



JANUARY - MARCH 2019

## CALENDAR OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTORS OF THE INSTITUTE

**2 - 5 January:** Provincial Chapter of Mediterránea in Guardamar, Spain - Br. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General; Br. Ben Consigli and Br. João Carlos, General Councillors

**4 - 8 January:** Regional meeting of Brothers (under 50) from Oceania in the novitiate, Lomeri, Fiji - Br. Tony Leon, Director of the Secretariat of Brothers Today

**7 - 11 January:** Meeting and retreat for the Councils of the Marist colleges of the Chile Sector, Prov. Santa María de los Andes - Raúl Amaya, Director of the Secretariat of Laity

**10 - 15 January:** Meeting of the International Commission and Animation Team of the International Meeting of Marist Youth of the four Marist Branches in Guatemala - Br. Beto Rojas and Br. Mark Omede, Directors of the Secretariat for Education and Evangelisation; Br. Tony Leon, Director of the Secretariat of Brothers Today

**14 - 15 January:** Assembly of European Mission Councils in Les Avellanes, Spain - Br. Óscar Martín, General Councillor

**January 15:** Start of the new community and ongoing formation team in Manziana

**15 - 20 January:** International Gathering of Marist Youth (from the four Marist branches) in Guatemala - Br. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General; Br. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General; Br. Sylvain Ramandimbarisoa and Br. Ben Consigli, General Councillors; Br. Beto Rojas and Mark Omede, Directors of the Secretariat for Education and Evangelisation; Br. Tony Leon, Director Secretariat of the Brothers Today

**16 - 22 January:** Regular visit of the Council of the "Fratelli Project" to the community and work in Lebanon - Representatives of La Salle, Br. Valdicer Fachi, Director of CMI, and Br. Óscar Martín, General Councillor

**17 - 19 January:** Meeting of Provincial Bursars of Arco



Norte in Miami, United States - Br. Libardo Garzón, General Bursar

**28 January - 2 February:** Meeting of the Conference of Provincials of Africa in Nairobi, Kenya - Br. Ken McDonald and Br. Óscar Martín, General Councillors

**21 - 25 January:** Visit to the Province of México Central - Br. Libardo Garzón, General Bursar

**21 - 26 January:** Session of Human Rights Council in Geneva - Br. Álvaro Sepúlveda, FMSI

**27 - 30 January:** Board of Directors of the International Catholic Child Bureau in Paris, France - Br. Álvaro Sepúlveda, FMSI

**28 January - 01 February:** Meeting of the Mission Com-

## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- Brother Roque Brugnara returned to the Province of Brazil Centro-Sul after serving for four years in the General Administration as Bursar of the General House.
- Until Saturday, in Guardamar, Spain, Brother Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, and Brothers Ben Consigli and João Carlos do Prado, General Councillors, are taking part in the Chapter of the Mediterranean Province.
- From the 4th until the 8th January in the Novitiate of Lomeri, in Fiji, a regional meeting will take place for the Brothers from Oceania who are younger than 50 year old,

with the participation of Brother Tony León, Director of the Secretariat of Brothers Today.

- From December, Brother Omar Peña Jacobo, of the Province of Central America, took part in the community of the General House. Starting from February he will join the course of Vocation Ministry in the Salesian Pontifical University.
- On January 2, in presence of the Superior General, the Brothers and lay members of the General Administration will commemorate the 202 years of the Institute with a Eucharistic celebration followed by a festive lunch.

mittee in the General House – Br. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General; Br. Ben Consigli, General Councillor; Br. Libardo Garzón, General Bursar; Br. Beto Rojas and Br. Mark Omede Directors of the Secretariat for Education and Evangelization.

