



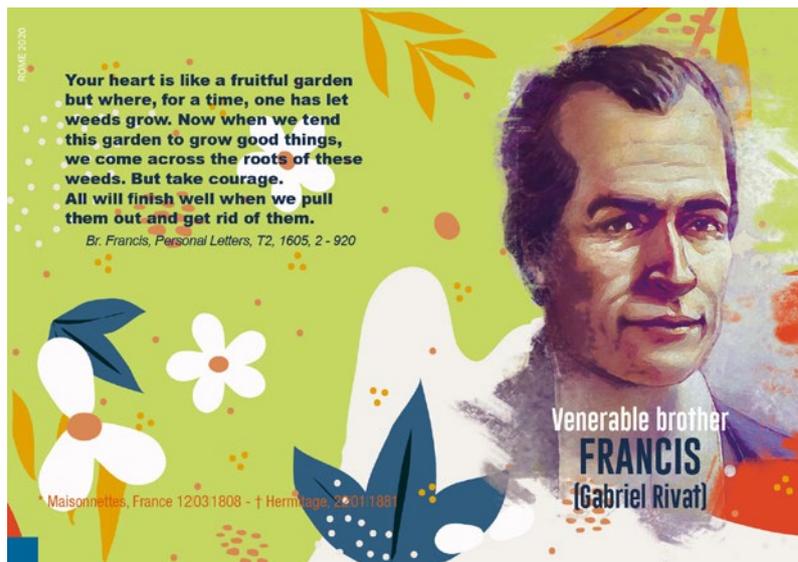
VENERABLE BROTHER FRANÇOIS, FIRST SUPERIOR GENERAL OF THE MARIST BROTHERS

On the occasion of the anniversary of the death of Brother François in 2020, we are publishing some images of Brother Francis on this website to enrich the archive that we already have. And so, three graphic artists have been invited to make their own re-creation of the figure of Brother Francis based on their creativity and the use of new technology. The aim is not to do research on the original picture of Brother Francis but to imagine him in three phases of his life (25-40 years old, 40-50 years old and more than 60 years old) with a modern mind and to re-create his image in four different formats. The images are intended for all levels of the Marist family, students, former students, families, educational and social works, etc.

Three artists from the PUCPR of Curitiba joined this proposal: Rosangela Grafetti, Leonardo Martin and Guillerme Caprigliani.

Francis is presented by these artists with facets of his personality which have not been very well known up until now: Brother Francis and ecology, his relationship with the sick, his knowledge of medicines and his dimension as educator. Along with these images, his thoughts will be shared by taking quotations from two main sources: his personal notebooks written between 1819 and 1880 and the letters of spiritual direction dated between 1840 and 1860

The graphic presentation which we offer aims to provide materials placed on the web that can later be used and re-created in the provinces, in the houses or in the Marist works to give a wider sharing of the thought and image of Brother Francis and so spread his reputation for sanctity and his knowledge.



general administration

- Last week, Brothers Óscar and Sylvain, General Councilors, participated in the retreat of the Province of Santa María de los Andes which was held in Chile.
- From Sunday to Tuesday, Brother Ernesto, Superior General, accompanied the group of community animators from the Americas, in Mexico. Subsequently, Brother João Carlos will accompany the group until January 28th.
- The Vicar General, Brother Luis Carlos, and the General Councilors, Brothers Ken and Oscar, are participating in the meeting of the Conference of Superiors of the African Continent (CSAC) in Enugu, Nigeria, from the 20th to the 26th January.
- On the 21st, Brother Ángel Diego, Director of the Secretariat

- for Solidarity, attended the meeting of the Administrative Council of BICE in Paris. After that, until January 30th, Brother Angel will participate in other meetings on the preparation of reports on the rights of children, with entities which collaborate with FMSI.
- Brother Javier Alfonso Echeverry Velásquez, from the Province of Norandina, has just joined the General House community and will be studying for a degree in Biblical Theology at the Gregorian University.
- Jeff Crowe, responsible for the accompaniment of the participants of the international communities for a new beginning, visited the district of Asia and also met with the provincial of South Asia, Mervyn Perera.

