



Council of the Society, Dublin, 2013

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

We, the Council of the Society of Mary, through reflecting, discerning and working together, are convinced that the Society will best carry out its mission in this world of profound change by embracing wholeheartedly the reality of our being a small congregation within the Church.

This challenges us to become
more *focussed*,
more *overtly Marist* in spirituality and community life, in our identity and our mission,
more *international*,
more *collegial*,
more *open to working in collaboration with the laity*,
and more *courageous*.

In the light of this reality, we, Superior General and council and the major superiors, commit ourselves to building a future together, by exercising a leadership, globally and locally, in which priority is given to animation, competent government, increased collegiality at all levels, and appropriate structures.

In this way this little Society can realistically go forward into mission, open to the promptings of the Spirit and responsive, according to its capabilities, to the needs of God's people.

In this endeavour we place ourselves under the protection and guidance of Mary, our first and perpetual superior.