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Together with the refugees

THE XXII GENERAL CHAPTER ASKS US TO BE PRESENT AMONG THOSE EXCLUDED AND DISPLACED

June 20 was World Day of Refugees. At this moment in time, there are almost 25,4 million refugees at international level, more than half being less than 18 years old, according to the [United Nations](#).

One of the calls of the XXII General Chapter, let us Walk together as a Global Family, asks the Marists to "Identify those who are excluded and displaced (migrants, refugees...), to become present among them and to make every effort to defend their dignity and to look for their inclusion."

With the objective of responding to this call, the Marists of Champagnat work in conjunction with other institutions or individually to assist with the basic needs of the immigrants who are forced to escape from their countries.

In the in the various reception centres for the refugees, the



Marist offers medical support, psychosocial, legal, nutritious, hygienic and hospitality And depending on the context, they can also offer them education, formation courses or help them to find employment.

general administration

- This week, the General Council carries out its final plenary sessions for June. There are several topics for reflection: the process of the Constitutions and Rule of life, visits to the Provinces, FMSI, Child Protection, accompaniment of young Brothers, evaluation of Lavalla200, association and linking of the laity, causes of canonization, organization of the General House, finance and a Regular Council.
- Beginning on Monday and finishing this Friday, the meeting of the International Commission of Marist Patrimony takes place, coordinated by the Secretariat of Brothers Today.

This is the first meeting of the commission appointed at the beginning of year.

- On Monday, Brothers Óscar Martín, General Councillor, and Valdicer Facchi, took part in the meeting of the Council of the Fratelli Project, in the General House.
- On the 26th, Brother Rick Carey, director of FMSI, takes part in the annual meeting of Misesan Cara, in Ireland.
- On June 30, Brother Jeff Crowe, in charge of monitoring the communities LaValla200, joins in the thanksgiving celebration carried out in the community of East Harlem, in United States.

At international level, there are many and distinct reception centres, projects and campaigns to help the Marists helping the refugees and it is not easy to make a list of everything, next, however, we will mention some experiences and initiatives:

The [Fratelli Project](#), an intercongregational project of Marist Brothers and De La Salle Brothers, look after given refugee children from Syria and Iraq, as well as needy Lebanese Palestinian children in two socioeducational centres, one in Bour Hammoud, on the outskirts of Beirut, and another in Rmeileh, about 40 km to the south of the city.

The [Intercultural Centre for Help and Advice](#) (CIAO) of the community of Syracuse, in Italy, part of Project Lavalla200>. The centre was founded on January 18 2019 to help children and unaccompanied adolescents, refugees / immigrants who enter the country.

The [Marist Centre of Support for Migrants](#) (CAMMI) offers support to the migrant population (mainly Mexican and Central American) which day by day passes through the city of Querétaro in search of better opportunities. The facilities are situated in the Marist University of Querétaro, Mexico.

The ["Encounter Project"](#), in Ciudad Juárez (Mexico) and El Paso (United States), offers services of planning and lodging to encourage meeting experiences, in the area between the two countries, given over to the migrants. The "Encounter Project" is an intercongregational and collaborative project that includes the Jesuits, the Marist Brothers, the Sisters of San Francisco de la Sagrada Familia, lay people and the Hope Border Institute.

The reception house ["Heart without bounds"](#) in Colombia. A project run by the Brothers and lay Marists of Bogotá to help

the Venezuelan immigrant families with children between five and 14 years old

Project ["Childhood in Transit and Human Rights"](#), housed in the Consolata Parish, to help the Venezuelan refugees in Brazil Sul-Amazonia. And the campaigns to help the refugees of by Rede Marista and AVESOL, in Brazil.

At the moment, The Marists of Australia promote the [helping of 4 young Afghan refugees](#) through the programme Marist180, while they finish their studies.

[The Marist Centre for Migrants](#), Samut Sakhon, helps immigrants in Thailand, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Bangkok. The Center - which works mainly with people from Myanmar and Cambodia - provides primary education to children and young people and conducts educational programs for adults.

In 2014, the [Marists of Uruguay](#), lodged for a period in the House San José of the Marists (Montevideo) the first families of Syrian refugees coming from the Lebanon.

2016, [The Lisboa Brothers](#) (Marists of Compostela) welcomed into one of their houses the Fatima family, a couple with three young children, from Aleppo-Syria.

Also the General House of the Marist Brothers helps and welcomed some immigrants, since 2017,.

