Nov. 4 – 5, Brothers Antonio Ramalho and Ernesto Sánchez will gather with the Councils of the administrative units of Europe. Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas, future director of the Secretariat of Mission, will also take part. The New Models project will be among the topics they discuss.

On Nov. 5, in the evening, also in Guardamar, the meeting of the European Marist Conference will take

place with the participation of Brothers Antonio Ramalho and Ernesto Sánchez.

From Monday to Thursday of this week, Marist formators of the Americas are gathering in Curitiba, Brazil. Brothers Hipólito Pérez, of the Brothers Today Secretariat, and Javier Espinosa, of the Secretariat of the Laity, are taking part.

On Oct. 27, Brother Chris Wills, director of the Secretariat for the Collaboration for Mission, International (Cmi), participated in the Cmi-Germany meeting in Mindelheim.





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Larson SM; Brothers Carlos Vélez and Márcio Henrique Ferreira (experienced in vocational ministry); Brother Ernesto Sánchez, councillor general; Brother Sean Sammon, former superior general.

The organising team includes Brothers Tony Leon and Hipólito Pérez Gómez of the Brothers Today Secretariat; Brothers Teófilo Rodrigues Minga and Dennis Cooper, formators in Manziana; Brother Ernesto Sánchez, councillor general.

CALENDAR OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND DIRECTORS OF SECRETARIATS

NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2016

Oct. 20 – Dec. 16: Formation programme 'Amanecer' for third age, English-speaking Brothers in Manziana.

Oct. 31 – Nov. 03: Extended general council meeting of Europe in Guardamar, Spain.

Oct. 31 – Nov. 04: Encounter of formators of the Americas in Curitiba, Brazil: Br Hipólito Pérez, of the Brothers Today Secretariat and Br Javier Espinosa of the Secretariat of the Laity.

Nov. 4 – 5: European Provincial Councils meeting in Guardamar, Spain: Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas Carvajal (new Secretariat of Mission director starting January) and general councillors, Brothers Ernesto Sánchez and Antonio Ramalho.

Nov 5: European Marist Conference (CEM) meeting in Guardamar, Brothers Antonio Ramalho and Ernesto Sánchez.

Nov. 7 – 12: meeting of the African Mission Commission in Nairobi: Brothers Mario Meuti, director of FMSI in Rome, João Carlos do Prado, director of the Secretariat of Mission, Carlos Alberto Rojas and Mark Omede (new director and assistant director of Mission Secretariat starting in January).

Nov. 7 – 25: Meeting of the Commission for the Revision of the Constitutions at the general house: Brother Josep Maria Soteras.

Nov. 9 – 16: 50th Anniversary of Marist presence in Pakistan: Superior general Br Emili Turú and general councillor Brother Michael de Waas.

Nov. 10 – Dec 14: Marist Vocation Animators Programme at the general house: general councillor Brother Ernesto Sánchez and Brothers Hipólito Pérez and Tony Leon of the Brothers Today Secretariat.

Nov. 11 – 12: Fifth Seminar of Formation for Educators in Rome: Br Miguel Angel Espinosa Barrera of the Secretariat of Mission.



Nov. 17 – 21: Council of the Fratelli Project meeting in Lebanon: Vicar general Brother Joe McKee and Brother Chris Wills, director of "Collaboration for Mission, International."

Nov. 18 – Dec. 5: Encounter of coordinators of the commissions of laity of the Americas in Quito, Ecuador: Brother Javier Espinosa of the Secretariat of the Laity.

Nov. 22 – 28: Retreat for the America Central Province at San Salvador, El Salvador: General councillor Brother Víctor Preciado.

Nov. 25 – 27: Second International Symposium for Superiors General and Economes General at the Auditorium of the Pontifical University Antonianum in Rome organised by the Vatican's Congregation for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life: Superior general Brother Emili Turú and Brother Libardo Garzón, economo general.

Nov. 26: Meeting of Tutti Fratelli at the general house of the Lasallian Brothers in Rome.

NEWS IN BRIEF

LES AVELLANES

On Saturday, October 29, the renovated cloister of Les Avellanes, Spain, of the Hermitage Province was inaugurated. At the same time the closure of the celebrations of 850 years of the monastery took place.

STUDENTS IN ROME

Brother Carlos Saúl Corzo Uribe returned to the Norandina province last week after finishing his studies in youth and vocational ministry at the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome. In October, Brother Fabien Bulaimu Poyo, of the East Central Africa Province began studying clinical psychology at the Gregorian University in Rome.

AMERICA CENTRAL

From Oct. 21 – 22, around 90 catechists that work in the Marist mission in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Puerto Rico gathered in Guatemala for a session of formation, sharing life, evaluating and celebrating.

MARIST CALENDAR

Nov. 1: Marcellin Champagnat entered the seminary in Verrières (1805); first Marist foundation in Paraguay (1968). Brothers Juan Cruz Arbiol, Feliz Aldunate and Santiago Sánchez travel in a small plane to the city of Concepción, north of the country, considered as the date of foundation, since the country's first Marist work began there.

