

## LOOKING AND MOVING BEYOND WITH HOPE!

The Marist General Conference held in the General House in March 2022, was an event to support and encourage the leaders in their service. The call of the General Chapter: ***"Called to live a prophetic and servant leadership"***, was the inspiration for the theme of the General Conference: **Looking Beyond - Leaders at the service of our Global Marist Family.**

### Leadership that cares for life!



The Conference nourished brotherhood among the leaders, as an opportunity to listen, pray, reflect, contemplate, share, and renew our commitments with enthusiasm. It inspired us to raise, to stand up and move beyond the virtual world, to raise our eyes beyond our worldly mentality, short-term interests, and look the horizon with hope.

Br. Ernesto said: *"What was it in Marcellin's heart that led him to think big? I think that fundamentally it was the deep conviction that it was not his personal project, but that of God and Mary"*.

We are all leaders in one way or other, therefore, we need to keep the vision alive, work as team, be transparent, open, and flexible. For instant, let's remember the good things that happened in time

of crisis, the newness and creativity that flourished. Certainly, we don't want to stop doing good, and continue to committee ourselves as Brother and Lay to widen the tent of solidarity, care, and fraternity.

Our Church leader, Pope Francis, received us for the audience with simplicity and humility. Isn't this a great message of a leader? He knows us, our history of who we are and what we do. He stressed the importance of looking to the future of the Congregation and opening up to the horizon of a universal fraternity. Inspired by the legacy of Marcellin Champagnat, Francis motivated us to continue working towards an evangelizing education. *"Champagnat knew how to 'look beyond', and he knew how to teach young people to 'look beyond', to open themselves to God, to the horizons of love according to the Gospel"*.

A wonderful image, like the statue of Champagnat outside of the Vatican, Marcellin with the children teaching them to look beyond.

Marcellin was guided by the example of our Good Mother: "Mary was a small woman from a suburban village, but her heart looked beyond, She had the horizon of the Kingdom of God".

The Marist mission is to provide education of quality, which must be combined with the reality that changes, also suggesting: *"children and young people are predisposed to become guardians of the creation, but they need to learn that this is not reduced to slogans, it is not just denunciation, it is a way of life, it requires patience, fortitude, temperance, justice. In short, one is not born as a guardian of creation, but one with an educational path"*.

The example of ecology *"can be applied to other fields, such as social and political commitment, such as the field of communication, or even before the field of study and work, seen from the perspective of the integral promotion of person. But above all, it is up to you as religious, spiritual education, which is the basis for integral growth. **This belongs to you as religious: spiritual education"**.*

*"Jesus Christ is the Master of life and of truth, the path to be followed in order to become men and women in their fullness, and the Holy Spirit is the interior Master who forms Christ in us. **What a vocation, what a mission, brothers, to cooperate with Christ and the Spirit to accompany young people in this adventure!"***

It was a privilege and blessing to participate in this audience, to see Pope Francis, listen to him, to shake his hands and to say to him: *"**greetings from Asia!"***

Brother Ernesto in his speech to the Pope said:

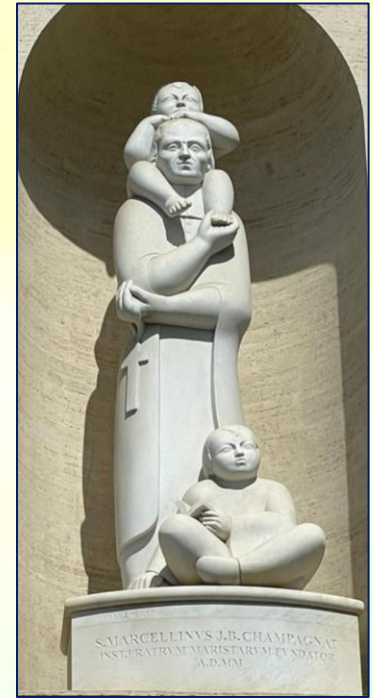
*"Holy Father, we want to thank you for your witness of personal warmth to the Church and to the world, as well as for your prophetic voice encouraging us to be God's tender and merciful presence in the midst of a world in a state of continuous turbulence."*

*"**We come before you, in all simplicity, to ask your blessing for all the Brothers as well as the lay people involved in the life and mission of the Institute, and for all the young people in our educational and social works in 78 countries, and their families."***

And so, Pope Francis extended his blessings to all the Marists of Champagnat!

