

Marist Brothers United States Province


Making Jesus Christ Known and Loved



Friday Notes Newsletter

August 14, 2020 | WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF THE PROVINCE OF THE USA

PROVINCE NEWS

- An unlikely weather event, a Derecho, tore through the midwest on Monday evening, leaving 100,000+ without power. The National Weather Service confirmed 7 tornadoes touched down in Illinois during the storm. Our Brothers in the Blue Island community were without power from Monday evening until Thursday, when it was finally restored. Unfortunately, the ice cream, among other frozen goods, could not be saved, but refrigerated food was given to the Brothers at the Leavitt Street community.

- Let us remember the campers of Deaf Camp who would normally begin camp in Esopus this Sunday but cannot this year because of the Coronavirus. Likewise, we pray for all the campers and staff that would have been at Camp Marist at this time.
- During last week's CMSM National Assembly, Speakers addressed the challenges and

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realities of racism and racial justice. Under the theme, "Repentance and Reconciliation: Taking Action to Transform the World," New Orleans Auxiliary Bishop Fernand Cheri III, OFM, and Sulpician Father Tom Ulshafer spoke powerfully about the historic and current experience in the Church. [Click here to see the talks.](#)

- After serving for ten years as Principal of Sr. Shirley Kohlmer School in Monrovia, our Brother Dan Taylor is turning over the reins to Br. Anthony Siryeh. Br. Dan, the first Liberian recruit of Brothers Leo Shea and Dave Cooney in Pleebo, earned a Master's degree from Marist College some years back. He'll begin a five month sabbatical in the Philippines come January before returning to ministry in the West African District. Well done, Dan. Godspeed!

Br. Dan O'Riordan

A PLAN B A Pilgrim's Prayer Journal
for future Spiritual Camino Seekers
CAMINO
2020



Br. Dan recently published his first book. It may be purchased on Amazon.com in paperback or kindle edition or at the MBCE. All proceeds of the book will benefit the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus!

[Click Here for more book details.](#)



MBCE UPDATE

The MBCE will be hosting work days/discussion sessions from 8/23-



Saturday, August 15th
Sue Ponte

*Director of Nursing for the Marist
Brothers USA Province*

8/28. Group size is limited to the first 15 participants, please e-mail Valerie Savino if you are interested.

Thank you to the crew and all those who are volunteering in Esopus this Summer for all of your hard work!

Monday, August 17th
Br. Richard Van Houten

Wednesday, August 19th
Br. Christopher Shannon

An Update from the Council for USA Lay Marists

The Council for USA Lay Marists has been meeting regularly since May 19th via zoom. Members have split into committees and have been working hard on various tasks, hoping to have some concrete initiatives ready to begin in the Fall.



- Lindsay Irwin is the chair of the Membership committee, helped by Richard Karsten and Maureen Hagan. The number of Expression of Interest forms completed has increased by 15 members since early Summer.
- Adam Wouk is chairing the Communications committee. Along with Matt Fallon, Earline Tweedie and Richard, the committee is looking at various ways to reach out to members and prospective members, to stay in touch regarding activities and programs, and to keep everyone connected and informed.
- Ellen Salmi VanCleaf is chairing the Formation committee, which also includes Earline Tweedie, Br. Ken Hogan and Br. Owen Ormsby. They have been working hard on program content for upcoming formation experiences.

In all, it's a hard-working group, with exciting ideas and creative vision for how we can move forward, and to "make Jesus known and loved." See the link for how you can get involved. Filling out an Expression of Interest form is the first step!

Thank God It's Saturday!

A BLOG BY DR. BRIAN POULIN (CO-DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS WITH DR. AL RIVERA)

Our ongoing blog series "Thank God It's Saturday" has transitioned to a monthly format! It will now be updated for the first Saturday of each month. **Read the BLOG ENTRY from Saturday, August 1st here.**

Bro. Brian is still looking for guest contributors, so please reach out to him if you are at all interested.

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Let's Not Forget Those in Need...

PRAYERS



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

For all of the heroes working on the front lines helping to save so many lives from the Coronavirus. We pray for their safety.

For all of our Brothers, Family, and Friends who are hospitalized or recovering from illnesses.

Br Bernard Yamaguchi, who is hospitalized in Hakodate, Japan.

IN MEMORIAM

Br. John Allen, who passed away last week. His family and the Province are planning future funeral arrangements.



Mr. Eugene Daluga, father in law of Marion Klatka, Marist HS Chicago Finance Officer.

For all of the deceased Brothers of the USA Province, as well as our deceased colleagues, students,

Br. Brice Byczynski, who will have knee surgery next week and will be rehabbing at Champagnat Hall.

Br. Jim Halliday, at St. John Vianney Center for further physical rehabilitation.

Br. Brendan Brennan who is at Morningside Nursing Center in the Bronx.

Br. Gerry Doherty who was recently hospitalized for respiratory ailments.

For God's healing and care, especially for Br. Joe Scanlon, Br. Rene Roy, Sae Suh, Paulette Karas, Br Philip Robert and Br. Tom Petite.

For a cure for COVID-19 and for all who have contracted the virus throughout the world.

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.

family, and friends. May they rest in peace.

For all who have died from COVID-19 throughout the world.