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Featured Community

MARIST BROTHERS ANSAN FORMATION HOUSE

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There are five (5) brothers in our community: Br. Iggy is a community leader and bursar, and Br. Simon takes care of the other 3 elderly brothers, Br. Joseph, Br. Alexander, and Br. Michael.

Now, the monsoon season is over, and we are struggling with the tropical nights these days. A tropical night is a phenomenon in which the temperature does not drop below 25 °C even at night. Fortunately, the brothers in the community rarely go out except to the hospital, and they have air-conditioning in their rooms so that they don't have to spend a rough summer. However, since I like walking as a physical excise, I exercise steadily while keeping a close eye on the weather.



Our community had a small birthday party for Br. Iggy on Sunday evening, July 30th. We ate and drank monkfish stew and cake, coke, and cider that were set on the table, and gave thanks to the Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary for sending him to the community as a gift.

We had a monthly community Mass on August 6. Fr. Joseph came down to the community and said Mass for us. Joined this were 5 community members, Br. Jacobo from Seoul and Helena, our friend. After Mass, we had lunch outside and were back to the community and had a simple birthday celebration for her.



A few days ago, I found a damaged tomato in a garden. It seems that while I took a quick glance at the red ripe tomatoes, birds with bright eyes and sensitive noses came down from the sky and solved their hunger. Ripe fruits are not only recognized by humans.

"If a person is ripe, can other non-human beings recognize him or her?" The thought crossed my mind.

Looking at it yesterday, among the garden crops, the ones that were exhausted and tattered stood out. (See the photo below) Only the leaves of the eggplants turned brown and yellow as if a bomb had hit them. So I was worried.

“Should I buy pesticides and spray them or just leave them alone? Should I kill these uninvited guests or save them?”

Those that look like yellow circles stamped on leaves are the bugs in question. These guys must be struggling to survive in their own way, but it seemed to overlap with the faces of good people who are struggling to make a living in the scorching heat these days. And it reminded me of a poem I read recently.

— Br. Iggie In



Guesthouse Grandmother

By Kim Moon, poet

A seventy-year-old woman in her son's room
Occasionally turn it into a room in the guesthouse
She was half-deaf, so I had to speak loudly to her
She catches me after keeping an eye
on my gesture and facial expression

In the early evening, she went out to the riverbank
To cut down an armful of sagebrush stalks
to set fire to the mosquitoes
and threw grunts in the grass; I asked why,
she replied, even bugs may live,
and those who would live, let them survive.

It was a night
where the worms of heaven and earth
ate those words
and I, too, take a bite of them
and cried out “jjileuleug jjileuleug.”



L-R: Br. Iggie, Br. Alexander, Br. Simon, Br. Joseph, and Br. Michael
Photo taken during the visit of Br. Allan (Provincial) and Br. Danny (Provincial Econome)

PERPETUAL PROFESSION

**Theme: "Do whatever He tells you". (John 2:5),
Br. Aljon I Yonder, FMS and Br. Cyril M. Sumugat, FMS took their
Perpetual Profession on August 12 at Notre Dame of Marbel
University-Main Campus, Koronadal City, South Cotabato, Philippines.**

The celebration was attended by their respective family members, friends, religious and clergy, and a good number of the Marists of Champagnat from different mission areas of the brothers in the Philippines, the celebration served as a moment to thank God for the gift of vocation to the Religious Marist Brothers' way of life.

Reverend Bishop Charlie Inzon, OMI, DD of the Apostolic Vicariate of Jolo presided over the Eucharistic Celebration. Brothers Aljon and Cyril spent their years as temporary professed brothers on the island of Jolo where they ministered to our Moslem brothers and sisters.

Below was the message of Br. Allan J. de Castro, FMS, Provincial Superior of Marist East Asia during the celebration:

"On behalf of Marist Brothers of the Schools – East Asia Province, it is my joy and privilege to warmly welcome so many of you here, our Marists of Champagnat, on this very special occasion of Br. Aljon I. Yonder and Br. Cyril Sumugat's Profession of Perpetual Vows.

