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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure to write this letter celebrating the second year of FMSI and the leadership of Br. Dominick Pujia. By the time I officially became President of FMSI on October 1, Br. Dominick and I already had numerous meetings and discussions to facilitate the transition. Not only did I have the opportunity to understand the history and evolution of FMSI, but also to look ahead to what new possibilities were available for the foundation. In these conversations, I discovered how a new vision for Marist Solidarity was evolving to assist and complement the work of the Marist Brothers and our lay colleagues. It was a helpful perspective given the different dimensions of FMSI. Perhaps most importantly. I appreciated the conviction and dedication Br. Dominick had to making the world a better place for children. I understood how much work went into the practical details of getting FMSI established and the challenges presented in understanding how the foundation can best serve the needs of the Institute.

plans for the foundation.

The Annual Report will highlight the various activities of 2009 and take the opportunity to thank all those who share our mission. During the past few months, we have initiated discussions on the next Strategic Plan for FMSI. The context of these plans includes:

- Advocacy, education and animation for the rights of children and young people before the United Nations in Geneva;
- Funding educational projects that are meant to improve the life of children and young people in developing countries;
- Networking with Marist-inspired NGO's/Foundations and developing partnerships with other groups who share our mission.

Br. Dominick has returned to his native New York, USA and will be involved in Youth Evangelization for the USA Province. I

The mission of the Marist International Solidarity Foundation is to promote innovative thinking and practical initiatives for the benefit of children and young people, especially those considered most vulnerable and neglected. While each of these areas presents its own unique challenges, we hope to develop concrete strategies and actions which will set a clear direction

want to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you and appreciation to him for all his efforts on behalf of Marist solidarity these past six years, the past two as President of FMSI. It is through his commitment and desire to help children and young people that we have this foundation to use for their benefit. I am grateful for all his work and hope to continue to build on the foundation he has put in place.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Br. James Jolley to the Geneva Office. He brings with him a wealth of experience in province leadership and work with indigenous children. He has immersed himself in training programs, language studies and writing country reports for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR). I have enjoyed getting to know him these past few months as we have exchanged ideas and shared our hopes for FMSI. With both of us being new, we have relied heavily on Ms. Sara Panciroli and Ms. Angela Petenzi in the Rome office to help us navigate this new adventure. Their experience and understanding have provided us with a wealth of information and helped us continue the work without any disruptions. They have also been a valuable part of our discussions about the future for the years ahead. We look forward to working with Br. Emili Turu, the new Superior general of the Marist Brothers, and the new General Council to make the vision of the XXI General Chapter a reality.

Having access to a quality education which prepares children and young people for life is a right no child or young person should be denied, especially if they lack the material and human resources needed in order to succeed. I invite you to continue your partnership with FMSI as we seek to establish a better world for children where their rights are respected and protected, where they can grow and mature in safe and healthy environments, free from violence and fear, and where their future is bright and rich with opportunity.

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Br. Richard Carey, FMS President



INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT AND CHILD ADVOCACY OFFICER

In his letter announcing the two appointments, Br. Sean Sammon wrote the following:

"Rick brings considerable skill and experience to his new responsibilities. First of all, he has been involved in administration and supervision for almost two decades now, serving as Chief Administrator of one school and later as President of another. Both institutions were large in size and diverse in their needs.

"In his role as President he oversaw with skill and creativity a capital fund raising campaign. As a result, the nature and quality of the services offered by this school were expanded greatly and its ability to accommodate more students from families with limited means increased. Rick's personal commitments to gospel principles of solidarity have helped him to present clearly and convincingly the mission and purpose of the institutions for which he had primary responsibility. He has carried out this task well not only among perspective students and their families but also with the wider public.

"Rick's firm belief in our mission of evangelization and education, particularly among poor children and young people, has made him a convincing spokesman for our Marist efforts in the United States. He also worked personally to involve students in experiences of solidarity and challenged them to stretch their understanding in this area by taking more responsibility for the welfare of the human community."

