Apostolate of the Laity

Start your meeting with the Sign of the Cross and your prayers.

Someone read: A reading from Ephesians 4:11-16
So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Listen to the cd or read the script - special thanks this month to Fr Merv Duffy sm

Share
* Look at the Word of God (Eph.4) above; what encourages or challenges you? How does that Word relate to our Lay Apostolate and mission?
* What struck you most from Fr Merv’s talk? What are some ways you or this group can live this call?
* Read “the work of Mary” text; How do you see Marist spirituality in relation to the lay apostolate?

Prayer time: Prayers from the Marist Prayer Card and/or for your own intentions

Conclude the meeting with the following extract from a prayer by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw

This is what we are about: We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.