



Friday Notes

OCTOBER 31, 2025

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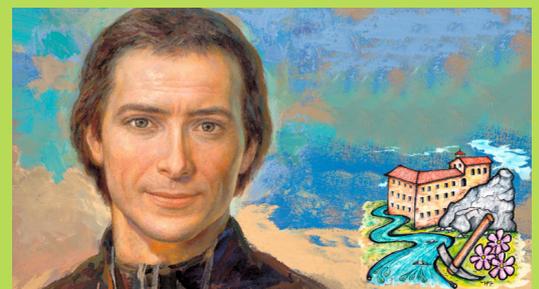


This weekend, our Church celebrates the Feasts of All Saints (November 1) and All Souls (November 2). As we honor these sacred days, let us prayerfully remember—with deep gratitude—all our Brothers, USA Province members, and family members who have gone home to God. Our Province will host and livestream a special Memorial Prayer Service from the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus on November 15, 2025, at 12:30pm ET to celebrate the lives of those we have lost this past year. [Click here to submit the names of any loved ones you would like remembered during the service.](#)

Tomorrow, members of our USA Province will take part in the **Pilgrims of Hope Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C.** Together with pilgrims from across the country, they will gather at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for a special liturgy celebrated by Fr. Joe Hindelang, SM, Provincial of the Marist Fathers USA Province. Let us keep our pilgrims in prayer as they journey in faith and hope.

UPCOMING EVENTS

-  **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
-  **Pilgrims of Hope Virtual Reflection**
via Zoom  [JOIN](#)
Tuesday, November 4
8pm ET
-  **Marist Youth Mission Conference**
MBCE - Esopus, NY
November 7 -
November 9, 2025
-  **SOM: Guidance and Student Services**
MBCE - Esopus, NY
November 16 -
November 18, 2025



Blessings and Congratulations

Mrs. Jodi Linnehan Kriner officially begins her tenure tomorrow as the next President of Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, MA. We wish her every success and many graces as she begins this important ministry of leadership and service in the Marist tradition.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

The School Boards of Central Catholic and Christopher Columbus will meet next week. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who serve on our Province Boards for their dedication to fostering the Marist mission in our schools and ministries.

Pilgrimage to L'Hermitage 2026

We're delighted to announce that our USA Province Pilgrimage to l'Hermitage in France will return next summer!

-  Arrival in Lyon: July 1, 2026
-  Departure: July 6, 2026

Join us for this special opportunity to explore our Marist roots. [Learn More Here.](#)



SOLIDARITY



MEETING WITH THE SECRETARIAT OF SOLIDARITY

On Tuesday, Br. Dan, Br. Brian, Br. John Healy, and Sam King met with Br. Diego Zawadzky and Br. Nnodu Chukwubueze Onwutalu from the Secretariat of Solidarity in Rome. Br. Diego shared updates on the global initiatives of the Secretariat, including Solidarity Education, Volunteering, Children's Rights, FMSI, and Ecology. These efforts continue to strengthen our shared Marist mission worldwide.

INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON MARIST VOLUNTEERS

Tomas O'Riordan joined Br. Diego Zawadzky last week in Guatemala for an international meeting on Marist Volunteers. The gathering brought together representatives from across the Marist world to share experiences and strengthen collaboration in global service.

[CLICK HERE](#) —————→ [to read Tomas' personal reflection on this inspiring experience.](#)



PROVINCE SOLIDARITY EFFORTS

The photo below shows students from our newly opened Marist school in Liberia, a project made possible through the generous Solidarity efforts of our USA Province. Their joy and determination remind us of the lasting impact of our shared commitment to education, faith, and service.



[Click here to explore our current Province Solidarity Projects and discover how this mission continues to grow.](#)

MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT



NEW AFFILIATED MEMBERS OF THE USA PROVINCE

On Sunday, the Marist Brothers USA Province will celebrate the Affiliation of Maureen Hagan, Pat Hagan, and Ed Kennedy during a prayer service at Roselle Catholic High School. This honor recognizes their outstanding dedication and service to the Marist community and their embodiment of the Marist spirit in their lives and ministry.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE REFLECTION AND RETREAT

This past Wednesday, the Lawrence Marists of Champagnat gathered at the Marist House of Hospitality on Sheridan Street for a Pilgrims of Hope reflection and retreat led by Br. Brian Poulin and Chris Sullivan. The evening brought together a wonderful group of lay people and Brothers for prayer, reflection, and fellowship.

