



CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

MARIST GLOBAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS ARRIVING

Brother Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General of the Institute, in [a video posted on the Institute's YouTube channel](#), invites everyone to reserve a space in their diaries to take part in the launch of the Marist Global Network of Schools, which will take place from the **25th to the 29th of October**.

“Educator or teacher, student or parent, executive or member of the Marist institution in any function, this moment is for you, and **we hope to see you face to face and celebrate your commitment**”, said Br. Luis Carlos.

In addition, the Vicar General summed up the launch of the Network as an experience that can be ex-



pressed in three words: encounter, exploration and communion. **“We have an exciting week ahead of us and we count on you to meet, get to know each other, explore and live Marist communion throughout the world”**, concluded Br. Luis Carlos.

Sign up for the [event created on the Institute's Facebook page](#) and follow all the information related to the launch week. [In the portal you will find more information about the network.](#)

general administration

- The Brothers who are part of the General Administration community were in Manziána from Monday to Tuesday to prepare the Community Life Project for the year 2021-22, which begins in Europe.
- The General Council meets twice this week, on Monday and Wednesday.
- Brothers Oscar and Sylvain, General Councillors, participate from Tuesday to Thursday in the Assembly of the South America Region, which is held virtually.
- Brother Ben Consigli, General Councillor, met on Tuesday with the New Province Executive Committee and the New Province Reference Group of the

- Region of Oceania as it works on forming a new Province Star of the Sea, which will encompass the Province of Australia and the District of the Pacific. The Executive Committee will meet again on Friday.
- The Council of Economic Advisors met on Tuesday, with the participation of Brothers Libardo Garzón, Econome General, Goyo, his assistant, and Ben.
 - Brothers Luis Carlos and Ben (General Council), Beto and Mark (Education and Evangelisation Secretariat), Ángel Diego (Solidarity Secretariat) and Valdicer Fachi (CMI) are meeting on Thursday to reflect on the process of revising the document Marist Educational Mission.

KIRIBATI MARIST YOUTH OUTREACH PROGRAMMES

The members of the Marist Youth Team at the La Valla center in Kiribati – Brothers Barry and Tabunga – carried out a reflection program for 167 young people in the parish of Betio. The event started on September 11 and lasted 4 days.

This agenda was based on 3 themes: Empowering Youth, Ecological Awareness and Spiritual Nourishment, and its main purpose was to allow the Marist Youth members to relate to and immerse themselves with other youth members and to share the Marist values and ideals.

Students from different schools (including Saint Louis) and those who are staying at home and receiving no education had participated in the project.

The program’s objectives were to allow the young people to be leaders of themselves, helping them with their studies before all the coming Exams this year, having opportunities for choices for their own future life, and doing some Voca-



tion Promotion including Marist Brothers’ Life.

The project was possible thanks to the donation made by the Sacred Heart College School, in New Zealand, which helped this program go very well and it could supply the participants with Charts, Pens, and books. The project was also supported by the Marist Youth members and Mr. Tawerio, lay Marist. “I also extend my gratitude and thanks to my community for understanding and supporting this event.” said Br. Tabunga.

“I have been blessed with an idea; Youth Outreach initiated by our dear Marist Brothers. I love this program and I realized that it is blessing for the many youth like me. I am very grateful for my beloved Saint Marcellin who teaches me how I can become a teacher of my same age, especially during my facilitating time”, said Teingira Totarawa. (USP Students 20 yrs)

“Firstly, I would like to Thank God for my life and a special way I thank God allowing me to be part of Kiribati Marist Youth. I am blessed being part of Brother Tabunga’s involvement with young people. My reflection is based on the love of God through people I encountered during the Weekend”, Reteta Ataia Riwata (Ex SLHS (USP students 20 yrs).

EAST TIMOR TEACHERS’ GRADUATION CEREMONY IN BAUCAU

After six months of waiting, due to the pandemic, the Instituto Católico para a Formação de Professores (ICFP), in Baucau, East Timor, held on 11 September 2021 its much awaited 15th Graduation ceremony.

Originally scheduled for early March 2021, the program was then postponed until June, and then finally permission from the Ministry of Higher Education was received to go ahead with the ceremony.

The first group of thirty-nine students were awarded the ‘Diploma de Licenciatura’, while the two other groups, each of thirty-five students, received the ‘Diploma de Bacharelato’. Senior Executive staff members, Mes-

EAST ASIA

The Province has begun consultations for the Chapter process which will run from 21-24 April 2022. The Provincial Assembly will be held online on 2 October. Andrés Magallanes will be the facilitator. All brothers and lay Marists are invited to participate.