**1 - 3 February:** Programme for joint formation of Brothers and Laity of the Province of Ibérica, in Lardero, Spain: Br. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General

**4 - 27 February:** Plenary Session of the General Council

**5 and 11 February:** Meeting on Legal and Canonical Structures - Ad hoc team

**7 - 8 February:** Meeting of the European Commission of Brothers Today in Santiago de Compostela, Spain - Br. Tony Leon and Br. Ángel Medina, Directors of the Secretariat of Brothers Today

**7 - 9 February:** Programme on International Leadership in Rome - General Council and General Bursar

**13 -16 February:** Retreat for the General Council community at Nemi, Italy

**18 February:** Meeting of the Executive Council of the Union of General Superiors - Br. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General

**18 - 22 February:** Meeting between the General Council and the Secretariats in the General House

**21 - 24 February:** Meeting with Pope Francis on the Protection of Children in the Vatican - Br. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General

**25 - 28 February:** Preparation of the Universal Periodic Review of Bolivia, in Santa Cruz de la Sierra - Br. Álvaro Sepúlveda, FMSI

**28 February:** Meeting of the Provincials of Arco Norte in the General House: Br. Ken McDonald and João Carlos do Prado, General Councillors

**28 February:** Meeting of Provincials of the South America Region in the General House: Br. Sylvain Ramandimbiarisoa and Óscar Martín, General Councillors

**March 1 - 2:** Meeting of Provincials of America in the General House - Brothers Óscar Martín, Sylvain Ramandimbi-

arisoa, Ken McDonald and João Carlos do Prado, General Councillors

**2 March:** Meeting of the organising committee for the meeting of the General Councils of the Marist Family - Br. Ben Consigli, General Councillor

**1 - 3 March:** Meeting of Provincials of Africa in the General House - Br. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, Br. Ken McDonald and Br. Óscar Martín, General Councillors

**4 - 12 March:** Meeting of Provincials and Superiors of Districts of the Institute in the General House with the General Council

**13 - 15 March:** Meeting of new Provincials and District Superiors with the General Council in the General House

**15 - 16 March:** Meeting of the Committee for the Assembly of the Province of Canada in the General House - Br. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, Br. Ken McDonald and Br. João Carlos do Prado, General Councillors

**March 18 - April 5:** Contact visit with the Pacific District and the District of Melanesia - Br. Ben Consigli and Br. Joseph Maria Soteras, General Councillors

**18 - 20 March:** FMSI Board meeting in the General House - Br. Ken McDonald, General Councillor, Br. Libardo Garzón, General Bursar, Br. Rick Carey, Director of FMSI

**18 - 22 March:** Meeting of the International Commission of Brothers Today in the General House - Br. Óscar Martín and Br. João Carlos do Prado, General Councillors; Br. Tony León and Br. Ángel Medina, Directors of the Secretariat of Brothers Today

**21 March:** Start of the Ongoing Formation Programme "Senderos" in Manziana (all languages) - Ongoing Formation Team

**25 March - 3 April:** Contact visit to the Province of Southern Africa - Br. Ken McDonald and Br. Óscar Martín, General Councillors.

**29 - 31 March:** Organising Committee for the VIII Assembly of the Marist International Network of Institutions of Higher Education in Lima, Peru - Br. Beto Rojas of the Secretariat for Education and Evangelisation

## INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, GLOBAL FAMILY

### FRANCE: BROTHER LUIS CARLOS AT NOTRE-DAME DE L'HERMITAGE



Brother Luis Carlos, General Vicar, visited the community of Notre-Dame de l'Hermitage on December 4 and 5. At the same time, the team accompanying the community (Brothers Angel Medina and Jeff Crowe, Madame Mayte Ballaz) was present and met with each member.

The presence of Br. Luis Carlos permitted to deal with the question of the composition of the community and of the change or taking over foreseen in the next months. Br. Luis Carlos shared with the community's members the calls or appeals that he made to the Brothers Provincial and of other initiatives to be studied. His visit manifested the concern of the General Administration concerning the house of Notre-Dame de l'Hermitage in order that it can continue to offer this service of acceptance of Marist pilgrims from the whole world.

## MARIST YOUTH SERVANT LEADERS: WEAVING LIFE, LIVING LIFE

### PHILIPPINES: MARIST YOUTH FESTIVAL 2018



With the theme "Marist Youth Servant Leaders: Weaving Life, Living life", the young Marists of Champagnat gathered at Notre Dame of Kipadawan College, Kidapawan City, Philippines last November 29 to December 1, 2018 to celebrate the Marist Youth Festival 2018. It was participated by 635 young people coming from the different ministry places where the brothers are situated.

The gathering aimed to pray, reflect and discern of one's vocation; to promote unity and solidarity among Marist Youths through youth empowerment; to respond to the five calls by journeying with the children and youths in the margins of life; and live out the dreams of Champagnat in the third century Marists.

