



TO FACILITATE THE SYNERGY FOR THE AREA OF THE MISSION FOR THE YEARS AHEAD MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE MISSION



The Committee for the Mission will meet in the General House, from January 28th until February 1st. Present at the meeting will be the members of the Committee, members of the General Council, regional representatives and other invited members.

The objectives of this meeting are to look at the dynamics of the work in different parts of the Institute and to suggest ways of connecting the forms of the strategic plan of the General Administration, the projects of the regions and the plans of the different operating struc-

tures related to the Area of the Mission.

Another purpose of this meeting is to exchange and to contribute ideas about the strategic plan and the activities of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelism. Also, the meeting will be an occasion to share points of view on legal and administrative topics relating to the Institute and the regions.

The Committee - appointed by the General Council for a two year period (from 2017 until 2019) - will look to identify the best way to carry on their work and to plan

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- Brothers Ken McDonald and Óscar Martín, General Councillors, take part, in the meeting of the Provincials of Africa, in Nairobi, Kenya until January 2.
- This week the General House welcomes the participants of the Committee of Mission which meets with a number of invited guests. Several Brothers from the Council and from the General Administration take part in the meeting.
- Brother Álvaro Sepúlveda, representing FMSI, takes part in the meeting of the Administrative Council for Children from the Catholic International Office (BICE) which took place in Paris, from 27th until 30th January.
- From the 1st to the 3rd of February, Brother Luis Carlos, Vicar General, attends the combined formation for Brothers and Laity of the Iberian Province, in Lardero, Spain.



Libardo Garzón (Econome General), Mr. Frank Malloy (Australia); Brother Ador Santiago (East Asia); Mike Greeff (South Africa); Brother Marciano Guzmán (Mediterránea); Brother Gregorio Linacero (Central America) and Paulo Sirino (Brazil Centro-Sul). Besides the members of the committee others taking part will be: Brother Kevin Wanden (Oceania), Brother Ifeanyi Mbaegbu (Africa), Mrs. Angela Sestrini (Europe), Brother Alberto Aparicio (South America), Brother Andreu Sánchez (CME) Brother Rick Carey (director of the Secretariat of Solidarity and Director of FMSI), Brother Valdicer Fachi (Director of the Department of Collaboration for the International Mission), Mr. Luca Olivari (advisor to the General Council), Brother Mark Omede and Brother Carlos A. Rojas (Directors of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelism).

possible activities for the future. Among the members present will be the members of the Committee: Brother Luis Carlos Gutiérrez (Vicar General), Brother Ben Consigli (General Councillor), Brother

INTERNATIONAL MARIST CENTRE

MIC HAS OPENED UP ITS FACILITIES TO DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS CONGREGATIONS

The International Marist Centre (MIC) which is a post-novitiate formation centre for Africa and Madagascar, has opened up its facilities to different religious congregations present in Nairobi (Kenya) so that they can carry out courses and masters.

Among the congregations which have attended the courses are the Combonian Missionary Sisters, the Missionary Sisters of Quebec, The Medical Missionaries of Mary (MMM), the Oblate Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, the Elizabethan Franciscan Sisters, Canossian Sisters, Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, the Brothers of Our Lady, Mother of Mercy (CMM), and very soon the Sisters of the Precious Blood will take part along with other religious congregations.

The facilities that MIC has offered to other congregations and religious groups are infrastructures of Basilio and the Hermitage.

The BASILIO Fraternity has been let out temporarily to a group of Priests and religious who are working on a Master in Counselling and Psycho-spiritual Therapy (PSI). Similar-



ly, the HERMITAGE community, has been put at their disposition as a spiritual space for different groups, enabling spiritual, mini- programmes of Renewal and preparations for final vows, from six to seven weeks. And very soon they will begin short courses (two weeks) for leaders and community animators.

The current group of religious preparing for perpetual profession are made up of three Marist Brothers from the Province of South Africa (Brother Peter Zulu, Brother Dias Gemuse and Brother Ignatius Matemba), two Elizabethan Franciscan Sisters and a Canossian Sister.

MIC is prepared to share its facilities and at the same time advertise its study programmes and workshops to the different participating groups.

The International Marist Centre offers a four-year-old formation to obtain a degree in Education and a diploma in Religious Studies. Now, it is made up of 77 Brothers: 68 in Formation and 8 Formators.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CRUZ DEL SUR

Thirty Brothers took part in a Retreat in Mar del Plata, from the 4th to the 10th of January, with the purpose of favouring spiritual growth. During the closing mass, Brother Pablo Rifarachi made his first profession in the Institute and Brothers Victor Carrasco, Mario Ramírez and Gabriel Polo renewed their vows.

COMPOSTELA

The province initiated a programme of formation on communication which will be carried out in all the educational centres addressed to those responsible for the centres. It is clear that communication is not improvised and that all are responsible for the building of our image by means of communication.

