



## BROTHERS ERNESTO SÁNCHEZ AND EMILI TURÚ VISIT THE VATICAN ENCOUNTER WITH CARDINAL JOÃO BRAZ DE AVIZ

Brothers Emili Turú and Ernesto Sánchez met with Card. João Braz de Aviz, prefect of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life on Nov. 7.

The purpose of the visit was to introduce the new superior general, Brother Ernesto Sánchez, to the various Vatican departments related to consecrated life, with which the Institute normally discusses issues.

During the encounter with the Cardinal, who welcomed the superior and former superior of the Institute in a fraternal way, they discussed the General Chapter recently held in Colombia and on its future calls.

Cardinal João, who presided the bicentenary celebration on June 6 at the general house, thanked the Marist Institute for its work and expressed his appreciation for the path the Brothers and the Marist



laity have taken together in recent years.

He also expressed his preoccupation for the number for religious who annually request an indult of excommunication, encouraging us to

continue to put energy and care in the vocational accompaniment of the younger generations and in ongoing formation.

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### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Brothers Eugène Kabanguka and Emili Turú have returned to their provinces. Br Eugène will be in Rwanda for a few days and then he will move to Curitiba, Brazil, where he will continue his recovery. Brother Emili will follow a sabbatical semester in Texas (United States) starting in January.

An "Appreciative Inquiry" workshop was held in Rome, Italy, from Nov. 10 – 11, organised by SEDOS. Participants included Superior general, Br Ernesto Sánchez; Br Óscar Martín Vicario, general councillor; former superior general, Br Emili Turú; director of the Secretar-

iat for the Laity, Br Javier Espinosa; bursar general, Br Libardo Garzón.

Brother Tony Leon, director of the Brothers Today secretariat, attended a meeting last weekend, on Nov. 11 and 12, of the European team of Brothers Today in Lyon, France.

This Friday, November 17, and Saturday, November 18 the director of the Secretariat for the Laity, Br Javier Espinosa, will attend an encounter of charismatic families in Rome.

gious brothers, encouraging them to continue to deepen their being Brothers and to live and radically witness to their consecration in today's world.

At the end of the encounter, Brothers Emili and Ernesto gave him the book of photographs published on the occasion of the bicentenary and thanked him for the video greeting sent by the Cardinal to the Chapter participants, which was shown on the day of the opening.

Around noon, the time of the Angelus prayer coincided, at which time they were invited to join in this prayer with all the staff of the dicastery.

The Cardinal then introduced the two Brothers to the staff, an occasion that allowed them to greet the heads of the different offices, including the undersecretaries,

Father Sebastián Paciolla and Sister Nicla Spezzati, as well as several other officials; and, at a separate moment, they also had the opportunity to greet the Congregation's secretary, Archbishop José R. Carballo.

Many of them recognized Brother Emili Turú, who has been invited last year to animate a day's retreat with all the staff.

During their visit to the Vatican, Brothers Emili and Ernesto took the opportunity to also visit the office of the Union of Superiors General (USG), located near the Vatican, to greet the permanent secretaries.

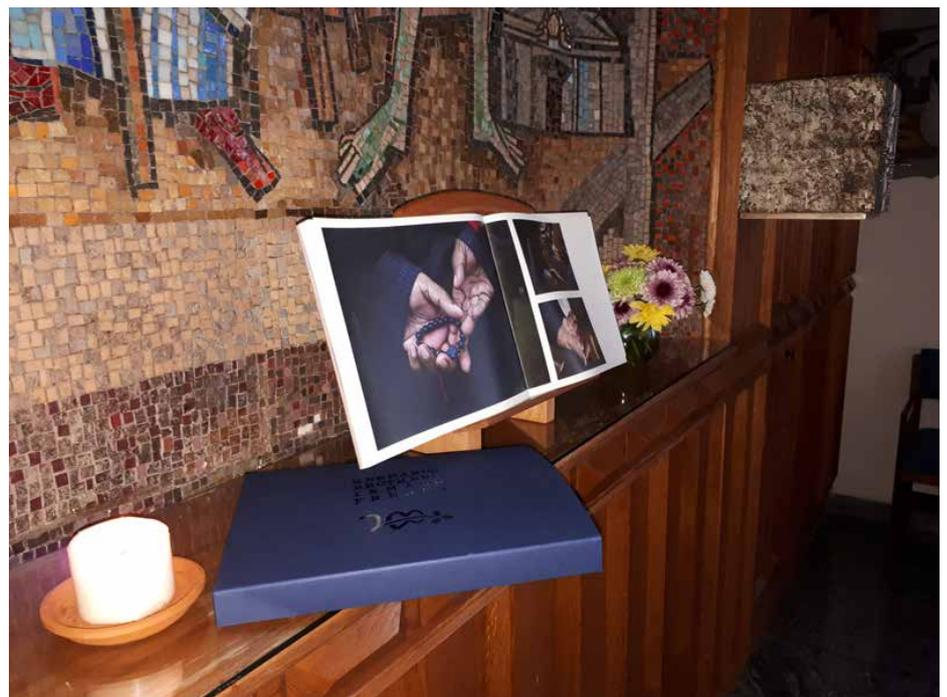
The office showed appreciation for Br Emili's collaboration during these last few years as superior general of the Marist Brothers.

