

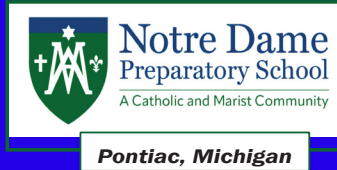
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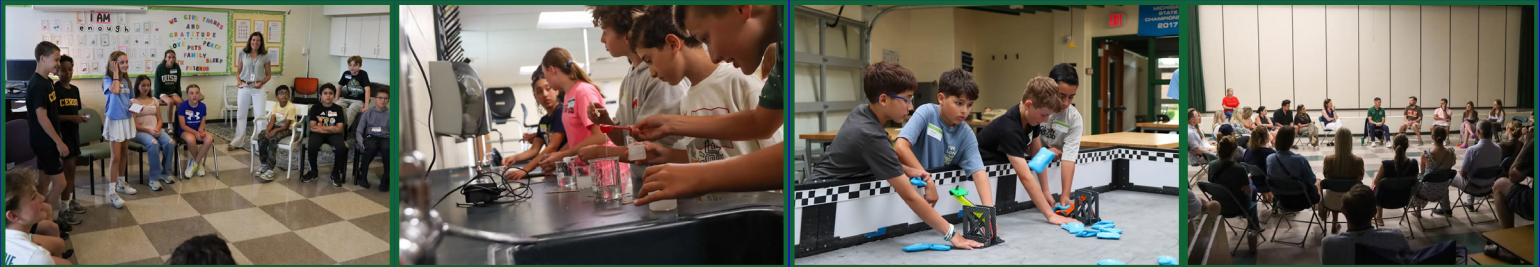
Marists in the United States



June 12, 2026



This week future Irish were on campus for Irish Up!, Notre Dame Prep's annual welcome event for incoming middle school students. Students spent the evening getting to know their classmates, meeting student leaders and faculty, and experiencing some of the opportunities that make Notre Dame Prep's middle school program unique. Activity rotations included coding, robotics, science lab experiments, interactive challenges and team-building activities, giving students an exciting introduction to life as an NDP student. The evening concluded with a Sweet and Social gathering, where new students connected with one another and celebrated the upcoming start of their Notre Dame Prep journey.



Alum Dan Fuoco Joins Advancement
Team





The NDV Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes was a gift from the Lassaga Family in memory of their Mother and former alumni, Paulette (*40, GS '44 HS). She was also a devoted parishioner and was baptized and married at NDV. All four of her children were baptized at NDV as well as students at the school. The NDV community is so grateful to the Lassaga family for this beautiful addition to the NDV campus which was blessed with Holy Water from Lourdes by Fr. Renee Iturbe, SM.



Marist Farewell Celebration



Upcoming Marist Retreat

During the last week of June, about 35 Marist Fathers and Brothers will gather for their annual retreat at the Carmelite Spiritual Center near Chicago. The theme of the retreat will be the call by God to be men of prayer, to allow the grace and light of God into their lives that they may better serve God's people. As members of the Society of Mary, Marists always strive to live and minister following the example of Mary, who always brought people to her Son. Marists who cannot attend in person will have the ability to watch and listen to the retreat talks online. Please offer a prayer for the Marists during this time of retreat.

The retreat director will be Fr. David Raymundo Sánchez Garduño, a Marist priest originally from Mexico who served for three years as Novice Director for young Marists in the Philippines. He is now doing ministry in Tarsus, the city of St. Paul, as part of the team of Marist Fathers and Marist Missionary Sisters in Turkey.



Fr. David Sánchez, SM

Prayer for the Marists on Retreat

*Come Holy Spirit, Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
And You shall renew the face of the earth.
O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
Did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and
ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.*



Champagnat Day - A Legacy of Love That Continues to Change Lives
Celebration of the Feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat, Patron Saint of the Education Program of the Foundation of Balay Pasilungan.





