



## "FATHER, OUR LIVES ARE ALREADY GIVEN"

### THE BEATIFICATION OF THE MARTYRS OF ALGERIA

On December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, nineteen martyrs will be beatified in Oran. Among them, the Brothers of the monastic community of Tibhirine and a Marist Brother, Henri Vergès.

Their lives were taken at the same time as thousands of their Algerian brothers and sisters who also lost their lives, choosing to remain and died faithful to their faith in God, to their conscience and love of their country. 144 Imans died because they refused to justify violence.

Shortly before her death, Sister Paul-Hélène said : "Father, our lives are already given." Their lives were given to God and the people to whom they had been linked in love.

The Church offers them to our world as models for our discipleship today and tomorrow. Blessed are those who before us, on the path to the testimony that the Church is called to testify in Algeria which, from the first century, was irrigated with the blood of the martyrs.

Now we can ask for the intercession of those martyrs. Because, as Blessed, they continue their mission, associated more than ever with the work of the Lord.

At the celebration of the Beatification, the Institute will be represented by Brother Ernesto Sánchez, Superior



General, Brother Antonio Martínez Estaún, Postulator of the Institute, Brother Pere Ferre, Provincial of the Hermitage, Brother Ángel Medina, deputy director of the Secretariat of Brothers Today, accompanied by the Brothers from Africa, by other Brothers of the Province of l'Hermitage and the relatives of Brother Henri Vergès.

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- Brothers Sylvain Ramandimbarisoa and Óscar Martín Vicario, General Councilors, from December 3 to 7, participate in the Chapter and Assembly of the Province Brazil-South Amazonia, in Veranópolis.
- From December 3 to 5, Brothers Luis Carlos Gutierrez, Vicar General, Jeff Crowe and Angel Medina, responsible for the Formation of the Project Lavalla 200, visit the community of Our Lady of l'Hermitage.

- From December 5 to 8, the Assembly of the Mediterranean Province will be celebrated, in Guardamar, Spain, in which Brothers Ben Consigil and Joao Carlos do Prado General Councilors will participate.
- Brother Óscar Martín Vicario and Sylvain Ramandimbarisoa, from December 7 to 10, participate in the Provincial Assembly, of the Province North-Central Brazil, in Mendes.
- From December 7 to 16, Brother

Alvaro Sepulveda, from FMSI, will accompany the presentation of the Universal Periodical Exam, in the United Nations on the rights of children in Vanuatu, Uruguay and Chile.

- On December 8 will be the beatification of the martyrs of Algeria, in Oran, in which will participate from the General House, Brothers Ernesto Sanchez, Superior General, Antonio Estaún, Postulator and Angel Medina, Assistant Director of the Secretariat Brothers Today.

## BRASIL CENTRO-SUL

## PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY AND VISIT OF THE GENERAL COUNCILLORS



Between the 8th and 14th of November 2018, the Province of Brasil Centro-Sul received a visit from the General Councillors, Brothers Óscar Martin Vicar and Sylvain Ramandimbiarisoa.

The Marist Institute has gradually advanced in the development of its strategic plan and in the configuration of the service of animation and support for its activities, areas and secretariats for the Provinces and Regions.

Following this process, style of animation and government, the General Councillors came to share with the Brothers, Lay people, Administrators and Co-workers of the Province, the new institutional guidelines on administration of goods and governmental models.

Brother Bené Oliveira, Provincial Superior, pointed out that the presence of the General Councillors was an opportunity to encourage us in the joys and challenges of our life, our faith, our vocation and our mission.

Brothers Óscar and Sylvain met with the Provincial Superior, the provincial council, leaders of the Marist Group, leaders of the Province (Identity and Mission, Economy, Consecrated Life, Networks of Marist Schools, Networks of Marist Solidarity, etc.) and they also visited the Brothers' communities.

On the 8th of November, the General Councillors spent some time with the collaborators of the Province. On this occasion, Brother Óscar commented that the Marist Institute has a policy on how we should continue with a view to the sustainability of the mission. It is "important that we have constant discernment, prophetic leadership service, transparent, simple, effective and flexible structures",

he explained. He also believes that it is necessary to give answers to the calls of the marginalised; to encourage inclusion and promote the Marist Institute as a global charismatic family.

In his speech, Brother Sylvain discussed the calls of the XXII General Chapter on the theme of leadership of service. In one of the topics he reinforced the need for a greater co-responsibility among the Brothers and the Lay people to give continuity to the dream of Marcellin Champagnat.

