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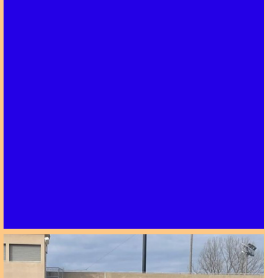


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Marist School

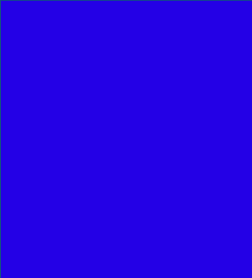
Atlanta, Georgia

8th grade Antioch Retreat



Duluth, Georgia

The ND Academy Upper School community celebrated its first Mass for 2023 on January 11th. It was a beautiful celebration of the gifts that the students bring: their joy, perseverance, kindness, empathy, laughter, and so much more.





On January 6th the ND Academy 2nd grade class was treated to hot chocolate and Rosca de Reyes for Three Kings Day, a Mexican tradition.



The NDPMA community ended the first week of the new year with an all-school liturgy on January 6th, the Feast of the Epiphany. Fr. Joe Hindelang, SM, Provincial for the Society of Mary in the U.S., helped celebrate the Mass.



Sra. Aguilar's 7th and 8th grade Spanish classes celebrated Día de Los Reyes, or Three Kings' Day (Epiphany). Students learned about this major Mexican holiday and ate the "bread of kings," or Rosca de Reyes, which has an oval shape to symbolize a crown and includes a small doll inside to represent baby Jesus.





ROAD WIN FOR ROBOTICS

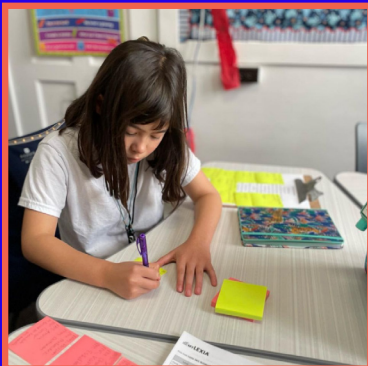
Notre Dame team travels to west Michigan and wins another Vex Robotics Competition (VRC); coach says team showed independence and true character



NDV 8th grade students led the liturgy for the Feast of the Epiphany



NDV Assistant Principal for the day Ms. A had a very busy day writing kind notes for teachers, observing classes, monitoring recess, and eating lunch in the faculty lounge!





Fr. Phil d'Auby, SM recently celebrated his 99th Birthday. Fr. Phil and NDV are the same age! He enjoyed receiving the many birthday cards and was especially grateful for the visit from members of the NDV school community.



3 Kings Celebration

On January 8th, Feast of the Epiphany, The Three Wise Men made a special stop at OLPH to bring toys and candy to the children who long-awaited this day. This fun celebration was enjoyed by people of all ages. Members of the Legion of Mary prepared the food and helped during the event. Parish staff, Catechism teachers, parishioners, volunteers and toy donors all helped to make this event a huge success!



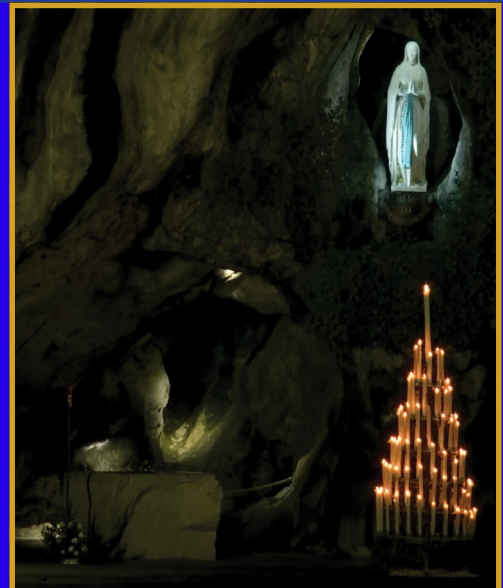
Lourdes Center



a Marist Ministry

Lourdes Webcam

The Director of the Lourdes Center (Boston, Massachusetts), Fr. Phil Parent, SM recently shared in the January-February 2023 issue of the Echoes magazine, that there is a 24 hour webcam available online of the grotto at Lourdes. The best way to access the webcam is through the official website of the Shrine. The webcam can be viewed [HERE](#). Keep in mind that the Shrine is in a time zone 6 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time in the US.





