



MARIST VOCATIONAL PROCESS FOR LAY MEN AND WOMEN, IN SANTA MARIA DE LOS ANDES

Secretariat of Laity

"We need to articulate the future of the Marist lay vocation and its organizational structures".
(Mendes)

The Province of Santa Maria de los Andes has initiated a process of discernment and formation for lay men and women who feel God's call to live their Project of life in following Jesus Christ within the Marist charism. They have been living this experience for several years. Following, are some elements of the same.

1. PROVINCIAL DOCUMENTS FOR INSPIRATION AND SUPPORT

- Growth itineraries in the lay Marist vocation.
A path of Marist Christian discipleship. (Commission for Spirituality and Laity),
- Marist Lay of Champagnat. Triptych.
- Initiation step to a lay formation process.
- Accompaniment and growth processes of lay vocation. Outline of sessions.
- Human and spiritual accompaniment plan. Step 2 Initiation.
- Request to go to Initiation step.
- Drink from your own well. *Excerpt from the reflection: "Spiritual migration or search for our own identity?" by Gonzalo Fernandez, cmf*

2. SOME PARAMETERS OF THE FORMATION PROPOSAL

Itinerary

The Marist lay vocation needs to be discovered, accepted and accompanied. You do not become a Marist lay man or woman overnight. It presupposes a process, a personal and community itinerary of Christian and Marist maturity. In principle, those who choose to be a part of this movement are recommended to take these four steps:

Invitation stage. This stage seeks to make room for any vocational manifestation of lay men and women related to the Marist world while it attempts to provide information about the Marist lay vocational offer and the growth itineraries available within the area. It also offers established instances to freely join these itineraries.

Initiation stage. This stage aims at favouring different personal and community experiences which lead to a better knowledge and acceptance of self – making a faith reading of one's own history - , a greater and more loving relation with Jesus Christ and a discernment of the call to live out the Marist lay vocation.

Deepening stage. This stage is lived as a member of a Marist lay Christian community. In it, you deepen Marist spirituality, intensify joint formation with the brothers and emphasize the apostolic and missionary dimension at the service of the Church.

Bonding stage. This stage has not yet been achieved but it contemplates different ways of being linked to the Marist Congregation.

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INVITATION stage

Duration: 1 year

Description of stage

This stage aims at making room for any vocational manifestation of lay men and women related to the Marist world while it attempts to offer established instances to freely join these itineraries.

Itinerary of the stage

1. Time for invitation
2. Time to see and hear.
3. Time to question the heart.
4. Time to respond to the heart.

Growth indicators

1. I share my searches and vocational concerns with other people.
2. I know the Marist lay vocational proposal.
3. I pray, reflect and discern my response to that proposal.
4. I respond positively and formally ask to start the process.

INITIATION stage

Duration: 3 or 4 years

Description of stage

This stage attempts to facilitate different personal and community experiences aiming at reaching a greater knowledge and acceptance of self, making a faith reading of one's own history, a greater and more loving relation with Jesus Christ and a discernment of the call to live the Marist lay vocation.

Dimension of stage

1. Human-spiritual (anthropological).
From a personal knowledge and personal acceptance to a knowing myself and accepting myself as a beloved son/daughter of God.
2. Friendship with Jesus (Christological).
From an initial relation with Jesus to an option of following.
3. Community life (ecclesiological).
From a personal Christianity to a following of Jesus in community.
4. Marist charism (charismatic).
From admiration and affection for the Marist charism to a discovery of the call to the Marist lay vocation.

Criteria to keep in mind

- a) The estimated time for initial formation is from two to three years, which may be extended based on the pace of each person.
- b) It is fundamental for this person to benefit from a personal accompaniment during this time.
- c) The community experience is strengthened, a stronger bonding emerges.
- d) In the event some person feels he or she wants to interrupt the process, he or she may indicate it to the provincial or local person in charge, with no problem whatsoever.
- e) In the event the person is absent from community life for an extended time and interrupts the personal accompaniment, we will speak to him or her to assess motivations, present state and said individual will be guided to resume, take some time or interrupt the process.

Human and spiritual accompaniment plan.

