

Personal Commitments from Members of the Table Community

LeeAnn Chomanics

Lay Marianist • The Table Community

As a member of the Table Community, I will open my heart to Mary in an effort to be transformed by her love. I will strive to center my life on faith and through the strength and hope of my community, I will live out each day as a model of Christ. Inspired by the Spirit, I will welcome people to the table and invite them to share in the nourishing presence of God's love.

Caitlin Cronin

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Through God's transforming grace, I have been called by the Spirit as a member of the Table Community following my vocation of love to foster a gathering place that welcomes all people where they are. In my daily prayer, work, thoughts, and actions I commit to question the injustices in the world and respond to them, standing as Mary did at the foot of the cross. I say "YES" as Mary did with an open and trusting heart to spread the nourishment of the Marianist Charism.

Michelle Cybulski

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At the Table, the core of my identity as a Marianist, I receive nourishment: knowledge of Mary and the charism, and wisdom from others' stories. Yet, I am not just a participant in this feast I am also responsible for animating the faith of new communities. I will embrace the gifts from the Table Community and use them as I go forth in service to others at their table.

I will work to continually make space for the Table in my life and strengthen it through prayer. In whichever direction my vocation takes me I know I have the support of my community, and can freely return to the Table to rejuvenate my spirit. Like Chaminade, I will be patient when I encounter obstacles, knowing that as a lay Marianist I am in a constant process of formation and in a permanent state of mission. "This is how I am going to work."

Colleen Fitzsimons

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Today, I join the Marianist Family.

As a Lay Marianist, I commit to living such that Christ's love becomes more evident in the world. With God as my guide and my community as my support, I dedicate myself especially to being fully present in all my encounters and relationships. With Mary, I say, "Be it done as you have said, I am the handmaid of the LORD."

Today, and every day from now on, I commit to live as a Lay Marianist.

Emily Klein

Lay Marianist • The Table Community

Today, I deepen my Christian commitment by pledging to work to enfllesh Christ in the world after the model of our Blessed Mother Mary. I am committing to stand by the weak as she did at the foot of the cross, to invite others to my table as a practice of hospitality and charity, and to participate actively in the Table Community and the broader Marianist Family.

Fiona Martin

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As a member of the Table Community, I will strive to exemplify Mary and her mission of bringing Christ into the world. Guided by the spirit, I promise to be strong in faith, firm in hope and constant in love as I intentionally live out the Marianist Charism in my everyday actions and reach out to others in my community through acts of kindness, compassion and understanding.

Gracie Pollicino

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Inspired by the Spirit and Mary our Mother, I commit not only to myself, but also to the community, to bring the light of Christ and the Marianist spirit to all the tables I may encounter on my journey. I say “yes” to the call to spread the joy of the Marianists, and commit to being in a permanent state of service to God through Mary our Mother.

Mike Sievers

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I commit to living a life intentionally modeled on Mary's example in all that I do. I will strive to bring people together around the table through love, compassion, acceptance, and the promotion of the dignity of every human life. I commit to constantly return to the Table Community and the Marianist Family as a source of nourishment and mission.

David Theby

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As a member of the Table Community, I commit to being a center of Mary, faith, community and intentionality. I will live these characteristics in my everyday life and share them with the world. On this day I say “Yes” to modeling my life after the charism, Mary and God.

*Personal Commitments from Members of the
Bridges Community.*

Colleen Douglass

Lay Marianist • The Bridges Community

As a member of the Bridges Community, and the greater worldwide Marianist family, I commit to adopting the Marianist charism as a way of life. I will strive to foster intentional community while following God's call because I believe that faith is best lived out in a community. Like Mary, I will work to say "Yes" to God and invite others to do so by living as an example of the Marianist mission. I will work to promote justice through solidarity with all peoples while respecting every individual's particular rhythms of faith and growth.

Gretchen Dyer

Lay Marianist • The Bridges Community

In this next year, I will strive to be a bridge for all those around me. With Mary as my role model, I will look to her as an example of faith and love. I commit to bringing Christ to others while intentionally living in the spirit of the Marianist Charism. With inspiration from the Marianist Family, I will listen and respond to the call from God to live and share in His love. I promise to collaborate with the other branches of the Marianists while living together in a spirit of family. I pledge to go forth and grow in the Marianist spirit while relying on the strength of the Bridges community.