To Aljon and Cyril, we greatly appreciate the presence of your parents, siblings, and your family relatives who are with us today for this celebration.

All of you who are present here have become part of Aljon and Cyril's vocational journey. Your presence fills us with overflowing joy, gratitude, and happiness.

Pope Francis during the celebration of the 59th World Day of Prayer for Vocations with the theme, "Called to Build the Human Family," said, "Vocation is about making God's dream come true." He encourages every person in the Church to give the very best of themselves in this great divine plan!"

May our gathering be a reminder that we are in God's heart, and as Christians, we do not only receive our vocation INDIVIDUALLY, we are also called TOGETHER. Pope Francis said vocation is "about making God's dream come true, the great vision of fraternity that Jesus cherished when He prayed to the Father 'that they may all be one'."

Fraternal welcome to our Most Reverend Bishop Charlie M. Inzon, OMI – Apostolic Vicar of Jolo Vicariate, our main presider of the Eucharistic Celebration. Bishop, in your own simple ways, thank you for accompanying Brothers Aljon and Cyril during their ministry years in Jolo as temporary professed brothers.

Again, we do not receive our vocation INDIVIDUALLY; we are also called TOGETHER. You have walked with us, walked with Aljon and Cyril, through the ups and downs, joys and sorrows of every day. Your presence with us today not only makes us very happy, but you are also an essential part of our Marist vocation!"



"Do Whatever He tells you."

-John 2:5



*Perpetual Profession
of*

BR. ALJON I. YONDER, FMS

(Diocese of Marbel)

BR. CYRIL M. SUMUGAT, FMS

(Archdiocese of Cotabato)

Most Rev. Bishop Charlie M. Inzon, O.M.I., D.D.
Apostolic Vicar of Jolo Vicariate
(Main Presider)

August 12, 2023 | 09:30 A.M.
NDMU Gymnasium, Alunan Avenue
City of Koronadal



Photos during the celebration





<https://champagnat.org/en/launching-of-the-international-network-of-marist-youth-ministry/>

LAUNCHING OF THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF MARIST YOUTH MINISTRY

[Streaming YouTube](#)

On July 31, during the Marist Festival, on the eve of World Youth Day, the International Network of Marist Youth Ministry was launched in Lisbon. " *With the International Network of MYM, we want to foster synergy and promote the interaction of all those involved, providing a broad vision of Marist life and mission through a common project. This is being part of a Global Charismatic Family*", said Brother Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General.

The network is the fruit of a process of several decades. Recently a commission, led by the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization, worked for this launch, the first stage of a process that will continue towards the implementation of guidelines and lines of action. The team that worked on the construction of this network was formed by representatives of various Administrative Units. The final team was formed by: Brother José Sánchez Bravo (Brother Pepe, Director of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization), Br. Daniel Martín (America Central), Diogo Luiz Santana (Brazil Centro-Sul), Br. Euclides Nangolo (Southern Africa), Fernando Ocana Rus (Mediterránea), Laura Alejandra Miño Perez Santa María de los Andes, Miguel Fernandes Ribeiro (Brazil Centro-Sul), Omar Iván Chacón Meza (Mexico Central), Wilter C. Friaes (East Asia).

Dr. Wilter C. Friaes of Notre Dame of Marbel University, East Asia Marist Youth Ministry Coordinator was part of the team who came up with the birth of the International Network of Marist Youth. With his leadership, we are looking forward to more meaningful youth activities in the Province.

Thank you Sir Wilter!

Photo News

August 1-3:
Provincial Council Meeting number 10 at Champagnat House, Singapore



The Provincial Council visited Lay Marist Administrators of Marist Stella High School Singapore



The Provincial Council met Mr. Yap, the Lay Marist of Marist Stella High School - School Management Committee



August 2 afternoon: The Provincial Council met the Mr. Yap, the Lay Marist of Marist Stella High School - School Management Committee



August 1 morning: The Provincial Council visited the Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary where Champagnat House belongs



August 1: Forty-seven (47) high school students from Showagakun Shuei Junior and Senior High School visited the Saint Joseph International School in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.



