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MPS Celebrates Christmas with Joyful Carols

Marist Preparatory and Junior High School (MPS) celebrated a remarkable Christmas Carols service on Wednesday, 17th December, in an atmosphere filled with joy, music, and thanksgiving. The celebration brought together pupils, staff, and the school community to mark the Christmas season in a spirit of faith and togetherness.

The children delighted everyone with beautiful carols, lively performances, and heartfelt messages that reflected the true meaning of Christmas—love, peace, and sharing. Their enthusiasm and innocence created a warm and prayerful environment, reminding all present of the hope and joy that the birth of Christ brings.

The celebration concluded with cheerful Christmas greetings from the children, spreading smiles and good wishes to all. It was truly a memorable moment that strengthened the family spirit at MPS and set the tone for a joyful Christmas season.





Final Profession and 60 Years of Marist Presence in Cameroon

On Saturday, 20 December 2025, the Christian community of St. Pius X Parish, Tatum, in the Diocese of Kumbo, Republic of Cameroon, gathered in profound joy and thanksgiving for a double celebration of great ecclesial significance: the final profession of religious vows of Brother Leonard Buhven and Brother Norbert Afoni, and the 60th anniversary of the presence of the Marist Brothers in Cameroon.

The solemn Eucharistic celebration was presided over by His Lordship, Bishop Georges Nkuo, Bishop of the Diocese of Kumbo. In his role as shepherd of the local Church, the Bishop accompanied the two Brothers at this decisive moment, offering prayers and encouragement as they made their definitive commitment to God through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

This sacred act marked the culmination of years of discernment, formation, and faithful response to God's call. Through their perpetual profession, Brs. Leonard Buhven and Norbert Afoni publicly affirmed their lifelong dedication to God and to the mission of the Church, particularly through the Marist charism of education, evangelization, and service to young people.

The celebration drew together a large and vibrant assembly, including parishioners of St. Pius X Parish, students and staff of the Pius X Schools, family members and relatives of the Brothers, fellow religious, and friends. Their strong presence was a visible sign of communion and shared joy, reflecting the close relationship between the Marist Brothers and the local Church.

The active participation of the students of Pius X Schools add-



ed a special and inspiring dimension to the celebration, as they witnessed a life-long commitment rooted in faith, service, and love for Christ. It was a powerful testimony to the younger generation of the beauty and relevance of religious vocation today.

The celebration also marked the 60th anniversary of the presence of the Marist Brothers in Cameroon, a moment of gratitude and remembrance. Over the past six decades, the Marist Brothers have made a significant contribution to education, pastoral ministry, and human formation, touching countless lives and supporting the mission of the Church across the country. This jubilee moment honoured the pioneering Brothers who laid the foundations of the Marist mission in Cameroon and renewed the call to continue serving with fidelity and hope.

Throughout the liturgy, prayers, hymns, and reflections expressed deep thanksgiving to God for the gift of vocation and for the enduring fruitfulness of the Marist presence in Cameroon. The atmosphere was one of reverence, joy, and renewed missionary commitment.

At the conclusion of the celebration, heartfelt words of gratitude were offered to God, to His Lordship Bishop Georges Nkuo, to the families of Brs. Leonard Buhven and Norbert Afoni, and to all those who have supported and accompanied them on their vocational journey. The faithful were invited to continue praying that the Lord may bless the Marist Brothers in Cameroon with perseverance, new vocations, and renewed zeal in their mission.

This memorable celebration stood as a strong testimony that God continues to call, that vocations remain alive, and that sixty years of Marist presence in Cameroon are both a rich heritage and a hopeful promise for the future.







Advent Recollections at Marist Bilingual Schools – Babenga

During the Advent season, the Pastoral Team of Marist Bilingual Schools – Babenga organized two recollection programmes aimed at fostering spiritual renewal and deeper preparation for the celebration of Christmas. These moments of reflection were thoughtfully planned to address the spiritual needs of both students and staff, in keeping with the Marist tradition of integral education and faith formation.

The Advent recollection for the students took place on Sunday, 7 December 2025, at the School Chapel. Centered on the theme **"Prepare the Way of the Lord" (Luke 3:4),** the programme invited students to reflect on the meaning of Advent as a time of personal conversion, readiness, and openness to God's presence.
Through age-appropriate reflections, guided prayers, moments of silence, and interactive activities, the students were encouraged to examine their attitudes, relationships, and daily choices. Emphasis was placed on virtues such as obedience, respect, forgiveness, and generosity, helping the young learners understand how they can prepare their hearts to welcome Christ in their lives, families, and school community.

The recollection provided a calm and prayerful atmosphere that allowed the students to step away from their routine and rediscover the importance of faith, discipline, and responsibility during the Advent journey.
The second recollection was organized for the teaching and non-teaching staff on Saturday, 13 December 2025, at the Brothers' Community Chapel. Rooted in the

theme **"Rejoice, the Lord is Near!"**, drawn from the spirit of Gaudete Sunday, the programme focused on joy, hope, and renewed commitment in Christian service.

