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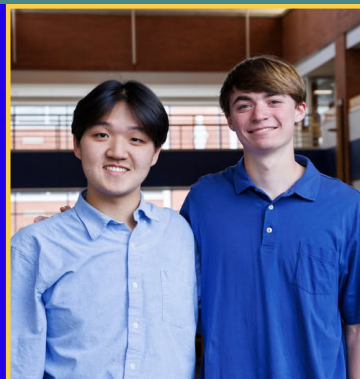
2025 Alumni Award Recipients



Celebrating Innovation in Teaching at Annual MacGinnitie Award Luncheon



Congratulations are in order for Marist School's Class of 2025 Valedictorian, Jonathan Lee, and Salutatorian, Marshall Lisenby. These exceptional students have exemplified academic excellence, servant leadership, and a steadfast commitment to living out Marist values. Through their intellect, character, and care for others, Jonathan and Marshall embody what it means to bring out the God-given greatness within and use it to make a meaningful difference.





Alumni Share How Reach for Excellence and Marist School Gave Them Purpose



Career Day

Reach scholars had an amazing time connecting with Reach alums and reflecting on the various career paths they can pursue. To show their appreciation, scholars also spent time writing Thank You cards to Reach alums.



NDV Dragon Bots placed 2nd in the Robot Game as part of the Spring Lego League competition





Duluth, Georgia

First Holy Communion Preparation

ND Academy second graders have been busy preparing for their First Communion! Fr. David Musso, SM, ND Academy Chaplain, visited the 2nd grade classroom this week to talk about priestly vestments and liturgical colors. Then they celebrated their Chapel Teaching Mass with Fr. David as part of their sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion.



Thespians Society induction



Kindergarten Parent Lunch



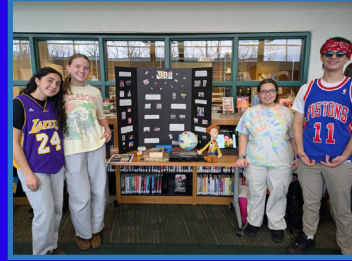
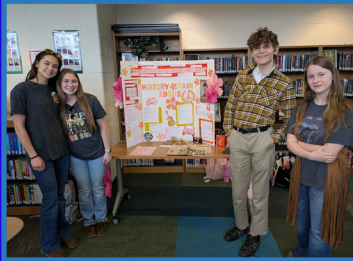
IB MYP Personal Project Showcase

This event allows for Year 5 Middle Year Program (MYP) students to present their products and processes that highlight the skills they've acquired throughout their IB MYP experience.



Cultural Heroes

Students in Notre Dame Prep's AP United States History class recently put on a "culture fair" in the library. Their well-thought-out and creative presentations focused on history and popular culture in the decades from the 1950s through the 1990s. Some even dressed the part!



Sixth-Grade Picassos

Notre Dame Prep sixth graders in Sra. Aguilar's Spanish class recently learned more about painter, sculptor, printmaker, ceramicist and theatre designer Pablo Picasso after which they created their own artwork inspired by the famous Spanish Cubist.



Welcome to Volunteer Joshua Cain at Marist Asia Foundation



With Mary at Pentecost

General Chapter 2025



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In September and October this year, the Society of Mary will hold its 30th General Chapter in Rome, Italy. The General Chapter will gather Marists from around the world under the guiding theme *With Mary at Pentecost*.

Put simply a chapter is a meeting of members of a religious order to review the past and prepare for the future.

All are invited to pray for the General Chapter 2025. The Marists are grateful for your prayers.

Chapter Prayer

Lord Jesus,

In the Upper Room,
your mother Mary,
your disciples and the women
were united in prayer.

Through the action of the Holy Spirit
their hearts were opened
and they overcame their fear,
becoming living witnesses
to your Gospel.

As we prepare for
our General Chapter,
grant us the grace to listen
attentively to your voice,
to be sensitive to the needs
of our world, and
to discern the ways we are called
to serve in these challenging times.

Through your Spirit,
fill us with the same boldness
and zeal as Mary,
the women and the apostles.

May we proclaim your Word to all.
May we be instruments of mercy
in a world longing
for your healing touch.

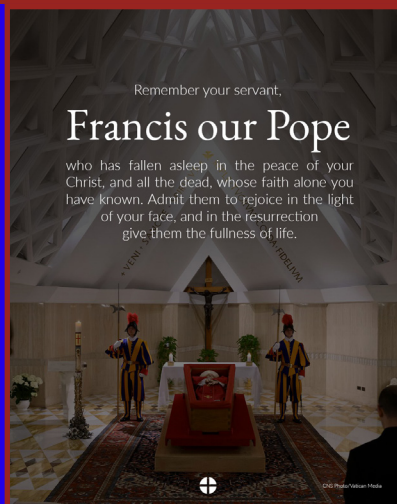
Amen.

Novena in Memory of Pope Francis April 26 to May 4, 2025

Remember your servant,

Francis our Pope

who has fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ, and all the dead, whose faith alone you have known. Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face, and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.



