



# 2019

Annual Report & Honor Roll of Donors

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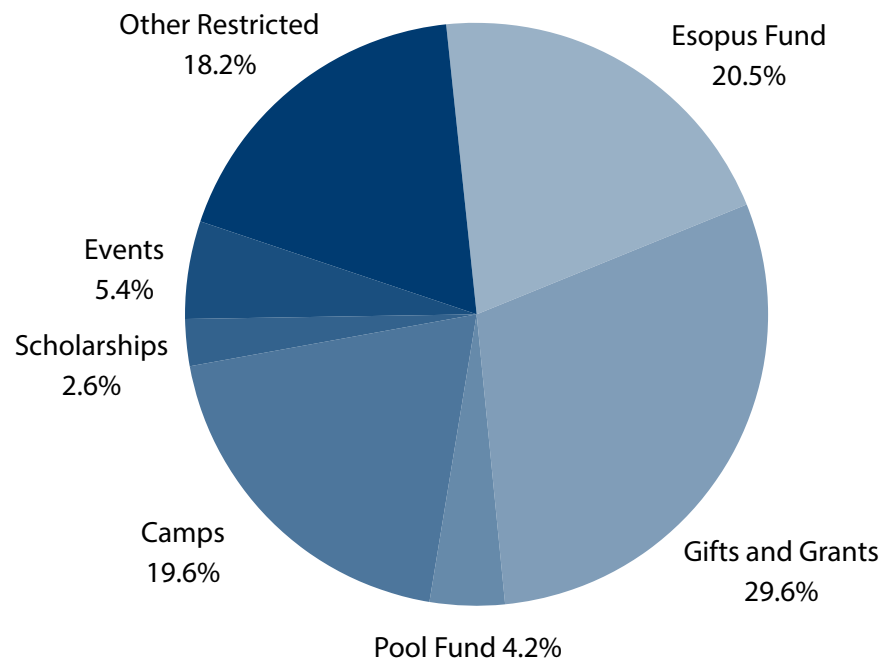
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## Total Giving

Gifts and Grants .....	\$ 110,500.00
Esopus Fund .....	\$ 76,599.00
Camps.....	\$ 73,067.00
Other Restricted.....	\$ 67,850.00
Events .....	\$ 20,227.00
Pool Fund .....	\$ 15,500.00
Scholarships .....	\$ 9,701.00

**Total Giving ..... \$ 373,444.00**



# Dear Friends,



As I complete my tenure as Executive Director, it is truly a time to count God's abundant blessings. During the last seven years I have been privileged to witness God's grace in so many ways and in so many people! I leave with a grateful heart.

- I am grateful for the vision and foresight of the Marist brothers who more than 75 years ago acquired our property here in Esopus and created a sacred place for young people.
- I am grateful for the Brothers of the US Province who remain committed to young people and recognize the pivotal role the MBCE plays in our mission "to make Jesus known and loved."
- I am grateful for the team here in Esopus for their dedication and the sacrifices made to ensure that a sense of Marist family spirit and hospitality is extended to all who come "home" to Esopus.
- I am grateful to the Office of Marist Life and Ministry whose programs strengthen within our colleagues the charism of Marcellin Champagnat.
- I am grateful for our campus ministers, retreat leaders, and school administrators who use the MBCE to complement and strengthen the wholistic educational programs found in their schools.
- I am grateful for our camp directors who every summer work tirelessly to put into practice the Marist tenet that all children deserve to be loved, and that, by loving them, the world is made a better place.
- I am grateful for the volunteers of Esopus. Whether they have spent a year, a summer, a weekend, or a day, their service on behalf of others allows us to create a loving and safe space for others...this is the culture of the MBCE and, in effect, what makes it "holy ground."
- And I am grateful for our many benefactors whose continued generosity and partnership in our work with young people are critical as we move into the future.

More than ever, I am convinced that God's grace is at work here in Esopus. Let us always remember that grace is a vital part of our mission. Marcellin Champagnat's favorite psalm reminds us all: *"If the Lord does not build the house, they labor in vain who build it."*

As you read through these pages, I believe that you too, will realize how abundantly our God has blessed us. I remain grateful for your support and leave with a promise of continued prayers for you and all those you love. May our Lord Jesus, and His Good Mother, Mary, continue to hold you in their warm embrace.

