

- 1. Intentional community:** The spiritual foundation from which other emerging directions flow. The common thread is a desire for an intentional form of shared life and mission, as opposed to “community by default”, for taking ownership of common life and mission. A new configuration of the Oblate charismatic family.
- 2. Collaboration between Oblates and Associates:** The language varies among the groups, but the underlying vision is the same: mission is increasingly something carried together. It requires formation, concrete action, intergenerational continuity and a willingness to embrace change.
- 3. Formation:** One of the principal enabling conditions for the whole vision. Formation of both Associates and vowed Oblates is essential: a new collaborative model requires new formation, including spiritual formation for a new way of ministering.
- 4. Young people / young adults / young families:** A recurring concern with engaging younger generations in the future mission. Young people are not simply recipients of ministry but can be bearers of the mission into the future.
- 5. Discernment/openness to where the mission is emerging:** We do not need to know everything in advance: we are called to remain attentive to where the needs are emerging and to learn to do ministry in a new way. Discernment is a communal, synodal and prayerful way of remaining rooted in Christ and the charism while listening for the movement of the Holy Spirit.
- 6. Migrants / intercultural ministry:** Concerned with migrants and immigrants, emerging cultures, interculturality, and integration into the wider community. Interculturality is increasingly understood as a constitutive quality of the future community.
- 7. Ministry with and among the poor:** Importance of proximity to those who are poor or marginalized, also envisioned as a way of involving the young. There is a movement toward relationships in which people who are poor are themselves participants in the mission. Thus, ministry with and among the poor is not simply a specialized ministry but a thread running through the emerging vision of collaborative, intentional and participatory mission.