

The Call of GC 17 - 2017 General Chapter, Statements and Decisions

Declaration on the Mission of the Society of Mary Today

n. 4 As Mary pondered the Word, so are we *called to a life of contemplation*, centered on the Eucharist, bearing fruit in service within the Church and beyond.

n. 9 The Chapter [calls] on each province and district of the Society to:

Search for creative ways to grow constantly in lives of contemplation and lead others along the path of discipleship and mission rooted in deep prayer.

Religious Life Today

n. 30 *Contemplation as the energy source*, the mystical heart of Marist mission, is intimately linked with our identity as Marist religious. To form a communion for mission, we need to deepen the contemplative dimension of our lives [Const. 118]. With Jesus at the center we can, like Mary, be missionaries of hope.

n. 32 Marists are recommended to spend one hour in private prayer each day.

n. 33 Leadership at different levels in the Society shall endeavor to support Marists in deepening the *quality of their prayer, both individual and communal*.

n. 36 (...) address areas such as personal use of the Internet and other media and how the contemplative aspect of our vocation (...) is maintained.

Care of our Common Home

n. 46 Each Marist community shall address some of the concrete implications of the encyclical most particularly at the planning meeting at the beginning of each year.

n. 47 The general administration shall create a program for an appropriation of *Laudato Si'* providing a variety of practical tools to carry out this process of renewal.

The Call of Laudato Si

Ch. 4 - Integral Ecology

n. 141 The analysis of environmental problems cannot be separated from the analysis of (...) how individuals relate to themselves, which leads to how they relate with others, and to the environment. There is an interrelation between ecosystems.

n. 142 (...) everything is interrelated (...)

A personal ecology - walking humbly with God

- Daily Examen
- One Hour a Day One Day a Month One Week a Year
- Journal

- Spiritual Reading
- Spiritual Direction / Soul Friend
- Supervision

A communal ecology - loving tenderly

- Vision and Mission
- Faith Sharing
- Community Meetings: Long term Planning, Short term Planning
- Evaluation
- Meals
- Social Occasions
- Hospitality

An ecology for mission - acting justly

- Signs of the Times [SS]. GC17 Local / Global Context:
- The cry of the earth, and the cry of the poor. n. 3
- Mary, mother of the New Creation n. 5
- Youth n. 6
- Interreligious dialogue & reconciliation, ecology, migrants n. 9b
- Partners in mission - Marist Family - Lay Marists n. 9d

*

Note: The Superior General has established:

An Interreligious Dialogue Commission [Asia],
an Ecologue Commission [MAP],

and hopes to establish:

A commission for Migrants,
and a Commission for Youth.

Could Europe chose to opt for one of these last two? Focus: GC 17 n. 9b

The European Province established a 'Contemplative Cell' in Furstenzell.

The Ecology Commission is planning, with the General Administration, to develop a 'Year of Laudato Si'.