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## MARIST GLOBAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS

# LAUNCH OF THE CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL NETWORK

The week saw the launch of the Marist Global Network of Schools. In conjunction with the online meetings, which were attended by around five hundred participants, three video episodes were presented and viewed by 3,000 people. If you missed them, [you can watch them here](#).

The launch was the culmination of a process put in place by the Institute's Education and Evangelisation Secretariat, commissioned by the General Council. The week of events was only possible thanks to the dedication of the 3 Marist publishing houses (Edelvives, FTD e Gram), who took on the project, and the support of the company Fluir Eventos and the Instituto IDEA.

The next steps will be taken through the Platform created to continue building the Network, in the area called Agorá, which recalls the square of the Greek "Polis". [Sign up to the platform using this link](#).

More information on the Network's portal: [www.champagnat.global](http://www.champagnat.global)



## general administration

- From Tuesday to Saturday the Meeting of the International Commission working on the revision of the Formation Guide will be held in Guardamar. Brothers João do Prado and Óscar Martín, General Councillors, and the directors of the Secretariat Brothers Today, Ángel Medina and Lindley, are taking part.
- On Wednesday there was a meeting of the International Solidarity Commission, in which Brothers Luis Carlos, Ken and Ben from the General Council, among others, will participate.
- On the same day, the Solidarity Secretariat took part in a training session with FMSI on "Human Rights Defence Mechanisms". The course consists of five meetings and is organ-

ised in collaboration with the International Catholic Centre in Geneva.

- On Wednesday, the Council of the Network of Provincial Volunteer Coordinators (CPVs) met with CMI and the Curitiba IT team.
- On Thursday there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Marist Solidarity Network, organised by the Solidarity Secretariat, in view of the 2nd Assembly of the Network, to be held in February 2022.
- During this week, Br Jeff Crowe, responsible for the formation and accompaniment of the members of the Lavalla200> Project, is visiting the community of Moinesti, Romania.

GENERAL HOUSE

# INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON MARIST SPIRITUAL PATRIMONY

The International Commission on Marist Spiritual Patrimony held its last meeting of this year, 2021, on 25 October. Once again, it was held virtually and lasted two hours. As always, it was supported by the Secretariat of Brothers Today and the translator, Brother Teófilo Minga. All the members were present except Br. Guillermo Villareal, who had another commitment.

The Commission continued with the organisation of the 40th issue of Marist Notebooks and thanked the various contributors for the publication. Once the texts have been finalised, they will be translated. Dyogenes Philippsen reported on the progress made and on the measures that are being taken to ensure a better diffusion of this publication by the Institute and its valuation as a scientific reference.

Br. André Lanfrey provided information on publications in the FMS Studia series.



The project on a future Heritage Course for the Institute was the main topic of the next meeting.

The group planned a calendar of meetings for the year 2022. The first virtual meeting will be on 27 January and the second on 6 April. A face-to-face meeting in Rome was scheduled for the week of 20-24 June, as was usual before the pandemic.

**Br. François, first Superior General of the Marist Institute**

## 32. PROCLAMATION OF THE DOGMA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, proclaimed on 8 December 1854 by Pope Pius IX, holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved immune from all stain of original guilt from the first moment of her conception, by the singular privilege and grace of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Christ-Jesus, Saviour of the human race.

Brother François was at the Hermitage at the time, and when he heard the news, he wrote a circular, supported by Brother Louis-Marie, to the whole institute.