## THE BOOK "BROTHERS" REACHES THE COMMUNITY FOURTH VOLUME OF THE HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTE?



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Br. Antonio Estaún



The book "Brothers" is a gift of the Institute for the Marist Brothers on the occasion of the Bicentenary of the Institute's foundation. Presented to the Institute during the General Chapter, it is currently reaching Marist communities around the world.

It was made by the Brothers Today Secretariat, edited in a single volume in four languages by the Marist

publishers Edelvives, Gram Editora and FTD Educación.

It is a photo book, with photos by professional photographer Conor Ashleigh, a former Marist student from Australia.

Brother Antonio Estaún, general postulator and member of the community of the General House, shares with us his reflection on the book.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### BRASIL CENTRO-NORTE

The Province held in a meeting with the formation Brothers who serve in the houses of the pre-Postulate, Postulate, Novitiate and Juniorate in Brasilia from Nov. 3 – 5. It was a meeting to update them and for their ongoing formation for the performance of their task.

### IBÉRICA

There will be a joint formation meeting for Brothers and laity in Lardero, Spain, on Nov. 18 and 19. Under the motto 'Ecclesiology of communion', it will be coordinated by the Lasallian Brother, Antonio Botana, who has worked on this theme in his congregation and in the Vatican. The participants will reflect on the Institute as a charismatic family within the Church, discovering and expressing together a community or family "face" that contributes something specific to the world and to the Church.

### UNITED STATES

Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, is offering scholarships for students graduating from Marist schools around the world. The \$5,000 USD (€ 4,200 Euro) scholarship will be applied annually to tuition at Marist College for four years, if students attend full time with at least 12 credits per semester and remain in good academic standing. The scholarship is in addition to any merit-based scholarship of up to \$15,000 USD (€ 12800 Euro) per year that undergraduate students receive.



For more information on the resources used during the celebration at the General House, visit: <https://goo.gl/x3DF11>.

A book attracts my attention for the title, I contextualized its contents through the index, which informs me of the why and how of its realization in the presentation. From this information I deduce its usefulness and I decide to read it entirely or partly and whether or not to apply it in practical life.

The title is usually the last thing that is decided when making a book and sometimes it is the result of a long discussion or a considered discernment.

In this case, the selection was made after the impact of the Institute's ecclesial experience that it witnessed alongside other lay institutions of consecrated brothers, and after the publication of the Vatican document Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church from which the book takes the structure of its contents, distributed around three topics:

Spirituality, community and mission. In this sense, the title of this book is indebted to ecclesial communion. The content that the images reflect does not refer only to the life of the Marist Brother. There are pho-

tographs that clearly speak of the Marist Brother incardinated in the ecclesial community and in close relationship with the laity. If the experience that the book tells would have been only Marist, I think the proper title would have been: "Little Brothers."

After reading the presentation of the book by Brother Emili Turú as superior general, this volume may well be considered the fourth volume of the Institute's History prepared and published to commemorate the second centenary of the foundation.

The work is presented as "a look at Marist life" with horizons open to the whole world. The author, Conor Ashleigh, "former student of a Marist school in Australia", a fan of photography and cinema, visited 19 countries. During his travelling, he met Marist Brothers from 40 countries and captured moments of their lives in his photographs.

But the author offers us his work as "a visual story that expresses the life and mission of the brothers throughout the world," as a "visual meditation for both brothers and laity" embodied as a "visual testament" offered by a lay person to the Institute in this second centenary of its foundation.

