

NACMS NEWSLETTER  
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Happy Easter! Spring is finally here, and we have some great news to share. Keep reading to learn more about:

- A new *Community Meeting Kit*,
- The *Stations of Easter Meditations*,
- Our recent visit to Archbishop Moeller High School,
- The NACMS Scholars' Seminar,
- And New Publications.



### ***New Community Meeting Kit: "A Mother's Love"***



Our newly released *Community Meeting Kit*, "A Mother's Love," explores how the models of Mary (Mother of God), Elisabeth de Vincens de Lamourous (mother of Marie Thérèse de Lamourous), and Baroness Ursule de Peyronnencq (mother of Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon) resonate with our lives today. As Mother's Day approaches, this resource—filled with rich content, reflections, and prayers—makes for an easy go-to for an upcoming community meeting.

View this free *Community Meeting Kit* and others at [our website](#) under publications.

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### ***Stations of Easter Meditations***

Our Lenten Meditation series took listeners from the desert to the cross on Good Friday. Now, you may be wondering, where do I go from here? How do I continue to deepen my relationship with Jesus in the Easter season?

Our *Stations of Easter Meditations* series does just that. These seven meditations, each about five to eight minutes long, take the listener on a journey of encounter with the risen Christ. We hope these reflections will guide you deeper into the mystery of Jesus' resurrection and relationship with him. Each station was developed and written by Bro. Tom Redmond, SM, with narration by Gabby Bibeau and Bro. Tom.

These meditations are available under Sharing Our Marianist

Stories on all podcasting apps, YouTube, and our website.



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## NACMS Presents at Moeller



In early March, George Lisjak and Mike Bennett facilitated a presentation for the faculty and staff at Archbishop Moeller High School in Cincinnati. The session focused on The Characteristics of Marianist Education and encouraged those present to reflect on how they've seen the Characteristics embodied in their own lives and how they might resonate with their students.

Would you be interested in having NACMS staff provide a virtual or in-person presentation? Presentations can be tailored to fit the needs of your classroom, community, or group. Topics may include the Marianist Family and its Founders, Marianist spirituality, history, religious life, community, System of

Virtues, and much more. For more information, please contact George Lisjak, NACMS director, at [glijak1@udayton.edu](mailto:glijak1@udayton.edu).

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## NACMS Scholars' Seminar

To foster continued scholarship and growth, our staff gathers regularly for Scholars' Seminars to discuss Marianist topics.

In March, we discussed Marianist Bro. Charles Kimeu's paper on Marianist identity and the necessity of formation for those working in Marianist institutions. Formation empowers those in Marianist institutions to share

the charism with others in the hope that the Marianist Family will continue to grow. The growth of the Marianist Family is dependent upon those within these institutions accepting, supporting, and embracing the Marianist spirit as part of who they are.

In addition to those sessions, Bro. Andrew Kosmowski, SM, NACMS librarian, presented on the cataloging process and the classification system for the NACMS Library. If you would like to learn more about the NACMS Classification System, we have a [resource on our website](#) and a [podcast episode about the NACMS Library](#).

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## New Publications

### Podcast Episode 39: The Vow of Stability (with Al Prendergast and Sr. Laura Leming, FMI)

In our newest episode of *Sharing Our Marianist Stories*, Al Prendergast and Sr. Laura Leming, FMI share their historical and sociological research on the vow of stability and reflect on what this vow has meant in their lives. Their stories can significantly influence our understanding of how the Marianist Charism empowers us to remain committed to birthing Christ in our world today by sharing the Marianist Charism with others and standing firm amid life's challenges.



### Podcast Episode 38: Facilitating Connections (with Meghann Naveau and Nancy Woeste)

In the thirty-eighth episode of *Sharing Our Marianist Stories*, Lay Marianists Meghann Naveau and Nancy Woeste share their experiences of serving on the temporalities committee of the Dayton Marianist Family Council and how that engagement positioned them to help the Marianist Family respond to needs within the City of Dayton. Tune in and be inspired to think about how the Marianist Family is calling you to be a catalyst for solidarity and the common good in your local context.

Keep an eye out, especially on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts, for updates on new episodes we'll release in April and new e-publications we have in the works. [Did you know we're on LinkedIn as well?](#)

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