"Jim's life of ministry includes teaching and administration in a variety of settings. Prior to his current work in Catholic education on the regional level, he served as headmaster at the Marist School in Alice Springs, Australia, an institution that counts among its students the children of a number of aboriginal families. He is a skilled administrator whose capacity to foster a vision and set priorities, coupled with his ability to attend to the necessary details of any task, give rise to a creativity that is practical in nature and an effective response to the situation at hand.

"In addition to his work in education, Jim served for two terms as Provincial of the Province of Melbourne. During that time he was active on the Board of the Marist Asia Pacific Center, especially during those years when the work of integrating post-novitiate formation in the Asia and Pacific regions was getting underway. His many contributions on the Board helped foster a spirit of cooperation. He has a knack for being plain spoken and helping others to get to the heart of the matter.

"Most especially, however, Jim's love of our way of life and his dedication to our Marist mission are two important gifts that he will bring to his new work in Geneva Having lived our life for more than a few years now, he is a man of prayer and faith whose life is guided by the values of the gospel."



Br. James Jolley (left) and Br. Richard Carey (right).

INFORMATION ON THE NEXT STRATEGIC PLAN

The XXI General Chapter of the Marist Brothers took place from September 7-October 10, 2009. It was an international gathering of the Congregation to discuss challenges, exchange ideas and set a direction for the next eight years. Br. Emili Turú, the new Superior General, and his Council have been asked to provide the leadership necessary for implementing this new vision.

What does this mean for FMSI?

We have used the Documents of the XXI General Chapter as a basis for our strategic planning discussions. They have provided us with a context in which to frame our ideas and a future direction for FMSI. The following statements are taken from the Chapter Documents:

- To become experts and advocates for the rights of children and young people; speaking bravely and prophetically in public forums. We feel ourselves impelled to challenge social, economic, political, cultural and religious practices that oppress children and young people. Now is the time for us all to join in the work of the Foundation of Marist Solidarity International (FMSI).
- We feel impelled to act with urgency to find new and creative ways to educate, evangelize, be advocates for and be in solidarity with poor children and young people.
- To promote, at all levels of our Institute, the rights of children and young people; and to advocate for these rights in public institutions, both governmental and nongovernmental.

Vision for FMSI

"Telling their Stories" "Transforming Our Hearts" "Changing Their Lives"

We are challenged to "Look at the world with the eyes of poor children" and this will remain the central theme for all that we do.

We will focus on advocacy for child rights, developing resources for the social mission of the institute and building networks within the Marist community and with other partners who share our vision.

 To develop structures to coordinate and guide Marist Mission networks throughout the world and develop a plan for the mission initiatives of the General Council for the next eight years.

The Foundations' Board of Directors and staff during its first 2010 meeting in Rome.





UPDATE FROM THE GENEVA OFFICE

This report is a follow up on the report given in the "2008 FMSI Annual Report" which provided a good background to the establishment of the FMSI office in Geneva in 2007. It pointed out that Br. César Henríquez concluded his appointment as the Advocacy Officer in November 2008 and that Br. James (Jim) Jolley had been appointed to replace him. However, Br. Jim could not take up this role until September 2009 due to his commitments in Australia.

In preparation for his appointment in Geneva, Br. Jim attended a training course in Bangkok on the Mechanisms of the United Nations, Treaties and Treaty Bodies. In July, he participated in another 2-week course which looked at the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the development of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) as well as an examination of the UN's Universal Periodic Review (UPR). It is the UPR mechanism of the UN that provides opportunities for FMSI to be involved in promoting and defending the rights of children.

During 2009, FMSI participated in the UPR of Vanuatu and Cambodia. For Vanuatu, we promote the need for a more relevant curriculum for the children, especially in secondary schools, and encouraged the Government to continue its plan for free and compulsory primary education for all, primary and secondary classes. Our submission on Cambodia was to promote equal access for children with disabilities and to provide incentives to attract teachers to work with children with disabilities. In November, FMSI Geneva submitted another report for the UPR process for the Republic of Kiribati, a small island nation in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. The New Zealand Province of the Marist Brothers conduct schools there. Our submission included a plea for an improvement in the quality and scope of education offered to the children of Kiribati, particularly in secondary school, improved access to schools for children with disabilities and for all teaches to be fully qualified.

