



NEW MODELS OF ANIMATION, GOVERNMENT AND MANAGEMENT MEETING OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the newly composed Mission Committee came to an end on the 25th February, 2017.

The meeting brought together the members of the committee, the general council and the members of the FMSI Board.

The discussion centred on the mandate of the committee, the definition of roles based on the proposed new models, the synergy among the different secretariats at the service of our Marist life and mission and proposals on how the committee will attend to its work in the next two years.

The committee has commenced work in the following areas: Shared Services, Tactical Plan, Tailoring of Reports, proposal on Staffing, Change Management and Formation on working in networks.



The Committee of Mission, nominated by the General Council, from

January 2017 replaces the International Mission Commission.

In his letter to the Provincial (17th of July, 2016), Br Emili Turú said

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

During this week, the General Council, who is meeting for its plenary session, met with the Brothers Today Secretariat and reflected on the Institute's politics regarding the safeguarding of minors together with FMSI. It is continuing to prepare for the General Chapter and to study the financial politics of the General Administration. On March 10, it will on how to ensure a good transition of the current administration to the next General Council.

On March 6, Brothers Tony León and Hipólito Pérez, of the Brothers Today Secretariat, took part in an encoun-

ter at the General House with the "Tutti Fratelli" group, which gathers together religious congregations of Brothers.

From March 7 – 12, Brother Javier Espinosa, director of the Secretariat of the Laity, will animate a retreat for laity in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.

The African Commission of Mission will meet from March 8 – 12 with Brothers Mark Omede and Carlos Alberto Rojas, directors of the Secretariat of Mission.

that “the Committee, among its functions will have 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 Members of the Committee are: Frank Malloy (Australia), Br Gregorio Linacero (America Central), Mike Greeff (Southern Africa), Br Marciano Guzman (Mediterranea), Paulo Sirino (Brasil Centro- Sul), Br Ador Santiago (East-Asia), Br Victor Manuel Preciado (General Council) Br Josep Maria Soteras (General Council) and Marzia Ventimiglia (Director FMSI).

MARIST INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FOUNDATION

FMSI BOARD MEETING

“Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale ONLUS” ([FMSI ONLUS](#)) – Marist International Solidarity Foundation Non-Profit, – had its Board meeting at the General House on February 23rd and 24th.

Participants included the board members: Jimena Djauara Grignani (Brazil), Inmaculada Maíllo (Spain), Gianfranco Cattai (Italy), Br Allen Sherry (Australia), Br Libardo Garzón (Econome General) and Br Michael De Waas (General Councilor), and Mmma Guixé (Ethiopia), the Consultant to the Board.

“Fondazione Marista per la Solidarietà Internazionale ONLUS” (FMSI ONLUS) – Marist International Solidarity Foundation Non-Profit, – had its Board meeting at the General House on February 23rd and 24th. Present at the meeting were the members of the Board, Ms. Jimena Djauara Grignani (Brazil), Ms. Inmaculada Maíllo (Spain), Gianfranco Cattai (Italy), Bros. Allen Sherry (Australia), Libardo Garzón (Econome General) and Michael De Waas (General Councilor), and Ms. Imma Guixé (Ethiopia), the Consultant to the Board.

Marzia Ventimiglia, in her role as the Director General of the Office based in Rome gave the Annual Report for 2016 and touched on some of the tasks that the Board had entrusted to her during its last meeting.

Her presentation included some lines of strategy for the Office, a structure for Human Resources and the proposed Budget for 2017. She also produced a revised Handbook of Functions and Procedures for the Office.



Having listened to the Director General’s Report on the state-of-affairs in the Office, the Board agreed to create three working groups, for Strategic Planning, an Advocacy Model, and Fund Raising for the FMSI Foundation, involving Board members and staff. All are expected to report back to the Board on their assigned tasks at its next meeting in July of this year.

On the afternoon of the 23rd, the Board members took part in a joint meeting with the General Council and the General Mission Committee for New Models of Animation, Governance and Management, who were holding meetings in the General House at the same time. The aim was to reflect on how each group could work collaboratively to best serve the Institute’s Mission.

The FMSI Board meeting also included a conference on Aspects related to Italian legislation concerning ONLUS (Non-Profit) Foundations. This was presented by Advocate Luca Pardo from the Ontier Pardo Vicenzi Company.

