



MSJC

Marianist Social Justice Collaborative

A VOICE OF THE MARIANIST FAMILY ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

CHAIRPERSON ROLE DESCRIPTION

The Marianist Social Justice Collaborative (MSJC) is seeking our next Chairperson to help lead and advance our mission to unite the three branches of the Marianist Family to promote social justice through education, advocacy, and community building. Rooted in the Marianist Charism and inspired by Mary's yes, MSJC works to build a more just Church and world through inclusive and collaborative action.

The Chairperson is a key volunteer role, combining leadership, coordination, and strategic oversight, and works closely with MSJC's Steering Committee, Executive Director, and broader Marianist Family. The Chairperson volunteers about 5-8 hours per month.

The Chairperson is elected by the Steering Committee and the commitment includes a 6 month shadowing period of MSJC's current Chairperson (Summer 2026-December 2026) and a three year term (January 2027-December 2029), renewable once, for a maximum of six years. The Chair may be selected from among the current Steering Committee members or may be a person from outside the Steering Committee nominated by other Marianist Family members.

Past Chairs:

Fr. Steve Tutas, SM (1998-2003); Fr. Ted Cassidy, SM (2003-2009); Brenda Fitzpatrick (2009-2012); Ted Gorczyca (2012-2015); Bro. Frank O'Donnell, SM (2015-2021); Marge Cavanaugh (2021 - present)

Key Responsibilities

- Represent MSJC publicly and internally as the spokesperson of the Steering Committee.

- Maintain active communication with the Marianist Family Council of North America, including attending (virtually) their two annual meetings and providing reports on MSJC activities.
 - Facilitate bi-monthly Steering Committee meetings and help guide the discernment and strategic direction of MSJC.
 - Participate in Coordinating Committee meetings (bi-monthly, alternating months with Steering Committee).
 - Participate in MSJC's Fundraising Committee meetings (virtual, quarterly).
 - Prepare MSJC's annual report, with the aid of the Executive Director and the Coordinating Committee, to the Marianist Family Council and to the public.
 - Supervise the Executive Director, including monthly check-ins, guidance, and conducting the annual evaluation with Steering Committee input.
 - Consult with the Executive Director on budget preparation and execution.
 - Support MSJC's Justice Teams and committees, nurturing collaboration and alignment with MSJC's goals.
 - Help guide the implementation and evolution of MSJC's strategic priorities, ensuring faith, justice, and inclusion remain central.
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Ideal Qualities

- Commitment to and an openness to growth in the areas of the Marianist Charism, Catholic Social Teaching, and Antiracism
 - Experience with or strong understanding of the US Marianist Family
 - Passion for justice, equity, and community engagement
 - Strong organizational and leadership skills
 - Ability to facilitate meetings, synthesize input, and move initiatives forward
 - Excellent communication skills, especially in collaborative and virtual settings
 - Comfort with or desire for growth in strategic planning and visioning
 - A spirit of prayer, humility, inclusivity, and shared leadership
 - Experience, current or past, with an MSJC Justice Team is desirable but not required
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Nomination Process

- Fill in this form as many times as you like (self-nominations welcome, too!): [2026 MSJC Nominating Form for Chair](#)