

We pledge ourselves to accept all sufferings, trials, inconveniences and challenges, because we can do all things in Jesus Christ who strengthens us and to whom we hereby promise fidelity in the embrace of our Church.

Together we commit ourselves to the founding intuitions of the Fourvière inspiration that we may continue to be daring and responsive disciples of Jesus Christ, nourished with the words of faith and of the teaching which, by his grace, we have received.

Save Regina

Salve, Regina, Mater misericordiæ,
vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus exules filii Hevæ,
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.

Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos
misericordes oculos ad nos converte;
Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.



Closing Song

Fourviere Pledge

Litany

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| Mary, Mother of the Church | pray for us |
| St Joseph her husband | pray for us |
| Our Marist founders | pray for us |
| All our Marist saints | pray for us |
| All Marist men and women | pray for us |

Thank you for joining today. Due to the current lockdown and the COVID restrictions we are unable to join together for a Eucharistic celebration and a meal. Following this prayer, we encourage you to celebrate Fourviere with your family and community members around a meal.

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Fourviere Prayer



Introduction

Welcome to our celebration of Fourviere 2021. We gather today to remember, to be inspired and to reflect on the wonderful gift that the Marist Spirit has been to the world and continues to be through our presence in it.

As we gather let us still ourselves for a few minutes and allow our minds and souls to quieten so that calm and reflection may take its place.

Let us gather in thanks, that we live a spirit passed down for over 200 years and rejoice in the knowledge that the Lord of Life, works through us and in each of us, every day, as we endeavour to live Mary's spirit that leads us to Christ and an everlasting love.

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Opening Song

More than Memories –
Kevin Bates sm



Reflection

Michelangelo's Unfinished statue
by Craig Larkin sm

In their haste to reach
Michelangelo's statue of David,
tourists in Florence are often inclined to overlook
the unfinished sculptures in the hallways
leading to the room where "David" stands.

These pieces of sculpture
have been called 'The Prisoners'
and they reveal what can happen
to an ordinary piece of stone
when the craftsmanship of a genius
draws from inside it
a perfection and form that others
would never have thought possible.



If a human genius can look at a piece of stone
and see possibilities that others cannot see,
what possibilities might God see
in human beings?

What "prisoner" inside each of us unlikely people
is waiting to be released?

Video

A zoom conversation
about the meaning of
Fourviere.



Discussion

If these disciples of Jesus -men, women, children,
priests, sisters,
brothers, lay people- gathered together to
rebuild the church,
what would it look like?

Pause in silence then discuss for 5 to 10 minutes

Prayers of the Faithful

1.
We thank God for all Marists who have gone
before us. The gracious choice of Mary and God's
calling of Marists to respond to Mary's invitation.
May we be filled with hope and commit to the
challenge of the call.

Lord hear Us.

ALL - Lord hear our prayer.

2.
May our lives reflect Mary's presence in the way
we think, judge and act and like the early apostles
at Pentecost, fill us Lord with the vitality of the
Holy Spirit.

Lord hear Us.

ALL - Lord hear our prayer.

3.
We pray to that You nourish the Marist call in our
lives. We pray to dream, to be creative and build
fidelity through our commitment to Mary and God.
May we dream big to meet the challenges of our
times.

Lord hear Us.

ALL - Lord hear our prayer.

4.

We pray that Marist across the world
continue the mission of following Christ in the
way of Mary. Call us to be Fourviere people
with a youth filled energy, and challenge us to
step out of our comfort zones. We pray that
lay people will rise to the call of leading the
Marist Charism within our local and
international communities.

Lord hear Us.

ALL - Lord hear our prayer.

5.

Your own personal intentions and prayers.

ALL - Lord hear our prayer.



Marist Commitment

We, the Marists, striving to work together for
the greater glory of God and the honour of
Mary, Mother of Jesus, declare our sincere
intention and firm desire of consecrating
ourselves to building the Marian Church into
the future.

That is why, by this declaration of solidarity as
Marists, insofar as we can, we dedicate
ourselves to the society of the Blessed Virgin.

We do not do this childishly or lightly or for
some human motive in the hope of material
benefit, but seriously, maturely,
courageously, having taken advice, having
weighed everything before God, solely for the
greater glory of God, and the honour of Mary,