

A Helping Hand That Makes All the Difference



The [Marianist Urban Students Program](#) (MUSP) offers students the financial, academic and social support they need to succeed at a Catholic Marianist high school, so that college and a bright future can become a reality.

It is a sad fact that, in many American cities, the high school graduation rate for disadvantaged students hovers around 50 percent. The pandemic has created even more challenges. Without this most basic credential, thousands of young people face an uncertain future.

MUSP offers a young person the helping hand that makes all the difference. The program provides:

- Faith Family – The opportunity to join with other students in the program for prayer and forming a family built on faith. It is being there for one another, displaying support and encouragement.
- Maximize Potential – The resources to assist the student in achieving academic success, including an on-site coordinator who tracks students' progress, provides emotional and social support as well as tutoring and enrichment opportunities. The program assists students in maximizing their God-given potential.
- Celebrate One's Journey – The gift of celebrating one's journey with their family. Each student's family will have the opportunity to meet other families so that an extended community of faith and support can be created.
- Give Back – The responsibility to give back to one's community in response to the abundant blessings received. Service opportunities allow for students to give others what they have received; namely, God's love.

To remain in the program, a student must demonstrate a willingness to work for academic success and adhere to program expectations. MUSP can propel a young person into a stable, productive future, which can turn the tide for generations to come.

Tuition assistance covers two-thirds of the cost of high school tuition; the balance is the family's investment. This support provides a member of this program the honor and opportunity to receive a Catholic Marianist education.

[Watch Bro. Jesse O'Neill's video.](#)

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THE MARIANIST URBAN STUDENTS PROGRAM

GIVE URBAN AT-RISK STUDENTS A CHANCE

by investing in their future.



WHAT IS MUSP?

The Marianist Urban Students Program (MUSP), created in 1992, identifies at-risk students in urban elementary schools and provides them with financial, academic, and social support so they can succeed at Marianist high schools.

WHO ARE THE STUDENTS?

MUSP scholars are typically students who have the potential to do well in

high school, but, because of their environment, are at risk of underperforming or dropping out.

WHERE IS MUSP OFFERED?

The Marianists operate this program at:

- Purcell Marian High School in Cincinnati
- Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School in Cleveland
- Central Catholic High School in San Antonio
- St. Mary's High School in St. Louis

"I couldn't have attended a Catholic high school without MUSP. I still remember how my mother cried when we found out I'd been accepted."

M.L., graduate of the first MUSP class

WHY HELP?

It's a sad fact that in many of America's cities roughly one third of all students who enter U.S. high schools today do not graduate. The odds are even worse for inner-city youth. Without a high school diploma, thousands of young people face a future of poverty and lost potential. With the unusual circumstances surrounding the start of school this year, many students are at even greater risk of not graduating from high school.

HOW TO HELP?

Your donation helps our dedicated teachers and counselors work with these students and their families to provide the growth in learning and enrichment in scholarship that the young men and women in the program both need and deserve. Your gift toward high school tuition will make a significant impact on a young woman or man's future.

TO MAKE YOUR DONATION, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit marianist.com/MUSP.

MUSP impacted me by giving me the support I needed to stay on top of my academics. Going to Purcell Marian and being in MUSP has been one of the best experiences. I am so grateful.

J.J., recent graduate of MUSP

