



Home for all river of Life

PREPARATORY PROCESS OF THE 23RD GENERAL CHAPTER

PHASE 1: October-November 2024

At this moment we want to encourage personal reflection and fraternity dialogue to share life, with a special emphasis on the vocational components.

We wish to recognize the experiences or situations which generate Marist life; how we identify the loving presence of God; which elements of our life and spirituality we can be improved.

Finally, we want to discover which paths we are called to follow to revitalize our Marist life.

No synthesis is required at this early stage. In case you wish to share you can use the [Skool](#) digital platform.



Opening prayer

All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat; Come, buy grain without money, wine and milk without cost! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what does not satisfy? Only listen to me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Is 55:1-2

Help us, Loving Jesus, to ensure that, like Notre Dame de l'Hermitage, each of our Marist ministries, Marist communities, and individual Marist hearts may always be 'A Home for All' and a 'River of Life.' Amen.

Personal time and dialogue

Use the following two questions as a first round of Conversations in the Spirit.

1. *What aspects of your life (personal and in community) brings your life? Name one or two experiences that, in the last eight years, make you feel the sense of family as a brother/lay person.*
2. *What makes you feel the presence of God in your daily life? Name one or two experiences that, in the last eight years, make you feel that God is calling you.*

Use the following question as motivation for a second round of Conversation in the Spirit.

3. After this sharing:
 - *What aspects of our fraternal life and our Spirituality, can be improved to have better care our Marist life?*
 - *How can I/we revitalize Marist Life in our concrete situation?*

Closing prayer

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

(from the Message of the XXII General Chapter, Rio Negro, Colombia, October 2017)

