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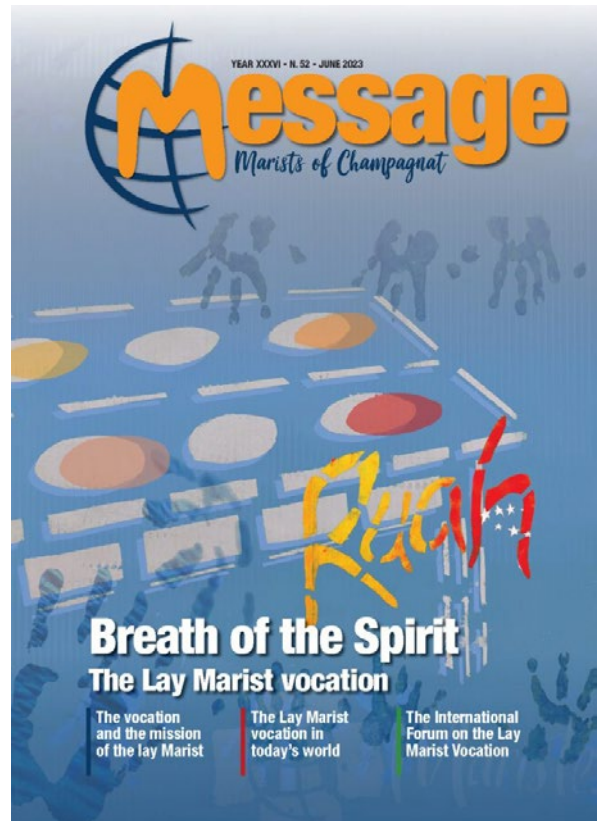
LAY MARIST VOCATION

MAGAZINE MESSAGE MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT

In the next few days, the printed version of the magazine Message Marists of Champagnat will reach the Administrative Units. The magazine continues the tradition of FMS Message and the new title, approved by the General Council in February 2023, reflects the joint leadership of consecrated and lay people who, together, make the dream of St. Marcellin Champagnat come true. The expression "Marists of Champagnat" defines, in fact, all those who follow the charism of the founder of the Marist Institute, whether through consecrated or lay life, within the Church.

This issue of the magazine is dedicated to the Lay Marist Vocation, forming a unit with the previous issue, which dealt with the vocation of the Marist Brother. Special attention is given to the process of the International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation, which is in the IV phase of the process that will end in 2025.

Below you can read the "editorial" by Br. João Carlos do Prado, Link Councilor with the Department of Communication, and Luiz Da Rosa, Director of Communications of the Institute.



general administration

- From Saturday to Monday, Br. Oscar, General Councilor, participated in the meeting of the International Commission, in Nairobi, to review the MIC and MIUC.
- From Sunday to Tuesday, the Assembly of the Norandina Province was held in Colombia, with the participation of Brothers Ernesto, Superior General, and João Carlos, General Councilor.
- From Tuesday to Thursday, the Provincials of Africa will meet in Nairobi, with the presence of Br. Oscar, Liaison Councilor of the Region.
- The training program for members of the international and intercultural communities concluded on Wednesday. The Vicar General, Br. Luis Carlos participated in the closing and sending-off ceremony.
- Br. Pepe, director of the Secretariat for Education and Evangelization, participated on Tuesday in a virtual meeting with the

Marist Publishers Network, FTD Educação, GRAM, and Edelvives.

- On the same day, Br. Ben, General Councilor, participated in the online meeting of the revision team of the document "Marist Educational Mission".

■ Also on Tuesday, Br. Ben watched online the presentation on the accompaniment of Marist educators in the Province of Mediterránea.

- On Thursday and Friday, Br. Ernesto will visit the Fratelli Project in Maicao, Colombia.

■ Friday begins the meeting of the Working Groups of the International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation in Rome. In addition to the presence of the Secretariat of the Laity, several brothers from the General Council will be present.

- Sunday, Br. Ernesto, Superior General, will visit the novitiate in Medellin.

