



LAUDATO SI AND THE UN'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

THE SECRETARIAT OF MISSION PRESENTS AN INITIATIVE TO HELP RAISE ECOLOGICAL AWARENESS AMONG YOUTH

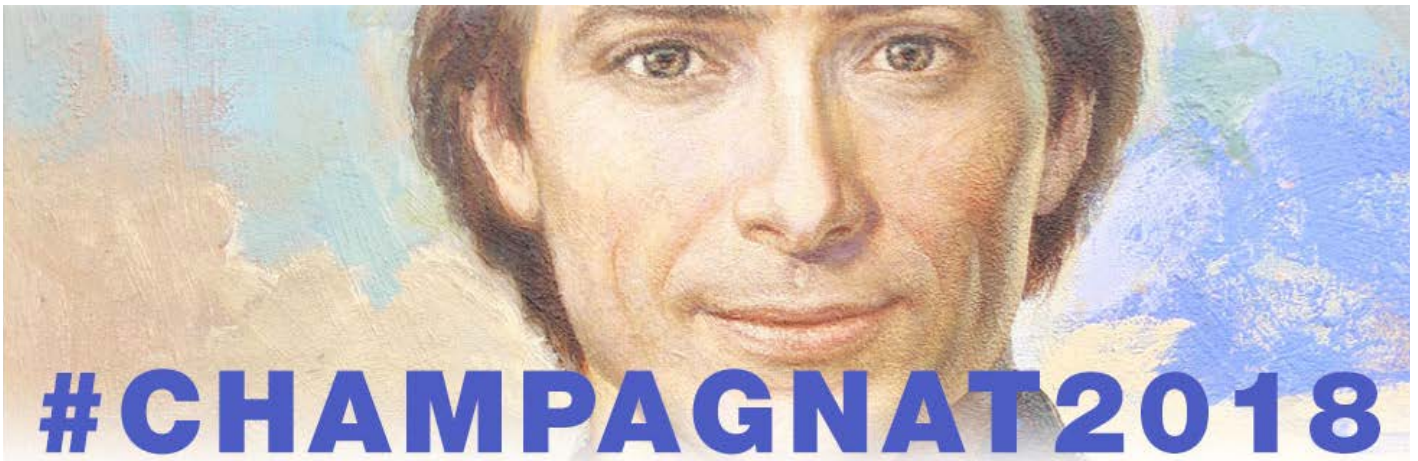
An initiative to promote ecological awareness among youth was presented on May 18 by the Secretariat of Mission to members of the general council. Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas – along with Brother Juan Antonio Ojeda FSC, pedagogical advisor for the Catholic International Education Office (OIEC), and Mónica Cantón, director of Design for Change (www.dfcpain.com) in Spain – presented the project to vicar general Brother Luis Carlos Gutiérrez and two general councillors, Brothers Josep Maria Soteras and Sylvain Raman-dimbarisoa.



authorization at the next session of the General Council to incorporate it as a work project for the Institute, the regions and the provinces”, Br Carlos Alberto stated on May 25. The initiative is promoted by the OIEC – of which the Institute is a member of – in cooperation with seven other organisations, including the Union of Superiors General of which the Institute also belongs to. It is titled 'I CAN! Children and young people from all over the world meet the challenge of Laudato Si: on care for our common house.'

“We, the Secretariat of Mission, wanted to make a first presentation to some members of the Council to later seek

The project involves encouraging youths to help meet the challenges presented by the encyclical of Pope Francis,



For the feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat on June 6, we invite all Marists of Champagnat to use the hashtag #Champagnat2018 to spread Champagnat’s charisma through social networks and, in this way, announce to all our passion for his ideal of life.

NEWS IN BRIEF

SPAIN

On Sunday, pastoral delegates and coordinators of the country's *Christian Life Groups* met in Guadamar and Castillo de Maimón to organise their own lines of action through new technologies.

ANIMATORS OF COLOMBIA

At the end of April, the 12 animators of the Marist communities of Colombia met in Manizales. For three days they were able to share life and emerging themes related to Marist life and mission.

FIRST PROFESSIONS

In recent weeks, three brothers made their first profession in the Institute across different parts of the Marist world. On May 20, Brothers Charles Magbanua and Dave Becislao professed in Tamontaka, the Philippines. During the Assembly of the brothers in Lujan, Argentina, in April, Brother Mario Salvador Ramírez made his first vows.

YOUTH AND ADOLESCENTS OF THE AMERICAS

On June 8 and 9, the *Encuentro Interamericano de Adolescentes y Jóvenes (Inter-American Meeting of Adolescents and Youth)* will take place in Brazil, Chile and Mexico on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals launched by the UN. The meeting will be held in person in each participating country, with moments of virtual connection between these countries so that participants can exchange ideas with each other for the exchange of participants.

