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## MARIST INTERNATIONAL MISSION COMMISSION

# INNOVATION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MARIST MISSION

The thirteenth message of the Marist International Mission Commission, entitled Innovation in the Context of the Marist Mission, highlights the need to renew resources, innovate methodologies and increase inclusion in the different dimensions of mission spaces.

The text, prepared in the name of the International Commission of Marist Mission by Br. Manuir José Mentges, vice-rector of PUCRS, proposes innovations associated with a collaborative process, focused on creativity and the value of people to act, in a time of profound transformation, where the advance of digital and communication technologies is marked by hyper-connectivity and social, economic, political and environmental changes.

Through this message, the International Commission asks all Marists of Champagnat, under the inspiration of the 22nd



General Chapter, to act in a collaborative, interdependent and networked way. It also invites reflection on the question: how can we promote movements for change in an increasingly complex world?

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## general administration

■ This week the international commission in charge of revising the document In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat will meet at the Hermitage for a face-to-face meeting. Brothers Luis Carlos and Ben, from the General Council, Carlos Alberto and Mark from the Secretariat of Education and Evangelisation, and Valdicer and Ángel Diego, CMI and Solidarity respectively, are taking part in the meeting.

■ On Tuesday, the directors of the Brothers Today Secretariat, Brothers Ángel and Lindley, took part in the meeting of the team of the program of preparation for perpetual vows for young brothers from Asia and Oceania, which will take place in September in Malaysia.

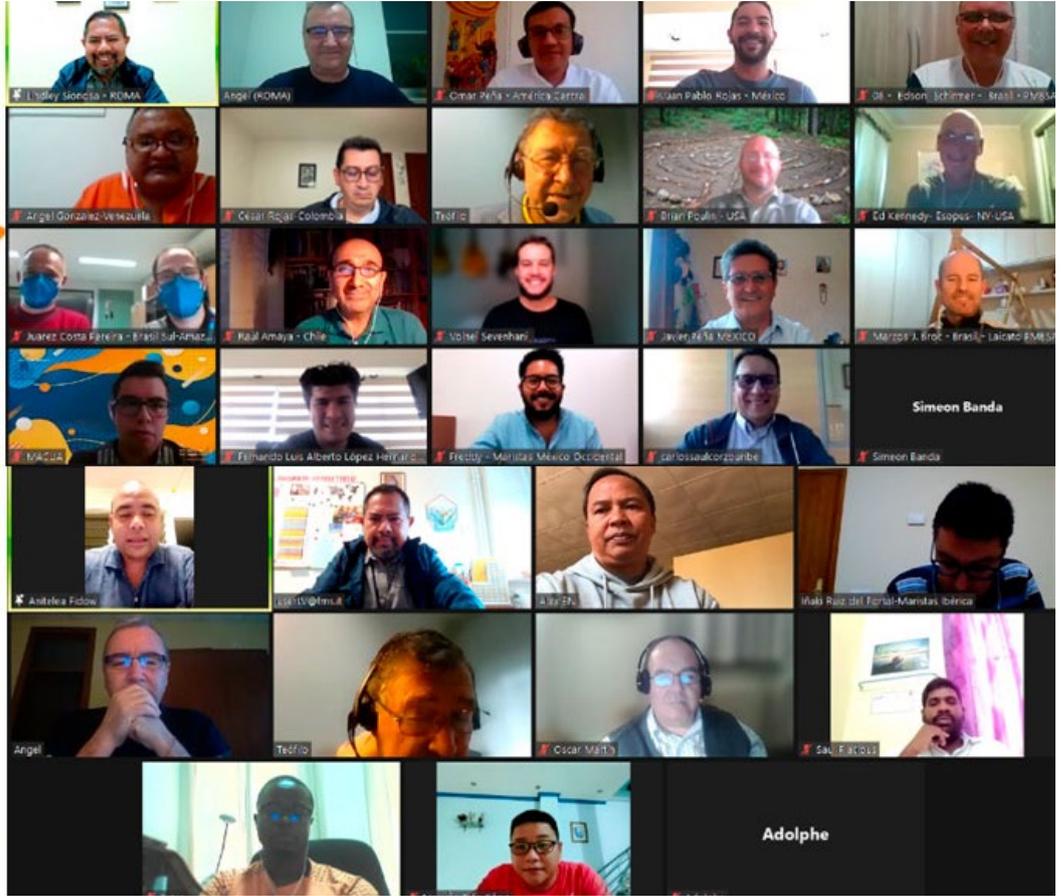
■ On Wednesday, Brothers Lindley and Ángel met with the International Marist Patrimony Commission.