The recollection offered staff members an opportunity to pause, reflect, and reconnect with the deeper meaning of their vocation as educators and collaborators in the Marist mission. Through scriptural reflections, prayer, and personal meditation, participants were invited to rediscover joy in their daily responsibilities and to recognize God's presence amid the challenges of school life.

Special emphasis was placed on gratitude, mutual support, and the call to be witnesses of Christian joy to students and colleagues alike. The session also strengthened the sense of unity and shared mission among staff members.

The two Advent recollection programmes were significant moments of spiritual enrichment for the Marist Bilingual Schools – Babenga community. By addressing both students and staff separately, the Pastoral Team ensured that each group received guidance suited to its spiritual and pastoral needs.

These recollections not only prepared participants for the celebration of Christmas but also reinforced the Marist values of faith, presence, simplicity, and family spirit, contributing to the holistic formation of the entire school community.



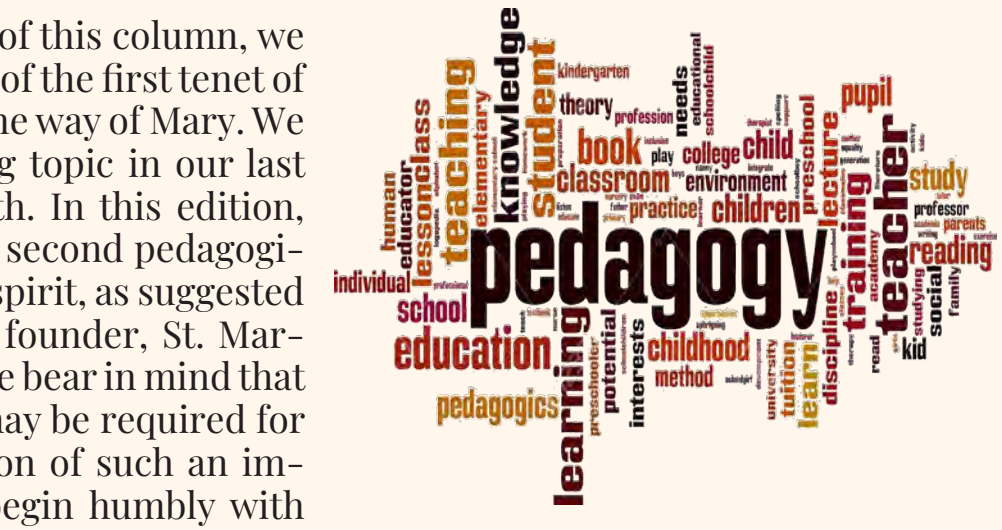






MARIST PEDAGOGY
FROM A PSYCHOLOGICAL LENS - PART 19

In the sixth edition of this column, we began a discussion of the first tenet of Marist Pedagogy, the way of Mary. We closed this fascinating topic in our last edition, the eighteenth. In this edition, we shall consider our second pedagogical stance, the family spirit, as suggested and practised by our founder, St. Marcellin Champagnat. We bear in mind that a couple of editions may be required for an extensive discussion of such an important topic. Let's begin humbly with the idea of school as a family.

