WE ARE ONE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

“There are two kinds of Catholic High Schools — thriving or surviving.”

These words hit like a dive into a high Cascade lake. The speaker, a Catholic school administrator, was addressing an earnest group of principals, presidents (CEO’s of Catholic schools), and development directors (people who are responsible for raising 22-25% of a school’s budget in a thriving school model) at Bishop Roncalli High School in Indianapolis. It was the spring of 2008; I’d been to ten years’ worth of seminars and meetings as part of my learning curve in public school administration, but this was the first such gathering I had attended as a Catholic school principal. This statement jolted me into an awareness of the unique challenges we face in Catholic education.

The words dramatically captured the wake-up call for Catholic schools and communities across the country—a call that had been whispering in our ears almost imperceptibly for the past decade or more. Wake up! Catholic schools can no longer live on subsidies from local church collections and the low-cost, but devout labor provided by members of religious orders. No longer do we have a steady stream of experienced religious brothers, sisters, and priests who have taught and run schools their entire adult lives. Across the country, communities are asking themselves what kind of high school they want to be—thriving or surviving. At Marist Catholic High School, the staff, administration and school board are committed to remaining a THRIVING high school for generations to come.

In the first of three articles that will appear in Marist We Are One over the course of the year, this issue’s “Building a School – On Solid Ground” explores the roots of Marist Catholic High School and begins to talk about the initial work of our staff to grow and solidify our lay-vocations to educate our youth. In the absence of the Marist Brothers and the Sisters of the Holy Names, we are called to shape a school that is self-perpetuating and nurturing. To this end, we look to the proven programs and models garnered from strong faith-based models like the schools run by the Lasallian Christian Brothers and their lay staffs. In the next two issues of this magazine, we will lay out the work we have already started, and we will describe the long-term plans that are essential to our remaining a strong Catholic school.

This issue also includes the first annual report from our development office. Congratulations to all of the Marist community—staff, students, parents, alumni, and friends. We can report great progress in very tough economic times. We’re building trust and confidence. We’re building a school that is self-perpetuating and nurturing. To this end, we look to the proven programs and models garnered from strong faith-based models like the schools run by the Lasallian Christian Brothers and their lay staffs. In the next two issues of this magazine, we will lay out the work we have already started, and we will describe the long-term plans that are essential to our remaining a strong Catholic school.

In faith,
Jay Conroy, Principal
Defining moments, we all have them. School communities are no different. Circumstances change, key players come and go, new needs arise, and our community reshapes and builds itself. Often these turning points stretch over years, taking shape slowly, almost imperceptibly, until we find ourselves faced with a clear challenge, a call to change directions, to shape slowly, almost imperceptibly, until we find ourselves faced with a clear challenge, a call to change directions, to shape a school to meet the needs of our Catholic community into the 21st century. 

THE MOMENT NOW...

Today, we are a school forty two years old and nearly twenty years beyond the everyday, active, and inspired leadership of its founders, the Marist Brothers, who left the school in 1994. Feeling the lack of a clear path and the spiritual direction that was once provided by this religious order, in 2007, a group of staff members headed by Rick Martin, director of campus ministry, and Jay Conroy, vice-principal at the time, worked together to assess the Catholicity of Marist Catholic High School and to make recommendations for renewing and strengthening its Catholic culture. This group was directed to conduct research into what it means to be a Catholic high school in Eugene, Oregon in the 21st century and to evaluate how we stack up, from a review of our theology course offerings to an examination of our liturgies and our campus environment, from how we emphasize the importance of faith in our hiring process to the impact of our student retreats, and more.

WHERE ARE THE BROTHERS?

One of the overwhelming recommendations of this committee's work was to try to reconnect with a religious order that would provide Marist with a consistent set of principles, experience in the field of Catholic education, and spiritual leadership that would include resources for the training and ongoing renewal of staff and teachers. After considering many orders, including the possibility of re-establishing a formal connection with the Marist Brothers, this committee recommended that Marist “walk with” the Christian Brothers, a religious teaching order founded by Saint John Baptiste de La Salle, the patron saint of teachers.

The Christian Brothers have a nationwide system of excellent schools, including a number on the West Coast with whom we can network. As a community well organized to support Catholic schools in their ongoing missions, they expressed a very open and generous willingness to share their experience and wisdom with our Marist staff and administration. We found huge comfort and reassurance from the Lasallian invitation and were equally moved to learn that our separate paths have common roots. St. Marcellin Champagnat, founder of the Marist Brothers in 1817, based his teachings and approach to education on the experience, writings, and example of De La Salle, who walked with the Brothers, this committee recommended that Marist “walk with” the Christian Brothers, a religious teaching order founded by Saint John Baptiste de La Salle, the patron saint of teachers.

