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Marist Youth 2007

Marist Youth gatherings first began in 2001 in response to Pope John Paul II's declaration during the canonization of St. Marcellin Champagnat, "Dear young people who have come to express your devotion to Father Champagnat, I encourage you to remain faithful to the path to God, which Champagnat taught you." That was on April 18, 1999. The first youth gathering took place on the campus of Marist College over Memorial Day weekend 2001. Since then, this successful gathering of our students has become a bi-annual event

Today, through a series of presentations, guest speakers, dynamic prayer services, small group discussions, team games and outdoor activities, the gatherings continue to foster greater knowledge and experience of the Marist spirit and the charism of St. Marcellin Champagnat, along with the practical application of this spirit in the lives of participating students.

This year's gathering became an international event with the presence of students from Marist schools in Mexico and Canada.

The gathering was built around five anticipated student outcomes. In each one, the students would:

- Experience a greater understanding that their Marist identity is larger than one school or one country;
- Be challenged to discover and explore their sense of call to the Marist vision and mission;
- Be challenged to appreciate the courage, energy and faith of St. Marcellin Champagnat and the early Brothers;
- Understand that the same Jesus who called Fr. Champagnat also calls them;
- Have an opportunity to develop and expand the leadership skills that can be used in their own school to promote and develop Marist-based programs and projects.



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Dear Members of the Marist Family,

On behalf of all the Marist Brothers of the Province of the United States, I want to thank you for your extraordinary generosity and support of our mission to young people throughout the country. Father Champagnat often reminded the first Brothers that our goal should be that each of our students become a good Christian and a good citizen. In light of the varied pressures that our young people encounter today, this goal often is elusive. Nonetheless, the Marist Brothers and our Lay Associates are convinced that our mission is needed now more than ever. Young people require help to develop the “moral compass” that will enable them to make good decisions, to live good lives, and to reach out to those in need. I believe that without our Marist mission this will not happen.

Consequently, we have no choice but to do everything that we can to make Father Champagnat’s hopes a reality. We cannot do this without your assistance. Through your prayers and financial support you are with us in every classroom and chapel, on the athletic fields and in gymnasiums, at school plays and performances, on student retreats in each of our schools. You are an integral part of our mission and we are grateful.

Recently, Brother Henry Hammer, the Director of Marist Evangelization, and Mr. Vince Andiorio, Campus Minister at Marist High School in Chicago, attended an International Marist Mission Assembly in Brazil sponsored by the Marist Brothers’ General Administration. In speaking of their experience they wrote, “It is clear to us that our Marist mission has a promising and exciting future. There is passion for the mission and, most importantly, there are lay women and men who deeply share our Marist charism. For them, it is more than being Marist Educators. It is about being Marist.” I believe that the same can be said about you. Together, we share the privilege and the responsibility entrusted to us by Saint Marcellin.

As we enter the season of Advent, a time of prayer and “watchful waiting” for the Lord, I promise that you and your family will continue to be in the prayers of the Marist Brothers. We hope that you and those you love will be richly blessed as the Christ Child comes to birth once again in our world and in our hearts.

Sincerely,

Brother John Klein, F.M.S.
Provincial

The mission of the Marist Brothers of the Schools (F.M.S.) is to bring Christian education to young people, especially those who are most neglected.

Marist Educators

Alice Miesnik, Assistant Principal, Marist High School, Bayonne, New Jersey



I suppose my journey to Marist High School began back in 1973, even though I didn't actually arrive until 1987.

In 1973, I was a freshmen at the University of Delaware, with a strong calling to religious life. The community I entered one year later was the one I'd known since first grade, the Felician Sisters. After three years in formation, I spent eleven years teaching in several different schools.

All in all, my fourteen years with the Felicians were happy ones. The great irony of my life is that the same God that called me to enter the Felicians in 1973 also called me to leave them in 1987. Both calls were crystal clear to me. But how would I ever reconcile the two? Ultimately, I knew that God

had another plan for me, but I had no idea what that plan could be.

I've been teaching at Marist for nineteen years now and have been Assistant Principal for Academics for nine of those years. When I reflect on what has made the Marist charism my own, I can only say that it's been the way in which the Marist Brothers I've known have embodied that charism. These individuals have been a blessing to me, helping me understand by their very lives what it means to be Marist.

