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Heart's Joyful Song

Easter is a season of celebrating the victory of Jesus over death, and I'm delighted to extend warm Easter wishes to all of you. May these lines bring you the blessings of Easter and find you in good health.

Music has been an integral part of our lives. Many of us enjoy listening to music while

working, traveling, or going about our daily routines. I recently searched for the meaning of music, and this definition resonated with me: "Music is an art of sound in time that expresses ideas and emotions through rhythm, melody, and harmony." Our very existence is akin to music—a symphony where every fiber of our body and every organ works rhythmically. Consider the first cry of an infant at birth—the lungs expand, and life begins. An unknown author aptly said, "The most beautiful music in the world is our heartbeat and our breathing, for God Himself composed them."

What is the song of our hearts? Is it a joyful praise or a lament? St. Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 guide us: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Let us cultivate these three attitudes in our hearts and carry them throughout our lives. To be thankful and

joyful, we must find peace within ourselves and with others. This peace is found in the Lord alone, and we connect with Him deep within our hearts, where His voice resounds.

Within us resides our Master, who calls us to follow Him gently. He gives us a song of happiness, peace, and love that can triumph over all evil.

In Scripture, we encounter many who overflowed with joy and offered joyful praise to God:

1. Mary, our mother, rejoiced in the Lord and sang the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).
2. Moses and the Israelites sang a triumphant song of praise after crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 15:1-18).
3. Tobit praised God upon realizing that the companion accompanying Tobias on his journey was the Angel Raphael (Tobit 13:1-11).
4. Daniel blessed God when the mystery of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream was revealed to him (Daniel 2:19).
5. King Nebuchadnezzar praised God after the period of his humiliation came to an end (Daniel 4:34).

Let us emulate these examples by expressing gratitude to God in all circumstances and blessing His name in every moment. May our hearts sing a glad song for each blessing received from His abundant grace.

May the peace of the Risen Lord be multiplied in our hearts and homes bringing new life and new hope!



The Marist strength and spirit flowing from the Rock

To be in L'Hermitage for the provincial and district leaders meeting was a grace and helped us to revitalize the Marist spirit. We are blessed to be born in such simplicity and grown into a global family.

The lives of so many Marists committed to the mission are reaching new frontiers.

New initiatives are flourishing, embracing people in need.

Marist mission is so much needed nowadays and has a great potential to face emerging needs.

The call continues for the Marists of Champagnat.

- ***Taking courage and risks to move further to the peripheries and urgent needs of the vulnerable people.***
- ***Letting go and promoting structures that generate life.***
- ***Foster communities and projects with other congregations and institutes.***
- ***There is no need to fear the diminishing of Brothers, assuring that we don't lose the essential aspects of Marist Charism, its original inspiration, its values.***

I wish that people can feel, experience and be inspired by the strength and the living water flowing from the "Rock" in L'Hermitage, so that Marist life can be re-imagined creatively.

And as I look beyond, I see a bright Marist future, welcoming all people of goodwill and extending the tent of fraternal care.

Br Canisio J Willrich – MDA lead



District leader's visit to Bangladesh, April 3 to 13, 2024

Thanks God, at last I was able to visit our Marist communities and mission in Bangladesh. It was a joyful and fruitful time.

Marist presence and work is appreciated by the local community, Congregations, Church, and local community. It is known by its good work and different approaches, in the Marist style, and has a good impact in the local community.



Saint Marcellin school in Giasnagor is approved by the government, has 480 students, 15 staff. Hostel boys – 80 / Hostel girls – 100

The formation house in Mymensingh has 5 candidates and 1 aspirant.



It was also a blessing to visit some families of our Marist brothers from Bangladesh.

On April 07, together with the brothers and Mr. Kotrim (who looks after the boys in the hostel) we visited some families of the students in Lokhipur Sylhet.

A day of many contacts with the families of our hostel students. Walking through jungles, hills, streams, under rain, rough, muddy, and slippery roads, close to the border with India.



A difficult situation for many families and children who really love to have the opportunity to study. Their warm welcome, hardworking, joy, simplicity and faith, is an open book of life that inspires.

Our charism is so much needed, and so many children are waiting for an opportunity, eyes are shining with hope! A day to praise the Lord for our mission in Giasnogor and thank the brothers, sisters and teachers for their care and education offered to students.

The brothers are making efforts, there many challenges, but there is joy of being Marist in Bangladesh. Overall, Marist life and mission in Bangladesh is consolidating, developing and has great potential for expansion and new vocations for brothers and lay.



