

Society of Mary

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Marists in the United States



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The Marist Priests and Brothers would like to congratulate the graduates of Marist School in Atlanta, Georgia; Notre Dame Academy in Duluth, Georgia; Notre Dame Preparatory School in Pontiac, Michigan; and École Notre Dame Des Victoires in San Francisco, California.

As you learned throughout your years in school, Marists are people who are called to do the work of Mary in her name and in her spirit. As you continue your journey in life, may you continue to bring the spirit of Mary to the people you encounter. We wish the graduates of the Class of 2026 the best of luck and know that you will continue to be in our prayers.

Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

Rooted in the enduring spirit of the Marist Way, the Class of 2026 celebrated commencement weekend with Baccalaureate Mass and graduation exercises that honored a class marked by scholarship, leadership, service, and joy. During Baccalaureate Mass in Centennial Center, Father John Harhager, S.M., encouraged graduates to embrace their God-given strengths and carry the Marist mission into the world. On graduation morning, seniors inaugurated a meaningful new tradition as class presidents Ansley Sooji Cho '26 and Regis-Lucien Edem Nassah '26 rang the new chapel bell to open commencement exercises. Salutatorian Hunter T. Nguyen '26 and valedictorian Ava Marsh '26 reflected on the resilience, gratitude, and community that shaped the class experience, while commencement speaker Jack Butler, S.J. '82, recipient of the 2026 Distinguished Alumni Award, urged graduates to live boldly in service of others. Flannery Hipp '26 received the Sedes Sapientiae Award, Jack Guhl '26 received the Marist Cup, and Andrew Wiegand '26 and Valerie Muñoz-Segura '26 were the recipients of the Archbishop's Awards. As graduates crossed beneath the Bell Chapel arch and into the world, they departed sub Mariae nomine (under the name of Mary), united by faith, strengthened by community, and prepared to soar.

Senior Sendoff



Baccalaureate Mass



Graduation Ceremony





Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

Marist School Celebrates the Remarkable Class of 2026



Notre Dame Preparatory School

A Catholic and Marist Community

Pontiac, Michigan

Notre Dame Prep's 32nd Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Ceremony



Prepared to Lead

8th Grade Graduation

The NDP 8th grade Farewell Mass (celebrated by Fr. Leon Olszamowski, SM) and graduation ceremony was held at St. Mary of the Hills Catholic Church in Rochester Hills, Michigan.





Caps off to the Class of 2026

ND Academy's graduation on was full of proud moments, happy tears, and unforgettable memories! Congratulations to all of the graduates! Your hard work, faith, and dedication have brought you to this incredible milestone, and the ND Academy community can't wait to see all the amazing things you'll accomplish next!



Pre-K Class of 2026



Congratulations to all of ND Academy's 8th graders as they celebrated the 8th Grade Transition Mass & Signature Awards Ceremony and officially closed their Middle School chapter as they prepare to enter Upper School!



8th grade Class of 2026



On May 20th, Marist School held the 2026 Academic Awards and Senior Honors Assembly, recognizing students for excellence in academics, leadership, service, and co-curricular achievement. Highlights included the “Guidon” yearbook dedication to Fr. John Ulrich, S.M., who also received the dedication in 1985. More than four decades later, this meaningful honor reflects the enduring impact of Fr. Ulrich and the Marist priests whose faithful presence continues to shape generations of students. The assembly also recognized Maxwell Watkins '26 as the recipient of the Helen Bawak Wamey '22 Memorial Award, Hunter Nguyen '26 as salutatorian, and Ava Marsh '26 as valedictorian.



Fine Arts Students Share Their Gifts with Marist Community



One Marist Spirit, Many 'Shades of Blue'



Mission Groups Deepen Parent Connection to Marist's Spiritual Inheritance



Strategic Plan Progress Update: Building Momentum for Mission



Marist School is grateful to the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia for awarding a generous grant in support of student safety on campus. This funding will help enhance classroom security through the installation of new self-locking door hardware in Ivy Street Center.





As the school year comes to a close, Reach for Excellence (RFE) is proud to celebrate a major milestone in the Reach journey: high school acceptances.

