



BRAZIL

IX MEETING “INTEGRA CONFSSIONAL”: “YOU CANNOT TEACH WITHOUT PASSION”

The FTD Educação, Publishing House of the Province of Brasil Centro-Sul, held, from June 5 to 8, the IX edition of the “Integra Confessional” Meeting, an initiative that seeks to inspire Confessional Education. This year, the theme of the meeting was “Charism, Memory and Education: the path towards a collaborative and supportive school management”. The theme was based on Luke 24:15: “Jesus came near and walked with them”.



general administration

- During the second week of plenary sessions, the General Council shares about the visits made to the Administrative Units in the last few months. It also continues discussing some issues presented during the General Conference, including the reconfiguration of some regions of the Institute. It discusses various issues such as personnel, economics, as well as giving answers to some requests received.
- From Monday to Friday, Raúl Amaya and Ana Saborío, from the Secretariat of Laity, participate in the Regional Meeting of Lay Formators of the Arco Norte Region.
- On Monday, Brother Ben, General Councilor, met with Brothers Beto and Mark to coordinate the activities of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization.
- On the same day, the directors of the Bureau of Solidarity, Brothers Ángel Diego and Francis, attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Marist International Solidarity Network which dealt with initiatives on behalf of the refugees of the war in Ukraine.
- On Tuesday, the Champagnat Global Network held the second session of its meeting for directors of Marist schools. The theme was “what makes a school Marist” and was orga-

nized by the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization. The General Council participated in the online meeting.

- On Thursday the group of young Brothers who are following the “Gier” formation program will finish the first stage, in Rome. They will continue the program at the Hermitage. Several Brothers from the General Administration have helped develop this program, in which 22 brothers from different Administrative Units are participating. The animation team consists of Brothers Tony Leon, José Miguel Caballero, Ángel Medina and Lindley Sionosa.
- On Friday begins the Formation Program for candidates to the International and Intercultural Communities. Organized by the Cmi Department, with the collaboration of Agnes Reyes, the program will have 8 participants, and will take place in Manziana (4 weeks) and at the Hermitage (last week). On Sunday, Brother Ernesto, together with the General Council, will welcome the group.
- On Friday, brothers and laity from the General Administration will hold the last session of the local step of the Forum on Lay Marist Vocation, which will be attended by the General Council.

The event was attended by 175 representatives of the 274 religious congregations that manage 781 schools associated with the FTD, a Marist institution with 120 years of history. The event included panels with several Catholic institutions, among them the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil (CNBB), the Conference of Religious



of Brazil (CRB) and the National Association of Catholic Education of Brazil (ANEC). There was also a moment of formation with Ricardo Mariz and Emília Cipriano.

The “**Magna Lecture**” was given by Dom Angelo Zani, Secretary Emeritus of the Congregation for Catholic Education of the Holy See.

MESSAGE OF CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE HOLY SEE

Another highlight of this year’s edition was the Message sent on behalf of Pope Francis by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State, to the participants, which is reproduced below.

In the name of Pope Francis, I greet with esteem all the participants in this IX “Integra Confessional” Meeting, addressing a word of thanks to the promoters of this praiseworthy initiative of sharing and reflection. Enlightened by the Gospel passage that narrates the experience of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, you are invited to experience during this assembly the encouraging presence of Jesus, who also today draws near and sets out on the journey with humanity (cf. Lk 24:15). After this experience, the disciples said to one another: “Were not our hearts burning within us as he spoke to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us? To educate is to make our hearts burn! In this regard, the Holy Father recalls that “one cannot teach without passion” (Address to the Italian Catholic Union of Teachers, Leaders, Educators and Formators, 14/11/2015). To every religious or lay representative of Catholic education in

Brazil or Latin America and participant in this meeting, I leave the challenge to let oneself be captivated by the method of Jesus, which does not mean a list of external techniques, but a style cultivated interiorly from the wise dialogue with the Father. The method of Jesus is naturally reflected in the journey to Emmaus and can be developed in the following points: initiative of closeness, attentive and inclusive listening, prolonged dialogue, sharing at the table. The risen Master’s way of relating transfigures the memory of his disciples, who pass from sadness and discouragement to hope and uncontainable joy.

I wish you all every success in your work, while conveying to you the spiritual closeness of His Holiness Pope Francis, who, in sending you his Apostolic Blessing, encourages each of you to learn from Jesus the ardor of mercy and the art of solidarity.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of the Holy See

BRASIL CENTRO-SUL

MEETING OF THE FORUM ON THE LAY MARIST VOCATION

On June 4, the Province of Brasil Centro-Sul held the provincial meeting of the International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation, the culmination of the second stage of the process that will end in November 2024. There were sixty participants.