### Provincial Assembly

To take advantage of the presence of the General Councillors, the Provincial Council decided to bring forward the celebration of the Provincial Assembly of the PMBCS for Saturday, November 10, in the Marist Marcellin Champagnat Centre, in Curitiba. In this way the Councillors had a special opportunity to spend time with the Brothers of the Province, to bring them up to date with the situation and vision of the Institute, and to present the General Government's strategic plan. Among the rules debated in the Assembly was that of the juridical installation of the Province as a Religious Organisation, which demanded deliberation and dialogue.

In the course of the Assembly, preparation took place for the Eucharistic Celebration of the Jubilees in Religious Life of Brothers Alfredo Moretti, Avelino Spada, Hildo José Ariotti, Virgilio Joshua Balestro, Antonio Nicolau Esmantista, Ilario Caresia, Ivo Antonio Strobino, Pedro Danilo Trainotti, Joaquim Sperandio and Cezar Cavanus. The Brothers celebrated the Jubilees in an atmosphere of faith and prayer, acknowledging the fidelity and dedication of the Brothers in the evangelising of children and young people, in the style of Mary, showing them that God also loves them.

NEWS IN BRIEF

**COMMUNICATION IN BRAZIL**

In the last contest of managerial communication of the country, the Marists, of the South-Central Brazil Province, won several awards or prizes. The Province South-Central Brazil three first places: Marist Memorial (Historical Responsibility and Managerial Memory), Photos of a Mission (Audiovisual Means) and the Campaign Defend (Communication and Relationship with Society). The two Pontifical Universities also won awards, in Paraná (category services) and that of Rio Grande do Sul (Brand Communication and Communication and Organization of Events).

**100 YEARS IN LEÓN**

The Marists from León this year celebrate the centenary of their presence among thousands of pupils formed in the two principal centers, Saint Joseph and Champagnat, as well as the smallest ones found in different places of the Province and which no longer exist today, but which we also want to remember.

**AGENDA 2030**

From November 5 to 9, in Guatemala, 24 persons linked to the Marist world and also other Congregations of Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Colombia, Ecuador, Haiti and Mexico, together with a team of the Marist NGO SED from Spain, participated in an encounter of Planning and Management of Projects with the focus on Human Rights and the Agenda 2030.

**INDIA**

The World Day of prevention of AIDS (December 1) was celebrated in the Rainbow Center, in Trichy, with persons who are sick and assisted and with a group of Australian students from the Sacred Heart. For the persons taken care of by the Marists, it was an important moment to pray for and remember the relatives unfortunately already deceased.

MARIST SCHOOLS IN AFRICA

NEW HORIZON MARIST SCHOOLS LEADERSHIP PROJECT II



The quest to strengthen Marist school's leadership topped the agenda of the Marist African Mission Commission for the past five years. The priority led to the first project of the New Horizon for Transformative leadership organized in three zones of the African continent.

Seeing the need to deepen this further, the second phase of the project has been launched in Malawi in October 2018. With the help and approval of a donor agency (MISEAN CARA), a pilot of this second phase will run for one year aiming at achieving a desired result that will lead to a multi-country implementation of the same project.

This project for the Marist schools in Africa is designed to achieve positive, lifelong change at grassroots level in the Marist Educational mission scattered in different countries.

The project is derived from the strategic plan launched by the Conference of African Marist Superiors through the African Mission Commission and assisted by Marist Secretariat for Education and Evangelization with the aim of applying the Marist vision and pedagogy in order to provide school leadership with new inclusive perspectives.

The 2nd phase piloting of the program (New Horizon) into the local school communities, will contribute to guarantee an equal access to education for children and youth, especially the most disadvantaged, building competencies and strengthen capacities of school leaders and teaching staff and creating new child rights awareness and safeguarding tools to promote equity, social justice and inclusion.



MARIST WORLD



Brazil  
Colégio Marista São Francisco, Rio Grande



Ecuador  
Meeting of Brothers



Spain: Colegio Santa María del Prado,  
Talavera de la Reina



Canada  
Camp Mariste



Chile: Visit of the General Councillors Óscar  
and Sylvain



Kenya: Marist International University  
College (MIUC)

RESILIENCE AND YOUNG PEOPLE. A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY

FORMATION DAYS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SOCIAL WORKERS, MEDITERRÁNEA



The Marcellin Champagnat Foundation and the BICE (International Catholic Office of children), with the collaboration of FMSI and the Catholic University of Milan, organized, from 9th to 11th of November, the first ever formation days for young people and Social Workers from the Spanish area of the Mediterránea Province.

A group of twelve young people aged between 15 and 21

from socio-educational projects, social workers and residential workers came from more than eight towns, to spend three days in Córdoba, Spain, sharing a novel and pioneering experience encouraged by four entities, which they shared amongst themselves, to "work in favour of the rights and the well-being of boys, girls and young people at risk of exclusion".