Much help is needed in our mission in Bangladesh. Thank you very much to all collaborators, sponsors, and to the Marists of Champagnat for their life and mission in Bangladesh!



Br Canisio – MDA leader

FORMATION COURSE IN MAZIANA

After spending a meaningful Holy Week in Assisi, we returned home to Manziana. The change in weather from winter to spring has a big difference. The house is no longer cold, the trees are starting to have leaves and the flowers are blooming.



Our community includes twenty-two brothers from different countries around the world. This set up a good opportunity to know about other brothers and their cultures. For some this give them an opportunity to learn other languages through interaction with brothers.

The main activity that takes up most of our time during the week is attending various lectures and workshops. We have recently completed the following: *Accompaniment by Br. Bryan David*, *Identity of Brothers and Sexuality by Br. Joe Mckie*, and *Intergral Ecology by Joe Nacianceno*. The sessions helped us know ourselves better so that we could be a better formator for others. I realize that to accompany and help future formandees who come to us to find their vocation I must first understand the process of vocation discernment. Aside from personal assesment we are also equipped with skills in community living and in the ministry.

Intergrated in our schedule are manual work and playing sports. We look after the maintenance and cleanlyness of the community. Some initiated planting vegetables for the community consumption. Volleyball is the most popular sport here, aside from that basketball, table tennis and football are also offered.

The differnces in language and cultures has been a chalenge but it also enhance our community living. We are thankful for the opportunity given to us to improve ourselves and prepare for future ministry.

Br. Thanh

Mymensingh Community 2024

The formation and vocation community has journeyed well with the ups & downs of the first three months of this year. In the initial month, George was still on his last week of home leave, which was extended for two more weeks due to his participation in a formation colloquium at MAPAC. Similarly, Robert resumed his studies at Notre Dame University in the capital city of Dhaka following his home leave on Christmas season



Practically speaking, Cesar was the sole brother at home with the five candidates unexpectedly returned from their holidays earlier than expected, prompted by sudden changes in the timetable due to the reopening of all educational institutions in the country. Josh, one of the incoming aspirants, returned from his Christmas holidays with a contagious skin disease he contracted from his father. After spending a couple



of days in the community, he made the decision to return home to prevent the potential spread of the infection among the other candidates.

The sudden arrival of two Bangladeshi first-year novices, Shovo Chiran from Mymensingh Diocese and Shohel Costa from Dhaka, who had been at Tudella Novitiate in Sri Lanka, brought a moment of profound inspiration to our community. Shovo, accompanied by his father Lukas Nokrek, made a brief stopover en route home, gracing us with his presence for an overnight stay. His visit was marked by a

heartening message delivered after the evening prayer, accompanied by a thoughtful gift for each member of the community. He eloquently emphasized the significance of Marcellin's charism, underscoring its blessings for the entire Church, including Bangladesh.

Shohel, who had ventured to Giasnogor following his familial visit, had likewise intended to spend only a couple of days with us before returning to Sri Lanka. We extend our gratitude and appreciation to Shovo and his father for the short yet meaningful visit.

On the first Saturday of the third month of the year, a significant milestone was reached as three objectives in reading, bible sharing & cooking were successfully implemented for the first time, following long hours of learning and practice.

Every Saturday morning mass, the Bangla first reading is assigned to the Marist community. So the candidates and aspirants take turns in doing it and among the candidates, Prottoy stood out as the only one who had hesitated to read at the cathedral during Saturday morning mass, driven by fear. However, on March 2nd, he courageously decided to confront this challenge head-on.



Upon returning from the church, Prottoy was met with congratulatory messages from the entire community, acknowledging his achievement. In response, he expressed gratitude to everyone for their encouragement and offered apologies for allowing fear to linger and hinder his progress for nearly six months, recognizing that it had taught him nothing beneficial.



The second objective was to conduct Bible sharing in English every Saturday. This was faced with delays throughout the month of February due to unforeseen changes in both community and college schedules. However, anticipation grew among the members, fueled by meticulous preparation by facilitators George and Cesar. This excitement persisted until the eagerly awaited first Saturday of the subsequent month, when the long-awaited moment finally arrived.

To make the day even more fun, Shuvoching and Bishwo, who are in the second and third positions from the left in the photo, decided to cook a special dish

called "PURA." It's a kind of curry that comes from the Garro Tribe. They're making it without turmeric and using just pork meat. Usually, this dish is cooked for big celebrations like weddings, Christmas, or Easter because it's famous and loved by many. Thanks or Mitela, in Garro language, to both of you!



