

Planning

MISSION *ad gentes* SECTOR



General Objective:

To live pastoral conversion with the prophetic impetus of being with the young, a community that goes out, witnesses and proclaims Jesus with hope and joy.

Strategy:

The encounter which forms and transforms.

Process:

Ongoing formation “to an encounter and in an encounter” as an experience that transforms and generates life.

Choices:

Transformed by the encounter, together with the young, missionaries of hope and joy.

INTRODUCTION

The planning of the Mission *ad gentes* Sector follows the **journey of conversion** proposed by the **GC XXII**, and is in line with the 2015-2020 planning of the General Council, whose general objective is pastoral conversion, in the perspective of the GC XXIII which invites us to: **«Broaden your gaze». With the young, missionaries of hope and of joy.**

In our every commitment and action, we wish to respond to the missionary mandate of Jesus: *«Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation» (Mk 16, 15).*

The **Word of God** enlightens the six-year journey in the dynamics of the **ENCOUNTER**, of the sharing of bread, and of conversion. Our challenge is that of living as missionary disciples: *«And their eyes were opened and they recognized him. And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem» (Lk 25, 31.33).* *«And when they had entered the city.. all these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, along with*

the women, and Mary, the mother of Jesus and with his brothers [...] and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance [...]. [The people] heard them in their own tongues the mighty deeds of God» (Acts 1, 13-14; 2, 4. 11).

The objective of the planning of this Sector is the same as that of the General Council, considering the missionary mark of the GC XXIII. Also the **choices** we have made, keep in mind the perspective of the mission ad gentes:

- Transformed by the encounter
- Together, with the young
- Missionaries of hope and joy

For every **choice**, we proposed **paths** and **actions** to be followed and carried out, in networking, in synergy with the Church, with the various Sectors, with the Salesian Family, with the Inter-provincial Conferences, with individual Provinces, with the territory (ecclesial and civil organizations).

The present reality, especially that of the young, the air of renewal which we breathe in the Church, and the challenges of the contemporary world, present to us some “**calls**” which we wish to welcome as **nucleus** particularly pertinent to the Mission ad gentes Sector: *the new missionary awareness, the awakening of our charismatic-missionary roots, the ad gentes vocations, the initial proclamation of Christ, the phenomenon of human mobility, the intercultural, interreligious and ecumenical dialogue, the formation of intercultural communities, the peripheries.*

In order to concretize the **objective** of the planning, and make our choices effective, we have integrated these three areas: Animation/Formation, Missionary Cooperation, New Missionary Frontiers: «the peripheries» - into the same paths of the planning.

TOPICS ON WHICH TO WORK IN SYNERGY WITH OTHER SECTORS

The Migration Phenomenon and the Intercultural Communities; Animation and Governance; the Integrity of Creation; the Culture of the Encounter.

INITIALS:

PCMI – Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People

POM – Pontifical Mission Societies

Fondazione Migrantes – CEI Organization aiming at the pastoral care of migrants and of mobility

IAM – Infanzia e Adolescenza Missionaria (Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood)

UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency (ACNUR)

IDOS – Centro di Studi e Ricerca IDOS – **Dossier Statistico Immigrazione**

CSER – Centro Studi Emigrazione Roma

Centro Astalli - JRS Jesuit Refugee Service

SEDOS – Service of Documentation and Study

SSS – Solidarity with **South Sudan**

REPAM – Red Eclesial Panamazónica

	Paths	Actions	Modalities	Time Frame
TRANSFORMED BY THE ENCOUNTER	<p>1. To create conditions so that our encounter with Jesus may transform us, at a personal and community level, so as to be persons who are free, joyful, open, capable of witnessing and evangelizing with their -lives.</p>	<p>* To renew our style and spaces for prayer – <i>a missionary prayer which is inculturated, interreligious and ecumenical</i> – involving the young and the lay.</p> <p>* To give continuity to the study and reflection on the Initial Proclamation of Christ, focusing on the urban context: the city.</p> <p>* To deepen the Initial Proclamation of Christ, in a contextualized manner.</p> <p>* To welcome every person, with his/her <i>culture, religion, ethnic origin</i>, as a human being loved by God, which builds up in relationship.</p>	<p>Sharing of the missionary intention of the Pope, encouraging communities to live the Day of Prayer for the missionaries.</p> <p>Carrying out of the Study Days. <i>(Synergy SDB and YM)</i></p> <p>Preparation for the Missionary Animation and Formation Seminar. <i>(Synergy SDB)</i></p> <p>Carrying out of the Missionary Animation and Formation Seminar. <i>(Synergy SDB)</i></p> <p>Sharing of some <i>Lectio Divina</i> on the theme on Encounter.</p> <p>Sensitizing activities on interreligious, ecumenical and intercultural dialogue, and “dialogue on life” (relationship with Islam) in order to welcome the other as a gift, and together to make the world-home worth living.</p>	<p>Every month</p> <p>15 – 21 November 2015</p> <p>23-25 November 2015</p> <p>24-28/4/2017 Retiro das Rosas (Brazil)</p> <p>14-18/8/2017 Sampran (Thailand)</p> <p>05-09/3/2018 Fatima (Portugal)</p> <p>06-10/8/2018 Nairobi (Kenya)</p> <p>Throughout the six-year period</p> <p>Throughout the six-year period</p>

