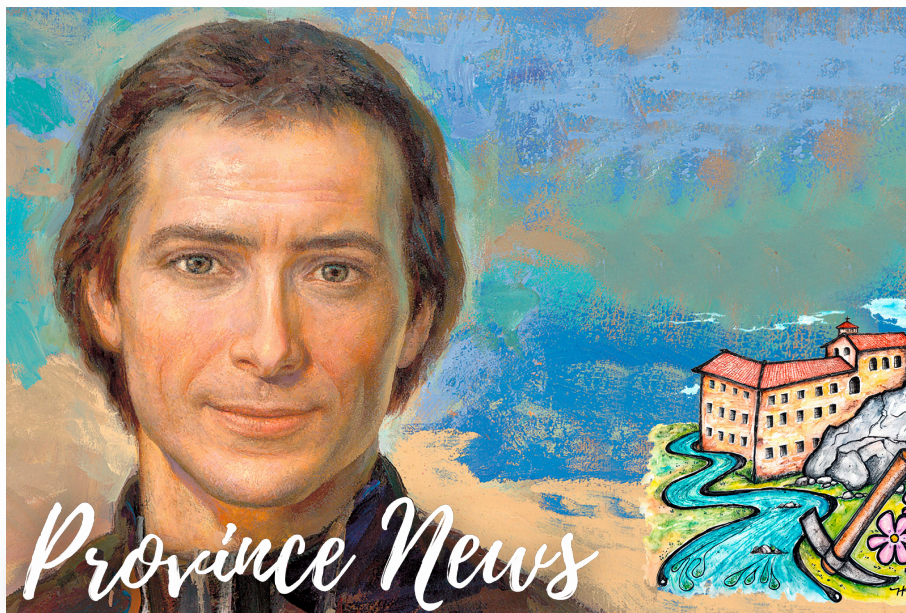




Friday Notes

JUNE 6, 2025

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Today is the Feast Day of Saint Marcellin Champagnat! On this day in 1840, Saint Marcellin Joseph Benedict Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers, peacefully entered into eternal life. On the night of June 5, surrounded by his Brothers and immersed in prayer, he entrusted his soul to God. His final moments were marked by faith and serenity. "My hour has come... Thanks be to God," he whispered as

his sight faded. He died during the singing of the Salve Regina. His life was one of simplicity, humility, and deep love for God and young people.

Today, the Marist community worldwide honors his memory and renews its commitment to his mission.

READ A LETTER FROM THE SUPERIOR GENERAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

-  **Marist Young Adult Summit**
Camp Mariste - Quebec, Canada
June 6 - June 9
-  **Marists of Champagnat Commitment Ceremony**
Cohort 5
Sunday, June 8
5pm ET 
-  **Emotional Intelligence for Life Balance**
Online Webinar Hosted by the Interiority Network of Arco Norte
Wednesday, June 11
7pm ET 
-  **Foundation Stones**
Esopus, New York
June 15 - June 21
-  **Province Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**
July 2025



New Affiliated Members of Province

On Thursday, the USA Province will honor Maria Hughes and Sue Ponte as Affiliated Members of our Province during a special Prayer Service at Champagnat Hall.



Visiting the United States Province

Br. Cyprian Gandebo, the Provincial of the Marist Brothers Province of West Africa, has been visiting the United States Province this week.



School Board Meetings

The Central Catholic and Mount St. Michael Academy school boards as well as the MBCE board will be meeting next week. We are grateful for the many talented men and women who serve on our Boards to help foster our Marist Mission in the USA.



Home for all river of Life

marist 2025

23rd general chapter
l'Hermitage 200 years

As part of the preparatory process of the 23rd General Chapter, join the Marist Institute in monthly prayer and reflection. Each month will focus on key themes to spiritually strengthen our mission as one family.

This month, let us reflect together on How has the experience of communion between Brothers and Lay Marists affected you. May our hearts be a "Home for all" and a "River of Life."

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JUNE PRAYER**



Marist communities around the world gathered for a Laudato Si' Week prayer service on Tuesday, May 27th to commemorate "The Three Francises"-Pope Francis, St. Francis of Assisi, and Br. Francois (an herbalist, infirmarian, and the first Superior General of the Marist Brothers). [Here is a video](#) from the event.

The gathering ended with three calls to action:

1. Commit to observing Meatless Fridays
2. Plant community gardens
3. Develop personal, familial, and communal Laudato Si' Action Plans

Fast for the Planet

Observe Meatless Fridays



LAUDATO Si' WEEK 2025

ECOLOGY ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

- Tomas Insúa, "[Laudato Si': A drop in the ocean or a powerful oceanic undercurrent? It's up to us.](#)" National Catholic Reporter, "May 29, 2025.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Archbishop Molloy High School

BRIARWOOD, NEW YORK

PARTNERING WITH RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE:

Over the course of the school year, Archbishop Molloy expanded their service programming to partner with the Ronald McDonald House (New York Metro location). Ronald McDonald House is an organization that allows temporary housing for families who have children being treated in local hospitals. It can host up to 64 families at a time and is a place of reprieve for the parents and siblings who are supporting their loved ones.

While it has been great for students to get involved, Molloy also grew this partnership by offering three separate opportunities specifically for the faculty. For two of the visits, the Molloy faculty baked sweet treats of brownies and cookies. And for the third visit, they cooked brunch of waffles, eggs, and sausage. In addition, the faculty members were able to take a tour of the building to learn more about its history and mission. It has been a great way to involve our faculty and staff, all while supporting the Marist Mission of making Jesus known and loved through our actions!



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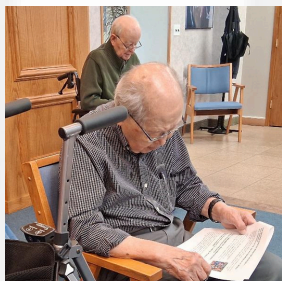
COHORT 5 COMMITMENT CEREMONY

 JUNE 8 @ 5PM ET

We are looking forward to welcoming the new Cohort 5 members during the commitment ceremony **this Sunday, June 8** - a hybrid of in-person (Archbishop Molloy in Queens, NY, Central Catholic in Lawrence, MA, Christopher Columbus in Miami, FL, Marist Catholic in Eugene, OR, and Saint Joseph Academy in Brownsville, TX), and on Zoom.

DISCOVERING OUR CALL:

A small group gathered at Holy Rosary (MBCE), where talks were interspersed with prayer, reflection, time in nature, creative activities, and shared meals. The Brothers John from Berchmans House joined them Sunday morning for a roundtable discussing the meaning of the Marist Charism at various points in our lives. The retreat was led by Maureen Hagan, Colleen Pochly, and Miriam Eisenmenger.



DISCERNMENT RETREAT WEEK:

Throughout Cohort 5's Discernment Retreat Week various prayer opportunities were offered, including the Brothers at Champagnat Hall joining Marists of Champagnat for a Rosary on Friday, May 9.



THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Br. Gerard Brereton

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

Br. William Lavigne

MONDAY, JUNE 23

Br. Eugene Birmingham

Br. Steve Schlitte

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MARIST NEWS



NEWS FROM CANADA

This week, please remember in your prayers...

- All those making commitments as Marists of Champagnat this weekend.
- Steve Poulin, father of Br. Brian Poulin, who suffered a PICA stroke last Friday. Mr. Poulin has been released from ICU and is currently doing inpatient rehab.
- Bishop Tim McDonnell, brother of Br. John McDonnell, who has moved to Mary's Meadow Nursing Home in Holyoke, Massachusetts.



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