



Anne Marie Colón
Distinguished Lasallian – Administrator
2024-2025

Anne Marie came to Manhattan in 2013 as the Executive Secretary for the VP of Finance, VP of Facilities and VP of Mission. Prior to working at Manhattan Anne Marie wore many hats! She worked in Finance for a Private Wealth Family Office, she traveled the world working in the Fashion Industry, she was a Youth Group Director for 6 years and taught all levels of Catechism to prepare many students for their Sacraments. The job she left to come to Manhattan was in Facilities Maintenance. These previous jobs all prepared her for her job at Manhattan University and she immediately felt at home. A perfect match! Now as an Executive Assistant to three Vice Presidents, she is the ultimate multi-tasker. If you were to watch her for a few moments, you can clearly see how calm, cool and collected she really is. To manage these departments takes understanding, balance and a creative sense of purpose. Anne Marie is a true team player and an amazing problem solver. She is tireless in her effort to support our University, often working outside of normal hours, volunteering her time and showing her support by attending numerous affairs on campus such as student organized events and basketball games. As a friend and colleague stated, “everyone Anne Marie encounters remarks about her helping spirit, her knowledge of the way our culture supports each other and the manner in which she represents Manhattan in all facets”.

The nature of Anne Marie’s work requires her to be ethical and trustworthy. Anne Marie handles confidential information and encounters sensitive situations in her position, and she always conducts herself with integrity. She actually fits the definition of integrity, *a person whose qualities include being consistent in their behavior and live by strong moral principles in both words and actions*. Anne Marie naturally displays concern for others. She works efficiently to resolve issues, and she is never dismissive of problems big or small. Anne Marie takes the time to get to know students, faculty and employees in different departments. It does not matter to her who you are, what your position is or what you do, she treats everyone with dignity.

Anyone entering the Vice President’s office in Memorial Hall is shown the utmost respect and care. Anne Marie is professional, while also providing comfort and understanding. Sometimes you just need some logical advice with a side of humor from Anne Marie. She provides guidance and advocates for others, all while respecting boundaries and ensuring the best interest of the University. Another friend and colleague described Anne Marie as “a pillar of the Manhattan community. She is someone you can rely on and seek answers from. She always goes above and beyond her role as an employee”.

Anne Marie puts her faith into action through praise and worship both on and off campus. She is a strong, independent person, and if you ask her where her strength comes from she will say her faith guides her. She gives thanks to her parents and to the Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt who taught her in grammar school and high school, for instilling in her a strong faith.

Anne Marie certainly lives out her system of beliefs and puts them into action, by caring for family members, friends, students and colleagues. She pours into others, and one shining example of her efforts is her loving family: her daughter, son-in law, three young grandchildren and her nieces and nephews. Anne Marie also continues to be a mentor and friend to her grad assistants after they leave Manhattan.

We must also mention those not with us today, her beloved parents, Anne and Fred and her partner Louis, who are certainly watching over her with pride. In our estimation, Anne Marie touches hearts and in the process helps to transform lives.

Please join us in congratulating Anne Marie on receiving the Distinguished Lasallian Administrator award! Thank you for being a true example of a Distinguished Lasallian for our community.

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