

Marianist Lay Communities and Area Representatives Directory



MARIANIST LAY COMMUNITY OF NORTH AMERICA

See information on this directory that needs updating? Would your community like to add a community note? If so, please reach out to our MLC-NA rep below!

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Marianist Lay Communities (MLCs):

Below is a list of all active Marianist Lay Communities in North America, listed alphabetically. Each community has a designated Community Contact. Each community is also listed with the city, region, or virtual denotation of where they meet. Please use any of the information below to contact other Marianist Lay Communities in North America, to build bridges, and to continue to grow our Marianist Family.

Ahava		
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Anawim		
Anawim is a community of Christians joined together to: deepen our faith, strive to live according to the gospel, and share our lives together. We welcome anyone who desires a deeper experience of God and faith. For all of us Anawim is a community in which we live out more intentionally our call from God to be loving and of service.		
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Chaminade College Prep MLC		
Carmen Gruchalla	cgruchalla@chaminade-stl.com	St. Louis, MO
Chaminade-Madonna		
Called by our baptism and inspired by the Marianist Founders, Blessed Chaminade, Blessed Mother Adele and Marie Thérèse, we embrace the mission of Jesus that is expressed in the scripture "Do whatever He tells you". We gather to be formed in heart, mind and soul in the Marianist Charism marked by faith, hospitality, discipleship of equals, community, and using Mary as a model of saying "Yes" to bringing Christ to the world. Supporting and challenging each other, we make a commitment to work as members of the Marianist Family in our ministry at Chaminade-Madonna as we work "Toward a Better World."		
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Growing with Mary at St. Mary's High School		
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Hands of Mary		
Joanne McCracken	maypoint@gmail.com	Medford, NJ
Harvest Prayer MLC		
Jeri Albright	jka7712@yahoo.com	Delia, KS
Harvest Women		
We are a small community of women who desire to explore & strengthen our Marianist spirituality through monthly meetings of reading & discussion. We find ways to spread what we learn to others by offering women's retreats to local parishes & hospitality support at prison retreats sponsored by our diocese.		
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Heart of Mary		
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Hearth		
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Hearts on Fire		
The Hearts on Fire MLC meets weekly (September through May) on Monday evenings for prayer and fellowship at the home of Tina and Bill Bauman in Baltimore, MD. There are currently eight members. Recently we have been watching and discussing "The Chosen" series.		
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Magnificat		
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Magnificat MO		
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Maranatha		
Maranatha was founded on June 12, 1973 in Chester, Pennsylvania, as a Marianist Lay Community. We meet monthly to share various aspects of our faith and grow in the Spirit of Mary. In union with our broader Marianist Family, we value key elements of Marianist life-- faith, community, hospitality, inclusivity, Mary, and mission. We welcome new members.		
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Micah Theotokos		

Our community prioritizes meeting and engaging with other communities and engaging with the wider Marianist family. We also consider ourselves something of an evangelizing community - meaning if you receive inquiries about persons in the Dayton area looking to join an established community, we are open to a process of exploration with them.

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Morning Star

We, the Morning Star Community, are Andrew Killian, Lanna Klausung, Rosie Errigo, Lucy Hartzell, and Matty Spicer. Our community has been active in Dayton, Ohio since November 2019. We, the "Morning Star" community, freely commit to Jesus through Mary, the Marianist Family, social justice, and each other. We value the unique gifts each individual brings to our table. Our community is grounded in joy, love, humility, and compassion. Like Blessed Adele, we foster a family spirit that is supportive, animated, and collaborative. We will be open to change, allow our community to grow, and be aware of the needs of our global community. Morning Star will be what it needs to be for each member and for the common good. As part of the Marianist Family, our commitment is rooted in our devotion to Mary. She is a model of faith for our community. We will work to continue her mission of bringing Christ into the world. We admire her confident fiat to God. She inspires us in her ferocity. Mary, guide us to the unwavering trust of Marie Therese when we "knock on the Tabernacle" and give us the courage and strength to say, "Yes."

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Nova Bella

John Hanna	jhannan@mail.stmarytx.edu	San Antonio, TX
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NYC Metro Lay Community

Sarah Durand	saradee79@gmail.com	Linden, NJ
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Ohana 'O Malia

Ohana 'O Malia is a MLC in Maui that meets twice a month and currently has 12 members. Three new members will make their commitment in 2021.

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Ohana Kaminaka

We come as individuals to bond with one another in love as a lay community in the Marianist tradition, Ohana Kaminaka. We are called to live the gospel values by being a Sacrament of Jesus Christ, determined to live these values in a radical way. With the fire of our commitment, may we serve as a light to our church and our world. We make every effort to sacrifice self for the good of others.

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Our Lady of the Round Table

Joanne McCracken	maypoint@gmail.com	Virtual
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Phoenix

MLC of 8 members originally formed through the University of Dayton. We continue to support one another in faith and to grow in our Marianist Charism as we navigate the world as young adults. We commit ourselves to intentionally and authentically responding to the call given to Mary to bring Christ into the world, we seek to be compassionate servant leaders in our community and in the world, and we strive to be a joyful locus of belonging for each other and for those we encounter. Accepting our place at the table, we join voices to the Magnificat with the Marianist Family for the honor of Mary, for the glory of God.

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Shekan Community		
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Singletons of Saragossa		
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Sodality of Our Lady of the Pillar		
<p>The Sodality of Our Lady of the Pillar, founded in 1958, is a community of Catholic men and women under the patronage of Our Lady of the Pillar and committed to the service of the Church in the world. By an act of consecration to Jesus through His Mother Mary, its members freely and publicly give themselves to Christ to carry on His work on earth. The Sodality exists to strengthen its members in their spiritual and apostolic formation and in their union with Christ through apostolic action.</p>		
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Vessels		
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Visitation Marianist State Community		
<p>The Visitation Marianist State Community formed as a community in 1966 to reflect Fr. Chaminade's vision of the vocation "State of Religious Living in the World". We State members form a community of Marianist lay people who have discerned a call to a deep and enduring commitment to Marianist life. This commitment, has been expressed through our Vow of Stability, which we renew annually. The community has 26 members living in 15 states. We gather each spring and fall for a weekend of retreat. At these times we focus on how we are called as a community and as individuals. We attend to the three priorities we have chosen—our call to: holiness, service to Marianist communities, and promote global awareness/interdependence.</p>		
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Area Representatives:		
<p>Below is a list of MLC-NA's Area Representatives, their region, email, and the MLC(s) they are a part of. Area Reps are Lay Marianists who are leaders in the Lay Branch spread throughout the US and French speaking Canada. They build community in their local regions and are a conduit of formation and information sharing from the National Leadership Council and the local Lay Marianist communities.</p>		
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Hawaii		
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