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FORMATION PROGRAMME 2023

INTERNATIONAL AND INTERCULTURAL COMMUNITIES

The Institute is inviting candidates for International and Intercultural Communities to participate in a training program from May 24 to July 5, 2023, which will be held in Italy and, the last week, in France. The program, in previous years, was aimed at the communities of the Lavalla200> project. Starting in 2023, the focus of the formation opens up and a program aimed at International and Intercultural Communities will be offered. In this way, new realities and initiatives of the Institute that have an international, interprovincial, and intercongregational



general administration

- On Monday, Br. Ernesto, Superior General, and Br. Luis Carlos, Vicar General, participated in the opening of the face-to-face meeting of the Marist Global Network of Schools, which will end on December 6 in Mexico City. The meeting is organized by the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization (Brothers Beto and Mark). And include the participation of Brother Francis, from the Solidarity Secretariat.
- Brother Óscar, General Councillor, continues his visit in the Province of Brasil Centro-Sul, which will end in mid-December, with the Provincial Assembly and Retreat, in Florianópolis.
- Brothers Ben and Josep María, general councillors, are visiting Australia. This week they visit Kilmore, Bendigo, Melbourne and Sydney. On Friday, Br. Ernesto, Superior General, will join them, on the occasion of the Provincial Chapter and the inauguration of the new Star of the Sea Province, on December 8th.
- On Monday, Br. Ángel Diego, director of the Solidarity Secretariat, participated in three virtual meetings of working groups for Spanish and Portuguese-speaking members: "social works", on Monday; "Rights", on Tuesday; and "Ecology", on Wednesday.
- On Monday, the directors of the Brothers Today Secretariat, brothers Ángel Medina and Lindley, participated in the meeting of the animation team of the Inter-American Network of Marist Spirituality.
- On Wednesday, John Moffett, executive director of Miseen Cara, which funds many Institute projects, visited the General Administration.
- That same day, brothers Ángel Medina and Lindley met with the animation team of the Regional Training Program for Vocation Ministry Animators in America.
- Br. Valdicer Fachi, director of the CMI, participates on Thursday in the Annual Assembly of the Solidarity Project with South Sudan at the General House of the De La Salle Brothers.
- The meeting of the FMSI Board of Directors is held on Thursday and Friday, with the participation of the brothers Ken, General Councillor, Jorge Gaio, Econome General, Ángel Diego, Director of the Solidarity Secretariat, and Andrea Rossi, director of the foundation.
- On Saturday, Brothers Ángel Medina and Lindley will lead the training of community leaders in the Province of Compostela.

character will be expanded and integrated. The experiential dimension will be guaranteed and the balance between community life and mission will be maintained.

The formation program is aimed at Marists, brothers and lay people, who wish to participate in the International Communities for a New Beginning – Lavalla200>; invited participants from other initiatives of the Institute: **Fratelli Project** (Lebanon and Colombia), Hermitage Community, **Solidarity with South Sudan**; Brothers and lay people who participate or will participate in an international or intercultural community, at provincial or regional level; possible participation of some people from other congregations.

Under the coordination of Brother Valdicer Fachi, director of the Department of Collaboration for Mission, International (Cmi), the

program has the following objectives for each participant:

- Be able to discern his/her motivations for international and intercultural life and mission.
- Gain a deeper appreciation of cultural diversity, and understand the personal challenges faced in intercultural living.
- Develop new competences, skills, and a spirituality for intercultural living.

Interested people may contact the Brother Provincial or District Superior, or the Superior General directly, introducing themselves and explaining their motivation and their desire to commit themselves to one of the Institute's Projects or initiatives. It is possible to contact CMI, in case of doubts, using the following e-mail address: cmi@fms.it

SPAIN

MARISTS OF IBÉRICA CELEBRATE THE WEEK OF THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

All the Marist centers of the **Province of Ibérica** (with a presence in the Basque Country, Navarra, La Rioja, Aragón, Castilla La Mancha, Madrid, Extremadura and Romania) have celebrated the week of the Rights of the Child (November 14-18). Under the slogan "Smile from the heart, build peace", various activities were promoted with the aim of sensitizing and educating children and young people of all educational levels.

The Marist institution, with the collaboration of the **NGO SED** and the **Edelvi-ves Foundation**, created, seven years ago, an interactive campaign with characters called "Guardians of Rights", who have been the protagonists of comics, videos, songs, posters and, especially, of a series of didactic units that are renewed each year with a different slogan.

