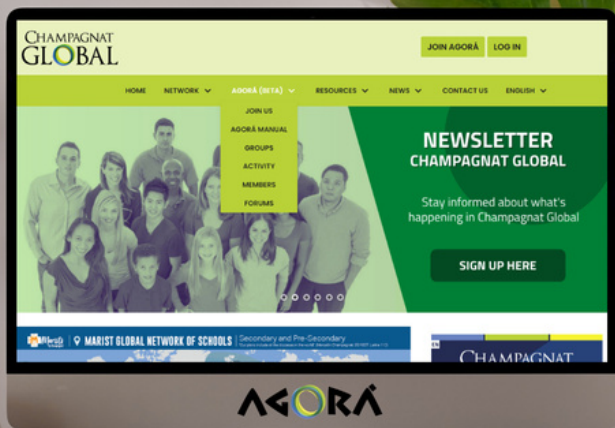


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EDITORIAL

Dear Marists of Champagnat! Greetings to all of you and it is our wish that the winter/summer breaks have served to rest and prepare us to serve our students more and better.

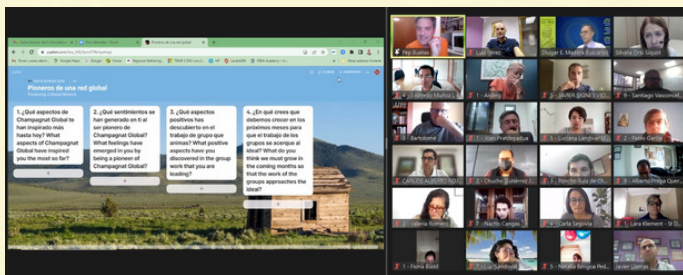
AGORÁ is Champagnat Global's platform for communication, meeting, and interaction among the international Marist school community. In this issue of our newsletter, we invite you to learn more about this tool and its new features, and above all we encourage you to use it.

AGORÁ GROUP COORDINATORS MEETING



AGORÁ is the tool that allows the meeting and interaction between the Marist educators of the Global Network of Schools. **AGORÁ is a platform** that allows the creation of groups of educators from different parts of the world to talk, debate and work on initiatives of common interest. **Each group** has one or several coordinators who encourage the internal dynamics to follow.

On 5th July, convened by the team of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelization, the leaders of the AGORÁ groups met online to share their work experience. Coming from 9 countries, 20 of the leaders belonging to the 11 groups that currently make up the platform participated.



The central part of the meeting was developed around a dynamic in which 4 questions were answered through a participatory Padlet. Some of the responses were:

What aspects of Champagnat Global have inspired you the most so far?

- Ease of international connection.
- Global family feeling.
- Great opportunities for our schools.

What positive aspects have you discovered in the group work that you encourage?

- Knowledge of other people and their diversity.
- Contagious energy through building new relationships.
- Hope that what we are sowing will bear fruit.

What feelings have been generated in you by being a pioneer of Champagnat Global?

- Empowerment to carry out the direction of the group.
- Emotion and at the same time some anxiety about responsibility.

In what do you think we should grow in the coming months so that the work of the groups approaches the ideal?

- Introduce the Network.
- Generate a structure that allows combining times.
- Promote exchange and knowledge between groups.

Once the moment of sharing was over, **Javier Llamas, Project Manager of Champagnat Global**, encouraged people to participate in the personal introduction forum at *Agora*: and to take advantage of the platform's tools to boost interaction.

Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas, Director of the Secretariat for Education and Evangelization, concluded the meeting by thanking **Mr. Pep Buetas** for his support in the dynamics of work during the meeting and the good spirit that is being created among those who are doing the work as pioneers in the development of the Network. At the same time, he commented on the possibility of rotating the leadership role over time and that other members assume the leading of the groups.

Finally, all the participants received information about the **face-to-face meeting** of CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL that will take place from November 28 to December 7, 2022, in Mexico. Under the motto: "Stronger Together". This gathering is expected to finish the building phase and define the roadmap to be followed in the network of schools define its next stage 2023-2025 in a participatory manner.



Champagnat Global is a space to promote communication and educational synergy, "a place where we all belong". If you want to get involved, **find out and contact us**.

"ITS HAPPENING" AT CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

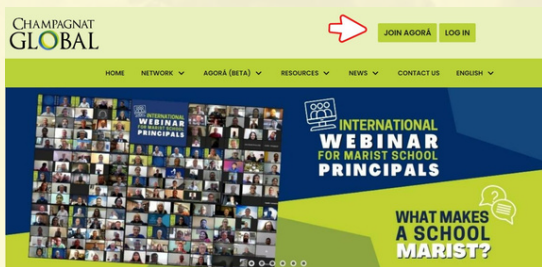
AGORÁ is the name of the web tool that facilitates the connection and exchange of educators from around the world in the Marist Global Network of Schools. Below we present the adaptations that this platform had in the recent weeks.

Following the suggestions of some of the members of **Champagnat Global**, **AGORÁ** now has the double possibility of getting to know the members of the group of which one is a member and getting to know all the members of the school community who are registered on the platform. In other words, **AGORÁ** functions as a social network of Marist educators.



This is the reason why a migration has just been made to: <https://www.champagnat.global/en> where the **AGORÁ group** interaction platform has been integrated in the same web portal.

Those who wish to participate for the first time, must register on the platform following the instructions by clicking on the **JOIN AGORA** button that appears at the top of the menu.



For those who were already participating in the previous platform, their data has already been transferred to the new platform, but they must activate by changing their password. When you click on the **LOG IN** button, you will see a box with your username and password and underneath it, click on "Have you forgotten your password?"