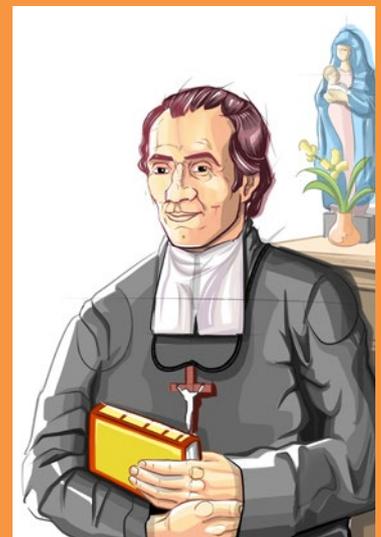
On 2 February 1855, he said to the brothers:

“On December 8, 1854, the Church defined as dogma of Faith the truth of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God by the mouth of her supreme Head, Pope Pius IX, in the midst of the most numerous assembly of Bishops that this city of Rome has possibly known, and before a multitude of twenty-five thousand Christians, gathered in the basilica of St. Peter in the Vatican.

Above all [he admires], at the moment of formulating the dogma of the Immaculate Conception by means of the sacramental words: we define, we decree, we confirm, his voice becomes tender, tears fill his eyes, weeping chokes his words, and the emotion of the Chief penetrates the whole assembly.

Everywhere glass windows, images of Mary, inscriptions in her honour; everywhere the motto MARY CONCEIVED WITHOUT ORIGINAL SIN” (Circulars, T. 2, p. 204. Circular of February 2, 1855).

Other episodes



**EUROPE CENTRE-WEST**

Charly and Anne-Marie Loutsch made their commitment as Champagnat Lay Marists in Habay-la-Vieille. During the celebration, they were accompanied by their children and grandchildren, by the members of the Marist Fraternity and the Brothers of the community of Habay-la-Vieille in Belgium. The celebration around the Eucharistic table continued very naturally with a fraternal meal.

**THAILAND**

Marist Brothers of the Marist District of Asia try to contribute with the needs of many families that are suffering the effects of the Covid pandemic. Every week is an opportunity to spend time as a community, brothers and formands, preparing the food for about 200 people and go and meet them where they live. A nice moment to share the Marist small but warm contribution of love, compassion and solidarity with them.

**CAMBODIA**

As part of the preparations to reopen the Marist Education Centre in Pailin, the brothers organized a workshop for the teaching staff from the 11th to 13th of October, at the Marist Centre of Hope and was attended by 10 people made up of 7 teachers, two brothers and the facilitator.

**BRASIL CENTRO-NORTE**

The Province has published a book with the title Framework of Evangelisation, which explains the conceptual bases, the organisational principles and the methodological directions which guide the evangelising action and school ministry of the Marists of Champagnat. The document can be downloaded in [this link](#)

**PHILIPPINES**

## MARIST SCHOOL IN COTABATO HOLDS SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF PARENTS IN THE CYBERWORLD OF STUDENTS



**A**round Four Hundred Forty-Five (445) persons participated in a Marist Seminar on the Role of Parents in the Cyberworld of Students carried out on October 16 by the Notre Dame of Cotabato (NDC) Guidance Center in coordination with the Child Protection Desk of the East Asia Province and CyberguardiansPH.

Br. Crispin P. Betita of Marcellin Homes encouraged the full participation of all sectors in the effort of protecting children and youth from all forms of cyber threats.

Police Colonel Shiela Portento, Anti-Trafficking in Persons Division Chief, PNP Women and Protection Center and Ms. Maria Concepcion Sangil of the CyberguardiansPH were the resource persons. Mrs. Remedios Ivy Bernardo presented the result of the pre-seminar survey.

Romela Sobrepeña, NDC Guidance Counselor and Mr. Michael Montseno, the Notre Dame Child Protection Officer, acknowledged the full participation of parents and the Notre Dame of Cotabato team who worked behind the organization of the said seminar.

SECRETARIAT OF LAITY

# FIRST PHASES OF STAGE II OF THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM OF MARIST LAITY



## INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE LAY MARIST VOCATION

WELCOMING, NURTURING, LIVING AND SHARING OUR VOCATION.  
"YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHECY" (JOEL 3,1)

In July 2021, **Stage II** of our **International Forum** began, which emphasizes reflection meetings at the local and AU levels. **This stage** includes the study and reflection, at the personal and community levels, of the proposed themes arising from the four objectives of the Forum.

