

**Missionary Cenacle Family**  
**MCF100**  
**Vision and Mission Statement**  
**Background**

The Missionary Cenacle Family gathered in the year of its hundredth anniversary with an eye on the past and another on the future.

We remembered gratefully the founding vision of Father Thomas Augustine Judge, C.M : “if the right spirit is maintained, if the primitive spirit is passed down, this family idea will engender the most beautiful fruits for the honor and glory of God and for the edification of the Church.” Rule of Life Article 8

We affirmed our conviction that the Missionary Cenacle Family is a gift to the Church.

Most importantly, we took counsel: how are we, as the Missionary Cenacle Family, being called to respond to the “signs of the times”\* in the twenty-first century.

We identified as one of the pressing needs of these times: “the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties\*” of children, youth, young adults and families. \*(Words adapted from Gaudium et Spes: the Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World)

It is with them that we are being called into the specific mission we received from Father Judge, “To develop a missionary spirit in the laity with the goal that every Catholic be an apostle in the Providence of their everyday life.”

It is with them that we can exercise our chief effort “the preservation of the faith.”

The Missionary Cenacle Family Council, having heard and reflected upon the counsel of the delegates who gathered in Georgia for MCF100, call the entire Missionary Cenacle Family to the following:

## **I. Our Mission**

The Missionary Cenacle Family will develop a collaborative approach to addressing the needs of children, youth, young adults and families. This collaborative approach would be sensitive to the various cultures where the Missionary Cenacle Family live and is in mission.

## **II. Our Method**

The Missionary Cenacle Family will develop resources to be used where Missionary Cenacle Family collaboration occurs. These would include:

A. The distinct missionary method that is used as we engage in mission as a Missionary Cenacle Family. This method should be articulated, clarified and adapted for the variety of countries and cultures where the members live and are in mission.

B. The distinct missionary spirituality that is the foundation of the Missionary Cenacle Family. This takes into consideration the unique spirituality of the laity, religious, and ordained as they live within the distinct providence of their everyday life.

C. The understanding of the word ‘collaboration’ and what is needed between and among the branches as they are in mission as the Missionary Cenacle Family.

D. The gifts of all the members of the Missionary Cenacle Family affirming their usage in mission within the providence of everyday life as well as in common efforts.

E. The coming to a deeper understanding of the “Family Spirit” as it is lived within the variety of countries and cultures and where all four branches are not located.

## **III. Our Structure**

The areas utilized in preparation for MCF100 will continue to operate as “Missionary Cenacle Family Areas” This is a new structure within the Missionary Cenacle Family. Their effectiveness will be evaluated in four

years.

Each area will develop a Missionary Cenacle Family Area Council or FAC (Family Area council) This council should reflect the culture as well as the identity of the country or geographical situation.

The FAC has a threefold purpose:

1. To develop a collaborative response to ‘children, youth, young adults, and families. This response would develop according to the country or culture and take into consideration those efforts that already exist.
2. To develop and safeguard the “Family Spirit” within the areas.
3. To offer counsel to the Missionary Cenacle Family Council when requested and as needed.

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