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OBJECTIVES 2022-2025

Introduction

“Let it be done to me, according to your word.”

Mary accepted the call of the Lord, responding to the world’s deepest needs, and placing her full self at the Lord’s disposal. Our times call us to a similar response, as a Marianist Family. The many challenges of our world, be they social, environmental, faith-related, or even considering the new realities brought about by the pandemic, present many opportunities, even new ones, in which we may respond.

The World Council has reflected upon these times, and our response to them. Mindful of a renewed call toward synodality we have formulated a series of OBJECTIVES that will guide our work as a family for the next four years.

A. WORKING TOWARD A MARIANIST FAMILY THAT GIVES LIFE IN ABUNDANCE

The challenges of today, and our understanding of our role as a Family, require a progressive adaptation of our structures and methods to respond adequately to our charismatic mission. To this end, the World Council will:

1. Reflect on how it operates, with an openness to adjust and adapt as necessary. This could include studying and adopting new structures for itself, in order to infuse new life into the Family.
2. Seek opportunities to dialogue with the national Family Councils for mutual support and better service to the Family.

Some of the areas of dialogue are:

- The role of the Family Council
- Its structures and organization
- Its capacity to reach its entire geographical region and to fulfil its mission
- Its collaboration with others who are inspired by our charism without belonging to our Charismatic Family.

B. ORIENTED BY THE SAME SPIRIT OF MISSION

We consider two priority work areas with their respective lines of action:

1. YOUNG PEOPLE

- a. to encourage national and local councils to promote pastoral ministry among young people, as well as vocation ministry,
 - offering spaces for silence and prayer
 - developing a ministry even beyond the secondary school stage.
- b. to support the development of pastoral care with young adults by creating work teams in collaboration with other members at the national and/or local level. In this context, promote all Marianist vocations.
- c. to invite to open spaces for dialogue, at the national and local level; to share experiences and resources on ministry with young people, especially with young adults.

2. JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION:

- a. to invite and encourage all members and components of the Family to live according to the spirit of *Laudato sí* and to register on its platform.¹
- b. to reflect on the connection between our charism and *Laudato si*;
- c. to care for relationships between people at all levels, with special attention to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged; following the spirit of *Laudato sí* and *Fratelli tutti* and letting ourselves be inspired by Mary's attitudes.

C. STRENGTHEN THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION TO DEVELOP A COMMON FORMATION

To achieve this goal, we propose:

1. to promote formation processes that engage the whole person in a process of transformation, without being limited to a theoretical aspect;
2. to collaborate in the formation of the formators necessary for each of the branches;
3. to commit ourselves to the development of existing formation structures (Continental Marianist Studies Centers, formation houses, etc.), whenever this is appropriate;
4. promote the study of important charismatic themes to strengthen our identity and mission.

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¹ <https://laudatosi'actionplatform.org/>