



Friday Notes

AUGUST 8, 2025

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- Joe Cucchiara, Rob Keeffe, John Brophy, Tom Brophy, Tyler Pereira, and Br. Yves Mbiatem completed installation of new solar panels which will service both the Berchmann's House and the Hermitage. The Province and the MBCE are grateful to Joe and all the volunteers who helped with this ecological project.




- 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 for sale in the months ahead.


UPCOMING EVENTS

 **Kids 2 Camp**
Mid-Hudson Valley Camps
Esopus, New York
August 10 - August 16

 **Vow Renewal - Br. David and Br. Miguel**
MBCE
Esopus, New York
August 16, 2025

 **Deaf Camp**
Mid-Hudson Valley Camps
Esopus, New York
August 17 - August 23

 **Final Vows**
Br. Luis Ramos, FMS
Mount Saint Michael Academy
August 23, 2025

 **Community Leaders Meeting**
Archbishop Molloy HS
Briarwood, New York
October 26, 2025



Culture of Vocations

Br. Luis Ramos was recently featured in a [new National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry \(NFCYM\) video](#) discussing men's religious life.



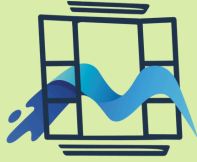
Peer Ministers Gathering

Mr. Eric Pino, Marist of Champagnat and new Director of Faith and Mission at Christopher Columbus HS, led the peer ministers in prayer during their first gathering this year.



Renewing Temporary Vows

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



Home for all river of Life

marist 2025
23rd general chapter
1st Hermitage 200 years

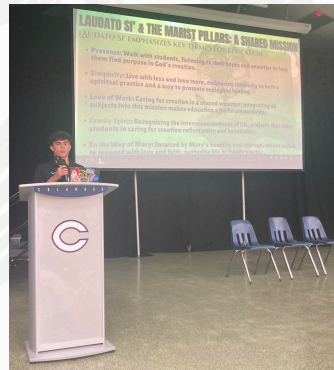
As part of the preparatory process of the 23rd General Chapter, join the Marist Institute in monthly prayer and reflection. Each month will focus on key themes to spiritually strengthen our mission as one family.

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).
- Sam King joined student leaders Andres Vidal and John Allen, as well as faculty representative Christine Taylor, for a presentation at Columbus this week on "Weaving Pope Francis' Laudato Si' into our Marist Culture."



Join the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns for a special webinar on Pilgrimage, Mission and Care for Creation on August 18 at 7pm ET to learn how you can take meaningful action. [Register here.](#)

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Camp Marist

LAKE OSSIPPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

COLOR WAR 2025!

One of Camp Marist's most beloved traditions is Color War - a high energy competition full of spirit and teamwork!

This year, Marist Fortress and Marist Galactics faced off in exciting events like water polo, steal the bacon, dodgeball, and volleyball. The competition will end today with a classic tug-of-war showdown.

This epic color battle happens every year during the last week of camp and is without a doubt one of the summer's most exciting highlights.



More Province News...

- The Marist Brothers Spiritual Director Training Program concluded in July with a session and graduation at the St. Barnabas Community after studying with Br. Don Bisson, Sr. Boreta Singleton, and Janet Corso for over 9 months.

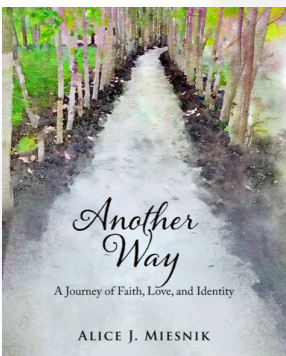


- Next week, Christopher Columbus will participate in the third edition of our Keepers of the Charism Program, coordinated by Mr. Rick Martin, USA Province Director of Marist Adult Formation.
- Welcome home to Br. Ben Consigli, who is back in the United States for a little vacation time.
- Matt Fallon has been in Miami this week assisting with training retreat leaders at Christopher Columbus High School.
- Br. Tom Long and two Marist Young Adults - Jake Guanard and Nick Lavin - worked with the Tuesday night Marist Youth Leaders.



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.



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 9.27-38



MARIST NEWS



MDA NEWSLETTER

This week, please remember in your prayers...

- Br. Ken Hogan, who will be undergoing shoulder surgery next Wednesday.
- Mr. William King, grandfather of Mr. Sam King, who died last week.

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

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