



Things Marianist Talking Points For Boards

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What is the Marianist Tradition of Prayer?

Note: Reflection questions are based on the two different sections from this particular *Things Marianist*. You may go through each section or use this guide as a starting point for a board discussion. Copies of *Things Marianist* can be obtained at www.nacms.org.

Opening Scripture

Take a moment and bring yourself into the presence of your loving God.

"Lord, teach us to pray."
(Lk 11:1)

"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Creator knows what you need before you ask." (Matthew 6:7)

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Reflection Questions

Introduction

"Prayer is the source of the vitality of our faith which transforms our view of persons and events."

(Rule of Life of the Marianist Sisters)
Brother Stephen Glodek, SM, reminds us that people often requested Father Chaminade to teach them to pray.

"For a Christian, everything can and should become a prayer. If we do everything for God, dear friend, then everything becomes prayer. Let us eat speak, work, and suffer for God, and never perform an action that we would not dare offer him."

(Adèle de Batz de Trenquellèon)

How does Adèle's statement challenge the board in its role of creating policies for the school?

How can you support campus life to reach this goal of "everything becomes a prayer"?

The lens of Blessed Chaminade was the Incarnation. If we view the Gospel through this Chaminadean lens, we begin to understand the special emphasis that evolved in his thought around conformity to Jesus Christ, and participation in the mission of Mary.

Describe how prayer life of the school been enriched through the Marianist Charism.