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"WALKING WITH" NOT AFFILIATING

There has been much talk of this new direction that the school has decided to take. Last spring, a presentation to parents was hosted by Marist Campus Ministry Director Rick Martin and Principal Jay Conroy, but turnout was light. It is our hope that this series of articles will communicate to our entire community of alumni, friends, students, and parents the rationale, the intended steps, and the goals and hopes we hold with respect to our involvement with the Christian Brothers and to our desire to root our growth in the fertile soil of our Catholic heritage.

This walking with in no way affiliates Marist High School with or commits us in any way to the Brothers of De La Salle. We are and remain a Diocesan Catholic high school, with a corporate board of directors (all of whom must be practicing Catholics) overseeing
the school’s administration and serving under the appointment of the Archbishop of Portland. In our search for structure and guidance, we have simply chosen to lean on the wisdom, strength, passion, and proven success of the Christian Brothers within the context of our own educational system at Marist. We are following in the footsteps of our predecessors, searching out a community whose experience and education provide the structure through which God’s work can best be done. Our history shows how our community has benefited time and again from the hard work and guidance of the various religious orders who have travelled to our valley to assist in our sacred mission to educate our youth.

A HISTORY OF BUILDINGS

Though we now live, study, and play out on the delta on a beautiful campus adjacent to the Willamette River, Marist is deeply rooted in a four block radius in downtown Eugene. Catholic missionaries in the mid-1800’s planted the seeds of our Catholic community in this piece of the southern Willamette Valley, an area that began as a scattering of rural farms and that has grown to encompass the second largest metropolitan area in Oregon and its surrounding ring of smaller communities, all feeders to a single Catholic high school. This area, like most of our country, has experienced great growth in these years, and the challenges presented to communities have often been answered with the construction of buildings and the hiring of workers. Our Catholic community is no exception: one of the primary jobs of twentieth century pastors was to raise funds and construct buildings to meet the needs of their flourishing parishes. Again and again, we watch as churches and school buildings are filled to capacity, remodeled, moved, or even torn down to accommodate new construction.

We see from the earliest recordings of our history how central the role of education is to the mission of the Catholic Church and to our Catholic community. Our first pastor, Reverend Francis S. Beck, built a four-room schoolhouse within the first two years of

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1886

Father Metayer, the pastor from Corvallis’ parish, recognizing the growing nucleus of Catholics in Eugene, and with Marist and Willamette and has it moved to property he had purchased near Eugene at 11th and Willamette, serves the first Mass in St. Mary’s Church on October 27, 1886, dedicated as the Church of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but called St. Mary’s from the beginning.

1890

1895

THE SISTERS OF MERCY

of Omaha, Nebraska take over the school after the Benedicetine Sisters leave.

1897

REVEREND JOSEPH O’FARRELL

becomes St. Mary’s eighth pastor under twenty years of service. In 1897, under Fr. O’Farrell’s leadership, a new church for St. Mary’s is built in the same place that the first church had stood at the corner of 11th and Willamette. Fr. O’Farrell serves as assistant pastor to Fr. O’Farrell and endears himself to the people of this area through 35 years of service to our community.

1900

He is instrumental in the establishment of the mission parish, St. Mel’s, in Springfield.

1907

REVEREND DANIEL P. CURLEY

becomes pastor of St. Mary’s eighth church building and adds four more classrooms to the front with a basement underneath that houses a meeting room and stage.

1910

Fr. O’Farrell moves Fr. Beck’s school back on the property and adds four more classrooms to the front with a basement underneath that houses a meeting room and stage.

1916

After some persistent solicitations, THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY NAMES OF JESUS AND MARY, based in Maryhurst, Oregon, come to St. Mary’s. When the Sisters arrive in September, 67 pupils fill grades one through eighth. By the end of the school year, 110 students are enrolled, and seven girls graduate from the eighth grade. Pictured from left to right are Sr. M. Andrea, Sr. Rita of Jesus, Sr. Bernard of Jesus, and Sr. M. Hilaria.

Two Sisters who come a bit later, Sr. Mary Basilla and Sr. Mary Merwina, begin teaching high school classes in 1918, and a year later, when three boys join the student body, St. Mary’s becomes the first co-educational high school for the Sisters of the Holy Names in the Oregon Province.

1920

FATHER BECK’S SCHOOL

from the very start.

1920

FATHER BECK’S SCHOOL

From O’Farrell’s old school building on Willamette Street is destroyed, and Fr. O’Farrell’s addition to that original structure is moved behind the transported church that now stands on the Lincoln Street property. This old building is situated facing Lincoln Street and a new section is added to the front for a high school music room, and an upstairs meeting room.

1927

FATHER BECK’S SCHOOL

Fr. O’Hara builds a new church on the northeast corner of the block, the same church that stands at the corner of 11th and Charnelton today. This old church is then remodeled to be used as a parish hall.

