



# *US Assembly*

July 2018

We hope your time here will be restful and will provide a quiet place for prayer and reflection, focused on God and **how God is acting in your life.**

DISCOVER

Our stories



Others' stories

Experience

God

Jesus

People

Sharing life

Family

Gift

Spirituality

Mission

Mary

Belonging

Community

Champagnat

Disciples

# Marist World Marist Family





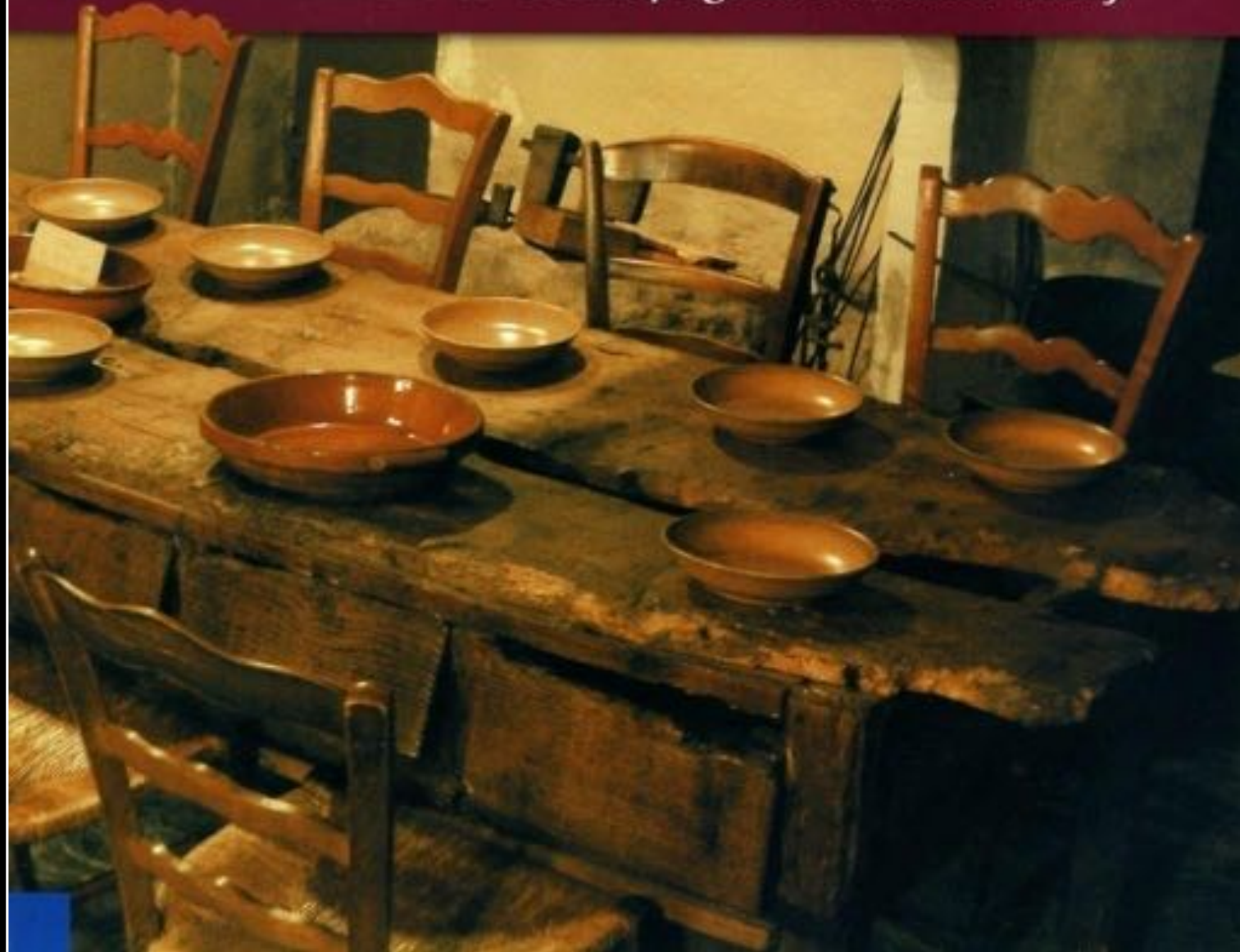


Who Are The  
Lay Marists?



# GATHERED AROUND THE SAME TABLE

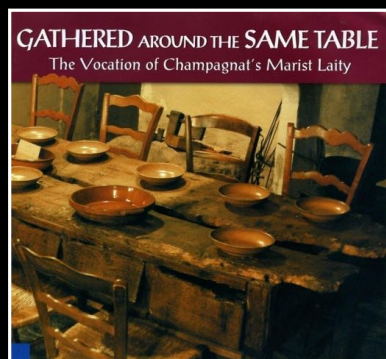
The Vocation of Champagnat's Marist Laity



*Different states in which lay people find themselves  
with regard to the charism*

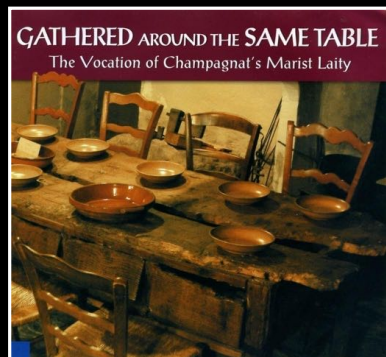
9. Some live **identities distinct from the Marists**: some, because they have made vital choices different from Christians; others, because they have already found their own place in the Church.

We **welcome** and **respect** the different choices and paths, share with all human and Christian values and we **work together** in the building of a better world and we **give thanks** to God for everything we receive from the others.

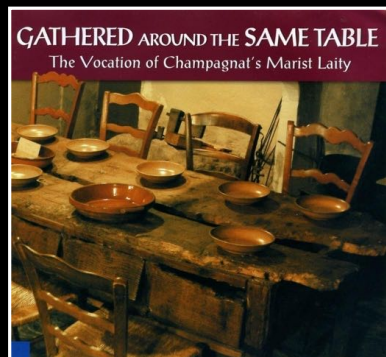


10. Other lay people have felt **attracted** by the witness of the Brothers. They admire their life and **wish to be joined** in some way with their **spirituality or in mission**, without this signifying consciousness of a shared vocation.

