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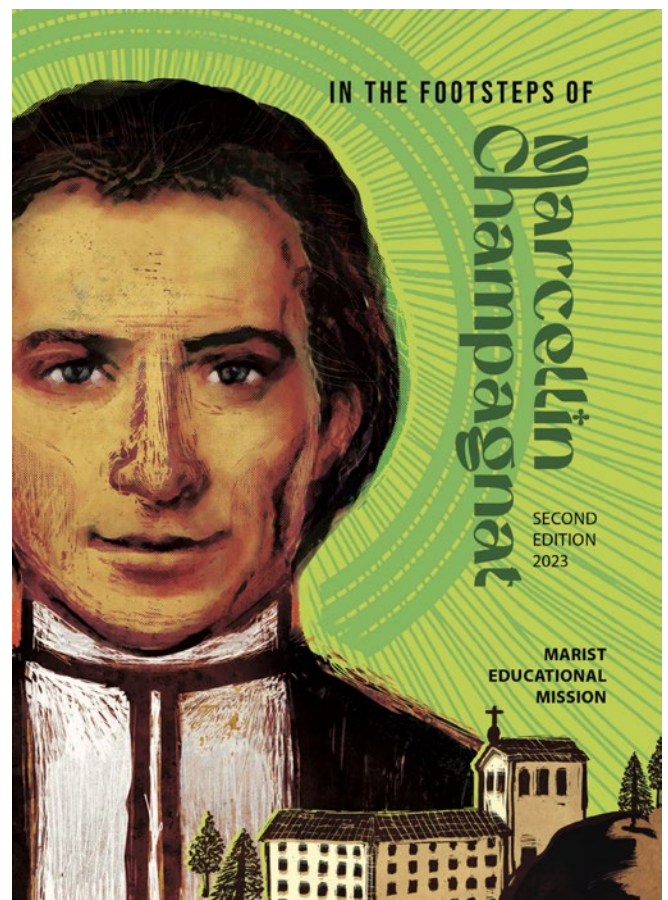
LAUNCH OF THE DOCUMENT ON MARIST MISSION

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT: MARIST EDUCATIONAL MISSION

The last day of the Marist International Mission Assembly, 14 April, took place the launch of the second edition of "In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat: Marist Educational Mission", a significant moment led by Brother Niño Mayor of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelisation, and Erin Kelly, from the United States, during which participants received a printed copy of the document (watch video in [Youtube](#)). The event included interventions by Brothers Ernesto Sanchez, Superior General, Luis Carlos Gutierrez, Vicar General, and General Councillors Ken McDonald and Ben Consigli, as well as the conclusion by Br José Sanchez, Director of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelisation. The document is already available online and will be printed in the coming weeks. [You can see all details about it in that link.](#)

How was the document developed?

The initiative was led by an international team tasked with revising the existing document. Collaborating closely with the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization, the team embarked on an intensive effort beginning in 2021. They undertook a thorough revision process, inspired by the principles of "Discover, Dream, Design, and Deliver," to update the original document.



general administration

- From Monday to Wednesday, the commission that prepared and conducted the MIMA met at the Marist house in El Escorial to evaluate the meeting held last week.
- Br. Angel Diego, director of the Solidarity Secretariat, together with FMSI and other people from the respective Administrative Units, participated in virtual meetings held on Monday to prepare for the Universal Periodic Review of Bolivia, Fiji and Kiribati.
- On Tuesday, the second meeting of the Preparatory Commission for the XXIII General Chapter began. Brothers Ernesto Sánchez, Luis Carlos Gutiérrez and Ken McDonald,

coordinator, are participating from the General Government. The meeting ends on Saturday.

- On Tuesday, Manu Gomez and Ana Saborio, from the Secretariat of Laity, participated in a virtual formation meeting of the Arco Norte Region.
- On Friday, Br. Angel Diego meets, in Geneva, partners in the mission to the United Nations.
- On Sunday, Brothers João Carlos do Prado and Ben Consigli, General Councillors, liaison with the European Region, will continue their visit to the Iberian Province and visit the Marists in Romania.

