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FEAST OF SAINT MARCELLIN

FEAST OF THE BICENTENARY AT THE GENERAL HOUSE



The Institute's Bicentenary has been celebrated in the administrative units throughout the year. The date that was chosen to celebrate this anniversary, at the general house is June 6, the feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat.

The general council has invited around 160 people for this celebration.

It will include three special moments: the presentation of the three volumes of the book 'History of the Institute,' a photographic exposition titled "A look on Marist life in the Bicentenary of the Institute" and a Eucharistic celebration presided by Cardinal João Braz de Aviz, prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and for Societies of Apostolic Life. The message sent a few days ago by superior general Brother Emili Turú, helped us to prepare for this celebration. You can follow the news of the celebration of the feast of Saint Marcellin through #Million-Marists.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

In June, the general council is celebrating its last plenary session of its mandate, which was from 2009 – 2017.

From June 2 – 4, the directors of the Secretariat of Mission, Brothers Carlos Alberto Rojas Carvajal and Mark Omede, were in Guatemala to prepare the international Marist youth encounter that will take place in 2019.

From June 5 – 9, the International Commission for Marist Patrimony is gathering at the general house. From June 7 – 9, the annual meeting of FMSI Cono Sur will take place

in Santiago de Chile. FMSI director Marzia Ventimiglia and Brother Álvaro Sepúlveda, in charge of the promotion of children's rights.

From June 7 – 11, some Brothers and lay people of the general administration will do a pilgrimage to Marist places.

The group will be accompanied by Brothers Javier Espinosa, director of the Secretariat of the Laity, and by Brother Carlos Alberto Huidobro, general secretary.

FOSTERING COMMUNION IN THE AMERICAN CONTINENT

INTERAMERICAN CONFERENCE OF PROVINCIALS



The Interamerican Conference of Provincials (CIAP) took place in Curitiba from May 25 – 30.

The representatives of the 11 provincials of the continent were present to reflect on issues related to the future of the Marist Institute, evaluate and to resume the work done up to that moment and to study how to continue the construction of the regions of Regions América Sur and Arco Norte.

Members of the Permanent Council of the CIAP, the Continental Commission of Mission, the Continental Commission of Brothers and Lay Spirituality, Continental Subcommissions and the Secretariats of the Marist Institute took part.

Several members of the general ad-

ministration were also present, representing the Secretariats: Brothers Carlos Alberto Rojas and Mark Omede (Missionn), Hipólito Pérez (Brothers Today), Chris Wills (Collaboration for Mission, International) and Manel Mendoza (FMSI).

The meeting's main objectives were:

- To provide a close and mutual follow-up by the Permanent Council and the Commissions and Subcommittees, to assist in the animation process.
- To reflect on the progress and on the next steps in the planning of the animation of the Permanent Council and of the Commissions and Subcommittees before concluding this period of animation.
- To facilitate the personal contact of those involved in the animation of Marist life in America.
- To offer recommendations to the Provincial brothers after the closing of the CIAP meeting, on animation and continental projects or their regional versions and on the support structures.
- To know the roads that are being proposed and built in the regions of America: Arco Norte and América Sur
- To foster communion with the Marist Institute through the connection of the Secretariats and Marist animation in America.
- To know and celebrate the joint path of CIAP animation in its various Commissions and Subcommittees in Marist America.

'BURN LIKE A STAR'

MARIST YOUTH GATHERING IN POUGHKEEPSIE

Over 250 students and adults from Marist schools around the United States arrived at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY to participate on the 2017 Marist Youth Gathering (19-21 May).

This year there were also groups from Mexico, Canada, and two students who lived with the Blue Marists in Aleppo, Syria.

The highlight of the Opening Ceremony was when Brother Emili Turú, Superior General, showed up to welcome the Marist Youth to this weekend's gathering! Br. Emili gave the students a welcome speech and encouraged them to cherish and enjoy the weekend ahead of them!

On the last day, Sunday 21st, the liturgy took on a special meaning, as it was not only mass for the Marist Youth Gath-

ering, but also the National Liturgy for the Bicentennial Celebration. The young people were joined by the provincials from all of the Marist Family: the Marist Brothers, the Marist Fathers, the Marist Sisters, and the Marist Missionary Sisters.