To support the dialogue of the communities, the Extended Secretariat of the Laity has prepared a set of worksheets for the meetings, 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 to formally welcome their opinions and contributions to the Forum.

The process is being run in small groups made up of brothers, mixed communities, vocational lay men and women, fraternities of the MCHFM or other movements. It is being done in-person, where possible, or virtually. Although each Administrative Unit is organizing this stage according to its possibilities, they are trying to follow this scheme:

- Publicize the proposal (July 2021)
- Generate small group dialogues (July 2021 to May 2022)
- Select 3 representatives (July 2021

to May 2022)

- Hold Provincial/District Forum (March 2022 to May 2022)
- Submit AU conclusions (by June 30, 2022)

By June 30, 2022, the provincial Lay Animation Teams will send to the Secretariat of the Laity the final documents containing the results of the local and provincial/district process and the representatives.

We are grateful for the enthusiasm and hope that everyone is putting into this process of community dialogues; and we encourage you to continue on this path that will lead us, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to strengthen our Charismatic Family.



GENERAL ECONOMAT

# 300 MARIST LEADERS MEET TO DISCUSS CHALLENGES PRESENTED BY THE PANDEMIC

The Institute's Economes have concluded the first two sessions of the webinar "Pandemic: Experiences and Challenges for the Marist Future", with an average of 300 leaders from Administrative Units, Economic Affairs Commissions and leaders of Marist apostolates in Europe, Africa, South America and Arco Norte taking part.

The panelist for the first two sessions was Dr. Gustavo Inacio de Moraes, Professor of Economics at PUCRS and economic advisor to the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil.



At the conclusion of the first two sessions, Brother Libardo Garzón, Econome General, said: "I believe that it has been an excellent area of formation, of communion and interconnection in this mission that we as Marists carry out in the education of our children and young people. I am convinced that our mission is essential for the transformation of our society".

Following the schedule, the Marist Region "Asia and Oceania" will have its meeting on November 9th.

- TIME: Sydney AEST 2pm, Auckland 4pm, Singapore 11am, Rome 4am.
- GUEST SPEAKER: Principal Matthew Brennan St Augustine's College Cairns

BRAZIL CENTRO-SUL

# BR. ROGÉRIO R. MATEUCCI IS APPOINTED RECTOR OF PUCPR

The Provincial Council of Brasil Centro-Sul appointed Brother Rogério Renato Mateucci as Rector of the Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná (PUCPR). Br Rogério is the current Vice-Rector for Mission, Identity and Communication and a member of the Board of Directors of the PUCPR. His appointment was confirmed by the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education for a first term of 4 years (2022 – 2025).



Br Benê Oliveira, Provincial Superior, expressed his fraternity, gratitude and support for Br Rogério's leadership in carrying out the mission of the University, and also thanked Professor Wal-

demiro Gremski, who in recent years has been the Rector of the PUC of Paraná.

Br. Rogério R. Mateucci has a solid

religious, theological and Marist formation, and also has pastoral experience and experience in the management of schools for basic education.



SAMOA

# MARIST YOUTH GATHERING AT THE MULIVAI COMMUNITY



Under the motto “Deepening of Faith in relation to everyday life in our ministry”, Samoa Marist Youth gathered on October 16 in the Mulivai community, Samoa. Focusing on the issue of Youth and service, the workshop was organized by Brother Anitelea Fidow, with the collaboration of Robert, a Marist aspirant, and Lui Malaki, a Marist Lay.



The principal aim of the meeting was to reflect on the service and create in the young people awareness of what it means to serve. The workshop is a continuation program proposed for Samoa Marist Youth which will be part of the District wide Marist Youth Program. The first gathering started two weeks ago on October 9th, 2021, in the Marist Brothers Primary School.



