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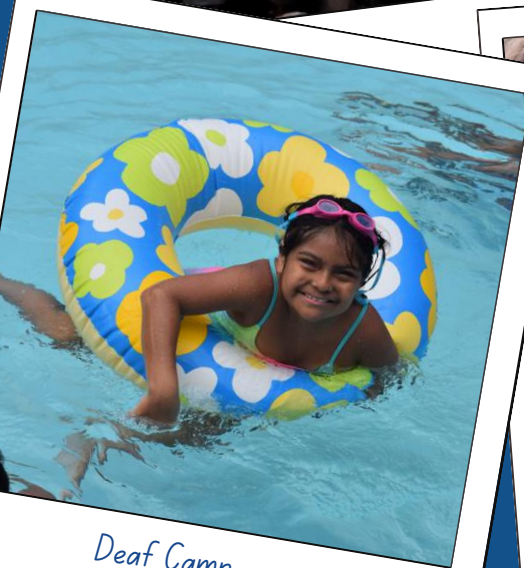
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A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As we look back on the past year, I am deeply grateful for the many ways our mission has continued to grow, guided by the pillars of our Marist charism: simplicity, presence, family spirit, walking with Mary, our Good Mother, and a love of hard work. These enduring values remain the foundation of all that we do, inspiring us to serve faithfully and generously, particularly those who are most in need.

Our retreat programs and summer camps remain at the heart of our work, providing formative and transformative experiences for young people, particularly those who are less privileged and who benefit most from time spent in this sacred place. These programs are only possible because of your steadfast support and commitment.

Additionally, our ecology program remains a vital expression of our mission. In the spirit of Pope Francis' call in *Laudato Si'*, we embrace the responsibility to care for our common home. From advancing sustainability, through initiatives such as solar energy, to preserving the natural beauty of our grounds and educating young people about the sacred responsibility of stewardship, we are working to ensure that creation is cherished and protected for generations to come. This commitment reflects the Marist spirit of humility and simplicity, as we recognize our place in the greater web of God's creation.

This year, we were blessed to complete several important projects that strengthen both the mission and the infrastructure of our property. Among these are the new playground built in memory of longtime volunteer and friend, Patrick Carroll; the installation of solar panels; the renovation of the Holy Rosary kitchen; and the sealcoating of our roadways. Each of these efforts ensures that we can continue to welcome and serve our community with care and excellence.

We also celebrated the publication of *Footsteps for the Future*, our guiding document for the years ahead. This milestone would not have been possible without the dedication of all who participated in the committees, surveys, and discussions that shaped its vision. Your thoughtful input and commitment have helped us set a path forward that is both faithful to our Marist tradition and responsive to the needs of today.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the foundations that have so charitably supported us over many years, as well as to our dedicated volunteers, whose generosity and determination continue to be a source of inspiration. This year, their efforts included constructing the new Holy Rosary deck, installing a fence around the pond, and planting 24 trees under challenging weather conditions. Their work reflects the very spirit of service and perseverance that defines our Marist mission.

Looking forward, we are preparing to undertake several major projects in the coming year, including the installation of a new air conditioning system for our classrooms and dining area, a new wheelchair lift to improve accessibility, and the repainting of our chapel. These initiatives will ensure that our facilities continue to provide a welcoming and supportive environment for all who visit.

We also wish to acknowledge, with deep appreciation, the Marist Brothers who reside on the property. Their daily presence, support, and example enrich our community in countless ways and strengthen our shared commitment to our mission. A special word of thanks as well to Br. Dan and the entire Marist Province for their constant encouragement, which sustains and strengthens all of our efforts.

On behalf of our entire community, I would like to thank you—our donors, volunteers, and friends—for your continued partnership and generosity. Together, we are carrying forward a mission rooted in faith, service, stewardship, and the Marist spirit.



