

Marianist Call *to Advance Justice*

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Dear Brothers,

I write you today with exciting news. Our Office of Temporalities is launching a new justice, peace & integrity of creation initiative, *Marianist Call to Advance Justice*. This new program will be available to all Province Communities over the next 18 months. Not only does our baptism call us to be priests, prophets and kings who transform our world, but *Vision 2020* also reminds us that we are “communities of apostolic faith that advance justice, reconciliation and the integrity of creation in our society and in our Church.”

Marianist Call to Advance Justice is designed to help us live out our call to advance justice more faithfully and practically. The program takes place in a two hour workshop, and the goals are: to affirm current involvement with justice, peace & integrity of creation, reflect upon and continue to discern your community’s call to advance justice, provide continual support and new opportunities for engagement, and also share what’s happening nationally. The program will not demand you to take on some new project or make a significant time commitment other than the time you give to the workshop itself; rather, it is primarily a formational and educational experience for you and your community.

Along with the endorsement of the Marianist Family Council of North America, the Provincial Council encourages the participation of every community in this national initiative. This project has been developing and evolving for the past 10 months, and it’s a joint venture of the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative and our Province Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Office.

More information will follow via email and postal mail in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact Brian Reavey, assistant for justice, peace & integrity of creation. Brian will be contacting all Community Directors with more information about this new initiative within the next few weeks. He is the primary contact person for all SM communities, and Jim Vogt is the contact person for all FMI and lay communities.

We look forward to your participation, and please know of my prayers for you and your communities as we continue to advance justice together with Mary, our Mother.

Peace & joy be yours this Easter season,



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