This volume is the Institute's history narrated not through the protagonism of the leaders and the struc-

## MARIST WORLD



Lebanon: Blue Marists from Aleppo visit Rmeileh



Cambodia: Healthcare workshops, Pailin



Sri Lanka: Marist Youth Ministry, Negombo



Tanzania: Marist Boys Secondary School visit Sayona Drinking Company, Mwanza



General House: Seminar, by SEDOS, on the "appreciative inquiry" method



Spain: Course for mission of European Marist leaders, Alcalá de Henares

tures of government, animation and management, as prevails in the three volumes of History recently published, but rather by the protagonists of spirituality, community and Marist mission on the field in their daily accomplishments as shown by the first image with which the book opens: anonymous, on the way, without chevrons or uniform, light luggage, but together on a neighborhood's paths. It is recommended that the book remains active in the life and action of the Brothers as

a source of inspiration "of Marist life in this new century" that the Marist Brothers have just begun. Among the possible uses that can be made of the book could to tell, within groups, fraternities, communities, meetings and assemblies, the stories, anecdotes and the "little flowers" of Marist life that this book gives us. What is it that you see? What does it tell you? What do you tell them? What does it teach us? How is it similar to our life? ...

## MARIST NEWS: NUMBER 500

On the anniversary of Saint Marcellin Champagnat's birth in 2008, the communications office of the general house published the first issue of the newsletter "Marist News."

Today, Nov. 14, 2017, we are publishing the 500th issue.

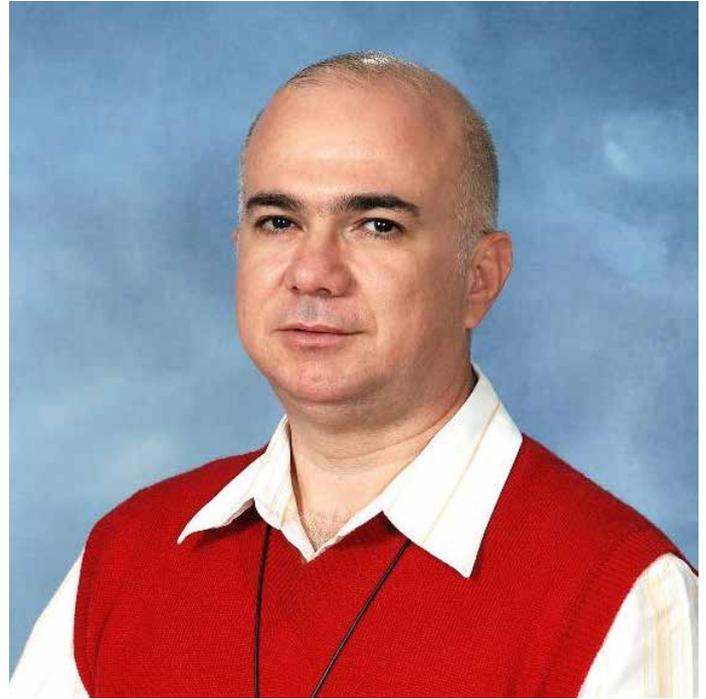
Published weekly, the newsletter is sent by email to over 6,000 registered in the mailing list. Recipients receive the newsletter in the four languages used by the general administration: English (1551 entries), Spanish (3011 entries),

French (592 entries) and Portuguese (884 entries).

In 2008, Marist News was created to replace "Latest News" and "Marist Bulletin", the first was for the brothers and the second for the laity.

The increasing participation of the laity in the charism, in Marist life and mission motivated this change, through a means that reaches as many consecrated as laity, transmitting the vigor of Champagnat's dream.

## NEW PROVINCIALS OF OF AMÉRICA CENTRAL AND BRASIL CENTRO-SUL BROTHERS HIPÓLITO PÉREZ GÓMEZ AND BENÊ OLIVEIRA



The General Council has appointed Brother Hipólito Pérez Gómez as the new superior of the América Central province.

He will replace Brother Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, who was elected as vicar general during the last General Chapter. Brother Hipólito will begin his term during the provincial chapter, which will be held from Dec. 9 – 14 in Guatemala.

Brother Hipólito Pérez Gómez born in 1965 in Dueñas (Palencia) in Spain. He began his journey in the Institute in the seminary of Miranda de Ebro. After the novitiate in Venta de Baños, he made the first profession in 1984. The same year he left for Central America. He completed his theological and professional studies in Guatemala.

He worked in the different countries of the Province, as an educator, animator of pastoral work, formator as well as in the area of accompaniment of the life of the Brothers.

From 2004 to 2007 he was a formator and master of novices in the Interprovincial Novitiate of Medellín, Colombia. He was also provincial of América Central between 2008 and 2013.