■ During the week, the FMSI team held several virtual meetings to increase their participation in projects (Malawi, Cambodia, Bangladesh) and agreements with other entities (Fundación Real Madrid, La Salle).

■ On Friday, Brothers Lindley and Ángel, from the Brothers Today Secretariat, will participate in the virtual meeting of the "Tutti Fratelli" team, formed by brothers from various congregations who live and work in Rome. The meeting is monthly and in it they plan some activities and reflect on certain common themes.

BUILDING NETWORK

# MEETING OF VOCATION ANIMATORS



One project that the Marist Life Area has designed in line with the **Year of Marist Vocations** is the Network of Vocation Animators. For this, the Brothers Today Secretariat is organizing online meetings of the vocation animators of the different administrative units for the purpose of getting connected and acquainted, reflecting together, sharing experiences and insights, learning from each other, and encouraging and supporting one another.

There have been three meetings since October 2021, with the last one taking place on March 31, 2022, this time in two groups or time slots, in consideration of the different time zones.

The March 31 meeting was inspired by theme of the recently concluded General Conference, “Look Beyond”. The first moment was a visualization exercise that led the participants into the future, harvesting the fruits of the Year of Marist Vocations.

The second moment focused on caring for and generating Marist life, using the images of the fertilizer and water that are very important for the seedling as represented by the logo of the Year of Marist Vocations. The vocation animators were invited to reflect what is needed for this sprout to “grow into the tree” that would bear our desired fruits.

The dreams or the fruits can be summarized as a massive growth in Marist life whereby there will be more Marists – brothers and lay – living the charism in a very dynamic way. On the other hand, among the ways of caring for and generating Marist life, the fertilizers and drops of water for the sprout, are profound experiences of prayer, meaningful encounters in which Marist life is promoted especially among young people, going back to the fundamentals of our Marist vocation, and witnessing of a life well-lived.

The first meeting on March 31 was graced by Br. Oscar Martin, General Councilor, who reiterated the call to look beyond. Meanwhile, Raul Amaya, the Director of the Secretariat of the Laity, was present in the second meeting. He highlighted the idea that when talking about Marist vocations, our focus is that of both the brothers and the laity.

In the two meetings, Br. Teofilo Minga helped in the translation. A total of 29 vocation animators – brothers and lay Marists – were in attendance.

This type of encounter will continue to take place every two months.

## BRAZIL

Every year the Bishops' Conference promotes a theme for reflection especially during Lent. For the third time, the bishops propose education as a theme. This year the focus is on the Global Compact on Education, with the theme "Fraternity and Education". UMBRASIL and the Province of Brazil Centro-Sul have launched a website dedicated to this theme. [You can visit it through](#)

## TIMOR LESTE

On Saturday 2nd April, the six Timorese scholastics renewed their annual vows at a fitting ceremony at Casa Marista (formally called The Formation House). The ceremony was attended by all the Brothers in Baucau and some friends. For Brothers Benjamin, Jacinto and Melquiano, it was the third time they have renewed vows while, for Adelino, Gaspar and Isac, it was their first renewal.

