

Easter 2025

Dear Marist Friend,

Easter greetings and assurance of our prayers for you and your family!

Since the year 1300 AD, every 25 years the Pope declares a Jubilee year for the Catholic Church. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee Year is *Pilgrimage of Hope*. As Christians, we are called by God to be hopeful people. We are aware that our lives and our world are far from perfect, but God promises that the Holy Spirit is always with us, even through difficult times. Our God became human and promises to be with us to see us through dark days. We are not alone as we move through life and that is meant to give us hope and peace.

Each year the season of Lent and Easter is meant to be a pilgrimage toward hope and peace for all Christians. We are each called to make time to grow in friendship with God. We, like Mary, can open our lives to God who loves us as we are, imperfect people, but wanting to be better. Reflecting on the death and resurrection of Christ calls all believers to be more aware of Jesus' love and mercy which leads to the gift of our salvation. Our cel-ebration of Easter is not only about the resurrection of Jesus but also about our call to share in the resurrection – new life after our own death. Each of our lives is meant to be a pilgrimage of hope.

Mary lived a humble, generous life where she focused on the greatness of God and doing what she could for other people who might be in need. These are values represented in all our Marist ministries here in the United States: education in schools in Georgia, Michigan and California; parish ministry in Georgia, Massachusetts, Michigan and Minnesota; our Lourdes Center and Marist Missions outreach ministries in Massachusetts; ministry to migrants and the dying in Texas and New Mexico; as chaplains in nursing homes, prisons, and the military.

Marist Fathers and Brothers in all these ministries, as well as our senior men, will be praying for you during the pilgrimage of hope that each of us lives throughout our years. If you would like to make a financial contribution it will help support our men in ministries and the care of our senior members, as well as Marist seminarians and missionaries in other parts of the world. We also appreciate your prayers for our Marist communities and ministries, as well as for the dedicated lay women and men who work alongside us in so many locations.

May God bless you and your family this Easter season and during the pilgrimage of hope that we each make this Jubilee Year 2025!

With prayers and appreciation,

Fr. Joe Hindelang, sm.

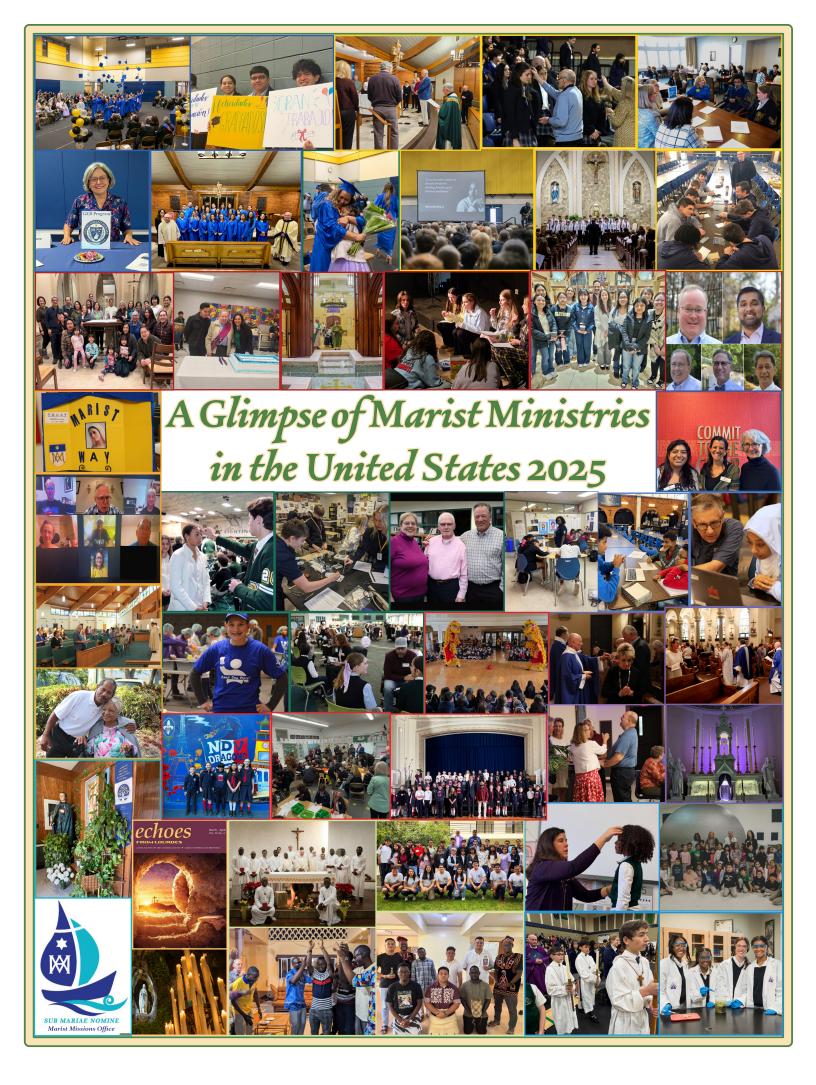
Very Rev. Joseph Hindelang, s.m.

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