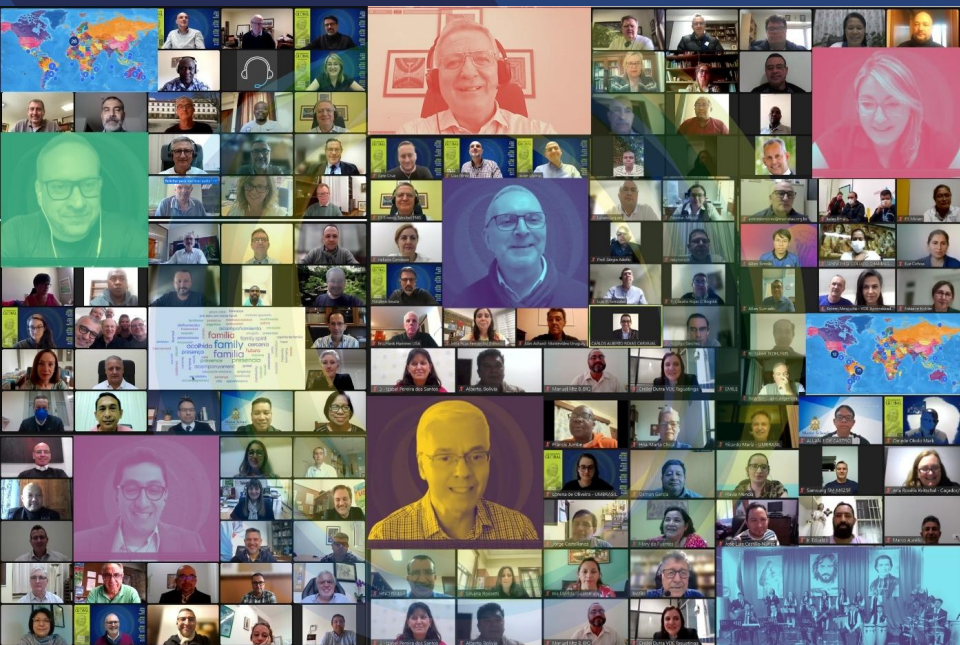


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## EDITORIAL

### Dear Marists of Champagnat!

The directors of the Marist Schools are very important people in the Marist school community. They are the ones at the forefront of the leadership of our schools. In this edition, we put the focus of the news around them.

## INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR FOR MARIST SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

As part of the activities of Champagnat Global Open Network, our Marist Global Network of Schools, the celebration of the feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat was held on June 8th and 14th with all the principals of Marist schools around the world. The celebration took place in the framework of an **international webinar** entitled: **WHAT MAKES A SCHOOL MARIST?**

The event was inaugurated by **Brother Superior General, Ernesto Sánchez**, who, in addition to thanking all the directors for the key role they are playing in maintaining Marcellin's dream, wished all those present that the network we are building will help us to "look beyond", like Marcellin. To look beyond the moment in which we live, beyond our borders and help us to feel more and more like a Global Family.



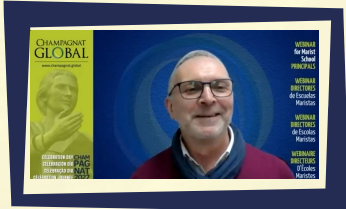
The central moment of the webinar was developed by **three Marists of Champagnat** who responded, from their experiences and contexts to the question of what for them makes a school Marist. From their contributions, a few ideas stand out:

### EVA MATARRANZ

**Coordinator of the area of Education and Evangelisation in the Educational Works Management Team of the Marist Province of Compostela (Europe)**, reflected on the importance of fraternity and passion in a Marist School, as well as offering an education where the child, especially the most vulnerable, is the centre of our attention.



In this accompaniment, the Marist school must find a way of transmitting to children and young people the Good News of seeing themselves in the image of God and called to create a more just and humane world. A school that educates and not only instructs is an authentic Marist school, was part of her reflection.



## BR. DAVID HALL

Professor and Principal of the Catholic University of Australia insisted that the Marist school must have the capacity to contemplate the experience of the young Montagne and offer its students, in a renewed and equal way, the experience of formation as good Christians and as good citizens.

David emphasised the provocative call to speak and present explicitly the sense of transcendence and the love of God to children and young people and their families. He also invited us to feel God's transforming love through our participation as co-creators of His work.

## JUNE ALLISON

Superintendent of the Integrated Network of Marist Basic Education in Brazil, shared his thoughts on how the Marist School materialises the Gospel through its educational project. A Marist school is one that encourages, empowers, and not infrequently recovers, in children and young people, the capacity to dream. A Marist school is one that encourages diversity, respect, protects the planet and gives back to the marginalised the right to education.



After the presentations, it was very enriching to discuss the various contributions and questions that participants from all over the world sent in via the webinar chat.



**Ben Consigli, General Councillor**, link with the Secretariat for Education and Evangelisation, was kind enough to conclude this significant meeting with a final reflection on the excellence of our educational establishments which is based on the Gospel values that have Mary as the point of reference.

The webinar, led by **Brother Carlos Alberto Rojas, Director of the Institute's Secretariat for Education and Evangelisation**, was a milestone among the activities being carried out by Champagnat Global. It was the first time that an activity was organised bringing together all the principals of the almost 600 Marist schools around the world. Words and songs of children and young people from a Marist school brought joy, tenderness, and enthusiasm to all the participants.



