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GENERAL HOUSE

25 – 29 OCTOBER: LAUNCH OF THE MARIST GLOBAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS

The Marist Global Network School project has grown in recent months, thanks to the collaboration of a team that is working assiduously on its implementation, and the time is now her for its launch, which will take place from the 25th to the 29th of October. The launch will have two worldwide events.

Summit

The summit will be a time to ground the yearnings and begin to define the initiatives and actions that can be further realized through collective work in interest groups.

Around 500 members of the Marist school community are expected to take part in the summit. It will be attended



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by provincial education leaders and those who have already participated in the pre-summits: principals, educators, students, parents of students. Participation is also open to anyone who has expressed an interest in being part of the

process of creating the Network.

Only invited participants will take part in this meeting.

At the end of the summit, groups will be formed around a theme to live the experience of making the Network a reality.

general administration

■ From Tuesday to Friday, Brothers Ernesto Sanchez, Superior General, and Ben Consigli, General Councillor, will participate in the meeting with the 5 Provincials of Europe held in Madrid, during the meeting of the Marist Region of Europe.

■ Br. João Carlos, General Councillor, is visiting the Province of Norandina. From Monday to Wednesday he participated in the Provincial Council meeting in Armenia. On Thursday he will visit the scholasticate in Manizales, and on Friday and Saturday, the novitiate in Medellín.

■ On Tuesday, Br. Mark Omede of the Secretariat for Education and Evangelisation, together with Andrea Rossi of FMSI, will meet with the leaders of the New Horizons Project of the Province of Southern Africa.

■ On the same day, the CMI Department is meeting with the technical team in Curitiba to continue working on the development of the Nexus platform for Marist Volunteers.

■ During the week, the Brothers Today Secretariat, together with the International Commission and other groups, continues the revision process of the Formation Guide and meets with different groups: scholastics from Africa (Monday), lay people from the Americas (Tuesday) and postulants, novices and scholastics from the Americas (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

■ On Wednesday, Brothers Angel and Lindley, directors of the Secretariat Brothers Today and the Inter-American Network of Marist Spirituality will participate in the VII Meeting of Formation and Coexistence with the theme “mysticism and fraternity”.

■ On Thursday, the Brothers Today Secretariat is promoting the third online meeting of Masters of Novices.

■ From Thursday to 27 October, Brothers Óscar, General Councillor, and Valdicer, Director of the CMI Department, will visit the Fratelli Project in Lebanon.

Video episodes – Live network launch event

Three video episodes will bring together the Marist school community during the launching week. All 600 schools, with 72,000 teachers and nearly 600,000 students and their families, across 5 continents will participate. It will be a pleasant way to interact with the global Marist family, to relive the dream of Marcellin Champagnat and to recreate it today through the Marist Global Schools Network.

The video episodes will have a duration of 30 minutes each, and will be broadcast to the international Marist school community, on the following days:

- Monday 25 October – 15:00 (Rome time), in Spanish, with subtitles in the other 3 languages
- Wednesday 27 October – 15:00 (Rome time), in Portuguese, with subtitles in the other 3 languages
- Friday 29 October – 06:00 (Rome time), in English, with subtitles in the other 3 languages

The video episodes will be subtitled in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French and to follow them live, and interact through the chat box, it is necessary to register on this platform: <https://champagnatglobal.eventfy.live/>

Next steps

Once the launch of the Marist Global School Network has been completed, the network activity will begin. Initially, there is a platform for those who wish to get involved in this experience to form a group around a topic of interest and thus maintain an interaction that allows them to meet and realize the initiatives they consider.

We will soon tell you in detail how the network is organized, how you can be part of it and what tools are available to make this initiative a reality.

For more information follow us at: <http://champagnatglobal.org/>

More on the network

What is the origin of the Marist Global Network of Schools?

It is a response to the call of the XXII General Chapter, to “Journey together as a Global Family”

What is the Network about?

