



GENERAL HOUSE: ENCOUNTER OF PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS



GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Brother Michael De Waas, general councillor, attended the Oceania Council meeting in Australia on April 1 and 2.

From April 2 - 6, the vicar general, Brother Joe McKee, took part in a meeting with the Council of the District of Asia in Bangkok.

Brother Víctor Preciado, general councillor, visited the Marist mission in Brazil: Curitiba (April 3 and 4) and Brasilia (April 5 - 13).

Brother Javier Espinosa, director of the Secretariat of the Laity, continues to animate the lay vocation in Latin America. From April 3 - 9, he will be hosting a seminar in Paraguay.

An encounter took place at the general house from March 28 - 31 to raise awareness of the Institute's different financial realities and to consider proposals for the upcoming General Chapter.

The 61 participants included provincial and district administrators, the superior general, the general council and the directors of the secretariat of mission, Brothers Carlos Alberto Rojas and Mark Omede, as well as Brother Ángel Medina, in charge of the formation of participants in the LaValla200> initiative.

Marist Father Paul Martins, the International Council of Economic Affairs, at least one more person of each administrative unit, the economer general of the Marist International Centre in Kenya and Everson Ismael de Oliveira of Brasil Centro Sul also attended.

The event, coordinated by the Institute's general economer, Brother Li-

bardo Garzón, with the International Council of Economic Affairs, hoped to develop a vision of the Institute as a global body, in line with the new models project, as well as its financial implications, and to provide a space to share their mission as economers of the administrative units.

Other goals were also to share the financial reality of the regions and the Institute, in order to prepare and present the financial report to the General Chapter, and to develop and train provincial and district economers to think strategically with a focus on Marist life and mission.

Speakers included superior general Brother Emili Turú, Matthieu Daum, Daniela Corosi from Nexus, covering guidelines for the administration of the assets in Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, and Luiss Business School on real estate management, financial management and accounting.

AMERICA SUR REGION: IMPLEMENTATION TEAM

MEETS WITH PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

The implementation team of America Sur Region gathered with provincial councils of the five Administrative Unities in Montevideo, Uruguay, from March 20 – 23, one year after the region's creation in Florianopolis.

The implementation team, which includes Brothers and laity of the five provinces, presented the provincial councils with different projects for consideration, modification and approval.

The councils of the provinces of Brasil Centro-Norte, Brasil Centro-Sul, Brasil Sul-Amazônia, Cruz del Sur and Santa Maria de los Andes gathered to reflect on the steps taken during the last 12 months and to plan future ones.

Other participants included members of the implementation team, Marist Union of Brazil (UMBRASIL), other guests of the Arco Norte region, as well as Brothers Mark Omede and Carlos Alberto Rojas, directors of the Secretariat



of Mission and Luca Olivari, adviser of the New Models project.

During the gathering, they reflected on projects related to the region's vision, principles and operating model, as well as vocational animation, a network of schools, a communications plan, the identification of experts, a network of

economies and the regional novitiate in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

The participants established the region's future steps, in line with the New Models of Animation, Government and Management project.

The next assembly will take place from July 2 – 6 in Porto Alegre, Brazil.

LAVALLA200> FORMATION PROGRAM

THE SECOND PROGRAM OF LAVALLA200> FORMATION IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!

During recent meetings of the General Council in Rome, Brother Emili Turú and the council, confirmed the candidates' list for the 2017 formation program for Lavalla200> International Communities for a New Beginning.

Eighteen Marists have been selected (11 brothers, four lay women, three lay men, including a married couple) from Australia, the Philippines, Mexico, the United States, Spain, Peru, Italy, Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Brazil representing 12 provinces.

The participants will arrive in Rome at the end of April and, after one week's orientation at the General House, they will travel to San Martin a Monti. They will spend two months living interculturally in small fraternities in this small hamlet in the middle of the countryside surrounding the Camaldoli Abbey.

A pilgrimage to L'Hermitage in France has been organised for the end of June, during which Marists will be commissioned by Brother Emili to be members of Lavalla200> communities.



The formation programme is facilitated by Brother Ángel Medina and Brother Jeff Crowe, with the assistance of Brother Chris Wills, director of the Collaboration for mission, international (Cmi). Later, Brothers Jeff and Ángel will

be part of the accompaniment team for those who are appointed to international communities. If any lay or brother Marist wishes to know more regarding Lavalla200 and the International Communities, email

Brother Chris: inter@fms.it or contact your provincial or your coordinator of province volunteers found by clicking this link: CPV. Brother Emili has also invited people to write directly to him.

ITALY: CESANO MADERNO SCHOOL

DISCUSSING HONESTY DURING A SCHOOL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Renowned Italians attended a Marist school's 50th anniversary, including the president of the country's Anti-corruption National Authority, to shed light on the importance of honesty.

Italian magistrate Raffaele Cantone, a former Marist student, attended the

celebration of the Cesano Maderno school in north Milan on March 15, telling of his experiencing fighting the Camorra - an Italian criminal organisation, which originated in Naples.

The former mayor of Venice and philosopher, Massimo Cacciari, also

spoke at the event, which was moderated by the director of the Italian daily newspaper Corriere della Sera, Luciano Fontana.