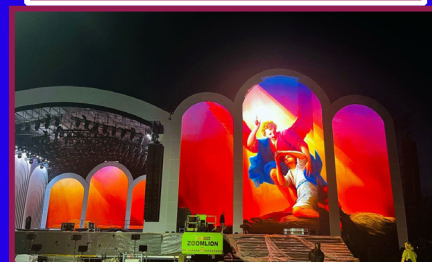
Thank You, Francis - Video by Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



Thank you,
Francis



Symphony of Mercy





An Evening Retreat for a Church in Transition: Remembering Pope Francis and Anticipating the Future

Thursday, May 1, 7pm-9pm ET

Guided by: Nicholas Stein and Paul Jarzembowski

Cost: Free

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 849 5824 1993

Passcode: 797585

This is a virtual retreat, meant to be experienced from the comfort of your own setting. Participants should plan to attend the retreat in real time. **Please pay attention to your time zone.**

The time between the funeral of a pope and the beginning of the Conclave gathering to elect a new pope is a special time of grace for the Catholic church to call upon the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide the faithful into the future, as well as a time of mourning and grief at the loss of a Holy Father.

We invite you to join us in spending a few hours praying in this space of mourning and anticipation. We will reflect on the gifts of the 12 year papacy of Francis. We will pray through feelings of loss, while reflecting on the joy and hope of Resurrection in this Easter season. We will look to what is next and outline how the process of choosing a new pope works and what we can do to prepare to greet the next successor of St. Peter.

Registration is not required.

Nicholas Stein is a founder and the International Director of Bon Secours Young Adults, a ministry to people in their 20s and 30s sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of Bon Secours of Paris. Nick is also the founding chair of the board of directors of the National Institute for Ministry with Young Adults. He has served on several national and international initiatives in the field of ministry with young adults and has been a sought-after speaker and consultant in the field. He lives in Catonsville, Maryland with his wife, Samantha, and 3 children. He holds degrees in Theology from Boston College and Print Journalism/Political Science from the University of Southern California.

*Paul Jarzembowski serves as the Associate Director for the Laity at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Paul is the author of *Hope from the Ashes: Insights and Resources for Welcoming Lenten Visitors* (2022) and *Hope for the Holidays: Finding Light at the Darkest Times of the Year* (2023). He has been a writer, consultant, trainer, and speaker both nationally and internationally. Originally from Northwest Indiana and the Greater Chicagoland Area, where he received his degrees from Valparaiso University and Loyola University Chicago, Paul now lives in the Maryland suburbs of Washington DC with his wife and ministry colleague Sarah.*



Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus



On the anniversary of Marist Approval,
April 29th, we invite you to read the following
reflection found [HERE](#).

Divine Mercy Sunday April 27th



"I would like to say to
all, trust in the Lord, be
apostles of Divine
Mercy and follow the
invitation and
examples of Saint
Faustina.
Give thanks to the
Lord, for He is good, for
His mercy endures
forever".

-Pope John Paul II

Jesus, I trust in You

Vocation Corner

Welcoming the New Cerdon International Novitiate Community

We express our warm welcome to the new Cerdon international novitiate community. We pray for this new batch of novices that God will guide and help them throughout their vocation journey that they will be steadfast in their discernment and to prosper in their chosen vocation.



Novitiate Newsletter



The Marist International Theologate 'Casa di Maria' in Rome, Italy reaches its largest ever size consisting of 20 seminarians, 6 deacons, 3 formators. The community consists of 15 different nationalities. This diversity greatly enriches the experience of the house, creating a truly international environment. Let us pray for these young Marists, and more vocations to the Society of Mary.



First Profession of Alex Tella from the District of Africa and Maciu Jimi from the Province of Oceania at the Novitiate Chapel, in Cerdon, Eden, Davao, Philippines.

Firm Foundation



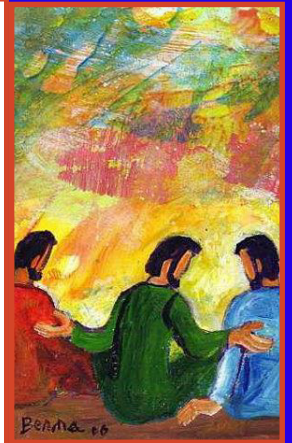
Reflections on Key Elements of Marist Spirituality by Fr. David Kennerley, SM

The [article](#) found at the link below is the tenth in a series of 20 reflections on Marist Spirituality for educators by Fr. David Kennerley, SM. Fr. Kennerley originally created these reflections for teachers meeting at lunch. The idea was that they would have material to reflect on once a week across the school year. This series of reflections can be useful for any small group or personal reflection interested in deepening their knowledge of key elements of Marist Spirituality.

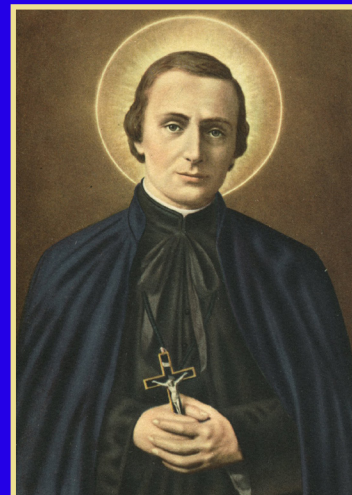
Fr. Kennerley was formerly Novice Master for the Society of Mary and later as the New Zealand Provincial. He is currently involved in spirituality in Hawke's Bay, New Zealand.

Part 10: One in Mind and Heart

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Walking Humbly Together



On the feast of St. Peter Chanel, April 28th, the Marists invite you to view the video “[The Life of St. Peter Chanel](#)” produced by The St. Peter Chanel Family Faith Formation group.



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.