Br. Rick and Br. Jim attended the 2-day seminar in Geneva, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on October 8-9. Two representatives of the Marist Brothers Solidarity organizations in Brazil also attended the conference.

In December, Br. Jim joined the other members of the FMSI team from Rome for the meeting with SED in Madrid. The annual meeting provides for meaningful discussions on promoting the rights of children in our Marist network.



Pictures: Br. Rick Carey and Br. Jim Jolley with Jimena Grignani and Fabio Feitosa, representatives from Marist Brazil at the conference celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in Geneva; Palais des Nations, the headquarters of the UN in Geneva.



Thailandia

CHILD RIGHTS TRAINING COURSE

'Their Now, Our Tomorrow': 'The Rights of the Child and

The training course was addressed to project leaders and

Young Person' was an international capacity building training program for the development of workers in the

Asia-Pacific area. The course was held in Bangkok.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

In keeping with the objectives enumerated in its statutes, each year the Foundation supports projects mainly in developing countries from our Marist partners and colleagues. The purpose is to benefit children and young people, especially those most in need.

The Foundation supports projects to improve the physical conditions and opportunities for children while raising awareness about the children's rights in civil society. Special attention is given to the right to education, right to life, survival and healthy development, right to an education

that develops the child's personality and talents to the full.

Accordingly, some projects aim at providing children and young people with adequate

FMSI works to establish a better world for children where their rights are respected and protected, where they can grow and mature in safe and healthy environments, free from violence and fear, and where their future is bright and

senior staff who work in development and social projects focused on children in Asia and the Pacific. The objective of the course was to build their capacity and create a critical mass of child's rights defenders to help reduce the vulnerability of tens of thousands of children across the region. The training focused on

the Convention on the

rich with opportunity.

educational facilities and equipment, basic needs, vocational training courses, and social development programs. Other projects include the formation of teachers working with children and young people as well as training programs for people interested in advocating for child rights at the national and international level.

Besides supporting projects directly with it own resources, the Foundation works to secure funding for projects through third party donor agencies. The work that the Foundation carries out in this case consists of: identification of the donor agency, project writing and presentation, assuring a coordinating role, assisting both the third party funding agency and the beneficiaries with communication, oversight and reporting.

Rights of the Child and the human rights mechanisms of the United Nations. The participants, coming from Australia, Cambodia, India, Lebanon, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Salomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam, were introduced to the benefits of a child rightsbased approach. This enabled them to review the aims and objectives of their own projects according to the new approach, and in some cases, to plan to rewrite all their educational and informative materials. Through this project, a Child Rights Asia-Pacific network of advocacy officers has been created for future actions and exchange of best practices.

Partners: MISSIO Aachen (Germany); Franciscans International (Switzerland), Edmund Rice International.

India EDUCATION FOR THE "DALIT"CHILDREN

The objective of this project was to enlarge the facilities of Marcellin High School in Mangamanuthu, providing it with a new classrooms block and a multipurpose hall for educational as well as social activities addressing the needs of the local community.

The project will allow 250 more students per year to attend the school. Since the school caters to the poor and the "Dalit" (the so called "untouchables" belonging to the lowest cast of the Indian society) children of the area, this project represents a significant opportunity for the most neglected young people to receive a high school education and possibilities for their future.

The project was carried out in the framework of an ongoing program, aimed at improving the access to education for the "Dalit" and poor children of Mangamanuthu and promoting their communities.

Partners: Junta de Comunidades Castilla La Mancha with FERE- CECA (Spain).



Pakistan SUPPORT TO EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN SARGODHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The project aimed at facilitating the access to education for poor and marginalized children and reducing the school drop-out rate in Sargodha, by purchasing a new school bus used for the transport service and other education related activities.

