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GENERAL HOUSE

ADVANCING LEGAL STRUCTURES FOR THE MISSION OF THE INSTITUTE

Vicar General Brother Luis Carlos Gutiérrez and Econome General Brother Libardo Garzón made a contact visit January 28-30 to Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, with the aim of specifying possible juridical structures for the mission and life of the Institute. We had the invaluable contributions and the company of Xavier Giné (L'Hermitage), Brother Robert Thunus (Provincial of West Central Europe), Brother Jacques Scholte and Brother Maurice Taildeman. In Holland and Luxembourg, we met with professional agencies to analyze the possibilities, advantages and disadvantages of any decisions.

In a simple way, these structures are designed primarily to help in the animation and continuity of the mission in the most underprivileged places of the Institute. Several requests have been received for the Institute to take a more active



role in caring for the places where the Brothers' presence is diminished or at risk of disappearing. These requests will be addressed by offering the support of governance, management and animation so that our mission among children and young people and our service to the Church may continue in these places. In the same way, these entities will help in making decisions that will better serve

the Institute in legal and patrimonial aspects, in such a way that wise decisions can be made in support of current ministries and that favor real solidarity among the Administrative Units of the Institute.

The project of Civil and Canonical Legal Structures has numerous recommendations, some of which are to be applied by the Provinces. It plans to open other ministries in parts of the world that will support local and regional structures.

We are very grateful for the communities that welcomed us during our visit. The brothers, the majority of whom are older, gave us a beautiful testimony of presence, joy and fraternity. In the same way, the visit to the House of Silence helped us to understand the uniqueness and beauty of this Dutch project, which serves more than 300 young people. Praise God.

general administration

■ During this time the Week of Collaboration takes place, a traditional meeting of the General Council that brings together the directors of the secretariats and departments of the General Administration. The aim is to create synergy and to review the initiatives for the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2017-2025. Among those present, we would like to highlight

the participation of Brother Lindley Sinuosa (Province of East Asia), the new sub-director of the Secretariat of Brothers Today, and Manuel Jesús Gómez Cid (Province of Mediterránea), the new co-director of the Secretariat of the Laity.

■ This week, Brother Libardo Garzón, Econome General, visits the Marist community in Vietnam.

BRAZIL

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY LAVALLA200> IN TABATINGA



The Tabatinga community is one of the international communities for a new beginning. It is situated in the heart of the Amazon, in Brazil, bordering onto both Colombia and Peru, and is composed of Br Luke Fong (Fiji), Martha Eugenia Martínez (Mexico), Mario Araya (Chile) and Br. Paul Bhatti (Pakistan). The last to join the community was Br Luke. In the text below he recounts his arrival.

The instruction came from the Air Latam Pilot for the crew to sit for landing, I looked outside and all I could see were trees on both sides. I said to myself, “Oh, is this Leticia?” I was expecting to see high-rise buildings and modern houses as in Bogota, the capital of Colombia.

While walking to the terminal I saw huge “dalo” (taro) plants growing like flowers and the smell of fresh and natural air from the forest around me cooled me down from the bright sun. Waiting for my luggage, I could not comprehend the size (small) of the airport and looking around I started to see the simplicity of the people and the way they dressed.

Br Paul Bhatti from Pakistan met me at the airport, and he welcomed me to Leticia, a city in Colombia of about 50,000 people. After about 5 mins of driving Br Paul said, “Welcome to Brazil. Now you are legally on Brazil soil”. Br Paul also said that the road acts like a boarder. Houses to the left are in Colombia and on the right is Brazil. It was so interesting as it was the first time for me to experience this type of set up.

Closer to home I asked Br Paul where the Amazon is and he said that we are in the Amazon. I asked because all I could see were houses and shops and no sign of thick forest or jungle. My image of Tabatinga before arriving was that it is situated right in the jungle, surrounded by tall trees, wild animals and swamp. But when we arrived home, I started to see that what I had imagined was totally different from what I was seeing at the moment. That gave me a sense of security and calmness within myself.