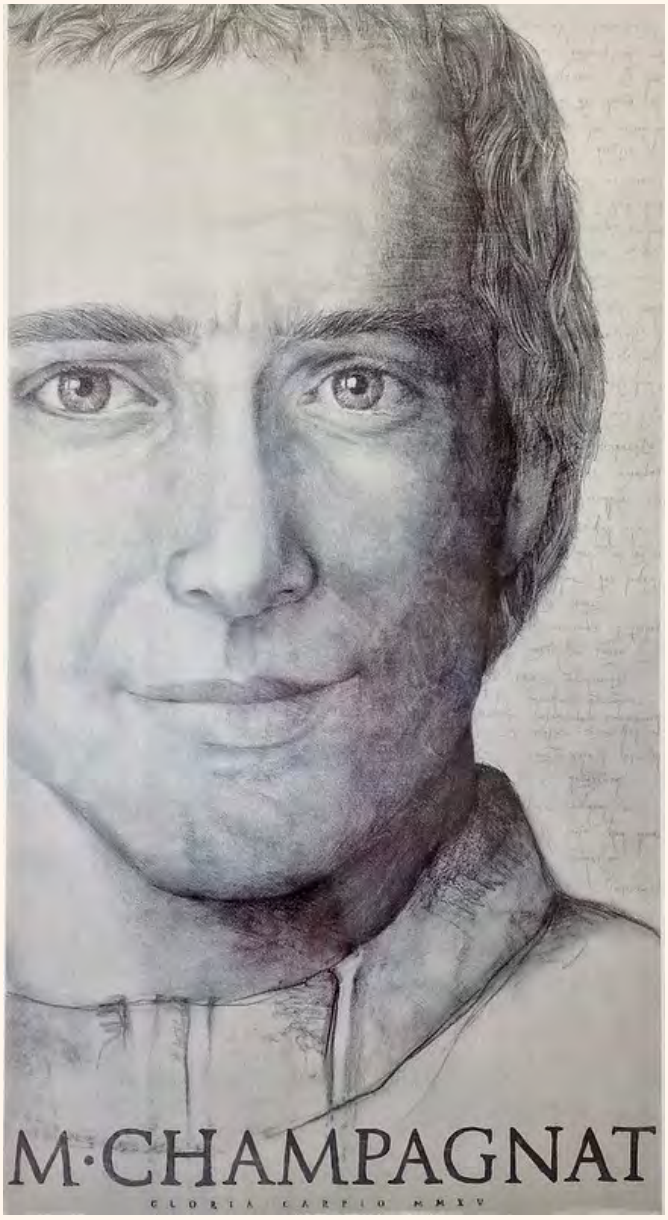


The concept of the school as a family is more sociological than biological. Significantly, it is not about the roles of the father, the mother and the children; rather, it points to the quality of relationships among the various educational stakeholders - the school management, teachers, non-teaching staff, learners, parents, etc., in the school environment. It is about relationships comparable to those experienced in any good and nurturing family. "Father Champagnat's great desire and legacy is that we relate to each other and to the young people in our care as the members of a loving family would intuitively do. We seek to make this a reality even in our more complex educational works" (In the footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat, p.24).

A good family can be rare in our time, but not lacking. Its attributes are many, desirable and refreshing. It is what everyone should crave and endeavour to create at all costs. In a word, it is a treasure needed to heal our broken and wounded world. A good family is animated by a caring spirit, concern for its members, governed by genuine and unalloyed love, freedom to explore one's natural abilities, mutual respect and pure joy. As Marists, our reference point has always been the Holy Family - Joseph, Mary and Jesus - a family par excellence. Br. Sean Sammon attests, "We are inspired by the home of Nazareth to develop those attitudes that make family spirit a reality: love and forgiveness, support and help, forgetfulness of self, openness to others, and joy" (Water from the Rock, number 30).

When well explored, the pedagogical standpoint of the family spirit will help to revitalise the family as we know it today, which is under many severe attacks and badly wounded. This has progressively put off several people from entering into a lifelong marriage commitment and family life accordingly. Besides engaging learners effectively to perform creditably in their academic work, applying the family spirit as a pedagogical principle also instils in children enviable family values. Once learners, through their routines, acquire the spirit, it will always ring a bell in their minds to seek the preservation of family values, which they have enjoyed in our schools, for future generations, thus sustainably safeguarding the family.

To what extent has your school been a family model? Does it practise the Marist pedagogy of the family spirit? Do you have any objective tools to measure its impact on your learners' academic and social achievements? Do you want to improve upon your gains so far, and how do you intend to improve on them to make your school more Marist? Based on the foregoing reflection questions, we established a significant pace for our subsequent discussions. We will highlight and unpack some key attributes or characteristics of a school that practices a family spirit and how they impact school achievements. We shall undoubtedly connect these psychological traits with our long-standing Marist traditions to arrive at some cogent reflections for educational practices today.



Marists of Champagnat



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE KINDERGARTEN OF CHAMPAGNAT BOUAKÉ

On Monday, December 15, 2025, the kindergarten students of St Marcellin Champagnat School in Bouaké experienced a truly memorable morning filled with joy, laughter, and the magic of Christmas during their early Christmas celebration. The school compound came alive with festive cheer as the children, dressed in colorful and beautifully crafted Christmas costumes, proudly took to the stage and filled the atmosphere with excitement and wonder.

Through traditional Christmas songs, lively dances, and playful skits, the young learners delighted teachers, classmates, and invited guests. Their performances showcased not only their innocence and enthusiasm, but also their confidence and creativity. Each class had prepared a unique presentation, ranging from joyful Christmas carols to short plays retelling the nativity story, helping everyone present to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas—love, sharing, and hope.

The radiant smiles of the children, combined with the warm applause and encouragement from teachers, created a cheerful and heartwarming atmosphere. Moments of laughter and admiration followed each performance, making the celebration a touching experience for all. Beyond the stage performances, the event also featured creative workshops where the children enthusiastically made Christmas decorations, greeting cards, and simple crafts. These handmade items were carefully prepared to

be taken home, allowing the children to share the joy of the season with their families.

This beautiful celebration was also a meaningful opportunity to strengthen the bonds between students and teachers, while nurturing important values such as solidarity, cooperation, and community life, which are central to the educational mission of the school.

