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A clearer perception of what it means to be a GLOBAL FAMILY

THE END OF THE MEETING OF PROVINCIALS AND DISTRICT SUPERIORS IN THE GENERAL HOUSE

This Tuesday sees the end of the meeting of Provincials and District Superiors, which took place in the General House, from the 4th to the 12th of March. It had as its objective the strengthening of the sense of our Global Marist Family. Under the title "called to live a prophet-

ic and serving leadership in corresponsibility", were present the members of the General Council, the Provincials, the District Superiors and other members of the General Administration. In the course of the first three days of the meeting, the Provincials and Superiors reflected on the advances

achieved after a year and half of the XXII General Chapter, and they analyzed the process of the strategic Plan of the General Administration for animation, leadership and government. During this time they evaluated the Marist projects and initiatives, the topic "mission without bounds", and the



general administration

- From March 13 to 15, recently elected or new Provincials will be meeting at the General House to be briefed on practical topics related to their responsibilities.
- On March 15, Br Alvaro will meet with educators from the Marist social works of Catalunya in Rubi.
- On March 15 and 16, Brs Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, Ken McDonald and João Carlos do Prado, General Councilors, will meet with the organising committee of the Provincial

Assembly of Canada.

- Mr Diugar Enrique Madera Buscarini began his work with the General Administration in the Secretariat of Education and Evangelisation at the beginning of March.
- In the last weeks of February Priscila Staniski and Juliana, from the IT department of the Province of Brazil Centro-Sul, were working at the General House on the Institute data-base.

development of the communities of the project Lavalla200>. In the same way, arguments were directed to reinforce the Global Marist Family and the ongoing formation of the Brothers. And it also considered in a special way the future of the Regions.

On the 8th and 9th of March a workshop was organised with the purpose of addressing the crisis arising from situations of sexual abuse. Following the programme, the penultimate day of the meeting dealt with the topic of “the prophetic and serving leadership” and “team leadership”. On the last day of the meeting, ideas were

exchanged on how to create synergies, and there was time for reflection on the Synod and the key points for the Institute in connection with young people.

We have experienced some days of meeting in a climate of fraternity. Cultural diversity makes us perceive what it means to be a GLOBAL FAMILY which dreams of a hopeful future for the Marist charism and mission”, as expressed by Brother Moisés Alonso Pérez, Provincial of Ibérica.

“My experience at this meeting has meant a new immersion in the vision of the General Chapter of 2017. I

liked the point of view shared by the Superior General and his advice on the strategic Plan and these have given me a new enthusiasm for my apostolate.

And through the exchanges among the participants I experienced more deeply the reality of our “Global Body”, pointed out Brother Théoneste Kalisa, Provincial of East Central Africa.

In the course of the meeting, the Provincials and Superiors also had an opportunity to dialogue with the Superior General or Vicar General, the counsellors and the directors of the secretariats and departments of the General Administration.

Launch or sow seeds from the heart to fertilize the mission

UMBRASIL NAMES A NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Marist Union of Brazil (UMBRASIL) on February 22, during the XV Ordinary General Assembly named the new President of the Superior Council and the new members of the Board of Directors and of the Fiscal Council of the Organization.

Br. Antonio Benedicto de Oliveira (Br. Benê) was elected President of the Superior Council of UMBRASIL. The direction of the Marist Union of Brazil will be formed by Br. Renato Augusto da Silva, Director President; Br. César Cavanus, Director Bursar and Br. Oldimar Fachi, as Director Secretary. Br. José Augusto Junior will form the Fiscal Council as President; Br. Lino Alfonso Jungbluth, Director Secretary and Br. Lauro Francisco Hochscheidt, as Councilor.

With the presence of 18 representatives, divided among the Provinces of Marist Brazil and under the theme “Launch or sow seeds from the heart to fertilize the mission”, the XV Ordinary General Assembly of UMBRASIL was opened, and were received and welcomed by the Executive Secretary, Natalino Guilherme de Souza, who invited the group to see a video with the witnesses of the students, collaborators, Laity, men and women, who with great sensitiveness, shared, how “being Marist” makes a difference in their lives.

During the event, Father Paulo Renato Campos, political adviser of the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil (CNBB) was presented, who gave an analysis of the current political situation. The Region South America was also present in the



encounter, when Br. Alberto Aparicio, executive secretary of the Region, presented the information on the Region South America, during the meeting, as well as their importance for the Institute. The projects and actions of 2018, were also distinguished during the meeting – The projects for 2019 - besides giving continuity to the works already being carried out, UMBRASIL defined the new proposals for this year: redesigned Middle Education, updating of the directives of Marist Youth Pastoral Ministry, the Marist Project of Volunteers of Brazil, Vocational School of the Region South America, Forum of Marist Communicators of Brazil, Forum of Managers of Education of Marist Brazil, Manual of Orientations for the Management of the Marist Communities.

