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GENERAL HOUSE

MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON MARIST SPIRITUAL PATRIMONY



After three years and several virtual meetings, the International Commission on Marist Spiritual Patrimony met together

again in Rome from 20-24 June with the participation of all its members, including Dorotea Cinanni, the new General Archivist.

Being around the same table for several days allowed us to deepen our understanding of the current situation of our Spiritual Patrimony in the different

general administration

- The Superior General, Brother Ernesto, and the Link Councillors with the Region of Europe, João Carlos and Ben, are participating in the VII Chapter of the Province of l'Hermitage, which began on Sunday and will end on Thursday. Its theme is "Hermitage: Looking Beyond" and it is taking place at the motherhouse of the Institute, in France.
- On Monday the course "Mentors" began. It is an ongoing formation program aimed at formators who are dedicated to accompanying young Brothers. 22 Brothers will follow the course until August 27, at the General House and France. The Institute's ongoing formation team, Brothers Antonio, Michael and Xavi, is leading the program, assisted by Br. Memo, as translator.

- Brothers Sylvain and Óscar, General Councillors, have been visiting the Novitiate of Cochabamba in the South American Region from the first of July until Tuesday.
- On Friday begins the meeting of the "Area of Marist Life", which brings together the extended secretariats of Brothers Today and Laity. The meeting will also be attended by General Councillors Óscar, João Carlos and Sylvain. The meeting will end on the 14th and will be held in Manziana.
- On the same day the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization will participate in the online meeting of the Higher Education Network, in which Brother Ben, General Councillor, will also take part.

Provinces and Regions of the Institute in terms of structures, formation initiatives, memory centres, available and competent resource persons, researchers, writers, etc. The importance of encouraging and supporting decisions in this regard in all units of the Institute was seen. There was also a morning of in-service, led by Brother André Lanfrey, on the topic of the legal approval of the Institute. This will be the content of the next volume of the FMS Studia series, to be published in early 2023.

Brothers Óscar Martín and João Carlos do Prado, our link General Councillors, presented reflections and orientations from the General Government to the group, based on the last General Conference and on important projects currently underway for enhancing the vitality of our Marist way of life.

Dorotea Cinanni explained the organisation and resources of our Archives and shared some insights from the international congress held recently in the Vatican on “Charism and Creativity” on the care and preservation of the cultural heritage of religious congregations, in which she had participated.

The project to hold a Patrimony course for the Institute took up much of the



meeting, as there was consensus on the urgency of motivating and training people in this area. After discussing various possibilities and faced with a number of challenges and time constraints between now and the next General Chapter, it was proposed to hold a symposium rather than a course as such. This would bring together a group of specialists as well as brothers and lay people of a new generation for a week, preferably in October 2023. A working team has been appointed, pending the agreement of the General Council.

As for the Marist Notebooks, the group appreciated the innovations introduced in Issue 40, recently published and circulated in our Marist circles. The aim has been to encourage the participation of as many people as possible in the research undertaken on the subject, in order to

make the most of the richness that this publication represents. Preliminary work was also done on the organisation of Issue 41.

On the final day, Brother Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, spent some time in dialogue with the Commission, learning about and supporting the progress we have made. He insisted on the challenge of research and study of our Patrimony as a way of updating and shedding light on the Institute’s journey today.

The Commission will conclude its work this year with a virtual meeting on 26 October. The next ordinary meeting will be held in Rome from 19 to 23 June 2023.

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WEST CENTRAL EUROPE

The Provincial Mission Council met in Guadamar, Spain, in June. Brothers and lay people worked on the theme “Marist Accompaniment and Spiritual Journey”. They began by reflecting on each one’s spiritual journey. The participants explored methods that help accompaniment and they had moments of silence that allowed them to practice contemplative listening.



SANTA MARÍA DE LOS ANDES

About 100 students from various Marist schools in Chile have begun their exchange experience at Marist College Dublin, Moyle Park College, in Ireland. The exchange will last about a month.

AMÉRICA SUR

Br. Inácio Etges, from Brasil Sul-Amazônia, spent some weeks in the novitiate of Cochabamba, when he gave formation to the novices: Anthropology of Religious Life, presentation of the document of the XXII General Chapter and deepening aspects of the Constitutions, such as Fraternal Life, Spirituality and Mission.

REVIEW PRÉSENCE MARISTE

A small celebration on June 27 at Notre-Dame de l'Hermitage marked the conclusion of the publication of the magazine, which has chronicled Marist life for the French-speaking public over the past 70 years. Number 312, which has just come out, was the last issue published.

CAMERON

Br. Ivo Njongai Leynyuy, the principal of St Albert's Comprehensive College, Bafut, received a Medal and Certificate of faithful service in the Archdiocese of Bamenda. The award was given by the Archbishop during the annual meeting of all the Catholic teachers, principals and head teachers.

HAITI

Last June 6, four brothers made their first profession in the Marist Institute: Jean Fredlet Nicolas, Jean Pierre Béaly, Louis Ismick and Louis Jonhson. The Provincial of México Occidental, Brother Luis Enrique Rodríguez Santana, received the vows in the name of the Superior General.

