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INTERVIEW WITH BR. ERNESTO SÁNCHEZ THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Br Ernesto Sanchez, Superior General of the Marist Brothers, will be one of the five representatives of the Union of Superiors General (USG) who will attend the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (October 2023 and October 2024). The 2023 assembly began on 4 October and run until 29 October. Activities in Rome begin on 30 September, when Pope Francis will preside over a prayer vigil in St Peter's Square at the Vatican entitled "Together", which will be attended by patriarchs, bishops and church leaders from other Christian traditions, as well as young people from around the world. Synod participants will also be present, followed by a spiritual retreat on 1, 2 and 3 October in preparation for the Synodal Assembly. Below, in an interview, Br Ernesto talks about his journey towards this important moment in the life of the Church and his hopes.



You participated in the 2018 Synod. What are your hopes for this next Synodal Assembly?

Br. Ernesto: The 2018 Synod on "Young people, faith and vocational discernment" was a very positive experience for me. I remember that besides the Pope, Bishops, Priests, and Religious, forty young people attended, coming from all over the world. They were actively involved and their participation was very well received by the Synodal Assembly.



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■ Three ongoing formation courses continue in Rome. Tutti Fratelli Formation Program for Mentors will end next Saturday, an inter-congregational encounter, with the participation of six Marist Brothers. In addition, the program "Amanecer", in Portuguese and Spanish, continues at the General House. The course for older siblings in English continues at Manziana until November 19.

■ From Sunday to Tuesday, Br. Ernesto, Superior General, participated in the retreat for the members of the Synodal Assembly, which officially began on Wednesday at the Vatican. Br. Ernesto is one of the 5 representatives of the Union of Superiors General at the Synod.

■ The International Commission for the Protection of Children

and Vulnerable Adults meeting, chaired by Br. Ken McDonald, General Counsel, was held from Monday to Wednesday. Brothers Ben Consigli and Óscar Martín, general counsel, also participated in the meeting.

■ Brothers Ángel Diego García, director of the Solidarity Secretariat, Valdicer Fachi, director of Cmi, and Andrea Rossi, director of FMSI, participated in the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Marist International Solidarity Network, which took place in Madagascar from Monday to Friday.

■ This week, FMSI and the Secretariat of Solidarity present the Universal Periodic Review document on Vanuatu to the United Nations.

This October's Synod is part of an extended process of synodality that we have been carrying out in the Church since 2021, and the Assembly will continue with the same participants in October 2024.

I believe that the preparatory process over these years, as well as the Synod Assemblies themselves, have been and will be important for the Church. All who have taken part at diocesan level and in Bishops' Conferences, as well as those of us who will be at the Assemblies, have received a clear invitation from the Pope to listen to the voice of the Spirit. The "Instrumentum Laboris" document, the planned group dynamics, and the times of prayer, beginning with the three-day retreat, are all aimed at promoting dialogue, a path towards a deep listening to the Spirit. My hope is that we will all be truly open to listen from our hearts to the intuitions that the Spirit dictates to us and thus respond better as a Church to the needs of the world in our time. Such openness calls for simplicity in listening to the voice of all present, closely and without prejudice. Such openness calls for us to be ready, to learn and to be flexible.

You have been asked to represent religious life at this Assembly. What does this mean?

Br. Ernesto: For the Synod Assemblies in October 2023 and 2024, 5 Religious men from the USG and 5 Religious Sisters from the International Union of Superiors General (UISG) have been elected. In this Synodal Assembly, in addition to the Pope and the Bishops present, 25% of the participants will be men and women religious, lay people and priests. This gathering represents the Church of which we are all a part. Each participant has the right to speak and vote during sessions of the Assembly.

I believe that the presence of religious in the Synodal Assembly is important, given the life and mission we have in the Church in so many parts of the world, along with our ongoing call to be prophetic witnesses.

I also believe that the synodal process that we have engaged in over the last few years, as well as the dynamics of the next Assembly, is something that we have been trying to implement for a number of years in our General and Provincial Chapters. I well remember our 2009 Chapter in Rome, when for the first time we used round tables and a process of dialogue to reach a consensus. In 2017, in Rio Negro, Colombia, during the General Chapter, we encouraged contemplative dialogue at round tables. And I know that many Provincial and District Chapters in the Institute use similar processes. Many religious congregations are doing something similar these days. Hence, we bring the benefit of our experience to the Synod through our presence and contribution. This can help all who belong to the Church, starting with the Pope, the Cardinals and Bishops, to communicate and relate better. At the same time, our presence makes a statement that the life and mission of our Religious Institutes remains an integral part of the Church.

