

# LIFE Meeting Community January 13, 2016

## 1. Opening Prayer

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## 2. Marianist Community Information

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## 3. Icebreaker: Marianist Jeopardy

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Ali and Megan

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- Next Meeting: February 8<sup>th</sup>
- Founders Week is Next Week...Get excited!
- Sign up if you want to do something at a meeting or mass
- Planning Meeting January 20<sup>th</sup>

## Opening Prayer

Hold hands and interlock fingers so that all the weaknesses in the group are covered by each other's strengths.

### **Acts 2:42-27**

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup>Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup>They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup>Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

### **Reflection**

If you ask google what the definition of community is, it tells you that it's "a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common" I searched that while looking for inspiration to write this prayer and as you may guess it was not of much help. I thought about different ways to describe community so I turned to the bible and found that section I just read to you all. After reflecting upon it, I realized that community is hard to describe, but there are key points that I can touch on. My idea is that it's more of something that you witness and feel. I believe that community can be felt right now with all of us gathered here together to share our thoughts and beliefs with each other. The idea of community is something that everyone longs for. We treasure friendships that allow us to be ourselves. I think Father Steve says it the best. If you ever had him in class he would always say that the greatest human desire is to belong and being able to belong is something that creates the great community that we have here at Gross Catholic High School.

I ask that God gives us the ability to be open minded to one another during this meeting and that we contribute with our full potential.

As your people let us joyfully proclaim, May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary

Amen

### **Chaminade Rap:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5x5lenYNP4>

## Marianist Jeopardy Game Link

<http://www.superteachertools.us/jeopardyx/jeopardy-review-game.php?gamefile=1664931#.Vo7lv2MZHPw.email>

### Transition from Marianist Community to Cougar Family

We know now just how big the Marianist Community is. We know what it means to other people from different Marianist Communities to be a part of the Marianist Community, but what does it mean for our own community? The Cougar Family is something that we, obviously, are all a part of. How can we instill what we have learned about the larger Marianist Community right here at Gross?

### Small Group

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### Scripture: Romans 12:3-8

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup>For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your <sup>la</sup>faith; <sup>7</sup>if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, <sup>lb</sup>do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

### Reflection

God has given us all talents and gifts that are amazing and make us special. But He didn't give us our talents for us to keep to ourselves; He gave them to us so we can share our talents with others. By sharing our talents with one another we are able to become one, with God by our sides. We are able to become a community and work with one another to help us all reach our full potential. We are able to become a part of something bigger than ourselves by being a part of communities like the Marianists or the Cougar Family. We are able to work together and help one another that wouldn't be possible without each other.

### Small Group Questions

About Marianist Community:

1. In your opinion what qualities are necessary for an organization to be a community?
2. Do you feel like the founders made a good foundation for the Marianist Community? What did they do?
3. What did you think of the different Marianist high schools video?
4. Do you feel like we are all connected with each other by being Marianist even though we are all across the country? Why or why not?
5. Do you feel like there is a Marianist Community at Gross? What makes it a community?
6. Do you feel like the sense of community is still there after meetings? Why or why not?

7. What could we do so that sense of community was not just at meetings? Are the ideas realistic or not really? (someone write down ideas and star top three)

#### Cougar Family:

1. Is the Marianist community and the cougar family the same thing? What are the similarities and differences?
2. Do you think the cougar family is just something that we just talk about all the time or do you think we really have it at gross? Why or why not?
3. What is your favorite part of the cougar family?
4. What do you think is good about our cougar family?
5. Do you only feel like there is a family feel with your close friends or do you feel like there is a family feeling school wide? Why or why not?
6. What parts of the cougar family do you think need improvements?
7. How can we improve the cougar family? Are the ideas realistic or not really? (someone write down the ideas then star top three ideas)

#### **Activity**

On the small crosses, write down what the Cougar Family means to you. We will be hanging them on the big cross when we get back to the room.

#### **Closing Prayer**

Spontaneous prayer in your small group.

### **Large Group**

- Talk about small groups (ask questions)
- Sum up the meeting