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AUSTRALIA

MARISTS CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF MARIST EDUCATION

Marists of Champagnat in Australia are celebrating 150 years of life and mission. In 1872 the Marist Brothers first formed a community and established a school in Australia. They arrived at the invitation of the Archbishop of Sydney to assist in developing schools for young Australian people.

During this year, there are 3 events that will celebrate this milestone.



general administration

- On Saturday the general council met with the General Councils of the four Marist Branches at the General House.
- The first days of the week, the General Council continued the preparation of the General Conference.
- On Tuesday, brothers Mark and Carlos Alberto, directors of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization, participated in a meeting about the project "Stand Up, Speak Up & Act".
- On Tuesday, Brothers Ángel and Lindley, of the Secretariat Brothers Today, participated in the meeting of the 2nd Group II of the International Commission of the New Formation Guide. This group is composed by Brothers César Rojas, Ataíde José de Lima and Perre Ferre. On the other hand, 1st Group, which is made up of the brothers Fabien Bulaimu, Francisco García and Graham Neist, already met last 11 February.
- On Tuesday began the planning process for the Ongoing Formation Programs which is carried out by the Brothers Today Secretariat (Brothers Ángel and Lindley) together with the Link Councilors (Brothers Óscar and João) and the On-Going Formation Team (Brothers Antonio Peralta, Xavi Barceló and Michael Sexton).
- On Tuesday, Brother Beto from the Secretariat for Education and Evangelization met with the PUCRS team to discuss a MOOC for Champagnat Global. On Wednesday he met with the directors of Colombia to present the AGORÁ platform of the Network of Schools.
- From Wednesday to Saturday, the Council has its Retreat in the city of Assisi.
- The last session of the 2nd Assembly of the Marist Network of International Solidarity, organized by the Solidarity Secretariat, was held on Wednesday. All the delegates from the provinces and Marist NGOs participated. Brothers Ernesto, Luis Carlos and Ken from the General Council. Were also present Brother Fachi (Cmi) and Andrea (FMSI).
- On the same day was organized at the General House the third meeting of laity and brothers who are participating in the process of the International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation. There was a total of 40 participants.
- On Thursday, brothers Beto and Mark meet with representatives of the Marist Family to talk about next year's youth meeting in Lisbon.
- On Friday, in charge of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization, various meetings will be organized in the Agorá Platform of the Network of Schools.
- On Saturday the 19th, the Council will hold a celebration of thanks to Br. Libardo, a member of the Council community, for his 7 years of service as Econome General.

As part of the commemoration, on 1 January 2022, Marist Association of St Marcellin Champagnat Limited and Marist Schools Australia Limited became operational. Both companies have independence in their operations, but a healthy element of interdependence with the other Marist entities.

A prominent event to mark the Sesquicentenary will be the launch of the 150 Year History, prepared under the auspices of the Province Patrimony Committee, and written by John Luttrell, Julian Casey, Neville Solomon and Peter Rodney. It will be officially released in June or August. Province events will have a sesquicentenary flavour and Marist Schools Australia is also planning activities for the schools.

The third 2022 event is focused on the future: the establishment of the Star of the Sea Province, on 8 December. Work progresses with various groups meeting to further explore issues and make recommendations about what's required for the future vitality of Champagnat's Marists in all Oceania. The Brothers from the Province of Australia and de District of the Pacific are currently discerning the needs and leadership of the new Province, and when finalised and announced, this will be a major step forward.

"We should approach the Sesquicentenary not with any triumphalism, but with a profound sense of humble gratitude: to God, our collaborators and supporters and the brothers who've gone before us" said Br. Peter Carroll, Provincial of Australia.

PHILIPPINES

CHAMPAGNAT MOVEMENT OF THE MARIST FAMILY AND THE LAY MARIST VOCATION

Members of the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family in Kidapawan, in Philippines, gathered on February 13 to begin the process of reflection for the International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation. Ivy Yecyec (Notre Dame of Kidapawan College)



organized the event while Jano Dalumpines, laity leader from Notre Dame of Cotabato was the facilitator.

The participants focused on the proposal of the first meeting suggest by the Secretariat of laity, the sheets to animate the meetings. The first meeting was about the identity of the Lay Marist and had that slogan: "We Welcome the Marist Vocation, a Gift of God in our Life".

Considering the Lay Marist vocation as a gift, attendees of the gathering shared in depth their experience of receiving gifts and, themselves being gifts for others. Drawing from each

one's personal experience, the Marist vocation as a gift found its deeper appreciation.

Key questions were also asked for reflection particularly on the signs of the Spirit that needs to be nurtured, changes that need to be encouraged, and new steps seen as important in the horizon of Marist vocation.