Photo News

August 2-6:
Br. Abraham Kang, FMS, attended the World Youth Day.



August 3:
Fr. Count Rozario, CSC, belonged to the Holy Cross Fathers from Bangladesh, was welcomed by St. Joseph Community as a new member and Chaplain. In the photo was Fr. Count together with Br. Rosendo Yee, the community leader, and Br. Allan de Castro, Provincial.



August 5: Discussion with the constructors on the future of Saint Joseph International School



August 5:
Marist Kuching Community hosted the monthly Kuching male religious group fellowship this August 2023



August 6:
Br. Abraham Kang, FMS visited the General House, Rome after attending International Marist Youth Gathering in Lisbon, Portugal.

Marist Education Council Updates

The 1st Marist Education Council Meeting for Academic Year 2023-2024 was held on Aug. 11, 2023 at the Alumni Center of Notre Dame of Marbel University, Koronadal City. The meeting started at 9:20 with the MEC chairman, Br. Arnel Alfanta, FMS, presiding.



The meeting proper started with the Provincial Time. Br. Allan de Castro, FMS, the Provincial of East Asia Province reminded the school's response to the

calls of the 6th Provincial Chapter; to participate actively in the international network of the schools; to include the celebration of the 75th year of Marist presence in all activities; and to put up a heritage center as a way of retelling history. He also expressed his gratitude to all schools for supporting the different ministries and desks of the province. He announced that NDMU will host an International Conference on Servant Leadership. Furthermore, he informed the council of the proposed 2025 Pilgrimage for the 200 years anniversary of Notre Dame de l'Hermitage.

Mr. Jose Naciencino, the Ecology ministry in charge talked about climate change and the need to declare climate emergency. He made an appeal to implement the MEC's previous resolution on making all schools Laudato Si' school.

The following are the updates.

1. MEC School Visit 2023-2024

The secretariat will request schools to send a list of potential evaluators for tertiary and basic education. The secretariat will prepare a tentative list of team leaders and members per school. This will be submitted for approval by the MEC.

A training before the visit will be conducted.

2. Marist Meet

Marist meet for the secondary school will be conducted on January 2024 for selected events only. A suggestion is to follow the Pasundayag style.

3. Marist Administrators Formation Program

The Administration Area Committee will formulate the enhanced framework of the program to be presented in the November meeting.

4. Ecology Program of Schools

The schools have to make an inventory of their ecology program and come up with program based on the needs of the community. Schools to focus on projects that are practical and doable.

In relation to the signature campaign for the declaration of climate emergency, there should be proper orientation first.

5. Statement of the 2023 Marist Educators Congress

The statement of the Marist 2023 congress was approved.

The area chair for CM-RE, Pastoral Care, Marist Charism, Administration, Academics, and Student Services gave updates on their committees. The suggestions to be acted upon are the holding of a Marist Meet for personnel and the writing of stories about the Marist Brothers in the Philippines, especially the pioneering brothers. The council designated Br. Ernie Sentina, FMS, as the MEC treasurer. The new members are Mr. James Christopher Ferrer and Ms. Dulce Aura Napoles.

STATEMENT OF THE MARIST EDUCATORS' CONGRESS 2023

Committed to be agents of goodness for the world, we, participants of the Marist Educators Congress 2023, are called to be driving forces of a transformative Marist educational system.

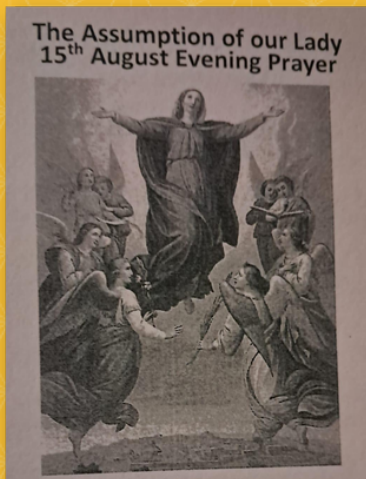
Hence, we pledge commitment to:

1. strengthen our understanding that our **power to transform lives** stems from making the omnipresent Christ known and loved therefore **bringing hope and life** where it seemed to be unimaginable;
2. establish a strong sense of **presence** in both academic and non-academic ecosystems as Marist of Champagnat educators embarking together on a synodal journey characterized by **goodness and compassion**;
3. ground our teaching not only on religious viewpoints but also on the **social realities such as the changes and challenges on quality education, climate action and issues affecting the youth** while being centered on producing good citizens;
4. **contribute to change** constructively through taking part in the production of knowledge such as conducting research and keeping up with global activities on education;
5. empower learners to be **agents of goodness** for their future workplaces; and
6. be the **change agents** who map out education for the future.

