



# Friday Notes

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Marist Youth Leadership Camp concluded with a memorable celebration as Bros. Robert Dittus and Ryan Richter renewed their temporary vows as Marist Brothers during the closing liturgy. Fr. Richard LaMorte presided over the Mass, while Provincial Br. Dan O'Riordan received the renewal of vows before a congregation that included a number of Marist Brothers and the young leaders participating in camp. Witnessing the renewal gave campers a meaningful glimpse into Marist religious life. For the young leaders gathered at camp, the celebration was a powerful reminder that the Marist charism continues to attract men to joyfully embrace a life of faith and service as Marist Brothers.

**Read more about Marist Youth Leadership Camp in this week's Ministry Spotlight on page 2!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Camp Session 3

CAMP MARIST

Lake Ossipee, NH

July 26 - August 8, 2026



### Sacred Heart Camp

MID-HUDSON VALLEY CAMPS

MBCE - Esopus, NY

August 2 - 8, 2026



### Adult Vacation Camp

MID-HUDSON VALLEY CAMPS

MBCE - Esopus, NY

August 9 - 15, 2026



### Deaf Camp

MID-HUDSON VALLEY CAMPS

MBCE - Esopus, NY

August 16 - 22, 2026



### Kids 2 Camp

MID-HUDSON VALLEY CAMPS

MBCE - Esopus, NY

August 23 - 29, 2026



### MYP Mission Trip

MAGNIFICAT FARM

Jackson, KY

September 3 - 7, 2026

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### Br. Dan Visits Fellow MOC in St. Louis

Provincial Br. Dan O'Riordan recently visited fellow USA Marist of Champagnat Dr. Alice Prince during his stop in St. Louis. A member of our Province's MOC Cohort 3, Dr. Prince has dedicated her career to Catholic education and continues to support Molloy and Marist schools throughout the Province through teacher formation and professional development.



### Webinar on Sustainable Stewardship

The International Council for Economic Affairs and the Office of the General Treasurer will host the next webinar in the Strategy and Management for the Sustainability of the Marist Mission series on August 27 and 28. The session will explore how thoughtful stewardship of Marist properties can help sustain the mission for generations to come.



### MYP Mission Trip to Kentucky!

MYPs are invited to join a fall mission trip to Jackson, Kentucky, September 3-7. The experience will include service projects, prayer, shared life, and opportunities to explore the natural beauty of Eastern Kentucky. The cost is \$300 and includes transportation, lodging, meals, programming, and service project expenses. Space is limited, and interested participants are encouraged to **reserve their spot early.**



# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

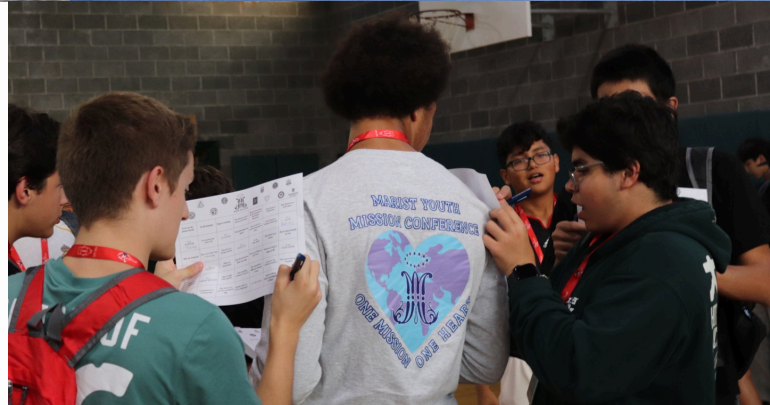
## *Marist Youth Leadership Camp*

Young leaders from Marist schools across the USA Province recently gathered at the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus for the annual Marist Youth Leadership Camp, a week dedicated to faith, leadership, and community. Bringing together students from across the Province, the experience challenged participants to reflect on their own gifts while discovering what it means to lead in the Marist way.



Throughout the week, students took part in prayer, leadership workshops, small-group discussions, team-building activities, and time for personal reflection. Along the way, they built friendships with peers from other Marist schools and explored how the values of St. Marcellin Champagnat continue to shape young leaders today.

As camp came to a close, participants returned home with fresh perspectives, stronger connections to the wider Marist family, and a renewed commitment to serving their school communities. Concretely, with this preparation most of them will lead the We Are Marist freshmen retreat held for new students at their respective schools next year. Whether through campus ministry, student leadership, retreats, or everyday acts of accompaniment, they are now better equipped to put their faith into action and lead with humility, compassion, and hope.





## LECTIO TERRA AT THE MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

During the Beacons of Joy Marists of Champagnat National Assembly, Province Ecology Minister Sam King led participants in **Lectio Terra**, an ecospiritual practice of prayerful listening to God's presence in and through creation. Gathered along the shoreline, participants reflected on the natural world as a place of encounter with God and renewed their commitment to caring for our common home.



