



## KEEPING ALIVE THE INSTITUTE'S HERITAGE

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE'S PATRIMONY COMMISSION



The Institute's Patrimony Commission held its annual meeting in the General House during the week of 5th – 9th June. This week had been chosen for the meeting so that the members could be present at the Bicentenary Celebrations being held on 6th June.

In addition to the customary reports on the activities of the Commission's members, the Commission's first session was taken up with finalising preparations for [the launching of the 3-volume History of the Institute](#), a ceremony which took place prior to the Bicentenary Mass. The two authors of the History – Brothers André Lanfrey (Volumes 1 and 2) and Michael Green (Volume 3) – are members of the Commission. Another member of the Commission, Brother Antonio Estaún, was the editor of the three Volumes. All three gave presentations of their work to a large audience at the launching ceremony.

Brother Colin Chalmers, the General Archivist, gave a report to the Commission on the reorganisation project cur-

rently taking place in the General Archives. One aspect of the reorganisation is the digitalisation of the Institute's historical documents.

The digitalised documents will be put onto the Archivum computer programme. Being able to see original documents on computer screens will be of great assistance to researchers into the Institute's spiritual patrimony.

As the current Commission is coming towards the end of its life, with only one more meeting to take place, much of the week was taken up with discussions on how members would like to see the Commission develop. Now part of the "Brothers Today" Secretariat, the Patrimony Commission could be of great help in the Institute's formation programmes for both Brothers and laity.

The Director and Sub-Director of the Secretariat, Brothers Tony Leon and Hipólito Pérez, attended most of the Commission's sessions and contributed to the discussions.

## MADAGASCAR'S NEW PROVINCIAL SUPERIOR

### BR MICHEL MAMINIAINA RAZAFIMANDIMBY

The General Council has appointed Brother Michel Maminaiaina Razafimandimby as the new provincial superior of Madagascar for a three-year term.

Br Michel will begin his mandate on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8, during the provincial chapter.

"I thank Brother Michel for his openness and his readiness to serve the Institute in his mission as Provincial," said superior general Brother Emili Turú, in a letter to the Brothers of the Madagascar province dated May 16.

"My sincere thanks go also to Br Sylvain Ramandimbiarisoa, who during the past four years has given the best of himself in the animation and the government of the Province," he continued.

#### Biography

Born in Antsirabe, Madagascar on July 30, 1977, he is the third of a family of five children.

He attended St. Joseph's College in Antsirabe, a Marist school, and after graduating from high school, he entered the postulancy of Ampahidrano, Fianarantsoa in 1995.

After two years of training at the Novitiate of Obala in Cameroon, he made his first vows on June 26, 1998. He then continued his formation at the Marist International Center in Nairobi, Kenya, from 1998 to 2002.

Back in Madagascar, he served as prefect of studies and teacher for three years. He made his perpetual profession on August 14, 2005 in Antsirabe, and then lived at the Marist community in Laval in Quebec, Canada, from 2005 – 2009, and then in Willowdale. He completed one year of immersion at the IFHIM (Institut de Formation Humaine Intégrale de Montréal) from 2005 – 2006, and obtained a



Master's degree in Education from Université de Montréal in 2009.

After returning to Madagascar, Br Michel served as community leader, bursar, teacher and school principal. He is a member of the Provincial Council of Madagascar and serves as Vice-Provincial.

Since 2012, he has been the director of the Saint Joseph College of Antsirabe.

Br Michel coordinates the African Commission for Mission and represents Africa in the "New Models" project, and is also part of the Global Team for the Sustainability of the Mission in Africa and Asia project.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FMSI CONO SUR OFFICE

### TAKING ON NEW CHALLENGES

The representatives of the countries which form the provinces of Santa Maria de los Andes (Bolivia, Peru, Chile) and Cruz del Sur (Uruguay, Paraguay, Argentina) gathered from June 8 – 10 in Santiago de Chile for the annual meeting of the FMSI Cono Sur Office.

Brothers and Laity from Brazil also attended as well as two representatives of the Inter-American Network of Marist Solidarity.

Participants are now finishing the evaluation of the operational plan agreed upon for the first four years of the Cono Sur Office (2013-2017), and establishing the new challenges, to continue to better defend the rights of children and youths.

In the framework of the bicentenary and just before a new general chapter of the Marist Institute, the participants aim to improve the work that the FMSI Cono Sur



Annual meeting of FMSI Cono Sur: Representatives of Santa María de los Andes and Cruz del Sur; brothers and laity of Brazil, two representatives of the Inter-American Network of Marist Solidarity, Marzia Ventimiglia and Br Álvaro Sepúlveda of FMSI in Rome.

Office has been carrying out in recent years. They, along with the entire Marist Institute, benefit from the achievements in the actions of denouncing and of political impact, in which the main objective is to take

the voices of those made more invisible and promote human rights. FMSI director Marzia Ventimiglia, and FMSI child rights coordinator Brother Álvaro Sepúlveda participated on behalf of the FMSI Rome office.

## FMSI LAUNCHES NEW PUBLICATION

### THE REPORT GIVES SPECIAL ATTENTION TO CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

A few days before the Global Conference on Children on the Move (Berlin 12-13 of June), FMSI launched the publication "Rights without borders. Marist Initiatives for the care of Migrants and Refugees".

