

# Sponsorship NEWS

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## Away in a Manger

Dear Administrators,

In my role as a deacon for the Archdiocese of St. Louis, I have been encouraging parishioners to spend time this Advent in quiet, reflective prayer. I challenged them to spend 5-10 minutes each day contemplating Mary and Joseph tending to the needs of their newborn child, Jesus.

I accepted my own challenge and have been reflecting on the Holy Family each day of Advent. It has been a fruitful exercise during this season of waiting and watching. I pray you can carve out some quiet time for yourself and experience the wonder of the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

On behalf of the Office of Sponsorship team (**Larry Keller, Pat Wheadon** and **Deanna Snyder**), we wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



Thank you for all you do to support the Marianist mission,

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

Dan Donnelly, Director  
Office of Sponsorship

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## Chaminade Julianne High School Names New Principal

**Chaminade Julianne High School**, a Marianist-sponsored school in Dayton, Ohio, has announced that **Mr. Greg Mueller** has accepted the role of principal. He had been serving as acting principal since the beginning of this school year.

"During his thirteen years at CJ, Greg has demonstrated a deep commitment to our mission, an appreciation for our unique Catholic character in the traditions of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the Marianists, and a spirit of collaboration with teachers, students, parents, staff, and



fellow administrators,” said **Dan Meixner** '84, president.

Greg earned his bachelor's in education from the University of Dayton and master's in education leadership from the University of Dayton. [Click here](#) for more information.

Congratulations, Greg!

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## Davis Named President of St. John Vianney High School



**St. John Vianney High School**, a Marianist-sponsored school in St. Louis, Missouri, has named **Mr. Richard P. Davis** as its new president, effective July 1, 2020. Rick replaces **Mike Loyet** '77, who will retire at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Davis, a 1979 graduate of Vianney High School, served on the Vianney board for more than eight years as board chair and chair of the Advancement Committee. He earned his bachelor's and master's degree in business administration from St. Louis University and worked for Anheuser-Busch for more than 20 years, rising to vice president of Mass Merchandising. He went on to serve as director of advancement at Covenant House Missouri and is now an adjunct faculty member in the College of Business Administration at the University of Missouri – St. Louis. [Click here](#) for more information.

Welcome aboard, Rick!

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## Head to Heart: Marianist Spirituality Workshop



The Head to Heart workshop on Marianist Spirituality was hosted by the Office of Sponsorship, November 4–6, at the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center.

The workshop teaches collaborators (administrators, teachers, staff members, etc.) in Marianist sponsored ministries ways to live the Marianist Charism and commitment to the mission in everyday experiences. It provides opportunities to develop and commit to practical applications to deepen the expression of the Marianist Charism within a Marianist-sponsored ministry.

Through the program, participants explored the issues of understanding mission and ministry, articulating the Marianist Charism and the importance of community to our identity. A mini retreat focused on Mary's role in our lives and deepening personal growth. Participants discerned their call to Marianist ministry and looked at how we live life through a Marianist lens. Everyone left with a personal and professional plan for incorporating what they experienced in their own lives and the lives of their ministry.

We are grateful for the team who presented the workshop:

- **Michala Jacobson** – Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School, Omaha
- **Fr. Bob Jones** – Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School, Dayton
- **Toni Mesina** – National Coordinator Marianist LIFE
- **Bro. Jesse O’Neill** – Marianist Office of Education
- **Patrick Wheadon** – Marianist Office of Sponsorship

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## 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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