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Calendar of the General Council and the directors of Secretariats and Departments of the General Administration

APRIL - MAY 2019

March 29 - April 4: visit to the community of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea - Bro. Ben Consigli and Bro. Josep María Soteras, General Councillors.

March 30 - April 9: visit to Nigeria and workshop on sustainability - Bro. Libardo Garzón, Econome General.

March 31 - April 2: "contact visits" to the province of South Africa - Bro. Óscar Martín and Bro. Ken McDonald, General Councillors.

01 - April 03: visit to the Community L'Hermitage - Bro. Ángel Medina and Bro. Jeffrey Crow

01 - April 04: meeting of the Marist European Conference in Alcalá de Henares - Bro. João Carlos do Prado, General Councillor

01 - April 06: General Assembly of the International Marist Network of Institutions for Advanced Education in Lima, Peru - Bro. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General; Bro. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicario General; Bro. Carlos Alberto Rojas and Bro. Mark Omede, director of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelism;

Bro. Valdicer Fachi, director of the Department of Cmi, Bro. Richard Carey, General Director of FMSI-Onlus

02 - April 08: visits to the Province of Madagascar -

Bro. Ken McDonald and Bro. Óscar Martín, Vicario, General Councillors

08 - April 15: Lavalla200 visits > community in Holguín Cuba - Bro. Valdicer Fachi and Bro. Jeffrey Crow

10 - April 12: meeting with work teams from the South America Region in Brazil - Br. Carlos Rojas Mendes.

11 - April 13: programmes dealing with leadership in Rome - General Council

18 - April 21: Celebration of Holy Week with the young Marists - Giugliano, Italy - Bro. Tony León, Director of the secretariat of Brothers Today.

23 - April 26: Chapter of the Central West Europe Province in Freising, Ger-



many - Bro Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicario General; Bro. Ben Consigli and Bro. João Carlos do Prado, General Councillors.

23 - April 28: Chapter of the East Asia Province, in Philippines: Bro. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, and Bro. Sylvain Ramandimbarisoa, General Councillor.

April 27 - May 4: visits to l'Hermitage Province - Bro. Ben Consigli and Bro. João Carlos do Prado, General Councillors.

April 28 - May 4: visits to the District of West Africa - Bro. Ken McDonald and Bro. Óscar Martín Vicario, General Councillors

general administration

■ From 1st to 4th April, Br. João Carlos do Prado, General Councillor, participates to the meeting of the European Marist Conference (CEM) in Alcalá de Henares, Spain.

■ From 1st to 6th April, these Brothers will participate to the VIII Assembly of the International Marist Network of Institutions of Higher Education, held at the University Marcelino Champagnat, Lima, Peru: Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General; Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General; Carlos Alberto Rojas and Mark Omede, director of the Secretariat for Education and Evan-

gelization; Valdicer Fachi, Director of the Cmi Department, Richard Carey, Director of FMSI-Onlus.

■ The brothers Ken McDonald and Óscar Martín Vicario, General Councillors, will be visiting the Province of Madagascar, from April 2 to 8.

■ From 8th to 15th April, the Brothers Valdicer Fachi, Director of the Cmi Department and Jeffrey Crowe, responsible and formator for the project Lavalla200 >, will visit the Holguín community in Cuba.

29 - April 30: meeting of the executive committee of the Bedford Fund in the General House - Bro. Libardo Garzón, Econome General

29 April - May 3: meeting of the leaders of education and evangelization, Region Arco Norte in Guatemala City, Guatemala - Brazil - Br. Carlos Rojas Mendes.

April 30 - May 2: Marist conference of Asia (Sri Lanka) - Agnes Reyes, Co-director of the Secretariat of the Laity.

02 - May 03: meeting of the Council of administration of the Bedford Fund in the General House - Bro. Libardo Garzón, Econome

05 - May 10: visits to the Province of Compostela - Bro. Ben Consigli and Bro. João Carlos do Prato, General Councillors

06 - May 09: visits to SED - Spain - Bro Valdicer Fachi, director of the department of Cmi.