On the afternoon of the 24th, The Board met in a formal session with members of the Board of Auditors dealing with the Italian legal requirements for Non-Profit Foundations. At this meeting the following items were approved: the Balance sheet for 2016, the Proposed Budget for 2017, the Revised Statutes of the Foundation, and the renewal of the Mandate of the Board of Auditors for another term of three years (2017-2019). The Board meeting concluded on the evening of the 24th.

MARIST LIVES THROUGH THE LENS

A BOOK OF LIVING MARIST PORTRAITS TO BE PUBLISHED IN SEPTEMBER

As part of this year's bicentenary celebration, the Institute is launching a book at the General Chapter in September with photographs of Brothers and lay Marists around the world on mission.

After travelling to 20 countries, Australian visual storyteller Conor Ashleigh was able to craft over 10,000 photographs of Brothers and laity working in places such as a prison in Malawi and a new postulancy in East Timor.

"Throughout the diversity of the Marist world, there has been a core sense of hospitality that has been profound and it's been universal despite the different languages," affirmed Conor on Feb. 22.

"I have been genuinely welcomed into Marist communities across the world and that has been why these photos have been able to come about," he added. "It's allowed me to just walk into the Brothers' lives for just one or two days, accompanying them from morning prayer, during meals, and to their mission work in schools and community projects."

This book, organised by the Brothers Today Secretariat, will include around 500 photos from Brothers and lay peo-



ple from more than 40 countries. Brother Tony Leon, the director of the Brothers Today Secretariat, noted that the images reveal "many hugs, many expressions of joy, the easy relationship with brothers and lay people, the sense of tenderness in the way brothers look at a student, the sense of mischief in some of the older brothers."

"There is a lovely sense that 'I don't know this person, but I recognise something about this person as being Marist,'" he stated.

"We didn't want to create a visual textbook that you consume, we want it to be something more reflective," continued Br Tony. "It is a book that you look,

you contemplate, one image at a time." The book aims to describe what brotherhood is in pictures and was inspired by the Vatican's document "Identity and mission of the religious brother in the Church."

Before the book is launched, Conor will host a photo exhibition at the General House during the Bicentenary celebration held on the feast of St Marcellin Champagnat on June 6.

The communications office of the General House has released a video, found below, with further insight into the project. To see a video, with more details about the project, click here: <https://goo.gl/laDxrp>.

MEETING OF DE LA SALLE AND MARIST GENERAL COUNCILS, ROME

The General Council gathered with the General Council of the De la Salle Brothers at their General House on March 3.

They shared experiences of the path that both congregations are experiencing.

The Marists presented the LaVal-la200> project and their communities, and the Lasallians explained how their regionalization process works.



MARIST WORLD



General House: The General Council and the Council of West Central Europa



Bangladesh: St Marcellin School, Moulvibazar



France: European course of Marist leaders



Nigeria: New Horizons conference in Uturu



Brasil Centro-Norte: the Marist Ministry Week 2017 officially begins



Italy: Opening mass for the Marist Mid Life Program in Manziana

EAST TIMOR: FIRST LADY ADDRESSES, ENCOURAGES STUDENTS

AT THEIR GRADUATION



Graduates of the Instituto Católico para a Formação de Professores with the First Lady of East Timor

During a ceremony in which 53 students graduated from a Marist teaching institute on Feb. 25, the first lady of Timor encouraged them to transform the lives of the children they teach.

According to a news bulletin of the Marist Brothers of Australia, Isabel da Costa Ferreira – lawyer and politician – inspired the graduates to help the children they teach transform the country.

The wife of president Taur Matan Ruak also encouraged the students to continue to learn, despite already having a degree.

The rector of the Baucau College – Instituto Católico para a Formação de Professores, the Bishop of Baucau, Basílio do Nascimento Martins, handed the students their certificates in

the ceremony attended by the students, their families and friends.

Four of the Institute's staff members also received their Masters of Education from the Australian Catholic University, at the hands of Emeritus Professor Tony d'Arbon.

Two-thirds of the students are given scholarships or supported by representatives of a number of the foundations, such as the Emerge Foundation and Bega Valley Associates.