			The Week of prayer for Christian Unity.	18-25 January for the North Hemisphere 17-24 May for the South Hemisphere
2. To live the mystical and prophetic dimension of Salesian life, with passion for God and for the young.	* To cultivate resilience: being strong in faith, in solidarity with difficulties and in the challenges of witnessing.	Facing the topic of resilience during:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the visits to the Provinces; - the formation meetings with missionaries; - the formation meetings with the new-missionaries; - the meetings with coordinators. <p><i>(Synergy: F and A)</i></p>	<p>Throughout the six-year period</p> <p>Every year in May; from September to November</p> <p>Every year, from February to May</p> <p>During the <i>Study Days</i> and at the <i>Missionary Animation and Formation Seminar</i></p>
3. To assume personal and community discernment as a style of life, for welcoming in the Spirit, God's new calls in one's encounters and reality.	* To propose again the implementation of the discernment processes regarding the Sisters who feel themselves called to be missionaries ad gentes.	Accompaniment of Sisters and discernment at the provincial level.	Accompaniment of new missionaries at the Sectoral level.	<p>Throughout the six-year period</p> <p>Throughout the six-year period, and more intensely during the discernment for their destination</p>

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TOGETHER WITH THE YOUNG	1. To make of us a common home in the diversity of people, which welcomes one in faith, with respect and with care.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * It implies “feeling ourselves part” of an environment which welcomes and involves: <i>foreigners, migrants...</i> * To be with the young <i>migrants</i> in a journey of a reciprocal evangelization. * To value the pedagogy of gestures, in the sharing and in the logic of inclusion. * To welcome and value the contribution of the migrants, especially that of the young and women, accompanying their integration process into the educating community and society. * To continue to sustain and accompany the Provinces which are already carrying out a specific work with migrants. 	<p>Re-launching the Project <i>«Una casa comune nella diversità dei popoli»</i> <i>(Synergy F, YM, SF, SC, A)</i></p> <p>Reflection on the reality of migration based on the participation to meetings promoted by the different ecclesial and civic organizations.</p> <p>Animation of the World Day of Migrants</p> <p>Animation of the International Refugee Day</p> <p>Keeping in touch and assuring the presence of the Sector in specific moments of encounter and formation.</p>	<p>2015-2018</p> <p>Throughout the six-year period</p> <p>Every year, in January</p> <p>Every year, on June 20th</p> <p>To be agreed upon with the individual Provinces</p>
	2. To rethink, with planning, the animation and governance, in an evangelical and charismatic style, taking inspiration from Mary’s motherhood which generates life and makes one grow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To discover and enhance the talents of each <i>culture, people, ethnic and minority groups ... in the sharing and in co-responsibility.</i> * To live coordination as a way towards communion, <i>so as to allow coordinators/representatives to work in synergy in their own Province and help the communities to do likewise.</i> 	<p>Sustaining and accompanying the FMA presences in places of ethnic and religious minority: keeping in frequent contact with Sisters/ communities.</p> <p>Organizing meetings and keeping in contact with coordinators.</p> <p>Sharing of materials and experiences regarding coordination for communion (The Institute Website, Data Bank, emails, <i>facebook</i>, blog, <i>skype</i>, or videoconference).</p> <p><i>(Synergy F, YM, SF, SC, A)</i></p>	<p>Throughout the six-year period</p> <p>Throughout the six-year-period, and during the planned meetings.</p> <p>Throughout the six-year-period</p>

