

Sponsorship NEWS

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Season's greetings

Over the past six months, the Office of Sponsorship hosted four different workshops and provided ongoing formation for over 150 people. We also kicked off the new Charism Orientation Program in sponsored schools and began mentoring seven new Marianist administrators. It has been a busy and blessed time for the Office of Sponsorship team.

At this time of Advent, as we look forward in joyful anticipation to the coming of the Christ Child, we look back in gratitude to this wonderful gift of Marianist ministry and to all who help make this ministry

possible.

"Thank you" to **Larry Keller**, **Pat Wheadon**, and **Deanna Snyder** for your dedication to our team. "Thank you" to the members of the province and the provincial council who bless us with the resources we need to serve the sponsored ministries well. "Thank you" to the sponsorship commission for their ongoing guidance and support. "Thank you" to all of the Marianist-sponsored schools and retreat centers for their unwavering devotion to Marianist ministry.

On behalf of the Office of Sponsorship team, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year!

Dan

Dan Donnelly, Director
Office of Sponsorship

Welcome new administrators



New administrators and provincial council at the Marianist Administrators Conference in October 2018. | Front row: **Bro. Joe Markel** , **Stephen Walswick** (Central Catholic), **Jon Tobin** (Purcell Marian), **Michael Palcsey** (North Catholic) and **Valerie Todd** (St. Mary's) Back row: **Fr. Tim Kenney** , **Bro. Bernie Ploeger** , **Bro. Charles Johnson** , **Dan Donnelly** , **Paulette Neuhalfen** (Daniel J. Gross Catholic), **Carl Kremer** (Archbishop Moeller), **Fr. Oscar Vasquez** , **Bro. Jesse O'Neill** and **Bro. Kip Stander**

Assuring the Marianist Identity of our Apostolic Works

The General Administration of the Society of Mary has published a new booklet, *Assuring the Marianist Identity of our Apostolic Works*, that provides a set of basic elements common to identifying the apostolic works of the Society of Mary. The booklet is primarily directed to the religious of the Society of Mary, but is also relevant to lay collaborators "who share [the Marianist] mission in very important and concrete ways" and who "want the work to have a Marianist identity, not only for the sake of tradition, but because it provides the Church with a particular gift, a charism, that is grace."

[Download an electronic copy of the booklet](#) (available in PDF, iOS, and Kindle format).

ASSURING THE MARIANIST IDENTITY OF OUR APOSTOLIC WORKS



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Discernment process for Marianist leadership teams & boards

In October, the Office of Sponsorship hosted a Board Development Workshop. The CEOs of each Marianist-sponsored secondary school and retreat center were invited to participate, along with one leader from their governing board. **Jack Peterson** of [Managing for Mission](#) led participants through a series of presentations to help strengthen the governance and leadership practices of their Marianist-sponsored ministry.

Don Eggleston (Marianist Sponsorship Commission and former board chair of [St. John Vianney High School](#)) led a portion of the workshop and introduced a tool for discernment and decision making. The process is designed for leadership teams and boards of Marianist-sponsored institutions when faced with major decisions. The process is characteristically Marianist; it is mission focused and promotes clarity, reflection, consultation and dialogue.

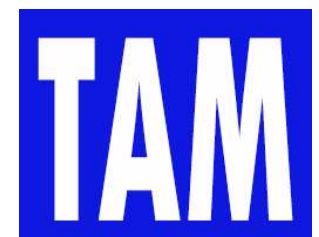
Our thanks to Don for his leadership in developing this useful document. [Download a copy.](#)



Registration for Teaching as Ministry Workshop

June 11 -13, 2019 at Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning in Dayton, OH.

If you would like to understand Marianist education as a ministry and want to strengthen the Marianist character of your school, you should participate in the Teaching as Ministry (TAM) workshop.

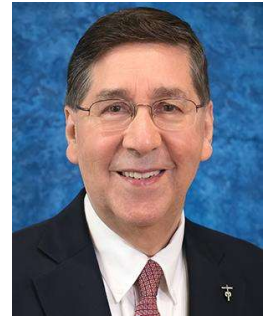


TAM is designed for teams of two or three teachers, administrators, or staff members who have not previously participated in the TAM experience and have at least one year's experience in Marianist education. This year's program will be held at the [Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning](#) at Mount Saint John in Dayton, Ohio.

[Click here](#) for more information on this popular workshop.

Tom Giardino returns to AMU

It was recently announced that **Bro. Tom Giardino, SM**, will serve as the new executive director of the [Association of Marianist Universities](#) (AMU). He previously held the position from 2012 to 2015 before serving as provincial assistant for education and as a trustee on all three Marianist university boards. [Click here](#) to read the announcement from AMU.



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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