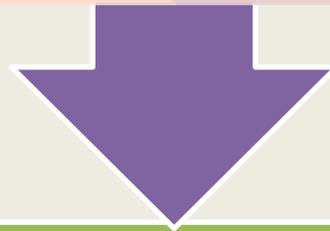


1. EUCHARIST

We Gather

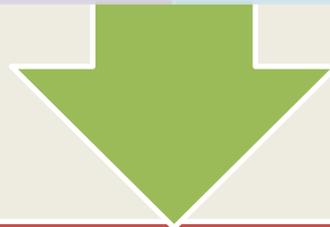
Wherever possible, we come together to celebrate as a Eucharistic community.



2. NEW MEMBERS

We recognise

Simple ceremony to publically acknowledge all those who have completed the application process between March & September. Certificates & pins handed out.



3. MISSION ASSEMBLY WORKSHOP

We dialogue

A process to gather insights and bring further shape to the materials from the Mission Assembly in August.

Mission Assembly 2015 Documents

Timeline for final statement

Preamble

The Mission Assembly was held at Mittagong in August, 2015. When planning for the Assembly, the Steering Committee made the decision that there not be a 'final statement' written on the last day of the Assembly. Rather, key ideas relating to the vision and purpose of the Association, including dreams for what will happen over the next three years, would be drawn out of the delegates.

In a 'post-assembly' phase, all members of the Association will have the opportunity to engage and further shape these ideas and dreams. This 'post-assembly' phase is anticipated to be for the remainder of 2015. The key forum for this to take place will be **November Regional Gatherings**. In the early part of 2016, the newly appointed Association Council will have the task of collating the final statement stemming from the Mission Assembly.

This final statement will be 'signed off on' at Marist Association Regional Gatherings in May/June 2016, and used ceremonially at the Bicentennial Celebration of the Fourviere Pledge in July 2016.

Timeline

Mission Assembly, August 2015

64 Delegates of the Marist Association

December: create on-line capacity for members of the Association to engage with and further shape key ideas coming out of Mission Assembly

November Regional Gatherings: members of the Association engage with and further shape key ideas coming out of the Mission Assembly

Feb - April 2016: Association Council write Mission Assembly final statement

May/June Regional Gatherings, 2016: Association members 'sign off' on Mission Assembly final statement

Saturday 23 July, 2016: Mission Assembly final statement ceremonially included in Fourviere celebration

Leaders Guide:

1. **Eucharist:** Organise the date & time of the Regional Gathering so that it coincides with an existing Parish mass. *Alternatively, there may be a priest who you know who can say mass for the group wherever & whenever it is you choose to meet. In some cases, mass may not be possible.*

If joining a Parish mass and there is a suitable hall or room to meet afterwards, book the use of that space. Simple catering facilities will be an advantage. *In some cases, the mass will conclude the gathering.*

2. **New members:** Explain to the group that Regional Gatherings are an opportunity to publically acknowledge new members to the Association.

At this Regional Gathering we are acknowledging those people who completed their application & have been formally received between March & September this year.

- a. *Read out the names of the new members (using the names on the certificates) and invite them to stand.*
- b. Hand out the **Acceptance Card** which has been prepared for the new members, and invite them to read out the statement together.
- c. Call each new member forward (*or go to them*) to present the certificate and pin.

Encourage a round of applause to welcome and congratulate the new members.

3. **Mission Assembly Workshop:**

Part A

- a. *Where facilities allow, show the 7 minute 'Mission Assembly summary video' from the website.*
- b. Hand out the November Regional Gathering resource booklet, and invite people to do the 'translation task' on the front page.
Discuss & share in pairs, groups or whole group (depending on numbers). Comments.
- c. Explain that on the last day of the Mission Assembly, everyone did a similar translation task, and then groups refined the thinking under each heading (refer to booklet, pg2,3,4)
- d. Invite small groups or whole group (depending on numbers) to read & discuss the ideas on pages 2,3,4. *Are there further insights to note and pass on?*

Part B

- i. Briefly explain where the ideas from Part B of the booklet came from (*top of page 5*)
- ii. Invite people to read through the ideas listed on page 5-8 of booklet
- iii. Invite people to do the task on page 8 of the booklet
Discuss & share in pairs, small groups or whole group (depending on numbers).
Comments.
- iv. Whole group feedback. *Are there further ideas or hopes to note and pass on?*
- v. Thank people for joining in with the Regional Gathering. Lead the final prayer.

Final Prayer

Right: We hear your call

Left: *We will follow you*

R: We're on a journey

L: *We will walk with you*

R: Your spirit lives in us

L: *Your light will shine for all*

R: We share a vision

L: *To live as one*

R: Full of compassion and love

L: *Strong minds, gentle hearts*

R: We are called to serve

L: *With humility and simplicity*

R: Mary Our Good Mother

L: *Pray for us*

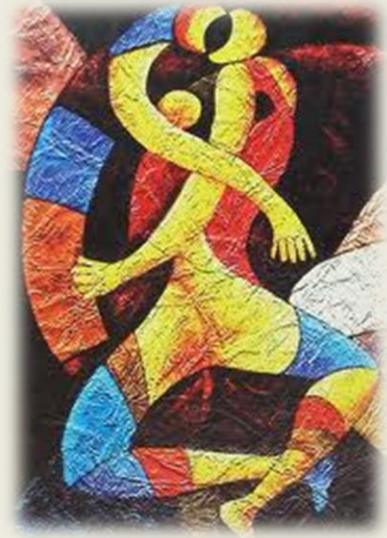
Together:

We will walk with you; we will share your dream.

We will love and reach out to all.

You will be beside us; your gentle hand will lead us each day.

Amen.



(Adapted from 'Walk with Champagnat', Joanne Gaskell. Printed in '*Magnificat – Songs for the Marist Way*', Br Michael Herry)