	<p>3. To assume the “oratory heart” as a criterion for giving a new meaning to our presence in synergy with the Educative Community and the territory.</p>	<p>* To make the young be protagonists in proclaiming Jesus to other young people.</p> <p>* To take care of the vocational animation to consecrated and <i>missionary</i> life.</p>	<p>Encouraging the work with the Pontifical Society of the Missionary Childhood (IAM). Sustaining youth and volunteer missionary groups and the carrying out of the Missionary Weeks.</p> <p>Keeping in contact with the Pontifical Mission Societies (POM).</p> <p><i>(Synergy YM)</i></p> <p>Offering the contribution of the Mission ad gentes Sector the various formation meetings (Novitiate animators, community animators and provincials...)</p> <p>Offering materials of charismatic and missionary dimension to be integrated in the Formation Itinerary.</p> <p><i>(Synergy F)</i></p>	<p>Children Mission Days (January 6th)</p> <p>Mission Month- October</p> <p>World Mission Day – 3rd Sunday in October</p> <p>To be agreed upon with the Formation Sector</p> <p>2015-2016</p>
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MISSIONARIES OF HOPE AND JOY	1. To strengthen and express with joy, the educative identity in its missionary dimension, as a way towards future.	<p>* To concretize education to justice, peace and integrity of creation, in a Christian anthropology perspective, and at a personal and community level.</p> <p>* To value the witnessing of communities where intercultural and intergenerational relations are resources for the mission.</p>	<p>Reflection and study at the Sectoral level, on topics of justice, peace and integrity of creation, and sharing among the Provinces, for greater sensitivity.</p> <p><i>(Synergy F, YM, SF, SC, A)</i></p> <p>Promoting activities towards awareness and education to globalization, in order to develop a planetary consciousness, that is, to open our eyes on the world, to observe and to understand how “others” live, in the spirit of solidarity and sharing (a service to others).</p> <p>Studying and deepening of the Church Social Doctrine and <i>Evangelii Gaudium</i>, in view of the relationship between justice and evangelization.</p> <p>Encouraging the FMA to know and take part at the REPAM. In a particular way, involving the coordinators of the following nations: Brazil, Columbia, Peru, Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador.</p> <p><i>(Synergy YM – JPIC e SC)</i></p> <p>Enforcing the intercultural communities already existing in the Institute.</p> <p>Sensitizing the FMA to welcome the challenges, the richness and the beauty of the intercultural relations.</p>	<p>At every Sector meeting, as a formation moment, followed by sharing with coordinators.</p> <p>Throughout the six-year period</p> <p>During the Sector meetings (Councillor and collaborators)</p> <p>2015-2016</p> <p>During the first three years 2015-2017</p> <p>Throughout the six-year period</p>

	<p>2. To go out, as a community, towards the peripheries of the young, and let oneself be touched by the poor, especially the children, young people, women, families in precarious conditions, and immigrants...</p>	<p>* To bring out in all communities the prophetic evangelizing dimension which expresses its being a Church that “goes out”: - <i>A new understanding of the missionary mandate of Jesus.</i> - <i>A new missionary consciousness.</i> - <i>An awakening of our missionary-charismatic roots.</i></p>	<p>During the visits to the Provinces.</p> <p>During various meetings.</p> <p>Message of the Councillor to the communities.</p> <p>Letter to the missionaries in the occasion of the Year of Consecrated Life.</p> <p>Offering of three handouts to the Provincials on the <i>Missionary Mandate of Jesus</i> and <i>The new missionary consciousness.</i></p> <p>Updating and sharing of the handout “Go”</p> <p>Preservation and updating of the <i>Missionary Exhibit</i> in Mornese (<i>Synergy Photo Archive of the Institute</i>)</p> <p>Animation of the Day of Prayer and Fasting for Missionary Martyrs.</p> <p>Sharing of the knowledge of Salesian holiness of our missionaries on the topic of Resilience.</p> <p>Accompaniment of the <i>Project of Missionary Spirituality – PEM.</i> Encouraging the Provinces to take part at the PEM.</p>	<p>Throughout the six-year-period</p> <p>In the occasions already mentioned in this planning</p> <p>Every month on the 14th</p> <p>2nd February 5th August 8th December</p> <p>A yearly handout 2016-2018</p> <p>During the first three years 2015-2017</p> <p>Throughout the six-year-period</p> <p>Every year, on March 24th</p> <p>During the visits to the Provinces and various meetings with the missionaries and the new missionaries.</p> <p>1-25 April 2016 13 March-8 April 2017 4-28 April 2018 23 April-14 May 2019</p>
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	<p>3. To strengthen our networking mentality and to participate in synergy with other networks committed in the education and evangelization of the young, for an educative impact, more effective and visible in the present society.</p>	<p>* In the Church, as a Salesian Family and in its interaction with other Religious Congregations and Organizations aimed at education and evangelization.</p>	<p>Taking part and encouraging the participation of coordinators to the events promoted by the ecclesial and civil organizations: PCMI, POM, Caritas/Migrantes, IDOS, CSER, St. Egidio's Community, Centro Astalli (JRS), SEDOS, SSS, REPAM, Episcopal Conference (Sectors of Evangelization, Human Mobility, Ecumenism, Inter-religious Dialogue...) UNHCR (ACNUR), Universities in the territory...</p> <p>Encouraging coordinators to share in taking part to ecclesial and civil organizations through the publication of news on the communication channels of the Institute. <i>(Synergy SC)</i></p> <p>Encouraging coordinators to participate at the V AMERICAN MISSIONARY CONGRESS</p> <p>Taking part at the V AMERICAN MISSIONARY CONGRESS</p>	<p>In accordance with these Organizations planning</p> <p>Throughout the six-year-period</p> <p>2016-2018</p> <p>July 2018 Santa Cruz Bolivia</p>
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