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Marist Schools Network Project

THE TASKFORCE MEETS AT THE GENERAL HOUSE

The Ad Hoc Taskforce appointed to launch the project of an International Marist Schools Network is meeting at the General House from 6 to 10 May.

The main purpose of this meeting is to take up and implement the suggestion of the XXII General Chapter to “build Marist mission networks at the levels of Administrative Units, Regions and the General Administration, which favour innovation and the renewal of our ministry of education and evangelisation.” So, the project support team is tasked with designing an international network for schools of the Marist Institute with the aim of maximising the potential it possesses as an international, multicultural organisation and of acting with a sense of urgency to provide effective solutions to schools in “greatest need”. Those present have been: Br. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, Brs. Carlos Rojas and Mark Omede, Directors of the

Secretariat of Education and Evangelization, and their secretary, Mr. Diugar Buscarini; Br. Ador Santiago, Provincial of East Asia; Mr. Frank Malloy, Province of Australia; Br. Henry Uzor, Province of Nigeria; Mr. Llorenç Claramunt, Province of

L’Hermitage; Ms. Montserrat Giménez, Province of Iberica; Br. Nicéforo Garrán, Province of Central America; Br. Natalino de Souza (UMBRASIL); Ms. Ana von Frankenberg Berger (Province of Brazil Sul-Amazônia).



general administration

■ From the 5th to the 10 May, Brothers Ben Consigli and João Carlos do Prato, General Counsellors, will visit the Province of Compostela.

■ From the 06th to the 09th of May there took place the meeting of the International Committee of Economic Matters in the General House, with the participation of Brother Libardo Garzón, Econome General.

■ From the 06th to the 09th of May, Brother Valdicer Fachi, together with Matteo Cavicchioli, director and coordinator of the Department of Cmi, visit SED, in Madrid.

■ From Monday to Friday the meeting is carried out of the “Ad Hoc” team to launch the Project of Global Network of Marist Schools in Rome, with the participation of Brother

Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, Brother Carlos Rojas and Brother Mark Omede, directors of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelism.

■ From the 6th till the 12th of May, Brothers Ken McDonald and Óscar Martín Vicario, General Counsellors, visit the Province of Nigeria.

■ From the 7th till the 10th May, Brother Tony León, director of the Secretariat Brothers Today, will take part in the meeting of the European team of Brothers Today which will be carried out in Beirut, Lebanon.

■ From the 11th until the 14th May, Brother Valdicer Fachi, director of the Department of Cmi, will be in Philippines, promoting the voluntary work in this country.

May 8 - Liturgical feast of the martyrs of Algeria

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF HENRI VERGÈS

Today the Church celebrates for the first time the liturgical feast of the martyrs of Algeria. The decree of beatification of Mon. Claverie and 18 of his companions who were martyred, proclaimed during the feast of his beatification - celebrated in Oran on December 8, 2018 -, marks in the universal liturgical calendar on May 8, as the date of the feast of these martyrs. This date coincides with the martyrdom of Brother Henri Vergès, who is part of this group of blessed martyrs.

On March 25, 2019, feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments approved the text in Latin and French of the opening prayer and the text in French of readings of the Liturgy of the Hours

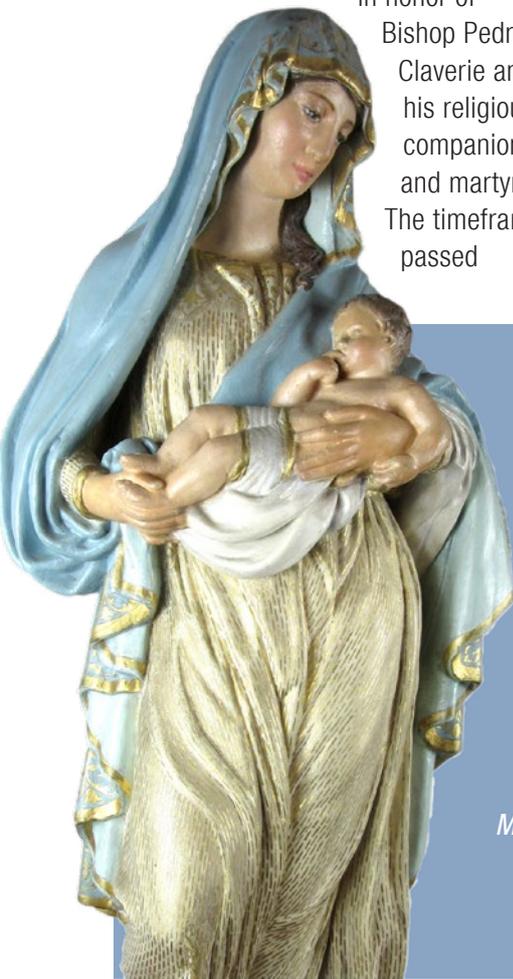
in honor of Bishop Pedro Claverie and his religious companions and martyrs. The timeframe passed



