



## INTER-CONGREGATIONAL SESSION

### *"The Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the world today"* (Rome, September 2-29, 2012)

The program is the joint effort of the following institutions:

- Edmund Rice Christian Brothers
- Brothers of the Christian Schools
- Brothers of Saint Gabriel
- Brothers of Christian Instruction
- Marist Brothers
- Brothers of Our Lady of Mercy
- Brothers of the Sacred Heart
- Brothers of the Holy Family

Objectives:

- To take an in-depth look at our common identity and mission as Brothers in the Church and the world today.
- To foster mutual knowledge and relationships among Institutes of Brothers.
- To have an inter-congregational formation experience that will help us to reflect, pray and live this important time of our history together.
- To share a joint formation experience that may serve as a channel for other formation activities in the future.
- To encourage the Brothers of our Institutes to meet together in order to have this discussion on the local level in our Provinces/Delegations.
- To prepare materials that will aid in continuing prayer and reflection on this topic.

**Place and Date:** The program will be held in **Rome** (Generalate of the Brothers of the Christian Schools) from **September 2 to September 29, 2012**.

**Participants:** With the objective of facilitating a true experience of fraternity, the number of participants has been set at forty Brothers (five from each Institute).

**Profile of the intended participants:**

- Brothers who are gifted in community animation or who currently are in community animation.
- Brothers whose attitude about their own identity is positive and open.
- Brothers who currently serve or who will serve in leadership ministry and/or in initial or continuing formation.
- Brothers who live the present and future of our Institutes with hope and faith.
- Brothers who have community and mission experience.

- Brothers who are happy in their vocation and are open to the challenges of the present time.
- Brothers who, if possible although not required, speak or understand two or more of the languages that will be used in order to communicate with others.

**Brothers Eusebio Calvo Calvo (ESP), Robert Croteau (NE), James Omara (ESA), Jean-Guy Roy (CAN) will represent our institute.**