



# Marianist Moments



Being Recognizably Marianist – Shaped by our Faith

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## Opening Prayer:

Prayers for Marianist Boards, [www.marianist.com/board-resources](http://www.marianist.com/board-resources)

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the many gifts you have bestowed upon us, especially for the faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of this Catholic Marianist institution. We thank you for the opportunity we have to serve this community.

We thank you for the men and women who have gone before us and have contributed to the educational mission that has brought us to this day.

We ask for the guidance of your Spirit upon our work. May our work contribute to the fulfillment of our mission for this and future generations.

We ask for your guidance as we commit ourselves as a community of faith, for excellent education and service.

Gracious God, we raise our minds and hearts in praise to you.

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

## Scripture Reading:

2 Timothy 4: 1 – 8, NRSV-CE

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

## Silent Introspection:

Mission Integration Resources for Governing Boards, [www.marianist.com/board-resources](http://www.marianist.com/board-resources)

In this present moment, which of the following ***Marianist Ministry Descriptors*** seem particularly instructive as you enter into discernment on decisions before your Board today?



**SHAPED BY OUR FAITH,**

**WE ARE RECOGNIZABLY MARIANIST WHEN WE:**

- ❖ Aim to encourage all of God's people to be more open to the Holy Spirit and to become more closely united to Christ and his Gospel.
- ❖ Guide individuals to a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, seeking the reign of God by fostering Gospel values.
  - We foster personal traits of integrity, self-discipline, personal responsibility, and accountability.
  - We facilitate the development of the whole person and challenge our clientele to participate in that development.
  - We prepare and strengthen those we serve to face the future with confidence—morally aware and capable of being outstanding contributors to the future.
  - We work with our constituencies, local churches, and neighborhoods in promoting the development of the social values of commitment to life through service, justice, and peace.
- ❖ Encourage excellence in the development of gifts, talents, and abilities in the context of a caring community; accepting and celebrating multi-cultural diversity.
- ❖ Seek to enable a deepening of faith, a growth in prayer, and a commitment to one's call or vocation in life, leading to the building of God's reign on earth.
- ❖ Serve the mission of the Church.

## Group Sharing:

How might the Holy Spirit be leading us to become more recognizably Marianist, personally and collectively as a Board?

