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MARIST GLOBAL NETWORK OF SCHOOLS

INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF MARIST EDUCATION COORDINATORS WITH CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL 2023

The meetings of the education coordinators of the different administrative entities of education of the Marist Institute with Champagnat Global took place last 6th and 7th of September 2023. It was participated by about 40 members. The main objectives of the gathering were to meet and catch up on the dynamics of the network of schools, Champagnat Global, to know the upcoming new initiative of the network, the Champagnat Global Week, and to discuss about the next face-to-face meeting of Champagnat Global which is expected to be held in March 2025.

The CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL WEEK will take place from 16th until the 20th of October 2023. It is intended to be a space for meeting and interacting, at a specific given time, with the international Marist school community. It has the following themes/objectives:

- to know how to be able to carry out exchange virtually or in person among the members of the network of Marist schools;
- to know how to approach the educational transformation and innovation of the school at the present time;
- to know some experiences of how the theme of interiority



is being developed in the Marist school environment; and,

- to participate in a sporting activity that will unite one with another Marist school.

Should there be some queries about the activity, you may check the link below. It is also the link to help facilitate the registration process.

From Champagnat Global, we express our gratitude and appreciation to all who, in one way or another, have been helping the network develop. A special thanks to each participant in the meeting, for their contribution to make the Marist Global Network of Schools a reality.

general administration

■ Throughout the week, the General Council and the directors of the Secretariats and Departments of the General Administration met at the General House. Br. Ernesto, who will participate in the Synodal Assembly, shared with the group the historical moment the Church is living, the synodal process, inviting them to reflect mainly on the “conversation in the Spirit”, the methodology adopted for the Synod on Synodality. The “collaborative week” is marked by the sharing of the activities of each sector of animation of the Institute and by the meeting of the different secretariats and areas with the

General Councilors.

■ On Wednesday, the General Council participated in the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary together with the other branches of the Marist Family. The Mass was celebrated at the General House of the Marist Sisters, who are celebrating their own General Chapter.

■ On the same day, the three directors of the Secretariat of the Laity, who participated in the Collaborative Week, together with Brother João Carlos do Prado, participated in the online meeting with the extended Secretariat of the Laity.

GENERAL HOUSE

SUPERIOR GENERAL AND VICAR GENERAL MEET WITH THE LAITY AND BROTHERS OF THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Brothers Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, and Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, met at the General House with the Brothers and collaborators of the General Administration on September 6 to share on the theme “Global Marist Family”.

Br. Ernesto invited everyone to follow the call of the XXII General Chapter, which asks the Marists of Champagnat, brothers and laity, to walk as a Global Family! The Superior General recalled the 5 calls of the Chapter and mentioned that although, at present, the number of brothers has decreased, the Marist Mission has tripled in the world, thanks to the action of the laity. Therefore, the main idea is “to be a Global Charismatic Family”. Referring to the initiatives of the General Council to promote the Global family, Br. Ernesto spoke about the international initiatives that are carried out, underlining the annual meetings with the Provincials and District Superiors.

In concluding, Br. Ernesto stressed the importance of the “marist lay vocation” in fostering the “Global Marist Family” in connection with a Synodal Church, which has three key themes: communion, participation and mission.

In the second part of the meeting, Br. Luis Carlos, who leads the area of mission in the General Government, highlighted the commitment of the Marists to work in interdependence and to grow as a Global Charismatic Family. In this regard, Br. Luis Carlos mentioned the relevance of the Marist Networks. He



recalled the networks already created in the Institute: Network of Schools, Network of Marist Youth Ministry, Marist International Network of Higher Education, Network of Solidarity, Ecology and Human Rights, Network of Marist Publishers and the Network of Provincial Coordinators of Volunteers. He also recalled other networks that are become reality in the

regions, especially the Network of Marist Memory Centers and the Network of Marist Spirituality in America. In addition, he recalled the initiative “Marist Global Family Fund for humanitarian emergencies”, the Marist Foundation for International Solidarity, and the commitment of the Marists to the Global Compact on Education.

This meeting was the third, this year, of a formative course of deepening on marist themes proposed for the collaborators of the General Administration, which has 5 meetings planned.

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SPAIN

MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NEW FORMATION GUIDE

From August 21 to September 2, the International Commission for the New Formation Guide met in Santiago de Compostela, Spain, at the Colegio Mayor Gelmirez. This commission is composed of Brothers Ángel Medina (Secretariat Brothers Today), Ataíde de Lima (Brasil Centro-Norte, Ongoing Formation Team of the Institute), César Rojas (Norandina), Fabien Bulaimu (PACE), Graham Neist (Star of the Sea), João Carlos do Prado (General Councilor), Lindley Sionosa (Secretariat Brothers Today), Óscar Martín Vicario (General Councilor), Paco García (MDA) and Pere Ferre (L'Hermitage).

The new Formation Guide is composed of 3 nuclei that form the structure of the document, divided into 3 chapters: general aspects of the Marist formation of brothers and laity, the formation of the Marist Brother and orientations and guidelines on how to develop a formation plan, which also contains a compendium of resources that are useful in formation. During the last meeting, the commission worked on cores 2 and 3, chapters 2 and 3 of the Formation Guide.