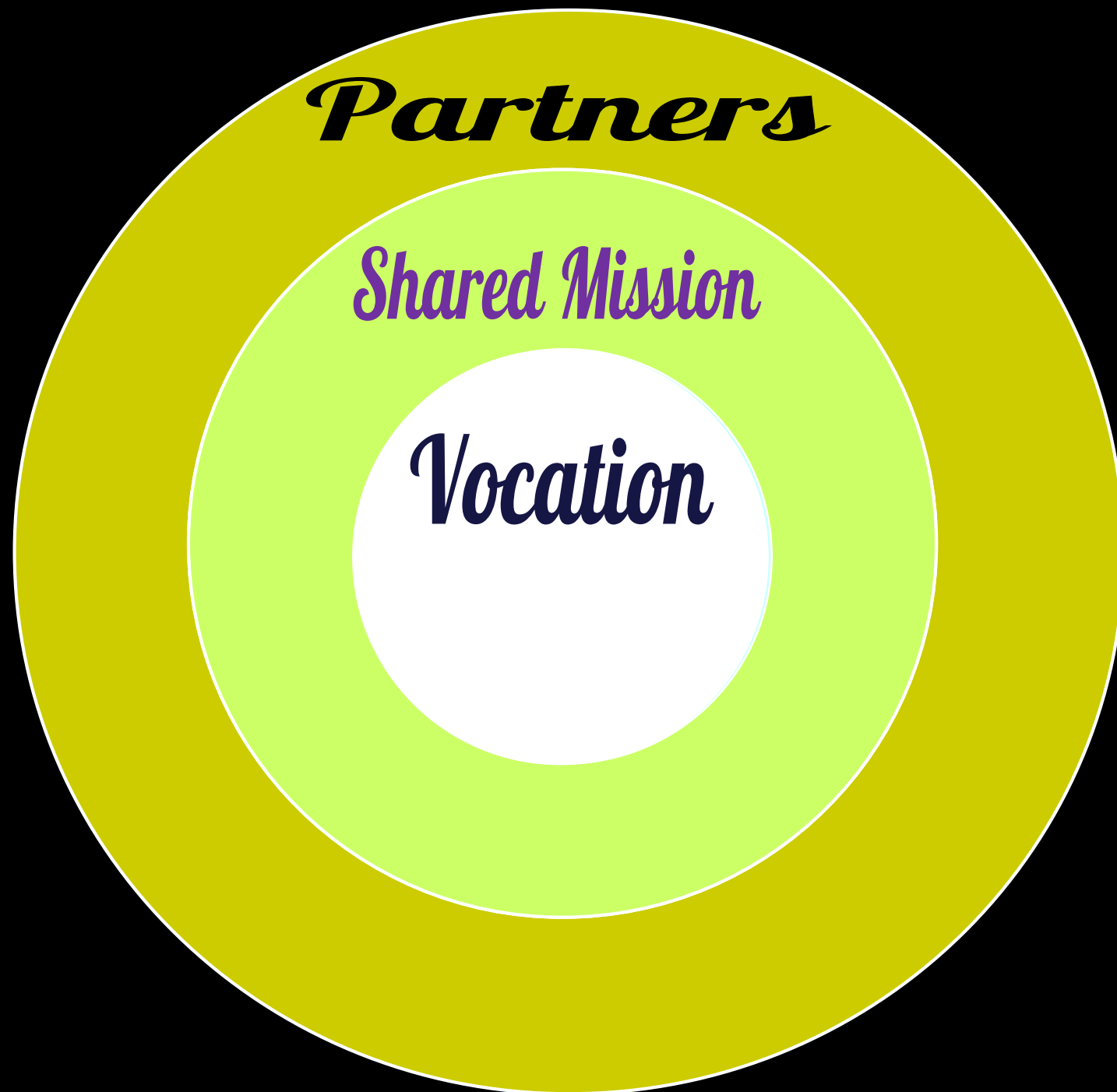
It is possible that some have not reflected sufficiently on **the significance of these ties** and need **space and accompaniment** which would allow them to discover what God wishes of them.



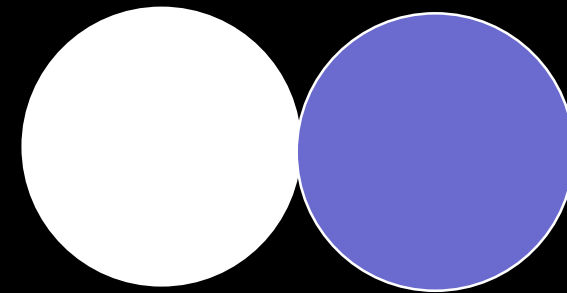
11. A third group of persons exist who, after a personal journey of discernment, have decided to live their Christian spirituality and mission in the manner of Mary, following the insight of Marcellin Champagnat. These are we, the Lay Marists.



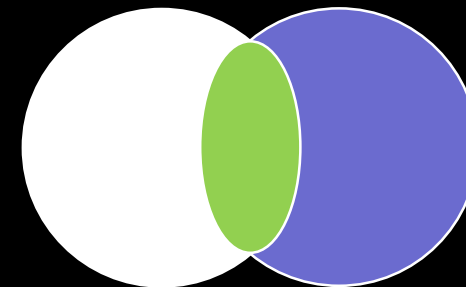
# Evolution in the relationship & understanding