between the publication of the official texts and the celebration of the feast has not given time to make translation and official approval in other languages. For that reason, are published on the web only Latin and French versions.

The texts of the Mass correspond to

the common martyrs, for several martyrs or to the common saints. The religious institutions to which the martyrs of this group belong may include the feast of each of them in their own liturgical calendars with their appropriate texts once approved by the ecclesiastical authority.



May with Maria

The relationship of Marcellin to Mary was deeply marked by an affective and total trust in her, as the "Good Mother," because it was her work that he undertook. He wrote once: Without Mary we are nothing and with Mary we have everything, because Mary always has her adorable Son within her arms or in her heart. This belief remained constant all through his life. Jesus and Mary were the treasure on which Marcellin had learned to place his own heart. This intimate relationship helped shape the Marial dimension of our spirituality. In our tradition, the phrase "Ordinary Resource" has come to encapsulate our constant reliance on Mary. The motto attributed to Champagnat by his biographer, All to Jesus through Mary, all to Mary for Jesus, captures this close relationship between the Son and the Mother and our Founder's attitude of confidence in Mary, which we are invited to live. (Water from the rock, 25).

VOCATIONAL WORK IN MEXICO

From the 14th to 18th April has been the Rivat Experience was carried out, in Chinatú, Province of Western Mexico, with the participation of nine young men following the Marist vocation. Eight Brothers accompanied the young men in the experience.

HOPE AND HAPPINESS COLOMBIA

After their first week involved in the Conference of Religious in Colombia, Brother César Rojas, Provincial of Norandina, shared with "New Life" his motivations in this new service and the courses which will be involved in religious life. The text ("Colombia needs to listen and to perceive the testimony of men and women who will be sowers of life, hope and happiness") this can be found in: <http://tiny.cc/srw85y>

MARIST MISSION IN INDIA

From the 24th until the 28th of April, "The Rainbow Summer Camp - 2019". was carried out. They were days of happiness for the children and young people, with games and dynamics of learning. Operation Rainbow is a project of the Marcellin Trust based in Trichy. It has as objective the improvement of the quality of people's life, mainly that of the children suffering from HIV / AIDS.



BRAZIL: CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

The Province of Brazil Centro-Norte will be promoting, from the 13th to the 18th of May, a Week of Mobilization against Abuse and Sexual Exploitation of Children and Adolescents. The programme was organized by the Coordination of Solidarity and it proposes several activities in various centres of the Province.

District of Melanesia

CONTACT VISIT MADE BY BROTHERS BEN AND JOSEP MARÍA, GENERAL COUNCILLORS

From March 29th until April 3rd, 2019, Brothers Ben Consigli and Josep María Soterias, General Councillors, visited the District of Melanesia. Accompanied by Bro. Jean Marie Batick, the District Superior, the two Councillors visited some projects and met with several Brothers and lay people involved in the Marist life and mission of the District.