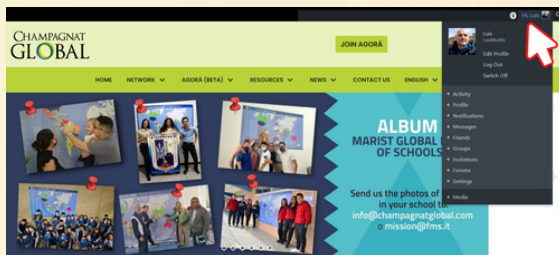
We would also like to take this opportunity to offer some guidelines on how to navigate the **new AGORÁ interface**.

HOW TO MOVE IN THE NEW AGORA INTERFACE?

Once you have joined AGORÁ, you must **LOG IN**.

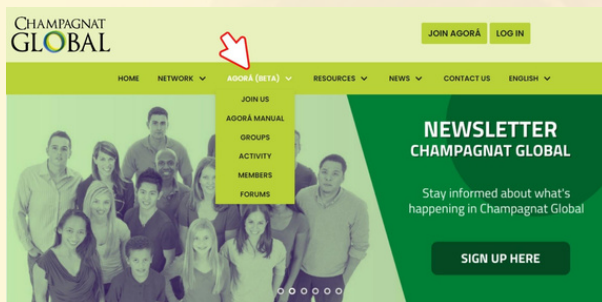
First thing! We recommend Editing your **PROFILE**:

- Attach your photo.
- Adjust your email, setting your preference to prevent too much information from reaching you by default.



AGORÁ, offers you different ways to participate:

- **GROUPS:** Be part of a group and talk, debate, and work on initiatives with other members of the school community with whom you share a common interest.
- **ACTIVITY:** Participate in activity, posting something interesting that you want to share with the community.
- **MEMBERS:** Meet and contact different members of those who make up AGORÁ.
- **FORUMS:** join the various general forums, open to all.



Look at the **GROUPS**!

Within the groups, in addition to the description of the content of the group, there are some resources that facilitate interaction:

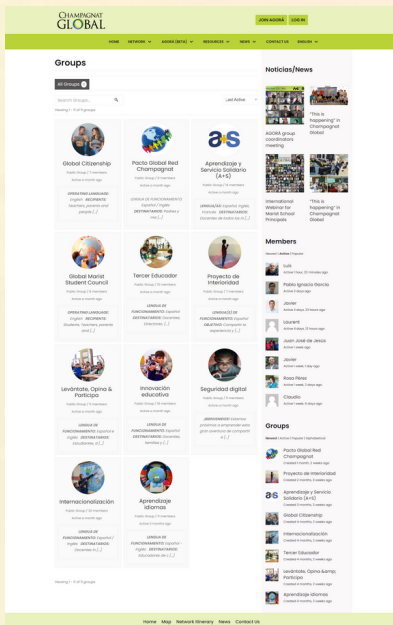
Group activities: where you can share messages and information of interest.z

Forum: Where the debates that are of interest to the group are created.

Members: You can see the profile of the group members and communicate with them through messages.

Invite: You can invite other network members to join your group.

Documents and Media: This is the place where documentation of interest to the group can be uploaded.



MY EXPERIENCE IN AGORA

Participating in AGORA is an experience of global interaction that is not automatically acquired. Broadening our horizons beyond our school, our country, our Province, or District may sound very interesting, but in practice it is not very common. Opening to the global, even if we act locally, implies a new culture that has to be cultivated little by little. Some of the members of Agorá briefly share with us their experience of what motivates them and what it gives them to be part of this space:

What motivates you to participate in Agorá?

"I am motivated by the enormous possibilities for our students and the Marists of the Province to connect with their wider Marist Family and to bond with them. It feels like a natural process and the right time".

And what does being part of Agorá give you?

"I feel a responsibility to make sure this happens for our Marist future in the province. Every conversation I have with Marists around the world fills me with energy. The broader sense of family strengthens my Marist spirit".



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What motivates you to participate in Agorá?

The new scenarios, both before and after the pandemic, challenge us to remove the stagnant and entrenched structures of the teaching and learning process, therefore, it is necessary to "widen the tent of pedagogy", reconceptualizing the vision(s) of how learning takes place and how it should be taught in the 21st century.

And what does being part of Agorá give you?

Agorá constitutes a valuable tool that allows us to "do things in a different way", warning that "the common house" is simpler than the prejudices that feed our beliefs. Knowledge and friendship with other cultures are a plus because they really allow us to weave a network that allows us to share this society of knowledge with other Marist works.



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What motivates you to participate in Agorá?

Participating in Agorá makes me feel motivated to learn about global perspectives in various areas of education.

And what does being part of Agorá give you?

Creating contacts, sharing spaces for meeting and dialogue allows us to take into account that the solutions and difficulties we come up with can be of help to others.



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What motivates you to participate in Agorá?

The feeling of belonging to the Marist institution and feeling identified with values of faith and identity that increased in me after the pre-summit and the summit of the Global Network. I think it is an initiative where we are going to find and give "light" to many people with our same concerns and motivations.

What does being part of Agorá give you?

Being able to share experiences, grow personally and participate in initiatives on different topics of interest. We have been given great power to connect globally. Agorá has come to stay, it is already a reality and now we need everyone.



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BE PART OF MEXICO 2022

With the aim of defining and building in a participative way the roadmap to be followed in Champagnat Global in the next stage: 2023-2025, a **face-to-face meeting** will take place in **Mexico City from 28 November to 6 December 2022** with the participation of members belonging to the Marist Global Network of Schools: CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL.

You can follow all the information about the meeting in the following link....



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