Nov. 2: Marcellin's met John Baptist Audras for the first time (1816); Brother Stanislaus died at the Hermitage (1853).

Nov. 28 – 29: Encounter of Provincial administrators of Europe at the general house: Brother Libardo Garzón, economo general.

Nov. 29: Regular meeting of the general council.

Nov. 30 – Dec. 2: International Communications Committee at the general house: General councillor Brother Antonio Ramalho.

Dec. 1: General assembly of Solidarity with South Sudan in Rome: Brother Chris Wills, the director of "Collaboration for Mission, International."

Dec. 2 – 8: Retreat for the America Central Province at Guatemala City, Guatemala: General councillor Brother Víctor Preciado.

Dec. 5 – 10: Meeting of Preparatory Commission General Chapter in Rome: Brothers Josep McKee (vicar general, coordinator), Carlos Huidobro (general secretary), Pau Fornells (superior general's secretary, commission's secretary).

Dec. 12 – 14: Provincial administrators of the Arco Norte region in Mexico: Brother Libardo Garzón, economo general.

Dec. 15 – 17: District of the Pacific Mission Assembly in New Zealand:

General councillor Brother Michael De Waas.

Dec. 18 – 20: District of the Pacific Chapter in New Zealand: General councillor Brother Michael De Waas.

Dec. 19: Regular meeting of the general council.

Dec. 26 – 30: Extended General Council of Africa in Nairobi: members of the general council.

Dec. 26 – Jan. 2: Retreat for the Cruz del Sur Province in Luján, Argentina: General councillor Brother Víctor Preciado.

Dec. 30 – 31: Africa Regional Meeting on New Models in Nairobi, Kenya: Brothers Ernesto Sánchez, Antonio Ramalho, general councillors, and Mark Omede (vice director of Mission Secretariat starting in January).

Jan. 2: Celebration of the Bicentenary of the Institute: Superior general Brother Emili Turú in Bangladesh for the opening of the new school; Vicar general Brother Joe McKee at La Valla; Brothers Antonio Ramalho and Ernesto Sánchez, general councillors, at the Marist International Centre in Nairobi; General councillor Brother Víctor Preciado in Luján, Argentina; Brothers Eugène Kabanguka, Michael de Waas and Josep Maria Soteras, general councillors, at the general house.

BRAZIL: 5TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF EDUCATION



The fifth International Congress of Marist Education took place at the Convention Centre of Pernambuco in Olinda, Brazil from Oct. 11 – 14.

With the theme "Quality education: senses, experiences and horizons," the event – promoted by Marist Union of Brazil (UMBRASIL) – gathered

MARIST WORLD



Philippines: Postulancy in Davao



Mexico: Subcommittee of evangelization of America - Irapuato Guanajuato



Australia: International Council for Economic Affairs (CIAE) in Sydney



Spain: Extended general council meeting of Europe in Guardamar



Germany: Meeting Cmi Europe Central West in Mindelheim



Bolivia: Formation programme for marist leaders

over 2,000 educators and managers, entities linked to education as well as national and international guests, to discuss the promotion of the right to a comprehensive quality education.

The opening ceremony portrayed the Marist presence in Brazil and in the state of Pernambuco in the formation and evangelization of children, adolescents and youth.

Brother Valter Pedro Zancanaro, the general coordinator of the event, stressed the importance of discussing the future of education.

“Our desire is for this to be a significant time of knowledge, learning, dialogues and interlocutions of striking and productive experiences,” affirmed the Brother.

During the event’s four days, the 150 lecturers, among them big names of education as Leonardo Boff, Bernard Charlot and Jorge Larrosa, talked about “emotion, spirituality and science,” “education of tomorrow: senses and horizons,” “education, care and ecology” among other things that contribute to an excellent academic education.

During the fifth International Congress of Marist Education, the second Marist Congress of Learners and Fam-

ilies also took place, dealing with topics of great relevance to the reality of young people.

Around 100 young Marists spoke about their experiences, the reality in the classroom and the future of education.

Communication of Scientific Work

In the first edition of the International Congress of Marist Education, the communication of its work was a success.

With over 50 oral presentations, 200 academic papers, 20 posters and 30 reports of presented experiments, the communication was a great opportunity to exchange experiences.

“The scientific work enriched the fifth International Congress of Marist Education.

“They were spaces where convivences became learning and sharing of knowledge among young people, researchers and education professionals.

“We can update the knowledge and motivation for further studies and research,” said the coordinator of the Scientific Committee, Ricardo Mariz.

Multiculturalism and spirituality were remarkable at the fifth International Congress of Marist Education. Exalting the Marist charism and the richness of the culture of the northeast of Brazil, in moments of reflection

and sending, Marist students from the cities of Surubim, Natal, Recife and Joao Pessoa performed cultural performances that filled the eyes and hearts of the participants.

OCEANIA: NEW MODELS PROJECT MEETING

Following on from the meeting of the Extended General Council at Mittagong the Councils of the three Administrative Units in Oceania (Australia, Melanesia, and the Pacific) met on 16 October to discuss how to work more collaboratively as a region.

