



FMSI HOSTS CHILD RIGHTS CONFERENCE FOR ITS 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY 'CHILDREN ON THE MOVE, DIRITTI SENZA CONFINI' WILL BE HELD ON NOV. 20

Marist International Solidarity Foundation Onlus For the benefit of children ([FMSI](#)) is hosting a child rights conference on Nov. 20 in Rome, Italy, to celebrate its 10 year anniversary and to raise awareness on the migrant children's right to education.

Speakers at the conference, titled 'Children on the Move, diritti senza Confini' (Children on the Move, rights without boundaries), will include representatives of Save the Children, Focsiv, Jesuit Refugee Service, Italian Red Cross and Terre des Hommes.

It is hoped that Brother Georges Sabe, a Blue Marist who looks after displaced children in Aleppo, Syria, will be able to give his testimony at the event.

According to the United Nations, there were over 244 million migrants in the world in 2015.

Today, the number of migrants includes 21 million refugees, three million asylum seekers and over 40 million internally displaced persons.

The international community is currently engaged in negotiations for carrying out the Global Compact for Migration in a safe and orderly way.

The conference will be held at the Italian Chamber of Deputies at 10:30 am.

Participants can also visit a photographic exhibition at Galleria Alber-



to Sordi in Rome from Nov. 19 – Dec. 2.

It will be an exhibition of 16 photographs chosen from a contest open to the participation of children and young people from schools around the world on the topic children on the move.

[FMSI](#) is the foundation created by the Institute to promote and protect the rights of children.

FMSI carries on its mission through the activity of advocacy and lobbying with projects in the countries in which the Marists are present.

FMSI was constituted in 2007 in Italy as a non-profit organization of social usefulness (ONLUS).

From 2011 it has the special consultative status before the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

FMSI is member of: Bureau International Catholique de l'Enfance ([BICE](#)), Centre Catholique International de Genève ([CCIG](#)), [Child Rights Connect](#), [Movimiento Mundial por la Infancia de Latinoamérica y El Caribe](#), [FOCSIV](#) (Federazione degli Organismi Cristiani Servizio Internazionale Volontario), Observatorio Niñez y Adolescencia ([ONA](#)), Santiago de Chile.

ENGLISH SPEAKING THIRD AGE PROGRAMME IN ROME

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Course director

A group of English speaking Brothers from around the world are taking part in a two-month programme at the general house in Rome, Italy, to be guided in their transition to the third age.

The Brothers will go on pilgrimage to France on Thursday until Nov. 6, as part of the programme, to visit Marist places.

Accompanied by Brother Michael Green, author of *History of the Institute: Dawn's uncertain light*, Volume 3, their visits will include L'Hermitage, La Valla, Rosey and Marhles.

The course is being led by Brother John Klein and Brother John McDonnell, as assistant director, both from the United States.

"Even though I did the course myself last year, I have a different set of eyes now," said Brother John Klein on Oct. 23. "You always engage in ministry and you never retire as a Brother."

"It's an opportunity for the Brothers to step back, reflect, pray and discern what God is asking them to do next," he told the general house

press office. Br John underscored that "these Brothers have a lot of talent and life isn't over. It's about having new eyes to see life's possibilities."

There are 14 Marist Brothers and a Marianist priest taking part in the programme, which is running from Oct. 9 – Dec. 9. A second Marianist priest, Father José Ramírez from the United States, is serving as their chaplain.

The participants are: Brothers Pietro Codato (from Italy, residing in Vietnam); David Cooney, Christopher Shannon, Father Christian Janson (USA); Gilbert Asong Dakora (from Ghana, residing in Cambodia); William Lawley (New Zealand); John McMahan, Frank Hough, Francis Richardson (Australia); Albert Nwagbo-Egbo, Chima Onwujuru (Nigeria); Damien Schutt (from New Zealand, residing in Kiribati); Winfried Schrieck (Germany); Nicholas Smith (Ireland); Anthony Tan (from Malaysia, residing in Sarawak).

