Friday Notes

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

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Province News

Many staff members from our USA Schools will be gathering this weekend at the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus for our annual **Sharing Our Mission on Creating Communities of Belonging**. This important work aligns with the theme of the 23rd General Chapter, which speaks of all Marist communities being ***Homes for All and Rivers for Life***.

Join us on October 4th, the **Feast of St. Francis**, to celebrate the close of the Season of Creation with a Laudato Si' movement ecumenical prayer service on "Peace with Creation" (Isaiah 32:14-18). Download A Marist Prayer for the Feast of Saint Francis, and click here for the link to join on October 4th!

Our Province Green Team met last night via Zoom for the first meeting of the 2025/2026 school year, and the Province Finance Team also met yesterday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Season of Creation Closing Prayer Service
Feast of St. Francis
October 4, 2025
JOIN

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

Provincial Council Meeting
October 17 - October 18

Community Leaders Meeting
Archbishop Molloy, Briarwood NY
October 26th







Esopus Century Ride Success!

Congratulations to all who participated in the **Esopus Century Ride,** which raised ***over $100,000*** for the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus last Saturday!

Upcoming Board Meetings

The Camp Marist board meets today and the school board of Roselle Catholic High School will meet next week. We are grateful for all the Brothers, Marists of Champagnat, and generous men and woman who help foster our Marist Mission in all our USA Ministries.

September Board Meeting at Columbus

Lay Marist Council USA members Pete Marti (CCHS faculty) and Richard Karsten (Board Member) modeled the core spirit of the Marist vocation: to be present, to listen, and to help form young people in faith through authentic relationships.

23RD GENERAL CHAPTER

September 8 – October 8 | Philippines

The 23rd General Chapter, with the theme *Home for All, River of Life*, has been taking place in Tagaytay since September 8 and will continue through October 8, 2025. As a representative assembly, the Chapter is focusing on defining the direction of the Marist Institute for the coming years, with particular emphasis on a renewed zeal for bringing Christ's message to children and young people throughout the world.

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The third week of the General Chapter continued in the Philippines this week, with a few highlights including the ongoing work of **creating the Calls for this Chapter** as well as a number of dynamic prayer services. Two newer Icons of Saint Marcellin were utilized during these prayers (pictured above).

The young Brothers and Lay Marists who have been essential and inspiring components of this General Chapter are finishing their time with us this week. Thank you to Matt Fallon and all who joined these first few weeks!

Early next week, delegates will elect the new **Superior General** and **Vicar General**, as well as the new **General Council** later in the week.

COMING UP:

SEPTEMBER 27
Discussion of Chapter documents and proposals

SEPTEMBER 29-30
Election of the Superior General and the Vicar General

OCTOBER 1
Activity with De La Salle University

OCTOBER 2-3
Election of the General Council

OCTOBER 4
Next Steps – Post-Chapter

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As the 23rd General Chapter commences this month, join the Marist Institute in praying for all gathered at the Chapter in Tagaytay. May the Holy Spirit accompany them throughout this time of discernment..

This month, we reflect on the spiritual significance of the Hermitage, constructed by the early Marists 200 years ago. As we seek to symbolically build a new Hermitage today, may our hearts be a "Home for all" and a "River of Life."

SEPTEMBER PRAYER



Our first Green Team meeting of the school year was yesterday, September 25th. We heard from student leaders across our Marist schools about grassroots efforts to care for our common home. Follow ongoing activities of the Marist Green Team on instagram at @MaristGreenTeam.

This Feast of St. Francis on October 4th, celebrate the close of the Season of Creation with a Laudato Si' movement ecumenical prayer service on "Peace with Creation" (Isaiah 32:14-18). **Click here** for the link to join.

Calls to Action:

- Adopt Meatless Fridays
- Plant community gardens
- Switch from single-use plastic and styrofoam cutlery to reusable and compostable materials when possible.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Mount Saint Michael Academy

BRONX, NEW YORK



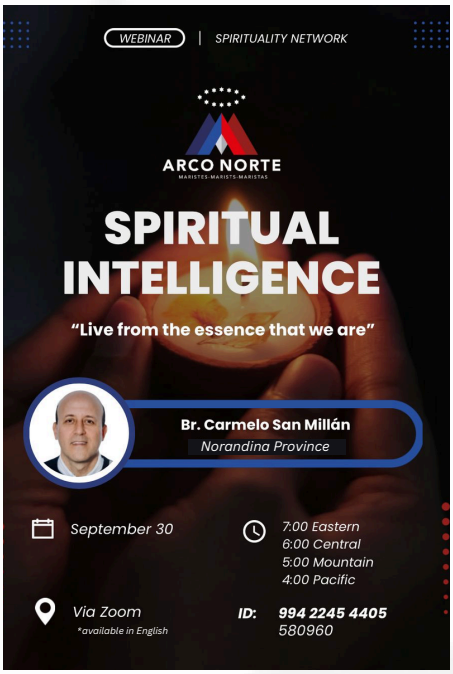
Columbus President Thomas Kruczek traveled to New York this week to assist with evaluations and connect with fellow Marist educators. While there, he spent time with Stacey Baker (Director of Marist Ministries), Bro. Michael Flanigan (President of MSMA), and two outstanding students, Steven and Viniceo, who gave a wonderful tour of the school. Moments like these strengthen bonds and remind us of the shared mission that unites our Marist schools across the country!

Throughout this school year, Mount students will participate in bi-weekly service trips to the food pantry at St. Frances of Rome parish. Students work hard alongside parishioners and unload up to three trucks full of food to prepare for the 350+ guests that gather each week for food distribution.



More Marist News...





SAVE THE DATE:



MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT



ALL MARIST BROTHERS AND MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT ARE INVITED!

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.



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 11.25-30
- MARIST NEWS
- CANADA NEWS

This week, please remember in your prayers...

- For Br. Steve Milan, who fell this week and broke his wrist.
- For Br. Frank Garza, who is recovering at home after visiting the hospital.
- Anita Bailey, mother of Nancy Clancy (Province Development Office), who died earlier this month.
- Terry Butts, former teacher at Mount Saint Michael Junior High School, who recently died.

DOWNLOAD PRAYER LIST