



# Friday Notes

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## Recent News

Congratulations to Josh Jobe (Columbus '18), Federico Maranges (Columbus '19), Armani Perez (Columbus '09) and Jason Myers (Marist University '13) who are all part of the championship Seahawks organization. Myers in particular set a record with five successful field goals kicked in the Superbowl and became the first player in NFL history to score more than 200 points in a combined regular- and post-season!

Earlier this week, the community at Champagnat Hall gathered to celebrate the 90th birthday of Br. James Maher. We give thanks for his lifelong dedication to the Marist mission and the countless lives he has touched through his presence and service.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Observance of the Memorare in the Snow**  
February 15, 2026
- MOC Hearts in Action Prayer Service**  
February 15, 2026  
5pm EST
- Sharing Our Call 2**  
MBCE  
February 22 -  
February 24, 2026
- Marist Youth Encounter**  
MBCE  
February 26 -  
March 1, 2026
- Webinar on Strategy and Leadership**  
10-11:30am  
February 27, 2026
- Keepers of the Charism**  
SJA - Brownsville, TX  
March 2, 2026



### Visiting Community of Welcome in TX School Board Meetings

Br. Dan spent time earlier this week with the Marist Community of Welcome in Austin, enjoying warm hospitality, meaningful prayer together, and what may very well be the best BBQ brisket in Texas. The visit was a joyful reminder of the fraternity and shared life that continue to strengthen our Province.

The School Board of Marist High School in Chicago will meet next week. We are deeply grateful for the generous men and women who serve in this important ministry, offering their time, wisdom, and leadership to help advance and sustain our Marist mission.

### Marist Youth Mission Conference

Young people from Marist schools around the USA Province gathered earlier this month at Our Lady of Florida Retreat House in West Palm Beach, Florida, for a Marist Youth Mission Conference.



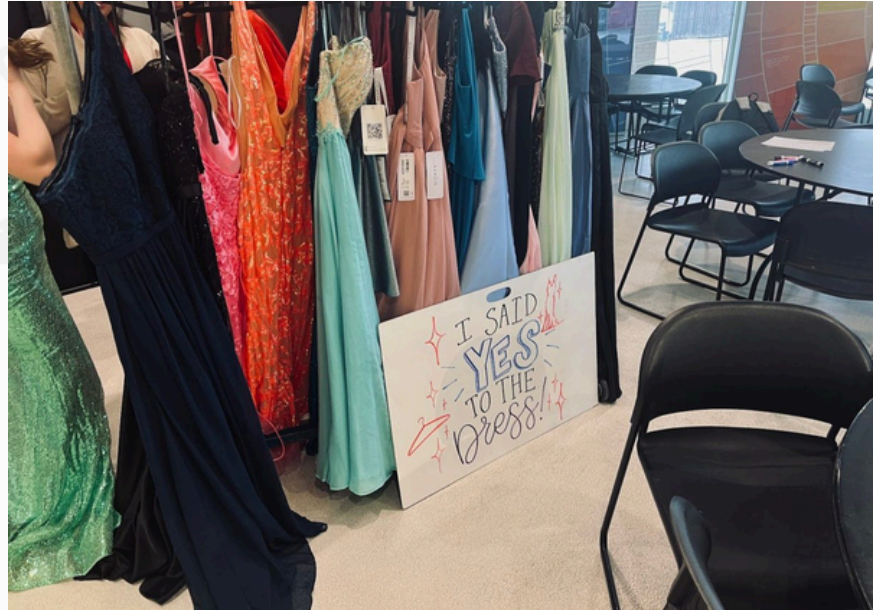
## FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!



@MaristGreenTeam

## SAY YES TO THE THRIFTED DRESS!

The Green Team Environmental Club at Marist Chicago hosted its "Say Yes to the Thrifted Dress" event on Tuesday, February 3, bringing students from all grade levels for an afternoon centered on sustainability, community, and fun. The event featured dozens of donated dresses available for students to browse, try on, and take home at no cost. [Read more here!](#)



## MARIST ECOLOGY GRANTS:

Our USA Province is pleased to again offer all our Marist schools the opportunity to obtain Ecology Grants to support student-led projects aligned with the principles of the [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#).

