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The Gift *of a* Marianist Education





Marianist Spirituality and Marianist Education

The Characteristics of Marianist Education flow from Marianist spirituality as envisioned by Blessed William Joseph Chaminade. Education in the Marianist tradition has been inspired by this spirituality with its three characteristic dimensions: a deep Marian faith, forged in communities, with a mission to manifest the “Good News” of Jesus Christ.

A spirit of Marian faith. For Father Chaminade, this was a faith of the heart as well as an intellectual assent ... a faith as deep as Mary’s faith, which could conceive and give birth to Jesus.

Working in community. Chaminade knew that transforming the social order required the action not just of individuals but of people working together with a common mission like the early Christians, who prayed and broke bread together.

A common mission. Marianist communities of faith aim at rebuilding the Church and society with religious and laypeople, men and women, and wealthy and poor who come together with Mary as their inspiration.

Characteristics of Marianist Education

- Educate for formation in faith
- Educate in family spirit
- Provide an integral, quality education
- Educate for service, justice and peace
- Educate for adaptation and change

Characteristics of Marianist Education

Educate for formation in faith

- Bear witness with a personal and committed faith that touches the heart.
- Promote a faith and culture dialogue from the perspective of the Gospel.
- Form students in Gospel values and Christian attitudes.
- Educate in a style that elicits a personal response of faith.
- Bear witness with a faithful commitment to the Church that makes the Gospel credible today and tomorrow.
- Make present the example and influence of Mary as the first disciple and as an educator in faith.
- Provide opportunities for faith sharing and communal and private prayer.



"You are true missionaries. Teaching youth is certainly not the end that you should have proposed for yourselves when consecrating yourselves entirely to God under Mary's protection: teaching is only a means that we employ to complete our mission, that is, to educate in faith and to multiply Christians."

— Blessed William Joseph Chaminade



Educate in family spirit

- Create a favorable environment for education.
- Cultivate interpersonal relationships characterized by openness, respect, integrity and dialogue.
- Form an educational community with collaborative structures and processes.
- Express authority as loving and dedicated service.
- Influence others by exhibiting the Marian traits of openness, hospitality, graciousness and faith.



Provide an integral, quality education

- Promote quality education of the whole person.
- Provide a coherent curriculum; a well formed, professional, administration, faculty, and staff; and adequate facilities and finances.
- Develop respect for the dignity of the person as a daughter or son of God.
- Develop an interior spirit and self-knowledge.
- Develop a concern for global and local issues of culture, ecology and the use of technology.
- Foster a diverse faculty, staff and student body.
- Offer Mary as a model of integrity.

"We do not educate for the school, nor merely for the years one is in school, but for life."

— F. Armentia, S.M.



Educate for service, justice and peace

- Promote a missionary spirit for the reign of God.
- Educate for solidarity and justice and peace.
- Attend to the poor and marginalized.
- Promote the dignity and rights of all people.
- Promote programs of service, encouraging the formation of Christian service groups.
- Under the prophetic influence of Mary, announce the goodness and justice of God and denounce oppression.

"By educating both the mind and the heart, the school can form people who in turn can work at changing the very structures of their society to ensure a community of justice and reconciliation."

Marianist General Chapter, 1991





Educate for adaptation and change

"New times demand new methods."

— Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

- Educate to shape the future.
- Educate persons to accept and respect differences in a pluralistic society.
- Develop critical thinking skills in the search for truth.
- Form leaders for church and society.
- Use technology to enhance learning.
- Respond to the signs of the times.

Marianist Sponsored Schools

The Marianists sponsor schools so that young people, and the faculty and staff who work with them, may be formed in faith through the school community. Marianist sponsorship provides programs that aid in faith formation and enrich the dialogue between faith and culture, with minimal cost to the school. Sponsorship represents a mutual set of responsibilities and expectations that are embraced to achieve a shared mission.

Benefits for sponsored schools

- Enrichment of the educational mission of the school
- Marianist programs such as Teaching as Ministry (where new faculty learn the Marianist charism of education), workshops for school personnel, board formation and interaction with other sponsored schools
- Collaboration with Marianists and members of Marianist universities regarding the school mission
- Speakers Bureau of individuals who can speak on the Marianist charism of education
- Eligibility for tuition assistance and scholarships to Marianist universities



For more information about Marianist school sponsorship, contact:

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"Religion is not taught; it is communicated. Religion is instilled more deeply in the spirits and hearts of the students through the atmosphere that permeates the school than through teaching."

— Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

Marianist Middle and Secondary Schools

Archbishop Moeller High School
Cincinnati, Ohio
www.moeller.org

Archbishop Riordan High School
San Francisco, California
www.riordanhs.org

Central Catholic High School
San Antonio, Texas
www.cchs-satx.org

Chaminade College Preparatory
High School & Middle School
Chatsworth, California
www.chaminade.org

Chaminade College Preparatory School
St. Louis, Missouri
www.chaminademo.com

Chaminade-Julienne High School
Dayton, Ohio
www.cjeagles.org

Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory
Hollywood, Florida
www.chaminade-madonna.org

Colegio San José
San Juan, Puerto Rico
www.csj-pr.org

Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School
Bellevue, Nebraska
www.grosscatholic.org

Nolan Catholic High School
Fort Worth, Texas
www.nolancatholichs.org

North Catholic High School
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
www.north-catholic.org

Purcell Marian High School
Cincinnati, Ohio
www.purcellmarian.org

St. Anthony Junior/Senior High School
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii
www.sasmaui.org

St. John Vianney High School
St. Louis, Missouri
www.vianney.com

St. Laurence College
Dublin, Ireland
www.edunet.ie/stlaur

Saint Louis School
Honolulu, Hawaii
www.saintlouishawaii.org

St. Mary's High School
St. Louis, Missouri
www.stmaryshs.com

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School
Cleveland, Ohio
www.vasj.com

Marianist Universities

Chaminade University of Honolulu
Honolulu, Hawaii
www.chaminade.edu

St. Mary's University
San Antonio, Texas
www.stmarytx.edu

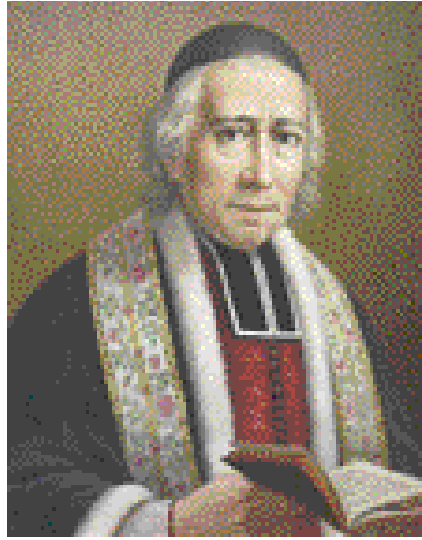
University of Dayton
Dayton, Ohio
www.udayton.edu

"Marianist education aims to sow, cultivate, and bring to fruition the Christian spirit in the human race. In our educational institutions, formation in faith and the animating of Christian communities are our priorities."

— Marianist Rule of Life

Founder of the Society of Mary (Marianists)

William Joseph Chaminade (1761-1850), priest of the Diocese of Bordeaux, France, lived during the years of the French Revolution. Father Chaminade sought inspiration in Mary, at whose sanctuary in Saragossa, Spain, he prayed while in exile



during the Revolution. He honored Mary as the one who received the word of the Lord and pondered it in her heart, the woman who gave Christ to the world, and the Mother who cooperates with the Holy Spirit in the formation of believers. Father Chaminade committed himself to assisting Mary in bringing others to become more like her son, Jesus.

Father Chaminade founded the Society of Mary (Marianists) in 1817. Marianists first came to the United States in 1849. In 2000, Blessed William Joseph Chaminade was beatified in Rome.

Blessed Chaminade was actively involved in education his entire life. He viewed schools as communities of faith development and learning that were engaged in dialogue with the larger culture. Today, Marianist educators serve in 30 countries on five continents and minister in more than 100 schools throughout the world. In the Province of the United States, there are 24 Marianist secondary and middle schools and three Marianist universities.

"We are so happy with, so proud of the honor of this heavenly gift, our Marianist vocation, that we burn with eagerness to obtain the same happiness for all those upon whom we have some influence. To spread the knowledge of Mary, to perpetuate love and devotion to her, is our highest ambition."

— Joseph Simler, S.M.