Tabatinga is a city of about 60,000 people. Together with the neighbouring Colombian city of Leticia and the Peruvian town of Santa Rosa, the urban area has more than 100,000 residents spread along the Amazon river. Three countries (Brazil, Peru, Colombia) share a common border in this area of the Upper Amazon. There are twin towns – Tabatinga (Brazil) and Leticia (Colombia) – that are 1000 km from the nearest cities in their respective countries, with no roads. So, it is quite isolated.

The area is home to many indigenous rainforest groups, other

Indian descendants, mixed-race river people, “missionaries, mercenaries and misfits”, those trying to exploit the resources of the Amazon and those defending against this.

So far, I am trying to settle down into my new community and also to this environment. I know that life will not be easy but I am ready for the challenges that lie ahead. One of my biggest challenges at the moment is the language. Portuguese and Spanish are spoken and written everywhere. There is no English language spoken or written anywhere here at Tabatinga. For me to really feel at home I need to know and learn the Portuguese language, not easy but I will try my best and hopefully by this time next year I will write to you in Portuguese.

The weather is really hot during the day but it cools down at night. It’s the rainy season at the moment for the next 6 months or so. I like the food and I eat anything that is available. We have different types of tropical fruits which really helps me to settle in right away because they remind me of Fiji.

I will begin my Portuguese lessons next week and hopefully in

the months to come I will be able to speak and communicate in Portuguese.

The community is yet to determine a Marist project as such but has involved itself in diocesan youth work in the past. My other community members, Martha (a Lay woman from Mexico) still waiting for her visa and Mario (a lay man from Chile), will arrive on the 6th of February. Once they arrive, we will meet and discuss our mission and what to do here in Tabatinga. So far, I could see that there are lot of things to do here but language still a big barrier so I am eager to learn the language so that I am ready for whatever lies ahead.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all, my brothers and our dear Marists of Champagnat, for your support, prayers, encouragement, words of advice and love that enable me to put into reality one of my many dreams of serving on mission outside of my own continent.

I know that this is God’s time and work for me and I am at peace knowing that this has been God’s plan for me all along.

Br. Luke Fong



marist world

UNITED STATES: MARIST HIGH SCHOOL CHICAGO – VOCATIONS FAIR

AUSTRALIA: MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY’S FORMATORS CONFERENCE

ITALY: RETREAT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL IN ASSISI



GENERAL ADMINISTRATION COMMUNITY THANKS BROTHER TONY LEON FOR HIS 6 YEARS OF SERVICE

ARGENTINA: MEETING OF MARIST LEADERSHIP OF CRUZ DEL SUR PROVINCE

THE GENERAL COUNCIL THANKS BROTHER TONY LEON FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

ITALY

LAVALLA200> SIRACUSA – INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR A NEW BEGINNING

A small coastal city on the south-east side of Sicily, not far from the port of Augusta. The community lives in a centre under the control of the diocesan Caritas. Their outreach is to recently- arrived migrants, especially unaccompanied minors. Many contacts were made and daily visits to a centre of “first welcome”. Recently the community leased a space in the centre of the city where it is intended to offer education programs (esp. Italian), counselling, arts and crafts, and simply companionship.

International Communities for a New Beginning is an initiative of the Marist Institut open to Brothers and Marist Laypeople who feel called to dedicate a period of their lives to go beyond their geographical and cultural borders. It is characterised by sharing life in mixed Marist communities, global availability, internationality and inter-cultural living and mission, responding boldly to emerging needs. After a Preparation Program, the



participants are sent either to one of the Lavalla200> communities or to one of the special projects of the Institute, such as MDA (Marist District of Asia), the Fratelli Project in Lebanon, Solidarity in South Sudan and others.

To join the initiative, Contact your provincial or cmi@fms.it

CMMF

The Provincial Coordination Team of the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family, from the Marist Province of Brasil Centro-Norte, met from the 7th to the 9th February 2020, at Brasília, to reflect, plan and celebrate the actions planned for this year.

