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MEETING OF PROVINCIAL BURSARS FROM THE ARCO NORTE REGION

The meeting of Bursars of the Arco Norte Region was held from October 9 to 11 in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, Canada. The aim was to develop the initiatives proposed at the last meeting (Miami, January 2019) and coordinate work projects within the context of the Institute.

Present were: Br Libardo Garzón (Economic General), Br Gregorio Linacero (Coordinator of the Arco Norte Region), Br Laurentino Alabalá (Coordinator of the Arco Norte Bursars and Provincial Bursar of Norandina), Mrs. Soledad Gálvez (Norandina Province, Ecuador), Br Manuel Matilla (Province of Central America), Br Antonio Medina (Province of Western Mexico), Mr. Miguel Martínez (Auditor, Province of Western Mexico), Mr. Luis López (Investments, Province of Western

Mexico), Br Hank Sammon (USA Province), Mr. Frank Pellegrino (USA Province), Br Yvon Bédard (Canada Province), Mr. Adalberto Martínez (DAF Central Mexico Province) and a helper.



general administration

- Brothers Oscar Martin and Sylvain Ramandimbarisoa, General Councilors, visit the Province Brazil-Sul Amazonia up to the 11 of November.
- From the 4 to 8 November the Assembly of the Provincial Councils of the Provinces of Spain, will take place in Valladolid, Spain, and Brothers Luis Carlos Gutierrez, Vicar General and João Carlos do Prado, General Councilor will participate.
- From the 3 to 13 November, Brother Jeff Crowe, responsible of the accompaniment of the communities of Lavalla 200>, will visit the community of Tabatinga, in Brazil.
- Brother Josep Maria Soterias, General Councilor, and Dorotea Cinanni, Archivist, will participate in the meeting of the network of the Memorials of the Region South America, which takes place in Lujan and ends on Friday.
- From the 2nd to the 11th of November, Brother Valdicer Fachi, Director of CMI, together with Brother Jorge Gallardo, Vicar General of the La Salle Brothers, visit the border between Mexico and USA, to continue the process of discernment for the

possible opening of the Project 'Fratelli' in that Region.

- From November 3 to 5, Brother Ben Consigil, General Councilor, participated in the meeting of the Superiors of the Administrative Units of Oceania, in Brisbane, Australia. After this meeting Brother Ben, will meet with the representatives of the Association Marcellin Champagnat in Brisbane and Sydney up to 8 November,
- From November 3 to 10, Brother Angel Diego Garcia Otaola, Director of the Secretariat of Solidarity, will participate in the sessions of the Council of Human Rights of UNO in Geneva.
- From November 4 to 7, Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas, Director of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization, visits the Marist Schools of Hong Kong.
- From November 4 to 9, Brother Mark Omede, Co-Director of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization participates in the encounter of formation of Leaders of the Program "New Horizons II", in Zambia.

The meeting addressed the following topics:

- Financing of the community of Holguin, Cuba.
- Closure of the community in East Harlem, NY and a request by the provinces of the USA and Western Mexico regarding this issue.
- Training projects for community bursars and for the novitiate in Colombia.
- The work that done to share "good administrative practices" and their management.
- Proposals for the region's expenses as of 2019.
- The situation of the Province of Canada and the issue of provincial archives.
- "Salary policy" in the centers and insertions of the provinces of the region.
- Sharing around how we are doing with "marketing" in the region, thinking of its positive impact to attract more students in schools.
- Budget, control and financial indicators and "models of financing".

Brother Goyo took note of the points discussed in order to present concrete proposals at the Conference of Provincials of

Arco Norte (October 21-26, 2019); and in case of the points being approved by them, allocate corresponding tasks to each province or provincial administrator for its implementation or follow-up.

During his presentation, Br. Libardo highlighted the need to have a vision of the future in administrative matters and to have responsibility, transparency and trust in economic matters. He shared the document "In communion and solidarity" which outlines the current General Council's work plan for administrative and financial issues within the Institute. The Econome General carries the responsibility for its implementation. The document makes mention of issues worked on by the XXII General Chapter : creating services and functions that make it possible to share resources, the sustainability of Marist life and mission, the discernment in the proper use of resources, finances and economy at all levels of the Institute.

