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On May 14, 2019, Saint Joseph's College of Marian University - Indianapolis (Saint Joe Indy) hosted nearly 200 guests for a blessing, ribbon-cutting ceremony, and open house at the facility that houses the new two-year college. The building, renamed Saint Joseph Hall, is a former church located at the northeast corner of 30th Street and Kessler Boulevard, just two blocks west of Marian University's main campus.

Read more about the exciting launch of Saint Joe Indy on page 20.



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## Dear Marian University Community,

In 1851, the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, began an educational endeavor—the foundational seed of Marian University—as a way to fulfill the mission and requirement to provide education to the community. Through their Catholic Franciscan identity, they were called to serve.

In this issue of the *Marian University Magazine*, we will explore the many ways the Sisters' legacy and the university's Catholic Franciscan identity are still at the very core of our mission, carried out by our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends.

At commencement, our graduates are handed a special San Damiano cross after walking across the stage—a reminder to go forth with a greater purpose. Through our alumni profiles, you will read about some of the paths our courageous graduates have chosen to fulfill their greater purpose. These alumni in particular chose to align their Catholic faith with their careers.

Our growing San Damiano Scholars Program for Church Leadership is just one example of how our students are living the mission of our university on campus and in the community. In these pages, you will see how these leaders are empowering others to help build flourishing churches and schools, serve others through non-profit work, and change the world. In 2019, Marian was tied for the second-highest number of graduates to be ordained as priests among universities in the United States.

If you stroll through campus, you will feel the presence of our mission and identity just by taking a look around. From the beautiful and newly-renovated St. Francis Colonnade to the mosaics adorning the walls of the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences that represent the Franciscan sponsorship values we strive to live by each day, our campus provides a peaceful, welcoming space for our students to explore their faith.

As a university, we change to faithfully serve the needs of our community. Continuing this tradition, last fall, we announced the launch of our two-year college—Saint Joseph's College of Marian University - Indianapolis—to provide educational options effective in meeting the needs of diverse student populations. In less than a year, we've cut the ribbon on a new facility to house the school, enrolled our first class of students, and partnered with businesses in Indianapolis so students can earn while they learn. I am thrilled to share an update on the college in this magazine.

These are just some of the ways we have been called to serve as a university. Thank you for your generous donation of time, talent, treasure, and prayers. God bless you, your family and friends, and the many endeavors to which you are dedicated, always!

Go, Knights!



Daniel J. Elsener  
President





For almost 50 years, Sr. Norma Rocklage, OSF, Ph.D. '60, served the Marian University community as a professor, administrator, and Board of Trustee member. This past summer, Sr. Norma was called back to Oldenburg and retired from her duties at the university. While Sr. Norma's official responsibilities in the Marian University community are changing, her membership in the Marian community is forever.

Sr. Norma's retirement announcement was shared on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn, and the posts were flooded with heartfelt comments from faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the university—making the incredible impact Sr. Norma made to the university very clear. Here is just a little bit of what the Marian community had to say:



**Joe Brubaker:** Sr. Norma, you have been such a blessing in my life, my family's life and that of the entire Marian University family. Thank you, so much for your service to the campus community. May your retirement be as adventurous as your professional life of service.

**Nicole Martinez-LeGrand '04:** Oh Sr. Norma, how we will miss you and your unwavering support of students. Your legacy is something to be admired by generations of Knights and you have been integral to Marian's success. You will be missed and you are loved.

**Angela Hatem '00:** My first real boss who was not a relative. You let me change your radio to pop stations while I worked and were so helpful as I acclimated from my move from Florida to Indiana. I will miss seeing you around campus, but know that you are the heart of what makes Marian so special. Prayers and love to you.

**Sean Gallagher '93:** God bless you abundantly, Sr. Norma, for your faithful witness to the Gospel in your decades of ministry at Marian. Whatever faithfulness I have been able to achieve so far in my life, I credit to the grace of God that has flowed through you, others at Marian and beyond.

**Mindy Roberts Alley '02:** You are one amazing lady who I looked for every basketball game I played...your contagious smile and clapping was an inspiration at every game. Thank you for being the best fan any Marian Knight could ask for!!!

**Charlie Burkley:** Of all my experiences at Marian, the letters of praise and pride from Sr. Norma were by far and above my favorite. Every theater production, whether I was the lead, or simply an extra, I received a hand written note with specific things she enjoyed about my acting. I still have all of them and they always make me smile when I break them out and read them. Congratulations on many happy years of service Sr. Norma! Thank you for your letters, and I hope you enjoy retirement!

**Claudia Wendoline Montes:** Muchas gracias Sister Norma for all of your hard work, dedication, and support to our community.

**Carlos Barbera '75:** Sr. Norma, you have touched so many lives throughout your years at Marian. While the diplomas we earned prepared us for our careers, it was the gift of values and character development that's made the difference. You embody these core values! God bless you with good health and happiness in your retirement!

**Eric Perkins:** God bless you Sr. Norma and all that you have done for Marian and the great God above! You will be missed but your presence will be here forever!!

**Kali Smith Flores '93:** Well well, certainly wishing you a happy retirement! Is it possible to think of Marian without thinking of Sr. Norma!? Lol. So glad our paths crossed and I had the opportunity to experience your kindness along the way! Love and light to you! :)

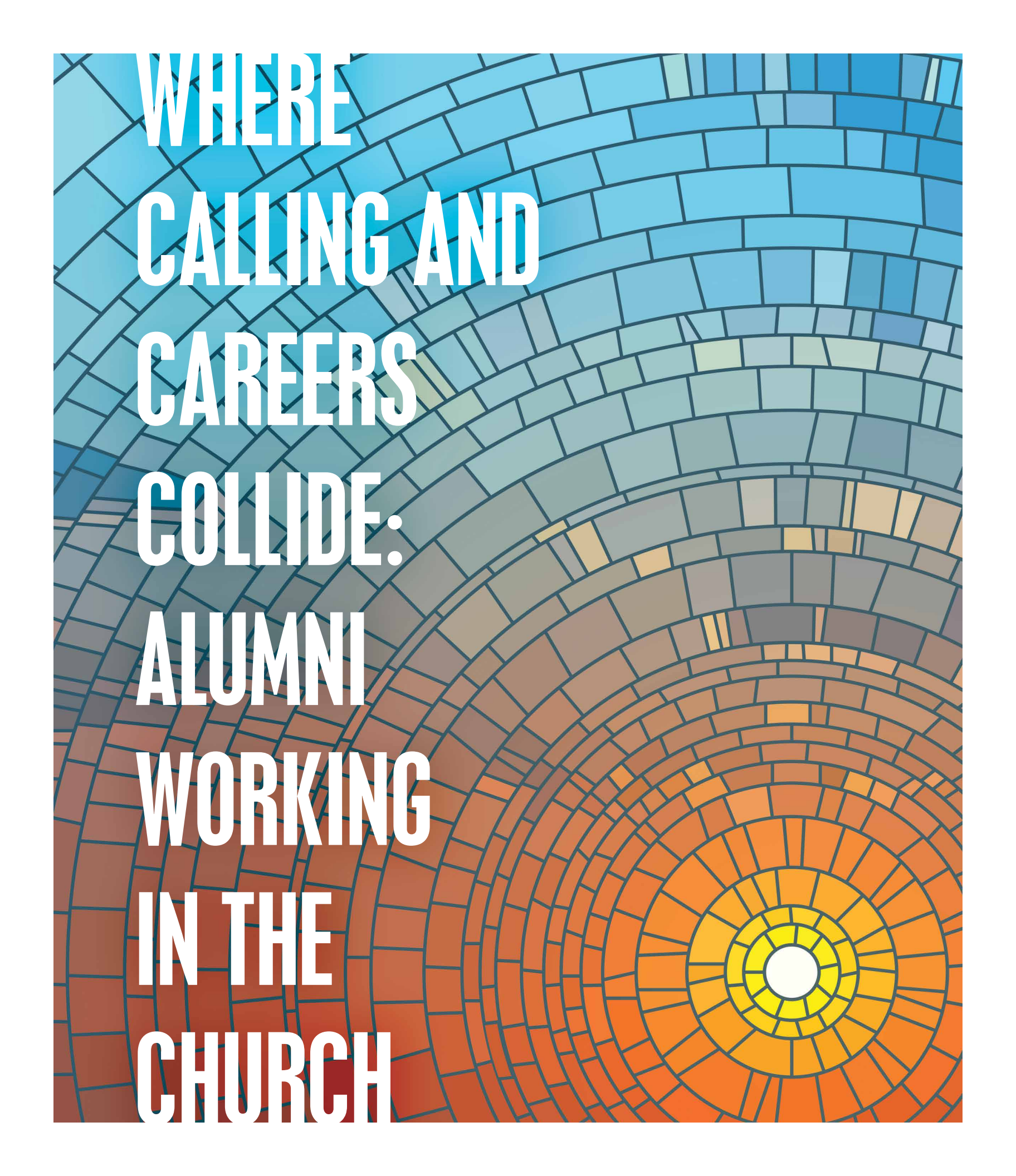
**Matt Nirrengarten '97:** God Bless you Sr. Norma. It's been over 20 years since I walked the grounds of Marian as a student but the memories of you leading the cheers from the sidelines of our soccer games seems like yesterday. Thank you for your care and leadership for the Marian family all these years. Good health and God's speed!

