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22ND GENERAL CHAPTER: RIONEGRO, COLOMBIA

Day 12 - Sept. 19

Lay people and brothers: what the body is telling us

The chapter devoted its 12th day to the laity and to the report on the economic situation.

The two morning sessions were led by 8 lay people invited to the Chapter. In the afternoon, Br. Libardo Garzón presented the economic reality of the Institute.

These sessions were not moments for decisions and approvals of documents, but the continuation of the awareness of the Institute as a body. To read the full story, visit: <https://goo.gl/xTZS7z>.



Day 13 - Sept. 20 - Intervention of Brother Emili Turú

The focus of the morning's session a presentation given by Brother Emili Turú, where he addressed 5 themes key to the life of the Institute: An Institute 'going forth', Safeguarding of children, Dancing with dinosaurs, formation and Being lay Marists. In the afternoon session Chapter participants analyzed the answers to the questions of Monday's session. To read the full story, visit: <https://goo.gl/zH9UnN>.

The afternoon session began with the Marian prayer, which today consisted of praying a mystery of the rosary. Following this, a letter from the capitulants expressing solidarity with the victims of hurricanes and earthquakes in the Americas was approved. To read the message, visit <https://goo.gl/c9EuVo>.

Day 14 - Sept. 21 - Regenerative Dialogue on the Institute

The process for the first stage of General Chapter, which is building up an awareness of the world and the Institute as a global body, is about to conclude. Today, the Chapter the participants reflected on some of the issues that were still missing in the "awareness of reality" in the Institute.

The last activity of the day was the Mass of Forgiveness. Gathered before the chapel, the participants listened to the request for forgiveness from the message of the Bicentenary, read by Brother Emili. Entering the chapel, each one washed his/her hands, in a gesture that signified pardon for infidelity to the breath of the Spirit and also a commitment to a consistent life living the evangelical ideal. To read the full story, visit: <https://goo.gl/XbweJ5>.





Day 15 - Sept. 22 - Letting Go

In terms of the overall process, the General Chapter is about to complete the first phase of "Perceiving the present reality and the future" to move on to the next phase of "articulating the collective purpose for the future of the Institute".

This movement requires of everyone a certain "letting go". This was the focus of today's process.

The first session began with Br. Josep Maria Soteras notifying capitulants that the third draft of the revised Constitutions and the first draft of the Rule of Life is now available for them to read.

Before dinner, participants met in their fraternity groups (16 in all) to share what they have been experiencing in the Chapter since they last met.

To read the full story, visit: <https://goo.gl/p4Trti> .

Day 16 - Sept. 23 - What we need to leave behind

On the 16th day of the General Chapter, the participants continued to try and identify what the whole Institute needs to "let go of" or stop doing for it to be the Institute envisioned for the future.

After the morning contemplative prayer and breakfast, Eucharist opened the day at 8:45 am. At the beginning of the first session, Brother Juan Carlos read a brief message from Brother José Sánchez, Provincial of Central México, who is absent from the Chapter until Monday. The message referred to the suffering of the Mexican people and the Province's activities on behalf of those affected by the earthquake.

On Sunday morning, the whole General Chapter community, along with local Marists from Medellin, and members of the Marist Novitiate community, gathered at the Major Seminary at 10 am to celebrate Eucharist with the Archbishop of Medellin, Ricardo Tobón. To read the full story, visit: <https://goo.gl/p4Trti> .



Day 18 - Sept. 25 - Letting go... Yesterday, today and tomorrow

This week began with the final stage of the discovery of the reality of the world and of the Institute, clarifying what is necessary for individuals, Administrative Units and the global body of the Institute to leave behind so as to move into the future. The next phase to begin is to discern what God wants the Marists to be and do into the future. Br. Óscar Martín, representing the Facilitation Commission, opened the morning session by outlining the program and the process for the coming week. Oscar highlighted the focus of the process, namely: for the Chapter to discern what God wants the Marists to be, and what God wants them to do. This discernment will inevitably lead to identifying key implications. Some themes are already known: Government; Lay Marists, Formation; Children's Rights ... Others will become evident in time. To read the full story, visit: <https://goo.gl/p4Trti> .

ITALIAN TOWN NAMES A STREET AND A BRIDGE AFTER SAINT MARCELLIN 50 YEARS OF MARIST PRESENCE IN CESANO MADERNO



A road and a bridge were officially given the name of 'Saint Marcellin Champagnat' on Sept. 14 as a gift of the city's administration to the Institute for 50 years of educational presence in the town of Cesano Maderno just north of Milan, Italy.

A spokesperson of the Brothers underscored that "we are happy with this choice, and now Cesano can include in its toponymy a road dedicated to the Marists, as it already happens in other places around Italy where our congregation works such as Rome, Genoa, Giugliano and Entracque."

Mayor Maurilio Longhin, former mayor Pietro Luigi Ponti,

the Marist school's vice-president Franca Strada, its principal, Brother Giorgio Banaudi, local authorities and several students and teachers took part.

During his speech, the mayor – a former Marist student himself – underscored that 30 of the town's mayors had studied at the Marist school in Cesano Maderno.

The bridge, which crosses over the Seveso River, and the street is a tranquil pedestrian area.

