

Society of Mary

An International Religious Congregation

Marists in the United States



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Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

On February 3, Marist School singers filled Holy Cross Catholic Church (Atlanta, Georgia) with music for the annual Sacred Choral Concert, directed by Mrs. Sharon Coheley and Mr. Tim Johnson. The evening showcased performances by the Girls Chorus, Blue and Gold Choruses, Marist Singers, Chorale, and Mirenesse Advanced Girls Chorus, along with two small ensembles—a trio with Ellie Jarrell '25, Flannery Hipp '26, and Penelope Vickers '25, and a quartet featuring Evan Stallings '29, Woods Walker '28, Brent Porter '25, and Charlie Kaufman '26. The concert featured a selection of spiritual songs, including "Holy is Your Name", "This Little Light of Mine", "Here I am, Lord", "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)", and a stirring finale of "How Can I Keep from Singing Your Praise?", performed by all eight ensembles.



Marist School's 7th and 8th graders had an amazing time showcasing their talents and teamwork at the Foundations Winter Games 2025! Students competed in a variety of fun challenges across campus, including artistic design, basketball, kickball, trivia, dodgeball, pickleball, wacky relay, and tug-of-war.



Faith, Leadership, and Perseverance:
Inside Marist's Record-Breaking
Speech & Debate Weekend



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Emmaus 204 Retreat



Marist School is proud to recognize Lea Macauley '25 and Ryan Akin '26 as recipients of the Catholic Charities of Atlanta St. Thomas Aquinas Award, which honors students who embody the true spirit of volunteerism and stewardship. Both students serve not for recognition, but out of a genuine desire to make the world a better place.



Atlanta, Georgia



Reach for Excellence (RFE) began the year reconnecting with Alums! At the end of December and beginning of January, RFE alums who are young professionals and current college students reconnected to build community and also provide feedback on the RFE program.

**Seniors Earn National Merit
Scholarship Finalist Status**



**A Day at the County
Government**



NDP Lower School Celebrates the 100th Day of School!



**NDP Fall/Winter Issue of
IRISH magazine**





Grandparents/Granfriends Day!



Celebration of the 100th Day of School!



Lunar New Year Celebration



Duluth, Georgia

Lower School Celebrates the 100th Day of School!





Duluth, Georgia

ND Academy Upper School students in the Thespian Society recently had the privilege of attending the 2025 Thespian Conference. They had a wonderful time seeing shows, attending workshops, and spending time with other high school students from around the state!



Congratulations to the inaugural Quiz Bowl teams led by Upper School teacher Mr. Mathison. The Middle School team placed 3rd in the state and the Upper School team placed 2nd in the state at the Georgia Association of Private & Parochial Schools (GAPPs) tournament.



BLESSING OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY CHURCH—Tanagai, Solomon Islands

On the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Archbishop Chris Cardone blessed and opened the newly built church of the Holy Name of Mary at Tanagai. It is one of the only two parishes looked after by Marists in the Archdiocese of Honiara. The key man behind this work is Fr. Jacob Aba, SM. He is the parish priest, Sector Leader of the Marists in the Solomon and a councilor in the Provincial Administration. Fr. Jacob has expressed his gratitude to the Marist Mission Centre, benefactors, friends and Marist confreres for their financial support. Most of the funds, however, came from the fundraising drive held by the parishioners. The architect and carpenters are all from Tanagai parish and the village of Dala in Malaita where Fr. Jacob is from. The statue of Mary at the front and of Jesus at the back where the tabernacle is inside the Sacred Heart plus the Stations of the Cross were the works of a talented artist from Dala village too. According to Fr. Jacob, the church is a ship, MV 'Raiatea' which is written on the railing in front of the statue of Mary, the captain of the ship. The statue of Jesus at the back is the main 'engine room' where the tabernacle is. The completion of the church is indeed a source of pride and joys for them. It is a testimony to their resilient, sacrifices and above all their faith.





Matti, Digos, Philippines

Gift of Love and Hope: Visiting the Sick

In solemn celebration of the Jubilee of the Sick, the Our Lady of Fatima Confraternity of Our Lady of Lourdes shared God's love and mercy by visiting the compassionate ancestors of the GKK Virgin of Fatima. Along with their Lay Minister of Liturgy, they carry with them the most important gift—the Body of Christ, which provides comfort and strength on their spiritual journey.

Though they did not receive the Ointment of the Sick, they experienced the presence of the Lord through His Holy Communion and the warm care of the young people delivering devotion to the Virgin Mary of Lourdes. This movement proves that even in pain and weakness, God never leaves them. He always provides, strengthens, and gives hope so that they may continue to follow Him.



Tutu Rural Training Centre (TRTC) recently concluded its annual staff seminar on high note, marking the beginning of a transformative journey for six new staff members. The seminar provided an opportunity for deep reflection, learning and alignment with TRTC's mission and vision. The week began with a three day retreat focused on Marist Spirituality, allowing new and existing staff to immerse themselves in the foundational values of humility, simplicity and service. This followed by two days of formation, emphasizing the significance of enflashing TRTC's vision and Mission in daily operations and community engagements. A Highlight of the seminar was the presentation of the TRTC Review findings by Shae Johnson, offering valuable insights recommendations for enhancing the Centre's impact. In addition staff received critical training on policies on PSEAH (Preventing Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment) Child Protection, and TRTC Code of Conduct reinforcing TRTC's commitment to a safe and ethical working environment. The seminar concluded with the designing of the 2025 Activity Plan mapping out TRTC's strategic priorities for the coming year ensuring continued growth, sustainability and meaningful service to the northern rural communities of Fiji in the province of Cakaudrove, Bua and Macuata. With renewed energy and a strengthened sense of purpose, TRTC's staff is ready to move forward living out Centre's mission with dedication and integrity



Youth Gathering in Turkey

During the last week of January, Fr. Arnaldo da Silva, SM and Sr. Juliana Tuluono, smsm, from our “Omnes Gentes” Community in Samsun, Turkey, participated in the Youth Camp of the Vicariate of Anatolia with some young people from Samsun. The meeting took place in the city of Iskenderun, the episcopal seat of the Vicariate of Anatolia. The theme of the meeting was the same as that of the Jubilee Year: “Pilgrims of Hope”. From its foundation last year, the Marist community in Samsun has been developing a youth ministry for some young people from Samsun with regular meetings and activities. Participating in the diocesan program has been very enriching for all.



Interview with Sr. Georgeanne Marie Donovan, smsm, Former Superior General of the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary (MARISTAS), about Marist Vocation and Consecrated Life



Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus

Jubilee Year 2025 Resource:
**Feed your spirit: Receiving the
adjacent possible**

