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VOCATION NEWS

Did you know...

- It was suggested that the Vocation Team share some of the following initial formation documents with the Province membership.
 - a) The Pre-Novitiate Formation Process (2003)
 - b) The Contact Program application
 - c) The check list for the Aspirancy application process

- A regular edition of *VOCATION NEWS* will come out before Christmas.

Advent Blessings,

Charlie

**Pre-Novitiate Formation Process
Marianist Province of the United States
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1. *Inquirer:* The Vocation Office is contacted by mail, phone, e-mail, website or referral. If an e-mail address or phone number is given, direct contact is made between the Vocation office and the inquirer. A phone interview is conducted and a decision is made about the type of further contact we should initiate. All inquirers are sent a vocation packet. Some face to face interviews or community visits are arranged at this time depending on the geographical location of the inquirer.

2. *Contact:* After a period of discernment by the person and the Vocation Director, one may choose to join the Contact Program. When a person becomes a “Contact” an agreed commitment is established between the Contact and a specific community and brother. This agreement is arranged by one of the regional vocation offices. The Contact Program includes: spiritual growth, self-discovery, prayer and an opportunity for personal interaction with Marianists. The Commitment Agreement is as follows:

a) As a participant, you (the Contact) agree to visit your local Marianist community and your Contact Brother when possible.

b) Your Contact Brother agrees to be in touch with you each month and continue to assist you in exploring your vocational discernment through visits to the local community and learning about Marianist life.

c) You will be sent mailings and e-mails from the National Vocation Office about the Society of Mary. You will be invited to retreats, workshops and Province celebrations. A member of the Vocation Team will be in periodic contact with you through calls, e-mails and postal mail.

d) Live-in experiences are required for Contacts, especially prior to applying for the Aspirancy Program. (Geography and work responsibilities are taken into account when live-in experiences are planned).

3. *Aspirant:* After a period of discernment during the Contact Program, the contact may request joining the Aspirancy Program. Entrance into this program implies an incipient intention of entering The Society of Mary and a desire to deepen one's knowledge of the Society through prayer, community living, apostolic work, study, discussion and direction. The Aspirancy time is a process of continuing growth, integration and discernment toward Marianist religious life. The Aspirancy is a stage of initial formation which as its objective the preparation of a candidate (aspirant) for the novitiate. The focus of the Aspirancy is to help the aspirant to grow to a deeper level of self-awareness and spirituality.

Marianist Contact Program

Name _____ Birth Date _____
Permanent street address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Permanent phone number _____ Cell Phone _____
E-mail _____

Location while in the Contact Program (if different than above)

Street address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone number _____

Family

Father	Name _____	Living? _____
	Religion _____	Occupation _____
Mother	Name _____	Living? _____
	Religion _____	Occupation _____
Sisters	_____	_____
Brothers	_____	_____

Education

High School _____ Grad. year _____
College _____ Grad. year _____
Degree _____
Grad. Studies _____ Grad. year _____
Degree _____

Health

Height _____ Weight _____ Describe your general health:

What will you be doing (college studies/major, work/company)?

What do you hope to receive from your participation in the Marianist Contact Program?

What jobs/occupations have you had?

What ministry experiences have you had?

What attracts you to the Marianists?

If there any other information that will help us get to know you better?



The commitments we make to one another in the Contact Program are as follows:

1. As participant, you agree to visit your local Marianist contact community and contact Brother when possible. Attend a Contact Retreat yearly and/or a summer service opportunity with the Marianists, if at all possible.
2. Your contact Brother agrees to be in touch with you each month, either by mail or phone, and to continue to assist you in your vocation discernment through inviting you to the local community and informing you about Marianist life.
3. Marianist Vocation Ministry will place you on the Contact mailing list. You will receive the newsletter Ventures, Letters from the Vocation Ministers, materials to help you grow spiritually and learn more about the Marianists. You will be invited to participate in Contact Retreats, summer service programs, and other events and programs to help you in your discernment. We will be in regular contact with you through phone calls, e-mail, and visits.

(Participant)

(Date)

(Marianist Contact Brother)

(Vocation Team Member)



Aspirancy Application Checklist

Aspirancy Application Form _____

Informed Consent Form _____

2 Photographs _____

Birth Certificate and/or Naturalization/Citizenship Papers _____

Baptism Certificate _____

Confirmation Certificate _____

Application Letter (to Provincial)-reasons for applying _____

Adult Physical Exam _____

Official Transcripts and/or Professional Certificates _____

Financial Information Sheet _____

Letter of Recommendation (from Vocation Director) _____

Behavioral Assessment Interview Summary _____

3 Letters of Recommendation _____

Criminal Background Check _____

Sexual Abuse Policy Signature Paper_____