Marist Youth Festival Statement.

We, the Marist Youths of the Philippines, affirm that

- God loves us unconditionally. We are His BELOVED.
- We are united as one global family, in the midst of our diversity. We are part of Champagnat's legacy and called

to continue his mission to the least favoured. We are GIFTED.


- We are called to be SERVANT LEADERS in doing God's mission in our world today. We are EMPOWERED. In our realities, we are searching for life's meaning and ultimate purpose.

We are aware of social realities. We are part of those in the margins of life, yet under different circumstances and with varying perspectives, who also experience difficulties but empowered to be the hands and face of tender mercy.

As weavers of life, we give hope and we commit to the Gospel values, making our lives our message to the world:


- We find our own true meaning of life in the discernment of our personal vocation. We live life with a purpose.
- We live out Marist ways as agents of change by translating mission into actions such as active participation in spiritual and socio-civic activities and sharing our talents for the good of others.
- We take risks and inspire other young people to become weavers of life and beacons of hope themselves.
- We commit to our on-going formation as Servant Leaders, sensitive and responsive to the emerging needs especially to those who are in the margins of life. We live out our Marist values making ourselves instruments of change in our family, in the church, and in our society.


As Marists of Champagnat today, we continue our journey of encounter with GOD, and accompanied by Mary, our Good Mother, we go forth carrying out God's call and mission. With one voice we say, "We are not just a drop of water in the ocean. we are the entire ocean. And together, as one global charismatic family, we carry on!"




### INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF MARIST YOUTH GUATEMALA, 15 - 21 JANUARY 2019

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## MARIST WORLD



Rwanda  
New Provincial Council of East Central Africa



Mexico: Final vows in Guadalajara of  
Br. Rubén Nava, México Occidental



General House: Celebration of the  
anniversary of the Institute



Spain  
New Council of the Province of Compostela



Spain  
New Council of the Province of Ibérica



Philippines  
MAPAC (Marist Asia-Pacific Center)

## ACTION FOR THE TRIENNIUM: COMMITMENT TO THE CALLS OF THE GENERAL CHAPTER

### ASSEMBLY AND CHAPTER OF BRASIL CENTRO -NORTE

The Chapter of the Province of Brasil Centro -Norte defined the priorities which will direct the Administrative Unit for the next three years, from 2019 to 2021. Based on the reflections of the working groups carried out by the Provincial Assembly before the Chapter, the capitulants decided on the following topics to be carried out for the triennium: evangelizing education; spirituality and fraternity; solidarity; citizenship; ecology and corporate government.

"These priorities are also an expression of the commitment made by the provincial community to the calls of the XXII General Chapter asking us to be a global family in this emerging world," said Brother Ataíde José de Lima, who has been re-appointed Provincial.

The capitulants also chose the four councillors who, together with Brother Ataíde, will serve the Province for the next three years. The councillors who have been appointed are: Antonio Ramalho (also vice-provincial), Joilson Toledo, Maicon Donizete and Natalino Guilherme de Souza. At the same time, Brother José Augusto Júnior was appointed bursar and Brother Renato Augusto da Silva vice-president of the Administrative Council.

The Provincial Assembly, consisting of Brothers, laity and co-workers, took place from the 7th to the 10th of December, while the Provincial Chapter took place from the 11th to the 14th of December. Both events took place in the Es-



pacio Champagnat de Mendes and the General Councillors, Brother Óscar Martin Vicario and Brother Sylvain Raman-dimbiarisoa took part. In the same way, Brother Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General of the Marist Institute, was present during the Chapter.

The occasion of the Chapter and the Assembly also mark the 15 years of the Province of Brasil Centro-Norte.

## PAGE - VI PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

### RWANDA: MARIST PROVINCE OF AFRICA CENTRE EAST

From 11-14 December the Province celebrated its VI Provincial Chapter, where Brother Provincial Théoneste Kalisa was installed in his second term in office. It brought together 21 Capitulants from the five countries of the Province: The Central Africa Republic, The Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Kenya and Tanzania. The assembly was completed with two Lay Marists and Brothers Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, V. G., and Ken McDonald, G. C. from Rome. Three Brothers who formed the animation team were also present. The venue of the event was the Centre D'accueil Bonne Esperance in Kigali, Rwanda.

