

Society of Mary

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Marists in the United States

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PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

O God our Father, we thank you for protecting us and bringing us safely through another year. Help us to grow not only in body, but also in heart and mind. May we look upon each new day as another chance to follow you more closely. As the new year unfolds, may we be more merciful towards others and more generous in serving you. Amen.

FamilyRosary.org



The Marists invite you to submit your loved ones names and any special intentions to be remembered in prayer through our prayer request form found [here](#).

Marist School

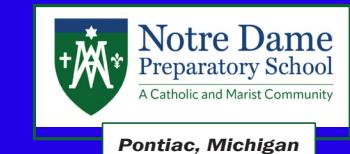
Atlanta, Georgia

Marist School is proud to celebrate Emma Gabara '26 and Sidon Afeworki '26 for their outstanding service and leadership. Emma has been named one of Rough Draft Atlanta's 20 Under 20 honorees for 2026, and Sidon has been recognized as a runner-up. These students exemplify what it means to be Marist made for good by using their talents to lead, serve, and inspire change.

Read more [HERE](#).



Where Creativity and Talent Take Shape



Two Seniors Earn Special Scholarship



Through the Lens: Powerful Storytelling by Alum in Art School

All-school Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany



Celebrating Día de Los Reyes (Three Kings Day)

On January 6th middle school Spanish students at NDP marked Día de los Reyes, a beloved celebration observed across much of the Spanish-speaking world. Guided by teacher Sra. Marisol Aguilar, students learned about the Feast of the Epiphany, which commemorates the visit of the Three Wise Men — Los Tres Reyes Magos — to the infant Jesus. A highlight of the lesson was sharing Rosca de Reyes, the traditional sweet bread enjoyed on this day in countries such as Mexico. Baked inside the bread is a small baby Jesus figurine, and according to tradition, whoever finds it takes on a special role, bringing a Hispanic treat or item to share with the class on Feb. 2, a date that coincides with Fiesta de la Candelaria, or Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ.

More than a classroom celebration, the experience offered students a meaningful window into Hispanic culture, faith and community traditions that are still widely practiced





The 'small but mighty' Notre Dame Academy celebrates 20 years

ND Academy's International Thespian Society (ITS) chapter inducted 3 Upper School students and 6 Middle School into their troupe recently. ITS recognizes, rewards, and encourages student achievement and celebrates the work of students in all aspects of theatre – performance and production

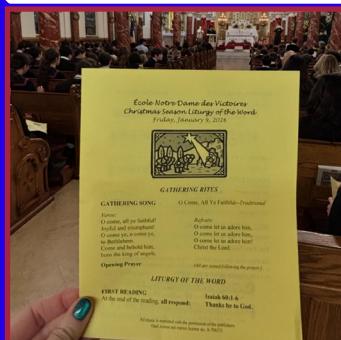


Christmas Season Liturgy of the Word

The 8th grade students led the community in the Nativity Pageant.



NDV teachers spent time together on retreat exploring the theme, "We are the soil." They got their hands dirty with soil, prayed over the deep roots and root beliefs of the NDV community, and created their own garden pots to grow beautiful flowers, as they prepare for a New Year growing with their incredible students!





50th Anniversary of the Telephone Counselling Service in Passau



Farewell at St Pat's, Church Hill

On December 28th, in the District of Australia, a farewell thanksgiving Eucharist took place at St Patrick's inner-city shrine, Church Hill, Sydney. A packed church brought together parishioners from all walks of life and ethnicities to honor the service of Marists since 1868. Fr Michael Whelan, the last Marist Parish Priest, thanked the staff, volunteers, choir and people of St Patrick's, and paid tribute to "generations of travelers past and present, folk who come looking for God, searching for peace, wanting to give thanks, seeking strength and light in their struggles with good and evil." For 157 years, Marist confreres have taken care of the Church. Originally located in a slum, St Pat's became the church of choice for Masses and confessions for workers in CBD skyscrapers since the 1950s. It is one of the busiest churches in Australia, with four Masses celebrated each weekday, 10 Masses on weekends, hours of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and many hours of confession throughout the week.

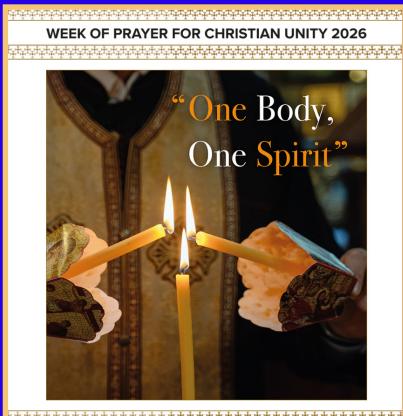


Farewell to Fr. Hermes





Marist Sisters from the Unit of Fiji were among the 250 religious leaders who participated in the CMSPI Assembly in Suva, reflecting on Formation in a Synodal Church and the importance of synodal formation for laity and religious.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18th-25th)

The Marists invite you to observe the week by participating in prayer for Christian unity. As we pray, let us call to mind this year's theme: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 offers an invitation to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ, which unites Christians worldwide.

Click [HERE](#) to view more resources.

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

As we observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day on January 19th, may we remember Dr. King's vision for equality, dignity and respect to all human beings. We honor the values he exemplified and remember his teachings of courage, truth, respect, integrity, humility, and service.

"Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal."
Martin Luther King Jr.



Here's how you can participate in the March for Life 2026 events from home



Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

- Livestreamed Opening National Prayer Vigil for Life Mass: 5:00 p.m. (EST), Thursday, January 22, 2026

- Livestreamed Closing Mass for Life: 8:00 a.m. (EST), Friday, January 23, 2026

Join these events virtually via [livestream](#) on the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception's [website](#).

Vatican II, 'Nostra Aetate' and interreligious dialogue: A radical turn in Catholic history



Podcast: Spiritual advice you don't want to miss for 2026



PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV

View the Holy Father's monthly prayer intention [HERE](#).