Following this joyful event, the kindergarten students have now begun their Christmas and end-of-year holidays, ready to enjoy special moments with their families and loved ones, and to welcome the new year with excitement and hope. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 2026. The entire teaching team warmly wishes all students and their families a festive season filled with happiness, peace, love, and lasting memories.

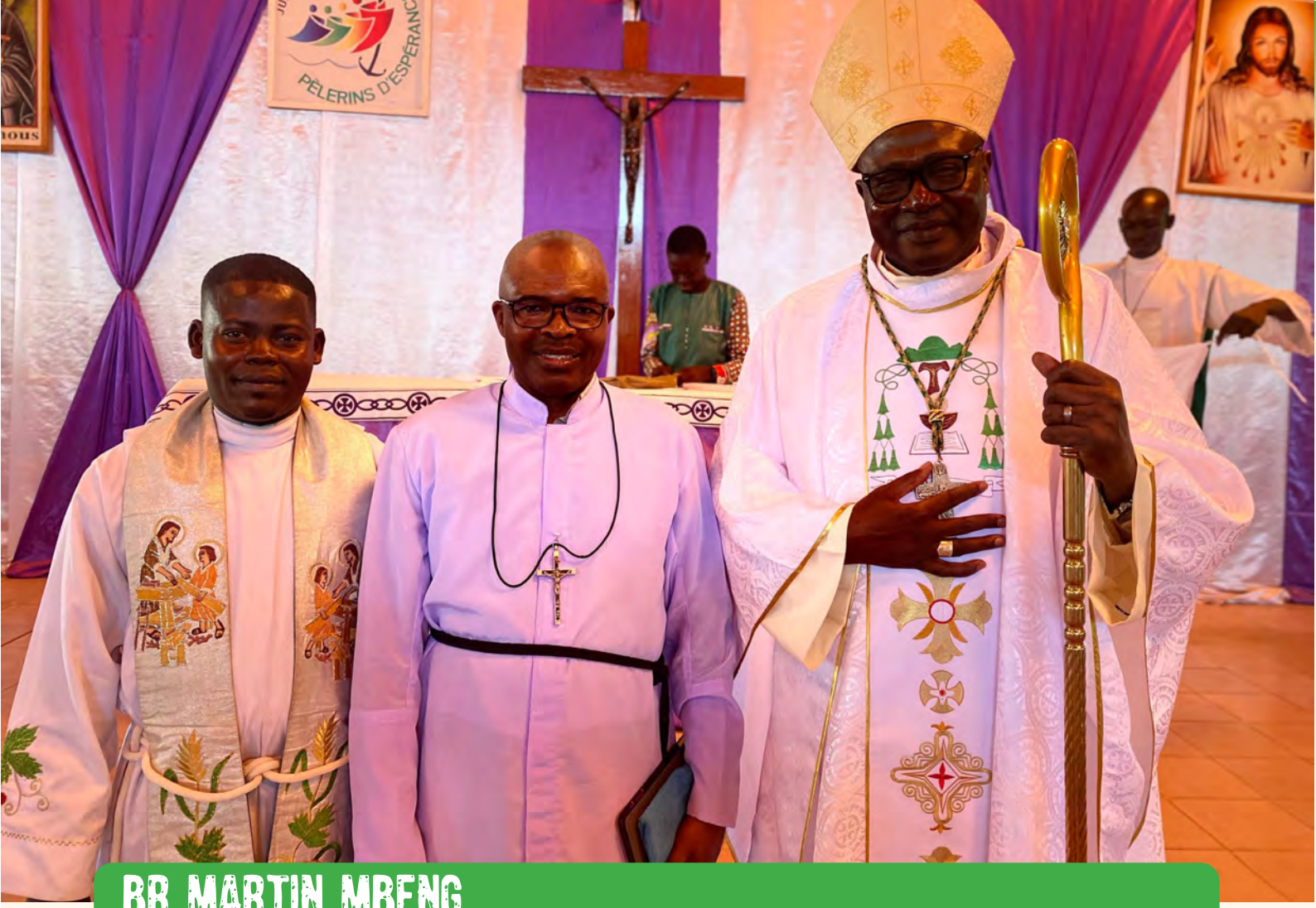












BR MARTIN MBENG
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF RELIGIOUS LIFE IN KOUMRA

On 21st December 2025, the Christian community joyfully gathered in Koumra, Chad, to rejoice in the Lord and give thanks for the 25 years of religious life of Brother Martin Mbeng, Marist Brother. This Silver Jubilee was a moment of profound gratitude, prayer, and celebration for a life faithfully dedicated to God and generously offered in service to others.