To watch a video on the inauguration of both the street and the bridge, visit: <https://goo.gl/88sN5Y>.

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FMSI LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE, TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM ACCOUNTS



CHI SIAMO DIRITTI PROGETTI SOSTIENICI CONTATTACI



The Marist non-profit organization FMSI launched [a new website](#) on Sept. 22 with the aim of better communicating its activities.

"The overall purpose of the new site is to renew FMSI's image outwardly and make it more accessible to those who browse the site's information," FMSI director Marzia Ventimiglia affirmed.

"We want to make the website a powerful and impactful communication tool regarding all the activities we carry out," she added in an interview



MARIST WORLD



Costa Rica: Recalling the Institute's Bicentenary



Syria: Workshop at the M.I.T. directed by Br Georges Sabe - Aleppo



Australia: Marist Colleges donate clothes to Marist 180



Tanzania: Marist boys singing during the 25th anniversary celebration - Mwanza



Spain: Child protection, Marists of Compostela



Mexico: Marists of Bachillerato "Asunción Ixtaltepec" - Solidarity with Juchitán

with the general house press office on Sept. 19. Aside from its Facebook page, FMSI also has now accounts in Instagram and Twitter under the name fmsi_onlus.

The website started off in Italian and English, and will soon be available also in Spanish and Portuguese.

For technical reasons, the website's URL changed from www.fmsi-onlus.org to www.fmsi.org.

Its sections include general information on the organisation as well as on children's rights, projects, news, and how to donate.

BROTHERS VISIT KIBEHO, SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

PILGRIMAGE TO MARIAN SHRINE COMMEMORATES BICENTENARY



East Central Africa provincial superior Brother Théoneste Kalisa Ruhando led the Brothers in Rwanda on pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Kibeho on Sept. 2 as one of the activities to commemorate the bicentenary.

After beginning the pilgrimage from the Save Novitiate in Butare with a prayer and a blessing from Father Jean Claude, several Brothers led the rosary during the one-hour journey.

Fr Jean Claude celebrated Mass at the shrine and in his homily, he called on

the Brothers to be aware of their talents and happily use them for the good of all, "doing well everywhere and to everyone."

The Brothers then returned to the Save community to celebrate the gift of brotherhood and God's blessings.

Br Théoneste invited each Brother to take home the general superior's call of the New Beginning noting that "unless each one individually embraces the changes that are unavoidable, we cannot continue talking about a New Beginning as an institution in an impacting way."

"Each Marist is called to embark on the journey, the community, the province and the whole Institute," he added and urged the Brothers to insistently pray for the 22nd General Chapter.

The apparitions of "Mother of the Word, Our Lady of Sorrows" in Kibeho, which took place between 1981 and 1983, were approved by the Church in 2001.

Over 500,000 pilgrims visit the shrine in Kibeho every year. French theologian René Laurentin refers to it as "the Lourdes of Africa" and it is, in fact, a site of spiritual healing and conversion.

FRANCE: BROTHERS CELEBRATE JUBILEES ON FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF MARY

Six Brothers celebrated their sixtieth anniversary of profession and one celebrated his fiftieth on Sept. 8, feast of the nativity of Mary, at Le Rosey, village of Marthes, France.

The celebration of the 60 years of Brothers Lucien Brosse, Eugene Chevalier, Jean Vincent, André Barçon, Benito Arbuès and Georges Pitiot and of 50 years of Brother Bernard Régis was held at the birthplace of Saint Marcelin Champagnat.

The Mass was presided by Father Gabriel Perret, chaplain of Notre Dame de l'Hermitage, at the chapel of Le Rosey, with the participation of several priests and deacons, who are friends of the jubilarians. Brothers



and friends were among the participants in the Eucharist, which was con-

cluded with the renewal of the consecration of the Brothers.



TANZANIA: BICENTENARY COINCIDES WITH 25 YEARS OF MARIST PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY

Marists in Tanzania gathered in Masonga to celebrate both the bicentenary and the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Marist presence in the country.

In a Mass held on Aug. 15, students, teachers, Brothers and friends recalled the first arrival of the Brothers in 1992.

"As we look back, we see with gratitude the whole journey, full of blessings and graces, with many signs of solidarity and cooperation," affirmed one of the Brothers in a written statement to the general house press office.

"Our mission has been blessed with the participation of volunteers who have helped strengthen what we now have," he added.

"They come from different countries in Europe and Latin America and are following with interest the development of this important work of the Church."

Brothers Francisco ("Kiko") Baeza, Juan Velasco and Teodoro Grageda arrived to Masonga, Tanzania, from Guadalajara, México, on June 6, feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat.

Upon arriving to Masonga, just 10km south of the border with Kenya and at the eastern shore of Lake Victoria, the Brothers began organising a secondary school which they opened in 1993.

They opened a second community in 1999 in Mwanza after establish-



In the picture, Brothers Kiko, Juan and Teo when they left Mexico for Tanzania.

ing a formation house for postulants, who arrived from across the Marist province of East Central Africa – Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania.

They then finally opened a high school in 2013 to help prepare youth for university.

There are seven Brothers in Tanzania located in two communities and manage two schools.

In Masonga, they run a secondary school where they are present, and a small school for deaf children with 25 students.

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