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THE **Marcellin PROGRAM**

“Education does not consist in either discipline or teaching; it is not imparted by courses in politeness or even in religion, but by constant daily contact between students and their teachers, by personal advice, attention to details, encouragement, corrections, and all the other sorts of lessons to which this uninterrupted contact gives rise.”

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF
MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT

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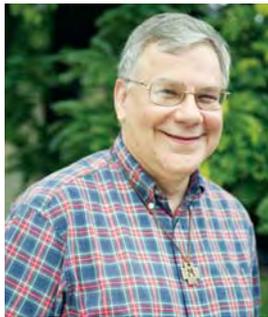
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On February 28, 2010, Br. Vito Aresto, FMS, long-time teacher and guidance counselor at Marist High School in Chicago, Illinois, went home to God after a two-year battle with esophageal cancer; he was 62 years old. During those two years Br. Vito chose to

fight his disease with the most aggressive treatments available to maximize what time he had left on this earth. His biggest frustration with the cancer was that he felt he still had so much left to do.

Among the many accomplishments Br. Vito achieved in his short life, the Marcellin Program for individualized learning will be remembered as his legacy to Marist education. St. Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers, himself struggled with his schooling and later realized that the key to success was to recognize the individual learning styles of students and build

academic programs to support their strengths and gifts. In this spirit, Br. Vito created the Marcellin Program.

The brainchild of Br. Vito, the Marcellin Program allows for tailored instruction with specialized teachers in smaller classes. The program permits teachers to gain a real knowledge of their students in order to individualize the learning experience in a non-traditional classroom setting. Teachers are aware of student needs and meet with students to discuss their work, address problem areas, and provide support. As students grow within the program, they come to recognize their academic strengths and weaknesses and become advocates for themselves, seeking help in areas of need while mastering other areas.

Peer leaders are also an important part of what makes the Marcellin Program successful. Peer leaders are seniors who work as aids to each of the teachers within the Marcellin Program.

Although Br. Vito designed the Marcellin Program to be a four-year sequence of college preparatory courses, the opportunity is available for students to take classes with any other program.

Mr. Pat Hennessy, a close friend and colleague of Br. Vito's recalls,

He was extremely professional but was like a mother lioness with the Marcellin Program and the kids in it—very protective.

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Dear Members of our Marist Family,

Reflecting on spring this season, I couldn't help but think of the new life that was "springing up" all around us. Nature has a wonderful way of reminding us of God's unbounding love. The Church's liturgical seasons also offer us an opportunity to reflect on the love of God for each of us. The feast of Pentecost, which we recently celebrated, recognizes the "new life" found through the Holy Spirit.

At the first Pentecost, Peter quoted the prophet Joel when he said, "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh." The fulfillment of that promise brings us all into relationship with God and with one another, making us God's church in the world. With the gift of the Spirit comes unity out of diversity. Peter goes on to say, still quoting Joel, "when the Spirit comes, your sons and daughters shall prophesy, the young shall see visions and the old dream dreams." These dreams and visions that God promises are not dreams that fade away in the light of day or visions that disappear in the dark; these are dreams and visions that are sustaining, that go before us, leading us further in our service to others for God. This is true of our shared Marist mission. With the gift of the Spirit, God

makes us his Church. We are the ones who, by the power of the Spirit, continue Jesus' work in our world. St. Theresa of Avila wrote: "Christ has no body now but yours; no hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on the world. Christ has no body now but yours."

The gift of the Holy Spirit empowers us to be Christ's hands, Christ's feet, and Christ's eyes in the world. This same Spirit filled Saint Marcellin and the first Brothers with the zeal to become

Christ's hands, feet, and eyes in 19th century France, and it is the same Spirit which fills us today as disciples of Marcellin to go forth and "make Jesus Christ known and loved, through the Christian education of youth, especially the least favored."

