



## BR EMILI TOOK PART IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE UNION OF SUPERIORS GENERAL

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“Those who have the service role of authority like us also have a particular responsibility for moving our Congregations beyond where they are now because, in the end, the most important decisions pass across our desks. We have in our hands the power to open and shut, put the brakes on or push. We are all invited to add a dose of folly and audacity to our lives and to go beyond what is known. To leave our comfort zone and go to a space where miracles happen”.



Br Emili Turú, Superior General, is convinced of this. At the 88th Assembly of the USG meeting in Rome, he presented the project Lavalla200> and went on to say, “things cannot remain as they are”, and cited Michael David Semeraro, “it is no longer enough to reform consecrated life; it has to be reformatted, to borrow a phrase from IT” ([download doc word](#)).

“Whether we like it or not, we are faced with new needs, new speeds, new ways of writing and communicating. We

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

On Nov. 28 and 29, provincial administrators of Europe are gathering at the general house with the participation of the general bursar, Brother Libardo Garzón.

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, the general council will hold its regular meeting.

From Nov. 30 – Dec. 2, Brother Antonio Ramalho will participate in the first meeting of the Institute’s communications committee, which will take place at the general house.

General councillor Brother Víctor Preciado continues his visit to the América Central province. On Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, he will take part in the session of the provincial council followed by the provincial retreat in Guatemala.

On Thursday, Brother Miguel Ángel Espinosa (MAEB), after having completed his mandate as assistant director of the Secretariat of Mission.

As already reported, his substitute will be Brother Mark Omede of the Nigeria Province.

Brother Chris Wills, director of the office of Collaboration for Mission, International, will participate in the general assembly of the Solidarity with South Sudan Project on Dec. 1.

On Dec. 2, superior general Brother Emili Turú, will accompany Brother Georges Sabe in receiving the ‘Premio Internacional Navarra de la Solidaridad’ award in Pamplona, Spain. This year, the prize has been awarded to the Blue Marists of Aleppo.

cannot turn backwards but we have to find a new system for tapping into our deepest desires and for doing all we can to bring them to life, listening to the calls coming from our brothers and sisters around the globe. The challenge posed by the Gospel is not that of defending oneself from the world but of living in it. We need more courage. We cannot allow ourselves to be paralysed by dangers, but

energised, as happened to our founders in their time, by the calls coming from their historical circumstances, seeking to get the balance right between what we have already tried and what we are yet to try, being willing to adopt, after serious discernment, provisional steps, a degree of experimentation as well as courageous and bold initiatives that embody what we stand for."

## CONTEMPLATIVES IN ACTION LIKE MARY

### NATIONAL ENCOUNTER OF THE MARIST FRATERNITIES OF MEXICO

The members of the Marist fraternities of the two Provinces of Mexico met from October 28 to 30 in Guadalajara to deal with themes such as the vocation of the lay Marist.



The 120 participants from 15 fraternities met in the Retreat House "Nazareth" under the guidance of Miguel Angel Villalobos, the coordinator of the Fraternity Chapagnat (Irapuato) which organized the encounter. The Superior General, Brother Emili Turú, participated in the encounter through a [video](#).

The Provincial from Western Mexico, Brother Miguel Angel Santos Villareal,

spoke about the Marist Mission and described it saying how to make Jesus Christ known and loved by means of a significant presence among the poor children and young people.

Edison Oliveira, Marist lay person from Brazil, spoke about the role of the lay person in the Marist Charism,

stressing that the Marist Laity are "those who after a long and intentioned moment of discernment, have decided to live a Christian spirituality and mission in the style of Mary, following the intuition of Marcelin Champagnat".

In the same way, he mentioned that this vocation "is born and develops by reading one's own life through the light of the Spirit" and that the Marist vocation "allows us to live with simplicity, accepting everyone; with humility and pardoning, with modesty which help us to give sense to everything"

## APP "MARISTS"

### NEW MOBILE APP ENABLES FAST ACCESS TO MARIST WORLD NEWS

To communicate more efficiently the Marist life, the Institute needs to use the new technologies of communication, that are constantly being created, with greater boldness.