1929

BUILDINGS

REVEREND FRANCIS S. BECK, St. Mary’s first resident pastor, arranges for a small wooden church standing on the northeast corner of 11th and Willamette. Within two years, he renovates the little church and builds a four-room wooden schoolhouse to stand beside it. Fr. Beck arranges for BENEDICTINE SISTERS from Mount Angel to teach at the new school, and an announcement of registration days and first day of classes runs in a January issue of the Eugene City Guard. Originally dedicated as the Academy of Our Lady of Victory, it was commonly referred to as ST. MARY’S SCHOOL from the very start.
to offer Mass in private homes. The surrounding parishes grew up in similar fashion, with Masses originally held in spaces other than architecturally designed chapels: homes, legion halls, gymnasiums, classrooms, even train cars... Local efforts to bring the Catholic faith to school-age children takes many forms as well, ranging from the religious vacation schools in the private homes and yards of the 1920’s, to the traveling CCD schoolbuses of the 1950’s, to the traditional parochial school classrooms that have cropped up across the valley over the years.

### SIX DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS ORDERS

Our faith community grew from one parish into six, and from one school of seventy pupils into a Catholic school system that at its high point encompassed four grade schools, an “upper school” (junior high), and a high school. This growth was mirrored across the nation. In Eugene, six different religious orders sent teachers and administrators to our community from as far away as Iowa and as close as Mount Angel, Oregon.

**MARIST HIGH**

Amidst the flurry of the creation of new parishes and schools in our community in the late 1960’s, the construction of Marist High School began in 1967 as a response to population growth in Eugene. Monsignor Murname, pastor of St. Mary’s from 1950 until 1969, provided the necessary leadership to the Sisters of St. Mary in Chicago to sets up a new diocesan position for Marist College in Eugene.

When Marist High School opened its doors in 1967, it had two buildings on a thirteen-acre site in the River Road area, built with donations and gifts. By 1970, there were 519 pupils enrolled in grades preschool through eight while grades nine through twelve occupied the new facility. One through eight remain at the Lincoln Street property, and a gymnasium with complete athletic facilities. Grades nine through twelve occupy the new facility.

In 1965, the Springfield parish, originally established as St. Me’s, in 1922, finally builds their St. Alice Church to replace the recycled army chapel that served the community for eighteen years. This is the church that stands on 15th and F Streets today.

St. Jude is the last parish to be established in Eugene and initially uses Spencer Junior High Gymnasium to offer Mass to the growing population in the south hills of Eugene.

**ST. PAULS’ SCHOOL,** pictured at left with St. Paul Church’s first pastor, Fr. Cerela and the original staffed by the **SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH,** but upon their departure, they are followed by the **SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS** of Dubuque, Iowa. St. Pauls’ School has an enrollment today of 296 students in grades preschool through eight with a 100% lay faculty and staff. The Sisters of St. Francis have served the local parishes of St. Jude for 40 years.

**ST. PETERS’ CHURCH**, established in the River Road area, housed initially in a classroom and then in the high school gymnasium.

**FATHER LORIS O’CONNELL** is the first resident pastor.

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**ST. KRISTOS’ CHURCH** is finally built in 1972.
conceived the idea of Marist High School as far back as 1956. He envisioned a new high school that would allow the consolidation of all of the classes of St. Mary's School on Lincoln Street and St. Francis Junior High on Jefferson Street into the one building on Jefferson Street, which at that time was the home of the junior and high school. In 1965, Fr. Murnane bought a 28 acre parcel of land in North Eugene and began negotiations with the Marist Brothers of Pougettspeis, New York to staff and administer a new high school.

MARIST BROTHERS

The Marist Brothers are a worldwide congregation of teaching religious founded in France in 1817 by St. Marcellin Champagnat. With two others, Champagnat began teaching catechism to children and adults with the conviction that effective education only happens in a loving environment. He relied heavily on the extensive writings of John Baptist de La Salle, and as the reputation of the Marist Brothers grew as teachers, disciplinarians, and pious men, their work flourished. By the middle of the twentieth century, the Marist Brothers had become the Catholic Church’s second largest teaching order of vowed laymen.

In 1965, Brother Timothy Joseph Caven was the first Marist Brother sent from New York to generate interest and work with our community to set the stage for a new Catholic high school. He joined the administrative staff at St. Francis in the fall of 1966 and became principal of the school in January of 1967. While principal, he supervised the construction of the new Marist High School and paved the way for a smooth transition between the old and new schools.

Brothers Cronan Halsey and Dennis Dumas joined the St. Francis faculty in September of 1966, and Brothers Dan Grogan, Charles Filiatrault, and Gerard Breoten came west in 1967. Four Brothers later, in 1968, Marist High School opened with a staff of ten Marist Brothers and all Holy Names Sisters and six full and part time lay persons. The number of brothers peaked at fourteen in 1972. The initial phase of the building was designed for 600 students so that later additions to accommodate 1000 students would only necessitate the addition of classrooms.