Then, in 2015, he was appointed deputy director of the Brothers Today secretariat at the general administration.

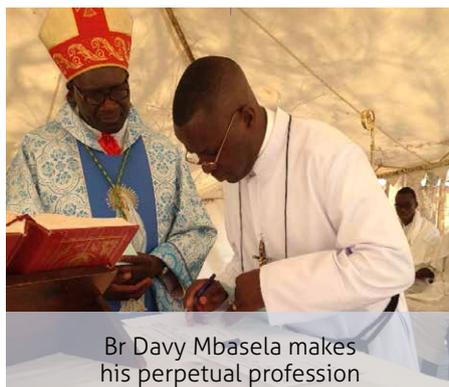
The general council has appointed Brother Antonio Benedito de Oliveira as the new superior of the Brasil Centro-Sul Province. He will replace Brother Joaquim Sperandio. He begins his term during the provincial chapter, which will take place from Dec. 6 – 11.

Br Benê Oliveira was born on April 8, 1964, in Ituverava, São Paulo. He graduated in religious sciences (PUCPR); in education-pedagogy (Universidad Federal del Amazonas - Manaus, AM and Universidad Estatal de Ponta Grossa, PR); Postgraduate in methodology of science (CIES / Curitiba, PR) in social psychology (PUCSP) and in theology (PUCPR).

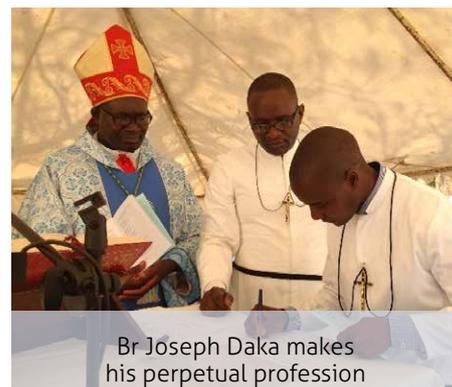
In addition to the love of teaching, (teacher of Portuguese language, literature, religious teaching, catechesis), he was formator (pre-postulate), pastoralist, director of schools (Pius XII, Santista, Glória and Archidiocesano), director of the education sector and of pastoral (educational superintendent) of the Marist school units, acting in the ongoing formation of educators and pastoralists, leadership of reflection, planning and action teams of the Marist schools and social units of the Province. In the PUCPR, he acted in the direction of internal relations (community pro-rectory). Currently, he is active in the PMBCS as vice-provincial; director of the Consecrated Life and Laity Sector (SVCL) and of the Marist Memorial; researcher of the PHEM; director of the CMMC. For 16 years he has been a member of the provincial council, of the PMBCS board of directors, and of the Editora FTD. He participated and is still active in other councils, committees, working groups, committees of the PMBCS, Umbrasil and Marist America (EAM).



Brother Patrick Bwalya celebrates his jubilee as a Marist Brother



Br Davy Mbasela makes his perpetual profession



Br Joseph Daka makes his perpetual profession

## TWO PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS AND A SILVER JUBILEE

### BROTHERS JOSEPH DAKA, DAVY MBASELA AND PATRICK BWALYA

Two Brothers made their final vows in Zambia on Sept. 15, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, while a third celebrated his silver jubilee as a Marist Brother.

Brothers Joseph Daka and Davy Mbasela made their perpetual profession during a Mass celebrated by Bishop Clement Mulenga, a Salesian of Saint John Bosco, of the di-

ocese of Kabwe. Also during the Eucharist, Brother Patrick Bwalya celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as a Marist Brother with the presence of his relatives who gave him a papal blessing certificate.

Other participants included the vice provincial of Southern Africa, Brother Ebel Muteveri, and a provincial councillor of Zambia, Brother Patrick Kasaba Bushilya.

## MARIST SAINTS: GENERAL POSTULATION

"Agios" in Greek means "holy." With the logo "Agios-Mar," we are launching today a space on our website dedicated to giving information on Marist saints.

We are going to focus especially on the activities of the General Postulation and of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Both institutions maintain a close relationship.

We intend to emphasize the ecclesial dimension that unites them. It will be synthetic, brief and timely information.

Our desire is to contact lay Marists and Brothers, fraternities, communities, solidarity groups, volunteers, youth, etc. of the Institute to share with them what is happening in Rome with the causes of the saints and especially with those of the Marist saints.

The news can be read on the site, in the Marist News bulletin or through the social networks used by the Institute's communications office.

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