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for the
XXXV GENERAL CHAPTER
of the
Society of Mary

Stability and dynamism: A circle of columns, pillars. All surround the same deep foundations. They are supported by a single Charism, giving an identity, which is both in the Spirit of Mary and Christ-centered.

A man, a human community: The little Society of Mary, with its human weakness, sinfulness, threatened with erosion due to the age of its members, as well as the various challenges to be faced, with their ever-present difficulties, risks falling into diminishment, despair and even death.

Who shall never die: Yet, if its members remain faithful to their vocational call, open to the signs of the Holy Spirit, creative and hopeful in enkindling new fires, and fervent in mission, throughout the cycle of life and death, our Society will not die, but rise, with Christ, to new life.



A man who shall never die: In a relay race, there are no individuals, rather teams for a community, a institution. If someone is tired, another shall continue in his place. Everyone has a role to play, contributing, pursuing the goal together, across the time and space.

Prophetic witness: When our turn comes we take the baton and run with all our energies: spreading the mission, surrendering our life, and sharing our vocation with others. The Marianist mission is embraced by all members: "You are all missionaries." Curiously, in some languages, the race baton is called: "The witness" (French "témoin" and Spanish "testigo"). Thus, it is a fitting image for the part we play in sustaining the "Man who shall never die."

COLORS:

Blue: Color associated with Mary, our mother, with whom we join in mission as Marianists.

Gold: Symbolic of the "treasure" that is our Charism, that which is behind and beneath all that we are and all that we do as Marianists. It reminds us of the gold ring we wear as a sign of our profession.