This is all for now and Happy Easter to all of you Guys!



Br. George

FIRST VOWS OF RELIGIOUS PROFESSION

[Shuvo Chiran] The first experience of the Marist Brothers profession in my life. I was happy to see another new beginning journey for our newly seven professed brothers who took their 1st vows on 16 March 2024. There were 4 young brothers, **Br. Dedimo Soares, Br. Edgar Da Costa Salgueiro, Br. Manecas Dos Santos, Br. Simon Mendonca Maia** all are from Timor Leste and they belong to the Star of the Sea Province; another 2 young brothers **Br. Nguyen Quac Cuong, Br. Nguyeh Van Ky** from Vietnam and **Br. Pech Reun** from Cambodia, who is the 1st Marist Brother of this country, these three young Brothers belong to Marist District of Asia (MDA).

Their profession was celebrated with Br. Darren (Vice Provincial of Star of the Sea province) and Br. Canisio Willrich (District Leader of MDA) who received their vows. The ceremony was presided by Fr Josep (TOR). For this crucial moment of their life, they chose the theme: **“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” (Jer 1:5)**

After the celebration and taking the pictures we enjoyed a delicious Sri Lankan lunch.

There were around 130 friends, Brothers and sisters who joined us to celebrate this essential moment.

The following day in the evening, we had a community sharing and a Missioning party, and that night some of the young brothers departed to their own countries. After 2 years of Novitiate, they will have a wonderful moment with their family members and friends.

Shuvo



HOLY WEEK IN MARIST INTERNATIONAL NOVITIATE SRI LANKA

[Vinh] Christmas and Easter are two important seasons in the Catholic liturgical year.

The Holy Week of 2024 at the Marist International Novitiate in Sri Lanka was a profound experience for the novices. The brothers had prepared for the novices through a Lenten retreat and various workshops on the meaning of the Lenten season, history and traditions of the Passover meal, the liturgy, and the significance of each day of the Holy Week.



The week's events began on Monday night with a Passover meal attended by brothers and sisters from Marist and other congregations, as well as Marist Lays and guests. This was an important occasion for everyone, as it allowed us to come together and share in the spirit of the week.

On Holy Thursday, Fr. Baylon from the Jesuit celebrated mass, and invited people to wash each other's feet. This was a particularly moving experience, as it allowed people to connect with each other in a very personal way. The humble act of washing another's feet served as a powerful reminder of Jesus's example of love and service.



On Good Friday, Brothers, novices, and people gathered to reflect on the Passion of Jesus through the Stations of the Cross in the morning, and the Passion of our Lord in the evening. The Stations of the Cross was a solemn and reflective experience, as people walked through the stations, each one representing a different moment in Jesus's journey to his crucifixion.

The Vigil Easter Sunday was a joyful and warm celebration with the attendance of people around our community. The service began with the lighting of the Easter



candle and was followed by readings from the Bible. The Chapel was filled with the sounds of music and song, and people rejoiced in the resurrection of Jesus. The service ended with an Agape meal after the mass, which was a special time for everyone to come together and share in the joy of the Risen Lord.

For me, this Holy Week was a profound and meaningful experience. It allowed me to fully understand and participate in the sacred passion of Jesus, and provided me with an opportunity to connect with others in a very personal way. It was a reminder of the importance of loving others as Jesus loves us.

Vinh

Our Trip to Banderawela

[Shohel] After semester break and Holy Week celebrations, we went to Banderawela for four days' vacation. During Holy Week we were so stressful with our activities that we deserved a few days of rest. I believe that it was a great refreshment for us for starting new semester. I really enjoyed the journey even if it was more than seven hours in our own car. We visited many places and experienced different sorts of food.

Around 9:45am began the trip and we had lunch in Jesuit Novitiate community near of Kurunegala. I admired seeing their custom of welcoming us. When we arrived at our destination it was 7:40pm, that's why our supper was outside. We slept early to take rest so that the next day we could enjoy.



The weather was very enjoyable because of coolness. We prepared our own breakfast. We spent whole day in OMI novitiate with other Novices. We had a short workshop about Jesus' resurrection lead by Br. Rod. We visited the water fall, tea garden and at lastly we played volleyball (Marist Vs OMI and).

