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## 'HELLO - GOODBYE' AT EL ESCORIAL

### MARIST ONGOING FORMATION TEAM

In 1967, the famous British band, The Beatles had a song called 'Hello, Goodbye'. This was the case of saying welcome and farewell at the Marist Formation House at El Escorial, Spain, on Jan. 12 and 13. This was a moment when Marist Ongoing Formation team from El Escorial and Manziana gathered to plan the various programmes of 2018 with the presence of the Brothers Today Secretariat and a new general councillor.

It was goodbye to Br Hipólito Pérez as he attended his last meeting in his role with Brothers Today before he departs to take on his new role as provincial of America Central. At the same time, it was welcome to the new general councillor, Br Óscar Martín, a Marist who has had rich experiences as a formator in Europe and Africa.

In the meantime, both Br Antonio Peralta and Br Teofilo Mingha of the El Escorial and Manziana team, await for the arrival of their fellow formation team members. Indeed, this was a truly liminal moment as we move into the new ongoing formation teams, secretariat and general council.



During this gathering, the group focussed mainly on two programs:

1. **Current Formators:** (15 May – 12 July, in Rome)
  2. **Horizons:** (17 August – 17 October, in El Escorial) a programme for brothers from 35 – 45 years.
- The designs of these programmes have special references to the calls of

the XXII General Chapter, the revised Constitution, Rule of Life.

In 2018, this band of brother formators will also sing a new version of 'Hello – Goodbye' as they welcome the participants to the various programs and bid farewell to ways that do not suit the third century of the Marist institute.

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

BICE's Administration Council (bureau international catholique de l'enfance) is meeting in Paris, France, from Jan. 22 – 23 with the participation of Br Álvaro Sepúlveda of FMSI.

This week, from Monday to Friday, Jan. 26, Br Libardo Garzón, economo general, is taking part in a meeting on sustainability and formation in Curitiba, Brazil.

On Wednesday, Jan. 24, until Saturday, Jan. 27, Brothers Mark Omede and Beto Rojas of the Secretariat of Mission will participate in the preparation for the international gathering of Marist youth 2019 in Guatemala.

From Jan. 25 – 27, vicar general Brother Luis Carlos Gutiérrez will attend an encounter with leaders on education of the Mediterránea Province in Guardamar, Spain.

## MARIST SOLIDARITY

### FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE MARIST INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY NETWORK

During the first assembly of the Marist International Solidarity Network, held at the general house from Jan. 15 – 19, the network established an operating and a strategic plan.

The assembly, organised by FMSI, also proposed nominees for a new coordinating team that are awaiting approval from their local provinces, and trained participants on different topics with internal expertise.

"This network wants to follow the Chapter's guideline, particularly in walking together as a global family and building bridges, and this corresponds to us, so we can be protagonists of this change," affirmed Marzia Ventimiglia, director of FMSI.

"It is important to have a network to share what we're all doing and establish goals at a global level," she told the general house press office on Jan. 18.

Forty-two Brothers and laity from 19 provinces, districts, the general administration, FMSI and UMBRASIL attended the assembly.

The represented organisations including: Solidarity, Justice and Peace



Commission; Australian Marist Solidarity; Educadys; Fundamar; Fundación Gesta; SED; Asociación Espiral Loranca; Fundação Champagnat; L'Associazione Maristi Onlus.

The Network focuses on advocacy for children's rights and vulnerable people; promotion of a shared social conscience and education in solidarity; promotion of programmes of social transformation through fundraising, mobilization of human resources and sharing of good practices; prompt and effective response to emergencies.

The meeting aimed at getting a global understanding of mission, vision and

activities of each entity, as well as defining standards and mechanisms of operation.

Brother Allen Sherry, CEO of Australian Marist Solidarity, was among the guest speakers and discussed models of funding for mission using experience from the Marist world of Asia Pacific and best practice of the business world.

"I think the meeting has great energy and a high openness to a distinctive Marist network where the smaller organisations have the same voice as the larger ones and this makes it distinctively Marist," he remarked.

