

## Chapter Day 14

### Election of the Superior General of the Marist Brothers

On Tuesday the Marist Brothers, who are gathered for their General Chapter in Rionegro, Colombia, elected Brother Ernesto Sánchez, of the Province of México Occidental, as the XIV Superior General of the Institute of the Marist Brothers of the Schools. Br Ernesto was a councilor in the recent General Administration.



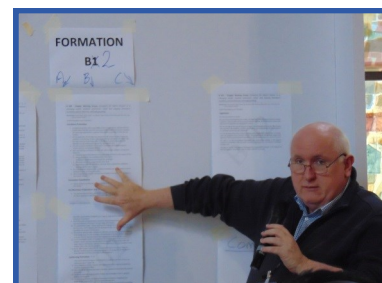
Brs Seán Sammon, Ernesto Sánchez and Emili Turú

Warmhearted congratulations to Brother Ernesto and to all the Marist Brothers !!

The Chapter began the day by sharing overnight thoughts and dreams. Most who commented spoke warmly of Monday's discussions with the representatives of Marist Laity. Bev and Michel then returned to the speakers' table to lead Chapter discussion on 'What Accompaniment by the Society of Mary are we asking for?' and 'How can Lay Marists and SM Fathers / Brothers mutually enrich each other?'

Subsequently the Chapter had a 'fish bowl exercise' where Bev and Michel and a small table group continued the discussion with the rest observing and sometimes jumping into one of the two empty chairs at the table to take part. Working Groups then met to consider implications of all this for their topic areas.

The afternoon saw the Working Groups in action again with drafts of their documents appearing on the display boards of the Chapter Hall and being emailed to the delegates. The Chapter met again in the evening plenary for a report back and the opportunity to sound out the whole group on any topics needing further advise.



On Wednesday morning the capitulants and staff of the General Chapter are participating in the Papal Audience at St Peter's.