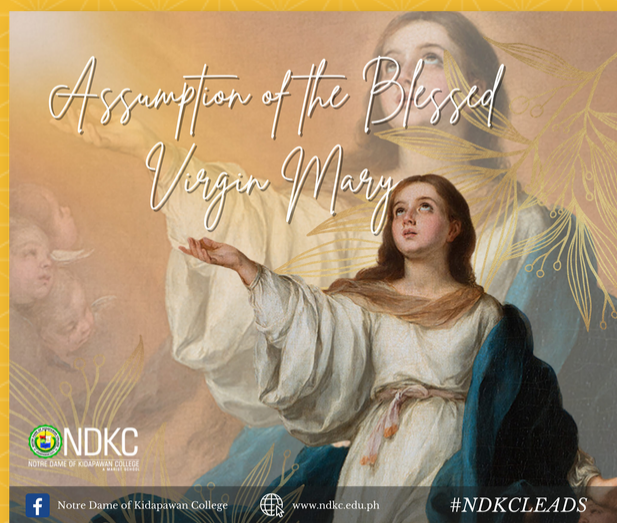
May God grace us with everything we need to bring life to our mission of becoming transformative Marist Educators.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15, 2023

Hong Kong Community Celebration



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary *August 15, 2023*



**Marist School Marikina Assumption Mass.
Fr. Leo Sanchez, CP NDMU alumnus priest as celebrant.**



“Climate Action on All Fronts”

Below is the message of Mr. Jose Nacienceno, Marist Ecology Ministry Head, during the Marist Educators' Council meeting on August 11.



Thank you, fellow Marists, for allowing me to speak to you today and visit your schools in the next few days.

Extreme weather is being experienced throughout the world. Typhoons, flooding, torrential rains in Asia—India, China, Philippines, Greece, and Saudi Arabia, wildfires in Maui, Hawaii (people have to jump into the ocean to save themselves) heatwaves, temperatures rising to three digits, and tornadoes in the USA, unprecedented forest fires at both ends of Canada. And the list goes on and on. The climate emergency is here. Our home, the Earth, is burning.

What do we do? Put more gas, or gasoline to the fire? That's what we are doing, pumping more carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere that causes global warming. I know you are doing many things—including planting trees and putting up solar panels-- to reduce our carbon footprints.

But if the house is burning, we have to do more! That's why UN Secretary-General said, “Climate Action on All Fronts: Everything, Everywhere, All At Once” We cannot stop with what we are already doing to address the crisis. With this emergency, we are asked to do more, and we cannot do enough.

While we can congratulate ourselves and say we are doing many things with all our programs and activities for the environment. But as I said, in this time of climate emergency, we cannot do enough. We are asked to double, triple, --and more for our home, our mother, the Earth, and the whole Earth community.

One of the main causes of the ecological crisis is “excessive,” “tyrannical,” and “distorted” anthropocentrism as Laudato Si' would say. The general chapter of the Marist Institute when it talked of caring for our common home says “from ego to eco”. I think we have to ask ourselves whether our schools are in this direction—with urgency. About four years ago now, MEC passed a resolution to make all our Marist schools Laudato Si' schools, I hope we are all still passionate about pursuing that goal.

“Climate Action on All Fronts: Everything, Everywhere, All At Once” You may wondering what concrete practical action can Joe tell us. I ask you to implement the commitments of the Declaration of Climate Emergency that the province signed. I will give you a copy and please study it. (See Marist Life Newsletter, pp. 2-3, May 31, 2023)

And stop putting gas to the fire. I ask MEC and each school to sign the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation treaty to stop fuel exploration and expansion and phase out existing production and support a just transition to renewable energy. (Check the website.) Every signature here is important. Ask all your employees to sign it. Ask your friends, parishes, students, and parents to do the same. The future of humanity and our common home is at stake.