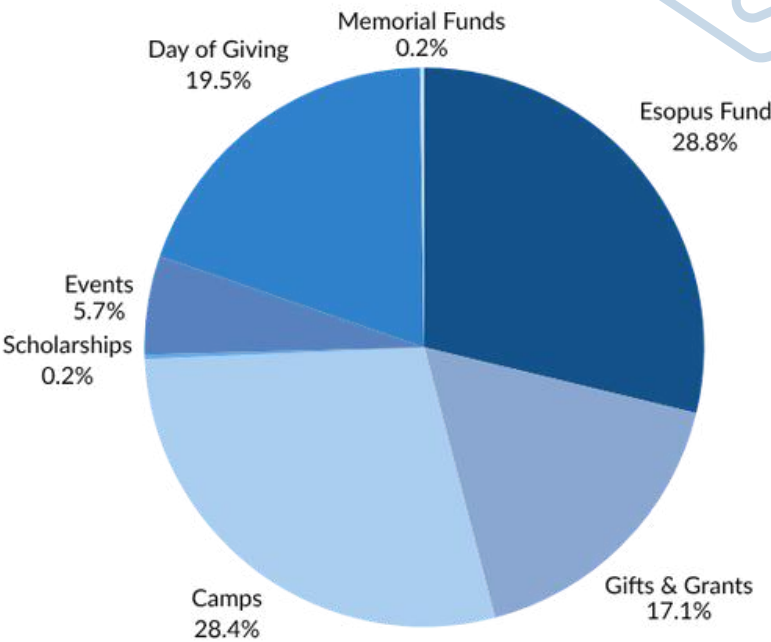
Tomas O'Riordan
Executive Director



TOTAL GIVING BREAKDOWN

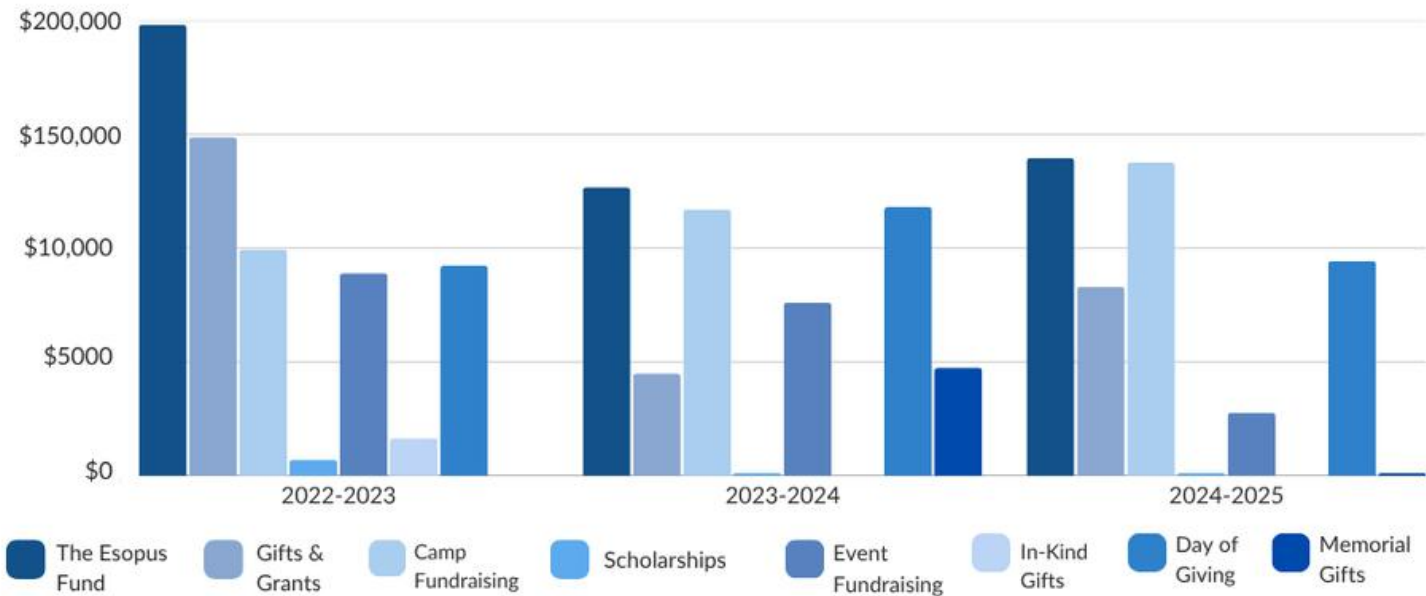


The Esopus Fund.....	\$ 139,529
Day of Giving.....	\$ 94,388
Gifts & Grants.....	\$ 83,000
Camps.....	\$ 137,600
Scholarships.....	\$ 1,150
Memorial Funds.....	\$ 1,206
Events.....	\$ 27,649
Total Giving.....	\$ 484,522



YEAR TO YEAR GROWTH

**Total giving to The Esopus Fund and The MBCE Day of Giving have decreased in 2024-2025 due to donations being directed towards The MBCE Foundation.*



FOOTSTEPS FOR THE FUTURE

A Conversation with Br. Brian Poulin, FMS

Esopus was the first Marist place I called home and the MBCE has remained my home no matter what other mailing address I've had at any point throughout my time as a Brother. My first community on property was with Br. Don Nugent and Br. Joe Matthews, both of fond memory, and Br. Rob Clark who served as my novice director.

Your personal Esopus memory may reach back farther to such Brothers as Raoul Molnar, "Joe D", or "Berkie." Your story probably also includes generous laypeople who were mentors or friends such as Tony Delgiudice or Pat Carroll. The stories you can tell of Esopus may go back farther still. Here at the MBCE, we have a strong culture that contains many equally important subcultures: the personal anecdotes and mannerisms that we remember crystallize key aspects of our reality here.

One of the expressions I heard early and often from any number of long-timers was, "There's always work on a farm." Though I never experienced an Esopus with crops and livestock, I nonetheless came to see the relevance behind this remark. There's so much to do here, and often just enough staff and volunteers to cover the most essential needs for one day before the team wakes up the next morning to discover the new trees that fell, the old machine that broke down, and the unexpected changes in schedule or the number of guests arriving. It's tough to envision pathways for new growth and discover possibilities for innovation when the routine and surprises of daily activity already demand such great energy and attention.

