

# Society of Mary

An International Religious Congregation

*Marists in the United States*



March 27, 2026

Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

Marist School's spring musical, "HadesTown (Teen Edition)", took audiences on an unforgettable journey to the Underworld with a powerful retelling of the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice. An incredible rotating stage built in Woodruff Auditorium added a dynamic visual element that enhanced the storytelling and immersed audiences in the production. From the strength of the ensemble to the exceptional performances of the leads, the production showcased the talent and dedication of Marist's student artists, including the student tech crew, whose behind-the-scenes work helped bring the production to life.



Marist School welcomed grandparents and special friends to campus on March 20th for a celebration of faith, family, and the transformative power of a Marist education. President J. D. Childs grounded the morning in a vision of growth, sharing that the new Marist Bell Chapel in Alumni Plaza "will symbolize the growth that your grandchildren experience during their years here at Marist School. They enter Marist and they are transformed. They leave our campus to lead and serve \*Sub Mariae Nomine\*—under the name of Mary." That transformation came to life through the voices of student speakers Cece Watson '26 and Maxwell Watkins '26, whose reflections revealed not only the maturity, faith, and purpose being formed in their time at Marist, but also the essential role grandparents play in that journey. Grandparents Day Chairs Heather and Jimmy Nichols served as gracious hosts, creating a welcoming atmosphere that reflected the generational strength and connection of the Marist community. Principal Kevin Mullally shared updates on the school's continued momentum, while fine arts performances highlighted the creativity and confidence of our students. Marist School is grateful to all who joined us near and far for this special day. To view the 2026 Grandparents Day program, click [HERE](#).



Marist School's Battle of the Books (BOB) team delivered an outstanding performance at the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Archdiocesan Finals, earning an impressive fifth-place finish against a strong field of competitors. The BOB program begins each year as Marist 7<sup>th</sup> graders form teams and read a list of preselected titles in preparation for the competition. Created in 2003 by Catholic school librarians and sponsored by @archatlanta, BOB challenges students across grades 3–8 to engage deeply with a wide range of genres. Librarians from participating schools select the books and develop questions that test comprehension and attention to detail. The Marist School community is proud of these students for their dedication, collaboration, and love of reading.



## Speech & Debate Claims a Historic State Championship



## 2026 Peer Leader Retreat Day

The retreat was filled with opportunities for Marist School Peer Leaders to explore what it means to share radical hospitality with others and bond with one another! They are excited to welcome our newest Marist students soon!



## Upper School Performance of “Frozen”

Opening night set the bar high. Audiences were captivated by the powerful performances, stunning visuals and unforgettable music in NDP’s production of Frozen. The production brought together an incredible team of singers, actors, musicians and technicians in a performance that highlighted the passion, discipline and artistry of the NDP students. It is yet another shining example of NDP’s outstanding arts program and the remarkable creativity and talent of the students and staff.



## Irish Week 2026

What started in 1976 at Notre Dame High School in Harper Woods as a way to bring energy, unity and connection to the end of winter continues to define the NDP school community in Pontiac. From Pre-K through 12th grade, students once again came together for four days of spirited competition, creativity and camaraderie.

From themed hallways and team pride to trivia, scavenger hunts, and the always-intense Irish Games, this week delivered both expected victories and surprising moments. Whether it was on the court, in the hallway or on stage, NDP students showed what it means to compete with heart while supporting one another. More importantly, Irish Week reminded us of what NDP is all about: community, tradition and school spirit that brings every level together.



**Critical Conversations: Jewish Students' Visit Deepens Faith, Understanding**



**Forming Healthy Minds, Bodies and Souls**



**Middle School Team Earns National Recognition in Vocabulary Competition**

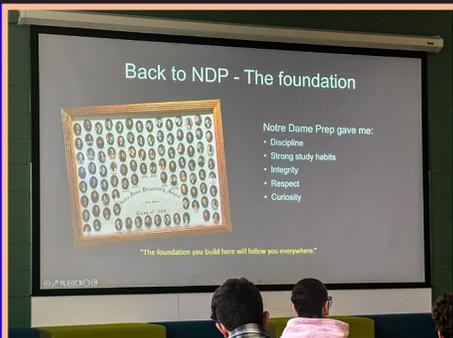


It was such a pleasure to witness members of NDP's alumni association return to campus on March 25<sup>th</sup> to read with students in NDP's lower school. Experiences like this highlight one of the truly unique opportunities of a Pre-K–12 community. In celebrating National Reading Month, a time dedicated to fostering a lifelong love of reading and honoring the spirit of Read Across America, the event was especially moving. NDP's youngest learners not only engaged with great stories, but also connected with alumni role models who once may have walked the same halls. Even more special was the range of the 15 graduates who participated, representing classes from 1973 to 2018 — a true testament to the enduring strength of the Notre Dame community.



