

MARIANIST L.I.F.E MEETING

WHO ARE WE? MARIANIST LIFE

WHAT IS OUR MISSION? BUILDING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY!

TOPIC: THANKSGIVING

ICEBREAKER: Turkey Jokes(on back)

OPENING PRAYER:

How can we thank you? The simple words of Thank You are powerful reminders of our many blessings. For the faith that stirs and grows in our hearts ... We thank you.

For the many people who have been your instruments of goodness in our lives ... We thank you.

For the moments when we have known your presence in a special way ... We thank you.

For good news that lightens our burden, we thank you.

For hope when all seems hopeless, we thank you.

For an unexpected kindness, we thank you.

For people who love us and who we love, we thank you.

For to be alive and serve you O Lord, we thank you.

And the people say... Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THEME:

1. Marianist Moment: Explaining Thanksgiving to the Founders(they are French!)

2. Meditation: Make Turkey hands, with each finger representing something you are thankful for; share with a dyad

3. Who are we? Marianist LIFE What's Our Mission? Building Christian Community!

SMALL GROUP MEETING:

1. Introductions

2. Highs and lows of the last few weeks.

3. What does it mean to you to be thankful?

4. What are you thankful for--- at school? At home? In your relationships? Why?

5. What are your Thanksgiving plans---what are your family's traditions---what do you eat?

6. Make a "Thanksgiving Goal"---something you want to work on as we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday.

7. Why is it important to have a holiday like Thanksgiving?

CLOSING PRAYER: Thanksgiving Goals

SNACKS/SOCIAL: PIE!

Turkey Jokes

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What did the little turkey say to the big turkey? "Peck" on someone your own size!

What do you call a crazy turkey? A cuckoo bird!

What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner? The tur-KEY!

Why do turkeys go gobble, gobble? Because they never learned good table manners!

What do turkeys like to eat on Thanksgiving? Nothing, they're already stuffed!

Why did the turkey eat his meal so quickly? Because he was a gobbler!

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