This magazine began in February 1987, carrying on the Institute's communication tradition which started with the publication of the Circulars of the Superiors General, followed by the Bulletin of the Institute (1909-1968), and then by "F. M. S.". In 1986, the General Council appointed a commission to study the question of publications and communications. It was this commission which suggested the creation of FMS Message to the General Government: "a regular magazine combining the serious reflections which characterised the Bulletin with news from the Marist world, previously communicated by F.M.S." (Editorial of FMS Message 1). In the first article of the magazine, Br Charles Howard, then Superior General, said that the "most important purpose in publishing the magazine is to be a messenger and witness to the life of the congregation everywhere". The magazine pursues this mission to this day, having become a means of animating the Marist charism, as expressed in the lives of consecrated Brothers and of lay men and women who embrace the dream of Saint Marcellin Champagnat.



Marists of Champagnat

Acknowledgment of the richness of the Marist vocation, now evident in different forms of life, and the increasingly active participation of non-consecrated persons in the life and mission of the Institute, has led to the coining of an expression that encompasses every vocational form linked to the ideal of our Founder: Marists of Champagnat. This phrase defines all those who follow Saint Marcellin, whether through consecrated or lay life, within the Church.

An important moment in this awareness-raising process was the creation of the logo of the Institute's General Administration, approved by the General Council in September 2018. It is composed of a symbol and a name. The symbol is formed by the union of three elements: the cross, the globe and the "M". The second element of the logo is the name "Marists of Champagnat" which includes both brothers and lay Marists.

These developments pointed towards a name change for the magazine: 'Marists of Champagnat Message' is the title approved by the General Council in February 2023. This change has led the communications team to rethink its graphic image. The logo of the Institute's General Administration is now in-

tegrated into the magazine's logo. The layout has been given a new look and the articles will be enriched by additional content, accessible to the reader through images with QR codes, easily scanned by means of most mobile phones equipped with a camera. Also, a legal registration or ISSN, the code assigned to serial publications by the Italian ISSN Centre, has been adopted.

Lay Marist Vocation

This historic milestone for our magazine takes place on the occasion of an issue dedicated to the vocation of the lay Marist. The choice of theme is closely related to the Year of Marist Vocations, celebrated in the Institute from 20 May 2022 to 6 June 2023. The last issue of the magazine was dedicated to the vocation of the Marist Brother. In this way the Institute enthusiastically embraces each Marist vocation in its specific character, promoting a broadened culture of vocations.

Another important element which led to the choice of this theme is that it lines up with the process currently being led by the Laity Secretariat: the International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation. This is a four-year journey (2021-2024) intended to reflect on and discern what the Marist vocation is, particularly the lay Marist vocation, formation pathways, the accompaniment of processes of vocational growth, bonding to the charism, and possible juridical structures for Marist laity.



This issue hopes to make a contribution to this Forum process. The first two chapters deal with the vocation and mission of Marist laypeople present in today's world. The third chapter summarizes the experience of participants during the third stage of the Forum, the face-to-face meeting in Rome, which brought together about 90 lay people and brothers, representing almost all the Administrative Units of the Institute. It reproduces the final message that

this group prepared for reflection and action in the Institute during the next few years.

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MÉXICO OCCIDENTAL

150 YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN THE MARIST YOUTH CONGRESS



More than 150 young people from the Province of México Occidental participated in the 1st Marist Youth Congress, which took place June 15-16 at the Marist University of Guadalajara. Present at the meeting were Brother Luis Enrique Rodríguez Santana, provincial, Brother Fernando Luis Alberto Hernández López, provincial councilor, and other brothers and lay Marists.

The young people who attended are part of 13 Marist delegations: Franco Mexicano University Center, Franco Guadalupe School, Mexico Institute of Ciudad Juarez, Companions on the Road of Ciudad Juarez, Villa de Guadalupe, Cervantes Costa Rica School, Cervantes Loma Bonita School, Marist University of Guadalajara, Mexico Institute of Tijuana, Northwest School (Los Mochis), Aguascalientes Institute, Morelos School of Tepatitlan and Montejo University Center.

The event, organized by the area of Marist Youth of the Nucleus of Charism and Marist Life of the Province, had as its objective to listen to the young people, to strengthen their formation as leaders committed to Marist values and their positive contribution to society.

