

New Season Task Forces – Overview

As we continue to work together to build our new season, it's time to welcome some additional helpers!

Over the rest of the year, the New Season Committee will introduce short-term task forces to work on specific areas of building our new Marianist lay community.

The primary job of the task force teams will be to gather information and make a recommendation to the New Season Committee, who will facilitate consensus-building with the community.

For more information about how the task forces will work, see the Operating Notes on the next page.

Our first three task forces include:

Facilities Exploration:

- Identify and gather information from Mt St. John and other local facilities that could potentially serve as a meeting space and/or home for the new community; develop recommendations for facility/facilities to support the community

New Gatherings Format:

- Develop recommendation for a format and rhythm for our new community gatherings, specifically including ways to help nurture both the community's interior and exterior faith life; develop recommendations for staffing needs specific to this area

Education and Formation:

- Review options for community-wide formation in the Marianist charism and general faith formation; develop recommendation for community formation; develop recommendation for staffing needs specific to this area

Additional task forces may include: communication and branding, leadership structure, social justice, and intercommunity partnerships.

To express interest in joining a task force team, please email the New Season Committee at qacnewseason@gmail.com. We'll do our best to place everyone where they're interested in helping, depending on need and response.

New Season Task Force Operating Notes

Task force teams will be created to work on certain areas of building the new community, as identified by the New Season Committee. While each task force may vary a bit depending on its focus area, it is expected that they will all have some commonality in how they operate. Some of these areas include:

- Task force teams will be made up of one or more members of the New Season Committee along with others who are not part of the New Season Committee.
 - The New Season Committee representative(s) from the task force will help to coordinate task force team activities with the broader Committee activities.
- The primary job of the task force teams will be to make a recommendation to the New Season Committee in the team's area of focus. Task force teams are not decision-making teams (the New Season Committee will facilitate consensus-building with the Leadership Team and broader community), but task force teams do need to collect and provide both information and recommendations.
- Task force teams are open to volunteers, and the New Season Committee will also personally invite individuals to participate.
- Members of the task force teams will ideally include a variety of QAC members, and those with relevant professional or volunteer experience in the focus area of the team will be especially encouraged to participate.
- Task force teams will have a core group of 4-8 people focused on the task (ex. Making a recommendation for facilities for the new community), but can have other community members outside of the core group participate in the effort (ex. Participating in facility visits)
- With concurrence from the New Season Committee, task force teams could include individuals who are currently outside of the QAC parish (ex. A vowed religious brother or sister for formation activities)
- Task force teams can work on their own schedule but should coordinate with the New Season Committee to ensure alignment with the master schedule of all activities as much as possible.
- Task force teams exist only as long as the specific focus/task requires.