



'CHILDREN ON THE MOVE – DIRITTI SENZA CONFINI'

FMSI MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY APPEALING FOR MIGRANT CHILDREN'S RIGHT TO EDUCATION



On its 10-year anniversary and on the United Nations' Universal Children's Day, Nov. 20, Marist International Solidarity Foundation for the benefit of children (FMSI) hosted a child rights conference at the Italian Chamber of Deputies in Rome to appeal for 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), included representatives of Save the Children, Federazione Organismi Cristiani di Servizio Internazionale Volontario (FOCSIV), Jesuit Refugee Service, Italian Red Cross and Terre des Hommes.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

On Nov. 20, several brothers and lay people of the general administration, as well as superior general Brother Ernesto Sánchez participated in a meeting promoted by FMSI in the Chamber of Deputies of Italy, in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the foundation and the Universal Children's day.

The meeting of the International Committee of the Marist Mission, coordinated by the Secretariat of the Mission and with the participation of Brothers Óscar Martín and Luis Carlos Gutiérrez of the general government, is being held from Nov. 20 – 24 at the General House.

On Friday, Nov. 24, a Mass and a meal will be held on Thanksgiving Day to celebrate the General Chapter and the new general government. On that same day, the Message of the Chapter will be officially delivered to the Institute, which will also be available on champagnat.org.

Br João Carlos do Prado, general councillor, is participating in a meeting of the European Marist Conference in Syracuse (Italy), from Nov. 21 – 23.

Brother Hipólito Pérez, from the Brothers Today secretariat and newly elected as a provincial of América Central, will accompany the retreat for Brothers and lay people in El Salvador, from Nov. 22 – 28.

Brother Álvaro Sepúlveda, of FMSI, will participate in the meeting promoted by SED, in Madrid, Spain, titled "Rights of Children and Development Cooperation" on November 23. From Nov. 24 – 26, he will be in Granada participating in other meetings promoted by the International Catholic Child Bureau.

Since the beginning of November, Brother Teófilo Minga is the new coordinator of the translations at the general house. He will hold that position until May of next year.

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Director of FMSI



During the conference, FMSI released a statement ([English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Italian](#)) on its position on the right to education of migrant and refugee children. The statement, which was discussed by FMSI child rights advocacy officer Brother Álvaro Sepúlveda, is based on Marist experiences throughout the world, such as Thailand, Lebanon, Australia, Mexico and South Africa.

“Education and formation are the foundation for a better world, a world that needs to be built without anger and without conflicts: we have the duty to overcome inequality and pain,” said Marzia Ventimiglia, director of FMSI.

Marzia told the general house press office that “the idea that I am in my home and you are my guest still prevails.

“No, this is everyone’s home. The earth is round and there are no borders.”

Also, Brother Georges Sabe, a “Blue Marist” who looks after displaced children in Aleppo, Syria, and was able to attend the conference, underscored the importance of educating children in “forgiveness, reconciliation and resilience,” as well as in self-esteem and in esteeming others.

One of the biggest challenges in helping children affected by war, according to Br Georges, is helping them feel safe, making them stable in their displacement, and assuring them an identity.

During the event, participants watched a clip of the documentary ‘La forza delle donne’ (The strength of women) produced by Laura Aprati and Marco Bova in Iraq and Lebanon. The film includes images of wounded children Laura and Marco saw in a hospital in Erbil, something which Laura described as “a punch

in the stomach, something terrible, children were constantly arriving at the hospital.”

Gianfranco Cattai, president of FOC-SIV, underscored that “the biggest challenge is to network as much as possible. We need to create permanent relations among our communities placing the future, that is children, as a priority.”

The head of migration of the Italian Red Cross, Francesca Basile, labelled child migration “a phenomenon that affects all of us and that cannot make us indifferent.”

“We’re talking about people who need assistance and protection and it’s our duty to be able to guarantee it to them when we see what’s happening on the other side of the ocean,” she affirmed.

