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The Superior General Visited the USA Provincial Chapter Meeting



The 2018 USA Provincial Chapter meeting took place from March 22-25. Brothers from around the country had previously been voted as delegates to participate in the Chapter meeting. This year's meeting is the first in the USA Province's history at which Marist laity were invited to be full participants in the entire Chapter weekend. In total, 43 Brother delegates and lay guests joined together to discuss the future of the Marist charism in the United States.

Attendees were especially excited for the presence of Br. Ernesto Sanchez-Barba, who was elected the new Superior General of the Marist Institute at the 22nd General Chapter meeting in Rionegro, Colombia, last fall.

In his address to Chapter delegates, Br. Ernesto spoke of "letting go of past dreams to allow new dreams to be formed." He discussed with the Brothers the five calls which came out of the General Chapter meeting:

- To respond boldly to emerging needs
- To be a global, charismatic family, a beacon of hope in this turbulent world
- To be the face and hands of your tender mercy
- To be inspired by our creativity to be bridge-builders
- To journey with children and young people living on the margins of life



At the USA Provincial Chapter meeting, Br. Ernesto reiterated the message from the General

Chapter meeting that what Brothers today need to focus on is not who to be, but what to do, because the future can only be changed if action is taken.

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Dear Marist Family,

As I write this letter, the Easter season brings light and life to our part of the world, although there are days when it's still hard to believe winter is over. And that's our Easter message, isn't it? Jesus is with us always, and sometimes it is hard for us to believe. It is hard for us to accept his forgiveness and to forgive. It is hard for us to believe in life.

But, Jesus's message of peace softens us and opens us to new life. To celebrate Easter, I was at our local parish's Sunday morning Mass with a few Brothers and Marist friends. The church was packed with our faithful elders, families, and their children. What a blessing! But somehow I could feel Jesus in the presence of the children.



The children were dressed in their Easter best; bonnets, new suits and dresses, new shoes and sneakers. What an honor to be among them! What a joy to hear the grandparents in front of us teach them to sing Alleluia. And, sing they did as they moved around, swayed and danced to the festive organ music and choir singing. Jesus is risen! Although they probably know little theology, they represent our new life. Some had just been baptized; others around them had recently received first communion or confirmation. All of them bring us new life. Jesus welcomed them, sang with them, and swayed too.

St. Marcellin's message was clearer than ever to me: "It's all about the children." And, it's all about our embracing the mission to make Jesus Christ known and loved in whatever ways we can, whoever we are, wherever we find ourselves. Let's teach our young ones to pray. Let's help our young ones of all ages to listen to the words of scripture and to enter into the mysteries of our sacraments. Let's be committed to bringing new life to all the people of God around the world.

I write to thank you again for your support and care for the Marist mission in the USA Province and in the world, lived by Brothers and the lay Marists who dedicate themselves to making Jesus known and loved among young people and poor children. Thanks for all of your interest and encouragement.

Our Marist life and mission is rich with folks who pray, work, and reach out to others no matter how old or what challenges they face. I see it in the various ways we minister to make a difference by our significant presence in our Marist schools, in our spiritual retreat and parish ministries, and in other creative ways to make Jesus known and loved. You Marists of Champagnat are inspiring and keep giving us hope for the future of our church and our world.

Happy Easter, all year long....in the hearts of Jesus, Mary, and Champagnat,

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

Br. Patrick McNamara, FMS
Provincial

New USA Provincial Council Elected



Prior to the Provincial Chapter meeting, Br. Patrick McNamara was elected Provincial of the USA Province for a second term. One of the duties of

Chapter delegates is to elect new Provincial Council members and brainstorm ideas that can be worked on throughout the new three-year term.



After voting, Br. Dan O’Riordan was elected Vice Provincial to Br. Patrick. The five other Council members elected

include: Br. Sean Sammon, Br. Al Rivera, Br. Rob Clark, Br. Owen Ormsby, and Br. Hank Hammer.

The new Council has been charged with exploring vocations and vowed membership, the meaning of vocations in ministry, a Province lay association, sustainability of Province ministries, governance, and bridge-building with those on the margins of society.