The celebration reached its spiritual climax with the Holy Mass, solemnly presided over by the Bishop of the Diocese of Koumra. The Eucharistic celebration provided a sacred space for thanksgiving, inviting all present to recognize God's enduring faithfulness throughout Brother Martin's vocational journey. The presence of the Bishop underscored the importance of religious life in the mission of the Church and highlighted the close communion between the Marist charism and the local Church.

For the past twenty-five years, Brother Martin Mbeng has lived his vocation as a Marist Brother with fidelity, humility, and dedication. Inspired by the spirit of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, he has consistently committed himself to serving his brothers and sisters, especially through a life of simplicity, availability, and service. His journey stands as a testimony to perseverance in faith and a

generous response to God's call.

As the community marked this important milestone, heartfelt gratitude was offered to God for the gift of Brother Martin's life and vocation. This jubilee celebration was not only a remembrance of the past but also a renewed act of trust in God's continuing guidance and grace for the years ahead.

May the Lord continue to bless Brother Martin Mbeng, grant him good health and renewed zeal, and accompany him as he continues to serve the Church and the Marist family with joy and faithfulness.











Marist Brothers Catholic School (MBCS) - Liberia Hosts Successful First P.T.A Meeting





We are delighted to announce that the first-ever Parent-Teacher Association (P.T.A) meeting of Marist Brothers Catholic School was held successfully, marking an important milestone in strengthening collaboration between the school and parents. The meeting recorded an impressive turnout, with parents coming in large numbers to engage meaningfully with the school administration and teaching staff.

During the meeting, the school principal, Brother Daniel, warmly welcomed all parents and took the opportunity to present the mission and vision of Marist Brothers Catholic School. He emphasized the school's dedication to providing quality, holistic education rooted in strong moral values. He highlighted the institution's commitment to academic excellence, spiritual formation, discipline, and character development, all aimed at preparing students to become responsible and well-rounded individuals.

The principal also briefed parents on several key initiatives currently being implemented to enhance teaching and learning within the school community. These initiatives include:

- **Teacher Training Programs:** The school regularly organizes workshops, seminars, and professional development sessions to equip teachers with modern teaching methodologies, innovative instructional strategies, and best educational practices.
- **Infrastructure Development:** Continuous improvements and upgrades are being made to school facilities to ensure a safe, comfortable, and conducive learning environment for all students.
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Students are encouraged to actively participate in sports, clubs, cultural activities, and other co-curricular programs that promote teamwork, leadership skills, creativity, and holistic development.

The meeting also provided a valuable forum for open dialogue, allowing parents to interact directly with teachers and the school administration. Parents were given the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns, and offer constructive suggestions aimed at improving the overall school experience for learners.

The school administration expressed sincere appreciation for the active participation, cooperation, and positive contributions of all parents present. Such engagement reflects a shared commitment to the growth and success of the students.

Marist Brothers Catholic School looks forward to continued collaboration with parents and the wider school community to further strengthen the educational mission of the institution and uphold its reputation as a center of excellence in education.

Stay tuned for more updates on upcoming events, programs, and initiatives at Marist Brothers Catholic School!







Christmas Celebration at Marist Bilingual Schools - Babenga





Marist Comprehensive College – Babenga and Marist Bilingual Primary and Nursery School – Babenga joyfully held their anticipated Christmas celebration today, marking both the festive season and the official end of the first academic term. The event also signaled the departure of pupils and students for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

This year's celebration was particularly historic, as it was the first time that pupils from the nursery and primary sections celebrated together with students from the secondary school in a single, unified ceremony. The occasion beautifully reflected the spirit of togetherness and family that characterizes the Marist educational mission.

The ceremony was graced by the pres-

ence of parents, staff members, and invited guests, whose attendance added warmth and encouragement to the celebration. The audience was treated to a rich and lively programme of presentations prepared by learners from all sections of the school. These included traditional and modern dances, sketches, rhymes, quizzes, and other creative performances, all showcasing the talents, confidence, and enthusiasm of the learners.

The diversity of the presentations highlighted not only the cultural richness of the school community but also the holistic formation offered at Marist Babenga—where academic excellence goes hand in hand with artistic expression, teamwork, and moral values.

One of the most joyful moments of the day was the arrival of Father Christmas, to the delight of the children. Amid smiles and excitement, gifts were distributed to the pupils, adding a special touch of magic and generosity to the celebration and leaving lasting memories in young hearts.

As the ceremony came to a close, the school community expressed gratitude for a successful first term and extended warm wishes to all families for a peaceful, joyful, and blessed Christmas and New Year. The celebration reaffirmed the strong bonds between the nursery, primary, and secondary sections, and strengthened the sense of unity within the Marist Babenga educational family.













Thanksgiving Celebration for the 10th Anniversary of the Final Profession of Br Cho Nchang

On Sunday, 28th December, during the days of the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, the family of Br Cho Nchang organized a celebration and a thanksgiving Mass in Yaoundé to mark the 10th anniversary of his final profession as a Marist Brother. This joyful occasion was an expression of gratitude to God for ten years of faithful commitment to religious life and to the Marist mission.

