



AM I MARIST?

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

Someone read: A reading from Psalm 34: 1-8

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Read the Scripture .

Share from these reflection starters:

- * What does the Scripture above say to you today?
- * What struck you most from Jen's reflection on being Marist?
- * While not necessarily committing to do more or pray more, what changes or improvements could you adopt in your life to allow God deeper and to "taste" God more fully?
- * What is your own experience of being Marist? What attracts or disturbs you about that?
- * When did you make your Lay Marist commitment and what are your reflections on that? Or What stops you from making such a commitment in your life?

September Marist Dates

3rd 1881: Third Order of Mary starts in Wallis

6th 1826: 1st Marist Sisters professions

Fri 8th: Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary,
1823: 3 women form what later becomes Marist Sisters community,

Tues 12th: Feast Holy Name of Mary

Thurs 14th: Exaltation of the Cross

Fri 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows

Sept 24th: Anniversary 1st Marist Fathers profession and Fr Colin 1st Superior Gen.

Fri 29th: Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Prayer together:

Use the Marist Prayer Card and/or pray for your own intentions and the needs of others.

Conclude with Prayer for the General Chapter

God Our Father, we thank you that have called us to follow your Son Jesus Christ, and to serve your people according to Mary's way.

As the Society of Mary prepares for the General Chapter and takes a new turn on its pilgrim way, pour out upon them the light of your Spirit.

May the Holy Spirit teach your ways and show your paths so that the Society of Mary may walk in your truth and witness to your merciful love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, confident in the support of Mary, our first and perpetual superior. Amen.

Fr Jean Claude Colin, please pray for the Society of Mary and pray for us.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for September:

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity seen and experienced.

