“Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered God in Christ Jesus: We no longer say that we are ‘disciples’ and ‘missionaries,’ but rather that we are always ‘missionary disciples.’”

— POPE FRANCIS, THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL
Join students from around the country for a week of exploration and understanding at Marian University.

The Missionary Disciples Institute engages high school students in understanding what it means to be a missionary disciple, providing a strong foundation from which to answer the lifelong call to ministry. It takes place over the course of a week on the Marian University campus, located in the heart of Indianapolis. Marian University is a distinguished Catholic university in the Franciscan and liberal arts traditions.

AT MDI, YOU WILL:

Discover  the Catholic theological understanding of “mission” and “evangelization.”

Develop  practical skills for being missionary disciples in our world today.

Discern  your call with a community of mentors.

Discuss  hot topics and tough questions every young missionary needs to explore.

Delve  into the Franciscan charism of prayer and evangelization.

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At the Missionary Disciples Institute, students receive a strong theological education, spiritual formation, pastoral preparation, community development, and vocational discernment—all within the context of the Franciscan charism. The institute will concentrate on *The Joy of the Gospel* and the *Acts of the Apostles* as core resources.

Students will bring practical mission and evangelization skills back to their parishes and schools, focused on one of five ministry tracks:

**Are you ready to answer the call?**

Space is limited to 50 students.

The Missionary Disciples Institute will accept up to 50 high school students who have an openness and desire to assume leadership roles as young missionaries in service to their communities—and the world at large—through their local churches. The Missionary Disciples Institute is sure to transform the role of young people in the church.
Select from five ministry tracks.
The five ministry tracks for the Missionary Disciples Institute embody the full range of missionary discipleship. When applying, each student will rank the ministry tracks in order of preference. Whenever possible, students will be given their top choice.

Guiding Question
How am I called to bring justice to God’s world?

Track Description
The Diakonia (serve) track will introduce students to the Christian vocation of service, part of the universal call to holiness. Diakonia involves the Church’s works of mercy, including care for the vulnerable and the promotion of justice. This track will enable participants to explore major texts in Christian morality, with special attention to Catholic social teaching. The aim of this track is to enliven participants to become disciples of God’s healing and care and to inspire them with examples of those who have been devoted to justice and mercy, from St. Francis to Desmond Tutu to Pope Francis. With hope, you will leave Marian University ready to recognize and respond to the civil, social, and spiritual needs of your community, your neighbors, and your church.

Matthew Sherman, Ph.D.
Matthew Sherman taught theology and morality at Holy Cross College (Notre Dame, Indiana) and Marymount University (Arlington, Virginia) from 2010 until 2013. Since 2013, he has taught moral theology at Marian University. He loves working with others to discern God’s call to service. He lives with his family on the south side of Indianapolis.

“Dr. Sherman is one of the most passionate professors I’ve ever had. He seeks to live out what he teaches in the classroom and has such a heart for social justice and student engagement. I promise you won’t be disappointed!”
— KRISTIN HAUSER ’17
**Guiding Question**

How can I help my peers to enter more deeply into their faith and the great texts of the faith: scripture, church writers, creeds, and spiritual writers?

**Track Description**

In the Didache (teach) track, we will read together and explore the Nicene Creed and selections from the writings of St. Augustine and St. Francis. We will explore: What do we believe? Why do we believe it? Where did we get that from? What does it mean? What difference does believing that make? In other words, we will get a first taste of the world of theology and the life of faith with understanding.

**Andy Hohman, S.T.L.**

Andy Hohman came to Marian University in 1985. He teaches systematic and philosophical theology and has been the chair of the Department of Theology and Philosophy since 1986. Andy loves exploring primary texts with students and the questions that are raised in the process.

“Andy Hohman meets you where you are with your education. He gives you a foundation to build off of step-by-step in a systematic fashion. Andy selflessly provides the skills to support the ministry of teaching not only as a vocation, but also as a way of life.”
— NATALIE BUTLER ’16

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**Guiding Question**

What led me to become a member of my church and how can I help others feel a sense of belonging?

**Track Description**

The Koinonia (partner) track will explore our communion with God and our union with each other in the body of Christ. Koinonia, a communion of persons gathered by the Holy Spirit, is the central experience of wholeness, unity, and union. This ministry focuses on listening, accepting responsibility to lead, and leading people into greater unity with others and with God.

**Donna Proctor, A.B.D.**

Donna Proctor came to Marian University in 1992 and has taught a variety of theology courses. Her current interests include peace and justice issues through the Catholic social teaching lens, women’s issues, and the marginalized citizens throughout the world, especially those in war-torn countries, the American prison system, and those struggling with poverty.