**Kathy Marra:** Sr. Norma, your genuine smile and presences are the light of Marian. Your physical presence will be missed daily; however we know that you will continue to uplift all of us at Marian daily in your prayers. May God bless and grant you heath. You hold a special place in my heart and have made a tremendous influence on me as I serve the students of Marian. God's Grace and Blessings Always to You.

**Allison Willets '16 :** I will never forget when I came into your class shivering and you took the leather gloves off your own hands and gave them to me to keep. That simple act of kindness has forever stuck with me. I still have those gloves today and wear them in Idaho! Your life has touched so many and I feel honored to have known you through our connection at Marian. Thank you for your service all these years!

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# Franciscan Heritage in a Modern World

DEBI SKUROW HAUG '00



This year, alongside representatives from nine Catholic Franciscan universities, Debi Skurow Haug '00 made a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, Italy, walking where St. Francis and St. Clare once stood themselves.

In her role as executive director for the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities (AFCU), Haug is responsible for working with and creating relationships between all 24 Franciscan colleges and universities across the United States.

"I am grateful that my career path has kept me in a space where my faith is directly focused to my job," Haug said.

Haug's Introduction to the Catholic Franciscan tradition stems back to elementary school, where she was taught by a group of Franciscan Sisters in Northwest Indiana.

"When I was growing up, I was always involved with ministry, involved in the youth groups at my church, and then involved with campus ministry in high school. I knew when it was time to look for a college, I wanted to go to a Catholic college," Haug said.

This call led her to Marian University. She spent all four years deeply involved with campus ministry and studied pastoral leadership.

"The best part of my major was having Andy Hohman, STL (assistant professor of theology and philosophy), as a mentor. He was very instrumental in my formation, in my growth," Haug said. "I know that he cared for me as an individual and as a person. That was an invaluable experience that I treasure."

After graduating, Haug volunteered for a year at a retreat center in Cincinnati, Ohio. She then was led to a series of positions in higher education campus ministry.



"I think I learned to be a really good listener. I know that is one of my strengths. In ministry, especially in campus ministry, I know I am a good listener to students. I wonder if having Andy as a mentor, and truly being concerned about me, taught me to be a good listener to others," Haug said.

In her new role working with AFCU, Haug continues to use her skill to form relationships and connect with all of the schools in the organization. Another important aspect of her job is helping colleges modernize ministry programs to keep up with the next generation while staying true to the Franciscan heritage and foundation.

**“ We have to think about what the next generation of Franciscan leaders looks like,” Haug said. “We have to make sure each schools’ mission is relevant, but we also have to ask ourselves ‘How are we going to honor the people that started the institution?’”**

The pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi was one way Haug was able to remind AFCU schools where it all began.

"I think that my faith life and having a relationship with God has always been a driving force for me," Haug said. "I want people to feel proud about being a part of AFCU."



## Following St. Francis

DENZEL CAMPBELL '16



Working for the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), Denzel Campbell '16 is one of more than 730 missionaries in the field, serving 164 campuses and eight parishes across the United States and Europe.

While he's devoted his career to being a Catholic missionary, his introduction to faith-life only began in high school after going with a friend to a youth group.

"The people there had a joy that I had not seen before, and I wanted to have it as well," Campbell said.

Campbell decided to attend a retreat to explore his call. This is where he was introduced to St. Francis of Assisi.

"I was blown away by the reckless abandon that he had in his day, the contagiousness of his unshakeable joy, and his powerful austerity, all for Jesus," Campbell said. "It was diving into and attempting to emulate his life that formally introduced me to the person who would transform me to this day—Jesus Christ. So, I gave up most of the stuff I had, participated in a lot of service work, and slept on the floor for the rest of high school."

The first in Campbell's family to attend college was his older sister, and when it came time for him to choose a school, he was ready to create his own path as well. At the time, that meant not attending the same school as his sister—Marian University. Reluctantly, and with some convincing, Campbell went on an unofficial campus visit, led by himself.

"I strolled around campus aimlessly glancing at buildings and peering into windows. Tired of roving around, I sat at the fountain in the center of campus. Small breaks in the streaming cascade revealed the 'Lord, make me an instrument of your peace' prayer that was written in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. That was my favorite prayer at the time," Campbell said. "I felt drawn to pray, so I found the main chapel and was completely amazed by the immense San Damiano Crucifix. I didn't realize that Marian was actually Franciscan in heritage."



Campbell became a Knight shortly after the visit. He spent much of his journey at Marian involved in campus ministry. Now as a Catholic missionary with FOCUS, he's providing students with an opportunity to do the same.

**"We work closely with the campus chaplain and ministry to invite students into a growing relationship with Jesus and the Catholic faith, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship, and friendships," Campbell said.**

Campbell leads bible studies, hangs out with students, leads mission trips, and teaches students to share the Gospel with others. He also is responsible for fundraising his entire year's salary.

"Marian University, in all of its Catholic, Franciscan, and liberal arts distinction, provided me every opportunity to say 'yes' to everything I could become," Campbell said. "It gave me a chance to exercise my desires, and its staff drove me to achieve in areas of faith, academia, and personhood."

If you feel called to support Campbell's missionary work, you can do so at [focus.org/missionaries/denzel-campbell](https://focus.org/missionaries/denzel-campbell).



# Encountering Christ through Music and Ministry

JOEY GARCIA '11



Joey Garcia '11 was inspired by his high school choir and band director to not only pursue his passion for music, but to impact others just as he had been.

“I think just like for so many people, when we get to a certain age, you just want to know who you are going to be and what you’re going to do,” Garcia said. “High school was my time to do just that, and I looked up to my high school choir and band director at the time, Mark Duray, in a major way. He had already set out to be director of music at a parish and a music educator at a high school, while supporting and bringing up his family by being an amazing husband and father to his wife and four kids. His impact and his witness struck me deeply as it did for many other people, and I sought out to make a positive impact in my own way as he did.”

This impact led Garcia to Marian University, where he felt he could grow as a musician, educator, and steward of the Church.

“I realized that working for the Church in these capacities would require a college education that could allow me to find myself spiritually and theologically and work on my craft as a musician. Marian University was an obvious decision for me.”

While attending Marian, Garcia joined the San Damiano Scholars Program for Church Leadership, which gave him the opportunity to experience service and encounters with Christ through others. The program also led him to meet his wife, Laura Wagner Garcia '11.



“Marian appealed to me because I noticed how it placed importance on giving opportunities to young adults who wanted to work for the Church,” Garcia said. “I found Christ-like encounters in abundance through this program in the professors that I met, the fostering atmosphere of being servant-leaders through many service opportunities, the camaraderie with like-minded students, and forever memorable retreats that allowed me to seek out Christ in myself and in others. One of these amazing like-minded people, Laura Garcia, I am blessed to be married for seven years, and together we have our three kiddos.”

With a strong love of faith, service, and music, Garcia has worked in Catholic schools and parishes including St. Maria Goretti Catholic Church, St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, and Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. He also has gone back to teach music at the place where he first learned who he wanted to be, Guerin Catholic High School.

“Whether if I’m directing an adult choir or children’s choir or teen ensemble, teaching a guitar or ukulele class, or organizing hymnals and making seasonal programs for the church pews, all opportunities are an avenue in which I do my best to lead people ever more closely to Christ,” Garcia said.

## Walking with Others through Faith

MICHAEL O'CONNELL '08



For most of his life, Michael O'Connell '08 felt a connection and call to ministry. He was involved in his parish and playing drums in a Christian band. In 2005, he was introduced to Marian University and decided to begin his journey in ministry with the Sam Damiano Scholars Program for Church Leadership.

"I knew I was being called to ministry but wasn't sure how to make that happen or what direction to go, and Marian and Mark Erdosy (executive director of the Sam Damiano Scholars Program) invited me to explore and discern my calling," O'Connell said.

After joining the program, O'Connell began to understand and learn about his passion for ministry and walking with others.

"I love working and interacting with people, and I believe God blessed me with a skill to be able to be with people. I think that is a lot of what ministry is. In the Gospel, Jesus encounters people and he is with them. He is with them in difficult moments as well as joyful moments. He journeys with them, he challenges them, he celebrates them," O'Connell said. "Marian helped me explore this part of my life and turned it into a skill. Not only did I theologically learn about what ministry is, I was able to understand better how to respond to God's call to how I was needed in the church to best serve him. That started out in youth ministry, and now has transformed into being a pastoral associate and therapist."

