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The fraternity we build

I was at the Marist International Mission Assembly as a representative of the International Council for Lasallian Association and the Educational Mission (CIAMEL). A Council which has now been positioned within a new governance structure to express shared responsibility for the mission. **Our biggest challenge is to think globally and to find ways to facilitate local accompaniment**, and I could see that was a challenge also facing the Marists as well.

Our statistics are also similar in a way that shows a fewer number of Brothers alongside a growth in the number of associates and of ministries, and **there are structures that encourage lay leadership to deepen association for the mission** and to encourage co-responsibility.

The reflection message I shared with the assembly was mainly composed of expressions of gratitude for all that we experience as a global educational community, the challenges we face, the needs we meet, the paths we cross. **It is the fraternity we build, the love we share!** What a great gift!



Ms. Coreen Paul
President of CIAMEL

What is the methodology of the Plenary Assembly?

One of the main novelties of the Plenary Assembly that will take place at the Generalate in Rome from 7 to 14 July 2024 has to do with its **methodological proposal from a Lasallian and synodal perspective**.

“Saint John Baptist de La Salle left us a rich spiritual heritage inspired by the French School to which he belonged, as a disciple of the great masters of the 17th century. He himself, in his spiritual and missionary journey, in his searching and process of conversion, gradually built up a **missionary spirituality for the educational ministry**”, remarks Brother Carlos Gómez, Vicar General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

This spiritual heritage which De La Salle synthesised in **two experiences that feedback each other: the spirit of faith and ardent zeal**, “are a very rich source of permanent inspiration for the renewal of our life and mission, and we have also taken it on board in designing the methodology of the Plenary Assembly”, adds Brother Carlos.

In this way, the methodology of the Plenary Assembly envisions four moments or movements for “walking together”, drawing on the sources of Lasallian spirituality:



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1. **Contemplate** → “Not to look upon anything but with the eyes of faith”. An invitation to interiority.
2. **Discernment and *sensus fidei*** → “Not to do anything but in view of God”. An invitation to assume the sense of faith.
3. **Acting with ardent zeal** → Risk and prophetic audacity. An invitation to commitment.
4. **Abandonment to Divine Providence** → “To attribute all to God”. An invitation to consider that everything is in God’s hands: “Lord, the work is yours”.

On the basis of this methodology, the Plenary Assembly will seek consensus on the themes to be discerned on each day.

★ Practical information (part 2)

On this occasion it will not be possible for the logistics of the Assembly to provide the transport service between Rome airport (Fiumicino) and the Generalate and vice versa, so it is requested that each participant can plan for this journey, for which the following practical information is shared:

Option 1: bus. Go to Terminal 3 bus station and locate the “SIT BUS SHUTTLE” lane 12. The cost of the ticket is 8 Euros, and can be paid in cash or by credit card. The first stop is *Circonvallazione Aurelia 19* (in front of the Eurospin supermarket). There you should get off and walk in the same direction as the bus for about 100 metres. Then cross to the other side of the street and walk to your left along *Via Aurelia* for about 300 metres, until you reach *Via Aurelia 472*. There you will see, on your right, the entrance to *Casa La Salle* and *Casa Generalizia*. The ticket can also be bought online on the website: <http://www.sitbusshuttle.com/>



Option 2: taxi. You can take one of the taxis outside the airport, indicating the destination address: *Via Aurelia 472 / 476. 00165 Roma*. The cost of the service is 50 Euros.

* In case of need, the telephone number for the reception of the Generalate is: +39 066 652 31.

For further information, please write to plenaryassembly@lasalle.org

PLENARY ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE



Find and download **HERE** the general and detailed schedule of the Plenary Assembly. The same information is also available on the **Assembly website**.

Very important: if you have not yet filled in the **registration form for the Plenary Assembly**, you must do it **HERE** as soon as possible.