



Marist High School
Chicago, Illinois
Principal Search
Start Date: July 1, 2021



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The Opportunity



Marist High School is writing its next great chapter.

Founded in 1963, Marist is a Catholic, co-educational, college preparatory secondary school with a curriculum and co-curricular activities designed to foster the spiritual, moral, intellectual, emotional and physical growth of the whole person. Our community is mature enough to recognize its rich traditions, and young enough to adapt to the needs of its future students. Our alumni base of 22,000 have formed life-long connections to the school as shown by the more than twenty percent of students each year represents legacy families. We recognize the current opportunity to ensure Marist's long-term stability with the right leader at the helm.

Situated in Southwest Chicago, Marist welcomes students from throughout the city and suburbs representing 98 zip codes and more than 200 grade schools. We are a diverse community that strives to reflect the communities our students and alums call home.

Our facilities offer our students unique experiences that others often may not see until college. Marist's dynamic space, engaging technology, and enterprising curricula fuel our growth. Pioneering programs, opportunities for research, internships, and travel abroad prepare our students to be enlightened and engaged world citizens.

Above all, our school, inspired by the spirit of Saint Marcellin Champagnat, the founder of the Marist Brothers, seeks to emulate the role of Mary by nurturing our youth and leading them to experience Jesus as a real person they can come to know, love, and follow.

We have worked hard to earn our reputation as a leader in Catholic secondary education. Marist's next principal, anchored in our Catholic faith, will be tasked with continuing to move us forward and assert Marist as the premier Chicagoland Catholic high school for all youth.

Welcome to the start of the next 50 years of the Marist High School story.

FAITH + FAMILY + FUTURE



The mission of Marist High School as a Roman Catholic, coed high school, is to make Jesus Christ known and loved in the Marist Brothers' tradition, while preparing students for higher education and life.

Fast Facts

Founded: 1963

Sponsor: Marist Brothers United States Province

Total students: 1,684

Religious on staff: 6

Total faculty: 102

Faculty advanced degrees: 75%+

Financial Assistance: 38% of student receive an award

Average Financial aid award: \$1,800

Accreditation & Recognition:

- AdvancED Education
- College Board
- Illinois State Board of Education
- Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling
- National Catholic Education Association
- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), 2015

Marist Snapshot

Marist High School is a Catholic, co-educational, college preparatory secondary school with a curriculum and co-curricular activities designed to foster the spiritual, moral, intellectual, emotional and physical growth of the whole person. Marist respects diversity of cultural, ethnic and social backgrounds.

Marist's 55-acre campus features seamless integration of cutting edge technology facilitated by a one-to-one student iPad program, campus-wide Wi-Fi, Smart technology in all classrooms, fully-equipped science and computer labs, a media center and TV production studio. Most recently, Marist transformed the original Brothers' Monastery into *Monastery Hall*, a multi-million dollar, 10-lab science center with a planetarium dome.

Marist's outstanding athletic facilities include a turf-lined field for football, soccer and lacrosse; a baseball and softball complex; grass soccer field and track; tennis courts; three gymnasiums; and a 4,000 square foot fully-equipped wellness and fitness center. Marist has a long history of winning state, conference, regional and sectional titles, including state championships in boys volleyball in 2019, girls volleyball in 2018 and 2017 (the 2017 team being named *National Champions*), and softball in 2015, along with a state runner-up title in football in 2015.

Marist's mission fosters a family spirit among all who have a stake in the success of the school. Educational best practices and love of learning start with sustained, purposeful and practical professional development opportunities for Marist's staff. Marist's active alumni and parent associations also contribute generously with their time, talent and treasure to the success of the school, providing internship and mentor opportunities, development support, scholarships, and a vibrant network beyond the high school years.

Marist High School is poised for continued growth in all aspects of school life, and looks to continue to be a leader in Catholic secondary education in the Chicagoland area ... for "time and eternity".



The Campus

Marist's campus has expanded to meet the needs of its students and provide state-of-the-art facilities for learning, competing, and performing.

The growth of the South Side campus from a marsh to a 55-acre premier campus is the direct result of the ingenuity of the Marist Brothers, a partnership with parents, faculty and staff, and the generosity of alumni and friends.