Before graduating, O'Connell served as a youth minister at Saint Louis de Monfort, a Catholic church and school in Fishers, Indiana. His path in ministry continued to Holy Spirit Parish at Geist where he has spent more than nine years, not only as a youth minister and young adult minister, but now a pastoral associate.



“ I journey with and support all of our engaged couples as they prepare for marriage and develop marriage enrichment programming such as our MarriageStrong groups. I also work with folks who are seeking an annulment and assist families with funeral planning,” O'Connell said.

Working with couples and families has allowed O'Connell's call to ministry grow and strengthen. He recently earned his Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy at the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis and has a private practice in the Broad Ripple area with his wife Kim, who is a marriage and family therapist and board-certified music therapist.

Whether he's lifting up his parish community or those outside of it, O'Connell seeks to not only bring people closer to each other, but also to Jesus.

"I think faith permeates all the different aspects of my position because at its core, it is about being with people and creating an opportunity to encounter Jesus," O'Connell said.



# Meet the New Vice President for Mission Effectiveness

SR. MARY BETH GIANOLI, OSF '78



For many of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, their path to Marian University started after they were members of the community. For Sr. Mary Beth Gianoli, OSF '78, that was not the case. In fact, at first, she had no intention of attending Marian College (now University) or entering the community.

"I found out about Marian at a college fair at my high school, and some of my friends were going for a campus visit, so I thought 'oh I'll go along,'" Sr. Mary Beth said. "People were very warm and welcoming, very caring. I felt at home. And I was happy to be at Marian."

Sr. Mary Beth studied biology and chemistry with a secondary education certification. She signed up for as many activities as her schedule would allow.

"I was probably way overcommitted as a student," Sr. Mary Beth said.

While she had gone to Catholic schools her entire life, she did not see religious life in her future.

"A couple of my friends asked if I had ever thought about religious life, and I said, 'been there, done that, not doing that,' Sr. Mary Beth said.

Sr. Mary Beth's first trip to Oldenburg was during her junior year at Marian.

"My point in going there was to prove that I didn't belong," Sr. Mary Beth said. "I went, and I knew as soon as I got there that it was where I was called to be. It was where I was going to become my best self. I knew I needed community to help me grow to become who I was called to be."

Sr. Mary Beth entered the community following her graduation. After her time in formation at Oldenburg, Sr. Mary Beth's first ministry experience was at Scecina Memorial High School on the east side of Indianapolis. Next she went to St. Louis, Missouri, to work with the economically disadvantaged at a newly opened social service agency

"I had to come to terms with the fact that I was not able to solve their problems, nor were they mine to solve. I could only walk with my clients and be with them in their struggles," Sr. Mary Beth said. "I could offer them support and care and pray for and with them. For me, it was a real letting go and learning to trust in God's presence and power. It was a life-changing experience and an experience that deepened my faith."

After 17 years in this ministry, Sr. Mary Beth attended graduate school to study information technology and organizational psychology. She then worked as a human resources consultant for a number of years before being elected to serve on the Sisters of St. Francis Leadership Team.

In November 2018, Sr. Mary Beth returned to her alma mater as the director of special projects in mission effectiveness. In July 2019, Sr. Mary Beth became the vice president for mission effectiveness. In this role, she works to integrate the mission of the Sisters of St. Francis with the mission of Marian University. She also helps to promote Marian University's Catholic Franciscan identity and heritage.

“Marian was very influential in making me who I am today. I feel like I grew up at Marian. It's nice to be back and walk with students, faculty, and staff on their journeys,” Sr. Mary Beth said.

# SAN DAMIANO SCHOLARS PROGRAM FOR CHURCH LEADERSHIP AT A GLANCE

## Exploring the Call

The San Damiano Scholars Program for Church Leadership seeks to recruit, form, and educate faith-filled leaders with integrity, vision, intellect, and service—leaders who empower others to help build flourishing churches, schools, healthcare, nonprofits, and their society. Here is how our San Damiano Scholars are exploring the call:



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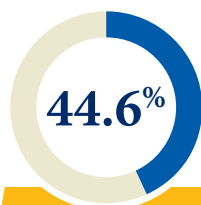
Have an openness and desire to discern their calling.

### SAN DAMIANO SCHOLARS BY THE SCHOOLS



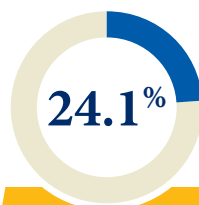
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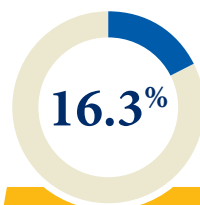
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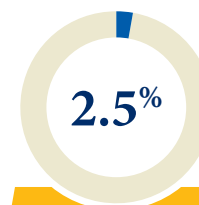
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4 SCHOLARS

Program in Exercise and Sports Science



4 SCHOLARS

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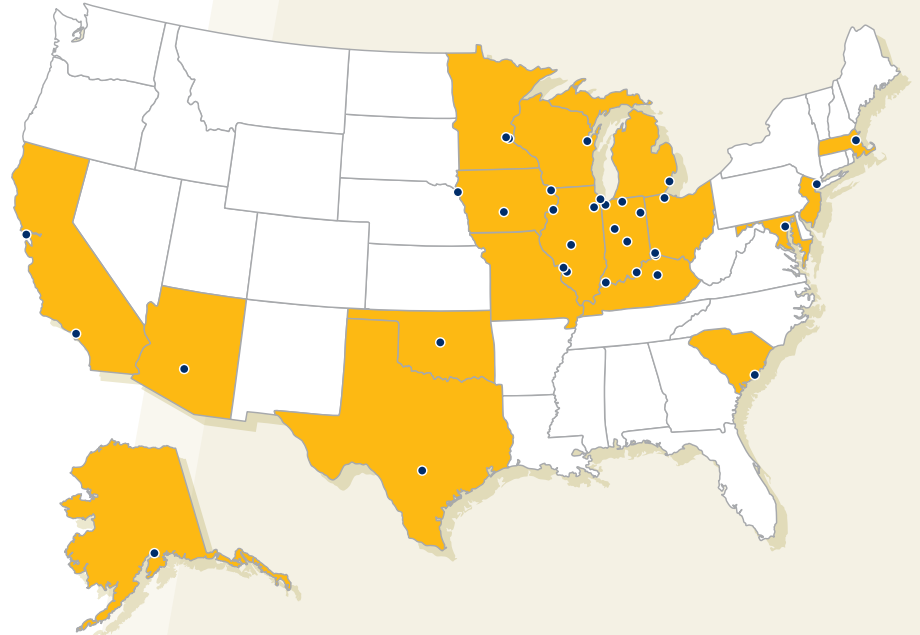
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## EXAMPLES OF SAN DAMIANO SCHOLAR LEADERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY

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Blessed Mother Mary Shrine and Rosary Walk

Wednesday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Shalom Outreach to Indianapolis Homeless Community

Cardboard City Simulation and Homeless Awareness

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# MARIAN UNIVERSITY IN

The people, programs, and potential of Marian University have been making news in Indianapolis and beyond. Here's a look at the headlines.

## Marian University getting grant to help recruit minority teachers

WISH-TV | December 18, 2018

The teacher education program at Marian University is getting a grant. The department is getting more than \$1 million to help recruit new minority teachers. Dr. Ken Britt, the dean at Klipsch Educators College at Marian University, was on Daybreak Tuesday. He discussed the program and its objectives.

## With all-time high enrollment, Marian extends president's contract through 2025

Indianapolis Business Journal | February 5, 2019

Marian University President Dan Elsener has received a contract extension through the 2024-25 school year after presiding over a period of intense growth at the private Catholic institution.

The school's board of trustees unanimously approved the extension at their most recent meeting, the school announced Monday.

"I am excited about Marian's bright future under Dan's leadership," said Michael Becher, president of Marian University's board of trustees. "Securing Dan's leadership of Marian University through 2025 will ensure we meet the goals of our ten-year strategic plan. The Board of Trustees shares my excitement and is pleased to share Dan's bold vision for Marian University."

## Indiana to get 162 medical residents from state's two med schools

Indianapolis Business Journal | March 18, 2019

For medical students, it's the equivalent of NFL Draft Day. It's the day you learn whether a team has picked you.

On Friday, March 15, nearly 500 fourth-year medical students in Indiana—and tens of thousands nationally—ripped open red envelopes at the same instant to learn where they would do their residency training for the next three to seven years.

It's a high-stress moment, coming after months of interviewing and paperwork. But nearly all the participating students at Indiana's two medical schools got matched with a residency program: 96.5 percent at the Indiana University School of Medicine (or 331 students) and 98.8 percent at Marian University's College of Osteopathic Medicine (or 158 students).

And many of them will stay close to the area. More than 160 students at both schools (114 from IU and 48 from Marian) complete at least part of their training in Indiana. That's good news for the state, which is suffering from a shortage of doctors. Many physicians wind up starting practices in the state where they completed their residencies.