With plans for a Marist run high school officially underway, Brother Timothy Joseph Caven is the first Marist Brother to come to Oregon in the fall of 1965. He is sent by the Marist Brothers of Pougettspeis, New York to build support for the new high school among parents and students in Eugene. He joins the faculty of St. Francis High School in 1966 and becomes principal in 1967. Later that year, he is joined by Brother Cronan Halsey and Brother Dennis Dumas who come west to help supervise a plan to build the first unit of the high school.

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1970

MARIST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL opens as an archdiocesan school under the administrative control of the Marist Brothers. Much of the faculty and staff essentially migrates from St. Francis along with the students. Other teachers and staff members are hired and in September 1968, ten Marist Brothers, eight Holy Names Sisters, and six full-time and four part-time lay persons form the faculty and staff with Brother Timothy Joseph as principal. The facility is sleek, modern, and state of the art for the late 60s and looks largely the same as our school does today, with a few subtractions and additions.

1975

Brother James Halladay, our 1975 principal, is noted as the last Brother to leave Marist High School.

1980

Brother Thomas Cronan Halsey, our 1980 principal, does today, with a few subtractions and additions.

1981

Brother Anthony Iazzetti.

1981

Brother Patrick Magee.

1987

Brother John Cummings.

1990

Brother Sumner Herrick.

1994

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Portland was one of the farthest-flung of its dioceses, and largely for this reason, the Marist Brothers were compelled to leave Oregon in order to consolidate their resources and thereby become effective servants of the Church. With great sadness, the Brothers finished out the 1992-1993 academic school year and the last brother, Brother Sumner Herrick, departed in June of 1994.

THE MARIST NAME

Though the Marist Brothers were no longer associated with the school, for the sake of continuity of identity, it was agreed that the school’s name would remain Marist, subject to the right of the Marist Brothers to ask that the name be changed if the work of the school was no longer consistent with their mission and goals.

In our next issue…

• MARIST’S LAY STAFF AND 13 YEARS OF LAY LEADERSHIP
• FROM SAC TO SCHOOL BOARD
• A COMMUNITY STILL COMMITTED TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLING

We will look at the development of Marist Catholic High School as it strives to address its mission of providing an exceptional Catholic high school college prep education to students in the south Willamette Valley, and we will confront the question:

Which type of Catholic school are we - thriving or surviving?
The great thing about pétanque is that anyone can play it!

Pétanque originated in southern France in 1907 and is played on dirt or gravel in teams of one, two or three. The goal is to get your “boule” (a steel ball weighing about 1 1/2 lbs and slightly larger in diameter than a baseball), closer to the target ball than your opponent’s boule. Players throw underhand with palms facing down and both feet on the ground. The first to thirteen wins.

In our league, teams are made up of guys and girls, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Pétanque is a great mixer and a great equalizer. From young to old, male, female, able-bodied or disabled, everybody can find his or her place in pétanque. Teamwork, competition, winning, losing, controlling your emotions, focusing upon and perfecting your technique, strategizing and anticipating, these are all life skills that pétanque, like any other sport, offers students at Marist.

In the fall of 1999, Marist students were invited to join Churchill, Sheldon and South Eugene in a newly created pétanque league. At the time, I remember thinking that it would be a great way to expose the students to French culture in a friendly, low-key atmosphere. But, perhaps more importantly to me, I remember how excited I was to be meeting with other local French teachers on a weekly basis. As a new teacher, and the sole French teacher at Marist, this was a godsend!

In the beginning, we only had as many players as each team could muster and we didn’t have any real concrete format. We met and played games and afterwards shared food together, in the French spirit of the game. It was very social, and a great way for students from each of the high schools to get to know each other. For this had been a pipe dream for quite some time, but now I started actually looking for a spot at Marist. Of course we would encourage, not slow but steady at first, mostly smaller gifts, but then, one day, as I was at home recovering from gall bladder surgery, I got a phone call from a donor telling me that they would be willing and able to fund the construction, the whole thing! Incroyable!

On a cold day in January of 2009, we broke ground and were ready in time for the spring season of play. We had done it! We had actually built a pétanque field, just for us! It is hard to describe the pride and feelings of legitimacy that this brought to our players at Marist and to the league in general. We had a place to call our own, our field of dreams where we could practice, play, and compete, anytime we wanted! Magnifique!

