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# MARIST NEWS

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Innovation and renewal in education and evangelisation

## INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF MARIST SCHOOLS

The first meeting of the Ad Hoc taskforce for launching the project of setting up an International Network of Marist Schools concluded on 10th May at the General House in Rome.

The participants included : Br. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General of the Institute; Br. Carlos Rojas, Director of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelisation, with his Secretary, Mr. Diugar E. Madera Buscarini; Br. Ador Santiago, Provincial of East Asia; Mr. Frank Malloy, National Director Nacional Of Marist Schools Australia; Br. Henry Uzor, member of the Marist Schools Commission of the Province of Nigeria; Mr. Llorenç Claramunt, Director of the Champagnat Foundation of the Hermitage Province; Dr. Montserrat Giménez, Managing Director of the Cardenal Cisneros University School in Alcalá de Henares in the Province of Ibérica; Br. Nicéforo Garrán, Province Education in the Province of Central America; Br. Natalino de Souza, Executive Director of UMBRASIL, and Ms.

Ana Von Frankenberg Berger, Specialist in Creativity and Innovation and leader at the Crialab of TecnoPUC in the Province of Brazil Sul-Amazônia.

The main aim of the meeting was around defining a common vision for how such a group might carry out its responsibility for launching a pilot project towards a network of Marist schools across the world. Additionally, they established parameters framing their work such as how to share successful practices in areas of common interest. The second step in this process will be

setting up an 'Innovation Laboratory' due to be in place by the end of this year 2019. The date set is between 2nd and 6th December in a place still to be decided and announced in the coming weeks.

By way of preparing for this innovation laboratory, the group decided to launch an "international consultation" across different sites around the globe in order to set up a data base supported by a computer software program still to be determined. Using this methodology, the possibility exists to hold video

conferences led by members of the Ad Hoc group in which regional and Province groups can discuss project topics and later send in their responses using the software.

This Project is an example of the implementation of the Strategic Plan of the General Administration (2017-2025) and is in line with the call of the XXII General Chapter to set up mission networks at all levels that promote innovation and renewal in our education and evangelisation practices.



## general administration

- On Monday, a training session for bursars started in the Philippines, with participants coming from various AUs of Asia, Oceania and Africa. Br Libardo Garzon, Econome General, was present for the first few days of the program.
- This week Br Ernesto Sanchez took part in meetings of the Union of Superior Generals. On Monday he participated in the Council of USG and from 22 to 24 he will be at their

annual Assembly.

- Between 23rd and 25th May the General Councillors will attend another session of their Leadership Program in Rome.
- Br. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicario General, and Carlos Alberto Rojas, Director of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelisation, met with the Pastoral Teams for Europe on 20th and 21st May in Madrid.

Philippines: charting Formation Path Towards a “New Beginning”

## FORMATION OF LAY ANIMATORS

**O**n May 12-13, 2019, twenty-two lay leaders from the different communities in the Philippine, Province East Asia, gathered at the Mission Center in General Santos City to experience a formation journey that rekindled passion for Marist Lay Life.

The Formation of Lay Animators - Phase II - was aimed at knowing more and reflecting on the implications of the direction of the Calls of the 22nd General Chapter, and equipping participants with specific skills necessary in their role as facilitators of Lay Formation.

The key themes that guided the Two-day input and processes include the following:

- Formation path towards the “New Beginning”;
- Going more deeply into our relationship with God;
- Called to journey with the young: Formation of youth guides;
- Forming homes that nurture life and generating new life;
- To be a healing and co-creative presence of our common home.

Said themes took its reference on Br. Ernesto Sanchez’s Final Message at the Closing of the 22nd General Chapter and were explored more deeply in the input, reflection sharing and

workshops.

As a result of the formative training-workshop, most participants expressed their affirmation that in their experience, “the flame to respond boldly to the Calls of the 22nd General Chapter was, indeed, ignited!”

