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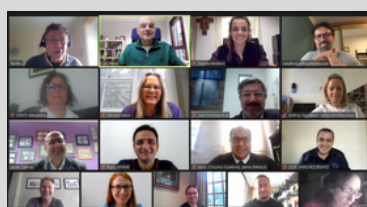
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## EDITORIAL

Dear Marists of Champagnat!

Time goes by and Champagnat Global is consolidating. Through the news, we see relays, new incorporations, exchange initiatives, presence at important meetings... There is still a long way to go, but it is good to feel that, as in other areas of Marist life, in the school, we are increasingly walking together as a global family.



## THANK YOU BETO AND MARK!



The General Council, following the call of the **XXII Marist General Chapter (2017)** to "Walk together as a global family", entrusted Brothers **Carlos Alberto Rojas (Beto)** and **Mark Omede** as heads of the Secretariat of Education and Evangelisation, with the mission of developing a **model of a Marist global school network** that we all know as Champagnat Global.

It is a project that is taking its first steps but which we are sure will be very strategic for the future viability and sustainability of the Marist educational mission.

From Champagnat Global we would like to thank Beto and Mark in a very special way for having created and promoted this initiative in an innovative, creative and collaborative way.

Behind the launch there is a lot of hard work and generous dedication, which has really paid off. Beto, Mark: **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**





Before ending your responsibility in the secretariat and taking up your new mission, we would love you to share with us **what has been most significant aspect of the Champagnat Global design experience and what message do you leave to the whole Marist international school community about Champagnat Global?**

*As we have recently said to each other, 'together we are stronger', so we go forward convinced of this. The day to day school agenda and the amount of things to do invite us to think creatively: how to do things differently without adding to the many activities we already face, counting on the perspective and support of the network. Pioneers who can move forward in this field and share their experiences with us are key at this time.*

*An embrace of gratitude to each and every one of the educators in so many parts of the world who give their best in Marist schools. Thanks to those who have collaborated in this launching phase of Champagnat Global. Let's get down to work to achieve its consolidation."*

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**Br. Carlos  
Alberto Rojas**  
BETO



*"Creating new things will always be a unique experience. It involves searching, risk, creativity, uncertainty, joys and also difficult moments. Today, thanks to God and the help of so many Marists, Champagnat Global is born, strong and growing. To have led the team that gave birth to this project has been an immense blessing. We sowed the first seed of what will be the strengthening of the animation and management of the Marist schools of the future.*

*Just as in today's world people, governments or institutions promote division and exclusion, our Marist Global Network of Schools is a prophetic sign of fraternity, union and inclusion.*

**Br. Mark  
Omede**



*"The most significant experience is that of collaboration from the inception to the launching phase of the network. It is evident that all those who shared interests unanimously accepted the creation of the network that will best serve Marist educational ministry.*

*My message to the international school community is that Champagnat Global is here to stay and that all involved in Marist education should embrace and participate in it. All Marist schools around the same table for the care and future of children and young people."*



## "IT'S HAPPENING" AT CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL

It is very encouraging to see how Champagnat Global is forging its structure, how it is present in the main school events and how it is facilitating the interaction of the school community. In "it's happening" we comment on this development:

### CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL PLANNING 2023-25



During the first week of February the Champagnat Global team met at its headquarters in Madrid to plan for the period 2023-25.

In the planning process it has been very important to consider many of the suggestions that came out of the meeting in Mexico 2022 which you can read in the final part of the itinerary of The Marist Global Network of Schools and which can be summarized in the following SOAR analysis in which the expected outcomes for the next phase of the network were specified.

The meeting outlined the strategic objectives and projects, as well as many initiatives to realize the aims. Soon, it will be with the advisory committee and all the education coordinators with whom the 2023-25 roadmap will be collaboratively finalized.

## MARISTA BRASIL AND CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL: Building together the Global School Family



Champagnat Global has been invited to participate in the first meeting of Marist managers as an integrated network of Marist Brazil which took place from 6th to 9th March 2023, in the city of Curitiba.

Under the motto, "WEAVING THE MARIST MISSION: Valuing the memory, transforming the present and building the future", the provinces of Brazil are joining forces to develop the Integrated Network of Basic Education of Marist Brazil: **MARISTA BRASIL**.

The network is made up of 96 socio-educational units and is being built in two phases of implementation: the first begins with the Marist Provinces of Brasil Centro-Sul and Brasil Sul-Amazônia and in the next stage is integrated with the Marist Province of Brasil Centro-Norte, which from the beginning has participated in the founding movements and in strategic decision-making.



The management of MARISTA BRASIL has considered it very important to feel part of the global process that the Institute is promoting as a Global family that walks together and, as a consequence, a very fruitful synergy is being generated between the two networks. In a disruptive historical context of radical changes, such as the one we are living in, the challenges have a global dimension and that implies being creative, innovative and above all collaborative.

Within the programme of the meeting there was a panel: **“Internationalisation and Basic Education: positioning, connections and horizons”**, in which Javier Llamas, project manager of Champagnat Global, Marília Morosine of the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio del Sur (**PUCRS**) and Michelle Jordão of **UMBRASIL**, shared the importance of thinking about internationalisation for our children and young people and shed light on this subject which needs more and more space in Marist schools.