06 - May 09: meeting of the International Committee of Economic Matters in the General House - Bro. Libardo Garzón, Econome General

06 - May 10: meeting of the "Ad Hoc" team for the launch of the Project of the Global Network of Marist Schools in Rome - Brother Carlos Rojas and Brother Mark Omede.

06 - May 12: visits to the Province of Nigeria - Bro. Ken McDonald and Bro. Óscar Martin Vicario, General Councillors.

07 - May 10: meeting of the european team Brothers Today - Beirut - Lebanon - Bro. Tony León, Director of the Secretariat of Brothers Today.

11 - May 14: agreements with Voluntariado in Philippines - Bro. Valdicer Fachi, director of the Department of Cmi.

11 - May 17: visit to the Province of Iberia - Bro. Ben Consigli and Bro. João Carlos do Prato, General Councillors.

13 - May 20: accompaniment with the team of Vocational Pastoral of Western Mexico - Guadalajara - Mexico - Bro. Tony León, Director of the secretariat of Brothers Today.

14 - May 20: visits to the Province of

East-Central Africa - Bro. Ken McDonald and Bro Óscar Martin Vicario, General Councillors

May 15: celebration of 300 years since the death of Saint John Baptist de la Salle - Bro. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General.

15 - May 18: meeting of the Commission of the Laity of Asia, Malaysia - Agnes Reyes, Co-director Secretariat of the Laity.

15 - May 18: meeting of the Commissions of the Regions of Asia, Malaysia - Bro. Valdicer Fachi, director of the Department of Cmi.

May 17: meeting of the Council of the CIVCSVA - Bro Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General.

18 - May 21: visits to the Mediterranean Province of Mediterránea - Bro. Ben Consigli and Bro. João Carlos do Prato,

General Councillors.

19 - May 21: Formation for the Cooperative in Philippines - Bro. Libardo Garzón, Econome General

May 20: meeting of the Council of the Union of General Superiors (USG) - Bro Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General

22 - May 24: assembly of the Union of General Superiors (USG) - Bro Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General

23 - May 25: programmes about Leadership in Rome - General Council.

May 27: meeting of the Council of the "Project Fratelli" - Bro. Óscar Martin, Councillor General and Bro. Valdicer Fachi, Director of Cmi.

May 28: meeting with the group of formation Senderos, in Manizana - Bro. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General.

An opportunity to exchange ideas and share experiences

MARIST SCHOOL RECEIVES THE DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTH AMERICA REGION IN BRAZIL

The directors of the South America Region met on March 21st, at Colegio Marista Champagnat, in Porto Alegre (Brazil Sul-Amazonia), to address educational issues and pedagogical proposals.

It was an opportunity to exchange ideas, share experiences and Best practices. This was organized by the school network team of the South America Region. The participants were the Marist schools' directors from Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Paraguay and Brazil.

On the afternoon, Colegio Marista Champagnat welcomed the 12 colleagues from the Region, with the aim of showing them the environment and their pedagogical proposal. The management team shared the goals of strategic planning and the projects executed to achieve the objectives, especially in relation to the topics: opportunity "Living in English" and Early Childhood Education.

The directors had the opportunity to visit the robotic and physics laboratory, the children's education workshop, the chapel and the "Living English".



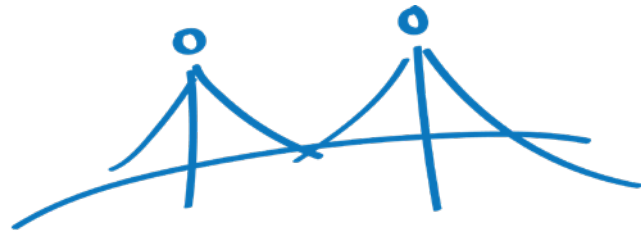
VIII Assembly of the Marist International Network of Higher Education will take place this week

MORE THAN 20 MARIST UNIVERSITIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD ARE MEETING IN PERU TO DISCUSS THEIR WORK IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Between April 1st and 6th, the VIII Assembly of the Marist International Network of Higher Education takes place in Lima, Peru. With the theme of building bridges in a fragmented world, the assembly aims to strengthen the reflections and dialogue between the different Marist actions of higher education on the five continents. Throughout the week, the assembly will be attended by representatives of more than 20 Marist universities from around the world.