When looking for support for outside funding, whether it be a grant application or a prospective donor, I am often asked for quantitative assessment measures that ensure mission effectiveness. This can be a challenging task for a center of evangelization. We depend on the power of

God’s grace, and grace is difficult to measure.

I recently asked a young person to describe why the mission of the Marist Brothers Center is so important. Her response was:

It’s hard to put into words something that you truly have to experience to understand, but I believe the best word to describe the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus is “home”—a place that has opened its doors to children and adults from all walks of life equally and without judgment.

Throughout the year, every single day here is a miracle. So many moments, small and large, truly embody the beauty and power of this property. It could be a bond formed between camper and counselor, or a high school student finding the inner strength to help him or her through a difficult time.

Esopus is a place where people look past their differences and work together to make the world a better and more loving place. Without a doubt, Esopus has changed my life. I am my best self here. Esopus gives me the strength to bring it’s message and values out into the world. Esopus has filled my life with great friendships and experiences that I will carry with me forever. Esopus is love. Esopus is “home.”

More than ever I am convinced that God’s grace is at work here in Esopus. Grace is a vital part of our mission. In this sacred space, on this holy ground, God’s grace touches people in many ways. Hearts are touched, lives changed, and Jesus is made known and loved.

—Br. Owen Ormsby



Brother Ben Consigli Elected to the New General Council



During the General Chapter meeting in Rionegro, Colombia last fall, the delegate Brothers elected the new Superior General and the members of his General Council. It is these leaders of the institute who, during the next eight years, will put into practice the institute's appeal: "Journeying together as a Global Family."

The United States Province's former Provincial Br. Ben Consigli was elected to be one of the new General Councilors. His first experience with the Marist Brothers was when he attended Archbishop Molloy High

School in Queens, New York, where the Brothers impressed him as being extraordinary teachers. They helped ignite a spark in him to want to be a teacher and work directly with young people. In college he majored in American history and minored in philosophy while also helping out his alma mater's student retreat program. His post-graduate degrees are in non-western history and educational leadership/administration.

Throughout his years as a Brother, he has ministered in Marist schools in the states of New York, New Jersey, Texas, and Florida. Br. Ben has also worked for the past 30 years with deaf children at the Mid-Hudson Valley Summer Camp in Esopus, New York.

How was your experience of your election?

I must admit that I was overwhelmed by my election to the General Council. I felt a lot of mixed emotions. I felt enormous support from the Brothers at the Chapter, and their confidence in me helped sustain me over the initial days after the election. While I experienced a sense of excitement and anticipation at the task facing us as a new Council, I also became more acutely aware of my own limitations—my own doubts about my abilities to assist the institute in setting a path for the future of Marist life and mission over the next eight years. What has been clear is God's urgings and revelations that I am not alone, that God is with me and my Brothers of the General Council as we move forward. This has given me much peace and confidence, even as I try to learn another language!

How is your new life in the General House so far?

Like all transitions, my transition from the United States to the General House in Rome has had its ups and downs. Leaving my community, my ministry, and my students in Florida was hard, but at the same time I was welcomed warmly by the Brothers and lay men and women here at the General House. Over time I am becoming more comfortable with the rhythm of life here and learning how to navigate my life in Rome. Having the support and good humor of the General Council community has made the transition more authentic, and in some ways, fun!

Considering the reflection of the General Chapter, what do you think should be the Council's line(s) of action for the next eight years?

As a Council we have begun reflecting on what the calls of the General Chapter are asking us "to be" and "to do" as a leadership team. While we are just beginning our mandate, I do believe that for the vitality of our Marist life and mission we are called to be an interdependent global family which reflects God's mercy and love. Anything that we can do to foster or nurture that will assist us as we try to make real a "New LaValla" for today.



Dear Friends,

Has spring finally arrived where you live? Here in Chicago, signs of spring are blooming all around us! So many parts of the country experienced such a brutal winter that spring is certainly welcomed this year! We wish you an enjoyable springtime in your hometown.

