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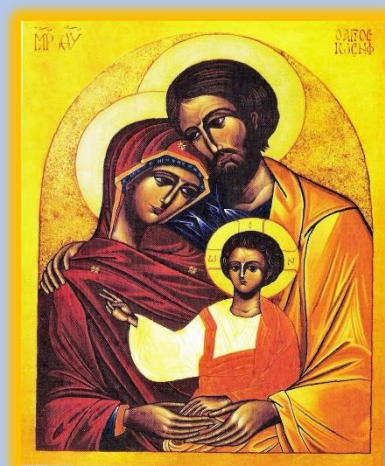
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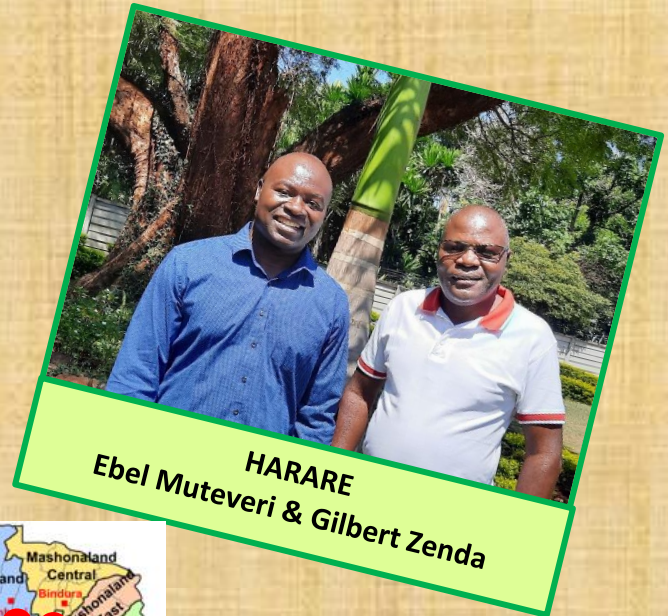
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MARY, GENTLE AND HUMBLE: HOW TO BE A SERVANT- LEADER

MESSAGE FROM BR. NORBERT



Mary's life was imbued with the virtues of gentleness and humility that made her a servant-leader and a great gift to the Church and to the Marists of Champagnat.

Marcellin, in giving us Mary, wished that we live by her spirit as both mother of Jesus and a perfect disciple of Jesus. Growing up at the home in Nazareth, the child Jesus must have learned and experienced a great deal of his Mother's gentleness and humility of spirit that shaped his life's attitude, "Learn from me for I am gentle and humble of heart." (Mt 11:29)

Mary as a young woman listened to the message of the angel and said an absolute yes in faith, humility and courageous generosity. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Mary is an inspirational woman: she listened and sought to understand how it was going to be, and then accepted in freedom the will of God to be done in her life. Her responsiveness and availability to carry out the mission entrusted to her, are a model for the attitudes and values to uphold in Marist life and mission.

We serve others when we encourage the practice of mindfulness and listening for the voice of God as Mary did. "Our lives as servant-leaders begin when we tune in to one another and share communication in a space of reciprocity." (Jessica Zisa).

Servant-leaders remind us of the importance of listening and the practice of mindfulness to

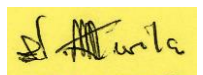
whatever message is being communicated to them. The gospel of Luke makes it clear that Mary often kept things and pondered them in her heart. It's a vital attitude in which listening allows one to look within the inner self and become more conscious of the right way to follow and avoid barriers that inhibit the ability to listen effectively.

At the wedding at Cana when Mary instructed the stewards to do whatever Jesus would tell them, she acted as a sensitive and compassionate Mother to the needs of others. Her intervention and leadership was dependent on her ability to listen and perceive the needs of others outside herself. With her positive sensitivity, she leads by example.

"When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying ... all these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women and Mary, the mother of Jesus and his brothers" (Acts 1:12-14) Servant-leaders prioritise moments of daily prayer either as individual or in community. Under the influence of the Spirit and in the presence of Mary who is the first Superior of the Institute, we are enabled to do much good and provide support and encouragement in our ministry in the Church. We assume the position of the lighthouse: a beacon of hope in society in our troubled times and moments of uncertainty.

In our response to live in the way of Mary who was gentle and humble, and so became a servant-leader, we pray:

"Lord, we thank you for giving us Mary as our Mother. As a young woman, she listened to your angel announcing a very special vocation for her life. Strong in faith and courageous in generosity she answered YES. May more young men and women of our time respond to your calls to spread the Good news of Jesus Christ through lives of service to your people."