Instituto Católico para a Formação de Professores de Baucau - Timor Leste
The Marist Brothers founded the College, which is accredited through the Australian Catholic University

in Melbourne, at the request of the Bishop of Baucau in 2001.

Since 2006, 570 students have graduated from the Institute, which is the only internationally organised provider of primary teacher education in East Timor.

The Institute, widely respected in East Timor, has graduates now working in the evaluation of the new national curriculum, while others are now working as teachers in local schools.

The Ministry of Education employed 23 of last year's graduates to assist teachers and principals in new teaching methods.



Transform the lives of the children you teach... continue to learn, despite already having a degree.

**Isabel da Costa Ferreira
First Lady of East Timor**



FORMER MARIST STUDENT IS DECLARED 'SERVANT OF GOD'

ISIDRO ALONSO, OF THE SANTA MARÍA SCHOOL OF MONTEVIDEO

It is not common that the morning mail surprises you with a news story like this one.

Camilo B. Techera got in touch with the communications director to bear good news on Feb. 23. "Dear friends," he writes. "I am a former

student of the Santa María School of Montevideo.

"I am sending you with great joy the recent news: Cardinal Sturla, Archbishop of Montevideo, has affirmed that a further step has been taken in Rome in the canonization process of

Father Isidro Alonso, a Salesian priest and ex-student of the Marist School Santa María.

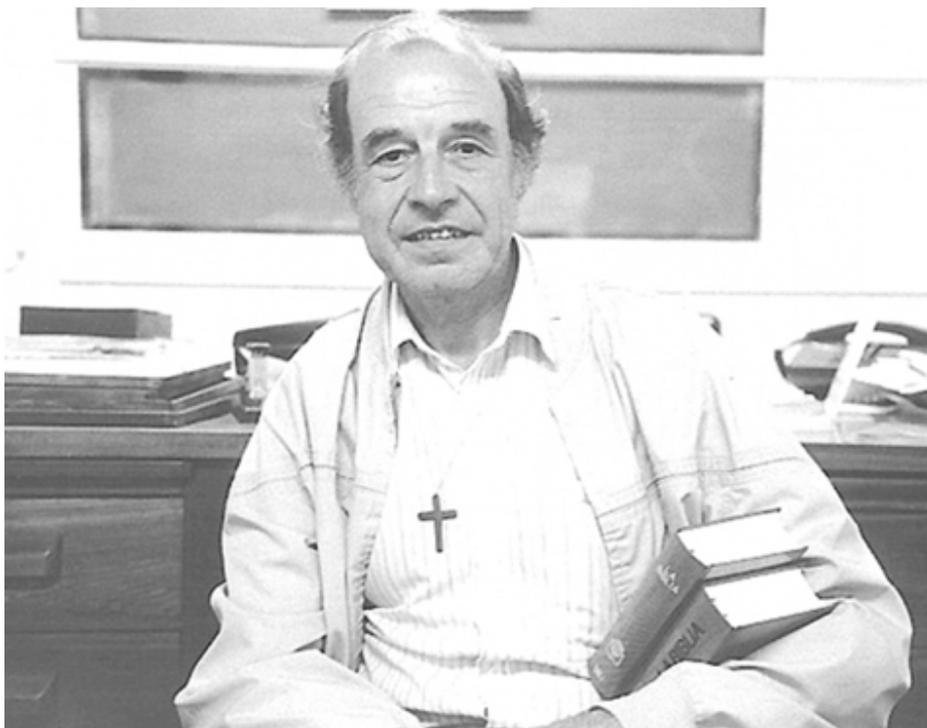
"From now on "Cacho," as he was usually called, can be venerated as a SERVANT OF GOD."

Fr Alonso was a Salesian priest that in his last years of life he spent as part of the diocesan clergy to take on, with the support of the then Archbishop of Montevideo Carlos Partelli, a radical preferential option for the poor.

"That option led him to live many years in a tin barrack in Aparacio Saravia and in Timbúes, while a neighborhood of 'white houses' was being built with mutual help.

"They replaced many of the barracks similar to the one in which Fr Cacho lived in out of choice," wrote the Bishop of Melo, Bishop Heriberto Bodeant, in his blog when he presented the book "Cacho de Dios" in 2012, written by Julio Romero, a neighbourhood resident.