“Donna Proctor truly partners with you as a student every step of the way, while challenging you to see things from a new perspective. She is a wonderful teacher and will surely become a great mentor and friend for you as she has been for me.”
— EMILY GARRETT ’16
**Guiding Question**

How can my participation in worship help my faith be alive and active?

**Track Description**

The Leitourgia (pray) track will introduce participants to foundational concepts for Christian worship and prayer, with special attention to the Roman Catholic tradition. Participants will be introduced to key documents for understanding Roman Catholic worship, and learn how to become more active participants in the worship of the Church through involvement in activities and prayer practices. For instance, practicing different forms of prayer, developing intercessory prayer for use in a worship setting, arts and environment projects, and designing catechetical activities.

**Katharine E. Harmon, Ph.D.**

Katharine E. Harmon teaches liturgy, theology, Catholic history, and organ at Marian University. She has served as a pastoral musician for 20 years. She writes and lectures regularly about liturgy and liturgical renewal. She and her husband live in Indianapolis.

“Dr. Harmon is very passionate about the liturgy. With great detail, she gives you the history of the liturgy and clearly articulates its significance over time. She has made me fall in love with liturgy over and over again. You can tell that she falls in love with the liturgy each time she discusses it.”

— SAM RASP ’16

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**Guiding Question**

What specific steps can help me understand the Bible when I’m reading it?

**Track Description**

The Kerygma (proclaim) track will emphasize interpreting and communicating the truths of the gospel that we find in scripture. In this track, you will discover that being a missionary disciple begins with recognizing that Christ’s resurrection changes everything and leads you to proclaim the good news in every situation.

**Mark Reasoner, Ph.D.**

Mark Reasoner taught scripture at Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota from 1988 until the spring of 2010, when he was received into the Roman Catholic Church. Since the fall of 2010, he has taught scripture at Marian University. Reasoner loves to read and discuss scripture with others. He lives with his family in Brownsburg, Indiana.

“Dr. Reasoner is a man of intellect and humility, making him more than qualified to walk with young people through the Kerygma track! Whether you are giving a formal witness or having a casual conversation, you will learn to recognize countless ways to bring Christ to others.”

— LUKE MESSMER ’18
An additional track has been designed for adult ministers serving in campus or youth ministry to experience during the week of the Missionary Disciples Institute.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Track Description**

Art Canales, D.Min. will lead youth/campus ministers and youth catechists in several experiential presentations in adolescent pastoral care and counseling, and in facilitating small groups with teenagers. The sessions will focus on listening and communication themes and techniques. The workshops will also address facilitating small groups for various youth ministry settings. The workshops will be both descriptive (theological and theoretical) in scope, and prescriptive (pastoral and pedagogical) in practice.

**Art Canales, D.Min.**

Art Canales is associate professor of pastoral theology and ministry at Marian University. He is considered one of the foremost Catholic adolescent ministry scholars and educators in the United States. Canales is a member of several national and international associations for youth ministry and catechesis, is a consultant for Fe y Vida (USA), and is on the editorial board for the International Journal of Sports and Christianity. He is a third generation Mexican-American and lives in Indianapolis with his family.

**MDI OPPORTUNITIES:**

In just one week, the Missionary Disciples Institute exposes students to a powerful array of learning and enrichment opportunities:

- Profound community **prayer** opportunities
- A chance to find new **friends** in ministry
- A one-day **pilgrimage** to the Sisters of St. Francis Motherhouse in Oldenburg, Indiana
- **Growth** through spiritual direction
- The opportunity to **discover** Indianapolis
- Be immersed in ministry **experiences**
- Write a **game** plan for becoming a missionary disciple
- Develop a solid **understanding** of theology

**MDI SPEAKERS:**

Inspirational speakers include:

- **Jackie Francois**, full-time traveling speaker, singer/songwriter, and worship leader from Orange County, California
- **Chris Padgett**, author of *Wholly Mary, Mother of God*
- **Amy McEntee**, executive director of the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association
- **Father Michael Della Penna**, OFM, missionary at the Valley of the Angels Orphanage, Guatemala
- **Mike Patin**, minister of 34 years, inspirational speaker and “faith horticulturist”
- Others to be announced

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Accommodation: All students and adults will be housed in the Marian University residence halls.

Meals: All meals will be provided by Marian University dining services.

Applying to the Missionary Disciples Institute:

1. Students may apply as individuals or as part of a group at www.marian.edu mdi.
2. All students will be required to be sponsored by his/her pastor.
3. Students will rank the five tracks and be given their top choice when at all possible.
4. All applicants will be notified of their acceptance into Missionary Disciples Institute within two weeks of completing the application.

Marian University does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religion, creed, national origin, age, or disabilities in the recruiting and selection of students for admission.

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