Here are some words, in English, by the participants:

"It's always so exciting to see such a large Marist Family come together. Every year there are so many people from so many walks of life who are bonded together through one common identity. God's love is very present through not only the existing relationships between the young adult and adult teams, but also through the new friendships being formed by the young Marists. You can feel this love and how special it truly is at any time - whether we are together in a large group, or spread throughout the event. The Marist Youth Gathering is a blast. I can't wait to see what the rest of the weekend holds." (Peter Cooper - Miami).

"It's been an amazing experience for me to see my students become filled with the Holy Spirit and the same Marist charism as I have. They have ambitious dreams to bring this Spirit back to SJR" (Joseph LoGiudice - Montvale, New Jersey)

"What I learned and can see is definitely that there is more to me than what I see. Through Madelines talk, music ministry, and the workshops, I have all I need to be successful - it's just a matter of "awakening that fire" within me" (Christine Demetillo - Roselle Catholic '14)

"They are still certainly recognizable as the kids they were on Friday, but the transformation of their hearts is palpable. The Holy Spirit has been ignited in them through the Spirit of Marcellin and they are forever changed. Their hearts are on fire, and their passion awakened, as they make plans to bring this light back to Marist Chicago" (Colleen Pochyly - Chicago)

DO NOT RESIST THE HOLY SPIRIT!

Message from superior general Brother Emili Turú for the feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat (<https://goo.gl/Se8NTT>)



#MILLIONMARISTS

APPEAL FOR MARIST OF CHAMPAGNAT TO SHARE THE CHARISM

For its official celebration of the Institute's Bicentenary on June 6, the

general administration is proposing using the hashtag #MillionMarists

on social networks. The hashtag was used throughout the Institute on June 2, the official date of the Institute's 200-year anniversary, with the aim of reaching one million messages worldwide.

By using the hashtag, Marists worldwide will show that Saint Marcellin Champagnat's dream, which began with two youths in the small house of La Valla in France, now includes a large family of Brothers and laity.



On June 6, St Marcellin's feast, the general administration will celebrate the Bicentenary with Marists from around the world in Rome. The general administration would like to appeal to the Institute's administrative units and their communication teams, to help spread this hashtag on social media for this event.

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El Salvador: Bicentenary Celebrations



Kenya: International commission of the laity in Nairobi



Nigéria: Bicentenary Celebrations



Mexico: Mexico Final profession of Br Mele Tiscareño (México Occidental)



Guatemala: Bicentenary Celebrations



Spain: SED sending volunteers to the Marist mission

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES FOR A NEW BEGINNING

FORMATION OF THE CANDIDATES ACCORDING TO THE PROGRAM LAVALLA200>

The second group of Brothers and Laity destined to the [International Communities for a New Beginning](#) of the Program Lavalla200> began its formation at the end of April. They will reside in San Martino a Monte, Italy until the end of June. Then they will go to the Marist places, in France, where they will end this stage. Brother Mario Meuti, one of the participants, describes for us the experience lived during these last weeks.



After some days in Rome, from Friday, May 5, we are in San Martino a Monte, Municipality of Poppi, in Tuscany... We live in "Case Nuove" a group of houses the property of the ancient Monastery of Camaldoli, which has been recently restructured, is well furnished and equipped, apt to lodge families during the holidays. The view, the scenery around is most beautiful, with the typical Tuscany hills, and a few minutes away by auto is the city of Bibbiena, with a Shopping Center and all the necessary services, including a hospital.

We are divided into four Fraternities, all with Brothers and Laity and in each one there is a woman. Also the interpreters and the guests invited to animate the reflection and guide our experience as a group are integrated in one of them. Each group has organizational and financial ini-

tiative: from the kitchen to the prayer, to the expenses, to the organization of the house and of free time. Officially we use two languages: Spanish and English, but in reality we have many other differences: at least 5 languages, very different habits and mentalities and it is a beautiful challenge to live together with 10 nationalities from all the 5 continents and also with great generational differences, because we go from Juliana, an Australian young girl 24 years old up to 72. Someone at the beginning was worried because he was over 60 years old, but then he was aware that he was in good company....