Revitalizing Marist lay life entails processes that help deepen Marist values in shared experiences. This require appropriate formation strategies to foster depth and assimilation of Marist life.



Being a lay Marist in Compostela

## MEETING OF FORMATORS OF ITINERARIES CONCERNING MARIST SPIRITUALITY

21 formators of itineraries concerning Marist Spirituality (IDEM), from the Province of Compostela, gathered in Roxos, from the 25th to the 27th of April.

The meeting had as its objective a reflection on the mission, fraternity and spirituality. And also, to create a synergy among their members, through exchanging experiences of their personal and Marist spirituality.

On the final day of the gathering they presented the document: “The Bonnaire Itinerary: being a lay Marist in Compostela”, which encourages both being lay people to be involved in the Marist vocation. This document was approved by the provincial chapter in December 2018. During the meeting, those taking part shared experiences which allowed them



to grow as people and as Marists. They also, analyzed and reflected on the letters of Emili Turú and they proposed actions around mission, fraternity and spirituality to be carried out in the coming years. The IDEMs are processes of personal

growth, searching, formation, sharing. They always centre on the inner depth of the person, including the whys, theses and the reasons for our existence. Also, they focus on the inner life, and the complete unfolding of each being.

**THE HERMITAGE PROVINCE**

Last weekend around 100 brothers and laypeople participated in the Province Forum at Notre Dame de l'Hermitage to prepare for the upcoming Provincial Chapter in July.

**CENTRO-NORTE BRAZIL**

From 20 to 24 May, directors, education and administration assistant directors, and pastoral workers in the Province's social centres met in Mendes for the Marist Managers Forum under the banner, "Our mission as a beacon of hope".

**UNITED STATES**

From 22 to 31 May, a group of six students from the University of Texas will take part in a "Come and See" program in the communities of Marist Brothers in Forest Hills, St Barnabas (the Bronx), the Novitiate and the Centre at Esopus. The experience will give the students the chance to live and serve like those already living religious life.

**MEXICO OCCIDENTAL**

20 Marist students from Mérida, Aguascaliente and Cocula will gather in Chapala next weekend for a vocational encounter.

**SPAIN**

On May 19 SED, the Marist NGO for International Collaboration, Development Education and Volunteering, held its annual Assembly in Madrid. SED collaborates in more than 30 countries, with an outreach to some 270,000 people through its projects.



Lebanon: Re-launch of the European project of Communities on the Net

## THE EUROPEAN TEAM OF BROTHERS TODAY MEET IN CHAMPVILLE



From the 8th to the 10th of May, a meeting was held in the community of the Marist school of Champville (Lebanon) by the European Team of Brothers Today, comprising Brothers António Leal (Compostela), Roberto di Troia (West Central Europe), Michel Morel (Hermitage), Ernesto Tendero (Ibérica), Aureliano García (Mediterránea) and Tony León (Secretariat Brothers Today).

One of the objectives of this third meeting was to evaluate the course and to revise and formalise the way forward in the triennium 2019-2022, for the animation of the life of the Brothers through formation, favouring a closer relationship among the provinces from the European Region. A strong point for reflection was the recovery of the European Project of Communities on the Net, after the positive momentum offered at the meeting in El Escorial, in August of 2018, to revitalize community life with mutual support among the communities that have decided to integrate themselves in the Net from the objectives

that have been already established. Especially significant has been the meeting with the Fratelli community and learning at first hand the prodigious and praiseworthy work being carried out with the refugee children and their families. To see the faces of the boys and girls, the dedication of the Brothers and educators from an inter-congregational, inter-cultural, inter-national and inter-religious perspective, in a precarious atmosphere, but where love generates creativity so that everyone grows and feels loved, helps us to better understand the message of the last General Chapter.

The participants have discussed places and dates for the next meetings, seeing it interesting to the group to come closer to more houses of Brothers and to be aware of the different situations in the Provinces of the continent.