MEDITERRÁNEA

On the 8th February, in Seville, Granada and Alicante, a meeting of Brothers, laypeople and young people took place to reflect and share moments as Marists of Champagnat attentive to the needs of today's society.

CENTRAL AMERICA

On Thursday, 6th February, the meeting of the Brothers' and Laity's Spirituality Commission took place in Guatemala. The commission is made up of Brothers Hipólito Pérez, Rodrigo Cuesta, Juan Antonio Sandoval, and Juan Carlos Bolaños, and the lay women Erika Reyes and Nohemy Pinto.

INDIA

"Operation Rainbow" held a seminar for parents, in favour of children, entitled "why should I fear". The orientation meeting took place at the Marist Brothers' home on February 9, 2020. Operation Rainbow, a Marcellin Trust project, was established in 2003 by the Marist Brothers to provide support to families and children affected by HIV. The support, care and educational programs have grown steadily over this time.

BOLIVIA AND COLOMBIA**NEW NOVICES IN MEDELLIN AND COCHABAMBA****LA VALLA INTERNATIONAL NOVITIATE – MEDELLIN, COLOMBIA**

On February 2, 2020, in the city of Medellín, Colombia, Pedro Pinzón (México Central), Mesvin Marroquín, Gerardo Rivera (América Central) and Ernesto Da Costa (Norandina) officially began their novitiate under the title "Mary, simple Mother of the people". In their presentations, the new novices expressed their desire to follow Jesus in a simple way and close to the realities of our people.

Taking part in the celebration were Brothers Provincial Hipólito Pérez (América Central), José Sánchez (México Central), César Rojas (Norandina) and Pere Ferré (L'Hermitage).

Together with the 4 new novices, another 5 novices are beginning their second year, having made their first during the year 2019.

**CHAMPAGNAT NOVITIATE – REGION OF AMÉRICA SUR**

On the same day, the feast of the Consecrated Life, the beginning of the novitiate was celebrated in Cochabamba, Bolivia, where the novices of the five provinces of the South American Region are formed. The three formators welcomed eight novices: one from the first year (Brasil Centro-Norte) and seven from the second year.

The ceremony of entry into the novitiate was attended by the five provincials who were taking part in the meeting of the Regional Council.



FRANCE

TO LIVE IN A MIXED AND INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, WHOSE MISSION IS TO WELCOME MARIST PILGRIMS FROM THE FIVE CONTINENTS

Heloisa Afonso de Almeida Sousa, from the Province of Brasil Centro-Norte, was part of the community of Notre-Dame de l'Hermitage in France from April 2016 to December 2019. Now, on returning to her Province, she tells us about her experience.

In July 1993 I visited the Hermitage and the Marist places for the first time. On that occasion I was amazed at the greatness and simplicity of Marcellin Champagnat's work. On three other occasions, I returned to the "Champagnat Route", but with more knowledge of the Marist Spiritual Patrimony and experience in the formation of brothers and laypeople in my Province, in the other two Provinces of Brazil and in Latin America.

From 1997 to 2001 – as Pastoral Coordinator of the former Province of Rio de Janeiro, I was co-responsible for CEFOR-MAR, a Marist formation course for lay men and women with the participation of Brothers, in which Marists from the Provinces of Mexico Central and Central America were also present. For a period of one month, nine groups met at Belo

Horizonte, in a boarding school, with an interactive, reflective, prayerful, recreational and fraternal programme. A wonderful experience of joint formation and shared life.

For the last fourteen years, I have worked as the director of the Centre of Marist Studies, an institution dedicated to Marist Patrimony, which has allowed me to collaborate as a facilitator in meetings and courses of Marist formation and to be part of the Patrimony Commissions in UMBRASIL and in my Province of Brasil Centro-Norte.