The Network will provide a space, a platform: Champagnat Global, so that the entire Marist school community can meet globally and promote activities of interest, which promote educational quality, connection, exchange, innovation and technology, evangelization and social transformation.

It is the place where initiatives such as:

- Cultivate Marist identity and sense of belonging-
- Sharing experiences and best practices.
- Foster synergies and collaboration
- Promote exchange among members of the school community
- Carry out international academic projects.
- Promote solidarity and social transformation.
- ... and many other proposals that will emerge while the Network is being woven.

The Co-creation of the Network

The Marist Global Network of Schools is being developed collaboratively and will be the fruit of a co-creative process that ensures empathy and draws on the skills and richness of all members involved in the Marist educational task.

The network is weaving

As a result of the process of working with representatives of the Marist school community, a number of areas of opportunity and themes have emerged, which will be further developed at a summit and which will form the basis of the first groups that will make up the network activities.

Br. François, first Superior General of the Marist Institute

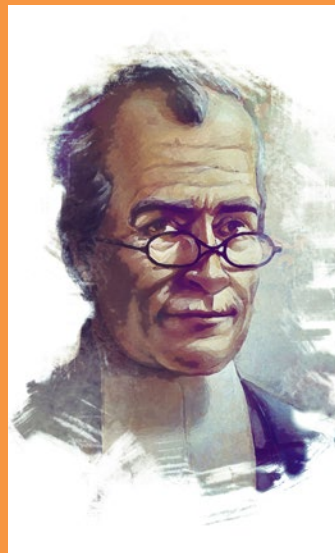
30. MARCELLIN'S MANUAL OF PIETY AND LIFE

Reflection on a spirituality proper to the Institute will continue. Already discussed (see #25) is the circular on faith written by Brother François. With the legal approval for France and the separation of the Marist Fathers, we will reflect on those aspects of the Institute that do not give identity. Two texts were published in response to the identity and spirituality proper to the Marist Brother.

In 1855, the Manual of Piety was published, which was at the same time a catechism for the formation of novices and an anthology of common prayers, in which Brother François played a great part.

In 1856, The Life of Joseph Benedict Marcellin Champagnat was published, the text was written by Brother Louis-Marie, Assistant General at the time of Brother François. This text was motivated and revised by Brother François. This text has been the principal work of study of the Founder's life for most of the Brothers. It has two parts, one emphasising the biography of the founder and the other emphasising his virtues.

Other episodes



CENTRAL AMERICA

The Province is developing formation materials, especially for lay people. On Mondays it sends out through the networks some short messages based on the examples of Champagne, with a short commentary. Another significant resource is “Keys to the Marist Educational Style”, now in its fifth issue. The latest issue has as its theme “The Pedagogy of Effort”: Educating resilience through self-discipline, strong will and solid values. [You can download all five issues here.](#)

BRASIL CENTRO-NORTE

On 11 October, Br Anton Alfons, known as Br Afonso, celebrated his one hundredth birthday. He lives in the Marist Residence Apipucos and is an expert artisan, having made more than one hundred nativity scenes. Since he was a child, at the age of twelve, he wished to be a missionary. At the age of fourteen he began his studies at Saint François Xavier in Grugliasco, Italy, and at the age of 17 he went to serve the Marist mission in Brazil.

PHILIPPINES

On October 14, the laity leaders of Philippine met to provide feedback on the process of International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation. Now on its third reflection point, the team is encouraged to prepare a similar process with other laity groups in their respective schools or areas.

AUSTRALIA

Sacred Heart College, which, has had boy boarders for the past 116 years and girls since 1998 has taken out the 2021 Australian Boarding Schools Association excellence in indigenous boarding award. This award acknowledges the many years of indigenous education, and the provision of a home away for indigenous boarders.

