

XXXVI
GENERAL CHAPTER
SOCIETY OF MARY

# IN MISSION WITH AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE MARIANIST FAMILY XXXVI General Chapter July 2024

Mary, to you,
who always gives us Jesus,
who bore him in your womb,
who accepted us as children at the foot of the cross,
we pray for our General Chapter.

Open us to the action of the Spirit,
so that the Chapter
may be a time of discernment and encounter.
Help us to know young people better,
that we may share with them the Gospel of joy,
the joy of living centered on Jesus Christ,
the living Gospel,
and thus, be able to offer better,
without exclusion,
the gifts of our Marianist religious life to all,
and attract others to collaborate with us
in building a more just and fraternal society.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Marianist Family Pray for us!

#### Mary, to you,

Newness of addressing Mary, just like the prayer of the Lisbon World Youth Day

#### who always gives us Jesus,

per matrem ad filium

#### who bore him from your womb,

incarnation

#### who accepted us as children at the foot of the cross

Three o'clock prayer

#### we pray for our General Chapter.

reason for prayer

# Open us to the action of the Spirit,

#### so that the Chapter

The Spirit is present as we walk together (synodality) in this Chapter

#### may be a time of discernment and encounter.

to meet fraternally, with our family spirit. We are not going to work, to draw documents, but to meet fraternally, to listen to each other, to listen to the spirit that sees that the brothers live together and love each other.

and of course to discern, because we want to know where the spirit is calling us and guiding us,

#### Help us to know young people better,

that is what we intend, to know them better in order to be attentive to their signs of the times and to be able to respond to them, to share with them the Gospel of the Lord.

#### that we may share with them the Gospel of joy

to share, not just to teach or indoctrinate, but to be with them, to walk with them.

To share the joy of the Gospel, joy is so important for the youth.

# the joy of living centered on Jesus Christ,

The Christocentrism of our life and of our invitation. To facilitate the experience of Christ. I invite every Christian to renew right now his personal encounter with Jesus Christ (Evangelii Gaudium 3).

# the living Gospel,

we want to draw close to young people in order to share life and life in abundance (Jn 10:10).

# and thus, be able to offer better,

we offer our Marianist life to welcome everyone, as the Pope said in Lisbon: in the Church there is room for everyone, everyone, everyone, without exclusion.

# we place ourselves on the basis of inclusion and acceptance of any young person, in any situation.

the gifts of our Marianist religious life to all,

our life is a gift that we want to offer

### and attract others to collaborate with us

vocational intentions, but not only, since we also seek collaborators in our task of building a more just society.

# To build a more just and fraternal society.

Reference to the Rule of Life 5.16 and 5.17

# Holy Mary, Mother of God,

second part of the Hail Mary

# Mother of the Marianist Family

a reference to all the branches

# Pray for us!

For that is what it is all about