



**JPIC**



**Past, Present, and Future**

# Past: GC2017



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**To implement the Mission Directions *the Superior General established 3 Commissions:***

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| 1: Ecology                  | 15 August 2018             |
| 2: Inter-religious Dialogue | 15 August 2018             |
| 3: Migrants and Refugees    | 04 May 2022                |
| 4: Youth                    | Never formally established |

# The Ecology Commission



*Members:* L-R-clockwise: Peter Healy – NZ; Donato Kivi – Chair – Samsun; Samu Tukidia –Fiji; Clinton Kube – Yaoundé; Petero Matairatu – Fiji; Kelly Mandy – Atlanta, USA; John Guo –Davao;

# The Interreligious Dialogue Commission



*Members:* L-R-clockwise: Kevin Medilo – Asia; Larry Sabud – Chair – Ranong; Catherine Jones SMSM – NZ; Brendan Murphy – Atlanta, USA; Michael Jacques – Aus; Gerard Hall – Aus.

# The Migrants and Refugees Commission



*Members:* L-R Clock-wise: Damien Diouf – Chair – Hull, UK; Michael Ryan – Moscow; Arnold Garferio – Ranong; Ivan Vodopivec – Hull; Ricardo Navarrete – Mx-OG; Stev Youm – Dakar, Senegal

# *Some outcomes from the Commissions*



- Mutual support and encouragement for confreres and lay Marist partners engaged in these ministries: at the fraternal, academic, and pastoral levels.
- Material for the [JPIC blog](#) – publication and encouragement in the wider Marist world. Often ‘connecting the peripheries to the center’.
- Ongoing formation – engaging experts in various areas to address the members of the commissions.
- Support for confreres and lay partners on the ‘peripheries’ – giving them a voice and publishing their ministries and projects.
- Supporting newly established and emerging Projects.

# Meetings of the three Commissions: 2023-24-25



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**The three Commissions submitted the Postulatum below to GC2025:**

1. That the mission directions outlined by the General Chapter 2025, building on those of GC2017, be made known to all members of the Society of Mary.
2. That every Marist, and every Marist Community adopt at least one of these mission directions intentionally: fundamentally in prayer, then by study and action according to their capacity.
3. That these Marist mission directions be an integral part of all Marist formation:
  - a. Vocational promotion.
  - b. Pre-novitiate formation.
  - c. Novitiate formation.
  - d. Post-novitiate formation.
  - e. Ongoing formation.
4. It would be the responsibility of major superiors, local superiors, formators, vocational accompaniers, and lay leaders in Marist mission, to see that this happens.

Signed by all members of the 3 Commissions on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

# Present: GC2025



# Present: GC2025 – Marist Mission Priorities



- Youth
- Vocations
- Migrants & Refugees
- The Poor
- Formal and Non-formal Education - 2x
- Bringing the Gospel to the Digital World - 2x
- Commissions & JPIC blog
- Further Commissions: Youth and Education, Vocations, extension of Omnes Gentes Model
- Integrity of Creation.

# Present: GC2025 – Fr Albert Kabala



- Commissions successful, but lack of broader impact on the Social Mission of the Society of Mary.
- Is proposing to consolidate the 3 Commissions into one unified body.
- He has asked the response of the members of the 3 previous Commissions.
- Would like a greater awareness of JPIC matters in the SM.
- He is asking for a JPIC Representative in each Unit – to identify existing Priorities, and enhance them.
- Who is engaging with the JPIC blog? Should it go further to Social Media?
- We need to engage our younger confreres in this process.

# Present: Proposal for OMP

That every Marist, and every Marist Community adopt at least one of the mission priorities of GC2025 intentionally: fundamentally in prayer, then by study and action according to their capacity and context. Namely:

- Formal and Non-formal Education – 2x
- Bringing the Gospel to the Digital World – 2x
- Youth
- Vocations
- Migrants & Refugees
- The Poor
- Integrity of Creation
- Be available for:
  - Commissions & JPIC blog
  - Further Commissions: Youth and Education, Vocations, extension of Omnes Gentes Model

Suggested Process: [Note: Laity, and SM Family, where possible, to also be involved]

1. Each Marist communicates to his Superior his intention and capacity in one of these Mission Priorities.
2. Each Superior communicates his Community intention and capacity to the Sector Leader.
3. Each Sector leader communicates the intentions and capacity of his Sector to the Provincial and the JPIC Coordinator.
4. The Provincial and JPIC Coordinator will liaise with the JPIC Coordinator on our General Admin.



# A Marist Paradigm for JPIC Formation



Human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbour, and with the earth itself.

LSi 66 [cf. Micah 6:8]



Think as Mary, judge as Mary, feel and act as Mary in all things. C 228

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