

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MOVEMENT VIII

Lay Claretian

Aparecida (Brazil). 17-25 July 2011

From 17 to July 25, 2011, worldwide Lay Claretian met in Aparecida, Brazil. This time with a fixed idea in the heart: look at and evaluate the path with the brothers, go into our reality in the present moment to plan together the future of the LCM. This meeting started sometime before from our regions and groups without a region, we were watching our movement today in reflecting spaces; we gave it shape in a drawing, and also the future we all dream about was painted in other one.

Under Virgin's maternal Aparecida we have shared the life of our groups, our strengths and weaknesses, our lights and shadows. Memories, active participation in social networks (*facebook, twitter*) have allowed us to vibrate sharing our mission and our vocation both secular and Claretian, not only with the present brothers but also with those in the distance.

We began analyzing and describing our reality within the diversity of different regions and groups and we built together a picture of what we see today our dear LCM. From there we imagine our future, that motivated us to seek concrete ways and means to achieve it.

There were many concerns, needs and shared proposals. We highlight the most urgent, timely and effective.

... .. The movement is a 14 to 20 years old person, who has the characteristics of that age. (**Rocker: up and down-teen**)

Good health but has passed the usual childhood diseases and has some or illnesses, but they are not serious. It has not yet reached maturity, in many ways wants to be independent, autonomous but still dependent on other (**Balloons represent the dependence of the adviser and his unwillingness to take responsibility. Bound with a wire that can break at the moment it wants**). He(or she) has not yet a clear picture of himself (**Face: faceless**), of his capacity, his weaknesses, his own identity (**Bar: Identity unstable**), his charisma. He's still got key aspects to be defined. (**Silhouette: undefined**).

He's an active person (*he's always moving with something in his hands*). He wears comfortable clothes, simple. (**Clothing: large, do not mark the figure**). He does not want attention but do not go unnoticed, want to be kept into account, be recognized. He has difficulty balancing activity with spirituality, being with doing, action with contemplation. (**Vertical axis: represents the duality of the person**).

He is a happy person (**smile**), open (**Attitude of the arms**). In some respects he is very committed but in other areas becomes comfortable and sometimes feels disoriented because he's not sure how to respond to certain situations. (**Legs: one bent and the other firm**).

This young man (or woman) is under discernment process (**questions LC**) because he has not yet completely clear what is really his role in building the Kingdom (The **world** at his feet is not defined-colored spots), he neither finishes to define nor recognizes what his mission is.

He does not feel the need to face responsibilities of an adult in some areas of his life (**balls of different sizes**) for example: economy, family, citizen, social. He ignores the significance, the importance, the transcendence, the weight of those aspects in his own. But in others he is capable of assuming important responsibilities in a mature and a conscious way, as the proclamation of the Word, the option for the poor, solidarity and often lived in shared mission. (**Largest balls are the responsibilities taken in a mature way, and smallest are avoided responsibilities**)

He enjoys technology (**I-pod, headphones, ...**) and uses it to communicate as he likes, for example, to talk to his friends but not to answer any task or responsibility and he has difficulties to meet people in another language (**Hub- Ball: symbolic communication difficulties, the letters in different languages**)

He is a boy (or girl) who wants to live in a community and feel the need to train. He recognizes the value of the Word, prayer, the sacraments as a source, food, support ... but he's not always constant. (**Base consists of dislocated elements, which represent their fickleness.**)

What is our image of the Lay Claretian Movement for the future?



Larger (geographical expansion) and more mature. Good health but he has spent some diseases and difficulties, nothing serious. He is more helpful to him, in the care of his body (*Thought constant: attention to new members*) and generally he keeps fit. He is independent, autonomous (*The balloons are released*). Have a clear picture of

himself (**Face**, is complete, **Silhouette**: defined) of his abilities, his weaknesses, his own identity (*identity rests on a solid base*) and his charisma (*appears Sourcebook*). With economic and emotional stability.

He is active, wears comfortable clothing, simple. He is recognized in society and consulted (**Megaphone**)

He is a cheerful, open, committed, restless, alert, dynamic, who is not installed and he's available (**Attitude** moving, dynamic).

He is in a constant process of discernment and review of life to upgrade and reply from his vocation regarding the most urgent, timely and effective. He faces his responsibilities: economic, familial, civic, social and preaching the Word, the option for the poor, solidarity. (*All this represented in the **bundle** where it takes its responsibilities*) In many cases lives in shared mission (*in the stick there holds the bundle **branches** representing the Claretian Family*)

He enjoys technology and uses it to communicate even with people who speak another language. (**Megaphone**, *Leaflets with symbols of social networks and media. They appear in different languages in the Identity bar*).

He wants to live in community in continuous training. Recognizes the value of the Word, prayer, sacraments, Lay Claretian Sourcebook of as a source, food, support And they are very important pillars in his life (**pillars** which supports the Identity).