In his speech, Brother Provincial, Luis Enrique Rodríguez Santana, stressed the importance of the congress as a space to “grow as people” and to be “beacons of hope” in a turbulent world. “Dear young people, this congress is an opportunity to dialogue, learn from others and join forces to build a more just and humane world. Each of you has a super important role in this journey of transformation. Do not underestimate the power you have with your voice and your actions. Do not forget that we have been summoned and sent by the One who is Life. Together we can make a difference and build a future full of hope and opportunities for all. May this Marist Youth Congress be the beginning of an exciting and transformative journey. Go ahead, because the world needs your valuable contribution”, said the provincial.

During the days of the congress there were different activities such as workshops, dialogue and debate tables, a panel (The voice of Marist youth: challenges and perspectives for the future), training for teachers, small talks and recreational spaces.

HUNGARY

A DREAM COME TRUE AT THE MARIST SCHOOL IN KARCAG



On June 8, 2023, the dream that the Marist School in Karcag (Hungary) “Szent Pál Marista Általános Iskola” has been living for a long time finally came true. The increase in the number of students has allowed the new school building to take shape. We saw how the old, weathered walls were torn down and new ones erected. The beauty and spaciousness of the new building, its sober style that blends well with the other school buildings, surpassed our imagination. Our imagination already made the bright spaces feel like home: we drew the plans and secretly hoped that starting in September we would be the first occupants of one of the modern classrooms.

That was the emotional charge of the inauguration day. We prepared ourselves with joy for this important event. We invited everyone to share our joy. And we, as good hosts, joined together in one body to make this first meeting an unforgettable experience. The rehearsals for the show, the organizational tasks, the cleaning, the unpacking of the new equipment, intertwined our days. When the last flower was in place, we knew it was time. We could show this miracle to the world.

The soft melodies of the string orchestra filled the large auditorium, which was gradually filling up with guests of the Marist institution, prominent members of local and regional politics, representatives of various institutions, parents of the students, former and current colleagues. People arrived who multiplied our joy. They were representatives of love incarnate.

Poems, speeches full of emphasis and a joyful musical performance of the youngest students of the first class made the celebration memorable.

Bishop János Székely gave us moving and uplifting thoughts. He brought us the blessing of the Good Lord and we accompanied him with songs and new hopes in our hearts.

The simplicity of the meal, with its informal conversations and human connections, helped us to keep a deep memory of this day.

*Unless the Lord builds the house,
the masons labor in vain;
if the Lord does not guard the
city, in vain does the watchman
keep watch.*

*It is useless for you to rise early;
It is useless for you to keep watch
until late and toil to earn your
bread:*

*God gives it to his friends while
they sleep!*

Psalm 127

Irén Virág Csanádi,
Marist school teacher

VATICAN

Br. João Gutemberg, Executive Secretary of REPAM, participated in the meeting organized by the Human Development of the Ecclesiastical Networks Alliance for Integral Ecology from July 2 to 4. The meeting was attended by 45 representatives from seven biomes of the world, among them are those where ecclesial networks of integral ecology have been set up: Amazon (REPAM), Mesoamérica (REMAM), Guaraní Aquifer and Gran Chaco (REGCHAG), Congo Basin (REBAC), Asia Pacific and Oceania (RAOEN), and networks from Europe and North America. Br. João left his message in a video available on our [YouTube channel](#).



SOUTHERN AFRICA

On July 1st, in Angola, 5 young brothers made their first profession in the Institute. The ceremony was held at the São Gabriel Parish in Matola. The new Marist Brothers are Alberto Dines (Malawi), Francisco Buca (Angola), John Chinkono (Malawi), Miguel Tchimbamba (Angola), and Steven Samson (Malawi).



NORANDINA

BROTHERS AND LAY PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN THE MARIST VOCATIONAL FORUM



150 brothers and lay people from the Norandina province participated in the Marist Vocational Forum, which was held in Bogotá, from June 27 to 29, with the title: Gift and Challenge. Also participating were Brother Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, Manuel Gómez and Raúl Amaya, directors of the Institute's Secretariat of Laity.

On the first day, Br. Orlando Escobar, Provincial, greeted everyone in his opening message. For his part, Br. César Rojas Carvajal, coordinator of evangelization in Colombia, spoke about the meaning of living the forum around the Marist vocation, and introduced the first speaker, Sr. Marisol Franco, a sister of the Company of Mary, who focused her presentation on the topic of Human Vocation and the Church.