BRAZIL

POSTULANCY OF BRAZIL CENTRO-NORTE – RECORDING A CD IN HONOR OF BROTHER BASILIO RUEDA

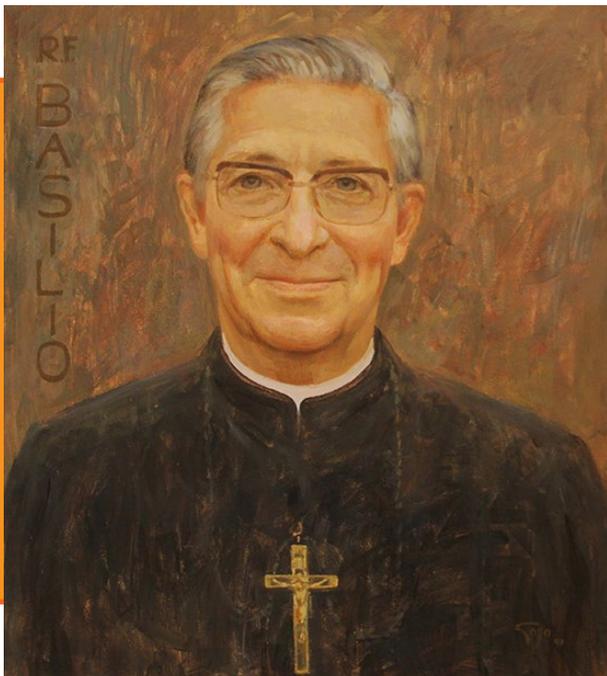
With the objective of celebrating the memory and legacy of Brother Basilio Rueda, but also to make him more known among the new members of the Institute, the Formators and those being formed of the Postulancy of the Marist Province of North-Central Brazil, in 2009 recorded a CD entitled “Burning life for Christ”, with compositions prepared from the life and the writings of our Brother.



After 10 years since the recording of the CD, the Center of Marist Studies – CEM has suggested to the community of the Postulancy to translate the words and record the songs into Spanish. In this way, they will make known the spiritual legacy of Brother Basilio to a larger number of persons of the Marist world. The result of the work carried out can be seen on this page, with the voices of Br. Fabricio Alves, Formator and the Postulant Gustavo Leocádio



May the memory and the legacy of Basilio Rueda remain alive among the Marists of Champagnat and encourage them, to be today, lighthouses of hope in this troubled and stormy world.



Br. Basilio Rueda Guzmán,

+ 21 January 1996
Superior general (1967 - 1985)

BRAZIL CENTRO NORTE

About 90 people from various congregations took part last week in a new edition of the Vocational School, promoted by the Province in collaboration with the Catholic University of Brasilia and the National CRB. The aim of the meeting is to form vocation animators in an integral and experiential way.

MARISTS OF ITALY

About 20 brothers and lay people gathered at the General House for a formation meeting last weekend. They were accompanied by Brother Emili Turú, former Superior General.

ASPIRANTS IN CAMEROON

Three young people, who wish to follow the ideal of Saint Marcellin as brothers, participated in a programme of approaching Marist life, carried out in the community of Yassa, in Douala, at the end of last year.

CATALONIA

The communication team and the team of Child Protection of Catalonia have organised a formation meeting for the collaborators of the regional headquarters of the Marists of the Province of l' Hermitage to spread the criteria of Marist communication on the social networks.

BRAZIL SUL-AMAZONIA

From the 5th to the 11th January, the 3rd edition of Vidamar III took place, a formation programme directed at Brothers, laypeople and collaborators in the Province, which has as its objective to motivate reflection on the life project and the living out of Marist values.

GERMANY**MARIST BROTHER HONORED FOR HIS CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE AT THE TIME OF NATIONAL SOCIALISM**

The “Stolpersteine” (stumbling blocks) are small square brass cobblestones that are laid across Germany as a way of remembering where the victims of National Socialism lived.