## EARTH CHARTER YOUTH SUMMIT

Earlier this month, Sam King traveled to the Soka University of America in Aliso Viejo, CA to present at the **Earth Charter Youth Summit: Redesigning Tomorrow's World**. This transformative gathering brought together more than 100 emerging leaders from 29 countries to promote the values of the Earth Charter: Respect and Care for the Community of Life, Ecological Integrity, Social and Economic Justice, and Democracy, Nonviolence, and Peace. Learn more about the Earth Charter [here](#).



TURN OVER A NEW LEAF

*Summer Ecology Reading*



**Pope Leo XIV Says Care for Creation Is a Requirement of Faith**



**Pope Leo XIV: Environmental Crisis Reflects Wider Socio-Economic Challenges**



**Climate delays risk greater suffering, Catholics warn**

# MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT



## NEW “MY MARIST LIFE” EPISODE RECORDED AT THE MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT ASSEMBLY!

The latest episode of My Marist Life was recorded live during the 2026 Marists of Champagnat National Assembly in Long Branch, New Jersey. Through stories of faith, community, and shared mission, the conversation explores this year's theme, Beacons of Joy, and how the Marist charism continues to shape the lives of Brothers and lay Marists today. This episode featured a panel consisting of Christina Cruz, MaryAnn Safrey, and Br. Ryan Richter.

**[LISTEN NOW ON SPOTIFY!](#)** New episodes will drop the first of every month.

We hope this podcast becomes a space for reflection, storytelling, and connection as we continue to live the Marist Mission together. Spread the word and share with anyone who might be inspired by these conversations!

One of the greatest gifts of the National Assembly was the opportunity to reconnect with longtime friends and welcome new members of the Marists of Champagnat family. Each day was grounded in prayer, creating spaces to reflect on the call to be Beacons of Joy in our schools, ministries, and communities.



## SUPPORTING THE MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT

The work of the Marists of Champagnat continues to be largely subsidized by the Province. Members are invited to consider making a contribution to help support formation resources, Lay Council gatherings, and Assembly expenses. Any amount is appreciated, and monthly contributions are especially helpful. Questions may be directed to Chuck Lamphier or Maureen Hagan.

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# NEWS FROM THE GENERAL HOUSE

## FLOWING IN THE SPIRIT

### WEEK 21 - THE GUARDIAN OF DISCERNMENT: WHO EXAMINES FUTURE SAINTS?

In the latest *Flowing in the Spirit* reflection, Br. Guillermo José Villarreal Cavazos explains the role of the Promoter of the Faith in the canonization process. By carefully examining each cause, this ministry helps the Church recognize authentic witnesses of holiness while strengthening confidence in the discernment behind every canonization.

[--Read the complete article here.](#)



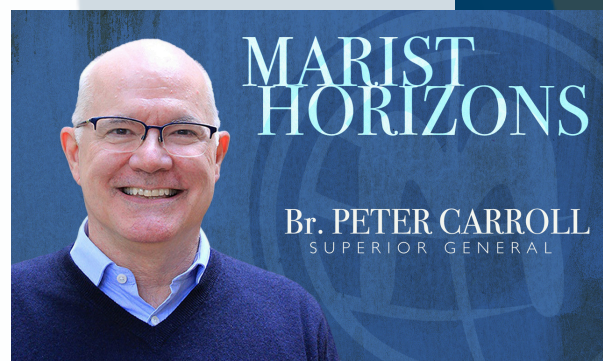
*Flowing in the Spirit* is a year-long series of weekly reflections offered by Br. Guillermo Villareal, our Postulator General responsible for advancing the causes of our Marist saints.

## MARIST HORIZONS: THE FOURVIÈRE PLEDGE AT 210

In this month's *Marist Horizons*, Superior General Br. Peter Carroll reflects on the 210th anniversary of the Fourvière Pledge, the moment in 1816 when Marcellin Champagnat and the first Marists entrusted their dream to Mary at the shrine of Fourvière in Lyon.

His reflection explores how that promise continues to shape the Marist Family today, calling us to accompany young people with hope and to bring Christ to birth in our world through education, community, and service.

[--Read the full reflection from Br. Peter Carroll.](#)



## YOUNG VOICES TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF AI IN MARIST EDUCATION

Champagnat Global is inviting students across the Marist world to participate in a new international research project exploring artificial intelligence, education, and human values. Led by Leonteios School in Greece, the initiative will gather students' perspectives on the future of learning, the role of AI in their daily lives, and the skills they believe will be most important in the years ahead. The findings will help inform future Marist educational strategies while ensuring that human dignity and the voices of young people remain at the center of innovation.

[--Read more.](#)

[--Take part in the research.](#)



# OUR MARIST FAMILY:

## *Across Arco Norte*

### Provinces of Mexico



## MARIST ASSEMBLY LOOKS TOWARD NEW PROVINCE OF MEXICO

Nearly 80 Marist Brothers gathered in Guadalajara this week for the Marist Assembly of Mexico, continuing the journey toward the creation of the new Marist Province of Mexico, which is expected to be established in July 2027.



Br. Mark Omede, General Councilor, participated in the assembly as Brothers reflected together on the future of Marist life in Mexico. Conversations focused on how the new Province will foster community life, carry forward its mission, and organize its leadership in the years ahead.

