

Society of Mary

Marists in the United States



November 18, 2022

Marist Hall Recommended for Historic Landmark Distinction

Susan Illis (Marist Archivist) and Fr. Ted Keating, SM, (Provincial Treasurer) have been working with John DeFerrari a native of Washington D.C. regarding the history of Marist Hall (Marist College on Harewood Road) on the grounds of [The Catholic University of America](#) (CUA) in Washington DC. John has had a lifelong interest in the history of his native town and served for a number of years as a docent at a local house museum, [Dumbarton House](#). John earned his Bachelor's Degree from The Catholic University of America, and has a Master's Degree in English Literature from Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is a career civil servant who directs reviews of the efficiency and effectiveness of federal government programs. He is also the author of a popular blog called Streets Of Washington as well as two books about DC history, *Lost Washington, D.C.* (2011) and *Historic Restaurants of Washington, D.C.: Capital Eats* (2013). John is actively involved in [DC Preservation League's Landmarks Committee](#) and takes a special interest in developing historic landmark nominations.



John has been gathering the history of Marist Hall in order to recommend the building to be a historical landmark. On November 15th, Fr. Ted was informed by John that his organization, DC Preservation League, has submitted the nomination for Marist Hall to be designated a DC historic landmark.

We will keep our readers updated regarding the final determination of this.

Interesting to note, John is the grandson of Roy DeFerrari who was both a classics scholar and a CUA administrator. Roy DeFerrari came to teach classics at CUA in 1918 and rose to become head of the Greek and Latin Department. In addition to Latin textbooks that many Marists used in their Latin studies, he wrote many translations of early Christian writers and was editor of the *Fathers of the Church* series. He also wrote a lot about Catholic education and eventually became Secretary General of CUA.



John DeFerrari



85th Anniversary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church (OLPH)

On November 6th OLPH in Tampa, Florida celebrated its 85th Anniversary with a Mass and reception.



Brookhaven, Georgia

Our Lady of the Assumption high school teens who are a part of the Life Teen ministry recently sorted and bagged coats donated by parishioners. The coats and other items collected will be passed out to the homeless population in Atlanta, Georgia by [Mercy Care](#).



On October 21st the 2022 Blue & Gold Induction celebration took place during Homecoming. Marist School inducted 11 new members into the Blue & Gold Athletics Circle and presented Dr. Louisa Moffitt and Bishop Joel M. Konzen, SM with the 2022 Service Award. Read more about those recognized [HERE](#).



Marist School recently recognized 22 students who were honored by the National Merit Scholarship Program and the College Board National African American Recognition Program and National Hispanic Recognition Program.



Marist School students have had the unique opportunity this school year to hear from successful broadcast journalism professionals through a new speaker series organized by media and broadcast journalism faculty member Mr. Scott Tufts. Read more [HERE](#).





NDV 8th Grade members of CJSF (California Junior Scholarship Federation) recently hosted a Petit Dejeuner before school! Students enjoyed croissants and chocolate milk, with all proceeds going to victims of Hurricane Ian.



The NDV robotics team (Dragon Bots) competed in the First Lego League competition at Lowell High School earlier this month. They won the Motivate Award for their fantastic teamwork.

5th Grade Field Trip to Angel Island

NDV 5th grade students, who have been learning about immigration in class, recently took a field trip to [Angel Island](#).





Duluth, Georgia

National Vocation Awareness Week

Upper and Middle School theology students at ND Academy celebrated National Vocation Awareness Week by writing letters of support to the seminarians from the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Along with letters of support and gratitude for answering God’s call to the diaconate or priesthood, they also included a St. Thomas Aquinas prayer card designed by 8th grader Caroline Skotarski as a special gift of appreciation from the school.



Newly Inducted ND Academy members of the National Junior Honor Society



Amigos for Christ, ND Academy’s 3rd Grade service learning partner, picked up the Book Fair donation of Spanish titles that were collected last week. These donations will help fill the children’s library in Nicaragua with new and “gently read” books for the children to read!



