

# Society of Mary

An International Religious Congregation

*Marists in the United States*



November 22, 2024

**Marist School**

Atlanta, Georgia

Marist School began Term 2 with an assembly highlighting the importance of CPR and AED training. Presented in partnership with Northside Hospital's Heart Institute, the assembly recognized the life-saving efforts of Marist staff, parents, emergency responders, and medical professionals whose quick actions on the first day of classes in August provided vital care to the new Dean of Students Mr. Reilly Campbell. As a result, Marist is launching an initiative to enhance CPR and AED training for students, faculty, staff, and community members.



Emmaus 203 retreat was held this past weekend with some of the Juniors and Seniors at [Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat Center](#) in Fort Mitchell, Alabama! Students had the opportunity to engage in topics such as forgiveness, reconciliation, and one's journey with God. As well as fellowship with one another!



The Marist Dance Fall Showcase was held on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in Woodruff Auditorium brought the powerful theme of “Elements” to the stage. The showcase featured choreography by Marist’s own talented student dancers, Marist Dance and Class Director Mrs. Jillian Bauersfeld, Marist Dance Company Director Ms. Prisca Lynch ’13, Guest Choreographer Ms. Hannah Waldman, who is also the school nurse, and was supported by Technical Director Ms. Anna Lee and Fine Arts Department Chair Mr. Eric McNaughton ’90.

Elements took the audience on a journey through earth, water, air, and fire, with each piece embodying the unique characteristics of these essential forces. From prop work with light-up devices during Katy Perry’s “Firework” to a large, undulating silk symbolizing rolling waves in Billie Eilish’s “Ocean \*\*Eyes”, the dancers illustrated the powerful connections found in nature—and within us.

Throughout the performance, fine arts students Flannery Hipp ’26, Ashton Beasley ’25, and Sarah Kate Jordan ’25 lent their voices as Spoken Word Performers, reading poetry and literary works by Mary Oliver, Walt Whitman, and Shel Silverstein, among others. Their readings enriched the evening and helped weave a deeper tapestry of meaning around the elements.



Dr. Lehmil, Executive Director, and Teresa Enriquez Taxis, Hispanic Initiative Coordinator, held a parent workshop on how to apply for financial aid for private school. This workshop focused on creating a Clarity account and filling out the financial aid application. Since it is a labor intensive project, some Reach Interns provided one-on-one support to parents who have minimal English speaking skills.



Atlanta, Georgia

During this season of gratitude, Reach For Excellence (RFE) wants to highlight the RFE Interns!

Reach interns are Reach for Excellence graduates who are enrolled in high schools all over Atlanta. They volunteer on Saturdays during Reach sessions to support teachers with classroom teaching, ensuring a smooth flow of students transitioning from one classroom to the next, monitoring hallways, monitoring the cafeteria in the morning and at lunch. They also set up the supplies: textbooks, classroom supplies, computers for students and teachers. On occasion, they also provide translation during the programs Reach offers for scholars’ parents, providing one-on-one support to parents who have minimal English-speaking skills.



Congratulations to Notre Dame Prep's newest inducted members of the National Chinese Honor Society, a scholastic organization that recognizes students who demonstrate citizenship, leadership and community service, and which acknowledges the superior achievement of students studying Chinese as a second language.

The National Chinese Honor Society (NCHS) was established in 1993 to recognize accomplished high school students who study Chinese as a world language. The purpose of the NCHS is to encourage its members to become lifelong learners in order to gain a better understanding of Chinese language and culture, as well as to play an active role as a contributing global citizen in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



**Founder's Week Celebrated**

ND Academy 4<sup>th</sup> graders delivered the canned and other non-perishable food collected for to Hands of Christ Duluth Cooperative Ministry and they also volunteered in the co-op! Notre Dame Academy families donated 2 pallets of food weighing over 1,100 lbs. plus 3 full grocery carts!



Duluth, Georgia

ND Academy 1<sup>st</sup> grade class representatives and parent volunteers recently delivered snack donations to Ronald McDonald House Charities and enjoyed a tour of their facility.





Duluth, Georgia

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Lunch



## Award for Marists who have served at the Major Seminary of Davao

On the 60<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary of St. Francis Xavier Regional Major Seminary in Davao, Philippines, the seminary honored those who laid the foundation for this institution. The District Superior of Asia, Fr Kevin Medilo, received a plaque of recognition on behalf of Marist priests who made a significant contribution over the years as lecturers and spiritual directors of the seminarians. They are Frs. Larry Duffy, Kevin Mowbray, Gavin Foster, Fernando Ingente, Joseph McLaughlin, Patrick Muckian and Fr. Philip Callaghan R.I.P. The seminary has produced thousands of priests and twelve bishops serving the local church in the Philippines.



