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COMMUNICATION N°3

Dear friends,

The 8th International Meeting in Madrid is getting closer. We thank the Lord for the good reception of this meeting in all regions, even if we know that it is at the heart of a pandemic which, depending on the country, is still more or less present. Together, we take an act of faith and we continue to believe that this meeting will be possible, in the best conditions. Together we will adapt as best as possible to each health situation.

Now is the time to form the assembly of delegates. You are already aware of the number of delegates allocated to your country (cf. Communication n°2). The choice of delegates is important because it is the Assembly that will discern important decisions and choose the members of the next International Team. It is good to have in mind some criteria to help you in this choice.

The profile of the delegate sent to the assembly can be as follows:

- A person who has all the confidence of your National Council and of which the latter is a representative.
- A person who has a few years of experience in an MLC and who has committed to the mission in the service of the MLC in their country
- A person sensitive to the international dimension, capable of a broader vision than their own local or national dimension
- A caring and positive person, open to the new relationships and the differences in cultures
- A person capable of discernment at the service of the mission of THE MLC in the world
- A person who knows they are "sent" and who therefore has the concern to share their experience when returning to their country.

It is already possible to register via the new official website of the International Organization www.communautesmarianistes.org in the "Madrid 2022" section. The deadline for registration is 01 May 2022. Each delegate is asked to register
as soon as possible. The same applies to spiritual advisors, observers, translators, volunteers, guests and speakers. Registrations are only possible online.

We will be accompanied by lay, religious, and religious Spiritual Companions. Each of them will have the opportunity to apply to the regional representative concerned and then receive an official invitation.

A great novelty for this 8th International Meeting! A delegation of 15 young adults (18-30 years -3 per continent) will be present. Each country is therefore called upon, when possible, to propose a young delegate to the head of the region. This novelty will add strength and dynamism to our meeting. We have no doubt about it!

Your Regional Representative and I remain at your disposal for any further information or questions relating to this event.

May Mary accompany us throughout the lenten season, she who knew how to be at the side of her Son at the time of the Cross and the Resurrection.

And may the Holy Spirit guide us as we prepare to meet in Madrid.

Fraternal friendships,