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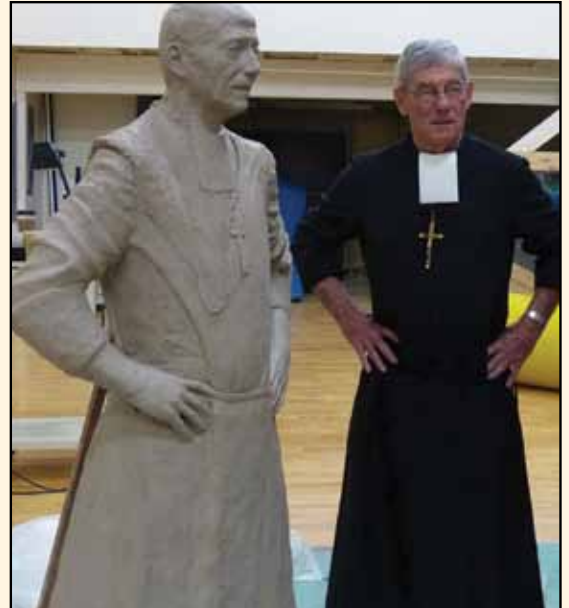
The Marist staff at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene, Oregon, eagerly gathered at the request of an anonymous donor. The mandate? "Make a statement of faith; show what Marist stands for, and provide a hallmark I can fund that actually interacts with students, staff, parents, and visitors alike."

To this, Peter Helzer, sculptor of interactive bronze sculptures that range from figurative to whimsical to architectural, presented "The Marist Community" figures located at the focal point of the campus: the atrium centered in the main entrance.

The Marist community seconded this positioning with the words, "We want it to be a sign of our faith, our community. We want it to be a place to sit and rest, to visit, to wait for pick-up or to simply hang out."

Good art and design resulted in four life-size bodies standing or seated among columns that double as benches so community members can sit with the perpetually friendly grouping. The figures include a girl and boy student; a woman teacher; and a Marist Brother, the last a bit in the background, but hands on his waist cords, clearly part of what's going on.

The original model had shown the Marist Brother holding a Bible. But after Helzer had spent nearly three days with Br. Dan Grogan,



Br. Dan Grogan, FMS, models for one of the new statuary at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene, Oregon.

FMS,¹ in early May, modeling real life to get the traditional cassock, cords, and bib just right, he clearly heard Br. Dan's strong picture of the Marist Brothers (and the Marist community as a whole): faith into action. The Bible-reading pose changed to a smiling, one-foot-forward, engaged stance.

Jay Conroy, principal of Marist Catholic High School, summed up the bronzes: "Helzer's humble reluctance at trying to capture Christ in bronze is a fitting parallel to our own heartfelt desire to find Christ in our community: learning, service, activities, Masses, retreats, wins, and losses. We will now be able to come sit amongst the bronzes, with friends or, simply, with Him. We are One."

¹ Br. Dan Grogan, FMS, was a founding Marist Brother of Marist Catholic High School in Eugene, Oregon, serving there from 1967-75 and 1981-91.



FROM THE DESK OF

The Provincial

Dear Brothers and fellow Marists,

2013 ADVENT GREETINGS!

As you may know, I had the opportunity to attend our Marist Institute's General Conference, which was held at L'Hermitage, France, from September 8-28th. The General Conference afforded the provincials, district leaders, and general administration time to take stock in what has transpired in our Marist Institute since the XXI General Chapter four years ago to see our present realities with eyes of hope and to look to the future, especially in light of the upcoming bicentenary of the founding of the "Little Brothers of Mary" in 2017.

In a real way, Pope Francis and his simple, yet inspiring, leadership, was a strong presence at the General Conference. "We are called to be prophets in particular by demonstrating how Jesus lived on this earth, and to proclaim how the kingdom of God will be in its perfection. Being prophets may sometimes imply making waves....Prophecy makes noise, uproar, some say 'a mess.' But in reality...prophecy announces the spirit of the Gospel." His words, frequently quoted, helped inspire each of us.

