



IDENTITY AND MISSION

We are an ecclesial **movement** that encourages its members -lay people, clergy and consecrated people- to live the vocation to **holiness** and the **apostolate** that all Christians have.

We want to collaborate with the evangelizing mission of the Church, promoting the **reconciliation** brought by the Lord Jesus. Living filial piety to **Saint Mary** and sharing our faith in communities, we project ourselves apostolically to all areas of society.

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This is the first value that we discover, expressed in the quote: *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" Jn 6:68.*

With it, we want to declare that the central thing for the life of a Christian Life Movement member is the personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, which is nourished by the means that the Church gives us: the sacraments and prayer. For this reason, we promote personal and community prayer in its various expressions.

Being aware that the initiative is from God, we recognize that each one experiences this call in a very particular way. He speaks to the heart^[1] of each one according to who they are, showing them His face in a personal way. The encounter with the face of Christ is prior to any method or form of prayer, and we are invited to bring it to others. This is what gives true meaning to our lives.

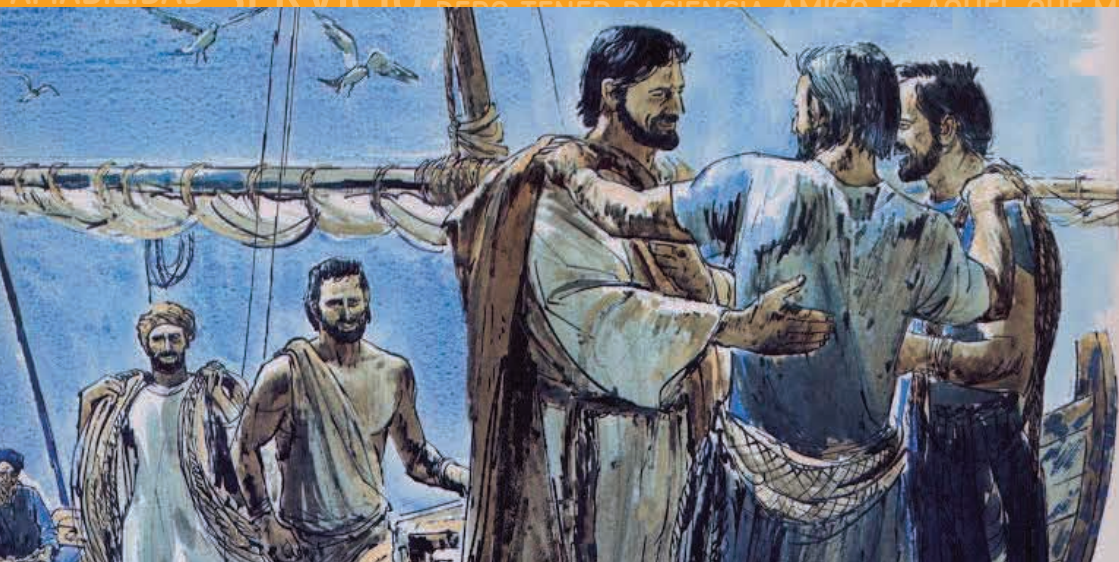
Likewise, we declare it important to have a supernatural vision of reality, which is cultivated in the personal encounter with God and in the deepening of the Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium.

For this, it is important to practice spiritual discernment to the various important decisions of life and apostolate. This means that, in our planning, meetings and personal apostolate, prayer forms a constitutive part.

This first value is the basis for all other values, giving them a correct perspective of understanding. From its experience will spring Christian hope, which is the fruit of trust in grace and will help us to outline our objectives without disregarding the voice of God, to avoid self-referentiality and activism, and to open ourselves to the grace that the Lord wants to pour into us.

¹ Here we want to point out the biblical concept of "heart."

FRIENDSHIP AND COMMUNION



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Jn 15:12-14

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The Spirit of Love inspires among us an experience of true friendship in the context of authentic communion. This has been a constitutive part of the family spirit of our movement; this being one of the experiences that leads people to recognize themselves as linked to the CLM.

For this reason, we declare friendship and communion as a value, so that we can renew it and live it intensely in this time. We recognize that community relationships where Christ is the center help us grow in our relationship with God, with ourselves and with others.

We emphasize our desire to live in a family spirit and the importance of promoting cordiality, kindness, openness and closeness among us.

We have discovered that the Spirit moves us to continue promoting the formation of small faith communities that consider the culture and characteristics of the people who are part of them.

We also want to live friendship and communion in our broader community, which is the entire CLM, and in our spiritual family, which is in turn inserted in the Church, the Body of Christ.

We want to bring the love that we seek to live to all areas of our mission, specifically in solidarity and service. This value will help us overcome the vices of individualism, indifference, prejudices and utilitarianism.