It is important to highlight the atmosphere of fraternity and hospitality of the Brothers and lay Marists of the Lebanon that have made the participants feel at home.

marist world

Thailand  
St Marcellin, Giasnogor



El Salvador  
Marist youth - Amigos en Marcha



Philippines: Marist Administrators Formation Program, General Santos City



Spain  
Course for New Executives in Castillo de Maimón



Malaysia: Meeting of the commissions of the Asia region in Port Dickson



Brazil  
"Praça da Vida Marista" in Itapejara D'Oeste

Towards integration: Photo and documentary exhibition

LAVALLA200> COMMUNITY OF SYRACUSE, SICILY

The International Community Lavalla200> of Syracuse, in Italy, organizes a photographic and documentary exhibition, from May 10 to June 15, called "Towards Integration".

On the evening of Friday 10th May, during the opening of the exhibition, was also launched a book with the title "Verso l'integrazione" (Towards integration) that presents professional photo-portraits of 26 recently arrived young immigrants and a personal account of the journey of eight of them.

The book describes the circumstances that drove the migrants to leave home, the journey through Libya across the Mediterranean to Italy, and their reception and current hopes. It contains also a scan-video links to five of these young men, speaking in Italian (with sub-titles available):

The book, videos and exhibition are strategies for giving these young people a name and a voice in a place like Europe where their welcome is not secure and has been strongly politicised.

The project is the work of Mario Araya Olguín and Rosa Schiaffino Fdez-Crehuet, with Br Ricardo (Ricky) Gómez Rincón providing creative assistance in mounting the exhibition. The Marist Community of Siracusa belongs to the Lavalla200> Project and works with recently- arrived migrants, especially unaccompanied minors. The members of the Community are Gabriel Bernardo da Silva (Brasil Centro-Sul), Mario Araya (Santa María de los Andes), Br. Onorino Rota (Mediterránea), Regina Biasibetti (Brasil Sul-Amazônia), Br. Ricky Gomez (Norandina), Rosa Maria Schiaffin (Mediterránea).



Since January the Marist Community of Syracuse works in the [International Center of Help and Orientation \(CIAO\)](#). It is a Center of help and intercultural orientation dedicated to the immigrant young people and refugees.

Italy: silent heroes responding to emerging needs

## MARIST COLLEGE OF ROME, SAN LEONE MAGNO, "HOUSE OF LIFE"

On May 14th 2019, the plaque was unveiled identifying the [Institute of San Leone Magno](#) as a "House of Life", a tribute from the [International Foundation of Raoul Wallenberg](#). A recognition which honours the actions carried out by the Marist School in Rome during the Second World War, when they hid many children and Jewish adults pursued by the Nazis and Fascists. In that period, it was director [Brother Alessandro Di Pietro](#), who was honoured in 2001, with the title "Just among the Nations."

Brothers Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, and Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, took part in the event, together with the Marist community of the School. Also included were Dorian Anna (author), Livia Ottolenghi (Jewish community of Rome) and Elena Colitto Castelli, member of the Wallenberg foundation which awarded the prize.

[In his speech](#), Brother Ernesto pointed out that

" Brother Alessandro and the community of San Leone Magno are effective witnesses responding to emerging needs and fomenting a culture of coming together". And he added: "They encourage us to be beacons of hope."

During the war Brother Alessandro Di Pietro, was managing the school and was Superior of the Marist community. In 1943 he welcomed 24 students, children of Jews, and 12 mature Jews.

On the 16th of July 2001, the Commission for the appointment of "Fairness among the Nations" granted by Yad Vashem (which rescued the memory of the heroes and martyrs of the Holocaust) bestowed that title on Brother Alessandro. He acknowledged the title conferred by the State of Israel, saying: "I thank you and I accept this recognition, but it is not directed only to me, but as the representative of all the Brothers of the



Institute, San Leone Magno which makes up the community. In fact, it was a shared decision to open the doors to the twenty-four Jewish boys and the dozen adults. All the members of the community helped, some in one way and others in another, even knowing that we ran a great risk."