NORBERT

BIRTHDAYS

MAY	
01-05-1987	Godfrey Kadzuwa
03-05-1992	Andrew Mandala
06-05-1967	Arthur Ganiza
08-05-1936	Jesus Sánchez Martin
09-05-1984	Victor Mwamba
10-05-1956	António Sanasana
11-05-1971	Gilbert Zenda 50
14-05-1996	Hope Chinomba
15-05-1975	Kasongo Mwape
17-05-1982	Chrisantius Mwansa
20-05-1993	Samuel Longenda
23-05-1941	Neil McGurk 80
24-05-1994	Peter Joseph
25-05-1987	Joseph Daka
25-05-1991	António Armando
25-05-1992	Yob Mathias
30-05-1996	Daniel Sakala
31-05-1936	Christopher Zimmermann
JUNE	
01-06-1973	Lourenço Sapalo
02-06-1994	Anderson Kafatsa
03-06-1983	Lizi Igoy (Atlantis)
05-06-1976	Jacob Mutingwende
09-06-1989	Steven Chinsolo
11-06-1970	Stephen Phiri
12-06-1996	Paul Chikaola
13-06-1964	Bernard Chirombe
13-06-1992	António Kasombo
14-06-1958	Simeon Banda
14-06-1990	Manuel Simão
24-06-1992	Kudakwashe Blessed Vambe
25-06-1983	Peter Zulu
25-06-1984	Davy Mbasela
30-06-1990	Celestino Ngonjo

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS

MAY

That those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate financial markets and protect citizens from its dangers. Amen.

JUNE

That young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience. Amen.

REMEMBER

OUR BROTHERS &
OTHER MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT,
RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND BENEFACTORS
WHO HAVE DIED
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

PRAYER DURING THE PANDEMIC

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic. To you who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves.

O Clement, O Loving,
O Sweet Virgin Mary.

Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference



BROTHER MARCEL DENIS POPELIER

18 March 1934 – 5 March 2021



Brother Marcel was born in Belgium and died in his home country just short of his 87th birthday.

Once he had reached the official retirement age in Belgium, he offered himself for work in Africa. Many Brothers from Africa and Madagascar will remember his presence at the Marist International Centre in Nairobi in the 1990's and the early years of the new century.

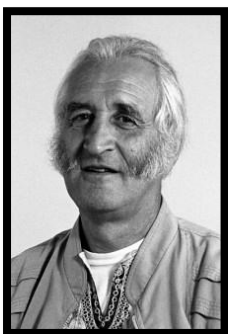
Marcel occupied himself with the vegetable garden on the campus, extending it considerably with the help of poor women living in the area. Marcel had access to funding that enabled him to provide them with a modest stipend. Many of them will also mourn his passing.

May he rest in peace.



FR. LUIGI CLERICI (RESIDENT AT MIC 1987-2003) RECALLS ...

(In the previous issue of this Newsletter, there is a report on the death (on 13 February 2021) of Marist Father Bob Barber who served at MIC during the early part of the 1990's. Father Luigi, [currently over 90 and living in retirement in the Bishop's complex in Ngong some 15 km from MIC] wrote to the editor as follows. His text has not been edited except for two minor corrections. Editor)



Fr Luigi Clerici

Now I see that Bob was twenty years my junior at MIC I never perceived such an age difference!

In 1994, his year of leaving MIC, I was already 64, while 65 is the Swiss retirement age with old age pension beginning. So instinctively I did not want to learn something radically new with this internet gadget at that age. This was the reason why I needed the encouragement of that much

younger Aussie to buy a PC (paid more than 4000 \$, imagine!) and being taught its use by Brother Fergus.

The year after, I typed already my collection of patristic texts to be printed in Zimbabwe, and today in my solitary confinement episcopal prison what would I be without this laptop which is keeping me alive and in communication with many from 8:AM to 6 PM day by day.

Thanks Mario at Joburg for your interest in this my autobiographical snippet with you Marist Brothers whom I was privileged to serve as a Chaplain for 16 of my best years, praise the Lord for this great Congregation struggling to become evangelisers of this African Continent of which they claim this youngster one has the future of the Church!