How can we, as a Marist Institute, continue to participate in the synodal process?

Br. Ernesto: The invitation is that we get involved in the synodal process that the Church is embarking on. This means listening to one another without exception, so that we can listen to the voice of the Spirit in our daily lives and in shaping our vision for the future. It is a call to the Institute to organise various activities and assemblies with the active participation of all, brothers, laypeople, young people... We are also being invited to become more and more integrated into the dioceses where we conduct our Marist mission. Right from our origins, St. Marcellin Champagnat urged us to be always in communion with the Church and with other religious congregations.

We are being invited to follow closely what will happen at the upcoming Synod and also next year's process leading up to the 2024 Assembly. Important themes will emerge that need further reflection and implementation in the different societies and cultures where we are established as an Institute.

We count on the inspiration of Mary, who was able to understand the voice of the Spirit, be open and then ready to respond. She continues to accompany us on this synodal journey of the Church. Let us pray together in a spirit of communion during the Synodal Assembly.



On September 29th, Brother Ernesto Sánchez, Superior General, took part in a seminar with more than 400 people on the Synod, promoted by the International Union of Superiors General.

INDIA

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF MARIST PRESENCE

The Marists Brothers of India will celebrate 50 years of presence in the country in 2024.

The three pioneer brothers were Sri-Lankan and arrived on 1st May 1974, and they were Brothers Gregory Appuhamy, Sunanda Joseph Perera and Godfrey Edward Perera.

Upon arrival they prepared the first Marist House at Thillainagar, in Tricky. Later, in 1975, was inaugurated a house for the Postulancy at Ramilinga and, in 1977, began the novitiate at Tricky. In 1978 the First Indian Brothers professed in Sri Lanka scholasticate. Since then, the brothers have

also developed several schools and projects to help “untouchable” children break the cycle of poverty.

Marist Brothers in India are engaged in both educational and social services. Thousands of students have graduated in the last 20 to 30 years through the sector’s Marist schools. Many children and young people have been empowered and supported in terms of education and healthcare. The Marist mission has had a significant impact on the children especially in rural villages.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary, Br. Nicholas Fernando, Provincial of South Asia, said “God has been journeying with Marist life and mission in India” and has invited all the Marist Brothers and Lay Marists of the province to start preparing the celebration of this great Marist event. The Provincial highlighted some characteristics that could be useful for the Celebration of Golden Jubilee, such as, “that there be a personal and collective process in preparation for the celebration which too is life giving all the way.



MARIST PRESENCE IN INDIA

Communities

Currently South Asia Province has four communities in India. And all together there are 17 Brothers from the province in the sector, divided into the following Marist communities:

- Maria Shanthi Illam at Uyyakondan Thirumalai, Trichy. This is also Regional Office and formation house. There are 6 Brothers.
- Marcellin Nivasa Community at P.Udayapatti, Karur district. There are 5 Brothers and all of them are working in the schools there.
- Gregory Illam, Marist Community at Mangamanuthu, Dindigul district. There are 2 Brothers working in the school.
- Marist Brothers House at Viyazhanmedu, Trichy district. There are 2 Brothers.

Marist District of Asia is also present in India and has a community in the village of Talit. Two brothers from South Asia

Province are commissioned here working in MDA. In Talit community there are other 2 Brothers from West Bengal (India) that belong to MDA.

Schools

All the four schools belong to South Asia Province, India Sector. Managed by the brothers in Tamil Nadu, India. Schools are both self-financed and partly supported by the Government except Marist Nursery and Primary School at Viyazhanmedu which is fully self-financed. All the schools are in rural villages and students belong to economically backward classes:

- Marist Boys Primary School at P.Udayapatti, Karur. There are 91 students and 6 teachers including 2 Brothers.
- Marist Higher Secondary School at P. Udayapatti, Karur. There are 770 students both boys and girls, 35 teachers including 3 Brothers.
- St. Marcellin Higher Secondary School, Mangamanuthu, Dindigul. There are 330 students, 15 tea-

chers including 2 Brothers.

