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NEW BUILDERS OF THE HERMITAGE

COURSE FOR FORMATORS 2024 IN MANZIANA

In the context of the celebration of the bicentenary of the construction of the Institute's mother house of Notre Dame de l'Hermitage, in France, the Institute has implemented a formation program called "New Builders of the Hermitage", for brothers who will be qualified for the pastoral mission of supporting the formation processes in the various houses and stages of initial formation in Marist life. The course has been prepared by the Brothers Today Secretariat and by a team specially formed for this program, made up of Brothers Juan Castro (MDA), Michel Maminiaina (Province of Madagascar) and César Rojas (Province of Norandina). The course will end on Sunday, November 24th, in France, at l'Hermitage. We share some words from the Brothers in Manziana.



The Brothers gathered at the General House on February 1st, but on February 4th, brothers from the General house came including Br. Ernesto Sánchez Superior General for the official opening ceremony of our program. We are totally 21 participants from 15 different countries including a Marist father Fr. Mikeale Misinale

who is attending the same course as well as a Chaplain. After the Mass we were welcomed and accepted for the program by giving us the logo of "New Builders of the Hermitage" by Br. Ernesto and the General Councilors to all of us.

On 2nd Feb, we went to join with our Pope to celebrate the



general administration

- After their meeting with the superiors of the Administrative Units, the Brothers of the General Council continued their meetings at the Hermitage Center. The Europe region met until Tuesday and the América Sur and Arco Norte regions will meet until Thursday.
- On Monday, Brother Angel Diego Otolá, director of the Secretariat of Solidarity, participated in the meeting of the executive committee of the Marist International Solidarity Network, mainly to organize the Solidarity Assembly that will take place in June at the General House.
- During the week, Francesco Mastrorosa, Project Administration Officer, will visit Rwanda, where the foundation is preparing a project that will provide

drinking water to some 2,000 people.

- From Wednesday through Saturday, the International Committee on Economic Affairs is meeting at the General House. In addition to Brothers Jorge Gaio, Econome General, and Goyo Linacero, Assistant to the Econome, also participating are Alfie Custodio (East Asia), Alejandro Cebrian (Ibérica), Bernard Kenna (Star of the Sea), Ivo Cadaval (Brasil Sul-Amazônia), Ir. Luck Paul (Nigeria) and Ir. Xavi Giné (Hermitage). Also participating were Everson Oliveira (responsible for the Domus system) and Brother Josep Lluís Martí, translator.
- On the same days, a group of Marists from Italy, made up of brothers and laypeople, will be guests at the General House for a formation course.

Consecrate Day. It was a wonderful moment to join with the thousands of the religious and share our joyful moment. Now we are busy with our regular classes in Manziana. Speakers are coming from different parts of the Marist world also, the translators. We have 12 English, 4 Spanish and 3 Portuguese speakers, so every class uses English or Spanish languages and the translators help us to go through. Until now Br. Oscar Martín Vicario, General Councilor, Sister Cova Orejas, Sister Luica Villanego, from RUAJ, and Sister Paula Jordao

& Br. Emili Turú, and Br. Juan Antonio Diego, a Brother from Saint Jean of God, shared their wisdom on our inner journey and spirituality.

Brothers Lindley Sionosa, Luis García Sobrado, and at present Br. Teófilo Minga are helping us as translators.

We had our community meetings and planned for our community life by sharing necessary responsibilities. We are trying our best to live as an international community with the richness of our culture and Marist experience.

NIGERIA

PROVINCE IMPROVE ECOLOGICAL AWARENESS

The Province of Nigeria is paying attention to respond boldly to emerging needs, mainly to awaken an ecological awareness that engages the students in caring for “our common home”. It became reality throughout the installation of solar borehole at Marist Brothers Juniorate, Marist Comprehensive Academy, Uturu Abia State respectively, Marist Comprehensive College Nteje, Anambra State, and Marist College Yangoji, Abuja. New solar boreholes were installed at above mentioned Schools. With this new initiative, the water shortage suffered by the students and the entire Marist Family has been put to an end.



