



COMMUNICATION #7

**To Superiors of all Units,
For transmission to all communities**

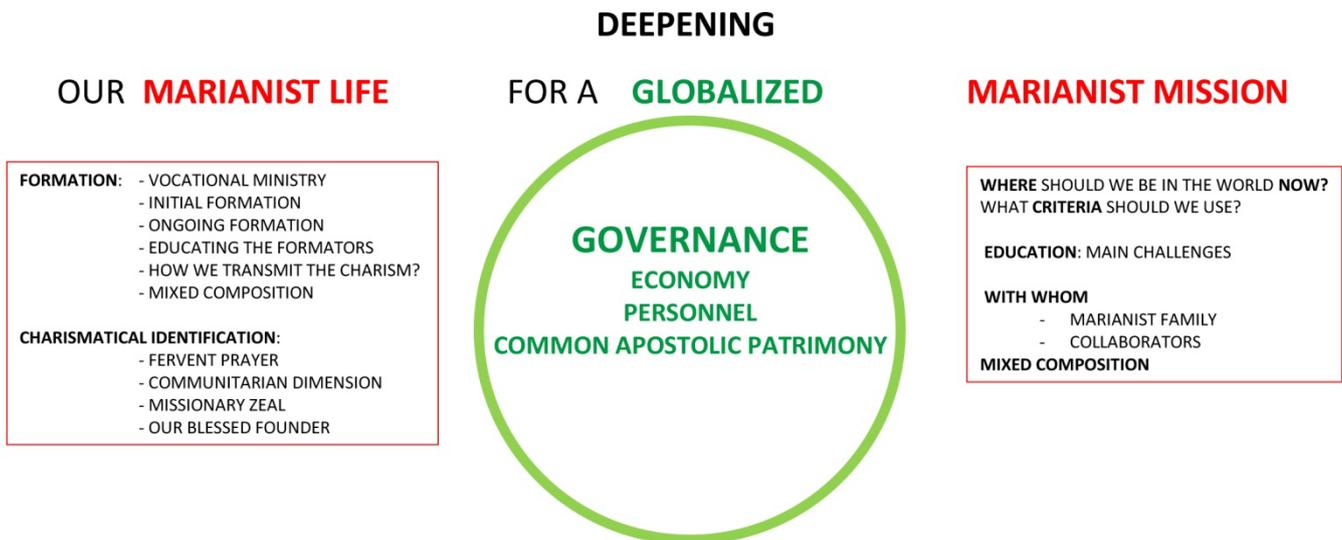
March 26, 2012
Annunciation of the Lord

Dear Brothers,

The Preparatory Commission of the General Chapter met in Rome from March 12-15, 2012. We reviewed the responses we received from all of the delegates and we were happy by their thoughtfulness and suggestions to us. We also reviewed the reports from the General Council noting the items that may be agenda topics for the Chapter.

We have chosen as the theme of the Chapter:

“Deepening our Marianist Life for a Globalized Marianist Mission.”



The three points of emphasis for us are our Marianist Life, the globalized aspect of our religious congregation and the reason we exist, our mission.

An important part of the globalized world in which we find ourselves is the way we use our resources, both financial and personnel. It is evident to us that in the immediate future we will need to act as one for the sake of our mission.

We also reviewed the thirteen propositions that were sent to the Preparatory Commission and we will recommend action by the delegates for most of them.

We noted in the report from the Assistant for Religious Life an appendix document on Mixed Composition. This document, written by the General Council, after consultation with the membership and the Symposium held a year ago, will be discussed on the floor of the Chapter and will be proposed for approval as policy for the Society of Mary.

We encourage you to read the reports of the General Council and to discuss them in community, sharing your thoughts and ideas with Capitulants from your Unit.

We also encourage you to continue to pray the prayer for the General Chapter each day in your communities. We are seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the prayers of our Blessed Mother for direction for the future.

We will also be asking that each community take one day during the Chapter, to set aside for prayer and fasting for the success of the Chapter. A listing of the date for your community will be sent well in advance of the Chapter. Thank you for taking on this responsibility in seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We believe that this Chapter could make a significant difference for our mission and to rekindle the fire that is within us. We look forward to be working with the General Council and the other delegates towards that end.

We wish you continued blessings for your Lenten journey.

Fraternally,

The General Chapter Preparatory Commission (PrepCo)

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