- Marist Nursery and Primary School, Viyazhanmedu, Trichy. There are 200 students both boys and girls and 10 teachers and a brother.

Marcellin Trust

Marcellin Trust is a registered and non-profit organization run by the Marist Brothers. There are different projects under the Trust such as Operation Rainbow which provides care and support to HIV/AIDS affected people, La Valla Evening Study Centre. These two projects Chetana Tribal Boys Hostel and community College come under Marcellin Trust but which belong to MDA.

Support for the Mission in India

Missions in the Indian sector are supported by FMSI, Australian Marist Solidarity, India Village Project (Dundee, Scotland) and Maist colleges in Australia and Scotland. There are others such as Misan Cara and the Italian Bishop’s Conference.

SYRIA

PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FACING SEVERE CIRCUMSTANCES IN ALEPPO

In the heart of Aleppo, Syria, SEEDS has just marked the successful completion of its fifth year, a remarkable milestone in its mission to provide much-needed psychological support to children and families facing severe circumstances. Last year was a testament to its resilience, adaptability, and unwavering commitment to making a positive impact in a region plagued by multiple crises.



Aleppo, a city once known for its rich history and culture, has faced unprecedented challenges over the years. The economic crisis that has swept across Syria has hit Aleppo particularly hard. Poverty levels have soared, and the already precarious living conditions have deteriorated even further: in fact, a devastating earthquake on February 6th served as a grim reminder of the fragile stability in the region.

Despite these challenging obstacles, SEEDS has demonstrated remarkable adaptability in its fifth year of implementation. The Blue Marists has recognized the urgent need to shift its focus to address the pressing issues facing the community. This flexibility allowed them to continue providing vital support and hope to those most affected by the crisis.

SEEDS' five programs have been pivotal in transforming lives and instilling hope in Aleppo's most vulnerable populations: children, teenagers, women, and adults. In fact, SEEDS has provided a safe and nurturing environment for children to heal from the trauma they've experienced. Through art therapy, play, and counselling, children have found a glimmer of hope amidst the chaos. Adolescents often bear the brunt of psychological stress during times of crisis. SEEDS' program for teenagers has focused on building resilience, providing life skills, and creating a support network to help them navigate the challenges they face.

Not less important, empowering women has been a cornerstone of SEEDS' work. Through skill-building workshops and support groups, women in Aleppo have gained newfound confidence and economic independence, giving them a sense of purpose in a tumultuous time, as well as the SEEDS' counselling services which have enabled individuals to cope with their trauma, manage stress, and find ways to rebuild their lives.

SEEDS' ability to pivot and respond to crises has been critical. Whether it's providing immediate assistance after the earthquake or addressing urgent mental health needs in the community, SEEDS remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting Aleppo's residents.

In a city where everything seems to be shaking, SEEDS has stood as a signal of hope and resilience. As they reflect on their fifth year of operation in Aleppo, the Blue Marists are determined to continue making a positive impact in the lives of those who need it most. The challenges are formidable, but SEEDS' unwavering dedication and adaptability demonstrate that even in the darkest of times, hope can be cultivated, and lives can be transformed.

Marist Foundation for International Solidarity (FMSI), ONG of the General Government is part of this stunning project.

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THAILAND: MARIST MISSION STUDIES WORKSHOP IN BANGKOK



BRAZIL: MARIST YOUTH GATHERING



FRANCE: NOTRE-DAME DE L'HERMITAGE



MADAGASCAR: MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MARIST INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY NETWORK



SPAIN: MEETING OF THE EXTENDED COUNCIL OF THE PROVINCE OF COMPOSTELA



ECUADOR: MEETING OF THE MARIST WORKS OF ECUADOR WITH CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHY AND HOW TO INNOVATE IN SCHOOL

On October 18 at [Champagnat Global Week](#), you will have the opportunity to talk live with [Xavier Aragay](#), expert specialist in the change of education through the accompaniment of disruptive innovation processes, through its own methodology, original and contrasted.

During the presentation you will also have new ideas about how to approach the transformation of the school today.

