Home and Away
Lay Spiritan Associates

“We go to people — not primarily to accomplish a task, but rather to be with them, live with them, walk beside them, listen to them and share our faith with them. At the heart of our relationship are trust, respect and love.” Spiritan Rule of Life

This year Brother Marc Tyrant (front right in photo), 3rd Assistant in the Spiritan Generalate in Rome, joined us at our Annual General Meeting. He invited us to see ourselves described in the draft version of the guide currently being prepared for Lay Spiritan Associates worldwide.

Our Spiritan vocation encourages us to respond to the Holy Spirit speaking to us in the concrete situations of our lives. The Spirit invites us to be united one heart and one soul and to share our lives, our mission and our spirituality as lay people with others.

The Spirit encourages us to respond to the challenges of the present day, by reaching out towards the world of youth, migrants, the marginalized, the excluded and those separated from the church. Our outreach can find expression in the normal circumstances of our lives or may be attached to a particular Spiritan project.

Our spirituality is fundamentally missionary. The Holy Spirit leads us in prayer and moves us forward. Mary is our model of openness to all the inspirations of the Holy Spirit.

It is understood that our family remains our first community and takes priority in our discernment and choices.

We are given a specific mission within the overall mission of our Spiritan Province or we join local Spiritans and work alongside them. Our current work becomes our vocation. Marc Tyrant, for example, has worked for 14 years in Pakistan as both a doctor and a Spiritan Brother.

Canadian Church Press Awards

Spiritan recently won four Canadian Church Press Awards of Merit:

Second place
Feature Layout and Design
“Beware The Holy Spirit”
(Spring 2015)

Second place
Editorial
“Rich in Mercy”
by Pat Fitzpatrick CSSp
(Fall 2015)

Third place
Front Cover
“Remembering Fr. Michael Doyle”
(Summer 2015)

Third place
Edition Layout and Design
(Spring 2015 issue)