**Dear Marist friends of Champagnat, CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**Look beyond and move beyond with HOPE!**



*Br. Canisio J. Willrich  
(District Leader)*



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*“Champagnat knew how to 'look beyond', and he knew how to teach young people to 'look beyond', to open themselves to God, to the horizons of love according to the Gospel”. – Pope Francis*

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## Talit Community – West Bengal, India

January 26th Republic Day we celebrated in our Marist community and hostel. We had a morning flag hoisting and distribution of sweets to the boys. Followed by we had a competition of the football with our hostel boys. At the end of the day we had a meal together with our hostel boys.



January 29th, we had a teacher's meeting. During the meeting we were discussing with our teachers about the child protection policy Bro. Malangmei. As well Bro. Jose was explaining how to teach the boys who are really poor in study. As well he is explaining the Marist way of teaching to the boys and community college students as well. At the end of the meeting we had lunch out with all the teachers.



February 13th one of the hostel teachers. She celebrates her birthday with our hostel boys. She gives sweets to all the boys and brothers. It's good to see that our hostel teachers are getting to know more about it. As well our mission to the boys. We feel that it's a good moment to experience the teachers getting closer with our Marist community as well with our hostel boys.



February 27th, we had a hostel parents meeting with all the parents and boys of the hostel. We welcome all the parents in the Santali ways. During the meeting Bro. Malangmei explained about the child protection policy as well about the Marist way of life to the people. Bro. Jose explained about the importance of education to the family. As well as asking the family to support the boys to get a good education. Bro. Jiji presented the hostel rules and regulations as well as what the rules have to be followed by the parents and what rules have to be followed by the boys of the hostel. During the meeting all the hostel teachers were presented and teachers explained about the education of the boys. At the end of the meeting all the parents, teachers, boys and brothers had lunch together.



March 19th, we celebrated the Holi. It is a very important day in India. People celebrate the day with colors. As we celebrate the day with the colors as we live in India. It shows the unity of our people in India. In that way we celebrated the day with full of fun and colors.



March 18th in our community and hostel we had a one-day recollection. Fr. Alex came to give us the recollection at the end of the day we had a Eucharistic celebration then we concluded the day.



Our community college mission is going very well. In the evening we are having tuition for the village people. In the morning we are having tailoring class for the women's as well computer class. We are trying our best to help all the young people as well all the poor children through the community college. As a Marist community we continue to work with our Marist spirit.



Our Marist new land in Talit. Compound wall work is over. At the moment we are waiting for the permission of the government to build the house. We hope very soon the government of west Bengal gives us the permission to build the Marist community in the new land of the Marist brothers.



we would like to thank all the AMS staff, benefactors and friends. From November 2021 to April 2022. We are able to help 100 poor families. From these 100 family's children are able to go to school and continue with their studies. We are able to reach out with people of all religions. With the help of the five Parish we are able to help the 100 needy families. I like to thank all the parish priests and Bishop as well because of them we are able to reach out to them.



*Bro. Jiji, fms*



**Cu Chi Community in Viet Nam**



**Being together in meal time**



**Before going to the Church in the parish.**



**There are times for us to deepen our spiritual life.**



**Helping our neighbor students in the evening.**

*Duy Le – Novice*



**Tan Chau Community- Vietnam**

**Housing Project for families at Tà Dơ, funded by the Jesuit Social Organization.**

With the donation, worth \$USD 3,500 from the Jesuit Social Organization, we were able to support over 50 families living along Dầu Tiếng Lake to renovate their daily living space (I wouldn't call it a house, it's just some kind temporary tents, simply built by their own hands to have a roof to pass the day)



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*Houses before the Project  
Houses after a long period of  
raining season. Water rose  
high, disrupted their lives, and  
then left the house decayed.*