Thank you! Love the Earth and all creation.

MARIST ASIA IMPLEMENTS COLLABORATIVE APPROACH TO ENHANCE VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS AND IMPACT

"Empowering the Mission: Marist Asia Regional Volunteer Coordinators Unite for Enhanced Volunteer Programs"

"Marist's volunteer work is not only about meeting the needs of God's mission; it is also about becoming hands and feet of kindness, spreading love and hope to those who yearn for a good future more beautiful."



BRO. SAUL PALACIOS, F.M.S.
South Asia Province

[August 7, 2023] - Marist Asia Region Volunteer Coordinators, Bro. Saul Palacios, F.M.S., Bro. Anselmo Kim, F.M.S., and Bro. Edgar Ceriales, F.M.S., have joined forces to enhance their volunteer programs and carry out the Institute's mission with renewed vigor. In their recent virtual meeting on August 7, 2023, the coordinators discussed strategies to meet the needs of God's mission and spread love and hope through the dedicated efforts of Marist volunteers. The collaborative approach adopted by the Volunteer Coordinators reflects their commitment to making a positive impact in the communities they serve. By working together, they aim to unify their efforts and empower volunteers to become the hands and feet of kindness, bringing hope and joy to those in need.

Bro. Edgar R. Ceriales, F.M.S., the point person of Marist Volunteering in Asia Region, expressed his optimism about the collaborative approach, saying, *"I believe that by working together, sharing our experiences, and learning from one another, we can create a stronger and more harmonious volunteer community. Through collaboration, we can multiply the positive impact we make in the lives of the people we serve."*



BRO. ANSELMO KIM, F.M.S.
Marist District of Asia

One of the key strategies proposed is the sharing of successful experiences and strategies in volunteer management and project implementation. The volunteers' dedication has led to numerous accomplishments, and by organizing regular online meetings, seminars, or forums, the coordinators can exchange thoughts and ideas on effective volunteer management techniques. This knowledge sharing will benefit all parties involved and contribute to the overall success of Marist's volunteer programs.



BRO. EDGAR CERIALES, F.M.S.
East Asia Province

In addition to sharing best practices, the CPVs are encouraged to collaborate on problem-solving. Challenges are inevitable in any volunteer program, and by working together, the coordinators can find innovative solutions. Recruitment, training, and logistics-related issues are just a few examples of challenges that may arise. By pooling their expertise and resources, the coordinators can overcome these obstacles and ensure a smoother operation of their volunteer programs.

In light of this collaborative approach, one of the volunteer coordinators expressed the following sentiment: *"Working with other coordinators has been a game-changer for us. The shared experiences and knowledge have allowed us to improve our program significantly. We are now better equipped to serve our communities and make a difference in the lives of those who need it most."*

Marist's commitment to volunteer work goes beyond mere assistance; it aims to create a more beautiful future for those who yearn for it. By encouraging collaboration among its volunteer coordinators, Marist is fostering an environment of learning, growth, and mutual support. The Institute recognizes that together, the coordinators can achieve more and have a greater impact on the communities they serve.

In conclusion, the suggested collaboration strategies for Marist's Provincial Volunteer Coordinators aim to improve volunteer management and project implementation. Through sharing best practices and problem-solving, the coordinators can enhance their programs and make a positive difference in the lives of those they serve. As one coordinator aptly put it, *"Working together as a team, we can truly become the hands and feet of kindness and spread love and hope to those in need."*

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About Marist Asia:

Marist Asia is a regional branch of the Marist Brothers, an international Catholic religious congregation dedicated to supporting vulnerable communities through education, healthcare, and social development initiatives. Marist Asia's volunteer programs focus on empowering individuals and communities, spreading love and hope, and embodying the Marist values of compassion, humility, and solidarity.