The theme of this conference *Awakening the Dawn: Prophets and Mystics for Our Time* had a personal meaning for each of us as we spent time in conversation, prayer, and walking in the places where Marcellin himself walked nearly 200 years ago. It was a privilege to be able to participate in such a rich and important gathering.

One of the most powerful images for me was the newly renovated house at LaValla. This is the place where Marcellin established the first Marist Brother community in 1817. The house now has three distinct levels in which pilgrims can visit: the basement where Marcellin lived during those early years of our foundation; the community room, which holds the iconic dining room table; and the "mission room," an area used for bedroom space as the young community grew.

Br. Emili, superior general, often repeated Pope Francis' words: as Marists we are called to live, cultivate, and transmit the contemplative dimension of our lives to our Brothers in community and to the world around us. What would happen if we took this call seriously?

As we prepare for the coming feast that is Christmas, I pray that each of us takes time to contemplate God's love for us in the daily, ordinary moments in our lives. It is in these moments that God's love is manifested for our sake.

Thank you for all that you do for our Marist mission. Let us continue to keep each other in our prayers.

Sincerely,

Br. Ben Consigli, FMS

Marist High School, Chicago, Illinois

*kicks off its 50th anniversary
year with a special Mass*

Marist High School Chicago marked 50 years of operation as a leading Chicago-area co-educational Catholic high school on September 9, with a special outdoor stadium Mass and community celebration led by Francis Cardinal George, OMI, archbishop of Chicago. Cardinal George led more than 2,000 Marist students, faculty, alumni, parents, religious leaders, and community friends in a special Mass that honored both the school's rich traditions and its vibrant future.

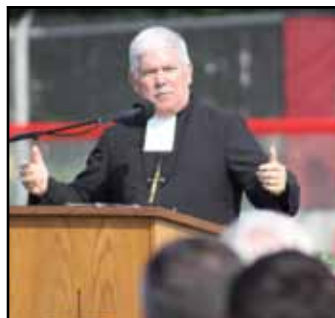


Cardinal George offers a closing blessing during Marist's 50th anniversary Mass. Altar server Annemarie Leonard assists.

With more than 18,000 current alumni, Marist High School opened its doors on September 9, 1963, under the continuing leadership and direction of the Marist Brothers. The school has

thrived over the last five decades, developing an innovative and demanding college preparatory curriculum that serves Chicago-area and suburban students at all academic levels and promotes a legacy of faith, family, and service.

"While this Mass honored our rich past, it even more distinctly starts our path for the next 50 years," said Br. Patrick McNamara, FMS, president of Marist. "As a school and faith community, we are committed to serving the families of the Southwest Side of Chicago well into the 21st century, and we are working every day to secure all of the resources required to complete this mission."



Marist President Br. Patrick McNamara, FMS, addresses the crowd at the 50th anniversary Mass.



Francis Cardinal George, OMI, archbishop of Chicago, processes out of Mass after celebrating the anniversary liturgy with the Marist community.



Marist Student Council President Kevin Shanahan presents a thank-you gift to Cardinal George.

As it has continued to grow in recent years, Marist has made significant capital improvements and additions that have provided more classrooms, a theatre, computer labs, new and improved athletic facilities, and more. Academically, Marist graduates have

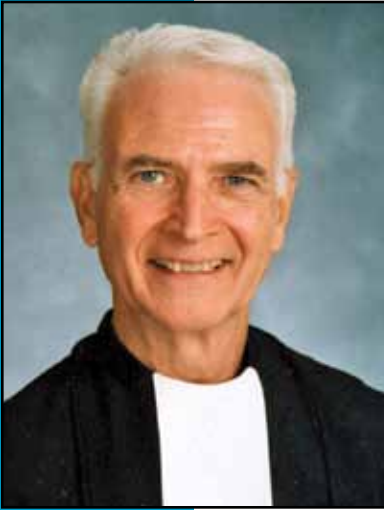
gone on to top universities and achieved success in a variety of industries across the nation. Last spring, 98% of the graduates chose colleges in 16 states, while others headed directly for military duty or job training.

