



WORKSHEET 3: “REFERENCES OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY”

MOTIVATION - (10')

In the waiting area, listen to the song “We are also Church” by Kairoi, we can project or hand out the lyrics; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMRfWhG6wc8> (lyrics file document)

Dynamics: Project or share through cell phones, a short video with images that sensitize their closeness to people and different life situations, which as human beings and church we are called to attend, we invite them to keep one of the images observed, we share and express in brainstorming which one they chose (video file).

The charisms of the founders were understood as a gift for the Institute they created. Today, from a new ecclesial vision, the charisms are conceived as a gift for the Church. Marcellin’s spirituality and mission is not exclusive to the brothers, but is open to all those people, men and women, who want to embody Marist values in their lives, who want to participate, each from his or her own place, in Marcellin’s founding project. ¹

“For just as in one body we have many members, but not all members have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and all members one of another” Romans 12:4-5.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE THIRD SESSION (5')

MAIN OBJECTIVE:

To reflect on the documents and messages of the Church and society, in order to discover how the Marist Mission is responding to these calls in and on behalf of children and youth, especially the most vulnerable.

SESSION OBJECTIVES

- To know the Message of Pope Francis, through the summary of the Encyclical Fratellii Tutty and Laudato Si, in order to reflect on what we can dream or project as Marists.
- To know and reflect on documents of the Social Doctrine of the Church as a source of the defense of human rights.
- Reflect and generate contributions of what we dream and project as an Institute and the Marist Mission to respond and remain in tune with the commitment of the church and society.

3. WORKING DYNAMICS WITH THE BASIC TEXT (45')

We are going to read and reflect on the prepared documents, maintaining the criterion of Pope Francis in the synod that tells us that: “We are called to unity, communion and fraternity (...) Therefore, we walk together as one People of God, to experience a Church that receives and lives the gift of unity, and that is open to the voice of the Spirit”. ²

¹ History Institute - Champagnat

² Speech of Pope Francis, New Synod Hall, Saturday, October 9, 2021 - Vatican Publishing House

- In a creative way we will divide into 4 groups, we suggest to form them with images related to the reflection document, (group division file) Fratelli Tutti, Laudato Sí, Social Doctrine of the Church and Letters of Pope Francis to the Marists.
- In each group, the corresponding document is handed out, and the group reading is shared in a leisurely manner, appointing one person to make notes under the following task:
 - What are the key words of the text, we write them on different papers, they will be useful for the sharing of all the groups.
 - What resonates with us as we read the text?
 - We discuss and summarize the message and present it to the whole group.

The basic text of each group is attached in this worksheet. It can be printed (one per group or per participant) or shared digitally for your reading.



The letter is called “Fratelli Tutti”, i.e. “Brothers All”; it is the title of Pope Francis’ third encyclical, which was signed on October 3, 2020, addressed to his own brothers and sisters to encourage them to follow Jesus Christ. It is a social meditation on the Good Samaritan, who recognizes love and care as the sublime law, and offers us creative social friendship as a model.

Praised be to you, in English is the title of Pope Francis’ second encyclical, signed on May 24, the Solemnity of Pentecost, 2015, and presented on June 18

of the same year. The encyclical focuses on planet Earth as the place where people live, defending nature, animal life and energy reforms in the six composite chapters; it presents the subtitle: On Care for the Common Home.



Audience of Pope Francis with the participants of the General Conference, together with all the Provincials and District Superiors, to dialogue and discern on the present and future of the Marist Institute. March 24, 2022

The ISD can be defined as the set of principles and values that the Church has rescued and proposed based on the Gospel, to address the social, political and economic reality of all humanity and thus make an attempt to solve the various problems of this kind.



4. TIME TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND REALITIES (15')

Set the atmosphere in the room, placing a drawing of the world on the floor, on the wall or on the blackboard. The size of the key words will depend on this drawing, and we will use this detail in the sentence.

We invite the group participants to first announce the key words and place them in the world, in order of each group. After that the secretaries share the message with us.

With this reflection we project again the video of the images to raise awareness and move on to the next moment, keeping the same groups.

5. IT'S TIME TO DREAM AND PROJECT: (30')

After a quiet reading of the texts proposed throughout this sheet and, from your own experience and knowledge on the subject, we invite the same groups to dream, propose and project, answering the following questions:

How well articulated are we with the local Church, and what could we strengthen or promote as Mari-sts?

What challenges do we have to generate articulation with local and/or national organizations, especially for the defense of human rights, especially those of children and youth?

Each group generates a short prayer in the context of what they have reflected on.

6. PRAYER TIME (15')

- **Around the world that we built with the words and the initial message that inspired the moment, we begin our prayer and read Psalm 126.**

Certainly, a solid society is born of the commitment of all its members, but it needs the blessing and help of God, who is often excluded or ignored.

PSALM 126: Human effort is useless without God

1. Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders weary themselves in vain; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchmen keep watch in vain.

2. It is useless for you to get up early, to stay up late, to eat the bread of your sweat: God gives it to his friends while they sleep!

3. The inheritance the Lord gives is

children; their wages, the fruit of the womb:

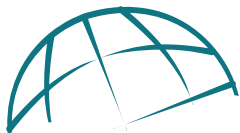
4. The children of youth are arrows in the hand of a warrior.

5. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them: he will not be defeated when he fights his adversary in the marketplace.

- After a few minutes, each group reads their prayer slowly and places what they have dreamed and planned for the Institute at the foot of the altar (if they see fit, they read the questions).
- We ended the moment of prayer by singing "We are all Church".

We thank you for your presence and invite you to share the final file.

TIME TO DREAM AND PROJECT:



**HOW WELL ARTICULATED ARE WE WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH,
AND WHAT COULD WE STRENGTHEN OR PROMOTE AS MARISTS?**



**WHAT CHALLENGES DO WE HAVE TO GENERATE ARTICULATION WITH
LOCAL AND/OR NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE
DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF CHILDREN AND
YOUTH?**