## Marian University student beating the long odds facing foster children

WTHR-13 | April 10, 2019

A bill designed to speed up the process of finding permanent homes for Indiana's foster children passed out of committee Tuesday and is now headed to the full House.

The vote comes as details of a new study regarding the education of 17,000 foster children statewide that can only be called "alarming."

But one Marian University student is beating the odds.

A junior majoring in psychology, Joshua Christian is a success story. Less than four percent of kids in Indiana's foster care system ever get a college degree, but Joshua will.

He beat the odds.



## **‘A Scramble to Keep Our Promises’: How Colleges Make Teach-Outs Work After Sudden Campus Closures**

*The Chronicle of Higher Education* | April 8, 2019

Rumors of financial problems had been swirling around Saint Joseph’s College, in Indiana. While students and faculty members whispered concerns about the institution’s fate, officials were scrambling to keep the doors open. The college was \$27 million in debt, facing a loss of accreditation, and producing deficits of \$4 million a year.

The Saint Joseph’s community was tight-knit. The rural campus had fewer than a thousand students, and professors and staff members came to feel like an extended family. So when the college held an assembly, in 2017, to announce that it would close by the end of the year, feelings of anger, confusion, and loss followed.

But within an hour of the announcement, an escape hatch opened on the sinking ship. Marian University, another Roman Catholic institution, two hours south on Interstate 65 in Indianapolis, announced it would accept Saint Joseph’s students. By the end of the week, admissions counselors were on the Saint Joseph’s campus to answer questions.

“We looked at our shared mission and knew what was most important was to help those students find a home,” said Daniel J. Elsener, Marian’s president.

## **Marian University teams up with women’s prison to offer inmates chance to earn degrees**

Fox 59 | April 18, 2019

Marian University is hoping its new initiative makes a difference in the lives of women in prison. The university has teamed up with the Indiana Women’s Prison to give inmates the chance to earn an associate’s degree while behind bars through the Women’s College Partnership.

Sixteen inmates at the Indiana Women’s Prison are currently getting the chance to further their education through a joint venture between Marian and the Bard Prison Initiative.

Since 2017, the university’s Director of Educational Services, Lesley Neff, has been working to bring the program to the prison.

“They may come in with transfer credit. They may have credit from other institutions so some of them may only need four or five courses to complete an associate’s degree while others may be starting from scratch,” Neff said.

## **‘Earn & Learn’ at Saint Joseph’s College of Marian University**

The Indy Channel | August 8, 2019

It used to be a small church, down the road from the main campus of Marian University.

Now, Saint Joseph’s College of Marian University is a new educational pathway, helping students achieve big dreams.

For Des Soper, 21, a new student at the new college, she knows it’s already going to be a good fit for her.

Soper loves art history and wants to go into the business and management side of art collecting.

This college program, she feels, could connect her to the right people to reach her goals.

“The thing that really stuck out to me about St. Joseph’s,” Soper says, “was the Earn & Learn program. We have the opportunity to build connections with other businesses and build networking.”





**MARIAN UNIVERSITY**  
**FORGING LEADERS**  
*the legacy we're made for*

The best way to mold leaders is to model leadership. Since its inception by the brave and resolute Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, Marian University has taken its role as a community leader seriously. Vision, creativity, values, and partnerships have propelled the growth of Marian University's campus and outreach.

Today our graduates serve throughout the world as teachers, nurses, doctors, ministers, scientists, and business and community leaders. Our graduates are in demand by employers who know their operations thrive when they hire people who bring their integrity along with their skills to the table. The whole world needs more people like that.

And that's exactly the kind of call Marian University likes to answer. This year we've introduced two new initiatives designed to serve, nurture, and guide our students, partners, and the greater community:

**SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE OF MARIAN UNIVERSITY - INDIANAPOLIS (SAINT JOE INDY)** – An innovative two-year college that breaks the mold with its earn-and-learn model.



Saint Joe Indy provides an earn-and-learn model by connecting students with local employers for paid, industry-related work experience while offering flexible class schedules. In 24 months, students will earn an associate degree in liberal arts or business administration, with additional opportunities for professional certifications. **See page 20 to learn more.**



# Your gift creates opportunities for us to respond to society's critical need for transformational leaders.

**WALKER CENTER FOR APPLIED ETHICS**—A center to advance a more ethical local community and beyond in business, research, and organizational best practices.



Frank and Jane Walker have made the lead gift towards the nearly \$9 million committed to open the Walker Center for Applied Ethics in 2019. Areas of focus will include research, certificate programs for ethics professionals, and a nationally recognized speaker series.

**Imagine the impact.** Become a part of this legacy we're made for and help us continue to forge leaders who have, can, and will change the world.

**Daniel J. Elsener**  
President of Marian University

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STEHM**

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**TOTAL: \$121.2 million**

## 2021 GOAL: \$150 MILLION

*Progress as of August 31, 2019*

## 2018-19 Grant Funding Exceeds Goal

**\$4,561,243**  
**37 projects**

Foundations throughout the country recognize the value of Marian University's mission to serve and awarded **\$4,561,243** to support **37 campus projects** this year.

*As of June 30, 2019*

# ILLUMINATING MARIAN UNIVERSITY

A YEAR WITH

 THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE



*The Saint John's Bible*, completed in 2011, consists of seven volumes, each two feet tall and three feet wide when opened, with over 1,100 total pages and 160 illuminations. This original edition lives in a special light and temperature-controlled gallery on the campus of St. John's University. But to provide the greater access as intended, the Heritage Edition, a series of 299 high-end, fine-art, museum-quality lithograph copies of *The Saint John's Bible* was created.

Thanks to the generosity of Peggy and Ed Bonach, Volume VI, *Gospels and Acts*, is now hosted by Marian University through May of 2020.

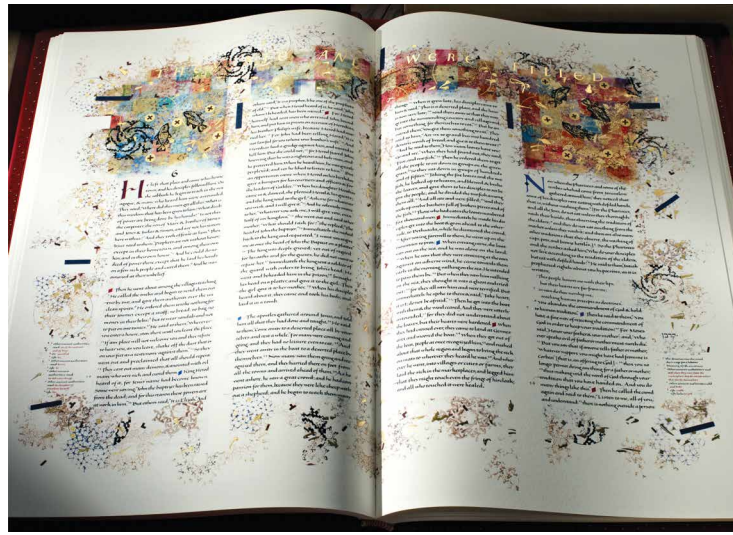
“At first sight of those illuminations, I was filled with amazement and a unique sense of God’s beauty and power,” said Ed Bonach, Marian University trustee and St. John’s University alumnus. “*The Saint John’s Bible* provides a platform for reflection, discussion, prayer, and more. This is a great way for Marian University to further its commitment to leadership and service to the community.”

There’s a reason no one had commissioned a hand-written, hand-illuminated bible in over 500 years. Turns out it’s no small feat to track down the key supplies, such as calfskin vellum or goose, turkey, and swan quills, not to mention the rare and ancient Chinese ink. And then there’s the challenge of finding a team of talented calligraphers and artists who can spare the 10 or so years required to reproduce 73 books of the Old and New Testaments.

Enter Donald Jackson, a renowned calligrapher from Monmouth, Wales, and the Benedictine monks of St. John’s Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota. For hundreds of years, Benedictine monasteries have acted as producers and protectors of books, while Donald Jackson, an actual scribe to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, had led seminars and workshops at Saint John’s for the internationally recognized Calligraphy Connection. As if being a royal scribe weren’t enough, Jackson had dreamed since childhood of some day hand-writing a bible that would “make the Word of God live on a page.” He shared that vision with Saint John’s Abbey monk Eric Hollas, OSB, who didn’t have to look far for enthusiastic supporters.

In 1998, Jackson was officially commissioned and appointed artistic director of *The Saint John’s Bible*. With St. John’s Abbey and University and a team of artists, medievalists, theologians, biblical scholars, and art historians called the Committee on Illumination and Text, he began the monumental adventure of producing an illuminated bible for the 21st century—not just for the fun and challenge of it—but with the intention of igniting the spiritual imagination of people around the world.