The Marists in Asia Graced Balay Pasilungan with Their Presence

On January 14th Fr. Ben Mckenna, SM (General Counsellor of the Society of Mary), Fr. Chris Ganzon, SM (Major Superior of Marist District of Asia) and Fr. Kevin Medilo SM (Delegate from Marist Mission to migrants in Australia) visited [Balay Pasilungan](#) after their District Chapter Meeting for a week. The boys honored them with songs and dances.

Balay Pasilungan is always grateful to the Society of Mary for the inspiration to keep its Marist spirit and values in caring for the vulnerable children in the society.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18th-25th)

PRAYER

O God of justice, God of peace, One in the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, enliven the unity of your Church on earth. Help us to see that our unity goes beyond unity in doctrinal essentials to an active unity of humanity with you and with one another.

Forgive us for not remembering we are brothers and sisters in equity and justice under your law of love. Help us remember that each of us is created in your Divine image and that we share the dignity of being your children. Temper your justice, O Lord, with mercy to forgive and heal our broken relationships.

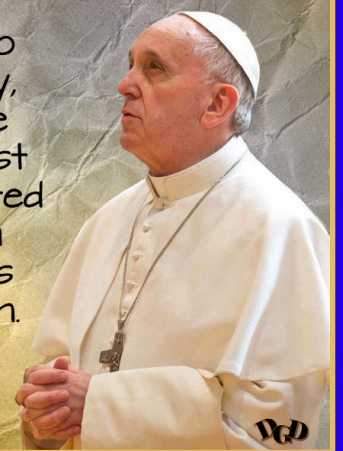
Unite us in a fellowship that recalls our baptism, which has conquered sin and death, hate and division in the power of the Paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. Grant all this, O Lord, in his name and by the power of your Holy Spirit, now and forever, Amen.

Click [HERE](#) to view more resources.

On this 50th year of the March for Life let us remember the words of Pope Francis ...

WE are called to assist the elderly, the sick and the unborn: LIFE must always be protected and loved, from conception to its natural conclusion.

~Pope Francis
@Pontifex



Vocation Corner

First Professions of Marists

On January 5th in the Marist Parish in Castiglion Fiorentino in Italy, six novices made their commitment to the Society by professing their vows. Hansford Mane (Solomon Islands), Manuele Botabua (Fiji), Zulu Serop (Papua New Guinea), Eduardo Gutierrez and David Vences (Mexico) and Joseph Mijares (New Zealand) pronounced their vows in front of Fr John Harhager, representing the Superior General. It was a very lively celebration where confreres, Marist Sisters, Marist Missionary Sisters and lay people shared in the joy of the newly professed. After the celebration, the parish community welcomed everyone to the parish hall for a festive lunch which was a moment of grace for all. In the evening of the same day, the newly professed went to their new community, Casa di Maria, in Rome.



Ordination to the Diaconate

On January 7th, Christian Ngoura (Cameroon) was ordained to the diaconate in Rome. The ordaining bishop was Cardinal Ladaria, Prefect of the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith. After the celebration an international buffet meal was offered at Casa di Maria, shared in joy with the many friends who were present. Christian studied Philosophy in Cameroon and did his novitiate in the Philippines. He is now in his fourth year of studies in Rome, specializing in youth and vocations ministry at the Salesianum.



Our Lady of Fatima Parish Welcomes Marist International Novices

Last month the Marist Community and Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Digos, Philippines welcomed 6 Marist International Novices from Africa, Brazil and New Zealand. This is part of the program for their Filipino Family Experience and Integration. The Marist Community and the parish are grateful for the families who responded to the invitation to become their family.

