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## COMMUNIQUÉ

Marist Brothers' Gathering on Synodality and Marist Missionary Life  
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We, the Marist Brothers, gathered to explore the significance of synodality, deepening communion, and embracing Marist tradition. Our deliberations yielded key insights and practical applications to enhance our mission.

### Key Insights:

1. Collaboration with lay partners, students, and local Church.
2. Active listening to the Holy Spirit, students, teachers, and collaborators.
3. Inclusivity, embracing diversity.
4. Self-emptying, servant leadership, humility, and simplicity.
5. Communion, unity among Brothers, lay partners, and local Church.

### Deepening Communion and Embracing Marist Tradition:

1. Communal prayer, brotherly encounters, attentive listening.
2. Humility, self-knowledge, tolerance, empathy, care for one another.
3. Educating and accompanying marginalized, inclusive youth ministry.
4. Collaboration, teamwork, humility, listening, advocacy.

### Practical Applications:

1. Integrate synodality principles into formation programs.
2. Encourage dialogue, simplicity, humility, servant leadership.
3. Foster family spirit, teamwork, inclusive decision-making.

### Core Values:

1. Modesty
2. Simplicity
3. Humility
4. Family spirit
5. Teamwork
6. Servant leadership
7. Love and compassion

### Next Steps and Going Forward:

We identified strategic and neglected areas, tried and tested approaches, new opportunities, and resources to deepen our commitment to synodality.

### Call to Action:

#### We, Marist Brothers, commit to:

1. Integrate synodality principles into daily life.
2. Foster open communication, collaboration, and inclusivity.
3. Embody servant leadership, humility, and simplicity.
4. Address neglected social justice issues.
5. Leverage digital platforms for evangelization and communication.

### Conclusion:

Embracing synodality deepens communion, enhances discernment, and amplifies our mission impact. Together, let us deepen communion, enhance discernment, and fulfill the Marist mission.



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