## REFUGEES FROM UKRAINE

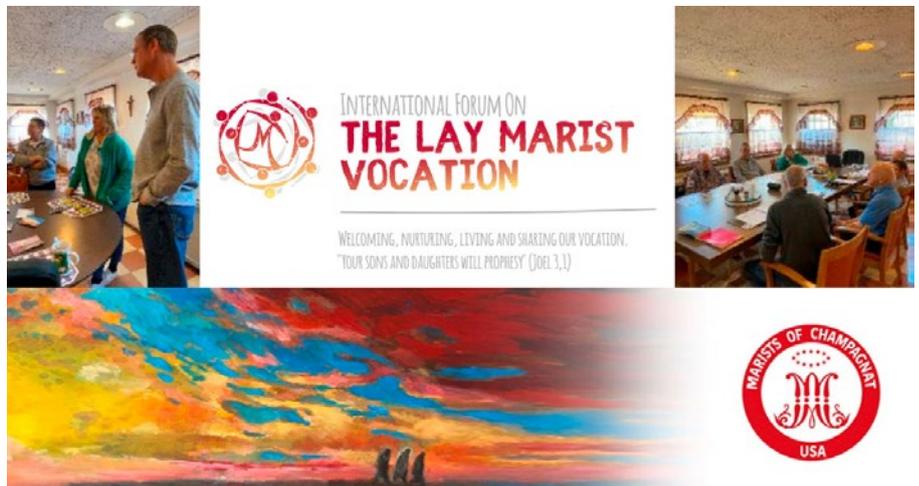
FMSI, at the General House, has collected various materials (food, clothing, medicine, etc.) to help refugees from the war in Ukraine. The donations were given on Tuesday to the Roman parish of St. Ilario in Poitiers, which will send them to the refugees in Italy.

## COMPOSTELA

Two stages of the "Marist Life Itinerary" took place. Stage "D2" was in Sintra, Portugal. Stage D3 took place in Miraflores, Burgos (Spain). The first group had the theme "Discovering my emotions", while for the second group the theme was "Discovering depth".

## UNITED STATES

## INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE LAY MARIST VOCATION IN US PROVINCE



The United States Province has completed its small group discussions on the Lay Marist Vocation for the upcoming international forum. Groups met in New Jersey, New York, Chicago, Miami, and Brownsville. People who were not near enough to those locations met virtually on Zoom. Each group reported great satisfaction with the process and the resulting conversations. Meetings included time for prayer, discernment, sharing and some activities to keep things moving.

Many of the folks involved have been

living the Marist charism for a long time. But many were new to the concept, and added their perspectives, as well. In each region and on zoom, there were several brothers present to add to the diversity of viewpoints.

All of Province groups met on Zoom for the last session and closing prayer on March 22.

The leaders will be consolidating all of the notes and writing the report from the Province to be submitted to the Secretariat of Laity, that is preparing the present meeting, in November, in Rome.

## CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

Since the beginning of the year, the Marist Global Network of Schools has published a monthly bulletin with information about the activities it promotes. [At this address](#) you will find the archive of the bulletins already published.

[Sign up](#) for Champagnat Global's english newsletter

CMI

# LOGO OF THE MARIST SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

Last February, the Marist Solidarity International Network held its 2nd Assembly. One of the topics discussed was the possibility of having a logo that would give the network visibility and unity throughout the Marist world.

Of the six logos proposed, the one below was chosen. It has a Spanish and English version. Henceforth, this logo should be used to identify the Network.

We can identify those elements in this logo, designed by the Department of Communication of the General Administration:

- The Cross symbolizes Christ; the globe, the global family; and the letter 'M', the Marists of Champagnat.
- The dark-blue triangle is the symbol of the General Administration while MSIN is the initials of the Marist Solidarity International Network.
- The colours, crowning the central symbols represent the 4 areas of the Secretariat of Solidarity: blue, rights; green, ecology; yellow, solidarity; purple, Social Works.
- The two white stripes on both sides of the dark-blue triangle symbolize the Network's readiness to respond to emerging needs and to incorporate other areas of work.

## To respond boldly to emerging needs

Many elements unite us as a global charismatic family including the many initiatives and actions that we are developing in favour of the most vulnerable in our environment. There are thousands of people committed to bringing to life what the XXII General Chapter so beautifully told us, in the fifth call, to



“respond boldly to emerging needs”, and which is explained to us in 4 points:

- To abandon old paradigms... to make visible the love of the Father in today's world”.
- To convert our hearts and to make our structures more flexible...”.
- “...To commit ourselves firmly to the promotion and defence of rights...”
- To awaken... an ecological conscience... care for our common home”.

