

Marianist Family Quotes

An easy to use resource for your parish,
community or individual reflection.



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Social Justice



Quotations from
members of the Marianist Family regarding
our mission, peace and social justice.

“We are convinced that our particular mission, despite our weakness, is to perform for the welfare of our neighbor all the works of zeal and of mercy.”
– Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, *Letters*, August 24, 1839.

“(The object of the vow of teaching) being to carry out the recommendation of Mary, ‘Do whatever He tells you,’ it extends to all classes of society of both sexes and of every age, but especially to the young and the poor, and in this it really distinguishes us from all the others who make this same vow.” – Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, *Letters*, August 24, 1839.



“Seeking to be sensitive to the sufferings and misery of others, we cultivate a special love for the poor, share our resources with them, and offer our personal talents to work together with them.” – *Rule of Life*, 1960 revision, Art. 27.



“We must kneel, dear Brothers, because it is much bigger than our efforts. But our efforts must be big enough and creative enough to encompass what we see in our prayer.”— Stephen Glodek, SM, *Apostolic Imagination & Daring, Reflections on Vision 2020, Our Apostolic Mission*, p. 3.

“What are the things that make you decide to limit your generosity, to limit your forgiveness or your kindness or your openness to others? And do you limit it because you do not have the ability to go beyond it? This is the weakness we speak of.” – Quentin Hakenewerth, SM, *The Grain of Wheat*, 42.

“Each Marianist, each community, and each of our institutions must discern how it can best enter into the work of building a society marked by justice and charity.” – *Vision and Journey*, 23.



“A virtue is not complete until it is expressed in service.” –

Quentin Hakenewerth, SM, *A Manual of Marianist Spirituality*, 22.



“When we experience God calling us, we also experience our world changing. Our call does not mean separation from the world, but it does mean dealing with the world in a new way.” – Quentin Hakenewerth, SM, *A Manual of Marianist Spirituality*, 18.

“We hunger for an opportunity to serve other people because, consciously or unconsciously, we have grown weary of being slaves to the secular, the material, and the comfortable.” – Texas Bishops, “A Pastoral Letter on Evangelization,” in *Origins*, 780.

“The Fiat shows the power of poetry. Mary disregards what others keep insisting is fact. And, by using the ‘as if’ key, she opens the Messianic age. She disregards hate, ugliness, and injustice; living ‘as if’ the Magnificat were already fact.” – Peter Daino, *Stabat Mater*, 30.



“If poverty, seen only as a lack of possessions that are due to everyone, makes the development of a complete life impossible, evangelical poverty makes one fully human in two very complementary ways: dependence on God, who freely gives; and solidarity with others that leads to living a life of union with them.” – Fernando Cano-Manuel, SM,

“Poverty,” in *Commentary on the Rule of Life*, 935.



“The fortitude of Mary, standing beside the outcasts and standing against the ‘mighty on their thrones,’ is humble courage. It risks everything for love.” – Peter Daino, *Stabat Mater*, 70.