




Friday Notes

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UPCOMING EVENTS

 **Marist Young Professionals Retreat**
MBCE - Esopus, NY

October 10 -
October 13, 2025

 **Provincial Council Meeting**
St. Barnabas - Bronx, NY

October 17 -
October 18, 2025

 **Marists of Champagnat Lay Council Meeting**

October 22, 2025

 **Marist Youth Encounter**
MBCE - Esopus, NY

October 23 -
October 26, 2025

 **Community Leaders Meeting**

Archbishop Molloy,
Briarwood NY
October 26, 2025

The General Chapter has finished, and our delegation from the USA is on its way home! Bros. Al and Brian are already back in the States, while Bros. Dan and Patrick will get home late Monday after first making a quick visit to Japan. Br. Ben is headed back to Rome to tie up some loose ends but will be back in the USA with us in a few weeks.



- In celebration of our Church's Jubilee Year, our USA Province is sponsoring a [Pilgrims of Hope Pilgrimage](#) to the National Shrine in Washington DC. Fr. Joe Hindelang, Provincial of the Marist Fathers USA Province will be saying our Mass at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at 11:15am on November 1st.

[LEARN MORE HERE!](#)



FACILITATION FOR
TRANSFORMATION



Opportunity for Ongoing Formation

Led by our former Superior General Emili Turú Rofes, **Faith & Praxis for Global Leadership** is collaborating with two other international organizations to offer a training program in facilitation. Phase 1 is self-paced and entirely free! [Learn more by clicking here.](#)

School Board Meetings

The school board of Archbishop Molloy High School will meet next Thursday. We are grateful for all of the Brothers, Marists of Champagnat, and generous men and women who help foster our Marist Mission in all of our USA Ministries.



District of Canada Launches New Website

The Marist District of Canada recently launched its new website, <https://www.maristecanada.com> Learn more about the Canadian Marists, sign up for their monthly newsletter, and more [here!](#)

23RD GENERAL CHAPTER

September 8 – October 8 | Philippines

The 23rd General Chapter, with the theme Home for All, River of Life, which took place in the Philippines, just concluded earlier this week. During the month that it was in session, this representative assembly worked to define the direction of the Marist Institute for the coming years and elected our new General Government that will lead us forward in responding to the calls that emerged.



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To begin the closing Mass of the General Chapter, Br. Dominador Aquino Santiago of the Philippines gave a stirring Call to Worship:

Brothers and sisters, today is not simply the closing of a Chapter—it is the breaking open of something alive and new. These past weeks we have prayed, struggled, and dreamed together, and the Spirit has set a fire in our bones, a river that will not be contained. We are called to be a Home for All in a world where many are still forgotten. We are called to be a River of Life where despair and indifference take root. This is not a comfortable invitation—it is a bold mission: to bring good news to children, to stand with the poor, and to defend the dignity of every person.

We have elected a new Superior General and his Council—but their mission is our mission, their courage is our courage, their vulnerability is our vulnerability. Together, as one global Marist family, we have pledged ourselves to five burning calls: Depicted on the five icons right in front of you.

- *To be bold in mission, proclaiming hope where the world insists there is none.*
- *To be people with hearts that welcome, hands that heal, minds that dare to create and transform.*
- *To reimagine governance and leadership that is servant, prophetic, transparent, and bold enough to take risks.*
- *To build communities that are not clubs of the like-minded but true homes of compassion, diversity, and radical fraternity.*
- *To live a spirituality that bleeds into daily life, Marian in tenderness, Christ-centered, and restless for God's Kingdom.*

Today we cannot walk away unchanged. We cannot go back to business as usual, to safe routines, to polite silence while the cries of the young and the poor echo unheard. If we are faithful to this Chapter, then we will be restless, rebellious, inconvenient to the world—but faithful to the Gospel, faithful to Marcellin's dream, faithful to the God who still believes in us.

So let us begin this Eucharist not as an ending, but as a launching. Let us lift up our voices, hearts burning, ready to flow out like a wild river, breaking boundaries, carving new paths, making space for all. For today, we are not just closing a Chapter. Today, the Spirit dares us to begin again.

DID YOU WATCH THIS?



BR. PETER GERARD CARROLL
SUPERIOR GENERAL
(2025 - 2033)

**BR. PETER'S FIRST
REMARKS AS THE NEW
SUPERIOR GENERAL**



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Now that the 23rd General Chapter has closed, join the Marist Institute in praying for all who participated in Tagaytay City and their efforts to share the fruits of this experience with the rest of the Institute. May the Holy Spirit accompany us all throughout our post-chapter discernment.

