

Embers Personal Commitments

Mark Anderson

As a Lay Marianist I commit myself to our community. Through this community I have been inspired. I have been inspired to devote my time to the development of my faith through a mission of service, inclusivity, under the guidance of Mary.

Erin Bole

I commit this year to live in the spirit of the Marianist charism, inspired by Mary, to do whatever He tells me. I dedicate my life to living with love and compassion towards all around me, in solidarity with the world. Inspired by the Marianist family that has been so influential in my life, and supported by the fire of the Embers banked inside my heart, I will keep my heart open to the love of God and spread the Marianist spirit out into the communities around me.

Darren Brown

As a member of the Embers community I personally commit to a conscious and intentional lifestyle in the spirit of the Marianist Charism. I will work for Justice through Love. I will challenge the world around me with acts of Peace. I will shine Light where there is darkness. And I will strike up new Fire in the hearts of those around me through living out the Marianist Charism with sincere Passion. I do this through the power of Community and through the grace of God.

Michela Buccini

With the other Embers I hope to keep this fire burning. I am making a promise to God and to the greater community to live in the Marianist charism. Like Mary I will try to say "Yes" to what God tells me. I want to spread this excitement of community and to live with the mission to "Do what he tells you." This fire is not something that should die down but something that I will keep burning. I want to spread the love that I have found within the Embers wherever I go and to whom ever I meet.

Jenna Connor

Inspired by Mary, I vow to bring Christ into the world through service and ministry. I vow to accept God's will for my life and seek His guidance in frequent prayer. In the spirit of the Marianist founders, I desire to love like the heart of Adele, act like the hands of Marie Therese, and inspire like the mind of Chaminade. I vow to work together with my fellow community members to further the Marianist efforts and bring about the Marianist charism wherever we may be. Inspired by the Marianists, I intend to be open, hospitable and loving of all people. I know this cannot be accomplished in a

year, maybe not even a lifetime, but I vow to pray for and actively seek to live out these things in my everyday life.

“O my God, my heart is too small to love you, but it will see to it that you are loved by so many hearts that their love will compensate for the weakness of mine.” - Adele

Kathy Fleming

I will live my life guided by Mary and supported by my Embers family. I hope to take the experiences I have had at UD and pass them along to others that I work with along my journey in life. The outside support I have received for making this commitment from my own family, boyfriend, and other UD "families" I have been adopted into have rekindled my hope and motivation to making this life changing commitment. I have had a few special heavenly angels who have helped in making this decision and are guiding me on my way. The prayers of support I have received have no doubt been the catalyst in my decision to follow through with this.

The Marianist themes of faith, inclusivity, community, Mary and mission will become the rock upon which I will build my future. They will become the cornerstone in my life and strengthen my bond with the Embers community and the rest of the Marianist family. I hope to use my fellow Embers members' faith, hope, and love for life to fuel my own fires wherever I go, even if we are far apart. I will work to truly live my life in the Marianist Spirit and "do whatever He tells me to do" along the way.

Kyle Fortman

I commit to trying to live my life, as a member of the Embers community, following the words of Mary at Cana to "Do whatever He tells you to." With the support of the community, I promise to live everyday to the fullest remembering that every moment is a gift from God that is to be cherished. Following the examples of Father Chaminade, Mother Adele, and Marie Therese, I pledge to be an active member of the Marianist Family with a continuing focus on bringing Christ into the world like Mary did.

Ashley Kessler

I commit to this community. I commit to sharing who I am, and allowing the gifts that God has blessed me with to be shared with the world. I want to live my life like Mary did, spreading the peace and love as best as I know how, and surrounding myself with people who will help me grow and become better everyday.

As an Ember, I make the commitment to share my light with those around me, to take what I have learned and never stop giving. My goal is to increase in love for the Marianist family everyday, and to spend each new day spreading what I have learned to everyone in my life

Katie Matteson

I vow to stay committed to the Embers community and through their support I will act intentionally to live the Marianist charism and apply its characteristics to all aspects of my life. I will strive to act as Mary did, apply love to whatever endeavors I take on, and build community wherever I may go.

Anne Lustig

With the foundational flame of the Ember community, I commit to share the light of Christ with the people who I come into contact with each and every day. I will live by the example of Mary and be open to the plan Christ has for me, to "Do whatever he tells you." I will strive to build community, meet others with an open mind and to love unconditionally.

Matt V. Meyers

Using the model of Mary, I commit myself to a life-style that exemplifies simplicity, inclusivity, and intentionality. Like Mary, I wish to remain optimistic in engaging in culture; pursuing small changes in my community and self while remaining reflective on my past experiences in order to anticipate the signs of the times. Through the support of the Embers community I will challenge myself and fellow community members to engage, recognize, and support the Marianist Charism wherever they reside.

Amy Pendergast

I vow to be a person of hope. To give and receive love freely. To risk. To stand with the poor and vulnerable. To live simply. To be present to the people around me. To see the face of God in everyone I meet. And in everything I do, to continue Mary's mission of bringing Christ into the world.

Amy Reaman

I am committed to live, act, and pray with the utmost Marianist spirit for one year. I hope to be able to continue my commitment beyond this year and into the future. Along with vowing to embody Marianist spirit, I will carry with me, the intentions of the Embers community whose hearts have been set on fire by the love and vision of Chaminade and the Marianists before us. I am steadfast in making the Marianist charism a central part of my life valuing mission and ministry, community, faith, and Mary as my model. My vow as a Lay Marianist is to follow in the words of Mary, "Do whatever he tells you."

Andy Taube

Much like a fire needs wood to stay lit, our world needs love to keep from growing cold. Recognizing the human need for love, I feel called to spread love in this world. I have come to know love most fully through Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for me. Inspired by Mary's faith, love, and commitment to Jesus, I have been drawn to the Marianist mission of bringing Christ—Love in its truest form—into this world. Guided and fueled by my fellow Embers, I desire to share my warmth and my light, bringing hope and energy to the lost and tired, giving my life, my heat, in hopes that I will warm someone's heart. With Christ as my teacher, I commit to being present with people in their need.

Megeen Tube

I will use my heart, my mind, and my hands
to listen for and to follow God's voice,
to live,
to serve,
and to love
intentionally.

Emily Wagner

On this day, I am following Mary's command to "do whatever He tells you." As I make this commitment, it is my hope to use Mother Mary's example in my everyday life as a daughter, sister, friend, girlfriend, aunt, educator, and a faith-filled woman. I will strive to bring Christ to those I encounter in my faith life, personal life, professional life, and in any other opportunity I am given. I promise this can be done with the help of the Embers Community, the larger Marianist family, the Blessed Mother, and God as my ultimate guidance.