The Bonach sponsorship also funded a road trip to Minnesota for a team of Marian University faculty and staff to experience *The Saint John's Bible* at its home, the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library on the campus of St. John's University in September of 2018. There they learned some of the fascinating secrets to the art of illumination and how the artists used ancient tools and methods to create a bible relevant in today's world.

"We were so inspired, we talked the entire nine-hour drive home as we brainstormed all that we could do as hosts and how to prepare for the year ahead," said Sr. Jean Marie Cleveland, OSF '64, former vice president for mission effectiveness. "This bible is for the entire campus and our community to initiate artistic, scientific and spiritual inquiry, and our faculty is already building it into curriculum."

Adrianna Ernstberger, Ph.D., assistant professor of history and director of gender studies, sees *The Saint John's Bible* as academically relevant as it is spiritually sound and is excited about its inter-disciplinary, interfaith, and social justice applications.

"Students are going to see something beautiful and moving, and suddenly they'll be learning about the history of the printing press and its impact on social awareness of the times. And they will be fascinated by the contemporary images in the illuminations and reflect on the relevancy and timelessness of something they previously just thought of as old," Ernstberger said.

*The Saint John's Bible* was designed for so much more than display. It was designed to illuminate minds—young and old, open or closed, passionate or just curious. Marian University proudly invites all to experience this artistic masterpiece of hand and heart this year.

*The Saint John's Bible Gospels and Acts* volume is on display in the Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library. During scheduled times, trained docents will preside as students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community friends come to read the Word of God and reflect on the breathtaking illuminations. The volume will also be able to travel on and off campus, and several events have been planned. Alumni interested in becoming trained as docents can contact Jamie Higgs, Ph.D., associate professor of art history, at [jhiggs@marian.edu](mailto:jhiggs@marian.edu).

**Opposite:** *Word Made Flesh*, Donald Jackson

**Left:** *Birth of Christ*, Donald Jackson

**Middle:** *Multiplication of The Loaves and Fishes*, Donald Jackson.

Scripture quotations are from the *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Catholic Edition*, © 1993, 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

**Right:** *Road to Emmaus*, Sally Mae Joseph

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### Mission Statement for the Year of *The Saint John's Bible* at Marian University

The purpose of *The Saint John's Bible* initiative is to cultivate a renewed embrace of the Word of God through Christian scripture, as viewed through a contemporary lens. *The Saint John's Bible* serves as the inspiration for fostering artistic, scientific, and spiritual inquiry on campus, prompting constructive conversations with people of diverse faiths and promoting social justice. *The Saint John's Bible* initiative offers opportunities for the Marian University community and its neighboring communities to reflect on the various ways in which we relate to God, our world, and ourselves today.

### SPECIAL EVENTS:

➔ **November 6, 2019**  
Spirit and Place Festival

➔ **February 19, 2020**  
The Power of the Page  
Jamie Higgs, Ph.D., associate professor of art history

➔ **March 13, 2020**  
Suzanne Moore, Illuminator of *The Saint John's Bible*

Direct all inquiries to [saintjohnsbible@marian.edu](mailto:saintjohnsbible@marian.edu).



# RELIGIOUS ART ON CAMPUS

Students, faculty, staff, and visitors experience firsthand Marian University's Franciscan and Catholic identity as expressed in the buildings, halls, environment, and community. As you explore campus, make sure to look around at the religious artwork and sacred spaces that exhibit Marian's commitment to faith.

## 1. Sam Damiano Cross

While in prayer at the Church of San Damiano in Italy, St. Francis gazed upon the cross and received a message from Jesus Christ to "go repair my house." This message is a significant and meaningful part of Marian University's mission and Catholic identity. There are many spots where students, faculty, staff, and visitors can look up to this cross just as St. Francis did.

## 2. Christ the Teacher

The scene of Christ the Teacher was a gift from the Doyle Family in October 2007 and moved from the library to its new home in the Dining Commons.

## 3. Francis and the Leper

An important role that St. Francis embodied in his ministry was to help heal and serve others in need. In the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences, the mural of St. Francis and the Leper not only shows the work of healing and connection with the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine, but also the Franciscan values.

## 4. St. Francis Colonnade

On October 24, 1940, Marian University mourned the loss of Georgiana Feldman, who passed unexpectedly as student. A year later, her parents donated a beautiful statue of St. Francis to honor her. Surrounding St. Francis are 14 pillars with the stations of the cross constructed inside. This space serves as a place of reflection and prayer.

## 5. Nativity Scene

The mural of the nativity scene outside of Alumni Hall honors not only St. Francis and his admiration for the Holy family, but also the families of Marian University. Students, faculty, staff, and their families can witness this sacred image illuminated at night.

## 6. Blessed Mother Mary Shrine and Rosary Walk

The Blessed Mother Mary Shrine and Rosary Walk were the combined projects of four San Damiano Scholars. With the help of an architect to design the space and artists to design the statue for the shrine and symbols for the mysteries of the rosary, this peaceful spot was brought to life and serves as a place of veneration and reflection.

## 7. Mosaics of the Franciscan Values

The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, shared the four Franciscan values with Marian University to incorporate into the lives of the community and mission. Dignity of the individual, peace and justice, reconciliation, and responsible stewardship are values grounded in prayer and represent Marian's Franciscan roots and call to serve. Mosaics of the four values are displayed on the first-floor hallway of the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences.



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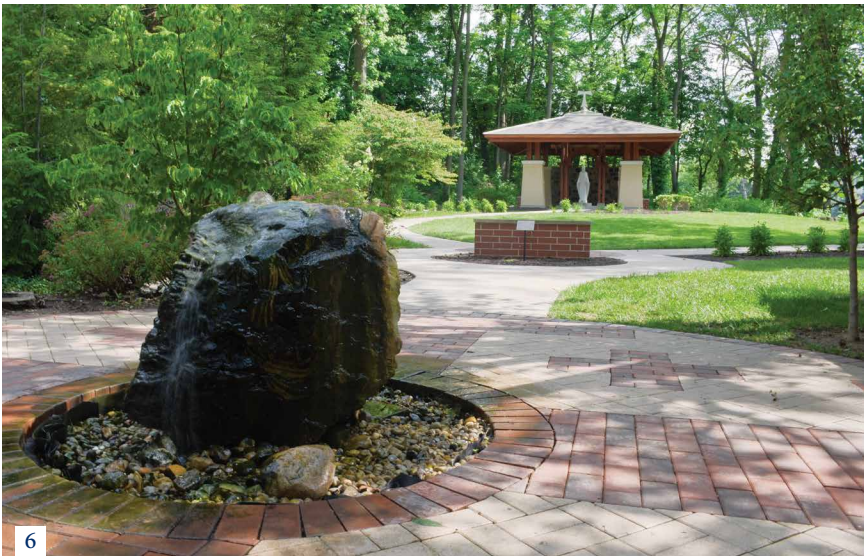




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# Earn and Learn:

## Get to Know Saint Joseph's College of Marian University - Indianapolis

In September 2018, Marian University announced the opening of its innovative, mission-driven two-year college in collaboration with the former Saint Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana. Now, less than a year later, classes at the new Saint Joseph's College of Marian University - Indianapolis (Saint Joe Indy) have begun.

Here's what you need to know:

But first, some background.

With a goal of increasing access to higher education, Saint Joe Indy's close-knit cohort of students and support from faculty make the dream of graduating from college a reality. The school's degree tracks include an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts and an Associate of Business Administration with an Information Technology plug-in option. The plug-in allows students to take elective courses in computer science, work hands-on with a coding academy, and gain credit for other tech-associated experiences.



**SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE**  
OF MARIAN UNIVERSITY  
INDIANAPOLIS



## Weekly Class Schedule



**Three days each week:**  
No class – days open to participate in the earn and learn program



**Two days each week:**  
Classes held – connect with faculty and classmates on campus

*The earn and learn program begins third semester.  
Class schedules may vary first and second semesters.*

## EARN AND LEARN.

Instead of a class schedule spread out over the five-day school week, students at Saint Joe Indy attend classes twice a week. The flexible schedule allows students to earn while they learn. Since the announcement of the college in 2018, partnerships were made with key central Indiana employers who hire students while they are in school and after graduation. Students are placed in positions relevant to their two-year program, so they make connections between what they learn in the classroom and real-world work experience.

## WHO'S WHO.

**Alice Susemichel** was hired as director of workforce development to lead the charge in securing the employer partnerships. Other critical hires throughout the year included **Jeff Jourdan**, executive director, **Michael Nichols**, associate director and dean, and **Greg Soto**, associate director of admissions. Four full-time, high-qualified faculty members were hired to support the inaugural class.





## A PLACE TO CALL HOME.

A former church, located just west of Marian University's main campus was renovated to match the school's innovative curriculum. Students can get comfortable in cozy study nooks, spread out to work on a group project in a collaboration space, or meet with a professor in a state-of-the-art classroom. And, because the two-year college is located within walking distance of Marian University's main campus, students have complete access to the library, computer resources, student health center, fitness center, Writing Center, and other university resources.