BRAZIL: FINAL PROFESSION

BR MIGUEL FERNANDES RIBEIRO

Brother Miguel Fernandes Ribeiro, from the Brasil Centro-Sul province, made his perpetual profession on May 19 in the city of Doutor Camargo.

Together with relatives, brothers and friends, he made his definite consecration to God at the Institute of the Marist Brothers during a Mass celebrated in the parish of São Pedro Apóstolo.

"Definitively, through the perpetual yes, I confirmed the call that God made me, the one who loves me infinitely, the one who made me know his project and the one who consecrated me," affirmed Brother Miguel.

"Like Mary, a missionary disciple, who did all that He said, I renew with vigor and encouragement my commitment as consecrated, responding to the Lord of the Mass to be attentive to the calls of the Marist Mission for me throughout the times to come," he added.

Br. Miguel thanked all those present and was touched by the presence of Brother Pedro Danilo Trainotti, the first Marist Brother he met at six years of age and who encouraged him in his vocation.

During the ceremony, Br. Pedro congratulated Br Miguel, thanked God for his life and for the seriousness and dedication to the Christian life.

The provincial superior, Brother Benê Oliveira, accepted the vows of Br Miguel on behalf of the superior general.

"A Marist Brother is called by God, chosen by Mary and by the beloved disciple of the heart of Saint Marcellin Champagnat to live in the Church the gift of fraternity, a gift to be offered to the world, to be lived in community and witnessed in the relationship and the exercise of the mission with children and young people," stated Brother Benê.

Miguel Fernandes Ribeiro was born on May 12, 1990. He was baptized in the National Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida, the fruit of a promise, and lived his childhood and adolescence in the municipality of Doutor Camargo. He began his Marist formation on February 9, 2008 by entering the formation house in Jaraguá do Sul. In 2009, he did his postulate in the city of Londrina. In 2010, he entered the novitiate in Campinas, he made the second year of his novitiate in Passo Fundo and his apostolic period in the city of Santa María. On December 8, 2011, he issued his first religious vows. He lived his scholasticate in Florianópolis, in 2012 and 2013, and there he concluded the higher course of religious sciences. In 2014, he was sent to his first apostolic community, in Cascavel, where he has resided ever since. In addition, he is completing a postgraduate course in school management by the Rhema Educação Institute.



MARIST WORLD



Ireland: Marist leaders and Transition Year students - Dublin



Lebanon
Champville - New mosaic of St. Marcellin



Thailand
Marist Centre for Migrants, Samut Sakhon



Mexico: Provincial's visit to the Colegio Marista Primaria - Aguascalientes



El Salvador
Leaders course



Spain
Delegates of Provinces with works in Spain

LIFE PROJECT IN FRATERNITY

CHAMPAGNAT MOVEMENT OF THE MARIST FAMILY

Life Project in Fraternity is the new document for the Fraternities of the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family and also, for all the Laity – men and women – and Brothers who may be interested.

It is important to emphasize that it is a document which comes from life, after a consultation to all the fraternities of the Marist Institute. It is a process of almost five years in which we have considered reality at depth under many aspects, what is generating greater vitality has been studied, and we have worked in harmony with other related documents such as To be a lay Marist and Around the same table. In this reflection, besides the Fraternities, the General Council, the Secretariat of the Laity, the Regional Commissions of lay animation

and some Provinces where this Movement does not exist, have participated. Therefore, we can say that the document contains much



life and reflection from our Marist Family. We ask that it be diffused and we encourage that it be worked on first in the Fraternities of the Movement,

but also among groups of Laity and of Brothers. We believe that it can be very inspiring to respond to the calls of the XXII General Chapter,

and concretely to the call to be a global charismatic family.

Some suggestions for this: it can be worked in an Assembly of Laity and Brothers, a reflection on it in groups or fraternities, during some months, can be suggested, it can also be the theme for study in a Council of Brothers and, certainly, a reference document for the Provincial Teams which

work in lay animation Thank you very much for your support in the process and for accepting these suggestions. [See here the document](#)



**Marcellin and the young:
attentive eyes, compassionate heart**
This is the title of the message of Superior General Br. Ernesto Sánchez, for the feast of Saint Marcellin, on June 6. You can read and publicize his message through this link:
<https://bit.ly/2rZA3Wj>

ECUADOR: MANABÍ MARIST PROJECT

NORANDINA DELIVERS 15 HOMES FOR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY THE 2016 EARTHQUAKE

The province of Norandina carried out a celebration from April 20 – 22 during which it officially delivered 15 homes built for families affected by the earthquake that hit Ecuador on April 16, 2016.

