

Together around Him

...so that
the world
may believe

John 17:21

X GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE LAY CLARETIAN MOVEMENT DECLARATION-FINAL MANIFESTO

This document reflects how the Lay Claretian can grow and develop his faith in everyday life. It is born from expressing who we are, from our dreams and from our challenges, that arose at the X General Assembly of Lay Claretian, held in Medellín, Colombia, under the slogan *"Together around Him, so that the world believes"*.

Together ... (What are we)

"Just as in one body we have many members, but not all members have the same function, so we who are many, we are a body in Christ and individually members of each other" Rm 12,4-5

The Lay Claretians Movement gives us the sense of family, since it is responsible for watching, encouraging and accompanying all the communities of the movement so that we do not feel alone.

Our reason for being is only understood from the community sense that helps us to personal growth and faith; to learn to love and recognize each other's values.

Our communities supply us:

Discernment. altogether prayer, sharing the Word, sharing our feelings and experiences, help us to know our reality, to discern it in order to give answers to personal and community situations.

The community gives us courage to carry out the evangelizing mission by feeling backed and supported by their welcome and prayers.

Fraternity. Our communities teach us to love and recognize the values of our brothers, accepting ourselves as we are and understanding the history and personal experiences of each member.

Community of Goods. The diversity of gifts of each one of us, and the shared goods, help the community to advance and consolidate.

Aspects that help us to live our life in community are:

- Find moments for dialogue to help us to share experiences and the living of each member to solve our differences from understanding and compassion.
- Living the Gospel in Community, sharing what it implies in my life and in the life of the Community, enriches us all and motivates us to transform our environment.
- Serenely welcome what they tell us.
- Correct from fraternity, mercy and compassion.
- Remember the things we have done well.
- Sharing the life in the small things and good practices among the different groups of the Movement help us to strengthen our Charism and our Identity.
- Be creative. That community that is creative breaks the obsolete structures to lead to changes and encourage the entry of new people.

... Around Him ...

"You have not chosen me, but I chose you " Jn 15:16

Today we are called Lay Claretian, because at some point we have had a loving encounter with Jesus that leads us to transform our lives.

We are called to fulfill the will of the Father, but we cannot do it alone. Christ summons us and is our reference. He gives us the strength of the Spirit to be able to perform our evangelizing action.

Our charism is to make ours the mission of Jesus, which manifests itself in a way of feeling and acting with others. It is enriched to the extent that we do shared mission with the different branches of the Claretian Family

... So That... (What do we dream?)

"... And I have set you so that you go and carry fruit, and your fruit remains" Jn 15:16

As Lay Claretian we are called to respond to the demands of our time. We have the challenge of making visible and accompanying those who have no voice.

Our projects must seek the urgent, timely and effective. We have a duty to give answers to the realities of our world.

The world believe (Our challenges)

"You have heard that it was said ... but I tell you ..." (Mt 5,17-37)

"That he knows you ..." Our communities must mature the personal and community vocation, to strengthen identity and autonomy.

"... And let you know ..." We have the task of promoting the Lay Claretian Movement among people who follow faith processes in the places where we are. As well as responding to the linguistic and cultural difficulties that prevent the Movement from becoming more universal.

"That I love you and make you love ..." The face of Jesus is in our neighbor and that leads us to develop community and Movement positions, in situations of injustice, exclusion and absence of Peace.

"May I serve you and make you serve ..." We are called to give our best, to share our gifts in the service of the Gospel, the Movement and the Church.

Our challenge is to spread and energize the Training Plan, according to the needs of each community, to strengthen our spiritually and to qualify our evangelizing action.

We must have a responsible authority that leads us to generously assume the tasks that the community needs. Each member of the community must strive to contribute financially according to their possibilities for the support of their group and the Movement.

"Let him praise you and make you praise ..." *Everything we do must be for the glory of God.*

*With joy
and "meraki"*

*Whatever you do, do it with love and
creativity, always leaving a little of you.*

