



*Office of the Provincial*

6 August 2012  
Feast of the Transfiguration

Dear Brothers,

With this letter, I am convoking the twenty-second session of the Provincial Chapter of the Marianist Province of the United States. This non-legislative session of the Chapter will be held at the Bergamo Center in Dayton from September 7-9, beginning at 5 pm on Friday with Eucharist for early arrivals and concluding on Sunday with lunch at Noon. The newly-elected members of the Provincial Chapter will meet together for the first time. As always, we are grateful to these Brothers for the time and energy they give to this important Province service.

The Chapter will address two important issues. First, there will be an opportunity to share together about the XXXIV General Chapter since seven of the eight Province delegates to that meeting will be present. We will talk about the document, "To Enliven the Fire that Enkindles Other Fires," and what response this can draw from our Province membership.

Second, of particular importance will be a lengthy discussion concerning the sponsorship project and the interim report from the Sponsorship Task Force. This will give the Chapter members a good opportunity to discuss this issue in detail and to provide thoughts and suggestions that can support and strengthen the work of the Task Force. The final report from the Task Force will be forthcoming before the end of the year, in time for a final presentation to the Provincial Chapter at its next session in March 2013.

On Saturday afternoon, September 8, the members of the Chapter will join the Marianist Sisters in the celebration of their jubilarians this year.

Please pray for the work of the Chapter and for all of the members of the Province. This past week, we buried two wonderful religious, Bro. Frank Deibel and Bro. Louie Pinckert. Let's continue to pray for them and count on their prayerful support for us and for the work of our Chapter.

Fraternally,

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