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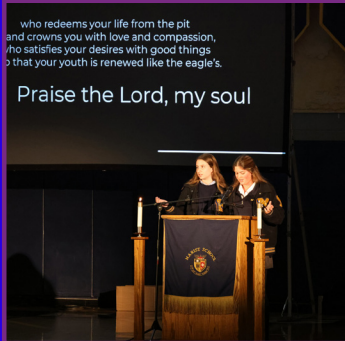


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Marist School

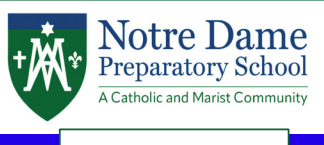
Atlanta, Georgia

On March 5th, the Marist School community gathered for an Ash Wednesday Prayer Service, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. As members of the school community received ashes, they reflected on this year's Marist Way theme, "Our Relationship with God". Lent invites us to grow spiritually, much like our other relationships in life, through communication, perseverance, forgiveness, and a heart open to listening. In prayer, song, and reflection, they embraced this sacred season as a time to deepen our faith, prepare for Easter, and seek God's presence in our daily lives. May this Lenten season inspire us all to live with intention, grow in faith, and bring out the God-given greatness in ourselves and others.



**Strategic Planning Update:
Building the Future Together**





Pontiac, Michigan

“Lent calls us to recognize our dependence on God, serve others with love, and put Christ before ourselves in all that we do.” On Ash Wednesday, Head of School Andy Guest publishes his latest blog reflecting a message he delivered to students today at our all-school Mass. Read more [HERE](#).



NDP Sophomore Showcase
IB Middle Years Program
Personal Projects



The NDV Academic Decathlon Team placed 1st in Social Studies, 2nd in Literature, 3rd in Science, and 4th in Super Quiz!





Field Trip to Aquarium of the Bay



Duluth, Georgia

Celebration of Read Across America



Ash Wednesday Mass





Duluth, Georgia

2nd and 3rd grade Performance of the musical “It’s a Hit!”



Upper School Students Trip to Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, and Germany



Sahagún Community Opens for the New Season of Pilgrimages

On March 15th the Marist Community of Sahagún will open its doors again as the season of pilgrimages is beginning. The community is located on the Camino, and welcomes pilgrims on their way to Santiago di Compostela. In agreement with the Province of Europe and the General Administration, last year it became an international “Omnes Gentes” community. The community is now composed of four Marists : Fr. Paul Molbwet from Vanuatu, Fr. Antonio Fernández and Valentin Aparicio from Spain and Fr. Matthew Crawford from New Zealand.

The community recently gathered to prepare for the new year, focusing both on community life and the mission of the Albergue. They themselves went on Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela to pray through the intercession of the apostle for the community’s mission. Next week they will go around several cities to distribute flyers and posters to promote the Marist hostel.

For more information on the community in Sahagún, click [HERE](#).



**Catholic Church Fiji recognises
91-year-old Father Ross's dedication
to service**



A Gracious Presence: Marist Sisters' Visit on International Women's Day

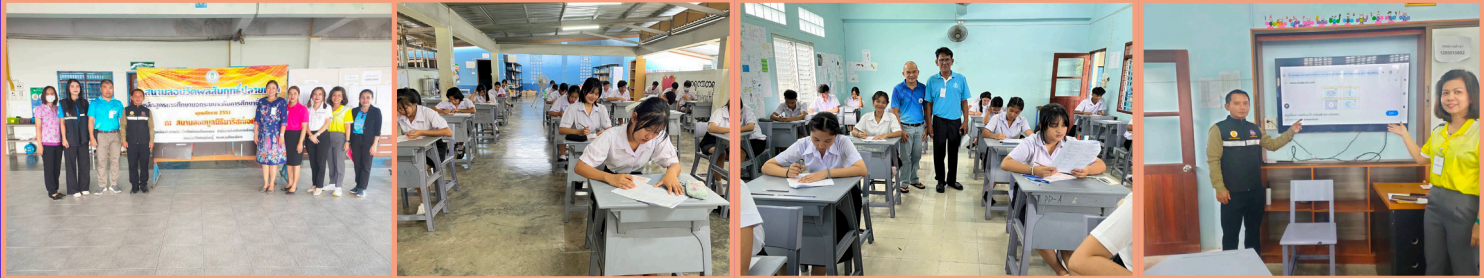
On International Women's Day, Balay Pasilungan was blessed with the visit of Sr. Jane Frances O'Carroll, SM, Regional Leader for Asia-Pacific, and Sr. Silvia Sanz de Diego, SM, from the General Leadership Team of the Marist Sisters. Their presence was a source of encouragement and affirmation of our shared mission to care for the vulnerable.

Balay Basilungan is especially grateful for the ongoing collaboration of the Marist Sisters, particularly through Sr. Sheila Manalo, SM, in strengthening Balay Pasilungan's health ministry. Their dedication reflects the Marist spirit of service—nurturing healing, hope, and dignity among the children and young people we accompany.

Fr. Gil Casio, SM, together with the Balay Pasilungan family, expresses heartfelt gratitude for this meaningful visit, a reminder that our mission thrives in shared commitment and support.



The students of Marist Asia Foundation, studying under the Thai Department of Learning Encouragement, were recently immersed in their examination period. Their commitment to education is a testament to their resilience and determination to succeed. Each exam represents not just a test of knowledge, but a milestone in their journey towards a brighter future. Supported by the MAF's resources and guidance, these students strive to excel and make the most of the opportunities afforded to them. As they navigate this important phase, their hard work and perseverance stand as an inspiration to all.



Celebration of International Women's Day



Ash Wednesday



Parroquia Virgen Misionera (La Perla, Peru)

Stations of the Cross




Ash Wednesday Mass celebrated by Fr. Jaime Perez, SM



Stations of the Cross led by the Tongan community





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



Stations of the Cross for the Year of Hope



A user's guide on the ways to pray



Marist Laity NZ – March Reflection:
The Marist Way: Always Pick the
Little Flower of Hope



St. Patrick's Day - March 17th



Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

from the breastplate
of St. Patrick

St. Joseph's Day - March 19th

Let us allow ourselves to be "infected" by the silence of St Joseph! We have much need of it in a world which is often too noisy, which does not encourage reflection and listening to the voice of God.

Guardian of The Redeemer

Pope Benedict XVI, 2010



Artists @TerraTuaPavlov

For families
in crisis

MARCH 2025



Pope Francis's March Prayer Intention

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

We all dream about a beautiful, perfect family. But there's no such thing as a perfect family. Every family has its own problems, as well as its tremendous joys. Every member of the family is important because each member is different than the others, each person is unique. But these differences can also cause conflict and painful wounds.

And the best medicine to heal the pain of a wounded family is forgiveness. Forgiveness means giving another chance. God does this with us all the time. God's patience is infinite. He forgives us, lifts us up, gives us a new start. Forgiveness always renews the family, making it look forward with hope.

Even when there's no possibility of the "happy ending" we'd like, God's grace gives us the strength to forgive, and it brings peace, because it frees us from sadness, and, above all, from resentment.

View the March Prayer Intention [Pope Video](#) - a global initiative to disseminate the Holy Father's monthly intentions (Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network).



The voice of Pope Francis and the magisterium of fragility