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STVM JOINS FAMILY OF MARIANIST-SPONSORED MINISTRIES



These students at St. Vincent-St. Mary in Akron, Ohio, are joining nearly 11,000 others nationwide in attending a Marianist-sponsored secondary school.

Six hundred and fifty students. Fifty faculty. One very happy school. That's how **Thomas Carone**, president of [St. Vincent-St. Mary High School](#) in Akron, Ohio, summed up the sentiments of the school community in June after the Marianist Province of the United States gave STVM the green light to become one of its sponsored ministries.

School leaders began conversations with the Marianists four years ago. They believed that becoming a Marianist-sponsored school would strengthen STVM's focus for faith formation and offer the advantages of being part of a robust network of Catholic, Marianist schools.

As STVM and the Marianists worked through a formal discernment process, it became evident this was a win-win proposition. "The spirit of the school is well-matched to Marianist traditions," said Provincial **Fr. Martin Solma**. "Blessed Chaminade wanted us to multiply our efforts; this initiative is an avenue for doing just that."

"The St. Vincent-St. Mary High School community is excited to join the Marianist Family," Thomas Carone said. "The five characteristics of a Marianist education – the guideposts that define a Marianist school – align perfectly with our mission."

STVM was founded in 1972 in the merger of two parish schools. Among notable STVM alumni are Marianists **Fr. Jim Fitz** and **Bro. Ray Fitz**.

Ha'Ani Artero recently completed a one-year term as a volunteer with Marianist Partners in Urban Leadership, Service and Education (PULSE), through which she served with the [Rivers Institute](#) at the [University of Dayton](#). Ani is a graduate of [Chaminade University of Honolulu](#).

Looking back, did you know what you were getting into?

I never anticipated the magnitude of the impact Marianist PULSE would have on my life.

My prayer life has strengthened, I've been blessed with new friendships, I've learned valuable professional skills, and my commitment to justice is inextinguishable. I wouldn't trade this experience for anything.



During her PULSE year, Ani Artero was coordinator of the "RiverMobile," teaching about the Great Miami River and the importance of river ecology.

What was your favorite thing about being part of the PULSE community?

We were the inaugural cohort of Marianist PULSErs. Pioneers! We journeyed alongside one another, being formed by the program while helping form what PULSE will become. It was an honor to be a part of something so much bigger than ourselves.

From your perspective, how does PULSE benefit the mission of the Marianists?

Part of the mission of the Marianists is to live out the Marianist charism in a way that is attractive. PULSE is unique in that it forms communities of faith that share the charism with people who might not otherwise have the opportunity to experience it. PULSE does that simply by organically living out the charism ... I think we were successful in building community in this way.

PAUSING FOR PRAYER ON THE BEACH



Eighth graders from Mother Seton Academy in Baltimore join hands for morning prayer on the beach at the Marianist Family Retreat Center.

It's become a tradition that, before moving on to high school, new friends and broader experiences, eighth graders from [Mother Seton Academy](#) gather for a four-day retreat at the [Marianist Family Retreat Center](#) at Cape May Point, New Jersey.

"It's an amazing retreat, filled with prayer experiences," said **Bro. Jesse O'Neill**, retreat leader and the director of campus ministry at MSA. "The retreat theme was, 'We are all important pieces in God's puzzle.' Our beach prayer circle emphasized the connectedness we have with each other, and with the sand, the ocean, the sun, the breeze ... all being part of God's puzzle," Bro. Jesse said. See [more photos](#).

HONORING OUR BICENTENNIALS - A PAGE FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

To celebrate the bicentennials of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate and the Society of Mary, *FamilyOnline* is featuring occasional peeks into the past.



Cathedral Latin School (1916-1979) was the quintessential Marianist school, educating thousands of young men and producing scores of Marianist vocations. In this 1977 photo, **Bro. Joe Kamis**, right, leads his team at a TV show called Academic Challenge. During his professional tenure at his alma mater, Bro. Joe was a teacher, assistant principal and president/principal. Bro. Joe currently is assistant provincial for the Marianist Province of the United States.

WHO'S DOING WHAT AROUND THE PROVINCE

ABUNDANT GRATITUDE: BRO. JOE RINGS UP 40,000 THANK-YOUS



How do you measure gratitude? For **Bro. Joe Barrett**, the method is one phone call at a time.