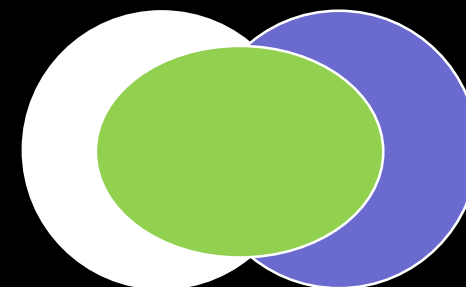
**Collaboration**



**Corresponsability**



**Communion**





# **New Questions Emerge**

**Where am I in this journey?**

**Am I called *by God* to live as a Marist?**

**Whom can I share this with?**

**What is the difference between being a brother or a lay Marist?**

**If we, brothers & lay, are called to live this journey in communion, how can we make it happen?**

**Giving some context**



# GOD



# CHURCH

POPE  
BISHOPS  
DIOCESAN  
PRIESTS  
CLERGY

PRIESTS  
BROTHERS  
SISTERS  
RELIGIOUS LIFE

LAITY

MEN

WOMEN



# DEVIL

**HOLINESS**

**POWER**

**KNOWLEDGE**

**DIGNITY**



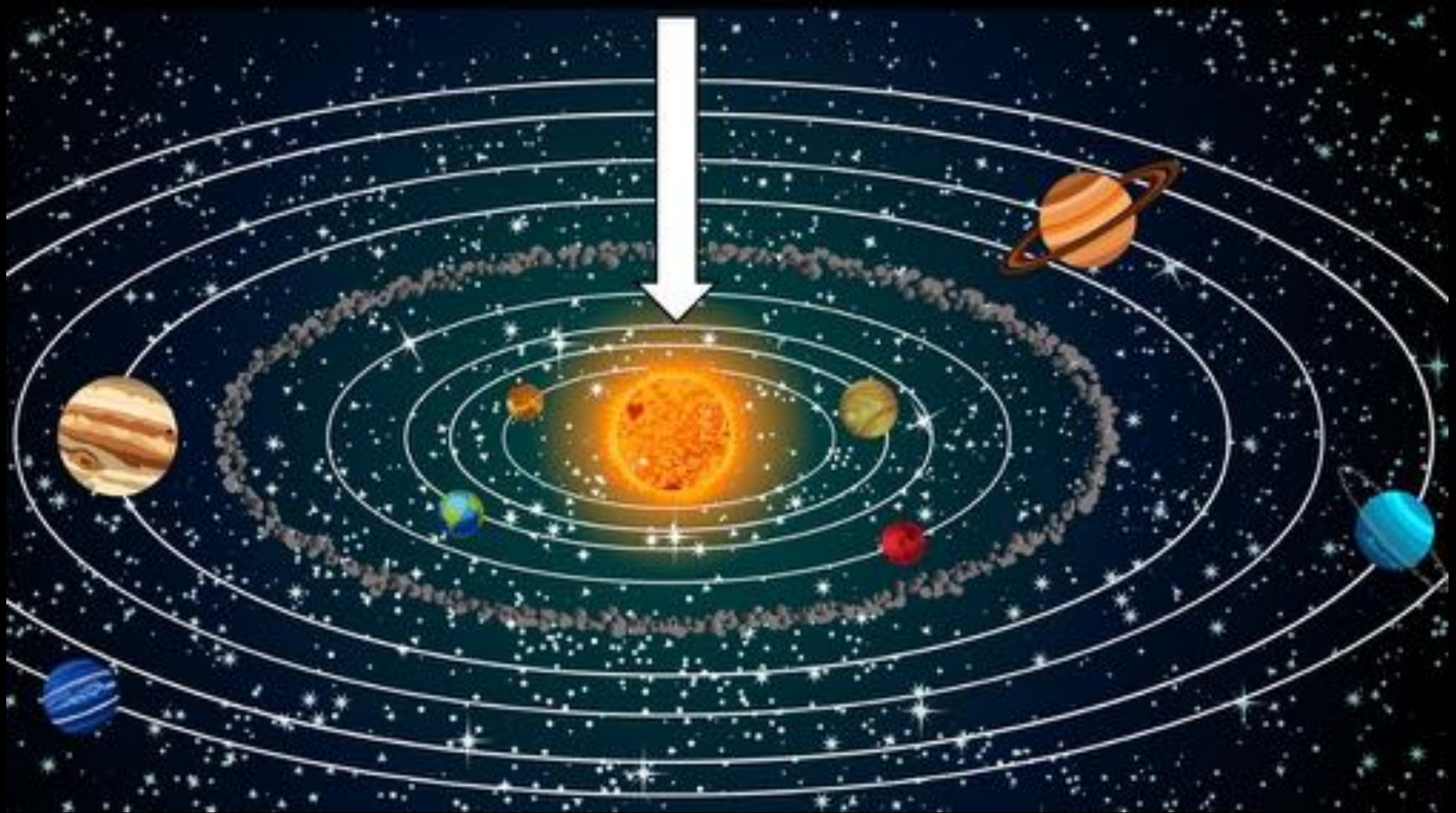
PEOPLE  
OF FOOD



**Institution Focused**



**Charism:**  
**God's Mission– God's Gift**



**Charismatic  
Families**



# Life Project in Fraternity



## XVIII General Chapter 1985

**In 1985, the 18th General Chapter of the Marist Brothers, becoming aware of the richness of sharing the Marist charism with lay people, launched the Champagnat Movement of the Marist Family.**





