

# Via Latina 22



News From the General Administration - Society of Mary

## HORIZONS 2016

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For all of us who live in the Northern Hemisphere, summer time is usually a time for rest and relaxation. However, for some members of the Society of Mary and the Marianist Sisters the summer of 2016 was a time for renewal and ongoing formation. Horizons 2016 occurred from June 30 – July 26, 2016 in Irún, Spain. We had 29 participants from 14 different units, 3 translators and 19 speakers. The theme of *To Know, Love and Serve* was well received, and the time together was excellent. The major goal of this ongoing formation program is to create an environment so the participants can deepen and broaden the identity of



their Marianist vocation as a committed and global missionary of Mary. Some of the goals of this month-long experience were to develop intercultural competencies for the future, to experience the global scope of Marianist life and to renew the foundation of our Marianist vocation.



In Bordeaux, at the grave of Fr. Chaminade.

Topics included: Trends in the World and the Church, Personal Development within our Consecrated Life, Mary, Scripture, Prayer, Leadership, Mission and Ministry, especially within the Marianist Family, and Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation.

The program was specially designed to highlight our bicentennials with theological reflection every evening during

night prayer. After each week participants entered into a day of reflection, incorporating the presentations within the specific themes of to know, to love and to serve. All the presentations, the sharing

among our young Marianist religious and our prayer together were all very encouraging. Special highlights of our program were the pilgrimages to Zaragoza, Spain and visiting our foundational sites in Bordeaux, France, and the surrounding areas. It was especially moving for all us to renew our vows at the Madeleine (members of the Society of Mary) and at the convent in Agen (members of the Marianist Sisters). To watch a video of the program and to view some pictures, please go to: <http://www.icmf.info/english/2016/08/12/summer-2016-vol-5-issue-2/>



At Château of Trenquelléon.



L-R: Bros. Borja Viché (Spain), N'Dri Aka Ferdinan (Fr-Ivory Coast) and Brandon Alana (US).



Celebration in Irún.

# MARIANIST PRESENCE AT WYD IN KRAKOW (July 20-31, 2016)

The grand occasion of the World Youth Days brought together more than two million young people to Krakow, Poland. More than three hundred of them participated as members of two Marianist groups, one constituted by a hundred teenagers from the schools of the Province of Meribah in New York, with ten religious and ten lay teachers; the other included participants from various European countries: Spain, France, Italy, Albania, Germany, Austria, and Poland, with seventeen Marianist brothers and one Marianist sister.



Meeting of two groups (Meribah and Europe) in Krakow, on July 28.

All began with an exploration of Warsaw. The European group was hosted in the parish in Plastów, a suburb of Warsaw, where our Marianist community is located. It was a great opportunity for establishing links with the local youth and their families, for marveling at their very generous welcoming spirit, and, by the very fact of being there, for making Marianist life better known right where the brothers are working. The Meribah group, on the other hand, profited from Poland's spiritual richness in pilgrimages to sanctuaries: the parishes of Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko, Maximilian Kolbe, Jasna Gora (Czestochowa), and Wadowice, St. John Paul II's birthplace.

Finally, on July 25, all arrived in Krakow, where the world assembly was to be held. There too, the pilgrims marveled at the extraordinary effort that had gone into welcoming a crowd of young people that exceeded the population of the city itself.



SM and FMI at WYD.

The theme of Mercy grew stronger through our meetings with the Pope, through the catechetical sessions presented each morning by the bishops in different languages, through prayer and pilgrimages to two basilicas, one dedicated to Sister Faustina, who propagated the devotion to the Divine Mercy, and the other to Pope St. John Paul II. The participants came to an immense space located outside the city, named for the occasion "Campus Misericordiae," for a spiritual and festive evening, a night out under the stars and the

farewell Mass presided over by Pope Francis. On July 28 our two Marianist groups also had the pleasure of celebrating the Eucharist together and sharing a convivial time of getting to know one another. That responded to a desire to reinforce bonds among Marianist teenagers, so that they might more and more develop and organize on both continental and world levels. We hope that some other events will allow us to continue in this same line: the joy and excitement of that meeting was an encouragement for all of us!

## BICENTENNIAL TRIPTYCH VISITS LATIN AMERICA



After having spent some time with the young religious of the SM and FMI, gathered at the *Horizons* program in northern Spain, the Bicentennial Triptych began a long stay in the Units of Latin America. Arriving first to Colombia-Ecuador at the beginning of August, and spending several weeks in those two countries, the two letters from our Founders, along with the icon image of the Wedding at Cana, left for Peru, and later, during these last days of September, it traveled to Brazil. In all these places, it was welcomed with enthusiasm, reverence and with the joy that this celebration repre-

sents. Later, the Triptych arrived in Chile, where it will remain until the middle of October, before moving on to Argentina and Mexico.