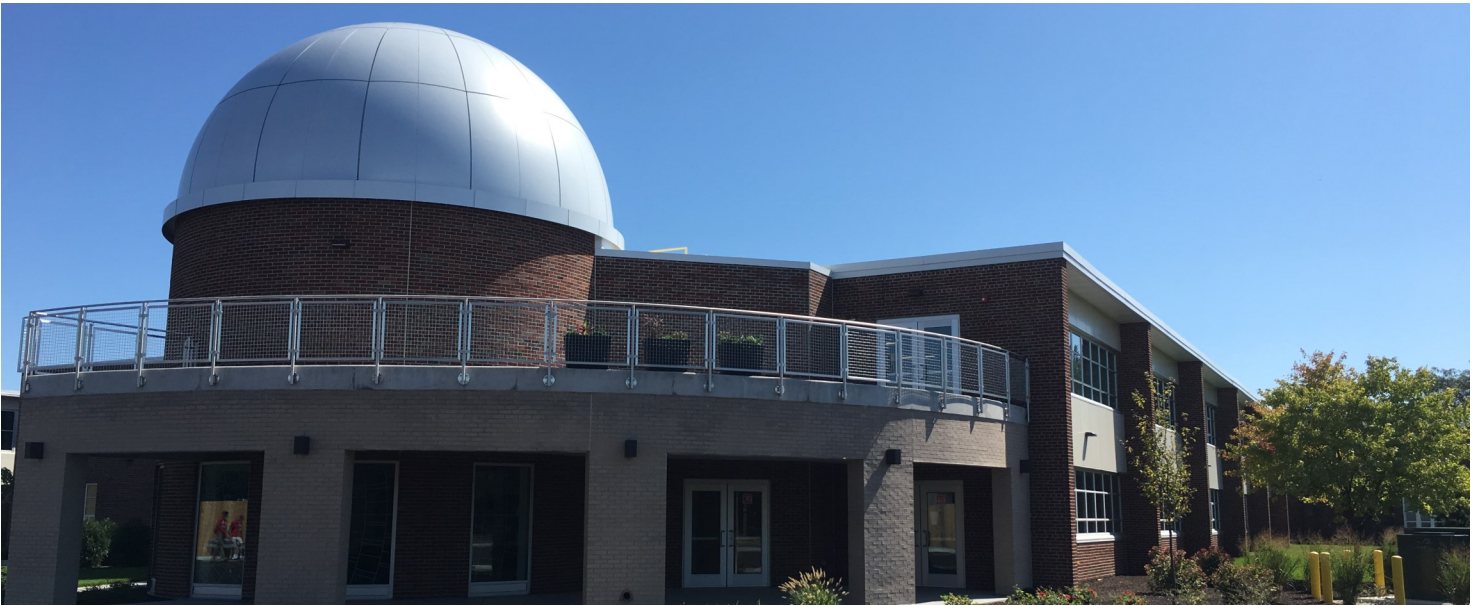
The Marist community is indebted to everyone who has built the foundation of our community. We look forward confidently. We have faith in the future.



Upper Right: Monastery Hall. Below: Aerial photo (facing west) of Marist's 55-acre campus as of 2014.



Monastery Hall

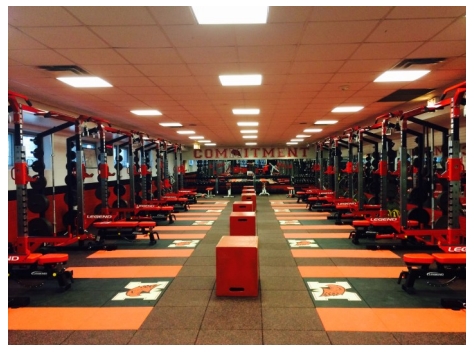


In August 2019, Marist opened Monastery Hall, a 28,000 square foot 10-lab science wing with a planetarium. Each of the ten labs is dedicated to a specific branch of science. The anatomy and physiology lab include a glass-walled space simulating a hospital room. Inside, students interact with *HAL*, a computerized medical patient simulator that presents with real-life symptoms, made by Gaumard. In the forensics lab, a protected space allows students to build crime scenes, collect evidence, and process it in the lab. Other labs include easy access to experimentation tools, such as electrical sources students can pull down from the ceiling. The physics lab has direct access to a school courtyard for outdoor testing. Several of the labs include mobile furniture so classes can transition from lecture to group work or lab work with ease.

