



Guidelines for the Celebration of the Commencement of the Year of Marist Vocations



20 May 2022

The Brothers Today Secretariat gladly shares with you, Marists of Champagnat, this simple guide to celebrate the Launching of the Year of Marist Vocations on May 20, 2022 (or on any date that you have chosen to do so). The idea is to have a uniform celebration all over the Institute; thus, reinforcing the sense of being a global family. This could be used by communities, fraternities, groups, associations, ministries, and the like. However, we also respect the unique context of each administrative unit; therefore, do feel free to adapt this guide accordingly.

A. Resources

1. Unlighted **candle** (and lighter).
2. Live **PLANT** in a pot, preferably one which has new shoots. The size will be in proportion to the room. This plant will serve as the **LIVING SYMBOL** of the Year of Marist Vocations, visible **THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**, to be cared for and nourished.
3. **Logo** of the Year of Marist Vocations (size depends on the space where the gathering is to take place)
4. Pieces of **paper**, size is $\frac{1}{4}$ of A4 (or letter), each participant will have at least 2. If possible, they should be in different colors. They will be given out along with the pens before the start of the celebration.
5. **Ballpens** or colored pens.
6. Music **player**.
7. Other **Marist symbols**.
8. Copy of the **prayer guide** for each one, either printed or sent to his/her mobile phone.
9. If a participant is keeping a **journal**, he/she could also use it to write his/her reflection.

B. Setup

1. A spot in the center or in front (e.g., a small table), where the unlighted candle, the logo and the plant can be placed.
2. Circular, fan-shape, or U-shape seating arrangement, with space for movement during the small group sharing.

C. Online Resources

We are suggesting some songs to be used. They are available on YouTube (the links are provided). The music files are also sent along with this guide. However, if you wish to use songs more appropriate to your context, please feel free to do so.

1. Veni Sancte Spiritus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X8lnAi-PEco>
2. Ubi Caritas: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2o27qpvfUc>
3. Sub Tuum Praesidium: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GE62LN0p_o

D. Site

More resources and information on the Year of the Marist Vocation can be found on the Institute's website at <https://bit.ly/3MJBNtt>