

Society of Mary

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Marist School
Atlanta, Georgia

Honoring Our Marist Made Educators



Marist School has announced the appointment of five new members to its board of trustees: Bartley R. Miller '02, B.T. Remmert, and Breana Ware '07, along with junior trustees William A. Rubright '17 and Brandon M. Fountain '15. Additionally, Fine Arts Department Chair Eric McNaughton '90 has joined the board for a two-year appointment as faculty representative. These Marist alumni and community leaders bring a wealth of experience and a shared commitment to Catholic education. The school also conferred emeritus status on Catherine A. Belatti, Robert B. Morrison, John T. Rhett III, and James A. Rubright in recognition of their dedicated service and lasting impact. At the board's first meeting of the academic year on September 22, trustees approved the school's new strategic plan, which will be shared with the community this fall through a variety of channels. Together, this distinguished group helps guide the school's mission to form students who are Marist made to lead and to serve with compassion.

Marist School is proud to announce that five members of the Class of 2026 have been recognized as National Merit Semifinalists. These students are among the top 1% of high school seniors nationwide and are selected for their exceptional performance on the 2025 PSAT. Their achievements reflect remarkable individual talent and the rigorous, faith-centered academic foundation they have built at Marist.



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The first Genesis Retreat of the school year was recently held! Led by dedicated 10th grade leaders, students engaged deeply with God, built meaningful connections with one another, and began a year of spiritual growth.



The October Nazareth Retreat brought together a small but great group of Sophomores, led with heart and faith by our Junior leaders. Through prayer, laughter, and shared moments, students had the opportunity to grow closer to God and one another- reminding us that community starts with connection!



Reach for Excellence Board Retreat



Driving School Mission Through Technology

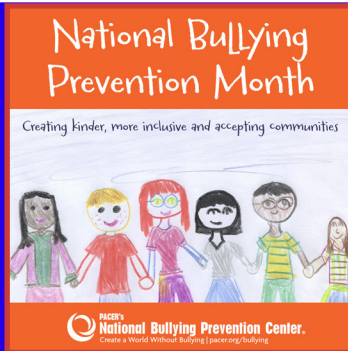


Unity Day

On October 22nd NDP campus was glowing in orange - a color that symbolizes warmth, safety and visibility - as students came together to celebrate Unity Day and take a stand against bullying.

Throughout the day, students shared heartfelt messages of kindness, comfort, and connection on paper leaves, which now decorate our Unity Tree of Encouragement in the main hallway. Every leaf is a reminder that even small acts of kindness can help our community grow stronger together.

Unity Day, started by Minneapolis, Minn.-based PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center in 2011, is all about coming together to build commUNITY through kindness, acceptance and inclusion.



NDP Upper School Open House



National Honor Society Mass and Induction Ceremony



Annual St. Peter Chanel Society Dinner



CAPE Blue Ribbon Award

NDV is proud to be one of only three private schools, and the only Catholic school in California to receive the CAPE Blue Ribbon Award! The NDV school community extends its heartfelt thanks to NDV current pastor, Fr. Gregory Heidenblut, O.S.A.; Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Chris Fischer; NDV principal, Dr. Adrian Peterson; former principals, Sarah Currier and Mary Ghisolfo; former pastor, Fr. René Iturbe, SM; and San Francisco Supervisor Daniel Sauter for joining us in celebrating this incredible honor recognizing NDV among the top 15% of schools in the nation!





ND Academy 20th Anniversary Video



5th Grade Come Have Lunch with My Class



The recent ND Academy all-school Mass was offered for the intentions of the 2024–2025 Legacy Society families, who gave generously to The Fund for Notre Dame Academy, our annual fundraiser.



Empowering Children: Be a Buddy, Not a Bully

The “Be a Buddy, Not a Bully” Anti-Bullying Seminar was held on October 11, 2025, at the Foundation of Balay Pasilungan, Inc. The seminar helped our children understand their rights and how to build a community rooted in kindness, respect, and care for one another.