Gratefully,  
Br. Owen Ormsby, FMS

# Dear Marist Family



Since succeeding Br. Owen Ormsby as Executive Director of the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus, I have gained a much deeper understanding of what it means to be a member of the Marist Family and to call Esopus “home.” I also have been moved by the incredible work our volunteers perform and how it touches the lives of so many people.

I was fortunate to have experienced most of our summer camp season and witness firsthand the dedication, loving care and joy of the more than 700 volunteers who make our camps possible. They truly reflect the heart of our work with the disadvantaged and marginalized.

In addition, the weekend of September 7-8 presented a wonderful opportunity for me to meet more of our Marist Family and understand why Esopus is home in so many ways to so many people. On Saturday we welcomed our Century Riders home from their 100-mile fundraising bike trip from New York City’s Central Park. They were joined on Sunday by more than 200 volunteers, donors and friends of MBCE for Family Day. Some of these folks had not been back to Esopus in more than 25 years. One had not been here in more than 50 years! I could really feel the sense of connection to Esopus and to each other from all who were here. No matter how long it’s been since you’ve visited or where your path has taken you, you’re always welcome “home” at the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus.

Transition is not always easy. As Br. Owen has said to me, “the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus will always be in a state of transition, but it is a place where people’s hearts help smooth over the bumps in the road.” With the start of our new fiscal year on September 1st, our retreat season off and running, and our 2019 Century Ride raising over \$43,000, a new record, we are off to a good start!

I would like to publicly recognize Br. Owen for his vision and all of his efforts over the past seven years, and for his guidance and sage counsel in training me over the past few months. He has truly done an incredible job in his time here.

To everyone associated with MBCE, I’m looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you “home.” Together, we can ensure that the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus will always be a place where hearts are touched, lives are changed, and Jesus is made known and loved.

May the Peace of Mary our Good Mother be with all of us.

James M. Raimo  
Executive Director

# Dear Friends,



It has been a tremendous joy to finally meet many of you who have donated to the MBCE, both in presence and in a monetary sense. My first full year in the Advancement Office has been humbling and enlightening. Every patron of the MBCE has their own spirit and connection to Esopus - the word "home" only scratches the surface of what this place means to them.

Thank you for taking the time to share your stories with me. It has been a pleasure to learn from you and see how I can better serve this sacred space. As one of the many hard-working faces of our Esopus team, it is my priority to continue the mission of the MBCE and carry on the teachings of St. Marcellin Champagnat.

This past year one specific tenet of St. Marcellin has captured a permanent place in my heart: "To educate children you must love them all, and love them all equally." More than 5,000 young people pass through our doors each year, and I see this tenet in practice every day. I cannot think of another place where I have witnessed young people so truly at ease and with their hearts so open to God's grace.

On behalf of all who are served here, I express gratitude for each gift and prayer sent our way during the past year. Our retreat programs and summer camps would not have been possible without your thoughtful generosity.

To all who support the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus, I thank you again and look forward to seeing you in the months ahead.

With gratitude,

Summer Bourlier  
Advancement & Development Coordinator

# Honor Roll of Donors

The Marist Brothers Center at Esopus gratefully recognizes all who have financially supported our mission during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The listings that follow represent a donor's total giving from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of these lists, please don't hesitate to contact the Advancement Office at MBCE at 845-384-6596 if an error has been made.



## Special Recognition

In appreciation for their extraordinary generosity and dedication to The Marist Brothers Center at Esopus and The Mid-Hudson Valley Camps

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Volunteer Cassie Wilmot works with Marist College volunteers to rake leaves by the cemetery.





Camp creates friendships that will last a lifetime.

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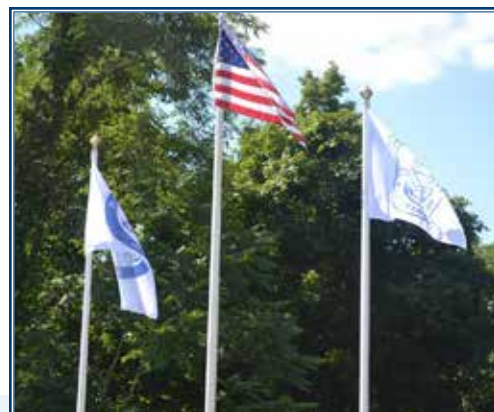


Director of Outdoor Adventure Ed Kennedy assists a Sacred Heart camper with an outdoor rope activity in Outdoor Adventure.