Journeying with the process of the group was Br. Demosthenes Calabria, the Kidapawan community link person for the concerns of the laity and Agnes Reyes, Assistant Director of the Secretariat of Laity.

MEXICO

The province of “Mexico Occidental” has inaugurated a web page called “Juventudes Maristas” with topics on animation of vocations, Marist volunteering, apostolic groups, student society and missions. To know more, visit this link: <https://juventudes.maristas.org.mx/>

MEDITERRANEAN

Marists from the works of the province participated in the Provincial Orientation Meeting that took place on February 8 and 9 at the Guardamar House (Spain), to deal with issues such as the Rights of the Child, the Tutorial Action Plan, emotional education; the group project; vocational guidance; prevention; coeducation and equality and child protection.

CRUZ DEL SUR

More than 40 young people carried out workshops on electricity, blacksmithing and mechanics in the community of “Misión Nueva Pompeya, Escuela Cacique Francisco Supaz”, in Chaco (Argentina), with the support of a team of volunteers from the Marist Technical School Herminio Arrieta and “Fundación Educadora”. Brother Polo and teachers Montaña, Aciar and Oliver are in charge of the training that will resume in July and September.

AUSTRALIA

Australian Marist Solidarity (AMS) has launched its year’s school campaign (“Dignity for all”), which will contribute to Marist education in Timor-Leste. There’s a kit full of educational and spiritual resources, a poster to display around your school, a video to share, and for the first time, a student ambassador program for aspiring student leaders. You can find it all on the [website](#)

PROVINCE OF IBÉRICA

THE PROVINCE OF IBÉRICA PROMOTES THE CHILDREN’S RIGHTS

The Province of Ibérica continues to work for the promotion of Children’s Rights among minors, educators, families and people around the educational establishments. In this sense, prevention and empowerment work with students through specific tutorials according to different ages is especially important. Likewise, training is carried out for teachers, volunteers and other professionals from the schools.

In all the Marist Provinces with works in Spain there are – since 2011 – child protection policies that have implemented prevention, awareness-raising and intervention actions in schools.

Training Videos

The Child Protection Team of Ibérica presents a series of training videos aimed at all families of educational institutions: “Abuse in our reality: how do I protect my son or daughter” (*Malos tratos en nuestra realidad: cómo protejo a mi hijo o hija*). There will be a total of 8 episodes that will be broadcast in the coming months. The objective of the videos is to offer families some keys

about the different types of abuse that exist, paying special attention to signs that can alert us that children or young people are suffering, and giving guidelines for action if there is abuse.

The videos are published on the following platform: <https://maristasiberica.com/videosproteccionmenor/>

For now, you can watch an introductory video that explains the reason for this training and offers a series of data that highlight the importance of training families in this area: what abuse means, what types of abuse exist, what consequences they can have for our children and young people and what families can do about it.

Episode 2, which will be released on February 15, will take an in-depth look at “Physical Abuse.” And the following videos, with a fortnightly frequency, will offer keys and information on abuse due to negligence, abuse between equals, emotional abuse, pornography, abuse on social networks, and finally, sexual abuse.

FEBRUARY 1823.

MEMORARE IN THE SNOW

En February 1823, Marcellin Champagnat came close to fainting in the snow, but instead of losing hope, he prayed the “Memorare” and entrusted himself to the Virgin Mary.

This event is celebrated in the Marist World on 15 February with the evocation “Memorare in the Snow” which recalls the exhausted itinerary under the snow that Father Champagnat and Brother Stanislaus made on their way home, after having visited Brother John the Baptist, who was ill.

Realizing that it was impossible to continue and that they were lost, Father Marcellin entrusted himself to Our Lady and began to pray the “Memorare”.

Prayer in PDF: [English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#) | [Português](#)



Br. François first Superior General of the Marist Institute

46. SAINTLY INFIRMARIAN

Br François became a companion to the sick, even, at one point, asking to accompany the Brothers in their agony, and he carried out this ministry for a very long time, from 1826 until his death, with the breaks imposed by his other duties.

“Father Champagnat had made him follow a short course in medicine and appointed him infirmarian of the Brothers. He prepared remedies with great skill; the sick preferred him to anyone else”.