During the last few months, the Province has discussed various topics in formative workshops.

At the last meeting, the three members elected to represent the Province at the International meeting in Rome, which will take place November 4-11, 2022, were presented: João Gabriel Soares Sedrez, Lay Youth, from São Paulo; Josmari Pauzer, Fraternity of the Holy Family of the CMMF, from Curitiba; and Br. Alison Furlan, Provincial Advisor of the CMMF.



NEW ZEALAND

100 YEARS OF MARIST EDUCATION IN HAMILTON

On Sunday June 5, Marist people gathered at St John's College to celebrate the 100 years of Marist presence in Hamilton. Mons. Frank (former Brother) and Fr. Chris

concelebrated Mass, with Mons. Frank giving a homily in which he offered fulsome praise of the contribution that the Brothers had made to the Church in the city over those 100 years.

The Mass was followed by a lunch prepared by the staff and students of the Cooking Department of the College. Shane Tong, the Principal, spoke about the College of today



and how it was following the Marist tradition. Br Doug offered his thoughts on the situation of the Brothers in New Zealand today, highlighting the move into a new Province in December and the focus on Champagnat Marists to continue the work begun by the Brothers of yesteryear. Mons Frank then shared some events involving Brothers during his time as a student at the College.

MEXICO

V ASSEMBLY OF THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF MARIST PUBLISHING HOUSES

On May 25 and 26, the V Marist Publishing Network Assembly was held in Mexico City. In addition to the representatives of the publishing houses FTD Educação, GRAM Editora, and EDELVIVES, Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas, Director of the Secretariat for Education and Evangelization, took part in the work sessions.

The Marist Publishing Network, which has been in operation for more than ten years, proposed new models of work to promote active collaboration among the different publishing houses. Since the beginning of its journey in 2011, this Network has sought to establish synergies to face the challenges of the new scenarios in the international publishing sector.

On the last day of the Assembly, the first RTCi Classroom (Reinvent The Classroom international) was inaugurated at the



Edelvives Mexico offices. Within a publishing House, named after Brother Joaquín Flores, in homage to the last Marist General Director of Editorial Progreso. The event was attended by the General Superior, Brother Ernesto Sánchez, the Provincials of Central Mexico, Brother Luis Felipe González, Western Mexico, Brother Luis Enrique Santana, and Brother Abel Muñoz, Provincial of Ibérica, along with other personalities of the Institute.

AUSTRALIA

BR. PETER CARROLL FIRST PROVINCIAL OF STAR OF THE SEA PROVINCE

The General Council announced the appointment Br. Peter Carroll as Provincial of the new Star of the Sea Province in Oceania, for a period of three years, starting on 8th December 2022, when will be inaugurated the new Province. The new province will be composed of the actual Province of Australia and the District of Pacific. The new Province consists of eleven countries: Australia, Cambodia, News Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste and Vanuatu, Fiji, Kiribati, New Zealand and Samoa. In his letter, sent to the brothers of the District of the Pacific and the Province of Australia, Brother Ernesto said: "Thank you, Peter, for your availability and generous acceptance to serve as leader in the new Province and for your service as Provincial of the Province of Australia since September 2015. I also would like to thank Br. John, for his devotedness in serving as District Leader of the District of the Pacific since December 2019. I



thank both of you, the members of your Councils, and the various teams and committees for the journey that you have been doing together over these years, taking the necessary steps to prepare for the birth of the new Province".

THE NEW PROVINCE

In 2018-19, the leaders of the region engaged in a process of determining a pathway forward for Oceania. This process resulted in a workshop of representatives from Australia, Melanesia, and the Pacific in March 2020. At the conclusion of that workshop, it was unanimously agreed that one new Province in Oceania be established. The Councils of the Province of Australia and the Districts of Melanesia and the Pacific unanimously accepted that recommendation, and therefore, formally requested that the General Council approve the plan to move to a single province for the region. On September 12, 2020, the General Council approved that request and endorsed the plans to move to a single administrative unit for Oceania by the end of 2022. The new Province will be inaugurated on 8 December 2022, during the first Chapter, that will be hold in Mittagong, Australia, from 8 to 15 December 2022.

BR. PETER CARROLL

Br. Peter was appointed provincial of Australia on January 15, 2015, a role he currently holds. During the General Conference on March 25, 2022, he was appointed first provincial of Star of the Sea.

I was born in 1958 and raised in Bundaberg and Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. I was the middle of three children; my older sister died in 1979 and my younger sister lives with her husband and two sons in Brisbane.