During this week, the students of the Marist centers have learned and reflected on the rights of children through courses and didactic units personalized according to their school stage. All the resources can be found on the **blog of the Marist Province of Ibérica**. Through these proposals, the Marists of Ibérica intend to join in the initiatives to raise awareness of the fundamental rights of children throughout the world that are being carried out at the international level on the occasion of November



20, Universal Children's Day, established in 1989 by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

WESTERN MEXICO

At the end of October, in Guadalajara city, the first stage of the Maristization Course was held with the participation of more than 50 laymen and women. It is an initiative of the Lay Vocation Animation area to support the formation of all those who want to know more about the life, work, and spirituality of St. Marcellin Champagnat.

BR SEAN SAMMON

On the 26th, the Marist community of the United States bid a final farewell to Brother Sean, who passed away in September. After gathering in Esopus, the brothers accompanied the body of the former Superior General, who was buried in the Marist cemetery.

FRATELLI PROJECT IN MAICAO

Br. Julio Huerta, from the Province of Compostela, after his experience in the Project in Lebanon, arrived a few days ago in Bogota, Colombia, and will soon join the Fratelli Community of Maicao, which is currently formed by Brothers Nestor Polania, FSC, and Miguel Angel Santos, FMS.

VIETNAM

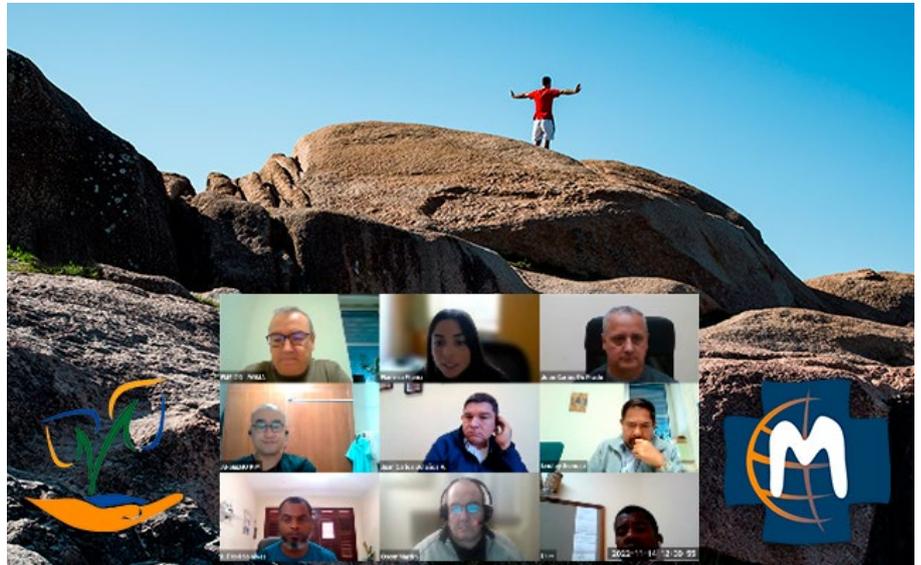
The Marists of Vietnam held a youth conference this week in the diocese of Campungcham. This conference allowed young people from different parishes to interact and learn from each other.

AUSTRALIA

On November 26, the Campbelltown Marist Community celebrated its Centenary. The first community began in late 1922 and included Brothers Methodius from New Zealand and Kevin McGonigle from Ireland. They began with an "estate," which became St. Gregory's College, in 1926.

GENERAL HOUSE

MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF BROTHERS TODAY



A meeting of the International Commission of Brothers Today (ICBT) took place on Zoom on November 14. Present were Brothers Alphonse Tiamaro, Fabricio Alves, Juan Carlos Bolaños, Anselmo Kim, Óscar Martín, João Carlos do Prado, Lindley Sionosa and Ángel Medina.

