

Society of Mary

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Marists in the United States



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Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

On October 9th, each grade at Marist School gathered for simultaneous Masses across campus, offering students a time to reflect, pray, and celebrate their faith together. Presiders for the Masses included Marist priests Father Ralph Olek, Father Bill Rowland, and visiting priests Father David DesPres from Immaculate Heart of Mary, Father Juan Carlos Viteri from Cathedral of Christ the King, and Father Jim Duffy, SM from Our Lady of the Assumption. While the Masses were held in separate locations, they were united by this year's Marist Way theme, "Relationship with God." This theme invites our school community to deepen their connection with God, encouraging spiritual and intellectual growth while fostering the humility and purpose needed to serve others and unlock their God-given greatness.



7th Grade Damascus Retreat



Marist School's recent Homecoming, themed "Bringing Home the Homecoming Gold," was a spirited celebration of school pride and community. Here are the best highlights from the unforgettable event:

- Activities began with a pep rally, followed by alumni gatherings at the alumni tent and Half Century Club Reception.
- Advancement Office volunteers were treated to a special dinner in the Arcade in appreciation of their volunteer service to the school.
- New members were inducted into the Blue & Gold Athletics Circle.
- Senior Erin Davis was crowned Homecoming queen.
- Track Coach Tony Bennett received the Frank P. Hagan Memorial Coach's Award
- The War Eagles triumphed over the Spartans with a 48-0 win.
- Celebrations continued Saturday at the Homecoming dance.



A Summer Pilgrimage to Marist France Nourishes an Indelible Spirit



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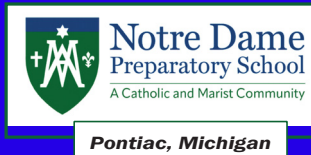
As RFE students continue celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month, they found time to enjoy some traditional sweet treats. Students tasted conchas, a popular pan dulce (sweet bread) with a layer of sugar that is designed to look like the pattern of a seashell; and Jarritos, a popular soda drink with various fruity flavors. Some scholars recognized the sweet treats right away, and some were excited to try them for the first time!





Reach for Excellence prioritizes equity to Latino families by not only equipping students with resources to support their education, but also involve parents in the process.

A primary way RFE does this is by providing access to information in their native language. Throughout the year, Spanish translation are included in the information shared with RFE families, whether it is written communication or live simultaneous translation during parent meetings.



Notre Dame Prep 6th-8th students in Sra. Aguilar's Spanish classes continued to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month last week by visiting the Carnival Market down the street on Walton Blvd. Great kids, great food, great atmosphere, great way to learn, including how they make tortillas in the facility's new tortilla operation. At the beginning of October students created colorful chalk drawings (Tizas en el Asfalto) outside, which were accompanied by positive and inspiring messages in Spanish.



Talk of the Irish: Episode 29:
Looking Ahead - Celebrating
NDP's 30-Year Anniversary

Top Academic Achievers to be Honored at Prep Bowl



NDP Earns Nation's Highest Recognition in AP School Honor Roll



Blessing of the (Stuffed) Animals
At last week's Lower school liturgy, Fr. Juan Gonzalez, SM, blessed stuffed animals the students brought in for the feast of St. Francis.



Oktoberfest 2024



2024 St. Peter Chanel Society Annual Dinner





On October 4th the ND Academy community celebrated their family pets on the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, with a Prayer of Pet Blessing.