Before concluding, it was agreed that the next meeting be held in May 2020 in Bogotá, Colombia. It is hoped that there can be a sharing of progress made and a continuation of this working together.

Marist International Kumasi Novitiate
37 NOVICES IN FORMATION TO BECOME MARIST BROTHERS

The novitiate of Kumasi, in Ghana, has 37 novices: The 22 newly received novices began the two years formation in September and other 15 novices strated their second year. Four formators follow them in this step of formation: Br. Sylvain Yao (Novice Master), Br. Clement Nwadike, Br. Kevin Ngoran and Br. Obinna. The novices belong to the Province of Nigeria and to the District of West Africa.

Reception of the new novices

The clothing ceremony of the new 22 novices (15 from the Province of Nigeria and 7 from the District of West Africa), popularly known as reception of new Novices, took place on September 7th, 2019. During that celebration, the master's postulants, Br Augustine Natey, called each new novice by name and all of them answered present. Representing the Superior, Br Sebastian Erong questioned the novices who declared their interest to begin their religious formation in the Marist ways of life. They were handed the religious habit and they left the chapel to be clothed. Within some few minutes they returned to the chapel clothed in immaculate white habits in a procession with lighted candles.



They were equally handed the Constitutions and Statues to study and meditate with it as well as Chaplets to remind them that they always had to pray. The new Novices together with those present sang the Magnificat to express their joy with Our Good Mother and to God the Almighty for what he has done in their lives.

news in brief

ARGENTINA

On October 9, the members of the places that form the Marist Solidarity work of the neighborhood San Lorenzo, in Jujuy shared in an encounter in which they renewed their proposal to live, as Marists of Champagnat, the spirituality and the mission in community key.

FRANCE

From October 14 to 18, approximately 20 educators participated in the formation course "Marcel-Í Punt i Seguit" in l'Hermitage. The educators of the schools and social works of Catalonia, knew in this way the heart of the Marist Family.

BRAZIL

From October 24 to 25, UNBRASIL, carried out the Forum of Marist Managers of Education of Brazil, in which over 2000 participated. The event began welcoming the President of UMBRASIL, Brother Renato Augusto da Silva, who suggested a rest for the Managers.

EL SALVADOR

At the end of October, the community of Saint Tecla welcomed the members of the lay Commission, in the last meeting of the year. A large part of the Agenda was centered in Programming the Provincial Lay Assembly (November 28 to December 1), as well as in the proposals for next year 2020.

MIC, NAIROBI

On October 27, all the community of the Marist International Center celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Brother Spiridion Ndanga, Coordinator of the Marist Patrimony for Africa and Madagascar and member of the Formation Team of Nairobi.

Marist Ministries Rebound from the Ruins

AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE, THE PROVINCE OF CENTRAL MEXICO DESCRIBES THE RECONSTRUCTION



Two years after a 8.2 magnitude earthquake devastated Tehuantepec in Mexico, causing dozens of deaths and destroying several buildings, the Brothers have managed to rebuild part Guadalupano Boarding School and Asunción Ixtaltepec High School.

After the disaster in September 2017, the Asunción Ixtaltepec High School educational community did everything possible so the students could quickly return to classes in temporary classrooms. This was made possible thanks to the collective and intense effort of the Brothers, the families, the teachers, the students, and so many others who joined in the efforts.

In 2018-2019, the Provincial Solidarity Campaign was launched to rebuild the schools, under the motto "One by One... a Brick, a Wall, a Classroom".

With this objective, the schools looked for creative ways to raise funds. At the international level, Marists from the United States, Central America, South America, Germany and Spain actively mobilized to support the rebuilding.