The elements of chapter 2 include an elaboration of “being a Marist Brother”, the different dimensions of the life of a Marist Brother, the convictions about Marist formation, the participants in Marist formation, the pedagogical and methodological options, the formation itinerary and the different stages within it, and the objectives, contents and evaluation indicators for each stage.

Among the contents of Chapter 3 are a suggested framework for the development of formation plans in the administrative unit and/or regions, a guide for the development of a personalized itinerary, and other items such as values, practical elements, concrete orientations, support materials, references and glossary.

The work done by the commission will be presented to the General Council during the September plenary session. Then, over the next 3 months, experts will be invited to study this first draft. The considerations and comments will be collected in December by the commission, which will then prepare a second draft.



ITALY

TUTTI FRATELLI FORMATION PROGRAM FOR MENTORS IN ROME



The Tutti Fratelli Formation Program for Mentors began on the 9th of September 2023 in the General House of the Salle Brothers in Rome with the participation of about fifty brothers from thirteen congregations. Six Marist Brothers are taking part, namely, Fernando Luis Alberto López Hernández (Mexico Occidental), Tainga Moanriba (Star of the Sea), Alphonse Tiamaro (Madagascar), Carlos Mario McEwen (Mediterránea), Samuel Gómez Níguez (Mediterránea), and José Aderlan Brandão Nascimento (Brasil Centro-Sul).

With the theme, “Let us walk together”, the program aims to generate a new space for meeting and sharing at the inter-congregational level as a family of Religious Brothers (“Tutti Fratelli”) and to strengthen the links of the ‘Tutti Fratelli’ group with religious Brothers from different countries and regions in order to promote communion and fraternity in our Church and in our world. Specifically, it will provide tools to reinforce and qualify the mission received, deepening, and updating the fundamental elements of the accompaniment of young religious brothers according to the reality of religious life today and the current context.



The program will run for four (4) weeks, ending on the 7th of October 2023. It is being animated by the Tutti Fratelli Team, of which Br. Ángel Medina and Br. Lindley Sionosa of the Secretariat of Brothers Today are part. Br. Ángel is the overall coordinator of the said program. Meanwhile, several resource persons have been invited to present the different topics relevant to the theme.

The Tutti Fratelli is an inter-congregational team of Religious BROTHERS created in 2010, at the request of the USG (Union of Superiors General – Rome), to promote and encourage the vocation of the Religious Brother in the universal Church, especially in Rome.

marist world

THAILAND: PARTICIPANTS OF THE MARIST MISSION STUDIES PROGRAM 2023 IN RANONG



ANGOLA: BR. ANGELO MIGUEL'S PERPETUAL PROFESSION



INDIA: BR. CANÍSIO J. WILLRICH, SUPERIOR OF THE ASIA DISTRICT, BLESSES AND INAUGURATES THE "ST. MACELLIN HOUSE" IN BURDWAN



FRANCE: MARIST LEADERSHIP GATHERING 2023 OF WEST CENTRAL EUROPE



SPAIN: TEACHERS AND STAFF OF CENTRO UNIVERSITARIO CARDENAL CISNEROS



GENERAL HOUSE: NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN CELEBRATION

EUROPE REGION

THE MOTTO OF THE MARIST PROVINCES FOR 2023-24

"You are at home" is the motto that the five Marist Provinces of the Europe Region (Compostela, West Central Europe, Iberica, L'Hermitage and Mediterranea) have chosen for the academic year 2023-2024. The academic proposal is in line with the circular letter "Homes of Light" of Brother Ernesto Sanchez Barba, Superior General, which invites us to build "homes of light where we care for the life of each one of those who live in them"

You are at home is a motto inspired by "how Jesus welcomes and accompanies even the most socially disadvantaged, and is an example of an attentive and inclusive approach to the person". An experience to which we have been called in our last Marist writings, to be 'homes of light' and beacons of hope. The proposal is to be a house where everyone fits, and where everyone can feel at home: cared for, welcomed, taken into account, celebrated for their differen-



ces... And not only, in each school or local reality, but this is a house that is a great Global Family". [Read the Motivation of the 2013-2024 slogan.](#)

The motto chosen by the Marist Provinces of Europe is in line with the XXII General Chapter which asks Marists to walk as a Global Family and "develop initiatives for the empowerment of children and young people in all mission realities". And it also coincides with the Global Educational Pact, which

the Marists promote: "to care for each member of one's own institution/organization". Likewise, the "You are at home" proposal is in line with the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 4) of the United Nations, which calls to "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all", which the Marists promote in all places where they are present.

BRASIL SUL-AMAZÔNIA

PROVINCE INAUGURATES CENTER FOR YOUTH IN THE AMAZON REGION



To assist adolescents and young people from the entire Amazon region, the Brasil Sul-Amazônia Province, in partnership with the Diocese of Cruzeiro do Sul, inaugurated on August 15 the Youth Center in the state of Acre. This Center aims to train leaders with spiritual, sporting, cultural, and human Capabilities, as well as labor preparation skills.

