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## **NATIONAL COUNCILS OF THE MARIANIST FAMILY (November – 2001)**

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### **0. Introduction**

In recent years, collaboration among the different branches of the Marianist Family has been making many advances. In a number of countries, National Councils have been established to plan for events together and to reflect on how we can respond as a Family to the needs of our times. Iñaki Barrio, member of the World Council of the Marianist Family, has been keeping in touch with the situation in each country. In this issue of *Marianist Family*, we publish the information which he has gathered about the **Marianist Family** in each country.

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### **1. Situation of the National Councils of the M. F. from 6/2000 until 11/2001.**

#### **a. Africa**

- East Africa (Kenya-Malawi-Zambia).**

There are two branches of the Marianist Family (MLC-SM).

There is no M.F. National Council yet. Each country has a different situation but at this moment the Marianist Lay Communities are in the process of development and internal organization.

- Ivory Coast.**

Presently, there are the four branches of the M.F. (AM-MLC-FMI-SM).

The Young Peoples' Marianist Family (YMF) is also represented on the National Council

(a) Number of meetings since June, 2000: 3.

(b) Main themes of reflection: Collaboration among religious y lay; Calendar of common activities; Spiritual animation of the new MLCs; Organization of large Marianist gatherings.

(c) Actions Accomplished: Creation of new MLCs and extension of the YMF; mobilization of the MLCs for the organization of the beatification of Fr. Chaminade; Creation of a commission for the study of their common vocation; Project for formation with the various groups of the YMF.

- (d) Main difficulties: Lack of animators for the new MLCs.
- (e) Future Topics: Election of the new president of the National Council (December, 2001); Ways of obtaining the necessary means to promote a notable growth of the Marianist Family.

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- **Congo.**

Presently, there are two branches of the Marianist Family (MLC-SM).

- (a) Number of meetings since June, 2000: 4.
- (b) Main themes of reflection: Beatification of Fr. Chaminade; Renewal of the missionary spirit.
- (c) Actions Accomplished: Retreat; Pilgrimage; Prayer Vigil; Formation Day.
- (d) Main difficulties: Information exchange with the national and international levels; Economic difficulties that obstruct participation at meetings.
- (e) Future Topics: Major implication of the MLC in the regional and international scopes.

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- **Congo, Democratic Republic.**

Presently, there are two branches of the Marianist Family (MLC-SM).

There is no M.F. National Council yet.

They have common activities and a monthly bulletin.

There is a work of the Marianist Family: a school for 400 children led by a lay member.

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- **Togo.**

Presently, there are the four branches of the M.F. (AM-MLC-FMI-SM).

- (a) Number of meetings since June, 2000: 6.
- (b) Main themes of reflection: Collaboration and enrichment of Family Spirit; Sinking roots of the MLC and AM.
- (c) Actions Accomplished: Preparation for the celebration of the beatification of Fr. Chaminade; Preparation of the bicentenary of the MLC.
- (d) Main difficulties: The Marianist Family is just beginning and it needs maturation.
- (e) Future Topics: Sinking roots of the MLC and AM; Union without confusion.

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## **b. North America**

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- **Francophone Canada**

Presently, there are two branches of the Marianist Family (MLC-SM).

- (a) Number of meetings since June, 2000: 4.
- (b) Main themes of reflection: Reinforcement of Family Spirit and of the MLC.
- (c) Actions Accomplished: Annual Assembly; Common reinforcement of various themes (mission, charism, Mary, Family Spirit, etc.)
- (d) Main difficulties: Different interest of people for the activities organized by the Council; Lack of time.
- (e) Future Topics:

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- **United States (USA) and Anglophone Canada.**

Presently, there are three branches of the M.F.. (MLC-FMI-SM).

- (a) Number of meetings since June, 2000: 2.
- (b) Main themes of reflection: Formation of lay people; Cultural diversity; Function of the Council in view of the union of the provinces of the SM of the USA.
- (c) Actions Accomplished: Assembly 2000; Support of the III International Meeting of the MLC.
- (d) Main difficulties: Lack of knowledge by some people about the existence of the Council; Lack of authority and roles of the Council.
- (e) Future Topics: Formation of the laity; Clarification of the roles of the Council.

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- **Mexico.**

Presently, there are two branches of the M.F. (MLC-SM).

There is no M.F. National Council yet

### c. South America

- **Argentina.**

Presently, there are two branches of the M.F. (CLM-SM).

There is no formally established National Council yet, but informal meetings.

- **Brazil.**

Presently, there are three branches of the M.F. (CLM-FMI-SM).

There is a National Council of the M.F.

(a) Number of meetings since June, 2000:

(b) Main themes of reflection:

(c) Actions Accomplished:

(d) Main difficulties:

(e) Future Topics:

- **Colombia.**

Presently, there are three branches of the M.F. (MLC-FMI-SM).

There is no M.F. National Council at this moment. There was one some years ago, but they stopped meeting. There are intentions to form it again.

- **Chile.**

Presently, there are the four branches of the M.F. (AM-MLC-FMI-SM).

(a) Number of meetings since June, 2000: At this moment it is stopped, although they discuss some matters in an informal way.

