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Welcome to the new look for our *Gifts & Tasks* newsletter! The editing program for the

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newsletter has been updated, so I switched over to this new look as we begin our 2019 editions. I hope you like it.

The content pieces will remain the same. There will be an overview/introduction for each edition and then we'll feature some aspect of Lay Community life to encourage and inspire you to keep on developing your communities and expression of our Marianist charism. After all, we want to become models of how to live our faith in the modern world!

In the past few editions, I have been sharing examples of how communities continue to grow and evolve over time as people move away and still want to connect. **This month I have asked George Lisjak, Director of the North American Center for Marianist Studies (NACMS) to tell us about some interesting new work they are doing** to help us have easier access to their treasure trove of materials.

I hope you enjoy the article and make good use of their many resources to keep your members learning, growing, and staying active in your communities!

Here's to perpetually evolving communities!

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By Director George Lisjak

The North American Center for Marianist Studies (NACMS) has many resources for those interested in the Marianist charism and history. The NACMS staff is always ready to help with information on specific topics or to suggest resources for your own exploration.

The NACMS reference library holds over 2,000 titles for on-site research. Our website, <http://nacms.org>, includes access to our bookstore, with over 130 books and other items for sale. The website also provides more than 200 articles available at no cost. There, too, you can access a series of podcasts, *Sharing our Marianist Stories*, to learn more about how Marianists, lay and religious, live out their commitment.



Our website is also the best place to learn about and connect with NACMS programming. Applications for the 2019-2020 MSP 2.0, our yearlong program of assisted research, to begin August 2019, will be available in May. Check frequently for other shorter-term on-line program offerings.

With so many resources, finding what you need may seem a bit overwhelming. NACMS is taking steps to address that. We are beginning the task of classifying our resources by level (basic, intermediate, and advanced) to better guide you to those resources most useful for you and to support MLC-



NA formation efforts.

This is a major work and will take several months, but it has begun. We have also been working on a redesigned website, with easier access to all our resources, scheduled to be launched this Spring.

In the meantime, you can learn more about NACMS activities via our e-newsletter. You can subscribe at nacms.org. You can also follow NACMS on twitter as [@nacms1](https://twitter.com/nacms1), on Facebook as NACMS Ned, and on Instagram as [@nacmsned](https://www.instagram.com/nacmsned).

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