

Society of Mary

An International Religious Congregation

Marists in the United States



October 25, 2024

Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

Marist School educators are dedicated to fulfilling the school's mission by helping students unlock their God-given potential. Marist is happy to recognize the deserving recipients of the 2024-2025 Faculty and Staff Awards, who were honored for their exceptional contributions to the school community at the St. Peter Chanel Society Recognition Celebration on October 22nd. Their unwavering commitment to Marist's mission is key to preparing students for lives of service and leadership.



Adéu! The Marist School community learned this Catalan farewell as they bid goodbye to the exchange students and chaperones from the sister school, La Inmaculada Maristes in Barcelona, after an exciting Spirit Week, Homecoming, and special National Hispanic Heritage Month Block Party. Hosted by the Spanish Club, Latin American Studies Culture Club, Hispanic/Latino Affinity Group, and Spanish Honor Society, the block party featured lively music and dancing, lotería, a piñata raffle, dominoes, Latin American trivia, and a map where participants could label and share their heritage. The Activity Period event was a perfect conclusion to an enriching exchange between the two schools and also served as the grand finale to the National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations, which officially end on October 15th. This spring break, Marist students enrolled in Spanish 3 and above will travel to La Inmaculada Maristes in Barcelona, continuing this rich cultural exchange.



October Genesis Retreat for 9th Grade Students





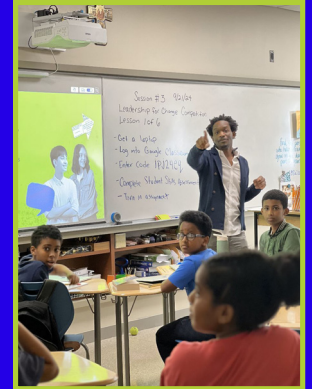
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High school application workshop: At a recent Saturday Session, RFE held a parent workshop with students who were interested in applying to private or independent high schools. The purpose was to share what to consider when selecting the schools they apply to, and creating a Ravenna account (the portal where most school applications are housed). We are grateful to the amazing Reach alumni who helped parents navigate the process of creating an account in English and Spanish.



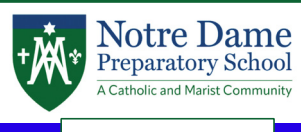
As part of RFE's continued partnership with The Economist Educational Foundation and Rolex, Reach scholars are participating in a global competition called Leadership for Change. Through six one-hour lessons covering leadership in the fields of health care, girls' equality, and sustainable communities, students create and present a "Project for Change." Working in teams of two to three, students develop a plan to help improve their school or community. Winning projects will receive funding and mentorship to bring them to reality.

Students have already completed Lessons 1 and 2, and the energy is palpable among the scholars. They are excited to learn about leadership and apply these skills to better their school or community. These Reach middle school students will hone their presentation skills and pitch their projects to the Economist Educational Foundation Jury in December, competing against learners from all over the world!



"Dress Like Your Hero" Day





Pontiac, Michigan

On October 16th NDP Lower School students gathered outside in a living rosary to offer prayers to Mary during the month of October

Newly Commissioned Student Eucharistic Ministers



Día de los Muertos Unit – 5th Grade Field Trip

On October 18th, NDP 5th graders had the opportunity to visit the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit, Michigan where they learned about its history and the different classes of relics housed there. They then headed to Mexicantown for lunch and finished the day with a visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts, where they toured the Ofrendas exhibit and different works by Spanish and Hispanic artists. All of which connected nicely with their Día de los Muertos unit in Spanish.

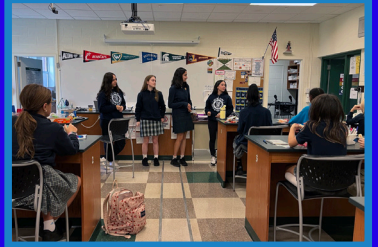


Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

Middle school Spanish students ended the recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month by celebrating their piñata creations made from scratch. Introduced in Mexico by the Spaniards in the 14th century, the Mexican piñata tradition began in the town of Acolman, just north of Mexico City, where piñatas were used for religious purposes. Now the tradition is mostly secular in nature.



Girl Power



NDP Lower School Annual "Boo Bash"



A Glimpse from Homecoming 2024 at NDP





Duluth, Georgia

Homecoming Week and Upper School Homecoming Dance



4th Grade Parent Lunch



On October 16th four ND Academy students were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS), one of the oldest and most prestigious high school academic and cocurricular associations in the United States. Students are nominated by ND Academy faculty and are granted membership based on the four pillars of NHS - leadership, scholarship, service, and character.



Our Lady of the
Assumption

Brookhaven, Georgia

OLA Indonesian Community (KKI) Adoration Night



Top 5 takeaways from 'Dilexit nos,' Pope Francis' new encyclical on the Sacred Heart



Albergue de peregrinos
de la Santa Cruz
Sahagún, Spain

The Marist community at [Albergue de la Santa Cruz](#) is thankful to Martha, a lay Marist from Mexico, for her time (~3 months) volunteering at the hostel.



Samoan Sunday School Mass



Mental Health Awareness Activity

In a recent mental health activity at Parroquial San Jose, students were asked to answer the question "What would you write to a person who is going through a bad time in their life?" Students left a message for whoever might need it.



Parroquia Virgen Misionera
(La Perla, Peru)

Parish Anniversary Mass



Synodality Corner . . .

