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MARIST FAMILY

PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF MARIST YOUTH IN LISBON

The reflection and preparation for the International Gathering of Marist Youth 2023 are ongoing among the four branches of the Marist family. With the approval to continue this gathering as one family, the commission made up of representative of four branches held meetings online and the proposal on why, who and when of the gathering were defined and sent to the general councils of the family for approval.



general administration

■ During this week, preparations for the General Conference are intensifying. This will be held at the General House, from March 8 to 26.

■ The Gier Program Team (Brothers Tony León, José Miguel Caballero, Ángel Medina and Lindley Sionosa) had a meeting on Sunday. The Gier Program is for brothers who have made perpetual profession in the last 5 years. It will take place in June 2022 at the General House and at the Hermitage.

■ On Monday, Br. Colin returned to the West Central Europe Province. He was archivist of the General Administration since 2014.

■ In the same day, brothers Ángel Diego and Francis, directors of the Secretariat of Solidarity, met with the 4 Branches of the Marist Family to continue working on the Laudato Si' Plan. And that same day, the brothers also participated in the Training on "Advocacy" in ecology, organized by the UISG to train promoters in Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation.

■ On Tuesday, Br. Valdicer (Cmi) and Agnes (Secretariat of the Laity) met to organize the Formation Program for International Communities.

■ In the same day, brothers Ángel Diego and Francis, from the Secretariat of Solidarity, met with the Executive Committee of the Marist International Solidarity Network to follow the indications given by the 2nd Assembly of the Network.

■ The International Commission of the New Formation Guide met online on Tuesday to collect the achievements of the small group meetings. Brothers Aureliano García and Tony Clark were also invited to speak on the New Constitutions and

the Rule of Life with the aim of guiding the commission while it advances in the formulation of the new Guide.

■ On Wednesday, brothers and laity of the General Administration participated in a common act of prayer for peace in the world.

■ On the same day, the Secretariat of Brothers Today met online with formators from across the Institute to reflect on the theme of vocation in line with the preparation of the Year of Marist Vocations.

■ Thursday, the General Council will hold the Regular Council meeting.

■ In the same day, the second meeting of the Marist Network of Communicators takes place, organized by the Department of Communications, with the participation of councilors Sylvain and João Carlos.

■ On Friday, Brothers Óscar, general councilor, and Valdicer, Cmi, will meet at the General House with the Fratelli Project Council to deal with the accompaniment and orientations for the future.

■ During this week, the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization, through its directors, Brothers Carlos Alberto and Mark, is participating in several events: African Mission Commission and preparatory commission for the 2022 Marist Youth Meeting (Monday); New Horizons project and Arco Norte pastoral team (Tuesday). They also met various groups linked to Marist schools: Santa María de los Andes, Australia, Compostela. The Secretariat also met to develop various aspects of the Agorá platform of the Network of Schools.

Over the years, the gathering together with the other branches of the Marist family is appreciated by all and this time again, we will continue to connect the best experiences together. Remember that similar experiences were held in France (2016) and in Guatemala (2019).

The gathering among others will provide an opportunity to:

- Encourage young people to embrace the precious gift that they are to God, to the Marist Family, to the Church and to the world.
- Live an international and intercultural experience, guided by the spirit of Mary – the Marist spirit.
- Build on the experience which took place in Guatemala, 2019.
- Offer an experience of Marist prayer, community, family, and mission.
- Discover ways to deepen and live out our personal call to discipleship.

- Begin to understand what it means to be a pilgrim amongst other pilgrims.

The INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF MARIST YOUTH will take place some days before the World Youth Day activities in Lisbon (Portugal) confirmed by the Vatican for the 1st to the 8th of August 2023.

We will keep you informed as the discussion continue to unfold and suggest the next steps for the participants from our Institute. Be prepared and let's share the news with the young people who are already waiting for this news.

The members of the commission preparing the gathering are Sr Anne McCabe (Marist Sisters), Sr Cristina Giustozzi (Marist Missionary Sisters), Fr Juan Carlos Piña (Marist Fathers) and Bros. Carlos Alberto Rojas and Mark Okolo Omede (Marist Brothers).

PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPONS!



Bangladesh



General House

Giugliano, Italy

In recent days we have been shaken by something tragic: war. Time and again we have prayed that this road would not be taken. And let us not stop talking; indeed, let us pray to God more intensely. (...)