AVIS, LEÇONS, SENTENCES

André Lanfrey's introduction to one of the last works of Br Jean-Baptiste Furet, one of the most complete presentations on the origins and spirit of the Institute by one of the first and most illustrious disciples of M. Champagnat, is now available: a kind of spiritual testament of its author, which deserves further consideration ([Read it in French](#))

BRASIL SUL-AMAZÔNIA

On 30 September and 1 October, the II Simpósio Juventudes Contemporâneas will be held, bringing together young people, educators, researchers and partners working with young people. The event, organised by the Province and PUCRS, aims to promote reflections on contemporary youth, based on approaches related to the different dimensions of youth life. [More details here](#)

SOUTH KOREA

On 12 September, Fr Joseph Kim Soi UI, a former Marist Brother affiliated to the Institute, celebrated Mass with the Brothers to give thanks for 50 years of Marist presence in the country. On the same day, Br. Alfredo celebrated his 50th anniversary of Marist life.



tra Domingas Belo Ximenes, and Mestre Mariano dos Santos coordinated proceedings and introduced the students as they were presented with their qualifications.

The ceremony was held in three parts to enable social distancing and the implementation of other precautions to keep the participants safe.

Margie Beck AM, the Deputy Director of the Institute, spent a month or so organising the pre-recording of Bishop Nascimento's opening prayer and message of support, the pre-recording of the guest speaker, Dr. João Cancio Freitas, and the pre-recording of 'Patria', the National Anthem and

an Institute song to Saint Marcellin Champagnat, sung by the ICFP students' choir – Br Michael McManus on the keyboard accompanied the singers.

At the end of the degree presentations, members of the Marist Ministry group (Pastoral Juvenil Marista – PJM) were awarded certificates of appreciation, as arranged by Mestra Domingas, the leader of PJM.

For health security reasons in times of pandemic, family members were not allowed to be in attendance. This is the first ICFP Graduation ceremony to be held during the pandemic.



South Korea

A HOME FOR ALL? AWAKENING AN ECOLOGICAL CONSCIENCE WITHIN US AND AROUND US

“Let us pray and work for our common home in these times of grave planetary crisis” Pope Francis has asked at the beginning of the 2021 Season of Creation, which runs from 1 September to 4 October, with the theme ‘A home for all? Renewing God’s Oikos’.

In line with the Pope’s call, Br Ernesto Sanchez, Superior General, also speaks about the care of our common home in his circular Homes of Light. We care for life and generate new life: **“To care for our common home, we all have to become ecologically literate and review our consumption habits. We must develop an ethic of care (...) Let us imagine how this theme of ecology and care for our common home could be considered in important decisions regarding structures, constructions, use of resources... and above all the positive influence we could have on so many**



Manatí, Puerto Rico

people, families, children and young people who, in their daily decisions, are transforming the world. To this end, we will try to make this theme of formation in ecology effective, using our educational and pastoral structures”.

The fifth call of the XXII General Chapter of the Marist Brothers also invites us to **“Awaken with in us and around us an ecological awareness that commits us to care for our common home”.**

The Time of Creation is the annual celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world joins together to pray for and protect God’s creation. Join the Season of Creation to participate in events or share resources that enrich the experience of the ecological season.



Br. François, first Superior General of the Marist Institute
27. Statue of Our Lady of Victories

To give thanks for the legal authorisation of the Institute, Brother François had two statues purchased and placed in the courtyard of the Hermitage. The first is a statue of Our Lady of Victories. In this way he invited the Institute to remember this grace and to renew its gratitude to the Good Mother. It does the same with a statue of St Joseph, to whom the Institute had prayed for authorisation. Today, the statue of Mary stands in the courtyard outside the Hermitage and that of St Joseph in the central courtyard of the House.



[Other episodes here](#)

marist world

MADAGASCAR: LYCÉE CATHOLIQUE ST JOSEPH – ANTSIRANANA



THAILAND: MARIST CENTRE FOR MIGRANTS, SAMUT SAKHON



BROTHERS' COMMUNITY OF THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION



LEBANON: COLLÈGE MARISTE CHAMPVILLE



V MISSION ASSEMBLY OF THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA



CUBA: INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY LAVALLA200> - HOLGUÍN

INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE LAY MARIST VOCATION

In the process of the [International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation](#), we are in 'Stage 2', which corresponds to the 'local and provincial or district meetings', and which will run from June 2021 to June 2022.

This stage involves the study and deepening of the proposed objectives and themes, at personal and community level. The dynamics will be developed in small groups made up of brothers, mixed communities, committed lay men and women, fraternities of the CMMF or other movements, in person, where possible, or on-line.

To support the dialogue of the communities, the Extended Secretariat of the Laity has prepared a series of indicators to guide the animation of the Provincial or Dis-



trict Teams and to help in the reflection of each fraternity or community of lay people and brothers and sisters. It consists of a series of cards to animate the meetings and which touch on each of the objectives of the Forum, with the intention of generating reflection and dialogue among all the lay people and brothers involved in this process and of formally welcoming their opinions and contributions to the Forum. The Provincial or District Teams responsible for the Forum in their respective Administrative Unit will animate this stage and distribute this material according to the calendar that each one has organised.

[Here you can access the material to develop this second stage in each AU: Forum Lay Vocation > Phase 2 – Champagnat.](#)

SECRETARIAT OF EDUCATION AND EVANGELIZATION MEETING WITH THE COORDINATORS OF EDUCATION

From September 14th to 16th 2021, three meetings were held with the Coordinators of Marist Education from all the provinces and districts of the Institute.

