



WORKSHEET 4: WE CELEBRATE THE ROAD WE HAVE TRAVELED, WE DREAM AND PROJECT THE FUTURE AS A GLOBAL FAMILY

3RD MARIST INTERNATIONAL MISSION ASSEMBLY

NOTE IN RELATION TO SHEET 4:

The animation team for the preparation of MIMA III in the Province should have the synthesis of the contributions of each work from worksheets one (1) to three (3) and with it will make a single synthesis of the contributions of all the works. This will serve as an instrument of reflection for worksheet 4.

1. MOTIVATION

Setting: Prepare an altar that inspires interiority; some covers of the [Messages of the Marist International Mission Commission on Marist Mission in the World](#).

To open the session: you can start with the following video: [Champagnat's dream](#).

Foresee: Summary of the contributions of encounters using worksheets 1 to 3 around the identified Marist life, dreams, challenges and possible projections for the Mission.

Estimated time: 1 hr 30 minutes to 2 hours.

On December 24, 2020, the year in which the Covid 19 coronavirus pandemic began, Brother Luis Carlos Gutiérrez, Vicar General, sent to the Marist world, on behalf of the International Commission on Marist Mission (CIMM), a message conveying us the way in which as a Commission they would seek to instill hope and positivity in those difficult times we were going through as humanity. It was decided to promote a process, keeping in mind four important points of view:

- An attentive look at the emerging realities and challenges that we live as humanity and that are related to the Marist mission;
- Another look at the calls of the General Chapter and the Strategic Plan of the General Administration with the desire to respond to them, with Champagnat's passion in our hearts and Mary's gaze;
- Another look at the areopagus, the channels and agents of the mission: basic education, social services, universities, publishing houses, youth ministry, volunteer work, ecology, solidarity, migrations, rights of children and adolescents, development of human;
- potential, sustainability, evangelization, new frontiers, networks, secretariats, departments, regional and

- provincial leadership for the mission;
- A fourth look, participatory and inclusive, towards all those who do the mission, to all the children and young people of the world, to all the impoverished and excluded, to all the elderly, to all those we educate and evangelize, loving Jesus Christ with all our passion.

Using the “appreciative inquiry” method, from November 2020 to May 2023, the CIMM, made up of brothers and lay men and women from all continents, as well as with the collaboration of other invited Marists of Champagnat, promoted a process around themes relevant to the Marist Mission.

This process led them to listen, understand and propose, as a global family. The fruit of this process is found in XX CIMM Messages that were disseminated to all the Provinces through the Provincials and District Superiors/ Regional Executive Secretaries/ Provincial Coordinators of Mission, Education or Pastoral Ministry. The messages were intended to be:

- a reason for hope,
- a reason to grow,
- a text that makes us uneasy and provokes us,
- a grateful and positive view of the present and
- a realistic or provocative dream of the future of the mission.

Undoubtedly, this process initiated in the context of the pandemic and facilitated by the digital media that brought us closer to all the Marists of Champagnat in the world, overcoming borders and languages, left fertile ground to undertake this path of preparation for the 3rd Marist International Mission Assembly. In this same spirit, let us prepare ourselves to celebrate, to dream and to project together as a GLOBAL FAMILY the Marist mission for the coming years.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE FOURTH SESSION:

MAIN OBJECTIVE

Encouraged by the journey we have made as Marists of Champagnat until today, we discern, dream and project the future of the Marist Mission.

SESSION OBJECTIVES

- To be grateful for the journey that we Marists have made as a global family in Mission until today.
- To listen to the cries and emerging realities that children and youth live in the world and that, as heirs of Champagnat’s charism, urge us to act.
- To discern and dream the calls of the Marist Mission for the years to come.
- To identify action strategies to realize the prioritized dreams as a global charismatic family.

3. WORK DYNAMICS

For the session we are proposing several moments:

- Moment of initial prayer
- Personal prayerful work
- Small group work and plenary
- Closing of the process and final prayer

MOMENT OF INITIAL PRAYER (10’):

We propose to begin with a brief moment of interiority in a group that can be followed by personal work, in order to prepare the contribution to the 3rd Marist International Mission Assembly.

PERSONAL PRAYERFUL WORK (20’):

In a spirit of prayer and discernment we invite you to:

- I. **Reflect the contributions made in the meetings in which worksheets 1 to 3 were worked on:**
 - 1.1 Read the summary of the contributions gathered during the previous 3 sessions.

- 1.2 Identify what resonates with you from that text around:
 - a. **A Marist option** or commitment in the journey we have made as a global Marist family, throughout these years, that we can celebrate and be grateful for. Recognize an example of how this has been lived in a concrete way at the Provincial/ Regional/ Global level.
 - b. **One or two challenges** to be addressed as a priority as Marists in the coming years. Specify: What vital needs are behind these challenges for the children, adolescents and young people who have been entrusted to us?
 - c. **One or two dreams** that respond to these challenges.

I. II. Deepen:

- 2.1 Bring to your mind the faces of children and youth you know who are living emerging realities that today threaten their dignity or the guarantee of their rights. Choose one or two of these realities.
- 2.2. What would be Champagnat's dream in front of them? Does it coincide with any of the dreams that came up in worksheets 1 to 3? Summarize in one or two dreams.
- 2.3 What strategies can we carry out as Marists to contribute to transform these realities in a decisive way and as a Global family?

4. TIME TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND REALITIES (40')

A. Work in small groups

4 or 5 people in order to give everyone the opportunity to listen and share (20').

To be provided: a group facilitator and a secretary.

Dynamics:

1. Each participant shares from personal reflection his or her response to the questions:
 - 1.2.a Today's options of the Marist journey to celebrate and give thanks.
 - 1.2.b Challenges and needs of children and youths
 - 2.a. Priority emerging realities.
2. To share in plenary: Each group chooses two aspects of each question. The answers are placed on strips of paper.

The secretary gives the complete notes of everything shared in the group to the facilitator of the session.

B. Plenary: The teams share their conclusions and prioritize 2 challenges and needs and 2 emerging realities (20').

5. IT'S TIME TO DREAM AND PROJECT (40')

1. Again in small groups (20')

- A. The answer to the questions is shared:
 - 2.2 Dreams for the Marist Mission.
 - 2.3 What can we do as a global family in Mission (projections), worked on in the personal moment.
- A. A dialogue is opened in which, considering the contributions made in the previous plenary and what was shared by each one at this moment, the team can propose 2 Dreams and 2 priority projections to continue walking in a decisive way as a global family in Mission in the coming years.

2. Plenary:

1. Teams share their answers.
2. In plenary, we choose 2 or 3 dreams and possible courses of action that can mobilize and challenge us in the coming years as a global charismatic family in Mission which will be sent on behalf of the Province to MIMA III in Spain, in 2024. (20')

6. CLOSING PRAYER AND CLOSING OF THE PROCESS (20')

Objective of this moment:

- To thank and celebrate the journey that we have made over the years as a global family in Mission and that we have been able to remember and recognize throughout these 4 working encounters.
- To close this process initiated in communion with other Provinces.
- Put MIMA III in Spain in God's hands.

WE AFFIRM THE PRAYER OF THE XXII GENERAL CHAPTER:

Transform us, Jesus, and send us as a global charismatic family, a beacon of hope in this troubled world, to be the face and hands of your tender mercy. Inspire our creativity to be bridge builders, to walk with children and young people on the margins of life, and to respond boldly to emerging needs.

WE CLOSE WITH THE SONG: YOU WILL BE TODAY CHAMPAGNAT