Throughout this process, the team consulted with groups of brothers and laity within the Institute. A pivotal face-to-face meeting took place on April 4-8, 2022, in L'Hermitage, Lyon. During this gathering, and with the valuable guidance of Brother Joseph McKee, the team presented their progress and finalized the document.

Following the completion of the final draft, the document was submitted to the General Council for approval. After receiving input and feedback, the General Council officially approved the revised document in September 2023.

What is the document about?

The Institute is presenting a document that upholds the

foundational insights of the 1998 text while also addressing contemporary realities, proposals, and orientations. Embracing a holistic perspective, this document distinctly incorporates the voices of various stakeholders, mission domains, thematic contents, values, and educational and evangelizing initiatives that resonate with the current dynamics of the Marist community. It serves as a catalyst for Marists to “look beyond” in their mission journey, fostering a belief in a future brimming with hope and opportunities. Above all, it instills a collective commitment among all Marists to keep alive the visionary legacy of St. Marcellin Champagnat, remaining ever present within each individual’s heart.

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SPAIN: VOCATIONAL ENCOUNTER OF THE PROVINCES OF EUROPE IN ALCALÁ



ITALY: ONGOING FORMATION PROGRAM AT THE GENERAL HOUSE IN ROME



GREECE: MARIST PILGRIMAGE OF AUSTRALIA IN ATHENS



FRANCE: ANCIENT HISTORY TOUR AT L'HERMITAGE



CHILE: STUDENT CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



NORANDINA – VENEZUELA: MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

MIMA III

All the information about the MIMA III was disseminated through the Institute's channels, especially on [this page](#). Soon, a special issue of Marist News will report on the activities.



VATICAN

CANONISATION OF SAINT MARCELLIN: THE HOMILY THE POPE NEVER GOT TO PREACH

In conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the [canonization of Saint Marcellin Champagnat](#), Brother Michael Green, from the Star of the Sea Province, shares with all Champagnat Marists a pearl that has been 'hidden' for a quarter of a century and which today comes to light. Read the whole story below, written by Brother Michael, and discover a text that reveals Champagnat's gift to the Church.

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Marists who had the good fortune to be in Rome twenty-five years ago for the canonisation of Saint Marcellin would recall a memorable week. Extraordinarily so. Many thousands had converged on the Eternal City, from all parts of the Marist world. Over several days, they took part in concerts, receptions, youth gatherings and celebratory liturgies; they were festooned with commemorative scarves and other memorabilia; they sang specially commissioned songs; they met together and partied. On a slightly showery Sunday morning, 18th April, the pilgrims filled the piazza of St Peter's to capacity to hear Pope John Paul II proclaim the sainthood of Marcellin Champagnat. A huge image of a new painting of the Founder was draped from the scaffolding that hid the façade of the basilica which was being renovated at the time. The celebrations continued well after the Mass, as the Marists took over Rome. It was a grand event.



But, unknown to all but the organisers, one of the planned activities did not go ahead.

It had been hoped that on the morning after the canonisation, there would be special papal audience for the Marist pilgrims, perhaps in the Paul VI Audience Hall where their various national groups had staged an all-singing, all-dancing concert on the previous Saturday evening. For various reasons, it was not able to be scheduled. There did end up being a Mass for everyone that morning at the basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls, but it was not led by the Holy Father.

As part of the planning for the canned audience, [Brother Charles Howard](#), the former Superior General then retired in Sydney, had been asked confidentially by the Vatican if he

would ghost-write an address for the Pope to deliver to the Marist pilgrims. The draft of this address survives. It has never been published, or even known. The twenty-fifth anniversary of its non-delivery seems an appropriate time to bring it to light.

The draft has been hiding in the files of this writer since 1999. At the time, Brother Charles was based at the Provincial House of the Brothers in Sydney. Close to the Feast of St Marcellin on 6 June that same year, each of the Brothers in the community woke to find a typed note slipped under his bedroom door (a lifelong practice of Brother Charles!). It gave them some background to the draft papal address that he had prepared, and suggested that it may be useful to include in their community morning prayer.

The Brothers dutifully did as their former General had proposed, but a small community of eight Brothers was a considerably more modest assembly than the ten thousand or so Marists who might have otherwise heard Charles' words from the Pope. A quarter of a century later, perhaps it is timely for those words to be received by a wider Marist audience.