We encourage those who will be receiving the triptych in the next few weeks and months, to prepare for its arrival and make it an occasion of celebration, renewal and rededication, as our Superiors General outlined in their *Circular* convoking the Bicentennial. There are items for this available on our website at [www.marianist.org](http://www.marianist.org). Similarly, we appeal to those who have already welcomed the triptych to share with the rest of the Marianist Family accounts and photos of their celebrations. These can be sent to [200@smeuria.it](mailto:200@smeuria.it) and will be posted on the website.



## NEWS FROM THE REGION OF EASTERN AFRICA

On August 13, 2016 the Region of Eastern Africa celebrated 50 years, from the time when the works in Lusaka, Zambia were founded, completing the foundation in English speaking Africa.

Four hundred Marianist Religious, Marianist Lay Community members, former Marianists, collaborators in Marianist works and guests gathered at the novitiate in Limuru, Kenya for talks, Mass and sharing over lunch. A high point of the celebration was the profession of perpetual vows by Brothers Joseph Pachalo Mfunu, David Kangwa, Cyprian Kituku Maingi and Michael Chirwa.

The celebration highlighted the pioneering work of the first Brothers who came to Nigeria, Malawi, Kenya, and Zambia, among them Brother Carmine Annunziata, founder of Matero Boys' Secondary School in Lusaka, who was present and still part of the Region.

We pray for God's continued blessing!



From left: Fr. Gabriel Kirangah, Regional Superior of Eastern Africa, Bro. Carmine Annunziata, Bro. Cyprian Kituku Maingi, Bro. Joseph Pachalo Mfunu, Bro. David Kangwa and Bro. Mike Chirwa.

## PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS IN THE PROVINCE OF US



Bros. Paluch and Chiuri.

Brother Michael Chiuri and Brother Brandon Paluch professed perpetual vows in the Society of Mary on September 24 at the Church of Our Lady of the Pillar in St. Louis, Missouri.

Provincial Father Martin Solma presided at the Eucharist, gave the homily and received the vows. Father William Meyer and Father Oscar Vasquez concelebrated.

The brothers professed first vows in 2012. Both are studying philosophy at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, California, in preparation for entrance to the seminary.

Brother Michael, 43, is a native of Nairobi, Kenya. He moved to the United States to pursue a master's degree in business administration in the late 1990s. He entered the Marianist novitiate in 2010. Most recently, he taught at Mother Seton Academy in Baltimore, Maryland.

Brother Brandon, 33, was raised in the Chicago, Illinois, area. He earned a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies and History from the University of Dayton in 2006. He entered the Marianist novitiate in 2010. Most recently, he served in campus ministry at the University of Dayton.

## TEMPORARY PROFESSION OF THE FIRST CUBAN MARIANIST RELIGIOUS

Saturday, September 3, was a gala day at the Colegio del Bajo Aragón in Zaragoza. The novitiate chapel was too small to hold all the people who came. Next to the altar was placed a copy of the Blessed Virgin of Charity of *Cobre*, the Patroness of Cuba, and a small Cuban flag. The occasion merited it. Jorge Luis Padrón was the first Cuban to make his vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience as a Marianist religious.



L-R: Bro. Núñez, Fr. Aguilera, Bro. Padrón and Fr. M. A. Cortés.

Presiding over the ceremony was the Spanish Provincial, Fr. Miguel Ángel Cortés, accompanied by Assistant Provincial Bro. Rogelio Núñez and Fr. Enrique Aguilera, the Master of Novices, who had accompanied Jorge these last few years. The Marianist Family and a substantial group of persons who had known Jorge these years were also present, as well as a good representation from the local Cuban colony.

At the end of the Eucharist, speaking rapidly in a few words, Jorge thanked God for his vocation, as well as all the persons who had helped him to respond to it, and he spoke of his vision for living the Marianist life in Cuba. He had spent almost two years in Spain, counting the days until he could return to Cuba. In the celebration he spoke of 655, the exact number of days that had passed since his arrival in Madrid. He wants to return to Cuba to help the Marianist seed there to grow and consolidate itself in his land. The next day, at dawn, he began his return trip. We are sure that God will accompany him on the road along which he has committed himself to journey.

The celebration coincided with the beginning of the new Provincial Council's visit.

