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Marist International
Mission Assembly

II MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF MARIST INSTITUTIONS OF TERTIARY EDUCATION

DEVELOPMENT OF THE MEETING (9-12 November 2006)

The Meeting began on the morning of November 9, with some tests of translating equipment, a short prayer and the initial words of welcome given by Brothers Victor Preciado, Provincial of Western Mexico, Miguel Angel Santos, Rector of the Marist University of Guadalajara which hosted the meeting, and Juan Miguel Anaya, Secretary of the Commission for Mission of the General Council.

After a brief introduction of those taking part, a group of the University Students gave us a short tour of the campus.

At the end of the morning we began our work with the presentation, by Mr. Alejandro Flores, on the work of the Commission in charge of preparing a proposal to establish a coordinated structure and support among our institutions. His proposal was illustrated in a presentation entitled 'World Network of Marist Institutions of Further Education'.

Following wide-ranging dialogue the following points were agreed:

- * It is important to create a network of Marist presence in Further Education. It is necessary to foresee that this network embraces Institutions of Marist ownership, as well as others in which the Marists have part ownership, and people identified with the Marist mission who work in this level of education.
- * There will be another meeting or assembly of the network in 2008.
- * A provisional executive committee of the network will be nominated to prepare the next meeting and coordinate the work groups that are selected.
- * One of the work groups that will be named will take charge of presenting to the assembly a proposal of statutes for the network.
- * The elected representatives for the work groups or the executive committee will be substituted by the given Institution if they leave their positions or cannot participate in the groups.

We finished the day with confirmation of registrations, return flights and other practical matters and the presentation of the document "The Marist Mission in Further Education" prepared by the Commission in charge of drawing up a proposed reflection on the Marist pedagogical principles applied at our educational level. Brother Clemente Ivo Juliatto and Mr. Ricardo Tescarolo spoke on their behalf.

On 10 November the morning was dedicated to reflection in groups (1 English speaking, 1 Portuguese and 3 Spanish) on the document previously mentioned. Each group would reflect on the method of drawing up the document, the responsibilities that should be assumed, the necessary basic outline, the contents, the style, the references and

quotations, the preparation and approval of the schedule as well as other suggestions or reflections considered to be pertinent.

In the afternoon, besides collating the reflections carried out in the groups and given in writing to Mr. Ricardo Tescarolo, an interesting dialogue took place on the agreements that could be reached on this topic, the possible schedule of events and the successive steps that should be taken. The taking of some decisions was postponed until the morning of the 12th, since it was considered better to take them according to the vision of the group at the meeting.

The day ended with a magnificent performance by the students of the University who delighted us with their execution of various selections of religious, Marist and popular Mexican music.

On the 11th, Brothers Michael Green and Emili Turú presented the document "The Project contributing to Formation in Marist Spirituality and Marist Mission at International level", prepared by the Commission in charge of drawing up a proposal to create an International Institute of Marist Education. Later we passed on to working in groups (as on the previous day) and to the sharing of the observations discussed by the groups. These observations were submitted in writing to Brother Juan Miguel Anaya. The initiative was approved by acclamation as was the proposed plan of action, with the observation by one group that the process could be prolonged until January of 2008 if there are difficulties or delays in any of the phases. It is considered necessary that there be a formal approval by the General Council since it is a proposal for the benefit of the Congregation. It was suggested, as an example that some names for the Commission should be given to the General Council (Mr. Ricardo Tescarolo and Brothers Aureliano Brambila, Michael Green, Antonio Espinoza, Clemente Ivo Juliatto, Miguel Angel Santos, Juan Miguel Anaya).

After the meal we took part in an interesting tour organized by Tlaquepaque, followed by a performance by the village chamber orchestra, dinner and a performance by a folklore group. All of this by the generous invitation of the city council of the area.

On the 12th we dedicated the first part of the morning to an open dialogue on possible combined performances of the network. There was highlighted the proposal to create a virtual campus (The Luis Vives School in Salamanca) that would allow the collaboration and educational exchange among our institutions, and the promotion of exchanges among our institutions (Brother Manoel Alves). Both proposals were welcomed by the assembly that thought that it would be interesting to create work groups to profile them and make recommendations for the next meeting.

Afterwards, we moved on to making the final decisions of the meeting, that is to say:

- * The next meeting will take place in the Luis Vives School in Salamanca on a date, yet to be specified, in 2008. The participants will be able to take advantage of a visit to the Cardinal Cisneros School of Alcalá de Henares which is near Madrid airport and from there transport to Salamanca will probably be organised.

- * With regard to the document "The Marist Mission in Further Education", the following was approved:

- that the current commission should draw up a second version, bearing in mind the contributions of the groups submitted in writing, for 06/06/2007, on which date they will

be sent to all Marist institutions of Further Education so that they can study the document and propose modifications up to the 30/11/2007;

- a new work group will have the task of drawing up a third version of the document which will be finished for 30/05/2008, so that it can be studied and approved in the III Meeting, in Salamanca.

* 4 work groups were created:

1. - to prepare the statutes of the network (Mr. Alejandro Flores, Mr. Marcelino Lozano, Brother John McMahon, Brother. Evilazio Teixeira).

2. - to draw up the third version of the document "The Marist Mission in Further Education" (Brother Clemente Ivo Juliatto, Mr. Ricardo Tescarolo, Brother Silvestre Jacob, Brother Miguel Angel Santos, Brother John Y Tan).

3. - to study the possibilities of shared use of the new technologies in communication (Mr. Bogdan and Mr. Manuel Carretero; the English-speaking group suggested proposing the participation of Brother Fons Van Rooj and remembered also to propose the same for the Marist College of USA).

4. - to study the possibilities and opportunities of exchanges among our Institutions (Brother Manoel Alves, Mr. Jaime Nieto, Mr. Pablo Pardo, Brother Willy Lubrico).

* The provisional executive committee of the network will provide a representative of the Institution who will arrange for the 3rd Meeting and the coordinators of the work groups: Mr. José Sarrión, Mr. Alejandro Flores, Brother Clemente Ivo Juliatto, Mr. Lucian Bogdan and Brother Manoel Alves.

After checking out some practical questions relating to return trips we had the evaluation of the meeting, highlighting our gratitude for the welcome extended by the Marist University of Guadalajara, the excellent family spirit that reigned and the satisfaction for the work carried out. Several among those present thanked the translators for their work. A special word of gratitude was extended to Teresa Gutierrez, Assistant to the Rector of the University, who coordinated so many practical items that contributed to the obvious satisfaction of the participants.

Some final words from Brother Emili Turú followed by the celebration of the Eucharist closed the meeting, although the party continued outdoors with a barbecue.

Breaks and free time during the meeting were utilised by most of the centres to sign agreements of collaboration among themselves

Brother Juan Miguel Anaya,
Secretary of the Commission of Mission of the General Council