## Star of the Sea centenary

Three members of the Marist Fathers' Australian District were present in Gladstone, Queensland, for the centenary celebrations of Star of the Sea church. Marist Fathers 'Aliko Langi, Michael Carroll and Seamus McMahon joined Rockhampton's Bishop Michael McCarthy, parish priest, Fr. Andrew Chase, assistant, Fr. Peter Doherty, visiting clergy and religious and many parishioners for a weekend of celebrations over Nov 15-17. Among the centenary events was a memorial walk through the church led by Sr. Noreen Dunne, SMSM.

Each professed branch of the Marist Family has ministered in the parish's long history since its foundation in 1885 and the beginning of a Marist presence soon afterwards through Dean Charles Murlay SM. The church building itself was blessed by Bishop Joseph Shiel on Nov 16, 1924, and withstood the famous 1949 cyclone which demolished school, convent and many other buildings.



**Confirmation**



**1st Communion**



**Growing Hope: BAPAS Boys Celebrate Children’s Month with Clean-Up and Tree Planting**

In celebration of Children’s Month, the children and staff of Balay Pasilungan embraced their role as protectors of creation on November 16, 2024, with a meaningful coastal clean-up and tree-planting drive at Sitio Malamboon. Inspired by the message of Laudato Si’, this activity highlighted how even the youngest among us can make a big impact.

Mrs. Gemma D. Fernandez from DENR-CENRO gave an inspiring talk about the importance of caring for our environment and how small actions can create a ripple of positive change. With hearts full of hope, the children worked hard to clear plastic waste, save mangrove trees from harmful debris, and plant new saplings to restore and strengthen the coastline’s natural beauty.

This Children’s Month, our young environmental heroes remind us that the future is in our hands — and every effort counts.





**Jubilee Year 2025 Resource:**  
**What gives me hope**



*Happy Thanksgiving!*

As Thanksgiving approaches, the Marists thank you for your support and prayers this year. We're so grateful!

May you and your loved ones have a Thanksgiving full of blessings.

Together We Give to Support the Society of Mary (Marists)

December 3, 2024

### December 3, 2024 IS GIVING TUESDAY!

The Society of Mary (Marists) is honored to participate in this year's #iGiveCatholic as a part of the annual national day of giving called Giving Tuesday.

Our fundraising goal for this appeal on December 3, 2024 is \$6,000.

Please consider sharing your blessings with us. All gifts given to the Marists on December 3<sup>rd</sup> or during the Advanced Giving Day phase (November 18<sup>th</sup> - December 2<sup>nd</sup>) will count towards our fundraising goal.

#### WAYS TO DONATE

- [Facebook Page](#)
- [Website](#)
- [#iGiveCatholic](#)

With gratitude for your support, May God bless you!



#### Advent 2024

During this Advent season the Marists encourage you to explore glimpses of Marist spirituality in silent contemplation in order for us "to form a communion for mission, we need to deepen the contemplative dimension of our lives. With Jesus at the center, we can, like Mary, be missionaries of hope."  
(2017 General Chapter, 30)

The Society of Mary USA 2024 Advent calendar will be available for download next week on our [website](#), [Facebook page](#), and [Instagram page](#). The daily reflections from the calendar will also be posted in these same locations.

# Vocation Corner

ND Academy (Duluth, Georgia) 5<sup>th</sup> grade students recently had the pleasure of attending the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Archdiocesan 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocations Day at St. Joseph Catholic Church & School!

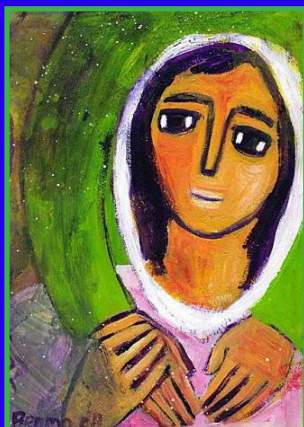


The Beauty and Joy of Religious Life Series - Interview with Sr. Judith Moore, SMSM

The Beauty and Joy of Religious Life Series - Interview with Fr. Alejandro Muñoz, SM



## 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 6: Mary as Leader

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### Discerning a call together

by Sr. Kathryn J. Hermes F.S.P.



### Vocation ministers can follow St. Paul's path toward reconciliation

by Sr. Kathryn J. Hermes F.S.P.



### **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.**