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Dear Friends,

The International Organization of Marianist Lay Communities has been invited to send delegates to a Congress of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities (May 31 to June 2, 2006). The theme of the Congress is "The beauty of being Christian and the joy to be found in its communication".

The World Congress will end on June 3, the eve of Pentecost with Eucharist with Pope Benedict XVI presiding at St. Peter's square. It is an honor for all Marianist Lay Communities to be invited to participate in such this event.

All members of the Marianist Family are invited to attend the Eucharist in St. Peter's square. We are hopeful that lay Marianists throughout Europe especially will feel free to attend the Eucharist. Ana Blázquez Ubach, Regional Responsible for Europe, is contacting responsables of CLM's in different countries to invite them to participate in the closing Eucharist.

I want to thank in a special way our past two presidents, Enrique Llano and Carlos Benítez, along with the members of the two previous leadership teams. They have been very instrumental at securing our provisional acceptance as a Private Association of the Faithful and also the final approbation of the statutes of our organization. It is because of their efforts that the lay branch of the Marianist family has been invited to attend the Congress of ecclesial Movements.

As the paschal feast of Easter draws near let us all remember the fidelity of Mary at the foot of the Cross, who persevered in her faith. May her spirit keep us always faithful to her Son, Jesus.



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