The opening prayer was motivated by the recently held International Forum of the Lay Marist Vocation, followed by the singing of the song, Ruah. The Plan for Ongoing Formation for 2023-25 was presented along with some pictures of the groups who participated in the different programs held this year in Rome and the Hermitage. The topic of the Regional Programs was also taken up, especially that for Vocational Animators. Only the South America Region was able to do it this year. Meanwhile, the African provincials are thinking to conduct it in July 2023. Along this line, the members of the ICBT were invited to take an active part in the

planning and organizing of the regional programs. An update on the Year of Marist Vocations was also made, highlighting the different activities that has been done so far in the level of the Institute. Finally, the dates for the meeting in 2023 were set. The ICBT will meet on February 15-19 in Rome to talk about the Year of Marist Vocations, the Ongoing Formation Plan, the Regional Programs and the Formation Guide, among others. Another meeting is planned for August 27 to September 2, the venue of which will still be decided. It will be carried out simultaneously with the Extended Secretariat of the Laity, which forms the Marist Life Area with the ICBT. As the usual practice, one or two days will be a meeting of the two secretariats/commissions together. The other members of the ICBT are Brothers Ebel Muteveri, Matthew Green and Antonio Leal. Meanwhile, Flaminia Filanci provided the simultaneous translation service.



BOLIVIA

FMSI FOLLOWS THE PROJECT PROMOTING CHILDREN'S AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS

A member of the FMSI team, Maria Rita Pala, has visited Bolivia to monitor the Project "Rights of children and women in Bolivia: follow-up of the recommendations of the UN bodies" carried out together with the Marists of the country, the Secretariat of Solidarity and CCGI (International Catholic Center of Geneva). The project, financed by Misean Cara, aims to improve access to human rights by implementing the recommendations of the UPR (Universal Periodic Review) on the subject. The focus is on gender-based violence, child labor, and children's right to participation.

The project is nearing the end of its implementation and is achieving all its objectives by carrying out the planned activities, despite the constraints imposed

by the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to the project, beneficiaries are developing critical skills that will enable them to effectively monitor the implementation of their rights.

FMSI's visit to Bolivia

was also an opportunity to visit the schools run by the Marist Brothers in Cochabamba and meet the children, teachers, and principals of the schools. The meeting was an opportunity to present FMSI, the activities it has carried out in 15 years and its objectives for the future, which will always have the same focus: to make the world a better place for the children and young people of



the geographical and existential peripheries.

On November 20, on World Children's Day and the 33rd anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, FMSI participated in the March for the Rights of the Child in Cochabamba. With the children, for the sake of the children.

STAR OF THE SEA

LOGO FOR THE PROVINCE

In the Bulletin Star Messenger 11, the nominated provincial, Br. Peter Carroll, presented the Logo for the Star of the Sea Province, that will be inaugurated on 8 December 2022, during its first Chapter, that will be held in Mittagong, Australia, from 8 to 15 December 2022.

There are two versions of the logo. One uses the words 'Marist Brothers' which will feature on letterhead that's used for official purposes when the Province is required to act or respond in its 'official' civil identity. The other one, Marists of Champagnat, is more the 'family' name.

Four relevant symbols are indicated:

- The Star: is subtle and formed from the apex of the cross, to the left and right extremities and to the bottom of the waves.
- The Sea: the wave shape, with the multiples and different sizes representing the diversity of the Star of the Sea Province, composed of quite different nations.
- Marist: the M is obvious in the centre of the design and acknowledges the centrality of Mary to our lives as Marists of Champagnat. It also draws on the traditional Ave Maria,

which is as the Province of Australia's current logo.

- The Boat: upon the waves, is a traditional image for the Church, the barque of Christ, referring as it does to the Apostles in the boat with Jesus. The boat is also the central image used in the District of the Pacific's current logo. We are navigating and travelling together as a community and family.

On 10 May 2021, Br. Ernesto, Superior General, communicated to the brothers of the Province of Australia and District of the Pacific that, from 8 December 2022, the two Administrative Units will be the Marist Brothers **Star of the Sea Province**. Br. Peter Carroll was appointed as **first Provincial** of the new Administrative Unity.

The theme selected for the Chapter is Navigating New Waters Together. Appropriately, it uses nautical imagery and emphasises the necessity of working together to chart a way forward into the future.



GENERAL HOUSE

MARIST INTERNATIONAL NETWORK PROMOTES KNOWLEDGE ON HIGHER EDUCATION



In 2022, the **Marist International Network of Institutions of Higher Education** (IHE) assumed the purpose of connecting people and projects aligned with the challenges of higher education institutions. For that reason, a series of initiatives were carried out in a cooperative and articulated manner with the objective of promoting development and reflecting on innovations that can be applied in this segment.

“Throughout this year we have achieved our ideal by bringing together representatives of partner institutions, promoting meetings for collaborators in similar areas, and offering important opportunities for the training of interlocutors: directors, teachers, students and the community in general,” explains the executive secretary of the Network, João Fett.

