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TODAY'S Marist Brother

Brothers in Mission

The Encuentro Project

The Marist Brothers USA Province has joined a collaborative and inter-congregational project involving the Jesuits, the Marist Brothers, and the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Family to create a



new community in the El Paso-Ciudad Juarez border region between Texas and Mexico. Br. Todd Patenaude, FMS from the

USA Province is serving as the program coordinator and house manager. In addition to working directly with migrants and refugees, Br. Todd and Br. Eduardo "Lalo" Navarro have been using their experiential



education backgrounds to train people who will be working with migrant youths. These trainings include personnel from

Southwest Keys, Immigration Houses (both US and Mexico), parish youth groups, and religious education coordinators. The new project will focus on direct work with asylum seekers, and migrant, immigrant, and refugee persons. It will include education in Catholic social teaching and on border/migrant realities and projects through site visits, evening reflection and spiritual accompaniment.

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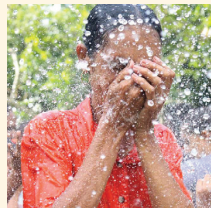
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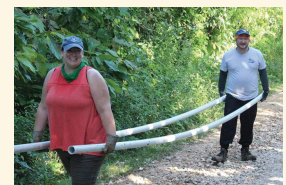
In Memoriam



Br. Brian Poulin, FMS, has been working in the Dominican Republic since August as an intern with BLUE Missions as he completes his degree in Sustainable International Development. BLUE Missions is an organization started by two alumni of Christopher Columbus High School in Miami,



Florida. BLUE works to bring convenient access to safe drinking water and hygiene sanitation facilities to the rural populations experiencing a water crisis throughout the country.



Follow Br. Brian's journey through his new blog series, "Thank God It's Saturday!" www.maristbr.com/thank-god-its-saturday

FROM THE DESK OF

the Provincial

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Dear Marist Family,

God's closeness and blessings to you and your loved ones as we enter this Christmas season and the birth of Jesus Christ. May these Advent days bring us all closer to the Lord and to our Good Mother, Mary.

About a month ago I attended a reunion at one of our Marist schools and had the very real joy of reconnecting with former students, many of whom I had not seen in over 30 years. In an instant, we were reminiscing with so many memories of learning and laughter, growth and challenges, joys and tears. One alumnus spoke on behalf of his peers and stated how thankful he was for the positive life foundation he received as a young Marist student. He said how grateful he is to the Marist Brothers and our school's lay colleagues for all the care and instruction they provided.



The Marist Brothers were founded by Saint Marcellin Champagnat over 200 years ago with the mission to evangelize and teach young people to be good Christians and good citizens. Today, we continue to be committed to providing the safest possible environment for those entrusted to our care. Throughout this past year, reports about the abuse of children, young people, and vulnerable adults in our Church and in our own congregation in the past, have reminded us of the need to recommit ourselves continually to the safeguards and protocols that we have in place to guide the behavior of our Brothers and lay colleagues in our schools and ministries. We continue to ensure that every young person or vulnerable adult in our schools, camps, retreat houses, parishes, and youth groups is respected, safe, and provided with the wonderful experience of coming to know and love Jesus Christ.

Thank you, Marist Family, for all of your generosity and support in keeping this mission alive. Your support brings Jesus to life for thousands of young people here in the United States and throughout our Marist world. For me, and for all Marist Brothers, there is no greater example of the Christmas spirit.

May Mary, our good mother, smile on you and be with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. Patrick McNamara, FMS". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brother Patrick McNamara, FMS
Provincial



ESOPUS CORNER

The Mission statement of the MBCE states that “The Marist Brothers’ Center at Esopus is a place where a Marist approach to ministry, formation, and service work together to evangelize young people and adults.” Our mission takes on many forms. During the summer months, we host a series of 10 one-week camps for marginalized children known as the Mid-Hudson Valley Camps.

MHV Camps are a jewel in the crown of our Marist mission here in Esopus. This past summer, 779 campers spent time here on the banks of the Hudson River. Some come from poor urban settings. Some of our campers are deaf; some struggle in a fight against cancer. Others live with disabilities. All of them, however, found a home where they were accepted and loved in a true Marist fashion.