During the first two days, the delivery of each house was made to the families, who were benefited by this project entitled Proyecto Marista Manabí (Manabí Marist Project). On Sunday, April 22, they participated in a Mass in a parish in the city of Jama.

According to a report by the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the earthquake resulted in 668 deaths, eight missing people and 6,274 seriously injured – mostly from several coastal provinces of the north-west.

According to a press release from the province, “from the first moment the spirit of solidarity was awakened, not only by society, but also by those of us who make up the great Ecuadorian Marist family.”

The objective was for the help “to reach where nobody reaches”, such as in El Limón, Estero Seco, Bijahual, El Venado, Garrapata, Bigua, and the Manabí mountain.

Given the magnitude of the damage, a



coordination team was formed, composed of brothers and lay people, supported by the Unidad Educativa Marista de Santo Domingo (Marist Educational Unit of Santo Domingo) and several institutions, which created the Proyecto Marista Manabí (Manabí Marist Project).

The houses, the reconstruction of chapels, donations of non-perishable food, water, clothes, toiletry and voluntary work were given thanks to the support of several Marist provinces, the Agrupación Marista Ecuatoriana (Ecuadorian Marist Association) and various groups and institutions.

They opted for a type of prefabricated earthquake-proof, moisture-proof, anti-flammable housing, with three bedrooms, a bathroom with shower and a kitchen and dining space.

The province affirmed that “all the families expressed their gratitude and emotion. Some said that they had never dreamed of having their own house and, moreover, that what they received was not a simple house, but rather a mansion.”

“We are happy that many families, who lost everything, have the possibility of a new beginning, like the Marist world, after the celebration of its bicentenary.”

LAVALLA200> 2018 - WEEK 3

FORMATION ON ASSERTIVE COMMUNICATION AND INTERCULTURAL EXPERIENCES

The group of candidates of 2018 in the program of the Marist Institute of International Communities for a new beginning (Lavalla200>) is carrying out its formation since the beginning of May.

After the first week in the general house, it is now taking place in San Martín a Monte. Here is a description of the period from May 21 – 26.

The third week began with the communication module of Louise Evans. She presented to the participants the methodology of the five chairs as forms of communication.

Each of them has a colour, an animal and a specific characteristic:

The red chair (Jackal) represents the attack and criticism of others, resulting in conflict, suffering and separation.

The yellow chair (Hedgehog) consists of victimizing, hurting oneself and annulling.

There is also the green chair (Suricato), which brings the perspective of pause, waiting and curiosity. The profile of this communication is observation; the absence of judgments, calming one's thoughts, the questions and the weighting on possible options that can be made from a situation.

The blue chair (Dolphin) consists of analyzing the feelings and the needs that pass within one's self. It highlights the responsibility for what is said and done. The result of this communication is self-awareness; The individual feels empowered and assertive.

Finally, the purple chair (Giraffe), which provides empathy and analysis of situations from what others are feeling and specifying. It is a communication connected with itself and with others.

According to the laywoman Silvia Pérez, from Bolivia, the module was very special, since the types of communication could facilitate life in fraternity throughout the Lavalla200> experience in the mission places. She affirms that, with this module, it is possible to recognize weaknesses in



the communication and also highlight one's own qualities for a more assertive communication.

Throughout the week, the participants were allowed to have a time for silence and contemplation of everything that they had learned. They were allowed a retreat to make a personal synthesis, followed by a sharing with the rest of the group.

In the second part of the week, the group received the visit of some people who already lived or were living in international communities: members of the International Community of Siracusa (Italy) of the Lavalla200 Project>, who shared the experience they live with refugees; Br Pau Fornells (secretary of the Superior General), who spoke about his experience with indigenous peoples of Ecuador; and laywoman Rosa Schiaffino (Spain), who was a volunteer in Thailand and part of the class of 2018 of the formation programme.

Br Pau Fornells addressed the impor-

ance of considering community life as a mission space for brothers and lay people, immersed in the spirituality that is revealed daily.

He believes an intercultural community must let itself be penetrated by God's seeds and suggests that its members place themselves in the position of observers and listeners.

"More than wanting to teach intellectually, you have to learn through observation and careful listening," he says.

Brother Ricky Gomez (Venezuela), from the community of Syracuse, shared that, in a Lavalla200> community, the most important aspect is what is experienced and not necessarily what is done; Many times work is a natural consequence from the construction of life in fraternity.

At the end of the week, the participants celebrated the birthday of two participants, Juliana Fontoura (Brazil) and Rosa Schiaffino (Spain), with a community celebration.

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