"Resilience and young people. A journey of discovery", has as its objective to endow these young people with tools to improve, in the first place, personal resilience and later to become resilient agents with their peer groups within their own environment.

This formation can be found in a formative block of "Tutors of Resilience" which from the year 2017 has been developed in different parts of the Marist Province of Mediterránea, for example, in Granada (Spain), Proyecto Fratelli (Lebanon) and Aleppo (Syria), as well as in other Provinces in different countries of the Institute.

The meeting was attended by Brothers Juan Carlos Fuerte (Provincial of Mediterránea) and Álvaro Sepúlveda (FMSI).

## ASSUMING THE MISSION THAT WE INHERIT FROM OUR FOUNDER

### ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHAMPAGNAT MOVEMENT OF THE MARIST FAMILY

The Annual Assembly of the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family - Chile Sector of the Province of Santa María of the Andes, took place in Santiago on November 17.

This encounter comprised 27 people, members of the 6 fraternities which make up the MChFM in the province. Also present, Amaya Raúl, director of the Secretariat for the Laity and Ernesto Reyes, Delegate for the Mission of the Chile Sector.

Following our community prayer, a review took place of the activities carried out over the year: day courses, workshops, retreats and accompaniment, in the different work of the Sector and although preferably dedicated to the parents, should be open to everyone who wants to participate (educators, administrators, auxiliaries, etc.).

Ernesto Reyes presented a view of the current state of our Sector, how we continue answering the Calls of the General Chapter and the participation of the laity holding diverse responsibilities, with an evangelical view and sharing examples of faith in their lives.

We concluded the morning with the presentation by Raúl Amaya who shared with us his overview of the laity in the world and the different ways of expressing this.

Also, the recommendations given to us by the documents To Be a Lay Marist and the Project of Life in Brotherhood and the future plans of the Movements of the Marist Laity, among them the MChFM.

In the afternoon, we evaluated the year, analyzing the execution of our strategic planning of 2018. These were carried out in work groups, responding through dialogue, with a survey concerning the needs and achievements achieved in the five areas of the programme: a) Solidarity, b) Community sharing-, c) Mission and Service, d) Formation- Spirituality and d) Celebration. We were also invited to take part in a survey relating to the individual participation of each member of the Movement in promoting active co-responsibility.

We renewed our commitment and desire to continue building on this new beginning, attentive to the Word of the Lord. and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, to live our vocation as "lay Marists". We make every effort to strengthen our community experience and to keep alive the Gospel in our situation. This encourages us to assume the mission that we inherit from our Founder: "To make known Jesus Christ and to make him loved, especially by the children and young people", in our specific case, the parents and families of these children and young people, who are their first educators.



## LOOKING AFTER OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

### MARIST FORUM IN CANADA



- among them two General Councilors, Brothers João Carlos del Prado and Ken McDonald, - were challenged by around fifteen young people who came along to show how, by means of different activities and commitments, they are encouraged by our Marist values to live their lives at a level appropriate to themselves. For most of these young people, it is after a first experience in the school setting (Collège Laval, of Marcellin Champagnat High School) that projects are developed which helps them to move on: social activities in their own environment, in the Marist social works of the Province, in Marist encounters, whether interprovincial or international, in prolonged experiences of voluntary work. We know that the Marist charism is based on three pillars: spirituality, fraternity, mission (commitment): we can see that

Each Autumn, the Marists of Canada, Brothers and lay people, take time to share their reflections on the vitality of the Marist charism in a province where the contribution of the lay people is becoming more and more important. It is not only the sustainability of the work, but the sharing of the Marist values in areas where the Brothers are no longer visible. To this end, the Province has a Commission of Provincial Animation (CAP) formed especially for lay men and women of all the ages, who carry out this mission through several activities. Acting on behalf of the Provincial Council, Brother Félix Roldán is the delegate for this commission.

among the young people of our community, most often it is the mission that becomes the entry for the other pillars.

This year, the meeting took place in Valcartier, the home of a Marist Project dedicated to helping young people with difficulties to be reinstated into the school system and continue their education.

The organizers wanted to consult with the young people who are involved in different activities provided by CAP. Almost fifty Brothers and lay people

The testimony of these young people reflects the investment of educating and educators in our communities, the members of CAP, the support of the Marist Province of Canada and of the AMDL (Marist Association of the Laity): also nourishes the conviction that the Marist charism is "bread shared" by people of all ages and talents. The forum organized by the CAP team demonstrated this very clearly: many thanks for that.



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