Each USA Marist school may submit one grant proposal for up to \$2,000. Grants are due by 5:00pm on Friday, March 13, 2026. Schools must apply through the following [GoogleForm link](#).

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

*2026 Green Team Meetings!*

Please note - our next meeting of the year will be held **Thursday, March 12th at 4pm EST**.

- Tuesday, **April 14th** at 4pm EST / 3pm CST
- Thursday, **May 14th** at 4pm EST / 3pm CST



## GROW THE GREEN TEAM!

- Do you have friends or colleagues who are interested in environmental work? Feel free to share their emails with Sam King or encourage them to [sign up here!](#)

# MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

## Champagnat Hall

BRONX, NEW YORK

### BRINGING GENERATIONS TOGETHER THROUGH HEARTFELT ACTS OF LOVE AND KINDNESS

Earlier this week, our Brothers at Champagnat Hall in the Bronx continued a beautiful Valentine's Day tradition that has quietly grown over the years. Since 2018, they have shared a special bond with the children of Mercy Center's After School program – a simple but powerful connection rooted in kindness, prayer, and intergenerational friendship.

On February 12, the children received a special delivery of cupcakes, baked and carefully decorated by our elderly Brothers. Br. Steve Milan helped ensure the treats were hand-delivered, continuing a tradition that has become a source of joy for both the children and the Brothers themselves. What may seem like a small gesture carries deep meaning – a reminder to the children that they are remembered, valued, and loved.

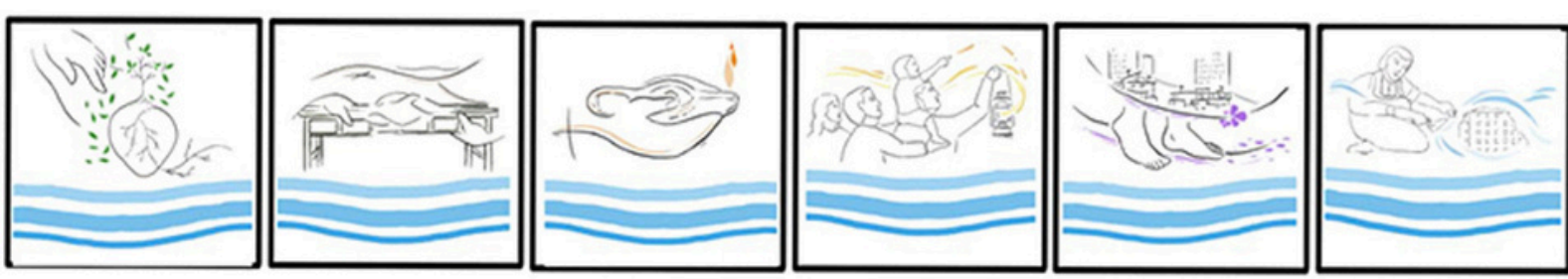
This outreach is not limited to Valentine's Day. At Christmas, Easter, and other moments throughout the year, the Brothers prepare cookies, goodie bags, and sweet surprises. Even in their later years – and even when they are not always able to go out physically – they remain deeply committed to our Marist mission of making Jesus known and loved, especially among young people.

Reflecting on the experience, Br. Donald Richard Loiselle, FMS shared, *"Whenever I am asked to participate in a project for Mercy Center I'm happy to do so. Doing things for young people is satisfying for any adult, but especially for someone whose vocation and life's work has been devoted to young people."* Br. Paul Forgues expressed similar gratitude: *"Not having the opportunity to go out and help others, I am grateful to have the opportunity to show my love and concern for the children at Mercy Center when we stuff goodie bags or provide treats... I can just imagine the eyes of the young children as they receive the cupcakes that we decorated. Thanks to all at Mercy Center for your dedication – be assured of my prayers."* For Br. Christopher Shannon, the joy is mutual: *"It was such a joy to share in making the cupcakes knowing the children at Mercy Center would have a joyous time on Valentine's Day. This was my third time doing a project for Mercy Center. It gives all of us good feelings knowing that the children will have a great time 'partying' for St. Valentine's Day."*

The children have even sent thank-you videos back to Champagnat Hall – small but powerful reminders that fraternity knows no age and that the Marist spirit continues to flourish across generations.