1. Organize and participate to monthly meetings of the lay community and to the design of the community Project. The minimum recommended is to meet once a month; however, as the community progresses it is desirable for meetings to be held every two weeks. Each meeting will have a sufficient duration so as to accompany each other through the processes. In addition, they may facilitate a community celebration of family events and meetings among families, including children and spouses.
2. Experience the annual week-end retreat, Friday through Sunday, of Spiritual Exercises, beginning with the Principle and Foundation, organized by the Sector team.
3. Participate to the annual meeting with the members of the Stage 2 Initiation (taking of pulse, providing sense of body, projections...).
4. Take part to the Marist Spirituality Week in Limache. (The idea is for each to live this experience once over the duration of the Initiation stage).
5. Participate to the Sunday Eucharist and other sacraments, living out the sense of fraternity. On some occasions they can participate together, as a community, to the same Eucharistic celebration.
6. Experience personal prayer as a means of daily and permanent communication with the Lord. Many different ways may be tested; what matters is to find one's own.
7. Organize and/or participate to a semi-annual meeting with the local community of Brothers or mixed community.
8. Commit to the accompaniment through the following means:
 - The spiritual Diary (optional).
 - Spiritual, vocational and faith personal accompaniment for those who desire it. It may be with trained individuals from the Sector or other people with experience and skills. Frequency is determined at the beginning of the accompaniment.
 - Periodic materials offered by the Sector team. These may be related to Church documents or Marist ones such as "Water from the Rock", "Gathered Around the Same Table" or others. These are reflected on personally, with the family or in the community.
 - One interview per year with the Sectorial Team Coordinator of the Spirituality and Laity Sectorial Team.

3. LAY COMMUNITIES IN VOCATIONAL PROCESSES

CHILE SECTOR



Community *HNO. MÁXIMO*,
Alto Hospicio.

NAME OF COMMUNITY: HNO. MÁXIMO			
COORDINATOR: Liliana Aguilar laguilar@chf.maristas.cl			
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Br. Pedro Herreros – Br. Patricio Pino			
CITY: ALTO HOSPICIO		MARIST SECTOR: CHILE	
MEETING DAYS: FRIDAY		FREQUENCY: MONTHLY	
STAGE: FIRST YEAR OF INITIATION			
	MEMBER	ACTIVITY	N° of CHILDREN
1	Daniela Contreras Delgado	Teacher	1
2	Alejandro Reyes San Martin	Kinesiologist	Married couple
3	Silvana Torres	Educator	
4	Ivan Espinoza		Married couple
5	Claudia Serrano Lizana	Teacher	0
6	Veronica Henríquez	Librarian	2
7	Isabel Lagos Mella	Secretary	1
8	Marlena Vargas Yáñez	Teacher	0
9	Marlene Flores Quispe	Teacher	0
10	Liliana Aguilar Valencia	Teacher	0

Marist Lay Community of *VILLA ALEMANA*, Villa Alemana.

NAME OF COMMUNITY:			
COORDINATOR: Hugo Morales humoca@gmail.com			
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Raul Amaya			
CITY: VILLA ALEMANA		MARIST SECTOR: CHILE	
MEETING DAYS: Second Thursday of the month		FREQUENCY: MONTHLY	
STAGE: FIRST YEAR OF INITIATION			
	MEMBER	ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
1	Katty Andrea Arevalo Aguilera	Pre-school educator	0
2	Gloria Maria Salvador Salinas	Teacher	3
3	Anita Maria Basualto Passeron	Homemaker	1
4	Hugo Benjamín Morales Carrasco	Teacher	Married couple

**Marist Lay Community of *LOS ANDES*,
Los Andes.**



NAME OF COMMUNITY:			
COORDINATOR: Florencia Arqueros farquerosr@hotmail.com			
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Br. Patricio Pino			
CITY: LOS ANDES		MARIST SECTOR: CHILE	
MEETING DAYS: MONDAY		FREQUENCY: MONTHLY	
STAGE: SECOND YEAR OF INITIATION			
N°	MEMBER	ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
1	Javier Lopez Rivera	Teacher	2 Married couple
2	Angelina Dabovic Tapia	Teacher	
3	Lorena Arancibia Vilches	Nursery Assistant	1
4	César Gonzalez Araya	Former Marist teacher	2
5	Maria Reinoso Fuentealva	Administrative	2
6	Raul Vasquez	Teacher	2 Married couple
7	Florencia Arqueros Rojas	Teacher	