STATISTICS OF THE INSTITUTE 31 DECEMBER 2020

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
PROVINCIAS	TEMPOR	PERPET	IRMAOS	PRIM.PRI	PROF. PER	FALECID	IRMAOS QUE SAIRA	TEMP. SALID	PERPET. SALID	NOVICO	CASAS	COMUNIDAD	IRMAOS NAS COMUNIDADE		
AFRIQUE CENTRE-EST - CENTRAL EAST AFRICA (2003)	19	72	91	6	0	1	1	1	0	0	16	17	157		
AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST - WEST AFRICA - ÁFRICA DEL OESTE (2003)	21	61	82	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	12	14	65		
AMÉRICA CENTRAL (1949)	2	86	88	1	0	4	1	0	1	2	16	17	83		
AMMINISTRAZIONE GENERALE (1817)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	8	43		
AUSTRALIA (2012)	12	189	201	0	0	5	1	0	1	0	47	48	196		
BRASIL CENTRO-NORTE (2003)	16	80	96	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	22	22	91		
BRASIL CENTRO-SUL (2002)	7	73	80	3	0	3	3	0	3	0	18	18	78		
BRASIL SUL-AMAZÓNIA (2015)	5	103	108	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	25	25	106		
CANADA (2002)	0	88	88	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	13	14	87		
COMPOSTELA (2004)	2	169	171	0	0	5	1	1	0	0	23	23	160		
CRUZ DEL SUR (2003)	3	79	82	0	0	9	2	0	2	0	17	17	79		
DISTRICT OF THE PACIFIC (2013)	6	70	76	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	15	19	71		
EAST ASIA (2007)	21	84	105	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	25	27	124		
EUROPE CENTRE-OUEST - WEST CENTRAL EUROPE (2000)	0	86	86	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	21	24	85		
IBÉRICA (2004)	0	136	136	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	22	23	145		
L'HERMITAGE (2003)	1	227	228	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	35	37	218		
MADAGASCAR (1982)	8	45	53	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	11	11	42		
MARIST DISTRICT OF ASIA (2013)	19	0	19	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	11	11	30		
MEDITERRÁNEA (2003)	1	162	163	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	23	23	154		
MÉXICO CENTRAL (1959)	7	68	75	0	0	6	1	0	1	1	16	16	72		
MÉXICO OCCIDENTAL (1959)	18	98	116	8	1	4	1	1	0	5	27	27	113		
NIGERIA (1992)	35	81	116	6	0	1	1	1	0	0	16	16	85		
NORANDINA (2003)	14	94	108	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	24	24	104		
SANTA MARÍA DE LOS ANDES (2002)	3	66	69	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	19	19	72		
SOUTH ASIA (2007)	5	50	55	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	13	14	53		
SOUTHERN AFRICA - ÁFRICA AUSTRAL (1999)	44	66	110	5	2	2	0	0	0	8	25	26	93		
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - USA (2003)	1	117	118	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	29	31	114		
	270	2450	2720	42	7	95	20	9	11	19	548	571	2720		

CONCEPTO	VALOR
Novicios	65
Hermanos de votos temporales	270
Hermanos de votos perpétuos	2450
Total de Hermanos	2720
Comunidades	571
Lugares (Casas)	548
Primeras profesiones	42
Profesiones perpetuas	7
Temporales salidos	9
Perpetuos salidos	11
Fallecidos	95

IVORY COAST

MARIST BROTHERS PROMOTE ACCESS TO WATER IN THE TOWN OF BOUAKÉ WHERE THEY RUN A SCHOOL



In 1993, the Marist Brothers in Spain set up a registered NGO called **SED** to promote education and development in places of need. On receiving requests for funding for modest projects (e.g. \$6,000), SED does a thorough analysis of viability before approaching funders for assistance.

In this case, the Brothers community together with the Parish of Saint Marie identified the need for drinking water for the people of La Zona in the city of Bouaké, in central Ivory Coast. The water that had been provided to this area of the city had not been tested in any way for potability.

The project in this case involved the provision of a borehole on church property. Thanks to the funding from the Mutua Madrileña Foundation, drilling began. The borehole workers found a strong aquifer of high-quality water at a viable depth and so improved the lives of the many people living in La Zona.

The Brothers monitored the progress of the work throughout the process. A video showing the implementation of the project can be viewed at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=noPUJwp1RO4&feature=youtu.be>

SED (Solidarity, Education, Development) is a non-profit, non-governmental development organisation (NGO) of the Marist Brothers of Spain. It works mainly promoting the Right to Education in Africa and Latin America as well as in some Asian and European countries. In Spain it works in the field of Education for Development and Social Advocacy.



FROM THE CONSTITUTIONS OF THE INSTITUTE (2020)

WITH MARCELLIN,
LEARNING FROM MARY

50 Following the example of Marcellin Champagnat, we turn to Mary as sons to their mothers. We draw inspiration from her, as our sister in faith, to live as disciples of Jesus.

We nourish in ourselves her spirit through personal prayer, and the study of Mariology.

RWANDA: SOLIDARITY WITH THE VULNERABLE

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me (Mt 25:40).

Inspired by this Gospel text, the Marist community of Mururu, in Rwanda, in the Province of Africa Central-East (also known as *PACE*), and their Teacher Training College (TTC) students, do their apostolic work among vulnerable people in their neighbourhood. At Rusizi Handicap Centre, the Brothers and students carry out activities including helping to feed the disabled children,

donating food and hygiene material items to support them, and from time to time they sing or perform a dance to put smiles on the faces of the disabled children.

The Marist community of Mururu together with their students and teachers also carry out other benevolent activities in their neighbourhood including constructing sanitary facilities and preparing firewood for poor and elderly people.

