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Marists in the United States



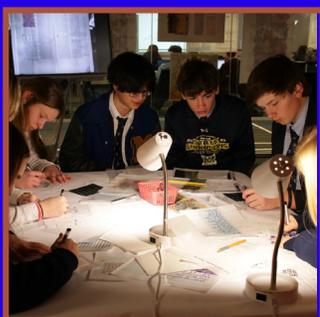
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Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

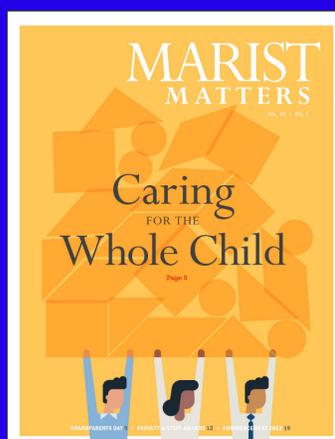


On Ash Wednesday the Marist School community gathered for a prayer service to receive ashes. During the service they reflected on the 40 days devoted to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Director of Campus Ministry Mr. Brian Freel shared, “Each of these activities invites us to give or to give up, but in the space left behind, there is room for grace to enter.”



Immersive Experience Brings to Light the Saint John's Bible

Theology students participated in an engaging investigation of the hand-written, hand-illuminated Bible at Saint John's University in Minnesota. [Read](#) how the exhibit married artistry and technology together for a one-of-a-kind classroom activity! Click [HERE](#) to read more.



View the latest Marist Matters magazine [HERE!](#)

Members of the Junior and Senior classes recently attended Emmaus 196. During this retreat students had the chance to grow and strengthen their relationships with God and one another!



Duluth, Georgia

Mardi Gras Celebration!



On Ash Wednesday the ND Academy community gathered for an all school Mass. Fr. Lee from the Archdiocese of Atlanta, was the celebrant, and many ND Academy parents and grandparents attended the Mass.





The ND Academy community congratulates the Literary Team who recently brought home the Regional Championship and who will be competing at the state tournament on March 22nd.



The ND Academy community congratulates the first-place winner of the 2023 Archdiocesan Religion Bee, 5th grader Felipe Negroao, along with 7th grader Abbie Arce and 8th grader Christopher Lischerelli.

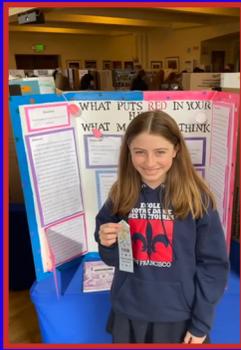


NDV Mardi Gras Celebration!



On Ash Wednesday the NDV school community gathered for a school Liturgy that centered on the call to prayer, fasting, and alms giving.

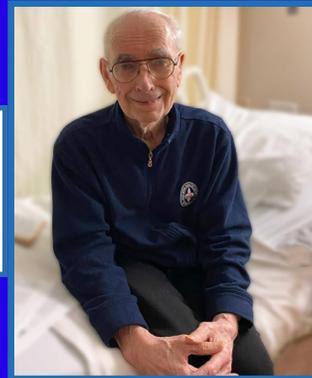




Science Fair

NDV recently held a Middle School Science Fair where 10 of the students will advance to the San Francisco Science Fair at [Randall Museum](#). The students took the time to explain their projects to students in younger grades.

Bon Anniversaire Père Etienne Siffert, SM! Fr. Siffert recently celebrated his 92nd birthday with visits, calls, and cards from NDV students, alumni, and staff - all of whom remember him fondly as both a friend and pastor.



Our Lady of the
Assumption

Brookhaven, Georgia

On Saturday, February 25th, OLA welcomed Nathan Skidmore, Kiana Bolainez, Marilene Moroles Escalapte, Anna Stephenson, Leslie Alison, and Lindsay Smoak as Elect. The Rite of Election was held at St. Catherine of Siena, one of three parishes hosting this rite for the people in RCIA who have been preparing this year to receive the gift of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

They have prepared by forming their minds and hearts in our faith. The Elect are now encouraged to spend Lent preparing to receive the sacraments.





At the end of January, the Society of Mary District of South America began a new mission in a parish in Bahia, Brazil. They decided to accept the proposal of the Bishop of Bahia to leave their ministry in the two cities of Palmas de Monte Alto and Malhada and to open one community in the city of Guanambi. The decision aims to strengthen community life as confreres will minister in two parishes in the same city, and also to emphasize ministries closer to our Marist charism, especially youth and education.

Q & A with Sr. Maria Fe Rollo, SMSM,
changing lives of deaf students in the
Solomon Islands



Marist Sisters Jane, Catherine and Lorraine recently completed a pilgrimage marking the closure of 94 years of Marist Sisters mission in the north of Aotearoa New Zealand.



End of a 70 Year School Ministry

As part of the prioritization of ministries in the province, the provincial administration after appropriate consultations, chose to end the seventy-year long commitment to education at St John's College, Cawaci, Fiji at the end of 2022.

St John's college was first established in 1894 by the Marist brothers. The first St John was closed in 1951 and was relocated to another site in the main island of Fiji. Bishop Foley then rebuilt Cawaci and in 1952 re-established St John's college for boys only under the care of the Society of Mary.

On the 28th of January 2023 the ex-scholars and parents gathered at the college to fare-well and to acknowledge with gratitude the contributions of the Marists towards the establishment, development and above all the education of the youths of the school in the last 70 years.

Meeting with the confreres of the Omnes Gentes Mission in Parramatta

After completing the visitation in the District of Australia, Fr. John Larsen, Superior General of the Society of Mary, met with our omnes gentes community in Hunters Hill for one morning of prayer and conversation. This omnes gentes community is based in the diocese of Parramatta, Sydney, Australia. It is an international Marist mission community praying and working in parochial, pastoral and educational care, mostly among migrants. The time together began with an extended period of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and concluded with a celebration of the Eucharist. The conversation centered around what "communion for mission" means in this particular context and, specifically, how our unique Marist charism shapes our life and mission in the local diocese. Overall, our confreres are very happy with the way the mission has begun and the direction it is taking, in spite of the many challenges of a new Marist venture.