Currently Sargodha Catholic School caters for 900 pupils at primary and secondary levels. 60% of the students are Christians and 40% are Muslims. In spite of the serious problems on religion in Pakistan, the school is an example of reciprocal respect and tolerance. There are spaces and times for the rites that allow the living together of children from different religious groups. The students, the school staff and the surrounding community appreciate the school's "multi-religion" approach and the work of the Brothers for offering a quality education to the poorest children to avoid their social exclusion.

Partners: Anonymous foundation, Marist schools (USA).



Above: children in Sargodha Catholic High School, Pakistan. To the left: Dalit sudents of the Marcellin High School in Mangamanuthu, India.

Democratic Republic of Congo ASSISTANCE TO THE BASIC NEEDS AND SCHOOL SUPPORT TO REFUGEE CHILDREN

The project is aimed at assisting the 2,500 refugees settled in Minova camps in the Bobandana area, mostly women and children.

After helping address the basic emergency needs (distribution of food, clothes, cooking tools), the project offered the refugee children special school courses organized in the Lwanga Institute.

The courses were managed by the refugee teachers living in the camps, and allowed the children not to lose the scholastic year. The Marist Brothers provided the training for the teachers. At the same time, the project provided assistance to the adults to allow their reinsertion in their homelands and to restart the agriculture activities as a means to become independent from the external aid.

Partners: ONG SED (Spain).



PROJECTS 2009

The list below includes all the projects managed by the Foundation (directly and indirectly) during the year 2009.

COUNTRY	TITLE	AMOUNT in EUR
Cameroon	Construction of the sanitary section at St. Pius X Catholic College	2,140.00
Cameroon	Purchase of musical instruments for the students of Saint Albert's Comprehensive College	3,500.00
Congo DR	Primary school services and training of the local teachers in Nyangezi area	182,688.00
Congo DR	Assistance to the basic needs and school support to refugee children in Bobandana area	6,213.00
Ghana	Purchase of musical instruments for the Youth Social Centre of Blessed Sacrament Parish	1,790.00
Kenya	Installation of water storage tanks at Machakos Catholic Technical Training Institute	3,500.00
Malawi	Completion of the administration block at Champagnat Youth Centre	3,420.00
Malawi	Library books for Likuni Boys' Secondary School	3,260.00
Malawi	Support to Champagnat Youth Centre	500.00
Rwanda	Technical equipment for Bukomero Primary and Secondary School	2,100.00
South Africa	Support to Maristcare's activities for rural communities in the Sundays River Valley	3,420.00
Zambia	Acquisition of banker beds, lockers and mattresses for girls' dormitory of Chassa Basic School	3,240.00
Zambia	Vocational training and social activities in Marist Tech School of Kalulushi	17,730.00
ASIA		
India	Education for the Dalit children	86,100.00
Pakistan	Reconstruction of basketball court at St. John Vianney's Boys' High School	3,920.00
Pakistan	Improvement to teaching resources for St. John Vianney's Boys' High School	3,400.00
Pakistan	Procuring security arrangements to Sargodha Catholic High School	2,000.00
Pakistan	Support to education activities in Sargodha Catholic School	23,024.00
Pakistan	Support to education and social promotion activities in Sargodha School	2,150.00
Sirya	Assistance to the poor families in Alep	1,273.00
Sri Lanka	Course of studies on electronics at Marist Vocational Training Centre for rural youth	3,600.00
Thailand	Child Rights training course	23,000.00
Vietnam	Provision of English teaching resources for an impoverished area of rural Vietnam	3,400.00
EUROPE		
Italy	Support to the campaign "Sponsor a champion"	1,500.00
Italy	Marist Italian teachers training in education to solidarity	10,000.00
Romania	Refurbishment of the leisure hall at St. Marcellin Champagnat Centre	3,700.00
Romania	Refurbishment works at St. Marcellin Centre	2,663.00
Switzerland	Professional development in child rights advocacy activity	10,000.00
LATIN AMERICA		
Argentina	Salgo a Caminar. Launch of a new community.	3,400.00
Colombia	A childhood decalogue for the 21st century	3,922.00
Cuba	Formation for young volunteers affected by hurricane Gustav	3,540.00
OCEANIA		
Timor Est	Teachers training, school managers training, didactic material production	187,086.00
TOTAL		611,179.00

ANIMATION

As part of the effort to implement its mission, the Foundation carries out activities meant to raise awareness, stimulate reflections and animate people to action on child related issues. In 2009 the main activities focused on the theme "A New World".