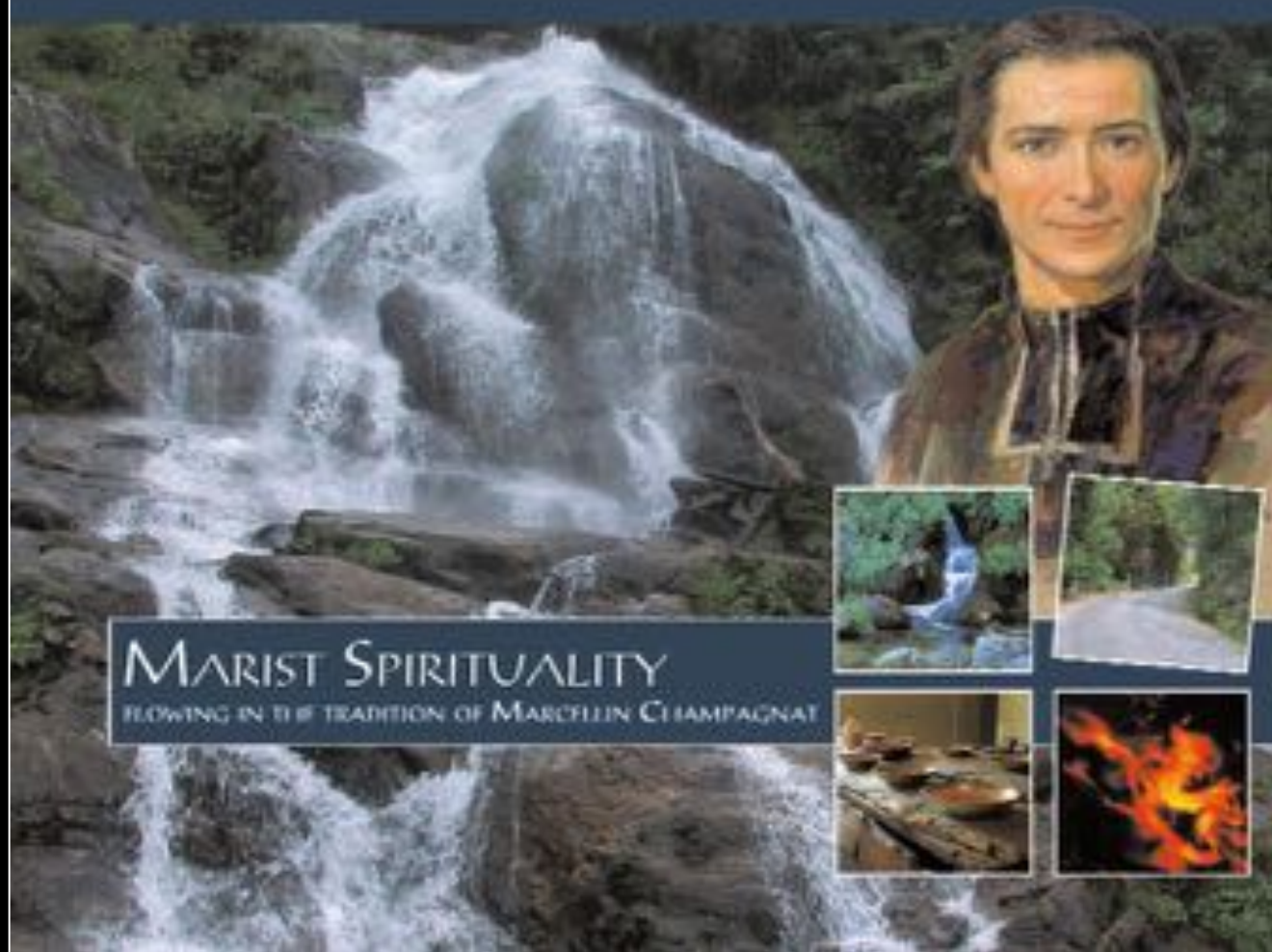
## XX General Chapter 2001

*Brothers and Lay People together:  
widen the space of your tent*

*We are convinced that the life-giving spirit  
is leading us along a common path*



# WATER FROM THE ROCK

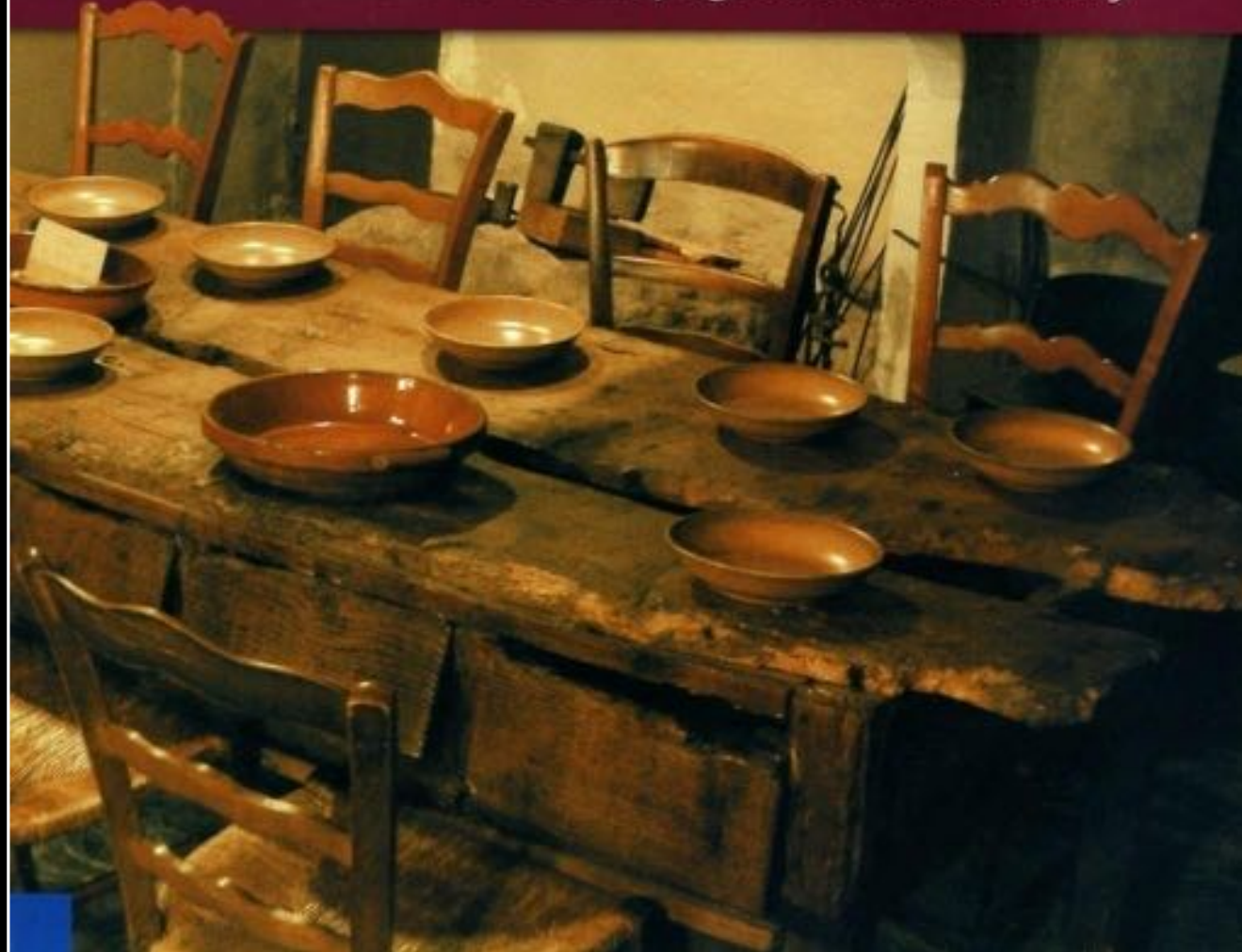


**Shared spirituality**  
*(2007)*



## GATHERED AROUND THE SAME TABLE

The Vocation of Champagnat's Marist Laity



*We are absolutely  
certain that our  
specific vocations are  
unequivocally,  
mutually  
enlightening; and we  
are a constant source  
of wealth for each  
other*

