

Sponsorship NEWS

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Grateful and Generous

A wise friend once told me that to be generous in ministry one must first be grateful in life; gratefulness fosters generosity. To remain generous ministers in this time of pandemic, we need to be grateful for the work we do – even when our days don't go exactly as planned. The priority planning system I use reminds me to reflect on my results and achievements each day. I may not get everything done on my to-do list, but this simple act of reflection helps me be grateful for what I did accomplish. With a grateful heart, we are more generous in our service to others and better able to face life's challenges.

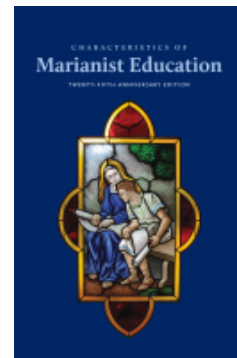
Know that the Marianist Province and the Office of Sponsorship are grateful for the many and generous ways you share the gift of the Marianist spirit and mission. You and your ministry remain in our prayers.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan".

Deacon Dan Donnelly
Director, Office of Sponsorship

Characteristics of Marianist Education – 25th Anniversary Edition

In recognition of the 25th anniversary of the ***Characteristics of Marianist Education***, the Marianists have published an updated booklet on the CMEs that reflects the mission of Marianist education in our world today. Copies of the document have been shipped to each sponsored ministry for distribution to administrators, faculty, staff and board members. The document may also be viewed via the Marianist App ("Marianist Characteristics") or via the province website: www.marianist.com/characteristics.



We encourage each ministry to spend some time reading and reflecting on the updated CME document. It can serve as a reminder of the value of a Catholic, Marianist education and help us appreciate the important role we serve in educating and evangelizing youth. Contact the [Office of Sponsorship](#) for additional copies of the booklet.

2020/21 Guidelines for Mission Integration Teams

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, each Marianist-sponsored school and retreat center has been given a set of guidelines to support their Mission Integration Team (MIT) during the 2020/21 academic year. Among other things, these guidelines encourage each MIT to meet regularly as a team, to communicate progress and to focus on goals and strategies for the current academic year that:

- Support the Catholic, Marianist mission and identity of the ministry; and
- Address the local needs of students, faculty and staff in this time of pandemic.

Larry Keller and **Pat Wheadon** of the Office of Sponsorship will be reaching out to each MIT chair to help them navigate these guidelines and to provide instruction on how to report progress implementing their ministry's mission integration strategies. The Office will also host Zoom gatherings throughout the year to help and to learn from each other.

Maintaining a vibrant Marianist identity within each sponsored ministry is critical to assuring fidelity to the Marianist Charism. Active and engaged Mission Integration Teams have a real and dynamic ability to influence the ministries they serve. This important work animates the Marianist Charism and gives hope-filled witness in these difficult times of pandemic.

Formation Programs from the Office of Sponsorship

The following programs have been re-scheduled for the 2020/21 academic year:

- **Board Development Workshop:** March 12-13, 2021, Sheraton Westport Plaza – St. Louis, MO
- **Marianist Administrators Conference:** March 12-14, 2021, Sheraton Westport Plaza – St. Louis, MO
- **Head to Heart: Marianist Spirituality Workshop:** June 8-10, 2021, Marianist Retreat & Conference Center – St. Louis, MO
- **Teaching as Ministry Workshop:** June 13-15, 2021, Marianist Retreat & Conference Center – St. Louis, MO

For more information and to register for these programs, click on "[Formation Programs](#)" on the Marianist App, or visit www.marianist.com/formation-opportunities.

Online Marianist History Course



The [North American Center for Marianist Studies](#) (NACMS) is offering an Online Marianist History Course, an introduction to the history of the Marianist Family spanning pre-Revolutionary France through the death of Father Chaminade. This course is adapted from the Marianist History Course that is offered to novices in formation with the Marianist

Brothers and Sisters. For more information, including schedule, cost, and registration, [click here](#). Registration closes September 10, 2020.

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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The app is **FREE** to download and is compatible with Apple iOS devices and Android devices. The app features direct links to the most commonly used information to support formation and mission integration, as well as other important collaborators, like Marianist LIFE, NACMS, JPIC, and the Marianist Mission.



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