The planning process that culminated in the document *Footsteps for the Future* aimed to address just this challenge. Those of us in the greater MBCE community today, including yourself, cherish the old stories we share while also believing that the most important chapters are those that will still be written by the Brothers, staff, numerous volunteers, and beloved guests that continue to call Esopus "home." Young people continue to encounter God in this privileged place of love and service, and will continue to do so long into the future. *Footsteps for the Future* is a guide to help ensure that we respond to current needs and anticipate future possibility while remaining faithful to our purpose and mission and exercising responsible stewardship.

Here at Esopus, the best days remain ahead of us. We'll keep moving forward together—day by day, one step at a time.

-Br. Brian Poulin, FMS



FOOTSTEPS FOR THE FUTURE

A RECOMMITMENT TO THE MISSION
OF THE MARIST BROTHERS CENTER AT ESOPUS

The "Footsteps For the Future" document is featured on our website and can also be viewed digitally by scanning this QR code.



EVENTS RECAP

ESOPUS MUSIC

Esopus Music, which takes place at the Bowery Electric, is an exciting fundraiser that allows Mid-Hudson Valley Camp volunteers to showcase their musical talents while raising money for a place they love. It is a chance to hear some great music, catch up with old friends and make new ones. The event raised **\$4,900** this past year! We can't wait for next year's event and want to thank everyone for the ongoing support.



Volunteer, Liam Coen, performs at Esopus Music 2025



Many enjoyed a great night of performances while supporting our Mid-Hudson Valley Camps

ESOPUS RUNNERS

Weekend 1: Rock the Ridge 50 Miler and Walkway over the Hudson Races

This was our first time venturing to the Hudson Valley for events. On Saturday May 3rd we had two runners, Tyler and Robert running in the Rock the Ridge 50 Miler. Tyler completing his 4th Rock the Ridge and Robert completing his first ever ultra at the age of 19! Then on Sunday we had 8 runners taking part in the 1 mile, 5K and 10k at the Walkway over the Hudson Races, which is just a short distance from the MBCE.

Weekend 2: Sri Chinmoy 5k, Half and Half-Marathon Relay

Esopus Runners returned to Flushing-Meadows Park to check out a new race. Over 30 runners competed in the 3 events, making it one of our biggest events yet. The most exciting new edition to Esopus Runners this year was Half-Marathon Relay. This year we had 3 teams signing up: Weedwackers, Young Weedwackers and M-Team (Molloy Faculty). It ended up being quite the battle of the Weedwackers with the Young Weedwackers taking an early lead only for the Weedwackers to come from behind and win by 3 minutes.



The Esopus Runners for the Sri Chinmoy races at Flushing Meadow Park



The Weedwhackers celebrate their victory over the Young Weedwhackers

EVENTS RECAP (CONT.):

Weekend 3: Cranford Pizza Run

New Jersey Esopus Runners returned for a second year at the Cranford Pizza Run. We had 7 runners partake in the run this year and some former Esopus Runners come out as a cheer squad. Post run the runners got to enjoy some pizza and we had quite a few runners get awards!

Fill the Map/Pick a Race

In the spring we had 2 runners dedicate and fundraise for Esopus at a race they completed. We had Nikki running for us again at the Holy Half on the Notre Dame Campus and Kiera running for us at the Brooklyn Half Experience. This fall we will be having a few more runners talking part in races as well! Feel free to contact us if you are interested in doing the same!

The grand fundraising total after all the races were completed came to **\$22,749!**



A small but mighty group of Esopus Runners and Walkers at the Walkway Over the Hudson race



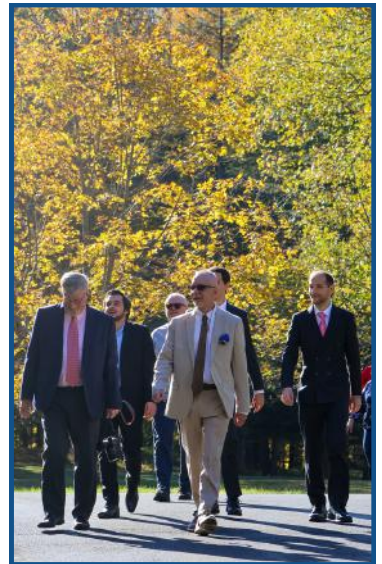
Our Esopus Runners take a celebratory picture after their race in Cranford, New Jersey



Running for pizza is always the best plan!

2024 HALL OF FAME

The Marist Brothers Center at Esopus and the Mid-Hudson Valley Camps hosted their second ever Hall of Fame Induction on Saturday, October 19th, 2024. Just under three hundred people attended.



The evening began with Brother Dan O'Riordan, Provincial of the Marist Brothers Province USA, leading guests and honorees in prayer in the outdoor chapel. A cocktail hour followed in the recreation room and outdoor patio. Dinner and the awards program, conducted by Tomas O'Riordan, Executive Director of the MBCE, took place in the gymnasium.

The Hall of Fame was established to honor members of the MBCE-MHVC community for their outstanding impact on the center and those it serves.

The 2024 inductees included Brother John Dunning, Brother John Malich, Brother Damian Novello, Maureen Hagan, Kate O'Loughlin, Sister Pat & Sister Pat's Camp, and Jim Sheldon.



