

A New Beginning:

Emerging Needs

**4. To** **journey with children and young people living on the margins of life**

*We search for you, Jesus, like Mary, in the caravans of life, in the tumult of our cities (Lk 2, 41-49), and in the masses of displaced people who are seeking a better future for their children.*

This is a call that urges us to:

* open the eyes of our heart and hear the cries of children and young people, especially the voiceless and homeless.
* be creative in giving resolute responses to their needs.
* empower those who have no voice, avoiding any paternalism.
* be present in more significant ways among the children and young people on the margins of the world.

**Question:**

What could be one goal for us as a school to be agents of change through an education that integrates awakening faith and living by Gospel values?

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**Prayer**

Lord Jesus, we search for you,

like Mary, in the caravans of life,

in the tumult of our cities,

and in the masses of displaced people who are seeking

a better future for their children.

You call us to open the eyes of our heart

and hear the cries of children and young people,

especially the voiceless and homeless.

You encourage us to be creative in giving resolute

responses to their needs and to empower those who have no voice.

You challenge us to be present in more significant ways

among the children and young people on the margins of the world.

May we have the courage and audacity of Marcellin to respond
as Mary would have us respond as we seek to journey with children and young people living on the margins of life. Amen.

Mary, our Good Mother, pray for us.

St Marcellin Champagnat, pray for us.

**Champagnat Marist Spirituality and Charism:**

**God’s Presence and Love ✠ Trust in God ✠ Love of Jesus and His Gospel**

**Presence ✠ Simplicity ✠ Family Spirit ✠ Love of Work**

**In the Way of Mary**