



Easter 2024

Dear Marist Friend,

Easter greetings and assurance of our prayers to the friends and benefactors of the Marists!

Members of the Society of Mary are called to make a retreat each year. Venerable Jean-Claude Colin, our founder, reminded Marists that we would be better ministers to others if we maintained a close relationship with the loving God who created us, who saves us, and who lives among us. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is a model for Marists but also for all people, of a woman who was open to God's presence in her life.

The season of Lent and Easter is meant to be a time of retreat for all Christians. We are each called to make time for reflecting on our relationship with God. We, like Mary, can open our lives to God who loves us. If we make it a prayerful season it will truly be a time of grace for us. Reflecting on the death and resurrection of Christ calls all believers to be more aware of Jesus' love and mercy which leads to the gift of our salvation. Our celebration of Easter is not only about the resurrection of Jesus but also about our call to share in the resurrection – new life after our own death.

The way that we share in the resurrection of Jesus is by trying to live each day as a disciple of Christ. The more we are aware of God's love and mercy in our own lives, the more we can be loving and merciful people.

Mary lived a humble, generous life where she focused on the greatness of God and doing what she could for other people who might be in need. These are values represented in all our Marist ministries here in the United States: education in schools in Georgia, Michigan and California; parishes in Florida, Georgia, Massachusetts and Minnesota; a Lourdes Center and Marist Missions outreach ministries in Massachusetts; ministry to migrants and the dying in Texas and New Mexico; as chaplains in nursing homes, prisons, colleges, the military and as missionaries in other parts of the world.

Marist Fathers and Brothers in all these ministries, as well as our senior men, will be praying for you during this Easter season and throughout the year. **If you would like to make a financial contribution it will help support our men in ministries and the care of our senior members, as well as Marist seminarians and missionaries in other parts of the world. We also appreciate your prayers for our Marist communities and ministries, as well as for the dedicated lay women and men who work alongside us in so many locations.**

May God bless you and your loved ones during the Easter season, when we celebrate and pray for a share in the resurrection of Jesus our Savior!

With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Joe Hindelang, s.m.

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