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Marianist Province of the US to close TECABOCA retreat center in Texas

ST. LOUIS, MO -- The US Province of the Society of Mary (Marianists,) an international congregation of Catholic priests and brothers, announced today that it is closing the TECABOCA retreat center near San Antonio, Texas. The center has seen its utilization dwindle in recent years, a nationwide trend affecting many similar facilities. While models for TECABOCA's operational feasibility have been explored and attempted, no sustainable options have emerged. The closure of the center will allow the Marianists to bolster other ministries and educational programs that it sponsors across the country.

"We know that TECABOCA is a special, holy place for many people, but continuing its operation is simply no longer financially or logistically sustainable," said Fr. Oscar Vasquez, SM, Marianist provincial.

For more than 85 years, TECABOCA has provided a rustic and tranquil setting for a myriad of retreats, religious conferences, and other special events. Originally opened in 1937 under the name of Texas Catholic Boys Camp (TECABOCA), the center has welcomed generations of students while instilling Marianist values and life skills.

A farewell celebration of gratitude for the many years of ministry at TECABOCA will occur before the scheduled closure in the spring of 2025. This will serve as an opportunity to share fond memories and give all those associated with the center a chance to connect and reminisce. Details will be announced once finalized.

The Society of Mary (Marianists) is an international Roman Catholic religious congregation of priests and brothers. The Marianist Province of the United States is comprised of approximately 200 professed brothers and priests serving in the United States. The Province also includes communities and ministries in India, Ireland, and Mexico. In the United States, it sponsors three universities: University of Dayton in Ohio, St. Mary's University in San Antonio, and Chaminade University of Honolulu, as well as 18 high schools/middle schools, four parishes and four retreat centers. The congregation has been present in the United States since 1849, when the Marianists came to Cincinnati. Blessed William Joseph Chaminade founded the Society of Mary in 1817.