Once again, from the Secretariat of Solidarity, we want to thank all of you who feel you are Marists of Champagnat. We want to thank you for your “doing” solidarity and, in particular, for your “being” solidarity for the brother who finds himself in difficulty.

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MEXICO: THE CERVANTES BOSQUE SCHOOL

EAST TIMOR: RENEWAL OF VOWS

UNITED STATES: ANNUAL SHARING OUR MISSION RETREAT – ESOPUS



COLOMBIA: COLEGIO CHAMPAGNAT IPIALES

ARGENTINA: TRAINING WEEK AT COLEGIO SAN LUIS

BRAZIL: COLÉGIO MARISTA DE BRASÍLIA (MARISTINHA)

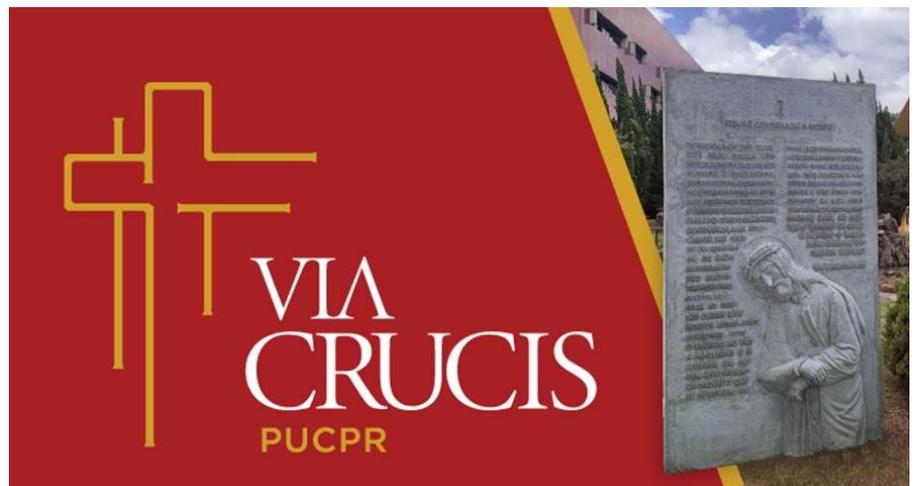
BRASIL

PUCPR INVITES TO A DIGITAL EXPERIENCE OF PRAYER IN THIS TIME OF LENT

The Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná (PUCPR), through the Council of Institutional Identity, invites the Marist world to discover and participate in a digital experience of prayer in this time of Lent.

Fulfilling its pedagogical-evangelizing mission, the Marist University of Curitiba arranged for the implementation of a Way of the Cross on its campus, composed of 15 panels that measure, individually, 1.20 meters wide by 2.40 meters high, and which were made by the plastic artist Elvo Benito Damo.

However, with the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic and with the sanitary norms aimed at its containment, the University



proposed the experience of Via Sacra Digital PUCP.

Via Sacra Digital PUCPR has English and Spanish subtitles and is available for permanent access to the community at this link.

MARIST GLOBAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS

# “THIS IS HAPPENING” IN CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

**CONFERENCE on DIGITAL SECURITY AVAILABLE on the web.**

On 15 March, the Digital Safety group of the School Network organized a conference on “Digital risks of children and young people and preventive education at school and at home” available for those interested in Champagnat Global/Resources/ Agora Contributions. Take advantage, learn, and share in your educational community.



**VISIT AGORA AND FIND YOUR CHANCE!**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in interacting with other colleagues in the Marist world about:

- Digital well-being in the school and family environment...
- The promotion of the practice of languages...
- Creating learning spaces
- The creation of international joint educational projects
- Empowering students

... Agorá is your space in the groups of Internationalization of students, Education and digital security, Language learning, The third educator and the Global Marist Student Council. WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU!