We are deeply grateful for the witness of our elderly Brothers, whose prayerful presence and generous hearts continue to nurture young lives in quiet, beautiful ways.





# MEET THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT



Br. Peter Gerard Carroll from Star of the Sea was elected as the new Superior General of the Institute of the Marist Brothers. This significant moment took place on 30 September 2025, during the XXIII General Chapter held in Tagaytay, Philippines.

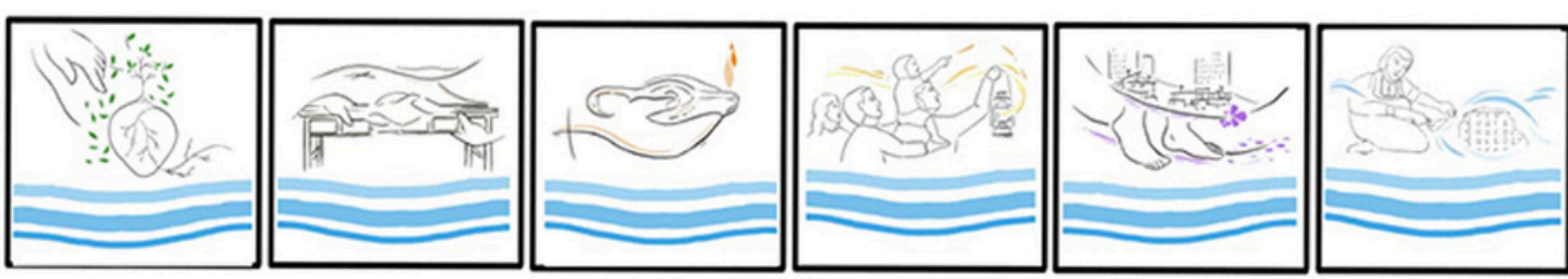
Brother Peter, the 15th Superior General of the Institute, will serve as the

the leader for the next eight years, guiding the Marist Institute with faith, vision, and dedication. His election marks a new chapter in the mission of the Marists of Champagnat to continue the charism of Saint Marcellin Champagnat to make Jesus Christ known and loved, especially among children and young people.

We entrust Brother Peter Carroll's leadership to the care of Mary, Our Good Mother, and pray for wisdom and strength as he begins this important ministry.

## BR. PETER CARROLL

Brother Peter, born on August 2, 1958, is an Australian from the State of Queensland. He joined the Brothers after completing school at Marist College Ashgrove in Brisbane. He made his first profession as a Marist Brother on January 1, 1981, and his final profession on June 20, 1986.



Peter has worked in Primary and Secondary, all boys and co-educational schools, both day and boarding. He specialized in Religious Education and was Head of Department in three schools. For 15 years, from 1997 to 2012, he was Principal of three Catholic Secondary Colleges, St Peter Claver College Riverview, Marist College North Shore and Trinity Catholic College Lismore. His undergraduate studies were at Macquarie University where he majored in History, English Literature and Education. His post-graduate studies were at Australian Catholic University and Loyola University Chicago in Education and Religious Education.

Br. Peter was elected to the Council of the Sydney Province in 2004 and served as Councilor until 2012 when he was appointed Vice Provincial of the new Province of Australia, formed by the merger of the Sydney and Melbourne Provinces. In 2015 he was appointed Provincial and served in this role until December 2022 when the Province of Australia merged with the District of Melanesia and the District of the Pacific to form the Star of the Sea Province. From 2019 to 2022 he was President of Catholic Religious Australia, the body representing 150 Religious Institutes across the continent.



In December 2022 he was elected the first Provincial of the Star of the Sea Province.

For the last 21 years he has enjoyed the challenges and opportunities that leadership has offered him, and has been blessed to benefit from the support, cooperation and encouragement of many Brothers, colleagues and friends.

## NEW MONTHLY REFLECTION SERIES OFFERED BY OUR SUPERIOR GENERAL

Brother Peter Carroll, Superior General, is now offering a monthly reflection addressing significant aspects of the mission and Marist lifestyle. The series will be called “Marist Horizons” and will be distributed through the Institute’s communication channels.



