

# Society of Mary

An International Religious Congregation

*Marists in the United States*



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## Marist Laity USA April Virtual Meeting

At the Marist Laity USA monthly virtual meeting, Fr. Ted Keating, SM facilitated a reflective night of remembrance on the legacy of Pope Francis. Members reflected on shared documents that centered on Pope Francis' devotion to the Blessed Mother and engaged in a meaningful discussion where they shared how Pope Francis had touched their spiritual life.

## POPE FRANCIS

(1936-2025)

Loving God, today, we grieve for our beloved Pope Francis. We know you join us in our grief, that you too weep at the death of your dear friend and companion as Jesus did at the tomb of Lazarus.

Welcome our beloved Pope Francis into your waiting arms. Envelop him in your eternal love. And comfort us in our mourning as we strive to continue to follow his Gospel example to encounter Christ in all people and in all places.

We thank you for the gift of Pope Francis. Through his life and teaching, you showed us how to love and serve one another, how to hear the cries of the poor and the cries of the earth and respond in compassionate love.

Pope Francis, pray for us. Mary, Mother of Sorrows, comfort us. Amen.

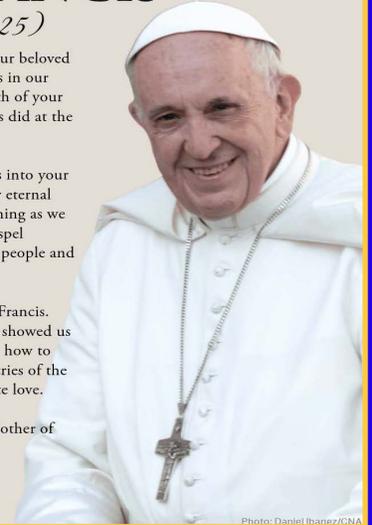


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## Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

Marist School celebrated St. Peter Chanel Day on April 24, continuing a cherished tradition that has shaped the Marist experience since 1983. This year's festivities began with Mass celebrated by Bishop Joel M. Konzen, S.M., auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta and former Marist principal. In his homily, Bishop Konzen reflected on the legacy of St. Peter Chanel, reminding us that while not all are called to die for their faith, all are called to live for it each day. During the Mass, a new group of 47 juniors were commissioned as extraordinary ministers of holy Communion, entrusting them to serve the Marist School community in the year ahead. Afterward, students enjoyed a vibrant day outdoors—competing in field-day games, sampling treats from local food trucks, and soaking in live music from student bands.



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At the end of April, Marist School alumni gathered for Marist School's first-of-its-kind All-Alumni Celebration, reconnecting, reminiscing, and making new memories on campus. From festive cocktails and food trucks to live music and campus tours, the energy was unmatched.

The event continued with a Family Mass and a campus beautification event, bringing alumni and their loved ones together in service and community.



## Marist School Blessed by Growing Presence of Marist Priests on Campus



## High School Students Thrive in Barcelona Exchange Experience



## NCA National Championship Returns to Marist School, Recognizes Marist with Outstanding Service Award

## Marist Honors Annual Fund Leadership Donors at Spring Reception



## Spring on Stage: Musicals, Dance, and a Show-Stopping Sing-Off



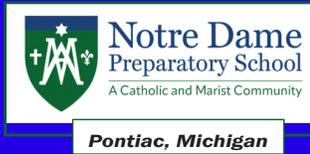
Last week, Marist School honored students at the 2025 Academic Awards and Senior Honors Assembly. The event recognized exceptional scholarship, leadership, and service across grade levels and disciplines. Congratulations to all honorees for embodying Marist's communal pursuit of excellence.



**An Evening to Support Reach for Excellence**  
 It was an amazing time to connect and hear from some of RFE alums about how the program has impacted them.



RFE continues to prepare for summer sessions! The first summer orientation meeting with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students was recently held.



**Mother's Mass and Brunch**



**Third Grade Mother's Day Brunch**

Third grade students in Erica Hurt and Allison Baumann's classes surprised their moms with a special early Mother's Day celebration. Students made crafts with their moms, enjoyed doughnuts and pastries, and played a game of tug-of-war.



**First Communicants**

NDP second and third graders who received their First Communion this spring were celebrated and recognized at the lower school's regular Wednesday Mass — which also featured the May Crowning ceremony where the lower school community honored Mary as the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God.



**Exceptional Engineering  
and Empathy**



**Upper School Students Win  
Big in National Spanish Exam**



**2025 IB Diploma Program  
Candidates Celebrated**



Notre Dame Prep 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school students in Sra. Aguilar's Spanish classes celebrated Cinco de Mayo by visiting the Carnival Market.



**First Communion**



**Coffee Truck Treat for  
Teacher Appreciation Week**





## Celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week



## Upper School Awards Ceremony and Senior Parade



## May Crowning and Mass



## 8th Grade-Led Living Rosary of the Glorious Mysteries



## Spring Concert





## Clean-Up Day 2025



### Launching a Month of Hope: Balay Pasilungan

Foundation Balay Pasilungan officially kicked off the 36th Foundation Anniversary with hearts full of gratitude and hope! The celebration began with a Thanksgiving Mass presided by, Executive Director, Fr. Gil Casio, SM. It was a sacred moment to thank the Lord for 36 years of shelter and care.

The staff and volunteers left their handprints on the Vision-Mission-Goals wall - a beautiful reminder of the shared mission. The boys, too, signed their "Giya sa mga Bata" booklets, promising to grow with courage, kindness, and hope.

They also offered the almsgiving box gifted by friends during Lent and prayed for their intentions - each coin, an act of love! One of the most exciting parts? Foundation Balay Pasilungan launched a Tree of Hope - a growing symbol of dreams that will culminate until May 30.



### Back to School Mass for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter



**Marists celebrate: 100 years in Norway with Mary as a role model**



**The 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations - May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Pilgrims of Hope: the Gift of Life**

In Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations in 2025 he stated, "... A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service. Every vocation in the Church, whether lay, ordained or consecrated, is a sign of the hope that God has for this world and for each of his children. ... Every vocation is inspired by hope, marked by confident trust in God's providence. For Christians, hope is more than mere human optimism: it is a certainty based on our faith in God, who is at work in each of our lives. Vocations mature through the daily effort to be faithful to the Gospel, and through prayer, discernment and service. ... hope in God does not disappoint, because at every step of the way he accompanies those who entrust their lives to him. Our world needs young people who are pilgrims of hope, who courageously devote their lives to Christ and rejoice in being his disciples and missionaries.."

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations we remember all men and women discerning God's call. The Marists ask you to remember in prayer all those in our international formation program.



*Marist novices in Davao City, Philippines (March, 2025)*

*A Mother's Day Prayer!*



*A Prayer  
For all Mothers*



*God,*

Please bless all mothers with the wisdom, courage, patience, and—above all—love that they need to perform the holy work of raising children, and being a source of love and support for them in adulthood as well.

Please welcome into Your Heavenly Kingdom those mothers who have passed, and grant them everlasting joy, rest and serenity.

Amen.



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*



God, grant your abundant  
blessings upon your servant,  
Pope Leo XIV. Send forth your  
Spirit upon us, the faithful, as  
we welcome our new shepherd  
and enter a new period in the  
life of our Church.

May we join our prayers with  
the Holy Father for peace,  
dialogue, and encounter.

And may Pope Leo XIV be an  
example for each of us in hope  
and charity. **Amen.**



### **Robert Francis Prevost elected first American pope**