The encounter carried out in the brothers’ home gave the youth glimpse of the mission of the Marist Brothers, the opportunity to share and time to create a meaningful connection and cooperation.

The program started in the morning with an animation prayer lead by Br. Melchor Nowel, followed by words of welcome from Brother Anitelea and an icebreaker in the form of Zumba dancing. And other activities were subsequently held by Robert and Lui Malaki.

After the activity the youth assembled for the gathering of ideas by reporting and forming as one community.

At the end of the workshop, most of the youth were very happy with the program and are looking forward to the next Marist youth gathering.

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CÔTE D'IVOIRE: PERPETUAL PROFESSION OF BR. ARISTIDE YAO GHISLAIN – WEST AFRICA

SPAIN: COMMUNITY OF LARDERO

BRAZIL: COLÉGIO MARISTA SÃO LUÍS



MEXICO: INSTITUTO MÉXICO DE TOLUCA

ARGENTINA: VISITS TO THE MARIST HISTORICAL OF CRUZ DEL SUR

SPAIN: MARISTAS MÁLAGA

NORANDINA

ANNUAL RETREAT OF THE BROTHERS IN COLOMBIA

Br. João Carlos do Prado, General Councillor, accompanied the annual spiritual retreat of the Marist Brothers of Norandina serving in the works of Colombia, which concluded on 16 October.

About 50 Brothers gathered to reflect on the joy of being a Marist Brother today, to rediscover the gift and gift of vocation, to reflect on the Rule of Life and to live a profound experience of provincial fraternity.

At the end of the meeting, the Eucharist of missioning was celebrated in which recognition was also given to some jubilarians, highlighting their time of Marist service; among them were Brothers Armando Rivas (75 years), Hernán Gómez Osorio (60 years), Javier Bometón (50 years), Juan



Carlos Villareal and Ismar Portilla (25 years).

Brother Orlando Escobar, Provincial, thanked Brother João Carlos Do Prado for his accompaniment and recalled the invitation to welcome the innovation that arises in this time of uncertainty, being beacons of hope in the midst of the communities.



L'HERMITAGE

# PROVINCE CO-HOSTS GLOBAL SUMMIT ON CHILD PROTECTION

Keeping Children Safe [KCS], a prestigious independent international non-profit organisation for the defence and protection of children, is holding a global online summit from the 8th to the 11th of November. Each year it focuses on a specific theme. This year's theme is "Safeguarding in Faith-Based Organisations", with clear objectives such as the engagement of faith-based organisations and networks in child protection and awareness of the risks and possibilities of abusers infiltrating these institutions.

The **Marist Brothers of the Hermitage Province** have been invited by KCS as one of the partners or co-organisers of this global summit, with a number of commitments made as such. We will present a paper entitled "Co-creating a safeguarding culture. Networking where prevention and child rights protection in Marist ministries". Working on prevention and child rights protection in Marist ministries", based on the leitmotiv "the child as a subject of rights".

At the same time, the summit aims to offer an area for sharing challenges, good practices, solutions and opportunities, the stimulation of an inter-religious dialogue on these contents, the dissemination of tools and resources at the service of poor organisations, the offering of a network to build protection on a global level and the maintenance on the internet of the conferences of this summit for those who have not been able to follow the event live.



The Marist presentation, given by Raimon Novell, coordinator of the **Child Protection Team of Marists Catalonia**, will include references to institutional commitment, and how, as a religious institution, we can establish the co-creation of protection policies from the perspective of collaboration in a network with other institutions. This presentation will take place on Monday 8 November at 15.30 (Rome time).

Participation in the global summit is free of charge. All you need to do is to register. We invite you to participate. You can register by clicking on this link: Faith and Child Safeguarding.

We also encourage you to join the content related to the summit in your networks through the hashtag #FaithAndChild-Safeguarding.

The global summit allows for an important reflection in favour of children, awareness of prevention and protection in faith-based organisations and networks, and knowledge of good practices and resources for the exercise of a mission with guarantees.



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