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The Constitutions' Commission is working closely with the General Chapter Preparatory Commission to ensure a coordinated preparation process.

After the consultation form of the first draft of the constitutions is sent back by September, the General Chapter Commission will sent out a chapter consultation to be worked on between October 2016 and January 2017.

The consultation of the second draft of the constitutions will then be sent for Provinces and districts to work on between February and June 2017.

The Constitutions' Commission will then prepare a third draft from July to August 2017, which will be presented at the XXII General Chapter.

The Commission's members are Brothers Tony Clark, Eduardo Navarro, Albert Nzabonaliba, Antonio Peralta and Josep M. Soterias. The General Council has appointed Brother Sebastião Ferrarini of the Sul-Amazonia Province as member of the Commission in place of Brother António Leal, who had to renounce this post for health reasons.

Please email the consultation form to const@fms.it by Sept. 30.

Read more: <http://www.champagnat.org/const/>.

SECRETARIAT OF THE LAITY VISITS THE EAST CENTRAL AFRICA PROVINCE

"I AM A LAY MARIST"



They were intense days marked by several hours on airplane, boat, minibus or car. There was an immense amount of water on the Congo River, Lake Kivu and Victoria. A bright and hot sun. Vegetation areas, others that were very dry. Flat, paved and dusty roads, beyond recognition. Green hills and yellowish savannahs. Many children with big eyes and a striking smile. Welcoming communities, with a fraternal and Marist spirit. Brothers and lay people joined by the same charism. And this echo continued throughout the presentations of the laity: I am married, I am a school teacher... and "I am a lay Marist."

There was a variety of landscapes consistent with the diversity of groups with whom we met. Those who have travelled a long way, for others it was their first meeting. Some had a majority of lay women, others had a majority of lay men. In general, they were mostly adults; few groups had several youths. There were groups with former brothers, others with educators. Some had developed Statutes as a fraternity and association. Others, with a clear emphasis on solidarity. But all anxious to follow a formation process, to dispose of materials and to grow as Marists. And many questions that were born of hearts willing to continue with the intu-

For two weeks, from May 29 to June 12, the members of the Secretariat of the Laity – Pep Buetas and Brothers Sylvain Ramandimbarisoa and Javier Espinosa – visited a large part of the communities of the East Central Africa Province

(PACE). The visit's goal was to get to know the reality of the lay groups and the Province's possibilities for a path of communion, as well as to motivate the initiation of experiences or reaffirming processes.

NEWS IN BRIEF

VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

The Province América Central launched a vocational initiative called "To2 Brothers." The campaign slogan is "Marists, religious brothers for children and youth." A Facebook fanpage has been created and a website that collects various materials, including testimonies of Brothers. Vist: <http://to2hermanos.org/>.

QUALITY EDUCATION

From Oct. 11 - 14, the Marist Union of Brazil, known as UMBRASIL, will promote the 5th edition of the Marist International Education Congress, at the Convention Center of Pernambuco in Olinda. The event is for Marist educators and of other entities. Registration is open to participants from all over the world and can be made through the website: <http://www.congressomarista.com.br/>.

STREET CHILDREN

This year the Kuya Centre, in the Philippines, is celebrating 25 years since it was created. Its goal is to help transform the lives of children and young people living on the streets of Manila. It was founded in 1991 by the Marist Brothers, the De La Salle Brothers and Our Lady of the Missions.

itions of Champagnat. There was always a brother accompanying a group. The entire community of brothers was present in one of the meetings with the lay fraternity. In another visit, the community itself arranged a fraternal dialogue with us. One of the groups finished the encounter with the very vital expression of singing and dancing.

What strength and vitality! We had the opportunity to participate during two days of the celebration of the novena leading up to the feast of Champagnat in the house of the families of a group. It was a simple and prayerful encounter, with the family's children and in the silence of the sunset. The challenges that appeared form part of the visit: like

the challenge of formation, of accompanying groups on behalf of the brothers, network communication among the Province's groups, of discovering the richness of this path for the Brothers' vocation, of the possibilities of enriching the charism with new nuances. The call for a regional process of mutual support also appeared, feeling at the same time to be in communion with the process of the Institute.

Now speaking of Kinshasa, Kisangany, Bobandana, Goma, Mururu, Save, Byimana, Kigali and Mwanza, we recognise more faces of brothers and lay people, who also look to the future as a communion of hearts, promoting a new beginning.

SYRIAN CHILDREN HOPE TO PLAY DESPITE BOMBS

MARISTS BUILD CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN ALEPPO



Despite a day marked by heavy bombing throughout various parts of the city, many families attended the inau-

guration of a playground in the heart of Aleppo made by the 'Blue Marists,' which took place on the feast of Saint

BROTHER EUGÈNE KABANGUKA

Exactly one week ago, Br Eugène Kabanguka had a cerebrovascular accident (CVA). Since then, he has been admitted to the San Camillo hospital in Rome.

The right side of his body continues to be paralysed and he is unable to communicate verbally, although he understands when spoken to.

Today he has been moved to a private clinic to start the rehabilitation process, which will probably be quite long. We remain in communion with Brother Eugène, entrusting him to our good and tender Mother.



