

# Society of Mary

An International Religious Congregation

*Marists in the United States*



September 26, 2025

**Marist School**

Atlanta, Georgia

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Marist School community gathered for an all-school Mass in celebration of the feast of the Holy Name of Mary, the school's patronal feast and a powerful reminder of the call to live simply, humbly, and faithfully in the spirit of Mary. The Mass intention focused on the Society of Mary's General Chapter in Rome, taking place Sept. 13–Oct. 5. This global gathering, held every eight years, sets direction for the Marists and elects new leadership to guide the Society's mission. Fr. John Ulrich, SM, school chaplain, served as celebrant and shared a homily written by interim rector Fr. Kevin Duggan, SM. He also offered a special prayer over this year's student retreat leaders, entrusting them to Mary's care as they prepare to guide their peers through transformative retreat experiences grounded in faith, reflection, and community.



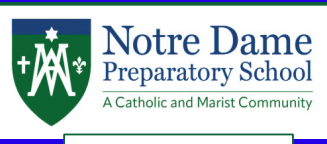
The high school fair Reach for Excellence hosted a couple of weeks ago was a huge success! One truly special component was having alumni students & parents present who could share about their experiences with our current families.



Rising Reach for Excellence 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended a New Summer workshop consisting of a 10-hour SSAT workshop with Beth Bristow Tutorial Services (BBTS). During the Saturday Sessions, they will take an additional 8-session workshop totaling a 12-hour SSAT prep course. Reach 8<sup>th</sup> graders are now benefiting from two workshops as well as two test taking opportunities.







Pontiac, Michigan

## Homecoming 2025



## Hispanic Heritage Month

NDP 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> students in Sra. Aguilar's Spanish classes celebrated the opening days of Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15) by visiting the Carnival Market on Walton Blvd. A great way to learn about Hispanic-Latina culture.



## All School Mass on the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary

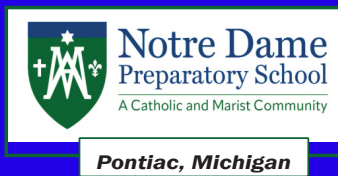
On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the Notre Dame Prep family gathered for a beautiful all-school Mass celebrating the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary — a day especially meaningful for the Society of Mary (Marists). For Marists, this feast isn't about just one devotion. As founder Jean-Claude Colin reminded us, it's about embracing all of who Mary is — her gifts, her spirit, her unwavering faith. In Scripture, a name reveals identity, and Mary's name reflects the hope and example she offers to us all.

Before Mass, a group of the upper school students led a powerful "prayer in action" for peace. With a candlelit procession, they lifted up prayers for an end to violence in our communities, our nation, and our world. What a moving reminder that living in Mary's name means shining her light of peace, compassion and love wherever we go.



## Head of School Remarks at Mass on September 12<sup>th</sup>





**NDP Acquire Nearby Buildings  
and Property**



**Senior Sunrise Breakfast**



**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Come Have Lunch with My Class**



**Honoring National Hispanic Heritage Month with Senora Pol! Our students are celebrating the rich culture, history, and contributions of the Hispanic community.**



**Upper School Game Night Hosted by Student Council**





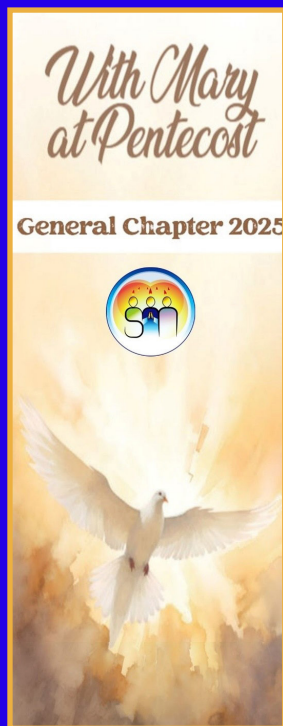
### Marist Laity USA

We are saddened to share that Martha Nosacka, of Gramercy, La. and St. James Parish, passed away on June 7, 2025, in Baton Rouge, La. She was well known in the community through both her work through Sacred Heart Catholic Church and her 20 years of service at the U. S. Post Office in Gramercy, La.



Martha was a lifelong, practicing Catholic with particular interest in theology and Marist traditions (i.e. the pursuit of academic excellence, the heritage of Catholic education, and the spirit of the Society of Mary); and she was open and respectful of other spiritual traditions. . Martha was part of the Marist Laity Group for the past forty five years and up until recently would participate in the monthly Marist Laity zoom calls.

Click [HERE](#) to read the full obituary tribute.



### General Chapter 2025

We invite you to continue to pray for the Society of Mary's 30<sup>th</sup> General Chapter being held in Nemi, Italy until October 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.





**Bujumbura, Burundi**

### Back to School Mass



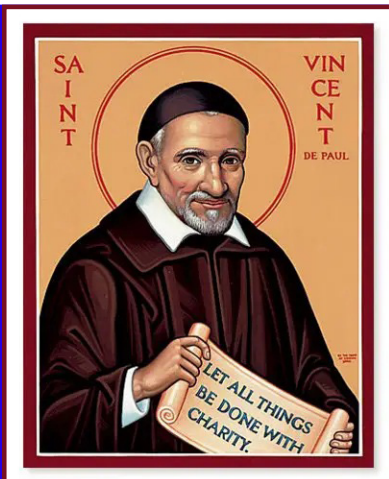
**Colegio Parroquial  
"San José"**

**Callao, Peru**

### San Jose Fest 2025



**September 27<sup>th</sup>: Feast of St.  
Vincent DePaul – Secondary Patron  
of the Society of Mary**



**Pope Leo urges Catholics to pray  
daily Rosary for Peace in October**



# Vocation Corner

**Society of Mary  
Perpetual Profession  
September 30, 2025**

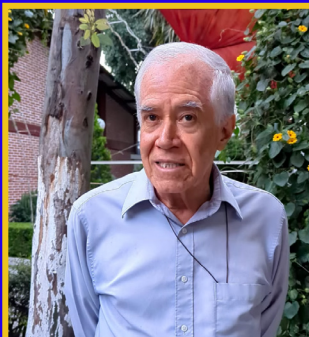
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**Newsletter from Casa di Maria  
(Society of Mary Theologate)**



**Society of Mary International  
Novitiate Newsletter #2**



**Fr. Oscar Salinas, SM shares how passionate community life is. He also shares how living in Chiapas during the war in the 1990s has been an experience that has deeply marked his ministry.**

**Watch the video [HERE](#).**



**Sr. Eme, a Missionary Sister of the Society of Mary from Madagascar shares how what she loves most about religious life is walking with Jesus, in whom she finds everything. She also tells how mission with street children deeply marked her vocation.**

**Watch the video [HERE](#).**



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

The [article](#) found at the link below is the twelfth 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 12: Fr. Colin's Three No's

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## Synodality is our path forward during these times of dramatic change



### **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.**