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The Marist Brothers Province flag, the American flag, and our new Marist Brothers Center at Esopus flag proudly wave above our new pool.

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The renovation of the pool was a major accomplishment. The project was completed in time for our campers to enjoy this summer. Above, staff and board members gather for a blessing before the beginning of the camp season.

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Deaf camp volunteers and campers gather for a group picture to commemorate a week well spent at camp.

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Dedicated scullery volunteers work hard behind the scenes all summer. Our camps could not operate without them.

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Sacred Heart camp poses for a great group picture to celebrate the camp season.

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Our newly renovated pool now has a lift to assist campers with disabilities.

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Nothing like some face paint to brighten up your day!

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Sharing Our Call is a retreat program that aims to educate teachers and campus ministers at Marist Schools about the Marist charism.



Marist College volunteers wash the windows within the house to prepare for retreat season.

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"He has made everything beautiful in its time." – Ecclesiastes 3:11



Kids 1 campers bonding down by the banks of the Hudson River.



Our campers have always said that returning to old friends is what makes camp so special.



Archbishop Molloy High School brings their new freshmen camp to the MBCE every summer. Above the group poses in front of Marist College's Payne Mansion on the property adjoining the MBCE.

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Kinsella**

James & Fran Guldner

**In Memory of Katharina Kuhner**

Phil & Carol Kuhner

**In Memory of Richard L. La Pietra**

Fred Brand Jr.

Barbara La Pietra

**In Memory of Br. John Malachy, FMS**

John & Ella McConville



Archbishop Molloy High School freshmen spend part of the day in the cemetery learning about the Marist Brothers who have come before us.



We honor those who have left us and celebrate their lives.

**In Memory of Br. Charles Marcellin, FMS**  
John Sugrue

**In Memory of Br. Raoul Molnar, FMS**  
Robert & Arlene Molnar

**In Memory of Frank Moretti**  
Mary Ellen Sheeran

**In Memory of Br. Declan Murray, FMS**  
Thomas Nolan

**In Memory of Charlotte Murrin**  
Kenneth Murrin

**In Memory of Br. David Murphy, FMS**  
John Heffernan

**In Memory of Robert E. O'Connor**  
Pat & Colleen Donohue  
Mary Ellen Sheeran

**In Memory of Vincent O'Reilly**  
Anne Sullivan

**In Memory of James Slater**  
John Brophy

**In Memory of Lena Slater**  
John Brophy

**In Memory of Br. Leonard Voegtle, FMS**  
Dr. Ronald Diss

**In Memory of Frances Waldron**  
Anthos USA, Inc.  
Anthony Abbattista  
Nancy Dawson  
Karen DiFiore  
Pat & Colleen Donohue  
Ann Fehling  
Araceli Flanagan  
Michael & Margaret Flynn  
Kerry & Suzanne Hollywood  
Joan Kenny  
Diann & Russell Newell  
Edward O'Donnell  
Br. Daniel O'Riordan, FMS  
Thomas Pasculli  
Maureen & Reinert Roaldsen  
Coleen Waldron

**In Memory of Mary Zaleskie**  
Theresa Hartman

# Honorial Gifts

**In Honor of John Brophy**  
Sara Brophy

**In Honor of John Thomas Brophy**  
John Brophy

**In Honor of Philip & Mary Cappio**  
Regina & Todd Wilson

**In Honor of Mary Coughlin**  
Theresa & Eamonn Carroll

**In Honor of Thomas F. Crimmins**  
Anne Whooley

**In Honor of Lysette Cruz**  
Rebecca Rapoport

**In Honor of William Francis**  
Donald Gillespie & Angela Cesa

**In Honor of Teresa & Paul Iacune**  
Kristine Bunyea  
Sherrie Gilmore  
Luisa Winogradoff

**In Honor of Br. John Malich, FMS**  
Teresa Hartman

**In Honor of Pat & Ed McCormack**  
Br. Ben Consigli, FMS  
Patricia Costello  
Richard & Kathleen Karsten  
Jackson McKiernan  
Kevin & Melissa McKiernan  
Lynn O'Connell