"Getting here was a process that involved several stages: demolishing buildings, clearing rubble, building temporary classrooms to quickly resume classes and finally, beginning permanent reconstruction with all that this involved at the level of people and resources," says Socorro Alvarez Noriega, coordinator of Provincial Solidarity. She also mentioned the progress they have made so far:

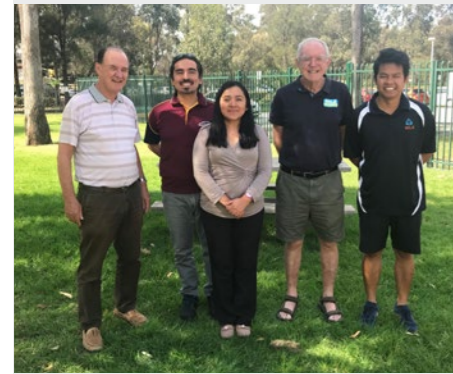
- 6 classrooms: 2 classrooms per academic level (1st, 2nd and 3rd).
- 1 classroom for the Shinaywa Independent Living Project (GEM)
- 2 video libraries
- 1 office for coordination
- 2 administrative offices
- 1 room for teachers

Still to be completed: 2 computer rooms, a chemistry laboratory and a physics laboratory.

"We would like once again to express our heartfelt gratitude to students, teachers, Marist families, and friends from near and far for their constant, close and supportive presence in this whole process," she concluded.

marist world

Australia: Br. Jeff Crowe visits the Lavalla200> Mount Druitt



Philippines Postulants from Timor Leste



Spain Segovia



Japan Kobe



Malawi New Provincial Council of Southern Africa



South Africa Lavalla200> Atlantis

Being a Christian through Marist life
OASIS IN GUATEMALA

30 lay people and 30 Brothers, including some postulants, met on October 13 at the Marist formation center in Guatemala (Central America Province) to think about the Apostolic Exhortation "Christus Vivit", directed by the Holy Father Francisco to the young and to all the people of God.

The meeting was a beautiful expression of fraternity, where Laity and Brothers, young and "old" shared the Word of God present in the Exhortation, and discovered the challenges involved in the experience of this youth in God and its accompaniment on the part of seniors.

During the meeting, moments of formation, Eucharist, songs,



theatre and family spirit were shared. Without a doubt, a gift from God for all those who feel involved in the construction of their "Christian Being" through Marist life.

Boys and girls in the Center of Protection

PRESENTATION OF THE BOOK OF THE MARISTS, IN THE EMBASSY OF SPAIN BEFORE THE HOLY SEE, ON THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

Representatives from different institutions and Religious Congregations, on October 29, met in the Embassy of Spain before the Holy See in Rome, placing the child in the center of the protection of minors and as first line of direction, during the act of presentation of the book "Break the Silence, ten faces, ten voices" that the witness gathers from ten educators from different countries as to how they live the task carried out and the commitment of the Marist Institution, in order to advance in the protection of children. The book has been written by the journalists Imma Amadeo and Jordi Martínez, and edited by Edelvives.

Present was Cardinal Santos Abril, Archpriest of the Basilica Saint Mary Major, as President of the act; and of the Ambassador of Spain before the Holy See, Carmen de la Peña Corcuera, and participation of Mons. José Rodríguez Carballo, Secretary of the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, Hans Zollner, President of the Center for the Protection of Children from the Gregorian University, Emili Turù, Secretary General of the USG (Union of Superiors General – men) and the authors of the book, besides representatives from different religious Orders and Congregations and diplomatic representatives.

Zollner stressed the need of permanent listening to the victims as a way of prevention and in the denouncing of a reality that exceeds two million boys, who suffer abuses in the world and he pointed out emphasizing the need of involvement of the whole society "because it is a problem that concerns all". The President of the Center for the Protection of Children of the Gregorian University insisted on "the need of working in nets by all the Congregations. We should work in nets", he said.

Following this same line Mons. Carballo summarized the action of the Church in three concepts, "we should focalize the



work of protection of children and of attention to the victims accepting, accompanying and reconstructing. It is here where we should center ourselves". The Secretary of the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and the Societies of Apostolic Life stressed the importance of pardon as a tool for the rehabilitation of the victims"

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'Romper el Silencio, diez rostros, diez voces' shows according to a global vision, ten witnesses who in different fields and from their intimate and personal experience, explain the work that they carry out for the prevention and protection of sexual abuse, the Marist educational works. A task that passes through formation, accompaniment, sensibility, empowerment, and for facing obstacles and the questions that derive. It is the question of the witness of ten professional witnesses, who from their point of view and reality face the task of working in favor of the prevention and protection of boys and young people in different countries and contexts.