View all the photos from the evening by scanning the QR code above

VOLUNTEER TESTIMONIAL:

Álvaro Righi de Leonço

I spent one month in the United States living the transformative experience of volunteering at the Marist Center at Esopus. From the very beginning, I felt deeply blessed and fortunate to have the opportunity to get to know a place so full of life, guided by strong values and by people with a genuine will to defend and protect life.

Throughout this journey, I built authentic relationships and a strong sense of belonging, to the point that I now feel I have a second home, even thousands of miles away from my hometown in Brazil. This bond was born not only from living alongside inspiring people, but also from sharing daily activities that carried a deeper meaning within them.

I took part in different kinds of work: I helped build a deck, built a rose bed, planted roses in a garden, collaborated in installing solar panels and planting trees. In addition, I was able to guide meditation practices with children, even within the context of martial arts, always seeking to unite physical, spiritual, and community care. I also engaged in simpler tasks, such as maintenance and cleaning, which turned out to be just as profound. I discovered that it is possible to find God not only in sacred and religious moments, but also in the most ordinary gestures, such as cleaning a space with love and dedication to others.

During the time I worked as part of the maintenance staff, the kids started looking at me differently. As their counselors told them about all the tasks the maintenance team did daily to keep that place in order, they gave me many high fives, smiles, or even just a small nod to say thank you. In that moment, I realized how beautiful human interactions can be when we focus on the right things. I can still feel the brightness in their eyes when I close mine, and I try to deliver the same feeling of gratitude whenever I thank someone who is doing any kind of work to keep things clean around me.

This experience, which I lived a few months ago, showed me that to serve is to draw closer to the transcendent. When our actions are guided by the heart and by the desire to contribute to something greater than ourselves, we are able to connect with universal values and with the essence of the Marist spirit.

Looking back now, I can see how much I matured as a person through that month. I carry with me a more conscious and open vision of life, of the value of human relationships, and of the beauty of serving in community. More than memories, I bring with me a learning that strengthens and inspires me for the next steps of my journey. Above all, I remain grateful and honored to have been chosen to live such a transformative and meaningful opportunity.



A LOOK INTO SHARING OUR CALL

with Maureen Hagan

The Sharing Our Call (SOC) program here in the USA province has been in existence for over 25 years. The program's goal is to educate the faculty and staff of our schools about the life of Marcellin Champagnat and how that life impacts and inspires us today. In Sharing Our Call Level 1, the main topics are about what it means to be a Marist educator and what the characteristics of a Marist school are. Level 2 delves more into the spirituality of being Marist, with talks on the contemplative nature of nourishing our spirits, how Mary models this spirituality, and how we can then model this for our students. In bringing people from around the country to the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus, participants overwhelmingly report that meeting like-minded educators from all of the other schools is one of the best aspects of this program. Many have expressed the feeling of "coming home" when they began working at a Marist school and that SOC gave them a vocabulary for what they were feeling. "Welcome Home" is frequently heard at Esopus, as well. The beauty of the property and the chance to relax, ponder and pray is often a much needed shot in the arm for those who make the journey.



"In order to educate children, we must love them and love them all equally. "

St. Marcellin Champagnat

THE LAY MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT

USA MARISTS OF CHAMPAGNAT

Marists of Champagnat USA is a community of lay women and men and consecrated religious brothers who together are living out the Marist spirituality inherited from St. Marcellin Champagnat. All Marists of Champagnat seek to grow in communion, following Mary's example of making Jesus known and loved in our world. We support each other through continual formation experiences that allow anyone who wishes to be "Gathered Around the Same Table" to find a place.



This statement defines the almost 200 people in our province who have already made the commitment to the Marist charism and mission. Their commitment follows a six-month formation program, held on Zoom, that includes readings, webinars, meeting regularly with a companion and participating in a virtual retreat week. At the end of this period of discernment, participants decide whether or not they are called to this vocation of living as a Marist of Champagnat. Those who say YES are commissioned at a ceremony held in June. The Marists of Champagnat continue their formation afterward via local group in-person gatherings for prayer, fellowship and service. There are also numerous opportunities for virtual experiences, such as book discussions, faith sharing, on line retreats, weekly reflection emails and more. An in-person retreat, called Deepening Our Call, is held annually at Esopus. Again, this gives participants a chance to be nourished by the beauty of the property, and the companionship of people from around the country. Each Marist of Champagnat is tasked with living the mission, to make Jesus known and loved, using the five pillars to guide our relationships and interactions – the pillars of Presence, Simplicity, Love of Work, Family Spirit, in the way of Mary. In addition, we strive to bring a Marial face to our Church and to our world.



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EARTH DAY WEEKEND AT THE MBCE

Nearly fifty students from six USA Marist schools converged in Esopus from April 11-13 for our third annual Earth Day Weekend.

Professor Jim Robinson, Director of the Deignan Center for Earth and Spirit at Iona University, served as a keynote speaker, focusing his remarks on food justice as an expression of integral ecology in practice. He opened by sharing a quote on Ecological Spirituality from *Laudato Si'*: "The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely." (VI. 233)



Students enjoyed delicious plant-based meals for the entire weekend, including vegetable quesadillas, bean chili with cornbread, and a vegetable stir-fry prepared by Provincial Br. Dan O'Riordan, FMS, Br. John Raeihle, FMS, and chef Henry Miller.

