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Whereas the Daughters of Mary Immaculate on May 25, 2016, and the Society of Mary on October 2, 2017, celebrated the 200th anniversary of their respective foundings; and

Whereas the Marianists have declared a Jubilee Year, in celebration of the bicentennial of Marianist religious life; and

Whereas this marks an important anniversary, worthy of being honored, for two centuries of Marianist religious life, of which we are all simultaneously heirs and custodians; therefore be it

Resolved that, as Marianist educators, the Academic Senate of the University of Dayton

- Reaffirms its commitment to honor the traditions of Marianist education by striving to:
 - educate the whole person through a learning community of challenge and support
 - connect learning to leadership and service;

- Reaffirms its commitment to honor the characteristics of Marianist education by striving to:
 - educate for formation in faith
 - provide an integral, quality education
 - educate in family spirit
 - educate for service, justice, and peace
 - educate for adaptation and change;

- Reaffirms its commitment to honor a Catholic vision of learning and scholarship that includes:
 - a common search for truth based on the belief that truth is ultimately one and can be more fully known through both faith and reason
 - a commitment to the dignity of the human person as a creative and social being created in the image and likeness of God
 - an appreciation for the ways creation, people, communities, and the ordinary things in life manifest, in a sacramental manner, the mystery of God; and

- Reaffirms its commitment to the centrality of community, as an invitation to people of all backgrounds and faiths, to come together to work for the common good.