



INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE LAY MARIST VOCAATION

STAGE II

July 2021 - June 2022

WELCOMING, NURTURING, LIVING AND SHARING OUR VOCATION.

Theme 0

Opening and organization

LOCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS GATHERINGS

OPENING MOMENT OF THE JOURNEY AND ORGANISATION OF THE GROUP

1. Objectives:

- a) To present an overview of the proposal and the process of the International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation and, specifically, its local phase.
- b) To get involved and play an active role in the experience of the International Forum.
- c) To organise the internal dynamics of the group meetings that will be the venue for the dialogue and reflection of the International Forum in its local phase.

2. Process

a) Motivation Activity

- The group gathers in a circle and places a large image of the Forum logo (without the text) in the centre. (see appendix)
- In addition, each member of the community has a marker pen and two medium-sized pieces of paper to write on.
- The facilitator invites them to look at the image in silence and asks: What do we imagine when we see this image? What comes to mind when we look at it?
- They write down one idea on a piece of paper using one or two words. If they have a second idea, they use the second piece of paper. They do this in silence, without sharing.
- When the facilitator indicates it, everyone places their papers around the logo and reads what they have said.
- They are invited to share their feelings and impressions of the fruits of the activity.
- This leads to the reading of the letters...

b) Shared reading of the letter of invitation from Br. Ernesto Sanchez and the introduction from the Secretariat of the Laity. Reactions to these are shared. (see annexes).

c) Overview of the Phases of the International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation. (the powerpoint may be helpful)

d) Organisation for the meetings:

It is important for the group to make a plan to ensure good progress on the proposed work of reflection and to be able to meet the deadlines. The Province Lay Ministry Team may give other indications suited to the local context and organise the process differently. In any case, we suggest that the following points be agreed upon at this meeting:

- Review the resources for the meetings: 4 on topics and 1 to prepare a summary,
- Organise the way they will meet (virtual or face-to-face),
- Draw up the timetable for the meetings,
- Allocate the time needed for each of the meetings according to the topic sheets,
- Share out the roles (leaders, secretaries, prayer ...),
- It is very important to define the role of the Secretary well, because in each meeting he/she will be the one to take notes of the ideas expressed, particularly the "personal, community and provincial calls". The secretary will keep them for use in the "Final Summary".
- Appoint drafters of the final report,
- Talk about how to participate in the Provincial/District Forum and the date of the Forum.



3. Prayer:

We propose that you end the meeting with a simple prayer where everyone can freely share what is in their hearts for this process of the International Forum.

Finally, in union with our Global Charismatic Family, the group prays the prayer for the Forum.

PRAYER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE LAY MARIST VOCATION

God our Father-Mother,
You wanted St. Marcellin's life project
to be distinctive in expressing brotherhood and simplicity,
embracing a Marian and apostolic spirituality,
and having a deep love for young people.

Today, there are many of us Marists of Champagnat
who follow in his footsteps with audacity and hope,
who day by day enrich our distinctive vocations
as followers of Christ,
and who dream of a Marist future of being united
in the service of the Church and the world.

We know that in Your mercy
You make all things new (Rev 21:5)
and that we are all invited
to share at Your table as brothers and sisters.
We turn to You and entrust to You
the International Forum on the Lay Marist Vocation.
We ask especially for Your blessing for the Marists
who participate in this journey of dialogue and discernment.
Help us to welcome, nurture, live and share our vocation.

Send us Your Spirit so that we may know how
to read the signs of the times,
to discover the ways in which you want to lead us,
to value our diversity,
each of us a dwelling place of this Spirit of Your Son Jesus,
to respond faithfully to Your calls
and to grow strong as a Global Charismatic Family.

Mary, Our Good Mother, pray for us.
Amen.

Mary, our Good Mother, pray for us
St Joseph, our protector and guide, pray for us





Resources attached for this activity



[The Image of the Logo of the International Forum.](#)

A Powerpoint presenting the Phases of the Forum

The Letter of Invitation from Br. Ernesto Sánchez, SG.

The introductory letter from the Secretariat of Laity.

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"YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHESY" (JOEL 3,1)

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