Subsequently, Raúl Amaya and Manuel Gómez addressed the issue of the Lay Marist Vocation. In the afternoon, the attendees met in communities of life to reflect on the phrase The spirit of the Lord is upon me. The first day concluded with the Eucharistic celebration.

The second day of the Marist Vocational Forum focused on the theme "The Voca-

tion of the brother and the Lay Marist", led by Br. Daniel Martín, from the Province of Central America and Coordinator of Evangelization of the Arco Norte Region. Speaking about the Marist vocation, Br. Daniel said that being a brother is "a gift that we have to share with others", and that the future of the charism "goes through sharing, not only what we do, but what we are". "I believe that we brothers have a task, that of recognizing the vocation of the lay person. Not only to recognize it, but to accompany it, to encourage it, because as I said before, it is also the laity who enrich and accompany our vocation and our journey", explained Br. Daniel.

During the forum, there was a space for the participants, who, in communities of life, expressed their concerns, suggestions and thanks for the mission they carry out in the different works of the province. Likewise, there were testimonies of lay vocation.

On the last day of the forum, Br. Ernesto Sánchez Barba, Superior General, presented the paper entitled 'Vocational Culture – Charismatic Family', where he invited to continue transmitting the message of the vocational year in the care of Marist life.

GENERAL HOUSE

PROJECT CLOSURE “IGNICULUS: MONTAGNE STORIES TODAY”

Igniculus: “Montagne stories today” comes to an end on a note of gratitude and success! Over the past year, the Year of Marist Vocations, this video sequence has captivated people around the world, sharing the powerful story of the encounter between St. Marcellin and the moribund child Montagne.

With a total of 47 videos, including the testimonies of Laypeople and Brothers from the different Marist Provinces around the world and who, at some point in their vocation and path, have felt the “spark”, has transported us through transformative real-life experiences. Each testimony has shown how St. Marcellin’s encounter with Montagne changed forever the lives of those who crossed his path. These stories have reminded us of the importance of finding a deep purpose in our lives and have illuminated the path towards discovering the gift of the Marist vocation.

Since its launch in May 2022, Igniculus videos have been shared and viewed in every region and continent. People from different cultures, languages, and traditions have come together to celebrate and reflect on the relevance of the Marist vocation in today’s world. This video sequence has been a concrete initiative to care for and generate Marist life and has demonstrated the power of storytelling to inspire and connect people.

Throughout the Year of Marist Vocations, which began in May 2022 and culminated this June 2023, “Igniculus: Montagne stories



today” has been a constant companion and a source of inspiration for those who follow the Marist dream. Each video has reminded us of the importance of living with compassion, empathy and dedication, following the example of St. Marcellin.

It was a collaborative initiative of The Secretariat of Laity and Brothers Today, who express their gratitude to all the participants of the videos, who shared their personal stories with courage and generosity. Their testimonies have shown that the experience of Marcellin and Montagne is still relevant in our time. The message of compassion and vocation transcends borders and unites people around the world.

All videos will remain available on our YouTube channel and also on this page.

ECUADOR

FAIR OF THE MARIST PROJECT FOR MIGRANTS
“SHARING THE JOURNEY”

The Marist project “Sharing the Journey”, which is located in Quito, Ecuador (Norandina Province), organized an Entrepreneurship Fair on June 20 on the occasion of World Refugee Day. Nine migrant enterprises participated, as well as organizations such as the Red Cross and the Jesuit Refugee Service.

The Fair was held in the gardens of the Casa de Acogida San José and was accompanied by Brother Carlos Regalado, Provincial Councilor.

The purpose of the event was to strengthen relations with the local community and to present the enterprises developed by people in mobility situations, especially from Venezuela and Colombia, who are beneficiaries of the Project.

The young students of the Unidad Educativa Marista de Quito



participated in the fair and had the opportunity to interact with the exhibitors and supported them with the purchase of their products.

