

Freedom For Mission

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Start with prayer, then someone read: Galatians 5:13-14

For you were called to freedom brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but serve one another humbly in love. For the whole law is summed up in keeping this one command, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

Listen to the cd or read the script.

Share from these reflection starters:

1. Share what strikes you from the Scripture or this Reflection.
2. What do you think it means to be 'people of little baggage'?
3. What do you imagine a community actively rejecting 'greed, power and pride' might look and feel like for
 - those who belong to it, and
 - for others?
4. As we look at who is on the margins in our parish, and wider community what can we do to be more aware of their needs and act with Gods freedom and love?
5. How can we help build a more friendly welcoming mercy focused church on mission as a group and/or as an individual?

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention August 2018

The Treasure of Families

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

Concluding Prayer Time

for your own intentions, the implementation of the Chapter and others needs.

Mary, you made us one family;
in you we find the meaning of our vocation

Mary, in the Gospel we find you among the poor
and lowly:

be with us and teach us
how to be sensitive to the needs of all.

Mary was always attentive to the needs of her
neighbours –
may we imitate her gentleness,
respect and attentiveness to others.

Mary stood at the foot of the cross – through her
intercession, comfort the bereaved and grant eternal
rest to deceased Marists Lay and Religious
and to all our relatives and friends. Amen
(From Marist Sisters prayers)

August Marist Dates

2nd Aug Feast Peter Julian Eymard

4th Aug. Feast Jean Marie Vianney

6th Aug. Transfiguration

8th Aug. Mary McKillop

15th Aug. Assumption BVM

22nd Aug. Mary, Mother & Queen

24th Aug. 1834 1st Papal recognition of Lay Branch of
Marist family.