One of the most significant changes for the school was its transition to co-ed enrollment during the 2002-03 school year, with the first co-ed class graduating in 2006. The 50th anniversary has also provided a springboard for the school to implement cutting-edge technology that focuses on collaborative learning and supports the dedicated teachers who staff three different college-prep programs.

Above all, the past 50 years have been a journey in faith for the school community. The opportunity for young men and women to grow spiritually and live out the mission of the school by serving others has always been at the forefront of life at Marist.



Marist Brothers who have been teachers and administrators at the school over the last half-century flew in from across the country to celebrate the 50th anniversary.



Dear Members of our Marist Family.

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 year has had many in our country facing devastating natural disasters as well as brutal crimes. But in each one of these tragedies, friends, neighbors, and complete strangers reached out to help with their time, treasure, or talent. People united to help ease the suffering and bring hope for the future.



Our Annual Fund this year carries the theme of "hope." We rely on the kindness and generosity of you, our friends, family, and alumni, to work together with us to bring hope 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 bringing hope to our future.

Each year, as traditional sources of funding continue to shrink, our fundraising efforts become more and more critical to our ministries. We have recently entered into a partnership with the National Catholic Community Foundation to offer Charitable Gift Annuities to our Marist family for the benefit of the Marist Brothers. Please see the announcement on the opposite page.

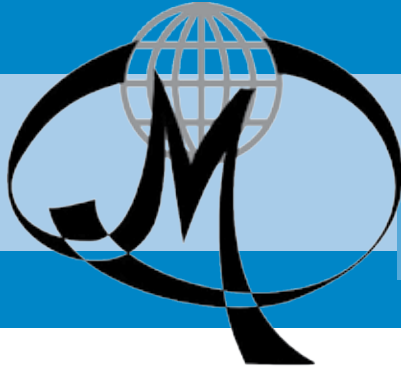
If you haven't yet become a financial supporter of the Marist Brothers, please consider sending a gift today. Your gift, no matter the amount, will be gratefully appreciated. Or simply go online to our secure website, www.maristbr.com, and click the "Donate Now" button on the left sidebar to charge a gift to your credit card. We are proud of your role in our continuing success and ask that you seriously consider a gift to one of our recent appeals. Together, we can continue to bring hope to the lives of the young people we serve and to the world.

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 2014 bring you good health, great joy, and happiness.

Merry Christmas!

Br. Hugh P. Turley, FMS, CFRE
Co-Director of Development

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Co-Director of Development



THE MARIST BROTHERS ARE NOW OFFERING CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

The Marist Brothers are pleased to announce that we have partnered with the National Catholic Community Foundation to offer Charitable Gift Annuities to our Marist family.

What is a Gift Annuity?

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a contract in which you exchange a gift of cash or securities for a fixed income each year for the rest of your life (or the lives of two people). Those wishing to participate must be at least 60 years of age with a charitable gift of \$5,000 or more.

Are there benefits to this type of giving?

Yes, the charitable gift annuity is an irrevocable gift commitment, but one with excellent tax and financial benefits.

- **You are investing in the future of the mission of the Marist Brothers;**
- Income for Life – at attractive payout rates for one or two lives;
- Tax Deduction Savings – a large part of what you transfer is a deductible charitable gift;
- Tax-Free Payout – a large part of your annual payment is tax-free return of principal;
- Capital Gains Tax Savings – when you contribute securities for a gift annuity, you minimize any taxes on your “paper profit;”
- Personal Satisfaction



We can provide you with with a free gift annuity analysis that answers all your questions.

Simply call our office at (773) 881-5343.

Newsworthy



Rite of Welcome and Entrance into Postulancy — On **September 22**, the communities in Esopus celebrated the Marist Rite for those entering Initial Formation. Vocation Director Br. Mike Sheerin, led the prayer service at the Novitiate. Our three postulants received the Bible, the Prayer of Christians, and the Life of the Founder to mark their transition into postulancy. Br. Roy George represented the two Provincials, Br. Jeff Crowe of Australia and Br. Ben Consigli, in welcoming Jack O’Sullivan, James Hodge, and Sam Amos. Congratulations and welcome!



On August 17, the new **All Sports Fitness Complex & Bernhardt Student Wellness Center** was dedicated at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami, Florida.



