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OBJECTIVES PROPOSED FOR 2018-2021

1. VOCATION/FORMATION. Encourage mutual collaboration in knowledge and living of the charism, according to our specific vocations.

“The deepening in knowledge and living of the common charism requires, on the one hand, that each branch be interested and involved in deepening that which is proper to itself and, on the other hand, that all the branches collaborate in the promotion of the knowledge and living out of what is common.” (The Common Mission in the Marianist Family, # 5)

- a) Continue promoting the joint celebration of the Marianist Family patronal feast on the day of the Annunciation of the Lord, as well as the participation in the feasts and significant celebrations of the different branches, as a visible sign of communion and belonging to the Family.
- b) Encourage continuing to work together as a Family in the promotion of vocations to the different branches. Propose the creation of "Family teams" for vocation ministry where they do not yet exist.
- c) To develop further the joint charismatic formation:
 - Support the operation of the Zonal Formation Centers and collaborate with them.
 - Encourage, at all possible levels, that:
 - common formation programs be developed,
 - popularizers and specialists of the Marianist charism in one of the branches emerge.
 - Take advantage of the celebration of the Beatification of Mother Adèle to deepen knowledge of her and of the mutual influence of our Founders.

2. MISSION. Promote the enracination and development of our common mission in the Church and in the world.

“Our “common mission” is, precisely, to constitute ourselves and to live as a Family, in a fraternal communion of the diversity and plurality of vocations and ministries.” (The Common Mission in the Marianist Family, # 3)

- a) Seek to be present as a Family in the instances, circumstances and ecclesial events where possible.
- b) Continue insisting upon work for justice, peace and the integrity of creation, encouraging the family councils of each place to reflect on how to carry out the orientations of the encyclical *Laudato si*, in particular:
 - through concrete gestures and habitual practices of everyday life that change our

lifestyle in favor of the sustainability of creation and the just distribution of its goods and resources,

- sharing the experiences of the Family in the media (*Magnificat* on Fridays, website ...)

- c) Support the search for human and financial resources for the maintenance and development of the missionary projects of the Marianist Family.
- d) Stress our missionary commitment with young people. Supported by the dynamics and conclusions of the 2018 Synod of Bishops, continue strengthening our presence together with them and the offer of our accompaniment in favor of their integration into the Marianist Family.

3. BEING IN FAMILY. Strengthen the feeling of belonging as members of the Marianist Family at the service of the mission.

“Through our common Marianist vocation we feel called to contribute to this kind of development of the “Marianist face” of the Church (...). In the Marianist mission, the four branches are interdependent. To carry out our Marianist mission in the Church, therefore, we must be present and act as Family”. (The Common Mission in the Marianist Family, # 3&4)

- a) Continue to promote the development and vitality of the local, national and regional councils of the Family. For this, each branch, in its visits to different places,
 - will include among the aspects that it proposes to know and evaluate the existence and functioning of the Family Councils at the different levels;
 - will promote the formation of these councils where they do not exist, following the orientations of the document *The Common Mission in the Marianist Family*;
 - will encourage, in places where it already exists, to continue working in the direction marked by that document in its Section 5 and, above all, in the aspects indicated by the World Council of the Marianist Family in its *Objectives for the Period 2018-2021*;
 - will prepare, at the end of the visit, a report on this particular aspect, which will be sent to the World Council of the Marianist Family so that it can reflect on how to concretely help the development and implementation of Family Councils.
- b) Continue to develop and strengthen the Family’s means of communication.
- d) Stimulate reflection and put into practice new forms of interdependence in life and mission. Where possible, initiate experiences of common mission.