BRASIL SUL-AMAZÔNIA

PROVINCE BRINGS TOGETHER YOUNG PEOPLE IN HARMONY WITH THE COMMON HOME



More than eight hundred participants of the Marist Youth Ministry (MYM) of the [Province of Brasil Sul-Amazônia](#) took part in the Marist Youth Meeting on 2 October. The event, which took place both virtually and in person, was transmitted through the social networks of the Colégio Marista Assunção, Porto Alegre. The young people participated physically in different cities of Rio Grande do Sul, Brasília and Mato Grosso.

With the theme “Reconnect – in tune with the common home”, the event promoted reflections on what is necessary for the human being and for the world, and how young people can commit themselves to the integral care of life and the environment.

Br. Devis Fischer, provincial-elect for the next triennium (2022-2024), emphasised the significance of this day for the history of Marist Youth Ministry and said: “let us remember this historic moment and the

contacts that are being created on the way to the Civilisation of Love”.

“We are here for the people, and it is from them that the strength and unity we need to change the world comes. We are here for the young people who mean life and who are already building change in the present. It is time to be Marist Youth”, affirmed the assistant director of the Colégio Marista Assunção, Manoela Saldanha, during her participation.

As a concrete gesture marking the realisation of the 2021 meeting, the Colégio Marista Assunção planted a tree. All the Marist Units were also invited to make symbolic gestures in their areas of action.

The event concluded with the announcement that Colégio Marista Maria Imaculada, in Canela (RS), will be the provincial host of the Marist Youth Meeting 2022. [More information on this link](#)

BRASIL CENTRO-NORTE

MARIST DIRECTORS' FORUM: THE SCHOOL WE DREAM OF

In its third edition, the “Marist Forum of Managers” continues to be an area for formation, exchange, the projection of the mission and a stimulus for the principal leaders of the Province of Brasil Centro-Norte. Held from the 5th to the 7th of October, it brought together in Brasilia, managers, whether in person or virtually, to discuss the practice of education, in a renewed, updated and contextualised way. The Provincial, Br. Ataide José de Lima, opened the event with a reflection on the school that we are, in the light of the Marist founding values, enlightened by the proposal presented during the Global Education Pact, which invites us to put the individual at the centre of educational action. With a prospective outlook, he said “we wish to think about the school of the present, but also to dream of the school of the future”.

The end of the three-year term of the provincial administration is crowned with this meeting of leaders, evaluating the past, acknowledging the present and thinking about the future. The timing couldn't be better: soon the Assembly and the Provincial Chapter will move the Institution again! And in December a new triennium begins, inaugurated with the Provincial Chapter.

The school we dream of

Imagining the ideal school was part of the group dynamics of the meeting: the school we are, the school we wish and the school we dream of. The programme also included a presentation on the Global Education Pact and the Marist Fundamental Values, by Paulo César Pedrini and Br. Evilázio Teixeira; on the theme, the School of the present in dialogue with the future. The speakers were Ângelo de Souza, Dalila Oliveira and Mozart Neves. The vice-president, Brother Renato Augusto da Silva, dealt with the main themes of the triennium.

There were also cultural moments: a musical presentation by the Ariano Suassuna Armorial Orchestra, from the Marist College Pius X, and a Multilingual demonstration: Reglus, from the Marist College Pius XII.



The third edition of the Champagnat Award also had an area in the event and awarded the Socio-educational Units, in eleven categories: Recruitment of New Students, Marist in the Media, Student Loyalty, Technological Innovations in Evangelisation with Children and Young People, Actions of social impact in the context of the pandemic, and five other categories: Human Sciences, Natural Sciences, Languages and Codes, Mathematics, and Writing.

The Champagnat Oscar

The traditional award was also presented to the schools for the work conducted in the various categories mentioned above, in recognition of the good practices and performance of the units, throughout the year, in the development of actions and goals achieved.

Human Sciences, Nature, Mathematics and Languages and Codes: Dom Silvério; Drafting: Patos de Minas; Recruitment of New Students: Águas Claras; Marist in the Media: Araçagy; Student Loyalty: N. Senhora de Nazaré; Technological Innovations in Evangelisation with Children: Marist Apprenticeship; Technological Innovations in Evangelisation with Young People – Marist Apprenticeship; Technological Innovations in Evangelisation with Young People: São Luís; Actions of Social Impact in the context of the pandemic, solidarity: CEMADIPE.