Synod diary: Predictions on what the final doc might say, and what Pope Francis will do with it



Jubilee Year 2025 Resource: Accept the gift of forgiveness



As we journey with the community of saints, with our brothers and sisters in faith on All Saints' Day (November 1st), we invite you to reflect on the quote below from Pope Francis.

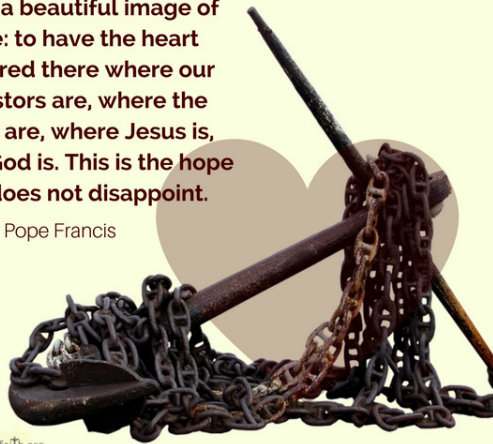
Let our prayers be united with the prayers of the community of saints and may we feel their presence with us.

Venerable Jean-Claude Colin pray for us!

All Saints Day - A Day of Hope

This is a beautiful image of hope: to have the heart anchored there where our ancestors are, where the Saints are, where Jesus is, where God is. This is the hope that does not disappoint.

Pope Francis



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*Eternal rest grant
unto them,
O Lord,
and let perpetual
light shine upon them,
with your Saints
for ever,
for you are merciful.*

On All Souls' Day (November 2nd), Marist communities throughout the world will gather to remember our Marist confrères, family, friends and benefactors who have died this past year. May our prayers confirm their place in God's loving presence and reassure us of their company for all eternity.

Have Mercy on all of our deceased Marists, family, friends and benefactors, and through the intercession of Blessed Virgin, all of the saints, to bring them to eternal joy.



On November 3rd, Marists throughout the world will remember our deceased benefactors. Your kindness will be remembered always in our prayers.

Through the generous gifts of our benefactors, we are able to fulfill our vocation of prayer and service in the Church. Thus in thanksgiving for the sacrifices and contributions offered by so many on our behalf, we offer our most precious gift: our prayers. To whom much is given, much is expected (Luke 12:48).

Vocation Corner

Society of Mary Diaconate Ordination – October 20, 2024
View recording of celebration [HERE](#).



Marist Vocation Ministry Begins

As we celebrate the month of the Holy Rosary, the Marist vocation ministry in the District of Asia began their vocation campaigns at different schools in the Philippines.





The Beauty and Joy of Religious Life Series – Interview with Sr. Jane O'Carroll, sm



Marist Sisters (West Africa) – Renewal of Vows




We Marists seek to bring **compassion** and **mercy** to the Church and world in the **footsteps of Mary** who brought Jesus Himself into our world. We **breathe her spirit** in lives devoted to prayer and ministry, **witnessing** to those **values** daily in community.



To speak with a member of the Vocational Team, call toll-free 866-298-3715

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**National Vocation Awareness Week
November 3-9, 2024**

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

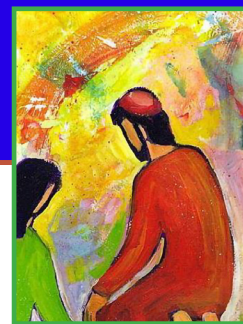
**“Practicing forgiveness in vocation
ministry”**

(Jubilee Year 2025)

by Sister Virginia Herbers, A.S.C.J.



**Reflections on Key Elements of
Marist Spirituality**
by Fr. David Kennerley, SM



The [article](#) found at the link below is the third in a series of 20 reflections on Marist Spirituality for educators by Fr. David Kennerley, SM. Fr. Kennerley originally created these reflections for teachers meeting at lunch. The idea was that they would have material to reflect on once a week across the school year. This series of reflections can be useful for any small group or personal reflection interested in deepening their knowledge of key elements of Marist Spirituality.

Fr. Kennerley was formerly Novice Master for the Society of Mary and later as the New Zealand Provincial. He is currently involved in spirituality in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand.

Part 5: Marist and Prayer

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Marist Vocation Prayer

Jesus, Good Shepherd, we ask you to look on this family of Mary, your Mother, with eyes of mercy.

Lord, we ask you to enrich the Marist world with the fire of your Holy Spirit.

May Mary's subtle and delicate presence enable us to breathe her spirit. So that, committed to our own vocation, we will be credible witnesses of your Gospel.

And, renewed and strengthened with the fire of your Spirit, we may help bring to life the seed of a vocation which you have implanted in the hearts of the young.

Enable us to accompany them in the fulfillment of their personal vocation. Lord Jesus, give us vocations according to your heart. Amen.

Jean Claude Colin
– Pray for us.

Oración por las vocaciones Maristas

¡Oh Jesús, Buen Pastor! Dignate a mirar a esta familia de María con tus ojos misericordiosos.

Señor, te pedimos que enriquezcas el mundo marista con el fuego de tu Espíritu Santo.

Que la presencia sutil y delicada de María nos conduzca a respirar su espíritu. Así, comprometidos con nuestra propia vocación, seremos portavoces creíbles de tu Evangelio.

Y, renovados y fortalecidos con el fuego de tu Espíritu, podamos ayudar a dar vida a la semilla de la vocación que has implantado en el corazón de los jóvenes.

Permítenos acompañarles en el cumplimiento de su vocación personal.

¡Oh Jesús, danos vocaciones según tu corazón! Amén.

Padre Juan Claudio Colín, ruega por nosotros.