Of the 28 Reach for Excellence 8th graders who applied this year:

- **100%** were admitted to at least one private or independent high school in Metro Atlanta among their top 3 choices
- **61%** will attend a private or independent high school
- Students received an average **93%** of full financial aid
- The class secured over **\$476,300** in scholarships for their freshman year

Why This Matters

These results represent more than acceptance letters. They reflect expanded access to rigorous academic environments and long-term opportunity. For many Reach scholars, these pathways would remain out of reach without sustained support.

Where Will RFE Scholars Be in August?

- **Marist School:** 11 students (1 entering 8th grade), tying last year's record
- **St. Pius X Catholic High School:** 2 students
- **Holy Innocents' Episcopal School:** 2 students
- **The Westminster Schools:** 1 student
- **Wesleyan School:** 1 student
- **Dekalb Early College Academy (DECA):** 2 students
- **Various public schools across Dekalb and Gwinnett counties:** 9



2nd - 5th Grade Field Day



Palushaj Endowed Scholarship Supports Student Passion in the Arts



Red Cliffs, Global Perspectives



IB Science in Action



Lower School Field Day

What happens when you combine sunshine, games, excited students and the last official day of school? You get Field Day at Notre Dame Prep’s lower school.

NDP’s youngest Irish — and their enthusiastic teachers and a number of parents — spent the day running, laughing, cheering and celebrating the end of another incredible school year. After months of hard work, learning and accomplishments in the classroom, it was the perfect way to unwind and kick off summer break.

Safe to say there were plenty of smiles, lots of fun and memories made all across campus.





8th Grade Parent Thank-You Dinner

The NDV community is incredibly grateful to every 8th grade parent for their years of service and dedication to their children and NDV!



Mission Carnival & Crazy Hair Day 2026



St. Paul, Minnesota

Marists leaving St. Louis King of France in St. Paul





The Marist Sisters celebrated 15 years of dedicated service and marked their 8th year of managing the Balay Banaag center in the Philippines with compassion and mercy.



Marist Sisters Marta and Norma (Mexico) joined 25 other Religious Sisters in a retreat on Consecrated Life at the Parish of the Immaculate Conception. It was a rich and enriching experience, offering opportunities to share the different commitments and expressions of Consecrated Life lived within their communities.

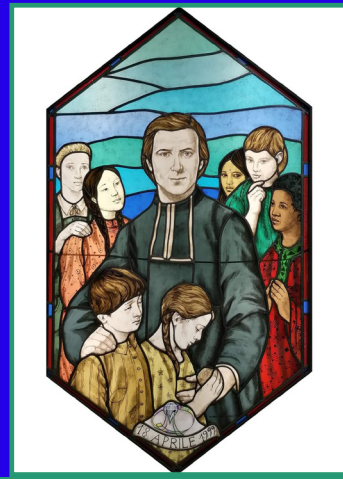


Congratulations to Sr. Malia Tolotea Tauaifaga, SMSM!

Sr. Malia Tolotea, SMSM was recently honored with the Order of Merit Award at Samoa's Independence Awards Ceremony, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the development of Samoa at both the national and international levels. This prestigious award celebrates citizens whose dedication, leadership, and service have made a significant impact on the growth and well-being of the nation.

The Marist Missionary Sisters extend their heartfelt congratulations to Sr. Malia Tolotea on this well-deserved recognition, give thanks for her many years of service, and pray for God's continued blessings upon her.

**Marist Laity NZ – June Reflection:
Pondering Pentecost**

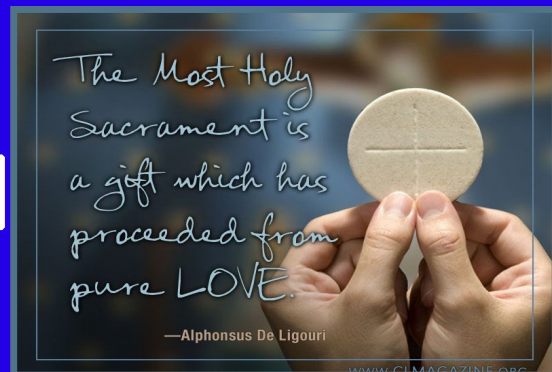


Feast of St. Marcellin Champagnat

On June 6th, the entire Catholic Church joins Marists across the world in celebrating the life and legacy of St. Marcellin Champagnat.

St. Marcellin Champagnat . . . Pray for us.

Feast of Corpus Christi - June 7th



PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV

View the Holy Father's monthly prayer intention **HERE**.