Every day we live together fundamental formative moments: two working sessions in the morning (from 9.00 to 12.30) and one in the afternoon (15.30-17.00), guided by persons of great depth and very well chosen. We began our formation by three days of self-knowledge through the use of the Enneagram proposed by Br. Luis Serra; we continued with three other days dedicated to deepen personal and community discernment, under the guidance (obviously) of a Jesuit, specialist like Father Michael Pavulraj, Indian, professor in the Gregorian. And then came Louise Evans, a lady from Gales who lives in Florence and for over twenty years she gives courses and formative sessions for top managers and entrepreneurs of multi-national companies, on relationships in intercultural environments. She is a great expert of the so called non-violent communication and she is consultant in very important companies.

In this third week we are living new relational and stimulating dynamics that involve not only the intellectual sphere, but above all the emotional and we are exercising ourselves in the discovery of what type of leadership we want to use in the new communities.

Here we will find ourselves living not only Brothers accustomed to having a Superior and a series of common Rules, but also young lay women and men, of other generations and different cultures and who ask us to live fully the Marist charism...

In this dynamics we are helped by Father Tim Norton, Australian, missionary of the Divine Word and at present



Director of the Center of Nemi and Sister Salomé Labra Madariaga, Chilean Missionary Servant of the Holy Spirit. The objective of this formative work is to live already in conditions similar to that of the communities to which we will be called to form within a few months: Brothers and Laity in equal conditions, with the common desire of living a significant Marist life. Everything up until now is centered on learning to live together and to enrich ourselves with our (notable) diversities. In the next days, most certainly, more attention will be given to the mission: we know that it is to live for the "new beginning", that is why many of us will go to create a Marist presence in places completely unexplored or to strengthen communities which have just been formed...

In both cases it is a question of working in environments far away from our culture of origin and of constructing a project with marginalized boys and young people, without recognized rights, considered exclusively as a social "problem".

But at the present moment we concentrate on the present and we enjoy these days, in which free time and weekends of rest are not missing, mostly lived with one's own Fraternity.

Everything here seems beautiful to us, but...the adventure is only in its beginning!

Br. Mario Meuti

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NEW RELATIONSHIP OF COMMUNION: JOINT FORMATION OF BROTHERS AND LAY MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT



Between May 8 and 10, the Province of Brasil Sul-Amazônia promoted the first edition of its Joint Formation of Brothers and Lay Marists of Champagnat. The event took place in Tramandaí and provided a space for the sharing of experiences and vocations of 17 participants. The initiative is part of the preparation for the General Chapter in September and aims to foster a new relationship of communion between Brothers and Lay people, following a global movement of the Marist Institute.

"The meeting was very important to share specificities and similarities to qualify our formation, always in the light of the charism of the institution," stated the coordinator of the Marist laity, Edison de Oliveira.

6 JUNE: MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT. PASSION AND COMPASSION

When Fr Champagnat was on his deathbed, a Brother came to his bedside, took him by the hand and begged him: "Father, don't forget us when you go to heaven". Marcellin replied simply: "Forget you? It is impossible". How could a father forget his sons; it is impossible. Today, at vespers of the feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, from this remote corner of the Institute where I live and work, I also dare to beg him not to forget us, even though knowing that is impossible.

Father Champagnat, do not forget your Brothers struggling for the defence of human rights in Syria, nor the Brothers suffering enormous difficulties in Pakistan, Haiti, Cuba, Central Africa or Lebanon, the Brothers who live hidden and unknown in other countries I must not mention here, the Brothers who give up their lives each day in classrooms or offices, in the marginal districts of cities, in prestigious middle class schools or in remote country areas, the Brothers who teach in universities or in little primary schools, the Brothers who attempt to sow our charism in America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania.

Do not forget our leaders, your successors, who try to be your living image. And do not forget the legion of lay peo-



ple, as Marist as the Brothers, who work, live and pray with us, who hold fixed in their souls and bodies the Marist spirit, and who do not cease growing daily as a sign of the times. "Father, do not forget us..." Good Mother, do not forget us.

Br Eugenio Sanz, Bangladesh

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