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<td>• What role did Catholic/Marianist values play in your decision to attend a Catholic and Marianist university?</td>
<td>• I directly reached out to known alumni from the three Marianist universities in the U.S. (University of Dayton, Chaminade University, and St. Mary’s University)</td>
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<td>• How have Catholic/Marianist values influenced your career and educational journey?</td>
<td>• Participants included alumni from two of the three universities, University of Dayton and Chaminade University</td>
<td>• Understand how students make the decision to attend a Catholic and Marianist university</td>
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<td>• How do you see Catholic/Marianist values currently reflected in your professional or educational role?</td>
<td>• I conducted one-on-one interviews with each participant</td>
<td>• Incorporate Catholic and Marianist values into their day-to-day work</td>
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**Findings**

**Spiritual Connection**
- More easily connected with Marianist values specifically, as opposed to Catholicism as a whole

**Inclusivity and Collaboration**
- Able to bring a sense of community to various roles
- Desire to feel included and make others feel included in the workplace and in educational settings
- Tendency towards group collaboration rather than individual work

**Holistic Approach to Learning**
- Desire to understand a variety of perspectives and learn new ideas
- Value experiential learning
- Experience growth as a “whole” person

**Implications**

These findings help students at Catholic and Marianist universities to:
- Consider the mission and values of an institution, and how they are reflected in the students’ daily lives
- Come to a deeper understanding of their own faith beliefs and practices
- Translate the Catholic and Marianist values into future professional and educational roles

“Learning extends beyond the classroom and is rather inclusive of all experiences.”

“Servant leadership and solidarity were two Marianist values that I fell in love with.”