

Getting to Know the Marianist Family

The Marianist family is global, present in more than 30 countries across the world.

[The Marianist Family](#) includes members of the Society of Mary (Marianist brothers and priests), Marianist Sisters (more formally known as the Daughters of Mary Immaculate), and lay women and men who embrace the Marianist charism. Marianist Lay Communities are formally recognized by the Vatican as associations of the faithful.

The Marianist Family is big, welcoming, diverse, and prayerful. We believe that the Blessed Mother is the perfect model of discipleship, and we take as our motto Mary's words to the servants at the wedding at Cana: "Do whatever he tells you."

The Marianist charism ("charism" = manifestation of the spirit - how we are drawn to God and how God reveals Godself to us) includes five manifestations or pillars: Mary, Faith, Inclusivity, Mission, and Community.

To learn more, visit marianist.com and <https://www.marianist.com/infographic>.

Our Local Marianist Family

Each branch (brothers and priests, sisters, laity) of the Marianist family has its own global leadership body, as well as a national council and/or province. For the laity, [Marianist Lay Communities of North America \(MLC-NA\)](#) is our national organizing body and is [led by](#) an executive director (Rob Brodrick) and a leadership council.

Locally in Dayton, the three branches of the Marianist family collaborate as part of the [Dayton Marianist Family Council](#). DMFC is made up of nominated representatives from all three branches of the Marianist family of greater Dayton (brothers and priests, sisters, laity) committed to furthering the mission of Mary. The mission of the DMFC is to facilitate greater connections among individuals and communities, promote unity, foster our shared heritage and work toward a deeper and broader common ground among the Marianist family.

As a parish, Queen of Apostles has fallen under the leadership of the Society of Mary. As a lay community, we'll be part of MLC-NA, working with that group (and other lay communities) for guidance and collaboration.