**Marist Lay Community of *QUILLOTA*,
Quillota.**



Missing from picture: Felix Vasquez and Marisol Rojas

NAME OF COMMUNITY:			
COORDINATOR: Olga Oyaneder Ramirez olga.oyaneder.r@gmail.com			
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Raul Amaya			
CITY: QUILLOTA		MARIST SECTOR: CHILE	
MEETING DAYS: Second or last Friday of each month		FREQUENCY: MONTHLY	
STAGE: SCOND YEAR OF INITIATION			
	MEMBER	ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
1	Erika Flores Pinto	Education Assistant	2
2	German Godoy Vicencio	Teacher - Rector DEC	5

3	Gonzalo Jiron Tapia	Teacher DEC	2
4	Olga Oyaneder Ramirez	Teacher – Vice Rector DEC	3
5	Silvia Ponce Quiroz	Pre-school educator IRA	3
6	Felix Vasquez Ferrada	Teacher IRA	3
7	Marisol Rojas Río	Administrative IRA	0

**Community *HNO. FRANCISCO,*
Rancagua.**



NAME OF COMMUNITY: HNO. FRANCISCO				
COORDINATOR: Julio Quiroz M. <i>jotacu@gmail.com</i>				
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Gonzalo Yavar				
CITY: RANCAGUA		MARIST SECTOR: CHILE		
MEETING DAYS: JUEVES		FREQUENCY: FORTNIGHTLY		
STAGE: INITIATION, FIRST YEAR				
	MEMBER		ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
1	Karem Solar Caamaño		Teacher	2
2	Manuel Llanos Galaz		Teacher	2
3	Julio Quiroz Moran		Teacher	3
4	Lorena Loiza Palma		Teacher	2
5	Oriela Rosas Bustos		Teacher	2
6	Veronica Solis Noria		Teacher	4
7	Mauricio Guzman Rebolledo		Teacher	3
8	Susana Urayama Cepeda		Teacher	2
9	Edgar Soto Ossa		Teacher	4

**Community *OASIS*,
Rancagua.**



NAME OF COMMUNITY: OASIS			
COORDINATOR: Claudia Silva Ipinza claudia.silvaipinza@gmail			
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Raul Amaya			
CITY: RANCAGUA		MARIST SECTOR: CHILE	
MEETING DAYS: Wednesday Monthly – Thursday Weekly			
FREQUENCY: Monthly meeting- Weekly lunch			
STAGE: INITIATION, SECOND YEAR			
	MEMBER	ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
1	Haidee Zuñiga Gatica	Teacher	3
2	Claudia Silva Ipinza	Teacher	1
3	Adrian Moreno Pavez	Teacher	---
4	Andrea Rubio Abarca	Teacher	2

**Community *HNO. MIGUEL*,
Curicó.**



Why Br. Miguel?

Because Br. Miguel de Cos Gonzalez, pervaded by a Marist spirit, worked with great affection, loyalty, self-denial and dedication for over 50 years as a teacher and until his final days (in 2004) as Secretary. We wish with all our hearts to follow his example of simplicity, humility, diligence and spirit of service.

NAME OF COMMUNITY: HNO. MIGUEL				
COORDINATOR: Elvira Reinoso elvira27@gmail.com				
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Gonzalo Yávar				
CITY: CURICÓ		MARIST SECTOR: CHILE		
MEETING DAYS: 1st Wednesday of each month		FREQUENCY: MONTHLY		
STAGE: INITIATION, SECOND YEAR				
	MEMBER		ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
1	Rossana Avendaño Araya		Teacher	3
2	Veronica Moreno Moreno		Teacher	3
3	Marcela Moraga Moraqga		Teacher	3
4	Mabel Henríquez Olabe		Teacher	3
5	Elvira Reinoso Fuentealba		Administrative	3

SECTOR OF BOLIVIA

Lay Community of *COCHABAMBA*



NAME OF COMMUNITY: MARIST LAY OF CHAMPAGNAT				
COORDINATOR: Yolanda Abrego yolabrego@hotmail.com				
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Ricardo Miño				
CITY: Cochabamba		MARIST SECTOR: Bolivia		
MEETING DAYS: Tuesday		FREQUENCY: Once a month		
STAGE: INITIATION, SECOND YEAR				
	MEMBER		ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
1	Yolanda Abrego		Coordinator	7
2	Maritza Sotomayor		Director	2

