

Overview

Through a period of collective discernment and input, the Branding Task Force has drafted the following identity statements to both introduce and ground our new community. It is our hope and belief that these statements encapsulate the spirit of our community and the way in which we live together, and like many parts of our new community, we'll establish a way to examine these statements in the coming months to ensure these statements are true and relevant for us.

Timing for introduction to the community:

- 9/20 - Introduction to the New Season Committee (meeting at 8 p.m. via Zoom)
- 9/21 - Shared with community by email; include glossary accompaniment
- 9/24 - Briefly review at the community meeting (recorded)
 - Allow two weeks for feedback
- 10/8 - Introduce naming boards in vestibule after liturgy, update community on feedback to identity statements and any edits proposed by task force

Mission (who we are and what we do)

We are a community of disciples deeply rooted in love. We continuously work to be the holy people God calls us to be in our church and our world, embracing a “Martha and Mary” rhythm of spiritual growth and service. As part of the Marianist family, we passionately pursue social justice and practice radical hospitality to create an inclusive community open to all who seek belonging and accompaniment.

Vision (where we are called to go in the next 3 to 5 years)

Together, we follow the models of Mary and our Marianist founders to read the signs of the times, discern the Spirit's call, and build a laity-led community of faith.

Values (our way of doing things to carry out our mission and vision; our culture/code of conduct)

Inclusive Community of Love

We are committed to journeying alongside one another in the joys and trials of life. We are called to build a community of love where each and every person is honored as a unique, beautiful, intentionally created child of God. Love is our guiding force, calling us to not only want the best for others, but to also take action to make good things happen.

Willingness to Adapt

We believe there are new and different ways to live in a faith community with one another, and we are called to be the future of the Catholic church. We are open to change, actively listening and seeking new ways of being and journeying with our community and world.

Intentional Formation and Action

Our faith is built on interior and exterior experiences. We are called to pursue quiet, nourishing introspection, purposeful education, and action-based ways of living our faith. We embrace the Marianist charism (faith, mission, Mary, community, and inclusivity) as we work to make the world a better place.