Est Timor: a future Marist school for the needy people of Lautém, Timor Leste

A GIFT OF LAND FOR A MARIST WORK

On February 25, 2019, a simple ceremony was held in the shade of a stand of trees to mark the official transfer of land to the Marist Brothers of Bacau (Marist Foundation in East Timor) for the future construction of a primary and secondary school in the District of Lautém. The ceremony was attended by the Bishop, Dom Basílio Nascimento, Fr. Joaquim da Silva, parish priest of Lautém, and Brothers: Peter Corr (president of the Catholic Teachers' College in Baucau), Imanuel Soares and João Bautista Pereira, along with representatives of the local community (Suco Malailada - Lautém), the original land-owners and various guests.

After months of searching, conversations with various heads of sub-districts and visits to a number of areas in the District of Lautém, the Marist Brothers have succeeded in finding and receiving at no cost a large piece of land, some 90,000 m², for the construction of a school. This future educational centre is an integral part of the missionary project of the Province of Australia.

The land was given by Fernando da Costa Cabral and Francisco Fernandes Xavier, both simple, poor men, who want to contribute to a wider access to education in their District. In exchange



for the gift they want the Marists to improve education in the region, offering quality teaching, human and religious formation, open to receiving many poor children and young people, in line with the charism of St Marcellin Champagnat.

Those giving the land and representatives of the local community who were present hope that the new Marist school will be an important means in the human and social development of their people who currently lack basic necessities, including the opportunity for a good education.

Sri Lanka: Being a Lay Marist

BROTHERS AND LAY MARISTS SHARE THEIR MARIST VOCATION

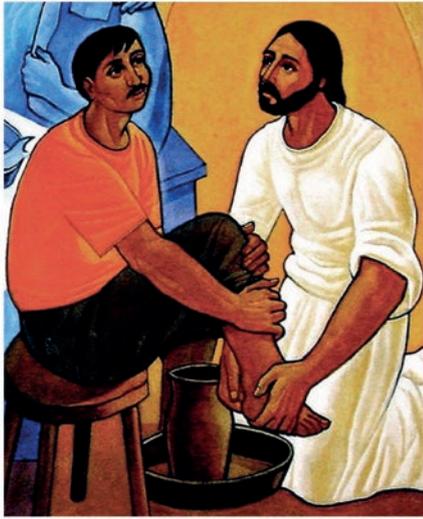
From the 15th to the 17th of February, a group of 30 Brothers and Lay Marists from Sri Lanka took part in a seminar on the lay vocation, fraternity and community led by Brother Réal Sauvageau and the lay Marist, Christian Boutin from Canada.

Most of the topics for reflection and other contributions dealt with in the seminar, were based on the recent document entitled "Being a Lay Marist: suggestions for accompanying vocational processes and to proposing formation routes", which is a reference text for all Marists of Champagnat, particularly to encourage and to accompany the lay Marist vocation.

During the workshop, Mr. Christian, also talked about his own experiences preparing lay Marists to assume the responsibilities of their vocation.



After the three day session of group analysis and discussions, the Brothers and Lay Marists reached the conclusion that both groups shared the same charism of Saint Marcellin Champagnat.



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Mexico: In depth study of the lay Marist vocation

MEETING OF THE ANIMATORS OF THE FRATERNITY IN GUADALAJARA

The Coordination Team of the Marist Fraternities in Mexico organised the meeting of animators of the Fraternities of the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family (MCFM) in Guadalajara on the 22nd and 23rd of February. The group met in the “Spacio La Valla” Centre and consisted of 40 lay people and Brothers, to study in depth the topic of the lay Marist vocation and how to accompany this process in the Movement.

Ana Saborio Jenkins, from the Extended Secretariat of the Laity, took part in the meeting and animated part of this experience by organising a period of reflection to discuss ways and means of furthering communion of lay people and Brothers in living the Marist charism. This led to an interesting discussion on the characteristics of a christian community and recognised the contribution which the Marist Fraternities, as living communities, offers the Church as a reflection of the Marian face. They also studied in depth the role of the laity as animators of the community and they recognised their responsibility as Christians and as lay Marists to live the charism, starting with a process of vocational discernment as proposed in the new Project of Life of



the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family. The whole experience was very enriching, as it was possible to feel the fraternity, to share the joy of being Marists and encouraging each other to take up the new challenges of their future communion.

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General House
Grupo de Vida Cristiana from Jaén, Spain



East Timor: Instituto Católico
para Formação de Professores



Honduras: Marists of Comayagua,
who work in a center for children at social risk



India: Marist Nursery and Primary School -
Viyalan Medu - Trichy



Spain: Maris School Nuestra Señora
de la Fuencisla - Segovia



Brazil: Educators of the Marist School São
Marcelino Champagnat - Novo Hamburgo - RS

USA: Almost 50 years of service to the students in the school

BROTHER KEVIN HANDIBODE IS HONOURED IN MIAMI



Brother Kevin Handibode, director of the Marist school Christopher Columbus in Miami (USES), was honoured by a professional Basketball team, to mark almost 50 years of service to the students of Columbus and for his 80th birthday, on February 23, in XFINITY East Square. Brother Kevin was named honorary captain of the Miami Heat basketball Team, during half time at the game against the Detroit Pistons.

