



**Marianist LIFE Team  
Year-End Prayer Service  
“Passing the Torch”**



**Opening Song** – Suggestion: Current LIFE Theme song

**Opening Prayer** Moderator

Heavenly Father, we ask for you blessing today as we celebrate our commitment to LIFE. The work we do at [insert name of school/parish] continues the work of our founders, Chaminade, Adele & Marie Therese, who built communities of faith. As their actions strengthened the Church, our actions strengthen faith in our peers. Please be with this gathering as we share our stories as we send some of us off to college and as we welcome new LIFERs to the community. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Reading:** John 11: 25- 28

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; <sup>26</sup>and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." <sup>28</sup>And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." <sup>29</sup>When Mary heard this; she got up quickly and went to him.

*Split into pairs or triads, with at least one junior and senior LIFER. Reflect on the following questions.*

1. Has there been a time in your life that you felt Jesus calling you to action? If so when?
2. In the passage Mary is said to go “quickly” when she was called by Jesus. At times we are called yet respond slowly. Do you feel it is difficult to quickly act when called?
3. Why were you called to be on the LIFE Team?
4. What is something you fondly remember from your experience as a LIFER? OR What are you looking forward to as a LIFER?

**Candle Ceremony:**

*Quiet instrumental music should be played. The current LIFErs each light their own candles & stand at the front. Unlit candles are distributed to the incoming LIFErs, who stand opposite senior LIFErs. One current LIFEr reads their mission statement a second current LIFEr reflects on the importance of each goal. A third current LIFEr reads the parting message.*

Parting Message to include (Senior LIFEr \_\_\_\_\_):

Our team, to the best of our ability, followed the example of Blessed Father Chaminade in creating Marianist LIFE Communities. Yet as our team’s time at (this school/ parish) draws to an end, we pass the torch on to you.

*(At this time the other 2012 current light the candles of the incoming Team members)*

Each of you has been called, and you have answered that call. Your team will face hardships and challenges, as each team does. You will need to rely on teamwork, friendship, and God. We have faith in you and your team to join Blessed Chaminade in continuing Mary’s mission in bringing Christ to the world.

**Blessing of the New LIFE Team and Moderator(s)** (MLC Coordinator/current Moderator)

*[extending of hands]*

God, bless the incoming LIFE Team and their Moderator(s). Open their hearts to love. Help them overcome all adversity. Bless this summer’s LIFE Summer Program, may it help develop this team. Help them come together as a team and as a community of faith. And give them power to continue the legacy of LIFE and to serve you. We ask these through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing of the Senior LIFE Team and Moderator(s)** (Campus Minister/MLC Coordinator)

*[extending of hands]*

God, we thank you for the LIFE Team and their Moderator(s). They have served you by serving the [school/parish name] by building a community of faith with their peers. Please bless them as they continue their mission as Alumni of Marianist LIFE. May they have the same energy to build and sustain small communities of faith in the personal lives as adults. May they remember that they still have a family here at [school/parish] and with the greater Marianist Family. We ask these through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Intentions**

**Our Father**

### **Closing Prayer** (3 readers)

Our work is great; it is magnificent. If it is universal, it is because we are the missionaries of Mary who says to us: "Do whatever He will tell you!" Yes, we are all missionaries. To each of us the most Blessed Virgin has confided a mandate to work at the salvation of our brothers and sisters in the World. ~Chaminade's letter to the Retreat Masters of 1839

Let us then courageously put ourselves to work, not letting ourselves be frightened by the greatness of the task. Let us think only of what we are doing at the moment, of doing it well, for it is only in the fidelity and perfection with which we do our ordinary actions that our progress in virtue consists. ~Adele's letter #246, August 3, 1814

Let us limit ourselves, my good friend, to doing, each of us, what God would wish us to do ... in our houses ... let us take care to have the same purpose, the same spirit and the same union of hearts. ~Marie-Thérèse

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

**Closing Song** – Suggestion: previous LIFE theme song  
**[Sign of Peace during song]**

Suggestion: spend some time with both teams sharing a meal, playing or both.