



THE OFFICE OF MISSION INTEGRATION

*"Mary's apostolic mission is to form all persons into the most perfect conformity with the God-Man Christ, her Son."
Blessed William Joseph Chaminade*

Marianist Prayers



PRAYERS FOR ATHLETES

Athlete's Prayer in the Marianist Tradition

Lord, I am aware at this moment of your love for me, for I know you are the source of all that is good in my life. I give you special thanks for bestowing physical talent upon me and all team members that allows us to participate in ____ (name sport) ____.

I thank you for the inspiration you gave to Blessed William Joseph Chaminade to gather men and women into communities that live the values of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray that as an athlete I can represent the Marianist tradition to the best of my ability both on and off the playing field, that I will treat my coach and teammates with respect and care, and that I will allow the Characteristics of Marianist Education to affect the manner in which I approach practice and times of competition. I ask that I can play with courage, determination, and endurance and that I can play selflessly, seeking the victory of the team over my personal triumphs.

In competition today, protect our team members and our worthy opponent. Let us rejoice in our success and not in our opponent's defeat. If we lose, help us learn the lesson that makes us better people and athletes. Help us to witness all the values that we have come to know as central to our Marianist way of living.

All Team Members and Coaches:

May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

(Written for the Athletic Directors of Marianist Schools, 2005)

Prayer for Athletic Contests

As a Catholic school in the Marianist tradition we begin all activities by asking for God's blessing.

(Sign of the cross) In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God in Heaven we come before you tonight and we give you thanks for your many blessings. May the actions of all here this evening, players and fans, always reflect your love for all people. Please keep all of the athletes free from injury and may they be strengthened in mind, body, and soul to do their best each day.

Together we pray the Marianist doxology: May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.