Last year we celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Marist Brothers. This year the Brothers are focused on “New Beginnings,” and looking forward to the future with renewed hope.

Even during these turbulent times in our country and the world, we continue to steadily grow the work begun by our founder, St. Marcellin Champagnat, in 1817. We are most thankful for your gifts which enable us to look forward and outward—to promote vocations to the Marist brotherhood and to engage in special ministries which enhance the civic and spiritual development of our students. Your partnership, through your gifts to our annual spring Retirement Appeal, enables us to additionally provide quality care for our elderly and disabled Brothers.

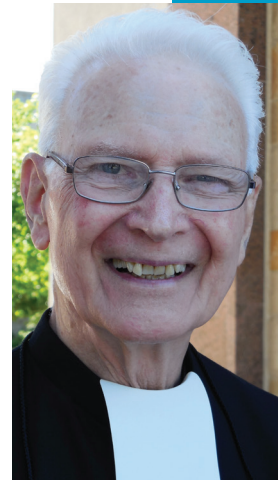
If you have never contributed to the Brothers, please consider making your first gift by using the reply envelope in this newsletter. You will then be among so many of our loyal friends who believe, as you do, in the future of the Marist Brothers and our mission of sound Christian education.

Thank you once again for all you do for our Brothers. You have our very best wishes this spring season.

Sincerely,

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

Paulette M. Karas, CFRE
Co-Director of Development



An Update on Br. Luis Ramos, Marist Brothers' Novice



Br. Luis Ramos entered the novitiate of the Marist Brothers, located on the campus of Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, last August.

During his time there, he will be led by his the master of novices, Br. Sean Sammon, and live in community with Br. Stephen Milan, Br. Ken Hogan, and Br. Michael Flanigan.

"Being in the Novitiate has been a very REAL experience. It is a space to discern the REALITY of God in my life, His call, and what it means to be a Brother," says Br. Luis. "The experience has called me to balance. I study, live in community, practice



prayer, minister, and witness. I have learned already that all are part of the experience, but no one of those overpowers or takes precedence in the program.

"God has always spoken to me through others, and I find a great deal of strength and support in learning about and living in religious community. Our common mission, identity, and desire to serve God and listen for His voice is what drives us. Being at Marist College has been a good experience because it allows us each to witness what God has done in our lives, while enabling us to have encounters with students who are also on their own journeys of faith and service."



IN MEMORIAM



Brother Gus Landry

October 24, 2017

Br. Augustine "Gus" Landry, FMS, a member of the Marist Brothers of the Schools for 67 years, died on

October 24th, 2017, at De LaSalle Hall in Lincroft, New Jersey. He was 89 years old.

Prior to entering the Marist Brothers, Br. Gus served as a first class fireman in the U.S. Navy. He became a Postulant with the Marist Brothers in 1949 and professed first vows in 1951 before

working on the original construction of Marist College in upstate New York. From 1953-56 he studied at the Marist College Scholasticate and earned a bachelor of arts degree.

Br. Gus professed perpetual vows in 1956 and taught at various schools in New York for 10 years. In 1966, he professed the Vow of Stability and the following year attended the second Novitiate program. From 1968-2003 Br. Gus worked in various roles at the Marist Brothers International School in Kobe, Japan, serving as a director, teacher, and board chairperson. In 1996, Marist College honored Br. Gus with an honorary doctorate degree for his time spent building the original buildings of the college.

Br. Gus was retired and lived at Champagnat Hall in the Bronx prior to his death.



Brother Kevin O'Neill

October 27, 2017

Br. Kevin O'Neill, FMS, a member of the Marist Brothers of the

Schools for 64 years, died on October 27, 2017, at his home in Bayonne, New Jersey. He was 82 years old.

Br. Kevin was born in Brooklyn, New York. He spent most of his childhood

living in Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he attended Central Catholic High School before entering the Marist Juniorate in Esopus, New York, in 1950. He became a Postulant with the Marist Brothers in 1952, entered the Marist Brothers Novitiate at Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, in 1953, and professed first vows in 1954. After completing his religious and academic studies at Marist College, Br. Kevin served as a missionary Brother in the Philippines.