In an impressive home-field display, we won the spring season championship, a fitting baptism for our new field. A short time later, we actually did have the field blessed by our campus priest, Father Dave. He blessed the water and the players walked around, sprinkling it on the field. As part of the ritual, Father Dave Cullings asked me if I wanted to say a few words. I spoke to the students about this field being not only a place where we competed and shared our love of the game, but also a place where we could show other students and schools who we were as Marist students, as Catholics, as Christians. We would play fairly, we would give our all, we would encourage, not demean our opponents. This new field would be where students would see the Christ in us.

What started ten years ago with a few high school French teachers has grown into a local fixture and expanded to the international level.
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

My mother, a devout Catholic who attended parochial schools after World War II, used to worry when I would come visit her during summer vacation, reading one of my latest evolutionary biology books. She would question whether or not I “would get in trouble” teaching about evolution at a Catholic school. My oldest sister in the early 1990’s warned me not to discuss dinosaurs with her pre-school children. These encounters with my own family members, who I love and have learned so much from, especially in my faith development, embody the confusion that we in American society struggle with today: understanding evolution in the context of being a person of faith.

As a biology teacher at Marist Catholic High School for over ten years, I have felt blessed that I can teach evolution and, at the same time, understand evolution and it using empirical evidence capable of being verified or disproved by observation or experiment. The continuing discovery of the incredible biodiversity on our planet, the need to find new antibiotics to treat infectious diseases, and the sequencing of the genomes of different organisms: these are some very pertinent areas of study today that benefit from a scientific thought, we can in fact be led closer to an appreciation of God’s creation.

One of the main points of emphasis in all of our science courses at Marist is to clarify what science is. Science looks at the natural world and seeks to explain it using empirical evidence capable of being verified or disproved by observation or experiment. The Church is committed to scientific inquiry. This is realized by means of evolution.

Finding Darwin’s God, addresses an issue that worries many students: that an acceptance of the theory of evolution leads to the conclusion that there is no divine plan, that the connection between God and the world as we know it will be severed. Not true, according to Miller, a practicing Catholic and a renowned cell biologist. He points out that “Science is, just as John Paul II said, silent on the issue of ultimate purpose, an issue that lies outside the realm of scientific inquiry. This means that biological evolution, correctly understood, does not make the claim of purposelessness.” The Church is committed to scientific rationality at the same time that it holds a spiritual view of reality; these two do not ultimately conflict.

Similarly, I see the Creator’s plan and purpose fulfilled in our universe. I see a planet bursting with evolutionary possibilities, a continuing creation in which the Divine providence is manifest in every living thing. I see a science that tells us that there is indeed a design to life and that that design involves evolution. I challenge the biology students that I teach to see the value of life in the owl pellets, the flowers, and the rats that we dissect. I ask them to ponder the future ethical issues that will confront them with the unlocking of the human genome. I hope that they do not shy away from using their knowledge of the natural world to see God’s place in it as well as in their own lives.

Patrick Wagner has a B.S. from Notre Dame and a Masters in Education from Troy State. He teaches biology, coaches track and cross country and is the father of Tiger ‘12 and Joseph, who will be a freshman at Marist next year.

Patrick Wagner shows students, some of whom are very interested, others less so, “the parts of a rat during a dissection lab.”

“THERE IS GRANDEUR IN THIS VIEW OF LIFE, WITH ITS SEVERAL POWERS, HAVING BEEN ORIGINALLY BREATHED BY THE CREATOR INTO A FEW FORMS OR INTO ONE; AND THAT, WHilst THIS PLANET HAS GONE CIRCLING ON ACCORDING TO THE FIXED LAW OF GRAVITY, FROM SO SIMPLE A BEGINNING, ENDLESS FORMS MOST BEAUTIFUL AND MOST WONDERFUL HAVE BEEN, AND ARE BEING EVOLVED.”


The Bench Returns

At the end of October, Marist Theatre will present "The Rover", a rip-roaring comedy that dramatizes how a group of young Englishmen fare against the cunning and love-crazed women of Spain. With a cast of over 20 Marist students, and under the guidance of Marist’s own director Tony Rust, "The Rover" is sure to entertain all audiences.

Opening night of the play is October 29 in the Bob Devereaux Theatre at Marist High School and runs for three more evenings on Oct 30, Nov 5, and Nov 6. All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.

Go to maristsds.org to buy your tickets now or call the ticket office at (541) 681-5490! Seating is limited.

Locked-In To Fun

The freshmen and their orange-clad leaders enjoy a rowdy game of leap frog at the start of the Lock-In evening.

The freshmen class showed up in record numbers this year for the annual Freshman Lock-In held on the first weekend in October at Marist. For eleven straight hours, the class of 2014, with leaders from upper classes, was locked into the school to begin the bonding that will grow deeper and stronger through their four years together at Marist. Staying up from 8:00 p.m. through 7:00 a.m. Sunday, their hours were filled with games, food, discussions, Mass, singing, dancing, and making music videos.

