

# GRATITUDE-FORGIVENESS-COMMITMENT

## MARIST BROTHERS BI-CENTENARY YEAR .

**Start your meeting with the Sign of the Cross** and prayer

**Someone read:** A reading from 2 Corinthians 3: 2-6

You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on your hearts, to be known and read by all men; and you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not in a written code but in the Spirit; for the written code kills, but the Spirit gives life.

### Listen to the CD or read the Script.

Song: *As Mary did* by Br Michael Herry FMS from the Album *Song of the Pilgrim*

### Use these questions as starters for sharing:

- \* Share what strikes you most from the Scripture above?
- \* Br Emili based his reflection on three words: **Gratitude, Forgiveness and Commitment**. How might that approach help you reflect on your own daily life as a Marist?
- \* What connection have you had with the Marist Brothers and has St Marcellin Champagnat been significant in your life?
- \* Spend a few moments writing your gratitude list. Share as much as you are comfortable.
- \* If your group were to write a list of goals or commitments about being the Marian face of the church what would you choose?



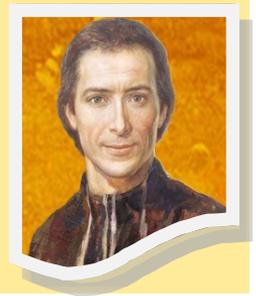
Br Emili Túru,  
Superior General of  
the Marist Brothers



**Concluding Prayer Time:** for your own intentions and other needs.

### Closing prayer

O Mary, my Good Mother,  
I give into your sacred keeping  
and commend to your special care  
and protection  
my body, mind and spirit for this day  
and for every day of my life.  
To you I entrust my hopes  
and consolations,  
my difficulties and sorrows,  
my life and my death;  
that through your prayers and your merits  
all my actions may be  
directed and disposed  
according to your will  
and the will of your Son.  
Amen.



(*Marcellin Champagnat*)