He returned to Marist High School in Bayonne, New Jersey, as a teacher in 1976 and soon became an assistant principal until 1985. He served as principal of Roselle Catholic High School from 1986-89 before returning to the Philippines from 1989-92. After arriving back in the U.S., he served various roles in Marist schools in Texas and New Jersey before his role as treasurer for the USA Province (2000-09).

After retiring in 2009, Br. Kevin continued to live in Bayonne and serve on the Marist High School Board.



*Brother
Thomas
Delaney*

October 30, 2017

Br. Thomas Delaney, FMS, a member of the Marist Brothers of

the Schools for 62 years, died on October 30th, 2017, at Champagnat Hall in the Bronx, New York. He was 82 years old.

He attended Mount Saint Michael Academy before becoming a Postulant with the Marist Brothers in 1954. He entered the Marist Brothers Novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, in 1955 and professed first vows in 1956. After completing his religious and academic studies at Marist College, he began his ministry serving as a teacher at Marist High School in Bayonne, New Jersey, in 1959. He professed perpetual vows in 1961.

From 1962-75 Br. Thomas was a teacher in New York and New Jersey, then served as an administrator at schools in New York, New Jersey, and Texas. He also taught for 16 summers in Dublin, Ireland, at the Marist Brothers International Language School.

After retiring, Br. Thomas lived in various communities in New York and Florida before moving to Champagnat Hall in the Bronx, where he was living from 2012 until his death.



*Brother
Luke
Reddington*

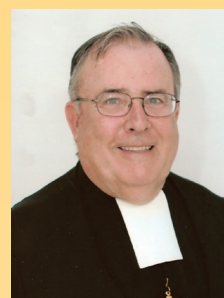
February 2, 2018

Br. Luke Reddington, FMS, a member of the Marist Brothers

of the Schools for 67 years, died on February 2, 2018 at Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, New York. He was 83 years old.

Br. Luke attended the Marist Brothers Juniorate from 1949-50 before becoming a Postulant in 1950 and entering the Novitiate in Tyngsboro, Massachusetts, in 1951. He professed first vows in 1952. After completing his religious and academic studies at Marist College, he began teaching in New York before moving to Florida to teach from 1966-70. He also served for many years as a school administrator at various schools in New York and New Jersey. Br. Luke served as Provincial from 1974-77 and as master of novices from 1988-90.

Br. Luke professed his final vows in 1957 and earned a Masters degree in English from St. John's University in 1961. He retired in 2012 to the Marist Brothers community at Champagnat Hall in the Bronx.



*Brother
Vincent
Moriarty*

**February 25,
2018**

Br. Vincent Moriarty, FMS, a member of the

Marist Brothers of the Schools for 60 years, died on February 25, 2018. He was 80 years old.

Br. Vincent grew up in Westfield, Massachusetts. He entered the Marist Brothers Novitiate in August 1955, took the habit in 1956, and made his first vows in 1957. He graduated from Marist College and in 1960 and pronounced his final vows in 1962.

He began his professional career at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, New York, where he taught history and served as dean of discipline in the late 1960's. He then moved on to Marist College for four years and was director of college students waiting to enter the Novitiate. While at Marist College, he pronounced his Vow of Stability. Br. Vincent's next assignments were at schools in New York City, where he became one of the alternate delegates to the UN for the Movement for a Better World-Protection of Children.

Br. Vincent spent many years in Suma-ku, Kobe, Japan, where he became the principal of the Marist Brothers International School. After the "Great Hansin" Earthquake in January 2005 Br. Vincent had to return to New York City for open heart surgery and never returned to Japan. After taking a sabbatical year, he taught in New York for one year before moving to Florida to work in administration.

Br. Vincent retired in 2015 and spent his final years doing volunteer work in campus ministry at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami, Florida. He described his life as "a rather interesting 60-year adventure with the Lord."

To read additional obituaries on Brothers Gus, Kevin, Luke, Thomas, and Vincent, as well as other recently deceased Brothers, visit www.maristbr.com, and under "Marist Archives," click on "Deceased Brothers."

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