

MARIST SOLIDARITY ENTITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF NIGERIA

1. SOLIDARITY/JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION


VISION

- ▶ Organise the activities of Marist Solidarity in the Province and beyond as well as advocate for justice and peace in order to have a fair and just society

OPERATION

- ▶ It operates in nine states of the federation where the Brothers are working

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Approves all scholarship awards into Marist Schools in Nigeria in collaboration with the Provincial and Council
 - ▶ Approve all solidarity ventures in the Province
 - ▶ Study the social teaching of the Church and keep the Brothers informed about it
 - ▶ Receive, evaluate and respond to all applications for financial help in the Province
 - ▶ Write projects to international funding agencies asking for help on behalf of the Province
 - ▶ Regular supervision of how the beneficiaries of Marist Solidarity make use of them
 - ▶ Visit and organise regular visitations to the homes of the Brothers both living and dead in collaboration with the Patrimony Commission
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MARIST HOPEVILLE REHABILITATION CENTRE, UTURU, NIGERIA

Graduation Ceremony of the Physically Challenged under Marist Scholarship



The Physically Challenged dancing during their graduation ceremony




CHILD'S RIGHT COMMISSION

MISSION

- ▶ Advocacy for the right of the child in the Province of Nigeria and beyond

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Produce and ensure the implementation of Child Protection Policy in the Province
 - ▶ Create awareness on child's right among the Brothers, Marist Staff and students
 - ▶ Regularly remind the Brothers of the central place of the children and young people in our apostolate
 - ▶ Initiate and involve other schools in organising inter-school seminars and conferences on child's right
 - ▶ Evaluate the activities of the school Counsellors, and Matrons/Patrons in our schools
 - ▶ As an external body, visit and confronts/advise especially difficult students in our schools
 - ▶ Advice the Provincial and Council on matters of Child's Right
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WORKSHOP FOR MARIST STAFF ON CHILD'S RIGHT PROTECTION IN NIGERIA



SEMINAR FOR MARIST STAFF ON CHILD'S RIGHT PROTECTION

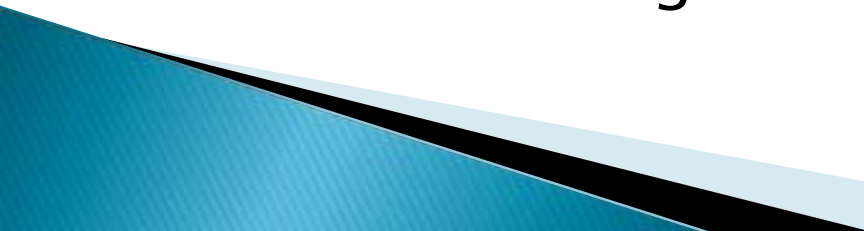


CHILD'S RIGHT AWARENESS CREATION OF SOME CHILDREN IN ENUGU, NIGERIA


- ▶ Five Brothers and two Lay Persons are involved in the animation of Child's Right




FUTURE INITIATION

- ▶ Creation of Marist NGO in Nigeria
 - ▶ Provincial and his Council after consideration see the creation of a Marist NGO as a need in Nigeria
 - ▶ This was a follow up of the April, 2017 meeting in Rome after reporting to the Council the outcome of the meeting
 - ▶ Provincial and his Council have approved the creation of this NGO
 - ▶ Solidarity/Justice and Peace and Child's Right Commissions have been mandated to work out the modalities and legal requirements for this Marist NGO Nigeria
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Conclusion

- ▶ Many solidarity ventures are taking place in the Province, but without much coordination
 - ▶ This future NGO will coordinate these solidarity ventures in the Province
 - ▶ The “selfish question” some Brothers ask is what is the benefit of this network to the AU’s?
 - ▶ Finally, the network of Marist NGO in the Institute is a welcome initiative. However, in the quest for this global initiative, local needs have to be factored into the entire vision.
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SOLIDARITY ACTIVITIES IN THE PROVINCE OF MADAGASCAR

- ▶ The Province has no institutionalized solidarity project as such.
 - ▶ **ACTIVITY** : (a joint initiative of 2 Marist schools and the Province)
 - ▶ Every Christmas they share food, cloths and entertain people from very poor backgrounds
 - ▶ Food and cloths are offered by students from well-off Marist schools (students and pupils are encouraged to offer what they have)
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NEW SOLIDARITY VENTURE

- ▶ An initiative of the Marist alumni (a group of former students who feel the need to “give back” what they received from the Marists)
 - ▶ To create a fund in order to pay some poor children’s school fees (scholarships)
 - ▶ It is still at the conceptual stage
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PHOTOS OF SOME BENEFICIARIES