Chris Negron, author of “Dan Unmasked”, recently came to ND Academy to speak to some of the students during the Book Fair. Students joined the author to discuss his book and ask questions.

Founder's Week Celebrated at NDPMA

Founder's Week is a special week designated by the Notre Dame Marists to remember and celebrate Fr. Jean-Claude Colin, founder of the Society of Mary (Marists). Find out why this week is so important to NDPMA [HERE](#).

Some of the Founder's Day and Week activities included Mass with Fr. Ron Nikodem, SM in the chapel with upper school students and a special information station in the lower school where students could practice reciting the Sign of the Cross in French, which was Fr. Jean-Claude Colin's native language. Lower school students also participated in look-a-like contest where they dressed up as Mary or Fr. Colin. The contest was judged by Fr. Ron and Bro. Louis Plourde, SM. A game of Family Feud/Notre Dame/Marist-themed trivial pursuit was also held for upper school students.



National Vocation Awareness Week

During National Vocation Awareness Week, Notre Dame 3rd, 4th and 5th graders had lunch with Marists Fr. Ron, Fr. Leon, Bro. Louis, Sister Mary Jacinta, a Dominican sister, Regina Doyle, a consecrated layperson, and Fr. Grayson Heenan, associate pastor of St. Andrew in Rochester, Michigan who spoke about vocations and how the students, too, can serve God and Jesus. Zachary Mazurek, a seminary student at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, also spoke to the students.



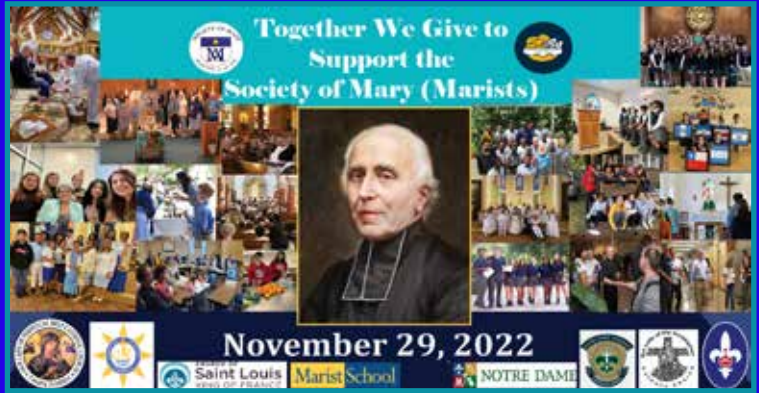
NDP's 34 newest members of the National Chinese Honor Society - a scholastic organization that recognizes students who demonstrate citizenship, leadership and community service, and acknowledges the superior achievement of students studying Chinese as a second language.



Happy Thanksgiving!

As Thanksgiving approaches, the Marists thank you for your support and prayers this year. We're so grateful!

May you have a Thanksgiving full of blessings.



NOVEMBER 29, 2022 IS GIVING TUESDAY!

The Society of Mary (Marists) is honored to participate in this year's *#iGiveCatholic* as a part of the annual national day of giving called Giving Tuesday. Our fundraising goal for this appeal on November 29, 2022 is \$5,000.

Please consider sharing your blessings with us. All gifts given to the Marists on November 29th or during the Advanced Giving Day phase (November 14th - 28th) will count towards our fundraising goal.

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With gratitude for your support, May God bless you!



Society of Mary USA Advent & Christmas Reflections

For the four Sundays of Advent, Christmas day and the Feast of the Holy Family, the Society of Mary (Marists) invite you to participate in reflections written by senior students at Notre Dame Preparatory School in Pontiac, Michigan. This year's meditations reflect on the question, *"In this Advent/Christmas season, how does "doing the work of Mary" (theme for this academic year) give you courage in your faith journey as you face challenges in your daily life?"*

Each week the reflections will be available through our [website](#), [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram page](#).

Wishing you a blessed Advent Season!