Adding to the joy of the gathering was a special guest appearance by Br. Rene Roy, our very own "celebrity participant." The night was a beautiful expression of the Marist spirit—faith-filled, welcoming, and full of hope.



UPCOMING PILGRIMS OF HOPE RETREATS

- **Chicago** (in person): Monday, November 3, 2025 · Leavitt Street
- **Virtual** (Zoom): Tuesday, November 4, · 8pm ET. [Join here: Zoom link](#)
- **NY/NJ** (in person): Sunday, November 16 · 2pm · Archbishop Molloy

Can't make a regional gathering?

Join Br. Dan and Madelyn Picou next Tuesday, November 4, or an online [Pilgrims of Hope Retreat](#) beginning at 8pm ET. **All are welcome to participate from home!**

[Click here for the Zoom link.](#)

COHORT 6:

Registration is underway for Cohort 6. Register here! For more information, contact mhagan8486@gmail.com or lindsayrwin@gmail.com.

For members of Cohorts 1-5 - please consider offering your service as a mentor or companion for this next formation group. Yes, much is required of you and your life is busy - but you may find, as many others have before you, that it is an opportunity to enrich your own spiritual growth and connection to the charism. Contact Maureen, Lindsay or Ellen for further information and guidelines.

On Monday evening, Sam King will interview Blair Nelsen, Executive Director of Waterspirit, on her spiritual journey into water protection and what each of us can do to conserve and protect water for future generations.

Sacred Water
 With Blair Nelsen
 Monday, November 3rd | 7 pm EST
 Hosted by the Mepkin Abbey
 Forum for Contemplative
 Ecology

Zoom Link:
tinyurl.com/mepkinecology





On Thursday, Sam King will give a talk at Marist University on "The Ethics of Eating: A Laudato Si' Approach to Food, Justice, and Care for Our Common Home."

Interested in making a difference in your community? See our USA Marist Integral Ecology Resources document [here](#).

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

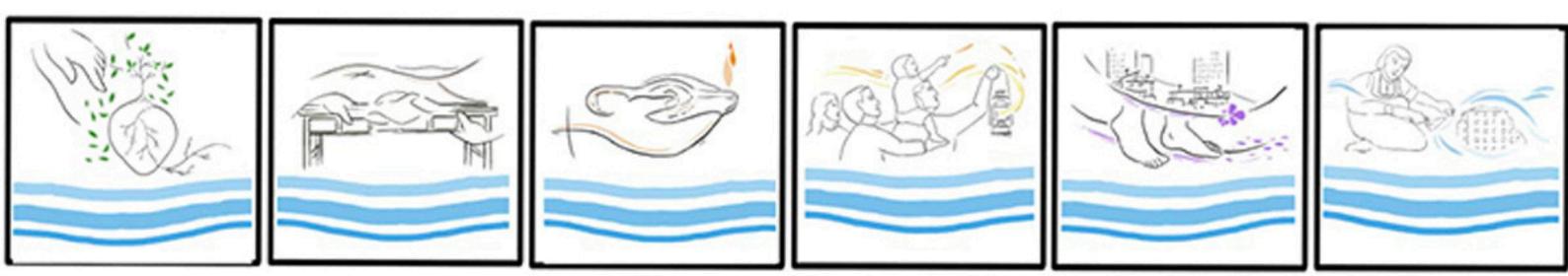
Marist Brothers Center in Esopus

ESOPUS, NEW YORK

- Last Sunday, Br. John Malich, FMS, celebrated his 70th Jubilee as a Marist Brother with a beautiful liturgy and gathering at the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus. We give thanks for Br. John's seven decades of faithful service, joyful witness, and dedication to the Marist mission.
- The first Encounter Retreat of the year brought together students from seven Marist schools in the USA and Canada last weekend for prayer, reflection, and community. A highlight of the weekend was the Saturday evening liturgy, during which [Luke Anderson](#) was commissioned as a year-long Marist Volunteer at the MBCE.



