January 4, 2019

News of the Province

- The Provincial Council will meet next Friday and Saturday in Miami. They will also be meeting with the Administration and Members of the Christopher Columbus School Board.
- Today is the Feast of Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, Founder of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph and Founder of the first American Catholic Schools.

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Celebrating the Feast of the Foundation of the Marist Brothers!

January 2nd, 2019

Florida Communities

Monday, January 7th
Br. Luis Ramos

Tuesday, January 8th
Sarah Kolkmeyer
Liaison to Marist Life and Mission at Marist Chicago

Friday, January 11th
Doreen Keller
Principal at Central Catholic High School

Marist Brothers Come and See Retreat

A retreat that started on Wednesday and runs until January 10th involves a group of 5 students from the University of Texas that are participating in a retreat focusing on the Vocation to the Marist Brothers.

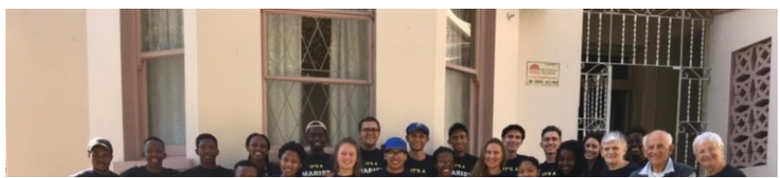
Vocation to the Marist Brothers.

Each day has a different Brother presenting some aspect of our life: Community (Owen), Spirituality (Sean), Consecration (Peter), Ministry (Steve Schlitte), and Discernment and Formation (Luis). The group will spend time in
Forest Hills, MBCE, St. Barnabas-Mount (doing service), and the Novitiate. Brothers Al, Brian and Rob will be accompanying the young men during the retreat.

Some members of the group have been with us over the past few Springs during the Vocation Pilgrimages. The retreatants are (left to right):

Blake Simon, John Paul (JP) Nguyen, Anthony Quinn (back), Andres Almendarez (seated) and Jaret Criss.

All Brothers are invited to the 2019 Brothers Retreat happening in July. Please email Br. Patrick to RSVP - limited space is available!



MBCE Update

This weekend the Marist Young Adult Advisory Committee will be meeting in Esopus.

Br. Brian Poulin has started a new blog series called "Thank God It's Saturday!"

Read his latest post, and be sure to check out the website every weekend for new posts!

Also, follow the new USA Vocations Instagram page! @calledmarist

Upcoming Events:

Marist Young Adults
USA Board Meeting
January 4th - January 6th

Marist International Festival
Guatemala
January 15 - January 20th

Marist Youth Encounter Christ Retreat
January 24th - January 27th

Sharing Our Call 1
February 10th - February 12th

Friends in Solidarity

What is Marist Mercy Care?

Marist Mercy Care is a collaborative effort between the Marist Brothers, Sisters of Mercy, and Lay Persons in the Sundays River Valley, Addo, Eastern Cape, South Africa.

The project has been in existence for over ten years and assists families who are from incredibly disadvantaged communities, with a specific focus on children.

Programs include a Crèche and Pre-School, Clinic, Soup Kitchens and Adult Learning programs as well as the Summer Camp.

Marist Mercy Care works extensively with children who have been abused and those that have HIV/Aids, Tuberculosis, Cancer and other common South African illnesses.

Read the 2018 Achievements Newsletter

Let's Not Forget Those in Need...

- For Br. Robert Andrews, who is rehabbing from a recent stroke at Burke Rehab in New York.
- For Mrs. Pellegrino, mother of Frank Pellegrino, who is rehabbing from a broken hip at Cabrini Nursing Home.
- For all of our senior Brothers, other Marists of Champagnat, family members, and friends who are ill. May the Lord bring healing, and our Good Mother bring comfort to them.
- For all of our Brothers throughout the world, our affiliates, our family members, and benefactors.

- Thomas Hourican of the former FMS group of 1959, who recently passed away.
- James Martin of County Cavan, Ireland, a cousin of Br. Dan Grogan who died in Ireland recently.

Fratelli Project
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The Fratelli Project was created in 2016 in Lebanon by the congregations of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the Marist Brothers to try to respond to the urgent, emerging needs of the most vulnerable children and young people. It assists mainly Syrian and Iraqi children displaced by the wars in the Middle East.

This summer, the Fratelli Project has 12 month-long volunteer slots - 6 for the month of July and 6 for the month of August. For more information, email Br. Dan at brdano@hotmail.com

Reenacting the Welcome of Joseph Mary and Jesus at the stable.

Annunciation House, under the direction of Ruben Garcia, continues to receive refugees every day, now averaging almost 2,000 per week, in the latest surge.

Many church organizations and volunteers in El Paso and Las Cruces have made this possible. Those who have become involved in this ministry, whether helping with food, transportation, working at a shelter, or making donations, are really experiencing something very special: you have a personal encounter with very grateful, humble people who are only trying to take care of their families. You begin to understand the history of why anyone would choose to flee their country, and you meet so many wonderful El Pasoans and visitors who are here volunteering for a while to help!

For information: (915) 545-4509
refugees@annunciationhouse.org

Brothers Todd Patenaude and Eduardo Navarro are participating in this endeavor of welcome by working at one of the emergency shelters for non-detained immigrants and through the Encuentro Project, which is educating people about the realities of "the border" and immigration and Catholic Social teaching regarding these issues.

In El Paso, there is a wonderful cooperation of different Religious communities, many of which have been sending retired or semi-retired members from all over the country for periods of time to help with the current necessity to increase the capacity for intake of migrants.

- Sr. Gloria Fournier, SMSM, who recently passed away.

- Father Kieran Nolan, OSB of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville Minnesota, the brother of Bro. Bernie Nolan of the 89th Ave. Community, Miami. Father Kieran died on December 30th at age 85.

Could we Marists do something similar???