



Things Marianist Talking Points for Boards

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What Do You Mean, “I’m a Missionary”?

Note: Reflection questions are based on the four 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 God

From the Gospel of John

Whoever believes in me believes not in me but in him who sent me. And whoever sees me sees him who sent me. I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in the dark.

(Jn 12:44-46)

Reflection Questions

Introduction

How would you define the word “Missionary” after reading the introduction?

“Do Whatever He Tells You”

Bernard Lee, SM, often encourages communities to pray in community with the Gospel in one hand and the newspaper in the other. (*Habits for the Journey*). What are the signs of the times for us today?

How do you interpret “Do whatever he tells you” as you consider your work as a board member?

Life: The Marianist Vocation

How does support each member in identifying his/her gifts?

How do your gifts contribute to the building of the “Body of Christ” on the board?

Describe a community or group that you have witnessed that “[shone] forth as a source of light which [made] them the object of general attention”?

Conclusion

How can we be missionaries in ordinary as well as extraordinary times (as individuals and as communities)?

Closing Prayer

Our Baptismal Call Prayer

God of all creation, maker of the lakes and the seas, the rains and the rivers, we ask your blessing upon this water. It is a reminder for us of the water that gives life to your creation and to your children. It reminds us of the gift of our baptism. And so we ask your blessing on this water in the name of our Creator, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Invite everyone to come forward and bless themselves and one another with the water and the Sign of the Cross.

(Prayer from <http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.com/2008/03/our-baptismal-c.html>)