BRASIL CENTRO-SUL**PROVINCE PROMOTES CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION**

The Brazilian Marist Province of **Brazil Centro-Sul**, in collaboration with the SIVIS Institute and **Farol 1817** website, joined forces in developing the project “Citizenship in times of crisis”. The online course, offered free of charge, arose from the common interest of the institutions in finding forms of dialogue in society, with young people formation as the main audience.

The themes addressed are solidarity, democracy, human rights, ecology, and ethics. Solidarity is defined as the basic pillar of the Marist Mission, which seeks to form ethical citizens who continue to transform society.

This course aims to promote reflection on citizenship, solidarity and democracy and contribute to finding solutions to social problems, highlighting the role of citizenship.

The course “Citizenship in times of crisis” is, therefore, an incentive for more people to know their rights and responsibilities, thus seeking an active role so that their rights are respected. As well as those in conditions of social vulnerability. The course is divided into 8 modules, conducted by Fernanda Santos, SIVIS analyst.

To access the course, please click on the following link.

SANTA MARÍA DE LOS ANDES

FORUM ON THE LAY MARIST VOCATION

On June 18, the closing of stage 2 of the International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation was held at the level of the Province of Santa María de Los Andes. In this meeting participated lay people and brothers from different communities and fraternities of Chile, Bolivia and Peru, who lived the process of reflection and discernment of the lay vocation from June 2021 until now.

The event was attended by Br. Pablo González and also by the three delegates of Life and Mission of the sectors of the Province: Bolivia, Chile and Peru.

In addition to reaping the fruits of this year of dialogue and reflection, the three representatives of the Province who

will continue to contribute to the face-to-face stage that will take place in November in Rome have been nominated. They are: Sara Sánchez, a lay Marist from Peru; Isidro Aspeleta, a Marist Brother from Bolivia; and Jaime Godoy, a lay Marist from Chile.



LEBANON

PROJECT FRATELLI

«These days it will be four months since I arrived in Lebanon and joined the Fratelli family and I have discovered a project full of names, programs, dreams and stories. A project full of life.

In Fratelli we are more than fifty people who **accompany** children, young people and vulnerable adults, especially refugees and displaced persons from war. With them we try to make a better world together. Our programs aim to insert children into formal schools; youth and adults into society through vocational training; we also offer a psycho-social support plan and we are

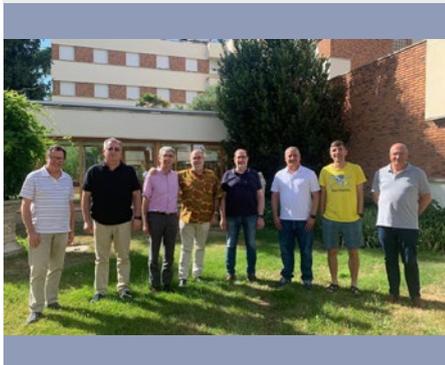


committed to making Fratelli a safe place where we defend people's rights. Our success is to make people artisans of their own future. We believe in their possibilities. That is our strength

Ir. Juan Carlos Fuertes
Province of Mediterránea

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BOLIVIA: BROTHERS SYLVAIN AND ÓSCAR, GENERAL COUNCILLORS, VISIT THE COCHABAMBA NOVITIATE



SPAIN: YOUTH AND VOCATIONAL MINISTRY – IBÉRICA



MEXICO: COLEGIO MÉXICO ACOXPA



MÉXICO: MARISTAS IRAPUATO

PORTUGAL

COLÉGIO MARISTA DE CARCAVELOS WINS AWARD AS “VOLUNTEER SCHOOL”

Carcavelos Marist School won first place in the 2021/2022 Volunteer School Award, which was held on June 9 and rewarded all the volunteers who participated in the Marist Volunteers' Open Day project.

The winning project, Marist Volunteers Open Day, promotes in parallel different activities with partner institutions and associations, which makes possible the practice of volunteering from the first cycle to secondary education, where students participate with their families, enhancing the fraternal spirit and the fight against indifference.

This first place recognizes the volunteer work carried out at the school and symbolizes the active commitment of volunteers at the school.

Through the Marist Volunteers, we aim to combat indifference



and foster in students the seed of volunteerism, exercise active citizenship, fulfill our founder's dream, and form “good Christians and virtuous citizens”.

CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

MARIST GLOBAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS

Agorá is the main tool that the Network of Schools has, to promote communication, meeting, and interaction of the Marist international school community. Gradually we are creating a culture of global encounter.

Some of the most relevant news, during the past month, around Agorá are:

- Two new groups have just been set up: the Champagnat Network Global Pact and the Interiority Project. We are all invited to know the profile and consider the opportunity to delve into these issues.
- The Educational Innovation group had its second meeting on June 30 to continue sharing innovative practices in the educational centers of the members that make up the group. If you are interested in these topics, be sure to visit the group.
- On July 5, the leaders who coordinate the Agorá groups will meet online in order to share their experiences and first learnings as pioneers in the experience that we have begun to journey as a global school family.

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