



2018-2019

Frequently asked questions:

How is the board structured?

- The Marist Youth Board of Directors consists of senior board members who have attended either the annual Marist Youth Gathering or La Valla Weekend. The Marist Youth Advisory Board consists of junior board members who will attend the upcoming Marist Youth Gathering, and will be in charge of promoting, educating, and developing service programs and projects to help build family spirit amongst the school community. Marist Youth will also consist of an open amount of promising board members.

How do I become a Marist Youth board member?

- If interested in becoming a board member, you must submit the application at the 1st mandatory meeting for consideration.

When are applications due?

- Applications need to be turned in *typed and completed* at the required Marist Youth meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the UD Library.

How are members selected?

- Marist Youth moderators and the Selection Committee will review all applications before deliberating and selecting potential board members.

Are there any requirements?

- You must be conscious and serious about joining. Although academic performance is not a requirement, you must be in good academic standing and show responsibility in the classroom and in your current organizations. Integrity is also an important factor in students interested in joining Marist Youth.

What are the expectations?

- All members are expected to attend meetings, gatherings, collaborate and maintain good communications throughout the board, and follow all Marist Youth bylaws. Members are also expected to know the story of Marcellin Champagnat and to incorporate the Marks of the Marist into their daily life.

BYLAWS

Vision: To draw our students together and foster the Marist spirit and charism of Marcellin Champagnat in their lives.

Mission: The mission of Marist Youth at Saint Joseph Academy is to help all members of our community to recognize their call as Marists. We are ALL Marists. All of us are called to share in the mission of Father Champagnat: To make Jesus known and loved and to reach out in solidarity to our neighbors, especially the least favored. The Marist Youth leaders have decided to focus on three aspects of the Marist charism: Spirituality, Service, and Solidarity.

Marist Youth Board Member Duties:

- Attend mandatory meetings of the Marist Youth Board of Directors and MY Advisory Board
- Coordinate events and activities for the school community
- Develop and oversee projects to help develop family spirit amongst the school and Brownsville community
- Attend the annual Marist Lock-In and participate in Marist Day of Service
- Participate in Marist Youth activities
- Recruit younger volunteers to participate in activities
- Prepare prayer and reflection for the beginning of the monthly meetings
- Establish communications and linkages with other school and community organizations and on service projects

Appointment: Marist Youth Board members shall be appointed by the Selection Committee consisting of the SJA Principal, MY moderators, and sophomore and junior teachers.

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Terms: Marist Youth members shall be appointed for their junior year and will reapply the following year. Members selected to attend the Leadership Gathering in New York, will need to fulfill their role and responsibilities until graduation.

Resignations: Any member may resign by written notice, which the resignation shall be effective at the time specified in said notice.

Removal of Members: Members may be removed for cause, subject to the approval of the Selection Committee and MY moderators. Cause for removal of a member under this section shall be fraudulent or dishonest acts, abuse of authority, discharge of duties, or failure to maintain expectations of the Marist Youth Organization. At such time an alternate may be invited to join the council.

Vacancies: Any vacancy in the membership of the Marist Youth Advisory Board shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

Meetings and Attendance: Marist Youth members shall meet once a month at such times and at such places as it deems necessary to conduct procurement and evaluation of youth service activities and projects. Special meetings may be called by the Project Coordinator, depending on the project on-hand. Marist Youth Advisory Board and Board of Directors will meet once a week during lunch to plan and coordinate events and monthly meetings. Members missing three consecutive meetings and events will be automatically removed from the board for the violation of their duties.

Attendance: Members are expected to attend all meetings/events unless excused by the Marist Youth moderators. Any member who has three consecutive un-excused absences during their term, or fails to participate in Marist Youth events without prior excused cause may be conclusively presumed to have resigned, and the resulting vacancy may be filled pursuant to these bylaws.

Notice of Meetings: Written notice of each Marist Youth Advisory Board meeting, stating the place, date, and the hour of the meeting shall be messaged to members at least 3 days prior to regularly scheduled meetings.

Goals and Objectives of the monthly Marist Youth Gatherings:

The Marist Youth Gathering is a resource to our Marist schools and all who work to evangelize youth through education. The following are the goals and objectives of Marist Youth:

1. Students will develop an understanding of their Marist identity which goes beyond their immediate school identity.
2. Students will come to understand that the same Jesus who called Father Champagnat to action in his time also calls them today to a life of holiness and service.
3. Students will come to a deeper understanding of their own giftedness and how they are called to share their gifts and talents with each other, their school community, and the Church.
4. Students will have an opportunity to discover their leadership potential, through a variety of activities (community building exercises, workshops, large group prayer experiences, large group and small group presentations, social activities) that can be utilized to promote and develop service programs and projects.