GAST 2009



**XXI General Chapter 2009**

**We acknowledge and encourage the  
VOCATION of the Lay Marist.**

**We believe that the Spirit is inviting us to live in  
a *new communion* of Brothers and Lay Marists.**

**Together we will promote greater vitality of the Marist  
charism and its mission in our world.**





## Journeying Together as Global Family!

To promote and nourish **Marist life in all its diversity**, working towards our deeply-felt desire to act as “one global body” .





For a new beginning, we believe that ...

The future for the charism will be founded on a communion of fully committed Marists, brothers and lay.

As a charismatic family we should walk together respecting the diversity of the Marist world.

All Marists are co-responsible for Marist life and mission.

We need new structures and processes that recognize and support our distinctive vocational paths as Marists.

Therefore, we suggest that:

Each Administrative Unit (AU) discerns, proposes and accompanies concrete **ways of building up communion** as Marists.

Each AU develops a **plan for promoting different forms of Marist life**, including appropriate strategies for formation, accompaniment and belonging,

drawing on the document *Gathered Around the Same Table*, and others, such as *Being a Lay Marist* and the *Project of Life in Fraternity* (CMMF).

Therefore, we suggest that:

That all levels of government establish and/or strengthen structures for all Marists to share leadership and responsibility for Marist life and mission.

Create ways forward which respond to the reality of each country and accompany Administrative Units to share with one another the variety of experiences being lived across the Marist world.







# Being a Lay Marist

Guidelines for accompanying  
people on their vocational journeys  
and for formation pathways