Last week, those attending the District of Asia District Chapter, including Fr. Bernard McKenna, SM, General Councilor, visited the Marist International Novitiate-Cerdon Community.



Elijah Cup Vocations Prayer Ministry at OLA

Every other weekend at one of the Masses at Our Lady of the Assumption (OLA) in Brookhaven, Georgia, a different OLA family takes the Elijah Cup chalice home to pray for vocations to the religious life and priesthood - especially to the Society of Mary (Marists), the religious society that serves the parish.

What is the Elijah Cup & Why is it called the Elijah Cup?

The Elijah Cup ministry has as its main focus to pray for an increase in priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations. Each week, a family, couple, or individual that has signed up will receive the Elijah Cup Chalice at Mass. For that week the chalice remains with them as a focal point of prayer in their homes, dedicated specifically for an increase in vocations. At the end of the week the chalice is returned and is then handed over to the next person, couple, or family that signed up.

The scriptural basis of program is from the Old Testament reading of Elijah and the widow (Kings 1: 8-15) where God promises the widow that by providing food for Elijah of what little she had "the jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry". At this command, the widow and her son were able to eat for a year without running out of food. Likewise through this program, by offering what we have we pray that God will provide and we will see an overflow of vocations in the parish, the deanery and the Diocese at large. (Source: St. Edmond Roman Catholic Church – Rehoboth Beach, Delaware)

Marist Spirituality Reflections by Fr. David Kennerley, SM

The [article](#) found at the link below is the first in a series of 12 reflections on Marist Spirituality by Fr. David Kennerley, SM. Fr. Kennerley was formerly Novice Master for the Society of Mary and later as the New Zealand Provincial. He is currently involved in spirituality in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand.

Part 1: Spirituality: The Gospel Applied to a Time and Place

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Fr. David Kennerley, SM

Mark your Calendars ...World Day for Consecrated Life, February 2, 2023

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day for women and men in consecrated life. This global celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.



There are several ways to celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. Invite sisters, brothers, and priests to publicly renew their vows at Mass, send cards of support to newer entrants, ask to visit a mother house to meet and pray with sisters, brothers, and priests, invite a vocation director to visit your classroom, Board meeting, or faith group to learn more about consecrated life. Send flowers, make a donation to a religious community, or invite someone to discern their vocation to consecrated life!



Marist Vocation Prayer

Jesus, Good Shepherd, we ask you to look on this family of Mary, your Mother, with eyes of mercy.

Lord, we ask you to enrich the Marist world with the fire of your Holy Spirit.

May Mary's subtle and delicate presence enable us to breathe her spirit. So that, committed to our own vocation, we will be credible witnesses of your Gospel.

And, renewed and strengthened with the fire of your Spirit, we may help bring to life the seed of a vocation which you have implanted in the hearts of the young.

Enable us to accompany them in the fulfillment of their personal vocation. Lord Jesus, give us vocations according to your heart. Amen.

*Jean Claude Colin
– Pray for us.*

Oración por las vocaciones Maristas

¡Oh Jesús, Buen Pastor! Dígnate a mirar a esta familia de María con tus ojos misericordiosos.

Señor, te pedimos que enriquezcas el mundo marista con el fuego de tu Espíritu Santo.

Que la presencia sutil y delicada de María nos conduzca a respirar su espíritu. Así, comprometidos con nuestra propia vocación, seremos portavoces creíbles de tu Evangelio.

Y, renovados y fortalecidos con el fuego de tu Espíritu, podamos ayudar a dar vida a la semilla de la vocación que has implantado en el corazón de los jóvenes.

Permítenos acompañarles en el cumplimiento de su vocación personal. ¡Oh Jesús, danos vocaciones según tu corazón! Amén.

Padre Juan Claudio Colín, ruega por nosotros.