Those who wage war forget humanity. They do not start from the people, they do not look at the real life of people, but place partisan interests and power before all else. They trust in the diabolical and perverse logic of weapons, which is the furthest from the logic of God. (...)

With a heart broken by what is happening in Ukraine – and let us not forget the wars in other parts of the world, such as Yemen, Syria, Ethiopia... – I repeat: put down your weapons! God is with the peacemakers, not with those who use violence.

Pope Francis, 27 February

PACIFIC

Teachers at Mulivai, Samoa, had a presentation on being a Champagnat Marist. The sessions were mainly on the pillar “Love of Work” and “Gathered Around the Same Table”. The aim of the presentations was to empower the teachers to take the lead in setting up group meetings and sharing, especially to have a sense of belonging.

COMPOSTELA

On March 9, the Institute of Marist Studies (IEM) will carry out the XIII Cycle of “Café-Coloquios”: “Marist Social Works of Compostela”. Access is free (<https://bit.ly/3sgily>). The IEM is a Higher Institute integrated into the Pontifical University of Salamanca, through the Faculty of Education in the Luis Vives Building.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

As the country is still isolated, the decision has been made to make Korobosea (Port Moresby community) a temporary centre for formation. Brothers have made contact with candidates and men who left the formation programme when COVID began. Their plan is to run “come and see” program in March and then proceed to an Aspirancy program later, with the possibility of five candidates.

BRAZIL CENTRO-SUL

During the past year, the province promoted several vocational activities in which 54 young people and adults participated. Through [this link](#) you can accompany the young people in the initial formation and the activities in the houses of formation.

SPAIN

SED NGO PRESENTS ITS BOOK FOR LENT 2022



On the occasion of Lent, as in other years, **SED** (Solidarity, Education and Development) has published some materials to help raise awareness in this special time within the Church and Christians. These materials are: 2022 Lent Book and weekly videos. The book is entitled “Listen: Plant the Foundations, Sow the Future”. The publication, pre-

pared by SED staff (team members and others close to the organization), contains reflections for each day, for personal or group use. [Download PDF](#)

To complement the reflections, SED will also make available to the public weekly videos that are released on the Sunday of each week of Lent.

SED (Solidarity, Education and Development)

SED, a Spanish Marist NGO, works mainly promoting the Right to Education in Africa



and Latin America, as well as in some countries in Asia and Europe. In Spain it works in the field of Education for Development and Social Advocacy.

VATICAN

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2022



“Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10a)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Lent is a favourable time for personal and community renewal, as it leads us to the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For our Lenten journey in 2022, we will do well to reflect on Saint Paul’s exhortation to the Galatians: “Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity (*kairós*), let us do good to all” (Gal 6:9-10).

1. Sowing and reaping

In these words, the Apostle evokes the image of sowing and reaping, so dear to Jesus (cf. Mt 13). Saint Paul speaks to us of a *kairós*: an opportune time for sowing goodness in view of a future harvest. What is this “opportune time” for us? Lent is certainly such an opportune time, but so is our entire existence, of which Lent is in some way an image. [1] All too often in our lives, greed, pride and the desire to possess, accumulate and consume have the upper hand, as we see from the story of the foolish man in the Gospel parable, who thought his life was safe and secure because of the abundant grain and goods he had stored in his barns (cf. Lk 12:16-21). Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life’s truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving,

not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.

The first to sow is God himself, who with great generosity “continues to sow abundant seeds of goodness in our human family” (*Fratelli Tutti*, 54). During Lent we are called to respond to God’s gift by accepting his word, which is “living and active” (Heb 4:12). Regular listening to the word of God makes us open and docile to his working (cf. Jas 1:21) and bears fruit in our lives. This brings us great joy, yet even more, it summons us to become God’s co-workers (cf. 1 Cor 3:9). By making good use of the present time (cf. Eph 5:16), we too can sow seeds of goodness. This call to sow goodness should not be seen as a burden but a grace, whereby the Creator wishes us to be actively united with his own bountiful goodness.

What about the harvest? Do we not sow seeds in order to reap a harvest? Of course! Saint Paul points to the close relationship between sowing and reaping when he says: “Anyone who sows sparsely will reap sparsely as well, and anyone who sows generously will reap generously as well” (2 Cor 9:6). But what kind of harvest are we talking about? A first fruit of the goodness we sow appears in ourselves and our daily lives, even in our little acts of kindness. In God, no act of love, no matter how small, and no “generous effort” will ever be lost (cf. *Evangelii*

Gaudium, 279). Just as we recognize a tree by its fruits (cf. Mt 7:16, 20), so a life full of good deeds radiates light (cf. Mt 5:14-16) and carries the fragrance of Christ to the world (cf. 2 Cor 2:15). Serving God in freedom from sin brings forth fruits of sanctification for the salvation of all (cf. Rom 6:22).