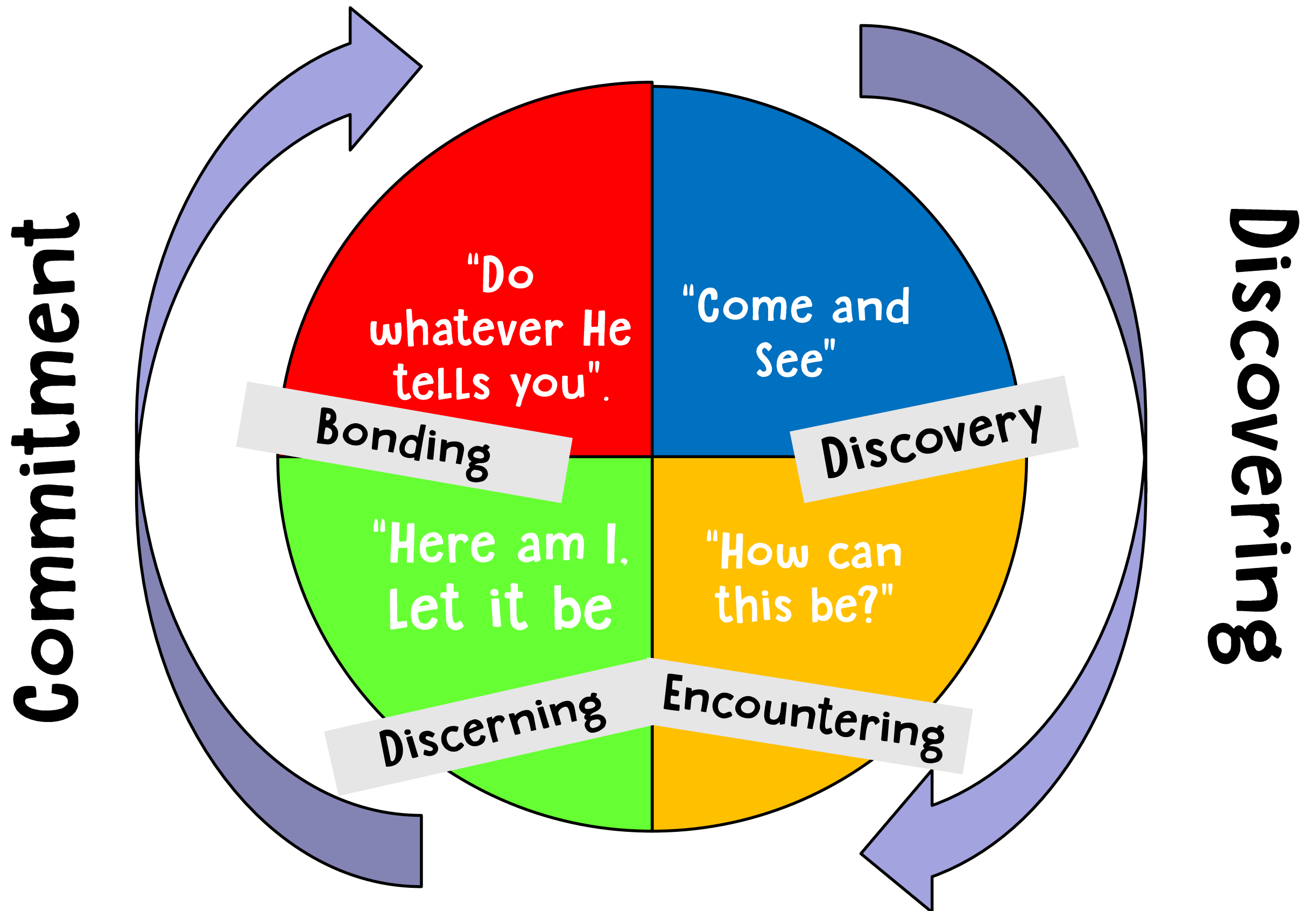


# Being a Lay Marist



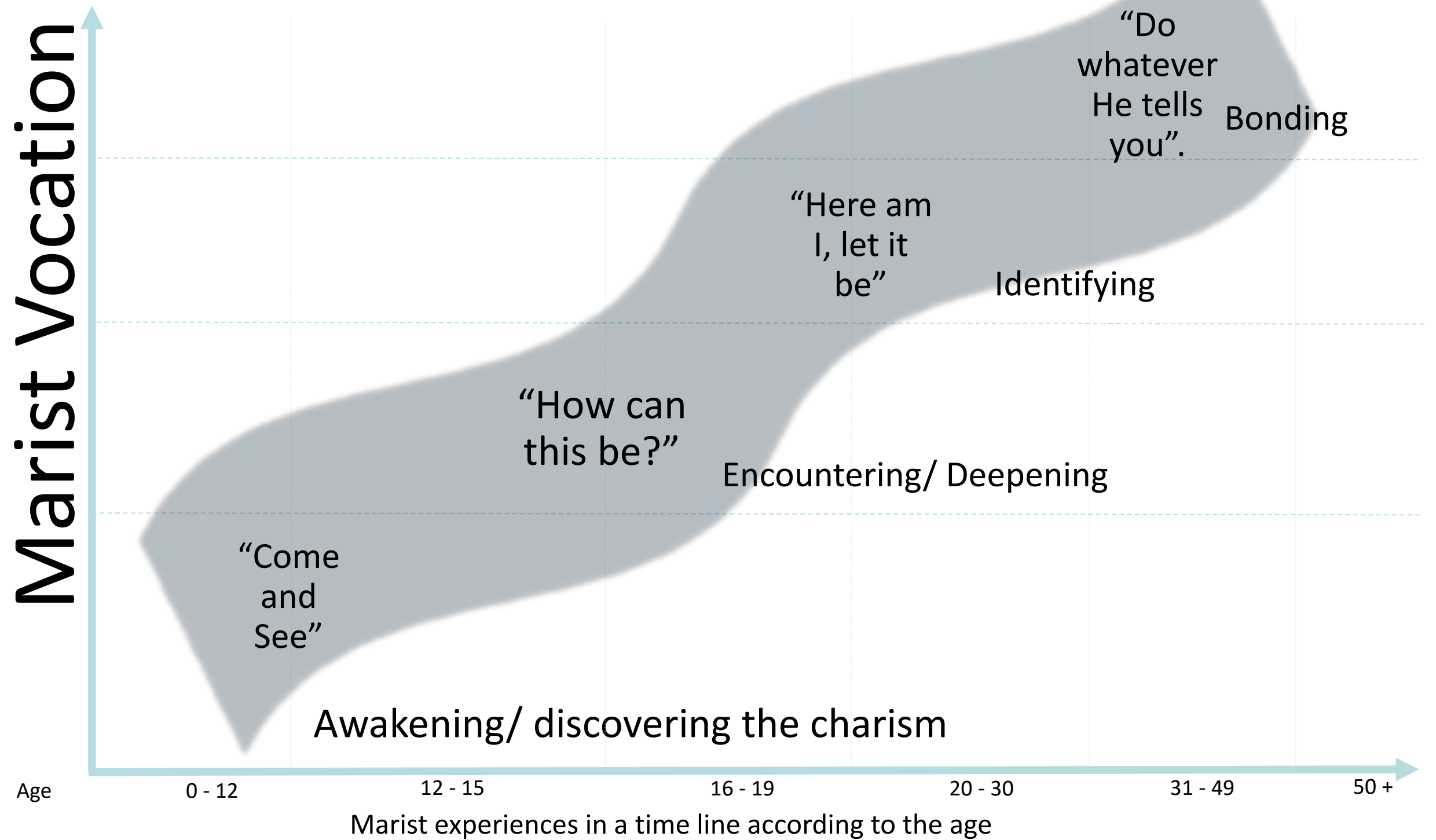
# Marist Journey

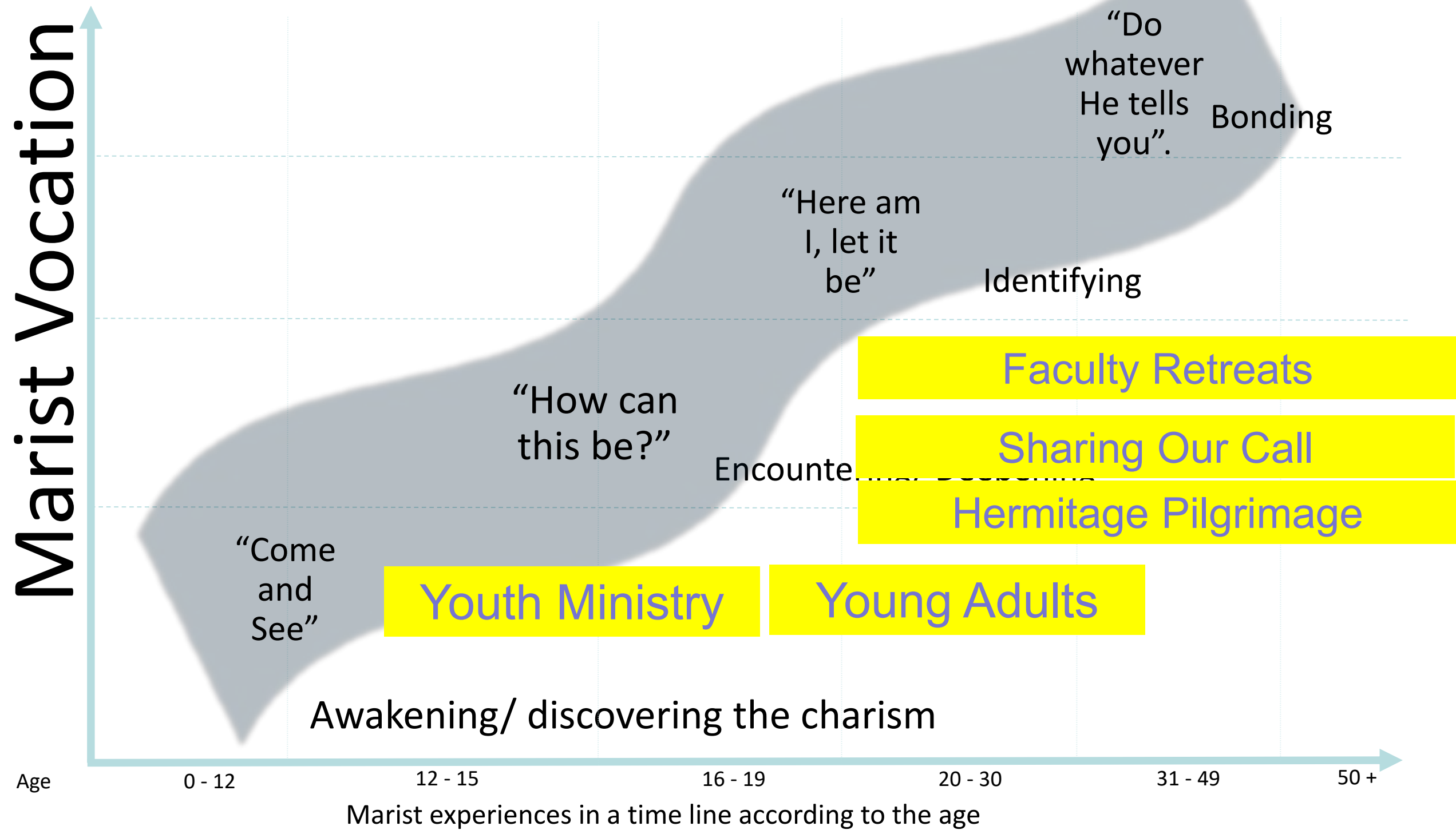
# Being a Lay Marist



# Being a Lay Marist









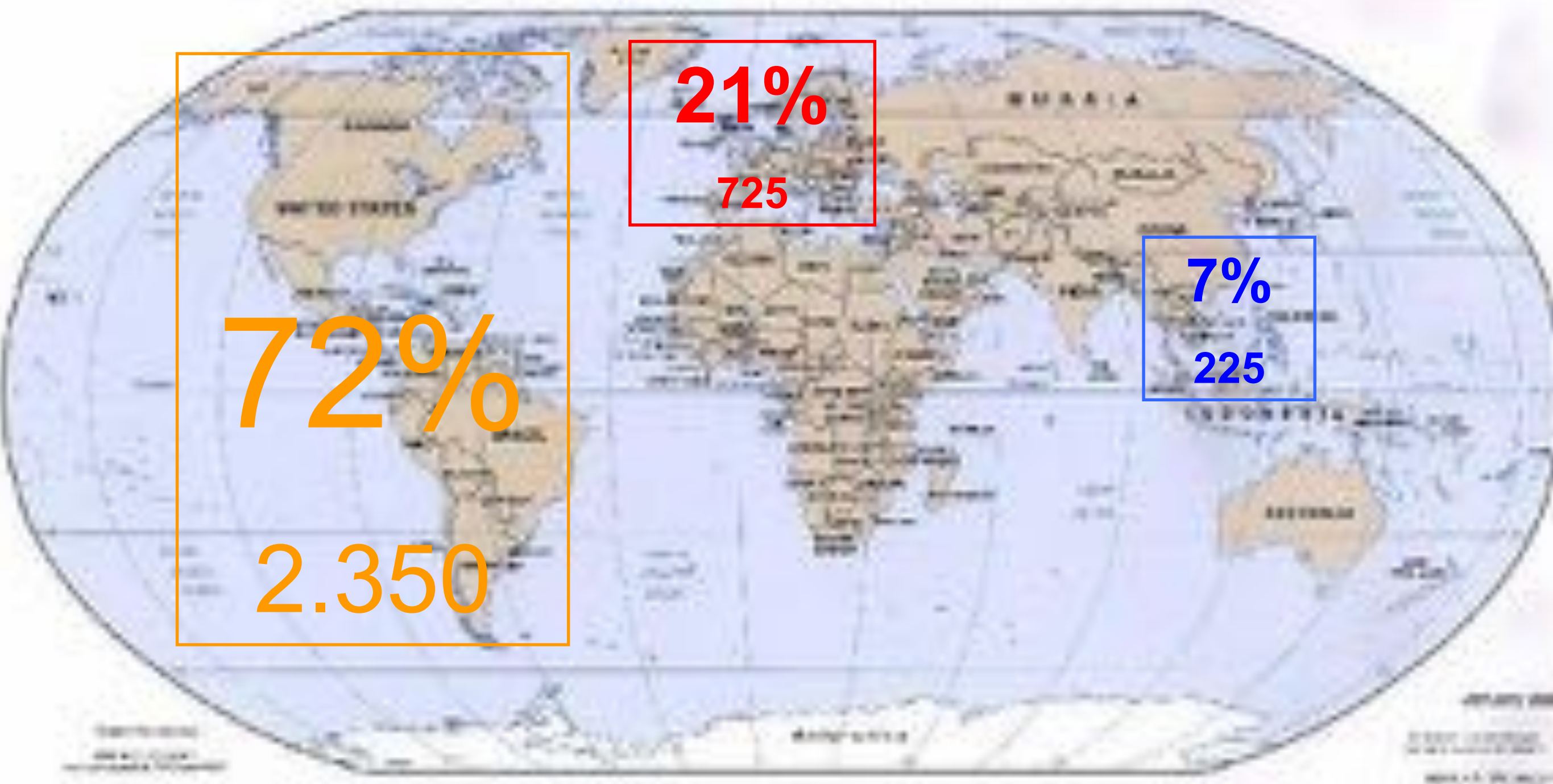




**The Champagnat Movement  
Of Marist Family**

# The CMMF in the World

3.300 members in 280 fraternities in 20 U. A. and 24 countries



# Beginnings of the experience.

## Aim and organization

### Circular of Br. Charles Howard 1990



Fraternity as the basic unit of organization

### A proposal of Marist lay community

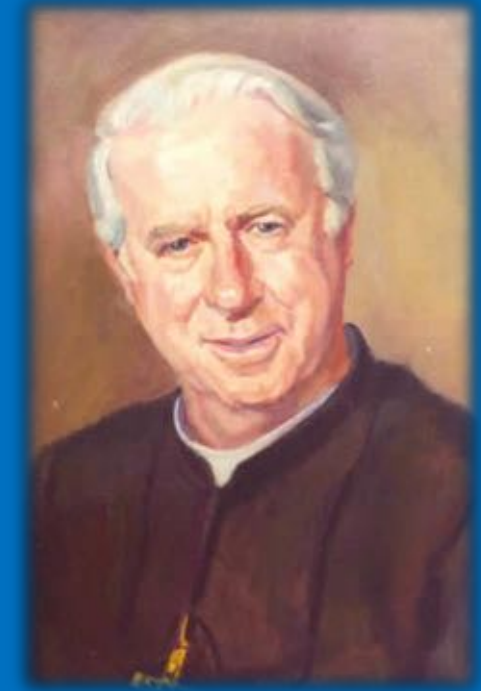


*“Champagnat Movement of Marist Family ,  
an extension of our Institute, it is a movement formed  
by people who want to share deeply the spirituality and sense of  
mission inherited from Marcelin Champagnat”.*





30 years later...



*“You will just  
complete it in  
the next years”*

(B. Charles Howard)



