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Brother Emili Turú Rofes, FMS and
General Chapter Capitulants and Guests
Rionegro, Colombia

Dear Brother Emili, Chapter Capitulants and Guests,

I send you warm greetings on my own behalf and that of all the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary throughout the world, to assure you of our daily support in prayer as you journey through the 22nd General Chapter of your Congregation towards “*A New La Valla*”.

Through your engagement in this General Chapter, a new phase of life opens up, not only for the participants at the chapter but for all who will receive the fruits of your labors and be invited to live into “*A New La Valla*”, striving to live the fms charism with authenticity and fidelity in today’s context.

A General Chapter in the life of a Congregation is a profound moment of awareness and renewal if participants can *seize the moment*, the opportunity given by the Holy Spirit, to empty ‘self’ of all preconceived ideas and hopes and delve into the mystery of God’s dream for the Congregation today and for the future. Of course, this requires great faith and trust in our loving God, a willingness to be *surprised by the Spirit* and, for Marists, a strong reliance on the guidance of Mary, our *sister-in-faith*, who continues to walk with us through this exciting journey of faith and life.

My wish for all of you is the gift of *Shalom*. It is a prayer for all that the word *Shalom* conveys for the Hebrew people: *Completeness, wholeness, health, peace, welfare, safety, soundness, tranquility, prosperity, perfectness, fullness, rest, harmony, the absence of agitation or discord.*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His face upon you and give you SHALOM. (Numbers 6:24-26)

I pray for you in the name of Jesus Christ our SAR SHALOM, the Prince of Peace, and through the intercession of Saint Marcellin Champagnat who continues to inspire your relationship with Mary and your way of life as Marist Brothers of the Schools.

United in Mary, our Good Mother, I remain your sister in Christ,

Georgianne Maria, smsm

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