Calendar of the General Council and directors of the Secretariats and departments

NOVEMBER 2019



24 October – 01 November: Visit to the border of Colombia and Venezuela – Discernment about a possible opening of Fratelli Project in this region – Brothers Valdicer Fachi, Director of CMI, and Rafa Matas, General Councillor of FSC.

01 – 02 November: Visit to the Marist Brothers International School in Kobe, Japan – Global Network of Marist Schools Project – Br. Carlos Alberto Rojas, Director of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization.

01 – 08 November: Visit to the East Asia Province – Libardo Garzón, General Bursar and Carlos Alberto Rojas, Director of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization.

02 – 11 November: Visit the border of Mexico and the United States – Discernment about Fratelli 2 – Br. Valdicer Fachi, Director of CMI, and Br. Jorge Gallardo, Vicar General of FSC.

03 – 05 November: Meeting of the Provincials of Oceania (Oceania Council), IN Brisbane, Australia – Br. Ben Consigli, General Councillor.

03 – 05 November: Meeting of the Provincial Council of Brasil Sul-Amazônia, in Porto Alegre, Brazil – Brothers Óscar Martín and Sylvain Ramandimbarisoa, General Councillors.

03 – 10 November: Session of the Human Rights Council (UN) en Gineva – Ángel Diego García Otaola, Director of the Secretariat of Solidarity.

03 – 13 November: Visit to new community members of Lavalla200 of Tabatinga, Brazil – Br. Jeff Crowe, responsible and formator for the project Lavalla200 >.

04 – 07 November: Visit to the St. Francis Xavier's College Kowloon and St. Francis Xavier's School Tsuen Wan in Hong Kong – Global Network of Marist Schools Project – Br. Carlos Alberto Rojas, Director of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization.

04 – 08 November: Provincial Council Assembly of Europe in Valladolid, Spain – Br. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, and João Carlos do Prado, Councillor General.

04 – 08 November: Network of memorials meeting of South America region in Luján, Argentina – Br. Josep Maria Soterias, Councillor General and Dorotea Cinianni.

04 – 09 November: Leadership Training Workshop – “New Horizons II” Program in Zambia – Br. Mark Omede, Secretariat of Education and Evangelization.

06 – 08 November: Meeting with the representatives of the Marist Association of St. Marcellin Champagnat in Brisbane & Sydney, Australia – Br. Ben Consigli, Councillor General.

06 – 11 November: Visit to the Province Brazil Sul-Amazônia – Brothers Sylvain Ramandimbarisoa and Óscar Martín, Councillors General.

10 – 16 November: Meeting about the digital systems of the Institute, in Curitiba, Brazil – Br. Josep Maria Soterias, Councillor General, and Dorotea Cinianni, archivista.

11 – 15 November: Visit to the Novitiate of the South America Region in Cochabamba, Bolivia – Brothers Sylvain Ramandimbarisoa and Óscar Martín, Councillors General.

13 – 14 November: Meeting of the Commission of the Provincial Assembly of Canada in Trois-Rivières, in Quebec – Brothers Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, Ken McDonald and João Carlos do Prado, Councillors General and Libardo Garzón, General Bursar.

13 – 16 November: Course on Marist Laity and communion with the Brothers Davao Formation House, Philippines – Agnes Reyes, Co-director of the Secretariat of the Laity.

15 – 17 November: Assembly of the Province of Canada in Trois-Rivières, in Quebec – Brothers Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, Ken McDonald and João Carlos do Prado, Councillors General.

15 – 20 November: Visit to Bolivia – Brothers Sylvain Ramandimbarisoa and Óscar Martín, Councillors General.

20 November: Global launch of the Project “Stand Up, Speak Up & Act” – Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, in Rome (website - online) – Br. Carlos Alberto Rojas and Br. Mark Omede, of Secretariat of Education and Evangelization.

20 November– 13 December: Visit to the Norandina Province – Brothers Ken McDonald and João Carlos do Prado, Councillors General.

20 – 26 November: Retreat for the Province of Central America in El Salvador – Br. Josep Maria Soterias, Councillor General.

20 – 29 November: Regional Formation program for Asia and Oceania of community animators, in Lake Sebu, Philippines – Agnes Reyes, Co-director of the Secretariat of the Laity.

