

The Beacon.Com - Marianist Family Retreat Center E-News January 2007

(Be sure to visit our web site at www.capemaymarianists.org for a complete schedule, retreat photos and application)

To find out more of what is happening in the greater Marianist Family – click here www.marianist.com/foi for Marianist Family Online - the Province E-Newsletter.



With the recent conversion of one of our bathrooms, our Center is now fully ADAfriendly.

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Dear Friends,

Over the course of my almost 8 years here I have been blessed to be part of the lives of many families and individuals who have come to call Mary's House home. There have been many joyous times – births of children, weddings, high school & college graduations, first communions – I could happily go on and on.

As you may imagine there have also been many sad times in the lives of the families and individuals that I have been a part of including the loss of a child or spouse. And that is why we have decided to introduce a new program this year, ***A Retreat for Grieving Families***. This weekend will offer an opportunity for renewal and healing for families experiencing deep loss. The retreat is open to families who have lost a spouse/parent or child/sibling at least 6 months prior to the retreat. If your family or you know of a family who could benefit from such an experience we urge you to contact us.

A Retreat for Grieving Families

March 16 – 18

Cost: \$105pp (ages 8+);
\$65pp (2-7); under 2 are free
\$495 maximum per family

Retreat Information

We are now accepting Summer Family Retreat and May Teen Retreat applications. Please keep us in prayer on February 10th as we meet to plan this year's theme!

Today is also the earliest date to send in applications for the *May 11-13 Teen Retreat*.

Other upcoming retreats:

- March 20-22 [Spiritual "Getaway" Days](#)
- March 23-25 [Latino Family Retreat](#)
- March 30-Apr 1 [Single-Parent Family Retreat](#)
- April 5-8 [Holy Week Triduum Retreat](#)

Marianist On-Line Courses

Over the past several years Jessica and I along with several other folks connected with our Center have taken part on an online Marianist education program. The course are manageable in terms of time (5 weeks) and cost (about \$40). I encourage you to take a look at this information and please feel free to call us here to discuss this opportunity.

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is a growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere via the internet. The goal is to support the church's professional ministry of religious education and faith formation in cyberspace.

The VLCFF is coordinated and sponsored by the [Institute for Pastoral Initiatives \(IPI\)](#) at the [University of Dayton](#) - a Catholic Marianist Institution.

Marianist Make Impact at the United Nations

By Rich Sroczynski, Volunteer & Jessica's dad!

The Marianists have a long tradition of seeking justice as part of empowering and enabling folks by calling forth their gifts. In that work they have come to seek a presence at the UN where many vital issues such as environment, agriculture, economics, access to water, and human rights are globally addressed.

The UN has very proscribed avenues by which NGO's (non-government organizations) can have a voice at the table. Brother Steve O'Neill has pursued the proper channels to get the Marianists accredited as meeting these criteria to gain a legitimate place among the other thousands of NGO's. And now the Marianist NGO is officially recognized and entitled to credentials to attend and participate in a certain level of meetings and activities. The work produced at the NGO meetings is submitted to the governments to

inform their decision making and to represent the many people the Marianists work with.

2007 Young Adult Retreat

This past weekend 45 young adults gathered for our annual Young Working Adults Retreat. The retreat was led by Fr. Joe Kozar a Marianist priest from the University of Dayton. Our theme this year was A Scriptural Journey. We looked at different parts of the scriptures and with the help of Fr. Joe applied them to our lives as young adults. One highlight of the weekend was traveling the journey to the cross. Of course, we had our hilarious Saturday evening skits! To see photos from this retreat [click here](#).

Marriage Moments and Parenting Pointers

Contributed by Susan Vogt, www.SusanVogt.net

On Marriage...

In a "For Better or Worse" comic strip the wife asks her husband if she can show him a better way to fold the towels. He agrees to watch and learn. At the end, he gives her a hug and says, "You gotta know how to fold 'em, and also how to hold 'em." What would you not know how to do as well without your spouse?

On Parenting...

"The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother." (Father Theodore Hesburgh) Don't get so busy caring for your child that you forget the love between you that loved your child into being.

Blessings to All!
The Marianists
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