



## A PATH TO EDUCATION AND MATURITY IN FAITH

### THE MYSTIQUE OF MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

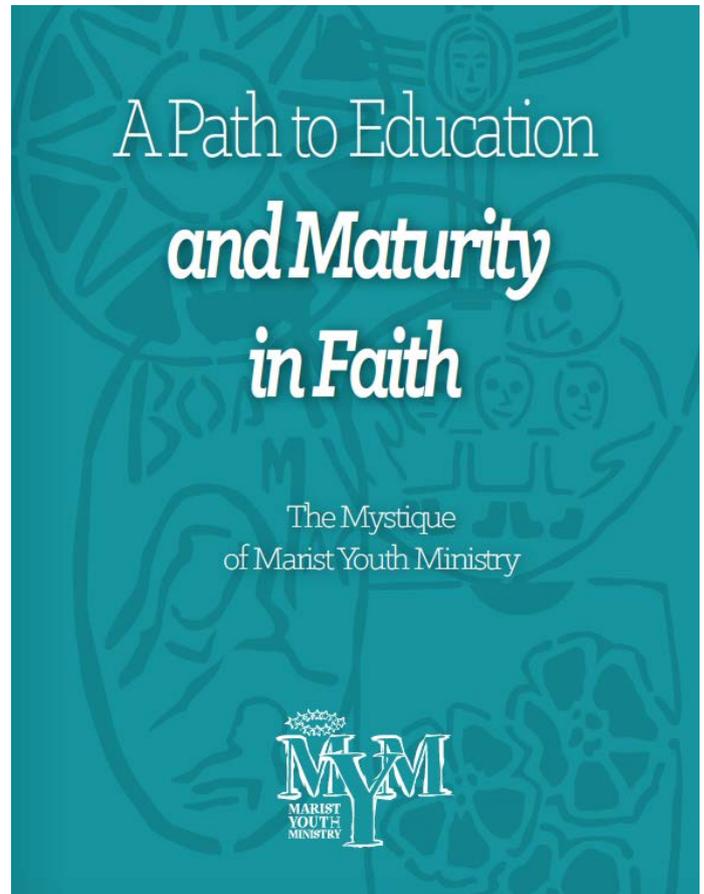
In 2011, with the objective of promoting the animation of Marist Youth Ministry (MYM) in all the Provinces and Districts and situate evangelization in the heart of the Marist Mission, a reference document "Evangelization among the youth" was sent to the whole Institute.

Many Provinces and Districts revised their proposals of Youth Ministry in the light of the document "Evangelizers in the Midst of Youth" seeking greater vitality and integration with the lines of the Institute. The Provinces which as yet had not a concrete Plan of Youth Ministry made a great effort to plan and develop the initiatives. We are very grateful for the great effort that all the Administrative Units are making in favor of the MYM.

During the last years, the Provinces and Districts asked for subsidies and orientations of support for the MYM. At the same time, we find that there are experiences and abundant subsidies prepared and elaborated in various zones of the Institute. We believe that these experiences when they will be shared will enrich all of us. This is the reason why we are making a great effort in the whole Institute to gather and collect, share and adapt some of these subsidies in a way that they can inspire the processes of the MYM which are developed and be able to be implemented in the different contexts of the mission.

Today, we present the document of Mystique of Marist Youth Ministry, "path of education and maturing in faith". The document has been developed by the Marist Union of Brazil and adapted by the Secretariat of the Mission. It offers reflections and important elements for the organization and development of the processes of the youth groups of the MYM taking into account the different age groups (moments) of the adolescents and young people who form part of the MYM. We thank the Marist Provinces of Brazil for their generosity in offering this document to the Institute, in this way allowing its adaptation.

The document Mystic of Marist Youth Ministry can be downloaded from this link: <http://www.champagnat.org/000.php?p=466>. PDF and in Desing version are avail-



able, in order to facilitate its use and printing; according to the needs of each Province/District.

We hope that this document will be a support to the MYM in the different realities and contexts. Other documents are being studied and will be shared in the near future. Remember that many of the resources of the MYM can be downloaded from the Web Page of the Institute <http://www.champagnat.org/000.php?p=150>.

We hope that the Marist Youth Ministry will be transformed into a Project present in the heart of the Brothers and the Marist Lay people and that it will be a sign of vitality and hope for the new centenary of the Marist Charism.



## ENCOUNTER OF DIRECTORS AND ANIMATORS OF THE COMMUNITY OF THE NORANDINA PROVINCE



**We are born of Solidarity, and we will be born again for Solidarity.**



As part of the celebration of the Marist Bicentennial, the Council of the Province of Norandina, together with the commissions of mission and solidarity, held a meeting with the Brothers and Lay people entrusted with the leadership and animation of the communities and Marist works in the Norandina Province.

