

Excerpt
Address of the Lay Associates
34th General Chapter
Wednesday, September 1, 2004

“Our shared basic reference point, from which we all find the source of our life, was articulated in the 1996 document which came for the lay associates at Aix en Provence, “that we are [all] passionate for Jesus Christ.”

By virtue of our baptismal we are called to share the Good News. We share the charism of being sent to the poorest of the poor, to live lives of charity and zeal for the Gospel.

As lay people we are called to live out that witness in our everyday lives, as parents, husbands and wives, friends, co-workers, leaders in the church and in our communities and some of us in specific missionary endeavors.

In our own environment, we are called to respond to the needs of the people around us, and do so in the spirit of St. Eugene.

As you are, we too are cognizant of our need for prayer, a spiritual life and relationship with God and with each other.

As associates, we share your love for the Church and Her people, especially the poor.”

- *We want to commit ourselves, in a recognizable and common manner, to work as partners with you in community, prayer, evangelization, and mission, in ministry with charity, faithfulness, openness, and hospitality as we zealously spread the love of Jesus Christ.*

- *We are all rooted in our baptismal call. We wish to specifically orient that call, drawing from the inspiration of St. Eugene de Mazenod, and to live it out, with and through the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.*