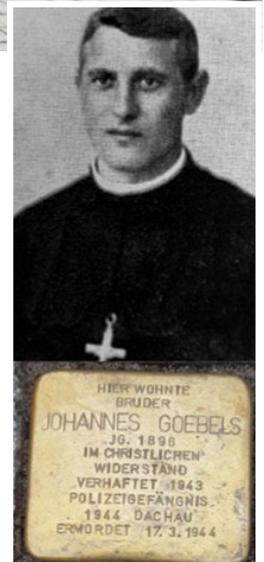
One of these “Stolpersteine” was recently installed at No. 60 Hertener Street, in front of the entrance to the Marist High School. It commemorates Johannes Xaver Goebels, a German Marist Brother.

Brother Johannes courageously stood up to the National Socialists and refused to educate his students according to their principles and ideas. After a certain time, he was arrested, demeaned, tortured. He died on March 17, 1944 in the infirmary of the Dachau concentration camp where he had been deported 6 months earlier.

During the ceremony at Marist High School, Mr. Christophe Tesche, mayor of Recklinghausen, told the large gathering of students, “Brother Johannes had to pay with his life for daring to criticize the Nazi regime in the classroom. For

us today, it is unimaginable and we must do our utmost to ensure that it never happens again”. After the ceremony, the “Stolpersteine” recalling Brother Johannes was unveiled by the Mayor and Brother Robert Thunus, Provincial of the Marist Brothers, who had made the trip from Belgium especially for the occasion.

At the same time that the “Stolpersteine” was placed in front of the Marist school, similar commemorative stones were placed in front of a house in the nearby Paulusstrasse. A Jewish family, the Arons, had lived here until 1942, at which time they were deported by the Nazis to Riga. Four of the five family members later died in Auschwitz.



marist world

SPAIN: EUROPEAN MISSION TEAM – MADRID

SOUTH AFRICA : THREE2SIX PROJECT – BACK AT SCHOOL

EL SALVADOR: COLEGIO MARISTA SAN ALFONSO



SPAIN: HOGAR CHAMPAGNAT DE TORRENTE

FINAL PROFESSION OF BR. HARRY NYANTI IN MONROVIA, LIBERIA

UNITED STATES: MARIST YOUTH ENCOUNTER CHRIST RETREAT AND MARIST YOUNG ADULT TEAM

BRAZIL

FORMATION PROGRAMME FOR THE POST-NOVITIATE BROTHERS OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN REGION

The formative journey of the Post-Novitiate brothers of the South American Region began in Curitiba, Brazil on January 6, the feast of the Epiphany. This is a three-week formation course which aims to promote a more systematic accompaniment of the young brothers in formation after the novitiate.

The group is composed of twelve Brothers from the five Provinces making up the Region: Antônio Rai (Brazil Sul-Amazônia); Carlos Alexandre, Carlos Euripedes, Clebio Perreira, Danilson Silva, Leonardo Stock, Julianderson Silva, José Sotero and José Valter (Brazil Centro-Norte); Guillermo Rivera (Santa María de los Andes); Pablo Rifarachi and Víctor Carrasco (Cruz del Sur).

On their journey they are accompanied by Brothers César (Cruz del Sur), Joilson (Brasil Centro-Norte), Otalivio (Brasil Centro-Sul) and Vitor (Brasil Centro-Norte), a team co-ordinated by Brother Alberto Aparicio, Regional Executive Director.



At different times during the journey, the young Marists will be assisted by various advisors and accompaniers, including the Provincials of the region as well as General Councillors Óscar Martín and Sylvain.

SOUTH AFRICA

FROM VOLUNTEER TO PROMOTER OF SOUTH AFRICAN MARIST STUDENT LEADERS AT MERCY CARE

Jason Grieve, is a lay Marist from South Africa province, who works at the Marist Mercy Care. His participation in this project started in 2009 when he went – as a young Marist volunteer – to the Intsikelelo Care Centre, a temporary safe community built for poor and abused children located in an informal township where there is no running water or electricity, in Addo, South Africa. After a week of volunteering Jason decided to go back the following year and with the aim of bringing more Marists to share in his experiences. His wish became a reality: Currently he is part of the Marist Mercy Care, a center that was born from the collaborations with two eighty-year-old brothers (Chris from South Africa and Claude from Canada) as they formed a partnership with three Sisters of Mercy, and six years ago he created the Sharing Our Call program involving the newly appointed South African Marist Student leaders of the five Marist Schools.