And following the charism of Champagnat, who welcomes the weakest, other Marist Projects which deal with the problem of refugees, are in place and we have not mentioned them at the moment, but we would ask you to send us news so that it can be shared.



RELIGIOUS AUSTRALIA

Brother Peter Carroll, provincial, was elected president of the "Catholic Religious Australia", during the 43rd National Assembly of the religious of the country. Brother replaces Sister Monica Cavanagh RSJ.

CANADA

The Provincial House welcomed a dozen young residents of the three houses (Willowdale, Paradis, Bellevue) to take part in an exchange group on the future of the Province. The participation and the dynamism of these young people demonstrates the interest for the future of Marist life in Quebec.

CRUZ DEL SUR

On June 19th, in the Provincial House, there took place the first formal meeting of the Team on Integral Sexual Education, coordinated by Brother Horacio Magaldi.

CHILE

On Saturday 15th June the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family, together with the Pastoral Explicita of the Colegio Marista de los Andes, developed a workshop with the parents who participate in the Family Catechesis with the object of learning more about the life, works and charism of our Founder.

USA

A group of Marist adults and Marist young adults from around the United States joined together for a service trip to the poorest county in Kentucky to help a former Roselle Catholic High School Marist Youth member build to chapel dedicated to St. Marcellin Champagnat.

Br. Norbert Mwila

PROVINCIAL OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

After studying the results of the consultation taken place in the province, the General Council appointed Brother Norbert Mwila as superior of the Province of Southern Africa for a second term of three years. In the letter sent to the Brothers of the Province on June 18, our Superior General, Brother Ernesto Sánchez, thanked Brother Norbert for gener-

ously accepting to continue serving the Institute as provincial: "Thanks for your presence and closeness to people, and for your devotedness in serving the Brothers and Lay people with pastoral care", the Brother Ernesto emphasised.

Brother Norbert will assume his second term from October 28 2019, at the beginning of the provincial chapter.

Br. Norbert

He first encountered the Marist Brothers as a teenager, when he met Brother José Grande.

After graduating from high school, Br Norbert became a postulant at St Paul's community in Kabwe in 1991.

He became a novice later that year at Kutama, Zimbabwe, and made his first profession in 1993. He then continued his formation at the Marist International Centre, or MIC, in Nairobi until 1996.

Br Norbert went on to teach primary and secondary school at St Paul's and was appointed as head teacher of the new primary school in the same community in 1998, where served for seven years.

He recalls his mother, who passed away the year before his final profession in 2000, as being "among the most significant and encouraging figures" in his Marist vocation. In 2001, Br Norbert was appointed community superior of St Paul's, followed an 11 month course for formators in Nairobi in 2005 and in 2006 he served as Master of postulants at Mtendere, a large village in Malawi, for 3 months.

In 2007 he was appointed master of novices in Matola, Mozambique, where he remained until he was appointed provincial, in 2016. It should be mentioned that, in 2013, he was appointed as a member of the International Commission of Brothers Today.

marist world

Greece
Néa Smírní



Spain: Maristes Sants-Les Corts Elementary School - Barcelona



South Africa
Marist Brothers Linmeyer, Johannesburg



Argentina: Meeting of the team of Lay Communities at the Provincial House



Samoa
Marist Brothers Primary School Mulivai



Syria: Blue Marists with displaced children from Shahba Camp

Brother Zósimo Pérez Mañueco

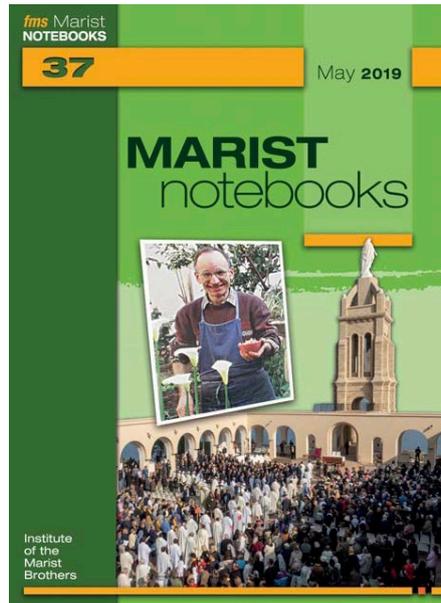
100 YEARS!

