

Philippians 2:15

Prayer of National Assembly III

Loving God,

200 years ago Your Spirit inflamed the heart of Saint Marcellin Champagnat to begin a movement to make Jesus known and loved among the young.

With great faith and trust in God and Mary Saint Marcellin believed his mission was to share this love of God with others especially the poor and those most in need.

As we gather, inspire Marists today to be a family that reveals the loving face of Christ to every human being with deep compassion for the dignity of all united around the table of the Lord.

Help us to listen to others with openness and gratitude to a dialogue that will transform our hearts and minds to move us to share and live the mission with audacity and courage that better responds to the emerging needs of our time.

> We pray with Mary, our guide and Mother, to continue to bless and strengthen our associating and thirsting to belong to the God of all life. May we shine in our world as bright as the stars in the sky as we journey together during this time of our National Marist Assembly.

Mary Our Good Mother, pray for us St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, pray for us St Marcellin Champagnat, pray for us And let us always remember, to pray for one another. Amen.