Here below you have a part of Jason's testimony where he tells us more about his commitment to children in need and Marist Lay vocation:

|| will never forget the first time I was driven into Langbos Informal Settlement (in 2009) ... For a week, my friends and I were tasked with running a Summer Camp for the disadvantaged children of the Sundays River Valley, Addo, Eastern Cape, South Africa.

My friends and I, alumni of St Henry's Marist College in Durban were quietly confident. How difficult could running a Summer Camp for children be? How wrong we were! We were greeted by ninety children ages four to thirteen. None of whom spoke English. All from very poor backgrounds, some living with HIV/Aids, some who had been abused, and many malnourished children. As we faced challenges, we soon overcame them with alternative ideas and solutions giving each child an incredible week-long event to remember. At the end of the week we said goodbye to the Sisters of Mercy, Marist Brothers and our new friends from Addo.

Fast forward to 2019, I am still part of this incredible Summer Camp with the Sisters of Mercy and Marist Brothers working under the banner Marist Mercy Care. We have now grown this project to welcome close to five hundred children, twenty special needs children, newly appointed Marist Student Leaders of the five South African Marist Schools, South African Marist Alumni, German Marist Alumni and volunteers from across the Sundays River Valley. Our project held annually in December



is no longer just a Summer Camp for children. It's an incredibly important week for children and volunteers alike, all who live for this event during the year.

I believe Student Leaders thrive in unpredictable environments and this is achieved by taking them out of their comfort zones. With this in mind, six years ago I created the Sharing Our Call program involving the newly appointed South African Marist Student leaders of

the five Marist Schools (St Henry's Marist College (Durban), St David's Marist Inanda, Marist Brothers Linmeyer, Sacred Heart Marist College (Johannesburg) and St Joseph's Marist College (Cape Town). Our Marist Student Leaders work in incredibly tough environments where there is no electricity, running water, caring for children at our Camp who are from child headed households, abused children, children living with HIV/Aids and malnourished children.

The Sisters, Brothers and I have built this Summer Camp project so much so that we receive requests from past participants and Marist alumni and students from all over the world a year in advance to be part of this program.

When I first stepped into Langbos in 2009 with my two Marist friends all those years ago I never would have imagined the impact it has had on me and the positive influence it has on the Marists, Volunteers and Children who attend year on year."

CHILE

MARIST SPIRITUALITY WEEK 2020



The Week of Marist Spirituality took place in Chile from the 6th to the 10th of January 2020. It was animated by members of the Area of Evangelisation, volunteer educators and Raúl Amaya, Director of the Bureau of the Laity.

This is an experience of spiritual growth that has been taking place annually for fifteen years in the Chilean Sector of the Province of Santa María de los Andes and it aims to help those taking part to live human and spiritual experiences at the personal and community levels, so that they can observe their own life in a more joyful and integrated way.

This year, 25 people took part, 24 from Chile and one lay person from the Province of Brazil Sul-Amazônia.

The objectives set were:

- TO STRENGTHEN charismatic vitality through personal and community experiences that help the participants to

adhere to Marist spirituality by applying faith readings of shared events and analyzed documents.

- TO DEEPEN a spiritual journey by learning some essential practices to nourish our life of faith and by applying them in different contexts, having as a framework the document “Water from the Rock”.

The experience takes place in a boarding school and is lived in an atmosphere of joy, of dialogue in fraternity (the same community all week), of times for reflection and prayer, both personal and in community, for sharing life with simplicity and depth and of personalized accompaniment for those who require it.

The 2020 model, as in previous years, has borne fruit for which the educators who participated are very grateful, since it has brought many to view their lives in a joyful way, to feel that the Spirit of God lives in each one of us and that He loves us deeply.



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