In truth, we see only a small portion of the fruits of what we sow, since, according to the Gospel proverb, “one sows, while another reaps” (Jn 4:37). When we sow for the benefit of others, we share in God’s own benevolent love: “it is truly noble to place our hope in the hidden power of the seeds of goodness we sow, and thus to initiate processes whose fruits will be reaped by others” (**Fratelli Tutti**, 196). Sowing goodness for the benefit of others frees us from narrow self-interest, infuses our actions with gratuitousness, and makes us part of the magnificent horizon of God’s benevolent plan.

The word of God broadens and elevates our vision: it tells us that the real harvest is eschatological, the harvest of the last, undying day. The mature fruit of our lives and actions is “fruit for eternal life” (Jn 4:36), our “treasure in heaven” (Lk 12:33; 18:22). Jesus himself uses the image of the seed that dies in the ground in order to bear fruit as a symbol of the mystery of his death and resurrection (cf. Jn 12:24); while Saint Paul uses the same image to speak of the resurrection of our bodies: “What is sown is perishable, but what is raised is imperishable; what is sown is contemptible but what is raised is glorious; what is sown is weak, but what is raised is powerful; what is sown is a natural body, and what is raised is a spiritual body” (1 Cor 15:42-44). The hope of resurrection is the great light that the risen Christ brings to the world, for “if our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are of all people the most pitiable. In fact, however, Christ has been raised from the dead, as the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor 15:19-20). Those who are intimately united to him in love “by dying a death like his” (Rom 6:5) will also be united to his resurrection for eternal life (cf. Jn 5:29). “Then the upright will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father” (Mt 13:43).

2. “Let us not grow tired of doing good”

Christ’s resurrection enlivens earthly hopes with the “great hope” of eternal life, planting the seed of salvation in our present time (cf. BENEDICT XVI, **Spe Salvi**, 3; 7). Bitter disappointment at shattered dreams, deep concern for the challenges ahead and discouragement at the poverty of our resources, can make us tempted to seek refuge in self-centredness and indifference to the suffering of others. Indeed, even our best resources have their limitations: “Youths grow tired and weary, the young stumble and fall” (Is 40:30). Yet God “gives strength to the weary, he strengthens the powerless... Those who hope in the Lord will regain their strength, they will soar on wings like eagles; though they run they will not grow weary, though

they walk they will never tire» (Is 40:29, 31). The Lenten season calls us to place our faith and hope in the Lord (cf. 1 Pet 1:21), since only if we fix our gaze on the risen Christ (cf. Heb 12:2) will we be able to respond to the Apostle’s appeal, “Let us never grow tired of doing good” (Gal 6:9).

Let us not grow tired of praying. Jesus taught us to “pray always without becoming weary” (Lk 18:1). We need to pray because we need God. Thinking that we need nothing other than ourselves is a dangerous illusion. If the pandemic has heightened the awareness of our own personal and social fragility, may this Lent allow us to experience the consolation provided by faith in God, without whom we cannot stand firm (cf. Is 7:9). No one attains salvation alone, since we are all in the same boat, amid the storms of history; [2] and certainly no one reaches salvation without God, for only the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ triumphs over the dark waters of death. Faith does not spare us life’s burdens and tribulations, but it does allow us to face them in union with God in Christ, with the great hope that does not disappoint, whose pledge is the love that God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:1-5).

Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives. May the corporal fasting to which Lent calls us fortify our spirit for the battle against sin. Let us not grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, knowing that God never tires of forgiving. [3] Let us not grow tired of fighting against concupiscence, that weakness which induces to selfishness and all evil, and finds in the course of history a variety of ways to lure men and women into sin (cf. **Fratelli Tutti**, 166). One of these is addiction to the digital media, which impoverishes human relationships. Lent is a propitious time to resist these temptations and to cultivate instead a more integral form of human communication (*ibid.*, 43) made up of “authentic encounters” (*ibid.*, 50), face-to-face and in person.

Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours. During this Lent, may we practise almsgiving by giving joyfully (cf. 2 Cor 9:7). God who “supplies seed to the sower and bread for food” (2 Cor 9:10) enables each of us not only to have food to eat, but also to be generous in doing good to others. While it is true that we have our entire life to sow goodness, let us take special advantage of this Lenten season to care for those close to us and to reach out to our brothers and sisters who lie wounded along the path of life (cf. Lk 10:25-37). Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely. Let us put into practice our call to do good to all, and take time to love the poor and needy, those abandoned and rejected, those discriminated against and marginalized (cf. **Fratelli Tutti**, 193).

3. “If we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due time”

Each year during Lent we are reminded that “goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day” (ibid., 11). Let us ask God to give us the patient perseverance of the farmer (cf. Jas 5:7), and to persevere in doing good, one step at a time. If we fall, let us stretch out our hand to the Father, who always lifts us up. If we are lost, if we are misled by the enticements of the evil one, let us not hesitate to return to God, who “is generous in forgiving” (Is 55:7). In this season of conversion, sustained by God’s grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity. Let us believe firmly that “if we do not give up, we shall reap our harvest in due

time” and that, with the gift of perseverance, we shall obtain what was promised (cf. Heb 10:36), for our salvation and the salvation of others (cf. 1 Tim 4:16). By cultivating fraternal love towards everyone, we are united to Christ, who gave his life for our sake (cf. 2 Cor 5:14-15), and we are granted a foretaste of the joy of the kingdom of heaven, when God will be “all in all” (1 Cor 15:28).

May the Virgin Mary, who bore the Saviour in her womb and “pondered all these things in her heart” (Lk 2:19), obtain for us the gift of patience. May she accompany us with her maternal presence, so that this season of conversion may bring forth fruits of eternal salvation.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 11 November, 2021, Memorial of Saint Martin, Bishop.

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SECRETARIAT OF LAITY

INTERNATIONAL COURSE FOR LEADERS AND ANIMATORS OF THE LAY MARIST VOCATION

During the months of January and February, the first two modules of the International Course for Leaders and Animators of the Lay Marist Vocation, promoted by the Institute’s Secretariat of Laity, were held. A third section will take place in March. It is being held virtually and is the second edition of this course, after the one held in Rome in 2015.

The objectives of the course are:

- To enable lay men and women to take on responsibilities of animation in lay formation processes at all levels (local, provincial and international).
- To encourage co-responsibility for the lay processes of the Institute, in harmony with the Secretariat.
- To promote an approach to the current theological thinking of the Church in relation to the laity.
- To help to raise awareness of the call to be mystics and prophets as lay animators.
- To favour the understanding and experience of spiritual itineraries for vocational processes.
- To create awareness and international unity of the Marist laity.

Some 45 people (lay people and brothers) from the regions of Africa, Asia and Europe are participating and will finish this course in March. Between March and June, the same formative experience will take place for the participants from the regions of Arco Norte, América Sur and Oceania. The first week of the course took place on 11, 12 and 13 Jan-



uary 2022, and dealt with the block “Theology of the laity and the lay Marist vocation”. It involved an approach to the theological thinking of the Church on the laity, after the celebration of the Second Vatican Council, and a deepening of the journey that has been made in our Charismatic Family, inspired by the reflection contained in the documents “Gathered around the Same table” and “Being Lay Marist”. It was animated by Ana Sarrate, Marist of the Province of Ibérica, and by Manu Gómez, From Mediterránea, Assistant Director of the Secretariat of the Laity.

In the second week, on 15, 16 and 17 February 2022, there was a block on “Leadership and animation of the lay Marist vocation”. It was led by Br. Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, Tony Clarke, Lay Marist from Australia, and Agnes Reyes, from Philippines, Assistant Director of the Secretariat of the Laity.

SOUTH ASIA

BR. KRISTOBUGE NICHOLAS FRANCIS NEW PROVINCIAL

The General Council has appointed Br. Kristobuge Nicholas Francis Fernando as Provincial of the South Asia Province for a period of three years, following the consultation carried out with the brothers.

Br. Nicholas will replace Br. Mervyn Perera, Provincial for six years. He will begin his mandate as Provincial during the celebration of the Provincial Chapter which is to be held from 3rd to 6th August 2022.

In the letter sent to the Brothers of the Province, Br. Ernesto thanked Br. Nicholas for accepting the position and taking into consideration his Marist experience said : “Your spirituality, your journey as a brother in the different missions entrusted to you, particularly as formator in an international context, your current service as member of the Provincial Council and your experience as Vice-Provincial, will serve you well as you and the future Provincial Council and animation teams accompany Marist life and mission in the Province.”



