



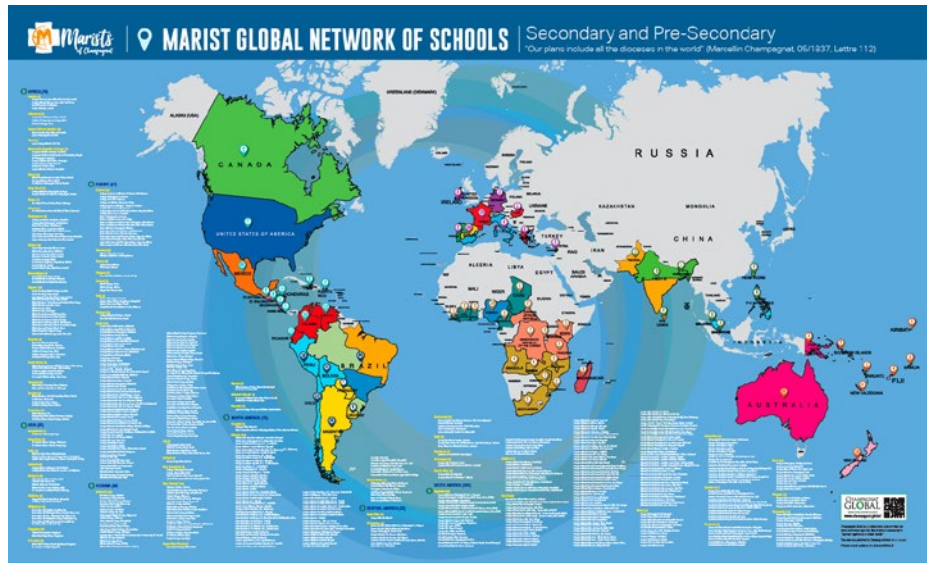
## CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

# MARIST GLOBAL MAP OF SCHOOLS

The Marist Global Map of Schools is now available in two versions: an interactive online version and a downloadable version. We invite you to explore these new maps as they are very interesting tools to locate and learn more about Marist schools around the world.

**Missio Locus** (place of mission) is the interactive map, designed and developed by the Secretariat for Education and Evangelisation with the excellent support of the Marist Department of Technology in Curitiba (Brazil). **Missio** allows you to locate each of the almost 600 Marist schools scattered throughout the 5 continents, and to know their main data. [Here you can visit Missio.](#)

The downloadable map, on the other hand, strengthens our identity and sense of belonging by also decorating our work environments. We invite you to print it in an appropriate size and place it in a public and visible space in your school. [Click here to access the official printable map.](#)



The map of the Marist Global Network of Schools is much more than a spatial distribution of Marist places. Behind each site there is a Marist identity that we would like you to share with us so that together we can form a global digital album that will surely contribute to visualising our family spirit. Send us the photos of the map in your school to [info@champagnatglobal.com](mailto:info@champagnatglobal.com) or [mission@fms.it](mailto:mission@fms.it)

## general administration

- The General Councilors have returned to the General House and are preparing the Plenary Session, which is traditionally held in February.
- Br. Luis Carlos, Vicar General, was in Athens earlier this week, where he spoke about leadership in a Marist school as part of the celebration of Education Day.
- Br. Jorge Gaio, after his quarantine, began his mission as Econome General. Br. Libardo, Econome for the last years, will accompany him in this period of transition.
- On Monday, the directors of the Secretariat of Solidarity, Brothers Ángel Diego and Francis, participated in a meeting with the representatives of the 4 branches of the Marist Family who continue to work on Laudato Si'.
- The Secretariat for Education and Evangelization continues to implement the Marist Global Network of Schools, developing especially the "Agorà" space. In addition, during the week it has a meeting with the preparatory commission for the youth meeting in Lisbon, in 2023, and continues to accompany the revision of the document In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat.
- On Wednesday, lay people and Brothers of the General Administration participated in the second meeting of the local phase of the International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation.
- On Thursday, the Commission on Marist Spiritual Patrimony will meet virtually.

SOLIDARITY SECRETARIAT

# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 1: NO POVERTY

The **Solidarity Secretariat** has already spoken several times about the Sustainable Development Goals. We already know that these are a group of goals that we wish to achieve by 2030, for all countries, for all people in the world. Yes, they are ambitious goals. At the same time, we already know that they are achievable, at least in a broad range. And yes, to achieve them requires our strong commitment, but also our collaboration as Marists.

## SDG 1: No Poverty

Reflecting on the first of these objectives, several thoughts may come to mind. First of all, we discover that there are various forms of poverty, we discover that poverty has more than one aspect. We are aware of the food poverty of millions of people who have nothing to put in their mouths; but we also often see the housing poverty of “homeless” people, whom we see sleeping on the doorsteps of our cities; or the energy poverty of those who cannot light a cooker to keep warm on winter days; or the educational poverty of those who cannot go to school.

Another idea that may come to mind is the “repetition” of this issue. Yes, there is repetition, because it is an essential issue, because it is an issue that we cannot leave for later. We discover that this objective is related to “the cry of the poor” of which the objectives of *Laudato Si* speak to us; we see that this objective guides the work of our NGOs and Marist solidarity associations, in many of our countries and Provinces, for many years; this objective reminds us of the tradition of the Church to work for those who have the least, to join with those in need, to not allow human dignity to be undervalued.

Official reports, over the last 25 years, tell us of the reduction

of poverty in overall numbers, although it is true that the numbers of people suffering from poverty are still scandalous.

We are also aware that the pandemic situation has worsened the lives of many people who have been seriously affected.

