



Friday Notes Newsletter

August 9, 2019 | WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PROVINCE OF THE USA

PROVINCE NEWS

- Members of the Provincial Council, Brothers Patrick McNamara, Dan O'Riordan, Al Rivera, Rob Clark and Hank Hammer attended the USA National Assembly of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men in San Antonio, Texas this past week. Br. Brian Poulin also attended the conference and was one of the panelists. Br. Todd Patenaude and Ms. Beth also presented a workshop at the conference on the El Paso Migrant & Refugee Project.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Br. Luis First Vows
August 10th

Kids 2 Camp
August 11th -
August 17th

Young Adult Camp
August 18th -
August 24th



- Br. Patrick was elected to the position of Vice President for the CMSM conference yesterday and will serve in this position for the next two years as he continues in his ongoing service as USA Provincial.



- The 5th Annual Courtyard Art Festival at Champagnat Hall will take place on Sunday, August 25th from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Br. Gerard Cormier will exhibit over 50 acrylic/watercolor paintings, most of which were completed after his 90th year.
- Br. Luis Ramos will make his first profession next Saturday, August 10th.

Irish Camp
August 25th -
August 31st

Discovering Our Call
October 4th -
October 6th

LaValla Service
Retreat
October 11th -
October 14th

Embracing Our Call
October 27th -
October 29th



MBCE UPDATE

Sacred Heart camp wraps up it's week in Esopus tomorrow. The Mid-Hudson Valley Summer Camp welcomes Kids 2 Camp on Sunday!

Continue to pray for all of the campers and more than 800 volunteers that will keep camp running smoothly this summer!



Friday, August 9th
Br. William Maske

Sunday, August 11th
Br. Donald Richard

Thursday, August 15th
Sue Ponte

For all of the Marist Brothers who celebrate their Anniversary of professing their vows on this day and during August.



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



Download the latest news from the General House in Rome here!

FAN and CMSM Call for Immediate

Legislation on Gun Violence and a National Examination of Conscience

"Out of the depths I call to you, God." (Psalm 130)

Once again, our hearts break after this past weekend's mass shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio just as our hearts break over the gun violence that plagues many of our communities on a daily basis. Franciscan Action Network (FAN) and the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) continue to pray for all involved and recognize that we must also act.



JP Alert:
Conference of Major Superiors of Men

We recognize that our national political discourse has gotten to the point that as a nation we must examine our conscience. As followers of the Nonviolent Prince of Peace, we know that:

1. Our nation has been continually plagued by racism and bigotry that has given rise to hate speech and the violent actions of white supremacists like the shooter in El Paso.
2. We must call out the racist and hateful rhetoric of our political leaders which has encouraged the resurgence and visibility of white supremacists, has led to a rise in hate crimes, and foments violence.
3. The President's call for gun violence legislation linked to immigration legislation is a further perpetuation of racism: most mass shooters are white and male and have a history of making threatening comments towards women, or worse. The majority are not immigrants or are Muslim.
4. Many pundits are drawing an unproven connection between "mental health" and violence. We know that domestic violence is a much stronger indicator of gun violence. We do not have a mental health crisis: we have a much deeper crisis of the soul: a soul sickness fueled by violence in the forms of guns, white supremacy, and racism.
5. It is well past time for a serious national conversation about our past and our present: our complicity in racism and bigotry and our current culture of violence that fans the flames of white supremacy and encourages toxic manifestations of violence.

Until we pass legislation, teach the skills of nonviolence, and come to terms with our current climate and culture, we fear that mass shootings will continue, as will the violence in our neighborhoods every day. We will continue to advocate for comprehensive gun violence legislation and work for a culture of peace that encourages nonviolence as we use the prayer attributed to St. Francis that calls us to "Be Instruments of His Peace."

Let's Not Forget Those in Need...

PRAYERS

Mike and Regina Carey (parents of Alumni of Marist-Eugene) and Barbara Moore (former business

IN MEMORIAM

For all the victims of the El Paso and Dayton shootings last weekend.

manager at Marist-Eugene) each dealing with medical issues.

Walter Zaleskie, brother in law of Br. John Malich, who is in the ICU after falling and fracturing his spine in two places.

Br. Robert Andrews, who is back at Cabrini Nursing Home after a recent hospital stay.

Br. Brendan Brennan, who is rehabbing at Cabrini Nursing Home after a recent hospital stay.

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.