Br. Jean Mfurayase



ICON OF ST JOSEPH THE DREAMER



POPE FRANCIS VISITS IRAQ – MARCH 2021



**AN ACT OF LOVE:
Pope Francis' Pilgrimage of Peace**

Pope Francis' extraordinary visit to war-weary Iraq, now safely completed, sums up his pontificate in two remarkable ways. He went to bring succour and support to the remaining Christian communities, among the oldest in the world, which had suffered grievous persecution at the hands of Islamic State (IS). He was the Good Shepherd risking all out of concern for every member of his flock. And he came to preach peace, epitomising the words of Jesus: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

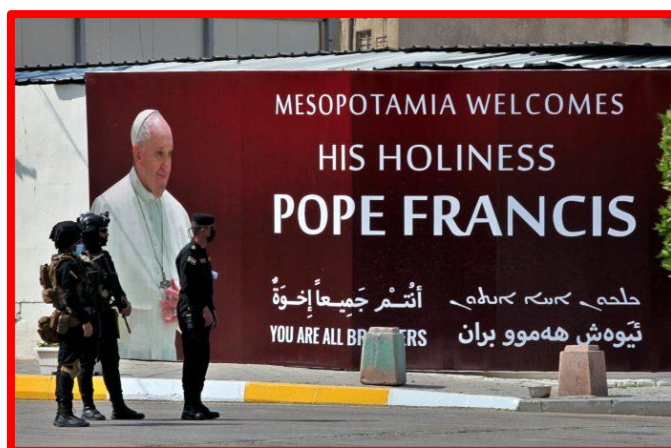
The other part of his mission was to show the futility, insanity and sheer evil of violent conflict between religions. He had in mind not just the determination of IS to obliterate Christianity from the self-styled Caliphate, and the brutal Islamist treatment of other faiths it had taken exemption to, especially the Yazidis, but the fundamental source of conflict throughout the region – the divide between followers of the Sunni and Shia versions of Islam. He demonstrated again the power of symbolic actions, exemplifying the call attributed to St Francis of Assisi, "Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words."

The picture that spoke louder than words was of the Pope holding the hands of the eminent Shia religious authority, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani. Sistani has been a constant critic of the war-mongering message of the Shia leadership in Iran, which had meddled with Iraqi nation-building to keep the two main Muslim communities apart and is meddling still in Yemen and elsewhere. Violence in the name of religion, said Francis, was a form of blasphemy; fraternity was stronger than fratricide. Those words seemed to reverberate way beyond the limits of the shrunken Christian communities he was addressing, because they echoed

the thoughts and prayers of millions of Muslims exhausted by religious conflict.

Papal visits cannot be weighed by their immediate results, but they leave a legacy of symbolic images and abiding perceptions that can resonate for decades afterwards, shaping cultures in the long term. Pope Francis has an intuitive grasp of the soft power he wields, a more than adequate response to Stalin's famous sneer – "How many divisions has the Pope?" Yet Christians must not forget their own culpability in the use of violence to pursue religious ends, not least in the wake of European colonialism but also in the fratricidal civil wars and religious persecutions that followed the Reformation.

Pope Francis sees the great task that faces humanity is to protect the physical environment so that the planet remains habitable – a cause which could bring him to Scotland this autumn to attend the global warming summit – and to cleanse the hearts of men and women across the globe of their poisonous addiction to domination and discrimination. He seeks to convince them of the great truth that they are all members of the same family, and are connected not only with each other but with the whole of creation. That was at the core of his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* and of his visit to Iraq, and indeed of everything he does – using words only "when necessary". (*The TABLET 13 March 2021*)



Pope Francis with Iraqi President Barham Salih and first lady Sarbagh Salih before leaving Baghdad for Rome on Monday 8 March

Blessed are the
PEACEMAKERS

PHOTOS FROM THE MARIST WORLD

Marist World



Vietnam
Marist District of Asia



Spain
Temporary profession of Br Rui Pires, Valladolid



Canada
Jeunesse Mariste – PJM



Uruguay
Maristas San Luis de Pando School : 80th anniversary



Greece
Leonteos School di Nea Smymi – benefaction



New Zealand
St Paul's College, Auckland



A MODERN LITANY OF OUR LADY

OPENING PRAYER

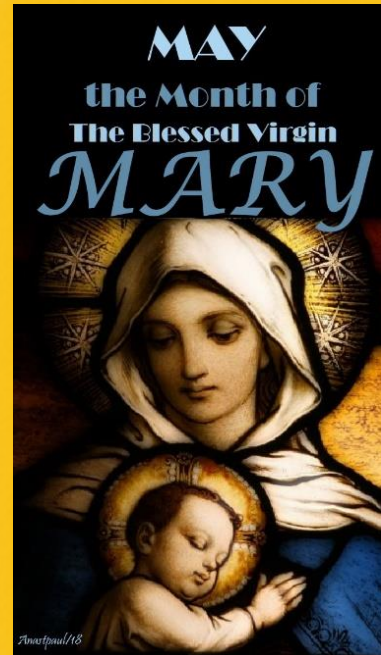
"Glory to you, God our creator...Breathe into us new life, new meaning.
Glory to you, God our saviour...Lead us in the way of peace and justice.
Glory to you, healing spirit...Transform us to empower others."