Participants then visited a photographic exhibition at Galleria Al-



NEWS IN BRIEF

AMÉRICA SUR REGION

The first working meeting of vocational animation for the América Sur region will be held in Montevideo (Uruguay) on November 29 and 30. The goal of the meeting is to know the vocational projects developed in each province and to prepare a work plan for the entire region. The coordinators of the vocational animation of the Marist provinces Brasil Centro-Norte (PMBCN), Brasil Centro-Sul (PMBCS), Brasil Sul-Amazonia (PMBSA), Cruz del Sur and Santa María de los Andes are taking part in the meeting.

HELP FOR MEXICO

The Province of the United States raised \$ 50,000 through its campaign to help the Marists of Mexico and Puerto Rico, following the most recent earthquake and hurricane. If you wish to participate in this solidarity campaign, you can contact FMSI via email fmsi@fmsi-onlus.org.

SCHOOL OF ZOMBA IN MALAWI

The school was founded in 1942 and it celebrated its 75th anniversary at the end of October, with the presence of the Provincial, Brother Norbert Mwila. The school is popularly known as "Box 2" and was founded by an initiative of the Catholic bishops of Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi during World War II.

berto Sordi, which is on display until Dec. 2.

It includes 16 photographs chosen from [a contest](#) open to the participation of children and young people from schools around the world on the topic of migrant children.

According to the United Nations, 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.

In addition to FMSI, participants included superior general Brother Ernesto Sánchez, several general councillors, the International Committee of the Marist Mission, which is currently meeting these days at the general house, and several brothers from the general administration.

[Click here \(https://goo.gl/dQW77w\)](https://goo.gl/dQW77w) to watch a video on the conference and interviews with some of the speakers, in Italian.

SPAIN: ENCOUNTER OF 700 EDUCATORS FOURTEENTH DAY OF THE MARIST EDUCATOR



More than 700 educators and Marists of the Ibérica province met simultaneously in Madrid and Pamplona, Spain, to discuss the topic of emotions ahead of the new academic year.

The 'Fourteenth Day of the Marist Educator,' which was held on Nov. 4 under the theme "Take care of me!" ("¡Cuídate me!"), took place in the schools of San José del Parque in Madrid and Santa María la Real in Pamplona.

The meeting focused on the importance of being aware of the emotion

experienced by educators during their work, both their own and those of colleagues with whom the task is shared.

With this objective, Enrique Secanell in Madrid and Ainhoa Bergua in Pamplona led a work session entitled "Take care of my emotions" ("Cuídate me las emociones").

The provincial of Ibérica, Brother Moisés Alonso, alluded to one of the messages of the new superior general, Brother Ernesto Sánchez, who spoke in Colombia about the impor-

MARIST WORLD



United States: Students participate in World Trade Center Walk, New York City



Greece: 110th anniversary of Marist presence, Athens



Cuba: Visit of Br Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General



Peru: Manuel Ramírez Barinaga School, Lima



Canada: Provincial Assembly, Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu



Spain: Congress of Catholic Schools, Valencia

tance of caring for people in our closest environment from all areas, personal, work, physical and emotional.

“We have received a call to be attentive to young people, which often means that we have to adapt our language to accompany them along the way and that they can find the meaning of life and if it is from God, much better,” he told one of the groups.

“Through our task as educators we are invited to be in the existential peripheries of young people,” added Brother Moisés.

The meeting in the two cities concluded with a presentation of the “Work and Mission Camps 2018” of the non-governmental organisation SED (solidarity, education and development).

TRIPLE CELEBRATION IN THE PROVINCE OF NIGERIA

FINAL VOWS, GOLDEN AND SILVER JUBILEES



The Province of Nigeria had a triple celebration on Nov. 11 during which Brothers Okon Sylvanus, Osuagwu Obinna and Okoye Anthony made their perpetual professions.

During the ceremony - which was presided by the bishop of the diocese of Okigwe, Bishop Solomon Amatu - the provincial superior, Brother Joachim Ezetulugo, received the vows.