The President of the Republic, Sergio Mattarella, former student of the Marist School, sent a [message](#) to those present at the ceremony. In the message he

underlined the expression of Brother Alessandro: " He never boasted to anyone about the valuable work of safeguarding human lives, because he saw it as part of his mission as a man and as a religious". The president of Italy concluded his message expressing a desire: "to put into daily life the spirit of service and solidarity that inspired Brother Alessandro."

According to the assigned title of "House of Life", The Wallenberg foundation has as its objective to show that, in one of humanity's more disastrous periods, during the Holocaust, many people were opposed to this terrible evil. To define a place as "House of Life" is to recognize the anger of silent heroes; a tribute to the "fine citizens" who honour the good, combat the bad.

[Photo](#)

## UMBRASIL promotes the rights of children FORUM OF CHILD EDUCATION

On May 9 the Forum for Child Education was held, being carried out in virtual form and it was directed at the professionals of Child Education for the whole of Marist Brazil. The topic

was the rights of the children. With the object of reflecting on the educational-evangelizing proposal relating to children as mentioned in the [Matriz Curricular de Educação Infantil](#)

[de Brasil Marista](#), the programme benefitted from the participation of María Carmen Barbosa, Zilma Oliveira, Ricardo Mariz, Gandhi Piorsky, Brother Paulo Henrique Oliveira and Brother Renato Augusto. In the forum the

Matriz Curricular de Educação Infantil de Brasil Marista will be presented. For the Advisor of Education of UMBRASIL, Michelle Jordan, the document is "a pedagogic political referential- pastoral which aims to guide the strategic actions of the organization."

The Forum of Child Education was organized by UMBRASIL which has been a point of reference in the promotion and organization of educational events which, besides offering professional training to the educator and aiming to create space for the confraternities and exchanges of experiences within the Marist schools.



## Mediterranean Province

# SYRACUSE: ENCOUNTER OF ELDER BROTHERS

Twenty-six Brothers over 70 years old have participated to an encounter organized by the Mediterranean Province. We were coming from Spain, Italy and Lebanon. From 2 to 7 May, we have met at Syracuse, in the Italian island of Sicily. All this region, known as the Magna Grecia in old times, has been a crossroads of different cultures, Greek, Roman, Arab, Norman..., leaving each one its own trace.

The central position of the "Pilgrim Hostel" where we were lodged, allowed us to move easily on foot to different places and to develop an intense program of activities, carried out with a calm rhythm, adapted to our age.

We have organized religious activities such as the Visit to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Tears in memory of the miracle that happened in 1953; the cathedral and the church of Saint Lucy, holy patroness of the town, and the large underground tunnels of

San Giovanni's Catacombs.

Among the cultural activities, we can mention the visit to the Neapolis Archaeological Park, with a huge Greek theatre, a Roman amphitheatre and the famous Ear of Dionysius. We also visited the Archaeological Museum Paolo Orsi and had a full day outing to admire the captivating mosaics of Piazza Armerina and the famous Valley of the Temples in Agrigento.

A full day was devoted to a peaceful touristic walk through the Ortigia Island, the historical heart of Syracuse, presided at the entrance by the beautiful bronze statue of the Syracusan genius Archimedes. We enjoyed the squares, the narrow streets, the historical buildings, the seafront promenade and the typical gastronomy. To complete the day, we made a boat trip around the island until the nearby sea caves.

Intense and touching were the two afternoons we spent with the international Marist community of Syracuse, part of the Project La Valla 200, made up of two brothers, two laywomen and two laymen from five different nationalities. Gathered with them at the [CIAO Centre](#), we were able to understand to joys, difficulties and hopes of this type of communities and, at the same time, to enter more deeply into the reality of immigration in which they are fully committed. We are very thankful to them for their enthusiasm and cooperation with us.