LEBANON, ITALY, SPAIN

In the Marist centres of Lebanon, Italy and Spain from the Mediterránea Province, there took place a Marist vocations week, from the 21st to the 25th January which had as its objective to help the students to grow in their vocational journey. The motto of the week was #JumpWalkDream.

NOVIATE IN BOLIVIA

The Novitiate of the Región América Sur, in Cochabamba, commenced the new year with 15 novices: 11 in the first year and 4 in the second.



IF EVERYBODY HELPS WITH PRAYER, FOR SURE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL

THE COMMUNITY LAVALLA200> HAS INAUGURATED A CENTER FOR IMMIGRANTS



The International Community Laval-la200> of Syracuse, in Italy, has inaugurated on January 18 a new Center of help and intercultural orientation dedicated to the immigrant young people and refugees.

At the official opening of the International Center of Help and Orientation (CIAO) were present: the Archbishop of Syracuse Monsignor Salvatore Pappalardo; the members of the Marist Community; the Mayor of Syracuse and other representatives of the local institutions; Br. Claudio Begni, representing the Mediterranean Province; and other persons who collaborate with the Marist Mission.

The Marist Community is at the service of the immigrants since 2016, and they arrived at the invitation of Mons. Salvatore Pappalardo, to form in the Diocese an institution to work in favor of the immigrants.

The members of the Community are Gabriel Bernardo da Silva, Mario Araya, Br. Onorino Rota, Regina Biasibetti, Br. Ricky Gomez and Rosa Maria Schiaffin.

Today, other associations, groups and persons collaborate with the Marist community; which desire to help the immigrants, who are young and have the right to international protection and unaccompanied foreign minors, with the objective of integrating them in the Italian society.

In the Bulletin Syracuse News, Br. Onorino Rota stressed: "we are convinced that the faith of us six does not reach the levels attained by Father Champagnat, but if all of you help us with your prayer, it is sure that we will be able to do something beautiful for the Brothers and for God".

Through the inauguration of the Center to accept the immigrants, the Marists of Champagnat put into practice one of the calls of the XXII General Chapter, which asks, "to increase a significant presence among the children and young people in the margins of the world.

The Province of Syracuse, in Sicily, is an Italian place with the greatest flow of African immigration, which arrives to the island fleeing from their countries.

MARIST WORLD



Lebanon: Regular visit of the Council of the Fratelli Project



Madagascar: Celebration of the anniversary of the Institute



Spain: IX Assembly of the MarCha group, Province of Compostela



Panama
Marist Youth at World Youth Day



Ireland
Moyle Park College Marist Core Team



Portugal: Marist Centre of Vouzela, Spirituality Workshop

THE PREMIERE OF THE PLAY THE FIFTH GOSPEL

WORK CONTAINING TEXTS TAKEN FROM THE WRITINGS OF BROTHER HENRI VERGÈS

"Here is some good news Antonio". This was how Brother Alain Delorme began his message a few days ago. The news published by the media in France is that the second edition of the Père-Jacques-Hamel prize created in 2017 has been awarded to the film of the play *The Fifth Gospel*. This work, written by the young Dominican Brother Adrien Candiard and filmed by Francesco Agnelo, contains texts taken from the writings of Brother Henri Vergès, the first religious murdered on May 8th, 1994 in Algeria and beatified on December 8th in Orán, together with 18 other martyrs. The film highlights the thoughts of Brother Henri Vergès, matured during almost 25 years of his time spent in Algeria, carrying out his mission as educator based on the Marist charism.

The Père-Jacques-Hamel Award

The prize was created in 2017, as a tribute to the Norman priest murdered in 2016 in his church, and it awards a prize for a work (article, book, documentary...) which highlights initiatives for peace and interreligious dialogue. *The Fifth Gospel* was broadcast by CFRT (Comité français de radio-télévision, producer of *Jour du Seigneur*) in June 2018.



The jury also made a special mention of the Muslim theologian Nayla Tabbara and the journalist from *La Croix Marie* Malzac for her book *Islam through the eyes of a woman*, published by Bayard editions in October 2018.

SHARING EXPERIENCES OF GOOD PRACTICE TOGETHER

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF MISSION FOR THE EUROPEAN PROVINCES

From the 13 to the 16th of January in the Monastery of Les Avellanes, Spain, the third Assembly of the Council of Mission for the five Provinces of the Region of Europe took place. In the first part of the meeting, besides looking back on the road travelled as a Region until now, experiences were exchanged of good practice on the part of each one of the Provinces and the work of the European teams already in place (Pastoral, Solidarity and the Protection of children).

Brother Óscar Martín General Councillor, as representative of the General Administration of the Institute, presented the strategic plan and the General Government's new structure.

The past work of the Assembly has been centred on formation. Based on this, each one of the Provinces presented the most outstanding points in their formation plans and have attempted to answer the following questions: Formative needs that can be approached in a shared way by Marist Europe.