Andrew Gerbetz

Lay Marianist • The Bridges Community

Inspired by the Word of God and the Sacraments, and motivated by the Marianist Charism, I humbly commit myself to living a life that recognizes the dignity of every human person, is more attentive to the needs of those around me, and is rooted in selflessness.

As a member of the Bridges community, I choose community as my preferred form of evangelization realizing the goodness of humanity and the Christ in all of us.

Lauren Hackman

Lay Marianist • The Bridges Community

Today, I stand before you, called by God to become a member of the global Marianist family as a Lay Marianist. I am called:

To be a woman of *faith*, prayer and justice;

To be *inclusive* and welcoming of all people;

To advance the Marianist *mission* of bringing Christ to the world;

To look to *Mary* as a model of what it means to "Do whatever He tells you;"

To build *community* wherever I am and to live intentionally as a member of the Bridges community.

This is who I am called to be, and in the words of Father Tedesco, "Tell God I said 'YES!'"

Kathleen Henriksen

Lay Marianist •The Bridges Community

Inspired by Mary, I commit myself to a life of intentionality and focus on the Marianist Charism. Incorporating faith, mission, inclusivity, community, and Mary into my everyday life allows me to try and say “yes” as Mary did. As a member of the Bridges Community, I vow to hold myself and the others in my community accountable for our actions, as we grow in faith together and model our lives after Mary. I am committed not only to trying to bring Christ into the world as Mary did, but to live my life by example for others. The bridges I build along the way will not only link me to my fellow Lay Marianists, but will hopefully span out to others who have yet to know the Marianist Family.

Katie Hill

Lay Marianist •The Bridges Community

As a member of the Bridges community, I commit to living a life intentionally integrated with the Marianist Charism and devoted to enfleshing Christ in the world, by finding Christ in the world. In fulfilling this commitment, I will answer God’s call as Mary did. With the greater Marianist family and in solidarity with Mary, I will build community, live in a permanent state of mission, strengthen my faith, and through my daily actions model inclusivity. In the spirit of the Bridges community, I will strive to seek out God in all aspects of my life by continually making connections with all others.

Caitlin Jacobs

Lay Marianist •The Bridges Community

I commit to living as a member of the Bridges community, striving to intentionally bring God’s grace and love to every aspect of my life. I commit to saying “yes” to God as Mary did, through living out the Marianist Charism fully and freely. I will answer God’s call to fight for justice and act in solidarity through communities of faith and a life of prayerful mission. I commit to support and strengthen my own community through prayer and love for each member and to use it as a foundation to do as Mary did and bring Christ into the world.

Patty Lehan

Lay Marianist •The Bridges Community

With God's gift of grace, inspired by the tender heart of Mary, I am committed to building communities, providing a friend in faith and love.

Mike McArtor

Lay Marianist •The Bridges Community

I will try to live simply as Jesus and Mary did and espouse the virtues evident in their lives:

Faith: Undying trust in God’s providence and commitment to His will.

Humility: Living without pride and giving all glory to God.

Love: Giving of myself to others in genuine compassion and empathy.

Prayer: Communing with the Almighty in order to come closer to Him and understand myself.

I pledge to uphold the five tenets of the Marianist Charism: Faith, Mission, Community, Mary and Inclusivity. I will build bridges of peace and understanding to alleviate the suffering caused by ignorance and unrest. As part of the Bridges community, I will support my fellow lay Marianists as we grow together and strive towards Christ.

Maryjo Pirages

Lay Marianist •The Bridges Community

As a member of the Bridges community within the Marianist family, I commit to being a woman strong in faith, firm in hope, and constant in love. I commit to building community by using my God-given gifts to nurture, cherish, and pass on the love that has been given to me. I will live my life like Mary did, living each day intentionality with compassion and joy. I commit to living each day to the fullest, remembering that every moment is a gift from God that is to be cherished. I will strive to make love visible in every aspect of my life. I make a commitment to build bridges with those around me in order to take what I have learned and never stop giving. In doing so, I will commit to enriching my faith, my community, and my willingness to discover God's plan for me.

Michelle Wintering

Lay Marianist •The Bridges Community

I commit to living intentionally – maintaining an open heart and mind and building bridges to connect to God and others. Through these bridges, I seek to bring Christ to the world as Mary did, and to find Christ in the world every day.