On the third day we visited the OSB Monastery where we met their novices. During our visit I saw that the clouds touched the mountain and when we went there it was mist which it was my first experience. We moved around visiting different areas of the monastery: the gardens, library, the cowshed, piggery and pine forest. I liked their museum where most of the things were more than hundred years.

I saw there were so many people who came to visit that place, especially the students from the university.

We had a very simple lunch and at last we bought jam and chutney which were homemade.

We finished our visit with a taste food in their refectory. We really thankful to the novices of OSB for their company, guidance and hospitality.

I heard that Sri Lanka is a very famous for tourism and these days I experienced that. We visited one resort which name was "98 Acres" and it is at Ella town, in Sri Lanka. I was admired to see the beauties of the nature and mentality of the local people. There was one waterfall where we couldn't take shower because already 36 people died that's why just enjoyed by seeing.

We were busy whole day but no one expressed their tiredness and it proves that we all enjoyed our time with the new place.

The last day was only journey from Bandarawela and lunch. We arrived at our Novitiate around 5:15pm.

We didn't forget our prayer life and one day we participated the Mass at Good Shepherd sisters.

We had many experiences of Banderawela which we could capture by our mobile as memory. I really thankful to Br. Kikko and Rod those who were driving the car and Shanthy for their company and organization.

It was not only entertainment where we reconciled ourselves and lived in a friendly way. I am really happy to share my experience with others through this way, God bless you all.

Shohel



PAILIN

The month of January started around the crib with a western New Year party with our students; the first perform followed by the Chinese one and the Cambodian New Year in April.

Along these four months we have the pleasure to welcome visitors from different organizations to plan volunteering and immersion groups programs for 2024.

On February 10th we remembered the anniversary of late Br. Francis, and on the 12th we celebrated Br. Hai's birthday.

In March two brothers went to Vietnam for the entire month to renew their passports and for studies arrangements. Two workshops on personal developments were ran for our students by Mss. Maripek (*Beyond Success*) and Mr. Bora (*The seven habits of highly effective teens*) and we counted with the presence of sisters'hostels students between us.

We have a well deserved holydays on April for Khmer New Year. Br Pech and Mss Hannah (German volunteer) join to our community for a three months period what will allow us no only to enrich Marist mission in Pailin but our community life.

Br. Gustavo



OUR DAILY LIFE IN TALIT - INDIA

Our community celebrated our foundation day with our neighboring religious community in our Marcellin House. It was a wonderful celebration to remember our institute day. **The Community with the Chetana Diocesan Fathers and Sr. Chandra, CCC, on January, 2th**



On January 20th we had a Hostel teachers meeting. It was a wonderful experience for all of us to begin the new academic year with the Full of energy. It was well explained about the child protection policy and How to work with first generations getting education. **Br. Malangmei explaining the Child Protection Policy and the Hostel Teachers with the Brother**



On January 28th we had a Hostel parents meeting. At the moment in the Hostel we are having 80 boys. During the parents meeting we'll be explained by the brothers about the importance of education, parent's responsibility and child protection policies. It was a wonderful dialogue with the teachers and parents. . **Bro. Jiji explaining the Hostel Rules and regulation to the Parents and the Hostel boys.**



On 25th February we had a sports day with our Hostel boys. It was wonderful to see our boys' extracurricular activities and the talent of our boys **The Hostel Boys attending the sports and Bro. Jiji giving the trophy to the winners.**





On 9th March our Hostel boys had an educational outing to Kolkata. Our boys are able to visit the Eco Park and zoo. It was a wonderful experience for the boys; most of the new boys of the year visited the city for the first time. All the boys enjoyed the educational outing and learned so much for their studies. **The Hostel Boys, Teachers and Brothers posing in “Eco Park” (Kolkata) in the Annual Outing.**





On 16th March we had a Community College teachers meeting. During the meeting our brothers explained about the child protection policy and what you need to do in the village Tuition centers as well in the training centre. It was a moment of learning all about the village centre. More than 300 students are getting education from our tuition centers. **Br. Malangmei introducing Sr. Chandra and Sr. Robin talking about the Class Methodology.**



On March 26th we celebrated our Hostel boy's feast of Holi with our brothers. It was a wonderful celebration full of fun and Happiness. **All the Brothers and Hostel Boys celebrating the Holi Feast: a typical and fun Indian party.**



On March 31st we celebrated Easter and Bro. Malangmei 50th birthday celebrations. It was a wonderful celebration with our boys and we shared our joys with a cultural night. At the end we had dinner together with all of us. **This year's birthday celebration of Brother Malangmei was very special because he was celebrating his fiftieth birthday**