MARIST WORLD



Costa Rica: Intercommunity meeting at Naranjo - La Sallians and Marists



Samoa: Marist Brothers Primary School Mulivai, Apia



Bangladesh: Marist community in Dhaka City



Colombia: Our Lady of Fourvière in Manizales



Peru: Shared community in Surco



General House: International Commission for Spiritual Patrimony

Marcellin Champagnat, June 6. The playground was offered with the help of the Italian Non-Governmental Organisation 'Aiulas, Aiutiamo la Siria Onlus.' It includes swings, slides and open spaces for boys and girls, who in recent weeks have witnessed another escalation of bombs and mortar attacks. Maidan, an area where many

Armenian families live, has been one of the worst areas recently affected with over 20 deaths. The NGO is organizing a health project to finance 100 health insurance policies for those who cannot afford medical expenses. The insurance would cover medical visits, tests, hospitalisations and medicine for one year.

NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS OFFICIALLY TAKE UP OFFICE

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF BROTHERS TODAY MEETS TO DISCUSS UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



The new members of the International Commission of Brothers Today took up office during their meeting at the general house from June 9 – 15, aimed at discussing its objectives and activities for the following three-year term.

They include Brothers Márcio Henrique Ferreira da Costa (Brasil Centro-Norte), Vincent Abadom (Nigeria), Cyprian Gandebo (West Africa), Lindley Sionosa (East Asia), Óscar Martín Vicario (Compostela), Sefo Une (District of the Pacific) and Luis Felipe González Ruiz (México Central).

Other members include Brothers Peter Rodney (Australia), General Councillor Brother Eugène Kabanguka as link with the general council (Rwanda – Rome), the Secretariat directors, Brothers Hipólito Pérez and Tony Leon. During their meeting, they discussed the Commission's

role, its objectives for the next three years and the current activities of the Brothers Today Secretariat.

Participants followed up on the survey of the Marist International Colloquium about Initial Formation and considered its implications.

On June 14, the Commission reflected on building the Vocation Animators'

programme and later met with the Commission of the Marist Spiritual Patrimony.

The following day, the International Commission of Brothers Today reflected on communion with the Secretariats of the Laity and of Mission, as part of the New Models project, and held an evaluation of the week, followed by concluding remarks.

NEW MODELS OF ANIMATION, GOVERNMENT AND MANAGEMENT

PROJECT TEAM MEETS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF REGIONS



From June 16 – 18, the New Models Project Team gathered representatives of the Institute's six regions at the general house in Rome from June 16 – 18.

During the meeting, participants discussed the different initiatives of each region, to establish strategies for cooperation and support between the Institute's different levels to facilitate the implementation of the New Models.

This week, the Team will present the General Council, gathered for its

plenary session, details of the Project to the General Council.

Participants included members of the Secretariat of Mission, Brothers Chris Wills of Cmi, Mario Meuti of FMSI and Josep Maria Soterias, general councillor.

Regions were represented by Brothers Alberto Aparicio (Cruz del Sur), Kevin Wanden (Oceania), Alvis Sunanda (Asia), Miguel Ángel Santos (Arco Norte), Michel Razafiman-dimby (Africa) and Gabriel Villarreal (Europa).

BRASIL SUL-AMAZÔNIA



Perpetual Profession of Brothers Roger Perius and Ricardo Fermo

Two brothers of the Brasil Sul-Amazonia Province are living a very important experience for the occasion of their consecrated life through their perpetual profession in the Marist Institute this month.

Brother Roger Perius made his profession in his home town, Campinas das Missões, Brazil, on June 4.

Brother Ricardo Fermo will profess on 26 June in Lajeado.

Brother Roger chose the theme "Blessed is the man who puts his trust in the Lord."

The theme of Br Ricardo is "Free to serve in charity."



Br Roger Perius, aged 33.

Br Ricardo Fermo, aged 29.

THE PROVINCIALS OF ARCO NORTE INVITE TO FACE NEW CHALLENGES

OPEN LETTER OF THE PROVINCIALS OF ARCO NORTE: ADVANCING ON THE JOURNEY



Governance, the Region Arco Norte of the Marist Institute continues the process of development and strengthening.

This Region is formed by the Marist Provinces of: Central America, Canada, United States, Central Mexico, Western Mexico, and Norandina. In this region are included the countries: Canada, United States, Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Colombia, and Ecuador.

In it 124,035 children and young people are helped (20% of the Marist Mission of the Institute), in 173 Centers: schools, social works, Universities (27% of the works of the Institute).

This is done by 15,902 Brothers and Laity. The Region has 151 communities and 706 Brothers (20% of the Brothers of the Institute), with an average age of 63 years.

In the last few months different teams have succeeded one another, different encounters and processes with the purpose of strengthening the regional dynamism through the development of initiatives of common interest.

In a special way, the encounter of the Provincial Councils of the Region celebrated last month of March after the meeting with the General Council, had as its end or purpose to present these initiatives to enrich and complement them in this way consolidating the will and identity in this part of the Institute.

For the full letter, go to: http://www.champagnat.org/shared/bau/2016-05-24ArcoNorte_EN.pdf.



This will only be possible if the fraternity of our condition as sisters and brothers is understood and the Marist Charism as a gift of the Church that we share all together is accepted.

In an open letter the Brothers Provincial of Arco Norte, after their meeting in Rome on the occasion of the "Conference on the protection of the Child" which was held from the 12 to the 22 of April, invite to face the new challenges of the existential peripheries.

They affirm that this will only be possible if the fraternity of our condition as sisters and brothers is understood and the Marist Charism as a gift of the Church that we share all together is accepted.

In their letter, the Provincials appointed an "ad hoc" study group and of implementation of some common initiatives.

This team will meet in Bogota (Colombia) from June 29 to July 2 to advance in their proposal.

In accordance with the Project on New Models of Animation, Management and



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