The theme was selected in connection with two events: the Institute's 21st General Chapter and the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, the international human rights treaty detailing the rights of all children and young people.

The idea was to stimulate in children and young people from around the Marist world (schools, social works) reflections on the theme "A New World". Since the mission of the Foundation is directed toward children and young people,

In an ideal world for me, there would be no conflict. My Ideal world would be one where conflict between religions and nations ceases to exist; a place where people are judged on the content of

their hearts not their race, religion, gender, origin and on how they look. My future world would be a place where people are 'strong of mind, gentle of heart'.

Connor (Australia)

A better world would have a better enforcement of human rights so no illegal detention would be allowed to operate or any means of torture to any human being. A better world would have food for those that are now starving as well as other essentials to survive. A better world would make sure everyone has the opportunity to a quality

Mia (South Africa)

In this world, this new world of ours, there is

- Hope enough to ignite the fire of courage lying hope. dormant in our hearts.
- Courage enough to explore and to learn, to think
- and to know. Knowledge enough to feed the hungry minds of
- our children. Minds enough to work together in building a
- stronger nation. Strong nations enough to create a new age, a new era ... a New World.



Park Sang-dae (Korea) I wish the future world would be more bright and hopeful for the little ones and the poor, like the bright yellow dandelion blooming in the crack.

Ana María (Colombia)

opportunity for living the present and be actually happy.

especially those most in need, it seemed appropriate to offer them a way to speak to us about their ideas for a new world. The young people involved were invited to send their reflections and a photograph that represented their ideas for a renewed world.

The photos and reflections collected were the basis for: the Advent Reflection Booklet and a photo exhibit, displayed in the General House of the Institute in Rome, during the 21st General Chapter.

The photo exhibit is now used as a traveling display in Marist Schools.



ONGOING NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

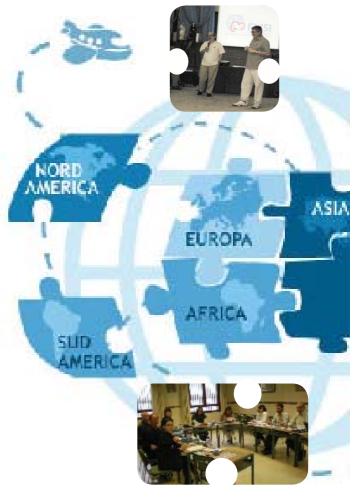
One of the priorities for FMSI is to build a network of Maristinspired NGO's and Foundations throughout the Institute.

In order to develop these relationships and establish a foundation for networking, the Foundation participated in various meetings, with representatives of other Marist organizations or offices.

The 3rd Meeting of the Marist Solidarity Organizations of America was held in Belem, Brazil, from 26th January to 1st February 2009. The meeting gathered the representatives of the Marist solidarity organizations and offices of the Americas with the threefold objective of developing a document on the Marist Social Mission in America, participating in the World Social Forum, and meeting with FMSI. The day dedicated to the Foundation included the presentation of the Foundation and a discussion on the possibility of developing a network of Marist organizations.

The Marist European Forum on Evangelization and concern for those most in need (Valladolid, Spain, July 2-5) was organized by the Marist European Conference to deepen the relationships and the links of the European Marist organizations for solidarity, and search together for ways to strengthen and better orient their mission. The Foundation representatives, who participated in the event as observers, were offered the opportunity for a short presentation. The event helped introduce FMSI to a new audience, provide information on the work of many Marist solidarity entities and explore networking relationships for the future-.

FMSI has maintained a long-standing relationship with SED, the Marist NGO in Spain that focuses its attention in the areas of solidarity, education and development. FMSI and SED meet each year, alternatively in Rome and Madrid, to share information on projects in Africa and Latin America, plan activities and discuss upcoming events. In 2009 the meeting was held in Madrid, Spain, in December.



