



November 19, 2021

PROVINCE NEWS

****There will be no Friday Notes next week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend****

UPCOMING EVENTS

Season of Advent Begins

November 28th

Province Advent Zoom Retreat

December 4th

Br. Dan visited Br. Patrick McNamara in Berkeley, CA this week.

Br. Pat is enjoying his sabbatical time. He will return to New York before Christmas to prepare for his new adventure and ministry at our General House in Rome, which begins in January.



Br. Owen and Br. Dan will join the Brothers of the Roselle Catholic community for a meeting and dinner tonight.

Br. Dan will be joining the Provincials of our two Mexican Provinces, Br. Gaston (the new District Leader in Canada), as well as Br. Ken McDonald and Br. Joao (our Link Councilors from Rome), for the first meeting of the Governing Council of Canada.

The Brothers of Champagnat Hall will be offering a Rosary via Zoom for anyone who would like to join them each of the Fridays during Advent. The zoom link will be sent out in the weeks ahead.

To all Province Employees who work directly for the Marist Brothers: We will be having a meeting on November 22 at 10am ET to discuss our new 403b Plan. Each of you should have received an email or a phone call from Frank Pellegrino. If not, please call or email him so we can give you the zoom meeting or call in information.

Embracing Our Call

December 5th -

December 7th

SAVE THE DATE:

ADVENT ZOOM RETREAT



Br. Dan and Ellen Salmi Van Cleef will be offering an Advent Zoom Retreat on Saturday December 4th from 10:00am–12:00pm. The retreat will focus on the life and impact of St. Joseph in the Nativity Story. It will include an opening and closing prayer, two presentations, two opportunities for quiet reflection, as well as two rounds of sharing in groups.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Marist Adult Formation: Embracing our Call will be held at the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus, from December 5-7. This is a retreat program, open to all, on the theme of "Marists as Mystics, Prophets and in Communion". Check the website for more information and for the registration, or contact Maureen Hagan at mhagan8486@gmail.com.



MBCE UPDATE

Last weekend, students from our schools around the Province gathered in Esopus for a Marist Youth Encounter Retreat. [View more pictures here.](#)



Sacred Heart and Archbishop Molloy will be at the MBCE for retreats this weekend.

After Thanksgiving, Mount Saint Michael and Saint Joe's Regional will be on property for retreats.



Friday, November 19th

Br. James Norton

Saturday, November 20th

Br. John McDonagh

Sunday, November 21st

Br. John McDonnell

Tuesday, November 23rd

Br. Gerard Brown

Br. Henry Hammer

Thursday, November 25th

Bro. David Cooney

Bro. Robert Warren

Br. Ben Consigli (GC)

Friday, November 26th

Br. Sean Sammon

12th Superior General

Saturday, November 27th

Br. Richard Shea

Br. Michael Williams

Wednesday, December 1st

Br. Joseph Herrera

Champagnat Hall Update on Visitors

Now that the Brothers at Champagnat Hall have been fully vaccinated, including getting their third booster shot, it is time to start welcoming guests, **BUT**, on a limited and controlled basis. After all, places around the state are experiencing an “up-tick” now that the temperature outside is dropping and more people are gathering indoors for the holidays.



Having everyone in the house (including staff) fully vaccinated is our best line of defense. This, along with the mitigation measures we’ve followed up until now—periods of quarantine, masks, extra measures on sanitizing often touched surfaces, new seating arrangements at meals times—have worked! And you know what they say about fixing something that ain’t broke!

Here is a quick summary of our current procedures regarding visitors to Champagnat Hall. For a more comprehensive read, [click here](#).

- All visitors need to be fully vaccinated, including the third “booster shot.”
- All visitors need to call in advance so we can alert staff and assure hospitality. (Sorry, due to current seating arrangements in the dining room, we can only accommodate 4 additional guests at mealtimes.)
- All visits take place in the public places of the house (1st & 2nd Floor). Bedrooms on the 3rd & 4th floors are off limits to visitors. Exceptions will be made when a Brother is considered bedridden, pending his ability to receive guests.
- All visitors are required to wear a mask when visiting except when “actively eating” during meal times.

