



CME Reflections

Educate for Service, Justice, Peace,
and Integrity of Creation

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Opening Prayer

Adapted from section headers in the CME handbook

Your Response will be: **Gracious and loving God, inspire us to educate for service, justice, peace and integrity of creation.**

- ❖ Come Holy Spirit, help us by the prophetic influence of Mary, to proclaim the goodness and justice of God, denounce oppression, and work for the common good.
Your Response. . .
- ❖ Come Holy Spirit, help us to promote a missionary spirit for the reign of God.
- ❖ Come Holy Spirit, help us to attend to persons who are poor and marginalized.
- ❖ Come Holy Spirit, help us to promote the common good.
- ❖ Come Holy Spirit, help us to walk the talk of justice within our own walls.
- ❖ Come Holy Spirit, help us to promote programs of service designed to spark a passion for justice.

We lift up our hearts to you, our gracious God, and thank you for choosing us to serve as stewards and nurturers of the Catholic and Marianist mission.

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

Reading

A Marian reflection introducing the fourth CME, "Educate for Service, Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation."

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Mary's Magnificat provides us with an imperative for justice. The Marianist school confronts society's problems with courage and seeks their solution with optimism and hope. As Christian and Marianist, the educational community announces the goodness, mercy and justice of God, while at the same time denouncing all that oppresses or degrades the human person, in particular regarding the status of women. We remember that Mary was forced into exile as an

immigrant. We acknowledge and teach that the degradation of our environment is social injustice. Students learn to recognize and to name both justice and oppression through prayerfully seeking the will of God, through the thoughtful analysis of social conditions, and through personal and communal witness. In the prophetic spirit of Mary, teachers and students together read the signs of the times as constructive, competent critics and agents of change with a “permanent mission” to witness to the gospel message.

Silent Introspection

Adapted from the Marianist Mission Integration Materials Binder for Governing Boards

Let us spend a few minutes in silence, introspecting personally on the following descriptors.

Education for Service, Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation requires:

a) Board members who . . .

- ✓ honor the call for justice, peace, and integrity of creation.
- ✓ attend to the poor and marginalized.
- ✓ promote the dignity and rights of all people.
- ✓ promote programs of service and service groups.
- ✓ appreciate the goodness and justice of God and denounce oppression.

b) A Board that . . .

- ✓ accepts as one of its priorities the need to develop and maintain healthy relationships among key constituencies.
- ✓ respects the integrity of the governance process and the legitimate roles and responsibilities of stakeholders.
- ✓ consults often and communicates directly with key constituencies.
- ✓ attempts to minimize conflict and win/lose situations.

Group Sharing

- ❖ Meditating on Mary’s visitation to her cousin Elizabeth and her song of Magnificat, tell us about a time in your life wherein you experienced or observed “educating for service, justice, peace, and the integrity of creation” at its best.
- ❖ How might the Holy Spirit be inviting us to grow as a board that exemplifies and promotes education for service, justice, peace, and the integrity of creation?