From Br. Ben:
“Greetings from L’Hermitage and the General Conference!”

On September 8, 30 participants from each Province and District throughout the Marist Institute gathered with Br. Emili Turu, superior general; the General Council; and the directors of the various secretariats, to begin the work of

reflecting on how the Institute has animated the calls of the XXI General Chapter over the last past four years.

“Participants were led through various community-building exercises, so they could come to know each other and the realities of our administrative units better. In the midst of so much cultural diversity, it was amazing to see so many common opportunities and challenges facing each of the Provinces.” In addition to Br. Ben, Brothers John Klein and Sean Sammon also attended the Conference.



On June 23, the **Mid-Hudson Valley Camp** opened our brand new **Water Park** for the first time to the **delight of our children.**

The name of the first child in the water park (for those of you who are history buffs) is Naomi Delgado. Naomi recently underwent surgery for a cochlear implant and had to wear a bathing cap to avoid getting her head wet...so the water park offered her an opportunity for enjoyment with much less of a risk than our swimming pool could offer!

Watching the kids enjoy the different water features, Br. Pat Hogan, board member, looked out and said, “This makes it all worthwhile!”



In Memoriam



*Br. James
Kearney,
FMS*

Br. James Kearney was born in New York City in 1930 to William Kearney and Nora Keating. He joined the

Marist Brothers in 1948 as Br. William James and received his first teaching assignment as a Marist Brother at Mount St. Michael Academy, Bronx, New York ('52-'59), where he became the Mount's dean of students ('59-'63) and later its principal. Br. James also served at St. Agnes Boys High School, New York City, as teacher and later as principal.

Br. James obtained advanced degrees from St. John's University and Columbia University; was permanently certified with the State of New York in English, School Administration, and School District Administration; and was granted honorary doctorates from both Iona College and Marymount College.

From 1970 through 1989, Br. James first served as the associate superintendent of schools, then as deputy superintendent and finally as superintendent of schools in the Archdiocese of New York. He was a member of the Marist College Board of Trustees as well as various religious, educational, and philanthropic boards.

As Brother, teacher, and administrator, Br. Jim was loved and respected for his gentle and wise counsel. Br. Jim passed away on May 14th.



*Br. Patrick
McNulty,
FMS*

Br. Pat McNulty took the Marist habit in 1952 as Br. Patrick Matthew and spent the next 60 years of his life

as a very dynamic Marist Brother. Teaching mostly math courses as well as an extensive list of extracurricular activities and projects, Br. Pat devoted his life to his students and school communities in New York City and Poughkeepsie in New York; Laredo, Texas; Miami, Florida; Bayonne, New Jersey; Augusta, Georgia; and as far as Durban, South Africa; Pleebo, Liberia; and Adelaide, Australia. Enthusiastic energy and a spirit of adventure marked his entire life.

Br. Pat died on August 18th at our health care community in the Bronx, New York, at the end of a fierce but swift battle with lung cancer. His life covered many miles and many Marist undertakings, but it was consistently marked by the humility, simplicity, and straightforwardness that mark our Marist ideal.

To read additional obituaries on Brothers James Kearney and Pat McNulty, as well as other recently deceased Brothers, **visit our website www.marist.com**, click on "Who We Are," and select "Marvelous Companions (Remembering our Deceased Brothers)."

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The Marist Brothers *Remembrance in Prayer Program*



New Designs Now Available!

The Marist Brothers offer two different series of Remembrance in Prayer cards: Traditional cards and All Occasion cards. We have recently updated our signature Traditional card featuring the image of Christ and introduced a new Traditional Marial design. Both of these Traditional cards may be used as memorials to remember the deceased. Our two All Occasion cards may be sent in honor of a birthday, wedding or anniversary or to send get-well greetings.

All cards carry a special promise of Remembrance in Prayer from the Marist Brothers.

We would be delighted to send you a complimentary packet of our new Traditional cards or refresh your supply of All Occasion cards. Please send your request through email (maristbr@aol.com) or to the address on this newsletter.

The Marist Brothers Mission

To bring Christian education to young people, especially those who are most neglected.
(Article 2, Constitutions)

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