On April 1st we had a Holy Eucharist celebration during the Eucharist our two brothers renewed their religious vows. **The hostel's chapel was the scene of the renewal of vows presided over by Bishop Emeritus Ciprian.**



Our community college students are learning the Tailoring course, computer course and Spoken English. It was a wonderful experience for the brothers to work with the young people. **Tailoring and computer classes in our hostel of Talit with young people without work.**



Marist Brothers are organizing the Tuition centers in 7 villages. Those children's are not able to get their education well through this tuition centre, Poor children's are able to get a good education. Because of this tuition centre more than 300 students are getting education. It was a great opportunity for the children to get better knowledge from the teachers at the tuition centers. **The Study Centers of Kamarpara in the villages of Dangatola and Nawatola; and Kurmum**



The Study Centers of Itachanga and Erua (Battar Police Station) in the village of Guskara.

The workshop on “Effective Method and Individualized Instructions” in our Formation House of Chandul, last 13 of April.

On April 13th our community college teachers had a workshop with our brothers. During the meeting they were able to get more information about the Effective Teaching Methods and Individualized instruction. It was a beautiful day to learn more about the topics.





On the 2nd of april, 2 boys arrived and now we are 5 of us in the St. Marcellin House, formation house. Two boys family with the brothers.



New Beginning

It has been a graceful opportunity for me to be part of the first group in establishing a new community – Nam Nung Community, Dak Nong, a highland province of Viet Nam.

It was officially established on 22nd of February 2024. There are 4 Brothers being part of this community; but one is still doing his study from afar, therefore, he is not physically present with us most of the time, but he is trying to visit and support us regularly. On March 22nd, we had our first meeting together, firstly, to share our thoughts and feelings, then we were able to make our community life plan together to help build up our present here.



At present, we are trying to renovate a house that we have just rented to accommodate our daily living and mission in this new land.

Besides, our main apostolate works are to teach Catechism for children at two sub-parishes, Catechumen for minor ethnic people; we also teach English from various levels. We spend time, as well, to visit poor family around the village. Quite often, we gave out the donation to support the poor family, especially the minor ethnic people. The Caritas of Korea was the main donor for the donation.



Confidently, we would like to ask for prayers and supports from everyone for us as we are building our new beginning here to make Jesus and Mary known and loved in this new land.



SAIGON COMMUNITY - NEWS > 24 April 2024

In this news, I continue to inform you about every single brother.

- 1. Thuong:** he continues his studies in information technology course > 2024 > 3rd University year. The very applied student often returns home with a new award. As an apostolic activity, he continues his presence in Ha Dong parish,



- 2. Bao:** He continues his studies of Psychology course > 2024 > 4th University year.



He has several commitments to carry out as country coordinator: supporting the two projects in Dak Nong and Ta Do. He moved into the Little Teresa House, living together with brother Thuong. The 16 of February he celebrated the thanksgiving mass in his hometown (Ke Vang, Huong Khe).

- 3. Pietro:** Got 3 months e-visa, until 28 of May 2024. His wish is that the brothers can improve good relationship with each other, to feel one community even living in 2 different houses. Remembering the brothers to maintain priority in their commitment for studies (it is a great chance to have these years given by the Congregation to achieve their professional preparation), and try to get the diploma without delay, so to start full commitment for the mission in the future. However, Pietro remember that it is important to have an apostolic activity with children and young people on loco (in one parish or other), to maintain solid the basic motivation of contact with modern youth and their expectations.



Hung's birthday celebrations with the community and his religious classmates, April 20, 2024.



Pietro's birthday celebration with the community and his friends.

Community recollection



Hung has completed his apprenticeship with highest scores.



Hung's weekly activities with the orphans.

WELCOMING BROTHERS FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES



Br. Pietro

MLC closing ceremony

The conclusion of the 2023-2024 academic year at the Marist Learning Centre was marked by



a series of unforgettable events, culminating in a heartwarming ceremony. The year came to a successful close, resonating with a blend of joy, laughter, and heartfelt farewells. As students and educators exchanged emotional goodbyes with cherished friends, the atmosphere buzzed with mixed emotions – some students wiping



away tears of happiness, others lost in poignant goodbyes and fond reminiscing about the year gone by.

The celebration begins with a speech of the director and then the speeches of teachers and students, following by giving of certificates.