UPDATES FROM VOCATION MINISTRY

Summer Vocation Workshop was held at Fourviere Formation Community, which is now located at NDDU IBED Lagao Campus, from July 17 to 23, 2023. Six (6) young men (four senior high school graduates and two young professionals) took part in this workshop. Here are their names:

1. Godwyn Brian Acosta - Graduated from NDKC (College).
2. Jared Medel - Graduated from NDMU (College).
3. Adrian Lemery - Completed senior high school in Tupi, South Cotabato.
4. John Angelo Gerona - Finished senior high school in Katangawan, Gen. Santos City.
5. Adrin Vesorio - Completed senior high school in Katangawan, General Santos City.
6. Joshua Carl Villareal - Graduated from senior high school in Norala, South Cotabato.

Out of six participants, two have decided to enroll in the Marist Formation Program for the school year 2023-2024. They will begin their college studies at Notre Dame of Dadiangas University. These two individuals are John Angelo Gerona and Joshua Carl Villareal.

The team that conducted the workshop included Br. Ernie Sentina as the chair, along with Br. Danilo Sevilla, Br. Lloyd Gamboa, Br. Cyril Sumugat, and Br. Dave Rano.

Below, you can see photos of the two aspirants, as well as our solitary postulant who began his postulancy formation on June 6, 2023.



What the Pope Says

"No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people. Did not Jesus say: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35)?

Pope Francis – January 16, 2014

vocationministry.com/resources/quotes-from-pope-francis/

Glimpses of the Past

THE SHORT STORY OF THE MARIST BROTHERS IN CHINA

By Spes Stanley Ku¹

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WINDOWS OPEN IN ASIA

With the apparent 'death' of the works of the Brothers in China, new life sprung forth in the places where they found themselves afterward, where they were either asked to take over the management of existing schools or to find new ones. We name these works briefly:

- 1949: The Brothers took over the Catholic High School in Singapore;
- 1950: The Brothers took over:
 - Kim Sen Primary School in Bukit Mertajam, Malaysia;
 - *Sacred Heart College in Rabaul, Papua New Guinea;
 - *Hua Ying Primary School and Hua Yin Middle School in Indonesia.
- 1951:
 - *The Brothers left for Japan for the first time. They began the Marist Brothers High School in Kobe;
 - *The Brothers took over the Sam Tet Primary School in Ipoh, Malaysia.
- 1952: The Brothers took over St. Martin's College in Kowloon, Hong Kong (later renamed St. Francis Xavier's), in memory of St. Francis Xavier's College in Shanghai.
- 1953: The Brothers took over St. Francis Xavier Primary School in Malacca, Malaysia.
- 1954: The Brothers were asked to direct, albeit in a limited capacity, St. Tomas School in Kuantan, Malaysia.
- 1955: Sacred Heart High School in Balik Pulau, Penang, Malaysia, was entrusted to the Brothers.
- 1956: Catholic High School was opened in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- 1958: Maris Stella High School was founded in Singapore, in memory of Maris Stella School in Weihai, China.
- 1960: The Brothers started another school St. Francis Xavier's School in Tsuan Wan, Hong Kong.
- 1965: St. Paul High School was opened in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, in memory of St. Paul's College in Sichuan, China.
- 1999: The Youth Center at Port Dickson, Malaysia was officially opened.

Each of these Institutions has its own story to tell, each with its challenges and achievements. The Brothers also had to leave some of these institutions due to certain circumstances, but not without considerable fruits during the period in which they were present in them. It would be too long to talk about each of these institutions here, but looking at all these, one cannot but marvel at how many souls must have passed through the doorsteps of these schools, nurtured and formed by the love, care, and perseverance of the Brothers.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF CHINA PROVINCE IN THE 1950S AND 1960

