

Marist Brothers Elect New Superior General in Rome, Br. Emili Turu

26 September 2009 was chosen as the day for electing the new Superiors to preside over the Congregation for the next eight years.

The members of the General House were surprised with the speed with which the capitulants chose Brother Emili Turú as thirteenth successor of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. Scarcely half an hour had passed after the doors were closed on those voting, when the bell rang to announce that voting was over and the choice had been made. The Brothers of the house immediately gathered to greet and congratulate the new Superior General.



With Brother Emili carrying a reliquary of Saint Marcellin, capitulants and other Brothers processed to the church to give thanks to God and to Mary for the new Superior General.

Brother Sean Sammon officially presented the new Superior to the Brothers and to the Marist world. Brother Emili's first words, in English, expressed his strong and varied emotions. "I hope I will not disappoint the many Brothers and lay people who have placed their hopes in me". After these few words, the assembly intoned the Magnificat thanking God through Mary for the gift of the new Superior General. This simple act of community and family concluded with the singing of the chapter song "A new heart," composed by Brothers Maurice Goutagny (songwriter) and Miquel Cubeles (composer).

A notice, accompanied by a photograph, circulated rapidly, by means of the web page, around the Marist world. Numerous messages of salutation and congratulation immediately began to arrive.



Newly-elected Marist Leadership processing in front of the outgoing Marist Leadership of the Congregation during the prayer service.