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SPAIN: MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING IN LARDERO



CAMBODIA: ST. RITA'S COLLEGE BRISBANE VISITS THE LAVALLA PROJECT



SRI LANKA: MARIST VOCATION CAMP



PERU: BR. ALDINO CÉSAR SERNA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF MARIST LIFE



MEXICO: CLOSING OF THE COURSE "SPIRITUAL COMPETENCE" IN CRISTOBAL COLÓN, WESTERN MEXICO



KENYA: COMISION INTERNACIONAL "REIMAGING MIC AND MIUC" EN NAIROBI

BOLIVIA

MEETINGS OF MARIST UNIVERSITY YOUTH AND FORMER STUDENTS

The young Marists of the Bolivia sector (Province of Santa María de los Andes) participated, on June 25, in the IX Meeting of Marist Student Leaders and Representatives, which took place in Cochabamba and Santa Cruz. The purpose of the meeting was to promote sharing, dialogue and connection with the reality of the Province of Santa María de los Andes and the Sector among young Marists – university students and former students.

Dozens of young people from the schools Marista Santa Cruz, Marista San José, Marista Cochabamba, Gabriel René Moreno de Comarapa, Marista de los Sagrados Corazones Roboré, Marcelino Champagnat, Nuestra Señora del Pilar, Santiago and ITP attended the meeting.

The meeting was a space to address social issues from the



perspective of youth; to strengthen the Marist charism; to reflect on the rights of children and adolescents and protagonist participation; to create ecological awareness, care for the common home; and to motivate young people to participate in the service of others through volunteering.

ONGOING FORMATION

ALL ROADS LEAD TO GIER 2023

We share below the testimony of Brother Dener Rodrigues de Souza, from the Province of Brasil Centro-Norte, about his experience in the ongoing formation course Gier 2023, which ended last July 28. The formation program, under the coordination of the Secretariat of Brothers Today and directed by Brothers Tony Leon and José Miguel Caballero, was attended by 28 young brothers who followed a two-month program lived in the General House and in Marist places in France.

I am 32 years old and four years ago I made my perpetual religious profession in the Institute. Today I contribute to the Marist mission in the management service of the Marist School in Maceió, Brazil. The Gier experience was for me a moment of seeing, feeling and trusting the grace of God that has been manifested and still continues to operate in the history of the Marist Institute. The feeling is that all my Marist life has directed me to this encounter and that is why I paraphrase the Brazilian singer Maria Gadú saying, “all roads lead to the Gier.”

To step on the ground where it all began is refreshing. And to share this with 18 brothers from different countries is to confirm the universality of Marcellin’s call

*“All roads lead to each other
All paths walk for us to find
ourselves.”*

(Maria Gadú)



to follow Jesus in the footsteps of Mary; it is to affirm that we are indeed a global family; we build an international and intercultural fraternity, we come closer to Champagnat and the first brothers.

Like them, before the Virgin of Fourvière, we place our dreams and firm our commitment to our vocation and the vitality of the Institute.

To the Secretariat of Brothers Today our gratitude for giving us this moment of grace. We return to our places of mission prepared and renewed in our Marist Consecrated Life.

May God bless and protect us. May the Good Mother keep us and keep us. And may Champagnat accompany and inspire us.



GENERAL HOUSE

FMSI ORGANIZED A COURSE ON THE “PROJECT CYCLE MANAGEMENT”



FMSI

Per il Bene dei Bambini



A training course conducted by FMSI on the “Project Cycle Management” has just finished. FMSI – in collaboration with the Secretariat of Solidarity, the Corazon Solidario Network and the NGO SED – provided an intermediate level training opportunity for Marists (religious and lay people) on Project Cycle Management (improving skills in project development, implementation, monitoring and reporting) in order to improve the effectiveness and sustainability of projects and the Marist Mission in general.

FMSI works on initiatives aimed at strengthening the operational and governance skills necessary for effective strategic and project planning. The specific objective of the course was to strengthen participants’ skills in project proposal preparation, project implementation and management, financial sustainability and fundraising planning in line with international requirements.

The training included presentations, discussions, learning strategies and practical applications. The course, conducted through the Zoom platform, involved the use of materials that were uploaded to a shared folder for all participants to be used during and after the end of the course. It was a great opportunity to share experiences, best practices and areas for improvement, share some practical tips and improve the impact of the

projects implemented in Latin America and the Caribbean.