## WHAT COMES AFTER?

After graduation, students have the opportunity to either go directly into a career or continue to get their bachelor's degree from Marian University, or another accredited institution.

Do you know someone who might be the perfect fit for Saint Joe Indy? Applications are being accepted now for July 2020 enrollment at [marian.edu/twoyearcollege](http://marian.edu/twoyearcollege).



MARIAN UNIVERSITY  
Indianapolis

SAVE THE DATE

HOMECOMING  
GALA WEEKEND  
OCTOBER 24-27



# CALLING ALL KNIGHTS!

For the very first time, we're celebrating homecoming and the gala during the same weekend. Here's what's happening:

Friday, October 25  
Thrive Gala

Saturday, October 26  
Homecoming Football Game and  
All-Alumni Celebration

Sunday, October 27  
Teresa Walters Concert and Lunch



To purchase tickets,  
visit [marian.edu/homecoming](http://marian.edu/homecoming).





Dear Alumni,

Recently, I had the opportunity to see *The Saint John's Bible* in person and spend some time reflecting on passages of the Bible using the illuminations contained within the text. It is a profound experience, both from a spiritual perspective, and simply as a work of art. I look forward to offering opportunities for alumni to experience *The Saint John's Bible* in person over the coming year. Please let me know if you would like to see *The Saint John's Bible* and watch your alumni newsletter for special alumni opportunities to learn more.

Homecoming/Reunion Weekend 2019 is scheduled for October 24-27. We are hosting our Thrive Gala on Friday evening, October 25, as part of this special weekend. I hope you will plan to come to campus to celebrate Homecoming/Reunion Weekend with us! A special bonus for Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD)—an anonymous donor has offered to match gifts from new GOLD donors until the end of the year.

Earlier this year, we sent an Alumni Identity Survey to all 10,000 alumni for whom we had an email address. We received responses from over 2,000 of those alumni! My sincere thanks to all who responded. If you did not receive the survey, we may not have your email address. Please send me an email at [alumni@marian.edu](mailto:alumni@marian.edu) if you did not receive the survey and would like to receive alumni information from Marian University.

I learned a lot about our alumni from the results of the survey. Overall, Marian alumni have clear feelings about being graduates. To alumni, it means more than just contributing money or time. Being a Marian alumni is an important part of who they are, and it's something they often think about. The people they are closest to know they went to Marian and think that being Marian alumni is important to them.

Upon reflection, I agree with those results. Marian isn't just where I went to school, and it's not just where I work. Marian University helped make me who I am. It runs much deeper than a diploma, a sweatshirt, a business card, or a license plate. For me, it's a lifelong connection, running across our 114 park-like acres (which are now closer to 153, as we've added the Cold Spring School property and Saint Joseph Hall), across four generations and 82 graduating classes, and calling me back in a variety of ways. I hope you feel it, too, and will continue to stay connected, whether you live near 3200 Cold Spring Road or not. If you would like to get reconnected, let me know—I'd love to learn your story and help you get informed and involved at whatever level you would like to be.

Go Knights!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cathy Siler".

Cathy Watt Siler '86  
Director of Alumni and Parent Engagement



Did you get an exciting new job or promotion? Make a career change? Want to show the newest member of your family to the Marian University community? Did your wedding party or reception include Marian University alumni? If so, let us know by emailing [alumni@marian.edu](mailto:alumni@marian.edu). It could be included in the next issue of the *Marian University Magazine*.

**1961**

**Karl Hertz** was recognized by the Village of Thiensville with the Pillar of Community Award. Hertz has served the Thiensville community for over 34 years in various roles, including school superintendent and village president.

**1962**

**Adriana Guzman** has moved to Kileen, Texas, from Puerto Rico.

**1965**

Wherever **Bill** and **Judy Tishaus Davidson** go, Knightro is usually tagging along. This visit was with Tom and **Nola Havens Gregg '71** at the Indiana Restaurant in Paris.



**1966**

**William Babcock** was recently given 100 percent disability due to injuries/illnesses related to his service in Vietnam.

**1967**

**Mary Jane Scheidler Elliott** and her husband, David, helped found Concordia International School Hanoi and still work there part time.

**Anne Treckman Weiss** celebrated 50 years of teaching at Andean High School in Merrillville, Indiana.

**1973**

**Mike Mills** and Vicki Lickliter were married April 5, 2019.

**1975**

After 11 years at Prairiewoods Franciscan Spirituality Center, **Marjorie English, OSF**, is back at the motherhouse in Oldenburg, Indiana. After some sabbatical time, she will be looking for some part-time ministry somewhere in the Indianapolis/Cincinnati corridor.

Six Marian alumni recently traveled to India, Nepal and Dubai for a culturally enriching journey. **Jerry** and **Karen Brezina Kretschmann** accompanied **Ricardo '72** and **Susan Knueven '73 Wong** for three weeks in India. They spent time in the Golden Triangle and then the west coast of India before joining up with **Tom** and **Sue Stollenwerk '76 Cebulko**, who had visited northern India.



**1980**

Spirited alumnae brought Nomadic Knightro to Paris as they celebrated their 60th birthdays. Pictured are: (Back Row) **Mary Rihm Riggle**, **Beth Wathen**, **Sue Hardesty**, **Colleen Murphy** (Front Row) **Nancy Holtel Marticke '77** and **Denise Brennan Feser '77**.

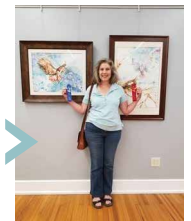


**1982**

**Nancy Townsend** is an of counsel attorney at Krieg DeVault LLP.

**1984**

**Mary Clouse** had a painting accepted into the juried Watercolor Society of Indiana show held at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. In addition, Mary won first and second place in the professional artist division for watercolor paintings at Riley Fest.



**1986**

**Leo Hurtado** is vice president of information technology and chief information officer of Arial International.

**1989**

**Sherri Gunthorp Johnston** was named vice president of the board of directors of the LaGrange County Economic Development Corporation.

**Karen Schneider Lucas** has moved to Greenwood and has joined Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi parish.

**Michael Lucas** is a teacher at Thomas Carr Howe High School.

**1991**

**Ric Hertel** was elected to his sixth term as Ripley County prosecutor.

**John Mathis** founded an organic skin cream company, Elemental Alchemy in 2015. He was hired by IBM Watson to design clinical trial databases in 2016, and his manuscript was picked up for publication by Waterside Production in 2018.

**1993**

**Stephanie Arvin Allen** is a breast imaging navigator at Memorial Hospital in Jasper, Indiana.

**1995**

**Noel Schaak** is an academic advisor at Crosspoint Academy.



1997

**David and Suzanne DePauw Lemler** are owners of Lemler Group accounting firm. The firm received the 2019 CPA Center of Excellence Award from the Indiana CPA Society. The Lemler Group is committed to hiring Marian students and graduates, including alumni **Derek James '08** (far left) and **Mariana Lovera '19** (far right).



**Michelle Study-Campbell** is youth protection director at Kiwanis International.

1998

**Lesley Leitz Fields** is a financial services professional for Mass Mutual Midwest.

1999

**Ryan France** is IH/environmental advisor at Safety Management Group.

2000

The Indiana Hospital Association has named **Matt Browning** vice president of data and member solutions.

**Debi Skurow Haug** has been named executive director for mission of the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities (AFCU). AFCU is the organization that connects the 24 Franciscan colleges and universities in the United States by supporting the members' mission of Catholic higher education by providing a forum for dialog and fostering and facilitating collaboration among members.

**Christian Mehall** is senior account executive at The Basement.

2001

**Anne Elsener** and husband, Ben Hilby, welcomed their third son, James Elsener Hilby, in April 2019.

**Lindsey Craig Howlett** is an art teacher for the Clarksville School Corporation.

2002

St. Louis kindergarten teacher **Amanda Walsman Farmer** was honored as a STEMstar educator by Genesis: Pathways to Success.

2004

**Janice Florczak Hibbard** celebrated the world premiere of her original play, *Letters Sent*, produced by Fat Turtle Theater Company. Janice lives on the east side of Indianapolis with her husband Eddie and fur-kids Max and Gizmo.

2005

**Brittany Connolly Innes** is a neurosurgery nurse practitioner for the Minneapolis VA Medical Center.

**Nick Johnson** and wife, Stephanie, welcomed son, Michael Harrison Johnson, in September 2018.

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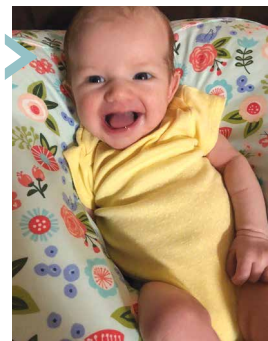
**Jessica Miller Plew** is senior attorney for United States Customs and Border Protection.

