

SponsorshipNEWS



The Merry, Mary Month of May

When I was young and my family would drive across the country on vacation, my mother and father would keep all six kids occupied by playing guessing games and singing songs. One of the standards we learned to sing was While Strolling Through the Park, which tells the story of a young lad who falls in love while on a walk "in the merry, merry month of May."

This month of May is indeed a time when our minds turn to merry thoughts (vacations, graduations, weddings, and the beautiful springtime). It is also a month in which we honor another Mary, "Mary, the Mother of the Church", for whom the Pope has declared a new feast day (to be celebrated on the Monday following Pentecost - May 21 this year).

The decree, issued by the Pope, said Francis wanted the devotion to "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety." Sounds like something custom ordered for members of the Marianist family. One great resource to learn more about Mary is the International Marian Research Institute at the University of Dayton. I encourage you to visit their [website](#).

Wishing you a merry, Mary month of May!

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan".

Dan Donnelly
Director, Office of Sponsorship

Train the Trainer Workshop a huge success!

In April, representatives from Marianist-sponsored schools gathered in St. Louis to learn the new orientation curriculum developed for Marianist-sponsored ministries. Participants were trained to introduce new faculty, staff and administrators to the Marianist charism and help welcome them to the Marianist family.

The program was well received. Participants were pleased with the professionalism and flexibility in the curriculum design.

Here are some comments from participants:

- I loved the program. Sometimes, our teachers work a lot and forget to take time to breathe and grow in faith and spirit.
- The orientation curriculum was top-notch! I can only imagine we will be the envy of all of the other religious orders.
- I am so excited to share this with both our new faculty and our veterans. From the creative curriculum, to the way it was presented, to the order of presentation, it is SO well done!
- I love that the material provides options; so I can use it in a longer/shorter time frame if needed.
- We received a lot of practical examples to implement this in our own schools.



The next task for the workshop participants is to work with the leadership team back at their school to determine which curriculum delivery options work best for them and to commit the time and resources required to implement this program beginning with the 2018/2019 academic year.

The Office of Sponsorship is grateful to all the schools who collaborated in developing this orientation program and who served as pilot schools this past year. Special recognition goes to **Bro. Adam Becerra, fsp**, (Chaminade College Preparatory, California) who lead the development of the orientation curriculum and **Carolina Gunter, Shawna Sedik** and **Amanda Wolff** (Chaminade College Preparatory, California), **Kristi Tucker** (Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory, Florida), and **Erick Hedrick-Moser** (Central Catholic High School, Texas) who helped plan the workshop and served as the presentation team.

Formation programs for the 2018/2019 academic year

Be sure to mark your calendar for these upcoming formation opportunities:

- **TAM - Teaching as Ministry Workshop (Sold Out!)**
June 12 - 14, 2018
Marianist Retreat & Conference Center, St. Louis
- **Board Development Workshop**
October 19 - 20, 2018
Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel, St. Louis
- **MAC - Marianist Administrators Conference**
October 21 - 23, 2018
Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel, St. Louis
- **H2H - Head to Heart: Marianist Spirituality Workshop**
November 5 - 7, 2018
Marianist Retreat & Conference Center, St. Louis
- **TAM - Teaching as Ministry Workshop**
June 11 -13, 2019
Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning, Dayton

[More information on ongoing formation programs.](#)

Celebrating Adèle's Beatification

Sr. Laura Leming, FMI (assistant for religious life for the Marianist Sisters) invites all Marianist friends, colleagues and collaborators to join in celebrating the Beatification of **Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon** on June 10, 2018. Adèle is the foundress of the Marianist Sisters and Father Chaminade's collaborator .

Beatification is a declaration by the Pope as head of the Church that a deceased person lived a holy life and is worthy of public veneration. It is also an official statement by the Church that this holy one can stand before God as our intercessor. At this point, we can insert the name of the holy one in the canon/Eucharistic prayer asking his/her intercession before God. Beatified persons are called "Blessed."

Click below to download the documents related to Adèle's Beatification:

- [Letter from Sr. Laura](#)
- [Prayer Service for Adele's Beatification](#)
- [Adele Biography from Things Marianist](#)
- [Music for the song My Heart is Too Small](#), written by **Nick Cardolino**, associate director of campus ministry at the University of Dayton



New Marianist education directory available

The 2018 edition of the Marianist Educational Directory is now online and available [for download](#).

The directory contains detailed information on each of the educational centers (schools, colleges, high schools and universities) associated with the Society of Mary worldwide.

I CAN!

World-wide educators guide to challenging young people in the spirit of Laudato Si'

The International Organization of Catholic Education (OIEC) has issued a new guide for teachers which seeks to assist them in what is presented as a new, urgent and real human challenge for the young people in their care. This challenge, famously presented by **Pope Francis** as "the care for our common home" in his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, is to be understood in the broadest sense, as the need to approach all aspects of our world from the desire to live in fraternal communion and mutual respect.

Bro. Maximin Magnan, SM, assistant general for education, invites those involved in formal and non-formal education to [view the guide](#).

New Administrators

The province and the Office of Sponsorship welcome the following new administrators to the Marianist Family and pray for them as they begin their new service.

We are delighted to welcome:

Carl Kremer: As previously announced, Archbishop Moeller High School, a Marianist-sponsored school in Cincinnati, Ohio, has announced that Carl has become its principal.

Carl is a long-time Marianist educator at Moeller and had been serving as interim principal this school year.



Stephen Walswick: Central Catholic High School in San Antonio, Texas, has hired Stephen as its new principal effective July 1.

Stephen has been a transformational leader in his roles as a teacher and assistant principal. He brings more than 12 years of experience in all-boys Catholic education - most recently serving as assistant principal of curriculum and educational technology at Servite High School in Anaheim, California.



Paulette Neuhalfen: Gross Catholic High School, in Bellevue, Nebraska, has hired Paulette as its new principal effective July 1. Paulette comes to Gross Catholic with a wide range of experience in educational settings and specifically, in Catholic schools.

She has served as a teacher for Norfolk Catholic, the associate athletic director for Iowa Western Community College, and the director of admissions and recruitment for Roncalli Catholic. Paulette has been both the development director and assistant principal for St. James Seton and is currently the assistant principal at Sacred Heart School.



Valerie Todd: St. Mary's High School in St. Louis, Missouri, has selected Valerie as its new principal. She will be replacing **Kevin Hacker**, who is retiring from St. Mary's at the end of this school year.

Valerie currently serves as associate principal of the school, as well as learning consultant/academic dean. She is a Lay Marianist and recipient of the 2013 Cardinal Raymond L. Burke Teacher Recognition Award which recognizes Catholic teachers for outstanding service and performance.



Prayers for Marianist-sponsored ministries

We encourage those at our sponsored ministries to incorporate these two prayers as part of the hiring process for new administrators:

[Prayer for Guidance and Support](#) - For those who are hiring new leaders.

[Prayer of Solidarity](#) - To support our colleagues who are hiring new leaders.

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