When Fr Alonso died, the collectors of the neighborhood, who made their



living collecting recyclable material, carried his coffin through the neighborhood in one of their carts as a tribute of gratitude.

The Brothers and the students of the Santa María School collaborated frequently with Fr Alonso.

After the General Chapter in 1985, some of the Brothers went to work in Marist works of Uruguay including Brothers Arturo Chávez, Javier Puente and Xavier Bometón. These Brothers, who actively participated in coordinating the ministry of the school with the youth from Remar, they

went to work with Fr Cacho, in the neighbourhood where he carried out his priestly service when he was already part of the diocesan clergy.

Brother Quirino Calvo, at the request of Camilo B. Techera, has verified in the archives that Fr Isidro Alonso and his brother were in the school until at least 1941.

For more details, visit the website of the Archdiocese of Montevideo: <http://icm.org.uy/padre-cacho-hoy/>.

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MARIST DISTRICT OF WEST AFRICA

2ND WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABILITY OF THE MISSION IN AFRICA AND ASIA

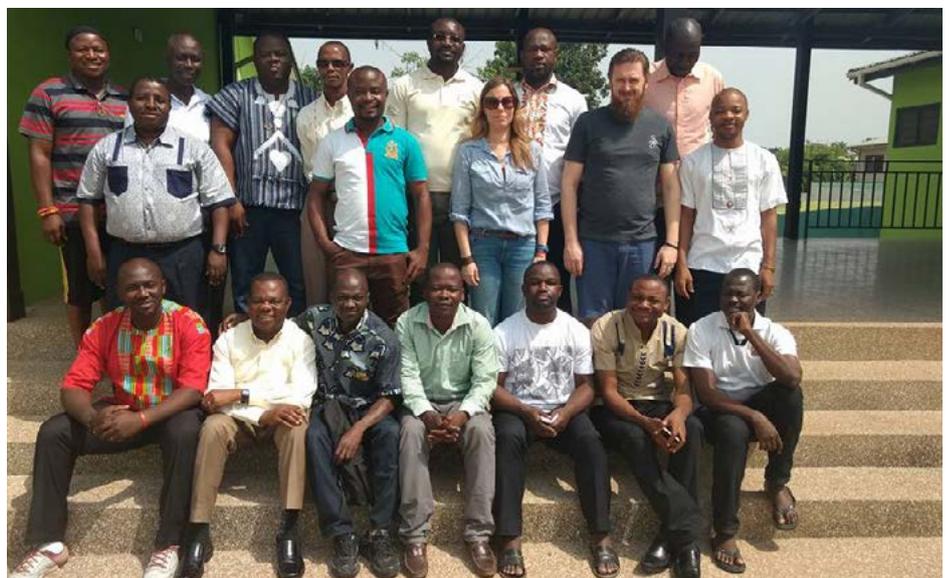
Seventeen Marist Brothers and Lay from the five countries that make up the Marist District of West Africa attended the second workshop on Sustainability project of the Marist Mission in Africa and Asia at Kwa-hu-Pesease in Ghana from February 20-24, 2017.

The objective of this project is to promote economic autonomy and sustainability of the Marist Mission in Africa and Asia through an effective, transparent, and participatory strategic and pastoral planning.

The purpose of this workshop was to give continuity to the project and to experiment the strategic planning tools.

The first day started well with a word of welcome from Brother Francis Lu-kong, followed by self-introduction of the participants and a quick history of the sustainability project programme.

After this, the two resource persons, Brother Jorge Gaio and Alexandra Rosa from Brazil, informed the participants that matrices 1-7 were devel-



oped as tools for diagnosing problems and 8 -11 for solving them.

Following this explanation, the participants were reminded that matrices 1-7 are called the Mission, SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses Opportunities, Threats), Dream, Position, Blue, Model and Sustainability respectively.

In the course of the workshop they learned about matrix 8, 9, 10 and 11

called Focus, Objectives, SWOT and Action respectively.

The learning methods adopted included watching motivation video clips with sub-titles, explanations, and working in groups.

Each day the participants worked for six and half hours in four sessions.

The atmosphere was conducive and work sessions were lively and enjoyable.

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