



The Marist Brothers

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## Following in the Footsteps of St. Marcellin Champagnat for 200 Years

### *Celebrating the Bicentennial of the Marist Brothers*

**I**n 2014, it was announced by Br. Emili Turu, the Superior General of the Marist Brothers, that three icons recalling essential aspects of Marist life would lead our global family into the Bicentennial: Montagne, Fourviere, and LaValla.



The first icon, celebrated in 2014-15, was the Montagne Year. Jean-Baptiste Montagne was a dying teenage boy, to whom then-young priest Champagnat attended.

On October 28, 1816, Champagnat began performing the boy's last rites and discovered the boy knew little about the word of God. After this encounter, Champagnat vowed to devote his life to transmitting the light of the Gospel in the way of Mary. The Montagne Year recognized the importance of the Marist mission as the need to make Jesus known and loved.



Summer 2015 marked the beginning of the Fourviere Year— recognizing the second icon. On July 23, 1816, a group of young priests traveled to the

shrine of Fourviere in Lyon, France. There, they pledged themselves to found the "Society of Mary," meant to be comprised of several branches: priests, brothers, sisters and laity. Thousands of lay men and women live Marist alongside those devoted to consecrated life. The Fourviere icon acknowledges the emergence of the Marist laity on a global scale and is a celebration of those who give themselves to the service of others.



August 2016 marked the beginning of the third and final year in celebration of the Marist Bicentennial. The third icon of the table of LaValla represents the humble beginnings of the Marist Brothers and the opportunity for new beginnings. Br. Patrick McNamara, the United States Provincial, said, "Now more than ever is the time to discover new ways to minister to young people, particularly those on the periphery. Through the Bicentennial we are giving a new life to the Institute. We're creating new communities internationally. We're working together with our lay Marists to consider new ways to share our mission. The Year of LaValla is all about creating a new beginning."

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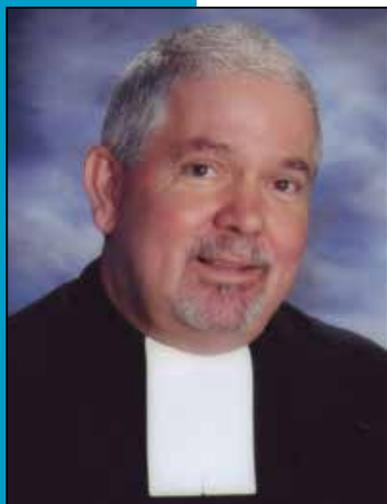
## FROM THE DESK OF

# *The Provincial*

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Dear Marist Family,

Advent 2016 opens the new liturgical year, and a call to a new beginning in our relationship with Jesus, our way, truth, and life. This year, Advent is the prelude as well to the opening of the LaValla Year, 2017, the celebration of 200 years of the Marist Brothers of the Schools and a new beginning of a third century. This LaValla Year is a wonderful Christmas gift to us all as we look back with pride at the success of Catholic education for us in the United States, and we look forward with wonder on how we Marists will continue making Jesus Christ known and loved among young people in the years ahead.



On January 2, 2017, we will celebrate around the world the day St. Marcellin Champagnat and two teenage boys opened the first Marist community in LaValla, France, with a mission to bring education to rural children. Within a year this house and desire was overflowing and a new house, L'Hermitage, had to be constructed nearby to house enthusiastic new recruits and young teachers. We look back with pride at the thousands of Brothers who wore the Marist habit; we cherish the memory of the millions of our students around the world, a memory that is very much alive in today's Marist and Catholic schools. We express heartfelt gratitude to Mary, our good Mother, our patroness—"she has done everything for us"—and to all of our mothers and fathers, family members and friends, former students and colleagues, alumni parents, and dear benefactors who have supported us in our mission for these 200 years.

We cannot rest on our laurels. Let all of us look ahead and discern the evangelical mission to young people in the next century. Who will belong to our community in the years ahead? How can we best help the future Church in teaching young people about Jesus? These are our questions as we begin a new century. Thank you, Marist Family, for all of your support over the years. We rely on you to be with us as we enter this new epoch. We know Mary and her beloved Son are always with us in all that we are and do.

I leave you in their hearts and in the hearts and prayers of the Marist Brothers.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Br. Patrick McNamara, FMS". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Br. Patrick McNamara, FMS  
Provincial

# CELEBRATING



A number of events celebrating this new beginning are planned for the coming months. The Marist Brothers are calling all students, teachers, and lay Marists to tweet using #MillionMarists on January 2, 2017. These tweets will recognize the founding of the Marist Institute and paint a broader picture of the vastness of the Marist community.

