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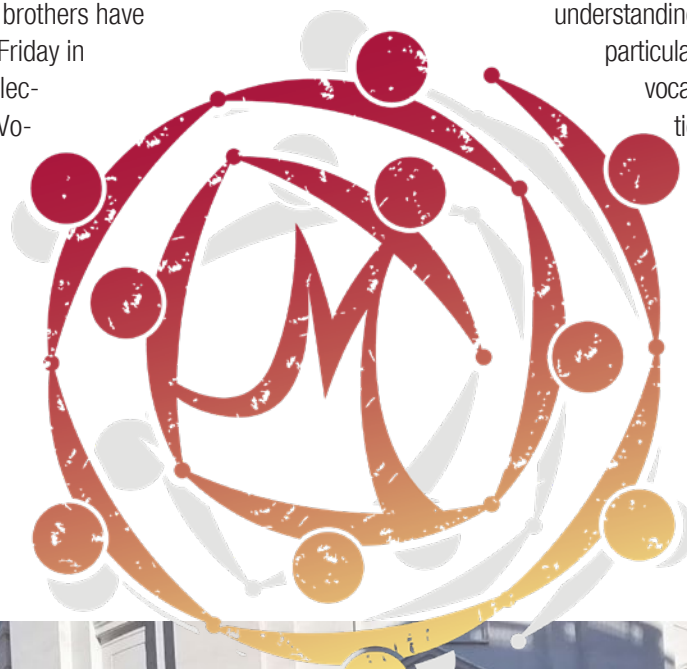
# MARIST NEWS

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## GENERAL HOUSE

# 3RD STAGE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE LAY MARIST VOCATION

About 100 lay people and brothers have been meeting since last Friday in Rome to continue the reflection process on the Lay Marist Vocation proposed by the Forum which began in 2021 and will end in 2024. The Administrative Units are represented by 2 lay people and 1 Brother. The Brothers of the General Council also participate. The meeting ends next Friday. The Forum has 4 main objectives: To deepen our



understanding of the Marist vocation with particular emphasis on the lay Marist vocation; To review and offer formation and mentoring processes and pathways for laypeople to grow in their vocation; To reflect on and propose possible forms of bonding and belonging to the Marist charism; To know, reflect, explore and propose possibilities of juridical structures (civil and canonical) for Marist laypeople. All the information is available in [this link](#)



SECRETARIAT OF LAITY

# ELMA RAFIL APPOINTED MEMBER OF THE EXTENDED SECRETARIAT OF LAITY

The Superior General, Br. Ernesto Sánchez, and the General Council have appointed Elma Rafil (East Asia) as a member of the of the Extended Secretariat of Laity for a period of three years. She will begin this assignment on 1st January 2023. The Extended Secretariat is a team that supports the directors of the Secretariat of Laity. At present, the “Extended Secretariat



of Laity” is formed by Ana Saborío (Central America), Alida Bomanitra (Madagascar), Nathan Ahearne (Australia), Br. Elias Iwu (Nigeria) and Marcos José Broc (Brasil Sul-Amazônia).

**Elma Rafil**

“My name is Elma Rafil and I am from the Philippine Sector of the Province of East Asia. I was born and grew up in the Philippines. My Marist journey began at home, being raised and catechized by my mother, who lived a very Marist life. I went to a Marist school in college where I learned about Marcellin Champagnat. In the 1990’s, I heard about Marist lay and I got involved with the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family (CMMF) where members regularly gather in the

atmosphere of a family to share life and faith, foster Marist vocation, and enrich the experience of God. I eventually became one of the lay animators.

I have been employed at Notre Dame of Marbel University, a Marist institution, for 31 years now. My involvement with this Marist institution gives me opportunities to deepen my spirituality and to “nourish, live, and share” the Marist life and spirituality. Currently, I am the Coordinator of Marist Laity in Asia, a member of the Lay Commission of the East Asia Province, the

Chairperson of the Lay Committee of the Philippine Sector, and a member of the Marist Ecology Ministry in East Asia. For me, each day is an opportunity to examine my faith journey. It is a time to grow in my relationship with God and take part in His mission. My faith journey is a journey of gratitude and an ongoing dependence on Him. It is a constant journey of thanksgiving and recognition of His abundant love and His presence everywhere, in all creatures, and in all circumstances.”

## #CHILDRIGHTS\_MARISTAS: HASHTAG FOR NOVEMBER 20

November 20, World Children’s Day, is a day dedicated to all the children of the world, the date on which the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959. After years of negotiations with governments around the world, religious leaders, NGOs, and other institutions, the final text of the Convention on the Rights of the Child was agreed upon on November 20, 1989, which is binding on all countries that have signed it. The Secretariat of Solidarity suggests a simple action to show how the Marist Institute also participates in the task of remembering that children are the most



vulnerable group and, therefore, the one that suffers most from the crises and problems of the world. The Secretariat proposes to Marists around the world publicize the actions that have already been organized, through their own social

networks, at the local, provincial and regional levels. And it asks that they add in the posts the hashtag #ChildRights\_Maristas to make Marists visible as a Global Family working for the defense of children.

CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

# MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE MARIST GLOBAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS

From 28 November to 6 December 2022, a face-to-face meeting of members of the Marist Global Network of Schools will take place in Mexico City: CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL.

Representatives of the General Council, regional education structures and teams, representatives of the different mission networks of the Institute (universities, publishing houses, solidarity, volunteers) and representatives of each of the provinces or districts of the Institute, responsible for the leadership of the schools or potential active promoters of Champagnat Global will participate.

### Objectives

The main objective of the call is to define and build in a participatory way the roadmap for Champagnat Global in the next stage: 2023-2025. Very important too:

- To live an international networking experience.
- To learn and share as a family about the trends and elements that make up the essence of Champagnat Global: the Marist School Mission, collaborative networking, formation for Global Citizenship, the trends of the Catholic school for the present time, etc.
- Promote and establish a mechanism for continuous communication and interaction between Provincial and District Education Coordinators.
- To facilitate an experience of knowledge and school exchange with some of the Marist educational works in Mexico.

### Programming

MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL MARIST SCHOOL COMMUNITY							
THEME	MONDAY 28 NOV	TUESDAY 29 NOV	WEDNESDAY 30 NOV	THURSDAY 01 DEC	FRIDAY 02 DEC	03-06 DEC	
07:30 BREAKFAST							EXPERIENCE SCHOOLS VISITS
THEMATIC	MARISTA	NET	GLOBAL	SCHOOLS	CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL		
PRAYER 09:00 - 09:15	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER	PRAYER		
MORNING BLOCK I 9:15-10:30	-PRESENTATION PARTICIPANTS - EXPECTATIONS OF THE GATHERING -PRESENTATION OF THE MEETING	PROPHETIC NETWORKS AT THE SERVICE OF THE MISSION P. Daniel Villanueva, S.J.	GLOBAL EDUCATION FOR A BETTER WORLD CONFERENCE Fernando M. Reimers	THE SCHOOL. EDUCATIONAL TRENDS. MARIST SCHOOLS. HOMES OF LIGHT	WHERE DO WE WANT CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL TO BE IN 2025?		
PAUSE							
MORNING BLOCK II 10:45-12:15	OPENING MESSAGE from Vicar Luis C. Gutiérrez INTEGRATION OF PARTICIPANTS. SHARE	EDChAMP I GLOBAL NETWORK EXPERIENCE	GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP IN MARIST PERSPECTIVE MOOC	CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL INTEGRATION SCHOOL COMMUNITY	HOW DID WE ACHIEVE IT? HOW WILL WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE SUCCEEDED?		
PAUSE							
MORNING BLOCK III 12:45 - 14:00	CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL OUR LIVING	EDChAMP II GLOBAL NETWORK EXPERIENCE	OPEN ACTIVITIES WE INVOLVE EVERYONE	FAIR SHARING OUR BEST SCHOOL PRACTICES	MANAGEMENT AND ANIMATION OF THE NETWORK		
LUNCH							
AFTERNOON BLOCK IV 16:30 - 18:00	PRESENTATION EDChAMP DYNAMIC PROPOSAL GENERATION GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS	AGORA REALITY EXPECTATIONS AND CHALLENGES	NETWORKING GROUP OUTING (CITY CENTRE WALK)	WORLD CAFE HOW CAN CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL RESPOND?	SHIPPING CELEBRATION CULTURAL EVENT		
	18:00 Departure Acaxpa 19:30 Eucharist 20:15 Festive dinner	20:00 DINNER	DINNER CUM	20:00 DINNER	CLOSING DINNER		

### Logo and Motto:

The logo designed for the event depicts a human pinwheel that can generate energy only through the sum of its parts. The motto: “stronger Together” responds to the capacity we can achieve as a school community if we unite our diversity.



Stronger together  
**CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL**  
 Mexico 2022

Video: [https://youtu.be/28e4bZhNr\\_g](https://youtu.be/28e4bZhNr_g)

GENERAL HOUSE

# XV MESSAGE FROM THE MARIST INTERNATIONAL MISSION COMMISSION ABOUT PLANNING THE MISSION

Brother Ben Consigli, General Councilor, on behalf of all the members, has written the XV message of the Marist International Mission Commission, entitled “planning the mission: intelligence and soul”. The message underlines the importance of planning in Marist mission, the need to establish goals and define the actions necessary to achieve them. From the Marist point of view, these goals are derived from the vision and mission of Saint Marcellin Champagnat in “making Jesus Christ known and loved, through the Christian education of youth, especially those who are least favored”.

Planning is essential because helps to critically assess the goals, to facilitate decision making and to set a time frame by predicting when we can achieve our goals. It also defines how to assess what we are doing and, if necessary, to reset a course of action.

The message is divided into three sections: what we have been doing well: the benefits of planning; what further steps can we take; to guarantee a future.



The International Marist Mission Commission concludes by recalling the admonition of the XXII General Chapter: “plans and strategies are not sufficient. We are called to conversion, both personal and collective. As Marists, we must be true disciples, and our communities must be beacons of light and the Marian face of the Church in the midst of the world”.

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