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EDITORIAL

Dear Marists of Champagnat!

We hope that you have started the new year, that is just beginning, full of hope and enthusiasm so that together we can continue to make our projects a reality.

The gathering of Champagnat Global - Mexico 2022 has become a fundamental milestone in the process of building the network model of the Marist Schools and that is why we want to use the opportunity of this bulletin to make known, in a monographic way, the most relevant aspects of the event to the entire international school community.



Stronger together
CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL
Mexico 2022



MEXICO 2022 GATHERING "Stronger Together"

From 28 November to 6 December 2022, the face-to-face gathering of members of the Marist Global Network of Schools: CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL took place in Mexico City.

Seventy delegates participated, representing all the structures of the Institute and the educational community.



The main objective of the gathering was to define and build in a participatory way the roadmap for Champagnat Global in its 2023-2025 phase.

The expected outcomes for Champagnat Global to respond to the aspirations set out in the roadmap were specified in four specific points to be achieved together:

- That the NETWORK will be known, and schools will be involved.
- That Agorá (digital platform) is functioning as a space for exchange and development.
- That we have a project with visible impact.
- That the NETWORK has an organisational and leadership structure.

The gathering included a very significant moment dedicated to the **visit of some of the schools of the two Marist Provinces of Mexico.**

For further information, we recommend you read the final part of the **Marist Global School Network itinerary** and/or visit the **website** in the section: Mexico 2022.



"IT'S HAPPENING" AT CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

In this section we invite you to attend **three interesting conferences** that inspired some of the working moments of Mexico 2022 and that may be **very useful for your personal formation or for your apostolate.**

1 If you want to understand the rationale behind the need for **networking**, don't miss out:



Conference: **Prophetic networks at the service of mission.**
Speaker: **Fr. Daniel Villanueva S.J.**



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Global Citizenship is a topic that is currently gaining prominence. If you want to understand how to educate children and young people for the 21st century, we recommend:



Conference: **Global Education to Improve the World.** Lecturer: **Fernando Reimers** (Harvard University)



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New trends in education are a call to **rethink our way of educating.** To know how to integrate these trends with the Marist call to be homes of light, four Marist women from different parts of the world offer us some valuable insights:



Conference: **Marist Schools - Homes of Light.** Speaker: **Prof. Pam Mills** (South Africa). **Prof. Kate Fogarty** (Australia). **Prof. Michelle Jordão** (Brazil) and **Noemi B. Silva** (Philippines).



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TESTIMONIES FROM THE MEXICO 2022 GATHERING

It would not be easy to understand what the Mexico 2022 gathering has really meant for the future of Champagnat Global without taking a closer look at the testimonies and the feelings of those who had the privilege of being part of this experience. We believe that it is worthwhile to value the very interesting contributions that some of the participants have generously given us:



"My participation in the Champagnat Global gathering has allowed me to understand the global nature of the Marist mission in the world. The greatest outcome for me was meeting and then networking with other Marists... I feel that I am now part of something that has enormous potential to further develop some of the key themes that emerged in Mexico: a focus on global citizenship, linking people with specific interests and skills to work together on projects, designing programmes that have real impact, establishing key staff in each region/province to connect people and schools and, of course, creating a greater awareness of the power of Agora".

John Hickey - Executive Officer
Marist Tertiary Education Australia

"Participating in the Champagnat Global gathering has made me aware of the strength of a network, of the synergy caused by journeying together, of the energy caused by so many people dreaming at the same time: to raise our eyes, to open our minds, to listen to accents, to glimpse horizons..."

Br. Javier Gragera Fernández-Salguero - Coordinator of
the Mission Council (COEM) Marist Province
of Mediterránea (Spain)



"Mexico 2022 was an eye-opener for me. We can all look at the map to see how big our Marist footprint is, but meeting Marists from all over the world was special. Making connections from around the world was beneficial and we are already collaborating with several countries..."

Dr. Mark Bussin - Director of the Marist School Board.
Johannesburg, South Africa

"...It was a very rich experience in which the network was "incarnated" thanks to the presence of so many Marists of Champagnat..."

Christophe Schietse - Secretariat for Mission - Marist
Region of Europe (MRE)

"...There are many potential opportunities to connect our schools and our students in a global network. Reading the signs of the times, our students need more cultural and humanitarian connections to be empowered to make a real difference..."

Richard A. Karsten - President
Archbishop Molloy High School - USA

"...An experience of gratitude for making real and alive this map that unites us despite the distances and for continuing to make the journey having at the centre of our mission the children and young people who make us Marists of Champagnat..."