5th grade/Pre-K Buddy Activity



Annual Fall Tableau Rosary 4th-8th grade students portrayed the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary





Hispanic Heritage Month Activities at ND Academy

A glimpse of the Hispanic Heritage month activities at ND Academy:

- Pre-K classes learned about the story of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe. They made paper roses and put them around the feet of Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, mural in the Middle School transition hall.
- 1st grade students designed maracas
- 4th Grade students and MYP students studied the famous artist Frida Kahlo!
- 7th grade Big Buddies taught their Kindergarten Little Buddies the Guardian Angel Prayer in Spanish using fiesta flag coloring sheets
- 8th grade big buddies led and taught their buddies the Guardian Angel Prayer in Spanish. They used coloring sheets featuring a fall themed guardian angel, with both English and Spanish translations, in celebration of the Feast Day of Guardian Angels
- Students in Mr. Agnihotri's Astronomy and Planetary Science class had the opportunity to explore the impactful work of Dr. Rosaly Lopes. They learned about her contributions to planetary science, particularly her use of spectroscopy in studying volcanic activity on planets and moons in the solar system. The students also engaged in a hands-on activity where they built their own spectroscopes using craft rolls and DVD disks.





NDV administration recently had a wonderful visit with Archbishop Cordileone and Mayor London Breed at City Hall. They presented the mayor with a commemorative gift and reminisced about NDV's incredible Centennial kick-off event - at City Hall and the Green Room - where they recreated an NDV photograph that was originally taken with Charles De Gaulle.



Huge merci beaucoup to Ms. B, NDV's principal for the day! She assisted at assembly, ordered lunch, observed classes, wrote kind notes to teachers, made announcements, and had extra time at the Book Fair!



Blessing of the Animals and Mass for the Feast of St. Francis

There were all kinds of animals, stuffies, and even photographs of beloved family pets.



Prime Timers (65+) Visit to St. Brendan the Navigator

OLA's Prime Timers recently visited St. Brendan the Navigator in Cumming, Georgia. They have a beautiful church with many flowers.

The main purpose of the visit was to see their exhibit of the Shroud of Turin. The highlight was historically accurate artifacts, an exact copy of the Shroud of Turin, and a statue of Jesus made from the imprints on the Shroud.



**Double Celebration for OLA's Indonesian Community (KKI)
Happy First Anniversary with KKI Atlanta, Father Peter and
Happy Birthday to Deacon Antonius Pancha Anugerah &
Twins, Alietha and Abiegail!**



KKI Rosary Prayer Week 1 hosted by The Indianto Family



A Feast for the Mystery of Creation

The Season of Creation officially ended on October 4th, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. During this Season the Superiors General of the 4 Branches of the Marist Family signed a petition which is going to the Dicastery of the Liturgy and to Pope Francis, calling for a Feast of the Mystery of Creation. It is this Ecumenical Feast that this blog is about.



Parroquia Virgen Misionera
(La Perla, Peru)

On October 5th, Parroquia Virgen Misionera parish had a confirmation ceremony for adults, which was presided over by Fr. Roberto Medeiros, SM.



On September 28th Parroquia Virgen Misionera held a Mass for the sick. The Mass was presided over by Fr. Orlando Orosco, SM and organized by the Caritas group.



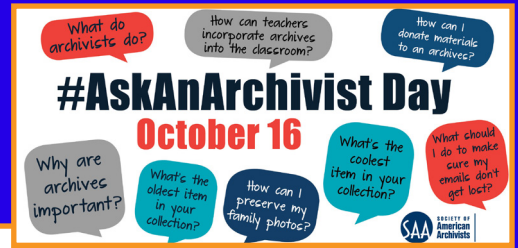
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Adveniat Regnum Tuum

Tonga

Celebration of International Teachers Day





October - American Archives Month

American Archives Month is celebrated each October to recognize the value of archives in preserving and sharing our history. The Provincial Archives for the US Province of the Society of Mary contains photographs, manuscripts, audiovisual materials and electronic records documenting Marist history in the US from the arrival of the first Marists in Louisiana in 1863 until the present time. Along with information on Marist fathers and brothers and their ministries, the archives also contains valuable information on the communities where they served.

October 16th is Ask an Archivist Day. If you have any questions about Society of Mary history or how to care for your own archives, please feel free to reach out to Marist archivist [Susan Illis](#) on October 16th or any day!



Heaping helpings of mercy



Synodality Corner . . .

Father Radcliffe tells synod members: Don't be driven by fear of the church changing—or staying the same