Mary, wellspring of peace...	"Be our guide":
Model of strength...	"Be our guide"
Model of gentleness...	"Be our guide".
Model of trust...	"Be our guide"
Model of courage...	"Be our guide"
Model of patience...	"Be our guide"
Model of risk...	"Be our guide"
Model of openness...	"Be our guide"
Model of perseverance...	"Be our guide"
Mother of the liberator...	"Pray for us"
Mother of the homeless...	"Pray for us"
Mother of the dying...	"Pray for us"
Mother of the nonviolent...	"Pray for us"
Widowed mother...	"Pray for us"
Mother of the political prisoner...	"Pray for us"
Mother of the condemned...	"Pray for us"
Mother of the executed criminal...	"Pray for us"
Oppressed women...	"Lead us to life"
Liberator of the oppressed...	"Lead us to life"
Marginalized woman...	"Lead us to life"
Comforter of the afflicted...	"Lead us to life"
Cause of our joy...	"Lead us to life"
Sign of contradiction...	"Lead us to life"
Breaker of bondage...	"Lead us to life"
Political refugee...	"Lead us to life"
Seeker of sanctuary...	"Lead us to life"
First disciple...	"Lead us to life".
Sharer in Christ's ministry...	"Lead us to life"
Participant in Christ's passion...	"Lead us to life"
Seeker of God's will...	"Lead us to life"
Witness to Christ's resurrection...	"Lead us to life"
Woman of mercy...	"Empower us"
Woman of faith...	"Empower us"
Woman of contemplation...	"Empower us"
Woman of vision...	"Empower us"
Woman of wisdom and understanding...	"Empower us"
Woman of grace and truth...	"Empower us"
Women, pregnant with hope...	"Empower us"
Woman, centred in God...	"Empower us"

CLOSING PRAYER

"Mary, Queen of Peace, we entrust our lives to you.
Shelter us from war, hatred, oppression.
Teach us to live in peace.
Inspire us to act justly, to revere all God has made.
Root peace firmly in our hearts and in the world. Amen."

https://liturgy.blogs.com/liturgy_reflections/2006/05/a_modern_litany.html



CHALLENGES IN COMMUNITY LIVING

Br Simeon Banda – Master of Novices in Mtendere



Novices (2020 intake) and Formation Staff at Mtendere – Feb. 2021

Back Left: Br Patrick Banda; Back Right: Br Denis Ntacyica; Front Right: Br Simeon Banda M.N.

On 27 February 2021, Spiritan Father Sylvester Kasimbi facilitated a day of Recollection at the Mtendere Marist Novitiate. Taking as theme, ***“The Challenges of Community Life”***, he showed that among the group of the twelve apostles, there were aspects that did not contribute to building up community. It is not the place here to report on Father Kasimbi’s input. I would rather dwell on 21st-century technology and the challenges it poses to the building up of sound community life.

Technology has become the contemporary challenge to community life. Technology can disturb the rhythm of our togetherness. Addiction to technology siphons away the energy of the community. The bridge builders of community life are morning, evening and night prayer together.

Members who are not available, should feel themselves as missing a gathering at home such as common recreation, or other events where we celebrate life, e.g.

birthday celebrations. Regular community meetings, projects, evaluations, outings, planning and discernment help the community to feel one in heart and mind (Acts 4:32ff). A community without love is a dead community. To have team A and team B community members.



Technology connects us to others very far away but disconnects us from those who are nearby.

Those nearby are denied access to us. A member leaving the table to answer a phone call can mark the end of the table conversation!

Wow! There is a real call for renewal here!

(Simeon Banda)



EVANGELISATION AND SCHOOL PASTORAL CARE PROVINCE OF BRASIL CENTRO- SUL

The Province of Brasil Centro-Sul has recently launched a document “Escola em Pastoral – Evangelisation and School Ministry”.

The “Escola em Pastoral” is a support for those charged with formulating objectives and strategies for Evangelisation and Pastoral Care in Schools.

The document was designed to offer a Christian, Catholic and Marist pathway, capable of leading young people towards an encounter with God, a meaningful spiritual life, and the discovery of the true meaning of life.



KIDS' ANSWERS TO A BIBLE QUIZ – Part 2

1. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
2. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar.
3. David fought with the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
4. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
5. When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
6. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manger.
7. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
8. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
9. Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you.
10. It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
11. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.
12. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
13. One of the opossums was St. Matthew who was also a taxi man.
14. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
15. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

TANZANIA - PICTURE OF INTEREST



MARIST BOYS SECONDARY SCHOOL, MWANZA, **TANZANIA** ...
Spot the General Councillors and other Brothers you may know!

