



# Friday Notes

JUNE 20, 2025

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## Province News

This week, Andrea Rossi (FMSI Director) and Rita Pala (FMSI Grant Director) from Rome, as well as Br. Patrick McNamara (Marist International Foundation, Inc.), visited several foundations that have partnered with Marist international solidarity efforts. In this photo, Marists met with leaders of the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities in Wilmington, DE.

Our FMSI visitors also enjoyed a final dinner with the Forest Hills Community.

Pictured from left-right (above): Rita Pala - FMSI, Theresa Robinson - Executive Director, Andrea Rossi - FMSI Executive Director, Lois Greco - Program Director, Br. Patrick McNamara, and Janine Sandbrook - Grants Manager.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Foundation Stones

*Esopus, New York*

June 15 - June 21



### Sacred Heart Camp

**Mid-Hudson Valley Camps**

*Esopus, New York*

June 22 - June 28



### Province Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

July 5 - July 12



### Provincial Council Meeting

**San Alfonso Retreat Center**

*Long Branch, New Jersey*

July 14 - July 15



### Lay Marist Assembly

**San Alfonso Retreat Center**

*Long Branch, New Jersey*

July 14 - July 17, 2026



### 2025 Summer Camp Season

Blessings to all of the campers and staff members at Camp Marist and the Mid-Hudson Valley Camps in Esopus, which both kickoff the 2025 Camp seasons this Sunday!



### Fellowship and Renewal

USA Temporary Professed Brothers gathered in Esopus last week with Br. Rob Clark and enjoyed a Saturday with Br. Dan.



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Fourteen young men gathered in Esopus from June 15 - 21 to learn more about the lives of the Marist Brothers in the annual Foundation Stones retreat



## Home for all river of Life

**marist 2025**

23<sup>rd</sup> 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**



Join the Laudato Si' Reading Challenge! Celebrate the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si' by reading Pope Francis' powerful encyclical that inspired a global movement. Sign up for this free, self-paced program from the Laudato Si' Movement Texas Chapter and receive bi-weekly emails with reflection questions, videos, and spiritual inspiration. [Register here.](#)

The Spirituality and Sustainability Global Network is hosting a webinar on Tuesday, June 24th at 7:30 pm EST with Dr. Lyla June Johnston on "Reclaiming Our Indigenous Roots." Dr. Johnston is an Indigenous musician, scholar, and community organizer of Diné (Navajo), Tsétséhéstáhesé (Cheyenne) and European lineages. Her messages focus on Indigenous rights, supporting youth, traditional land stewardship practices, and healing inter-generational and inter-cultural trauma. [Register here.](#)

### ARTICLE OF INTEREST:

By Brian Roewe. "[What role will Pope Leo XIV play in the future of Laudato Si' ecological action?](#)" National Catholic Reporter, June 18, 2025

The Yale Program for Climate Change Communications just released a new report, '[Climate Change in the American Mind: Politics & Policy, Spring 2025](#),' based on a national survey conducted May 1 - 12, 2025.

Takeaways include:

- 79% of registered voters oppose ordering all federal agencies to stop doing research on global warming.
- 78% oppose ordering all federal agencies to stop providing information about global warming to the public.
- 75% oppose eliminating the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
- 63% oppose prohibiting construction of new offshore wind farms."

# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

## Central Catholic High School

LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

### MARCELLIN'S ODYSSEY: A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND LEADERSHIP

At the end of each academic year, student leaders from Central Catholic High School travel to Camp Marist in Lake Ossipee, New Hampshire, for Central Catholic's 'Camp Champagnat' Leadership Institute, aka Camp Champ.

Camp Champ is a three-day, two-night leadership experience held after the conclusion of the academic year. The experience helps instill and develop Marist leadership qualities within our students and rising leaders as they prepare for the upcoming year.

Over the course of the three days, students explore several different leadership qualities through activities and fun bonding exercises. Participants are expected to play a leadership role at CCHS during the upcoming school year, and informal gatherings of participants are held throughout the school year to build on their leadership skills and keep the excitement going.

Camp Champ promotes leadership in the Marist tradition with a focus on understanding Saint Marcellin Champagnat's vision, promoting unity through activities and games, and building community and family spirit.



## More Province News:

- The Brothers and staff at Champagnat Hall enjoyed a barbecue lunch to celebrate Juneteenth this week.
- Having concluded the Senderos Program for Mid-Life Brothers, Br. Brian is on his way home to Esopus, full of gratitude for support from throughout the Province during this time of sabbatical.
- **Celebrate the Fourth of July at Champagnat Hall!** Anyone interested in joining the Champagnat Hall community for a Fourth of July barbecue on Friday, July 4th at 12pm is asked to contact [Steve Milan](#) via text by Monday, June 30th. All are welcome!



## MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT

### SAVE THE DATE!

Marists of  
Champagnat  
Assembly

JULY 14-17, 2026

SAN ALFONSO RETREAT CENTER  
Long Branch, NJ



MORE PICTURES



# JUNE Birthdays

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Br. Gerard Brereton

TUESDAY, JUNE 17

Br. William Lavigne

MONDAY, JUNE 23

Br. Eugene Birmingham

Br. Steve Schlitte

## OTHER MARIST PUBLICATIONS



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MARIST NEWS



NEWS FROM CANADA

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

- Br. Jim Haliday, who will be spending three weeks in Champagnat Hall for some respite.
- Steve Poulin, father of Br. Brian, has been released from the hospital to continue recovering from his recent stroke at home. Progress remains very encouraging, and the Poulin family is grateful for your prayers.
- Br. Louis-Joseph Parent of Canada, who died in Québec on June 12 at 93 years old. He was in his 75th year of religious life, much of which he spent confined to nursing care due to poor health. [Read his full obituary here.](#)



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