2007

**Caroline Koen** is a customer service representative for Honda of Lincoln.

2008

**Cristi Downing** and Tyler Brant welcomed baby *Althea* in March 2018.



**Adam Ehret** is president and chief operating officer for Barratt Asset Management.

2009

**Evan Brown** is chief financial officer for The Garrett Companies. The Garrett Companies was named 2018's fastest growing company in Indiana, and 10th fastest in the United States.

**Bill Cobb** is certified registered nurse anesthetist at Carolina Anesthesiology.

**Vicky Hathaway** was selected to share the stage with Pope Francis during his Stations of the Cross as part of World Youth Day '19 in Panama City, Panama.

**Brittney Knies** married Keith Suttle on September 29, 2018.

**Colleen Oliver Lowe** and husband, Alex, welcomed son, Lincoln, in April 2019. Lincoln joins big brother, Teddy, in rounding out the household.

**Gabe Peters** has been promoted to partner at ScreenBroidery.

2010

**Doneisha Posey** was invited to lecture at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and Carlton Waterhouse's, Ph.D, J.D., Race

and the Law course. She spoke about the history of racial discrimination in housing as it pertains to urban renewal and public highways. At the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, she is afforded the opportunity to enforce the Indiana Civil Rights laws and to continue to eradicate discrimination in the State of Indiana.

2011

**Caitlin Johns Bain** is director of development at Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana.

**Brandi Wallace Coffin** was accepted to Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Health Master's program. She will pursue a Master of Science in Patient Safety and Healthcare Quality.

**Theresa Fairbrother** married Christopher Chatterton on October 20, 2018. Theresa teaches health and physical education for the Brownsburg School Corporation.

**Jeremy Goebel** and wife, Katie, welcomed daughter, Felicity Rose, in April 2019. Big brothers, Elijah and John Paul, are thrilled.

**Mary Jane Gonzalez** is government staffing associate/recruiter at All-in-1 Government Solutions.

**Kelli Hackler** married Zach Lyon on June 10, 2018. Their bridal attendants included Kelli's sister, **Kerri Hackler Stone**, as matron of honor, as well as **Jamie Waller '12** and **Sarah Crist Vanzile '12**.

**Rachel Landis** and **Jared McGinn '13** were married on October 6, 2018, and welcomed baby Charlotte May.

**Anjellica Rospond** married Jim Peck on January 5, 2019. The couple were introduced by Jim's cousin, **Megen Egenolf Mansaray**, who was in the bridal party. Also in the bridal party were **Molly Lauck '10**, **Alyssa Richard Brawner**, **Carrie Sherman Brunke**, and **Lauren Wheeler Fiely '12**.



**Adam Turner** received Employee of the Quarter honors at Chain O'Lakes Correctional Facility. He competed in International MAS Wrestling at the Arnold Classic in Columbus, Ohio, in March 2019. Adam, wife, Skyla, and daughter, Maleigha, welcomed Rosalie Sky in July 2019.

2012

**Alex Sylvester** and wife, Mallory, welcomed Henry Michael in September 2018.



**Brad Westcott** is art team lead for Herff Jones.

2013

**Steve Seculoff** is a project manager with Indiana Department of Transportation.

**Tom Sublett, B.S. '13, DO '17** is a student naval flight surgeon with Natal Aviation Schools Command.

**Jessica Williams Wedgewood** is the scheduler for United States Senator Mike Braun (R-IN).

**Justin Wedgewood** recently had his octavo "O Christ Bright Sun of Justice" published through Oregon Catholic Press. Justin teaches middle school at Little Flower School in Bethesda, Maryland.

2014

**Michael Barton** received the Indiana CPA Society's 2019 Advocacy Award for his contributions to the Society's legislative and regulatory initiatives.



**Veronica Belles** married Brian Woodcox on April 21, 2018. Veronica is a multimedia designer for the Indiana Department of Revenue.

**Megan Beyers** has completed her master's degree in library science with a concentration in academic librarianship from Indiana University Purdue University-Indianapolis.

**Molly Cope** married Dustin Dickerson on December 8, 2018.

**Allie Dragoo** married Carson Legg on July 21, 2018.

**Matthew Duncan** was appointed Utica's Town Council Attorney in January 2018.

**Jenny Hornaday** married Nick Soto on June 16, 2018.

**Rachel Nakabayashi Howard** is teaching music at Holy Spirit School, as is her husband, **Andrew Howard '15**.

**Adrienne Johnson** is coordinator of youth education and fitness programs for the 500 Festival.

**Drew Kelley** has been promoted to senior account executive at Springbuk.

**Jalee Miller Lettinga B.S. '14, DO '18** is an OB-GYN resident at Jefferson Health New Jersey.

**Kirsten Petras** has been promoted to executive director of sales at Oak Street Funding. Petras was also named as one of the 2018 Elite Women in Insurance by Insurance Business America.

**Matthew Staninger** is a competitive intelligence analyst for The Reynolds and Reynolds Company.

**Sarah Cabe Thixton** is a registered nurse with Community Health Network.

**David Yohe** completed the training academy and has been sworn in as an officer of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department.

2015

Four members of the Class of '15 have been ordained to the priesthood. On May 25, 2019, **Anthony Cecil** was ordained for the Archdiocese of Louisville, and **Luke Hassler** and **Andrew Thomas** were ordained for the Diocese of Evansville. On June 1, 2019, **Declan McNicholas** was ordained for the Diocese of Gary.

**Sharelle Cross** is corporate reservations manager at General Hotels Corporation.

**Stephanie Hernandez** is working in Shanghai, China.

**Alecia Kissel** traveled to Bangkok, Thailand, and brought Nomadic Knightro along. She is now community manager at Kenzie Academy.

**Noelia Gonzalez Miller** and her husband, Derek, welcomed son, Gabe, in February 2019.

**Jessica Skrobul** was named Teacher of the Month at Brownsburg High School in March 2019.

**Adriana Zermeno** is an executive assistant for Faith in Indiana.

2016

**Danny Carbajal Montes** married Destinay Jagers on September 23, 2017.

**Bristin Dunigan** is a personal trainer for Community Health.

**Jake Fleet** is mid-market account executive at RingCentral.

**Dakkota Gary** is a smile guide at Smile Direct Club.

**Julia Kelb** was promoted to manager of communications for Marian University's Office of Marketing Communications.

**Becky Kuhlman** and **Jack Hiatt** were married on September 8, 2018. Becky is events and communication coordinator for undergraduate admission at Marian University. Jack is fund accountant, credit services for Cortland Capital Market Services, LLC.

**Allison Miller** married her high school sweetheart, Tim Leonard, on October 20, 2018. Allison teaches junior high theology at Ascension School.

**Jarrett Settles** married Casey Long on July 28, 2018.

**Alexus Casada Snyder** and husband, Harry, welcomed Harry Joseph Snyder III in November, 2018.

**Brandi Underwood** is artistic director for Fat Turtle Theater Company.

**Alex Wetmore** married Courtney Brown on August 25, 2018.





## 2017

**Kristin Alman, DO**, is a diagnostic radiology resident with Bryn Mawr Hospital.

**Jessica Almeida** is outreach and marketing coordinator for international admission and study abroad at Marian University.

**Mary Schubnell Bailey** is a staff accountant for General Hotels Corporation.

**Chandler Ball** is informational technology internal auditor at CNO Financial Group.

**Patrick Bell** has been promoted to digital coordinator at Emmis Communications.

**Mark Berghoff** married **Catherine Bell '19** on September 15, 2018.

**Chris Brown** married Stephanie Bloom on April 14, 2018. Chris is a manager at Freddy's Frozen Custard.

**Brandon Budiman-Steinley, DO**, is a physical medicine and rehabilitation resident with Indiana University.

**Heather Whitaker Chouteau, DO**, and husband, Nick, welcomed baby, Jackson, in August 2017. Heather is a resident at Indiana University School of Medicine.

**David Diehl** is a ticket sales account executive with the Indianapolis Indians.

**Dillon Dittmore** is associate production supervisor at Allison Transmission.

**Eliot Forrest** is information technology manager for Anthem.

**Leyla Gasimli-Gamache, DO**, is an internal medicine resident with Stony Brook University Hospital.

**Amanda Gutwein, DO**, is a pediatric resident at East Tennessee State University.

**Hamilton Harris, DO**, is a psychiatry resident physician with Indiana University School of Medicine.

**Emma Hegwood, DO**, and husband Josef Wegehaupt welcomed son, Alexander, in July 2018. Emma is an internal medicine resident for St. Vincent Health.

**Tim Hogan, DO**, is a resident physician at UPMC Susquehanna.

**David Johnson, DO**, is a family medicine resident at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center.

**Galen Monroe** is staff accountant, tax services at Sponcel CPA Group.

**Cody Owens, DO**, and wife, Christina, welcomed daughter, Caleigh, in November 2018.

**Kyle Paul, DO**, is a surgical resident at Grandview Medical Center.

**Layne Perkowitz, DO**, and Jason Gritti were married May 27, 2017. Layne is a psychiatry resident with University Hospitals.

