

# **The Vision and Goals of the Marianist Family in the U.S.**

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## **Background**

The Marianist Family in the United States is a network of persons and apostolic faith communities animated by the Marianist charism of its founders, William Joseph Chaminade, Marie Thérèse de Lamorous and Adèle de Trenquelléon. The Marianist Family is composed of Marianist Lay communities, communities of the Daughters of Mary (female religious), communities of the Society of Mary (male religious), Affiliates of the religious communities, and persons who are committed partners in Marianist sponsored organizations.

## **Vision for the Marianist Family in 2020**

By the year 2020 the Marianist Family will be an even more vital movement of the Catholic Church in the United States.

Through a discipleship of equals, among its lay members and vowed religious, the Marianist Family, in attractive faith communities, will sustain, establish and expand programs and ministries that form faith-filled individuals to become more like Mary giving birth to and nurturing Jesus Christ in today's world.

## **Long-Range Goals for the Marianist Family**

The Marianist Family in the United States will be an animator and partner in the renewal of the American Catholic Church and in the advancement of justice and reconciliation in American society.

- The Marianist Family Council will nurture programs that unify the family in their commitment to the poor and underserved.
- The Marianist Family Council will be a connector and a catalyst for a network that stimulates and influences collaborative efforts.
- The Marianist Family Council will promote collaboration on project(s) sponsored by one branch and be a catalyst for generating engagement by other branches.
- The Marianist Family Council will cultivate an effective networking and collaboration of programs of formation for all three branches.

- The Marianist Family Council will advance strategies that unify all programs to form a cohesive, flowing and recognizable charism.
- The Marianist Family Council will foster sustainability and succession planning for all elements of ministerial leadership in all branches.