

Appendix

Objectives of the World Council of the Marianist Family 2005-2008

Every three years the World Council of the Marianist Family re-defines the objectives that will guide its work for the next three year period. The way we carry out our objectives has an internal and external focus, both to ourselves as a council and to the entire Marianist Family.

Communication: The World Council continues its effort at raising the awareness of the branches of the Marianist Family about our identity, mission and common vocation.

- The World Council will continue to communicate with national councils, to reflect on gathered information and to reflect back to the national councils ways of promoting further shared collaboration.
- To increase the annual communication from the World Council to the branches.

How this objective will be achieved: Direct communication with national councils from the president and secretary of the world council about themes, projects and issues that are affecting the Marianist Family. Through maintaining and developing our common web site, www.marianist.org, periodic bulletins and through direct contact with the national councils. When possible, through direct visits to countries by any member of the council where the Marianist Family is located.

Vocation: The World Council seeks to continue our collaboration together as a Marianist Family in our common vocation.

- To devote a significant amount of time at the annual meeting of the World Council of the Marianist Family for sharing the life and work of each branch and to explore ways we can collaborate in our common vocation.
- To promote the celebration of a Founders' Day annually that will focus on prayer for vocations, both in thanksgiving for one's own vocation and for an increase of vocations to the Marianist Family.

How this objective will be achieved: Improving the internal dynamic of the meetings of the World Council to allow for more time to share experiences, reflect on them, and act on those issues that represent the concrete needs of the Marianist Family. Specifically, the Council calls itself to more regular communication between members throughout the year. Also, the Council calls itself to solicit regular feedback from the National Councils on specific vocation projects such World Day of Prayer and the celebration of Founders Day.

Justice and Peace. The World Council seeks to keep the themes of Justice and Peace as a priority of the Marianist Family.

- Encourage the Marianist Family to make **child exploitation** (sexual exploitation of children, exploitation of children in the workplace, etc.) a focus in the next two years by creating awareness of the issue and by taking concrete action on both the local and global level.
- To invite the national councils to share with the Marianist Family any concrete actions or projects they have taken on the issue of child exploitation.
- To encourage the entire Marianist Family to pray the Magnificat every Friday as a sign of our commitment to justice and to make children's rights a reality in our world.

How this objective will be achieved: By networking with existing Marianist structures that are already working on the issue of child exploitation, and by sharing new information with the Marianist Family. By networking with structures that exist outside the Marianist family that work towards justice and the rights of children. By using the web site of the Council to provide links, threaded conversation, etc. on this theme.

Finances

- To reflect on and discuss among members of the World Council the challenges of financing the projects of the World Council and to find concrete solutions to these challenges.

How this objective will be achieved. Through passing the hat at every meeting. This year the World council will examine this issue through the use of e-mail discussion, consultation with financial experts. The Council will examine how each branch contributes to its projects. Also, each branch will seek to increase the awareness of its own members about the necessity of having financial means of achieving the projects of the Marianist Family.

Projects of the Marianist Family

Common Web site
Family Album
VIM
World Day of Prayer