From Champagnat Global we would like to thank Marista Brasil for their strategic vision, their generosity and their commitment to walk together.

## REIMAGINING EDUCATION

### Marist Province Cruz del Sur: a valuable reference point

As an institution intimately linked and committed to teaching, it is recurrent to find in many of our Marist structures and schools **processes of innovation and educational transformation** that respond to the new challenges and needs that our times require.

From Champagnat Global we have had the opportunity to learn about the process being carried out by the **Cruz del Sur Province** (Paraguay-Argentina and Uruguay) and which can really be a reference for those who are thinking of transforming their educational processes.

Advised by the Reimagine Education Lab team (Xavier Aragay and Jonquera Arnó), three years ago the province began a process of work and deepening with its management teams, taking a group of schools as “pilot schools”. Today, 16 schools in the province are in the **process of Reimagine**, whose methodology (Riedusis) helps to reformulate the educational model, the internal culture, the organisation and the physical space, setting up a comprehensive innovation project based on “learning to learn”.



Another programme that is having a very positive impact on the province’s educational work is: **Abrazando Infancias (Embracing Childhood)**, in whose pedagogy, the learning environments are inspired by the pupil as the protagonist, where he/she is allowed to be and to do, to circulate and to inhabit. The aim is to understand and get to know the pupils who inhabit these spaces in order to care for, protect and encourage their curiosity, vitality, spontaneity, creativity, imagination, free spirit and their need to explore by bringing their five senses into play.

We thank the Cruz del Sur province for the **commitment and effort they are making to re-imagine their educational process** and for their generosity in **sharing their experience**.

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# Champagnat Global present at the VI South American Regional Assembly



Brother José Sánchez (Pepe) took part in the Regional Assembly of the South American Region which was held in Cochabamba, Bolivia, from 19 to 23 March.


The assembly is a forum for reflection, consultation and deliberation of the Region, with the participation of the member Provinces (Provinces of Cruz del Sur, Santa Maria de los Andes, Brasil Centro Norte, Brasil Centro-Sul and Brasil Sur-Amazonas). In addition, the executive secretary and members of the Regional Committee participate as facilitators; and as guests, representatives of the General Government and members approved by the Regional Council.

Among the objectives of this year's VI Assembly, it is worth highlighting the promotion of the connection of the Brothers councillors of the provinces, and to facilitate interculturality and internationality, deepening the knowledge of the structures of the Region and of the Institute and reflecting on the future of the South America Region and on the echoes of the projects on the mission fronts.




In this context of internationalisation where our actions are increasingly oriented towards globalisation, **Brother Pepe explained to the participants the process being followed by the Marist global network of schools:** Champagnat Global, which responds to the call of the XXII General Chapter to walk together as a global family and which is positioning itself as a space in which little by little the international Marist school community is developing interesting synergies and initiatives that contribute to strengthening the vitality of our educational mission.

## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES


Connection of the 6th grade students of the school "Saint Chrisostomos of Smyrni", Leonteios Marist School of Nea Smyrni (Athens - Greece) with Johannesburg to get to know the figure of Nelson Mandela... 



Connecting Marist College Athlone, Ireland, and Instituto Queretano Marista in Mexico to allow students to get to know the school, the culture, the country and the Marist spirit of each... 





Connection of 6th grade students from Maristas Anna Ravell schools in Barcelona (Spain) and 6th grade students from Sacred Heart School in Johannesburg (South Africa). They were able to get to know each other and talked about their countries, their schools and their interests... The pupils from both schools pointed out that there is something in common that unites and identifies them: their marist values... 



Maristes Champagnat School in Badalona (Spain) and Marist Assumption School in Kilmore (Australia) have met online to finalise the details of a film project in which 4th year secondary students from both schools will take part... 



## WELCOME ANGELA!

On February 15th, **Ángela Mediero** joined the Champagnat Global team to take on the **responsibilities of communication and digital marketing of the network**: management, creation and maintenance of content and printed publications, management of social networks, creation of designs and audiovisual documents... and a host of tasks typical of such a broad area as communication.


**Ángela Mediero** was born in Salamanca, Spain, and studied at the **Maristas Champagnat School** in that city. She has always been involved in volunteering and charitable causes, with a special interest in the development and training of children, being aware that they are the future. He studied, among other things, Audiovisual Communication, Performing Arts and Hispanic Languages and, in addition, he maintained his vocation for teaching by completing several qualifying master's degrees.

As a communicator, she believed in the need to be multilingual and, in addition to Spanish, she has devoted special interest to the mastery of English and French.



From the Secretariat of Education and Evangelisation we are very happy to be able to **add talent to the service of one of our strategic goals**: to walk together as a global Marist school family.

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF MARIST CENTRAL AMERICA

From Champagnat Global we join in the jubilation of the **Province of Central America** which is celebrating the centenary of the Marist presence in these lands and we share the greetings that **Brother Hipólito Pérez**, Provincial, addresses to all the Marist community... 



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