This was made possible because 846 volunteers, students and adults alike, chose to give up their summer vacations. The work of the camps is now done by men and women who work tirelessly on behalf of others. Their experiences have been life-changing. Many choose their professions due to what they learn here at camp. All of them will be quick to tell you that they receive more than they give.

Why do they do it? The simple answer is because they want to make a difference. They believe, as did Marcellin Champagnat, that all children deserve to be loved, and that by loving them the world is made a better place.

The Advent season calls each of us to “Prepare the way of the Lord.” How can we best respond to this call throughout the year? Our work in the Mid-Hudson Valley Camps seeks to proclaim the Gospel message that “God is with us”, not simply by our words, but more importantly, by our deeds.

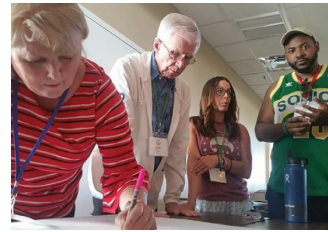
This Advent season, as we wait in expectation to celebrate the Incarnation of our God’s love, let us give thanks for the gift of Esopus and for all those who join in our mission “to make Jesus known and loved.”



Lay Marists USA



Over the summer, 75 Lay Marists gathered in Long Branch, New Jersey, for the first-ever USA Lay Marist Assembly. The retreat-style assembly was guided by guest speakers Pep Buetas from Spain, who is Co-Director of the Secretariat of the Laity for the Marist Institute, and Patti Rios, who is a Lay faculty member at a school in Tijuana, Mexico. The assembly centered on three sessions entitled "Discover," "Dream," and "Design and Create." On the final day, participants were divided into six groups and rotated among discussion circles on different topics surrounding the future of USA Lay Marists in an opportunity to offer input, insights, and recommendations. The topics were: communications, leadership, local communities, national communities,



formation programs, and Communion. A number of recommendations were raised

such as monthly prayer gatherings in regional areas, a Lay Marist newsletter, Lay Marist social media platforms, a Lay Marist steering committee (which has since come to fruition), and a possible director of Lay Marists position within the USA Province.



Lay Marist Prayer

O God, as a Marist of Champagnat,
I will reflect your love where I am present today.
I will live simply & respond with love in the face of anger & hate.
I will openly receive & freely share the love of the Marist Family.
I will put my whole self & all my love into the work I do.
I will follow Mary, our Good Mother's example of being your disciple.

When I have failed at these today,
I will ask your mercy & the forgiveness of others.
Help me to grow in love for you, in love for Marcellin Champagnat,
and in love for others.

Amen!

LaValla Weekend Service Retreat

This year marked the seventh annual LaValla Weekend Service Retreat at the Marist Brothers' Center in Esopus, New York. Students from Archbishop Molloy High School (Queens, New York), Christopher Columbus High School (Miami, Florida), Marist High School (Bayonne, New Jersey), Marist High School (Chicago, Illinois), Mount St. Michael Academy (Bronx, New York), St. Joseph Academy (Brownsville, Texas), Roselle Catholic High School (Roselle, New Jersey), and Ecolé Secondaire Marcellin Champagnat (Quebec, Canada) participated.

Rather than starting a new project, participants spent time cleaning and fixing projects from previous LaValla Retreats. Groups also rotated through different tasks at Mary's House, "Chiz's Heart Street," in nearby Kingston, New York, where the mission is to offer a home and hope to those who suffer from mental illnesses and to those who have made a commitment to live a clean and sober life.

Students were in for a surprise when one morning's breakfast was turned into a "Hunger Banquet," a simulation experience which separates students into tables representing the elite, working, and very-low income classes. A small group of students was served a five-course breakfast, another had access to a breakfast buffet with eggs and coffee cake (no second-servings), and the majority of students were asked to sit on blankets on the floor and received only dry cereal and the leftovers the other tables were willing to donate to them. The goal of this simulation experience was to give students insights on the real-life struggles so many people go through to get food on a daily basis.



Christmas Greetings



This Christmas season, as we write to you—our many friends and benefactors—we send our thanks and gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the Marist Brothers, the care you express for our elderly and disabled Brothers, and your enthusiastic support of our educational and evangelical work with youth.

We know that you are interested in many worthwhile causes and we realize you cannot donate to all who ask. We want you to know that we are most grateful for your kind support of the Marist Brothers, of our works, and of our ministries.

Your gifts to our Annual Fund each year generously provide a groundwork of general support as well as support for those special projects that need funding throughout the year.