In 2012 I was appointed by the Superior General as a member of the International Commission of the Marist Institute's Patrimony. I was the first lay person to participate in the work of the Commission, which entailed a time of learning, of



intense work in the production of the Marist Notebooks and the volumes of the History of the Institute, published recently. In the course of two terms, I was able to contribute directly to the maintenance of the patrimonial and spiritual richness of the Marist world in the whole Institute.

The invitation to join, as a volunteer, in the renewed Hermitage Community was a pleasant surprise in my life! In April 2016, after two years of reflection, interviews, conversations with the brothers and my family, I arrived at Saint-Chamond, at the House of Marcellin and the Good Mother, the house of all Marists, laypeople and brothers. The contract was signed until December 2017, then it was renewed until December 2019.

Now, on returning to my country, I thank God for the unforgettable experience that I had at the “Maison d’accueil Notre-Dame de l’Hermitage”, in a mixed and international community, in a mission that welcomes Marist pilgrims from the five continents. I am also grateful for the reception and welcome given by the Brothers Provincial of the Hermitage, Brother Maurice Berquet and

Brother Pere Ferré, and also for the approval of the Superiors General: Brother Emili Turú and Brother Ernesto Sánchez.

To live with “marvellous companions” in community means sharing each day our own riches and poverty and those of the people with whom we live. I had the opportunity to share life, work, prayer and leisure time with people from six different countries. Nice moments of organization of community life, welcoming pilgrims from different countries of the world, weekly planning of the activities of the House – a very concrete and living experience of internationality and interculturality!

Monotony? Never! On the contrary, a dynamic life, both in the planned events and in the countless unforeseen events and welcoming of groups and individuals! All that did me good!

All through the time I was there, I was made welcome by two Brother superiors of the Community, who had an admirable human and spiritual richness! Brothers Xavi Barceló and Maurice Berquet were my friends, my counsellors, my “ani-

mators” in Marist life with all the implications that this entails. I am very grateful for the welcome, the fraternal support, the community walks, the firmness and the delicacy with which they directed and still direct the community. The life of each Brother has been and is for me a presence of God who calls me and challenges me to grow in life as a person, as a follower of the God of Life! I thank God for the witness of Marist consecrated life, for the sense of fraternity, of free service, of love of people: all “marvellous companions”!

The mission of receiving the pilgrims and accompanying them in the Marist places is a moment full of exchanges of experiences, where Marist life is shared, where the events of all the provinces are known. I was surprised by the number of former students, teachers and families who arrived spontaneously,

to have a moment of prayer and feedback on their life together with St. Marcellin Champagnat.

The contact with the volunteers – men and women who support the community through a weekly service in the house, either to answer the phone or to maintain the gardens and the orchard -, was a great opportunity to get to know the hearts of the people around us, a contact with

the culture and the heart of the French people. I have learned and shared a great deal with these dedicated and loving people! They all affected my life deeply.

The opportunity to live with the Marist Brothers, lay men and women of the region, as well as the Marist world, has reaffirmed my purpose to be at the service of the Marist Mission, wherever it may be.

Lay Marists who feel in their hearts the desire to live a community experience at the service of the Marist charism and of growth in the spirituality of Saint Marcellin Champagnat and his followers, on this sacred ground of the history of the Institute, do not hesitate: contact the brothers! To live in the community of the Hermitage is a gift that no one can refuse! It is a gift of God and of the Good Mother who enlightens our whole life! For me, it was three years and eight months of spiritual enrichment, of joys, challenges and difficulties, but a lot of life! It is worth taking risks!

Heloisia Afonso de Almeida Sousa – Brasil Centro-Norte



AUSTRALIA

NEW STRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF THE MARIST ASSOCIATION OF SAINT MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT

The Marist Association of Saint Marcellin Champagnat in Australia has grown to include almost 1000 members since its establishment in June 2014. The reasons for this number of people making the decision to join are many. The desire to “associate” as Marists has been a formal commitment to what they have felt, done and been as followers of Jesus for many years. Most would speak of having experienced meaningful, quality, rewarding work and inspirational formation in various Marist ministries.



