

MARIANIST L.I.F.E MEETING
WHO ARE WE? MARIANIST LIFE
WHAT IS OUR MISSION? FAITH AND COMMUNITY

TOPIC: FAMILY SPIRIT

ICEBREAKER:

All a Board---break up into groups of 8; have each group

OPENING SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:

A reading from the Gospel of John

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

The Gospel of the Lord...

PRESENTATION OF THEME:

1. Marianist Moment: Talk about “Adopt a Family” Interact project as an example of Family Spirit

2. Tangled Up in Jesus(Yarn Thing)---circle in groups of 6 to 8 and have members of the group toss the yarn across the circle after saying one thing that describes Family Spirit(make sure when they toss is they hold onto the yarn). After tossing the yarn in the small groups, start tossing the yarn across the room to the other groups, singing: “wrapped up, tied up, tangled up in Jesus”. At the end have everyone lift up the yarn and move toward the center.

Have a leader share about Family Spirit---have recognizing our differences, yet united around Christ.

3. Who are we? Marianist LIFE What’s Our Mission?

SMALL GROUP MEETING:

Questions:

1. Introductions and then Highs and lows of the last few weeks.

2. Describe who makes up your “blood” family? Do you have other people who you consider family?

3. What is the importance of your family in your life?

4. What are some family traditions---especially holiday traditions.

5. What do you think “family spirit” means?

6. How can you show family spirit at school, with your family, with the world?

CLOSING PRAYER: Gather around the cross for prayer

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