Formative needs that can be modified, be retained or be removed from what has been developed in Marist Europe.



Formations that are carried out now in the Provinces and which could be offered to Marist Europe.

This was carried out, in the first place by working groups selected from the different environments and from the Council of Mission of the Provinces afterwards. As a result, the working group has put forward a series of proposals that they will be considered by the Council of Mission of Europe (MEC) with a view to setting out new initiatives as a Region and to revising of those already existent.

MARIST SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

APPOINTMENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SPIRITUAL PATRIMONY COMMISSION

On November 16th The General Council appointed the new members of the Spiritual Patrimony Commission. The members of the Commission have been selected for a 3 year period, from January 1 2019 until December 31 2021.

Brother Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, communicated in his letter to the Brothers provincial, the members of the Commission: Brother Antonio Ramalho (coordinator - Brasil Centro - Norte), Brother André Lanfrey (L'Hermitage), Brother Michael Green (Australia), Mr. Dyógenes Philippsen Araújo (Brasil Centro-Sul), Brother Patricio Pino (Santa María de los Andes), Brother Allan De Castro (East Asia), Brother Vincent de Paul Kouassi (District of West Africa), Brother Omar Roca (América Central) and Brother Colin Chalmers (Archivist General - West Central Europe). In his official statement, Brother Ernesto also thanked all those people



who continue offering their services in this commission, while welcoming the new members.

In the same way he made special acknowledgement of those who have completed their work, after several years of service. Among these were

Brother Antonio Martínez Estaún (L'Hermitage), Brother Spiridion Ndanga (PACE), Mrs. Heloisa Afonso (Brazil Centro-Norte) and Brother Michel Morel (L'Hermitage) who provided his services as secretary of the Commission.

BROTHER MERVYN PERERA

THE PROVINCIAL OF SOUTH ASIA HAS BEEN RE-ELECTED

The General Council, after studying the results of the consultation carried out in the province, has re-elected Brother Mervyn Percy Rohana Perera, Provincial of South Asia, for a second period of three years.

Brother Mervyn will take up his position during the celebration of the next Provincial Chapter which will take place from the 19th to 24th August 2019. The news was announced on 10th January, in a letter sent by Brother Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, to the Marists of South Asia. In his letter, Brother Ernesto thanked Brother Mervyn for the work he had carried out as provincial and for his readiness to continue serving the Institute.

Brother Mervyn Perera

I was born on the 19th of June 1959, the first-born of three brothers. My mother was a teacher and my father was a businessman. I entered the juniorate in Tudella, Sri Lanka in 1973. I made my novitiate in Ragama, Sri-Lanka and my profession in August of 1978.

Immediately after the novitiate I began the



year of scholasticate in Sri Lanka, Negombo. After several years of teaching in the Brothers schools in Sri Lanka, I then spent 7 years in Pakistan as a missionary.

I returned to Sri Lanka the 2000 and I was provincial bursar for two terms and I was also a provincial councillor. In 2016, I was appointed, by Brother Emili Turú, Provincial Superior of the Province of South Asia for a first term.

TEN YEARS COMMUNICATING THE MARIST LIFE AND MISSION

NOVELTY ON THE SENDING OUT OF THE MARIST NEWS

Every week the Bulletin of Marist News is sent to more than six-thousand E-Mail addresses. We have our own database, which collects the inscriptions and a small program, which sends the mail with the file PDF. We know that many of the things sent do not arrive to the addressees, especially due to several filters that exist in the managing of electronic mail. In the same way, we recognize that it is not always possible to open the PDF and to read calmly. For this reason, we have decided to adopt a new method of sending and managing the list of mail. In the same way, we have opted for changing the presentation of the bulletin.

Therefore, we communicate that beginning in the month of March, the bulletin will be sent with MailChimp, one of the more popular systems for the management of electronic mail and of sending through E-Mail. In the same way, MailChimp will also administer the list of electronic mail. For this reason, we ask all the concerned users to register again in this page <https://goo.gl/zjvAAp> to continue receiving the Marist News.

The month of March will be a transition period: on March 5, we will begin to send through this new system. On the other side, we will continue sending the bulletin with the

classical way, during the whole month. Beginning in April, Marist News will be sent exclusively with MailChimp.

In the same way also, we will change the presentation of the news. In the E-Mail, which you will receive, will appear the

last novelties, in a brief and immediate way. A link will allow you to unload the traditional bulletin in PDF, which we will continue carrying out as always.

We count on your understanding and with your help to diffuse this means of important communication, which promotes the construction of the Global Marist Family.

You may register now (<https://goo.gl/zjvAAp>) and, in order that our bulletin is not considered spam, add this address us15-cdab6a9b86-985ac98ae7@inbound.mailchimp.com among your contacts in your e-mail account.



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