**In Honor of Br. Declan Murray, FMS**  
Alumni of Archbishop Molloy High School

**In Honor of Anita Neelakantappa**  
Michele Neelakantappa

**In Honor of Br. Owen Ormsby, FMS**  
Archbishop Molloy High School  
Marist Brothers - Leavitt Street

**In Honor of Br. Philip Robert Ouellette, FMS**  
Joseph Bickard  
Daniel & Rosemarie Lester

**In Honor of Anne Whooley**  
Catherine Crimmins

# 2018-2019 Events

## Esopus Runners - \$15,606.74

The Esopus Runners is a dedicated team of athletes of all levels who run together in support of the MBCE. This year, the Esopus Runners participated in the Long Island Marathon Weekend on May 6, 2019 competing in the 10K, half-marathon, and full-marathon. The event not only serves as a fundraiser, but as an MBCE team-builder that fosters comradery and supportive friendships. A huge thank you to all our runners and donors. Your dedication and generosity raised **\$15,606.75** for new pool equipment this camp season!



Ali Brennan, Br. Luis Ramos, and Rosie Mulligan pose for a celebratory picture after Esopus Runners.



"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." - Phillipians 4:13



The money from Esopus Runners went towards purchasing new pool equipment, including new handicap accessible tables and benches.

Participants from this year's Esopus Runners event celebrate finishing their race.





## Esopus Music - \$4,620

Esopus Music is an exciting fundraising event that allows Mid-Hudson Valley Camp volunteers to showcase their talents while raising money for a place they love. This year, our dedicated performers were joined by a few new musicians which made the event even more spectacular. Esopus Music is a chance to hear some great music, catch up with old friends and make new ones. Great raffle prizes included wine, tickets to sporting events, hotel stays and more. Esopus Music raised more than **\$4,000** for the Mid-Hudson Valley Camps in 2019. We wish to thank all who supported Esopus Music in 2019 and can't wait for next year's event.



Esopus Music is an annual event where camp volunteers perform live music to raise funds for the Mid-Hudson Valley Camps.



Students must figure out how to keep the seesaw from hitting the ground while establishing an even amount of people on each side.

## Outdoor Adventure

The Marist Brothers Center at Esopus offers an adventure-based retreat program called Outdoor Adventure. By creating engaging experiences that draw on each participant's physical, emotional, spiritual, social, and cognitive abilities, this type of retreat strives to aid in the formation of a Christian character. In addition, this program develops and fosters an atmosphere of mutual trust and respect among the participants, encouraging communion with nature, communion with others, communion with oneself, and communion with God. The program's activities provide challenges that serve as metaphors for real life issues, creating opportunities for growth in each participant.



An exercise in faith teaches students to follow along a length of rope while blindfolded.



Students work together to pass a marble down lengths of pipe to establish teamwork.



Director of Outdoor Adventure Ed Kennedy demonstrates an activity for students.

# Our 2019 Camp Season

*“To educate children you must love them  
and love them all equally”*  
– St. Marcellin Champagnat

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Camp Angels campers unite in a large circle for an activity in the gymnasium.



Sacred Heart campers battle it out with the tug of war in the summer.



We wouldn't be anything without our wonderful volunteers.



Father Richard LaMorte administers communion during the week-long camp for Archbishop Molloy High School freshmen.



Completing camp is always something to celebrate.



Campers from Sr. Pat's camp enjoy a fun dance night with friends.



Kids 1 campers choose to cool down and play some games in the pool.



A group of campers from Camp Angels enjoys time in the newly renovated pool.



Br. Owen Ormsby shares a laugh with a Young Adult camper.



A camper and counselor from Kids 1 camp pretend to sell popcorn to the other campers.



A group of campers from Sr. Pat's camp gather around to listen to their counselor.



Archbishop Molloy freshmen reads a passage during mass.



Two Sacred Heart campers take a moment to practice some yoga.



Our Young Adult campers really made a "splash" this summer!

# The Marist Mission at the MBCE: A Testimonial

*Meet Erica who has been coming to Mid-Hudson Valley Camp for the past 36 years (since she was 8 years old)*



*"This camp is my life, and like a second home. I feel that way and a lot of campers feel that way."*

## **How has this organization helped you on your own personal journey?**

Growing up and coming to camp was the best thing in my life. Not only did I make a lot of friends, but because of the counselors. They know me – my weaknesses and my strengths. I am still young at heart, and that is what I consider this camp – young at heart.

Even though I am older than most of my counselors, I feel like they look up to me, and I look up to them as well. I used to be so shy, but through the years they have helped me out of my shell.

