Mar's Tribute to Bruce Luske, Ph.D., resident sociologist, co-founder, Marist Praxis Project for Public & Global Citizenship, and surpassing colleague.

First, thank you Dean Margaret Calista for introducing Bruce and me 19 years ago. It has been a surpassing colleagueship from that first meeting.

Bruce & I found a rare correspondence of perspective on the enormity of the world's suffering, & on the pedagogy of public praxis by which students were urged to take their academic learning into the public arena and seek there the deep truth of this suffering, the roots, the why, and what together, can be done to transform inhumanity into human dignity and well being.

Faithful to this task, Bruce has often been a prophetic voice in plenaries and forums, speaking the unwelcome analyses of human misery and creeping repression. And like all prophets, who see more clearly and earlier than most of us, he often received insults and ridicule, the proverbial stoning, but never once retaliated.

James Baldwin once said that "the world is held together by the love of a few people." I don't know if that is true. I think there are more than a few. But I do know that Bruce is one of them.

To the quality of his humanity, and the truth of his teaching, semesters and semesters of students can testify to being informed, invigorated, and inspired by Bruce. Many are now carrying on with the task of humanizing some portion of the world's inhumanity with awakened minds and opened hearts.

So, Bruce, as hard as it is to say, go with the gale of the Spirit, knowing that your work has taken root and continues.