Eva María Matarranz Gimeno – Coordinator of the Education and Evangelisation Team Marist Province Compostela - Spain

"...Champagnat Global means for me a challenge of hope! A way that connects us for the Mission, that allows us to offer our students to experience also being citizens of a global world (design of pedagogical and curricular experiences that connect them virtually and in person), that helps our educators to build learning communities breaking down territorial barriers, meet to look for solutions to the pedagogical problems and challenges that we face in schools, to develop innovation, to experiment and to be bold in building our proposals for a global world, meet to seek solutions to the pedagogical problems and challenges we face in schools, to develop innovation, to experiment and to be bold in the construction of our proposals for a world and an education that recognises us as citizens of the world, builders of the Kingdom that has no political, cultural or religious borders..."

Jorge Radic Henrici - Executive Secretary Ceis Marista (Santa María de los Andes)



"...Mexico 2022 must become a point of reference from which the Global Network of Marist Works can begin to journey together, in communion. The possibilities for personal and professional enrichment are so overwhelming that it is hard to understand why it has taken us so long!!!!..."

Joan Pratdepadua Bufill – Principal Maristes Champagnat School - Badalona (L'Hermitage)



"Participating in the Mexico gathering was a great experience for me... it was a joy to share with teachers, directors, families, Brothers and above all with children and young people who opened their hearts to us and welcomed us with the warmth and familiarity that characterises the Mexican people".

Br. Leonardo Yepes – Education Coordinator Colombia (Norandina)

"...The gathering was a great opportunity to share and become aware of the great possibilities that Champagnat Global offers to all Marists..."

PJ McGowan - Mission Networks Representative Ireland (West Central Europe)



"For me, the gathering in Mexico was extraordinarily rich. Firstly, for the opportunity to meet the Marists of Champagnat, their educational experiences in the Marist world and to encourage each other in the Marist Educational Mission..."

Br. Vanderley Siquiera - Presidency
Marist Group (Brasil Centro-Sul)

"...It also meant glimpsing new possibilities in the educational-scholastic field, being the 1st Marist world meeting with a focus on THE SCHOOL...."

Alfonso Ruiz de Chávez
Province of Mexico Central

"...I have experienced that the network is always built in the personal encounter with listening and openness of heart."

Br. Salvador Hidalgo
Mission Coordinator - (Compostela)



"Participating in Champagnat Global Mexico 2022 for me has opened my eyes beyond my province and made me aware of all the richness and possibilities that we have in the Marist world..."

Jaime Feo Fernández - Works Animation Team - Spain
(Marist Province of Ibérica)

"...a strategic moment that consolidates more and more the vision of the Marist Institute to strengthen itself as a global, international and intercultural family.... A week rich in learning and life experiences..."

Leonardo Soares – Executive Secretary
South America Region



"On the slogan: STRONGER TOGETHER I would perhaps suggest adding: TOGETHER WE ARE MORE A FAMILY. This was my feeling. In the world, I am not sure if our schools are the best or the strongest, but everywhere I have been and this time in Mexico I witness the great value of FAMILY".

Br. Marti Enrich Figueras
Bangladesh (Asia District)

"Participating in Champagnat Global 2022 gave me the opportunity to see that the challenges facing Marist education around the world are more similar than different. Therefore, we will be able to help each other by sharing initiatives and programmes with each other..."

Br. Hank Hammer, FMS
Province of the United States

"...The perspective of the Champagnat Global Network does not impose uniformity. On the contrary, it harnesses diversity for the benefit of all..."

Despoina Tsaousi - Teacher at the Marist College Greece - (L'Hermitage)



"...This experience has strengthened my awareness of the need to design and build networks that favour sharing, co-responsibility in the efficient and effective management of the sustainability of the Marist educational mission, while at the same time promoting leaderships of service open to a world and a society that are increasingly awake to the construction of a common global citizenship..."

Eurico Santos - Marist Externate of Lisbon (Marist Province of Compostela)

"...the experience of ChGlobal helped me to see the possibility of meeting and recognising myself with people who, like me, believe that the collaborative work and the connection that we have as Marists make us stronger so that we can overcome the barriers of distance and language..."

Oscar Soubervielle Espinoza
Marist Brother - México Central



WELCOME BROTHER PEPE!

At the beginning of January, **Brother José Sánchez Bravo (Pepe)** took up his post as the **new director of the Secretariat for Education and Evangelisation**.



From Champagnat Global we wish him every success in his responsibility of accompanying the tasks corresponding to the Marist mission, among which are the networks of schools, universities, publishing houses and Marist youth ministry.

Br. Pepe was born in Puebla (Mexico) in 1973 and studied at the Marist school of San Luis Potosí, the Instituto Potosino.

In his mission he has served as a teacher, youth minister and director of the school. He was provincial of México Central from 2015 to 2021.

We have not yet said goodbye to Brs. Beto and Mark, as the Secretariat will continue to count on their presence, support, and advice until March.



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Internazionale (FMSI)
Per la pace e la giustizia

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