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*The Housing Project at its  
start Distributing sticks and  
rubber sheets to the people.  
It was quite a hard, busy day  
for us all to distribute  
hundreds of long, heavy  
sticks to the people. Thanks  
to our brothers and lay  
volunteers*

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*The Project at its  
movement.  
We were able to  
contribute a bit of our  
skills into building the  
house, too.*

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*Houses are ready for people to live in*

*With the sticks and rubber sheets given, many families now have their place to live the next raining season.*

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### Food Donation Program

We supported different groups of donors to distribute gifts to the people here. Rice, noodles, cooking oil, seasoning, etc, for family daily living. Bread, milk, candy, etc, for children.

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*However, being with and supporting children here is the priority of our present here.*

*We come here 3 times a week to be with the children. At the moment we try to get to know them by playing games with them and talking with them to know their educational status right now. Soon, we will try to re-open classes to teach them some basic knowledge.*

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*Bro. Long Tran*



## Mymensingh Formation Community - Bangladesh

### My university study experience

This is Robert Howee. At the beginning of this year 2022, I enrolled in one of the private Universities called Notre Dame University Bangladesh (NDUB), run by the Holy Cross Congregations. I have been doing my Honors course, Major in English, for four years. Here, I am learning and enjoying many new things with my batch mates. And the most important thing is that I have a great privilege to stay, play, study, work and pray together within the campus with the community of Holy Cross seminarians. And they are also kind and generous enough to grant me 50 percent discounts for my studies... I am really grateful to them for all their kindness and generosity.



I believe that University is not only about education, it is more about nurturing what I can do and become for my ministry. I am hopeful that my university studies and experiences, my experiences with the Holy Cross seminaries and community will give me knowledge, skills, confidence and experience enough to work with many people in many areas in the future.



### Visiting the New candidates house and the Parish house:

February 25<sup>th</sup> Brothers visited two candidates' family and their Parish priest who is my friend Fr. Dominic Sarkar CSC, for last 18 years. Br. Robert, Candidate Lolat Kubi and I made a meaningful visit to the Parish, and the families of our two candidates Mr. Lazarus Mrong and Mr. Sukumar Mrong. The parents are happy about our visit and to send their sons to our formation program.



**Fr. Dominic, Bro. Alex, Bro. Robert and Lolat Kubi, Candidate**



**Mr. Sukumar and his Family with the Brothers**



**Mr. Lazarus and his family with the Brothers**



**Birthday Celebration of Mr. Timas Howee and Mr. Lolat Kubi our Candidates in April first week.**





Our **Postulants Shovo Chiran** and **Shohel Costa** are repairing the roof of the stairs in our house to stop the rain water to enter into the house while they are waiting for their visa to the Philippines.

**Fitting new lights in our chapel with the help of our Postulants and Candidates.**



**Community of the Brothers; Alex Arokiasamy, Cesar Barba, Robert Howee with the Postulants and Candidates in front of the new grotto of our Good Mother in our Cathedral parish.**



**Bro. Alex Arokiasamy**



## *Postulancy House – Davao, Philippines*

Ecology in action, Br. Juan and Br. Walter took action to improve the community's environment. The result is wonderful.



From January 14-17, Br. Pedro came to Davao to renew his visa. It was good to make some dumplings together after such a long time.



From February 3-9, after a ten-day seminar of MBSI (My Body Spirit Integration) at PM sister convent, ten novices came to Davao for visa renewal and annual report. Mabuhay!



Br. Juan left for his home visit on March 3. We wish him all the best and enjoy a lot with his family. He will return to Davao on April 23.



Vinh, a postulant from Vietnam, and Br. Salvador, arrived safely in Davao on March 11. We wish Vinh will have a good discernment process during his postulancy formation stage.