The Mass, that ended at midnight, is a Marist favorite and was highlighted by Fr. David Culling’s school-famous homily that metaphorically relates the communities of penguins and geese to that of a healthy high school class, communities that take care of each other each and every day.

Marist Theatre Presents "The Rover"

Thanks to the carpentry skills of Elmer Dreiling, father of Marist senior and student body president, Chris Bender, the front office is now graced by the teak chairs and bench made by Morgan Koons ’03 and woodshop teacher Bob Devereaux. The furniture was built in 2003 during a woodshop class in memory of Amanda Snook ’01, who died of brain cancer in 2002, and two others 2001 alums who have also sadly passed away, Marie DeHoog and John Devereaux. The furniture adored the Marist courtyard for years before the weather got the best of them, but are now back in use again and looking great.

Doing Fine in the 5A

After four years as a 4A school, this fall Marist has moved up to 5A and is now competing in Eugene’s Midwestern hybrid league. The Spartans’ consistent level of achievement at the 4A state level and the decline of complete programs in the schools of their former 4A district allowed for the transition.

The move to 5A has not meant just a higher level of competition. It has also meant more local opponents. Many teams are benefitting from larger crowds and the Marist kids are enjoying competing against friends with whom they have grown up playing.

Marist is now in the second highest OSAA classification and is doing just fine as a well-underseeded school. In some sports they are doing better than fine.

The Spartan football team is undefeated in 5A with an average margin of victory of over 40 points and is currently ranked second in the state. They are coming off of their fourth state championship in the past seven seasons.

With just under two weeks left to play, the boys soccer team is undefeated as well and considered a major state title contender. The girls team is also performing well with the elevated competition and is just coming off a huge home win over 6A Sheldon.

Volleyball returns many players from last year’s 4A second place team and is hoping to make a strong run in the 5A state tournament this year. Both of Marist’s cross country teams are favorites to win the Midwestern District Meet and have runners highly ranked in the state. The girls cross country team won their first state championship last year and will make a strong push towards a repeat.

The water polo teams did not have a transition as they have always competed in a district that includes 5A/6A teams. The boys team has been successful this fall and has posted some impressive wins, and the girls team, in spite of small numbers that do not afford substitutions, is riding a wave with wins two October weekends in a row.

The school has high hopes for the winter and spring sports programs as well, and hopefully, by the end of the year, will have some new 5A hardware to show for it.

National Merit Recognitions

Marist senior Mathew Beattie recently received honorable mention and a $100 cash prize from the University of Portland’s Garaventa Center for Catholic Intellectual Life and American Culture for an essay he wrote titled "Life Through the Eyes of the Victor". The theme for the 2010 high school essay contest was "History: What We Choose to Remember".

Three Marist seniors, Chris Bender, Megan Genovese, and Tyler Wagner, were recently named as semifinalists in the 56th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They were chosen along with 16,000 other academically talented high school seniors across the nation from the more than 1.5 million seniors who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2009 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test their junior year. According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, approximately 15,000 of these semi-finalist are expected to advance to the finalist level for an opportunity to win one of the 8,400 National Merit Scholarships that will be offered next spring.

Three Marist seniors, Amy Parks, Gerald Rouleau and Baine Patrick Werner, were named Commended Students, which puts them in the top five percent of seniors who took the test, but does not qualify them to advance in the competition for a National Merit Scholarship.

Seven Straight

This fall, the Marist High School community was presented with the 2010 4A Oregan Cup for the seventh consecutive year and the eighth time in the eleven year history of the award. Points are awarded to schools based on how well they do in academics, activities, athletics, and sportsmanship.
and always treating their opponents with the utmost respect. I look forward to preparing for the next junior World Championship in 2013 and I am hopeful that we will have two or three Oregon teams for the next qualifier.

Currently, Marist pétanque practices two days a week, focusing on technique, strategy and team chemistry. We play each of the teams in the league twice with league points carrying over into an end of year tournament to crown the fall and spring season champions. Our students earn letters, pins and bars and they have the opportunity to compete for a spot on the U.S.A. Junior National Team. Every two years, 85 countries from around the world send teams to compete for the Junior World Pétanque Championship. This really is an awesome and unique opportunity for these students to compete at the highest level, akin to representing their country in the Olympics.

CLASS NOTES (cont)

2004
Tom Rowe graduated from University of Colorado, Boulder in 2009 and has just finished his first year at University of Colorado School of Dentistry.

2006
Kasey Rowe graduated from MIT in June 2010 and has started University of California, Davis, School of Medicine.

IN MEMORIAM
Beth Kennedy - age 75, wife of Bill Kennedy '52 died July 30, 2010 after a 29 month struggle with brain cancer.

Anne Leavitt, mother of Jenny (Leavitt) Galvin ’87 and Will Leavitt ’96 died on April 10, 2010.