- The first Archbishop Molloy Freshman retreat will take place at the MBCE this weekend.



ICONS ILLUSTRATE THE CALLS OF THE GENERAL CHAPTER

During the recent General Chapter in the Philippines, Br. Danilo Silva, FMS, of Brazil, served as Artist in Residence. Among his many contributions were a series of beautiful images representing the Calls of the Chapter. Each artwork incorporates its own unique symbolism and includes a depiction of the “River of Life,” a reminder of the grace that carries us into the future.

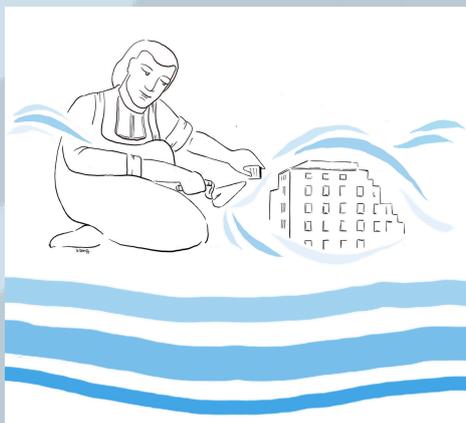
The themes of the Calls—which will be shared in the coming months—are:

- Vocation
- Community
- Spirituality
- Governance and Leadership
- Mission

In addition, one image represents the unifying attitude that underlies all five Calls.

We are delighted to share that Br. Danilo will visit our Province this summer, offering us the opportunity to experience his artistic vision and Marist spirit in person.

Saint Marcellin the Builder



This week’s featured image depicts Marcellin the Builder, shaping the Hermitage with care and purpose. It serves as a symbol that unites all five Chapter Calls, reminding us that the Marist vocation is always a call to build: to create a new time and a new Hermitage, rooted in the Gospel and renewed in the world today.

Moved by the Spirit, Marcellin’s hands and heart work together in love and hope. Like him, we are called to be living stones—building a home of faith, fraternity, and shared mission, attentive to the voice of God calling us through the life of the Church and the needs of our time.

[Click here for more detailed explanations of all six of these images.](#)

More Marist News...

- Br. Dan will be attending a CMSM Board meeting next Thursday and Friday.
- Earlier this week, Alice Miesnik shared insights and reflections on her recently released book, *Another Way*. [Click here to watch the video recording of this event.](#)
- The new "My Marist Life" Podcast, hosted by Marist of Champagnat Eric Gonzales (Brownsville, TX), launched earlier this month. Each episode features conversations with Marist Brothers and Lay Marists from across the country as they share how they live out the Marist mission today. The first episode, released in September, featured Francis Curley. The latest episode "[Back to the classroom: Living the Marist Charism in Word and Work,](#)" was released yesterday and features Br. Sam Amos, who has recently returned to the classroom as he continues to serve as vocations director for our Marist Brothers USA Province. He also shares insights from his two newly published books, along with reflections on his love of languages and his return to teaching.
- A Mass was held this morning in the Central Catholic chapel to offer prayers and support for those taking part in the Jubilee Pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. tomorrow.
- **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](#).

MORE READING THIS WEEK:



[MATTHEW 13.1-15](#)



[CHAMPAGNAT
GLOBAL](#)



[MARIST NEWS](#)



[CANADA NEWS](#)



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Br. Marcos Longoria

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Br. Herbert Baker

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Br. James Norton

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Br. John McDonagh

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Br. John McDonnell

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Br. Gerard Brown

Br. Hank Hammer

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Br. Dave Cooney

Br. Robert Warren

Br. Ben Consigli

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Br. Richard Shea

Br. Michael Williams

JOB OPENING:

The Marist Brothers Center in Esopus, NY, is searching for a **Marketing and Communications officer**. Please pass information along to anyone who might be interested!

This week, please remember in your prayers...

- Br. Dave Cooney, who has been placed on palliative care at De LaSalle Hall.
- Saoirse McGarry, 23 years old, who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 lymphoma.
- Mr. Alex Karsten, father of Richard Karsten, who is in hospice care.
- Robert Andrew Mackie, Jr, father of Bob Mackie, who died earlier this month. [Read his obituary here.](#)

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