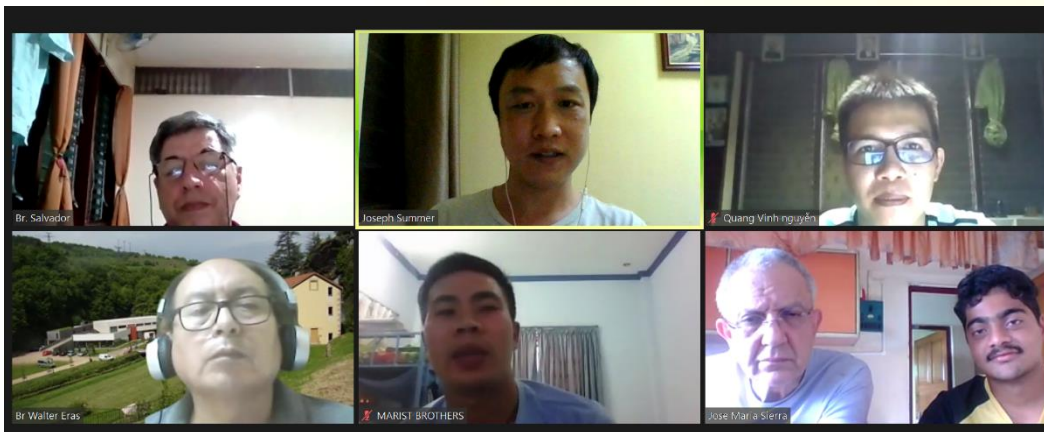
On March 25, the feast of the Solemnity of Mary's Annunciation, the community joined the blessing and inauguration of the St. Peter Chanel chapel in the Marist Father residence located in Juna Subdivision.



On April 11, Brothers Petero and Jong-Jong and some staff from NDMU, had a short visit to the community. Thank God for the brotherhood and the good relationships.



On each Saturday, the online Gospel sharing continues. From the beginning of March, Br. Jose Maria joined the sharing with an Indian incoming postulant Sateesh.



*Br. Joseph Summer*



*Vows Renewal of the Young Brothers*



*Br. Pedro*





## *Tudella International Novitiate – Sri Lanka*

Our novitiate in Tudella is little by little developing its normal activities. Sujith, the novice from Sri Lanka, welcomed each one of us, as he was living and following the Novitiate program in the novitiate after the departure of our young brothers. I arrived on February 14<sup>th</sup> and on March 16<sup>th</sup> arrived our novices from Timor Leste. The 18<sup>th</sup> Topu from Bangladesh and the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April Ly and Thanh from Vietnam. Only we are waiting Cosmas and Elijah from Solomon Island, they will join us when their visa and travel conditions allow it.

Here there are some pictures from three significant events.



Recollection day near the beautiful beach.

Celebration of Passover meal.





**Outing to Colombo**



*Br. Paco Garcia.*



*From Cambodia Pulung Community*

Two months ago, I went to Pulung community, Cambodia and I felt interested in this new place. This is a mountain area so the people here are poor but they are very friendly and hospitable. The food here is quite similar to Viet Nam, and there are some Vietnamese living here too so I feel at home. Our community has three members; brother Bernhard, brother John and me, we share our different tasks in the community to build up our community life. I am in charge of teaching English for the students in our neighborhoods, in this class we have a lot of fun and are helpful for me because while I teach them English they teach me Khmer.



I also feel happy and solidarity with religious people here when we have gathering every month to share our ministries and help each other to grow in our concern.

So dear my brothers and sisters, I am happy with my new mission here in Cambodia. I hope you also have a blessed life and receive full of Grace from the Risen Lord wherever you are.

*Bro. Nghi*





## Birthdays

### May 2022

- 5<sup>th</sup> Anton Cong
- 9<sup>th</sup> Xia Baoxuan
- 16<sup>th</sup> Le Van Nghi
- 17<sup>th</sup> Nguyen Huu Dan (N1)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Nguyen Duy Binh

### June 2022

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Guang Zhao, Pedro
- 6<sup>th</sup> Nguyen Van Tri
- 7<sup>th</sup> LAVNGE Nyuydine John
- 16<sup>th</sup> Walter Eras Lopez
- 18<sup>th</sup> Réal Sauvageau
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nguyen Viet Bao
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Jiji Dhasan
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Nguyen Van Phuc
- 24<sup>th</sup> Tran Ngoc Gioan

**Good wishes and  
Prayers Brothers**

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