Adding to the celebratory mood, the water festival arrived shortly after the receiving of certificate. It is a celebration which is a combination of Myanmar and Thai cultures. It means showing the respect to one another. provided a perfect opportunity for students and teachers to come together for one last hurrah. Everyone is 'wet' with happiness and fun.



Following the water festival's joyous conclusion, the school community came together one last time for a heartwarming birthday celebration. Everyone gathered to wish happy birthday to lovely students and beloved teachers, creating a warm and familial atmosphere. The celebration featured a delicious homemade cake and refreshing Thailand's own coconut ice cream, a perfect ending to a remarkable year.



TAN CHAU COMMUNITY

Community Lunar New Year Celebration

The community was happy to welcome the parish priests and parish leaders to join us in the pre-Lunar New Year celebration. This was an opportunity for the community to create a stronger bond with the local parish where we live and share the mission.



Continued with this cheerful event, we were grateful to host the Inter-Religious Lunar New Year celebration. There were three other Religious Congregations around here, among them were Assumption Sisters, Dominican Sisters and Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (ACI Sisters). Each congregation brought with them a homemade dish to contribute to the joy of this celebration. A simple but very warm, happy, and meaningful celebration. It was a great moment to share our moments together, especially to take the opportunity to share our life and mission.

The Vocational Day

Sunday of Easter- The Good Shepherd Sunday we were lucky to be invited to join the vocational day of Vinh Diocese, a Diocese in the central of Vietnam where most of our Vietnamese Brothers come from. It was a great moment to introduce us, the Marist Brothers to the youth in this Diocese.



Parish Apostolate

The Brothers help with the Parish youth activities and catechism every Sunday. Aside from teaching catechism, we also have English classes every Saturday and Sunday at this parish, too.



TA Do Project



Ta Do Project- Trust Meeting

First Meeting of the New Trust members occurred in Jan 2024. We were happy to welcome new trustees, including Michael, Bao, Thuong (Chairman) Nga (Deputy) and especially a Sister from ACI Sisters whose mission was also similar to ours. Let pray for the mission at Ta Do.



Lunar New Year Lucky money

As the custom practiced in Vietnam, children are always given lucky money from adults as blessings and good wishes at New Year. So, as a common practice, we also visited their families and gave the lucky money to all the children here. It was so cheerful to see how happy the children were when they received the lucky money from us.





Informal Education Program -Ta Do

Despite the difficulties we have to face, we still strive our best to help these little children to get access to education. What a marvelous encouragement to see how enthusiastic they to study.

We also ran a day camping for these students, too. We believe that little things we do, might bring great joy to them.

CU CHI COMMUNITY

Visiting the sick and the poor

Very often, I am asked to help the parish to visit the poor and distribute food for those who are poor and have difficulty in their lives around the parish areas. It is just a simple contribution but with so many compassionate feelings for them. Many beautiful moments that I had while visiting them.



Monthly mass in the community.

We occasionally have mass in the community once in two months. Normally we invite the parish priest to celebrate and some parishioners to join us too. Last month we had some brothers coming from different communities join us. After the mass we had dinner together to share and to build the relationship stronger.



Visiting the members of the councils of the Catholic in Saigon

Two members came to our community, to see and to help our congregation in Viet Nam to do the registration of the congregation to the government of Viet Nam. We had brothers Bao and Thuong also came to work on this registration. There were moments of joy and friendship while we were talking and sharing. After the discussion, there were things for us to move on and to start preparing for the process.



Sunday Catechist and children mass in the Parish.

I am teaching catechism for the children in the parish and organizing hymns, practice for the choir for Sunday mass. I help the children who are preparing for the first receiving communion. Sometimes I feel it is hard to



give them motivation and enthusiasm to learn. But I tried different ways to give them a good lesson and understanding. Aside from that, the children's mass is getting well organized and better, I feel very excited to spend time doing what I can for them.

Easter Sunday with the children in the parish.

On Easter Sunday before the children's mass, I and the youth leaders organized some activities, and games for the children. I could see so many fun and lots of happy moments on the children. It was nice to see how they drew their own Easter eggs. Being with children is a privilege and wonderful.



MDA VISION-MISSION STATEMENT 2023 – 2025

We, the Brothers and Lay Marist of Champagnat,
Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Mary and Marcellin Champagnat
Become faces of hope that look beyond
And promotes a Global intercultural family
In places where we have taken roots.



In our quest to live our vocation as Marists
And responding to the emerging needs of our respective mission places,
We strive to build homes of light where everyone feels welcome
And strengthen our human resources through formation
And training to ensure vitality and sustainability in our various ministries.