

This is the second meeting of the Regional Council and we focus, above all, on continuing to make decisions to shape the structure of the Marist Europe Region. In addition, the meeting with the heads of the various secretariats in Rome helped us to have a more global vision as part of the Institute .

REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Regional Council is made up of the provincials:

- Br. Tomás Briongos (Compostela), who acts as president.
- Br. Moisés Alonso (Ibérica)
- Br. Pere Ferré (L'Hermitage)
- Br. Juan Carlos Fuertes (Mediterránea)
- Br. Robert Thunus (West Central Europe)

The Brother General Councilors, liaison for Europe, are participating :

- Br. João Carlos do Prado
- Br. Ben Consigli

Regional Secretary:

- Br. Teodorino Aller

Translators:

- Br. Teófilo Minga
- Br. Luis García Sobrado

The meeting was by videoconference on November 4 and 5 starting at 10:00 am and ending at 14:00 pm.

1. Model of the communication for the Europe Marist Region.

To deal with this subject, we start with the study that each provincial council provides. In the same way, the document contributed by the communication team of the Spanish Marist Conference is studied .

Model of communication we wish for the Europe Marist Region.

- We believe that communication will help create a Region identity in terms of life and mission. It will also serve to convey who we are and how we can collaborate. To do this, it is important to provide us with common policies or criteria that each province and each country can implement in its specific reality. That is why it is necessary to elaborate a Regional Communication Framework.
- We started from a path followed by the four provinces with a presence in Spain (CME) and now it is time to extend it to the whole region. We are sure that working together will help us generate synergies and undertake common initiatives among the five provinces.
- To do this there will be a communications team that will be transversal to the life and mission of the entire Region and that will have the support of the Regional Secretary. The team will consist of one person from each province.
- Ms. Imma Amadeo Gurí (L'Hermitage) is appointed coordinator for one year.

Marist Publication XXI Century

It is approved that the paper publication "Maristas Siglo XXI" ends with the course 2020-21 after seven years of life.

It is approved the creation of a digital communication portal, starting with the 2021-22 school year and which will be designed during the 2020-21 school year. The Communication Team will be responsible for the design of this publication with the necessary technical support .

2. Appointments:

Coordination and Monitoring Team of the Region: Ángel Prieto, Br. Andreu P. Sánchez, Br. Teodorino Aller and Secretary of Mission.

Liaison for initial formation with the Secretariat of Brothers Today in Rome until June: Br. Nicolás García.

Community of Syracuse:

- Reference person between community and region/province: Ms. Regina Biasibetti.
- Canonical representative to the diocese: Br. Giorgio Banaudi
- Coordinator of the apostolate: Br. Ricardo Góméz.

We continue to take steps towards the appointment of a Secretary of Mission.

3. Budget and countability of the Region 2021.

The operating budget of dependent international teams and communities is approved.

It is proposed that the international communities of Syracuse and Moinesti include in their budget the external funding they already have or may obtain in the future.

Because the Marist Region of Europe does not yet have a recognized legal structure, we approve that the accounting of the Region be unified through the Spanish Marist Conference, a recognized legal and fiscal entity.

4. Calendar and formation actions.

It is approved that there be a single calendar for the whole Region that includes all the formative actions that are being organized, the meetings of European teams and any other activity that the Regional Council approves to animate Marist life and mission.

5. Encounter with Secretaries of Rome.

On the 5th, the second work session began with a meeting by videoconference with Brother Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, and the different secretariats of the General Administration with the following objectives:

- To strengthen ties between the European Region and the General Administration.
- To share from the General Administration some global and specific priorities for Europe.

TECHNICAL ASPECTS

- The current GCE and EMF intranets will soon be discontinued.
- The Office 365 Teams platform will be used for the entire region. All the information of the teams will be hosted in this platform.
- The domain will be used: **champagnat.eu**
- The logo of the region will be:



- Three official languages will be used in the Region: Spanish, French and English.
- The publications of the annual report and statistics for the whole Region will be made.

Here we briefly summarize the main lines presented:

Education and evangelization: Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas points out that there are 7 lines of work in the secretariat and presents his projects for a network of schools and pastoral animators.

FMSI: Mr. Andrea Rossi presents activities and people working in his secretariat, as well as projects related to the defense of children and collaboration with the secretariat of solidarity.

Solidarity: Brother Angel Diego Garcia highlights his work with the global Marist family fund for humanitarian emergencies and the provision of training in children's rights. He highlights his support for Lebanon, Syria and the District of West Africa.

CMI: Br. Valdicer Civa Fachi speaks of the negative impact of the Covid on volunteering as well as the Fratelli Project and the approach they have with the SED delegates.

Brothers Today: Brothers Angel Medina and Lindley Halago indicate that the formation program planned for 2020 has been cancelled and that work is being done on a new program. The General Council has appointed a commission to review the Formation Guide.

Laity: Mr. Raúl Amaya presents the project of the International Forum on Lay Vocation and Associative Structures. He also speaks about the course for the formation of leaders of vocational animation.

La Valla 200: Brother Jeffrey Crowe comments on aspects of the communities based in Europe (Syracuse and Moinesti). He speaks of the network of communities as a good area for sharing experience and spirituality among communities.

Br. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez closes the meeting indicating that in spite of the pandemic, great efforts are being made to continue with life.



This meeting ended on November 5, having dealt with all the points that were planned.

We are grateful for the creativity and dedication of so many brothers and lay people who make possible the who make possible the reality of the Region in Europe that we all dream of.