In the initial years of the Association, it was decided to create a “Pastoral Team”, whose focus was largely on development, membership and belonging. The leadership provided in defining the nature of the Association by Joe McCarthy and other members of that team has been significant in this foundation phase.

LISTENING TO THE SPIRIT

The Association’s initial document, *We Marists*, published in 2016 captured the collective vision and priorities of this new entity for Australian Marists for the first three years.

In 2019, the Association’s second document, *As Marists*, describes the guiding principles discerned by members throughout 2018 and particularly the 200 delegates at the Association Assembly in Adelaide that year.

In relation to our Marist spiritual family, principles 8 and 9 outline our intentions.

- “We embrace our shared responsibility for promoting the vitality of our Association and its mission.” (Principle 8 p.9 *As Marists* 2019)
- “We develop ways of strengthening our spiritual family, creating opportunities for people to experience a sense of belonging and commitment.” (Principle 9 p.9 *As Marists* 2019)

ENSURING VITALITY AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH DISTRIBUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Consistent with these guiding principles, a new organisational structure has been established representing progression to a more integrated model, with the imperatives of responsibility for formation, belonging and membership distributed across a greater number of leaders directly employed by the Association. The life and activity of the Association has matured to a point where a more distributive model of leadership and responsibility is required. This is an evolution which would not have been possible without the foundations laid in the establishment years by the Director of Belonging and Development, members of the Association Pastoral Team, the two Association Councils and many other committed Marists in a variety of roles across the country. This new organisational structure aligns with the Guiding Principles of the Association, as described in *As Marists*, particularly for our spiritual family.

Recalling the almost unanimous encouragement of the Australian Bishops with whom there was consultation when the concept of the Association was first shared, a strong emphasis and priority in relation to formation has been a consistent goal of the Association. The Mission and Life Formation Team (MLF) is an important and highly valued source of spiritual nourishment, inspiration and guidance for Marists, and represents a major financial investment by the Association.

For 2020, under the leadership of the Director Mr Tony Clarke, MLF team members will be based in Melbourne,

Sydney and Brisbane, each with responsibility in regard to formation for members of the Association. Development and support for Association Local Groups is a priority for all members of the MLF team, named and prioritised in their role descriptions. This new model builds on the existing arrangements of the MLF with our schools and other ministries and assumes responsibilities previously undertaken by the Association Pastoral Team. Guidance and support in regard to formation opportunities, spiritual accompaniment, and various occasions to gather will include that already detailed in the Association's 2020 Programmes and Events booklet distributed last year.

COORDINATING MEMBERSHIP

The successful experiences in regard to growing membership

over the past five years clearly indicate that specific attention given to inviting, accepting and carefully following up expressions of interest is necessary. In 2020, this function will be undertaken nationally by the Coordinator of Membership, Michael Evison.

The promotion of and encouragement to membership of the Association will be a shared responsibility of all Ministry Leaders, Principals, Local Group Leaders and MLF team members.

COMMUNICATION

The life of the Marist Association is communicated through Christlife, appearing regularly throughout the year and through online presence with [the Association website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

SPAIN

VIII SOCIAL FORUM OF THE IBERIAN PROVINCE: THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOUSE

More than 100 persons from different Associations and Organizations participated in the VIII Social Forum of the Iberian Marist Province "Turning around the social, tuning around the local", that took place on February 1, in the Marist School 'San José del Parque' in Madrid, with the objective of deepening on the aspect of the social commitment.



This year, the day centered itself on the care of our common house, our planet. In this event, Monsignor Joaquin Pinzón, Bishop of Puerto Leguizamo-Solano and Vicariate of the Colombian Amazonia, participated. Besides, three social Organizations gave their witness and touched concrete aspects concerning climatic emergencies.

"We are part of the problem but we can also be part of the solution". With these words, Monsignor Joaquin Pinzón Bishop of REPAM invited the participants of this VIII Social Forum to have hope. "We are living a very strong change of age or epoch which should lead us to change habits, so that it will not have terrible consequences for our planet, affirmed, Pinzon.