United in prayer with the Marist Brothers (FMS) who suffered severe damage during the recent earthquake in Mindanao, Philippines



Earthquake of 7.8 magnitude struck Mindanao

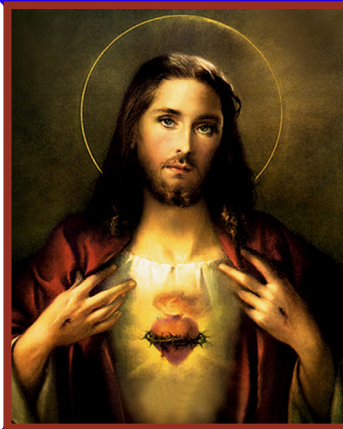


The Marist Brothers community of the General House in Rome along with members of the other branches of the Marist family and other guests celebrated the feast St. Marcellin Champagnat, FMS with a Mass officiated by the Fr. Declan Marmion, Superior General of the Marist Fathers and Brothers.



Feast of the Sacred Heart – June 12th

Lord Jesus, Son of the most high,
may we find refuge
in the humility of your heart,
for your thoughts are thoughts of peace.
And so, in the trials of this world, we will show
forth the riches of your patience,
until that day when we shall be with you
for ever and ever. Amen.
(~Proclaiming All Your Wonders)



*Gentle woman,
quiet light
morning star,
so strong and bright
gentle Mother,
peaceful dove
teach us wisdom;
teach us love.*

Immaculate Heart of the Blessed
Virgin Mary – June 13th

This will be the last Society of Mary USA E-Newsletter until mid-August. We look forward to sharing more news about our Marist ministries with you when this publication resumes!

In the meantime, we encourage you to continue following our posts on the Society of Mary USA [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

Thank you for your continued support! Wishing you a safe and relaxing summer!



PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV

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

Vocation Corner



Casa di Maria – Marist International Theologate Newsletter 2026



In May, the Superior General, Fr. Declan Marmion, SM, carried out a three-day visitation of the Marist International Theologate in Rome, Casa di Maria. There are currently 26 students in the community, 6 of whom have been ordained to the diaconate and 6 of whom have recently arrived from their novitiate in the Philippines. They are from the Provinces and Districts of Africa, New Zealand, Asia, Mexico and Oceania – a truly international and intercultural community. The formation team is comprised of Marist Fathers Pat Breeze (superior), Larry Duffy and Denis Levi and they will be joined in July by Fr Sione Hamala. Fr Declan was warmly welcomed and held individual conversations with the students, the formators, and the community. The visitation concluded with the celebration of Mass in the community chapel.



On May 23rd, Robert Badjeck from the District of Africa was Perpetually Professed in the Society of Mary. The profession Mass was celebrated in the chapel of Casa di Maria, and Fr. Juan Carlos Pina, SM representing the Superior General, received his vows. The Casa di Maria community was joined by local Marists, and friends of Robert for a wonderful day of celebration. His family were able to join in the Mass via livestream from Cameroon. Robert will return to the District of Africa after completing his studies in Rome in July.



The Society of Mary Societas Mariae is pleased to announce the Presbyteral Ordination of Rev. Jean Paul Dominique Dieme, SM. The ordination will occur on July 4, 2026 at the Cathedral of Saint Antoine de Padoue in Ziguinchor, Senegal. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he prepares for the ordination!



Let us pray for Badjeck Etene, SM as he prepares for his diaconate ordination.



The Beauty and Joy of Religious Life Series:

Fr. Paddy O'Hare, SM
A Marist priest who has lived most of his life as a missionary in Japan shares how a cup of coffee can change a life.



Sr. Jane O'Carroll, SM (Marist Sister)

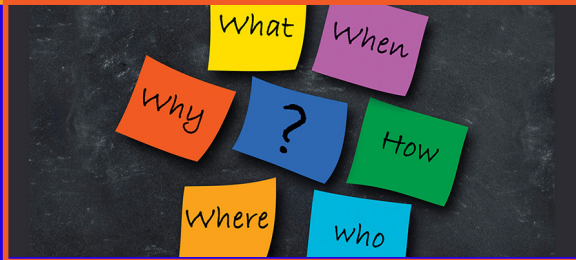




During the month of May, the Marist Missionary Sisters' Postulancy and Novitiate communities were blessed to make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Kibeho, Rwanda.



Questions You'll be glad you asked



Listen to your Heart to find your vocation



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

The [article](#) found at the link below is the final 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 20: Our Marist Mission

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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.