

# Order of the Most Holy Mary Theotokos “The Old Catholic Marianists”

## **Code of Ethics for Ministers**

### **In My Own Life**

I will always devote time to seeking the will of God through reading the Scriptures and prayer.

I will endeavor to keep myself physically and emotionally fit.

I will seek in all ways to be Christ like in my attitude and conduct.

I will seek mutual accountability and spiritual friendship with fellow Christians for personal encouragement and nurture in order to ensure faithfulness to my calling as a steadfast follower and competent servant of my Lord Jesus Christ.

### **In Relationship to My Family**

I will consider each member of my immediate family as precious gifts from God, and will carefully, lovingly, and responsibly meet their needs as a sacred obligation before Him.

I will give spiritual leadership in my home.

I will be faithful and loyal to my family members, loving them as Jesus Christ loves His Church.

### **In Relationship to the Church**

I will remember that I am called to lead, but also to serve.

I will never violate a confidence given to me.

I will be diligent in my duties as pastor, never lazy, but with God as my judge and my Shepherd.

I will be Biblical in my preaching, presenting the whole counsel of God, speaking the truth in love.

I will strive to introduce people to Christ, and to build His Church.

I will consider my call to the church a sacred responsibility and stand by the decision.

I will seek the unity of the church and resist any attempts to divide.

### **In Relationship to Other Ministers**

I will be a brother in Christ to my fellow ministers.

I will not seek to build my church at the expense of another church, nor my ego at the expense of another minister.

I will not speak uncharitably of either my predecessor or my successor.

I will refrain from pastoral contacts with former parishioners except with the knowledge of the present pastor.

### **In Relationship to the Order**

I will participate in the larger fellowship of the Order of the Most Holy Mary Theotokos, and seek to support through prayer and action its aims and objectives.

### **In Relationship to the Community**

I will seek to be responsible in my personal finances.

I will seek to build a positive relationship with the community without sacrificing my ministry to the church.