Webinars on education and postmodernity

Among the training actions of this second semester, the webinars that made it possible to contact renowned researchers in the areas of education and postmodernity stand out. Sociologist Michel Maffesoli was the first guest of this training cycle, held on October 20. In his speech, he addressed various aspects of postmodernity, and emphasized how the changes taking place in society increasingly challenge the logic of teaching and the production of innovative solutions.

Newcastle University professor Müge Satar was the second guest speaker at the formative meetings on November 8. She spoke about virtual exchange and presented details

about her research that reinforces the communicative and pedagogical aspects of multimodal interaction in online language learning and teaching, with a focus on social presence, meaning-making, instruction, task design and translanguaging.

Through these initiatives developed by the Marist International Network of Institutions of Higher Education, a list of possibilities for consolidation and growth of Marist institutions of higher education opens up.

“The network of IHE begins the development of its Strategic Planning in order to encourage interaction, discussion and knowledge of current issues of interest to the Institutions. It is necessary to consolidate a vision of interconnection in order to establish links in relation to our mission and our academic, scientific, cultural and charismatic position”, emphasizes the president of RIMES, Brother Marcelo Bonhemberger.

About the Marist International Network of Institutions of Higher Education

The **IHE** consists of the current union of 27 institutions that, in harmony with the premises of the General Administration of the Institute of the Marist Brothers in Rome, seek to create connections of synergy and action in their areas of mission.

Founded in 2004, this network aims to create opportunities for partnership, formation and joint projects, strengthening action in higher education in more than 10 countries.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

THE MARIST BROTHERS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The Marists Brothers have been present in Papua New Guinea since 1940, although according to the historical background, the first Marists arrived to Melanesia (Oceania) in 1845, nowadays Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. Due to the incidents that the brothers experienced at that time, the mission was suspended for decades. And in 1940 Bishop Thomas Wade SM invited the **Australian Marist Brothers** to open a school on the Island of Bougainville, which at the time was part of the Australian Territory of New Guinea.

The Marist Brothers arrived in August 1941 and went to Chabai on the west coast of the main island where a catechetical boarding school already existed. However, four months later, the Pacific war started, Bougainville was invaded by the Japanese and the Brothers Augustine, John and Donatus were arrested, imprisoned, tortured, and beheaded in 1942. Six years later, Brothers Borgia and Simeon arrived on Bougainville, marking the return and continuation of the Champagnat Marist mission. Supported by Bishop Wade and the Marist Fathers, the Brothers moved to Rigu, next to Kieta in central Bougainville, where they established their school, St Joseph's, which was destroyed during the Bougainville conflict (1988 to 1998).



In the 1950's, three Chinese Brothers, who had fled the communist government, arrived in Rabaul to lead Sacred Heart School which was comprised mostly of Chinese students. In 1954 the Brothers opened a small school at Tarlena, on the north west coast of Bougainville Island. The Melbourne Province agreed to send men to the Sepik and in 1959 they arrived at St Xavier's on Kairiru Island. Also, a local Juniorate was established at Kieta in 1967. The decades of the 70's, 80's and 90's were years of more rapid development in the footprint of Marist Ministry. On Bougainville, communities opened at Koromira, Buin and Marai. In PNG proper, Brothers went to Wewak, Kunjingini, Passam, Bongos and Yangoru in the East Sepik. They also opened communities in Goroka, Port Moresby and Madang. The Marists also



OFFICIAL ENTRY INTO THE INTERPROVINCIAL NOVITIATE OF SAVE

On November 21, during the Eucharistic celebration of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary, Brother Provincial, Wenceslas Babeli, officially welcomed ten postulants to the Interprovincial Novitiate of Save, Rwanda: two from the province of Madagascar and eight from PACE (including four Congolese and four Rwandans).

As a reminder, it was in September of this year that these young in formation arrived at the novitiate after two years of formation at the postulancy in Mwanza, Tanzania, and Finaranantsoa, Madagascar.

The novitiate currently has 12 novices: 10 in their first year and 2 in their second. The permanent community is composed of Brother Fabien Bulaimu Poyo (Democratic Republic of Congo - PACE), novice master; Brother Jean Luc Randriatahina, assistant novice master (Madagascar-Madagascar); and Brother Louis de Gonzague Karambizi, bursar (Rwanda - PACE).

This novitiate welcomes young people from Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Central African Republic, Tanzania, Kenya and Madagascar.