Some of the statements raised by Xavier Aragay are:

- “Active and meaningful learning must be promoted”
- “The purpose of education must be to form committed, conscious and caring citizens, and it must be in constant transformation”
- “Educational innovation means a change of outlook towards the person and education”
- “It is not enough to transmit knowledge and technical

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skills, it is necessary to develop people integrally”

- “Artificial intelligence poses a series of challenges and risks that must be approached responsibly and ethically”

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PORTUGAL

REMEMBERING WORLD YOUTH DAY IN LISBON

Br. José Luís Carvalho, from the Province of Compostela, shares with us the experience he had at the Marist stand at the World Youth Day Vocation Fair, which took place in Lisbon, Portugal, from 1 to 6 August this year. The Vocation Fair was an opportunity to promote the Marist vocation. On this occasion a Marist vocation promotion proposal was also launched through the Instagram profile @hermano.marista

Marist stand at the Vocation Fair: a place for encounter and celebration

The challenge of preparing what was to be the Marist stand at the Vocation Fair of the Lisbon WYD allowed us to witness the miracle of how an aseptic space limited by three white prefabricated walls became a space brimming of Encounters (yes, that's right, with a capital letter!).

In a blink of an eye, with the collaboration of many hands and hearts, the white walls and the empty space of the stands were covered with banners, representations of the Marist founders, violets, games and, above all, hugs, music and smiles.

I think that any Marist who approached the vocation fair set up in the Vasco da Gama gardens and, in the middle of its streets constantly populated by young people from all over the world, came across the enormous banner that bore witness to "THERE'S GREAT VALUE IN BEING MARIST TODAY" instantly felt very identified. The feeling that among the enormous variety and richness of people who converged on those streets during the first days of August, the Marists "even though we are imperfect, we are also Church" (Kairoi, 2010).

It was a two-way experience. On the one hand, the enormous richness of knowing that we have our own charism, our own references and history, but that we belong to something that goes far beyond the Marist world, that we are part of those who try to make reality the dream of Jesus of a world of brothers and sisters. We are part of the Church. On the other hand, in belonging to the Universal Church, we experience that there is a place where we are known by our own name, a table where we are expected, a home where relationships are on a one-to-one basis. Somehow, among the crowds in all the streets and squares of Lisbon, the stand became a Marist meeting point. If it meant all this for those of us who are already Marists, I think that the Marist stand also touched many young people who until then did not know this religious family. Those who strolled through the vocation fair found themselves with a liveliness that left no one indifferent. The Marist stand was not the most elaborate, the most beautiful and much less the most organised, but it did attract attention because of the hustle and bustle of Life that was present at almost all hours of the day. It was difficult to visit the stand without coming across someone dancing, playing, chatting, singing, taking a photograph or hugging. I thought a comment I overheard when I passed two nuns



was significant. One said to the other as she stood on tiptoe so she could see: "Who are these people messing around? Ah, the Marists, of course!"

In addition, also in the ad-intra of those of us who were animating and dynamising the stand during those days, a special experience awaited us. The title "Marist Family" at the top of the stand proved not to be in vain. At every turn, religious and young people from the four Marist branches converged on the stand. Many of us experienced that at the same time as we were making the Marist Family known to the visitors, we were getting to know it ourselves by doing so side by side with a sister, a Marist Father or a young person from any of the four congregations. I think that the four founders, represented together on a bus that served as a photocall and passed through the hands of hundreds of young people, would be very proud to see that the dream that began in Fourvière in 1816 is still very much alive in Lisbon 2023.

Many more nuances could be added to this description of the meeting, such as the internationality (at one point the Samoan flag was waved on the stand, while African dances were danced and people were communicating in several different languages) or the intergenerationality.

A few weeks after all this experience, there remains the enormous gratitude for all that we have experienced and the certainty that all these encounters have helped each one of us to meet again, to celebrate, to be grateful and to nurture our own vocation.

Lord, make us walk through life with the lightness, hope, joy and openness experienced during these days!

Br. José Luís Carvalho – Province of Compostela

NORANDINA

The meeting of rectors of the different Marist schools in Colombia was held from September 27 to 29. The meeting focused on leadership, methodologies, projects and the elements that generate a proposal on the management of education in the institutions.

CENTRAL MEXICO

The provincial Solidarity team unveiled the “Transformative Solidarity” campaign, an initiative that seeks to sensitize the community and build more empathetic alternatives to live more sustainably. The concept consists of the development of activities in 4 weeks, each with a theme: Solidarity, Human Rights of Children and Youth, Gender Equality, and the Environment.