As we have just finished celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit—the Spirit that touches us still—we count on your prayers and support which will ensure that the dream and vision of Saint Marcellin will "not fade away in the light of day" or "disappear in the dark." Thank you for all that you do for our Marist mission.

May our good and gracious God and Mary our Good Mother continue to bless you and your loved ones in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Br. Ben Consigli, FMS
Provincial

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Marist Educators

Mrs. Elena M. Alvarez, Christopher Columbus High School, Miami, Florida



I was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, went to Trinity College in Washington, DC, returned to Puerto Rico, and

in a dozen years married and had identical twin boys, Manuel and Francisco. In December of 1998 my husband accepted a job offer in Florida and, for the good of our family, we moved to Miami in May of 1999. It was not an easy transition, but apparently God had plans for me.

During my college years I was very involved in campus ministry, was very active in volunteer services, was chosen as a resident assistant, and also became a teacher assistant. In 1999 I found that my new job in Miami at Christopher Columbus High School gave me an opportunity

to serve others in a different environment. The involvement with students is truly a wonderful and special responsibility. I have always liked the golden rule of Marcellin Champagnat: "To educate children first you must love them, and love them equally." In the teaching field, besides Marcellin, my other two models are Mary, who is the perfect model of a Marist educator, and my mother, who has been a teacher since she left Cuba in 1962.

One of the things that I enjoy about Marcellin's life is that someone gave him a chance to be good—which became part of his philosophy of education, "Tell your children that Jesus and Mary love them all very much: those who are good because they resemble Jesus Christ, who is infinitely good; those who are not yet good because they will become

so." I don't know what my destiny will be, but one thing I know I should do—motivate other educators to follow as disciples of Marcellin. In this world of turmoil, we have to believe in our mission to lead young people to life-giving

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values, to build a better world for future generations, and to make Jesus Christ known and loved with our actions and example. We, as educators, must change the world. It is for me a great privilege to be a member and a promoter of the Marist laity.

Mr. Tony DelGiudice, Mount St. Michael Academy, Bronx, New York



Almost 30 years ago, I began my teaching career at Mount St. Michael Academy. Little did I know then

that in 2010 I would still be there, very involved with the Marist Brothers and their ministry.

When I first heard of Marcellin Champagnat, he was still "Blessed," and we said simple prayers to him. It was not until well into my career at Mount that I learned more about this man and his mission. What he and many of the Brothers have taught me for almost three decades is to do good quietly, let the actions speak for themselves, and not look for anything in return.

My work at Mount St. Michael these past three decades has opened up a new world to me. When I participated in the first Sharing Our Call Program, in December

1998, I learned that teaching is more than just a job or profession, it is a vocation. That was very powerful to me, even at that point in my career. We are all called to various callings/vocations in life, and it was then I truly realized that I was where I should be. I am thankful that I have been given the privilege of assisting the Brothers in their ministry.

As for the future, I hope to continue my work with the Marist Brothers. I try in my classes, as we pray before the start of our work, to remember Marcellin and pray, not just to him, but pray for each other as well. I work with some of the

finest students Mount has to offer, and try and show them examples of good work, done well and quietly. They are our future.

My journey from Yonkers, New York, began with solid values from two loving parents who taught me to put others first and help others and ask for nothing in return. Funny, that is what Marcellin has taught us! Years later, in the Bronx and in places like Esopus, I have lived this Marist experience and seen firsthand dedicated Brothers, lay people, and students who have re-instilled in me lessons from my parents so many years ago.

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Donor Profile: Amy and Nick Limongelli



My relationship with the Marist Brothers began on September 1, 1953, as a young man starting at St. Agnes High School in New York City. The Marist Brothers promised “Mama” Limongelli that they would keep her son working at a local business in the busy New York area that employed their students. At that time of my life, my family was unable to afford the \$15 a month tuition. The Marist Brothers kept their promise by having me work after school. By doing so, I could afford the tuition

and still be able to bring home some funds to help support the family. The Marist Brothers were always there to counsel and support me because my father was working night shifts due to his pay differential.