The course was in its second edition and was aimed at those who participated in the first edition and those who, although they did not participate, had the necessary background knowledge for an intermediate level course.

The course was divided into five modules taught by five different trainers:

1. The Logical Framework – Results, Indicators and Monitoring, delivered by Andrea Rossi, FMSI General Director
2. Effective projects and sustainable projects – some practical examples, delivered by Maria Rita Pala from FMSI.
3. The donor’s perspective – the requirements of funding agencies to approve a proposal, delivered by Patricia Ynoñan Garcia, Mentor of Misionera Cara
4. Project budget and financial monitoring, delivered by Marcello Romagnoli from FMSI.
5. Narrative reporting and accountability to funders, delivered by Lucia and Maria from SED.

The course was attended by 50 members of the Network Corazon Solidario, Brothers, Fathers, Sisters and Lay Marists around the world, members of SED and other Organisations and Congregations.

GENERAL HOUSE

CLAUDIA AIDA ROJAS CARVAJAL APPOINTED TO THE EXTENDED SECRETARIAT OF LAITY

Br. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, and the General Council have appointed Claudia Aida Rojas Carvajal (Colombia, Province of Norandina) as a member of the Extended Secretariat of the Laity for a period of three years, beginning her service on January 1, 2024. She will represent the Arco Norte Region.



The Extended Secretariat is a team that supports the directors of the Secretariat, Raúl Amaya (Santa María de los Andes), Manu Gómez (Mediterránea) and Mark O'Farrell (Star of the Sea) and the Link Councilors, Brothers João Carlos do Prado and Sylvain Ramandimbaisoa. And currently it is formed by Ana Saborio (Central America), Alida Bodomanitra (Madagascar), Nathan Ahearne (Star of the Sea), Br. Elias Iwu (Nigeria), Marcos José Broc (Brasil Sul-Amazônia) and Elma Rafil (East Asia).

Claudia Aida Rojas Carvajal

Born in Bogotá – Colombia, she belongs to the Marist Province of Norandina. She is a lay Marist with a public link to the charism in her province since December 2017 and renewal in October 2021. She has been a member of the CMMF since 1998 and her community of reference is the Marist fraternity Br. Eduardo Botero Arango.

Her family is composed of her father Alfredo and her mother Mery. She has two Brothers, César and Carlos Alberto (Beto), who are Marist Brothers and her sister Constanza is also a lay Marist with links to the charism.

Her Marist history begins through her father who is a Marist alumnus of the first school that the brothers had in Ibagué, a city of Colombia. Although she studied with the Carmelite Sisters during her school years, through her brothers she became involved in Marist youth ministry and later, when she finished her studies in dentistry, she began to render her services in one of the works of solidarity that the Marist community has in Bogotá.

She has a specialization in project management, a master's degree in education and studies in biblical and sacramental pastoral ministry, as well as in vocational accompaniment. Currently, she is a member of the provincial team of formation for the laity and serves as coordinator of the Champagnat La Paz

center. This social work serves children and young people who are out of school, making them level their studies and reintegrate into regular school. At the level of the Arco Norte region, she is providing her services in the animation of the laity.

She was invited to the first Chapter held by the Province of Norandina. She also collaborated in the drafting of the document updating the CMMF and by a vote among the lay members of her province she was elected delegate to the II International Marist Mission Assembly and recently to the Lay Vocation Forum.

For her, being a Lay Marist has been one of the most beautiful gifts with which the Lord has blessed her. Being a Marist of Champagnat, she has been able to realize her dream of contributing her grain of sand in the building of the Kingdom. Being part of this family has surrounded her with companions in life and mission who have enriched her life and have encouraged and motivated her to care for those who need it most.

She understands her vocation as a lay Marist as a gift and as a commitment to respond creatively and in fidelity to the Gospel, in coherence with the process that the Institute is living and making alive the dream inherited from Father Champagnat and the first Brothers: "To make Jesus Christ known and loved".

GENERAL HOUSE

RITA SILVA APPOINTED TO THE EXTENDED SECRETARIAT OF LAITY

Br. Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, and the General Council have appointed Rita Silva (Portugal, Province of Compostela) as a member of the Extended Secretariat of Laity for a period of three years, beginning her service on September 1, 2023. She will represent the European Region.