So was it to Marist that God was calling me all along? I certainly had no idea of this when I left the Felicians in 1987, but yes, I do feel that God wanted me at Marist High School. Champagnat's charism of simplicity, hard work, perseverance, and dedication to helping the least favored is alive and well at Marist. Our students live lives beyond our imagining. They have suffered loss

and neglect, the likes of which we will never see. They face obstacles that would cause most of us to lose hope. They are a constant inspiration to me. In addition, I am blessed to work in a place where the people really are a true community. Our faculty, staff, and students truly care about one another and support one another. Everyday, I thank God for the privilege of working in a place where the need is so great and the mission so clear.

In many ways, I was one of those neglected ones when the touch of Champagnat reached out to me. Now, I spend my days reaching out to others, following in the footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat, and I can't imagine my life lived any other way.

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Juan Gomez, Administrator, Christopher Columbus High School, Miami, Florida



I graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelors and a masters degree in Civil Engineering.

I went to work immediately for my father's construction company. After a few months of working in the construction field, I wasn't sure if construction was what I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I had the luxury of taking some time off so I decided to try something else.

In the interim, a college friend convinced me to substitute part time at Christopher Columbus High School where he was the P.E. coach. The idea appealed to me because my mother was a teacher for many years and I guess teaching was in my blood. It also gave me the flexibility to job hunt and interview for other jobs.

During my first few months at

Columbus, a math teacher had gone into the hospital for a heart procedure. Tragically, Mr. Gonzalez passed away on the operating table.

Br. Kevin Handibode, the principal at the time, approached me immediately and asked me if I would take over teaching responsibilities full time. I agreed and that was how I finished my first year at Columbus.

Br. Kevin approached me again at the end of the school year and

but I had never received the sacrament of Confirmation. With the help of Br. Michael Brady and Father Paul Edwards, I was confirmed at the age of 25. Since then, I have grown in my faith to the person I am today. I have the Marist Brothers and the charism of St. Marcellin to thank for that.

Six years ago I was asked by Br. Kevin to be part of the Administration at Columbus. Everyday now brings

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offered me a full time teaching position. I was enjoying my time at Columbus and I always figured I could continue to interview and leave as soon as the perfect job came my way. During this time, I forged a strong relationship with the Marist Brothers. I was a practicing Catholic

new challenges and rewards as I help make Jesus known and loved to our students. As I write this testimonial, I can't help but think back to my early years at Columbus. The anxiety and confusion I experienced as I looked for the perfect job never realizing until later that I had already found it.

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JUBILEE CELEBRATION

The 2007 Province Jubilee was held on Friday evening, June 15 at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Douglaston, New York.

Msgr. Thomas Healy, graduate of St. Ann's/Archbishop Molloy and friend of jubilarian Brother Martin Healy, was the main celebrant of the Jubilee Mass. Joining Msgr. Healy as concelebrants were Fathers James Burke, William Caffrey, SVD, and George Witt, SJ. Bishop Dominic Marconi presided.

In his homily, Msgr. Healy noted that the Jubilee celebration took place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, an image particularly special to Father Champagnat. Msgr. Healy commented on the Gospel passage of the lost sheep. He said that every one of us has a bit of the "lost sheep" in ourselves. He related how a number of Marist Brothers in his life helped him through some difficult times in his high school days. These Brothers, he said, were willing to go and look for the lost sheep. Msgr. Healy's challenge to all was that we continue to be good shepherds for one another.



(From left to right) **Brs. Alfred George, Cornelius Russell, Martin Healy**
(Not pictured) **Brs. Kenneth Marino and Eugene Trzechieski**



(From left to right) **Brs. George Fontana, Fabian Mayor, Patrick Hogan, Kevin Handibode, Nicholas Caffrey, William Lambert**



(From left to right) **Brs. Kenneth Ward, Richard Carey, Owen Ormsby**
(Not pictured) **Br. Bernard Yamaguchi**

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Brother Alfred George
Brother Martin Healy
Brother Kenneth Marino
Brother Cornelius Russell
Brother Eugene Trzechieski

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Brother Nicholas Caffrey
Brother George Fontana
Brother Kevin Handibode
Brother Patrick Hogan
Brother William Lambert
Brother Fabian Mayor
Brother Bernard Ruth (RIP)

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Brother Richard Carey
Brother Owen Ormsby
Brother Kenneth Ward
Brother Bernard Yamaguchi

Although they could not be present for the jubilee celebration, Brothers Kenneth Marino, Eugene Trzechieski, and Bernard Yamaguchi were not far from the minds and hearts of our Brother jubilarians.

