



They said **yes** ... now it is my turn

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One of the greatest gifts that the Society of Mary, or Marianists, gave me was the ability to discern my vocation with support and guidance for the last eight years. Each year, I was asked to write a letter before moving to the next stage of formation. This practice allowed me to stop, reflect and discern if this life is where God is calling me.

In 2010, I joined the Marianists as an aspirant, a stage where one lives in a religious community and works with the Brothers for 10 months to see what the life is like. I had prayed about it for several years and talked to many people, but it came to the point where I had to try that first step. The worst that could happen was I would become a better person.

Eight years and several letters later, it was time to write again, requesting that I profess my perpetual vows, asking that I commit to being a Marianist for the rest of my life. I posted this picture on Instagram



shortly after receiving the response that I was approved for perpetual vows in the Society of Mary. They said yes ... now it is my turn. In a few weeks, I will say yes to following God's call and Mary's prompting for the rest of my life.

One of the many promptings of Mary was the witness offered by the many Marianists I have come to know and love. They continue to say "yes" to God's call throughout the years and have helped me to fall in love with the Marianist charism. They said yes ... now it was my turn. I recognize the important gift that the Marianist charism is to our church and world and want to help it continue. I encourage you to learn from the many people in your life who have said "yes" to God's call. Listen for God's call in your life. The church needs more people who say yes. For help listening to God's call or to explore Marianist life email me at vocations@marianist.us ✦

"I will say yes to following God's call and Mary's prompting for the rest of my life. "

LISTEN: *God is calling!*

Have you received a calling from God to become a brother, priest, or sister? Let us help you explore this vocation.



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