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Marianist Social Justice Collaborative

A VOICE OF THE MARIANIST FAMILY ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

Dear MSJC Supporter,

We at the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative (MSJC) have been spending a lot of time pondering the following questions and wonder if they ring true for you:

- When will COVID be over?
- When will life be normal again and without so much fear?
- **What can we do to make sure that life on the other side of COVID is better, more just, more equal, and more loving?**

MSJC has worked hard to adapt to the new reality of our world and to continue to offer experiences and resources that people in our network can engage with to continue to advance social justice. For example:

- We offered a variety workshops via Zoom, including a Juneteenth gathering on racial justice, virtual celebrations of Catholic SHEroes, a panel discussion highlighting our Marianist call in the 2020 elections, and an 8-week racial equity discussion series using the podcast Seeing White.
- We produced a cutting-edge video, Living Our Marianist Charism: Embracing the LGBTQ+ Community (msjc.net/lgbt-initiative) that has received widespread acclaim.
- We published 8 Community Meeting Kits on a variety of social justice issues that can be used by small faith groups either in person or virtually.

While we have adapted, the question remains – what is next for MSJC? What happens after COVID? We have some ambitious plans, but they will only work if we continue to get support from everyone in our network, including you.

Would you consider a financial gift to MSJC to help us come out of this COVID crisis stronger than ever and more able to contribute to shaping a new, just world?

Please consider a gift of \$50 or more to MSJC. However, know that a gift of any amount is important and valued.

Your investment can help us accomplish the following:

- Continue to grow our new Racial Justice Issue Team
 - We believe this team can challenge all of us to address more seriously the reality of systemic racism.
- Establish a stronger presence on social media
 - This will help us reach out to more people and involve young adults in our work.
- Sponsor restorative justice trainings
 - We want to commit to restorative justice within all parts our Marianist network, starting with getting several of our members trained in restorative practices.
- Invest in retreats
 - We have two retreats in the planning stages for 2021, one for LGBT persons, their families, and allies and another aimed at intergenerational connection.
- Expand our capacity to host virtual social justice programs
 - We plan to continue to offer a variety of virtual programs including more podcast discussion groups, gatherings to celebrate Marianist SHEroes, and events following up on the 2020 elections.

Right now, we need you to be as generous as possible with a gift to MSJC. We believe that all us want to make a difference in our world. **Help us do that through continuing to offer programs (both in-person and virtual) that challenge Marianists and beyond to work for justice. Your gift will help MSJC to offer a more comprehensive justice approach, including expanding our issue teams and our staff support. Donate to help create a more equitable post-COVID world.**

Peace,

Jim Vogt - Executive Director of the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative

P.S. – Remember that your gift will allow MSJC to provide more staff support to our issue teams, to continue to offer a wide variety of justice-centered programs and to advance our work in protecting the most vulnerable of our society. **Why not send in your contribution right now?** Make your contribution online at www.msjc.net (click on the “Give” button). Or if you prefer, you can mail your check to us at the address below.