With almost 15 years of existence, the group of the Marist International Network of Higher Education has been seeking, since 2004, to create multi-directional connections in inter-institutional communication among Marist universities. Since the First Assembly, which took place in Curitiba (PR), the relationship between the representatives of the group are based on the principles of identity, belonging, equality and participation.

For Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas, the



Building bridges in a fragmented world VIII Assembly of the Marist International Network of Institutions of Higher Education **Peru 2019**

Coordinator of the Secretariat for Education and Evangelization of the Marist Institute, this assembly will be very important, because, from the dialogue held in it, there will be possibilities to rethink on the paths to follow the legacy of Champagnat. For him, the challenges faced by the Marist mission to respond to the calls of the children and young people of today's world are very complex. Therefore, it is important to gather a synergy among all Marist units to meet these needs. "We need to make all our energy, capacity and resources available to respond to these demands," he says. "Our higher education institutions are invited to take a step forward and lead the search for solutions to the obstacles

we face," he concludes.

Below are the list of universities participating in the Assembly:

- University Center Cardenal Cisneros
- Institute of Marist Studies (Pontifical University of Salamanca)
- University Center of the East of Minas Gerais
- Macnab Bernal Foundation
- Marist University of Congo
- Catholic Institute of Teacher Education
- Marist Higher Education Institute Marist College
- Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná
- Brazilian Union of Catholic Education
- Notre Dame University of Dadiangas
- Notre Dame University of Marbel
- Notre Dame University of Kidapawan (College)
- Catholic University of Australia
- Catholic university of Brasilia
- Marcellin Champagnat University
- Marist University Mexico City
- Marist University of San Luis Potosí
- Marist University of Guadalajara
- Marist University of Mérida
- Marist University of Querétaro
- Marist University Valladolid
- Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul



marist world

Bangladesh: Way of the Cross at Giasnagar St Marcellin school



Paraguay: Meeting of local referents - Marist Youth World - Asunción



Philippines The MAPAC Community



South Africa Marist Youth Supper - Johannesburg



Belgium: Province of Western Central Europe in pilgrimages to L'Hermitage



Madagascar: Celebration of Saint Joseph's Day at the St Joseph Antsirana Institution

FORMATION OF MARIST LEADERS IN THE MISSION IN EUROPE

On March 17 of 2019, the 3rd edition has begun of the Itinerary of leaders for Marist formation in the mission organized by the European Council of Mission.

Seventeen people of the Marist provinces of Compostela, l'Hermitage, Ibérica and Mediterránea arrived at the house of L' Hermitage with a great deal of enthusiasm and desire to learn, for a week of living side by side and recognising the international reality of our work. In the course of a few days we immersed ourselves in the pattern of leadership that was Champagnat's and his method of confronting the day to day problems, such as leading from oneself, listening and looking with generosity for the good of the group, especially through example.

These days, we have been conscious of Marcellin and his project of life which was nearer than ever; thanks to the welcome, to the affection and the sharing of the Brothers embracing the whole group, to make us feel at home, changing our outlook, helping us to find everywhere something deeper which helps us to know him better.



International Commission of Brothers Today 2019:

MARVELLOUS COMPANIONS AND MENTORS

The recent gathering of International Commission of Brothers Today (18-22 March 2019) had a fulsome agenda with varied themes and activities such as:

Exploring the implications of the Strategic Plans on initial and ongoing formation. Visiting the new community and international ongoing formation team at Manzi-ana.

Learning about the Professional standards and Code of Conduct for formators. Reviewing the practice in initial formation in light of the New Constitution.

This was the final commission meeting of their 3 years mandate and the members have been significant in assisting the Secretariat of Brothers Today in the Implementation of the 2015 International Colloquium on Initial Formation, the plan for the International Vocation



The reports and workshops were carried out in the course of the week under the leadership of Dña. Ángela Sestrini and Brothers Emili Turú, Diogène Musine and Benito Arbués deepening us in the leaders that we want to be.

