

An Overview of the Marianist System of Virtues

Virtues of Preparation

Understand self: strength and weakness of personality
See how to give self in union with Christ and Mary
Demands direction, control of the powers of self
An effort of will to live in consecration to Mary

Silence of Words
Silence of Signs
Silence of Mind
Silence of Imagination
Silence of Passions

Recollection
Preparatory Obedience
Willingness to Suffer

Work of Purification

See self as more receptive before the purifying hand of God
God takes more the initiative and brings about work in me
The “virtues of purification” help to put me in touch with his great purifying fire
in the various forms it comes to me

Confidence in God
Distrust of Self
Recourse to Council

Patience
Renewal of Resolution
Resistance to Temptation

Virtues of Consumption

The virtues of Jesus and Mary
The self-giving of an apostle

Humility
Modesty
Self-Abnegation
Renouncement of the World

Faith
Hope
Charity