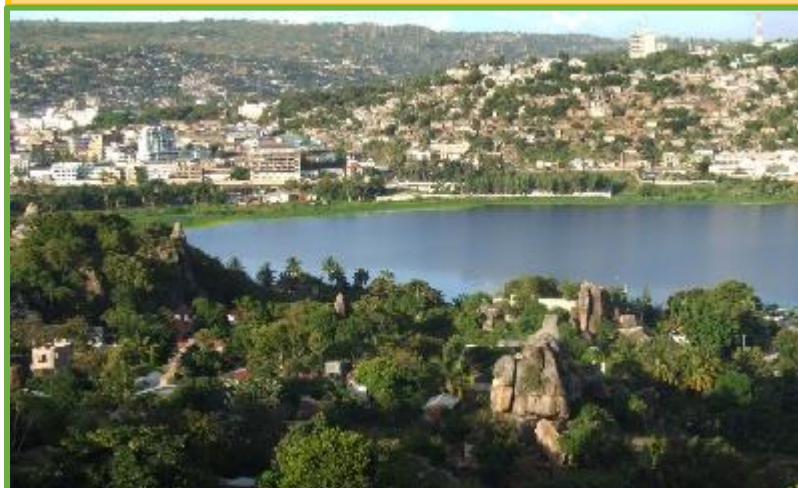
Tanzania is part of the Province of Africa Central-East ("PACE")
and lies directly north of the Province of Southern Africa



Marist Boys Secondary School, Mwanza



Mwanza on the south shore
of Lake Victoria



BR. VINCENT DE PAUL – NEW PRINCIPAL OF MIUC



The Conference of the Superiors of the African Continent (CSAC) has recently announced the appointment of Brother N'Guessan Vincent de Paul (Ivory Coast – [District of West Africa](#)) as the new Principal of the [Marist International University College](#). MIUC in Nairobi (Kenya) is the academic centre for the Brothers in formation living in the MIC community.

Brother Vincent de Paul replaces Brother Albert Nzabonaliba. Until his appointment to the highest office of the College, Brother Vincent de Paul served as Vice Principal Academic.

Br. Vincent de Paul is also part of the formation team at MIC. Currently, the formators are: Spiridion Ndanga (PACE), Christian Gisamonyo (PACE), Daniel Banda (Southern Africa), Nicholas Banda (Southern Africa), Alphonse Tiamaro (Madagascar), Elie Rasolonjatovo (Madagascar), Vincent de Paul Kouassi (MDWA), Peter Awoh (MDWA), Martin N. Mbeng (MDWA), Mark Anokwuru, Superior (Nigeria), Venantius O. Anochie (Nigeria), Moses Fegher (Nigeria).



EXPANSION AT THE MARIST-RUN SCHOOL IN LIBERIA



The school “Sister Shirley Kolmer Memorial Catholic School” (belonging to the Archdiocese of Monrovia and run by the Marists Brothers in Liberia), hopes to be able to welcome 600 students more for next academic year, beginning in September 2021.

“The current project is about increasing the number of classrooms and administrative offices. The population of the Barnersville community is rapidly growing and due to limited classrooms in our school, most of the children in the community are not able to gain admission”, said Br. Anthony Doe Siryeh, School Principal.

The project begun in November 2020 has been funded by the School’s PTA (Parent–Teacher Association). It

consists of building a 6-unit classroom block that will later contain 12 classrooms and 6 administrative offices.

The administration of [Sister Shirley Kolmer Memorial Catholic School](#) oversees the construction and Brother Anthony also supervises the project together with the contractor and the PTA Chairman. They are funding the project from the fees paid by students.

“We hope that the project will be completed by August 2021. However, there is an issue of funding to begin the 2nd and 3rd phases. The PTA has again begun writing series of communications requesting financial assistance from government and other stakeholders in Liberia because they have exhausted all of their savings in the first phase of the project”, said Br. Anthony.



SOUTHERN AFRICA NOVITIATE NEWS

DECISION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

SOUTHERN AFRICA - ÁFRICA AUSTRAL

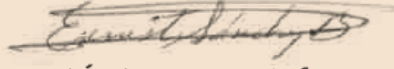
TRANSFER OF THE NOVITIATE FROM MATOLA, MOZAMBIQUE TO MTENDERE, MALAWI

On March 31st 2021, Br. Norbert Muila, Provincial of Southern Africa, requested the temporary transfer of the novitiate from Matola, Mozambique to Mtendere, Malawi.

In application of article 117 (9) of the Constitutions and Statutes, the Superior General with the consent of his Council authorizes the temporary transfer of the novitiate from Matola, Mozambique to Mtendere, Malawi. The current novices who started the Novitiate in Malawi in September 2020, under the direction of Br. Simeon Banda, will become part of the Novitiate that is moving, under the direction of the Novice Master (Br. Emmanuel Mwanalirenji) and Br. Simeon Banda will be part of the formation team.