As an assembly that is aimed to help in the reflection on what are the most important needs and priorities for the coming three years of animation in the Province, Brothers and Lay Marists had in their hands the necessary material to do so, such as: the evaluation of the previous Provincial administration, the vision for the future (from Br Provincial), the financial report, a summary of the survey conducted in the Province by the Preparatory Commission and a very rich material presented by our brothers from Rome.

Working in small groups that helped to deepen into the reality in which we are, the Chapter came to a conclusion of having four priorities for the coming years:

- a) Marist Identity and Perseverance
- b) Marist Mission through quality education imbued with Gospel and Marist values
- c) Marist Vocation of both, Brothers and Lay
- d) Self-reliance and accountability

For each one of the priorities, Brothers agreed to add the most important lines of action that Brother Provincial and his Council will help to implement.

The Chapter elected five councilors to accompany Brother Provincial in his work: Brothers Crescent Karerangabo, Masumbuko Mununguri, Venceslas Baindekeli, Patrick Nangale and Thomas Omari.



## UNITED WE ARE BOTH BRIDGE AND LIGHTHOUSE

### PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF BRAZIL SUL-AMAZÔNIA

From the 3rd to the 7th of December 2018, more than 70 Brothers, members of the laity and young people from the Province of Brazil Sul-Amazônia gathered in Veranópolis, Rio Grande do Sul, to share, to meditate and to make key decisions, such as the election of the Provincial Councillors.

Two priorities were defined for the next 3 years: "Our vocation as a Brother" and "Mission". The first one had as its aim the reinforcement of the Brother's identity in the light of apostolic and Marian spirituality, from an ecological perspective, in fraternal and revitalized communities. The second, concerning our Marist Laity, had as its objective the invigoration of our Catholic and Marist identity to generate life in the areas of mission.

In the course of the meeting, Brother Inacio Etges was re-elected and will direct the Province for a second period of three years. Five Councillors were also elected to



accompany Brother Inacio in the animation of the Province until the year 2021: Brothers Deivis Alexandre Fischer, Manuir José Mentges, Odilmar José Civa Fachi, Onorino Moresco and Sandro André Bobrzyk.

The General Councillors, Brothers Óscar Martin and Sylvain Ramandimbarisoa, were there to represent the General Council. Brother Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, sent a message by [video](#).

## SHAPING THE FUTURE WITH OPENNESS TO THE NEW

### MEETING OF INTER-AMERICAN NETWORKS OF "SOLIDARITY HEART" AND SPIRITUALITY

The members of the animation teams of the Interamerican Network of "Solidarity Heart" and Network of Spirituality met in Mexico City from 28 to 30 November. The work has been animated by Br. José Sánchez Bravo, Provincial of Central Mexico and coordinator of the American Conference of Provincials, Br. Alberto Aparicio, executive secretary of the América Sur Region, and Br. Gregorio Linacero, coordinator of the regional committee of Arco Norte. Inacio Etges, provincial coordinator of South America.



The objective of the meeting was to relaunch the work of both networks, in communion with the lines of action of the General Government and the two regions of America (América Sur and Arco Norte).

In the letter sent to the region, the participants of the meeting wrote in this way:

"We feel committed to promote the lines of our XXII General Chapter and of Brother Superior General and his

Council, as well as those promoted by each of our regions. In this reflection we have had the opportunity to review the journey of each one of the networks during the previous years and, from there, to outline the future, with an openness to the new. We want to put all this reflection at the service of the children, adolescents and young people of the continent, in communion as Marists of Champagnat, Brothers and Laity.

## IVORY COAST: FINAL PROFESSION IN THE INSTITUTE

### BROTHERS MBANG ABEL NKWAIN AND KONE BRUNO

On the 15th of December, 2018 Brothers Kone Bruno (Ivory Coast) and Mbang Abel Nkwain (Cameroon) made their perpetual profession at the St Anthony of Padua Parish in Korhogo, Ivory Coast. The Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Korhogo, Msg. Charles Diarrasouba, presided over the Eucharistic Celebration.

The District Superior of West Africa, Br. Cyprian Gandebo, received the vows on behalf of the Superior General.

The occasion was witnessed by many Marist Brothers in Ivory Coast, Ghana and Cameroon as well as priests of the Archdiocese. There were also lay faithful, children and young people to witness and support the two Brothers in this joyous event.



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