I graduated from St. Agnes in June 1957 and started my business career in banking. The bank paid my college tuition for the next seven years, and I was able to graduate from Baruch College with a degree in finance and marketing in 1964. My career started in banking, then in finance and eventually insurance.

Using the knowledge I gained from these experiences, I started my own organization on October 1, 1973. The firm specializes in wealth accumulation for families

in new startup corporations. The other areas the firm specializes in are financial consultation, buy/sell business agreements, retirement planning, estate and educational planning, and charitable giving.

My career has grown beyond my expectations, and I am proud that my children, Joseph, John, and Anne, have all followed me in my business. My wife of 49 years, Amy, has also been a part of my business. Together, we both graduated from Adelphi University with a “Certified Financial Planning” designation.

My career has been great, like the years I spent with the Marist Brothers at St. Agnes. My brother, Joseph, six years younger than me, is also a St. Agnes graduate. As youngsters, my children also experienced the kindness of the Marist Brothers by attending summer camp at Camp Marist in Center Ossipee, New Hampshire.

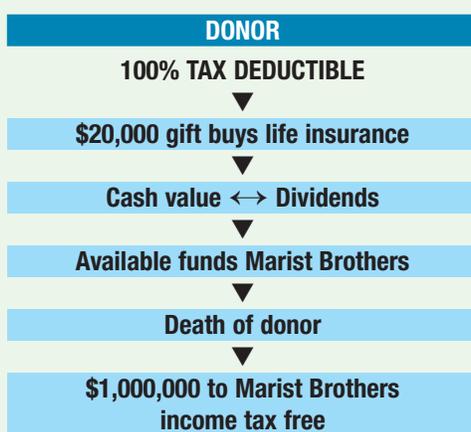
Because of the inspiration, spiritual support, and kindness of the Marist Brothers, the Limongelli family decided to financially support the Marist Brothers. We are concerned about the Marist Brothers, their future, and especially the needs of the elderly and disabled Brothers. Another concern we have is the decline in financial support to the Brothers as their current donors age. While generous during their life, when these supporters pass away, their donations are lost forever. The Limongelli family has set up a program so that a gift to the Marist Brothers will continue forever. You can too.

A Lasting Legacy

- a) Make a gift that buys a life insurance contract with the Marist Brothers as sole beneficiaries. This premium is tax-deductible to the donor immediately.
- b) The Marist Brothers receive the proceeds of the insurance contract tax-free.
- c) This concept uses pennies to buy dollars and guarantees that the gift the donor was giving will continue forever for the Marist Brothers.

Example: If the donor annually gives a \$20,000 gift, we use this gift to purchase a \$1 million dollar life insurance contract. This contract will offer a death benefit payable to the Marist Brothers and will also produce cash values in dividends for the Marist Brothers. These funds are available to the Brothers at any time they are needed.

- d) Flow chart:



- e) Upon the death of the donor, these funds become available to the Marist Brothers to invest, set up an annuity at 5% to produce a \$50,000 income for life, and preserve the \$1,000,000 at all times. Gift giving using life insurance will mean the Marist Brothers will have continuous income for generations, so the Marist order can continue to bring solid Christian education and guidance to future generations.

If you wish to explore a gift of life insurance to the Marist Brothers, you may consult Mr. Nick Limongelli, Financial Advisor, at: NRL Associates Ltd., 25 Carle Road, Suite 200, Westbury, NY 11590; Work: (516) 334-4900 x 213, Fax: (516) 334-0564 or email him at: nicholaslimongelli@nrlagency.com. You can also visit his website at: www.nrlagency.com.

Editors Note: This is a personal narrative of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Limongelli, friends and benefactors of the Marist Brothers. It is intended to illustrate how the gift of life insurance can benefit the Marist Brothers, not as legal advice. Our readers should not take any action without first consulting their attorney or other tax adviser.

