

Society of Mary

Marists in the United States



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Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia



Travel Experiences Transform Marist Students



Marist Honors Faculty Innovators at MacGinnitie Award Luncheon



Parents of Alumni Rekindle Marist Connections



Marist School Sing-Off

Since 2015, the Marist School Sing-Off has drawn crowds to the Arcade with a cappella performances by Marist School's best vocalists! Four groups battled it out for the top prize this year, with students choosing their team song, choreographing the routine, and music directing. This year's winning group was the "Adele-la-la" singers who performed "Rollin' in the Deep".



The 8th grade students in the Reach for Excellence program out of Marist School (Atlanta, Georgia) will attend Marist School, Holy Innocents' Episcopal School, The Westminster Schools, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Chamblee Charter High School and Magnet Program, The Paideia School, Tucker High School - STEM, Berkmar High School, Barrow Arts and Sciences Academy, Miss Porter's School, and Philips Andover Academy.



NDV Art Show 2023



Lower School Mass & May Crowning

NDP's lower school held a Mass and May Crowning on May 3rd, a traditional and beautiful ceremony celebrated in the month of May.



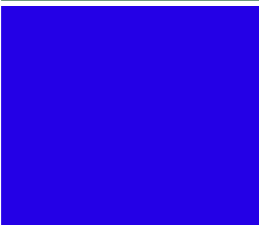
Mother's Mass & Brunch 2023

NDP recently held its Mother's Mass and Brunch. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Ron Nikodem, SM and there was a great turnout of family and friends.



St. Peter Chanel Day Mass

On the Feast Day of St. Peter Chanel, one of the most important days of the year for Marist priests and brothers around the world, students from pre-k through 12th grade held the last all-school liturgy of the year. After mass, underclassmen from all three schools lined the halls of NDP to "clap out" the graduating Class of 2023.



Resplendent Robotics at Worlds

Notre Dame Prep VRC robotics teams earn more awards at this year's world championship than in the previous nine years combined.



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ND Academy May Crowning & Mass with Bishop Shlesinger III & Fr. David Musso, SM



ND Academy recent Upper School Theatre production of "Through the Looking Glass"





Senior Retreat



Principal of the Day

On April 25th, 4th grade student Kristopher Peret got to enjoy being our “Principal of the Day” from the ND Academy Bingo and Silent Auction! Some of his duties for the day included welcoming students at the door like Mrs. Derucki does each day, going around to the Lower School classes and saying good morning, reading a story to kindergarten, leading and supervising both Lower School and Middle School lunch, and Lower School and Middle School Carpool Dismissal!



Our Lady of the
Assumption

Brookhaven, Georgia

1st Communion Celebration





Divine Mercy Fellowship at OLPH

On April 16th OLPH parishioners held a Divine Mercy Fellowship in Stokes Hall and it was a huge success. There were over 50 people in attendance. Everyone was very happy to meet up for coffee and fellowship and the gathering ended with a Divine Mercy Chaplet.



Pacem in Terris at 60: Is the Catholic Church Heeding the Call to Gospel Nonviolence?

A recent article in the *National Catholic Reporter* featured the Pax Christi meeting on April 19th in Chicago at the Catholic Theological Union (CTU) in honor of the 60th Anniversary of *Pacem in Terris*. The Society of Mary U.S. Province sponsored the conference with a donation through the generosity of the U.S. Provincial and the Provincial Council. Fr. Ted Keating, SM a member of the International Funding Committee of Pax Christi, participated in organizing the meeting given his close relationship with CTU. The conference can be viewed [HERE](#).

Pacem in Terris, John XXIII's Encyclical of 1963, was written in the shadow of the Cuban Missile Crisis. It was the first time that a Pope wrote an Encyclical to "All men(sic) of Good Will" rather than only to the Church itself. It clearly opened the door to the great social documents of Vatican II. This conference focused its celebration on what appears to be a gradual, if slow, move in the Papacy to a preference toward Gospel non-violence throughout the Church's social concerns about war and peace. Read Pope Francis' statement on the topic [HERE](#).



Closing Prayer from *Pacem in Terris* (171)



171. Let us, then, pray with all fervor for this peace which our divine Redeemer came to bring us. May He banish from the souls of all people whatever might endanger peace. May He transform all of us into witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly/sisterly love. May He illumine with His light the minds of rulers, so that, besides caring for the proper material welfare of their peoples, they may also guarantee them the fairest gift of peace.

Finally, may Christ inflame the desires of all to break through the barriers which divide them, to strengthen the bonds of mutual love, to learn to understand one another, and to pardon those who have done them wrong. Through His power and inspiration may all peoples welcome each other to their hearts as brothers or sisters, and may the peace they long for ever flower and ever reign among them.



Inaugural voyage of the Dorothy Day Staten Island Ferry

On April 28th, New York City officially commissioned the newest member of the Staten Island Ferry fleet - the Dorothy Day.

The \$85 million state-of-the-art ferry is named for Dorothy Day, the activist and journalist with ties to the Lower East Side, where she worked with the poor and founded The Catholic Worker newspaper. “During her life, (Dorothy) Day loved riding this ferry. She knew how a short ride can serve as a peaceful escape from the hustle and bustle of the City. Best of all, given her commitment to equity, Day would be thrilled at how DOT is committed to keeping this ferry free.” -Commissioner Rodriguez



The Society of Mary played an influential role in Dorothy Day’s faith formation. While living in her cottage on Staten Island in the 1920s, Day worked for a few months in the kitchen at Our Lady of the Elms, the Marists’ novitiate and Rev. James McKenna, SM, served as her spiritual director. Although she worked for the Marists for a relatively brief time, she later said in a Marist Profession ceremony in 1968, where she was a guest speaker, “I am very much a member of the family with the Marists and I am very happy that they consider me as a member of their family.”



May 2023 reflection by Marist Laity

New Zealand: Mary Our Help

May is traditionally the month of Mary. Fr. David Kennerley, SM, is the author of the reflection this month, entitled, “Mary Our Help” We hear that, as Marists, our relationship with Mary is special – Mary has made a choice of us and we therefore have a rightful claim on her consistent help.



New Novice for Marist Sisters

After three years living with Marist Sister in the Philippines Nguyen Thi Hai, originally from Vietnam, requested to take the next stage in the journey to becoming a Marist Sister.

Hai was received as a novice in the Congregation of Mary on the feast of St Peter Chanel, April 28, 2023. The reception ceremony took place in the Marist Sisters' chapel in Mt Albert, New Zealand.

The novitiate is a special time of prayer and discernment so that the novice comes to know Christ and Mary more deeply. She learns more about the Marist way of life and prepares to commit herself to Christ in Marist Profession. We accompany Hai with our prayers so that she can deepen the call to follow Christ as a Marist Sister. To view a clip of segments of the reception ceremony click [HERE](#).



Foundation Week Celebration Opens With the Enthronement of St. Joseph the Worker

The week-long celebration of Balay Pasilungan's 34th Foundation Anniversary (Davao City, Philippines) began with a special prayer to commemorate the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st.

Fr. Gil Casio, SM, the Executive Director of Balay Pasilungan, shared with children that St. Joseph, being the husband of Mary and the foster-father of Jesus, was a carpenter. Through his work of manual labor, St. Joseph provided care for the Holy Family in Nazareth and built a home with love that never fails. St. Joseph is a Patron Saint of Balay Pasilungan.



Be on the lookout for the next issue of Today's Marists! The issue focuses on violence/non-violence and the impact in our world.

