Marianist LIFE Meeting
TOPIC: LENT AND LOVE

ICEBREAKER: Vanessa

OPENING PRAYER: Andrea

Letter from Paul to the Corinthians

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails … And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

PRESENTATION OF THEME & PERSONAL REFLECTION ON LENT: Aisha

SMALL GROUP SHARING:

1. INTRODUCE ANY NEW MEMBERS
2. CHECK IN WITH GROUP----HIGH POINT AND LOW POINT SINCE YOU LAST MET
3. ACTIVITY: Lenten Safety Pins

Symbolism of the:

--- Safety Pin--- it can "prick" you to get your attention, it can "hold things together" when they are falling apart---it can remind us that we are "linked" to Jesus as we walk our Lenten journey.

"Lent is a love story – an uncommon *love story--showing us that, for all our difficulties and sorrows, we are not alone. We are forever linked to Jesus."*

--- The beads are reminders for commitments we want to make during Lent.

a. Give each member a safety pin and one bead of each color and give them some quiet time to think about their Lenten commitment to love---using the reading from Paul's Letter to the Corinthians as a challenge ask them to make a commitment (an action---either give up or take on something or a change in attitude) for faith (the purple bead), for hope (the green bead) and for love (the yellow).

b. Invite people to share their commitments and what their prayers/resolutions/goals are for each. You can do this in dyads or as a large group. Put the beads on the safety pin.

c. Ask members of the group to pin the safety pins on them and challenge them to wear them or pin them on their book bags to remind them of their Lenten Commitment to love.

CLOSING PRAYER – SONG: Testify to Love

SNACKS AND SOCIAL

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