

MARIANIST L.I.F.E MEETING

WHO ARE WE? MARIANIST LIFE

WHAT IS OUR MISSION? FAITH AND COMMUNITY

TOPIC: NEW YEAR KNOTS

ICEBREAKER: Baby Do You Love Me?/Lions and Dens

OPENING PRAYER:

A Reading from the 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.

The Word of the Lord...

PRESENTATION OF THEME:

1. Marianist Moment: Skit: How friends grow apart and changes in relationships, but Jesus will always be there.
2. Who are we? Marianist LIFE What's Our Mission? Faith and Community

SMALL GROUP MEETING:

1. Introduction
2. Check in with group----high point and low point since you last met---how was Christmas Break?
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 2012 begins. Tell them to tie a knot on the cord for each of the following areas in their lives:
 1. Mind(attitudes, things to learn)
 2. Body(your physical well being)
 3. Heart(relationships with family/friends)
 4. Soul(God/spiritual life)
 - 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 will be reminded of their "knots"

CLOSING PRAYER: Gather Around the Cross

SNACKS AND SOCIAL