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More than 300 people attended the opening ceremony. Among them were the governor of Acre, Gladson Cameli, the bishop of the diocese of Cruzeiro do Sul, don Flávio Giovane, and the provincial councilors, brothers José Bittencourt and Danilo Bezerraotras; and other civil and military authorities.

Br. José, coordinator of the Solidarity Area of the Marist Network, said: "We have been here in the Amazon territory for more than 50 years. We began our activity with some Marist Brothers who came to the region to do what we call missio-

nary work. Over time we realized that we needed to go a little further. That time has come!

Ivonir Imperatori, who is in charge of coordinating the Youth Center, spoke to the public about the commitment undertaken with the community, highlighting the objective of the center, which "is to promote protagonism, social and political entrepreneurship, strengthen spirituality, establish connections with the communities, promote cultural enrichment and provide training for the world of work".

To learn more about the project, [click here](#)

MEDITERRÁNEA

Brother Alberto Vizcaya renewed his vows as a Marist Brother on September 10 in the community of Syracuse, Italy, accompanied by Brother Provincial of Mediterránea, Aureliano García. Br. Alberto made his first profession in 2016 and will make his perpetual profession next year.

CRUZ DEL SUR

More than 60 students, representatives of all the Marist Educational Centers of the Province, and 30 promoters/managers of the Marist Works will meet in Argentina, in the Marist Villa of Luján, from September 29 to 30, to participate in the First Provincial Meeting of Student Protagonism.

WEST CENTRAL EUROPE

The Marists of the Belgian sector are celebrating this September the centenary of the arrival of the Marist Brothers at Habay-la-Vieille, in the Marist community of Le Bua. The Marist Fraternity acquired the monastery of Habay-la-Vieille on September 30, 1923.

NORANDINA

260 teachers from the Marist works of Ecuador participated in the Second Workshop: From La Valla to L'Hermitage. "A Universal Educational Project - Marist Education Pathways", organized by the Education Team to showcase the work of the first Marist Brothers and schools.

REGION AMÉRICA SUR

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CRUZ DEL SUR PROVINCE GET TO KNOW THE NETWORK OF MARIST SCHOOLS IN BRAZIL



The Province of Brasil Centro-Sul received some representatives of the Marist Province of Cruz del Sur (Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay) in Curitiba from August 21st to 25th. The objective of the visit was to integrate the Marist teams of Marist Region América Sur promoting the exchange of experiences and making known the initiatives carried out in each of the Marist educational networks, especially the Network of Marist Schools in Brazil, "Brasil Marista", as well as increasing the continuity and sustainability of the mission to educate and evangelize and to walk as a global family by strengthening the internationality of the Marist Institute.

The week included a program that

allowed the participants to share and experience initiatives related to strategic planning, the experience of families and students, as well as projects to attract and retain students and communication and marketing. They also visited educational units such as the Marist schools of Santa Maria, Anjo da Guarda and the Marist Social School Eunice Benato.

Brothers Enrique Planas, Marcelo De Brito and Alberto Aparicio were present from the Cruz del Sur Province. Also present were representatives from the financial area: Esteban Mechoso, Rodrigo Rivas and Verónica Navas, and Daniel Felippelli, a representative from the Human Resources area.

AUSTRALIA

DIRECTOR OF THE SECRETARIAT OF SOLIDARITY VISITED THE PROVINCE STAR OF THE SEA

Br. Ángel Diego García Ota-loa, director of the Secretariat of Solidarity, arrived in the Star of the Sea province on 19th August, travelling directly to Auckland, New Zealand, where he visited social works and schools and discussed the possibility of some engagement of the United Nations Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Aotearoa/New Zealand which occurs next year. The same theme was discussed when he travelled to Vanuatu, where he met Br. Jean Marie, in Port Vila, and discussed the upcoming UPR of the country.

After that, Br. Ángel Diego visited the Marists in Australia. The Rosalie Community hosted him in Brisbane, and he was able to meet with Australian Marist Solidarity at Ashgrove. Then he went to Sydney and had a busy itinerary including visits to Marist180, an Association of St. Marcellin Champagnat meeting, Mascot visit, Lavalla200 in Mount Druitt, Mass at St Joseph's College and a meeting with Br. Peter Carroll, Provincial.

From Sydney, Br. Ángel Diego travelled to Santa Teresa, where he visited other Marist Missions. The objective of this visit was multiple. On the one hand, the Secretariat of Solidarity wanted to know in situ the reality of the Marist mission in the Province, especially in relation to solidarity and its different areas of action. Secondly, to be able to go deeper into some of the projects that the Secretariat is promoting (UPR of New Zealand

and Vanuatu). It is also intended to deepen relations with key actors in the field of solidarity (Marist180 and AMS). Finally, to offer and welcome lines of collaboration between the General Administration and the Star of the Sea Province and its concrete solidarity presences.

Concluding the visit, Brother Ángel Diego highlighted "the great work being done in the area of solidarity, remaining open to new actions and collaborations. The disposition of brothers and lay people with whom I have been able to share towards the different areas of solidarity (rights, social works, ecology, work with indigenous peoples...) I think it is very positive and very much in line with the calls of the XXII General Chapter".



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