The Superior General also thanked Br Mervyn: “Thank you for your devotedness! You have lived the service of leadership during some very challenging and difficult times, especially considering the on-going pandemic and its impact. Thank you for all your efforts.”

NICHOLAS FRANCIS FERNANDO

Born in 1956, Br. Nicholas hails from Kalaeliya, village in Ja-ela town, Srilanka. Had his juniorate at Our Lady's Hermitage, Tudella, Ja-ela, Srilanka and Novitiate at Walpola, Ragma, Srilanka. Made the first profession on 15th August, 1976. Then had one year of scholasticate in Negombo and another two years at Joseph Vaz College Wennappuwa, Srilanka. Made his perpetual profession on 22nd December 1985.

He got his BTh from the National Seminary Srilanka, affiliated to the Urbanium University, Rome. Another important formative experience for him was the 18 months long course for the formation of Formators, held from 1990 January to 1991 June, at Castelgandolfo and then our Generalate in Rome.

As a missionary, has served in India, Tamil Nadu from 1980 to 1983 and again from 2008 to 2010. As a formator: 1991 to 1992 in the staff of Tomontaka Novitiate in the Philippines. And at the novitiate Tudella, Srilanka, as the novice master from 1992 to 1998, and again from 2006 to 2008 and from 2014 to 2020.

Other important apostolic work done by him were teaching at Maris Stella College Negombo from 2000 to 2005 and working with the Srilankan Tamil community after the civil war, towards peace and reconciliation work from 2010 to 2014. At present, he is on the staff of Marist Formation house in Negombo while holding the responsibility of vice Provincial of the South Asia Province.

GENERAL HOUSE

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 3: HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

The Secretariat of Solidarity, invite you to focus on Sustainable Development Goal number 3, “Health and Well-being”. Like the other goals, it aims to be achieved by 2030. This goal is clear in its aims: “to ensure the best possible health for all”, with a special focus on the health of the most vulnerable.

Our increasingly global world urges us to continue to look to the “other”, with ever greater awareness of what is happening to our brothers and sisters around the world. The media make it easier for us to be more and more connected, to know more and better what is happening beyond the borders of our home, work, and country.

In the last two years we have seen, experienced and even suffered the consequences of a global pandemic. The disease, the fear of contagion, the health and economic crisis... have shown us that we are all interconnected, have made us see that we depend on each other, have reminded us that we are all brothers and sisters, that we are a global family, that we are children of the same God.

The data of this global crisis have been and continue to be alarming in many ways. But we have also been able to see how hundreds of initiatives have arisen to help others, and how thousands of institutional and governmental initiatives have been developed, together with those of anonymous men and women, with the “simple” objective of “caring” for one another.

In the Marist world we have experienced this double situation at first hand: the suffering caused by the pandemic and the realisation of new projects in response to emerging needs. We can say that little by little we continue to respond to the call of the 22nd General Chapter when it told us to “respond boldly to emerging needs”.



As Marists, we are called to dignify “the fundamental equality of all God’s people” (as the last General Chapter also told us), and this involves concrete actions of care for others and for preventive elements that favour health: caring for the sick, for the body and the mind, and making resources available. We have precious examples of many Marists of Champagnat who have taken care, during illness, of their brothers in community, of their relatives, of people in need in their environment. We have seen, during this pandemic, how prevention has become our daily routine: washing our hands frequently, using water-alcohol gel, wearing masks, keeping a social distance... But prevention, for good health, also means continuing to develop aid projects, caring for the nutrition of the neediest, providing means for access to health centres.

We are called, today and always, to ensure that solidarity is not empty word, but a real concern that begins daily for our closest brothers and sisters, an attitude that leads us to specific action in response to concrete needs. Let us continue to walk, as a Global Family, being beacons of hope and boldly responding to the emerging needs of our time, to the needs of our sisters and brothers, especially those who suffer most, here, and now!

