

Sponsorship NEWS

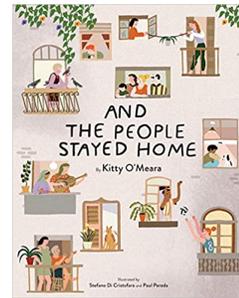
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Sharing Our COVID Stories

We all have a new story to share with friends, family and co-workers—the story of what we have experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. In many ways that story continues to unfold for us, but now is a good time to share what we have experienced and learned so far. This will help shape us and heal us to continue our important work of ministry.

At the beginning of the pandemic, writer Kitty O'Meara published a poem, ***And the People Stayed Home***, that quickly went viral. The poem was relevant to what the world was experiencing—as the world spent time in isolation, as people began to think and act differently, and began to cope with new challenges. The poem is an idealistic vision of the world and might not reflect our own stories of the pandemic. But it provides us an opportunity to consider what we have experienced, how we have reacted, and what we need to address in times of ongoing adaptation and change.



I encourage you to [download](#) and reflect on the words of this poem. And pay particular attention to the last stanza, which begins: “and when the danger ended.” Take some time this summer to reflect on what you (and your friends, family and co-workers) are experiencing as the number of vaccinations rise and many COVID-related restrictions are being lifted. As we “find each other” again, think about losses you have experienced as a result of the pandemic and how you need to grieve those losses. Think about new choices, new visions, and new ways of life to consider beyond the pandemic. **What story would you like to share? How will sharing that story benefit you, and others?**

Like Blessed Chaminade who pondered his future ministry while at Saragossa, ask yourself: What have I learned from my COVID experience? How will sharing that story help to shape and heal me so I can best minister to others?

*Deacon Dan Donnelly
Director, Office of Sponsorship*

A Sneak-Peek at MAC 2021

Central Catholic High School, a Marianist-sponsored school in San Antonio, has announced that **Dr. Lee Hernandez** will serve as Central’s next principal effective July 1. Dr. Hernandez holds a BA in business administration from St. Mary’s University in San Antonio, an MS in Secondary Education from



Texas A&M University, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Texas A&M University. He previously served as executive principal at South San Antonio High School/Early College Academy. Welcome, Lee!

News from the Sponsorship Commission



The Province honored **Tim Fallon** for his service as a member of the Marianist Sponsorship Commission during the Commission's annual meeting with the Provincial Council in May. Tim served as an at-large member of the Commission for eight years (since its inception). Tim fostered a strong sense of clarity, creativity and collaboration for the Sponsorship Commission. Thank you, Tim, for your generous service.



Bill Hunt has been named by the Provincial Council to serve an initial three-year term as an at-large member of the Marianist Sponsorship Commission. Bill is a former president of [Archbishop Moeller High School](#) in Cincinnati, Ohio. Prior to that, Bill worked for the [University of Dayton](#) in Alumni Relations and as Director of Development. Welcome to the Commission, Bill!

The Marianist Sponsorship Commission (Chaired by the Provincial Assistant for Education) reports to the Provincial Council and helps ensure that the charism of Blessed Chaminade, the mission of the Province and the mission of the Catholic Church are served and advanced by Marianist-sponsored ministries.

The Sponsorship Commission meets at least two times per year, including one session with the Provincial Council. Among its duties, the Commission members provide input on evaluation of the Director of the Office of Sponsorship and the overall function of the office. They review reports on mission effectiveness of sponsored ministries and review and recommend priorities for the annual budget for the Office of Sponsorship.

The Sponsorship Commission includes **Bro. Jesse O'Neill**, Provincial Assistant for Education (ex officio, voting); **Deacon Dan Donnelly**, Director of the Office of Sponsorship (ex officio, non-voting); and four at-large voting members: **Bro. Ed Brink, Don Eggleston, Susan Ferguson, and Bill Hunt.**

A Fond Farewell to Marianist Administrators

With gratitude in our hearts, we bid a "fond farewell" to those Marianist administrators who are leaving the Marianist network of sponsored ministries.

- **Dr. Dorothy Ostrowski** (president, [Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School](#) in Bellevue, Nebraska, pictured right) is retiring at the end of the 2020/2021 school year. Dorothy has served as an educator at Gross Catholic for 40 years. She began her career as a classroom teacher in the English Department, became Assistant Principal in 1996, Principal in 2000, and was named the school's President in 2012. Thank you, Dorothy!



- **Dr. Andrew Currier** (president, [Archbishop Riordan High School](#) in San Francisco) begins a new role as Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Oakland, California effective July 1. Congratulations, Andrew!
- **Tim Cullen** (head of school, [St. Anthony School](#) in Maui) starts a new job July 1 as President of St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School and Holy Family Catholic School in Austin, Texas. Mahalo, Tim!
- **Stephen Walswick** (principal, [Central Catholic High School](#) in San Antonio) starts a new job July 1 as principal of his alma mater—Servite High School in Anaheim, California. Best wishes, Stephen!
- **David Csank** (principal, [Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School](#) in Cleveland) has joined the leadership team at the McKeon Education Group—an educational consulting firm based in the Cleveland area. Congratulations, David!

The Office of Sponsorship hosted a special Zoom meeting with each administrator to highlight their service to Marianist ministry and to thank them for their leadership and friendship. The administrators received a special cross—handmade by **Bro. Donald Smith, SM**—as a token of appreciation from the Province.

Registrations Now Open for Formation Programs

Registrations are now open for these important formation programs offered by the Office of Sponsorship.

- **Teaching as Ministry Workshop (TAM)** - October 5-7, 2021, Marianist Retreat & Conference Center - St. Louis, Missouri - *Register by August 23*
- **Marianist Administrators Conference (MAC)** - October 22-24, 2021, Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel – St. Louis, Missouri - *Register by September 1*
- **Board Development Workshop (BDW)** - October 22-23, 2021, Sheraton Westport Chalet Hotel – St. Louis, Missouri - *Register by September 1*
- **Head to Heart: Marianist Spirituality Workshop (H2H)** - November 8-10, 2021, Marianist Retreat & Conference Center – St. Louis, Missouri - *Register by October 1*
- **Teaching as Ministry Workshop (TAM)** - June 13-15, 2022, Marianist Retreat & Conference Center - St. Louis, Missouri - *Registrations pending*

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

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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