Saturday morning prayer was led by Native Mi'kmaq elder Evan Pritchard, Director of the Center for Algonquin Culture and former professor at Marist University. Held by an indoor fireplace, and partially outdoors in the snow, Pritchard offered prayers drawn from local Native peoples, including one in the ancestral language of the Esopus Lenape peoples.

After the snow subsided, students braved the cold for a midday hike along nearby Black Creek led by longtime forester John Hanlon.

Saturday afternoon included a series of workshops focused on ecological skill building. Environmental educator Joanne Cavera, former Science Chair at St. Joseph Regional, led a workshop on birdwatching, teaching students about the importance of protecting native habitats and guiding students past a large bald eagle's nest perched on a tall pine tree hovering above the river.



Jim Robinson led a workshop delving deeper into the importance of food justice. He reflected on the cruelty of industrial animal agriculture, sharing that approximately 1 million animals are killed for food every hour in the United States, 99% of whom are raised in brutal conditions in factory farms. He highlighted how industrial agriculture may be responsible for more greenhouse gas emissions than the entire transportation sector combined. Noting that about 40% of food is wasted in the U.S., he also shared efforts from the student-led Food Recovery Network – including at Iona University – to donate excess food to communities in need. He also shared his experience of urban rooftop gardening with the Maryhouse Catholic Worker community in New York City.

Ed Kennedy, Tyler Pereira, and John Hanlon led students in a workshop planting native trees, expanding on the edible food forest planted in the past two years. Energy industry expert Damian Sciano also led a session on the renewable energy transition and climate change solutions. Meanwhile, Province Ecology Coordinator Sam King guided students in a workshop on the process of ecological action planning at schools.



EARTH DAY WEEKEND AT THE MBCE (CONT.)



Throughout the day, students participated in an interactive case study on the health of the Hudson River, known to Algonquin peoples as the River that Runs Both Ways. Through the guidance of Joanne Cavera, students conducted water quality monitoring and leaf litter sampling from three locations – the river, a stream bed, and a pond – before reading about the river’s unique biodiversity as the intertidal estuary ecosystem, as well as the history of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) pollution by General Electric and ongoing remediation efforts.

After dinner, students then engaged in a town hall simulating a debate between various stakeholders – including the river, local communities, private industry, environmental groups, and state officials – on how the river should be protected and remediated from PCBs moving forward. The experience gave students a real-world glimpse into the complexities of environmental decision making.



That night, Br. Sam Amos guided students in a contemplative stargazing prayer focused on various constellations and their connections with different Marist schools.



The weekend concluded with a Palm Sunday Mass for Creation led by Fr. Richard LaMorte. Students also shared their school action plans, ranging from promoting an educational campaign on bees to expanding plant-based meals; and from integrating Ecology into service requirements to planting an outdoor Environmental Classroom. These plans will become part of the 2025 Province-wide Laudato Si’ Action Plan to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis’ encyclical.

Some additional hopes for our Earth Day gathering next year include:

- Holding morning prayer by the Hudson River to nurture Ecological Spirituality
- Continuing to plant our native food forest for the fourth year
- Educating young people about the benefits of renewable energy
- Simulating another case study on the health of the Hudson River to simulate real-world environmental conservation
- Empowering the voices of young people to make recommendations at their schools to be integrated into a Province-wide Laudato Si’ plan



MID-HUDSON VALLEY CAMP RECAP



ADULT VACATION

Adult Disney Vacation was a magical week filled with beloved characters, nostalgic moments, and nonstop fun, starting with visits from Mickey, Pooh, and Donald Duck, plus nightly campfires and performances from Disney princesses. Highlights included mocktail tastings around the “world” at EPCOT, an epic talent show, and throwback Disney Channel Games featuring the Jonas Brothers and Hannah Montana. The week wrapped up with a classic character breakfast and a joyful dance party, leaving everyone with unforgettable memories and plenty of Disney magic.



SPECIAL KIDS 1

Kids 1: Level Up! took campers on an exciting video game-themed adventure, featuring life-sized arcade games, indoor Minecraft fun, and dance parties inspired by Just Dance and Dance Dance Revolution. The week’s highlights included a dramatic showdown with Bowser during the talent show and a festive Fourth of July block party where Mario and Sonic saved the day. With fireworks to cap it all off, campers and staff made unforgettable memories and are already looking forward to next year’s camp!

MARIST LEADERSHIP

The fifth annual Marist Youth Leadership Camp brought together over 140 students from across North America to prepare and plan the “We Are Marist Youth” retreat, learning leadership skills from experienced Campus Ministers. Alongside training, the week was filled with fun, faith, and community through games, pool time, a dance party, and a closing Mass that inspired campers to lead with purpose and heart.