The event, titled 'Investing in Legality: an accessible, underused and renewable resource' (Investire in Legalità: risorsa accessibile, sottoutilizzata, rinnovabile), covered topics such as the current crisis in values and the end of a respectable political class.

The guest speakers also reflected on the beginning of a fragile and disoriented society, the contradictions of a single currency without the support of a solid government and the paradox of a corruption that is becoming more "systemic" rather than "individual cases."

The school's director, Brother Giorgio Banaudi, underscored that "as a Marist school we are glad we offered this contribution to the many people of good will of our territory and we are aware that the response and reception of these issues are already, in itself, a positive sign."

BRASIL CENTRO-SUL PROVINCE

ASSEMBLY OF THE MARIST YOUTH LAITY

From March 10 – 12, the first assembly of the Marist youth laity was held in Almirante Tamandaré in Brazil.

Seventy youth from 17 cities took part as well as representatives from the Brasil Sul-Amazônia.

The main objective was the evaluation of the functioning of the organisation's first year and the planning of the youth laity's future steps of the Brasil Centro-Sul province. The encounter kicked off with the motivations and the memory of the start of the Institute in La Valla

and the mystic of the three floors of the Marist house located in the French town. Brother Jean Marcos asked the participants what reasons they had for being there today.

Throughout the assembly, both Brothers as well as laity sent messages to the youth

The provincial superior, Brother Joaquim Sperandio, spoke about a new path that is opening up for Marists 200 years after its foundation.

MARIST WORLD



Uruguay: Maristas San Luis, Pando



Belgium: Genva



Madagascar: Teachers of the Lycée privé St Vincent de Paul, Betroka



Spain: Meeting of Marist Youth 200+, in Salamanca



United States: East Harlem Lavalla200>



Meeting in Vietnam

Thinking about the youth, he affirmed that "the new beginning the Congregation speaks about can and must begin for youth. This mystic should move us towards encountering others." During the encounter, the youths were presented with a new propos-

al on the integration of lay Marists in diverse activities that they can take part in, be it encounters regarding formation or one off activities: associations, contents of formation, mystic, communication, apostolate, structure and representation. The results of the discussions and

the questions that were raised were recorded to facilitate a future evaluation and work formation with the pastoral sector.

For more information visit <http://pjmgrupomarista.org.br/assembleia-laicato-jovem-marista/>



IRELAND: YOUNG MARIST LEADERS

STRESS IMPORTANCE IN LEADERSHIP TRAINING



The Marists in Ireland celebrated the Bicentenary of the Foundation of the Institute on March 11 at St. Patrick's College in Maynooth, Ireland, during which young Marist students stressed the importance in leadership training.

Participants included the provincial superior of West Central Europe, Brother Brendan Geary, Brother Tony Leon of the Brothers Today Secretariat and Brother David Hall, from Australia.

Brothers David and Tony visited the three Irish Marist secondary schools before and after the celebration to work with staff and young Marist leaders.

Representatives from the three schools, and people associated with the Institute also attended including Christoph Müller, director of the Maristen Gymnasium in Furth, Germany, with his wife, and Josef Maier, director of the Maristenrealschule in Cham, Germany.

Other participants were Stefan

Schulze Beiering, deputy director of the Maristenrealschule in Recklinghausen, Germany; Bernadette Jones, head teacher of St. Joseph's College, Dumfries, Scotland, and her husband, Kevin, who teaches history at the school.

After Brother P.J. McGowan's welcome, six young Marist leaders from the three schools shared how they understood and implemented Marist values in their lives.

The West Central Europe province affirmed the youths "spoke eloquently about their experience of leadership and how their training in leadership had helped them personally and in the roles they undertook in the schools."

After Br David's presentation on education and Marist values, Father Martin McAnaney, provincial of the European Province of the Marist Fathers, presided a Mass, which was animated by a joint choir of students from the three schools.



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PORTUGAL: BICENTENARY CELEBRATION IN CARCAVELOS

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE NEW LA VALLA

Sixty members of the Marist Family of Portugal gathered in Carcavelos on March 26 to celebrate the Bicentenary. Several of the participants were former students of the Marist school of Carcavelos. It was like returning to the sources.

The encounter focused on three words of Superior general Brother Emili Turú's message for the Bicentenary: gratitude, forgiveness, commitment. A fourth word was added to these: Mary.

Manuel do Rosario, member of the encounter's organizing committee, summarized the meaning of the words that Brother Emili mentioned in his video published on January 2.

Brother Manuel Silva, former missionary in East Timor and in Honduras, covered the topic of Mary. "Mary, the Lord's first disciple, faithful and committed woman and our Good

Mother, accompanies us and opens the path towards the third Marist centenary filled with hope," stated Br Manuel during the encounter. "Mary, who always did everything among us, will continue to protect us."

Brother Teófilo Minga closed the encounter presenting a few current topics in the Institute's philosophy and way of acting, highlighting aspects such as internationality, the launching of a Marist volunteer service, the international missionary collaboration, mystics, prophecy, communion and the Marists of Champagnat.

He also spoke about the upcoming General Chapter that will be held in Colombia this September. The chosen topic is significant: a new La Valla.

All of the participants saw it as an invitation to be active members of this new La Valla.



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