## LAVALLA200> MOUNT DRUITT COMMUNITY

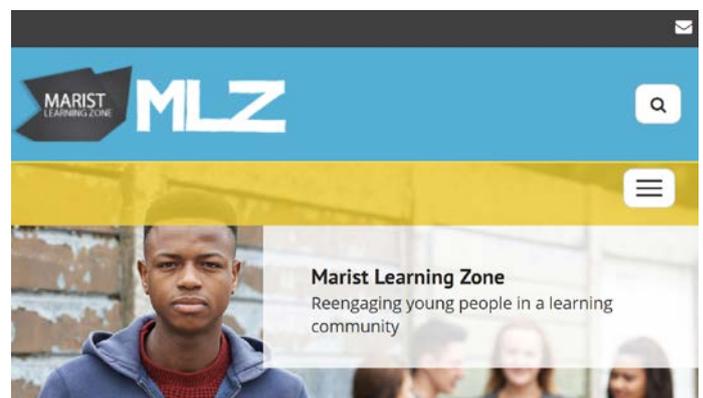
### MARIST LEARNING ZONE

The Lavalla200> community of the Oceania region situated in Mount Druitt, Australia, and whose members are Argelia Hernández Mendoza, Rodrigo Gris Castro, Br Jonnel Sisneros and Br Lawrie McCane, is running a ministry with several activities.

Among them is the Marist Learning Zone, a joint project between the Catholic Education in the Diocese of Parramatta and the Marists.

The MLZ began in 2015 when the Mount Druitt community was first formed, and its members were exploring the needs of young people in the area.

Despite the changes in community personnel and some de-



lays, commitment by both the community and the diocese to the project has remained strong, with a clear need for such services.

For more information on the MLZ, which has now employed staff, <http://www.mlz.catholic.edu.au/>

NEWS IN BRIEF

**MEXICO**

The International Marist Education Congress will take place in Guadalajara, Mexico, from February 15 to 16. Among the participants will be Brother Álvaro Sepúlveda from FMSI. Among the topics worth mentioning are: pedagogical model and education for citizenship; management in vulnerable contexts; learning processes in contexts of social vulnerability; Marist educational mission and solidarity; education and prevention of psychosocial risks.

**BRAZIL**

'Institutional Policy for the Integral Protection of Children and Adolescents' is the main theme of formation encounters organised by the Marist Province of Brasil Centro Norte (PMBCN) for the month of January. The initiative is part of the action plan of the Protection Committee of the PMBCN, for 2016-2018. The province has previously also offered training on the policy in the human resources management team.

**UNITED STATES**

The province is hosting a meeting called 'Sharing Our Call 2' from February 25 – 27. It is for those who have already attended SOC 1. Another retreat titled 'Embracing Our Call' will be held from April 8-10, opened to everyone. The aim is to help participants explore the "holy longing", while learning spiritual practices to help deepen their faith life.



**SANTA MARÍA DE LOS ANDES HOLDS 6TH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER**

**CAPITULARS ELECT COUNCIL AND CHOOSE GUIDELINES FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS**



The sixth Chapter of the Santa María de los Andes province took place from Dec. 1 – 3 in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, with nearly 60 participants.

Participants included 29 capitular brothers; two Brothers of the General Council, Brother Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, vicar general, and Brother Benjamin Consigli; Brother Alberto Aparicio, Cruz del Sur provincial and coordinator of the América Sur region; eight brothers in the consultative part of the Chapter and 16 lay people in the mission councils or commission coordinators.

Brothers Pablo González, Patricio Pino, Pedro Herreros, Pedro Marcos, and Juan Manuel García were elected to form the new provincial council. Brother Saturnino Alonso Ortega, who was elected provincial in 2014, took up office for another three years.

The three main guidelines that the Chapter proposed for the triennium are:

1. On the evangelization of boys, girls and adolescents: We evangelize by educating children and adolescents, in light of the Marist model of evangelization, with em-

phasis on protagonist participation, the focus on rights, inclusion, solidarity, critical awareness, ecological vision, vocational culture, presence and social justice with initiatives that respond to emerging needs.

2. On formation of accompaniment of brothers and lay people: Lay people and brothers creatively assume our specific and common vocation, in all stages of life. For this we prioritize through a plan, the vocational promotion of brothers and lay people; we continue to promote vocational processes and itineraries of formation and mutual accompaniment in the Marist charism and commitments; we foster the formation of new communities and fraternities, and take care of existing ones; we promote charismatic leadership, to guarantee the vitality of the Marist charism.

3. About structures and province: We move towards greater provincial integration from local realities, through flexible, participatory and humanizing structures that facilitate the development of people, the accompaniment of processes and the achievement of provincial objectives.

## MARIST WORLD



Italy:  
Community of Giugliano



Paraguay: Meeting of young brothers from  
América Sur, Coronel Oviedo



Papua New Guinea:  
St Joseph's College, Mabiri



Brazil:  
Marist students going to Oceania



Madagascar:  
New superior and provincial councillors



Colombia:  
Marist novitiate La Valla, Medellín

## BROTHER BASILIO RUEDA ON HIS WAY TO THE ALTARS

### A NEW DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL WILL GATHER MORE TESTIMONIES

We recall the anniversary of Brother Basilio's death this year, 21 January, modulated by the bureaucracies required to complete the diocesan process.