After visiting places like la Valla and Rosey, many questions arose in my mind, Who am? Who do I want to be? What is my vocation? What kind of leader am I? The place is developing, a step toward the future, without losing the view of the past and being completely aware of the reality and current society, something fundamental for an institution that doesn't lose sight of its origins.

The following weeks of the course will finish in Rome in October of 2020, these are focused on improving the administration, seeing the organization at European level and establishing international networks, everything that will allow us to have a global vision of the Institute at the present time and to continue with the dream of Marcellin leading our teams, always with help from our Good Mother and from the Marist charism.

Animators Course (2016), the organisation of the African Formation Colloquium (2017). Br Aureliano Garcia was invited to this commission as the new representative of Europe after the election of Br Óscar Martin to the General Council. Brs Óscar Martin and João do Prado are the link counsellors with this commission.

The Secretariat of Brothers Today is most grateful for the experienced wisdom of each of the brother, representing the regions of the Institute. However, the greater gift was their easy fraternal manner in which they brought to the gatherings of the past 3 years. Their contributions have been most meaningful to the work of the Secretariat.

We give thanks to these brothers who have served the institute so well:

Br **Vincent Abadom** (Province of Nigeria - Africa)

Br **Cyprian Gandebo** (District of West Africa – representing MIC)

Br **Luis Felipe González** (Province of México Central – Arco Norte)

Br **Márcio Henrique** (Province of Brasil Centro Norte – América Sur)

Br **Óscar Martin** (Province of Compostela - Europa)

Br **Peter Rodney** (Province of Australia – representing MAPAC)

Br **Lindley Sionosa** (Province of East Asia - Asia)

Br **Sefo Une** (District of Pacific-Oceania)

They are marvellous companions and mentors.

The future of the province of Canada

PRELIMINARY MEETING OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY

Due to the falling number of Brothers, the province of Canada faces a great challenge: that of assuring that the mission may be able to continue. The challenge is that the lay Marists commit to continuing with the Charism of Champagnat. Therefore, it is in this context and to the service of the continuity of the Marist life, that a Provincial Assembly has been programmed for next November.

Since the process involves the General Administration, the Region of Arco Norte and the Province of Canada, the organizing committee is made up of representatives of the General Administration, the two Councillors: João Carlos do Prado and Ken McDonald; representatives of the Province of Canada: Brother Gerard Bachand, Brother Félix Roldán and two lay people, Mrs. Patricia Deslauriers and Mr. Christian Boutin; the process is also supported by a facilitator, Mrs. Silvia Gollini Daum. And also the Brother Vicar General, Luis Carlos Gutiérrez Blanco, responsible for regionalization.

The purpose of the first working day was to determine the objective of the assembly., it was also necessary to define the collective meaning to be given to this assembly. Following a day of discernment, the committee formulated the intentions in these terms: "Together, we believe in a renewed and vibrant expression of the Marist charism. The



objective of the process is to mobilize those currently involved and those in the future so that they happily commit to the charism expressed in new forms of fraternity that is strengthening the knots of confidence".

The contents of the second day were centred in the reorganizational aspects of the process in their group, from those present to the next meeting of the committee programmed for August of 2019.

Among the tools adopted to support the objective, was to choose a method of consultation that would be open to reaching the biggest number of participants in the Marist life of Quebec and in the region. The expectation of this consultation is that there be a vast mobilization project that facilitates the discovery of new ideas initiated for the

future of the Province.

During the two days of meetings in the General House, the conversations were always thoroughly reinforced by a favourable environment for reflection looking toward the service of the mission. The committee worked in a climate of fraternity that naturally allowed fruitful exchanges.

This is only the beginning of the process. The committee asks for a guarantee that this important initiative will give encouragement to Canada and the global body.

The proposal of the General Administration is audacious and it is filled with recommendations and we thank them for believing in a future for all our Brothers and lay Marists.



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