MARIST REGION OF EUROPE

MEETING OF EUROPEAN COMMUNICATORS AND ICT/LKT COORDINATORS

The European Communication Team (EEC) of the Marist Region of Europe held its quarterly meeting in Bilbao, from March 4 to 7. These days, also met in Xaudaró (Madrid) the ICT/ LKT managers and coordinators of the administrative units of the European Region. During the communication team meeting, they were reviewed all the topics under consideration since the beginning of the course, and it was also looked over the programming planned for the third quarter, with ideas for the coming year. It was also pre-

pared everything related to the Strategic Plan and the strategic initiatives that derive from this and that are made by the Team. Those responsible for ICT/ LKT met to discuss topics related to their specialty, always thinking about the Marist Mission: licenses; one-to-one projects; digital competence and how to work on it, etc.



CHILE

A NEW AND FORWARD LOOKING INITIATIVE OF THE MARIST YOUTH

United by the motto “Together we dream of the future”, the first Marist Youth Day was held at Marist Spirituality Center – Santiago de Chile (Province of Santa María de los Andes) from February 22 to 24.

This initiative was organized by a group of eight former students with the support of the Laity Team of the Chile Sector and brought together 22 young people between 19 and 30 years of age.

The objectives of the meeting were:

1. To generate a first meeting space for young people, from 19 to 30 years of age, who are linked to the Marist through service and community experiences.
2. To celebrate life and the road travelled, becoming aware of one’s personal history and the stage of life in which each one finds himself.
3. To propose among all those present, on the basis of a first draft, various ideas of participation and sustainable organization for the present and future of young Marists in the country.

The dynamics of the day combined personal reflections, playful activities and community dialogue with a set of experiences that revolved around three axes: looking at my past; becoming aware of my present and projecting my future with others. In addition, a proposal for a formative itinerary was presented that includes a series of suggestions for development in the human-spiritual, fraternal-community and mission-service areas, within a framework of respect for Marist values and the personal processes of each participant.

This is a novel and forward-looking initiative:

- It generates a simple structure of Marist animation that aims to accompany the life of young people of this age range.



- The proposal is totally conceived, organized and animated by a “generating team” of young people of the same age. The Laity Team fulfills a function of institutional support and advice.
- It aims to bring together all young people who wish to participate, who adhere to Marist values, regardless of their faith process.

The results of this process have motivated this “Generating Team” to continue its work this 2024 with the intention of adding more people and thus develop a path together with other young people who share Champagnat’s ideal of generating communities of life at the service of the most needy and marginalized.

Raul Amaya Rivera



The Strength of the Rock

The fifth and last meeting of the current General Council with the superiors of the Administrative Units took place March 4-9 at the Institute’s Mother House, Notre-Dame de l’Hermitage. [All the information is available at this link](#) and, in addition, the next issue of Marist News will be especially dedicated to the meeting.

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CÔTE D'IVOIRE: STUDENTS FROM CENTRE SCOLAIRE MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT DE BOUAKE VISIT THE AIRPORT



UNITED STATES: SHARING OUR CALL SESSION FOR FACULTY AND STAFF FROM US MARIST SCHOOLS



GUATEMALA: FIRST NATIONAL PASTORAL AND COUNSELING MEETING



OTHER MARIST VOICES 45 AND 46:

SERVANT LEADERSHIP / BIBLE STORIES TO REFLECT ON

The publication of "Other Marist Voices" continues, messages inspired by the book "Marist Voices" related to the development of servant and prophetic leadership in the Marist mission.

Other Marist Voices 45 was written by Br. Farancis Rahmat, Educator, School Principal in Pakistan, from the Province of South Asia, who addresses the theme "Prophetic and Servant Leadership in Marist Educational Context"

(English | Español | Français | Português) – Video. The message refers to chapter 7 of Marist Voices (Persuading with Action and Service), written by – Br. Vincent de Paul Kouassi.

Other Marist Voices 46 was written by Juan Carlos Casanova Cabrera, Educator, Rector of Colegio Champagnat Ipiales,

in Colombia – Province of Norandina, who addresses the theme "Bible stories to reflect on" (English | Español | Français | Português) – Video. The message refers to chapter 16 of Marist Voices (Biblical Pointers on Fraternity for Leadership Oriented Towards Service), written by Br. Josep María Soterias.



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