



# Friday Notes Newsletter

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## PROVINCE NEWS

"Accept the surprises that transform your plans, change your dreams, and give a totally different turn to your journey, and perhaps, to your life ... It is no coincidence. Give freedom to the Father, so that he himself can guide the direction of your days."

*Dom Helder Câmara -- 1909-1999*

- Starting April 1st through April 9th, join us in a special Marist Novena to pray for an end to the Coronavirus Pandemic worldwide. See below for more information on ways to pray together throughout these trying times.
- The Provincial Council will be meeting next Thursday and Friday.
- Congratulations to Father Edward P Doran, of the Diocese of Brooklyn-Queens, who has been named 'Monsignor' by the Holy Father Pope Francis. The title is bestowed upon priests who have distinguished themselves. Prior to his ordination, Monsignor Doran was a Marist Brother from 1966-78 and served at Archbishop Molloy HS.
- The Brothers Symposium scheduled for April 4th at Boston College has been postponed due to the Coronavirus.
- Br. Ernesto Sanchez, Superior General of the

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Marist Novena**  
April 1st -  
April 9th

**International Religious Brothers Day**  
May 1st

**Marist Youth Gathering**  
May 22nd -  
May 25th



## MBCE UPDATE

Amid cancellations due to the coronavirus, the MBCE has been using extra downtime to work on various projects about the property.



**Friday, March 27th**  
**Br. Kevin Brogan**

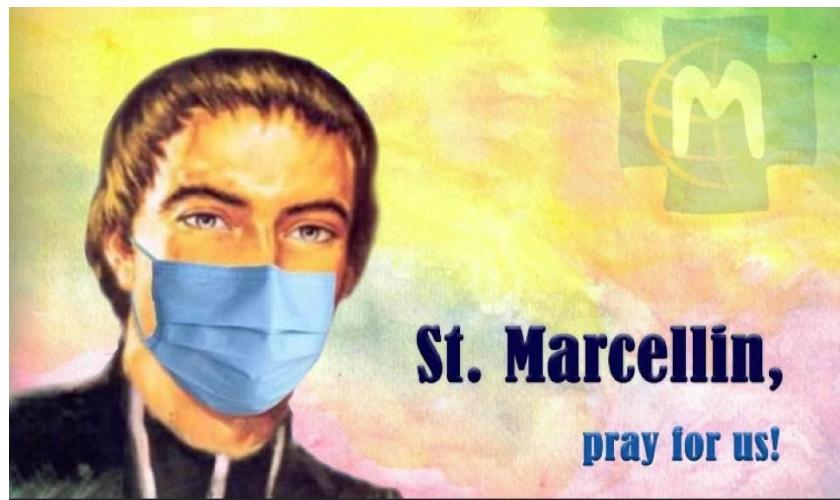
**Wednesday, April 1st**  
**Dave Stoto**

Assistant Principal of Academics at  
Saint Joseph Regional High School

**Friday, April 3rd**  
**Br. Thomas Petite**

## #MaristsPray ForEachother

- Next week on Wednesday, April 1st, a special Marist Novena will begin to join our prayers for an end to the coronavirus crisis. Prayer cards have been mailed to all Marist Young Adults and Marist Brothers Communities, but [here is a PDF version](#) in case you need extras or they do not arrive in time..



- [Sign up to Pray with us!](#) Marists of all ages, youth, young adults, and adults are invited to join us each day in a Memorare at 12 noon local time.
- [Click here](#) to listen to an inspiring new prayer about dealing with the crisis from an Irish Capuchin

*Thank God It's Saturday!*  
A BLOG BY BR. BRIAN POULIN (CO-DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS WITH BR. AL RIVERA)

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Have you checked our Br. Brian Poulin's weekly blog series "Thank God It's Saturday!"

Read his latest post, and be sure to catch his new posts each weekend!



Download the latest news from the General House in Rome [here!](#)



## Religious Brothers Day is On for May 1

*Register for our Free Virtual Gathering - and invite all Brothers to join*

[REGISTER FOR THIS YEAR'S VIRTUAL GATHERING](#)

## St. Catherine of Siena: Our Call to the Mystic and Prophetic

Led By: Brother Don Bisson, FMS

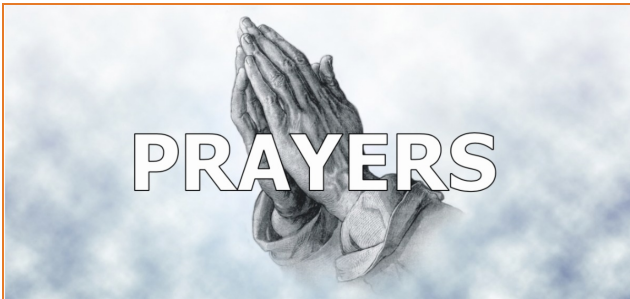
**June 19th - 21st (Friday - Sunday) 2020**

Anyone called to minister to others through religious structures or spiritual ministries must hold both the mystic and prophetic Voices. We are in the midst of profound changes. Vocation calls us to both inner transformation and outer awakening. The retreat will be through Jungian-Christian lenses and will explore Catherine of Siena as an example of mysticism and prophecy.



[EMAIL TO REGISTER HERE](#)

# Let's Not Forget Those in Need...



For any Marists of Champagnat, colleagues, family members, or friends who are suffering from COVID-19 or other illnesses, depressions, or anxieties.

Richard Cuneo (MSMA Class of 1963), who is on life support in a Naples, FL hospital with the Coronavirus - he is in critical condition and in a medically induced coma and has a long road ahead.

Mr. Joseph Settacase of Phoenix, AZ, who was a Spanish teacher at St. Agnes Boys HS and Mount St Michael Academy. Mr. Settacase is under doctor's care for bladder cancer.

Paulette Karas, Director of Province Development, who is recovering from surgery in Illinois. (Please send get well messages to Paulette at her office)

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Br. Robert McGovern (East-Asian Province),  
Br. Robert Andrews, Br. Aquinas Richard,  
and those in special nursing care facilities.

Brothers Gerry Brown, Rene Roy and all  
our Brothers, family members, and friends  
who are in cancer treatments.

Cathy O'Connor, Sister of Vinny Gschlecht,  
who is undergoing medical treatments

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.



Sr. Elizabeth Bonia, SMSM, former  
Marist Volunteers Director, who  
passed away yesterday in  
Massachusetts.

Mrs. Pauline Kane, mother of Peter  
Kane, who recently passed away  
while on Hospice care.

Sr. Mary Micheline, SMSM, who died  
in Massachusetts on March  
17th. Sister had ministered in  
Jamaica and Papua New Guinea and  
made her first vows in 1948.

Let us pray for our first Marist Brother  
to pass away with complications of  
Covid-19.

He is Brother Etienne Pitiot, 76, of the  
Hermitage Province. Br. Etienne lived  
at St. Genies Laval and had been a  
missionary in New Caledonia for  
many years.

For all those who have died as a  
result of the Coronavirus, and for all  
their family members who grieve and  
mourn their loss.

For all of our Brothers throughout the world, our affiliates, our family members, and benefactors.



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