Champagnat Global offers us great potential to continue to grow as an international school community. This was certainly the first of many more to come.



If you were unable to attend the webinar and wish to follow it on a live webcast, please [visit youtube](#).



If you would like to receive regular information about Champagnat Global, we invite you to sign up for [our newsletter](#).



If you are interested in joining a group with other members of the international Marist school community, join them on [the AGORA platform!](#)

## "THIS IS HAPPENING" IN CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

Champagnat Global is becoming more and more transversal through its presence in groups, regions, activities, meetings..., which have to do with the Marist educational dynamic. We share some activities that have happened during the month of June:



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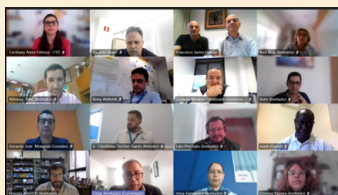
On the Week of Formation for the Mission held at the General House in Rome, a group of Marist leaders from the Europe Region had the opportunity to learn more about Champagnat Global. The group, made up of 16 members from the provinces of

Compostela, Ibérica, Mediterránea and Hermitage, has completed the fifth stage of a training itinerary that has allowed them to obtain knowledge and experiences that will undoubtedly mark the performance of their mission.

## THE AMERICA SUR AND ARCO NORTE REGION EXPLORE HOW TO ESTABLISH SYNERGIES BETWEEN THEIR REGIONAL NETWORKS AND CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL



On June 23, a virtual meeting was held between the Education teams of the America Sur and Arco Norte Regions, with Champagnat Global, with the aim of deepening knowledge of the Agorá platform and continuing to explore opportunities for collaboration between both networks. The meeting addressed aspects related to the Champagnat Global face-to-face meeting that will take place in Mexico in



November 2023, in which members of the International Marist school community will meet to work on the culmination of the process of launching Champagnat Global and the definition of the roadmap to follow in the coming years.



## UPDATE ON AGORA

Agorá is the main tool that the Network of Schools has, to promote communication, meeting, and interaction of the Marist international school community. Gradually we are creating a culture of global encounter. Some of the most relevant news, during the past month, around Agorá are:



Two new groups have just been set up: **the Champagnat Network Global Pact** and **the Interiority Project**. We are all invited to know the profile and consider the opportunity to delve into these issues.



The Educational **Innovation group** had its second meeting on June 30 to continue sharing innovative practices in the educational centers of the members that make up the group. If you are interested in these topics, be sure to visit the group.



On July 5, the leaders who coordinate the Agorá groups will meet online in order to share their experiences and first learnings as pioneers in the experience that we have begun to journey as a global school family.

## WHAT CAN YOUR SCHOOL CONTRIBUTE TO CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL AND WHAT CAN CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR SCHOOL?

Champagnat Global is an initiative aimed at promoting international contact between our schools. 4 directors from very diverse countries of the world share with us, what they could offer from their school to Champagnat Global and what they also hope to receive from the Marist Global Network of Schools:



**PUERTO RICO:** Guaynabo Marist College  
**Director:** Mrs. Gloria A. García De Jesús

"In the evolution of education in recent times, we have all become collaborators on issues of educational guidelines, specifically in methodology or planning models. All this arises from the recent transformations and challenges at the level of society. I understand that our collaboration would be directed along these lines: our experience in recent times: educational models, activities, and evaluation methods."

**PAKISTÁN:** Sargodha Catholic High School  
**Director:** Br. Farancis King fms

"Sargodha Catholic High School (SCHS), due to its diverse faith community, challenging environment, and financial strains, is able to offer a significantly different perspective and experience of Marist education to Champagnat Global. In the same way, the SCHS can be a research and immersion center for the other teachers and students of Champagnat Global."



Furthermore, Champagnat Global can assist and support SCHS students and staff in the areas of improving teaching and learning practices, provision of scientific, computing, sporting and renewable energy knowledge and resources. And most importantly, Champagnat Global can help SCHS develop a vibrant Champagnat culture at Sargodha Catholic High School."



**LÍBANO:** Collège des Frères Maristes - Champville  
Director: **Sr. Milad HOBEIKA**

**"C**hampville can contribute to the development of the Marist Global Network of Schools through its expertise in the fields of pastoral care in interreligious contexts, trilingual education and the French education program. Champville can also be an interesting terrain for innovative educational experiments. Exchange of experiences, as well as of teachers and students with other Marist schools.

The network can help Champville by putting it in contact with other Marist schools that follow the French program, or that have sections of the International Baccalaureate, because this is one of our projects for the future. In addition, it can promote solidarity between schools, especially in favor of those that, like Champville, work in countries suffering from economic collapse and hyperinflation."

**NIGERIA:** Marist Brothers' Juniorate Uturu  
Director: **Brother Henry Chidi Uzor**

**"M**arist Brothers' Juniorate can provide exchange of staff, richness of the educational system and culture of Africa and Nigeria, and exchange of student experiences in the areas of foreign language.

What we would like Champagnat Global to bring to our school is exchange of academic resource materials, research resources, language exchange, and resources for staff training and updating."



## MARIS STELLA COLLEGE CENTENARY (SIRLANKA)



From Champagnat Global we congratulate the Maris Stella School of Negombo, for its centenary of foundation. The Marist Brothers founded this school in 1922, after their arrival in Sri Lanka in 1911. We ask the blessing of our Good Mother Mary on the educational community of the beloved Maris Stella.



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