(b) Main themes of reflection:

(c) Actions Accomplished: There are shared activities (pilgrimage).

(d) Main difficulties: Clarify the specific themes of the Council.

(e) Future Topics: Form the Council again; Determine the presidency of the Council.

- **Ecuador.**

There are three branches of the M.F. (MLC-FMI-SM).

(a) Number of meetings since June, 2000: 3.

(b) Main themes of reflection: Beatification of Fr. Chaminade; Consecration to Mary; Relationship among religious - lay people; Preparation for the III International Meeting of the MLC; Participation of the MLC in the Council of lay people of the Ecuadorian Episcopal Conference.

(c) Actions Accomplished: Mailing of documents; Periodic contacts.

(d) Main difficulties: Slow growth; Fear of Consecration.

(e) Future Topics: Analysis of the documents of the III International Meeting of the MLC; Major protagonism of the Marianist lay people; Search of animators of the Young Marianist Family.

- **Peru.**

There are two branches of the M.F. (MLC-SM).

There is no National Council of the M.F. yet.

To form it, it is necessary to have a clear understanding of the roles regarding each of the branches as part of the M.F.

There are some shared activities (World Day of Marianist Prayer.)

### d. Asia

- **Korea.**

Presently, there are three branches of the M.F. (MLC-FMI-SM).

(a) Number of meetings since June, 2000: 2.

- (b) Main themes for reflection: Evaluation of the day of the beatification of Fr. Chaminade and of the World Day of Marianist Prayer; Relationship of the MLC of Korea with the international organization of the MLCs and the MLC of North-America; Vocations; Projects 2001.
  - (c) Actions Accomplished: Establishment of the Day of the Marianist Family of Korea (11/4/01).
  - (d) Main difficulties:
  - (e) Future Topics:
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- **Japan.**

Presently, there are three branches of the M.F. (MLC-FMI-SM).

Recent constitution of the National Council of the M.F. (10/22/01).

Future Topics: Meeting of the M.F. in Japan each January; A Charity Concert to gather funds for Marianist works; Formation plan for lay people and spiritual advisors of the communities.

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- **India.**

Presently, there are two branches of the M.F. (MLC-SM).

There is no National Council of the M.F. yet.

Advances and growth in the MLC and in its internal organization.

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## **e. Europe**

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- **Austria/Germany.**

Presently, there are two branches of the M.F. (MLC-SM).

There is no National Council of the M.F.; Few religious and lay people.

Good relationship and contacts between the two branches. There are extended formation meetings for Marianist spirituality.

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- **Spain.**

Presently, there are three branches of the M.F. (MLC-FMI-SM).

The National Council is composed of the leaders of the three MLC groups of Spain (from the Province of Madrid, the Province of Zaragoza and from CEMI), and the Provincial Superior of the FMI of Spain and the Provincial Superiors of the two SM Provinces in Spain (Madrid and Zaragoza.)

(a) Number of meetings since June, 2000: 2.

(b) Main themes of reflection:

(c) Actions Accomplished: Formation of a commission regarding the theme of vocations; Coordination of all the commissions and existing fields of social action and introductory booklet.

(d) Main difficulties: Articulation of projects of the M.F.; Transmission to the communities about the work of the National Council; Different perceptions and evaluations of the people about this work.

(e) Future Topics: Web of the M.F. of Spain; Deepening the Marianist Volunteer Program of Spain.

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- **France/Belgium**

Presently, there are the four branches of the M.F. (AM-MLC-FMI-SM).

(a) Number of meetings since June, 2000: 2.

(b) Main themes of reflection: Information exchange; Publications; Lay formation; The Chaminade House at Bordeaux; Summer meetings; Remainder of the Chaminadian year and of the beatification of Fr. Chaminade; Joades 2001; Common work of the four branches; Youth Pastoral.

(c) Actions Accomplished: Joades 2001 (meeting of the M.F. of France); Public relations of the M.F.

(d) Main difficulties: Age of people; Formation of directors and intermediary animators; Mobilization of the young members of the lay branch.

(e) Future Topics:

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- **Italy.**

Presently, there are three branches of the M.F. (MLC-FMI-SM).

The National Council was established in January of 2002.

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- (a) Future Topics: major collaboration among coordinators y spiritual animators; Agreement to create MLCs everywhere there are Marianist religious communities; organization and participation in family meetings; Founders' celebrations; The three Marian days (5-6-7 July); World Day of Marianist Prayer; National Assembly of the MLCs; Mission in Albania; "Three o'clock" Groups...
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- **Ireland.**

Presently, there are two branches of the M.F. (MLC-SM).

There is no National Council of the M.F.

There is L.A.M.P. (Linking All Marianist People). They meet 5 or 6 times a year during the occasion of some Marianist celebrations.

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- **Switzerland.**

Presently, there are two branches of the M.F. (MLC-SM).

There is the National Council of the M.F.

(b) Number of meetings since June, 2000:

(c) Main themes of reflection:

(d) Actions Accomplished:

(e) Main difficulties:

(f) Future Topics:

**2. Directory (November-2001) of the National Councils of the worldwide and national Marianist Family.**

## DIRECTORY – November 2001

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