In the pictures: the presentation of FMSI during the meeting in Belem and the staff of FMSI and SED in Madrid during their annual meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial sources

FINANCIAL SOURCES	Amount in Euros
1. Donations from the Founder	75,000.00
2. Donations from individuals	116,230.89
3. Donations form agencies	84,000.00
4. Other income	2,321.60
5. Indirect contributions from 3rd parties	459,817.00
Total	737,369.49

The Financial Sources chart reports the financial resources put at the disposal of the Foundation, directly and indirectly. Some brief notes will help interpret the figures.

1. Donations from the Founder is the money transferred during 2009 to the Foundation by the Institute of the Marist Brothers of the Schools. The Institute established FMSI and is its principal donor. This figure does not include the "in-kind" contribution of the Institute to the Foundation: the loan of staff, offices, services and some on-going operating expenses related to the office.

2. Donations from individuals refer to donations received by the Foundation from private individuals, friends and supporters of the Foundation willing to contribute to its solidarity projects. Accordingly, the money was deposited in a special dedicated account.

3. Donations from agencies correspond to the grants received from private funding entities, upon presentation of projects.

4. Other income refer mainly to the proceeds of the investment of the patrimony.

5. Indirect contributions refer to the financial resources that were indirectly put at the disposal of the Foundation by third party funding partners for projects presented to them for funding. These grants did not pass through FMSI's accounts but were instead transferred directly to the project holders in the field by the third party donor. FMSI considers these grants as indirect contributions to its work.

As a public foundation FMSI undergoes a financial review by a Board of Auditors.

Financial expenditures

FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES	Amount in Euros
1. Administration and operations	29,808.62
2. Project funding	143,107.00
3. Advocacy for children rights in Geneva	11,875.00
4. Networking and other activities	1,462.00
5. 3rd party project fundraising and coordination	459,817.00
Total	646,069.62

The Financial Expenditures chart reports how the Foundation spent the money that was put at its disposal, both directly and indirectly, by area of activity.

1. Administration and operations refers to those expenses associated with the everyday management of the Foundation. The figure does not reflect rental of office space or salaries, which are provided by the Founder as part of its annual inkind donation to the Foundation.

2. Project funding refers to the money disbursed by the Foundation for projects.

3. Advocacy for Children Rights in Geneva refers to the expenses of maintaining a work space in Geneva, and the support of related services.

4. Networking and other activities refers to organizational affiliation fees and expenses related to other institutional activities.

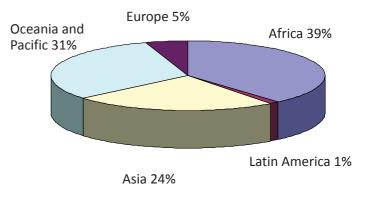
5. Third party project fundraising and coordination corresponds to point 5 of the Financial Sources chart. As stated in point 5 of the same chart, these grants are not managed by the Foundation and do not pass through its accounts. They were included in this report as an indirect contribution to the work of the Foundation, thereby giving a more complete picture of the FMSI's fundraising and coordination activity with respect to project funding.

The remaining balance is for specific projects and will be allocated in 2010.



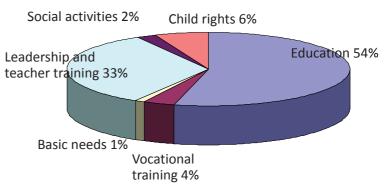
ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR PROJECTS BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Geographical area	Amount in Euros
Africa	232,981.00
Latin America	6,297.00
Asia	146,467.00
Oceania and Pacific	187,086.00
Europe	30,093.00
Total	602,924.00



ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR PROJCTS BY SECTOR OF ACTIVITY

Sector of activity	Amount in Euros
Education	325,135.00
Vocational training	21,330.00
Basic needs	6,636.00
Leadership and teacher training	199,461.00
Social activities	13,440.00
Child rights	36,922.00
Total	602,924.00



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