The planetarium dome was designed and installed by Spitz, which has provided domes for major corporations and universities, as well as the Adler Planetarium in downtown Chicago. The 30-seat space enabled Marist to introduce a brand new astronomy curriculum developed by Dr. David Bradstreet, one of the leading astronomy educators in the country.

A 3D viewer created by Zygote allows students to use a touch screen menu to explore anatomy topics, such as the muscular or skeletal system. Something Fishy, Inc. installed a coral reef aquarium that will grow over time. The aquarium not only adds to the aesthetics, but will be incorporated in the curriculum.

The science wing project was multi-faceted. It was part of the school's master campus plan, had support from major investors, and matched the needs of students. Following business, health science majors are the second largest areas of study for recent Marist graduates.



2015 Updates (from left to right): Entrepreneurial Center. Mortimer Fitness Center, Graphic Design Studio

Faith Formation



The work that students and staff do within the Campus Ministry programs is at the heart of Marist's mission to make Jesus known and loved. It is at the very core of our work that students not only know the Catholic religion, but also live the faith! Marist's spirituality includes:

- Daily school prayer
- Liturgical celebrations
- Local and out-of-town mission trips
- Marist Youth service program
- Mission Trips
- Prayer as part of each class
- Religion classes all four years
- Retreats
- Sacramental preparation for Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation
- Senior Service and Peer Leadership Programs

These religious activities enhance students' spirituality and bring them closer to a lived faith. Each activity helps us to "serve the least favored" and strengthen Marist's special devotion to our Mother Mary.

The Five Pillars of Marist Identity were introduced by the Marist Province in 2015 as ideals to which all Marists, students and adults alike, should commit to. The Pillars are:



Presence... caring for each other, seeking relationships founded on love, being attentive and welcoming with a sense of openness

Simplicity... being straightforward and genuine, humble and modest, 'doing good quietly'

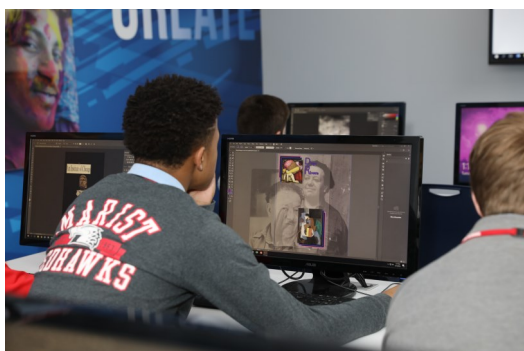
Family Spirit... relating to each other as members of a loving family, building community, offering the warmth of welcoming, acceptance and belonging, sharing our successes and failures, setting clear standards of honesty, mutual respect, and tolerance



Love of Work... being generous of heart, constant, and persevering in our daily work, confident, visionary, decisive in meeting the needs of our community and encouraging each other to discover the dignity of our work with young people and with each other

In the Way of Mary... seeing Mary as a perfect model of being Marist, tender, strong, constant in faith, open to God's calling us to our own journey of discipleship.

Academics



Advanced Placement: In 2019, 339 Marist students took 692 AP exams, and 113 students earned AP Scholar Awards for their performance on multiple exams, including 24 AP Scholars with Honor, 21 AP Scholars with Distinction, and 4 National AP Scholars. Students may enroll in one AP course as a sophomore, three as a junior, and four as a senior.

AP Courses Offered: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, European History, French Language and Culture, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Physics C-Mech., Physics C-E & M, Psychology, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature, Studio Art, Studio Art 2D, Studio Art 3D, U.S. Government, U.S. History, and World History

Dual Credit: Marist offers dual credit for eight select courses at Loyola University, St. Xavier University, and Moraine Valley Community College.

Faculty Professional Development: Marist works to attract and retain qualified, dynamic, and passionate educators who are lifelong learners themselves. One hundred percent of the faculty participate in professional development opportunities each year. In addition to nationally-recognized seminars and conferences, teachers also are Advanced Placement exam readers and often are workshop presenters themselves. They take part in travel abroad opportunities including programs in France and Israel.