Bro. Joe is the undisputed leader of the Marianists' "Ministry of Gratitude," in which elderly brothers and priests contact donors by telephone simply to say thank you. On July 4, Bro. Joe placed his 40,000th phone call.

That's right, 40,000.

Bro. Joe, 92, spent more than 40 years as a teacher and guidance counselor in Marianist high schools, including 20 years at [Gross Catholic High](#). He's still teaching a lesson about the importance of abundant gratitude.



NEW DIRECTOR IN OFFICE OF SPONSORSHIP

Dr. Savio Franco recently joined the Marianist Office of Sponsorship as director of Marianist Educational Leadership Development, Research and Partnerships. He will be working with **Dan Donnelly**, director of the Office of Sponsorship, to strengthen formation of leaders at Marianist ministries such as high schools and retreat

centers.



NEW VOCATIONS DIRECTOR

Bro. Mark Motz began his new role as vocations director for the Marianist Province of the United States on July 1. He takes the reins from **Bro. Tom Wendorf**, who completed a seven-year term in the position and will return to teaching at the [University of Dayton](#). Bro. Mark will be based in San Antonio.

MARIANIST DISCERNERS LOOK, LISTEN AND LOUNGE AT THE LAKE

For young people considering lives as Marianist religious, and for those who've recently embarked on the formation path, there was *Look, Listen and Lounge*.

The biannual retreat took place June 28 – July 3 at the Governors Island Marianist Community on Indian Lake in Ohio. It included time for conversation, prayer and reflection, as well as time for boating, swimming and marshmallow-toasting.



Bro. Mark Motz snags a selfie with Look, Listen and Lounge participants Joseph Zhao, Leno Ceballos and Terri Burgin on Indian Lake in Ohio.

“Look, Listen and Lounge is an opportunity for young people to spend an extended time with aspiring and professed Marianist brothers and sisters in a relaxed atmosphere — a way to experience the Marianists in ways that more formal situations don’t allow,” said **Bro. Tom Wendorf**. See [more photos](#). Learn more about the stages of [Marianist formation](#).



Look, Listen and Lounge participants included, back row, Joseph Nugent (novice), Fr. Chris Wittmann, Jordan Stewart (aspirant), Sr. Nicole Trahan, Leno Ceballos (aspirant), and Bros. Tom Wendorf and Mark Motz. In front are Juan de la Cruz Peres (prenovice), Joseph Kim (novice), Bro. Jean Dossous, Sr. Caitlin Cipollah-McCulloch, Terri Burgin (contact) and Joseph Zhao (contact).

INDIAN MARIANISTS GATHER FOR DISTRICT ASSEMBLY



Last month, the brothers and priests of the Marianist District of India gathered for their assembly, an event that takes place once every few years and gathers Marianists from across the District.

A key feature of the assembly was the installation of new District leadership. **Fr. Martin Solma**, provincial of the Marianist Province of the United States, of which the District is a part, officiated at the installation. The new leaders include **Fr. Sudhir Kujur**, superior; **Bro. Darwin Joseph**, assistant superior; **Fr. Jinu Muthukattil**, religious life; **Fr. Sanjay Ekka**, education; and **Bro. Lucian Tigga**, temporalities.

JUBILARIANS

Honoring our jubilarians

Each year, the Society of Mary recognizes the brothers and priests who are marking milestones of their first professions of vows or of their priestly ordinations. This is the third group of 2017 jubilarians we honor as a special section of FamilyOnline.

St. Mary's University recently produced a video of the San Antonio jubilarians. [Watch it now.](#)



FR. JOHN BAKLE - 50 years of ordination

It's been a gift and a privilege for me for 50 years of Marianist priesthood, to bring to a number of unique places (geographical and sociological), institutions and service situations, the gift of our Marianist charism. [Read more.](#)



FR. ROBERT BOUFFIER - 50 years of profession

I am deeply devoted to our Blessed Mother and attribute my love of beauty, art, poetry and drama to her quiet and powerful influence. Her example of discipleship has been a guiding light throughout these 50 years. [Read more.](#)

