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Gross Catholic High School hosted Founder's Week from Jan. 19th to Jan. 22nd. Fr. Al McMenamy, SM and Bro. Rich Middleton, SM were invited to participate in the activities. Marianist LIFE Community Moderators Mikaela VanMoorleghem, Kim Matzen & Maggie Monzingo organized Founder's Week.

On Tuesday, January 19th, the focus of the day was the characteristics "To Educate for Adaptation and Change" and "To Provide a Quality, Integral Education." A personal reflection and prayer was read by junior Alex Rommelfanger. In the spirit of "Providing a Quality, Integral Education" the student Marianist LIFE Community held an all-school assembly to raise awareness and to support our larger Marianist Community. The students chose the Marianist school, Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School in Nairobi, Kenya. Beginning with prayer, the MLC students educated the student body and faculty about living conditions in Nairobi and explaining the mission of OLN. You may view their presentation here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1GP9d8oupJE>. The MLC challenged the Gross Catholic community to donate \$125 throughout Founder's Week to support a student at OLN, promising to match donations up to \$100. The student body, including the MLC match, was able to raise \$600 which will support 5 children at Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School for one year!

On Wednesday, January 20th, our focus on the characteristic "To Educate for Service, Justice and Peace" began with a personal reflection and prayer by junior Laura Triplett. Inclement weather postponed a student trip to Winnebago, NE to learn about life on the Winnebago and Omaha Nation Indian Reservations as part of the day.

On Thursday, January 21st, we focused on the characteristic "To Educate in Family Spirit" with a personal reflection and prayer by Gross Catholic biology teacher, Maggie Monzingo '04. During the lunch period, students dressed as Father Chaminade, Marie Therese and Mother Adele, asking Marianist Trivia questions for prizes. The student body also wore their spirit t-shirts to signify our family unity.

On Friday, January 22nd, our focus on the characteristic "To Educate for Formation in Faith" began with a personal reflection and morning prayer by senior Margaret Black. The Gross Catholic community celebrated a special Mass honoring Blessed William Joseph Chaminade's feast day. The Lay Marianist Affiliates, Fr. Al McMenamy, SM and Bro. Rich Middleton, SM was in attendance. MLC students opened Mass focus with a presentation highlighting the five characteristics of a Marianist Education. Gross Catholic senior and member of the Marianist LIFE Community Stephen Driscoll shared a personal reflection after Communion on what his Marianist Education has meant to him. The Marianist Affiliates joined members of the student LIFE community for a reception after Mass.