

# SponsorshipNEWS

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## **In mission with the Marianist Family**

This past summer, delegates from around the world gathered in Rome for the Marianist 35th General Chapter. One of the fruits of this gathering is the document *A Man Who Does Not Die: In Mission with the Marianist Family*.

The document provides valuable messages to three specific groups of people the province believes are essential to the mission and life of the Marianists: members of the Marianist Family, collaborators in the mission of the Society of Mary, and young people.

**Fr. Oscar Vasquez, SM**, has asked us to distribute the following

Chapter-related documents:

- [General Chapter's Message to all collaborators in the mission of the Society of Mary.](#)
- [Fr. Oscar's Letter to collaborators in the mission of the Marianist Province of the United States.](#)

Please share these documents with your local ministry partners. And let us continue to pray for each other for assistance in "carrying out our Marianist Mission in and for the People of God."

Blessings,

**Dan**

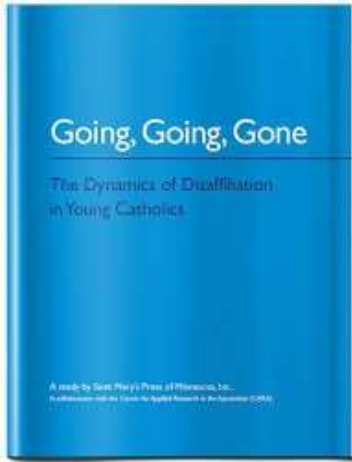
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## **Upcoming formation programs**

The Office of Sponsorship is hosting three formation events during October and November:

- **Board Development Workshop: October 19–20**
- **Marianist Administrators Conference: October 21–23**
- **Head to Heart: Marianist Spirituality Workshop: November 5–7**



At the Board Development Workshop, **Mr. Jack Peterson** of Managing for Mission will lead participants through a series of presentations to help strengthen the governance and leadership practices of their Marianist-sponsored ministry.

The Marianist Administrators Conference features a two-part presentation by **Bro. Armand Alcazar, FSC**, titled "Accompanying our Youth on their Faith Journey." Bro. Armand is a contributor to the *Going, Going, Gone* research project. He will guide discussions and reflection on why young people leave the Catholic Church, and the implications this has on the work of Marianist-sponsored ministries.

[Click here](#) for more information on all of these events.

## Registration now open for TAM

Registration is open for the Teaching as Ministry Workshop to be held June 11 – 13, 2019 at the Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning, Dayton, OH. If you would like to understand Marianist education as a ministry and want to strengthen the Marianist character of your school, the Teaching as Ministry (TAM) workshop is for you!



[Click here](#) for more information and to register for TAM.



## New administrator

We welcome **Mr. Michael Palcsey**, vice-principal of North Catholic High School, a Marianist-sponsored school in Cranberry Township, Pa.

## In memoriam

**Diane Guerra**, former national communications director for the Marianist Province of the United States, died Aug. 23, 2018, in St. Louis. Diane retired in June 2016 after serving as communications director since 2002. She is credited with launching *ALIVE* magazine, *FamilyOnline*, and *marianist.com*, and establishing the look and tone of communications for the province.



"Diane's death leaves a big hole in the lives of so many," said **Fr. Martin Solma**, former provincial who presided at Diane's Mass of Christian Burial. **Jan Dixon**, editor of *ALIVE*, gave the eulogy. [Read Fr. Marty's homily.](#) [Read Jan Dixon's eulogy.](#)

## 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.

### Correction

The last edition of *Sponsorship News* erroneously identified **Jason Kertz** as a middle school counselor at Chaminade College Preparatory in St. Louis. Jason is currently a middle school counselor at Chaminade College Preparatory in Los Angeles. We apologize for the error.

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