

# Catholic Identity

of Marian University

**Marian University is a Catholic university** founded and sponsored by the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes, a religious congregation that began in 1858 in Wisconsin.

At Marian University, you will encounter a Catholic environment where the Catholic intellectual tradition influences our decisions, activities, and service to others. You will find a hospitable environment where people of all religious and faith backgrounds are welcomed and encouraged to dialogue with one another.

***How Marian University expresses itself as a Catholic university is evidenced in the following ways:***

- **Academic Life**

All academic disciplines at Marian University recognize the fact that the Catholic intellectual tradition of “faith seeking understanding” is core to Marian’s identity. Faculty members strive to help students integrate faith and reason within their courses. In particular, undergraduate students are required to take courses in Philosophy and Theology.

- **Prayer and Worship**

There is an active prayer and liturgical life on campus. Students, staff, or faculty may participate in and/or take a leadership role in weekly Mass, Feast Day celebrations, sacramental opportunities, traditional devotional practices, and other prayer services.

- **Campus Ministry**

Marian University offers a vibrant Campus Ministry Club and a full-time Director. Students of all religious backgrounds may develop and deepen their faith life through such Campus Ministry activities as faith sharing, Bible study, retreats, discussion groups, and service to others. Students also participate in the liturgical ministries as greeters, readers, and eucharistic ministers.

- **Moral Development**

At Marian University, workshops, conferences, and speakers, as well as certain courses, policies and procedures, are offered to help students develop a moral integrity that leads them to act with compassion and justice. The Social Justice Committee’s monthly Speaker Series plays an important role in this development.

- **Service and Social Justice**

There is a commitment to uphold the social and moral teachings of the Catholic Church. A variety of service opportunities exists such as working at a food pantry and visiting with elderly members of our community. Various speakers, cultural events, concerts, and service-learning experiences further help the Marian community remember and reflect upon church and societal issues that affect people, especially those whose faith life or human dignity is threatened in any way.

*Marian University, as a Catholic university, welcomes all students as they seek truth and meaning for their lives.*

— Catholic Identity Discussion Group 4/10

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# Mission Statement

Marian University is a Catholic applied liberal arts community that welcomes diverse spiritual traditions. Sponsored by the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes, Marian University engages students in the education of the whole person. We embrace justice and compassion and transform lives for professional service and leadership in the global community.

*Marian University is a community committed to learning, dedicated to service and social justice and joined together by spiritual traditions.*

## Core Values

### Community

Respecting our diversity as individuals, we encourage, challenge and nurture one another, joining together to accomplish our shared mission and vision.

### Learning

We engage in a collaborative life-long process of seeking truth and appropriating knowledge and values to transform the individual, our communities, and the world.

### Service

Through active service and ministry, we support one another and seek to meet the needs of the larger community.

### Social Justice

We work to create individual and societal change which supports the value, dignity, and opportunity of every person.

### Spiritual Traditions

Valuing Marian's Catholic religious heritage, we respect each individual's freedom to explore a diversity of spiritual beliefs.