During their visit, Brothers Ben and Josep María met with the members of the Council, the leadership and administration team, in order to get to know people, to exchange work experiences and to have a general view of the District. The contact visit lasting 5 days, was a great opportunity for dialogue and together they reflected on the strengths and challenges of the District. On the last day of their stay, the General Councillors, shared with the Brothers some topics dealing with the meeting of the provincial and Superiors of District, carried out in the General House, Rome, such as the Strategic Plan of the General Administration, Spiritual Leadership and Cases of Child Abuse.



marist world

France
Meeting of the Provincial Council of L'Hermitage



Brazil: Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family, Teresina



Nicaragua
Movimiento REMAR



Mexico
Marist Migrant Support Center, Querétaro



Romania
15 years old - Case ale Sperantei, Bucharest



France: Meeting of Superiors of French-speaking Communities of the Province of the Hermitage

Formation in the Province of Brasil Centro-Sul

REJOICE: THE POPE'S MESSAGE IS THE THEME OF THE DIRECTORS' PROJECT

A realistic and up-to-date vision of what it means to be a saint: this is the purpose of Pope Francis' 2018 Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exultate (Rejoice and Be Glad) which was proposed by the Commission on Identity and Mission to the 30 participants from the Province of Brasil Centro-Sul, the Grupo Marista and the FTD Educación, as the theme for Gaudete Project.

For Lidia Moura, Dean of the School of Medicine of the PUCPR, projects like this are very important because of their content. She believes that nowadays it's easy to find technical information anywhere, including the internet, but what is lacking is information on ways to apply it to life.

Concluding at the end of Easter Week, the Project had three stages. The first, "Base Camp", took place in February, with the directors coming together for a day of reflection led by Fathers Joachim Andrade and Vilson Groh.

In March and April, the directors took part in "distance learning" activities as the second stage of the Project, called Prepa-

ration for The Ascent. They received weekly messages on their cell phones containing the beatitudes listed by Pope Francis, along with challenging questions for personal reflection. The final stage, called The Summit, was held in Corupá on April 16 and 17. It consisted of time for reflection and discussion of commitments, and was facilitated by Br. Natalino de Souza, executive secretary of UMBRASIL.



Oceania Education Network

SOUTHERN STARS LEADERSHIP COURSE

On Easter Sunday sixteen senior teachers from the Districts of the Pacific and Melanesia gathered at Lomeri, Fiji, for the Southern Stars Leadership Programme designed by the Education Commission of the Oceania Council. Countries represented were: Samoa, Fiji, Kiribati from the Pacific and the Solomon Islands and Bougainville from Melanesia. Seven teachers from Marist Fathers schools also participated.



The Southern Stars Leadership program was designed by the Education Commission of the Oceania Council.

Presentations during the course were made by David Hall (Dean of the La Salle Academy at the Australian Catholic University) and Frank Malloy (National Director of Marist Schools Australia).

This was Stage 1 of a three-stage programme; and the key topics were Christian Servant Leadership and creating Learning Communities. The other stages will be delivered over the next two years. The Southern Stars program is based on the African New Horizons program.

Some of the curriculum subjects are:

- Leadership: Attentive to the Signs of the Times
- Leadership: Role Models and Witnesses
- Leadership: Social Justice and Solidarity
- Leadership: Creating a Different Future
- Leadership: Embracing a New Paradigm
- Leadership: Skills for Sustaining a More Entrepreneurial Mission



Marist Union of Brazil

CURRICULUM GUIDELINES FOR PRIMARY EDUCATION IN MARIST COLLEGES



UMBRASIL has published the Curriculum Guidelines for Basis Education in the colleges of the three Marist Provinces of Brazil: Brazil Centro-Norte, Brazil Centro-Sul and Brazil Sul-Amazonia. There are four volumes in the set, each one corresponding to a subject area: Languages and Codes (Volume 1); Human Sciences (Volume 2); Natural Sciences (Volume 3); Mathematics (Volume 4).

“We have not spared our efforts in relation to people, time and resources for this work to be a point of reference in our Marist Education Action within the Brazilian context,” stated Br Natalino Guilherme de Souza, Executive Secretary of UMBRASIL. “It is really a pioneer project that has only been possible through the determination, efficiency, daring and availability of many hands,” he added.

The first draft was prepared by a team in 2010 to 2012. Last year, in the light of changes made by the Ministry of Ed-

ucation, a team made up of 11 teachers and specialists from the three Provinces of Brazil and FTD updated the Curriculum Guidelines starting from basic ideas developed in conjunction with the Commission on Primary Education of UMBRASIL.