Published on the fourth Wednesday of each month, these reflections will invite us to broaden our horizons, deepen our commitment, respond creatively to the emerging calls of the Church and the world and encourage us in our daily efforts to make Jesus known and loved in the manner of Mary.

Through these reflections, Brother Peter seeks to offer insights, inspiration, and guidance as we continue to walk together as a global Marist family, attentive to the calls of the 23rd General Chapter.

We invite all Brothers, lay Marists, and communities to accompany this journey of discernment and deepening of our shared charism.

[READ MORE](#)



## 2026 PROVINCE-WIDE SOLIDARITY PROJECTS

This year’s Province-wide Solidarity Campaign will support seven Marist projects in India, Rwanda, Chad, Haiti, Aleppo, Thailand, and Venezuela.

With the help of students from our USA Marist schools, we will highlight each of these projects through a series of short weekly videos. These reflections are intended to help us better understand both the needs being addressed and the spirit of solidarity that unites us as Marists.

Thanks to our students at Archbishop Molloy for the third video in this series on the work of our Blue Marists in Aleppo.

[WATCH NOW](#)



# More Marist News...

- Br. Owen will be attending the CMSM Elder Care Summit next Tuesday.
- Br. Dan, Rick Carey and Brian Poulin will be visiting our Brothers in Canada this weekend.

## MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT



Now in its 3rd year, Hearts in Action has proven to be a beautiful way to connect across the miles as people delve into service projects, either on their own or with family and friends, or with their local (or virtual!) group, all throughout the Lenten season. Share what you plan on doing here! Our Lenten 2026 Marists of Champagnat Hearts in Action Initiative **begins with an opening prayer on Sunday, Feb 15** at 5pm ET/4pm CT. Our closing prayer is Sunday, April 12, 2026 at the same time!

### HEARTS IN ACTION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Contact your local group coordinator (listed below) to see what's happening in your area! Even if you can't get involved this year, please join in on the opening and closing prayers. They are inspiring and moving, and a beautiful chance for us to be proud of the Marist spirit, alive in service to others. **MAKING JESUS KNOWN AND LOVED!**

- **New England:**
  - Regional meeting: March 25, 2026
  - Local Group Leader: Chris Sullivan
- **NY/NJ:**
  - Regional meeting: April 18, 2025
  - Local Group Leader: Alice Miesnik or Maureen Hagan
- **Miami Area:**
  - Regional meeting March 7, 2025
  - Local Group Leader: Daniella Rodriguez
- **Brownsville:**
  - Regional meeting: February 16, 2025
  - Local Group Leader: Mary Beth Martin
- **Eugene:**
  - Regional meeting: TBD
  - Local Group Leader: Alice Meyer
- **Chicago:**
  - Regional meeting March 2, 2026
  - Local Group Leader: Erin Kelly
- **Virtual:**
  - Regional Meeting: TBD
  - Local Group Leader: Madelin Picou

# FEBRUARY Birthdays

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1  
Br. Patrick McNamara

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2  
Br. Donald Bisson

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7  
Br. John Herrmann

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10  
Br. James Halliday

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11  
Br. James Maher

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13  
Br. Albert Phillip

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
Br. Kevin Handibode

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
Br. Michael Sheerin

## NEW READING THIS WEEK



SOCIETY OF MARY



AT THE SAME TABLE



MATTHEW 17:1-8



CHAMPAGNAT GLOBAL



MARIST NEWS



CANADA NEWS

### Episode 5 of My Marist Life is here!

In this episode of My Marist Life, host Eric Gonzales sits down with Patrick Ryan, Director of Student Services and proud Marist High School graduate. Patrick shares his journey back to the community that

shaped him and reflects on the mental needs of young people today. Together, they explore how student support, relationships and accompaniment are lived out through the Marist Mission in the spirit of St. Marcellin Champagnat. **Listen now on Spotify!** New episodes will drop the first of every month.



