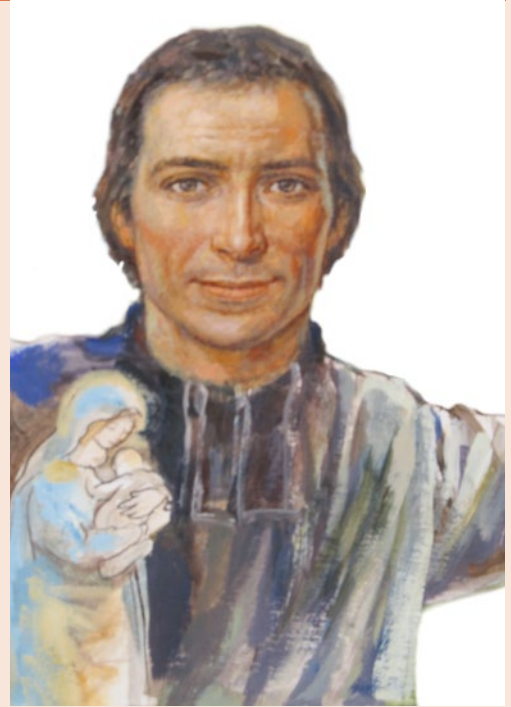


Praying Our Way to the 23rd General Chapter

August 2025 — Global Family

Opening Prayer: *“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the water; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. “Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.” (Isaiah 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.



SUNG INVOCATION — RUAH

Ruah, Ruah, Ruah, uuuhhh

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Llenas la historia con tu luz
y el calor de tu presencia fiel.
Ante la duda, claridad,
en los logros, tu canción,
Ruah, Espíritu vital.

Te reconhecio quando estas
animando o amor em todos nos.
Sinto que caminhas ao meu lado.
Me convidas a avançar,
Ruah, Espírito de paz.

In every moment you are there;
my heart ponders your great kindness.
Always inspiring all I do,
making me proclaim my “Yes”,
Ruah. o Spirit of faith.

Tu es bien présent lorsque j’agis,
tu me pousse, toi, le souffle, aujourd’hui.
Tu dances dans ma vie, je le sais bien.
Ton sourire est créateur,
Ruah, tu es l’Esprit de Dieu.



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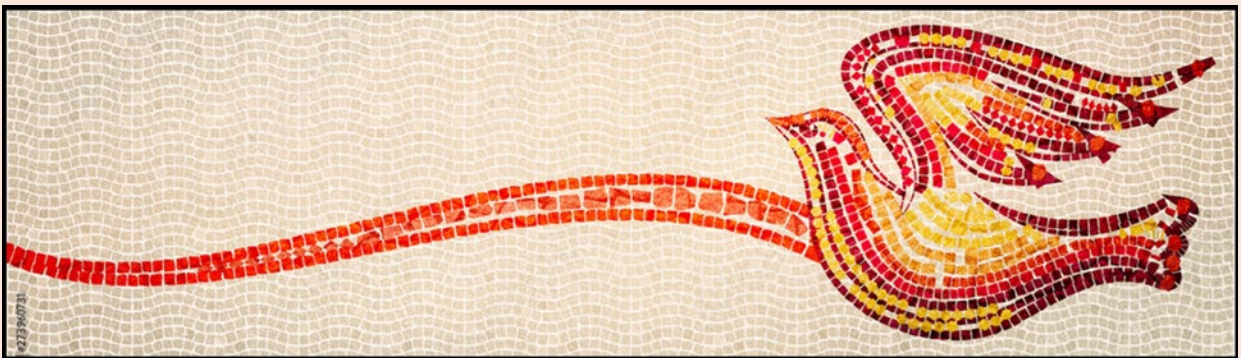
A Reading from Our Marist Sources

Evangelizers in the Midst of Youth (180-181)

This is the time to perceive, be alert and discover what is truly happening in the world. Based on concrete events in everyday life, aiming to analyze our challenges and lived experiences. “Seeing” reality and incarnating ourselves in it gives us a broader, deeper and global perspective and motivates us to transformative action beginning with what has been confirmed. “Seeing” involves observing, reflecting, contextualizing and perceiving the world starting from the actual situation of a young person, brought face to face with the perception of the other members in his or her group.

In the light of faith, the sciences, the Word of God and the teachings of the Church, this is the time to analyze what has been observed so as to discover what helps or hinders people living as brothers and sisters and building a civilization of love. It is making a pause on the way to identifying elements that favor or make more difficult the growth and consolidation of vistas dreamed by individual youths and their group.

Listening in Silence



A Reading from Sacred Scripture

Matthew 28: 16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Listening in Silence

Prayerful Sharing

How has your connection to Marists in other parts of the world grown since 2017?

Prayers of the Faithful

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the inspiration of the Hermitage may help us to create ‘**homes for all**’ so that we may invite others to experience a ‘**river of life**,’ we pray...

- That we may faithfully journey together as a global family united in a joyful communion that includes diverse states of life, we pray...
- That in making our own the spirit of the Hermitage, we may find renewed zeal to bring God’s word to the poor children and young people of today, we pray...
- That all participants in the 23rd General Chapter may travel safely so we may all benefit from the gifts they have to offer the Institute, the Church, and the world, we pray...
- That in all of this, we may be guided by Mary, our Good Mother, and our Founder St. Marcellin Champagnat, we pray...

For who or what else do we pray?



Remember, o most gracious Virgin Mary,
 That never was it known,
 That anyone who fled to your protection,
 Implored your help,
 Or sought your intercession was left unaided.
 Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you
 O Virgins of virgins, my mother.
 Do you do I come, before you I stand.
 O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
 Despise not my petitions,
 But in your mercy, hear and answer me.
 Amen.

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)

Salve Regina

St. Marcellin Champagnat... Pray for us!
 Mary, Our Good Mother... Pray for us!
 And let us remember... To pray for each other!