From Oct. 25 – 30, 70 Laity and Brothers from Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador gathered in Fusagasugá, Colombia, to renew the option for Gospel solidarity in all places where Marists are present in the Norandina Province, through a commitment centered on Jesus and thus helping the rebirth of the dawn.

For this meeting, the theme of solidarity was addressed as the main theme, which has marked the life of the Institute and its mission from the Marist origins.

The meeting had as a reference the event Montagne, an experience that marked the life of Father Champagnat and impelled him to the foundation of the Little Brothers of Mary.

We approach the issue from three dimensions of solidarity; first of all the ecology followed by a workshop on good

living facilitated by Marco Raúl Mejía and finally a reflection on the document of the Marist Institute in America on solidarity entitled "Paths of Marist Solidarity in the Americas: Children and Young People with Rights."

The encounter's participants concluded the reflection affirming, "It is time that, as the Marist Province of Norandina, we keep our eyes open, our feet well fixed on the ground and above all, our hearts full of the Gospel so that we do not pass by our Montagne. Let us rather ask ourselves, let us have a meaningful and transformative presence with them.



In giving us Mary's name, Father Champagnat wished us to live her spirit.

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INDIA

Sunday, 6th Nov. 2016, the Brothers in India gathered together at St. Marcellin Community Hall, UKT Malai, Trichy, in Tamil Nadu to dream new dreams and begin a new journey as Marists of Champagnat in the world today. The main focus of the meeting was on the current realities of our Institute as it enters into the third century of our Marist journey.

FORMATORS OF ASIA

A colloquium will be held from 12 to 17 December 2016, at MAPAC, Manila in the Philippines. The focus will be on Formation in inter-cultural community settings. In addition, Formators will share their respective formation programmes, to better coordinate and strengthen their approach across all the stages of Initial Formation

USA HELP HAITI

Thanks to the coordination of Br. John Healy, FMSI-USA Representatives, USA Marist schools, a few individual brothers and community contributions, as well as our Province solidarity fund, the USA province will donate \$20,000 for the Haiti Hurricane Relief Fund.

GENERAL CHAPTER

From 5 to 10 December, the Preparatory Commission of the 22nd General Chapter meets in the General House for its fifth meeting. On Oct. 1, the Commission 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. You can download it in: <http://www.champagnat.org/203.php?a=10a&num=4101>

MEETING OF THE COORDINATORS OF THE LAY COMMISSIONS OF THE AMERICAS



For five days, the coordinators of the lay commissions of the Americas met in Quito. The eleven provinces of the continent attended the meeting. The initiative of the meeting, as well as its animation was carried out by the Lay Subcommittee.

The meeting was framed in the sharing of the good practices on the major themes reflected in the recent meeting held at L'Hermitage; they were inspired by the vision of the future that will be present in the next General Chapter, as well; the beginning of the third centenary of the Institute inspired also our reflection.

We became aware of the following points: of the way already done on the vocational processes for the laity; of the experiences of communion lived on the way; of the meaningful steps already taken for an effective lay animation in the provinces; of the strength of the Champagnat Movement on the continent.

Hope was highlighted and some other points : the joy of being Marist; the joy of experiencing internationality and the challenge of moving forward, introducing new experiences, overcoming fears and opening up to the new.

APP "MARISTS": NEW MOBILE APP ENABLES FAST ACCESS TO MARIST WORLD NEWS

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## SPAIN: THE BLUE MARISTS RECEIVE THE INTERNATIONAL AWARD NAVARRA TO SOLIDARITY 2016

Marist Brother Georges Sabe, from the Marist Mediterranean Province, on December 2 received in Pamplona (Navarra) the 'International Award Navarra to Solidarity 2016' for the work which the Blue Marists carry out in the city of Aleppo, Syria, in which they risk their life in taking care of the victims of the war, both those who are resident there in the city of Aleppo as those displaced from other zones of the country.

At the moment of granting this award, the jury has taken into account their work and that of the volunteer persons who work with them in networking with other Christian, Muslim and non-denominational Organizations, as well as the fact that they have remained in Aleppo once the war began, continuing in this way their long path of attention to the vulnerable population.



Brother George, who thanked for the granting of the award, hopes above all, that this will serve to awaken consciences regarding this critical situation, lived in Syria and the need to reach an international agreement so that violence will cease. "The war in Aleppo is a new wall of shame, similar

to that of Berlin, but with the aggravating result of deaths, of the separation of many families who have remained separated. We have to obtain that this war ends".

