

Mission Ad Gentes Project

At the beginning of this year, every Brother in the Institute received a personalized letter from Bro. Sean Sammon, Superior General of the Marist Brothers, asking the Brother to pray and consider offering himself to a new mission in Asia. Bro. Sean is hoping that between 150 – 200 Brothers will volunteer themselves.

From Bro. Sean's letter, we read: At the heart of the **new mission ad gentes project** is this dream: to mission over the next four years 150 or more brothers to new apostolic works throughout the countries of Asia and also to send a smaller number to those restructured provinces that have not yet achieved the necessary levels of vitality and viability that are needed if a future is to be theirs.

This proposal is also in keeping with the current calls of the Church and the signs of our times. For example, the late Pope John Paul II writing in his post-Synod document *Vita Consecrata* was optimistic about religious life and its future. He offered this challenging insight: "You do not have only a glorious story to remember and recount, but a great story to build! Look to the future..." By undertaking this new initiative, the Marist Brothers are doing just that.

As of this writing, over 150 Brothers have volunteered for the Mission Ad Gentes initiative, which speaks of the generosity of our Brothers and their openness to a request from the Superior General.

For more information on this project, visit www.champagnat.org.