The assembly represents another meaningful milestone as the two Marist Provinces in Mexico continue preparing to become one.



*Learn more about the Arco Norte Region [on Facebook!](#)*



# MORE NEWS:

- Last week, Bros. Dan O’Riordan and Brian Poulin were in Phoenix for the annual Assembly of the Congregation of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) where the theme was "One in Christ: Communal Life Today."
- Bros. Dan O’Riordan and Brian Poulin visited Camp Marist this week after spending time with the Brothers in Lawrence, Massachusetts.
- On July 29, Richard Karsten, President of Archbishop Molloy High School in NYC, presented via Zoom to the Marist Management Conference in South Africa. His presentation highlighted the benefits of Marist schools working in concert with each other and aligned with the conference theme "From Silos to Solidarity." Karsten summarized by saying, "The greatest benefit of networking with other schools is the relationships that develop among the leaders. Collaboration creates trust, encourages innovation, and fosters a true Marist Family Spirit. By sharing ideas, resources, and experiences, the U.S. schools can better serve their students while advancing the common mission of making Jesus Christ known and loved through an outstanding Catholic Marist education."



# AUGUST Birthdays

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1  
BR. FELIX ANTHONY ELARDO

MONDAY, AUGUST 3  
BR. PATRICK HOGAN  
BR. FRED SAMBOR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5  
BR. RYAN RICHTER

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7  
BR. RENE ROY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9  
BR. BILL MASKE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11  
BR. DONALD RICHARD

MONDAY, AUGUST 17  
BR. RICHARD VAN HOUTEN

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19  
BR. CHRISTOPHER SHANNON

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23  
BR. JOHN KLEIN

MONDAY, AUGUST 24  
BR. STEVE SYNAN

# READING THIS WEEK



MARIST NEWS



MATTHEW 23:34-39



CANADA NEWS



CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL



# *This week, please remember in your prayers...*



- With well wishes, Br. Ben Consigli as he settles into his new community in Miami and begins his ministry as a school counselor at Christopher Columbus High School.
- Br. Rene Roy, who is recovering from surgery on a blood clot in his leg.
- The repose of the soul of Mr. Greg Byrd, brother of Br. John Byrd.

- Pope Leo XIV, as we ask God's blessings throughout his journey leading our Church.
- Our Blue Marists in Syria and members of the Fratelli Project in Lebanon.
- All victims of the ongoing wars in the Middle East and Ukraine.
- All victims of gun violence in the USA and around the world.
- Br. Owen Ormsby, who is recovering from recent heart surgery.
- All of our Brothers in residence or rehabbing at Champagnat Hall, particularly Bros. John Herrmann and Pat Hogan, along with all those dealing with significant health concerns.
- Bros. Jim Adams, Charlie Filiatrault, Jim Halliday, Larry Lavalley, and Rene Roy, who are all receiving care outside of Marist community.
- Terry Paul, Province Affiliate, who is suffering from Stage 4 Kidney Disease.
- Bill Cornforth, former Marist Brother ('69), who is experiencing serious medical concerns.
- David Irwin, who continues to need treatment for a brain tumor.
- Gail Cassidy and Rita Greco, retired teachers from Roselle Catholic High School, both of whom are battling cancer.
- Jason Wolf, a cousin of John Venturella, who is receiving experimental treatment for a brain tumor.
- Laura Blando, sister of Br. James Norton, as she continues a new round of chemotherapy.
- Mrs. MaryAnn Safrey, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Mrs. Olga Dunning, sister-in-law of Br. John Dunning, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Saoirse McGarry, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 lymphoma.
- The young son of Br. Jim McKnight's niece, Jacqueline, who is being treated for leukemia.
- Angel Herrera, a junior at Mount Saint Michael Academy.
- Cathy Puszcz, a teacher who spent her entire career at Marist in Bayonne, who is in critical care.
- Elaine Pellicciari, who is recovering from surgery and intense rehabilitation therapy.
- Laura Gural, as she regains the use of her left side while recovering from a stroke.
- Mike Encke, husband of Jean Dalton (niece of Br. Jim Devine), who has cancer.
- Patrick Hughes, nephew of Sean O'Leary (Mount St. Michael '90).
- Patricia Hayes Franzem, who is recovering from surgery.
- Steve Mason, brother-in-law of Rick Martin, who is recovering from surgery.
- Teresa Kelly, wife of Mike Kelly (Tyngsboro, 1965).
- The husband of Eyda Alegret in Miami, who is recovering after a stroke.
- Tom Rubbone, a longtime Camp Marist volunteer and benefactor.
- Vince Andiorio in Chicago.
- William Ling, father of Province archivist Michelle Ling.
- Bill Taylor, brother-in-law of Br. Ken Curtin, who is recovering after a heart attack.
- Frederick Marinelli, father of Michael Marinelli and husband of Carmen Marinelli in Miami.
- Rosemary Shields cousin of Br. Michael Laratonda.

*and let us remember... to pray for each other!*