



# Friday Notes

AUGUST 1, 2025






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- Br. Ryan Richter and Br. Robert Dittus renewed their temporary vows for the second time during a liturgy at the Marist Youth Leadership Camp in Esopus last Friday.
- Br. Owen and Br. Steve Milan will be traveling to Laredo next week to attend the 25th Anniversary Mass for the Diocese of Laredo. They will also be cleaning out our former Community House which will be sold in the months ahead.
- Br. Rene Roy is grateful for all the prayers of so many across our Province and is doing really well at his new residence at Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Lawrence, MA.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

-  **Camp Marist Session 3**  
Camp Marist  
Ossipee Lake, New Hampshire  
July 20 - August 9
-  **Adult Vacation Camp**  
Mid-Hudson Valley Camps  
Esopus, New York  
August 3 - August 9
-  **Kids 2 Camp**  
Mid-Hudson Valley Camps  
Esopus, New York  
August 10 - August 16
-  **Vow Renewal - Br. David and Br. Miguel**  
Mid-Hudson Valley Camps  
Esopus, New York  
August 16, 2025
-  **Final Vows**  
Br. Luis Ramos, FMS  
Mount Saint Michael Academy  
August 23, 2025



### Culture of Vocations

Br. Brian was in Guadalajara, Mexico this week for a meeting of the Culture of Vocations Committee of Arco Norte.



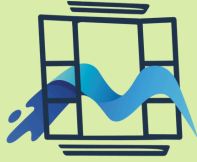
### Camp Marist: Session Three

Camp Marist enters its final week for Session 3 this weekend! Four of Br. Alfred George's great-grandnephews are enjoying their time at Camp.



### Renewing Temporary Vows

Brothers David Freiler and Miguel Garcia will renew their vows as Marist Brothers on August 16, 2025.



## 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 our connections to Marists in other parts of the world have grown since 2017. May our hearts be a "Home for all" and a "River of Life."

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AUGUST PRAYER**



Each Marist community is invited to contribute to our **Province-wide Laudato Si' Action Plan** by submitting goals aligned with the **seven principles of Laudato Si'** before August 15th. For more information or questions, please contact Sam King ([s.king@yale.edu](mailto:s.king@yale.edu)).

Mark your calendars for the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation** on September 1st, the beginning of the Season of Creation.

Download the Laudato Si' Movement August Prayer Guide [here](#).

**ARTICLE OF INTEREST**  
[Vatican solar farm will make it the world's first carbon-neutral state](#) | [PBS News](#)



# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

## Camp Marist

LAKE OSSIPPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### FREEDOM OLD HOME WEEK PARADE

Every summer, the town of Freedom is one of only five in all of New Hampshire that celebrates this special tradition - a unique idea launched by Governor Frank W. Rollins in 1899 and officially recognized by the New Hampshire State Legislature in 1913. Over a century later, Freedom Old Home Week (FOHW) continues to bring together residents, guests, friends, and families for a week full of fun, history, and community spirit.

Third-session campers brought the spirit to life with colorful decorations, signs, and LOTS of cheers! They filled the streets with music, smiles, and the special Camp Marist energy that's been going strong since 1949.



## More Province News...

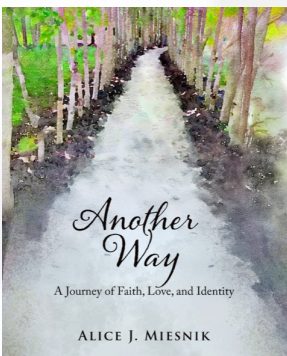
- Br. Gerry Brown continues to spend days each week serving as an EMT, and one of his placements is with the Chicago White Sox! While he cheerfully and professionally assists many people in need of medical help, he has not yet been able to help the failing baseball team move up in the standings.



- Br. Ben Consigli will return to NY next week for some well deserved vacation time.
- Br. Dan will be visiting our Brothers in Canada this weekend.

## MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT

- Congratulations to Alice Miesnik, who has written and published her memoir. She writes extensively about what becoming Marist has meant to her, acknowledging the amazing gift that the Marist Brothers and the Marists of Champagnat have been on her journey. You can order a copy on Amazon at <https://a.co/d/iOLCVS2>. Alice hopes to host a book talk in the fall as part of our formation series - stay tuned! In the meantime, you can reach out to her by email at [ajmiesnik@gmail.com](mailto:ajmiesnik@gmail.com).



### SAVE THE DATE!

Marists of  
Champagnat  
Assembly

JULY 14-17, 2026

SAN ALFONSO RETREAT CENTER  
Long Branch, NJ



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 1**  
Br. Felix Anthony Elardo

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3**  
Br. Patrick Hogan  
Br. Frederick Sambor

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5**  
Br. Ryan Richter

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7**  
Br. Rene Roy

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9**  
Br. William Maske

**MONDAY, AUGUST 11**  
Br. Donald Richard

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17**  
Br. Richard Van Houten

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 19**  
Br. Christopher Shannon

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23**  
Br. John Klein

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**  
Br. Stephen Synan

## NEW READING THIS WEEK:



**MATTHEW 9.14-26**



**MARIST NEWS**



**CANADA NEWS**

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

- Lourdes Melendez, godmother of Br. Al Rivera, who is undergoing chemo treatments for ovarian cancer.
- Joe Bouchard, long-time member of the Camp Marist community and former Marist Brother, who is in the hospital.
- Br. Léon Bossé of Canada who died on July 28 in Iberville at the age of 92. After suffering complete hearing loss early on in religious life, Br. Léon became very active in promoting the rights of the disabled as well as in direct service to the deaf community of which he was part.
- Chad Dalrymple, former maintenance director at Camp Marist, who died this week after a long battle with cancer.

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