

Sponsorship NEWS

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Celebrating Normal

"Seems like things are getting a little more 'normal' each day" – That's the thought that crossed my mind last week as I reflected on how the pace of work is quickening in the Office of Sponsorship.

Beginning in October, the Sponsorship team has produced four different workshops and conferences, gathering people from around the country for our first face-to-face formation events in nearly two years! That seems 'normal,' and it was such a blessing to see Marianists gathering, sharing, and laughing like the big, happy family we are.

As winter continues and spring begins to peek over the horizon, the Sponsorship team is beginning its annual visits to sponsored ministries. Plans are being made, flights are being booked, and bags are being packed. That seems 'normal.'

The pandemic hasn't been defeated yet, and we have a way to go until we are back to a new normal (whatever that will be), but I feel in my heart and soul that we are making progress. So, each day, as I pray, I reflect on the 'normal' things I experience in life and how God calls us to remain steadfast in faith, hope, and love.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan".

*Deacon Dan Donnelly
Director, Office of Sponsorship*

Join Us at NCEA in New Orleans



The National Catholic Educational Association is hosting its annual Conference and Expo **April 19–21** in New Orleans.

The Office of Sponsorship will be hosting a dinner on Wednesday, April 20, for Marianist Family members attending the convention. For more information, contact the Office of Sponsorship at sponsorship@marianist.com.

Registrations Open for 2022 Formation Programs

The Office of Sponsorship is pleased to invite you to participate in the following formation opportunities this summer and fall:

Teaching As Ministry Workshop (TAM)

June 13-15, 2022

Marianist Retreat & Conference Center, St. Louis

Marianist Administrators Conference (MAC)

October 23-25, 2022

Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning, Dayton, Ohio

Head to Heart: Marianist Spirituality Workshop

November 7-9, 2022

Marianist Retreat & Conference Center, St. Louis

[Click here](#) for more information, and to register.

2022 Mission Integration Visits

The four-year Mission Integration Planning and Contact Cycle plays a vital role in the collaborative relationship the Marianist Province has with its sponsored schools and retreat centers. Here is a list of ministries that will be visited this winter/spring as part of the mission integration contact cycle:

Visit and Review from the Office of Sponsorship

- [Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory](#) (Hollywood, Florida)
- [Saint Anthony School](#) (Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii)
- [Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School](#) (Cleveland, Ohio)
- [Tecaboca: A Marianist Center for Spiritual Renewal](#) (Mountain Home, Texas)

Peer Visit and Evaluation

- [Archbishop Moeller High School](#) (Cincinnati, Ohio)
- [North Catholic High School](#) (Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania)
- [St. John Vianney High School](#) (St. Louis, Missouri)

We are grateful for those individuals who graciously give their time and talent to serve on these Peer Visit teams.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Mission Integration & Contact Cycle.

Marianist Education Bridge Project

As a follow-up to the 2021 Marianist Administrators Conference (MAC), the Office of Sponsorship is partnering with the Association of Marianist Universities (AMU) to explore opportunities to strengthen the connection between secondary schools and universities sponsored by the Marianist Province of the United States.

A task force has been formed to help prioritize the information shared at MAC and to recommend initiatives to implement. We are grateful for those ministry leaders who agreed to represent the Office of Sponsorship on the task force: **Dan Meixner** (President, Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School in Dayton, Ohio), **Dr. Judith Mucke** (Head of School, Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory in Hollywood, Florida), and **Phillip Rone** (High School Principal, Chaminade College Preparatory School in St. Louis).

FatherSide Chats with Father Gene

In the tradition of the *Fireside Chats* made popular by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, **Fr. Gene Contadino, SM** presents *FatherSide Chats*, a series of brief YouTube videos that describe different aspects of the Marianist Mission.

As Spiritual Director for the Marianist Mission, Fr. Gene touches on helpful topics such as: Coming Back to Church, Who Are the Marianists, Creating Community, and more. These videos are great conversation starters to help understand and share the Marianist Charism.



[Click here](#) to view the videos, and to learn more about the important work of the Marianist Mission.

High School Presidents Named

Congratulations to two partners who have been named president of their Marianist-sponsored high schools.



The Diocese of Pittsburgh named **Joseph Wilson** as president of [North Catholic High School](#), a Marianist-sponsored school in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania. Mr. Wilson is a proud graduate of North Catholic High School and has served as the school's Business Manager since 2003. As announced by **Mr. Nick Navari**, chair of the North Catholic Board of Directors, "As President, Mr. Wilson will work closely with our Principal, **Michael Palcsey**. Together, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Palcsey will provide leadership for North Catholic High School at a very critical and exciting time in Catholic education."



The Archdiocese of San Francisco named **Mr. Tim Reardon** as president of [Archbishop Riordan High School](#) (he served as interim president/principal this school year). In announcing this appointment, **Pamela Lyons** (Superintendent of Schools) highlighted Mr. Reardon's demonstrated leadership skills both in the principal's role and as interim president. "As a committed Riordan educator and leader, Mr. Reardon truly embraces this Catholic, Marianist identity based on his personal lived experience and work at ARHS."

The Board of Directors of [Central Catholic High School](#), a Marianist-sponsored school in San Antonio, Texas, named **Mr. Jason Longoria** as president of the school (Longoria previously served as interim president). In announcing the decision, the school commented that "As an alumnus of Central Catholic High School, Jason



exemplifies the school's teachings and mission. His knowledge of the school's rich history, along with his passion for succeeding, will help carry us into the future. He will continue the legacy upon which Central Catholic High School was founded and what has grounded us for 170 years."

New Director Named for MSJC



The [Marianist Social Justice Collaborative](#) (MSJC) named **Sarah Gray** as its new Director. MSJC was founded in 1998 as a formal way to promote education and action for social justice within the Marianist Family. Sarah replaces **Jim Vogt**, who is retiring in January 2022 after serving as Director of MSJC for the past 18 years.

Sarah is a University of Dayton graduate, Mission of Mary Cooperative volunteer, former math and science high school teacher, and a committed Lay Marianist. She had previously served as part-time Assistant Director of MSJC and part-time Staff Administrator for the [Marianist Lay Community of North America](#) (MLC-NA). Thank you, Jim, and welcome, Sarah.

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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Stay in touch with the Marianist Province by [downloading our new mobile app!](#)

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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