BRO. STEPHEN GLODEK - 50 years of profession

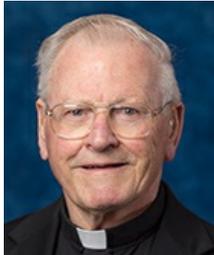
The corridors of my 50 years are full of faces for whom I am overwhelmed with gratitude. While there are few schools, communities and provinces that still stand in those memories, I remember the faces that gave life and



heart to those institutions. [Read more.](#)

FR. BERNARD LEE - 50 years of ordination

I joined the Marianists after finishing college at St. Mary's University in San Antonio. After graduate work (Greek and Latin) at Catholic University, I taught in Marianist high schools in St. Louis. [Read more.](#)



FR. ALVIN McMENAMY - 60 years of profession

I was raised in a very Catholic family. Mother and Daddy were religious people. We had a number of traditions and customs, which were religious; especially, devotion to Mary, in May and October, in particular. [Read more.](#)



FR. MICHAEL REAUME - 60 years of profession

I'm not supposed to be here. I was 11 when I nearly died of a burst appendix. While I was near death (but didn't know it) my mother quietly dedicated me to the Blessed Virgin. [Read more.](#)

FROM OUR SPONSORED MINISTRIES

MARIANIST LIFE HAS A HEART FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human trafficking: the illegal practice of procuring or trading in human beings for the purpose of forced labor, prostitution or other forms of exploitation.

"The subject scared me," said **Toni Mesina**, national coordinator for [Marianist LIFE](#), a high school faith formation program. But the more she researched it, the more determined she was to engage LIFE participants in addressing the issue.

"Many people have no idea that human trafficking is happening in the United States," she said. Three years ago, she created a LIFE social justice module focused on the three states where LIFE summer programs take place: California, Ohio and Texas. All three are known to have serious trafficking issues.

The Department of Justice estimates there are 200,000 people enslaved in the United States in labor or sex trades. Half are children. "Once students realize that many kids caught up in human trafficking are their ages or younger, they want to do something," said Toni.

LIFE uses the "[Blue Hearts Campaign](#)," a United Nations anti-trafficking program, to help students launch awareness campaigns at their schools or



At Central Catholic High School, Jacob Maldonado gives Nevin Tran a blue heart sticker as a way of promoting awareness about human trafficking.

parishes.

Students create blue heart stickers that can be worn or handed out as conversation starters.

"Awareness is the first step in ending this vicious form of human exploitation," Toni said.

See [more photos](#).



At LIFE Pacific summer program in June, Kimi Tokunanga works on a writing exercise about human trafficking.

GOVERNORS ISLAND MARIANISTS HOST FAMILY RETREAT



Participants at the family retreat at Governor's Island Community in Ohio join in a lively balloon toss event during the "family olympics."

The first of two family vacation retreats at the Governors Island Marianist Community was held in late June. Six families — totaling 26 members and children ages 1 to 13 — attended the four-day event on Indian Lake. The retreat included sessions on communications, forgiveness and commitment, along with plenty of time for kayaking, swimming, games and relaxation.

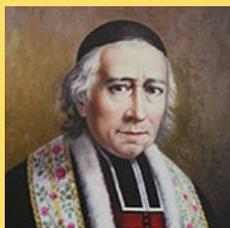
PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS

WE ASK FOR YOUR PRAYERS

✦ Please pray for the success of the Marianist Lay Community of North America Assembly July 13-16 in Dayton. For safe travels for the participants and blessings upon the organizers. For learning, laughing, community-building, and a recommitment to the mission of Venerable Adèle and Blessed Chaminade.

✦ [Recent deaths and those in need of prayers for healing in the Marianist Family](#)

✦ [Obituaries of Marianist brothers and priests](#) (U.S. Province) since 2007.



A MOMENT WITH BLESSED CHAMINADE

"God will be our protector and our help. Our divine Mother will cover us and cherish us in the bosom of her tenderness."

'EX ORIENTE LUX': IMRI HOSTS MARIAN ART OF ASIA

The [International Marianist Research Institute](#) at the University of Dayton currently is hosting an exhibition of Marian art from Asia.

The exhibition features art of the Blessed Mother from countries as varied as China, India, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan and Nepal.

The exhibition, whose Latin name means, literally, "out of the East, light," runs through Sept. 8. [Learn more.](#)



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