Honors Courses Offered: English (All Levels), Expository Composition, Journalism, Rhetoric, Women in Literature, Literature & Film, Chicago Literature, Algebra, Geometry, College Algebra & Trigonometry, Anatomy and Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Western Civilization, U.S. History, Psychology, Philosophy, IDEA (Innovative Design for Entrepreneurial Applications), Computer Science, Studio Art, Band, Strings Ensemble, Chorus, Acting, Spanish (All Levels), French (All Levels), Italian (All Levels), Architectural Drawing, Creative Writing, Graphic Design, War Literature, African American Literature, Environmental Science, Broadcasting II, 1960s, and Constitutional Law

Marist's Marcellin Program is a college-prep curriculum that supports students with documented learning challenges as well as those with specific learning differences through smaller class sizes, specialized teachers and a pace for in-depth review. It is one of Marist's three academic tracks.

Marist has had 8 students earn a score of 36 on the ACT in since 2004; 6 of them are since 2016.

Notable Courses and Programs



SENIOR RELIGION

In addition to traditional classroom courses, Marist offers two options for seniors:

Senior Service (pictured) is a yearlong course in which students serve one of several local organizations on a daily basis. This ministry supports hospitals, schools, nursing homes, and organizations dedicated to the disabled.

Peer Leadership provides training to seniors so they can work in Marist classrooms, providing support to both teachers and students in a variety of subject areas. Both courses require seniors to attend seminars and reflect on their ministry.

RETREATS & MISSION TRIPS

Marist offers retreats for each grade level that introduce aspects of social justice and faith life appropriate for student development. The campus ministry office also provides several mission trips during the year for juniors, and seniors to expand their cultural understanding and faith experience.



BAND

Marist's famed marching and performance band is an honors course. Members prepare for seasonal concerts, pep events, and special appearances. The Marist band has appeared in the Rose Bowl Parade and The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. More locally, the group opened up the new Comiskey Park (now Guaranteed Rate Field) in 1991. They are regulars on the Chicago parade scene, and have performed and competed at countless college bowl games across the country.

BROADCAST STUDIO

Students enrolled in this elective course explore the integration of emerging technologies, story-telling, and script writing. In creating video based projects, students have hands-on, real world practice in all facets of the development of visual media projects. Students produce broadcasts relevant to Marist High School, including news, public service, school initiatives, community activities and Marist outreach. Students compile a video portfolio containing projects produced throughout the course.



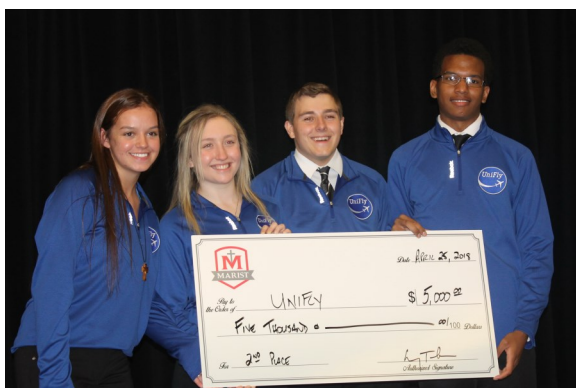
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EXPLORE PROGRAM

The Explore Program provides unique opportunities for students to consider careers through mentorship, special events, and professional resources. It enables students unsure of a future career the chance to learn from seasoned professionals from a variety of industries, while affording students who have a career goal in mind the opportunity to delve deeper into the industry, attain insider knowledge, and gain invaluable professional experience while in high school. Students have access to industry leaders, cultural and political events, and internship and research opportunities.



