



## Marianist Moments



Being Recognizably Marianist – Shaped by our Spirituality

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### Opening Prayer:

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

Mary, our mother, help us follow your example of faithfulness, openness, and honesty. Be with us as we collaborate to continually fulfill our ministry as board members. Ignite in us a tireless passion for our work together to deepen our Catholic Marianist charism in the lives of each member of our community.

Caution us against presumptions about experience and inexperience, tradition and newness. Guide us as we work together to be agents of positive and life-giving change.

Make us steadfast to our commitment for the faith development of our community in the Marianist tradition, to respect all people, and to provide programs that benefit all people.

God bless the work of our hearts and minds. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

### Scripture Reading:

John 2: 1 – 11, NRSV-CE

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it.

When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

## Silent Introspection:

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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 SPIRITUALITY,**

**WE ARE RECOGNIZABLY MARIANIST WHEN WE:**

- ❖ Bring the fullness of Christ to all in our institution or ministry within a family-like community—
  - one that is a caring yet challenging community.
  - one that reflects the faith of Mary, the mother of Jesus.
  - one that follows Christ through the example of Mary, the first disciple of Jesus.
  - one that is marked by a warmth of welcome.
- ❖ Develop a style of formation in faith and missionary spirit through integrated programming/curricula that considers the whole person and the community.
- ❖ Provide opportunities for spiritual development, leadership training, and skills in community building for both lay and religious, with an emphasis on young people.
- ❖ Strive to extend the reign of God to all by sharing the Marianist charism through ongoing formation in our spirituality.
- ❖ Embrace life-long learning by fostering dialogue between faith and culture.

## Group Sharing:

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

