

## Mackey Marianist Lecture Series Presents

# Catholicism in Prophetic Dialogue

## A Marian Model of Church



Sunday, September 28, 2008 ♦ 4 p.m. ♦ Mystical Rose Oratory

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A Marian Model of Church is above all a family of disciples, gathered together, with respect for each one's gift and each one's needs, around the Mother of God. Our best realizations are invariably the result of teamwork and partnership with others. In this model of Church, we tend to extend the gifts of equality and inclusiveness as far as possible. Like Mary, we emphasize the role of nurturing life, forming, affirming, and creating unity, much more than judging and condemning.

*This year the Marianists are celebrating 125 years of continuous presence in Hawai'i. In honor of this special anniversary, the organizing committee has invited three distinguished Marianists to make this presentation.*

**BRO. JACK VENTURA**, a member of the Marianists (Society of Mary), Province of the United States, has worked in vocation and formation ministry, retreat ministry, spiritual direction, AIDS ministry, lay ministry formation and the development of small communities of faith.

Bro. Jack has an MBA from Iona College, NY, a master's degree in Applied Spirituality from the University of San Francisco and a master's degree in Pastoral Ministry from Loyola University in New Orleans. He has served as Executive Director of the Center for Marianist Spirituality and Communities in Philadelphia, PA until his current ministry in Provincial Administration and has been a member of the Marianist Family for over 20 years. He has published several articles and has co-authored a book entitled "Creating Small Christian Communities: Minimum



**CAROL RAMEY** is a lay Marianist and the Director of the North American Center for Marianist Studies (NACMS), a resource center offering educational programs, publications, and retreats to the Marianist religious brothers, priests, sisters, and the lay communities in the Marianist tradition. She first came to NACMS in 1988 as an editor and lecturer. In addition to her work within Marianist circles, Carol has presented to various groups on topics of spirituality, Mary, social justice, and small Christian community development.

**ISABELLA MOYER**, a lay Marianist, lives in Neepawa, Manitoba – a small rural town in the middle of the Canadian prairies. As a result, she is a product of online education with degrees in Catechetics and History. Presently working on an interdisciplinary Master's degree through Athabasca University in Alberta, she has also been a facilitator of Marianist Studies through the University of Dayton. Isabella is a member of the first cyber-Marianist Lay Community (MLC), Our Lady of the Round Table, an international community born from a Marianist Communities class in 2005. In 1997 she served the MLC as the Area Representative for Winnipeg. She attended the 2001 International Meeting of MLC in Philadelphia, and the 2005 International Meeting in Bordeaux, where she was elected to the International Team as the representative for North America, Asia, Ireland and Australia. In February 2008, she represented the International Organization of MLC and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops at a Vatican sponsored Congress for Women.

This lecture is free! No registration required! For more information, go to [www.marianisthawaii.org](http://www.marianisthawaii.org) or contact Bro Dennis Schmitz, 735-4801 (office), 232-6691 (cell), [baldschmitz@aol.com](mailto:baldschmitz@aol.com)



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