In October 1956, the Superior General made a canonical visit to the China Province, the first time in the history of the Province that such a visit was made in person by the Superior General. He visited all the communities of 'Outer China' in Singapore, Malaya, Sumatra, Hong Kong, and Japan. This direct contact with the Superior General was certain to have buoyed the spirits of the Brothers although they were never lacking in encouragement from the General Council. Between 1949 and 1959, there were four canonical visits from the Superior General's delegates, and in 1952, the General himself stopped over at Singapore on his way to Australia. In 1949, Assistant General Br. Jean-Emile came for his second visit (his first was in 1939-1940). China was already in turmoil and he saw for himself what little hope there was of continuing the Brothers' work in the mainland. He was able to see the re-establishment of the novitiate in Macau, saw the possibilities for the Institute in Singapore and Malaya, and brought much assurance to the Brothers taking refuge in Hong Kong. Br. Jean-Emile made another visit in 1953 to assess the progress made in the reconstruction of the Province and spurred the Brothers to new efforts in local recruitment. This time he could no longer enter China as there was no Marist establishment there to speak of, only the seven or eight Brothers in prison.

After the General Chapter in 1958, the China Province was assigned an Assistant from the USA. On his first visit to the Province in 1959, the new Brother Assistant General Paul Ambrose announced important changes concerning the Province: 1) Ceylon, attached to the China Province since 1920, was now going to be an autonomous District; 2) Brother Joche-Philippe Wu had been nominated Provincial to replace Brother Andre-Gabriel; and 3) Kobe was going to be transferred to the Poughkeepsie Province after the signing of an agreement between the two Provincials involved.

In March 1958, the Institute still had fifty-six Brothers in mainland China, plus two novices who had taken the habit in December 1953. Brother Damien had asked for authorization for them to make their first temporary vows but it was not known if they ever did. From 1958 until 1963, twelve Brothers died, dates unknown. Three left the congregation. As far as can be known, by then there were forty-one Brothers left in mainland China, plus the two novices.

The Institute had Juniorates in Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong, but no novitiate from 1963. The juniorate in Singapore had to be moved to Petaling Jaya in Kuala Lumpur for the simple reason that only children of Singapore citizens or those in certain special categories could be admitted to Singaporean schools. As most of the juniors were from Malaya, the juniorate had to move.

The Province of China now comprised mainland China, of which there was scant news filtering out after 1958, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Malaya. A plan to establish the institute in Sarawak, Borneo materialized in 1960 with the opening of a Catholic high school in Sibiu. Two Brothers were to be sent to Taiwan in 1963 to open a school in Kaohsiung.

The China province was being reborn in a region no less rich as the one the Brothers had lost nor free of the hurdles confronted by the men who began it all. Animated by the same faith and the same hope as the six pioneers, the Brothers who were driven out of China were laying the foundations of a new Marist Province in what was called the 'outer China.' This fact had apparently not escaped the notice of the Brothers' persecutors. A Brother in Communist prison in 1953 was told that the Marist Brothers seemed to be encircling China with their work, that they were perhaps planning a 'new cultural invasion' of continental China. What grandiose motives to assign to the humble Marist Brothers of the Schools whose only ambition was to 'go and teach all nations and live his life as a true Little Brother of Mary!

To Be Continued -----

¹Marist ex-student of St. Francis Xavier's College, Hong Kong and author of the book, 'Dawn of the Word in Silence, The Adventure of the Marist Brothers in Asia', (2017).





Provincial's Schedule

August 15 to Sept. 7, 2023

August 15-18:
Marist Brothers Provincial House

August 19
Marist School Marikina COPR and BOT; Sagip Ka BOT

August 20-24:
Community Visit - Palawan

August 31-September 7:
Penang, Malaysia for China Sector Assembly and 60th year of Br. Joachim as FMS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 16:
Br. Aljon J. Yonder

August 31:
Ms. Maria Rosarita Bulao
(Affiliated Member)

September 02:
Br. Lloyd T. Gamboa

September 5:
Br. Pepito L. Mahong

September 10:
Br. Wenceslao L. Paterno

Prayer Intentions:

- For the well-being of our elderly brothers and members of our family.
- For children and youth that they always find peace and harmony.
- For the good health of affiliated members.
- For our school and university students, personnel, faculty and staff, and administrators.
- For our benefactors that their kindness be rewarded by God's providence for them and their families.
- For the blessings of good health and life's fulfillment to all our birthday celebrants for this month.