

## *Consecration*

*by the four Superiors-General of the Marist Family and those present in the name of all Marists*

*Fourvière Bicentenary Mass, Basilica of Our Lady of Fourvière, Lyon, France*

*July 23, 2016*

We, religious and lay Marists, together today at Fourvière, like the first Marists, we bring the best of ourselves...

**All: We bring the best of ourselves.**

... for the greater glory of God and the honour of Mary, mother of Our Lord Jesus.

We have chosen to continue the Work of Mary in the family that bears her name.

**All: We have chosen to continue the Work of Mary.**

We recognize that we have been chosen to continue to portray the Marian face of the Church in the world of today.

We want to be bearers of mercy, life and hope to all who are waiting to meet brothers and sisters on their journey of life.

**All: We want to be bearers of mercy, life and hope.**

We shall be particularly attentive to our brothers and sisters who are suffering and most in need.

We desire, therefore, with whatever means we have, to make the Church friendly, open and faithful to the Gospel.

**All: We want to make the Church friendly, open and faithful to the Gospel.**

We accept in advance the hardships and trials that this commitment may demand, and the discomfort, insecurity and risks that it will entail.

**All: We accept in advance the hardships and trials.**

We acknowledge how small we are and so we put all our trust in God and in Mary.

**All: We put all our trust in God and in Mary.**

We ask God, through Mary, for the strength to be faithful to whatever God expects of us. Amen.