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BRAZIL: FRATERNITY NOSSA SENHORA DA CONCEIÇÃO DE BALSAS, MÁ



MEXICO: COMMUNITY OF THE SIERRA TARAHUMARA



VIETNAM: RENEWAL OF VOWS



SPAIN: EUROPEAN TEAMS OF BROTHERS TODAY AND MARIST LAITY



SPAIN: EUROPEAN COUNCIL OF MISSION



PORTUGAL: COMMUNITIES RECEIVE THE CONSTITUTIONS AND THE RULE OF LIFE

MALAWI

75 YEARS OF MARIST PRESENCE AND JUBILEES RELIGIOUS LIFE

On 9th October Brother Denis Ntacyica celebrated his Golden Jubilee while Brothers Frank Mwambucha and Boniface Chirambo celebrated their Silver Jubilee at Marist Secondary school in Mtendere, Dedza, in Malawi. In addition, on this very day, Marist Brothers were marking 75 years of the Marist Brothers presence in Malawi.

Unity in diversity works among Marist Brothers: Brother Denis Ntacyica is from Rwanda (Province of East Central Africa). Brothers Boniface Chirambo and Frank Mwambucha come from Malawi (Southern Africa).

The main celebrant was Bishop Peter Adrian Chifukwa. Brother Norbert Mwira, the Provincial of Southern Africa was there. The Provincial Sister Mercy Mwira

too was in the audience. Diverse beneficiaries who passed through our institutions were present and spoke well about our presence. The Bishop also appreciated the works Marist Brothers are doing in Malawi. He encourages the Marists of Champagnat to remain faithful to the work they do and that they must also reach out to the poor. The Marists thank God for being with them and thank the Marist Brothers from Canada for coming to introduce the Marist Brothers way of life in Malawi. With God's help and Mary's intercession they hope to continue serving the country and the church through evangelization through education.

Marist Brothers apostolate in Malawi



The Brothers were invited to Malawi from Zimbabwe by the then Bishop of the Lilongwe Diocese, Bishop Fady, back in 1946. Since then, they have been working in schools and Teacher Training colleges. Nowadays there are in the country seven Marist communities and one group of lay Marist.

ROMANIA

ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT CENTRE BUCHAREST CELEBRATES ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY

On 6 October, the Saint Marcellin Champagnat Centre in Bucharest celebrated its 15th anniversary. In this centre in Romania, part of the Iberian Province, the Marists work with children, adolescents and young people in vulnerable situations.

The Saint Marcellin Champagnat Centre was opened in 2006 with the aim of providing and guaranteeing, for an indefinite period, a permanent home, a family environment, educational support, personal development and professional training for children, adolescents and young people between the ages of 6 and 18. The main objective of this work is to offer and facilitate a quality education that leads to social integration; to form the integral personality, to promote human and Christian values of respect, solidarity, generosity and love for those around us. The programmes have a deep socio-educational character and have as their main focus the areas of Bucharest and Ilfov County.

The Association of Marist Brothers in Romania was founded after the initiators of a programme of social and formative intervention became aware of the concrete situation in the different nations of Eastern Europe. At the beginning it was a small reception centre, but over time it has become a residential area for children and young people in a state of abandonment or



coming from fragile families who cannot take care of them.

The San Marcellin Champagnat di Bucarest centre consists of four houses where minors can live with dignity. Each house in the centre has a capacity for 8/9 minors. In the Marist centre, the aim is to provide the children with all the necessary elements for their biological, personal and intellectual development: food, clothing, school materials, health care, recreational activities, etc.

In these 15 years, the Marist Brothers of Romania, in the Province of Ibérica, have sown a future for each of the children living in the reception centre. More information on Marist activities in the country is [available in this links](#).



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