SACRED HEART

Sacred Heart Camp brought nearly 100 campers from the South Bronx to Esopus for a high-energy week packed with sports, hiking, fishing, painting, Jiu Jitsu, and plenty of pool time to beat the heat. Evenings were filled with unforgettable moments like roller skating, a haunted house, campfire s’mores, a carnival with fireworks, and the much-loved Friday night dance. Thanks to over 70 dedicated volunteers—many of them former campers—kids experienced exciting “firsts” and made lifelong memories, reflecting the camp’s mission to build both joy and lasting community.



MID-HUDSON VALLEY CAMP RECAP (CONT.)

MOLLOY FRESHMEN

Molloy's Freshman Camp welcomed 116 incoming students with a week full of fun, connection, and tradition, helping them bond with classmates, upperclassmen, alumni, and staff. Campers enjoyed unique games like tennyball and cageball, off-site adventures like escape rooms and hikes, nightly dodgeball or Flag games, and special events like a student-faculty dance and a Hudson River picnic. The week wrapped up with a spirited Pirates vs. Patriots competition and a Super Flag finale, setting the tone for an exciting start at Archbishop Molloy High School.



SPECIAL KIDS 2

This summer, Kids 2 had a fun-filled "road trip" stopping in Nashville, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, New York City, and Miami, each bringing unique activities from hayrides and talent shows to pool parties and karaoke. Highlights included wrestlers, a Coachella-inspired talent show, and a dance all while celebrating camper creativity. Campers had the chance to express themselves, gain independence, and create unforgettable memories, and everyone is already looking forward to the journey ahead in 2026!



YOUNG ADULT

Young Adult Camp celebrated 30 years of memories with a "Greatest Hits" theme, revisiting favorite moments like Casino Night, game shows, Broadway performances, and a Paris Fashion Show where every camper shined. Campers also enjoyed classic fun with a Wild West Rodeo, pool time, and a visit from the fire department to help beat the heat. The week ended with a heartfelt toast and a dance party under the stars, honoring the joy, friendship, and community that have defined YA Camp for three decades.



DEAF

Deaf Camp joyfully celebrated its 50th anniversary with a week full of exciting activities, starting with fireworks and a video game truck, followed by tie-dye shirts, hayrides, and s'mores. Campers enjoyed a variety of fun throughout the week, including woodshop, dance, swimming, a carnival, outdoor adventures, and visits from the fire department. The week concluded with the beloved dance show, fire entertainment, and a dance party, leaving everyone grateful for the memories and looking forward to the next 50 years.



SR. PAT'S CAMP

Sister Pat's celebrated its 40th birthday with a week full of exciting events, starting with a carnival, piñatas, hat decorating, and lots of dancing. Campers enjoyed a tap-dancing lesson from the Harlem Rhythm Show, tie-dyed t-shirts, gathered for a riverside campfire, and got creative during a rainy-day cake decorating and talent show. The week wrapped up with a final pool party and dance, leaving everyone excited for next year!





THE LIFELINE OF MBCE: OUR MARIST VOLUNTEERS

At the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus (MBCE) – Mid-Hudson Valley Camp, our volunteers are the heart of everything we do.

These generous people bring warmth, compassion, and joy to all who come through our gates. They are more than helpers—they are the spirit that gives life to our mission.

Throughout the year, our volunteers play a vital role in supporting our retreat programs, welcoming every group with open hearts and helping to create an atmosphere where all feel safe, valued, and loved. During the summer, their dedication shines even brighter, as our camps run entirely through their tireless efforts. Their laughter, kindness, and commitment transform MBCE into a true home—a place where everyone belongs.

Their presence reminds us daily of what it means to live the Marist values of simplicity, humility, and family spirit. Through their service, they build a community rooted in love, where faith and friendship flourish.

We are deeply grateful for each volunteer—past, present, and future—whose hands and hearts sustain this sacred place. You are the lifeline of MBCE, and because of you, the Marist spirit continues to touch countless lives year after year.



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Friendships formed at camp last a lifetime



Students pose together during a great retreat at the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus

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Students compete in friendly games to get to know one another better and bond during their time at the MBCE

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Campers embrace during the 40th anniversary of Sister Pat's camp



Ed Kennedy works with a group during an Outdoor Adventure retreat

THE PATRICK CARROLL MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND

On Saturday, April 12th, many friends and family gathered at The Marist Brothers Center at Esopus to celebrate the life of Patrick Carroll and unveil the Peter Pan Memorial Playground in his honor.

Many generously donated to the MBCE in Patrick's memory. It was decided that the best way to utilize these funds and memorialize Patrick would be to create the Peter Pan Playground as a testament to Patrick's youthful spirit and love for the MBCE and the Mid-Hudson Valley Camps.



A special thank you to David and Lisa Tolley, whose generous donation made the dream of the Peter Pan Playground a reality.