Dan Zeiter ’65 died July 24, 2010 from a heart attack while on a sailing trip in the British Virgin Islands. Dan had a 39 year career in the telecommunications industry, most recently for Comcast Communications.

REUNIONS
Class of 1980 celebrated our 30 year reunion on July 9th and 10th this summer. Friday evening, we met at Billy Mac’s where classmate Bill McCallum hosted an evening of reacquainting and long overdue catching up. Saturday night, classmate Charlie Neumeyer invited the class and spouses to his eight acre elegant country garden. An exquisite dinner of roasted pig, wonderful salads, and incredible desserts started the evening, followed by music, dancing, and a whole lot of reminiscing. A good time was had by all. If you missed the reunion, we would love to have you next time. Please send your updated contact information to Kelley Kline at skomkline@wm.com.

Class of 1957 met again on July 18th and 19th to celebrate our 50 year tradition of Red Beans and Rice, which started in 1998 with Barb and Fred Reiling to celebrate a classmate’s birthday. This year’s celebration was graciously held at Norma and Gino Barbini’s home in Eugene. Thirty classmates and spouses attended. The class of 1957 is a very close class with a monthly lunch date with anywhere from three to twelve members of the class attending. Pat Bray Major invites all 1957 alumni to stay in touch and join this tradition. For more information, contact Pat through her Facebook page or call her at (541) 688-0425.

Class of 1970 held our 40th reunion the weekend of August 14-15. Guests of honor included Sister John and Brother Dan. Brother Dan and other ’70 alumni toured the school with a highlight being a recreation of Brother Dan’s history class in his old class room. Alumni who participated were Tony (Hodges) Baxley, Linda (Schmitz) Cherven, Marcella (Saul) Hanna, Fred Dies, and Pat (Leatherwood) Lussier. Pat Brown led the effort to organize the reunion. To contact Pat, e-mail him at patrickbrown@gmail.com.

Class of 2000 celebrated our 10 year reunion July 16, 17 & 18th. We kicked off the reunion at Hop Valley Brewing Friday night. On Saturday we had a picnic in the park at Skinner’s Butte, and Saturday evening we had a formal dinner at Valley River Inn. We concluded the weekend with a Memorial Mass said in honor of deceased classmate, Chase Whitham, Sunday morning at the Marist Chapel. It was a fantastic weekend and we had a great time! Thanks to everyone who came and joined in the fun! Special thanks to Carol-Anns (Tider) , Megan (Thompson) McCarthy, Kirsten (Cussins) Howard and Alexandra (Edmonston) Westover who stepped up to plan the reunion! If anyone from the Class of 2000 missed out on this summer’s reunion, but would like to give us their contact information for future references, they can e-mail us at: marisths2000@gmail.com.
The Marist Foundation has, from time to time, published donor lists but this is the first time the school has directly done so. We have included this report in the fall magazine issue to save printing costs and postage as an example of good stewardship. While modest this year, each year we will publish this report and increase the information given about the school. We pledge to be honest, transparent and careful guardians of the good stewardship of your gifts. You have invested in Marist and we will continuously prove that this investment is reaping dividends in building the lives of generations of students to come. Thank you for supporting Marist.

The Marist Foundation and Marist High School began a new joint development effort beginning with the 2009-10 school year. As a result of this effort, the school now directly runs all fundraisers with the Marist Foundation concentrating on the management and growth of our long term endowment. For supporters of this effort, we often explain “If you wish to help the school immediately, give to the school. If you wish to grow the long term endowment supporting the school, plan gifts to the Marist Foundation.”

This new effort raised over $463,000 for Marist with an additional $41,000 for the Marist Foundation. The combined $510,000 represented a 26% increase over the previous year. Expenses have been lowered. We have had numerous compliments regarding our publications, such as this magazine, and have improved our contact with donors through new websites and a growing Facebook page. Year one of the effort saw notable successes.

There are, however, still real barriers. Donors are contributing about 10% of all school funding at a time in which we believe we will need to significantly build our donation funding. We have too few donors carrying the load, and need to greatly expand our donor base. We must do this while continuing to streamline expenses to ensure that as much as possible of every donor investment is going directly to help the school. All of this must be done in a climate of great economic uncertainty. Despite these challenges, there is growing optimism and confidence that the new effort is beginning to pay off. God bless you for being part of it and thank you for your prayers of support.

Best regards,

Tom Simon
Marist parent and Development Director
School Profile

Enrollment
491 students attended Marist Catholic High School in 2009-10 with almost half of our enrollment consisting of graduates from O’Hara and St. Paul’s elementary schools. The remainder of our students came from over 30 different public and private elementary schools in our area.