Also, I like to advocate for people who cannot advocate for themselves. Some campers do not know how to do things on their own, and I want to help.

## **Please identify three words you would use to describe Mid-Hudson Valley Camp with a brief explanation as to why you chose those words.**

**Strength** – Because the counselors know who I am and who I can become. They always believe in me.

**Confidence** – I can always confide in the counselors because they talk to us, and they don't talk for us.

**Independence** – From the bonfires, and the fire trucks visiting us, to swimming together, walking together, eating together, having fun with each other, and just enjoying each other's company. Camp gives us our independence. We can do what we want, and we love what we do.

## **What's the most significant impact you believe Mid-Hudson Valley Camp has made on you and others? What would you say about this camp to others?**

Campers do not get to see a lot of each other outside of camp, so we look forward to seeing each other once a year – when we are here.

We accept each other – not because we have disabilities but because of the type of people we are. We don't typecast here at camp, and we don't judge each other. That's the best part.

I would definitely recommend this camp to others, and I have! This camp is my life, and like a second home. I feel that way and a lot of campers feel that way. I have been coming for so long and hope to continue coming until the day I die.

# A Tribute to Ed and Pat McCormack



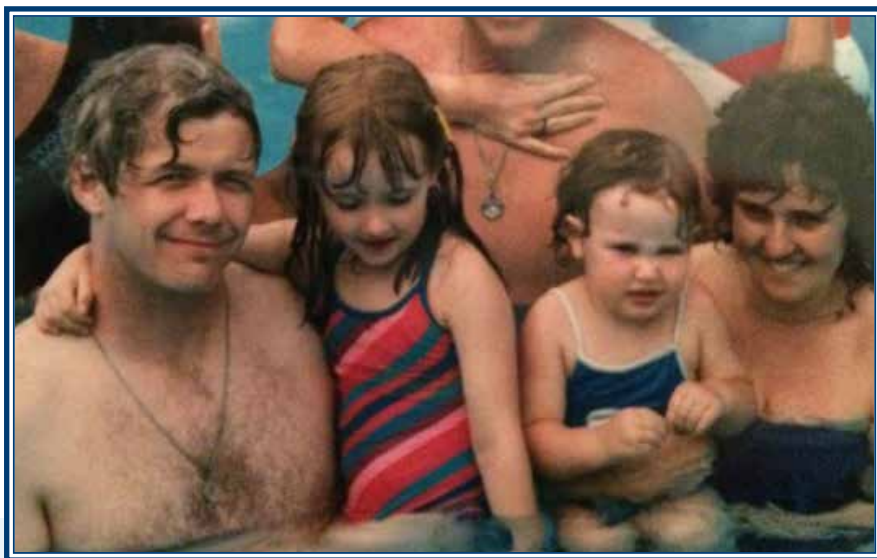
Thank you for all your incredible hard work Pat & Ed!

In 1976, Ed and Pat McCormack committed themselves to making a summer camp happen for the deaf students they worked with at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf. They weren't quite sure what it would entail but, after that first year, camp had filled their hearts in a way that can only happen in Esopus. Because they wanted this extraordinary week to be accessible to as many deaf children as possible, they got together with some fellow St. Francis staff members and formed and performed in a musical sign language group called Hands in Harmony to raise money for Deaf Camp.

Throughout their 44 years leading Deaf Camp, as they tirelessly gave of themselves, they discovered that they also got incredible gifts in return — new friends who would last a lifetime, counselors who not only brought laughter and love to their campers, but were inspired by Deaf Camp to go into fields in deaf education, and some truly extraordinary people, like Sr. Kathy Costello and Br. Pat Hogan, who inspired them to continue working camp with their whole hearts because each camper was truly deserving of their very best.

Pat and Ed's love for camp was infectious. They motivated many St. Francis staff members to serve at camp over the years, attracted important donors, and inspired their own children to be a part of the magic that happens in Esopus and the Deaf Camp family.

As we look back on those 44 years, we see the lives of countless children, families, counselors, and staff who have been touched by Pat and Ed's boundless love and energy.



Pat and Ed McCormack back in the day enjoying the pool with their kids.



Pat and Ed McCormack pose with their children, Kerry, Erin, and Brian, in front of the Marist Brothers Center years ago.

