

A Message from the President

Dear Marian Community,

After several years of discernment, the Servants of Mary, Marian's founding order, have announced plans to transition from their motherhouse on our campus to a senior living community. If you follow the Servants of Mary, this may not be news to you. Last week the Flatwater Free Press released a feature story on the sisters' transition.

Currently, 21 sisters reside at the convent. As the number of sisters has decreased, the size and maintenance of the motherhouse has become a concern. The transition to the Immanuel senior living community will be gradual as rooms become available and may not be complete until December 2026 or later.

When the time comes, Marian will assume operational ownership of the convent and its grounds. Marian bought the convent from the sisters in 2019.

Marian's leadership team has started exploring possibilities for the space. We will be gathering input from community leaders and planning experts, and we will keep you informed of this development. Whatever the outcome, the building's next use

must benefit Marian students and the surrounding community and be a differentiator for us in the preparation of young women for college and beyond.

When the sisters opened Marian in 1955, they welcomed 42 freshmen and the majority of the staff were nuns. The sisters poured everything into the school, and by 1967 Marian had grown to over 800 students. The foundation the sisters established set the course for Marian's future. (You can read more about Marian milestones and the history of the Servants of Mary here.)

Today Marian enrolls over 600 young women and boasts an alumnae base of over 10,000 women. Marian is widely recognized for the quality of its academic, athletic and co-curricular programs and, most importantly, the character of its graduates.

The release of this news has generated so many fond memories. As you consider the impact of the Servants of Mary in your life, feel free to share a message below.

We are proud of our history and indebted to the Servants of Mary for their service and dedication. We will remain true to the mission and culture they have instilled at Marian.

Share a message or memory with the Servants of Mary

In Marian Spirit,



Michele Romero Ernst '81
President

Founded by the Servants of Mary, the mission of Marian High School is to provide a Catholic college preparatory education for young women, to empower students to discover and develop their talents, and to inspire them to lead and serve as women of faith and compassion.

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