Br Cho Nchang made his final profession on 17th October 2015 in Bafut, and 17th October 2025 marked the tenth anniversary of this important milestone in his vocational journey. The thanksgiving celebration provided an opportunity to look back with gratitude on these years of grace and service, and to renew trust in God's continuing guidance.

The ceremony began with the celebration of the Holy Mass, which formed the spiritual heart of the event. During the Mass, prayers of thanksgiving were offered for the gift of Br Cho's vocation, his perseverance, and his dedication within the Marist Institute. In his address, Br Cho expressed his heartfelt gratitude to his family members, friends, and well-wishers for their constant support throughout the years. He warmly acknowledged their prayers, encouragement, and sacrifices,

and invited them to continue supporting him whenever he “knocks at their door,” emphasizing the importance of ongoing solidarity in his vocational journey.

The celebration was held within the liturgical context of the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, highlighting the central role of family, faith, and community in nurturing and sustaining a religious vocation. A large number of family members, friends, and well-wishers were in attendance, united in prayer and joy.

After the Holy Mass, the celebration continued with a moment of refreshment, offering participants an opportunity to share fellowship in a relaxed and fraternal atmosphere. This time of conviviality further strengthened bonds and reflected the joy and gratitude that characterized the entire event.

The day was marked by simplicity, communion, and thanksgiving, as all present gave thanks to God for the past ten years and prayed for continued blessings, strength, and fidelity in the life and mission of Br Cho Nchang as a Marist Brother.















Christmas Celebration with the Children of Tatum

On Christmas Day, 25 December 2025, the Marist Brothers in Tatum, Cameroon, organized a joyful Christmas celebration for the children of the village. This meaningful event was made possible through the collaboration and fraternal support of other Marist Brothers from different Marist communities across Cameroon, who came together to celebrate the birth of Christ in a spirit of unity and communion.

The celebration brought together about 500 children from the village, coming from different religious backgrounds. On this special day, differences faded away as the children gathered as one family to share joy, laughter, and the true spirit of Christmas. It was a powerful moment of communion, highlighting the values of fraternity, inclusion, and peace that Christmas represents.

Throughout the day, the children participated in various recreational activities. Games, quizzes, and moments of animation filled the community space with excitement and enthusiasm. The quiz sessions were particularly engaging, and the winners were joyfully rewarded, encouraging participation and learning in a festive atmosphere. Above all, the smiles and laughter of the

children reflected the success of the celebration.

As a sign of love and generosity, each child received a Christmas gift, a gesture that brought immense happiness to the little ones and made the day unforgettable for many. For several children, this celebration was not only a festive moment but also a concrete sign that they are loved, valued, and remembered.

This event stands as a strong testimony to the meaningful presence of the Marist Brothers in this part of Cameroon, especially in a context marked by crisis and numerous challenges. Despite the difficulties, the Brothers continue to accompany children and families, offering hope, joy, and solidarity through simple yet powerful gestures.

The Marist Brothers extend their heartfelt gratitude to all donors, benefactors, and collaborators who contributed in one way or another to the success of this celebration. Your generosity and support made it possible to bring joy to hundreds of children and to keep the Christmas spirit alive in Tatum.

May the Child Jesus continue to bring joy, peace, and fulfillment to all, and may this celebration inspire renewed commitment to serving the most vulnerable, especially children, with love and dedication.









Christmas Carol Celebration at Marist Brothers Catholic School, Kpan Town





Marist Brothers Catholic School joyfully celebrated the spirit of Christmas with a vibrant Christmas Carol Ceremony held on Friday, 19th December 2025, at the school campus in Kpan Town, Liberia. The event marked a beautiful send-off for students and staff as they prepared to begin the Christmas and New Year holidays.

The celebration brought together pupils, teachers, and school staff in an atmosphere filled with joy, music, and festive cheer. Through the singing of traditional and contemporary Christmas carols, the students expressed the true meaning of Christmas—love, peace, sharing, and hope. Their melodious voices echoed throughout the school, cre-

ating a warm and prayerful environment that touched everyone present.

Beyond singing, the programme was enriched with joyful dances, short presentations, and moments of storytelling that highlighted the birth of Christ and the values He brings to the world. The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by the students reflected not only their talents but also the dedication of their teachers who guided and prepared them for the event.

The Christmas Carol Celebration was more than an end-of-term activity; it was a moment of community, gratitude, and spiritual renewal. It reminded everyone of the Marist mission of educating young people in faith, simplicity, and love, especially during this sacred season.

As the school closed its doors for the holidays, the entire Marist Brothers Catholic School family extended warm wishes to all students, parents, and staff. May the Christmas season bring peace to every home, renewed strength to families, and abundant blessings for the coming year.