**PRINCIPALS OF THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MARIST GLOBAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS.**

All the principals of the schools of the Marist Province of Compostela met on March 4th and had the opportunity to learn more about the Marist Global Network of Schools. Br. Carlos Alberto Rojas, Director of the Institute’s Secretariat for Education and Evangelization, took advantage of the invitation to present the Project at the general meeting held

in León (Spain) [READ MORE...](#)

**EUROPEAN EDUCATION TEAM WITH THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS**

On the 7th of March, the European Education Team met with the Marist Global Network of Schools to find out how to promote the project in their provinces. The Marist Region of Europe, with its structure and organization, its communication channels, and its personnel team, has the ideal resources to promote networking. Thank you for joining this initiative.

**MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF THE LEVANTE ZONE (MEDITERRANEAN PROVINCE)**

Gradually, the events of the Marist Global Network of School are becoming visible in the Marist school environments. On the 24th of March, the directors of Levante zone, of the Province of Mediterránea, benefitted from the presence of Javier Llamas (remotely) to share about how the network is being set up. The meeting focused especially on the activities that are being developed as an open network: specific activities such as webinars, massive courses... and the activities on the Agorá platform, which allow us to join a group that interacts around a theme with other members of the Marist community.

## INTERNATIONAL MARIST VOLUNTEERING

# CMI DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES FACEBOOK GROUP FOR MARIST VOLUNTEERS

In 2019, on the launch of the Network of CPVs (Provincial Volunteer Coordinators) in Rome, communication was defined as one of the priorities. To share experiences and information, exchange opinions, clarify doubts and promote volunteering at provincial and interprovincial level, the Department of Collation for Mission Internacional (CMI) has created the [Facebook group “Marist Volunteering”](#). All Marists of Champagnat (brothers, lay people, volunteers, educators...), who wish to collaborate effectively in building a culture of solidarity, are invited to subscribe.

## Volunteering is part of Marist life and mission

[International Marist volunteering](#) is a concrete way of building the global family, of participating in Marist life and mission.

Volunteering is also, by nature, an important vehicle for



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sustainable development. It allows people and communities to participate in their own growth. Through volunteering, citizens build their own resilience, expand their basic knowledge, and gain a sense of responsibility for their own communities.

We count on your help to spread that message and share this [new communication channel](#).

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

### 53. THE GIER FLOODS AGAIN

No dia 6 de maio de 1872, um novo transbordamento do rio Gier fez o Ir. Francisco lembrar aquele de 1840. Naquela ocasião, havia feito o mesmo que o Padre Champagnat: levou um grupo de jovens irmãos à capela de Nossa Senhora da Piedade, recitando, na ida, o “miserere” e as litâneas da Santíssima Virgem, no regresso. “Façamos o mesmo”, dizia. E durante a litâneas da Virgem as chuvas cessaram. Quando saíram da capela, as águas no refeitório, que estava inundado, haviam baixado. Nesta ocasião, colocou dois escapulários na janela do quarto. No mesmo instante, segundo testemunhas, a chuva cessou e o nível do rio baixou; o céu ficou claro e se dissipou todo temor. O muro da casa do noviciado caiu numa extensão de 12 metros, porém o edifício principal estava salvo.

[Outros episódios](#)



NORANDINA

# FINAL PROFESSION OF BROTHER JUAN SEBASTIÁN HERRERA SALAZAR



**O**n March 19th, the Marist Brothers of the Province of Norandina celebrated the Final Profession of Brother Juan Sebastián Herrera Salazar in the chapel of the Champagnat Institute in Pasto, Colombia.

The ceremony was presided over by Fathers Fernando Mesa and Carlos Eduardo Correa. Brother Julián Olmo Miguel, delegate of the Brother Superior General, Ernesto Sánchez, received the vows. “In the name of the Superior General and in the company of the Brothers of the Province and the Institute, I welcome you to our Marist Family as a perpetually professed Brother,” expressed Brother Julián, after thanking

him for his consecration, also in the name of Brother Orlando Escobar, Provincial of Norandina.

Brothers, lay people and family members of Brother Juan participated in the celebration. Virtually Marists from different countries and communities also attended. Before entering the Marist Brothers, Brother Juan Sebastián studied at the Colegio Marista de Cristo, in Manizales, and, after graduating in 2005, he continued his Marist formation and entered the novitiate in Medellín. In 2013, he made his first vows. Currently he works as an educator in the Champagnat Institute in Pasto.



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