BRAZIL

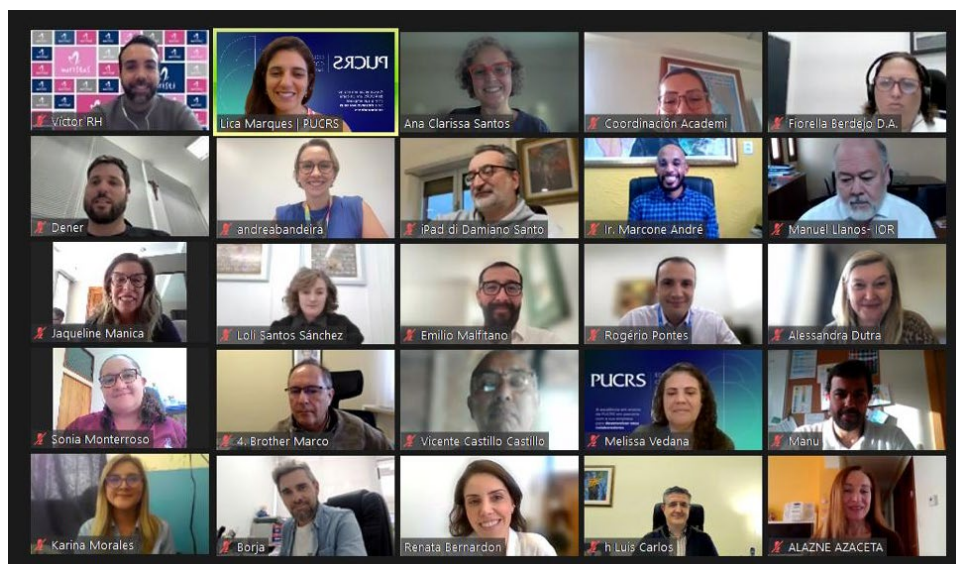
THIRD EDITION OF THE PROGRAM “A SERVANT, PROPHETIC AND QUALIFIED LEADERSHIP” AT PUCRS

The Marist Institute, in collaboration with the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS), is holding a new edition of the training program “Marist Leaders – Servant, Prophetic and Qualified Leadership” for Portuguese and Spanish-speaking leaders. The first edition was held in 2022. The following year, the same program was held for English and French-speaking audiences, with the sponsorship of Notre Dame de Marbel University. The provinces in Africa are currently implementing the same program.

The second edition of the program at PUCRS began on March 18 with an introductory session. Classes will be held online until the end of September, when the group will meet in Porto Alegre for the face-to-face session, which will end on October 11. The new edition of the Program brings together 70 brothers and lay Marists from 19 countries, 4 from Europe and the rest from America.

The Marist Leadership Training Program will be based on the contents of the book *Marist Voices – Essays on Servant and Prophetic Leadership* and will contain the following modules:

- Servant Leadership: Introduction, concept and characteristics
- Service leadership, innovation and change processes.
- Servant leadership and community building (communications and interpersonal relations).
- Service leadership and project development (processes



and tools).

- Leadership, new normality and networking.
- Servant leadership, “pre-vision” and strategic planning.
- Leadership and co-responsibility (evaluation based on indicators).
- Servant leadership, ethical and moral foundations (ethical responsibility)
- Service leadership and sustainability.
- Servant leadership: education, mission and pastoral care.
- Servant leadership, spirituality and charismatic identity.

The course has two main objectives:

- Encourage, through training and accompaniment (including professional), a mentality of solidarity that emphasizes co-responsibility, transparency, efficient and effective management, and sustainability.
- Promote open and empowered servant leadership to address the emerging realities of our Institute and the world.

#CHAMPAGNAT25 – APRIL 18

The Church celebrate the 25th anniversary of the canonization of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. On the Institute’s website you will find a section dedicated to this historic event and materials especially dedicated to this anniversary. The Brothers Today Secretariat has prepared a triduum and a celebration for the 18th, which can be downloaded directly from this link. On the same page you will find testimonies from various Marists about the importance of St. Marcellin in their lives, and other resources that can be used during the celebration of our founder’s charism.