In March 2016 the Oceania Council met with the International Commission for Mission and established a Think-Tank to develop a set of initiatives for possible future collaboration in Oceania.

The members of the Think-Tank: Mr Peter Macnamara (Australia), Mr Brian Nicholas (Pacific), Mr Mike Andrew (Pacific), Br Paul (Australia), Br Kevin Wanden (Pacific) met in Brisbane in July and developed several initiatives. Br Mark Kenatsi (Melanesia) was unable to attend.

On 16 October the Councils of the three Administrative Units met to workshop the Think-Tank initiatives.

The meeting was skilfully facilitated by Br João Carlos do Prado, Br Carlos Alberto Rojas Carvajal and Mr Luca Olivari.

In total eleven initiatives were workshoped and prioritised. A timeline for their development and an implementation strategy was agreed. The initiatives will be formalised and an



Council of the three administrative units of Oceania in Mittagong (Australia)

Implementation Team will be established at the next meeting of the Oceania Council on 6-8 November.

Following this, the Leaders of the three Administrative Units, Br Peter Carroll (Australia), Br Jean-Marie Batick (Melanesia) and Br David McDonald (Pacific), will send a letter to all Champagnat Marists which will outline the initiatives for the Region over the next three years.

THAILAND: COMMON VISION FOR MARIST LIFE AND MISSION IN ASIA

The councils of East Asia, South Asia and the District of Asia gathered in Bangkok last October 9-10 for another round of sharing on the Project New Models of Animation, Governance and Management.

The meeting was aimed at designing a common vision of Marist Life and Mission in Asia for the next 10 years, specifying



ing concrete initiatives for implementing that vision.

On the first day, Br. João Carlos do Prado, Br. Beto Rojas and Mr. Luca Olivari led the group in a journey that had 3 moments.

The first moment invited the Asian leaders to focus on the past. A period of reflection and sharing was spent as they reviewed the past 10 years, highlighting important events and experiences on the AU, regional and Institute levels. Each of the three small groups then built a timeline to visually present the output of their reflections.

Focus shifted to the present as the group moved to the second moment. Here the reflection concentrated on "what we are doing". Presentations and discussions were made on the trends beyond the current direction.

The third moment asked the participants to focus on the future, to take a look at the next 10 years and see "where we are going". This process required a lot of imagination as they attempted to describe the life and mission in Asia in 2026

and identify how the AU's, the region, the brothers and lay people were supposed to have gotten there.

The second day was dedicated to the Proposed Initiatives developed by the Asian New Models Team.

It was intended to enable the regional leadership build a common ground by evaluating the proposed initiatives, make additions where needed and ultimately indicate their commitment to adopt and implement them. The gathering was an

opportune time to gain a further and deeper understanding of the New Models of Animation, Governance and Management. It allowed the Asian councils to better appreciate this project as questions were answered and important points were clarified. Moreover, they gained insights on what the other regions are doing and how they are moving forward.

The meeting ended in a positive note as the leadership of the three AU's in Asia signified by their response to the whole process their being on-board the New Models Project.

IRELAND: SCHOOLS OF 'THE EMERALD ISLE' CELEBRATED MARIST WEEK

The Marist schools of 'The Emerald Isle' celebrated Marist week from 10-14 October this year. It was a moment to reflect on the presence of the Marist in this country, the province of Europe Central West as well as in the wider international context.

During this week, Br Tony Leon, from the Secretariat of Brothers Today, visited each of the three schools and shared stories of the many ways which Marists are present in our world today.

Each school found creative expressions to highlight Marist Week in the first month of their academic year. Some had reunions of former students with a luncheon at the school, whilst others promoted young leadership with student leaders coordinating games and activities in the afternoon for the junior students. All the schools celebrated with a school mass in the presence of the brothers of their respective community.

Special thanks to the leadership of Mrs Aisling Demaison, the province director of Marist Education and Br PJ McGowan who organised this national project.

The gratitude of the fruits of this week, extends to those many Marist educators at the grass roots of each school community. These Marists men and women took on extra roles to make this week a special experience for their students. Especially:

- **Marian College:** Paul Meany, Oonagh McCaul, Paul Harding & Graham Lawless, Lorraine Lee, Maria Kenny, Arlene Murphy, Grainne McCarthy.
- **Moyle Park College:** Niamh Cahalane, Tracy Doyle, Bernie Doonan, Leigh Ellis, Rowena Lacy, Shay Quinn, Meghan Cunningham, Aine Sreenan



- **Marist College Athlone:** Tony Colgan, Mick Dermody, Orla McGrath, Martha McTernan, Rita Lawless, Mary Cryan

The Marists of Ireland will continue to celebrate their common charism during the Bicentennial year with a joint Bicentenary celebration amongst the three schools in Maynooth on 11 March.

There will also be Formation programs at The Hermitage for Marist educators in the same month and a program for all the school student leaders in April.

May the road to the New Beginning continue to rise up to meet the Marist men, women, students, parents and brothers of Ireland.

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