This month, as we reflect on what the Calls of the 23rd General Chapter mean within our local realities, may our hearts be a "Home for all" and a "River of Life."

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The USA Province launched its [2025 Laudato Si' Action Plan](#) last weekend! This plan reaffirms a Province-wide commitment to integral ecology and marks the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home. [A press release about this initiative](#) was distributed to diocesan newspapers throughout the USA where Marists are present.

This fall season, support the "[Leave the Leaves](#)" campaign to help sustain natural nutrient cycling, protect insect habitats, and limit the fossil fuels used by leaf blowers.

SAVE THE DATE! Our next Green Team meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23rd at 7pm ET / 4pm PT. [Click here](#) for the Zoom link.

****For ongoing updates, please follow us on Instagram and share Ecology-related content with @MaristGreenTeam****

ARTICLE OF INTEREST:

Brian Roewe, "[At Laudato Si' conference, Catholics stress hope, heart to animate church on climate.](#)" National Catholic Reporter, October 3, 2025.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Archbishop Molloy High School

BRIARWOOD, NEW YORK

Archbishop Molloy held its first Alumni Retreat in Esopus last month. Using the theme, "*Looking Back and Looking Forward*", 26 alumni listened to talks, participated in activities, attended Mass and connected with one another.

For most, it was the first time back in Esopus since they graduated, with the hope that during their weekend they were able to Encounter Christ at the MBCE again.



More Marist News...

- Br. Dan and Br. Patrick are in Kobe, Japan, this weekend visiting the Marist Brothers community and school, where Br. Bernard Yamaguchi (member of our USA Province) as well as Br. Joseph Yoshida (former member of our USA Province) both live.
- Next week, Br. John Kachinsky will be in Tampa Bay attending the annual Safeguarding Ministry Conference offered by CMSM. Br. Brian will be attending virtually.
- Yesterday, Pope Leo XIV released his first Apostolic Exhortation, ***Dilexi Te***, which focused on Love for the Poor. Included in the document is a nice remembrance of Saint Marcellin Champagnat. In section 70, Pope Leo writes, "In the nineteenth century, also in France, Saint Marcellin Champagnat founded the Institute of the Marist Brothers of the Schools...He was sensitive to the spiritual and educational needs of his time, especially to religious ignorance and the situation of neglect experienced in a particular way by the young...He dedicated himself wholeheartedly to the mission of educating and evangelizing children and young people, especially those most in need, during a period when access to education continued to be the privilege of a few." [Click here to read the entire Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te*.](#)
- **JOB OPENINGS:** Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, MA, is actively recruiting for a new **Director of Innovation** and **Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning**. Please pass information along to anyone who might be interested!



MONDAY, OCTOBER 6
Br. Todd Patenaude

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
Br. James Devine
Br. Eladio Gonzalez

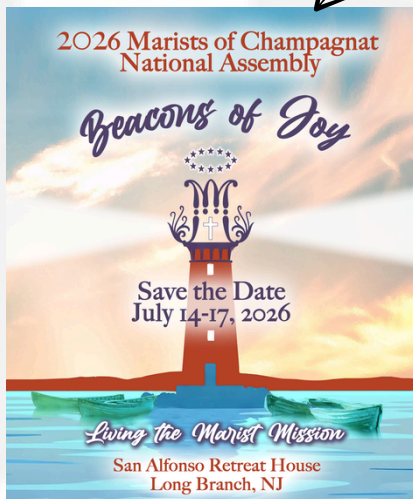
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
Br. Miguel Garcia

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14
Br. Albert Rivera

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19
Br. John Raeihle

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27
Br. Michael Brady

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.

MORE READING THIS WEEK:



This week, please remember in your prayers...

- All those affected by a second Earthquake in the Philippines early this morning.
- Br. Steve Schlitte, who began his sabbatical program this past week.
- All those participating in the Sharing Our Call 1 program beginning on Sunday in Esopus.
- The Marist Young Professionals Retreat beginning in Esopus today.
- Fr. Kevin Duggan, SM who has had a recurrence of cancer.
- Patricia Andrade, sister of Br. Jim Halliday, who passed away last weekend.

[DOWNLOAD PRAYER LIST](#)