At the end of the encounter, all the participants showed their appreciation for the chosen place, the programme implemented and the brotherly atmosphere prevailing during these days.



## IRMÃOS RECENTEMENTE FALECIDOS

14/05/2019: **Albert-Christian Augustijns**

Province West Central Europe - Belgium, Genval

13/05/2019: **Michael Kevin McMahon**

Province Pacific - New Zealand, Auckland

12/05/2019: **Michael Fisher**

Province United States of America - United States, New York

05/05/2019: **Hilário Andrioli**

Province Brasil Centro-Sul - Brazil

05/05/2019: **Victoriano García Martínez**

Province Compostela - Spain, Valladolid

02/05/2019: **Marius Woulfe**

Province Australia - Australia, Adelaide

01/05/2019: **Agustín Güezmes García**

Province América Central - Guatemala, Residencia Champagnat

01/05/2019: **Bede Francis Maher**

Province Australia - Australia, North Sydney

15/04/2019: **Paul Jadin**

Province West Central Europe - Belgium, Rebeck

08/04/2019: **Desmond James Hornsby**

Province Australia - Australia, Bendigo

30/03/2019: **Jean Félix Rakoto**

Province Madagascar - Madagascar, Fianarantsoa

30/03/2019: **Richard Francis Lenehan**

Province Australia - Australia

18/03/2019: **Ángel Álvarez Álvarez**

Province Compostela - Spain, Valladolid

06/03/2019: **Jaime Sánchez Basurto**

Province México Central - Mexico

27/02/2019: **Martín Orduz Parada**

Province Norandina - Colombia, Ibagué

22/02/2019: **Ignacio Ramírez Estrada**

Province México Occidental - Mexico, Zapopan

21/02/2019: **Alberto Galdeano Zudaire**

Province Ibérica - Spain, Lardero

19/02/2019: **Fábio Pauletto**

Province Brasil Sul-Amazônia - Brazil, Santa Maria, RS

14/02/2019: **Hipólito Cosío Pérez**

Province Cruz del Sur - Argentina, Luján

13/02/2019: **Cesáreo Gonzáles Hurtado**

Province L'Hermitage - Spain, Les Avellanes

04/02/2019: **José Manuel Bretón Pérez**

Province Ibérica - Spain, Lardero

29/01/2019: **Romain Lacante**

Province Europe Centre-Ouest / West Central Europe - Netherlands, Nijmegen

27/01/2019: **Maurice Bergeret**

Province L'Hermitage - France, Saint Genis-Laval

23/01/2019: **Belarmino Suárez Colín**

Province Compostela - Spain, León

19/01/2019: **Bertrand Gendron**

Province Canada - Canada, Château-Richer

14/01/2019: **Héctor Rafael Jiménez Sains**

Province México Occidental - Mexico, Zapopan

14/01/2019: **Julián San Esteban Marcos**

Province Santa María de los Andes - Chile, Sótero Sanz

13/01/2019: **Aloys Kessler**

Province West Central Europe - Germany, Furth

11/01/2019: **Raymond Denis**

Province Canada - Canada, Château-Richer

08/01/2019: **Francis Klug**

Province United States of America - United States, Bronx, New York

02/01/2019: **Michel Gaubert**

Province L'Hermitage - France, Saint Genis-Laval

31/12/2018: **Ángel Pérez Alonso**

Province L'Hermitage - Spain, Les Avellanes

28/12/2018: **Luiz Bernardi**

Province Brasil Sul-Amazônia - Brazil, Viamão

25/12/2018: **Pedro San José Fernández**

Province Ibérica - Spain, Lardero

13/12/2018: **Rafael Martin**

Province United States of America - United States, Miami

03/12/2018: **Émilien Picard**

Province Canada - Canada, Château-Richer

03/12/2018: **Sixto Fernández Gil**

Province Santa María de los Andes - Chile, Santiago

20/11/2018: **Orlando Zattar**

Province Brasil Centro-Sul - Brazil, Curitiba



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