

Cure of Ars Community: May, 2009

Brainstorming session on a possible “vocation plan” for the next community year

- Continue to pray each week in a very intentional way as a community the “vocation prayer”; mention out loud in the intentions for Eucharist
- Invite to dinner in small groups of 5-8 students who are involved in the school (i.e., LIFE; STUCCO; immersion trip students; Ambassadors; student leaders in campus ministry) so that they can interact with us and get to know us better
- Be available to tell our vocation story to the religion classes
- Talk to the senior religion teachers about the “Lifestyle/vocation” classes that are offered; refer back to the Marianist Visitation report
- WJC month in January: a natural time to “sell our community” to the public
- Continue reaching out to families to join us for Sunday morning Mass; offer hospitality
- Invite the Province Vocation Director to come and speak to the faculty about the SM; our life; our Marianist values. The faculty and staff, counselors need to help us identify students who would possibly make good Marianists
- One Brother indicated that he probably would not have joined the SM if he were not asked; we need to reflect on the “asking” and how we can do that
- Invite present candidates (contacts and aspirants) as well as younger Brothers to come and visit our community; get to know us and have conversation; involve in presentations in the school
- Take advantage of the screen/technology in the school cafeteria and show “You Tube” clips of the Marianists
- For career day next year – have our Province Vocation Director and community members be available
- Use the occasion for morning prayer over the public address system to have vocation intentions
- Collaborate with the other two Marianist schools in the area to sponsor a “vocation retreat” or “day of recollection”.
- Encourage our public relations people (school and Province) to interview us so that we can share our vocation story in the materials that go out to the public
- Take advantage of the Vianney web site () to put up information on the Marianists from time to time.

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- Continue with the Wednesday morning Mass where students and faculty can join us; have intentions and occasional reflections on the Marianist story
- Continue our outreach in inviting faculty and staff to join us on our weekly socials so that they can get to know us better
- Be present at school events; show
- Place materials on the Marianists from time to time on the table outside of chapel since students go into the chapel often

Next steps:

- Share with Province Vocation Director for input; share with other Province members for encouragement; let people know we are very interested in this topic;
- Community Office of religious life will discuss and review this plan
- Return in August for further discussion at community orientation time

Respectfully submitted by:
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