

REGIONAL MEETING – MARYLAND

- I. Major Theme
 - To discern **concrete, and specific** action steps to implement the charism.

- II. Specific recommendations (in order of priority)
 - A. There is a major concern about formation. It requires more than merely changing curriculum. We must be more specific in instilling our charism in formation. Our seminarians are being formed in diocesan seminaries. We need special formation for mission.
 - B. Develop specific, concrete plans for “making of every Catholic a missionary.”
 - C. Explore how ST’s can personally become better evangelizers:
 1. Emphasize personal conversion as the basis for everything else
 2. Stress the need for us to build stronger interest in each other, a sense of intimacy with each other. This would include providing opportunities for us to “tell our stories” across the community. We need greater interconnectedness.
 - D. Examine how the ST regions can work more collaboratively with the MCA and other organizations, e.g. cursillo, that foster the development of the laity. One specific way to foster this development is by encouraging the use of volunteers. This has value for us and for them.
 - E. Assure that the criteria of abandonment is used in accepting any new missions.

- III. Reflections on Joy of the Gospel
 - A. Foster zeal, evangelization, exodus
 - B. Avoid inordinate administration
 - C. Each must accept the document as a personal challenge.