

# 6<sup>TH</sup> PROVINCIAL CHAPTER BULLETIN

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## Statement of the 6<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter

Marist East Asia Province

April 20-25, 2022

### “Do this in memory of Me” (Luke 22:19)

#### *Becoming Homes of Light in Christ*

We, the delegates and participants of the 6<sup>th</sup> Provincial Chapter of the East Asia Province, discerned what the Holy Spirit is calling us to BE and DO in this volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous world where we are now living.

In our synodal journey of reflecting, listening, sharing, and discerning the will of God, we believe that as Marists of Champagnat, we are called to be:

- **CONTEMPLATIVES OF THE SACRED** by nurturing harmony and interiority in our relationship with our God. We commit to being credible witnesses in the spirit of the Beatitudes.
- **COMPASSIONATE HEALERS** by recognizing our limitations, weaknesses, and brokenness; being respectful of diverse cultures and beliefs. We commit to create a culture of CARE for one another, especially those who are suffering in whatever conditions. We remain faithful to what St. Marcellin impels us to *“love one another and be of one heart and one mind.”*
- **BRIDGE BUILDERS** by connecting with the young, listening to their voices, acknowledging their developmental needs, and bridging them to their dreams. We commit to journey with them, in becoming partners and partakers in God’s mission, particularly the children and the young at risk and in need.
- **CARERS OF OUR COMMON HOME** by upholding human dignity and integrity of creation. We commit to intensify our responses and initiatives in addressing emerging needs, social injustices, and environmental crises toward integral ecology through our ministries.

With unswerving trust in God’s guidance as Mary did, we will act with a sense of urgency and courage, and do things in MEMORY OF JESUS.

We continue our journey together as Marists of Champagnat, one with the global Marist family, in becoming HOMES OF LIGHT IN CHRIST!

We now entrust all these to God, with the Magnificat of Mary, and their realization with the inspiration of St. Marcellin.

We go in the light of Christ with a profound sense of mission to create a hopeful and life-giving future!

**DELEGATES AND PARTICIPANTS**

6<sup>TH</sup> EAST ASIA PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

Philippine Sector (Lake Sebu), Korea-Japan Sector & China Sector (Online)

## DELEGATES AND PARTICIPANTS





## *Photos during the Missioning Ceremony*



**The newly elected Provincial Council of the Province of East Asia together with the Brothers from General Administration in Rome.**

**L-R:**

**Br. Josep Soteras, Br. Luis Carlos Gutierrez, Br. Rommel Ocasiones, Br. Jacobo Song, Br. Anthony Tay, Br. Allan J de Castro, Br. Manuel V. de Leon and Br. Sylvain Ramandimbiasoa**



**The Brothers with Most Rev Bishop Cerilo Casicas, DD during the Missioning Ceremony.**



## *Activities in Photos*







*Engaging in the  
synodal process of  
reflecting,  
listening, sharing,  
and discerning the  
will of God.*



## APPEAL OF THE YOUTH OBSERVERS DURING THE 6<sup>TH</sup> EAST ASIA PROVINCIAL CHAPTER (April 20-25, 2022)

### *Listen to our voice!*

We the Marist Youth of Champagnat echoes the voice of all the Youth whose sentiments and aspiration for the future are put aside. We commit to be pro-active in terms of service and involvement as we move forward in amplifying the emerging issues that concern the youth. In the same manner, we aim to see young minds that may come before us, experience the advocacies that we have fought for. In this milieu, we channel the charisms of St. Marcellin of Champagnat and all the founding brothers of this Congregation. Hence, we would like to shed light on the following relevant issues that hinder the youth in realizing their true mission according to God's purpose.

*Pakinggan niyo ang aming boses.* Our issues are real; our social media addiction and the emergence of mental health crisis is real given the overwhelming statistics as pieces of evidence. This generation is broken, sad, depressed, angry, and vulnerable; but we want to be better, and that is why we need the right people who can free us from the chains of our addiction and speak life onto us as we journey to recovery.

*Pamatia ang among mga tingog.* A cry for plea for the older generations. You always tell us that we are the hope of the nation, but why don't you listen to us? Why do you disregard our sentiments? And why do you keep on saying that we are the hope of the nation where in fact, the nation is also our hope. Your guidance and initiative are also needed, and we are asking for it. We need your listening ears it's now or never; everything is already late. We don't need your prevention anymore; we need the cure and action that you can provide.

*Paminawa ang among mga tingog.* The question that looms in my mind is the existence of God in our lives as Youth. Atheism has taken its root in the fertile minds of the young people. The Youth must be guided and empowered by the Marist Brothers and Lay. In the same manner, the substance abuse is growing thriving. Is this the future we want for our Youth? Hear us today! Never turn your eyes against us. We challenge you to revive our faith. Always remember "*Salus Amimarum Suprema Lex Esto*". Let us work together as we build the community that was broken by unbelief and abuse.

Different languages, same plea. Different people, same cry. We are the Youth of Champagnat and we want you to listen and act with urgency. We want you to help us be awakened. We want you to challenge us and commission us. On behalf of the Marist Community, Hear our voices!



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