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THE FAITH OF THE HEART IN THE HEART OF THE WORLD

6th INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF THE MLC

MAGNIFICAT

Lord,

You have called me by my name,

and you have brought Mary to my home.

I am here because of your grace.

You have turned your eyes with compassion on me and our Marianist Lay Communities.

You have set me free from unnecessary burdens so that I can focus my heart on what is essential –
YOU.

I feel an indescribable joy and immense love from You.

You have worked wonders in me, despite my limitations and weakness.

You have increased my faith, which impels me to reach out to others, to feel with the other, their miseries, their reality, their astonishment, their urgency to respond to Your call...

Faith of the Heart...

... is like music to my soul.

... makes me like a flute, simple and straight, that You fill with Your music.

... builds community which is a powerful tool.

I have turned my eyes to Mary again and have believed again in the revolution of tenderness and love

I am filled with hope, enthusiasm, and strength to intensely live the 6th International Meeting of the MLC.

You have done wonderful things

... In me and in each Marianist lay, in my family and in my professional life as my place of mission in the world; I am moved to affirm with Pope Francis "I am a mission on earth and for that reason I am in this world"

... When we carry our passion for You, Lord, to so many moments among people, close to their lives (family, work, neighbors...) where we have touched the misery and the humanity of those who suffer, with sweetness and respect, accompanying and healing them

... In our Marianist Lay Communities, we feel your presence as we mix with others who each bring their unique selves to our common faith and communal life.

... As we strive to live our faith with an intensity that is attractive, contagious, significant and in communion with other Marianist Lay Communities around the world

... In the missionary actions and projects we undertake in the world, with special attention to the poor

...As we recognize that the Marianist Family is in the heart of the Church and thus with it, we go out to the world taking our richness, showing a face of family in the diversity of the universal Church

...In the sharing of the joy of the Marianist charism and our experiences as lay men and women who desire to contribute to the change of the Church

You have called us in this meeting to put the faith of the heart into the heart of the world and You urge us to face the challenges and commitments that we assume today with You...

... To change our heart so that, inspired by the mystery of faith and deep devotion to the Marianist Charism, we may see You, Abba, God of Love, in all whom we encounter

... To be in perpetual mission as we become Your face in both our diverse world and Church

... To responsibly form ourselves, seizing all opportunities given in the Marianist environment

... To lead, so that our Marianist Lay Communities may live intensely the Marianist Spirituality –and being communities of faith, that are welcoming and inclusive, supportive and healing, forming new communities that are able to open up new Marianist places

... To discern actions, both personally and in community, to reach out to the poor, those in pain, and people who feel marginalized or abandoned

... To be at the service of the different branches of the Marianist Family and to work collaboratively

... To create moments and places for youth to meet in mission, including formation, with an active participation of the youth as leaders

...To explore new horizons in accordance with humility, gratitude, and commitment

PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL MLC MEETING

Thank you ABBA for your merciful Love.

Thank you loving Father, because you never cease to love and forgive.

You never tire of doing this, and you do so with much joy and celebratory spirit.

This is how you manifest to us your most intimate nature, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit

We bless you for our Founders who, inspired in Mary's Faith,

Call us to live out the Faith of the Heart in the heart of the world.

May we live and love what we believe, give us this faith of love.

Give us the grace to love you and to serve you amongst the neediest ones,

So that your loving face may be seen and recognized and the world may believe in You, God of love.

We entrust in you, together with Mary, our mission in the world and in the Church,

So that through your grace, like in Cana, you may transform it into the best of wines.

Amen.