IDEA (Innovative Design for Entrepreneurial Applications)



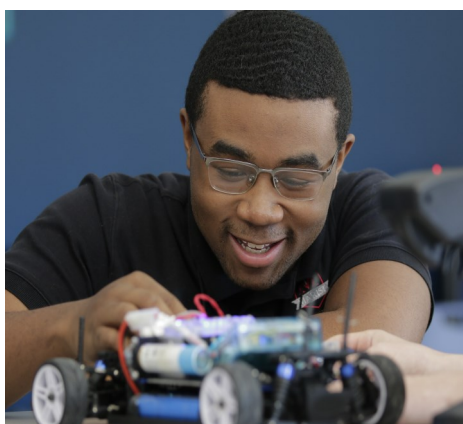
This business course nurtures future entrepreneurs. Students create and fully develop their own product or service and work in teams through the process of ideation, market research, and business plan development. Among other things, they learn about marketing, accounting, human resources, and the legal aspects of running a business. This is a hands-on course structured to allow students to imagine, design, construct, market, and refine their own business ventures. The yearlong course culminates with a pitch night where student teams present their startups to the Marist Community hoping to secure funding.

INTERNSHIPS, RESEARCH & TRAVEL

Marist partners with universities and corporations to provide research opportunities and internships to students to enhance their learning experience and leadership skills. This allows them to explore possible career paths in advance of college. The school sponsors exchange programs in Argentina, France, Italy, and Spain in order for students to translate classroom lessons into real life experiences. International travel for pleasure is also offered to new destinations each year.



TECHNOLOGY



While the tools change over time, ensuring student adaptability to use those tools and have comfort and confidence with technology is a lifelong attribute. To that end, Marist complements a rigorous academic program with relevant technology. Marist boasts a fully integrated 1:1 iPad program aided by apps and web resources. The school also has three computer labs and a CAD lab with 3D printers. Teachers help expand the classroom by hosting virtual exchanges with international schools and enhance student learning with Smart Board tools and other resources. Courses and co-curricular activities give students access to video editing, robotics, drones, and a makerspace.

College Matriculation

Over 99% of Marist graduates attend college. The Class of 2019 is represented on 127 campuses in 32 states.



85% 4-year college or university
15% 2-year and community colleges



35% In State;
65% Out of State



43% Private;
57% Public

Recent graduating classes from Marist High School have averaged more than \$43 million in scholarships, and are currently attending the following schools, among others:

Baylor University • Belmont Abbey College • Boston College • Boston University • Bradley University • Butler University • Carnegie Mellon University • Catholic University of America • Colgate University • Cornell University • Creighton University • Dartmouth College • Dennison University • DePaul University • Fordham University • Georgetown University • Grand Valley State • University • Hawaii Pacific University • Illinois Institute of Technology • Illinois State University • Illinois Wesleyan University • Indiana University • Johns Hopkins University • Lake Forest College • Lewis University • Loras College • Loyola University • Miami University • Marquette University • Michigan State University • Milwaukee School of Engineering • Morgan State University • Northern Illinois University • Northwestern University • Providence College • Purdue University • Southern Illinois University, Carbondale • Spring Hill College • St. Ambrose University • St. Louis University • St. Xavier University • St. Norbert College • Syracuse University • Texas A&M University • The Ohio State University • United States Naval Academy • University of Alabama • University of Arizona • University of Chicago • University of Colorado, Boulder • University of Dayton • University of Florida • University of Illinois, Chicago • University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign • University of Iowa • University of Kansas • University of Kentucky • University of Louisville • University of Memphis • University of Michigan • University of Minnesota • University of Mississippi • University of Missouri • University of Notre Dame • University of Pittsburgh • University of San Diego • University of South Carolina • University of South Dakota • University of Southern California • University of Tampa • University of Texas, Austin • University of Wisconsin, Madison • Vanderbilt University • Western Illinois University • Western Michigan University • Yale University



Co-curricular Programs: Athletics and Activities

Marist RedHawks

Marist offers 26 sports that garner annual success at the local, state, and national level. The school is a proud member of the East Suburban Catholic Conference with crossover play with the Chicago Catholic League and Girls Catholic Athletic Conference.