Rita Silva belongs to the Marist Province of Compostela. She was born in Lisbon, Portugal, on November 2, 1978. She is married and has a son.

She entered the Marists as a 4 year old student, where she did all her schooling. During this period of her life there were many references to Marist brothers and teachers during her schooling, who captivated her by their charism of dedication to the mission and the needs of each one.

She has a degree in Primary Education and has been a teacher since 2002 in the school that welcomed her as a child. She has held positions as coordinator of the

1st cycle and formator of the Marist Pedagogical Model, always seeking to innovate in her educational practices.

Her formative process of Marist life began in 2003 with her participation in the formation of new Hermitage School of Educators. Once again, the close relationship with the Marist Brothers and the learning she accomplished allowed her to open new perspectives and vision before the contribution she could give as a lay woman.

This was followed by the Itineraries of Marist Spirituality in which she collaborated as a formator in the task of accompanying and providing different processes of personal growth that had the person and Marist spirituality at their center.

She has carried out a course of personal accompaniment, promoted by the Marist Province of Compostela, and has collabora-



ted in meetings of reflection on the Marist vocation, retreats and formative workshops among brothers and lay people. Recently she participated in the International Course for Leaders and Animators of the Lay Marist Vocation.

Currently she is part of the Marist Life Team and the Laity Team of the Marist Province of Compostela. She is also a formator of the Marist Life Itinerary, highlighting this itinerary as an opportunity for people to realize in a personal way their vocational process as lay Marists.

Presence, availability and daily witness are for her fundamental principles in her mission as educator. Her way of living "being a lay Marist" is based on a light that she believes the world needs. The light of sensitivity, of respect, of love for others and of belief in a better world.

CERAMIC MURAL AT COLEGIO CHAMPAGNAT IN EL SALVADOR, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE MARIST PRESENCE IN CENTRAL AMERICA.



ARCO NORTE

THE PROJECTS AND PROCESSES OF THE LAITY FOR THE REGION



On June 21, 2023, the laity animation team for the Arco Norte Region, together with the extended teams that have been formed to dynamize the strategic plan 2022-2024, presented to the Brother Superiors of the 6 Administrative Units the projects and processes that will make reality what was approved for the animation of the Marist laity in Arco Norte by the regional Assembly held in Guatemala City last February.

Br. Rodrigo Espinoza, executive secretary of the Arco Norte region, Mr. Raúl Amaya, director of the Secretariat of the Laity, and the Brothers Provincial, accompanied the meeting: Br. Luis Felipe González, F.M.S (Mexico central) Luis Enrique Rodríguez, F.M.S (Mexico Occidental), Br. Hipólito Pérez, F.M.S (Central America), Br. Orlando Escobar, F.M.S (Norandina) and Br. Gaston Robert, District Superior of the District of Canada, F.M.S.

The projects and the people who will lead them will be:

1. Organization and identity of the Marist laity Arco Norte: Claudia Rojas C. (Norandina and coordinator of the laity for the Arco Norte region and companion of the various teams), Fernando Castro (Canada), Maureen Hagan (U.S.A.),

Pedro Chinchilla (Mexico Central), Alfredo Rodríguez (Mexico occidental) and Ana Isabel Saborío (Central America).

2. Lay formation: Maureen Hagan (coordinates the team), Azucena Ríos (Canada), Abigail Ruíz (Mexico Occidental), Beatriz Coronado (Mexico central), Marcos Mercado (Central America) and Moisés Beltrán Norandina).
3. Formation of Lay Community Animators: Ana Isabel Saborío (coordinates the team), Edith Villalón (Canada), Freddy Rodríguez (Mexico occidental), Bibiana Enríquez (Mexico Central) and Ivanna Garzón (Norandina)
4. Formation of lay vocational companions: Pedro Chinchilla (coordinates the team), Br. Guilles Lacasse (Canada), Flora Martínez (Mexico Occidental), Nohemí Pinto (Central America), Constanza Rojas and Marianita Moreno (Norandina).

We thank the Lord for the life of these Marists of Champagnat who are making the construction of a global charismatic family a reality and we ask Mary, Our Good Mother to be the one who continues to do everything among us.

Claudia A. Rojas Carvajal – Laicada Marista Arco Norte



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