

The Mariner Way

To live the Mariner Way is to live with reverence.

Reverence for our God - the Creator of all.

Reverence for others and what God has entrusted to our care.

Reverence for one's self and the life God has given each of us.

To live with reverence, is to reflect it in our daily words and actions.

The following are examples of how we strive to follow the Mariner Way.

We participate in daily Mass and show reverence to God's home and the Holy Sacrifice of the Eucharist:

- We recognize the presence of God by genuflecting to the tabernacle upon entering the church prior to sitting down or performing any task.
- We keep feet off kneelers but keep kneeler down at all times, except when going to communion to minimize distractions
- We put books away quietly & lift and lower kneelers quietly
- We keep hands folded when approaching the altar and reverence the altar with a bow.
- We reverence the Eucharist with a bow whether receiving It physically or receiving a blessing.
- We give a confident "Amen" when presented with the Body of Christ.
- We take the opportunity to pray before Mass and after communion seriously and do not look around.
- We avoid unnecessary conversation during Mass and speak quietly when it is necessary.
- We join our voices with others to praise God through all prayers and songs during Mass.
- We offer the sign of peace to all around us with sincerity and joy.

We keep our school atmosphere in such a way so that the focus is on learning in Christ's Light:

- We clean up the messes we see, even when they are not ours. We leave our school better than we found it.
- We present student's accomplishments for all to celebrate through bulletin boards, newspaper and bulletin articles, and special presentations.
- We joyfully join in the celebration of Mariner accomplishments whether we were directly involved or not.
- We strive to minimize noise in the hall during the day (e.g. slamming lockers, running, conversations, etc.) that can distract others from their task of learning and teaching.
- For elementary students, we maintain discipline through walking in a line when traveling throughout the school grounds.

- For middle school students, we expect them to follow certain paths when traveling throughout the school grounds (most of which minimize hall travel) and avoid loitering and horseplay at all times.
- As faculty and staff, we take ownership for all students in our school and correct behaviors as they occur. We also inform the homeroom teacher if needed to help the student grow.
- We follow the overall school schedules by coming to school on time ready to learn/teach, and attending/dismissing classes on time.
- We welcome classroom visits but work to minimize unplanned classroom interruptions (phone calls, non-emergency maintenance, etc).

We respect others as Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

- We respond respectfully when spoken to by another. We say “Yes Sir/Ma’am”, “Yes Sister/Father”, or a clear “yes/no” as is appropriate.
- We look at the person we are greeting or with whom we are shaking hands.
- We welcome visitors to our classrooms, by putting down our work, standing up and greeting them “Good morning Mr. Smith”, etc.
- We know that everyone has different battles they are struggling with that we may know nothing about, thus we treat each other with patience and love.
- We do not belittle others ideas even if we don’t agree with them.
- We do not laugh at another’s expense.
- We do not gossip. We only talk about another’s problem when we are the appropriate person to help them with that problem.
- If we have a disagreement with another person, we address it with that person first and only bring in another if we cannot reach resolution on our own.

We acknowledge that we are made in the Image of God and strive to be pleasing in His Sight.

- We dress appropriately and modestly.
- We wear school uniforms correctly (with shirts tucked in, with proper socks, proper length of clothing, etc.).
- We keep our appearance neat and clean (with proper hair cuts/styles, no makeup for students, modest makeup for faculty, minimal perfumes, etc.).
- We strive to take care of ourselves physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
- We make the most of the talents and gifts God has given us to further His Kingdom and give Him glory.
- We own our mistakes and learn from them. We do not waste time blaming others for things we need to correct.
- We seek forgiveness from God, others and ourselves when we make a mistake.
- We start each day new and strive to live out God’s Call to the best of our ability.