**Allison Pressimone, DO**, is in her second year of pediatrics residency with Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Maryland.

**Haley Volk Solomon, DO**, is a psychiatry resident with Harvard South Shore.

**Rosemary Wall** is account coordinator at Equator Design.

**Zach Wright, DO**, and wife, Alyssa, were married on September 29, 2018. Zach was recently selected by Mountain Area Health Education Center's faculty to be his program's representative for "Resident of the Year" for the Class of 2020, to be selected in late November.

## 2018

**Antonia Bridges** is a security background specialist at First Advantage.

**Sabrina Brown** is a business intelligence analyst for Carbonite.

**Almamy Diaby** is a staff accountant at Indiana University Health.

**Cassandra Dishman, DO**, married Kevin Kessler on May 19, 2018.

**Shaquona Ellis** is site coordinator for Playworks.

**Katie Ernstberger** is a staff accountant with EY.

**Josiah Johnson** is a talent acquisition specialist for the City of Indianapolis.

**Ryan Johnson, MAT**, and **Gretchen Sandberg Johnson, DO**, welcomed Jonathan Matthew Wallace Johnson in September 2018.

**Emily Krach, DO**, is a resident with the Fort Wayne Medical Education Program.

**Alex Slaten, DO**, is a resident at St. Vincent Health.

**Nikki Smedal, DO**, is an OB-GYN resident at Trihealth - Good Samaritan Hospital.

**Olivia Smith, DO**, is a family medicine resident for St. Vincent/Ascension.

**Felicia Stancil** took a gold medal and was crowned Elite Women's BMX National Champion in March 2019.

**Carolyn Swartz** is assistant director of alumni engagement and annual giving at Marian University.

**Chelsea Ullmann, DO**, is a resident physician with Franciscan Health.

**Elisabeth Vreede, DO**, married Ben Greenberg on March 31, 2018. Elisabeth is an emergency medicine resident at Spectrum Health Lakeland.

**P.J. Warmoth, DO**, is an orthopedic surgery resident with Doctors Hospital.

**Victoria Yagodinski** has been accepted to Indiana University School of Medicine's Class of 2023.

## Alumni Honored

**Steve Gutzwiller '69, Chris Everett '73, and John Purcell '74** (left to right) received the Marian University Snyder-Watt Leadership Award at the annual President's Appreciation Dinner in May. They were recognized for their efforts in support of keeping alumni connected to Marian University and our students.



**Erna Santarossa DeCecco '44**—August 11, 2018  
**Sr. Mary Gloria Gallagher, OSF '46**—January 7, 2019  
**Sr. Lavonne Long, OSF '48**—June 15, 2018  
**Sr. Irvin Marie Kreimer, OSF '48**—September 8, 2018  
**Mary Jean Morin '51**—July 10, 2018  
**Sr. Rosemary Lee, OSF '52**—August 30, 2018  
**Audrey Kraus Kasak '53**—January 9, 2019  
**Sr. Corrine Brown, OSF '54 (Sr. Georganne)**—February 5, 2018  
**Regina Sivgals Haug '56**—February 26, 2019  
**Sr. Ruth Ann Wirtz, OSF '56**—April 21, 2019  
**Mary Ann Busemeyer Huntington '57**—March 23, 2019  
**Richard “Dick” Beck '59**—April 24, 2015  
**Richard F. Delaney '59**—October 15, 2018  
**Richard Meisberger '59**—June 30, 2018  
**Richard Van Noy '59**—April 4, 2019  
**Sr. Marietta Sharkey, OSF '60**—September 19, 2018  
**Sr. Mary Stella Gampfer '61**—April 12, 2019  
**Jill Parker McCormick '61**—February 7, 2019  
**Sr. Donna DeMange, OSF '62 (Sr. Mary Janet)**—March 29, 2019  
**Michael Thompson '63**—January 6, 2018

**Fr. Tom Widner, SJ '64**—August 13, 2018  
**Michael K. Hesselgrave '65**—October 14, 2018  
**Sr. Sandra Schweitzer, OSF '65**—May 8, 2019  
**Dennis “Denny” Bratton '66**—January 2, 2018  
**Larry Hornbach '69**—December 16, 2018  
**Ann Martine Boehnlein Clyne '71**—December 3, 2018  
**Robert “Bob” Papandria '72**—September 4, 2018  
**Terry Swift '72**—November 21, 2018  
**Gary Armbrecht '73**—January 5, 2019  
**Addison “Burr” Simpson '73**—March 25, 2019  
**Jon Driscoll '77**—May 6, 2017  
**Donna Lea Merriott '81**—September 11, 2018  
**B. Craig Griffith '92**—February 26, 2019  
**Jodi Yonts MacDonald '92**—February 14, 2019  
**Ruth Ann “Annie” Inskeep Vowels '95**—August 16, 2018  
**Sharon Gall Lecher '96**—March 20, 2019  
**Megan Blose March '08**—January 2, 2019  
**Jennifer “Jenni” Mellen Thome '08**—May 10, 2019  
**Elizabeth Barry Nus '11**—July 28, 2018

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## Sr. Jean Marie Cleveland, OSF '64

Before being called back to Oldenburg this past summer, Sr. Jean Marie Cleveland, OSF '64, was vice president for mission effectiveness, playing a vital role in carrying out Marian University's Catholic Franciscan values and acting as a liaison between the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, and campus.

Sr. Jean Marie grew up on the east side of Indianapolis with her parents, grandparents, and younger brother, attending Little Flower Catholic School and Scecina Memorial High School.

"I was a pretty typical kid I guess. I took a lot of music lessons in grade school. I had the usual questions, like what am I going to do when I get out of school?" Sr. Jean Marie said.

It was during her senior year of high school that she felt the call to religious life. Following in the footsteps of the Sisters that taught her in grade school and high school, she joined the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana.

"Today, I've talked to a couple kids who go on the internet and look up religious orders, but that didn't even occur to me. I had no place to look them up," Sr. Jean Marie said.

As a new Sister, Sr. Jean Marie earned her bachelor's degree from Marian University, spending two semesters on campus.

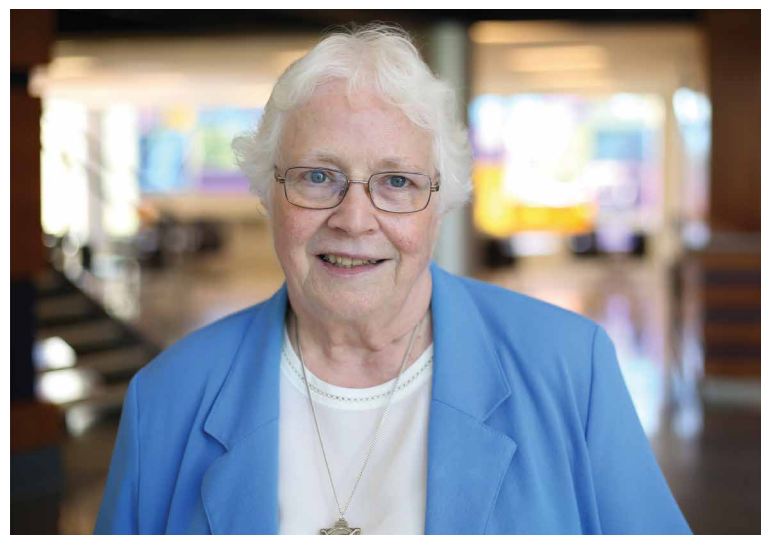
"The only thing I did that was extracurricular was iron the clothes for Anna in *The King and I*. That was fun. Otherwise, I went to school and then went home and studied," Sr. Jean Marie said.

Sr. Jean Marie spent the first 25 years of her career in education, teaching elementary and high school. She spent the latter of those years as a principal. After, she was called to pastoral work as a parish life coordinator, was elected to leadership with the Sisters, and later appointed to her role as vice president for mission effectiveness at Marian University.

"I really liked meeting with different departments talking about the Franciscan sponsorship value of the year. It's been fun. I loved orientations. I loved retreat days. I said enumerable prayers, pinned a million nurses," Sr. Jean Marie said.

Now at Oldenburg continuing her mission effectiveness work there, Sr. Jean Marie hopes the faith-filled spirit continues to be a large presence on campus.

"I hope the spirit stays—the spirit of welcome, the spirit of working together. I hope we can keep a presence. I hope the values stay and that we can spread faith—whatever faith in their lives," Sr. Jean Marie said. "There is going to be a time when we aren't going to be here. You all have to do that now."





**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Homecoming**  
October 24-27

**Thrive Gala**  
October 25 at 6:30 p.m. at  
the JW Marriott Indianapolis  
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**Joseph and the Amazing  
Technicolor Dreamcoat**  
November 21-24



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or email [alumni@marian.edu](mailto:alumni@marian.edu).

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