The team aimed at ensuring the academic quality of its work, the ideal of keeping the link between education and evangelisation in Marist Institutions

across Brazil, and the respect of values; unity across curriculum policies in Marist colleges and an education that integrates awakening faith and living by Gospel values based on our Marist Charism and Mission, combined with developing academic, moral, aesthetic, political and technological competence.

For further details, see <http://www.umbrasil.org.br/portfolio/matrizes-da-educacao-basica-versoes-atualizadas/>



Guatemala: Building homes of light

MEETING OF COMMUNITY ANIMATORS 2019

As every year, in February, the Community Animators of the Province of Central America met in Guatemala to revitalize their mission of animating the community, sharing life

experiences and, this year, in a special way, to deepen the calls of the XV Provincial Chapter.

The participants deepened each one

of the calls: New Spirituality, Vocation Ministry, the laity, presence among poor children and young people, the community. Each one of the themes was approached with different dynamics that allowed the participants to become aware of where they are and what else they are called to develop.

The atmosphere that reigned all the time was one of fraternity, simplicity, joy and depth. The moments of rest, of recreation in the evenings gave it a special Marist touch, where each one feels at home, in a family.

Prayers and celebrations also kept the participants in the presence of God who summons and walks with the Brothers at all times.



Province of Madagascar

CONTACT VISIT OF BROTHERS OSCAR AND KEN, GENERAL COUNCILLORS

From the 2nd to the 8th of April, the Province of Madagascar extended a warm welcome to two General Councillors, Brothers Ken McDonald and Óscar Martín. Accompanied by Bro. Provincial, Maminaina Michel, they managed to visit a number of projects and meet several brothers and committed laymen involved in the life and Marist mission of the Province.

During their visit, the Councillors met the members of the Provincial Council for a period of dialogue and exchanges concerning the situation of the Province. This time led to a rich reflection on the strengths, the opportunities and the challenges facing the Province.

They also shared time with the postulants. Currently, the province contains

11 postulants, 7 of whom are in their second year and 4 in their first year. After the postulantship, which lasts for two years, the young men follow their religious formation in the Novitiate of Save in Rwanda.

The objective of this contact visit is to get an idea of the situation and context of Marist life and mission in Madagascar. The next visit will be longer and will deal with all the projects as well as the people involved.



East Asia Province

THE MARIST COMMUNITY IN SEOUL PROMOTES PSYCHOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE

As part of their ministry in Korea, the brothers of the Seoul community (East Asia Province) enrich their educational efforts by promoting the psychological aspect of their vocational accompaniment of the young brothers. Br. Alfredo Herrera, from one of the two communities in Seoul, reports:

At the Children's Center, the children and young people of the neighborhood spend the afternoons enriching their academic efforts by playing and interacting with others in their age groups, as well as going on occasional fieldtrips to playgrounds, factories and other places of interest. The fierce academic competition in this country "obliges" the parents to send their children to schools that can expand their studies and enable them to compete academically. Low-income families and those in other situations (single parents, immigrants, fragmented families, etc.),

find it difficult to meet the extra expense of sending their children to private school. Centers like ours offer these students the chance to see possibilities beyond their present circumstances. University student and adult volunteers offer them the opportunity to excel in and expand their studies.

Our Center has been in existence for 13 years. The number of students has varied, due to changing circumstances in the neighborhood and the mobility of the families who live in this area of the city. Just a few years ago there were some

30 students in attendance among those in primary, secondary and preparatory classes in the afternoon and evening sessions. Presently Br. Pio Yu and his aide (a young lady employed by the Center) continue to serve the few children and youth who live in the area. This year's group consists of 7 boys and girls in primary and another 7 in secondary.

Also located in our building, along with the Sector offices and the residence of one of the Seoul communities, there is a center for psychological counseling called "BOM-GIL" (Springtime Road) where Br. John Vianney provides his services to teens and young adults who request this help. Br. John earned his specialist's certificate in psychological counseling, from both the Korean Association of Psychological Counseling and Therapy and the Catholic Association of Counselors. Over the year he sees some 45 people for a total of 150 sessions.

In the same building, Br. Alfredo provides vocational accompaniment to young men and women religious in formation and to other religious and priests who request it. Last year, because of his health, he only accompanied 6 people for an average of 20 to 30 sessions each.



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