["Rights without borders"](#) is a collection of initiatives carried out to have a general view or survey of Marist experiences and of the principal challenges and opportunities in the framework of the great movements of migrants and refugees, with special attention to the protection of the rights of the boys and girls. In this publication are included experiences of different countries. Uruguay, Mexico, Brazil, Australia, South Africa, Rwanda Spain, Lebanon, Thailand.

At present the world is facing a level of human mobility without precedence. And, even if for the majority of migrants this is a positive experience and they succeed to transfer or move from one place to another without any incident, the number of those who are forced to leave their place of origin reaches historical levels. The circumstances and conditions in which they have to displace themselves, many times, make them risk their life.

Before a scenario such as this, it has seemed to us to be pertinent or appropriate to contact and make known the actions that the Marist network carries out in different parts of the world, to respond to the needs of migrants and refugees – especially children and young people – and to guarantee for them the joy of their rights. In spaces or places such as the [Global Conference on](#)



## MARIST WORLD



General councils of La Salle and Marist Brothers



Rwanda: Perpetual profession, Save TTC



Philippines: MAPAC, Marist Asia-Pacific Center



United States: Province assembly, Poughkeepsie



Italy: Istituto San Leone Magno, Rome



Brazil: National meeting of vacacional animators

[Children on the Move](#), in which FMSI will be represented, it is possible to contribute the experience and the competence of the Marist Institution in the education of migrant boys and young adolescents as it is contained in this publication.

The publication has been realized thanks to the: Marist editorial: FTD Educação (Brazil) and Assessoria de Co-

municação Institucional da Província Marista Brasil Centro-Sul (Brazil).

Download :

- "Rights without borders. Marist initiatives for the care of Migrants and Refugees" in English
- "Derechos sin fronteras. Iniciativas maristas de atención a personas migrantes y refugiadas" en español.

## MEMORY OF ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT

### GREECE'S MARIST FAMILY CELEBRATES THE BICENTENARY

The Lycée Léonin Néa Smyrni school celebrated the feast of Saint Marcellin on June 10, in the context of the La Valla year and the Institute's bicentenary.

A total of 627 people from the two communities of the Marist Brothers of Greece who are both Catholic and Orthodox, as well as members of the "Young Marists in Action," staff, and representatives of various associa-

tions, welcomed superior general Brother Emili Turú in an ecumenical spirit. Br Emili had accepted an invitation to be accompanied by provincial vicar Brother Gabriel Villa Real, provincial councillor Brother Michel Morel, and Father Maximos, Secretary of the Apostolic Nunciature in Greece. In an ecumenical spirit, the two communities of Marist Brothers, both Catholic and Orthodox members, of the technical, educational and ad-

ministrative staff of the Marist Educational and Social Works of Greece, the "young Marists in action", the representatives of the associations (A total of 627 persons) welcomed the Superior General, Brother Emili Turú, who had accepted an invitation to be accompanied by the brothers Gabriel Villa Real, Provincial Vicar, Michel Morel, Provincial Councilor and Father Maximos, Secretary of the Apostolic Nunciature in Greece. All of them



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Superior General



paid tribute to the memory of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. In his brief address Brother Emili underlined, among other things, that "today's Marist Greece offers unity in diversity, following the model of the Trinity whose icon is seen on the walls of the schools I have just visited." Later, the

Youth Symphonic Orchestra of Athens and the choir of the Lycée Léonin Néa Smyrni interpreted the "Champagnat" oratory, composed by a former pupil of the school, Nicolas Charikiopoulos, inspired by the spiritual testament of Marcellin. The celebration concluded with the projection of a video on the

Marist mission in the world today. At the end of the afternoon, during a cocktail and in a friendly atmosphere, participants said that the new beginning on the threshold of the third century of the Institute offers new hope to children and young people around the world.

**EAST ASIA PROVINCE: SEVEN BROTHERS MAKE THEIR PROFESSION IN COTABATO**



The new Brothers: Gary B. Danlag (Cotabato), Jay-Jay E. Escuadro (Marbel), Abraham Kang Minwoo (Suwon, Coreia), Kevin Anthony S. Legara (Cotabato), Denzel Resi O. Nartatez (Cotabato) Roxan P. Paje (Marbel) and Romar Dave S. Rano (Marbel); the master of novices, Br Alfredo Herrera, and the celebrants of the Mass.

On May 22, the East Asia province welcomed the first profession of seven Brothers.

Several religious, particularly Marist Sisters, took part in the celebration which was held at the Notre Dame of Cotabato school in the Philippines.

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## SPAIN: CEREMONY OF CONNECTION TO THE MARIST CHARISM

The province of Iberia held a ceremony of bonding of a new group of laity to the Marist charism in the Champagnat School of Guadalajara, Spain, on June 10. During the event, Carlos y María, Raúl y Silvia, Jesús y María, Marta y Pepe Nacho, Ángel, Carmina, Jorge, Carlos and Romualdo publicly declared their commitment to Marist life.

A celebration, which was taken care of in great detail, revealed their careers in the Marist family as teachers, youth group leaders, team members of the provincial structure... It was a day of encounter, gratitude and hope, a great day shared with people in love with Marcellin and his dream, ready to live it awake, bonded to the Marist charism. The photos of this moment can be found in the Facebook Photo Album of the Iberia Province.



## WORLD REFUGEE DAY - 20 JUNE



I've met so many who have lost so much. But they never lose their dreams for their children or their desire to better our world. They ask for little in return – only our support in their time of greatest need.

António Guterres, UN Secretary-General

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