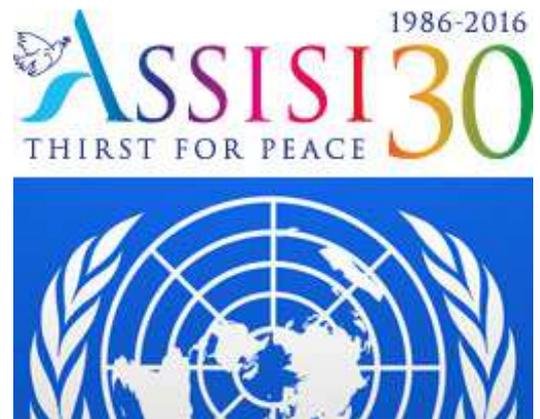
# BECOMING AN "ARTISAN" FOR PEACE BY SCULPTING OUR OWN HEARTS



On December 10, 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. accepted The Nobel Peace Prize. In his acceptance speech in part he said: *“Sooner or later all the people of the world will have to discover a way to live together in peace, and thereby transform this pending cosmic elegy into a creative psalm of brotherhood. If this is to be achieved, man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.”*

During this past month of September, 2016, many of the world’s religious leaders, including Pope Francis, gathered in Assisi, Italy, for a *Conference on World Peace*. It was held in conjunction with the commemoration of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the historic meeting first convened by St. John Paul II. Throughout these 30 intervening years, many conflicts have been resolved, but many others have arisen. We live, today, in a world that often seems to succumb to global terror rather than experience the rich joy of one another’s beauty and goodness. Have we made progress? Is progress even possible? What can we, you and I, do to make our world a better, more just and peaceful place. If we have faith, we must also believe that peace and justice ARE possible, and that we, in the hands of a loving God, have a role to play in that great challenge.

The *JPIC Website* from the Office of Temporalities of the Society of Mary invites you to explore this topic of **“Becoming An Artisan for Peace”** over the next few months. We hope to share articles with you, and invite your own thoughts and feedback. In a recent discourse, Pope Francis said: *“Peace is not so much built in major international fora, but is a gift of God for which everyone must work” and “is a gift that is crafted in the hands of men. We men and women, each day, should take a step towards peace, become artisans: It is our work. It is our work with the gift we have received: to make peace.”* (Santa Marta, 8 Sep 2016)



Why not hone your skills at making peace? Visit the website at: <https://sites.google.com/a/smcuria.it/jpic-sm/> and reflect, share and grow with us, in the hope that our little contribution, through the grace of God, might in some contribute to enabling our world to live as a global community in peace and justice.

## MARIANIST BOOK

*New book on Marianist Spirituality:* Fr. Luis Casalá has published another book on Marianist spirituality in Argentina. Its title is *Habitar el silencio: un camino de unificación personal*, and it presents Marianist teaching on the five silences for a broad audience, as a "path to personal unity." The book will later be published in Spain as well. Congratulations!



## REMINDER TO ALL UNITS

We remind our Unit Leaders to proceed as indicated below in the event of Profession/Ordinations in their Units:

- Send photos and a short summary of the event (for publication in *Via Latina 22* and conservation in AGMAR.)
- Send the required documentation to the Secretariat:  
**First Profession:** Complete *information form* and a *portrait photo*. **This is very important as the person is NOT entered into our database until we receive this form.**

**Perpetual Profession:** We need to know the *date and place*.

**Ordination:** We need to know the *date, place, and name of ordaining bishop*.

Contact: Secretary General ([gensecsm@smcuria.it](mailto:gensecsm@smcuria.it)) / Secretariat ([secretariatsm@smcuria.it](mailto:secretariatsm@smcuria.it))

In case of doubt or need of clarification, don't hesitate to contact us! Thank you!

## BRIEF NEWS OF THE GUESTS OF THE G. A.

- Fr. Eduardo Arens, SM (Peru), was our guest from September 3 to 8.
- Bro. José María Alvira, SM (Spain), from September 7 to 10, participated on "sessions of formation of professors", which took place at *Santa María* Marianist School, Rome.
- Fr. Johann Roten, SM (Switzerland), from September 20 to 23, gave the course of "Marianist Ecclesiology" to the seminarians. His great ability to synthesize, to focus the most important issues and to express them through art images were highly valued by the seminarians.

### ADDRESS CHANGES

- **Bro. Daniel Griffin (ME):**  
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### G.A. CALENDAR

- **October 1 - 18:** Entire General Council visits the Marianist Province of Meribah.

### G.A. COMMUNICATIONS

#### RECENTLY SENT

- **Death Notices:** # 15-25.
- **September 9: MSF MFF (Marianist Solidarity Fund & Marianist Formation Fund),** in all three languages, to all Units' Assistants for Temporalities, from the General Assistant for Temporalities, Bro. Michael McAward.
- **September 14: Preparation of the XXXV General Chapter 2018,** in all three languages, to all Units' Superiors, from the Superior General, Fr. Manuel Cortés.