JOY



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Lk 1:46- 47

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Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. It is also the consequence of living a life of faith. For this value we are inspired by the joy expressed by our Mother Mary in the Magnificat: *"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savior" Lk 1,46-47.*

There are a series of experiences in the members of the CLM that fill our hearts with a profound joy:

- The personal encounter with the Lord Jesus.
- The experience of friendship and communion among us, in a community of faith (CLM), which responds to our desires to be apostles in the world.
- The experience of announcing reconciliation and witnessing the encounter of men and women with God and with themselves.
- The experience of creatively unfolding ourselves according to our gifts; of giving ourselves and of discovering the presence of God in every person, that is manifested from their own being.
- The experience of forgiveness and being forgiven, of welcoming the needy and being welcomed in our needs.
- Going out in solidarity to meet those in need.

We recognize that the joy that is born from this life of faith does not take suffering away from us, but rather fills it with meaning, because we believe and hope in the promises of eternal happiness made by the Lord Jesus.

It is not a naive or escapist joy, but one that knows how to assume the different realities of life with hope in the face of pain and difficulties, sustained by the grace of the Lord.

Joy has been a very characteristic of us since our beginnings. We recognize that it is a gift of the Holy Spirit, and we want to ask for it, live it and accentuate it with intensity in this stage of renewal, to communicate to all the "Joy of the Gospel" (Evangeli Gaudium).

This value will help us to live with confidence in God, to overcome negativity and hopelessness, and to freely express the Lord we carry in our hearts.

COLLABORATIVE APOSTOLIC WORK



“For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”

Rom 12: 4-5

COLLABORATIVE APOSTOLIC WORK

Closely related to friendship and communion, the Holy Spirit himself inspires us to make our friendship an apostolate. We want to express our call to apostolic work in the Church, highlighting an element that seems particularly important to us: for it to be collaborative.

Therefore, we seek to generate a culture of community work in the CLM, which communicates our mission, which is the proclamation of the Gospel, not only in the apostolate that we carry out but also in the way we carry it out.

We seek to emphasize collaboration as an axis that promotes apostolic teams and the richness of community work. Focusing on relationships, on joint decision-making, thus fostering personal relationships.

We want to foster a culture that promotes apostolic planning based on community and personal discernment of what God asks of each member of the team and the area that we want to evangelize, considering the reality of both.

A culture where community apostolate is central, since the contribution of each person is valued, promoted and integrated. Where listening, dialogue and openness are part of decision-making and where personal and community mistakes, recognized, are understood as a pedagogical path for the growth of all.

Furthermore, we understand that the community itself is apostolic, which is in line with evangelizing by attraction, as Benedict XVI told us^[2] and Pope Francis asks of us^[3].

This value will help us overcome some vices such as individualism, seeking only results, authoritarianism, among others.

² Benedict XVI, Homily at the Inauguration Mass of the Fifth Latin American Episcopal Conference, May 13, 2007.

³ See *Evangelii Gaudium*, 14.

BOLDNESS AND APOSTOLIC CREATIVITY



*“This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit,
showing yourselves to be my disciples.”*

Jn 15:8

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We recognize the importance of renewing ourselves in the face of cultural changes, since our pastoral action must be in tune with the time, the places and the circumstances in which it is carried out. For this reason, we declare boldness and apostolic creativity as a value to live in these times.

Both come from the Holy Spirit, and they are necessary -in line with *Evangelii Gaudium* and our IV Plenary Assembly^[4]- to renew our apostolate and mission. Boldness and creativity in the apostolate are one of the things that Pope Francis asks of us most^[5].

We recognize that we were born, like other movements, under a strong wave of the Holy Spirit^[6] and that we have experienced a strong desire to evangelize and seek to be instruments of God so that faith will reach places and areas where it had not reached. He is the one who has inspired us in our history to be creative, enthusiastic and innovative.

Today we consider it important to promote the participation of all the members of the CLM, recognizing in each one the living experience of the charism that the Holy Spirit inspires in our hearts. Thus, by promoting apostolic boldness and creativity, we also want to promote the personal freedom of each person.

It is important to overcome the fear of going beyond "how things were done before"^[7], nor to be insecure about taking risks in new initiatives or forms of pastoral care. Boldness should lead us to seek to evangelize the different areas of society: art, work, sports, among others.

We understand the apostolate as a dedication to the other, as an act of love with the other person. Hence, it demands listening to people and understanding their interests. In addition, it demands attentive listening, flexibility and dialogue with reality and culture. Far from pigeonholing experiences, we seek to channel the initiatives of all, promoting freedom of initiative.

To deploy these values in our apostolate, we must dare, supported by grace and guided by the Virgin Mary, to innovate. All this while recognizing that the fruits are not ours but the Lord's. This value helps us to open ourselves to the place where the Spirit wants to take us.

⁴ See IV Plenary Assembly of the Christian Life Movement, Final Document, 68.

⁵ See *Evangelii Gaudium*, 11-13.

⁶ See the conference of the then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger at the Congress of Ecclesial Movements in 1998: *The theological locus of ecclesial movements*.

⁷ See *Evangelii Gaudium*, 33.



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