It was also the golden jubilee of Brothers Muoka Joseph and Udego Michael. And thirdly, the celebration included the silver jubilee of Brothers Okoye Celestine, Anokwuru Mark, and Idoko Emmanuel. The ceremony was attended by many priests, religious, lay faithful and family members. The event included traditional songs, dances and other entertainments after the Mass.

CHILE: MARIST EDUCATION CONGRESS

THE CHALLENGES OF MARIST EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY

Marist educators met on Nov. 2 and 3 in Santiago de Chile to visualize Marist education in a context of cultural and social change within the country.

Directors, coordinators and educators of the 12 Marist schools of Chile participated in the "Marist Education Congress" the two days in which the country's Marists celebrated the Institute's bicentenary.

The meeting, which took place in the school "Instituto Alonso de Ercilla - Colegio Marista", focused on three themes of the evangelizing educational model: pedagogy, evangelization and Marist school management.

Among the speakers was Brother Álvaro Sepúlveda, from the FMSI office in Rome, a graduate in education and religious education from the Universidad Católica Silva Henríquez, and in psychology from the Universidad Alberto Hurtado.

During his speech, he spoke about the challenges of Marist education from the perspective of human rights, focusing on three points: uni-



versal access to education, non-discrimination towards certain groups and respect in the context of learning.

The Conference presented the challenges faced by Chile, based on the recommendations made by the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council and the Committee on the Rights of the Child of the United Na-

tions, and the educational challenges according to the message of the 22nd General Chapter.

With a total of 16,000 students, the Marist Brothers have schools in the Chilean cities of Santiago, Alto Hospicio, Las Compañías, Villa Alemana, Limache, Quillota FDE, Quillota IRA, Los Andes, La Pintana, Rancagua, San Fernando and Curicó.

MARIST UNION OF BRAZIL

MARIST BRAZIL LAUNCHES SOCIAL REPORT



The Social Report of Marist Brazil 2016, prepared by the Marist Union of Brazil (UMBRASIL), is available, in digital format, at www.umbrasil.org.br.

The publication – which includes information from the provinces Brasil Centro-Norte, Brasil Centro-Sur, and Brasil Sul-Amazonia – demonstrates the social and economic impact of the three provinces and presents the main managerial data in the fields of education, solidarity,

health, evangelisation, communication and publication. Marist Brazil, with more than 29,000 Brothers, laity and collaborators in charge of the mission, stands out for its education, with 90 centres for basic education, which serve about 90,000 children and adolescents, and eight units of higher education with over 60,000 students.

“The information presented in the report provides a comprehensive vision of the performance of the Marist centres in Brazil and reinforces the commitment made 200 years ago by Saint Marcellin Champagnat in found-

ing the Marist Institute,” said Brother Renato Silva, treasurer director of UMBRASIL.

Each year, the information is collected and evaluated by the Working Group of the Social Report, formed by representatives of the provinces and UMBRASIL.

The joint and aligned work allows each new edition to fulfil the objective of consolidating and registering the characteristics, scope and impacts of Marist actions in society.

EACH WITH THEIR OWN RHYTHM

ITINERANT RETREAT OF THE YOUNG MARIST LAITY



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The Itinerant Retreat of the Young Marist Laity was held from Nov. 2 – 5 on the coast of the state of Paraná in Brazil.

The gathering had the participation of 42 pilgrims from different places across the provinces of Brasil Centro-Sur and Brasil Sul-Amazonia. The participants were members of lay

groups, MChFM, Brothers, postulants and collaborators.

The goal of the retreat was to enable the Marists of Champagnat to share a life and experiences in a community walk, allowing for further reflection on the identity, spirituality, fraternal life and mission bequeathed by Saint Marcellin Champagnat.

One could perceive that all, in a unique way, share the same charism. The only rule of the retreat was to travel, be it with one’s feet, in a car, or with the help of a fellow traveler.

“Each with their own rhythm, some were going ahead, others were more behind, but we were not forgetting that our goal is Jesus Christ,” said Wellington Trentin.

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