



**Marianist LIFE Meeting
January 2005**

TOPIC: NEW YEAR KNOTS

ICEBREAKER: Who Am I?

As they arrive each member has a name of some one famous (real people, fiction characters) taped to their back. They must figure out who is on their back by asking questions (must be questions that can be answered “yes” or “no”) for other members---only one question per person so they talk to as many people as possible

OPENING PRAYER: Gabi

PRESENTATION OF THEME:

Letter of Paul to the Colossians:

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

SMALL GROUP MEETING:

1. INTRODUCE ANY NEW MEMBERS
2. CHECK IN WITH GROUP----HIGH POINT AND LOW POINT SINCE YOU LAST MET
3. ACTIVITY:
 - a. Give each member a piece of cord and tell them that each person is going to make a “New Years Knot Bracklet”. Have them think about some “knots” in their lives that need to be dealt with as 2005 begins. Tell them to tie a knot on the cord for each of the following areas in their lives:
 1. God
 2. Family
 3. Friends
 4. School
 5. Special intention.
 - b. Have them share some of their “knots” and what their prayers/resolutions/goals are for the knot. (you can do this in dyads or as a large group)

- c. Have members of the group tie on the bracklet of the person next to them----challenge them to wear the bracklets
are to put them somewhere they we be reminded of their “knots”

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER IN CHAPEL

SNACKS AND SOCIAL

Some names to use for icebreaker:

Jesus	Oprah Winfrey	George W. Bush
Pope John Paul II	Michael Jackson	Brad Pitt
Jennifer Aniston	Angelina Jolie	Johnny Depp
Jessica Simpson	Jim Carrey	Julia Roberts
Will Smith	Brittany Spears	Eminem
Usher	Beyonce	Elvis Presley
Justin Timberlake	Jamie Fox	Jennifer Lopez
Mickey Mouse	Minnie Mouse	Donald Duck
Goofy	Cookie Monster	Big Bird
Elmo	Sponge Bob Square Pants	Bart Simpson
Superman	Spiderman	Batman
Michael Jordon	Shaq O’Neal	Dan Marino
Barry Bonds	Kobie Byant	Tiger Woods
Lance Armstornng	Mia Hamm	