



Marist Visa Renewal 2017

*The Provincial Chapter [Main Issue No.2] Calls us to do a check on our **SM Identity**. Has our **Visa** expired? Or is it up to date? Please tick the following numbers, to know your current status.*

Category 1: Personal Holiness & Prayer Life [cf Statutes of the Province 2017 Ch. 1]

1. Is your relationship to God in prayer the foundation of your religious and apostolic life?
2. Do you make at least a half-hour Meditation daily?
3. Do you celebrate Eucharist, do Spiritual Reading, Examination of Conscience, and the 5 hours of the Office of the Church daily?
4. Do you make your monthly Recollection Day, and your Annual Retreat?
5. Do you have some Marian Prayer daily?
6. Do you take responsibility for your own physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social health – by living a balanced lifestyle?
7. Do you take part in the renewal of prayer life in the wider Church?

Category Two: Brotherhood & Community Life [cf SP 2017 Ch. 2]

8. Do you actively contribute to forming Community for the sake of Mission?
9. Does your Community Pray together? Plan together? and Co-operate in the work of your apostolate?
10. Does your Community meet together at least once a month?
11. Is your Community centered on a common and shared Vision of Mary as first and perpetual superior?
12. Does your community have shared tasks and responsibilities? Fraternal support and encouragement? Good communication based on trust, openness and respect?
13. Do you give an account of your activities, movements, and financial matters to your Superior?
14. Do you give priority to community life over family and personal relationships?
15. Does your community have its own Vision and Mission Statement that is reviewed annually?
16. Does your community provide for the needs and welfare of older confreres?
17. Is your community a home for older, retired, or infirm confreres?
18. Are the members of your community aware of our Marist burial policy? [cf SP 30-33]
19. Are the members of your community aware of our policy for Family deaths? [SP 34]
20. Are the members of your community aware of our policy for Holidays? [SP 35]
21. Are the members of your community aware of our policy for Travel? [SP 36]

Category Three: Marist Apostolic Life [SP Ch. 3]

22. Does the mission of your community proclaim Jesus Christ, witness to the Gospel, and dialogue with people of our world, in order to build a new Church in the spirit of Mary?
23. Does the zeal for a new evangelization touch every ministry in which your community is involved, bringing new light and energy to our Church in Oceania?

Category Three: Marist Apostolic Life [SP Ch. 3 - Continued]

24. Has the Prioritization of Ministries been effective and real in your Sector / Region?
25. Does your Community collaborate with the diocesan clergy and other Church workers?
26. Does your Community promote and protect the rights of all, especially children and vulnerable adults?
27. When working in another culture do you make a serious effort to be informed of cultural differences in inter-personal relationships, protocols, and social behavior?
28. Is your community aware of our Marist policy for Parish ministry? [SP 43]
29. Is your community aware of our policy for Education ministry? [SP 44-45]
30. Is your community aware of our policy for Rural Training Centres? [SP 46]
31. Is your community aware of our policy for Formation of Seminary Personnel? [SP 47-48]
32. Is your community aware of our policy for Prayer Centres? [SP 49]
33. Is your community aware of our policy for Marist Family? [SP 50]
34. Is your community aware of our policy for Marist Laity? [SP 51-54]
35. Is your community aware of our policy for Special ministries? [SP 55]
36. Is your community aware of our policy for Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation? [SP 44-45]
37. Is your community aware of our policy for Marists who are unavailable for appointments? [SP 57-60]

Category Four: Recommendations – 2017 - for developing the SM in Oceania

38. Are you familiar with the SP 2017 Recommendations on Leadership?
39. Are you familiar with the SP 2017 Recommendations on Secondary Education?
40. Are you familiar with the SP 2017 Recommendations on Global Warming?
41. Are you familiar with the SP 2017 Recommendations on Brothers?
42. Are you familiar with the SP 2017 Recommendations on Professional Standards?

Suggestion / Request:

Our Statutes of the Province, 2017, are now due to be delivered to individual Marists, and Communities.

In order that the work of our 2017 Chapter, expressed in the Statutes, does not just gather dust on the shelves: then I suggest, and request that we take the four Categories above for four of our Recollection Days this Year 2017 – for personal reflection and prayer, and for sharing with our Community members.

[A digital copy will also be emailed to all confreres who have a registered email address with us].

This will be a way of internalizing the Work of the Provincial Chapter 2017, and enabling us to have One Mind and One Heart on Who we are, on What we are doing, and Where we are going.

*Fraternally,
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