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ARGENTINA: MEETING OF THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM OF THE "AMERICA SOUTH" MARIST REGION



BRAZIL: ESCOLA SOCIAL MARISTA IRMÃO RUI – RIBEIRÃO PRETO



GUATEMALA: MEETINGS FORMAR 2022



BRAZIL: MARIST BROTHERS AT THE BRASIL SUL-AMAZÔNIA YOUTH MEETING



PHILIPPINES: MARIST FORMATION FOR OTRE DAME OF DADIANGAS UNIVERSITY GRADUATING STUDENTS



VIETNAM: ENGLISH CLUB OF THE HONG BANG UNIVERSITY

ventured beyond their strongholds to the Enga and Western Provinces. After the conflict, when peace was restored, the Marist Brothers were invited to help re-open the schools on what was then the Autonomous District of Bougainville (AROB). Hutjena High School (on Buka Island), Bishop Wade High School (Tarlana), St Mary's (Asitavi), St Gregory's Vocational School (Koromira) were all re-developed with Brothers either Principals or members of staff. While the works in PNG were initially started and staffed by either the Provinces of Melbourne or Sydney, the Marist mission there gained a degree of autonomy when the District of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands was established in 1984. Its leaders were Jeff Crowe, Des Howard, Ray Arthur, Brendan Neily. In 2003, the District of Melanesia was reorganised and Vanuatu and New Caledonia were added to the administrative unit. Brendan Neily, Ken McDonald and Jean-Marie Batick were its leaders. In July 2020, the District merged into the Province of Australia.

Ministry Today

Currently there are 3 brothers from PNG and 5 from the Au-

tonomous District of Bougainville (AROB). Over the last twenty years, as the Expat Australians left and the number of local Brothers declined, there has been a gradual withdrawal from places of ministry. On the other hand, recently some Brothers have worked at the Lasallian Vocational school in Port Moresby and other Brothers have been members of the staff at Divine Word University Madang; one is still there. Currently St Joseph's Mabiri on Bougainville is the only Marist led and governed School in PNG. This is a boys' boarding school for over 400 students. In 2024-25 it will take in its first Years 11 and 12 students. There is no formal arrangement that gives the broader Marist family an identity in PNG. However, there are many former Brothers, ex-students and former staff members who have maintained close connections with the Champagnat Marists. There are three Mission Groups: Champagnat Group in Mabiri (40 members), Marcellin Laity in Mabiri (2 members) and Marist Laity in Arawa (4 members). The Brothers have currently three Communities in PNG. One at Mabiri, Bougainville; one at Korobosea, Port Moresby, which was the former District Administration Centre; and one on the site of Divine Word University, Madang.

MEXICO

OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF THE MARIST GLOBAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS

Within the framework of the International Meeting of the Marist Global Network of Schools, the inauguration of activities took place on Monday. The opening message was given by Brothers Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, and Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General. This was followed by a series of activities that showed the integration and the sense of Marist life of all the participants. The meeting is held in Mexico City from November 28 to December 6, 2022.



“This Institute is not our work, it is the work of Mary. My invitation is that these days we seek to unite ourselves, bringing to life the motto stronger together. We may have differences, but together we seek proposals, we are the intermediaries between the creative response and the synergy that seeks to give life to this charism, for all this was the dream of Champagnat...” shared Brother Ernesto.

Br. Luis Felipe, Provincial Superior of México Central, as well as Br. Luis Enrique Rodríguez, Provincial Superior of México Occidental, shared that this meeting is a space for sharing and fostering together our dreams around the Marist Global Network of Schools, Champagnat Global.

Let us be relevant today by commitment

In the words of Brother Luis Carlos, Vicar General, “the beginning of this day presents us with a very full and happy heart in which we can enjoy the presence of the diverse Marist faces around the world, an aspect that invites us to a sense of collaboration, tradition and innovation, called to know and make Jesus known in the style of Mary.



Champagnat Global recently celebrated a year of efforts, a historic moment, which adds one more achievement with this meeting, which brings together in person the reality

present in 79 countries, as well as an image of diversity and richness present in each of our realities, which invites us to share, co-create and discover.

Champagnat Global is a proposal, a movement, which seeks to be creative and proactive. Let us be relevant today by innovation, but above all by commitment. Let us connect to be more meaningful.

In the end, spaces like this can influence local realities, since it is through networks that true citizenship is built, we are responsible for each other, and with this we add to the growth of society, according to the diverse realities and contexts.”

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