Foundation Day of the Marist Institute Celebrated in Côte d'Ivoire

On Friday, 2 January 2026, the Marist Brothers living and working in Côte d'Ivoire gathered at the Korhogo Community to celebrate the 209th anniversary of the foundation of the Marist Institute. This significant commemoration marked 209 years of Marist life and mission, from 2 January 1817 to 2 January 2026, and provided an opportunity for thanksgiving, fraternity, and renewed commitment to the Marist charism.

A Celebration Rooted in Gratitude

The celebration began with a solemn Eucharistic celebration, offered in thanksgiving to God for the gift of the Marist Institute and its mission in the Church and in the world. The Holy Mass was a moment of deep spiritual significance, allowing the Brothers to recall the origins of the Institute and to give thanks for the grace that has sustained it over more than two centuries.

The Eucharist also served as a moment of remembrance and prayer for all Marist Brothers—past and present—who have dedicated their lives to education, evangelization, and service, particularly in the African context.

Presence of the Local Church and Religious Family

The celebration was enriched by the presence of priests from the parish as well as religious sisters, who were warmly invited and graciously accepted to share in this important milestone. Their participation highlighted the strong bonds of commu-

nion between the Marist Brothers, the local Church, and other religious congregations, and reflected the spirit of collaboration that characterizes consecrated life and pastoral mission in Côte d'Ivoire.

Fraternal Sharing and Conviviality

Following the Eucharistic celebration, the gathering continued with a moment of conviviality and fraternal sharing. A shared meal provided an opportunity for informal exchanges, joyful conversations, and the strengthening of brotherly and ecclesial relationships. This time of fellowship embodied the Marist values of simplicity, family spirit, and hospitality.

Renewing the Marist Commitment

The celebration of the 209th Foundation Day was not only a remembrance of the past but also a renewal of commitment to the Marist mission today. In a context marked by educational, social, and pastoral challenges, the Marist Brothers in Côte d'Ivoire reaffirmed their desire to continue serving young people, especially the most vulnerable, in fidelity to the vision of Saint Marcellin Champagnat.

This anniversary celebration in Korhogo stood as a meaningful moment of gratitude, unity, and hope, strengthening the Marist family as it continues its mission in Côte d'Ivoire and beyond.











African Marist Leaders Meet in Ghana for Mission Review and Planning

From 12th to 14th January 2026, the Conference of Superiors of the African Continent (CSAC) held a three-day meeting dedicated to evaluation, reflection, and strategic planning for the Marist mission in Africa. The gathering took place at the Arnold Johnson Spirituality Centre in Tuba, Ghana, one of the countries within the Marist Province of West Africa, giving special significance to the event for the Province.

The meeting brought together major leaders of the Marist Institute in Africa and was honoured by the presence of the Superior General, Br. Peter Carroll, whose participation highlighted the importance of the African continent in the life and future of the Institute.

The sessions were marked by deep collaboration and shared responsibility through the work of several commissions meeting concurrently. The Finance Commission, joined by the Assistant Econome General, Br. Goyo Linacero, reflected on financial sustainability and responsible stewardship of resources. The African Mission Commission focused particularly on Safeguarding and Child Protection, benefit-

ing from the expertise of Andrea de Rossi, Director of FMSI. At the same time, the Lay Marists Commission, animated by Manuel Gómez, reflected on the growing and essential role of lay people in living and promoting the Marist charism.

Following the meetings, participants undertook visits to various Marist works and formation houses in Accra, Kumasi, and Obuasi. These visits included Our Good Mother School, St. Marcellin Champagnat School, and the Marist Preparatory School. The group also visited the Marist Postulancy and Novitiate in Kumasi, where they encountered the vitality and hope represented by young Marists in formation.

Speaking at the conclusion of the meeting, Br. Moses Fegher, Provincial of Nigeria, emphasized that the gathering had strengthened fraternity among the leaders and helped to clarify priorities and direction for the Marist mission across Africa.

For the Marist Province of West Africa, hosting this continental meeting was a moment of pride, encouragement, and renewed commitment to continue serving children and young people with fidelity to the vision of St. Marcellin Champagnat.





MPS Celebrates Career Day to Inspire Students Future Aspirations

The MPS recently hosted a vibrant and inspiring Career Day celebration, aimed at helping students explore various professional pathways and encouraging them to dream boldly about their futures. The event was marked by enthusiasm, creativity, and active student participation across all levels.

On this special day, students came to school dressed in attire representing their future career aspirations. The school grounds were transformed into a lively display of professions, with students portraying lawyers, teachers, medical doctors, nurses, soldiers, religious men and women, and many other careers. Each outfit reflected the students' interests and ambitions, making the celebration both educational and visually engaging.