BRASIL CENTRO-NORTE

On September 21, the book *Laicato Marista - Traveling Roads, building bridges, weaving stories* was launched. The book gathers 20 testimonies of lay Marists, deals with interesting institutional stories, and looks at people who prove that the Marist vocation is a generous response to the following of Christ.

SED – SPAIN

For the 2023-24 school year, the Marist NGOD is promoting an awareness campaign “The Earth is life, shall we take care of it?” The campaign focuses on Sustainable Development Goal 15: “Protect, restore, and promote the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, and halt biodiversity loss”. [Download the materials here.](#)

GREECE**LÉONIN OF NÉA SMYRNI SCHOOL NAMED SCHOOL OF THE YEAR**

The “Léonin of Néa Smyrni” School, in Nea Smyrni, Greece, of the Province of Hermitage, was proclaimed “School of the Year” for the year 2022-2023 by the “Education Leaders Awards”.

In addition, the “Léonin of Néa Smyrni” school won two gold awards: the first in the “Links with Society” category for its solidarity and volunteer actions; and the second in the “Best learning experience” category for the “Speak Now” project”.

Likewise, the “Léonin de Néa Smyrni” school won the silver prize in the “Buildings and Facilities” category, which was awarded to the newly built “Diamantideio” Kindergarten and Day Care Center, for its highly aesthetic architectural design and modern equipment.

Léonin of Néa Smyrni educational center

The Léonin educational project is located in Néa Smyrni, on the southern outskirts of Athens, and includes four school levels: kindergarten and nursery, two elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school. There are 205 teachers in the entire educational complex and 1950 students. Léonin is one of the oldest schools in the country. The elementary school dates back to 1838 and the secondary school to 1889, run by the Marist Brothers since 1909. Léonin’s educational work was moved from downtown Athens to Néa Smyrni in 1962. As part of its school program, the “Léonin of Néa Smyrni” school offers:

- Use of new technologies in education.
- Additional teaching hours in core subjects and foreign languages
- French lessons
- English Lessons
- Special informatics program from the first year of elementary school
- Career guidance program for adolescents.
- Scientific, artistic, sports and solidarity clubs.
- Participation in European Programs: eTwinning and Erasmus.
- Psycho-Pedagogical Team
- And in a special way: to live every day the ecumenical spirit in the entire educational center.

BRAZIL

GATHERING OF YOUNG MARISTS IN CURITIBA AND PORTO ALEGRE



On September 22 and 23, a meeting of Marist Youth from Curitiba and Porto Alegre was held simultaneously. The event brought together around 1,600 young people from the Marist Brasil Sul-Amazônia and Marist Brasil Central-Sul Provinces, with the theme “Hearts that pulse” (*Corações que pulsam*). Since 2010, the Brasil Sul-Amazônia Province has organized Marist youth meetings that have great participation. The novelty this year was the interprovincial scope since it included the participation of the Curitiba and São Paulo regions of Marist Brasil. In Porto Alegre, the young people met at the Colégio Marista Ipanema, while in Curitiba the meeting took place at the Colégio Marista Santa Maria.

During his participation in the meeting, in Porto Alegre, Br. Deivis Alexandre Fischer, provincial of Brasil Sul-Amazônia, stated: “Our hearts beat to see all of us, and each of us present here. So many things, so much life! Let’s take advantage of this day to share, to celebrate. Celebrate the Marist Youth Ministry and its walk. Celebrate the young way of being Marist.”

The activities marked the return of massive events with young people after the pandemic. Furthermore, for the first time, there was a collaboration between Religious Organizations, Marist Provinces and Marist Brazil (the country’s Marist network), to



organize the simultaneous event between both cities. In his presentation, Br. Benê Oliveira, provincial of Brasil Centro-Sul, said in Curitiba: “I found many hearts beating and burning for Jesus Christ, for his gospel, for being together, brothers, a wonderful youth gathered here in these days.”

The event program included celebration and prayer activities among young people. In addition, there were moments of reflection and sharing, with guests who spoke and inspired young people. There were also workshops on different Marist topics and the care of youth.

For the general director of Marist Brazil, June Cruz, the union between the entities “reinforces our motto that we have many accents, but a single purpose in our mission.”