#### My Marist Life

A Monthly Podcast Sharing Marist Stories

Now Streaming Episode 5

Host: Eric Gonzales

Guests: Patrick Ryan Mental Health and the Marist Way

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Stories. Reflections. Connection.  
Living the Marist Mission

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



- **Br. John Healy, who was recently diagnosed with cancer and will begin treatments on February 18th.**
- **Marist of Champagnat Julie Ferrari, who is receiving post-op treatment after a successful cancer removal.**
- **Anne O'Riordan, mother of Tomas O'Riordan, who is recovering at home from a fall.**
- **The repose of the soul of Richard Rodgers, former novice ('66) and long-time faculty member and coach at Archbishop Molloy High School.**
- **The repose of the soul of Jeanne Ryan, mother of Joyce Sullivan and mother-in-law of Chris Sullivan, Marists of Champagnat.**
- **The repose of the soul of Ann Marie Pilat, mother of Lynne Chase (Chair of the Central Catholic School Board), who died earlier this week.**
- **The repose of the soul of Robert Nichols, a cousin of Br. Donnell Neary, who passed this morning after a brief illness.**

- For Cathy Puszcz, a teacher who spent her entire career at Marist in Bayonne, who is in critical care.
- Lourdes Melendez, godmother of Br. Al Rivera, who has been undergoing chemo treatments for ovarian cancer.
- Laura Blando, sister of Br. James Norton, as she continues a new round of chemotherapy.
- Fr. Kevin Duggan, SM, who has had a recurrence of cancer.
- Br. Rick Shea and Br. Jim Adams, who both are rehabbing at De LaSalle Hall in Lincroft, NJ.
- Steve Mason, brother-in-law of Rick Martin, who is recovering from surgery.
- Mrs. Terry Paul, who is in the hospital.
- David Irwin, who continues to need treatment for a brain tumor.
- Ronald Kappes, brother of Br. Steve Kappes, who is experiencing the beginning of Alzheimer's disease.
- Pope Leo XIV: We ask God's blessings on his journey ahead in leading our Church.
- Our Blue Marists in Syria and members of the Fratelli Project in Lebanon.
- All victims of the ongoing wars in the Middle East and in the Ukraine.
- All victims of gun violence in the USA and around the world.
- All of our Brothers in residence or rehabbing at Champagnat Hall, particularly those dealing with significant health concerns: John Herrmann, and Pat Hogan.
- Bros. Charlie Filiatrault, Jim Halliday, Larry Lavalley, Bernie Nolan, and Rene Roy who are all receiving care outside of Marist community.
- Bros. Phil Degagne and James Maher, who are recovering after recent hospital stays.
- Mrs. Peg Kelly, mother of Br. Frank Kelly, who is recovering from a broken hip.
- Teresa Kelly, wife of Mike Kelly (Tyngsboro, 1965).
- Saoirse McGarry, 23 years old, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 lymphoma.
- Bill Taylor, brother-in-law of Br. Ken Curtin, who is recovering after a heart attack.
- Dan Waters (former Marist Brother) who is recovering from a stroke.
- Mrs. Paulette Karas, Province Director of Development, who is undergoing cancer treatments.
- Tom Rubbone, a long-time Camp Marist volunteer and benefactor.
- Mrs. MaryAnn Safrey, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Elaine Pellicciari, who is recovering from surgery and intense rehabilitation therapy.
- Mrs. Sue O'Keeffe, as she struggles with pancreatic cancer.
- Jason Wolf, a 22-year old cousin of John Venturella, who was recently diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor.
- Laura Gural as she regains the use of her left side while recovering from a stroke.
- The husband of Eyda Alegret in Miami, who is recovering after a stroke.
- Patrick Hughes, nephew of Sean O'Leary (Mount St. Michael '90).
- Vince Andiorio in Chicago.
- The young son of Br. Jim McKnight's niece, Jacqueline, who is being treated for leukemia.
- Rosemary Shields and Margo Andrew, cousins of Br. Michael Laratonda.
- Mike Encke, husband of Jean Dalton (niece of Br. Jim Devine) who has cancer.
- Angel Herrera, a sophomore at Mount Saint Michael Academy.
- Bishop Timothy McDonnell who is in hospice with stage 4 cancer.
- Frederick Marinelli, father of Michael Marinelli and husband of Carmen Marinelli in Miami.
- Patricia Hayes Franzem, who is recovering from surgery.
- Mrs. Olga Dunning, sister-in-law of Br. John Dunning, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

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