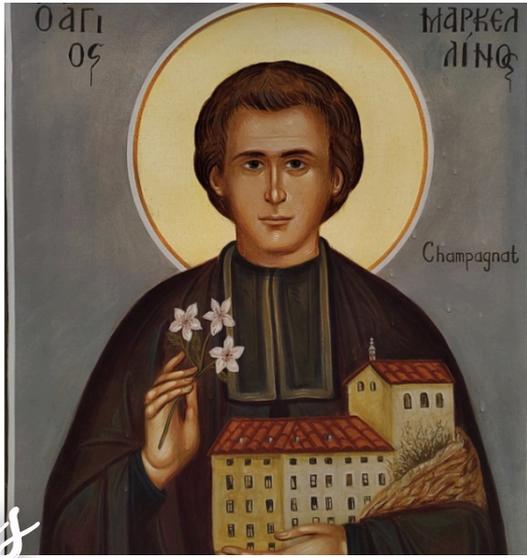




Friday Notes

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Recent News

Next Tuesday is the 209th anniversary of Champagnat's visit to Montagne, the dying boy.

Br. Dan will be visiting **Magnificat Farm** in Kentucky and Br. Larry Gordon in Missouri next week.

Welcome home, Br. Ben! Br. Ben Consigli returns home today after serving our Marist Institute for the last 8 years as a General Councilor.

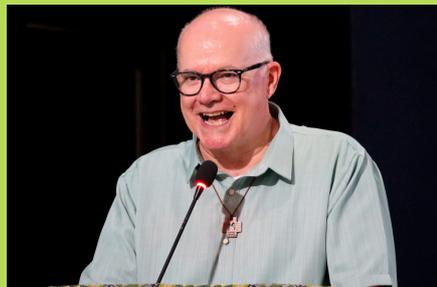
Welcome, Br. Diego Zawadzky, Director of our Marist Secretariat of Solidarity in Rome, who is visiting the USA Province over the next week.



The Roselle Catholic High School board will meet next week. We are grateful for all of the generous men and women who help foster our Marist Mission in all of our USA Ministries.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Marist Youth Encounter**
MBCE - Esopus, NY
October 23 -
October 26, 2025
- Community Leaders Meeting**
Archbishop Molloy,
Briarwood NY
October 26, 2025
- Champagnat Global Week Kickoff Webinar**
October 27, 2025
10am ET
- Keepers of the Charism**
Archbishop Molloy,
Briarwood, NY
October 31, 2025
- Pilgrimage of Hope**
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception - Washington D.C.
November 1, 2025
- Marist Youth Mission Conference**
MBCE - Esopus, NY
November 7 -
November 9, 2025



Upcoming Pilgrimage of Hope

In celebration of our Church's Jubilee Year, our USA Province is sponsoring a Pilgrimage of Hope to the National Shrine in Washington DC on November 1st.

[LEARN MORE HERE!](#)

Builders of a New Hermitage

You may have already read **Br. Peter Carroll's address** at the closing of the General Chapter featured last week in Friday Notes. A video of his speech is now available and can be viewed [here](#).

A Journey of Faith, Love, and Identity

On Monday, October 27 at 8pm ET, Marist of Champagnat **Alice Miesnik** will be interviewed by Br. Dan O'Riordan about her recent book, *Another Way*. Hear Alice reflect on the struggles and joys of choosing "another way," and how faith and authenticity can walk together. **Join Br. Dan and Alice for a heartfelt conversation inspired by readers' questions.**

23RD GENERAL CHAPTER

September 8 – October 8, 2025 | Philippines

The 23rd General Chapter, themed **Home for All, River of Life**, took place in the Philippines from September 8 until October 8, 2025. 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.

Two recent icons of "Champagnat, the Builder" were very present in the experience of the General Chapter. One from Greece was created by a retired Marist educator in Greece and originally presented to Notre Dame de l'Hermitage to commemorate the bicentenary. The other icon was commissioned when the Marists of Oceania first came together in 2022 to construct the Star of the Sea Province.



