

Marianist Faith Sharing

January: Founders Month: Words of the Founders

Check-in: Highs and Lows since the last meeting.

❖ **Call to Prayer: Leader:** Pour out upon us the gifts of the Holy Spirit...

Leader: The Spirit of wisdom and understanding.

All: **Renew our minds**

Leader: The Spirit of right judgement and courage.

All: **Renew our bodies**

Leader: The Spirit of right knowledge and reverence.

All: **Renew our hearts**

Leader: The Spirit of wonder and awe in your presence.

All: **Renew our spirits**

❖ **Reflection and Response**

Leader: As we celebrate Marianist Heritage Month, let us be inspired by the challenge of Mary, to “Do whatever He tells you”, let us reflect on the words from the Marianist Founders as we look to a new year and working “Toward a better world”.

Reader 1: “Patience and confidence in God! And why shouldn’t we be confident---we are working for Him!” Father Chaminade

All: **Toward a better world**

Reader 2: “Let us limit ourselves, my good friends, to doing, each of us, what God would wish us to do...let us take care to have the same purpose, the same spirit, and a union of hearts.” Marie-Therese

All: **Toward a better world**

Reader 3: “Let us view things with the eyes of faith and, like Mary, be found ‘standing’ at the foot of the cross.” Mother Adele

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Reader 4: “Ours is indeed a grand work, a magnificent work, and if it is universal in scope, it is because we are missionaries of Mary, who says to us, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Yes, we are all missionaries” Father Chaminade

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❖ **Reflection and Questions**

1. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is this Sunday, which brings the end of the Christmas Season---how was your Christmas Holiday? What are the greatest spiritual gifts you received this past Christmas season?
2. As we celebrate Founders Month at Chaminade-Madonna:
 - a. Which of the quotes from the reflection catches your attention...challenges you, comforts you, helps to connect you to the mission of the Marianist Founders?
 - b. If you could ask one of the Founders a question. What would you ask?
3. What do you feel God is calling or recalling you to as a new year begins---what are some of your resolutions for 2010?

❖ **Petitions/Our Father/Sign of Peace**

Leader: What do we need to pray about...please voice your intentions

Let us gather our prayers together as we pray with the word Jesus taught us...Our Father...

As we end our time of prayer together let us offer each other a sign of peace...