We look forward to the days when we can fully open and host everyone who wants to spend time with old friends, share a meal, and enjoy our monthly

special events (Lobsterfest, Oktoberfest, holiday gatherings, etc.). Until then, help us keep our senior Brothers safe when visiting in the days to come!



Gathering in Texas

After nearly 2 years of being unable to gather in person, members of the Saint Joseph Academy faculty were able to resume evening gatherings for dinner, fellowship, and prayer on November 16th. The Marist Brothers community in Los Fresnos welcomed faculty members to their home for a wonderful evening, during which they gave thanks for our Marist family.



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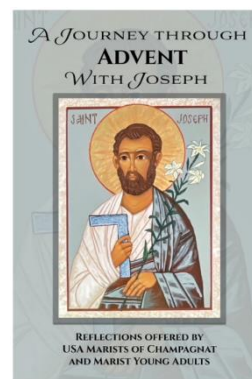
The Year of St. Joseph



Thank God It's Saturday!

READ THE BLOG POST FOR
NOVEMBER!

A new
Marist
Advent



Reflection Book will be delivered to all communities and Marists of Champagnat prior to Thanksgiving. Kindle editions or additional copies are available through Amazon.com using [this link](#).

International Forum on **THE LAY MARIST VOCATION**

In preparation for an international forum on the Lay Marist Vocation, to be held in Rome in November 2022, all Provinces across the Institute are being asked to pray, reflect, and share on certain topics so that we can learn and grow together as a global charismatic family.

Here in the USA Province, we need YOUR help and ideas! Commit to joining a small group to explore the themes of the international forum and contribute your voice to our collective response.

The motto for the forum is "Welcoming, Nurturing, Sharing, and Living Our Vocation." Lay Marists, Brothers, and Marists of Champagnat are all invited to participate. Both virtual and in-person local groups will be offered. Your participation will be a blessing to our Province and charism!

1.

Find out more at the Zoom information session on **Wed. Jan. 12 at 8:00pm EST, 7:00 Central.**

2.

Join participants from across the USA Province for the virtual Opening Session on **Thurs. Jan. 20 at 8:00pm EST, 7:00 Central.**

3.

Meet 3 times in local/ virtual groups for prayer, reflection, and sharing on forum topics.

4.

Province-wide Closing Ceremony and Evaluation via Zoom on **Tues. March 22 at 8:00pm EST, 7:00 Central**

Interested in helping to lead a small group or have questions or concerns? Contact Ellen at ellen@maristbr.com



INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON
**THE LAY MARIST
VOCATION**

WELCOMING, NURTURING, LIVING, AND SHARING OUR VOCATION.
"YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL PROSPER" (Deut. 33)

Let's Not Forget Those In Need...

IN OUR PRAYERS

Br. Peter Guadalupe, who is rehabbing from heart surgery.

Br. Eduardo (Lalo) Navarro of the El Paso Community who is recovering from recent surgery.

Br. Joe Maura, who continues to rehab in Miami.

Rev. Fr. Richard LaMorte.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Sils, father of Tony Sils, who lives at and oversees the Payne Mansion in Esopus.

Barbara A. Lawrence, who passed away after a 20+ year battle with ovarian cancer last week. Her funeral is today.

Mr. Dave Isenberg, teacher at Christopher Columbus High School.

Br. John McDonnell, who had back surgery recently and is rehabbing at Wartburg Rehab in Mt. Vernon.

Carolynn Freeder, a friend of one of our Marist Family, who fell this week and is in a coma.

Rita Keller and Tommie Robinson, friends of Erin Gilbert, whose son was born prematurely last night and is in the NICU.

Br. Sean Sammon, who was in the hospital for a few days earlier this week.

Please continue to remember healing and support for **Brothers Bernard Yamaguchi, Gerard Brown, Tom Pettite, and Patrick Hogan**.

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.