Marist Leadership Institute 2007

The Marist Leadership Institute (MLI) was begun in 2005 to assist our schools' administrators in integrating and promoting the Marist/Champagnat heritage in their personal and professional lives and to become catalysts for future development of this heritage within their educational ministries.

The 2007 session of the MLI was held from Sunday, July 22 through Friday, July 27, 2007 at Stella Maris Retreat Center in Long Branch, New Jersey. Participating schools were Central Catholic High School (Lawrence, Massachusetts), Archbishop Molloy High School (Briarwood, New York), Marist High School (Bayonne, New Jersey), Roselle Catholic High School (Roselle, New Jersey), Christopher Columbus High School (Miami, Florida), Marist High School (Chicago, Illinois), St. Joseph Academy (Brownsville, Texas) and Guadalupe Regional Middle School (Brownsville, Texas).

Br. Steve Schlitte, principal of Marist High School in Bayonne, New Jersey, directed the 2007 Marist Leadership Institute. Br. Steve chose two themes for this year's session: Marist pedagogy and its all important complement: Marist spirituality.

Brothers Michael Green and David Hall, of the Sydney, Australia Province were the presenters at the 2007 session of the Marist Leadership Institute and led participants in a variety of themes including:

- Who is this man? Images and Impressions of Marcellin Champagnat
- Our Schools Should Have a Family Spirit: Strategies for Making Our Schools Marist
- My Call — Our Call: Our Vocation to be Marist
- A Marist Future for the USA

My MLI experience this week has given words to one of the deepest truths of my heart: that I do this work because I love the young people with whom I work, that I do it because it is God's call on my life, that I do it because I could not imagine doing anything else.

Lindsay Irwin: St. Joseph Academy



The teachings of St. Marcellin Champagnat, although written over two hundred years ago, are as real and relevant as if they had been written today.

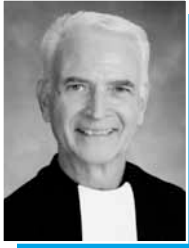
Beth O'Neill: Marist-Chicago



Brother David Hall (left) is currently the director of the Marist Ministries Office for the Province of Sydney. David has served in a number of schools as principal and religious education coordinator. He oversees the different offices of the Marist Ministries Office which include: Administrative Services, Spiritual Formation of Faculty and Staff, Vocations and Marist Life, and Marist Asia-Pacific Solidarity

Brother Michael Green (right) is the principal of Sacred Heart College in Cairns in northern Australia. He is a member of the Provincial Council of the Sydney Province and has served as director of Marist Education for the Sydney Province. Michael has written extensively on Marist Education and currently serves as the president of the Association of Marist Schools of Australia (AMSA).

Dear Members of our Marist Family,



Br. Hugh P. Turley,
F.M.S.



Paulette M. Karas

Advent and Christmas are times of both celebration and reflection. We celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and reflect back on the events in our lives over the past year. This past year marks the 190th anniversary of the founding of the Marist Brothers by St. Marcellin Champagnat. We celebrate this milestone in the theme of this year's Annual Fund, "190 Years Sharing the Legacy." The fact that the Marist Brothers have been able to effectively serve for almost two centuries, bringing Christian education to youth, especially the most neglected is a testament to the faith and commitment of many generations of "Marists," both Brothers and lay, working together.

Today, we rely on the kindness and generosity of you, our friends, family and alumni to work together with us to assist in furthering this mission to new generations of young men and women. Your support

has, and will continue, to keep the important presence of our Brothers in our educational institutions and ministries as well as enable us to provide for our elderly and disabled Brothers. Your financial support also allows us to expand our vocation awareness program to reach more young men contemplating religious life.