**Actualization process of  
Champagnat Movement**

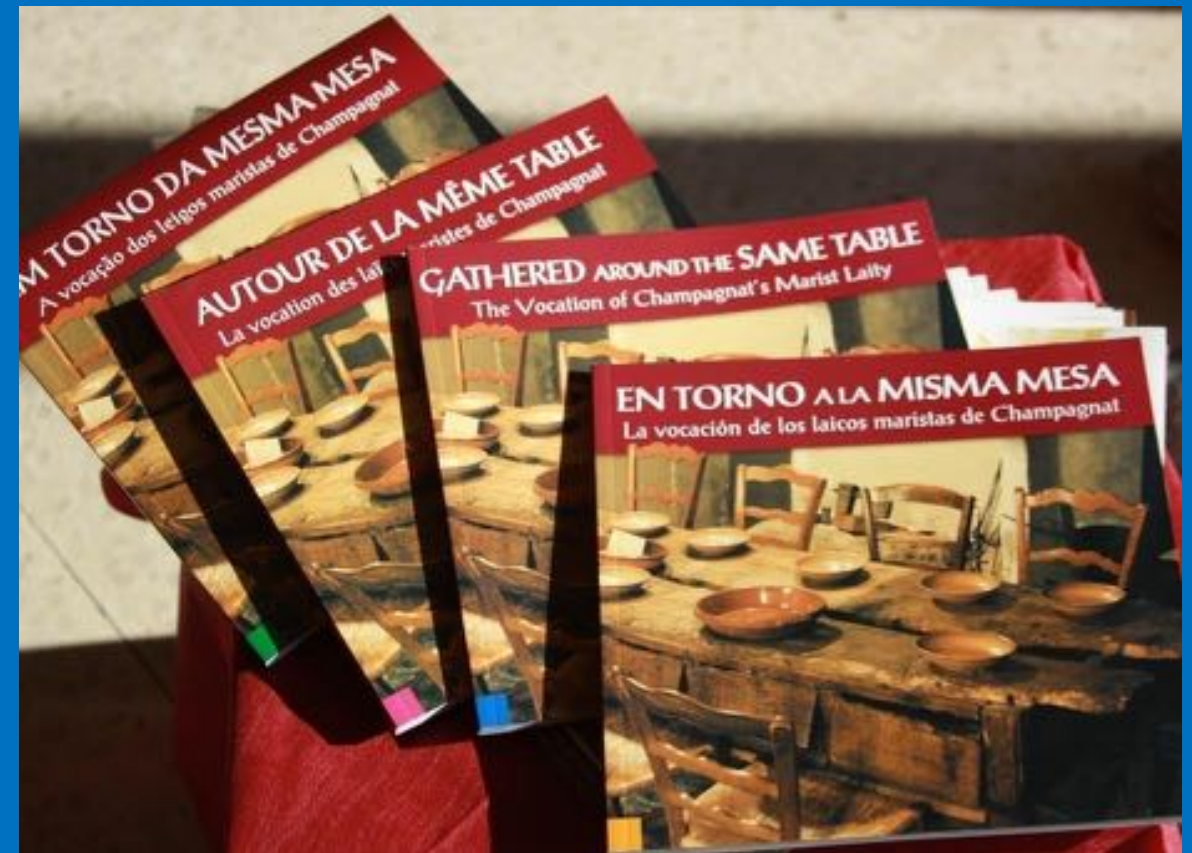
# Challenges emerging

The CMMF and the lay vocation

Initial and ongoing  
formation

Connection with the  
youth Ministry

Relations with other  
structures



# From where do we start...

- From the reality during 25 years.
- Re write the Life Project using a lay language involved all the Movement members.
- Reflection about how to accompaniment CMMF.
- Integrate in laity's movement of the Institute.
- Answer the call to a new beginning.
- Generate more Marist life.

**On June 2012, an international team formed with CMMF members started working a design for a actualization process. Regional suggestions were very value for this work.**

**This process touch personal and community life. So, it has the mystery of God presence among us.**

**During the process,  
commission  
consulted twice all  
the fraternities  
around the World.**





# Keys of new Project of Life for Champagnat Movement

- Written in a lay language.
- Specific elements of lay Marist vocation:  
family, job, social commitments...
- Present a way of faith in Jesus as Mary.
  - Formation proposal for lay people.
- Growing in autonomy but in communion.
- CMMF needs an international organization:  
make known where it doesn't exist.
  - Connect with youth.

# **Contributions to the Institute**

**from Champagnat Movement:**

- Community space for growth as a Marist Christian.**
- Expression of the Marist charism with a lay face.**
- The Charism lived in other mission contexts.**
- New community responses in communion.**



# BRAZIL





# PHILIPINES





# AFRICA





# EUROPE





# MEXICO





DISCOVER

# **BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOP**

**JOINT FORMATION**

*CONFERENCE  
ROOM*

**FORMATION PATHWAYS**

**MARIST GROUPS**

**LAY LEADERSHIP AND  
ANIMATION**

**LAVALLA 200>**

*NORTH LOUNGE*

**BONDING &  
BELONGING**

*HERITAGE  
ROOM*