During the 2015-16 school year, many Marist schools worldwide celebrated by holding Fourviere prayer services, during which faculty and students who participated in volunteer or service projects were recognized for their selflessness and willingness to help others. This sentiment of the Marist mission will be celebrated again on March 29, 2017, when students and teachers from all Marist schools will be called to participate in a Global Day of Service.

The Marist Brothers Center at Esopus, New York, will host a LaValla weekend preceding the day of service from March 24-26, 2017. During the weekend, the Center that will host students from many of our schools. The year of LaValla will culminate with a National Assembly and Celebration June 13-17, 2017, at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

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# ESOPUS CORNER

By **Br. Owen Ormsby**, MBCE Executive Director



**T**his year, as an international Institute, we celebrate the LaValla Year leading up to the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Marist Brothers by St. Marcellin

Champagnat. We also celebrate the 75th anniversary of the acquisition of the Esopus, New York, property by the Marist Brothers of the United States. There is, undoubtedly, much to celebrate!

Marcellin's Brothers were dedicated to the educational formation of young people. Inspired by the charism of St. Marcellin, the mission of the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus is dedicated to young people.

Esopus has always been a property dedicated to the formation of young people. At one time young men seeking to discern their vocation as religious Brothers came to live here.



Young men and women who volunteer their time and talents in service at our camps have chosen a vocational career based upon their experiences here. Young students from our schools continue to experience the love of God here. Grace abounds in Esopus and we have come to recognize this place as "holy ground."

One of the places that makes up this holy ground is our Marist Brothers' cemetery. It is a visible reminder of God's grace in our our lives. Row upon row, the stones bearing the names of those who have gone before us attest to our loving God's action in our lives. Men who incarnated the love of God for countless young people through the years rest here.



This Advent season, as we wait in expectation to celebrate the Incarnation of our God's love, let us give thanks for the gift of Esopus.

## Dare to Dream

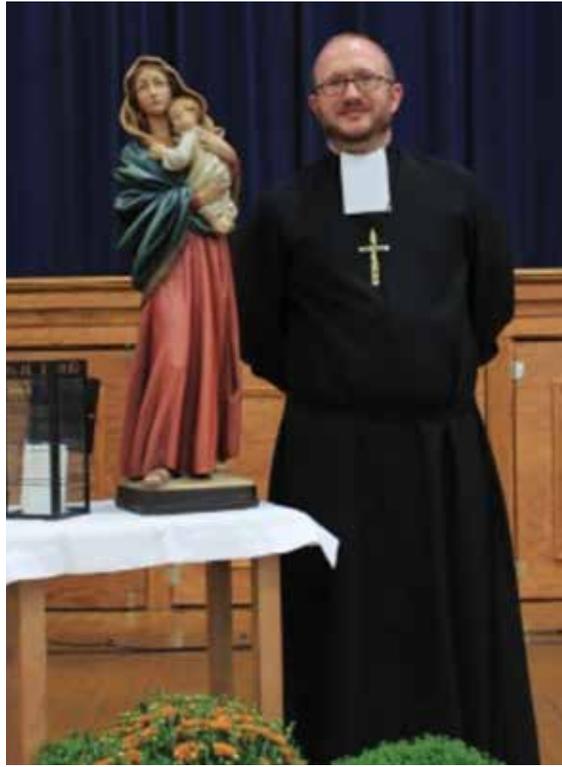
# *Inside the Marist Young Adults Trip to Fourviere*

A call to “Dare to Dream” summoned the delegation of 13 young people from the Province of the USA on a journey to Lyon, France, this past July. There, 200 years before at Fourviere, young men pledged to bring their dream to life and create what we know today as the Marist Family. Our 13 young people joined a group of about 500 others who represented the four branches of the Marist Family: the Marist Fathers, Marist Sisters, Marist Missionary Sisters, and the Marist Brothers.



The call to dream up new possibilities of Marist life for the next 200 years inspired and shaped the journey of these young people. Their time in Lyon was filled with opportunities to begin relationships with one another and forge connections that will continue to grow for years to come. This trip showed that the Marists’ work of making Jesus known and loved continues throughout the world today. Those who made the journey to Fourviere were fortunate to encounter the ways in which Champagnat’s 200-year-old dream continues to serve the people on the margins of our society today.