As Marists of Champagnat, since our foundation, we are committed to situations of vulnerability, we wish to be close to people in need. Our last General Chapter reminds us of this with the beautiful expression of the 4th call: “to walk with children and young people on the margins of life” and it also invites us to be attentive to the signs of the times with another expression, equally beautiful, which we find in the 5th call: “to respond boldly to emerging needs”.

Our Marist works are called, in this 21st century, to continue to work for the good of those most in need. We are called to work with others, in networks, so that we can go further in our goal of reducing situations of inequality. Thanks to networking we are able to discover how our partners are working in places where we Marists do not have a presence (parts of Eastern Europe, some areas of Africa, some countries in Asia...). This enriches us and encourages us to continue working, in a committed way, wherever we are.

Br. Ángel Diego – Director of the **Secretariat of Solidarity**



## Br. François first Superior General of the Marist Institute

### 43. THE SAINTLY DIRECTOR OF THE HERMITAGE

Brother François believed that the Superior should help the Brothers in their vocation to holiness. He invited his Brothers to be attentive to prayer and piety: “The Office will be recited, as far as it depends on me, with the greatest devotion”. With patience and kindness, but at the same time, with constancy and firmness, he made the Hermitage a house of regularity. Personally, he led a very poor life. In the style of his patron saint, St. Francis of Assisi, he proclaimed the beatitude of poverty: “What happiness to possess nothing to hold us back and to possess everything,

being content with God alone”. His library contained only a few books. When he spoke to those in formation, he would say to them, as St. Bernard had done: “He who begins to read does not seek to learn things about God, but to appreciate them”. He knew how to be a demanding superior, who set himself the norm and at the same time was kind, as one of his Brothers recalled: “When Brother François had imposed a penance, he softened it afterwards with kind words or appropriate attitudes to make them forget it”. Other episodes

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CAMBODIA: MARIST CENTER OF HOPE, PAILIN

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GREECE: LYCÉE LÉONIN OF NÉA SMYRNI

PROVINCE OF BRASIL SUL-AMAZÔNIA  
**PROJECT A NEW BEGINNING  
 PROMOTES ACTIVITIES WITH  
 YOUNG MIGRANTS AND  
 BRAZILIANS IN BOA VISTA**



Projecting the future, visualising new perspectives and doing good works are the objectives of the new initiative launched by the Marist Province of Brasil Sul-Amazônia in the city of Boa Vista, in Roraima. The project A New Beginning – Life Project provides young migrants and Brazilians with training and socio-educational activities on vocation and life projects.

Organised in partnership with the Diocese of Roraima, the Social Work of Roraima and the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network (Repam), the initiative held its first meeting on 15 January 2022. On that occasion, seven young people who participated in the vocational counselling and dance workshops were present. It is expected that thirty-eight

young people will gradually join the activities, which will be held every Saturday, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the Centro de Formação da Área Missionária São João Batista.

For Brother Danilo Bezerra, coordinator of the initiative, the celebration of this first meeting is the beginning of a splendid journey that will lead the young people to discover their own paths: “The feelings are of hope and joy, with the certainty that we are walking, together with the young people, a path of listening and dialogue for their protagonism”.

[In this link you can find more details about the Marist work in the Amazon region.](#)



NIGERIA

# SACRED HEART MARIST COLLEGE SEMINAR DISCUSS ABOUT HOW TO IMPROVE SCHOOL AND ITS SERVICE

The Sacred Heart Marist College, Ejule, in Nigeria held on January 7 a seminar on the topic “Dreaming the Best for School Improvement”. Br. Mark Omede, from the Secretariat



for Education and Evangelization of the General Administration was the facilitator of the seminar. During his remarks, Br. Mark divided the seminar into two sessions with its respective objective and highlighted themes.

The first session, with the theme “Dreaming the Best for School Improvement” had as its objective, to brainstorm and co-design the dream of being the Best Marist Schools; to develop the idea of membership to the network of Marist Schools; to live the experience to attract others. After the group work, the participants mentioned the following perspectives for the College for the next five years: full digitalization of the school, building of the staff quarters, increasing the number of students; improve staff salaries. At the end of the first session, Br. Mark Omede tasked teachers to transfer their experience to their classes to create a unique teaching and learning experience. The second session, with the theme “Participating in School Governance with a

Child Safeguarding Approach”, was a lecture on inclusive administration at school that is learner centered. Br. Mark drew the attention of staff to “Child Protection and Safeguarding Act” and other enabling acts aimed at protecting and safeguarding the right of a child at school and other learning environments. He encouraged the principal, Br. Paul Angulu, to allow staff to engage in “Design thinking” the concept he said would enable the staff to identify a problem and proffer solution to the problem. Br. Mark challenged teachers, especially science teacher, to use design thinking method and provide alternative power in the college kitchen aside the gas and firewood currently used. At the end of the second session Br. Omede said that Marist educators are caregiver. He charged the tutors to teach with utmost care and love for the children whom he described as God’s gifts. He charged the staff to work in synergy towards achieving the goal of child education.

## LAY MARISTS

The provinces will continue, until the month of June, the local process of the International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation. In the United States, for example, last week, more than 35 lay people and brothers met via Zoom for the first meeting. The next meetings of the Province will be face-to-face, held regionally. You can find the regional meeting sheets at [this link](#)

## BRASIL CENTRO-NORTE

The Provincial Coordinating Team of the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family met on January 23 to continue its three-year planning, with the presence of the Provincial, Br. Assis.

## BOLIVIA

FMSI, the Solidarity Secretariat and the Marists in the country are working on the project “Children’s and women’s rights in Bolivia: Follow up on the UN bodies recommendations”. The project, funded by Misesan Cara, aims to improve access to human rights by monitoring the recommendations of the Universal Periodic Review for the country, dedicated to combating gender-based violence and child labor, as well as the right of children and adolescents to participate in the activities of society.

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