NETHERLANDS

MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL OF EUROPE

The Regional Council of Marist Europe met in ordinary session on September 14-16 in Nijmegen, Netherlands, Province of West Central Europe. Were present the Brothers José Abel Muñoz and Jaime Comabella (Province of Ibérica), Aureliano García and Damiano Forlani (Province of Mediterránea), Robert Thunus (Province of West Central Europe), Gabriel Villa-Real and Xavier Giné (Province of L'Hermitage), Máximo Blanco and Lisardo García (Province of Compostela). Also participating virtually were Brothers João Carlos do Prado and Ben Consigli, General counselors links for the Region of Europe, who reflected on the reconfiguration.


The main topics discussed at the meeting were:

- The functioning of the Marist Europe Region through its teams.
- The Strategic Plan: Projects and initiatives 2023-24.
- Regional Assembly 2024: orientations and guidelines for the commission.
- LaValla>200 Communities.
- Childhood Observatory.
- Communication framework.

The participants had the opportunity to get to know the Marist

projects in Nijmegen and to dialogue with those in charge of them. The Marist centers in the city are:

- The Westerhelling center which proposes spiritual activities for young adults.
- The Moria center for the social integration of young people who have been deprived of their liberty at one time or another.

In 2024, between January 15 and 18, the Assembly of Provincial Councils will be held in Carcavelos, Portugal.

GENERAL HOUSE

A SYMPOSIUM FOR ALL MARISTS

A quite diverse group of Marist scholars, animators, formators and leaders will be attending the inaugural Marist Symposium in Rome in December this year.

Entitled “Sources and Streams”, the symposium aims to offer participants the opportunity to touch into both the origins of Marist life and mission as well as their contemporary expression across today’s Marist world.

The chair of the Planning Committee, Br Michael Green, emphasises that the event has not been planned as a conference for Marist historians.

“Although the symposium is being convened by the Spiritual Patrimony Commission, and will include a number of presentations on historical subjects, there will be something of interest for broad spectrum of Marists,” Br Michael explains.

“We have speakers who will be presenting also on research and experience in the fields of Marist education, spirituality,



and formation.”

The range of registrations for the symposium reflect the broad range of topics. Marists have registered from all around the Marist world – women and men, young and old, including a large number of Marist lay people.

“Increasingly, we are seeing that it is Marist lay people who are doing research and writing

on Marist life and mission, and this is reflected in who will speaking at the symposium, as well as who will be attending as participants,” Br Michael says.

“We are also welcoming participants from the other three branches of the Marist family, including two Marist priests as presenters,” he added.

The organisers are expecting between 90 and 100 people to attend the symposium which will be held at the General House in Rome between 4 and 8 December this year.

OTHER MARIST VOICES 3 AND 4

SERVANT LEADERSHIP AND MISSION
/ CONTINUOUS LEARNING

The Marist International Mission Commission, inspired by the book "Marist Voices", publishes this Monday two more messages of the project "Other Marist Voices" related to the development of servant and prophetic leadership in the Marist mission.

The first was written by Br. Gaston Nzabimfura, Deputy Head of School, Rwanda, East Central Africa Province, on the theme "A Servant Leadership and Mission" ([English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#) | [Português](#)) – Video, which refers to chapter 4 of Marist Voices (The Leadership of Empathy, Service and Compassion "Son, they have no wine"), written by Br. Óscar Martín Vicario.

The second message was written by Luciana Winck Corrêa, educator of the Brasil Sul-Amazônia Province, and addresses the theme "Leadership open to continuous learning" ([English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#) | [Português](#)) – Video, which refers to chapter 21 of Marist Voices (Training and Lifelong Learning for an Emerging World), written by Br. Chano Guzmán Moriana.

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Prophetic and servant leadership

The project is entitled "[Other Marist Voices](#)". A group of Marists, brothers, and lay people will participate, who will share weekly their perceptions and reflections on servant and prophetic leadership, from their Marist mission and action fronts. All messages and videos will be available [on this link](#).

This initiative is part of the leadership training program that the General Administration is developing to continue to inspire the exercise of responsibility, vitality, and commitment to the Marist mission (Project 16 of the General Administration's Strategic Plan). The 22-chapter work "[Marist Voices: Essays on Servant and Prophetic Leadership](#)" is an initiative that responds to the invitation of the [XXII General Chapter](#) that suggests "identifying and forming leaders, lay and brothers, at all levels, given growing in co-responsibility for Marist life and mission".

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