## *Br. Brian Poulin, FMS. Celebrates His Final Profession*

**T**he Marist community gathered on August 27 to celebrate Br. Brian Poulin's final profession during a liturgy at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, New York. He received his first sacraments at the Holy Rosary Parish in his hometown of Edmonds, Washington.

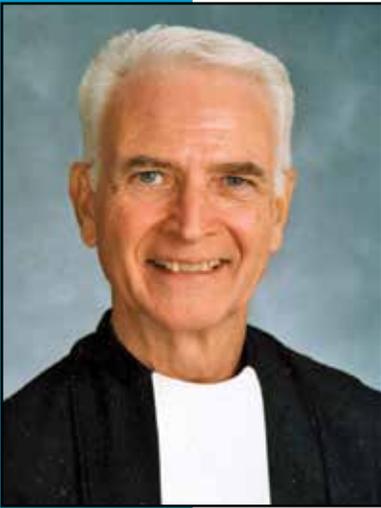
Prior to entering the Marist Brothers, Br. Brian graduated from Bishop Blanchet High School in Seattle, Washington, and from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. He also worked in China for five years teaching English as a second language.

In September 2008, Br. Brian became a Postulant to the Marist Brothers and lived in community at the Marist Brothers Novitiate in Esopus, New York. On February 8, 2009, Br. Brian officially entered the Marist Brothers Novitiate during a ceremony held in the Chapel at the Marist Brothers Center in

Esopus. During his Novitiate, he was guided by their Master of Novices, Br. Robert Clark. He was also joined in the Novitiate community by Brothers Phil Robert, Don Nugent and Brice Byczynski.

Following his first profession in June 2010, Br. Brian moved to Lawrence, Massachusetts, where he lived in a Marist Brothers' community and taught at Central Catholic High School for two years. In 2012, he moved to the Our Lady of Grace community in the Bronx and began working as a teacher and campus minister at Mount Saint Michael Academy, where he continues to serve today.

Let us continue to keep Br. Brian in our prayers as he continues his life with the Marist Brothers, and pray for all young people that they, too, may have the courage to listen to and follow God's calling in their lives.



# Dear Members of our Marist Family.

Advent and Christmas are times of both celebration and reflection. We celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and reflect back on the events that have happened in our lives over the past year.

This New Year will mark the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Marist Brothers by St. Marcellin Champagnat. During the upcoming year the Marist world will “Commemorate, Celebrate, Collaborate” this milestone. The anniversary is also the theme of this year’s Annual Fund. The fact that the Marist Brothers have been able to effectively serve for two centuries, bringing Christian education to youth, especially the most neglected, is a testament to the faith and commitment of many generations of “Marists,” both Brothers and our lay partners, working together as Marist Family.

Today, we rely on the kindness and generosity of you—our friends, family and alumni - to work together with us to further the Marist mission to new generations of young men and women. Your support has kept and will continue to keep the important presence of our Brothers in our educational institutions and ministries as well as enable us to provide for our elderly and disabled Brothers. Your financial support also allows us to expand our vocation awareness program to reach more young men contemplating religious life.

Each year our fundraising efforts become more and more critical to our ongoing efforts. If you haven’t yet become a financial supporter of the Marist Brothers, please consider sending a gift today. Your gift, no matter the amount, will be gratefully appreciated. Or simply visit our secure website, [www.maristbr.com](http://www.maristbr.com), and click on “Donate Now” to charge a gift to your credit card. We are proud of your role in our continuing success and hope you will seriously consider a gift to one of our recent appeals. Together we can carry out St. Marcellin’s mission and continue to make a difference in the lives of young people for another 200 years!

We join all the Brothers in wishing you a blessed Advent and a wonderful Christmas season surrounded by the love of family and friends. May 2017 bring you good health, great joy and happiness.

**Merry Christmas!**

*Br. Hugh P. Turley FMS*

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# IN MEMORIAM



*Brother  
Gregory  
DelaNoy*

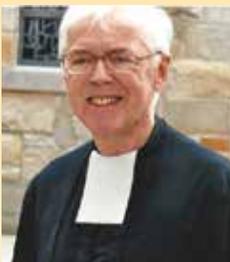
**April 3, 2016**

Br. Gregory  
DelaNoy, FMS,

a member of the Marist Brothers of the Schools for 65 years, passed away after a brave battle with cancer on Sunday, April 3, 2016, at the Marist Champagnat Hall care facility in the Bronx, New York. He was 83 years old.