After completing my secondary schooling at Marist College Ashgrove I commenced the Postulancy in 1977 and entered the Novitiate in 1978. I took first vows in January 1980 and made Final Profession in 1986.

During the post-Novitiate period I completed studies at Macquarie University and post-graduate studies at what is today the Australian Catholic University.

From 1984 to 2012 my ministry was exclusively in secondary school education. I specialised in Religious Education and led

these departments in three schools. I then moved into school leadership and spent 15 years as Principal of three Colleges: one in Queensland and two in New South Wales.

I was first elected to the Provincial Council of the former Sydney Province in 2003, elected to the Provincial Council of the Australian Province when it was formed in 2012 and appointed by Br Jeffrey Crowe as his Deputy Provincial at the same time. During that time I have supported the Provincial, assisted with a range of pastoral matters and been involved in the professional standards area.

The good Lord has blessed me in many ways: having truly admirable parents, being raised in a loving home with supportive family, being called to the Marist way, being given so many opportunities over the past years.

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FRANCE: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHAMPAGNAT – HERMITAGE



HAITI: NEW HAITIAN MARIST BROTHERS: ISMICK, BÉALY, FREDLET, JONHSON, WITH BROTHERS ANTONIO CAVAZOS AND LUIS ENRIQUE, PROVINCIAL



MALAWI: MTENDERE NOVITIATE



ITALY: PATHWAYS RENEWAL IN MANZIANA



SPAIN: GRATITUDE OF THE BADALONA COMMUNITY FOR 118 YEARS OF MARIST PRESENCE



CANADA: FRATERNITY « BUENA MADRE » OF THE CMMF

PHILIPPINES

INTEGRATED BAR FORGE PARTNERSHIP WITH MARCELLIN FOUNDATION

Another milestone program for the welfare of children in conflict with the law was launched at Marcellin Home last June 3, 2022. The members of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), a professional organization of lawyers of South Cotabato and General Santos City, forged partnership with **Marcellin Foundation** in their interest of working for the best interest of children in need of help. In the Memorandum of Agreement, it was articulated that the IBP members will help in the cases of children in conflict with the law and provide them with free legal assistance for the period of 3 years.

As an alternative detention center and a formative place for youth at risks, Marcellin ensures that the well-being of every child is looked after. Through the legal assistance program of the IBP, a child needing legal assistance will be referred to the lawyers who will be available for the child's concerns.

This initiative of providing legal assistance is carried on by the International Pro-Bono Alliance (IPBAO) and the Asia Foundation (TAF) through the project Strengthening the Rule of Law through



Legal Aid Clinics in the Philippines.

Joining Br. Crispin, Br. Cristino and the Marcellin boys were: Atty. Remegio P. Rojas, the IBP President, Atty. Joemar Albano, incoming President and their secretary, Atty. Donna Ann Balboa. With them are Ms. Kristine Camova, the Legal Aid Clerk and Ms. Jamaica Perater, office secretary.

The signing of Memorandum of Agreement can usher in hope for children deprived of legal assistance.



MOZAMBIQUE

NIVAVA MARIST COMMUNITY AND THE NEW HORIZONS PROJECT

On 9th May 2022, our Marist School of Nivava and the entire Marist Community was graced with the visit of Br Mark Omede, Assistant Director of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization and the General Manager for **New Horizons Project**, and Br Geraldo Medida, Provincial Councilor of Southern Africa for Mozambique. Nivava Marist Community is located in the Northern Region of Zambezia Province, Mozambique, about 2,000 km from Maputo, the Capital City. Nivava Marist Secondary is within the premises of the Marist Community.

The purpose of the visit was to follow up, appraise, affirm, encourage Marist educational works in the context of New Horizons Project. During the three day-visit, the Brothers gave a training on violence prevention to the teaching staff and shared on Global Marist Schools network. Besides, the two Brothers met the School Council, and visited the maize mill under transformation into classroom meant to respond the rapid increase of students. They also visited the garage at its last stage of renovation to become the school tack shop for income generation activity intended to support the needy students. The School Council warmly receive the Brothers who receive gifts, local products that the local community holds very dearly.

On the same occasion, other acts of generosity from New Horizon Project and Manhiça Marist School Students took place. While the Project supported the school with equipment such as a photocopier, power stabilizer, UPS and battery for solar panels for the school, the students donated assorted secondhand clothes, school bags and school material to their brothers and sisters, children of Champagnat in Nivava. The two donations were wholeheartedly presented in the presence of Marist Staff School Council and the teaching staff.

