



## PARTICIPANTS FROM AMÉRICA SUR LETTER TO THE MARISTS OF THE REGION

**D**uring these days we have gathered in Rome as lay women, lay men and brothers coming from different parts of the Marist Institute. We have come with open hearts, following the intuition of Champagnat, who taught us to have unlimited trust in the intercession of our Good Mother.

The word that has struck us most during this meeting is RUAH (Spirit), the breath of life, the breath of God. We have spoken a lot about sensing this prompting, which has made restless and inspired us to continue our journey with audacity.

In this face-to-face stage of the Lay Marist Vocation Forum, we have come together to reflect on and share the richness of our experiences. This will continue over the next few years

We have the joy of communicating 4 items of good news to you



- The Marist vocation is a precious way of living out Champagnat's charism, bringing the Gospel to life in Mary's way, as lay people or brothers.



- We believe that it is necessary to undertake a process of formation and accompaniment so that this lay vocation may be relevant, meaningful and prophetic in today's world.
- We are all invited to commit ourselves when we know that our time has come.
- We look forward to good times ahead when the Church and the world will recognise that the lay Marist vocation is a way of life that makes us happy.

We have a journey to make and determine together, open to the gifts of the Spirit, with an attitude of acceptance and docility like Mary.

We lay people and brothers who have participated in the Forum warmly invite you too to make the lay Marist vocation your life project in the present and in the future.