These meetings, an offspring of the ongoing preparation for the launching of the Marist Global network of Schools sought to brief the key actors in the Marist Education Mission the state of the art in relation to the network.

The Vicar General of the Institute, Brother Luis Carlos Gutierrez attended all the sessions and gave a word of encouragement and invitation to all the participants to see the birth of the Marist Global Network of Schools as the new era towards a synergy for better services to the children and young people we serve in line with the dreams and charisma of the Institute.

The Director of the Secretariat for Education and Evangelization, Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas, led the sessions and he made it clear



to the coordinators that the processes and the activities of this occasion will cascade down in their respective provinces and districts through them.

The launching of the Network will take place through a one-week online events from 25th to 29th of October 2021. During that week, two major things will be of interest:

- The **online summit** of the network to consolidate the areas of opportunities and proposals to be undertaken by the network. This encounter will use the Appreciative Inquiry methodology.
- The premiere and global broadcast of **three (3) video episodes** that will showcase the aim of the Marist Global Network of Schools. Kindly check and connect by linking up to our [Facebook event](#).

As we look forward to the countdown period, all the Marists of Champagnat are invited to be informed by checking the daily activities that will be announced on the website www.champagnat.global

BRAZIL UMBRASIL PROMOTES THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Entrelaça project, promoted by UMBRASIL, aims to improve public education and strengthen the system for guaranteeing the rights of children, adolescents and young people in the three Marist provinces that are present in Brazil: Brasil Centro-Norte, Brasil Centro-Sul and Brasil Sul-Amazonas.

The main objectives of the project are to protect, educate and transform, and to work to look after children

and young people in situations of vulnerability and social exclusion, through quality public education and the promotion of protagonism.

The project seeks to consolidate participatory instruments, through the articulation of related actors and collegiate instances of public power. And finally, to develop actions that promote autonomy and empowerment, based on the Global Pact for Education, Pope Francis'

Economy and the strategic plan of the Marist Institute.

The project aims to:

- Create a platform that brings together all the core projects to exchange best practices and data;
- Create a network governance to articulate actions throughout the territory where the project is implemented;
- Create and implement a Leadership and Counsellor Training Programme in Brazil;
- Structuring and monitoring the project's advocacy actions in rights councils, especially those on education, social assistance and children's and adolescents' rights.

More information about this Marist project in Brazil is available on the [UMBRASIL website](#).



MARIST INTERNATIONAL MISSION COMMISSION FORM GOOD CHRISTIANS AND VIRTUOUS CITIZENS

"Education will be inadequate and ineffectual unless we strive to promote a new way of thinking about human beings, life, society and our relationship with nature"

To educate for citizenship and to evangelise mean understanding the complexity of the world, the processes of interdependence and sustainability, and to promote a culture of encounter⁴ in order to work and build together. It means enabling children and young people to engage with humanity, to develop positive and critical thinking. It means offering ways of participating at all levels: local, national and international, and at the same time assisting in the discovery of the personal inner life in order to be able to welcome difference.

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To educate and evangelise means allowing children and young people to develop the values and attitudes that build cooperation, peace, respect for others and for creation, freedom, equality and universality.

[VII MESSAGE FROM THE MARIST INTERNATIONAL MISSION COMMISSION](#)

GENERAL HOUSE

BR. PATRICK MCNAMARA, NEW SUPERIOR OF THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION COMMUNITY

The Superior General, Br. Ernesto Sánchez, and his Council have appointed Br. Patrick McNamara, United States Province, as Superior of the General Administration community. He will take up his three-year mandate on 1 January 2022, replacing Br Antonio Sancamillo, from the Province of Mediterránea, who has been responsible for the animation of the General Administration community since 2015.

Br. Patrick McNamara

A native of Susquehanna, Pennsylvania, United States of America, Br. Patrick is son of Mary Dantini and RG McNamara. Susquehanna's population was nearly 3000 people, a railroad town, consisting of railroad workers like my family members, civil servants, small business owners, caregivers, and IBM'ers; most people in the town were Catholic or Christian. We were enclosed and surrounded literally and figuratively by the gentle Endless Mountains and lakes of Pennsylvania and local farmers and dairy cows. Family Spirit was the blessing of healthy parents, 2 brothers and 2 sisters, as well as grandmothers, aunts and uncles, and many cousins.

Br. Patrick grew up very Roman Catholic, always attending Catholic schools. After graduation from Laurel Hill Academy, an IHM school, he enrolled at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY. Here he met the lively and attractive community of Marist Brothers. After completion of his studies at Marist, including a year of studies in Paris, France, he would begin his initial formation program in Chicago and eventually join their Novitiate and be invited to make his vows in the community.

In the next 40 years, Br. Patrick enjoyed being a lifelong learner, a pilgrim, a teacher, a coach, a spiritual director, a disciple, a social worker, a Pastor, a catechist, a Vo-



cation Director, a musician, a Campus Minister, a Provincial, a Principal, a President, and a Provincial again and so much more. Many nouns to describe his very active and happy life, filled with many graces and blessings and many new beginnings; great communities, ministries, projects, and churches, cities and towns, brothers, strangers, friends, and partners.



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