



## *Educate for Formation in Faith*

### **Bear witness with a personal and committed faith that touches the heart**

Young people need to find a meaning for life that will direct them in their daily activities, that will stimulate their practice of personal values and that will develop their faith. With their mission of forming others in faith, Marianist educators help youth with the search for meaning, enable them to recognize and welcome the sacred, and guide them toward contemplating the good, the true and the beautiful. With simplicity and humility, Marianist educators, personal models of prayer and love, bear witness to the faith the schools propose.



### **Promote a faith-and-culture dialogue which illuminates reality from the perspective of the Gospel**

In the search for truth, the Marianist educator stimulates and learns from dialogue between faith and culture. Gospel faith, with its integration of the intellect and the heart, illuminates our knowledge of particular cultures, while science, technology, and knowledge of other religions amplify our understanding of the search for truth. Serious study of Marianist educational tradition, along with tolerance and open-mindedness, ensures the deepening of the dialogue and gives Marianist educators the tools they need to adapt what they teach to the cultures of their students.



### **Form students in the Gospel's values and Christian attitudes**

By aiding students in the practice of Christian virtue, Marianist educators hope, with Blessed Chaminade, to create a "people of saints." Further, Marianist educators commit themselves to living by gospel values and to forming students in the wisdom of the social teachings of the Church. Students who learn to respond with gospel courage and compassion to moral and ethical problems are thereby prepared to become full and active members of their communities, building a society of solidarity, justice, and peace.

### **Educate in a free and responsible style which elicits a personal response in faith**

Marianist education trains youth to develop the will and the discipline to accept responsibility in the school and in other areas of their lives. Such responsibility draws out young people's unique talents and calls them to mature, socially-conscious leadership. Marianist educators believe that, in teachers and students alike, accepting

responsibility for the community fosters a free and authentic personal response to the gospel's call.

**Bear witness with a faithful commitment to the Church that makes the gospel credible today and tomorrow**

Communities of faith and hope renew all creation and make known the reign of God. By living the fundamental charism of the Marianist tradition, Marianist educators challenge their students by personal example to develop an authentic interior spirit. Together, teachers and students create model communities of faith centered in charity. Such communities bear witness to the truth of Chaminade's words, "The gospel can be lived today as in the early days of the Church."

**Make present the example and influence of Mary as the first disciple and as an educator in faith**



Students will find in Mary a woman strong in faith. Considering her life, they see the care and concern evident in her visit to her cousin Elizabeth, and the steadfast devotion and courage in her presence under the cross. They see all things, too, in the lives of the Marianist educators who strive personally to possess the virtues and dispositions of Mary. So, as Mary formed her son, Jesus, the Marianist educator fosters in each student and in each school the same love and mutual respect.