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In memory of William & Rita Basa
William Basa

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Kathleen Burrous

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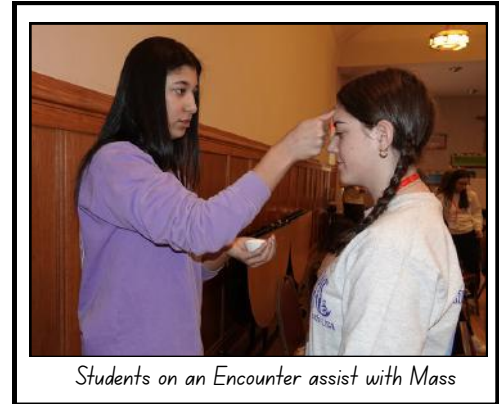
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In memory of Jameson Richard Wlazlowski
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Students on an Encounter assist with Mass



The John C. Waldron Memorial Rose Garden

GIFTS IN HONOR OF

**In honor of Shannon, Tim,
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Tricia Turner
Kathleen Twomey
Melissa Vallely
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Chelsea Watts
Carmen Zapata
Frank Zito
Kelly Zullo

In honor of Elizabeth Sena
Celeste Sena

In honor of Jim Sheldon
Bryan Maloney
Joseph McMenamin

**In honor of "John Ziehl's
Dancing"**
Liam Coen



Starry night seen above the tower



Volunteer, John Ziehl, showing off his song and dance talents

OUR SCHOLARSHIP & MEMORIAL FUNDS

Establishing a scholarship fund is a meaningful way to recognize or remember a friend or loved one. Scholarships can be vital to those who require financial assistance to attend a retreat or a camp session. In addition to scholarship support provided by gifts to The Esopus Fund, our annual giving program, the following funds have been established to assist those in need.

**Funds denoted with an asterisk had gifts made to them during this past fiscal year.*

The Tian Doran Camp Scholarship*

Established in memory of Tian Doran by his family and friends. Gifts to the fund are restricted for camp scholarships or other needs.

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Established in memory of long time volunteer, Patrick Carroll by his family and friends. Gifts to the fund will be used towards a memorial playground on property and/or any additional needs that arise.

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The AnnaMarie Leone Fund*

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The Thomas McCabe Memorial Fund*

Established in memory of Thomas McCabe by his family and friends. Gifts to the fund are restricted for camp scholarships and/or any other camp needs.

THANK YOU TO OUR MBCE FOUNDATION DONORS

The MBCE Foundation would like to thank all those who have supported the Foundation since its inception in April 2023, which has enabled it to grow to having assets of over \$1,100,000 as of August 31, 2025. Special thanks to all who attended the Hall of Fame event in October 2024, as the proceeds of the HOF supported the Foundation.

Special recognition and thanks go to the following for their lead donations to the Foundation:

- The Estate of Edward Hogan
- The Estate of Br. Bob Andrews
- The Estate of Br. Joe Matthews
- Therese Unanue
- Porticus North America
- Mr. & Mrs. T. Ujazdowski



The purpose of the Foundation is to support the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus and this year the Foundation was able to fund a grant of \$25,000 to assist the MBCE with the road repaving project.

The Foundation is grateful for all donations, small and large. They ensure the future of The MBCE and its mission.

For more information on The MBCE Foundation visit:

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FOUNDATION STONES

Since 2011, the Marist USA Province has held an annual retreat in mid-June for young men who wish to explore the Marist Brothers as a possible vocation.

This retreat, called Foundation Stones and held each year at the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus, has become one of the flagship programs of the Province's vocation efforts. Participants gather for a week of learning, service, and fellowship. Brothers from around the country attend to present workshops on different facets of the Consecrated Religious Life, and the retreatants help to prepare the MBCE for Camp Season.



In June 15, 2025, the MBCE welcomed fourteen young men for Foundation Stones, coming from the different regions of the USA Marist Province: New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Florida, Illinois, and Texas. This was the highest number of participants we have had for this program, and a fittingly symbolic number for the fourteenth Foundation Stones Retreat. Seven of the participants were recent high school graduates. Three were college students. Four were adults with careers. Two of the 2025 participants, Abimelec Santiago and Thomas Sulaimanee, entered the Marist Brothers as postulants in September 2025.

Over the course of the weekend, the fourteen participants worked hard weeding, scrubbing, hauling, folding, and doing everything necessary to prepare the property for the 2025 Mid-Hudson Valley Camp season. Brothers and Lay Marists of Champagnat from around the province offered workshops and seminars on topics like prayer, discernment, Marist ministry and spirituality, and the vows of consecrated life. Throughout the program, Br. Ryan Richter led the group in different prayer forms, including Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, and the rosary, while Br. Robert Dittus was hard at work in the kitchen making sure everyone was well fed. Trips to Poughkeepsie and a day trip to New York to see a Yankees game ensured there was plenty of time for fun and fellowship. With the help of the Holy Spirit, the generous work of Brothers and Lay Marists, and the openness of young men willing to explore a religious vocation, the Foundation Stones retreat continues to be a dynamic part of the life of the Province.



"MORE THAN A FEELING"

Br. Luis Ramos, FMS



"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Maya Angelou's famous quote rings true to this day. In 2007, I visited the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus for the first time. I was a freshman student at Mount Saint Michael Academy and had signed up for a retreat experience. There were no major expectations on my part... I just knew it was a retreat, a trip, and a day away from the busyness of school and the city!