On the occasion, the visitors emphasized that Manhiça School students made donation from the bottom of their hearts moved by genuine sentiments of solidarity as they embark on journeying together as a global family. In his remarks, Br Mark explained extensively to the better understanding of the audience, about the meaning of these donations and the necessity of Nivava School joining the Marist Schools Global Network. This was seconded by Br Medida who encouraged the school not to shy away whenever in need.

It was an utmost pleasure to have our Brothers Mark, Geraldo Medida, in Nivava. The School Community takes this opportunity to thank the New Horizons Project Management team for bringing a transformative education model to our schools. Please, do come always to our aid for we cannot run the school by ourselves and without resources and competencies, the project promotes. This aid comes at a very critical moment when the Mozambican Government has stopped channeling in the little money that it used to give to all the Religious Schools, including ours. We equally thank Manhiça Marist School for extending its generous hand to our dearest students, most of whom can hardly afford to buy a pair of school uniform.

João Serrote – President of the School Council
Jose Ernesto Gemusse – School Director



UNITED STATES AND CANADA

The archives teams of the Province of the USA and the District of Canada met in Esopus over the past weekend to explore the possibility of a unified Marist Brothers archive as they move into the future.

NORANDINA

In Venezuela on June 6, Andrés, Marycarmen, Deysi, Neida and María José renewed their commitment to the Marist Charism. They are part of the Marist family of the Instituto Juan XXIII. The celebration took place in the Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe Parish.

BRASIL CENTRO-SUL

The Province has announced an agreement with the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to take over, in January 2023, the Sagrado Coração de Jesus School in Birgüi, state of São Paulo, which will be renamed Escola Champagnat de Birigüi. In the communiqué released last 13, Brother Benê Oliveira, Provincial, assumed the commitment to continue the mission of the Catholic school in the city, walking in unison with the Sisters and with respect for the history of this educational establishment.

MEXICO CENTRAL

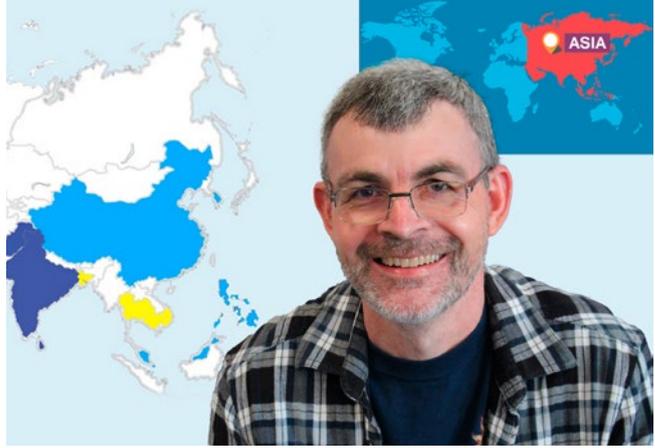
The areas of Education and Marist Youth Ministry are organizing the “First Provincial Meeting of Art and Culture”, which will take place from Friday 17 to Sunday 19 June in Querétaro. The theme of this first meeting is “Deconstructing to rebuild new normalities”.

SPAIN

[In this link](#) is now available the issue 97 of the magazine SED SOLIDARIOS. This issue reviews the last months of work of the Marist NGO in Spain, and also mentions the emergency campaign in favor of the refugees from the war in Ukraine.

MARIST DISTRICT OF ASIA
THE SUPERIOR APPOINTED FOR A SECOND TERM

The General Council announced the appointment Br Canísio José Willrich as Superior of the Marist District of Asia for a second term of three years. Brother Canísio will begin his mandate as District Leader during the celebration of the District Chapter which is to be held from the 16th to the 19th of August 2022.



In his letter, sent to the Brothers of the District, Brother Ernesto thanked Br Canísio for the work accomplished during his first period, and also extend his gratitude to the District Council for the performance. “Thank you, Brothers

and Lay Marists, for all you do to keep Marcellin’s dream alive in the countries that comprise the Marist District of Asia”, said Br Ernesto.

The Marist District of Aisa (MAD) consists of communities in 6 countries: Thailand, Bangladesh, India, Cambodia, China and Vietnam.



BR. CANÍSIO JOSÉ WILLRICH

El H. Canísio nació el 17 de febrero de 1972 en São Vendelino, RS, Brasil. Forma parte de la provincia Brasil Sul-Amazônia. Entró en el juvenato marista en 1986 y realizó sus primeros votos el 8 de diciembre de 1992 en Passo Fundo. Seis años después, en 1998 hizo su profesión perpetua el 22 de noviembre de 1998.