Brother Zósimo was born on 19 June 1919 in Valladolid, Spain. So, this week he celebrated 100 years of life with a function held in his honour in the Champagnat Residence in Guatemala, with brothers attending from all the communities of the country. Brothers Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, and Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, sent a message to thank Brother Zósimo for his Marist vocation. Brother Zósimo has lived in many social contexts, including the civil war in Spain and the expulsion of the Brothers from Cuba. He witnessed the birth of the Province of Central America where he was Provincial in 1961.



MARIST NOTEBOOKS 37

Issue 37 of Marist Notebooks is the last one to be prepared by the Patrimony Commission appointed by Brother Emili Turú. We have not attempted to shape an issue around a specific theme. Nevertheless, in the four articles on Marist origins, two of the authors, working quite independently of each other, chose the same image of the forge to describe how Marcellin was shaped by St Francis de Sales and by his formation in the Seminary of St Irenée. The same image of the forge suits the following two articles. In these, we can see similar intensity in the little-known rivalry between Fathers Courveille and Champagnat over the foundation in Charlieu and also – and this seems to me more pertinent – the disagreement between Brother Louis and Fr Champagnat on the nature of the Society of Mary. The final article, on the recent history of communications in the Institute, written by someone who was a major player in this topic, provides a balance to the



focus of the previous articles concerned with the years 1817-1840. In the Documents section of this issue, I provide a fairly extensive presentation on an unpublished letter from Father Champagnat from 1837. Albeit not of great importance, it does give us the opportunity to recall the links between

the Founder and the Diocese of Viviers before the merger with the Brothers of this Diocese.

Brother François devoted a large part of one of his notebooks to his stay of several months in Rome during 1858 where he was working to obtain approval of the Congregation. Brother Antonio Martínez Estaún shows us the places and chronology of his visits to holy sites which, along with his many insights, gives us a fresh view of Brother François.

In the brief news items at the end of this issue, we focus on the opening of the renovated cemetery at l'Hermitage, a major monument in our patrimony. And we seek to honour in a special way the memory of Brother Louis Richard, recently deceased, who worked so hard to make Marist documents accessible. We extend our best wishes to the new Commission that has been appointed by the General Council.

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France: Walking the paths of Champagnat

THE MARIST GROUP “AMIGOS DEL HISPANO”

This year, as the group celebrated the 40th anniversary of its creation (1979), 26 members wanted to make a pilgrimage to the Hermitage and the Marist places to know better the life and work of Father Champagnat. In the company of Brother Benito Arbués, former Superior General, the participants had the opportunity to live some unforgettable experiences, coinciding the central day with June 6. The group is made up of about 60 members (plus about 25 women, the wives of as many companions). They are all linked in different ways to the Marist work, mainly because they have passed through the Hispanic-American Juniorate in Valladolid, Spain, hence its name. It was a Juniorate with the goal to form Marists to go to some countries of Latin America.



It has been unanimous the participants of the Pilgrimage the feeling of satisfaction and gratitude for being so cordially welcomed by the Brothers in the house of Father Champagnat, in Rosey and in La Valla.

Collaboration and connections in Europe

MEETING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL FOR THE MISSION



From the 10th to the 12th of June a meeting took place in Barcelona, consisting of the members of the European Council of the Marist Mission (MEC). Following the meetings in Dublin, las Avellanas and Athens, the final meeting this year was a fertile time planning and sharing.

During the meeting, there were exchanges concerning the work achieved by each of the teams responsible for the Mission: the European Team for Vocations, the European Team for Solidarity, the European Team for the Protection of Minors.

On occasion, work was done on the preparation for the Forma-

tion Weeks on Leadership whose 3rd edition began in March with an initial week of formation in No-tre-Dame de l'Hermitage. This will be followed, next year, by one week in a Marist social work project in Europe and one week in the University of Alcala de Henares and will end in 2020-21 with one week's visit to the Marist Province of Europe and one week in the Generalate in Rome.

During the meeting, we reflected on a set of themes: the Directory of Marist Europe, the Calendar of Marist Europe, the Theme of a shared year in all the Provinces, the MEC budget, the ties and collaboration with the team of European Brothers-Laymen Communion sharing with the other European teams.

Before closing the meeting, and after some time for dialogue, reflection and exchange of ideas, we specified the objectives for next year as well as developing the action plans. A set of propositions aiming to define the future of the Region of Europe has been recorded, working in the domains of identity and leadership communication, formation, evangelisation and vocation, collaboration and the connection of good practices to be shared. All of these initiatives are to define and to develop ways to help to live life more intensely in our Marist Europe, as a global body.