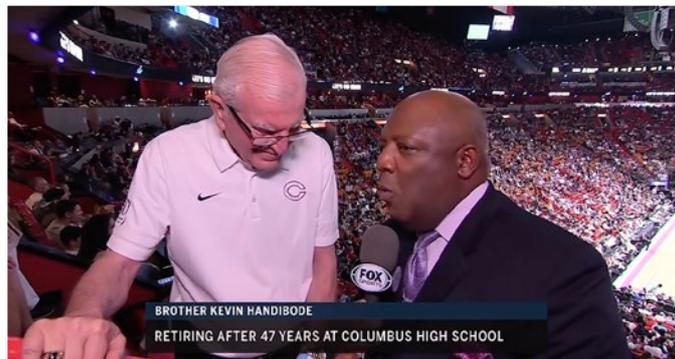
During the Ceremony, Brother Kevin thanked all those present and he talked about his vocation as a Marist educator: "The most important things are our students. Our mission as Marist Brothers is to make Jesus known and loved, through Christian education. And that is what we try to do every day. And I cannot thank you all enough for all the things that have happened. And for me it is a true honour to have been in the school every year."

Christopher Columbus will celebrate its 60th anniversary this

March and its mission embraces three traditions: the search for academic excellence, the patrimony of Catholic education and the missionary spirit of the Marist Brothers and Saint Marcellin Champagnat.

The School was founded in 1958, and in 1959, the Marist Brothers assumed the address of the academic centre under the direction of Brother Benedict Henry. Little by little the Catholic school began to win prestige and to become famous for its educational and religious level. In 2008, for the fourth time in a row, it was selected as one of the 50 better Catholic high schools in the United States. Today, Columbus has an enrollment of approximately 1,700 students and over 15,000 alumni. Brother Handibode, who also acted as basketball coach,

admitted that it is what he most cherishes, besides being Marist: "I love to coach the boys, not alone to show them how to play basketball, but also to deal with disappointment, respect, care for others and unity as a team, and a fraternity."



BROTHER KEVIN HANDIBODE
RETIRING AFTER 47 YEARS AT COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL



BROTHER KEVIN HANDIBODE
COLUMBUS EXPLORERS

BROTHER KEVIN

STEPPING DOWN AFTER 47 YEARS AT COLUMBUS HIGH SCHOOL

SPENT 18 YEARS AS PRESIDENT

ALSO SERVED AS BASKETBALL COACH MOST RECENTLY WITH FRESHMAN TEAM



Secretariat of the Laity

STRATEGIC PLANNING OF MARIST LIFE

The Secretariat of the Laity, formed by Raúl Amaya (Director), Pep Buetas and Angnes Reyes (Coordinators), participated of the Works of the Collaborative week between the General Council and the Secretariats and departments of the General House, from February 18 o 22, . Raúl shares with us the lived experience during those days.

Our work and dialogue were inspired in the calls of the XXII General Chapter, in the initiatives given by the Strategic Planning of the General Administration and in the orientations given to us by the animators every morning. We advanced adjusting the results that we hope to obtain in each objective, in organizing the calendar of activities and in the collaboration or support that we will establish with other Secretariats for greater synergy.

One of the aspects more emphasized was the marvelous or great work carried out jointly during the whole week with the Secretariat “Brothers Today (Br. Tony León and Br. Angel Medina), with CMI (Br. Jeff Crowe) and with our link Councilors (Brothers Oscar, Joao, and Sylvian) and which was promoted by Br. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior



General, and the General Council. They are the first steps of the Area Marist Life. The environment was very pleasant,

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of fraternity, shared dialogue and communion Brothers and Laity. The perception that we have kept is the profound desire of all to continue on this path of encounter of the common vocation as Marists and

to strengthen our specific vocations, but always projecting together a future of communion of Laity and Brothers.

To continue in this dialogue we agreed, as Area of Marist Life, an encounter of several days in July 2019 during which we can deepen on a series of initiatives and challenges that we have stated and where we will have the opportunity also to live the spirit of fraternity among us.

These days have been a gift from the Lord, because we experience the Church of a Marian face: simple, joyful, integrating, where the bread of fraternity is shared. In our work and projects we had present in our heart the Brothers and Laity of today and of tomorrow, who day after day, give the best of their person to continue the mission of Marcelin: To make known and loved Jesus Christ . We walk together as Marists of Champagnat accompanied by his Spirit, which encourages and strengthens us.



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