3	Mario Tangara	Director	4
4	Sonia Sejas	Director	-
5	Patricia Peña	Coordinator	2
6	Oswaldo Vildoza	Director	4
7	Jaime Rocabado	Coordinator	3

Lay Community of *COMARAPA*



NAME OF COMMUNITY: Comarapa			
COORDINATOR: Elizabeth Alvarado mariaely74@gmail.com			
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Ricardo Miño			
CITY: Comarapa		MARIST SECTOR: Bolivia	
MEETING DAYS: Last Sunday of every month			
FREQUENCY: monthly			
STAGE: INITIATION, SECOND YEAR			
	MEMBE	ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
1	Elizabeth Alvarado Hervas	Teacher	4
2	Cristina Salguero Sandoval	Director	2
3	Dolly Melendres Almendras	Manager Youth Centre	2
4	Alberto Salguero Sandoval	Director	2
5	Lidia Cespedes Rojas	Director	3
6	Jenny Claire Toledo	Teacher	-
7	Adela Perdriel Paz	Director	4

Lay community of **SANTA CRUZ**



NAME OF COMMUNITY: Santa Cruz COORDINATOR: Marisol Cardenas <i>marisol.car.led@gmail.com</i> EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Ricardo Miño			
CITY: Santa Cruz		MARIST SECTOR: Bolivia	
MEETING DAYS: Sunday		FREQUENCY: every three weeks.	
STAGE: INITIATION, SECOND YEAR			
	MEMBER	ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
1	Marisol Cardenas	Course professor, animation team of fraternities	1
2	Ana Iris Rodriguez	Sector education team, educational coordinator	2
3	Maria Rene Palma	Course professor, coordinator of Holy Childhood	3
4	Lucy Paniagua	Course professor, responsible for catechesis	2
5	Betty Bautista Vargas	Course professor, Volunteer service in cafeteria, catechist	2
6	Bertha Maria Tejerina Alvarez	Director of Youth Home.	2
7	Mario Huarachi	Regular teacher	
8	Sylvia Perez	Mission Executive Secretary, coordinator of Sector ministry.	4
9	Ricardo Miño	Coordinator of Spirituality, Laity and Solidarity in Sector	4

Lay community of **SAN JOSÉ CHIQUITOS Y ROBORÉ**



NAME OF COMMUNITY: Oriente		COORDINATOR:	
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Ricardo Miño			
CITY: San José de Chiquitos y Roboré		MARIST SECTOR: Bolivia	
MEETING DAYS: Wednesday		FREQUENCY: Monthly	
STAGE: INTIATION, SECOND YEAR			
	MEMBER	ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
1	Reyna Antonia Gil Chavez	Teacher	4
2	Wara Vilsozo	In charge of Ministry	-
3	Maria Elena Bejarano	Teacher	2
4	Mirian Vargas	Teacher and cafeteria coordinator	2
5	Eloisa Choque	Ministry	-



Meeting of Marist lay of Peru

SECTOR OF PERU

There are 4 lay communities in Peru. 37 lay and 5 brothers participate to said community. In these, there are lay people with 4, 3, 2 and 1 year of lay processes. Visits are paid to each community. Family meetings are organized with the lay in these processes and with the brothers' communities. They participate to a three-day annual retreat. Each individual personal process is accompanied.

The lay people from the movement hold one or two meetings per year for formation and process review.

- 1. THE COMMUNITY OF LIMA 1.** Coordinated by Eliana Rojas. It is the oldest community. There are 5 members of 4 years, the others of 3 years. We are a total of 13, including 3 brothers. We meet every three weeks at the community of the Brothers in Surco.