Mobile phones are slowly substituting computers. There are increasingly less visits to websites and news circulate in social networks and in mobile applications. The message is the same, but other means are being used.

The Institute's communication press office has developed an App, available for Androids (Google Play) and for iPhones (App Store), which offers news, images and Marist thoughts for mobile users.

One of the concerns of the press office is to use all the existing possibilities, in a coordinated way, in order to



show that Marcellin's dream is alive and is reborn under different aspects, in all environments where the Marists of Champagnat are present.

It dedicates a great amount of energy to spreading the expressions of the Marist charism in different formats: the website, social networks, YouTube, the PDF newsletter and now through this application as well.

The application is available in the Institute's four official languages. In addition to the permanent information about who we are, we offer three dynamic sections: news, a picture of the day and a thought of the day.

Each day that information is introduced, the mobile phone receives an alert.

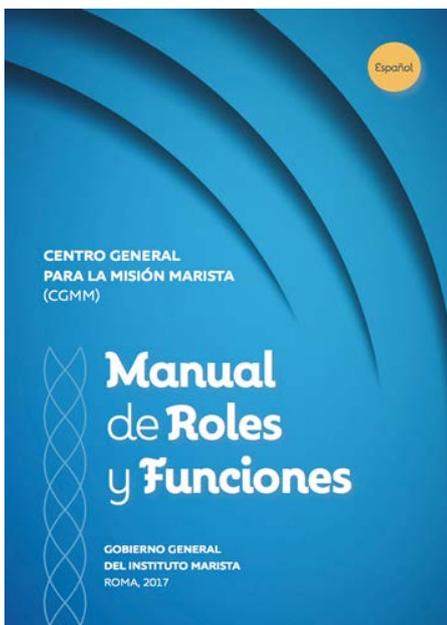
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## GENERAL CENTER FOR MARIST MISSION

### PROPOSAL OF THE OPERATIONAL NEW MODEL FOR MARIST MISSION



The XXI General Chapter's call "With Mary, go in haste of a new land!" has generated many processes of life in the different Administrative Units and Regions of the Institute. One of these processes has been the New Models Project that has helped us to look more closely at the heart of the Marist charism and to recognize ourselves as a single body, with a global vision and one international identity ([download PDF](#))

In this process we are co-creators and responsible to build a better future for the Marist Life and Mission. We are grateful to you and congratulate you for the great commitment and

leadership in steering the New Models implementation processes in the Administrative Units and Regions. We are well aware about the challenges which this process entails. On the other hand, we are very confident that it will generate far more vitality for the whole Institute and especially for the welfare of children and young people.

To promote this new beginning, we are pleased to bring to your attention, and for your contribution, the official draft proposal of the Manual of Roles and Functions of the General Center for Marist Mission (GCMM). The document aims to establish common parameters for the functioning and the decision making of the Marist Mission's organizational structure at the different levels of the Institute; while at the same time aims to clearly define the roles and functions of the various bodies that compose it.

As announced by Br. Emili Turu in his Communication n° 31, on 17 July 2016, "the General Administration is also studying the best way to

respond to the new challenges for Marist mission today. Consequently, we have taken the decision to create a Mission Committee, as from January 2017. The Committee, comprising 10 members (4 from the General Administration and 6 from the Regions) will have, among its functions, the task of advising the General Council in all that concerns Marist mission. In particular, and in conjunction with the General Council, the Committee will study both the delegation of certain functions and authority, which could be taken on by a future Mission Council, as well as the services that mission may require at general level".

The proposal regarding the CGMM could, in turn, inspire the organizational structures in the Regions and in the Administrative Units. In this regard, we have developed a proposal of roles and functions for the Regional Councils of Mission and the Administrative Units' ones, aligned with the General Mission Council and the General Center for Marist Mission.