BOYS

Baseball
Basketball
Bowling
Cross Country
Football
Golf
Hockey
Lacrosse
Rugby
Soccer
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball
Wrestling



GIRLS

Basketball
Bowling
Cheerleading
Cross Country
Dance Team
Golf
Lacrosse
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Track & Field
Volleyball

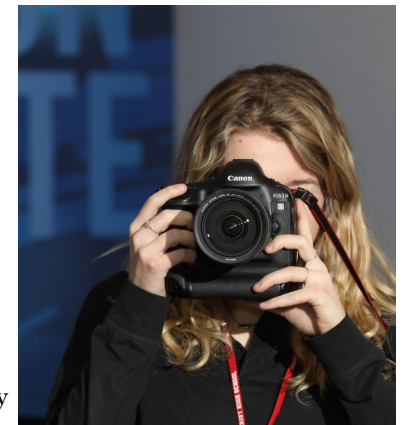


- Boys' Volleyball, State Champs, 2019
- Baseball, Sectional Champs, 2019
- Cheerleading, State Runner-up, 2019
- Rugby, 3rd in state, 2019
- Girls' Volleyball, State Champions, 2018, 2017-*National Champions*
- Football, Conference Champs, 2018, 2017
- Cheerleading, State Runner-up, 2018
- Girls' Soccer, Sectional Champs, 2016
- Boys' Track, Conference Champs, 2016
- Girls' Track, 2nd in conference, 2016
- Football, State Runner-up, 2015
- Softball, State Champions, 2015
- Wrestling, 2nd in State, 2014

Clubs

Marist believes that if students leave at 2:45pm, they are missing an important part of the day. After school opportunities to participate in clubs and activities translate into new talents, leadership skills, and friendships. Studies also show that students who participate in extracurricular activities do better academically because they learn time management, prioritization, and commitment.

- 1 Book, 1 Marist
- Academic Team
- Anime
- Art Club
- Bass Fishing
- Billiards
- Boxing
- Chess Club
- Cooking Club
- Debate Club
- Ecology Club
- E.V.O.L.V.E.
- Explore
- Fencing Club
- Fine Arts & Literary Club
- French Club
- French Honor Society
- Improv Club
- Italian Club
- Investment Club
- Liturgy Committee
- Marist Youth
- Math Team
- Mock Trial
- Model United Nations
- National Art Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- Pro-Life/Pro-Love
- RedHawk Rowdies
- Science Club
- Sentinel Newspaper
- Spanish Club
- Spanish Honor Society
- Speech and Acting Team
- Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)
- Student Ambassadors
- Student Council
- Technology Club
- Theatre Guild
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Weight Lifting Club
- Yearbook





The Marist Brothers



The Marist Brothers of the Schools, a religious order of teaching Brothers, was founded in France on January 2, 1817, by Father Marcellin Champagnat. As a result of the French Revolution and the Napoleonic Wars, the condition of the religious education of youth was deplorable. This sad state of affairs had to be remedied and children given the opportunity to learn Christ's message to mankind and the grandeur of their Christian heritage. The founder, Father Champagnat, decided to do something about it. He was a devout, humble and resolute man. Had he been less courageous, he would never have ventured to undertake such a task. Had he less confidence in God, he would never have succeeded. He was faithful to his religion and fearless in his profession. He was neither disturbed by disappointments nor bothered by contradictions, both of which assailed him.

In the founding of his congregation, he dedicated it to the glory of God and placed it under the protection of Mary, Christ's Holy and Immaculate Mother. His motto, "All to Jesus through Mary and all to Mary for Jesus" is the watchword of every Marist Brother. Because of conditions existing at the time, his purpose was the Christian education of youth and his aim was to see his work extended to every nation on the globe.

How well his work has succeeded can best be attested to by the phenomenal spread of the Marist Brothers throughout the world. Today the Brothers are working in seventy countries educating young people at all levels, from elementary to university. In 1886, less than fifty years after Champagnat's death, the Marist Brothers opened St. Peter's in Lewistown, Maine, their first school in the United States. On September 15, 1892, St. Ann's Academy in New York City opened its doors as a day and boarding school.

The Marist Brothers of the United States also have Brothers doing missionary work in the Philippine Islands, Japan, and Rwanda. Father Champagnat was canonized in Rome on April 18, 1999, by His Holiness Pope John Paul II amidst the acclamation of the Church and the rejoicing of the Marist family. The world is indebted to him and to his devoted followers who left their homelands to spread Christ's kingdom on earth.

The word "Marist" is a French word, which is most often understood to mean "of," "with," or "like" Mary. Given its meaning, the name "Marist" presents those of us who bear it with a unique challenge to be "like Mary" in all of our ventures.