NAME OF COMMUNITY: LIMA		COORDINATOR: ELIANA ROJAS	
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:			
CITY: LIMA		MARIST SECTOR: PERÚ	
MEETING DAYS: WEDNESDAYS		FREQUENCY: every three weeks	
	MEMBER	ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
1	Juan Carlos Pellon Yahuana	Teacher. Coordinator of General Ministry and Solidarity	3
2	Alfredo Gutierrez Baella	Teacher	2
3	Jenny Keith Lara Quispe	Teacher	2
4	Sonia Milagros Pichilingue Murga	Teacher. Ministry Coordinator	0
5	Alberto Roman Ferreyra	Education Team Coordinator	2
6	Eliana Noemi Rojas Condo	Director	2
7	Giselle Ascuña Vargas	Teacher	4
8	Sara Sanchez Vicuña	Teacher	0
9	Monica Aguirre Garayar	Teacher/CEPS at UMCH Coord. EAM /Sector	0
10	Raul Angel Condor Muñoz	Teacher. Ministry Director Sector Progress Coordinator	0

2. **COMMUNITY OF SULLANA.** Coordinated by Eleno Juarez. It has 10 members: 1 lay woman who initiated processes 4 years ago, 4 of 3 years, and lay people (couple Wilson and Clarita) with 2 years, two lay individuals who began the processes this year and 1 Marist brother. They meet on a weekly basis but they have decided to spread out their meetings for reasons of time and participation to other groups.

NAME OF COMMUNITY: SULLANA		COORDINATOR: ELENO JUÁREZ	
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Community of bros.			
CITY: SULLANA		MARIST SECTOR: PERU	
MEETING DAYS: WEDNESDAY		FREQUENCY: EVERY WEEK	
	MEMBER	ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
1	Maria del Socorro Manrique Nole	Classroom teacher-Ministry D.	03
2	Celia Caridad de la Cruz Giron	Classroom teacher – Technical Areas D.	04
3	Clara Aurora Vilela Lequernaqué	teacher	04
4	Oswaldo Wilson Giron Petrozzi	teacher - director	04
5	Ana María Amésquita Márquez	teacher	--
6	Victor Manuel Zapata Carrillo	teacher	--
7	Gerardo Aquiles Yovera Fajardo	teacher	01
8	Luis Eleno Juarez Reto	teacher	02
9	María N. Rodriguez Sandoval	Coordinator PV-SJO	---
10	br. Nino Pascual		

3. **COMMUNITY OF HUACHO.** Coordinated by Angel Meneses. It has 4 members. They meet every two months. 1 Marist brother and the wife of one of the members participate with them.



NAME OF COMMUNITY: SAN JOSE HUACHO		COORDINATOR:	
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:			
CITY: HUACHO		MARIST SECTOR: PERU	
MEETING DAYS: Wednesday		FREQUENCY: monthly	
	MEMBER	ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
<u>1</u>	Angel Alfonso Meneses Guillen	teacher	2
<u>2</u>	Luis Enrique Coca Ramirez	teacher	1
<u>3</u>	Victor Antonio Quiroz Cacho	teacher	2
<u>4</u>	Wilfredo Arturo Cherres Juarez	teacher	4

4. **COMMUNITY OF LIMA 2:** It is currently the largest community. It is coordinated by Haydee Grimaldo. It has 14 members. No Marist brother. 11 members initiated the processes together in 2012. This year they welcomed 3 new members. They meet on a monthly basis.



NAME OF COMMUNITY:		COORDINATOR:	
EXTERNAL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:			
CITY:	Lima	MARIST SECTOR:	Peru
MEETING DAYS:		FREQUENCY:	(monthly, fortnightly, weekly)
	MEMBER	ACTIVITY	N° CHILDREN
1	Jenny Chunga Campos	nurse	
2	John Montero Chunga	System analyst	
3	Carmen Victoria Larrea de Mayandía	Elementary Tutor in Champagnat School	3
4	Elsa Soledad Agama Ramos	Professor	---
5	Gregorio Segovia Pachas	Teacher	2
6	Aldo borda Castillo	General Secretary	2
7	Martha Camacho Quispilaya	Elementary teacher Parents Ministry Coordinator	2
8	Renato Villegas Ortega	Teacher	3
9	Isabel Aguilar Cornejo	Social worker	1
10	Martha Sabaducci	Teacher	
11	Luz Haydee Grimaldo Zapata	Teacher	2
12	Martha Diaz Ruiz	Librarian	3
13	Jenny Chanchhuaña		
14	Carlos Baluarte Tavera	Professor	2