Estudió teología en la PUCRS. Y asimismo, realizó un curso de catequesis y otro de psicopedagogía en São Paulo. Además de estudiar inglés, también realizó un curso de formadores en Chile.

Como parte de su experiencia laboral en la provincia, el H. Canísio se ha dedicado por varios años a la formación inicial de la provincia, a la pastoral vocacional, a la obra social, y ha trabajado como profesor y animador de comunidad.

El H. Canísio, originario de la Provincia Brasil-Sul Amazônia, forma parte del Distrito Asia desde hace 14 años. Comenzó su preparación para la misión Ad Gentes en 2007. Realizó un curso de perfeccionamiento del idioma inglés en Sudáfrica y estudio misiología 5 meses en Davao, Filipinas.

En el 2008, fue enviado a Vietnam, donde aprendió el vietnamita y trabajó en la promoción vocacional y la formación inicial. Fu nombrado leader del Distrito en 2019. Desde 2012 hasta 2014, trabajó en el Noviciado de Cotabato, Filipinas, y posteriormente, tras colaborar en el Noviciado de Tudella, Sri Lanka, desde 2014 hasta 2016, regresó en 2016 a Vietnam, donde se dedicó a la Pastoral Vocacional y formación inicial. Fue secretario del consejo y por dos veces consejero del Distrito Asia. Fue nombrado superior del distrito en 2019.

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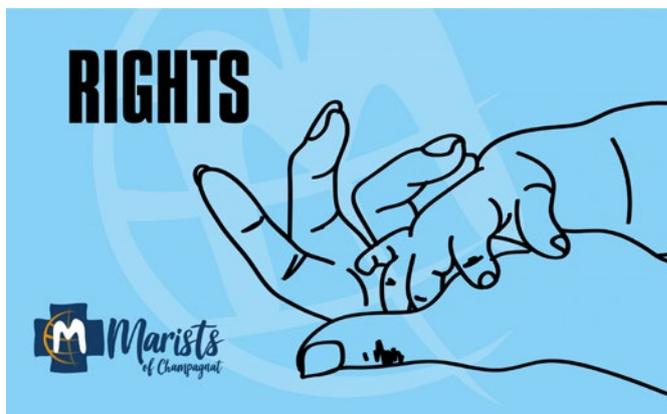
WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR

Any form of work or activities which deprive children of their right to childhood is considered child labour. Statistics from the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and the International Labour Organization (ILO) show that there are 160 million child labourers accounting for one out of ten of all children worldwide. This situation is more severe in many developing countries of Asia, Latin America, and Africa. Sub-Saharan Africa alone has 86.6 million child labourers. This situation is so alarming that the international community cannot keep quiet. It is for this reason that June 12, every year, is commemorated as the World Day Against Child Labour to raise awareness and try to eradicate it.

As Marists of Champagnat, we are called to protect children and advocate for their rights. We inherited this from Saint Marcellin Champagnat who spent his life forming Brothers to educate children living in poverty and ignorance. Today, we continue to educate children to enjoy their rights by giving them opportunities through our educational and social works as well as through Marist NGOs and Foundations who support education projects and promote children’s rights in developing countries.

This is in line with the call of the 22nd General Chapter to defend and promote the rights of children and young people by proactively implementing policies for their protection against all types of abuse.

The Catholic Church condemns Child labour in strong terms. Describing it as ‘blight’, Pope Leo XIII warned that great care should be taken not to place children in workshops and factories until their bodies and minds are sufficiently developed. Similarly, on June 11, 2014, Pope Francis raised a Red Card to child labour and called on everyone especially families, to protect the dignity of children and offer them the opportunity to grow in a healthy environment. Referring to child labour as a scourge that stifles children of their joyful impulse of hope,



he insisted that all Children must be able to play, study and grow in a harmonious context of love and serenity in their own families. He equally used this occasion to reiterate the Catholic Church’s commitment to promote and coordinate initiatives to protect children.

From every indication, extreme poverty and unemployment of parents are the factors that most expose children especially in developing countries. Regarding this, a joint effort is needed to eradicate poverty and correct the distortions of the current economic system, which concentrates wealth in the hands of the few. Also, we need to support civil society organizations and religious groups in putting pressure on the states and economic actors to create decent work opportunities with fair wages that allow families to meet their needs without their children being forced to work. Besides this, we need to make an option for child labourers by condemning child labour. We can also tackle it by spreading awareness, supporting, and encouraging poor families to send children to school, discouraging their employment in homes and in the factories, as well as supporting NGOs and Foundations like FMSI SED Spain who work for the benefit of children and young people in developing countries.

Br. Francis Lukong – Secretariat of Solidarity



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