After several months of waiting the Archbishop, Cardinal José Francisco Robles, set the date of 18 December 2017, to install the new diocesan tribunal for the Causes of Saints.

And so it was done. These are the members of the tribunal: The delegate judge, Father Antonio Bañuelos, attorney of justice Father Javier Sánchez Camacho and the actuary notary Liliana Columba. On the part of the actor, Brother José Flores García intervened, as vice postulator, appointed by the general postulator, Brother Antonio Martínez Estaún and ratified by the superior general and his council.

Once the tribunal was constituted, the vice postulator presented his request so that the Archbishop could authorize the continuation of the process of the Cause of Brother Basilio and the collection of the complementary testimony of new witnesses, as requested by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. For this, the vice Postulator delivered a list of the new witnesses. And then he proceeded to take the oath of office, before the Bible.



It is expected that the work of the tribunal can be done in about 20 sessions, which makes it foresee that the conclusion of the diocesan process will finish by the end of next May.

## LATEST DECEASED BROTHERS

**21/01/2018:** Jesús Martínez Gómez  
Prov. Norandina - Venezuela, Los Chorros

**21/01/2018:** Juan Molas Bosh  
Prov. Santa María de los Andes - Peru, Lima

**17/01/2018:** Eusebio García García  
Prov. L'Hermitage - Spain, Les Avellanes

**16/01/2018:** Luis Ardanaz Sola  
Prov. Ibérica - Spain, Lardero

**12/01/2018:** Franco Sandoval  
Prov. México Occidental - Mexico

**09/01/2018:** José Ewaldo Neis  
Prov. Brasil Sul-Amazônia - Brazil, Porto Alegre

**06/01/2018:** José González Delgado  
Prov. Compostela - Spain, Salamanca

**05/01/2018:** Romanus Nothof  
Prov. West Central Europe - Germany, Furth

**02/01/2018:** Baudilio Álvarez Mallo  
Prov. Compostela - Spain, Valladolid

**26/12/2017:** Vicente Caresia  
Prov. Casa general - Brazil

**23/12/2017:** Robert Van Bruwaene  
Prov. West Central Europe - Belgium, Genval

**20/12/2017:** Carlos Llorente Buíza  
Prov. Compostela - Spain, León

**19/12/2017:** Armand Somers  
Prov. West Central Europe - Belgium, Gand

**16/12/2017:** Roger Alvoet  
Prov. West Central Europe - Belgium, Genval

**09/12/2017:** John Lek  
Prov. East Asia - Singapore

**09/12/2017:** Arlindo Lermen  
Prov. Brasil Sul-Amazônia - Brazil, Porto Alegre

**09/12/2017:** John Lek  
Prov. East Asia - Malaysia, Malacca

**07/12/2017:** Lucas García Arroyo  
Prov. Mediterránea - Spain

**07/12/2017:** Robert Valentine Burnheim  
Prov. Australia - Australia, Croydon

**01/12/2017:** Francisco Javier Lusarreta Huesa  
Prov. Mediterránea - Spain, Benalmádena

**30/11/2017:** Hugues Fessart  
Prov. L'Hermitage - France, Saint Genis-Laval

**20/11/2017:** Albino Trevisan  
Prov. Brasil Sul-Amazônia - Brazil, Porto Alegre

**20/11/2017:** Diego Gutiérrez Jiménez  
Prov. México Occidental - Mexico, Ocotlán

**18/11/2017:** Manuel Carmelo Rubio Múzquiz  
Prov. Mediterránea - Spain, Málaga

**17/11/2017:** Fernand Ouellet  
Prov. Canada - Canada, Haut Richelieu

**08/11/2017:** Francisco Simeón Álvarez  
Prov. Santa María de los Andes - Chile, Providencia

**06/11/2017:** Francisco José Ruzzarin  
Prov. Brasil Sul-Amazônia - Brazil, Porto Alegre

**06/11/2017:** Dionysio Karling  
Prov. Brasil Sul-Amazônia - Brazil, Porto Alegre

**30/10/2017:** Thomas Delaney  
Prov. United States of America, Bronx, New York

**28/10/2017:** Kevin O'Neill  
Prov. United States of America, Bayonne

**24/10/2017:** Augustine Landry  
Prov. United States of America, New Jersey

**22/10/2017:** Noël Bourret  
Prov. L'Hermitage - France, Saint Genis-Laval

**15/10/2017:** José Cândido Bairros  
Prov. Brasil Sul-Amazônia - Brazil, Porto Alegre

**08/10/2017:** David Greenlees  
Prov. Pacific - New Zealand, Mangere Bridge

**17/09/2017:** Orlando Cunha Lima  
Prov. Brasil Centro-Norte - Brazil, Recife

**11/09/2017:** Miguel Aguirre Asurmendi  
Prov. Ibérica - Spain, Lardero

**08/09/2017:** Benigno Castilla Ruiz  
Prov. Mediterránea - Spain

**02/09/2017:** Berchmans Bernaert  
Prov. West Central Europe - Belgium, Genval

**01/09/2017:** Gerald Edward Steele  
Prov. Australia - Australia, Sydney