Marist Brothers and volunteers welcomed our group. The property was expansive and I remember being impressed not only by its beauty, but how well taken care of it was. I'd been to plenty of parks in NYC, but this was no park. It was a sanctuary! A place where I immediately felt welcomed and at home.

At the end of the retreat, I thought "When is the next time I'll be able to go back?" I looked for any opportunity I could to return. Throughout high school and college I grew closer to the center through retreat ministry and service opportunities. I felt a sense of community and this was an invitation from God to be part of something larger than myself. Whether it was guiding students on a retreat, helping clean, painting, or prayer experiences, I remembered that initial feeling of welcome, of being home.



Those years of participating in programming were powerful enough to make me consider a volunteer year at the center. I was finishing college and interested in the yearlong volunteer program. I knew it would consist of hospitality, manual labor, retreat ministry, and work at camps. I took the dive and moved on property in August 2015.

What a year it was! Moving away from home and living in community helped me learn to communicate and rely on others. Serving where you live (and living where you serve) taught me to balance the work together with my own needs. Working with other volunteers and staff gave me real experience being a part of a team. It was a lot of work, with a lot of reward. I learned an incredible amount: how to use lawnmowers (and not get them stuck in mud), how to cook (I burned a few things), how to cut wood (and not get hurt)... the list could go on forever!

"MORE THAN A FEELING" (CONT.)

Br. Luis Ramos, FMS

Through all this activity and change... I realized that part of what I wanted out of the volunteer year was to take time and space to figure out what God wanted me to do with my life. In fall of 2015, I started seriously discerning the possibility of entering the Marist Brothers. The following year, I did just that. The volunteer year gave me a space to do meaningful service work and to discern the future. That very first welcome in 2007, the retreats and camps I was a part of, the lawns cut, the food served, and the relationships created were all ways God reached out to me.

An incredible number of people have shared that the space created at the center has helped them grow as individuals, build community, learn to serve others, and helped them discern their career paths and vocation in life. The MBCE is a holy, special place that helps us be more open to God's invitation in varying directions. It's more than a feeling... it becomes an action.



On August 23rd Brother Luis Ramos took his Perpetual Vows as a Marist Brother at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx. Family, friends, and fellow Brothers all gathered to celebrate this very special and Important day in Br. Luis' life. He is currently teaching Spanish at Mount Saint Michael and is living in community with our newest postulants, Björn Lie, Nikolaus Roussopoulos Tsigkras, Tommy Sulaimanee, and Abi Santiago as they begin their journey to becoming a Brother, just like Br. Luis.



CELEBRATING THE MARIST CONNECTION

with Father Richard LaMorte



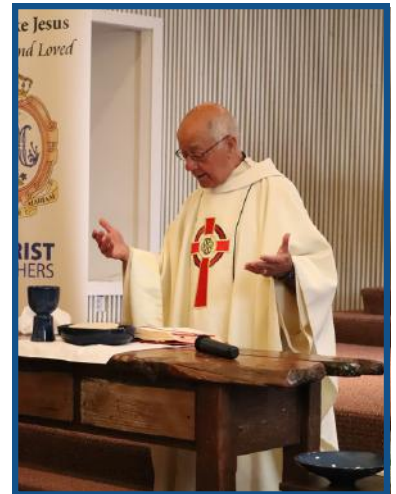
A young Richard LaMorte walked through the doors of Mount St. Michael Academy, not yet knowing that this simple act would shape the course of his life and the lives of countless others. "In April 1951, I met the first Marist of many I would come to know over these 74 years," Fr. LaMorte recalled. He came as a student applying for seventh grade; he left, years later, carrying within him a vision that would guide more than seven decades of ministry.

That meeting and the years that followed became a lifelong encounter with the spirit of St. Marcellin Champagnat. Through the example and care of the Marist Brothers who taught him, young Richard discovered a faith that was practical, joyful, and deeply human. It was a way of life that saw the face of Christ in young people and believed, stubbornly, in their goodness. He says, "...I came to have the example and care of Marists who demonstrated what Marcellin saw in Jean Baptiste [Montagne]."

What started as a boy's admiration for his teachers grew into a vocation of his own, first as a student, later as a priest, and always as a man marked by the Marist spirit.

More than seventy years later, Fr. LaMorte looks back not with nostalgia but with wonder. The seed planted in his heart as a child has multiplied in ways even he could not have imagined; through schools, college campuses, and the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus, where generations of young people continue to encounter the same spirit that first captured him.

"The Center at Esopus... has grown to become a 'center' in the lives of high school students, young adults, young professionals and increasing numbers of lay people seeking to share in that vision."



Now, as priest and elder witness, he marvels at how the story continues, how vowed Brothers and lay Marists, men and women of every background, carry that same light forward.

"It continues to be an inspiration to me... to witness, now as a priest, what I was introduced to in 1951... increase and multiply through vowed brothers and committed and imaginative lay people I've met; in ways only God could have foreseen."

For Fr. LaMorte, the Marist mission has never been just a chapter of history - it is a living movement. The same grace that touched one boy's heart in 1951 still burns in classrooms around the world, home here in Esopus, and individual hearts every day. The story continues and the vision keeps growing in ways only God could have imagined.



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*"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
- Matthew 18:20*



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