Luis Daniel HERRERA MEZA, fms
Secretario General




Ernesto SÁNCHEZ BARBA, fms
Superior General

The above image is a portion of the document sent to Brother Norbert by the Secretary General. It records the decision of the General Council on 9 April 2021 approving the temporary transfer of the novitiate from Matola, Mozambique to Mtendere, Malawi.

We expect that the nine novices (2020 intake) seen in the photo on page 12 of this Newsletter will be joined by ten novices (2021 intake). The novitiate is now based at Champagnat House, Mtendere.

Only three aspirants – all from Mozambique – were admitted this year to the Postulancy currently based in the Brothers' house that was formerly attached to Mtendere Secondary School.

These arrangements have taken clear thinking and considerable time to work out. We thank Brother Norbert and all those involved in making the adjustments necessary because of the current **pandemic**.

Readers are invited to pray for these young men and their formation teams at this time of adjustment.



PROVINCIAL COUNCIL NIGERIA



Early in 2021, the Province of Nigeria held its Provincial Chapter. The picture shows the five Councillors who will assist the Provincial in the governance and animation of the Brothers.

There will certainly be **many Brothers of our Province who will remember them as fellow students at MIC**.

Br. Lucky- Paul Ogwu; Br. Benedict Umoh; Br. Henry Uzor; Br. Ekene Osuji; and Br. Clement Nwadike.

DREAMING ABOUT MARIST EDUCATION ...

from Dr Frank Mallow for the International Marist Mission Commission

We dream of Marist education that includes schools (and universities) and other educational realities, of educational communities that are dynamic and open to current educational and social trends.

We dream of schools as workshops of humanity, values and culture, with communities committed to human equality, inclusivity, and connectivity to their immediate environment.

We dream of an education connected to Jesus Christ, creative and open to dialogue and awakened to the great challenges of the world and the Church.

We dream of Marist education that integrally prepares children and young people for society and work that they will face in the “digital era” and the “fourth industrial revolution”.

We dream of a Marist education which educates for solidarity and service, successfully responding to the most marginalized.

We dream that the Marist international network of schools will be a project taken up by all, that it will become a reality, that it will allow us to feel and act as a global family, that it will allow us to connect, to improve and to innovate in what we do both academically and pastorally.

We dream that besides our schools we can strengthen other types of educational projects related to social promotion, the dignity of women, social economic development, the evangelisation of children and young people, and the promotion of human rights.

50TH YEAR OF MARIST PRESENCE IN KOREA



After the second year in the country, the Brothers received the first aspirants who started to live with the Brothers. The present Korea Sector house was bought in 1974 in order to accommodate the increasing number of Korean aspirants who joined the Brothers in this new project to continue the dream of Marcellin in the Land of the Morning Calm.

At present, there are 5 communities in Korea. Two of them are in Seoul, one in Ansan, a fourth in Chungju and the fifth is in Jechon.

This year of 2021, the Brothers in Korea are celebrating the 50th year of Marist presence in the country. One of the activities organized for the commemoration is a pilgrimage of an image of our Good Mother around the houses of relatives, friends, and benefactors of the Brothers. Such pilgrimage started during the first week of January.

The first four Brothers (Mexicans) arrived in Korea on September 13rd 1971. They were Br. Enrique Ruiz, leader of the community, Br. Jesús Rodríguez, Br. Sergio Gutiérrez and Br. Manuel Villarreal. Another group of four Brothers came in 1972, to complete the founding Marist community. Br. Héctor Villarreal, Br. Eduardo Ramírez, Br. Ricardo Piña and Br. Juan Castro, formed this second group.



The Community at Chungju works with young people with severe mental deficiency.



FIRST PROFESSIONS

NOVITIATE AT TUDELLA, **SRI LANKA**



First Professions

Four novices made their first religious profession at the [International Novitiate in Tudella](#) (Sri Lanka) on 25 March, the feast of the Annunciation. The new brothers are: Adelino Soares, Gaspar Teun, Isac de Jesus (all from East Timor) and Tran Ngoc Gioan (Vietnam).

Due to the pandemic, only a few Brothers from Sri Lanka and some family members participated in the ceremony.

Because of COVID-19, the four new confreres will probably stay in Sri Lanka until the borders are opened.

In the meantime, they will continue their scholastic studies on-line and carry out their apostolic activities wherever it is possible to do so.

