



# Friday Notes

AUGUST 29, 2025

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Our Province holds the families and community of Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis in our thoughts and prayers. May government leaders in our states and nation move toward ending such senseless acts of violence through much needed gun reforms.



## Province News

Congratulations to Br. Luis Ramos, who professed his Final Vows last Saturday at Mount St. Michael Academy. [Click here to watch his Final Vows Liturgy.](#)

Br. Dan O’Riordan, Br. Pat McNamara, Br. Al Rivera, and Matt Fallon will depart next Thursday to attend the upcoming General Chapter in the Philippines.

Blessings to everyone for an enjoyable Labor Day on Monday. The Province is grateful to so many who work tirelessly as part of our Marist Mission in the USA.

Good luck to all of our Marist schools who will start a new school year next week!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Keepers of the Charism**  
Marist Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois  
September 2, 2025

**Provisional Commission - General Chapter**  
Philippines  
September 1 - 9, 2025

**General Chapter Meeting**  
Philippines  
September 8 -  
October 8, 2025

**Sharing Our Mission: Creating a Community of Belonging**  
MBCE - Esopus, New York  
September 27 -  
September 30, 2025

**Marist Young Professionals Retreat**  
MBCE - Esopus, NY  
October 10 -  
October 13, 2025



### A Gift for Pope Leo XIV

Last week, Christopher Columbus alumnus, Thomas Abraham, presented **Pope Leo** with a special gift from Columbus.

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### Keepers of the Charism

Rick Martin, Stacey Baker, Matt Fallon, and Br. Ryan Richter will lead the faculty and staff of Marist Chicago through the third edition of our Keepers of the Charism Program.



### CMSM on Immigration

The Board of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) recently released [this statement](#) on the current state of Immigration in our country.



## 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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- The **Season of Creation** kicks off on September 1<sup>st</sup> and will conclude on October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The USA Province will be officially launching our **New 2025 Laudato Si' Action plan** to coincide with this Feast Day. The theme for this year is "**Peace with Creation.**" To learn more about the Season of Creation or to view many great prayer resources, [click here](#).
- Br. John Healy and Sam King attended Arco Norte's online event, "Awareness Session on the Presentation of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Reports" on Wednesday.
- The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns held a webinar on "Pilgrimage, Mission and Care for Creation" on Aug. 18. [Watch the recording of the webinar](#) and [explore the website](#).



### ARTICLE OF INTEREST

"Pope Leo XIV to inaugurate Laudato Si' Village in Castel Gandolfo."  
Vatican News, May 8, 2025.

# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

## Saint Joseph Academy

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

### BEGINNING THE SCHOOL YEAR AT SJA!

- 7th-grade students participated in a retreat day focused on growing their faith, learning about inspiring biblical figures like Mary and Joseph, and discovering how God is working in their lives.
- A beautiful day of reflection, friendship, and fresh beginnings at SJA, as faculty and staff participated in an in-service day, coming together to prepare their hearts and minds for the new school year.



- The first school liturgy was a special moment for all Bloodhounds - an opportunity to join together in the beautiful celebration of the Eucharist, reminding the community of God's love and presence in their lives every day.



## More Marist News...

Br. Brian has been in Japan this week as he prepares for travel to the Philippines. Highlights have included the opportunity to speak with faculty at Marist Brothers International School in Kobe, a visit to Marist High School in Kumamoto, and of course time with our Brothers in the Kobe community which is also hosting an aspirant from Korea for several weeks. **Bros. Bernard Yamaguchi and Joe Yoshida send particularly fond regards to their brothers in the USA!**



- Luke Anderson - Mount Saint Michael Academy '21 - has moved into the Cottage community in Esopus to begin his year of volunteering at the MBCE!

## MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT

### COMING SOON:

Information nights for Cohort 6 and Pathway 1 will be held October 22 and 23, with registration opening for both shortly thereafter. If you or anyone wishes to be on our mailing list to receive Zoom links and further information, use [this expression of interest form](#) and return it to Lindsay Irwin, membership chair.

### A REMINDER:

Donations can be made at any time to the Marists of Champagnat. These donations help us to meet the expenses of resources sent to each cohort member, the bi-annual meetings of the Lay Marist Council, and the upcoming 2026 Marists of Champagnat Assembly. Give according to your means, either monthly or annually. Donations can be made via [Paypal](#) or sent via check, made out to Marist Brothers.

### BEST WISHES:

As the new school year begins, let us keep in prayer everyone serving in our school ministries. Several are in brand new positions (or schools!) - Eric Pino in Miami, Karen Ramirez in Chicago, Bill Ferrari in North Carolina.



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Marists of  
Champagnat  
Assembly

JULY 14-17, 2026

SAN ALFONSO  
RETREAT CENTER  
Long Branch, NJ



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1  
Br. John Dunning

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7  
Br. Tom Long

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15  
Br. Charles Filiatrault

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20  
Erin Gilbert (Director of  
Communications)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22  
Br. James Adams

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29  
Br. Brian Poulin

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30  
Br. Steve Milan

NEW READING  
THIS WEEK:



[MATTHEW 10.21-31](#)



[MARIST NEWS](#)



[CANADA NEWS](#)

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

- The innocent victims of this week's gun shooting at Annunciation Catholic School in Minneapolis.
- Br. Larry Lavalley, who is currently in the hospital.
- Br. John Malich, who is enjoying a respite at Champagnat Hall.

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

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