Br John is running a blog during the programme. For more information, visit <https://padlet.com/john-mc-mahan/MaristThirdAge2017>.

NEWS IN BRIEF

VENEZUELA

A day of free medical services took place on Oct. 18 that visited 191 patients at the Centro Marista de Salud Integral in Caracas. Five services were offered: dentistry, gynecology (cervical cancer screening), otorhinolaryngology, pediatrics and detection of cardiovascular risk factors. The support came from dentists, doctors, a psychologist and lay people belonging to the Marist Family of the Colegio Champagnat of Caracas. A toothbrush and toothpaste were also donated to all patients.

BRAZIL

The Marist Solidarity Network of the Brazil Centro-Sul province has launched a series of videos called 'What do you want to play? For the right of playing' (Brincadiquê? Pelo Direito ao Brincar). The aim is to inspire educators from all over the country to develop quality pedagogical practices that aim at the right to play and the integral development of children.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

More than 700 students attended a conference on Child Rights Awareness, held also in the last two years, at the chapel of the Divine Word University. It was organized by the Marist Adult Youths, students from different faculties of the university, who invited students of the Kusbau Primary School to attend. During the event, the Marist Adult Youths spoke about children's rights and teachers of the primary school shared their views on the issue.

**HAITI: A YEAR AFTER HURRICANE MATTHEW
LOOKING FOR GREATER SELF-SUSTAINABILITY**



The brothers who were in charge of organizing international aid for damages caused by last year's hurricane have highlighted the need for the Marist sector to be more self-sufficient in the long run.

"We do not know how many more years the province of México Occidental will be able to support us," they revealed in the final report of Haiti for [FMSI](#) in September.

"At times we live by surviving so many things that need to be done and we do not give ourselves time to make these processes complete," continued Brother Enrique Escobar Zúñiga, the project coordinator.

Hurricane Matthew struck Haiti on Oct. 3, 2016, causing numerous casualties and extensive damage to the homes of the Brothers.

"We responded to an emergency, we sought help from abroad and the best way to distribute it or to make it available (but) we did not involve and commit the beneficiaries," Br Enrique wrote in the report. "For example, (we did not) reflect

with them on how to organize to rebuild their cement houses."

On the other hand, the emergency aid for the food and the reconstruction of the schools of Dame Marie and Latibolière enabled the classes to begin a month after the hurricane and no professor emigrated to another city.

The aid was for 1,250 students, aged between seven and 25, and 75 teachers.

"We are convinced that schools are a means that can help educate to transform hearts and reality," he added.

"By returning to school, you give students something to do and that reassures families and gives them the message that things will return to normal and their children will receive at least one meal a day."

Haiti belongs to the province of México Occidental and, in addition to the country's nine brothers, it has six Mexican brothers who serve there.

MARIST WORLD



Greece: Lycée Léonin
Néa Smyrni, Athens



Lebanon: Fratelli Project,
Rmeileh



Brazil:
Tabatinga



Peru: Celebration
of the Bicentenary, Lima



Pakistan:
Sargodha



Spain: The course for laity
'Acompañantes del Alma', Roxos

BROTHERS OF BUGOBE KILLED FOR REFUSING TO LEAVE THEIR PEOPLE FOUR SPANISH BROTHERS AND TWO BELGIAN BROTHERS

We remember Brothers Fernando de la Fuente, Julio Rodríguez Jorge, Miguel Angel Isla Lucio and Servando Mayor García, who were martyred on Oct. 31, 1996, in Zaire, now known as the Democratic Republic

of the Congo. The Marist calendar contains an antecedent: Brothers Christian Ettinger, provincial, and Lucien Vandamme, both of Belgium, were also killed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in 1964

when this territory was part of the Marist Congo-Rwanda province. The four Spanish Brothers lived in Bugobe and were killed in 1996 when tensions from the neighbouring Rwandan Civil War and genocide spilled over.



