



COMMUNICATION N° 2

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To: NATIONAL CLM LEADERS

Subject: DELEGATES AND SCHOLARSHIPS -8th INTERNATIONAL MEETING

Dear Friends,

Next summer we will celebrate the 8th International Meeting in Madrid to « **Dream the Fraternity Together** ». Each International Meeting has helped to consolidate our identity, our Marianist Family spirit, and our mission in the Church and in the world. We thank the Lord for the gifts we have received and for his faithfulness over the years! Thank you also to each one of you for your service with such generosity. We have begun preparations for this meeting. As you know, we will meet as an official assembly from July 23 to 30, 2022 in Madrid, Spain. The local team is actively working on the organization of the meeting. We thank Mercedes, our regional leader for Europe, and all our brothers and sisters in Spain for their work, generosity and enthusiasm. We accompany them with our support and our prayer. As National Leaders, it is now up to you to begin the process of electing delegates.

- How many delegates should we send?

Each country with an officially recognized WLC is entitled to one delegate. The number of delegates in each country sent to the assembly is proportional to the number of WLCs. Here is the number of delegates per country :

PAYS	# CLM	# Laïcs	# DELEGATES
ARGENTINA	19	217	2
AUSTRALIA		1	0
AUSTRIA-GERMANY	5	54	1
BENIN	6	70	1
BRAZIL	6	69	1
CANADA-QUÉBEC	2	38	1
CANADA-WINNIPEG		8	0
CHILE	59	324	2
COLOMBIA	13	70	1
CONGO BRAZZAVILLE	2	55	1
CONGO KINSHASA RDC	7	165	1

CÔTE D'IVOIRE	20	200	2
CUBA	2	23	1
ECUADOR	9	85	1
ESPAÑA - CEMI	17	180	1
ESPAÑA - MADRID	40	401	3
ESPAÑA - ZARAGOZA	57	439	3
FRANCE-BELGIUM	39	402	3
HAITI	?	?	0
INDIA	5	66	1
IRELAND	0	1	0
ITALY	11	180	1
JAPAN	12	82	1
KENYA	3	55	1
KOREA (Seoul & Incheon)	25	238	2
MALAWI	17	278	2
MEXICO	19	112	1
PERU	35	370	2
POLONIA	2	15	1
SWITZERLAND	5	45	1
TOGO	8	102	1
USA	54	706	5
ZAMBIA	2	25	1
TOTAL delegates	501	5076	45

In addition to these "official" delegates, each region will be able to present two "youth delegates". These young delegates are between 20 and 30 years old, and they are recognized as active members in the CLMs of your country. Each country can propose its young delegates to the person in charge of its region who will list the proposals and in dialogue with you will determine the names of the young delegates of its region.

- Who are the delegates?

Each national organization chooses its delegate or delegates. These persons represent their country at the Assembly. Thus, it is important to choose a person who is a committed member of his or her lay Marianist community, someone who is actively involved in the current state of Marianist life in his or her country, and who is sensitive to the international dimension. Only delegates have the right to vote in the Assembly. Voting procedures are used to ratify official documents, structure meeting procedures, amend the Statutes, and elect members of the international team. Delegates bring the strengths and spirit of their country to the international meeting. And they bring the strengths and spirit of the International Meeting to their country. It is important to choose women and men who will represent your communities well, and who will be excited to share the international experience back home.

- What is the financial participation of each delegate?

Each country contributes fully to the financing of each delegate's presence at the Assembly (travel, full board - estimated at 655 euros per adult and 280 euros for each youth delegate). The cost of participation on site includes accommodation, meals, the cost of the day of pilgrimage and registration fees.

- When do the delegates arrive and leave?

We know that many delegates will come from other continents. The Assembly itself will start on Saturday, July 23 in the late afternoon. Some delegates will have to arrive a little earlier. The host house can only receive delegates from July 21. After the end of the International Meeting (July 30), for the same reasons, the delegates will be able to stay on site for a maximum of two days after the meeting. In this case, the financial participation of each delegate covers only the time of the Assembly. For the delegates who arrive before and leave after the meeting, accommodation and meals are at their own expense.

- How can we help fund the delegates?

In the event that a country encounters difficulties in financing, scholarships will be allocated (up to 1000 euros per delegate). Only one delegate per country can apply for a scholarship. The country must also have made annual contributions to the International Organization, as a concrete sign of belonging to the Marianist Family. Financial aid will be distributed during the meeting. Supporting your delegate is a concrete sign of support for our International Meeting. There are seven months to go before this assembly, so we encourage you to start looking for funding. Delegate registration forms and scholarship applications will be sent to you early in the new year.

Your Regional Manager and I remain at your disposal for any further information or questions you may have regarding this event.

May Mary, the one through whom the light has risen on the world, accompany us on our way. And may the Holy Spirit guide us as we prepare to meet in Madrid.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EACH ONE AND ALL!

And may the Lord shower you with his blessings throughout the year 2022.

Very fraternal regards,



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