The Blue Marists wish to allocate the donation of the Award, 15,000 Eu-

ros, to programs of humanitarian and emergency help for the refugees of the Syrian conflict, as well as for educational programs for children, boys and girls.

Brother George, who received a warm, enthusiastic acclamation from the assisting public, spoke about his denomination of Marists, as well as the complement of Blue, which he has acquired, because this is the way that in July 2012 the children began to call us in Aleppo. "We have the charism of Marcelin Champagnat as a point of reference in everything we do. And, when the war broke out in Syria, we were collaborating in a Center with the children in Aleppo and we wore blue T-shirts and, since then, they identified us with them: 'The Blues help us to study, the Blues help us when there is an attack, the Blues play with us, in spite of the bombs... And it



Team of volunteers working in the distribution of food baskets

seemed curious to us and at the same time illustrative, since the first Marist Brothers, during the first years of foundation, wore a blue jacket".

The International Award Navarra of Solidarity, jointly granted by the floral Government of Navarra and the Banking entity Laboral Kutxa, distinguishes

those institutions, organizations or persons that stand out in any of the aspects of international cooperation.

The candidature of the Blue Marists for the International Award Navarra of Solidarity was presented by the ONGD Solidarity, Education and Development (SED).

## PROFESSIONS IN NIGERIA PROVINCE



On Nov. 12, the Nigeria province celebrated the perpetual profession of three brothers in Ejule. Brothers Michael Okutachi, Ocheme Anthony Ocheme and Edwin Abutu Abuche promised to be faithful to the ideals of Champagnat, observing the vows of chastity, obedience and poverty.

Their families, friends and members of the Marist Family witnessed this important moment.

Bishop Adaji, the Bishop of the diocese of Idah, presided the celebration. Provincial superior Brother Joachim Ezetulo received the vows of the Brothers on behalf of the superior general.

## COLOMBIA AND BRAZIL: SOLIDARITY WITH THE VICTIMS OF THE PLANE CRASH

After a plane crashed in Colombia on Nov. 28 killing 71 people, it has been revealed that some of them were parents or grandparents of 15 Marist students.

Many of them were from the city of Chapecó, Santa Catarina, linked to the Chapecoense Football Association. Nine of the people who passed away had children or grandchildren in the Marist school San Francisco, in the province of Brazil Centro-Sul.

In a note published on the same day, provincial superior Brother Joaquim Sperandio asked "that St Marcellin and our Good Mother console and give strength to the families and friends in this moment of pain."



Marist College in Chapecó, Brazil



## GOLDEN MARIST PRESENCE IN PAKISTAN

The 50th anniversary of the Marist presence in Pakistan was celebrated on Nov. 12. In 1966, at the request of Bishop Nicolas Hitinga, bishop of the diocese of Islamabad and Rawalpindi, the general administration entrusted the Province of Sri Lanka with undertaking the mission in the country. In response to the appeal, Brother Remigius Fernando left his country to begin the mission in Pakistan on Sept. 10, 1966. He arrived in Rawalpindi and awaited the arrival of his companions from Spain and Australia. In December 1966 they were able to form a community in Kohati Gate, Peshawar City.

Br. Remigius Fernando has stayed on in Pakistan since his first arrival. During these 50 years more than forty Marist Brothers from Spain, Germany,

Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, Sri Lanka have worked hard to make Jesus Known and loved. The Pakistan Marists are grateful and salute to all the past and present missionary Brothers for their untiring services to the land of the pour.

To recognize, to thank and to strengthen the relationship and to dream forward, Brothers Emili Turu, the Superior General, Michael De Waas, General Councilor, Mervyn Perera, the Provincial of South Asia, Noel Fonseka, the Vice Provincial and Chinthana, member of the Provincial Council, participated in the Golden Jubilee Celebrations along with many other guests.

The celebration took place on Nov. 10 and 11 in Peshawar, where the Brothers lived and worked for 49 years.

Then the jubilee of the Marist presence was celebrated in Sargodha, with a prayer, recalling the work done and cultural presentations.

On Nov. 12, the culminating moment of the feast was celebrated with a Mass. Brother Emili, representing the Institute, said he was grateful to all who have been part of this mission. He

stressed on connecting or strengthening on relationship and encouraged to move forward to the peripheries.

On the 13th and 14th, Br. Emili spent time in a sector meeting, prayer meeting and tea with the Lay Marists, welcome in Sargodha Catholic High School, talk and shaking hands with the students. At the end of the school, Br. Emili was asked to present Golden Jubilee souvenirs to the staff of Sargodha Catholic High school as a gratitude for their hard work in preparing for the golden Jubilee.

Br. Michael gave a two days seminar to the young Brothers which was very helpful to all those who participated.



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