The Bishop deepened on the idea that we, human beings should change their manner of relating with the environment. Beginning with the reflections of the Encyclical Laudato Sii of Pope Francis, he affirmed that this ecological crisis is within the context of an integral crisis that affects other dimensions of our

society: "It is not possible to think about the health of the planet without thinking about poverty". During the day, there have also been some witnesses, which have deepened on this question: "The climatic change multiplies the natural catastrophes which affect the poorest countries without resources". (Encyclical Laudato Sii). The ecological problem provokes social problems that affect the health, food and the dignity of persons.

In the last session, three organizations, which have been taking steps to face climatic emergencies have given their witness about this "The energy poverty here and now in Spain" (Asociación Ángeles Urbanos) "The ecological migrants" (NGO ACCEM), and "An example of sustainable solidarity initiative" (ONGD Solidarity, Education and Development).

BRAZIL

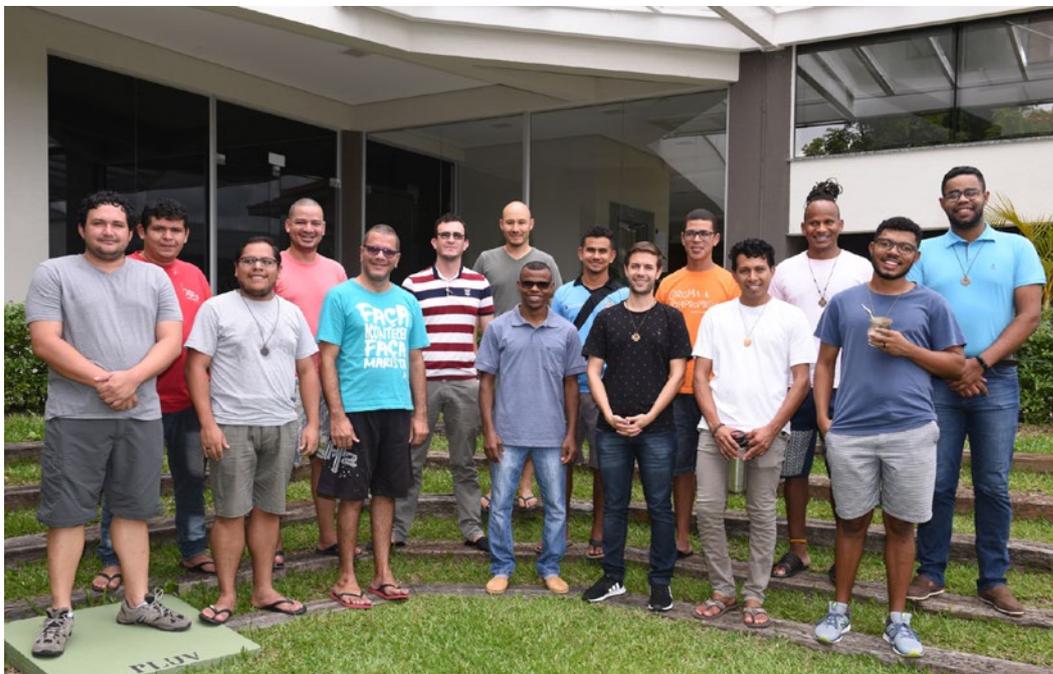
THE POST-NOVITIATE BROTHERS IN THE REGION OF SOUTH AMERICA FOLLOWED A FORMATION COURSE IN CURITIBA

During the month of January, the Marist Province of Brasil Centro-Sul received Post-Novitiate Brothers of the Region of América Sur, from different countries, with different approaches, life stories and formation on Consecrated Life.

For three weeks the brothers participated in a training course; something new within the Marist Institute; whose objective is to strengthen interculturality, coexistence and support between the provinces that make up the region of South America.