Br. Ángel Diego – Solidarity Secretariat

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VENEZUELA: SCHOOL HERMANO ILDEFONSO, MARACAIBO



REMAR, COLOMBIA



SPAIN: MARCHA COMPOSTELA



GUATEMALA: MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE ARCO NORTE REGION



LEBANON: BR. AURELIANO, PROVINCIAL OF MEDITERRÁNEA, VISITS FRATELLI PROJECT ACCOMPANIED BY BROTHERS JARJOUR AND JESUS



AUSTRALIA MARCELLIN COLLEGE, MELBOURNE

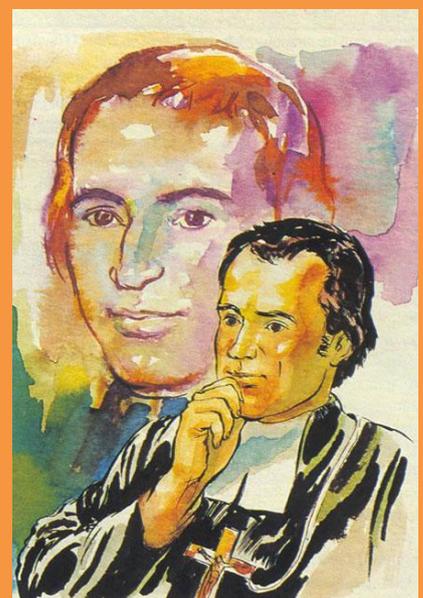
Br. François, first Superior General of the Marist Institute

48. EUCHARIST

Brother François had a true love and respect for the Eucharist. It could be said that he had a deep intimacy with Jesus. An example would be the way he encouraged and participated in the celebration of Corpus Christi. Dozens of witnesses could be cited who speak of his demeanour coming back from communion. According to the custom of the time, he was the only one to receive communion every day. Some were to comment on this later: "We liked to watch Brother François when he returned from communion with a smile on his lips. Seeing his face lit up, one would have taken him for a seraph. When he reached his place, he looked like an angel prostrate in prayer before the divine majesty and on fire with the yearnings sent to his beloved Jesus whom he had had the immense joy of receiving". "So recollected, adds another, that it was a marvel that he could even locate his kneeler".

The chapel is also the place where the greatest respect must be shown, he told candidates and young Brothers. They were not to run in this sacred place, and any buffoon caught in the act had to kiss the ground in reparation for his lack of respect. Brother François did not tolerate any noise or the slightest disturbance in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Other episodes



MARIST GLOBAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS

THIS IS HAPPENING IN CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

THE GLOBAL MARIST STUDENT COUNCIL, AN INITIATIVE TO EMPOWER YOUNG MARISTS INTERNATIONALLY

On February 7th Aisling Demaison, Director of Marist Education for the Province of West Central Europe, and Javier Llamas, representing the Marist Global Network of Schools, met at Marist College Dublin (Marian College) to continue promoting the initiatives that the Marist Global Network of Schools is making possible for the international Marist school community. Ireland has an exciting leadership programme to empower Marist students that is worth sharing with other regions of the world.

If your school is interested in being part of a group of young student leaders with whom to promote Marist values and connect with similar groups in other countries around the world, you can join Aisling's Global Marist student council on Agora.

PRINCIPALS OF MARIST SCHOOLS IN COLOMBIA DEEPEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL NETWORK

At the invitation of Brother Leonardo Yepes, the Marist Global Network of Schools participated in the meeting of the Directors of the Schools of Colombia which took place on Wednesday 16 February 2022. It was a very propitious meeting to continue to learn about the process that the network is following and to deepen the opportunities that it offers to each school. The meeting highlighted the importance of participating in the activities that are being organised as an open network: webinars, courses... and the activities carried out on the Agora platform for those who wish to meet and interact on topics of common interest.

INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN AGORA

The **THIRD EDUCATOR** group invites to its group launching meeting, all those interested in the topic related to the creation of learning spaces that enable being and doing in the integral development of students.



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The meeting (Spanish language) will take place on Thursday 10 March at 16:00 in Montevideo, Uruguay (20:00 in Rome, Italy).

Interested parties can join at the following link:

Meeting ID: 896 8634 8487

Access code: 236179

The group **SEGURIDAD DIGITAL** organises a very interesting conference entitled: "Digital risks of children and young people and preventive education at school and at home".

The conference will be given by Rosa Pérez, Director of Digital Education at the consultancy firm Gaptain (Spain).

We will learn about a study on the diagnosis and digital mapping of real schools to see how pupils use technology and how it determines their social relationships. Information will be provided on the type of skills needed to prevent these digital risks. The conference (English and Spanish languages) will be held on Tuesday 15 March at 13:00 in Santiago de Chile, Chile (17:00 in Rome, Italy).

Interested parties can join at the following link:

Meeting ID: 818 1187 2815

Access code: 996727



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