Career Day provided an important opportunity for students to reflect on their talents, passions, and long-term goals. Through this activity, learners were encouraged to understand that education plays a key role in achieving their dreams, regardless of the profession they choose. Teachers guided students in discussions about the responsibilities, values, and skills associated with different careers, helping them gain a clearer understanding of the world of work.

The event also promoted self-confidence, creativity, and communication skills, as many students proudly explained their chosen professions to classmates and

teachers. This interaction fostered mutual respect for different vocations and highlighted the dignity of all forms of work.



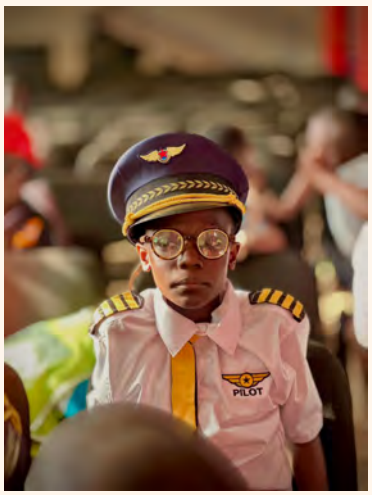
The school administration and teaching staff commended the students for their creativity and commitment, as well as parents for their support in preparing the children for the event. Career Day at MPS was not only a celebration but also a meaningful learning experience that reinforced the importance of setting goals and working diligently toward them.

MPS remains committed to nurturing students holistically by providing opportunities that inspire academic growth, character formation, and responsible decision-making. The Career Day celebration stands as a testament to the school's dedication to preparing students for a purposeful and successful future.



More activities and educational events will continue to be organized to support students in discovering and developing their God-given talents.











THE SUPERIOR GENERAL AND OTHER GUESTS VISIT ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT SCHOOL, BUOKROM - ESTATE

On 15th January 2026, St. Marcellin Champagnat School, Buokrom-Estate, Kumasi, had the honour of welcoming the Superior General, Br. Peter Carroll, accompanied by Provincials and their Bursars of the African Region, as well as members of the Africa Mission Commission.

The distinguished visitors were received with great warmth and enthusiasm by the school administration, staff, and students, reflecting the strong sense of Marist family and hospitality that characterizes the institution. The visit provided an opportunity for mutual exchange, encouragement, and appreciation of the educational mission being carried out at the school.

During the visit, the Superior General expressed his satisfaction with the work being done and encouraged the entire school community to persevere in their commitment to quality education, with particular commendation for the efforts of the school administration. He highlighted the importance of remaining faithful to the Marist spirit of presence, simplicity, and service in the daily life of the school.

The visit was a moment of joy and motivation for the St. Marcellin Champagnat School family, strengthening their resolve to continue offering holistic education inspired by the vision of St. Marcellin Champagnat. The school community expressed gratitude for the visit, which served as a source of renewed inspiration and encouragement for the mission entrusted to them.





The Grain of Wheat That Falls to Earth: A Tribute to Brother Destin Gueradi

The spiritual journey of a religious man is often compared to a candle, consuming itself to bring light to others. On the 7th of January 2026, within the sacred Cathedral premises of the Diocese of Koumra, the light of Brother Destin Gueradi transitioned from this earthly realm to the eternal glow of God's presence.

His departure felt like a sunset at high noon. Having passed away on the 4th of January 2026 following a brief illness, his death at the young age of 35 left a void that words struggle to fill. The air was heavy with the weight of "why?" and "how?" Yet, in this space of sorrow, a powerful counterpoint rose to sanctify the grief. From the pulpit to the pews, a chorus of testimony emerged, painting a portrait of a life measured not in years, but in impact.

We heard of his patience with struggling students, his steadfast kindness, and a dedication that transformed simple acts into profound ministry. The magnitude of the gathering served as his truest eulogy; more than 2,000 people converged to honor him, including the Bishop of Koumra, local clergy, and religious men and women. His biological family stood in the strength of their faith, surrounded by the students of Marie Ketal who viewed him as their spiritual compass.

The Marist Brothers of the Koumra Community translated their grief into a vibrant and befitting homage. Though the Provincial of West Africa could not attend due to the suddenness of the news and visa constraints, his paternal care was faithfully represented by Brother Cho Nchang, a Provincial Councilor. This presence was a living sign that the entire Marist family encircled the community in solidarity.



In the face of such a loss, we acknowledge that we cannot fully comprehend the mystery of providence, yet we trust that God loved him more than we did. As the final blessing ascended, our mission became clear: we are now the keepers of the light he ignited.

"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." (John 11:25)

A Dieu, mon cher ami. You lived your life as a gift to be lent—to your students, your brothers, and your world. Now, the Lender of all good things has welcomed you home. We entrust your soul to God and pray for the consolation of all who mourn. Until we meet again in the eternal community of saints, rest in the perfect peace of Christ.

Br Cho Nchang



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