

# **Objectives of the World Council of the Marianist Family 2002-2005**

## **1. To raise the consciousness among the branches of the Marianist Family of our mission as a Family**

- To conduct a survey among the branches in order to gather information about already existing shared ministries in order to create a concrete list by nations for posting on the website
- To ask national councils for suggestions of new ways and initiatives for sharing ministries as a Family
- To have the World Council reflect on the gathered information and reflect back to the national councils some ways of promoting further shared collaboration
- To increase the annual communication from the World Council to the branches

## **2. To provide support for and encouragement to those not formally associated with one of the four branches of the Marianist Family**

- To invite everyone to recognize and appreciate the existence of these individuals and groups as an enrichment for the Marianist Family
- To foster an attitude of openness and interest for these persons; when it seems appropriate, always respecting their free choice, to invite them to share in some activities of the various branches.

## **3. To explore further the ways in which we can understand our mutual responsibility and collaborate together as a Marianist Family in vocation ministry**

- To ask each branch to review during this year the present reality of its own vocation ministry, in order to discover what collaborative efforts are already being made among the branches
- To ask each branch to explore what other religious and lay groups experience in the area of shared vocation ministry
- To devote a significant amount of time at the annual meeting of the World Council of the Marianist Family in 2003 to sharing the review of each branch and to exploring further ways we can collaborate in vocation ministry
- To promote the celebration of a Founders' Day annually that would focus on prayer for vocations, both in thanksgiving for one's own vocation and for an increase of vocations to the Marianist Family

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