Ongoing concern for our elderly and disabled Brothers is a duty which Saint Marcellin Champagnat considered a blessing. You may also have the experience of caring for an elderly loved one in your own family and know the diverse and sometimes pressing needs that can arise. We have the same needs—and your blessings of support through our annual Retirement Appeal greatly help us meet those responsibilities.

As Christmas approaches, we want you to know that through your unselfish support, we know we are not alone. We are surrounded by your care and concern. You have become members of our extended Marist Family and like all families, we care for one other. Please know you are remembered in the daily prayers of all of our Marist Brothers.

Our very best wishes for a blessed Advent and Christmas season. Surround yourselves with the peace, love, and joy of family and friends. May the New Year ahead be filled with happiness and good health.

Merry Christmas!

Br. Hugh P. Turley, FMS

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IN MEMORIAM



Br. William Lambert

May 26, 2018

Br. William Chanel Lambert, a member of the Marist Brothers of the Schools for 61 years, died in Lawrence, Massachusetts, on May 26, 2018. He was 79 years old.

During his religious life, Br. William received his formation at the Marist

Brothers' Juniorate in Esopus, New York, and the Brothers' Novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, before getting his undergraduate degree from Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. His first assignment after professing first vows was as a teacher and administrator at Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, West Virginia. He returned to the Merrimack Valley in 1971 and was a highly regarded guidance counselor and principal at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Br. Bill served the Archdiocese as assistant superintendent of schools from 1978 until 1988, during which time he also received a doctorate in educational administration from Boston College. In 1988 he joined the faculty of Boston College and was instrumental in the development of the highly regarded "First Year Experience" program. He retired in 2005, but remained a regular attendee and a familiar face at Boston College's basketball, football, and hockey games.

Br. William had an extended Marist family tree that included his uncle, the late Bishop Francis R. Lambert, SM, bishop of Port Vila, Vanuatu. His great uncle, Eugene Lambert, and uncle Chanel Lambert, were both Marist Brothers.



Br. Martin Healy

October 10, 2018

Brother Martin Healy, FMS, a member of the Marist Brothers of the Schools for 71 years, died on October 10, 2018, at Cabrini Nursing Home in Dobbs Ferry, New York. He was 89 years old.

Br. Martin was born in New York City. He attended the Marist Brothers' Juniorate in Esopus, New York, from 1943 until 1946 before becoming a postulant in 1946 and entering the Marist Brothers' Novitiate in Poughkeepsie, in 1947. He professed first vows in 1948, final vows in 1953, and the vow of stability in 1965.

After completing his religious and academic studies at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, Br. Martin began his ministry serving as a teacher and coach at St. Ann's Academy in New York City from 1951 until 1956. He also served as a teacher at St. Helena High School, Bronx, New York (1956-58), while working on his

master's degree in theology, which he earned from St. John's University in 1958. Br. Martin spent time working at Our Lady of Lourdes High School, Poughkeepsie (1958-63), St. Agnes High School, New York City (1964-67), Cardinal Hayes High School, Bronx (1967-69), Roselle Catholic High School, Roselle, New Jersey (1970-79), Lacordaire Academy, Upper Montclair, New Jersey (1979-81), and Academy of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, New Jersey (1981-89). He also served as chaplain at Roselle Catholic High School in New Jersey (1990-2006).

Br. Martin retired to the Marist Brothers' community in Roselle, New Jersey, in 2006 and he continued to volunteer as a Eucharistic minister at local hospitals. He remained there until 2017, when he moved to Champagnat Hall in the Bronx.

Br. Martin was the son of Martin and Margaret (Green) Healy. He is survived by his brother, Patrick, his two sisters, Ann and Sister Angelus Healy, OP, and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews, as well as by his Marist Brothers of the Province of the United States.

To read additional obituaries on Brothers William and Martin, as well as other recently deceased Brothers, visit www.maristbr.com, and under "Marist Archives," click on "Deceased Brothers."

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The Marist Brothers Mission

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

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Remembrance in Prayer Program



The Marist Brothers offer two different series of Remembrance in Prayer cards: Traditional and All-Occasion cards. Our signature Traditional cards feature the image of Christ and a 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 extend 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 Traditional or All-Occasion cards. Please send your request through email (maristbr@maristbr.org) or to the mailing address at left.