Dreaming new ways of collaboration as Marists in the future

MEETING OF THE 4 BRANCHES OF THE MARIST FAMILY IN MANZIANA

The four Superiors General and members of their councils gathered at Manziana, close to Rome, from 20 to 22 June, to share in fraternity and friendship about their experience projects for the future.

The topics for the meeting were: the Marist heritage places in France, with their related significance, challenges and concerns; the International Gathering of Marist Youth which took place in Guatemala in January and which has been a significant encounter for all Marists; and dreams and plans for new ways of collaboration as Marists in the future.



Br. John Hazelman

NEW SUPERIOR OF THE PACIFIC DISTRICT

June 17, Brother Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, sent a letter to the Brothers of the Pacific District announcing to them the appointment of Brother John Hazelman as the next Superior of the District, for a period of three years. Brother John will replace Brother David McDonald, leader of the District for the last six years and the last provincial of New Zealand. The change of leadership will take place on December 12, during the next District Chapter.

In his letter, Brother Ernesto expresses his thanks to Brother David for the years that he has spent guiding the Marists of this region: "you have served your Administrative Unit with energy and creativity, dealing with the various situations and building a common dream for the future of our Marist life."

The District of the Pacific is formed at the present of communities in 5 countries: Fiji, Quiribati, New Zealand, Samoa and American Samoa.



Br. John Hazelman

Brother John was born on Oct. 6, 1968 in Western Samoa and made his first profession on Nov. 21, 1992. He graduated from MAPAC in 1998 and made his perpetual profession on Jan. 20, 2001. He holds a Master's Degree in pastoral counselling from La Salle University in Manila. He also studied at the Institute of

Religious Formation in Chicago and at the Formation Training Institute in Manila.

He was a staff member of MAPAC from 2005 - 2011, during which time he was vice rector and acting rector (for six months). Subsequently, he worked as director of Mulivai Marist Primary School in Samoa until he returned to the Philippines and assumed the position of Rector of MAPAC in April 2017.



THE COMMISSION OF THE MARIST SPIRITUAL PATRIMONY, WITH MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

The commission is made up of: Br. Antonio Ramalho (coordinator - Brasil Centro - Norte), Br. André Lanfrey (L'Hermitage), Brother Michael Green (Australia), Mr. Dyógenes Philippsen Araújo (Brasil Centro-Sul), Br. Patricio Pino (Santa María de los Andes), Br. Allan De Castro (Eastern Asia), Brother Vincent de Paul Kouassi (District of West Africa), Br. Omar Roca (Central America) and Brother Colin Chalmers (General Archivist - West Central Europe).

Marist Educational Mission in Athens

THE MARISTS OF GREECE CELEBRATE SAINT MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT AND REMEMBER HENRI VERGÈS



3 50 Marists from Greece celebrated the feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat on June 8, in the Marist college of Néa Smyrni in Athens. Present at the ceremony was the Apostolic Nuncio, Mons. Savio Hon Thai - Fai who congratulated the Brothers and lay Marists for the educational and social work they offer to the children and young people, and also for the Marist principles and values that they foster among their students. Also present at the event were: the Marist Brothers, the Sisters of the Community of Saint Joseph of the Apparition, the educational, administrative and technical staff of the two Marist Establishments in Greece (from Athens and Néa Smyrni), from the Social Centre "Heart without Bounds", from the Centre for training in the Greek Language "Agia Kyriaki", members of the Team "Young Marists in Action", representatives of the Administrative Council for the Secretariat of the Free Teaching Institutions in Greece (S.I.E.L.G.), the Council for management of the Schools "Saint Joseph" and "Jeanne d'Arc" as well as the representatives

of the Parents and Former Pupils' Associations. The Director of the college of Néa Smyrni, Mrs. Ekaterini Mouzaki, for her part, underlined the importance of this celebration which has been held by turns, over the last ten years in the two Marist Establishments and which contributes to the closeness of the relations between the members of the Marist Family. As part of the tribute to Saint Marcellin Champagnat, the piece entitled "The Fifth Gospel" was presented for the first time in Greek. It is a piece containing words of Brother Henri, pronounced ten years before his death, written by the Dominican priest Adrien Candiard and translated into Greek by M. Nicolas Dessypris. The teacher in the Marist primary school "Chrysostomos Smyrnis", Mr. Georges Drassas was responsible for the production and two professors from the High school, M.M Ioannis Tzagakis and Vassilios Chelases, interpreted the two roles. After the presentation of the piece, all the helpers dined around the same table in a climate of conviviality and fraternity.



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