**01/09/2017:** Paul Ramanahizato  
Prov. Madagascar - Madagascar, Fianarantsoa

**26/08/2017:** José Luis de la Torre Martín  
Prov. México Occidental - Mexico, Tijuana

**25/08/2017:** Antônio de Araújo Aguiar  
Prov. Brasil Centro-Norte - Brazil, Recife

**21/08/2017:** Pierre Delannoy  
Prov. L'Hermitage - France, Saint Genis-Laval

**20/08/2017:** Baptista Santos  
Prov. Brasil Centro-Norte - Brazil, Uberaba

**16/08/2017:** Pius Ijeoma  
Prov. Nigeria - Nigeria, Enugu

**15/08/2017:** Alessandro Felli  
Prov. Mediterránea - Italy, Riano

**11/08/2017:** Austin Stephens  
Prov. Australia - Australia, Adelaide

**10/08/2017:** Eutiquio Abad Martín  
Prov. Cruz del Sur - Argentina, Buenos Aires

**04/08/2017:** Philipp (-Maria) Lindner  
Prov. West Central Europe - Germany, Furth

**03/08/2017:** Octaaf Cleeren  
Prov. West Central Europe - Belgium, Genval

**27/07/2017:** Miguel Rodríguez Pastrana  
Prov. Norandina - Ecuador, Quito

**25/07/2017:** Joseph Fonseka  
Prov. South Asia - Sri Lanka, Negombo

## BR PATRICK McNAMARA RE-ELECTED AS PROVINCIAL

### SECOND TERM AS PROVINCIAL, FROM 2018 – 2021

With the approval of Brother Ernesto Sanchez, Superior General and the General Council, the Brothers of the United States province have re-elected Brother Patrick McNamara to serve for a second term as provincial for the coming three years.

Br Patrick will take up office during the sixth provincial chapter held from March 22 – 25 in the Mount Alvernia Retreat House, located in the village of Wappingers Falls, New York.

#### About Br Patrick

Br Patrick says he "grew up very Catholic," always attending Catholic schools. After graduation from Laurel Hill Academy, an IHM school, he enrolled at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York. There he met what he describes as the "lively and attractive" community of the Marist Brothers. After completing his studies at the College, including a year of studies in Paris, France, he did his initial formation programme and novitiate in Chicago, Illinois, and was in-

vited to make his final vows in the community. He says that during the next 40 years, he enjoyed being a life-long learner, a pilgrim, a teacher, a coach, a spiritual director, a disciple, a social worker, a pastor, a catechist, a vocation director, a musician, a campus minister, a provincial, a principal, a president, and a provincial again and so much more. Many nouns to describe what he calls "a very active and happy life, filled with many graces and blessings and many new beginnings; great communities, ministries, projects, and churches, cities and towns, brothers, strangers, friends, and partners."



## NIGERIA'S NINTH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

### BR VINCENT ABADOM TAKES UP OFFICE AS NEW PROVINCIAL

Nigeria held its ninth provincial chapter from Jan. 9 – 12 in Orlu, during which the Brothers elected their new council and drafted recommendations on its animation, community, mission and governance.

The new council is now formed by Brothers Christopher Onwuasoanya, Christian Onu, Elias Iwu, Ekene Osuji, Benedict Umoh, and the Provincial, Br. Vincent Abadom, who replaced Br Joachim Ezetulugo.

Superior general Brother Ernesto Sánchez and Brother Kenneth McDonald, general councilor, took part on behalf of the general administration.

The Chapter's recommendations are:

- The provincial and council should ensure the effectiveness of the spirituality/animation commission.
- The in-coming administration should provide good community structures and facilitate healthy and good community living.



- Intensify the training of community animators.
- The incoming administration should consider opening a day school to cater for the less privileged.
- Intensify Marist Youth Ministry in the province to create more opportunities for the less privileged children and young people.
- Involve the lay Marist and past students more in the life and mission of the province.
- There should be a review of the central funding system and financial activities of the province.
- Establishment should be given enough fund to maintain the establishment.
- Brothers' holiday and personal allowances should be reviewed upward.
- There should be equity and fairness in distributing common wealth.

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