Through the session on “Understanding Children’s Rights and Bullying Awareness,” the boys learned the importance of creating a safe space—one free from violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Jovelyn M. Trajano, RSW, for being a wonderful and inspiring resource speaker. Your words empowered our children to stand up for what’s right and to always choose compassion over cruelty.

Together, let’s raise a generation that says NO to bullying and YES to friendship!



Parroquia Virgen Misionera
(La Perla, Peru)

Procession for the 10th Anniversary of Parroquia Virgen Misionera Parish



Participation in the IV Festival of School Bands - Municipality of Bellavista

The IV School Bands Festival is an event that promotes art, culture and student participation.

Colegio Parroquial “San José” had the honor of participating in this outstanding activity, in which the students demonstrated their talent, discipline and commitment to music.

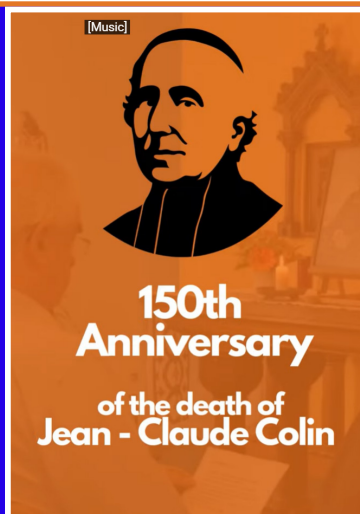


Thank-You and Farewell

Last week the outgoing Superior General of the Society of Mary, Fr John Larsen, and his councillors, Frs John Harhager, Setefano Mataele, Ben McKenna and Juan Carlos Piña presided over a celebration of the Eucharist in the General House Chapel in Rome, Italy with the members of the staff, confreres of the General House community and the Formators of Casa di Maria to mark the end of their term. The Mass was followed by a festive lunch, which was a fraternal occasion to express gratitude for their work over the past 8 years and to say farewell to those who are departing.



Journey to the 150th Anniversary of Colin's Death – Weekly Video Reflections on “How do Fr. Colin’s thoughts echo in your life today?”



Pope Leo declares seven new saints, including first from Venezuela and Papua New Guinea



Vocation Corner



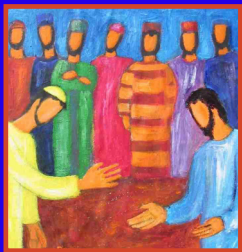

 The Society of Mary (Marist Fathers)
 joyfully invites you to the celebration of the
Ordination to the Diaconate
 of
 Lewis Kum Mvo, sm Peter Carde Matakarakawa, sm
 Leonard Amora, sm Jean Paul Dieme, sm
 Joseph Ondoua, sm Lesley Kinani, sm
 to be conferred by
Most Rev. Antuan Ilgit, S.J.
 Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of Anatolia.
 The Mass ordination will be celebrated on
 Saturday, **November 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.**
 at Parrocchia di Santa Francesca Cabrini at
 Piazza Massa Carrara, 15, 00162 Roma RM
 RSVP:
 Fr. Albert Kabala sm
 email: smtheologatesuperior@gmail.com



Sr. Sylvette Mane, sm, Superior General of the Marist Sisters, shares how her journey has been shaped by inspiring people, and the gift of community life. For her, the beauty of religious life lies in living in community, meeting young people, and sharing the joy of being a consecrated woman, following Mary as a model. Watch the video [HERE](#).

In August, the hall of Mary Immaculate Parish, Quakers Hill came alive with a vibrant gathering, celebrating the many ways men and women express their baptismal call and unique charisms. The event showcased inspiring displays from various religious congregations and lay associations committed to serving the mission of the Church together.





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

The [article](#) found at the link below is the thirteenth 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 13: One with the Local Bishop

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To know and be known: a brief theology of the vows



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.**