

MARIANIST L.I.F.E MEETING

WHO ARE WE? MARIANIST LIFE

WHAT IS OUR MISSION? FAITH AND COMMUNITY

TOPIC: Fool for Christ---Do it Anyway

ICEBREAKER: “Stupid People Tricks”

--have members share any special, silly talents(faces, noises, jokes, tricks, imitations,etc)

OPENING PRAYER:

In the first Letter to the Corinthians, Paul call us to be “Fools for Christ”.

Let us reflect on the fact that there is a built in foolishness to our faith. In the wisdom of God, foolishness is a part of our religion. In using this word "fool," Paul isn't insulting our faith. He's saying that God's ways are often not our ways. And that God's ways will often appear foolish in the world's eyes.

Let us remember some of Jesus' most distinctive teachings:

- if someone strikes you, turn the other cheek
- if someone asks you to walk a mile with them, go two
- if someone asks you for your shirt, give him your jacket, too
- love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you, and bless them
- if you lose your life for God's sake, you'll gain it
- the greatest among you is the servant of all.
- there is God in the poor, in the "least of these"
- there is salvation in a man dying on a Cross

Let us pray that we can have the courage to be “fools for Christ” as we continue our Lenten Journey.

And the people say...

PRESENTATION OF THEME:

1. Marianist Moment: The Founders---The Founders Being Foolish

2. Reflection: The challenge of following Jesus is doing things that others may find “foolish”: love your enemies, forgive those who hurt you, help the poor and outcast. Let us reflect on the words of Mother Teresa, as we are challenged to be “fools for Christ”

Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered...*Forgive them anyway.*

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives...*Be kind anyway.*

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies...*Succeed anyway.*

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you...*Be honest and sincere anyway.*

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight...*Create anyway.*

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous...*Be happy anyway.*

The good you do today, will often be forgotten...*Do good anyway.*

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough...*Give your best anyway.*

In the final analysis, it is between you and God...It was never between you and them anyway.

3. Who are we? Marianist LIFE What's Our Mission? Faith and Community

SMALL GROUP MEETING:

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND HIGH POINT AND LOW POINT SINCE WE LAST MET

2. QUESTIONS:

--What is the most foolish thing you have done for a good cause? Is it worth being a “fool” sometimes?

---Have you ever been made fun of for your beliefs?

---Go over the Mother Teresa Prayer line by line: ---do you agree with the statements? Explain.

---which statement is the most challenging for you? Why?

3. HAVE MEMBERS SHARE THEIR PRAYER INTENTIONS

CLOSING PRAYER

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