The Marcellin Program *continued from page 1*



“Br. Vito was really hands-on with the program. He was extremely professional but was like a mother lioness with the Marcellin Program and the kids in it—very protective. I can count on one hand the number of times I saw Vito angry, and it was always caused by someone not helping the Marcellin kids or some sort of injustice. His work was his life.”

Br. Hank Hammer, who lived and worked with Br. Vito for 24 years, tells us, “He had a sense of what it’s all about today while also looking into the future and knowing what was needed in the years ahead. At the same time, he never lost sight of Marcellin Champagnat, who struggled in school himself, and the fact that he succeeded. Vito was a voice that people listened to.”

Br. Vito’s Marcellin Program is but one of the premier programs inaugurated at our Marist schools across the United States which offers college preparatory classes for students with unique learning needs.



“A gentle man who personifies Marcellin’s challenge to serve those least favored. He is a friend to all and the epitome of a Marist Brother.”

Those words are engraved on a Champagnat Award honoring Br. Vito Aresto, which hangs alongside the awards of a small and esteemed group of faculty at Marist High School in Chicago, Illinois. Br. Vito was honored with this prestigious award in 2006.



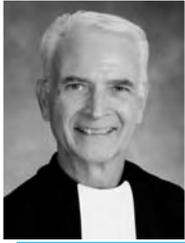
Christopher Columbus Alumnus Awarded Medal of Freedom

Dr. Pedro Jose Greer, alumnus and former Director at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami, Florida, received the Medal of Freedom on August 11, 2009. President Obama awarded the nation’s highest civilian honor to sixteen “agents of change,” citing their accomplishments as examples of the heights a person can reach and the difference they can make in the lives of others. The president said, “What unites them is a belief that our lives are what we make of them ... and that the truest test of a person’s life is what we do for one another.”

Dr. Greer is currently the assistant dean of academic affairs at Florida International University School of Medicine and the founder of the Camillus Health Concern, which treats thousands of homeless patients each year.

Other recipients of the Medal of Freedom included physicist Dr. Stephen Hawking, actor Sidney Poitier, former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, retired archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, and Sen. Edward Kennedy. Congratulations to Dr. Greer and the Christopher Columbus High School community!

Dear Friends,



Br. Hugh Turley, FMS

Warmer weather, flowers blooming, birds chirping early in the morning ... sure signs that we are well into the spring season! Can summer be far behind? Hopefully you are also enjoying a wonderful springtime in your hometown. After most parts of our country suffered through a record-breaking winter of cold and snow, the beauty and warmth of this time of year is very much welcomed.

This year's Annual Fund is quickly coming to a close. Our theme has been "Serving the Needs of Youth for Over 190 Years." Our friends, relatives, alumni, and benefactors ... our Marist Family, share in the 193-year legacy of the Marist Brothers to bring Christian education to young people, especially those most neglected. St. Marcellin Champagnat would be proud of the legacy that lives today through our entire Marist Family.

The dream of St. Marcellin to serve those most in need continues to live on through our schools and ministries. It lives on through our students and all the young people we serve each day. It lives on through our retreat programs and programs to enhance the understanding of our Marist charism in our lay colleagues. It lives on through our younger Brothers working tirelessly and our elderly and disabled Brothers praying quietly. And it certainly lives on through all of us who believe that the Marist Brothers make a difference in the world today.



Paulette M. Karas

Currently, we are in the midst of our yearly Retirement Appeal to provide support for the needs of our elderly and disabled Brothers. We rely on the generosity of our friends and benefactors to assist us in meeting these rising costs each year.

As members of our Marist Family, we invite you to lend your financial support to the Marist Brothers. You may use the envelope enclosed with this newsletter or donate online through our website, www.maristbr.com, and click on "Donate Now."

Once again, thank you for the kindness and continued generosity you have shown the Brothers. We are grateful for having you as part of our Marist Family.