21 November – 14 December: Regional Formation program for Europe of community animators in El Escorial, Spain – Brothers Ángel Medina, Antonio Peralta and Joaquim Sperandio, members of the Formation Community of Manziana.

21 November – 14 December: Regional Formation program for Asia and Oceania of community animators, in Lake Sebu, Philippines – Brothers Tony Leon, director del Secretariado Brothers

Hoy, and Joe Walton, comunidad de Manziana.

21 November: Regional Formation program for Europe of community animators in El Escorial, Spain – Br. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General.

20 November – 11 December: Visit to Norandina Province – Brothers Ken McDonald and João Carlos do Prado, Councillors General.

22 November: Council of Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life and Council of the USG/UISG, in Rome – Br. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General.

22 – 23 November: Regional Formation program for Europe of community animators in El Escorial, Spain – Br. Óscar Martín, Councillor General.

23 November: Meeting of Laity and Brothers of the Chile Sector, Santa María de los Andes Province - Raúl Amaya, Director of the Secretariat of Laity.

25 – 29 November: Meeting of Provincial Coordinators of Volunteers – Brothers Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, Óscar Martín, Councillor General, Valdicer Fachi, Director CMI, and Ángel Diego García, Director of Secretariat of Solidarity and Matteo Cavicchioli, Asistente de CMI.

26 November: Union Council of Superiors General in Rome – Br. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General.

26 – 30 November: Meeting of the International Council for Economic Affairs (CIAE) in Singapore – Br. Libardo Garzón, General Bursar.

27 November: Solidarity Assembly with South Sudan, Br. Jeff Crowe, responsible and formator for the project Lavalla200 >.

27 – 28 November: Assembly of the Union of Superiors General (USG) – Br. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General.

27– 30 November: “I can children’s global Summit” Project in Roma – Br. Carlos Alberto Rojas, Secretariat of Education and Evangelization.

28 November – 01 December: Meeting of Central American Laity in El Salvador – Br. Josep Maria Soterias, Councillor General and Raúl Amaya, Director of the Secretariat of Laity

29 November: Meeting of the USG with the Pope Francis – Br. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General.

Philippines: Marist Youths in Mission

250 MARIST DELEGATES GATHERED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Notre Dame of Kidapawan College (NDKC) hosted the Saint Marcellin Champagnat (SMC) National Convention last October 12-13, 2019 with the theme, “Marist Youths in Mission: Yes, we can”. This was participated in by 250 delegates from Notre Dame of Marbel University(NDMU), the Notre Dame of Dadiangas University (NDDU), the Notre Dame of Cotabato (NDC), the NDKC - SMCians and student leaders with their respective SMC Club moderators and the Marists of Champagnat.

General Councilor, the keynote speaker. He shared about weaving life and the mission of youths creatively accompanied by some Marist Songs with the NDKC Marist Band.

The youths were energized and animated with their creativity in the dance interpretation of the songs rendered. After the conversation and sharing of the participants, the dinner was served. During the Marist Solidarity Night, Br. Dominador Santiago, FMS, Provincial, gave his inspirational message. The youths also showcased their talents and got acquainted

with one another through socialization activities that were facilitated by NDDU.

A Taizé prayer concluded the night. The next day began with a morning praise facilitated by NDC. It was followed by a Talk Show about the World Youth Day and National Youth Day Experiences and the Challenges to the Youths. Invited as guests were Rogelio D. Mesicula, Jr., DYA Chairman, and Emmanuel Cenal, former SMC National Vice President. After the

open forum, the SMC National Convention Commitment was presented and approved by the delegates.

The closing program was handled by NDMU. The convention concluded with a Eucharistic Celebration and commissioning. Indeed, it was a delightful gathering of the youths in response to call of vocation and mission.



It began with a Mass and blessing of the Marist Youth Cross and SMCians' button pins held simultaneously with the Muslim Prayer and Christian Worship; it was followed by an opening program. The said event was graced by the presence of the Marists of Champagnat. The delegates were warmly welcomed by an opening salvo and the messages of Br. Manuel V. de Leon, FMS and Br. Sylvain Ramandimbarisoa, FMS,



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