



# Things Marianist Talking Points for Boards

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## How Can We Be Guided on the Marianist Path?

Note: These questions are based on concepts within this particular *Things Marianist*. Copies of *Things Marianist* can be obtained at [www.nacms.org](http://www.nacms.org).

### Opening Prayer

#### Scripture

"Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart?" (Lk 2:19) "They will proclaim the works of the Lord, and ponder what God has done." (Ps 64:9)

#### Prayer

Mary, you pondered in your heart all the awesome, confusing, and marvelous events of your life. You considered carefully what God might want of you and then abandoned yourself to God's goodness and your vocation.

Teach us to treasure and ponder, to consider and surrender.

Open us to your Spirit.

Place mentors, guides, and teachers in our lives, so that by living life in your name, we might come to that blessedness promised to your daughters and sons, the children of God.

Amen.

(Adapted from *Prayers for Marianists*, Saturday B)

### Questions for Reflection

#### Making the Right Appointments

As a board how do you schedule time to nurture your spiritual journey during the meetings?



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### **What is Spiritual Direction?**

What image of "spiritual direction" in this section or in your own experience most speaks to you?

### **Spiritual Accompaniment of Marianist Lay Communities**

How does the Mission Integration Committee act as a spiritual guide in relation to the Marianist Charism?

### **Conclusion**

What is your overall impression of the benefits of a Marianist method of Spiritual Direction?

What elements of this article resonate or challenge you individually and as a board as a whole?

### **Closing Prayer/Scripture**

**Scripture:** Road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35)

Companion of God, thank you for the ways you visit us through Creation, Your Word, and the events and people in our lives. Your love breaks through again and again, surprising us in ordinary and profound ways. Guide us in finding the ways to nurture our spiritual journey and the companions to walk with us in living out our mission of faith. We ask this in union with our sisters and brothers that your love might be known to the ends of the earth, now and forever. Amen