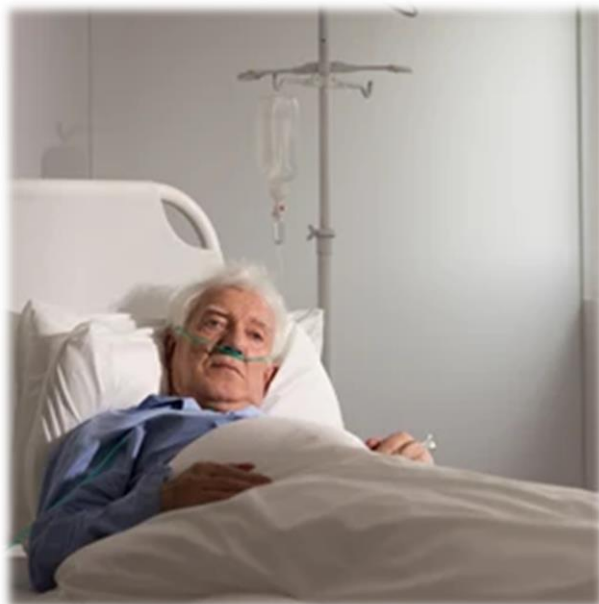
Renewal of vows



On the same day as the profession of the 4 novices, there was also the renewal of vows of the 6 confreres who made their first profession last year (Long, Phuc, Duy, Duc, Hai and Nghi, all from Viet Nam), who due to the pandemic are still in Tudella. There they are pursuing their scholastic studies and mission experiences in the Marist centres in Sri Lanka, pandemic situation permitting.



THE PRIEST'S DEATHBED



The venerable old parish priest was dying. He sent a message for his bishop and his lawyer to come to the hospital. When they arrived, they were ushered into his room.

The priest motioned for them to sit on each side of his bed. The priest grasped their hands, smiled, and stared at the ceiling. For a while the three sat in silence.

Both the bishop and lawyer were touched and rather honoured that the old priest would ask them to be with him during his final moments. They were also a little confused because they knew that the old priest never liked either one of them, since he had made no secret of his contempt.

Finally, the lawyer asked: "Father, why did you ask the two of us to come here?"

The priest replied weakly: "**Jesus died between two thieves, and that's how I want to go, too.**"

WELCOME BACK FROM MIC, BROTHERS!



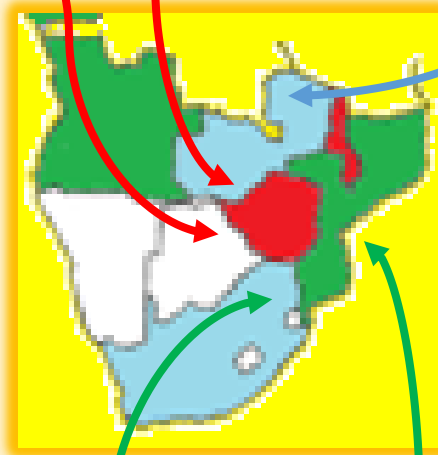
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TATI Golden
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A SELECTION OF PICTURES



Brother Vigilio Bwalya from Zambia in Bangladesh which is part of the Marist District of Asia



“The passion is still there, but age is catching up!” (Br PZ)



Brother Angel Mansoa celebrating his 86th Birthday in Spain. (He retired after several decades of ministry in Zambia and then in our novitiates both in Kutama and Matola)



Brother Lourenço Sapalo with pupils
Escola Marist Cristo Rei in Luanda, Angola

LIVING INTERCULTURALLY

Living interculturally as a global family is today a norm rather than an exception. It is an invitation to accept and celebrate our cultural and religious differences. I have lived this way with immeasurable joy for ten years; the joy one feels after having answered and lived the *AD GENTES* call and having to accept and celebrate the challenges of cultural and religious diversity that are inherent in a global family.
(You can see my smile on the previous page!)

Br Vigilio Bwalya, Marist District of Asia, Bangladesh

(Br Vigilio is from Zambia in the Marist Province of Southern Africa)



Brother Peter Zulu watching helplessly from St Joseph's Marist College,
as a recent fire on Devil's Peak ravaged through Rhodes Memorial Park
and parts of the University of Cape Town

THE IMAGE OF SAINT JOSEPH IN THE MAIN CHAPEL IN OUR GENERAL HOUSE



This fine mosaic measuring approximately 2m x 2m presides over the chapel of the community of Marists of Champagnat that collaborates with the General Council. This work represents the patronage of St Joseph over the Institute. The representation is framed by a platform on which the protagonists rest, framed by a sort of wooden portico from which hang two signs typical of the carpenters' guild: an axe and a square. The central figure depicts Saint Joseph, standing with his arms discreetly open, extending his protective mantle, to his right, over the family of Nazareth: Mary, seated on a bench, and Jesus, who rests seated on Mary's knees. And on the left, over

the Marist Family of Champagnat, represented by a picture of the main chapel at the General House. On the frontispiece of this church, a golden "M" is framed in a kind of stately coat of arms. Joseph holds a flowery crozier, symbol of the authority of the head of the family who brings about the sanctity of life of all those who come under his patronage. The staff of authority is under the dominion of St Joseph's hand, but the strength of this authority emanates from the hands of Jesus and Mary, who support him effectively. The work appears without the author's signature.

(Br. Antonio Martínez Estaún – Rome, 19 March 2021)