



INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON THE LAY MARIST VOCATION

STAGE II
July 2021 - June 2022

WELCOMING, NURTURING, LIVING AND SHARING OUR VOCATION. Evaluation and Celebration

Sheet 5

ITINERARIES AND PROCESSES OF FORMATION AND MENTORING - SHEET 2

EVALUATION, PREPARATION OF OUR REPORT AND CELEBRATION

(This sheet is addressed to the lay ministry teams of each AU, who are coordinating the entire Forum process. They will be responsible for channelling this proposal for the final meeting to each group/fraternity.)

To conclude this part of the journey, we propose that each group or fraternity have a final meeting with the following objectives:

- a) To have a simple evaluation of things that have gone for the group.
- b) To prepare a final report to be sent to the Lay Ministry Team of the Province/District.
- c) To have a moment of celebration

A. Evaluation of how things have gone

We gather to evaluate, personally and as a community, how we have felt and experienced our journey of reflection, dialogue and prayer in Stage II of the International Forum. The emphasis should be on the impact and richness of this experience for each of us personally and for the group.

We suggest a way of doing this, but each community can choose the most appropriate form for its evaluation. It is not necessary to send this to the province team.

Three questions for discussion, at three different moments:

- I was happy when ... / to...
- I feel that I have learned...
- We have to keep growing in...

B. Preparation of our final report

WHAT WILL WE FEED BACK TO THE PROVINCE/DISTRICT?

Our report will contain the phrases and insights gathered by the group secretary during the meetings: specifically, what was noted under the heading "Personal, group and province calls" for each of the four topics discussed.

We ask you to write a summary (of no more than 10 lines) in each of the tables below, covering the most relevant aspects of



each of the topics. This report should be sent to the Province Team leading the Forum by the date they set.

1. THE MARIST VOCATION AND THE LAY MARIST VOCATION

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2.- ITINERARIES AND PROCESSES OF FORMATION AND ACCOMPANIMENT

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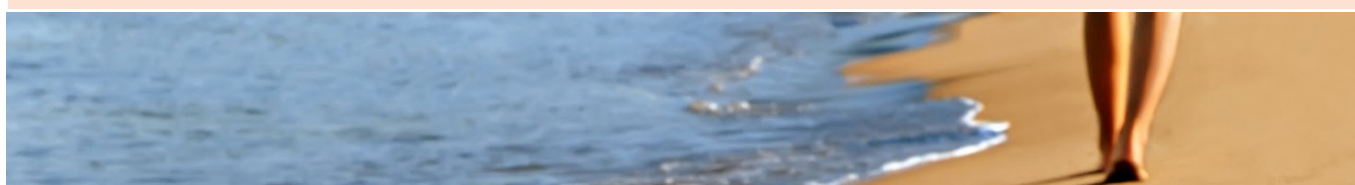


3.- BONDING AND BELONGING TO THE MARIST CHARISM

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4.- POSSIBLE LEGAL STRUCTURES FOR MARIST LAITY

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C. Celebration ...

We invite you to celebrate what you have worked through and shared.

We have prepared ideas for a simple celebration in two moments:

- a) A shared prayer as a thanksgiving.
- b) Gathering around the table, remembering the fraternity at La Valla.

Our prayer...

A simple altar is prepared, which may have some Marist items and other items from your group or culture. The document with the report to be sent to the Province is also placed on the altar.

Gathered around the altar, we begin with a joyful song that speaks to us of fraternity, hope and the future. We suggest the following song:

WHO WILL SPEAK? (Marty Haugen)

[YouTube](#)

Who will speak for the poor and the broken?
Who will speak for the peoples oppressed
Who will speak so their voice will be heard?
Oh, who will speak if we/you don't?

Who will speak for the ones who are voiceless?
Who will speak the truth in the places of power?
Who will speak so their voice will be heard?

WHO WILL SPEAK IF WE/YOU DON'T?
WHO WILL SPEAK IF WE/YOU DON'T?
WHO WILL SPEAK SO THEIR VOICE WILL BE HEARD?
OH WHO WILL SPEAK IF WE/YOU DON'T?





Oh, who will speak if we/you don't?

Who will speak for the children of violence?

Who will speak for the women abused?

Who will speak so their voice will be heard?

Oh, who will speak if we/you don't?

Who will speak for the shunned and the outcast?

Who will speak for all people with AIDS?

Who will speak so their voice will be heard?

Oh, who will speak if we/you don't?

Who will work for the thousands of homeless?

Who will work in the *ghettos and streets?

Who will work so their voice will be heard?

Oh, who will work if we/you don't? (*alleys)

Who will care for the plants and the creatures?

Who will care for the land and the sea?

Who will care so their voice will be heard?

Oh, who will care if we/you don't?

Who will care for the weak and the aged?

Who will care for the ones with no hope?

Who will care so their voice will be heard?

Oh, who will care if we/you don't?



Reading from the Word of God: Joel 2,23-29

(which includes the verse chosen as the logo of the Forum)

Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil. "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm—my great army that I sent among you. You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the Lord your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed. "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old people will dream dreams, your young people will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

- We give thanks for and offer the bonds we have formed, what we have shared in the meetings, the richness of the gatherings and the depth of what is expressed in the report to the Province/District. Each one shares and at the end we all thank the Lord of Life.
- Symbol: it is suggested that you share some symbol chosen by the group itself and which represents your hope for the future of the lay Marist vocation and the communion between brothers and laypeople.
- We end by praying together the Prayer for the International Forum, commending your group and all the Marists of the world who are also participating in this journey.



INTERNATIONAL FORUM PRAYER

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.



Gathering around the table ...

Finally, we can set the table to share the joy, to celebrate the life of the group. Sharing food and drink is part of Marist life and mission: it speaks to us of fraternity, of friendship, of communion, of bread shared.



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