

FAQs About Marist Mission Groups Initiative for Parents

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1. What is the Marist Mission Groups Initiative?

The Marist Mission Groups Initiative will connect the Marist School community through small group discussions that enhance learning about *the educational and spiritual inheritance of the Society of Mary*, the religious congregation that founded Marist School in 1901.

2. Why?

Our Marist identity makes *profound claims on how we approach education* here at Marist School, so the initiative will help all involved reflect on their own experience from a Marist perspective.

3. What will the discussion topics be?

Before each meeting, each mission group will read a story about *the origins of the Marists* and a reflection that connects the founding of the Society of Mary to how we fulfill our mission in education at Marist School.

4. Is this a class?

No. This initiative is meant to develop *conversations and personal sharing* about the challenges of raising children, professional challenges, the ups and downs of family life in today's secular society, and how to be better fathers, mothers, spouses, and school partners.

All discussions will be placed in the context of your Marist experience, the school's distinctive Marist values, and our shared calling to form young people in the image of Christ.

5. Who participates?

All CURRENT parents for the 2025-2026 academic year are warmly invited and encouraged to participate. People of all faith traditions are welcome! As this is an explicitly Marist School initiative, there will be a Catholic lens to the material.

6. When will the groups meet?

Groups of five to six randomly assigned people will meet *three or four times* during the school year.

Meetings may be virtual or in person, arranged at a time convenient for each group, and will last one hour. A trained facilitator will open the meeting with prayer and guide the discussion with questions based on the assigned reading.

7. How long will the initiative last?

This initiative will launch at the beginning of the 2025-2026 academic year and continue through the 2026-2027 academic year to fully cover the history of the Marists from their inspiration in Le Puy, France to the creation of Marist School in Atlanta.

8. How can I participate?

You can participate by agreeing to join a mission group or by volunteering to serve as a mission group facilitator. We will provide an orientation and training session for facilitators in advance of the first mission group meeting.

[Complete this form](#) to express your interest in joining a mission group or serving as a facilitator.