Two of the Brothers were from Valladolid, the other two from Burgos.

They were killed in their house, located in the refugee camp of Nyamirangwe, around 8pm.

It remains unclear if they were shot or killed with machetes.

According to an article published in El Pais on Nov. 13, 1996, the murderers were Hutu militias of the former Rwandan regime, who raided the house of the Brothers, ran-

sacked it and violently killed the four Brothers. The perpetrators remained in the house for several days, preventing others to access the place. The few witnesses, who were nearby, reported seeing the soldiers wear the brothers' clothes, such as Fernando's anorak and Julio's glasses and shirts.

They threw their bodies in a sewage well, several metres deep. Their bodies were recovered on Nov. 14 and were buried in the novitiate house of the Brothers in

Nyangezi. Their cases are pending an investigation into the possibility of canonization.

There are so far 115 Marists Martyrs who have been beatified.

Two lay Marists and 66 Brothers were beatified on Oct. 13, 2013, and 47 Brothers on Oct. 28, 2007 – all were killed during the Spanish civil war. For the biography of the four Brothers [click here](#).

SCHOOL RETREAT AT FRANKLIN LAKES, NEW JERSEY

BEING THE LIGHT



Marists from several different communities and the parish of Most Blessed Sacrament organised together a day's retreat for students, faculty and parents from Marist schools in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey.

The parochial vicar, Father John Job, is a graduate of Marist High School in Bayonne, New Jersey, was among the organisers.

Under the theme 'Being the Light,' held on Oct. 13, students and parents explored the ways that God's love is the light within, how to share that light, how to nourish that light, and ways of being that light for others. To help them in their reflection, participants were involved in several activities as well as an art project, and

discussed clips from Moana. The teachers affirmed they could "find God in the ordinary" and were challenged to see their school as "holy ground."

The retreat ended with Mass, celebrated by Bishop John W. Flesey, who reflected on the gospel reading taken from Saint Matthew's passage on "you are the light of the world."

The Blessed Sacrament school choir ended the Eucharistic celebration with the song 'This little light of mine.'

The retreat ended by challenging the participants – parents, faculty and students – to be the light.

300 TEACHERS MEET IN CARTAGENA, COMPETE AT LA VALLA AWARDS SPAIN: II DAYS OF THE MARIST EDUCATOR

Nearly 300 teachers gathered in Cartagena, Spain, on Oct. 21 to compete their new pedagogical projects at the La Valla awards and reflect on key teaching competencies.

The teachers, gathered in the Marist school La Sagrada Familia, came from Extremadura, Andalusia, Murcia and Valencia – all part of the Mediterránea province.

One of the guest speakers was Javier Manuel Valle López, a professor at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, who spoke about the Education Act in Spain possibly being reformed.

“We have good examples of quality and innovative education within the Marist province of Mediterránea,” said Bartolomé Gil, the Marist delegate of education, on the province’s website.

During the conference II Days of the Marist Educator, nursery, primary, secondary and baccalaureate teachers also presented their innovative pedagogical projects to compete in the La Valla Awards, which the Institute gives to effective, innovative and creative educational work.

There were 52 projects of different levels of education from nearly 15 schools, which were judged by the education team, the innovation commission and the Council of Marist Educational Works (COEM).

The projects included topics such as the learning process, the integration of families into teaching, the collaboration of students from



other courses and the creativity of students.

Other topics addressed the application of different methodologies, the development of coexistence and integration in classrooms and the use of new tools in classes.

In the category of nursery and primary, the winners were the projects ‘Jugando se aprende a convivir’ (Cartagena) and ‘The pirate pursuit’ (Murcia); while in ESO-bachillerato, the winners were ‘Maristas Space Balloon’ (Valencia) and ‘Cosmética natural como respuesta al cambio climático’ (Seville).

The second day of the II Days of the Marist Educator will be on November 4.

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