One Brother related the following anecdote: In 1860, while I was at the Hermitage as a temporary nurse, the following happened to me: Br Ceferino, of the junior class, had his tonsils operated on. The left one, which had been cut too deeply, caused a considerable haemorrhage from 4 to 8 pm. Leaving the sick man in the care of another brother, I ran to call the Reverend Brother, who came at once. He asked me for the bottle of sulphuric acid and, having taken some cotton wool soaked in the acid, he applied it for a moment to the outside of the neck, on the left side, and at once the haemorrhage stopped. Was it the application of the acid that stopped the haemorrhage or the Superior’s prayer? Well, he prayed while applying the soaked cotton wool. I don’t know. What is certain is that the haemorrhage stopped instantly and the sick man, who had syncope, regained consciousness instantly.

To another Brother he wrote:

“My dear Brother. The illness of dear Brother Acaire gives me the opportunity to recommend to you strongly that you give abundantly to your collaborators what they need to endure the fatigues of teaching: preserving their health is the greatest economy you can make for the Society, always within the limits of the Rule, unless (I think I need not remind you of this) there is an extraordinary need which a paternal care often discovers, even before the religious has manifested it...”

One of his resolutions was very clear on this point:

“To see Jesus in the person of the sick; I will visit them and comfort them as much as I can”.

[Other episodes](#)



marist world

BRAZIL: IN CURITIBA, THE MARISTS WELCOME A MIGRANT FAMILY FROM AFGHANISTAN



SPAIN: COLEGIO SANTA MARÍA MARISTAS, TOLEDO



BRAZIL: COLÉGIO MARISTA DE MACEIÓ



MEXICO: COLEGIO PEDRO MARTÍNEZ VÁZQUEZ, IRAPUATO



ARGENTINA: SUMMER WORKSHOPS AT MISIÓN NUEVA POMPEYA



FRANCE: CENTRE D'ACCUEIL L'HERMITAGE

TIMOR LESTE.

OPENING OF THE HERMITAGE HOUSE FOR YOUNG BROTHERS IN BACAU

On Saturday 29th January, Fr Avelino, a local diocesan priest, officiated at the official opening and blessing of the House of Studies in Bacau, Timor Leste. After a discernment process, the brothers of Bacau decided to call “Hermitage” to their community. The name is related to the Institute’s mother house, but also connecting to the fact that a scholasticate was built on the Hermitage in the beginning of the Institute’s history. The formation house has 7 brothers, among them 6 are temporary professed brothers, who are following the formation period after the novitiate. They will follow their journey guided by Brother Robert Speare.

Besides the 6 brothers in formation, Timor has 8 novices, who will travel in March to Sri Lanka, where they will continue the formation period of this stage. Another 5 young postulants are preparing to enter the novitiate. The brothers working in Timor, besides the young brothers



of the country, are from Australia (6) and Brazil (1). There are three houses of formation (postulancy, novitiate and scholasticate, with 1 brother formator at each community) and another community that has 3 brothers working in the Catholic Institute of Teacher Training.



MADAGASCAR

THE LYCÉE SAINT PIERRE CHANEL CELEBRATED 35 YEARS OF EXISTENCE IN MADAGASCAR

The Saint Pierre Chanel high school in Ihosy (Madagascar) celebrated its 35th anniversary during the 2020-2021 school year. The theme that animated the course of the year was “Marist education, for a new life”. The educational center belongs to the diocese of Ihosy and is administered by the Marist Brothers since its creation in 1986.

The celebrations of the anniversary of the Catholic and Marist school had among its objectives:

- Promote pastoral animation (emphasize the importance of education and spiritual life),
- Strengthen unity within the educational community (Parents and Educators) and among students,
- Raise funds to improve the educational infrastructure (it is planned to build a 700M perimeter wall).

Despite the difficulties, especially due to the health crisis, the celebration of the Marist school has been carried out without difficulties and the objectives set have been achieved largely.

The school continues with its educational activities, and looking forward to the next 35 years, the brothers and lay Marists work together ceaselessly to give the best of themselves and strive so “Marist Education to generate a New Life” in the Region of Madagascar.

Le Lycée Privé Saint Pierre Chanel

Saint Pierre Chanel private school was founded in 1986. The establishment offers a comprehensive and quality education to its students. On the other hand, it lends its facilities (rooms) for catechism and meetings of youth movements; and sports fields



are available to the city’s youth on weekends.

In its beginnings, the campus had only the secondary level, made up of 145 students. From the beginning, the high school has been mixed, and has welcomed boys and girls. It started in 1986 with the opening of the 6th grade class and in 1993, six years later, Saint Pierre Chanel had its first high school promotion.

Currently the population of the school is composed of 1150 students and 48 teachers and collaborators. It is worth mentioning that every year « Le Lycée » obtains good results in different official exams.

Likewise, several alumni hold key positions in different sectors, nationally and also abroad. Many of them are honest leaders, good Christians with a sense of responsibility and who fight for justice.



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