Our thanks and best wishes,

Br. Hugh Turley, FMS, CFRE
Co-Director of Development

Paulette M. Karas, CFRE
Co-Director of Development

IN MEMORIAM

Brother

Minister Teacher Caregiver Poet
Friend Mentor Chaplain



Brother Vito Aresto, FMS

Brother Vito Aresto was born in 1947 in the Bronx, New York, and made his profession as a Marist Brother in 1966. He obtained his bachelor's degree in 1970, a master's in theology from St. Xavier University in Chicago in 1974, his MS in Education from Chicago State University in 1990, and his Doctorate in Pastoral Counseling in 1994.

Following his years of Provincial service as Director of Formation, Provincial Councilor, and then as Vice Provincial, Br. Vito returned to his work as teacher and counselor at Marist High School in Chicago, always seeing his work as a calling. Br. Vito died of esophageal cancer, at home, February 28, 2010.



Brother George Kopper, FMS

Brother George Kopper, 68, passed away suddenly on February 17, 2010, from an aortic aneurysm. A native of Manhattan, Brother George joined the Marist Brothers and professed his first vows in 1961. He earned a bachelor's degree in English from Marist College and a Master's in Education from DePaul University.

For the last eleven years, Brother George taught English at St. Agnes Boys High School in Manhattan. It was his third assignment to St. Agnes, for a total of 22 years of service at the school. He also taught in Chicago, Jackson (Mississippi), and the Bronx. Br. George taught for four years at Marist International School in Kobe, Japan, where he acquired fluency in Japanese. He used

New Marcellin Guild Members



A warm welcome and sincere thanks to **Fr. Raymond V. Attanasio, Mr. Robert H. Mace, Jr., Mr. Harold F. Malone, Jr., Ms. Judith A. McLaughlin, Mr. John McNulty, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred and Cecile Mercier, and Mr. Edward C. Mesco**, our newest members of the *Marcellin Guild*. Guild members have included the Marist Brothers in their will or other estate plan and in a special way share in the future of the Marist Brothers. Their distinguished legacy to the Marist Brothers and to the youth of our country is admirable.

Thank You!

The Marcellin Guild

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If you have included the Brothers in your will or other estate plan and are not listed above, please let the Development Office know of your legacy. Recognition as a **Marcellin Guild** member is a statement of our appreciation, and seeing you named among the men and women of the **Marcellin Guild** will remind others of their potential to follow your example.

his language skills to teach candidates for the priesthood for three years at a seminary in Tokyo.

In addition to teaching, Brother George coached football and ran in several marathons. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hiking and canoeing.



Brother Cornelius Russell, FMS

Brother Cornelius Russell entered the Marist Brothers in 1947. He held degrees in history and education and taught at St. Helena in the Bronx, New York, Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Massachusetts,

Archbishop Molloy High School in Queens, New York, and Aquinas High School in Augusta, Georgia. In 1961, Br. Cornelius was assigned to Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York. He lived and worked there for over 40 years, serving as a professor and controller of the college with a cheerful grace that endeared him to all—in spite of his winning expertise at bridge. He passed away October 27, 2009, at Cabrini Nursing Center after a long illness.

Please join your prayers with those of the Brothers in remembering the following MARCELLIN GUILD members who have gone home to God. Their legacy to the Marist Brothers and to the youth of our country continues...

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Introducing Our New Designs!

The Marist Brothers' *Remembrance in Prayer Program*



The Marist Brothers are excited to announce the addition of two newly designed All Occasion cards! These new designs are unique and created especially for the Marist Brothers by the well-known company Barton Cotton, of Baltimore, Maryland.

The new All Occasion cards may be sent in honor of a birthday, anniversary, wedding, or to send get well greetings. We still offer our Traditional prayer cards that are used for expressions of sympathy and memorials. Both card designs offer a special promise of remembrance in prayer from the Marist Brothers.

We would be delighted to send you a complimentary packet of our new All Occasion cards or a fresh supply of our Traditional cards. Please request either through email (maristbr@aol.com) or send your request to the address on this newsletter.