**Career Advice**

Notre Dame Prep alumnus Michael Juszczakiewicz, NDP '98, director of sales at a company called LifeSafer, returned to campus March 13 to speak with upper school students about his life and career journey. As part of the NDP Alumni Association's Alumni Speaker Series, Juszczakiewicz shared insights from his early school and university years before discussing how he manages a demanding work–life balance today. Over the years, he has worked with organizations ranging from startup companies to Fortune 100 firms, leading teams across the United States and internationally. During his visit, Juszczakiewicz shared lessons from his professional journey, including the importance of leadership, resilience, and learning from both successes and setbacks.





Duluth, Georgia

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Lunch



During the 4<sup>th</sup> Week of Lent, the ND Academy community was blessed to celebrate Mass with Archbishop Gregory John Hartmayer, OFM Conv., as celebrant and Fr. Geraldo Ceballos as Master of Ceremonies.



At the beginning of March, NDV competed in the Catholic Schools Academic Junior High Decathlon. The NDV decathlon team came in first place out of 19 Catholic school in the Super Quiz and Writing, in second place in Literature, and in third place in Religion. The NDV community is incredibly proud of the students who participated. Their commitment to studying, their perseverance, and the discipline they demonstrated throughout this process were truly remarkable.





Samoa

It was a historic moment for Chanel College in Moamoa, Samoa in mid-March as the school community celebrated Mass for the first time since the Society of Mary returned to take on the responsibilities of running the school. The Marists left the school about seven years ago, however the school was founded by the New Zealand Province in 1962.



**Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph**





Matti, Digos, Philippines

Thirty-six (36) catechists at Our Lady of Fatima Parish participated in the formation and training as part of their annual renewal of vows under the theme, 'Catechist for the New Evangelization: Journeying Together towards the Great Jubilee 2033.'

On the first day, they extended the encounter of God's Word as its bearers to the young ones. On the second day, they learned about teaching methods and creating lesson plans. On the last day, they demonstrated what they learned through a teaching demonstration in front of their peers. They renewed their vows at Mass on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent.



### A Marist in Japan: from Culture-shock to Growth



As part of the Lenten activities, Marist Sisters in the Philippines travelled to Asuncion, Barangay Canatan, for an outreach event organized by the Association of Consecrated Women of Davao (ACWAD). The sisters were divided in pairs to run a program that included prayer, songs and games. It was a blessing to give and a blessing to receive in return.



## Webinar: “Grant Us Peace”: The Nonviolent Witness of the Liturgy

The Catholic Institute for Nonviolence

# Webinar

Rome Series

“Grant Us Peace”: The Nonviolent Witness of the Liturgy

WITH **DR. ANNA BLACKMAN**  
from Glasgow University



30.03.26 6pm (UK time) / 7pm (CEST)

80th Anniversary of the Pax Christi Building Order for Peace

## “With Courage to Hope” - A Virtual Gathering to Recall the Witness of Fr. Joe Nangle, OFM



# With Courage to Hope

A Virtual Benefit for  
The Joe Nangle OFM Fund for a Nonviolent Future

Easter Monday | April 6, 2026 | 8:00 p.m. Eastern U.S. Time

The Chair International Fund for Peace

## Holy Week Resources

*Lectio Divina*



**Lectio Divina for Holy Week**

arts & faith

celebrating your creative expressions of faith

- [Palm Sunday](#)
- [Holy Thursday](#)
- [Good Friday](#)
- [Holy Saturday](#)
- [Easter Sunday](#)



## PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV

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

# Vocation Corner



## Marist First Profession of Vows at St. Michael the Archangel Quasi Parish in Davao City, Philippines



Anaseini (New Zealand) and Ereamakin Serah (Fiji) were welcomed into the Marist Missionary Sisters' Pre-Novitiate in Fiji last month. Sisters from the Unit House, the Prayer Centre, and Teresa, who is exploring her vocation, were present for the occasion. Unit Leader, Sr. Salome highlighted the privilege of having the Pre-Novitiate in Fiji and the importance of this time of formation.

Sr. Kieoma, SMSM, a Missionary Sister of the Society of Mary from Tonga, speaks about the importance of openness in religious life and mission, which allows us to better face daily challenges. View video [HERE](#).

*Called and Received (Fiji)*





### How to find a guide for your vocation adventure

### Praying with artwork



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

The [article](#) found at the link below is the seventeenth 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 18: Hidden and Unknown in the World**

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### **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! Dignate 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.**