

# Marianist Moments



## Welcome Back!

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen

The Marianist Integration Team would like to warmly welcome all of our families to the 2025-2026 school year!

Marianist Moments is a publication found monthly in the Parent Paws. This newsletter invites the Gross Catholic Community to engage in our shared faith in Jesus Christ and to behold Mary as an example of perfect discipleship.

Again, welcome back!  
We hope you enjoy this year's  
Marianist Moments!



# Marianist Schools: A Catholic, Historical, Worldwide Network of Education & Faith Formation

Who are the Marianist and when were they established?

The Society of Mary (Marianists) was founded by Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, a priest in the Diocese of Bordeaux during the French Revolution when Christianity was threatened and the infrastructure of the Catholic Church was left in ruins.

After the Church was restored in southern France, Blessed Chaminade, with the help of Marie Thérèse Charlotte de Lamourous, and Sister Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon, organized groups of young men and women from all sectors of society into communities of mutual support and Christian outreach.

It was from these communities that the Society of Mary was established in 1817. The Society is "a discipleship of equals" with roles but no ranks. Accordingly, equality exists between ordained Priests and non-ordained Brothers as they work together to serve God.  
<https://chaminade.edu/>

Celebrating 206 Years of Marianist Education

In 1819, the Marianists opened their first school on the street of Rue des Menus in Bordeaux, France, with 15 students. The core group of teachers consisted primarily of religious from the first Marianist community.

From this beginning, Marianist education spread rapidly beyond the frontiers of France to locations on five continents.

Today, Marianists are educating more than 100,000 young people in 24 countries in 97 educational institutions with nearly 8,000 educators, both religious and lay.  
<https://www.marianist.com/>

The The Three O'clock Prayer is a traditional Marianist Prayer that all students, faculty and staff pray together everyday after lunch.

The Three O'clock Prayer is a reflection of the events on Good Friday at three o'clock.

The Three O'clock Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
we gather in spirit at the foot of the Cross with your mother and the disciple whom you loved. We ask your pardon for our sins, which are the cause of your death. We thank you for remembering us in that hour of salvation and for giving us Mary as our mother. Holy Virgin, take us under your protection and open us to the action of the Holy Spirit. St. John, obtain for us the grace of taking Mary into our lives, as you did and of assisting her in her mission. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