MÉXICO CENTRAL

The Marists of México Central present the fourth week of Marist Solidarity with the theme: “For the care of the common home, actions that transform”, which is promoted by the Solidarity team and the area of Marist Education for Good Living. The Province of Central Mexico invites all interested Marists to participate in the webinar “Healthy Eating”, to be held on April 22 at 12:00 noon (Mexico time). Join the Zoom session

SANTA MARÍA DE LOS ANDES

On April 11, the Chile sector launched the Diploma in Leadership for Educational Change of its Marist Educators’ Training School. The academic program lasts 4 months and the participants are the pedagogical coordinators, the Solidarity coordinators, the local mission coordinators and other directors of the Marist schools network of Chile.

NORANDINA

From April 14 to 16, the Meeting of Directors of Venezuelan Educational Institutions was held at the Los Teques Training Center. 20 participants reflected on the processes of each of the areas of pastoral animation and to grow in the sense of Marist Family supported by the exercise of leadership. There were also spaces to discuss the different projects of the educational pastoral, solidarity, vocational animation, spirituality, laity and communication.

STAR OF THE SEA

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the canonization of St. Marcellin Champagnat on April 18, the Marists of the Province have embarked on a journey that explores the life of the Founder of the Marist Brothers, his inspirational journey and the lasting influence of his mission. This is the 1st part of the story.

GUATEMALA**MEETING OF COMMUNITY ANIMATORS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICA PROVINCE**

On April 5, 6 and 7, the Provincial Meeting of the Community Animators of Central America took place in Guatemala. This meeting not only brought together the Community Animators, but also a group of lay people committed to the animation of communities, who demonstrate engagement and collaboration within the Marist family.

One of the most notable aspects of the meeting was the focus on the management of feelings and emotions, a topic of great relevance in personal and community development. Led by Fr. Arnaldo Pangrazzi, Camillian, the objective was to explore and understand our emotions, learn to manage them, and develop skills to accompany others in this process. Through clear presentations and practical exercises in small groups, topics such as the dimensions of personality, the “wounds” of life and the role of feelings in our vital growth were addressed.

Special attention was taken to the person’s basic feelings: joy, sadness, fear and anger. The manifestations, their impact on personal growth, and their interaction were explored within the framework of the Enneagram, emphasizing the art of using them appropriately for individual and collective well-being.

In addition, Brother Hipólito Perez, Provincial, shared the most relevant events of the provincial programming, and encouraged everyone to actively participate in them. Specific issues of the communities were also discussed, such as the functioning of the Province and the evolution of brothers with health problems.

The Meeting was an enriching experience that strengthened commitment and collaboration within the Marist community, reaffirming the importance of personal growth and solidarity in our educational and evangelizing mission.

OTHER MARIST VOICES 55 AND 56: EXPERIENCE AND INSPIRATION

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 55 was written by Br. Chibengwa Mugove Vito, teacher in Zimbabwe – Southern Africa Province,

who addresses the theme “Servant and prophetic leadership – experience and inspiration” ([English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#) | [Português](#)) – [Video](#). The message refers to chapter 6 of Marist Voices (Awareness), written by Br. Ken McDonald.

Other Marist Voices 56 was written by Alfie Maria Oppura Rio Custodio, Business College Dean in the Philippines – East Asia Province, who addresses the theme “The Reluctant Economist” ([English](#) | [Español](#) | [Français](#) | [Português](#)) – [Video](#).

Other Marist Voices

This project is promoted by the Marist International Mission Commission and gives continuity to the initiative “Marist Voices”, a book launched in 2022 that addresses the theme of



Marist leadership and seeks to reflect on the request of the last General Chapter that underlined that “For a new beginning, we believe in governance that favours prophetic servant leadership and closely accompanies Marist life and mission.”

120 Marists from around the world, including brothers, lay men and women, have been invited to share their perspectives on leadership from their own experiences. Each brings a unique vision and reflects on specific aspects of servant and prophetic leadership. Each week two messages are posted on the Institute’s communication channels.

[This link gives you access to all the messages of this initiative, published as of September 2023.](#)



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