**THE DOCUMENT AIMS TO ESTABLISH COMMON PARAMETERS FOR THE FUNCTIONING AND THE DECISION MAKING OF THE MARIST MISSION'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AT THE DIFFERENT LEVELS OF THE INSTITUTE**

## MARIST WORLD



General House: International Commission for the Revision of the Constitutions



South Africa: St Joseph's Marist College students start Christmas decorations



East Timor  
Vocational meeting in Baucau



Ecuador: Encounter of coordinators of the commissions of laity of the Americas



Argentina  
Colegio Macnab Bernal



Brazil  
Bacabeira, Maranhão

## BR VASCO SANTI WINS HONORIFIC ITALIAN PRIZE FOR OUTSTANDING SOCIAL WORK

Italian president Sergio Mattarella has awarded Brother Vasco Santi, aged 89, with the prize of Commander of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic (Commendatore dell'Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana) for his outstanding contribution in promoting and organizing blood donation campaigns.

Br Vasco, who founded a group of blood donors in 1975, was awarded with the prize along 39 other Italians of different fields on Nov. 12.

The group, which has reached its 41st anniversary, continues to work alongside the Fatebenefratelli Hospital in Rome. As of March 2016, it has obtained 11,247 bottles of blood.

"When he began the blood donation, it wasn't as common as it is nowadays," affirmed Fabrizio Guerra, president of the association of alumni of San Leone



Magno School, where Br Vasco worked as a teacher.

"Actually, it was students who gathered each week to reflect on the Gospel that asked him to do this because the aunt of one of them had needed blood and had not been able to receive it," he told the general house press office on Nov. 14.

Fabrizio stressed that Br Vasco was also

involved in handing out food packages to poor families and helping children after school with their homework.

"We've always thought that that is what a Marist should be like: joyful, contagious, full of energy, humble and modest," he continued.

Br Vasco, who currently lives in the Marist community of Viterbo, left Rome in 2011 after years of working

in San Leone Magno School as a chemistry and biology teacher.

The highest-ranking honour of the Republic, the prize is awarded for "merit acquired for the nation" in the fields of literature, the arts, economy, public service, and social, philanthropic and humanitarian activities and for long and conspicuous service in civilian and military careers.

## MÉXICO OCCIDENTAL: FORMATION ITINERARY FOR SPIRITUAL COMPANIONS

The team of consecrated and laity life of the Marist Province of Mexico Occidental has summoned a group of brothers and lay people to work together with Father Jorge Ochoa SJ on a formation itinerary for spiritual leaders, especially to attend the laity who have not yet discerned their vocation.

The goal is to go to the essential in spiritual direction: to help the person being guided to centre their attention in dialoguing with Jesus to build a personal relationship that helps discern and allow Jesus Christ to shape the heart.

The encounter enabled participants to express themselves from the depths of their hearts, with the help of personal prayer and a relationship with Jesus Christ.

It also enabled them to develop tools to better guide and raise awareness towards the relationship with the person of Jesus Christ of the Gospel in human experiences. At the end of this experience, apart from feeling a deep joy, the group has seen that it can help the new Marist dawn to:



Join in building lay Marist communities; Assist laypeople who request it to generate experiences of God and accompany them; Help build youth communities where personal and group relationships with Jesus of Nazareth are favored; Accompany and let ourselves be accompanied in a personal and communal relationship with Jesus Christ.

## A NEW CHAMPAGNAT! A SIGN OF A "NEW BEGINNING" IN VIETNAM



The couple Tin (ex-postulant FMS) and Huong named their newly born boy with the holy name Champagnat! It's tradition for Catholics in Vietnam to add a holy name in their children's name. The couple appreciates our Founder Saint Marcellin Champagnat and the Congregation. May God bless the "new Champagnat" as well his parents.



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