



# Friday Notes

OCTOBER 17, 2025

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Provincial Council Meeting**  
St. Barnabas - Bronx, NY  
October 17 -  
October 18, 2025
- Sharing Our Call 1**  
MBCE - Esopus, NY  
October 19 -  
October 21, 2025
- Marists of Champaign 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

Br. Dan and Br. Patrick have returned from their brief stay in Kobe, Japan, following the close of the General Chapter. They spent time 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.

Br. John Kachinsky was in Tampa Bay this week attending the annual Safeguarding Ministry Conference offered by CMSM. Br. Brian attended virtually.

On Tuesday, Bros. Dan, Owen, and Brian will be attending the CMSM regional gathering in Ossining, NY.



FACILITATION FOR TRANSFORMATION

### Pilgrims of Hope Pilgrimage

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 on November 1st.

[LEARN MORE HERE!](#)

### Formally Closing General Chapter Opportunity for Ongoing Formation

Br. Peter's first formal address as our new Superior General marked the end of the 23rd General Chapter. [Click here](#) to read his formal speech, in which he calls all of us to work together to build a new Hermitage.

Led by 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.](#)



Home for all  
river of Life

**marist 2025**  
23<sup>rd</sup> general chapter  
l'Hermitage 200 years

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 has launched its [2025 Laudato Si' Action Plan!](#) 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

## Central Catholic High School

LAWRENCE, MASSACHUSETTS

- Raider students donated more than 1,000 food items to Lazarus House during their first Food Drive of this year!
- Chris Sullivan '81 prepares to transition from President to CCHS' Director of Marist Mission on November 1st.
- **Little Free Library at CCHS!** During Banned Books Week, the CCHS community celebrated the installation of their new Little Free Library, located near the Raider Plaza and the St. Marcellin Champagnat Peace Gardens, open to all and maintained by the Book Club.



# More Marist News...

- **Apostolic Exhortation:** Pope Leo XIV drew attention to St. Marcellin Champagnat and the Marist mission in paragraph 70 of *Dilexisti te*, his first apostolic exhortation issued on October 4. The text of the entire document is [available here](#), but our Institute has also provided [a convenient summary](#) of the main points.

*"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."*

- On **November 21**, Pope Leo will be dialoguing with teens attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis. Those not attending can register for the livestream taking place at 10:15am ET.

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

- The third edition of **Champagnat Global Week** is scheduled for October 27 thru November 2 to coincide with the Jubilee of the Educational World being held in Rome. A multilingual, international webinar to kick off the week will be held at 10am ET on 10/27.

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

- **JOB OPENINGS:** The **Marist Brothers Center in Esopus, NY**, is searching for a **Marketing and Communications officer**. 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!

## MARIST YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Over Columbus Day Weekend, 13 Marist Young Professionals, including the 4 postulants, gathered in Holy Rosary for their first MYP Retreat! The retreat's theme was *Wherever We Go*, and it invited participants into reflection, sharing, prayer, and the joy of community.

Anyone interested in learning more about Marist Young Professionals, which engages Marists in their 20s and 30s to live the Marist charism through community, prayer, and service, is welcome to email Ellen at [ellen@maristbr.com](mailto:ellen@maristbr.com).



**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

## MORE READING THIS WEEK:



[MATTHEW 12.29-40](#)



[MARIST NEWS](#)



[CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL](#)



[EAST ASIA NEWS](#)

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

- Br. Clément Rondeau of Canada died on October 9. He was 87 years old and in his 67th year of religious life. His funeral will be on October 27.
- All those participating in the Sharing Our Call 1 program beginning on Sunday in Esopus.
- Mrs. Sue O'Keeffe, who has been very recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Sue is the mother of Mike O'Keeffe (former long-time Esopus volunteer) and Jimmy O'Keeffe (former camper with our special needs camps - a tree in memory of Jimmy stands in the courtyard in Esopus).

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