# New Scholarship Fund

## MBCE Establishes Scholarship to Thank and Honor Br. Owen Ormsby, FMS

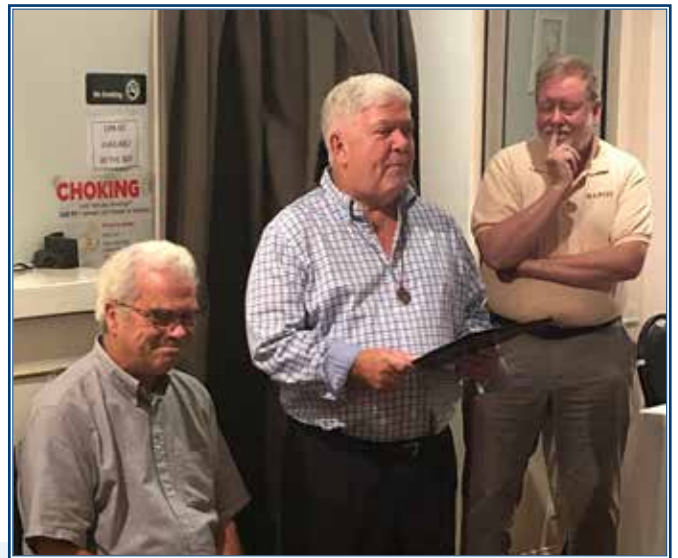
Through the personal financial support of the Board of Directors and the Marist Brothers Province of the USA, the **Br. Owen Ormsby, FMS Scholarship Fund** has been established to recognize the vision, leadership, dedication and accomplishments of Br. Owen as Executive Director of the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus during the past seven years. The fund will provide tuition assistance that will enable those in need to attend a summer camp or a retreat.

Br. Owen has always believed that the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus becomes “home” to everyone who passes through its doors. This scholarship fund will make it possible for more young people to have the opportunity to experience God’s love at Esopus and call it “home.”

If you’d like to join in recognizing Br. Owen’s work at the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus by contributing to the **Br. Owen Ormsby, FMS Scholarship Fund**, please contact Summer Bourlier, Advancement & Development Coordinator, at 845-384-6596 or visit the website at [www.maristbrotherscenter.org](http://www.maristbrotherscenter.org).



Br. Owen Ormsby is surprised at a small dinner filled with friends and colleagues to honor his work.



Marist Brothers Provincial Br. Pat McNamara (center) talks about the great work and significant accomplishments of Br. Owen (seated) at MBCE as Robert Lynch, board member, looks on.

## Brother Luis Ramos, FMS Takes His Vows as a Marist Brother

Brother Luis Ramos professed his first vows during a ceremony held August 10 at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, NY. He professed the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, committing himself to one year according to the Constitutions of the Little Brothers of Mary.

Brother Luis grew up in the Bronx. He graduated from Marist-founded Mount Saint Michael Academy in 2011. After high school, Luis received his first sacraments as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Program at Iona College in New Rochelle, NY, where he completed a bachelor's degree in religious studies in 2015. During his college years he became actively involved in the Marist Young Adult Program and spent one year living with us and working as a volunteer at the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus, NY. He entered the Marist Brothers Postulancy in September 2016 and lived in community with Brothers in the Bronx, NY. He became a Novice to the Marist Brothers on August 19, 2017 and lived in community with Brothers at the Marist Brothers Novitiate on the campus of Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY. Brother Sean Sammon served as the Master of Novices.

"Professing vows was a beautiful experience. To have the Marist family, my family, and my friends there helped me feel God's love and kindness" Br. Luis said following the ceremony.

Brother Luis is currently teaching religion at Marist High School in Chicago, IL and lives in community with Brothers at the Leavitt Street Community. During the next year he will continue to discern his call to a lifetime commitment as a Marist Brother.



On August 10th, 2019 Br. Luis Ramos professed his first vows and became an official Marist Brother.

## THE MARIST BROTHERS

*Making Jesus Christ  
Known and Loved*



"Evangelizing youth is our mission in the classroom and beyond. We answer the call to walk with them, support their growth, and be brothers to them. Community provides us a space to live, grow, laugh, and seek God together."

--Br. Luis Ramos, FMS



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Your support, dedication, gifts, and prayers throughout the year make such a tremendous difference to those who call the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus "home." We are incredibly thankful that you have chosen to include the Center in your philanthropy. Every gift is deeply appreciated. **Thank you!**