Br. Gregory was born in 1933 in New York City. He professed his vows in the Religious Congregation of Marist Brothers of the Schools in 1951, followed by faithfully serving the Catholic Church as a religious educator for 65 years.

During his outstanding career, he was a teacher, administrator and guidance counselor in various Marist Brothers schools in New York, New England, and Illinois. Prior to his retirement in 2013, he served as a principal, assistant principal and chair of the guidance department during his long tenure at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, New York. He formerly ministered as a Guidance Counselor at John A. Coleman Catholic High School in Kingston, New York.



*Brother  
Martin  
Ruane*

**July 8, 2016**

Br. Martin  
Thomas Ruane,

FMS, professed his first vows as a Marist Brother in 1951. After completing his bachelor's degree at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, New York, he went on to earn two master's degrees, an MA in English from St. John's University in 1961 and an MA in French from Seton Hall University in 1970.

Br. Martin began his ministry serving as a teacher at Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx, New York. He also served as a teacher at Archbishop Molloy in Queens, New York; Marist High School in Bayonne, New Jersey; Bishop Carroll High School in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania; and Roselle Catholic High School in Roselle, New Jersey. Later in his career, Br. Martin served in our Marist missions in Africa at the St. Francis Catholic Mission in Liberia, St. Paul's Bilingual College and Our Lady of Africa Formation Center in Cameroon, and in Monrovia, Liberia. He also spent time serving the homeless community of Wheeling, West Virginia, at the Catholic Neighborhood Center.

He retired to the Marist Brothers community in Roselle in 2007, and remained there, until 2015, when he moved for medical reasons to Champagnat Hall in the Bronx. Br. Martin, FMS, a member of the Marist Brothers of the Schools for 66 years, died on July 8, 2016. He was 83 years old.



*Brother  
Donald  
Kelly*

**August 3, 2016**

Br. Donald Kelly,  
FMS, a member

of the Marist Brothers of the Schools for 55 years, died on August 3, 2016, at his residence in Poughkeepsie, New York. He was 74 years old.

Br. Donald was born in the Bronx, New York. He attended St. Helena High School before entering the Marist Juniorate in Esopus, New York, in 1957. He became a Postulant with the Marist Brothers in 1960 and entered the Novitiate at Esopus, New York, in 1961, professing first vows in 1962. After completing his religious and academic studies at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, he began his ministry serving as a teacher at Christ the King

High School in New York from 1966-79. He also served as a teacher at Msgr. Pace High School in Florida (1979-82) and, Marist High School in Chicago (1982-84), and as a math professor at Marist College from 1986-2015.

Br. Donald professed his final vows in 1967. He earned three master's degrees during his lifetime, including an MA in math from Hunter College in 1969, an MA in statistics from NYU in 1974 and an MA in computer science from Marist College in 1986. He also earned a PhD in mathematics from Brooklyn Polytech in 1993.



*Brother  
Joseph  
Sacino*

**August 19, 2016**

Br. Joseph  
Sacino, FMS, was

born in New York City. He entered the Marist Brothers Postulancy in Esopus, New York, in 1967. After completing his religious and academic studies at Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York, with a BA in business administration, he entered the Marist Brothers Novitiate in Esopus in 1973. He professed first vows in 1974.

Br. Joseph began his ministry serving as a teacher at Marist High School in Bayonne, New Jersey, from 1974-80. He then served as a teacher at three different Marist schools in New York, and later worked in the Finance Office for the Marist Brothers.

He professed his final vows in 1981. He earned his master's degree in education from Seton Hall University in 1980 and an EdD in higher education administration from Marist College in 1992.

Br. Joseph, a member of the Marist Brothers of the Schools for 43 years, died on August 19, 2016, in New York. He was 67 years old.

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### **The Marist Brothers Mission**

To bring Christian education to young people, especially those who are most neglected.  
*(Article 2, Constitutions)*

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# *Remembrance in Prayer Program*



**T**he Marist Brothers offer two different series of Remembrance in Prayer cards: Traditional and All-Occasion cards. We have recently updated our signature Traditional card featuring the image of Christ and introduced a new Traditional Marial design. Both of these Traditional cards may be used as memorials to remember the deceased. Our two All-Occasion cards may be sent in honor of a birthday, wedding or anniversary or to extend get-well greetings.

All cards carry a special promise of Remembrance in Prayer from the Marist Brothers.

We would be delighted to send you a complimentary packet of our new Traditional cards or refresh your supply of All-Occasion cards. Please send your request through email ([maristbr@maristbr.org](mailto:maristbr@maristbr.org)) or to the address at left.