Each year as traditional sources of funding continue to shrink, our fundraising efforts become more and more critical to our ongoing efforts. If you haven't yet become a financial supporter of The Marist Brothers, please consider sending a gift today. Your gift, no matter the amount, will be gratefully appreciated. Or simply go online to our secure website, www.maristbr.com and click on "Support the Brothers" to charge a gift to your major credit card. We are proud of your role in our continuing success and hope you will seriously consider a gift to one of our recent appeals. Together, we can carry out St. Marcellin's mission and continue to make a difference in the lives of young people for another 190 years!

We join all the Brothers in wishing you a blessed Advent and a wonderful Christmas season surrounded by family and friends. May the new year 2008 bring you good health, great joy and happiness.

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Merry Christmas!

Br. Hugh P. Turley, F.M.S., CFRE
Co-Director of Development

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Brother

Teacher Mentor Caregiver Poet
Chaplain Minister Friend

Br. Paul Bernard Heavy, F.M.S.



Br. Paul's life in so many ways was a remarkable, even heroic one. His passion for life, for chemistry and anthropology, for teaching his students was outstanding.

Br. Paul Bernard Heavy was born in Worcester, Massachusetts in January of 1935. His years of formation with the Marist Brothers in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts and Poughkeepsie, New York were completed in 1958. That year began a life dedicated to his students and teaching at Archbishop Molloy High School in Briarwood, New York until his death on June 1, 2007.

Br. Paul once told the Provincial that he would not have been able to survive his brittle diabetes since the age of twenty one, and later Addison's disease, without the attentive and unselfish care of Br. John Alexis and his Brothers of the Molloy community.

As St. Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers would say, Br. Paul is now in the sacred hearts of Jesus and Mary. Well done, good and faithful servant.

Br. Matthew Snowden, F.M.S.



Brother Matthew Snowden died on Sunday, April 22, 2007. Matty was born on January 3, 1929 and entered the Marist Brothers Novitiate in 1947.

He professed first vows in 1948 and completed the scholasticate in 1953.

His first teaching assignment was at St. Mary's High School in Manhasset followed by assignments at Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, West Virginia and Mt. St. Michael Academy in the Bronx before going to second novitiate in 1964.

After second novitiate, Matty studied at the Alexian Brothers School of Nursing in Chicago from 1965 to 1968. As a nurse, Matty ministered at the Marist

Brothers Infirmary in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts from 1968 to 1975 and St. Clare's Hospital in New York City from 1975 to 1987. From 1987 to 1997, Matty served as a nurse educator.

Matty retired to Champagnat Hall in 1997. At his funeral on April 25 at St. Francis of Assisi Church in the Bronx, Brother Nicholas Caffrey remembered Matty as a man who had a spirit of doing things for other people; the whole idea of becoming a nurse was his way of offering help to other people.

May he rest in peace.

Br. Denis Caverly, F.M.S.



Br. Denis Christopher Caverly died suddenly on September 26, 2007 at Champagnat Hall in the Bronx, New York. Br. Denis had recently retired after a long and dedicated career of teaching math and moderating multiple after-school student activities.

Br. Denis was born on September 7, 1933 in New York City. He enrolled in the Marist Juniorate in Esopus, New York in 1948 and professed his Marist vows in 1952.

Br. Denis had a B.A. in Mathematics from Marist College and a M.A. from St. John's University. His teaching assignments took him to Mount St. Michael Academy (1954-1962), St. Agnes Boys High School (1962-1972), Bishop Dubois High School (1972-1975), Central Catholic High School (1975-1986), Marist High School, Chicago, IL (1986-1992) and back to Mount St. Michael Academy until he retired in 2004. Even during "retirement," Br. Denis tutored math students at Mount St. Michael Academy Junior High from 2004-2006.

It is with pride that the Marist Brothers look back upon Br. Denis' life, in and out of the classroom. A true Marist, dedicated to his students and his community life as a Brother.



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The Marist Brothers are pleased to announce the debut of our new Remembrance In Prayer card designs! We have updated our signature card, featuring the image of Christ, and introduced a brand new Candle and Cross design. These Traditional cards may be used as memorials to remember the deceased. Our two new All Occasion cards may be sent in honor of a Birthday, Wedding, Anniversary or

to send Get Well greetings. All cards carry a special promise of Remembrance in Prayer from the Marist Brothers.

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