The training took place from the 6th to the 24th January at the Marist Champagnat Centre and was attended by fifteen young brothers who have made their first vows and are in the process of preparing for their final vows. They represent the five Provinces making up the Region (Brasil Centro-Sul, Brasil Centro-Norte, Brasil Sur-Amazônia, Santa María de los Andes and Cruz del Sur).

The group was accompanied by a team of Brother Advisers made up of Brothers Otalivio Sarturi (Brasil Centro-Sul), César Borja (Cruz del Sur), Vitor Pravato and Joilson de Souza Toledo (Brasil Centro-Norte), and under the guidance of Brothers Alberto Aparício, Executive Secretary of the Region of South America; Óscar Martin Vicario (General Councillor) and Sebastião Ferrarini (Brasil Sur-Amazônia), who contributed to the formation. Throughout the days, the participants also received a visit from



their Provincial Superiors.

Itinerary based on three topics

Until now, each Province held a meeting of young Brothers and a longer formation, lasting four months, for those who were very close to making perpetual vows. At the suggestion of the Provincials, from now on, annual modules will be held, always in January, bringing together members from various countries.

“There are three topics: Consecration, Fraternity and Mission. The experience is organised each year around one main topic, which will guide the activities. These three themes are the basis of the Rule of Life (the Institute’s new document describing how the Marists live the Gospel). After working on the three topics, the Consecration is worked on again, with other Councillors, in other places, alternating the languages of the Provinces”, explains Brother Joilson, who also emphasises the dynamism since each year new brothers will be part of the group and others will leave.

“It is a project based on a journey. This group of Brothers is participating in the first stage. There will be a rotation by the provinces. This year, the main focus was on the Consecration”, reports Br. Otalivio.

Local community experience

Also part of the programme is an immersion in a local community, with the participation of young brothers in the activities of the Marist Solidarity Mission, from the 20th to the 22nd January, together with collaborators from the Province of Brasil Centro-Sul, laypeople and young people from the Vida Feliz programme and the Young Laity.

Cruz del Sur, in 2021

Once the itinerary is completed in Curitiba, the participants will return to their communities and follow the task assigned to them, whether studying or on a mission.

In January 2021, they will meet again, this time in the Province of Cruz del Sur.

LEBANON

THE FRATELLI PROJECT CONTINUES TO WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE DESPITE THE CRISIS

In spite of the political crisis in Lebanon and the social protests that have been taking place since October 2019, the community of Fratelli continues to work and develop free socio-educational programmes in favour of hundreds of children and young people, poor and refugees, thanks to the generosity of the donors, and the efforts of the laypeople, volunteers and De La Salle and Marist Brothers of the association.

In the context of the protests that began in October, due to the political situation, the associations and centres of the Fratelli project had to close their doors for some time. They were also forced to postpone the formation of Resilience Tutors until 2020, and even to postpone the visit of some donors.

From November 6, there was a certain tranquillity and classes resumed. Social mobilizations were concentrated in some cities, especially in Beirut, but did not affect the development of activity in schools and social centres. Although it had to be stopped on November 13 and 25.

In October, November and December two courses (60 hours each) were held for young adults in partnership with the Italian NGO CESVI.

At the end of January, following the decree for the formation of a new cabinet of ministers, the demonstrators returned to the streets to express their rejection of the government, and as a result of the clashes between the security forces and the demonstrators, hundreds of people were injured. In view of the



difficult situation, some schools in Beirut and the surrounding area had to close for a couple of days, but Fratelli Rmeileh has tried to continue its activities in a normal way.

For now, in the midst of the social crisis, there is a period of calm.

In Lebanon, one third of the 4.5 million Lebanese live below the poverty line. In addition, the country is home to 1.5 million refugees, the vast majority of whom are Syrian, and the war in Syria continues.

The Fratelli Project was created in 2016 in Lebanon by the Congregations of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the Marist Brothers in response to the emerging and urgent needs of the most vulnerable children and young people at risk ([Read the letter of the Superiors General](#)). It mainly serves Syrian and Iraqi children displaced by the wars in the Middle East.



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