Home for all
river of Life

marist 2025
23rd general chapter
l'Hermitage 200 years

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DID YOU WATCH THIS?



**BR. PETER'S CLOSING
ADDRESS AT THE
GENERAL CHAPTER**



This week **Tomas O'Riordan**, Executive Director of the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus and Marist of Champagnat, filled in for Jacob Grimm in representing the USA at the regional meeting of **Province Volunteer Coordinators** of Arco Norte held in Guatemala.





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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."

**OCTOBER
PRAYER**



Last week, Sam King attended a *Peace and Justice Day* at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene, OR, focused on Caring for God's Creation (*right*).



Students from the Environmental Club at Christopher Columbus High School recently attended the Barry University Laudato Si' Catholic High School Summit (*pictured left*).

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

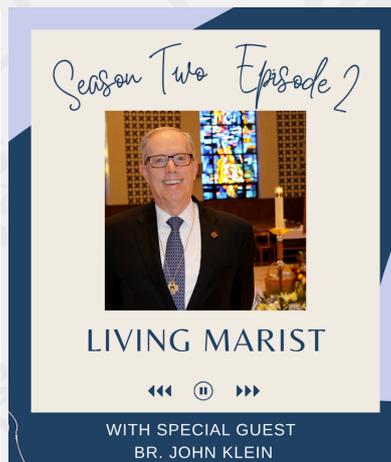
MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Marist Young Professionals

MARIST BROTHERS USA PROVINCE

Season 2 of the *Living Marist* podcast is in full swing! Be sure to check out the Season 2 kickoff episode featuring **Br. Pat McNamara** sharing on hope and his experience of the *God of surprises*. Episode 2 features guest **Br. John Klein**, cracking open the theme of *stories* (even sharing some of his own!) as well as introducing listeners to his book about the history of the Marist Brothers USA Province. *Living Marist* can be found on [Apple Podcasts](#) and [Spotify](#).

Over Columbus Day Weekend, 13 Marist Young Professionals, including the 4 postulants (pictured below with the rest of the retreat group), gathered in Holy Rosary at the MBCE for their **first MYP Retreat!** With the theme *Wherever We Go*, it invited participants into reflection, sharing, prayer, and the joy of community.



More Marist News...

- 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!](#)

- Almost 30 USA Marist educators attended this year's first Sharing Our Call in Esopus earlier this week. Sharing Our Call 1 Is for those wishing to know more about Saint Marcellin Champagnat, Marist pedagogy, and our Marist mission to evangelize through the Christian education of youth.



Final morning prayer on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

- 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!

MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT

The **Lay Marist Council** (excluding Chuck Lamphier) met on Wednesday. Br. Dan gave an update from the General Chapter and they discussed upcoming Cohort 6 formation.



PROVINCE RETREAT: So far this year, the 'Pilgrims of Hope' province-wide retreat has been offered in Miami and Brownsville. The retreats are being facilitated by Provincial Councilors and members of each local community. Upcoming retreats will be held:

- Lawrence, MA** - October 29
 - (House of Hospitality)
- Chicago, IL** - November 3
 - (Leavitt Street Community)
- Virtual Group** - November 4
 - 8pm ET. ([via Zoom](#))
- NY/NJ** - November 16
 - (Archbishop Molloy HS)



On October 14, the Los Fresnos Brothers community hosted the Province retreat for the Brownsville, TX community.



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 12.41-50](#)



[MARIST NEWS](#)



[CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL](#)



[DISTRICT OF ASIA](#)

This week, please remember in your prayers...

- Ronald Kappes, brother of Br. Steve Kappes, who is experiencing the beginning of Alzheimer's disease.
- Br. Frank Garza as he continues to recover from a fall-related injury.
- Br. Phil Degagne and Br. James Maher, who are recovering after recent hospital stays.

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

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