Faith
Our student body in 2009-10 was 60% Catholic, 30% Protestant, with the remaining 10% non-Christian or listing no religion. Four years of theology are required for graduation, which includes a service learning component. Our students participated in monthly all school Masses and a variety of team Masses prior to competitions and extracurricular activities. Each year students have an opportunity to participate in a retreat, with the most intensive being the Junior Encounter.

In 2009-10, the school began a new effort to further the Catholic development of the school with an emphasis on teaching as a lay vocation. This has become an ongoing effort of the school and is the focus of staff retreats, staff professional development, and the strategic plan of the school. The goal of this effort is to cement the foundation of Marist as a Catholic high school open to all.

Academics
Marist offers 18 College Now courses and 13 advanced placement courses. These courses allow a student to earn college credit for Marist course work. A large number of our students participated in these courses with some achieving enough credits to enter college as sophomores. Marist has the ability to offer courses that help students to earn college credit because of the caliber of teachers that the school employs. Eighty percent of Marist teachers hold advanced degrees within the subject area they are teaching.

Other notables in the area of Marist academics are:
- 99.9% of students graduate; 97% continue education: 86.6% attend 4 year institutions, 10.4% attend 2 year institutions
- Small class size; average class size is 21.5
- Safe school environment within a Christian community
- Honors level courses offered all four years
- National Merit Scholars every year
- Rigorous college preparatory curriculum
- Art, Music, and Theater classes

Leadership
Marist offered 93 extra-curricular activities in 2009-10 with 27 boys and girls sports programs and a variety of clubs. Marist won five state sports championships and again won the Oregonian Cup for athletic and academic achievement and sportsmanship for the seventh year in a row. New programs and clubs included the Marist Strings Program and the Marist Students for Life.

In preparation for this Christian service project, each student completes 15 hours of service to family, community, and church connected to the first two years of their theology coursework. Last year, our students completed approximately 8,125 hours of service.

Independent Review
Our financial statements for 2009-2010 have undergone an independent review by Moss Adams, a local CPA firm. Their review resulted in an unqualified opinion with minor recommendations for improvements. For a copy of the full report, please contact our Business Office at (541) 485-7879.

FINANCES

Actual Results for the 2009-2010 School Year

Income
The new Development program at Marist increased our donor support substantially from 3.9% of revenues in 2008-2009 to 9.2% in 2009-2010. This included a year-long annual appeal, a very successful auction in the spring and renewed communication with the alumni community. We have plans for even more growth during the 2010-2011 school year as we set our sights on a program that will support the strategic mission of our school through much-needed tuition assistance, rebuilding our aging facilities and increasing the long-term endowment overseen by the Marist High School Foundation.

Tuition revenue also grew by 4.8% over 2008-2009. This was primarily due to an increase in Marist’s tuition rate, which continues to be lower than 70% of the Catholic high schools in the Northwest. Enrollment remained strong – at 491 students in the fall of 2009.

Tuition Assistance
Tuition assistance has increased again this 2010-2011 year to help families that continue to be seriously affected by the economic downturn. The average level of aid per student increased by 19.3% with over 38% of our students receiving some form of tuition assistance. Total tuition assistance grew from $635,000 in 2009-2010 to approximately $685,000 for the current school year - an increase of over 12%. With our tuition assistance program, as well as enhanced marketing efforts, we were able to increase our freshman enrollment by 13 students, or 12%, for 2010-2011.

Total Tuition Assistance

Source of Tuition Assistance Funds

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** marin GONE COUNTRY**

**Tuition Assistance**

**Mini Buses**

**Computer Lab**

**Contributions Over $500**

**Our Generous Sponsors**

**Platinum Level**
- New Energy Works
- Pioneer Millworks

**Gold Level**
- Julie & Jerry Harper
- NeuroSpine Institute

**Silver Level**
- Terri & Jon Anderson
- Industrial Finishes

**Bronze Level**
- Sherman Brothers Trucking
- Chris & Andy Stormont
- Final Industrial Finishes
- Anonymous Friend of Marist

**Mary Beth Allen**
**Terr & Jon Anderson**
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**Tina & Michael Auld**
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**The Marist Auction**

**Full Patron Table**

- Ivy & Mike Duncan
- Carol & Bob Dunn
- Charlie & Owen Engelmann
- Debbie & Glenn Duckworth
- Katharine & Pete Drakatos
- Dennis & Derek Jaros
- Alayne & Steve Clarke
- Martha & Stephen Shepard
- Christine & Steve Koester
- Mary Kay & Jim Manwill
- Susan & Thomas Stewart
- Sydney & Rick Olson
- Brian & Erica Pifer

**Partial Patron Table**

- Julie & Hugh Duvall
- Diane & Christopher Duyck
- Sarah & Stephen Edmondson
- Marilyn & Donald Lance
- Brian & Debra Jeffet
- Susan & Thomas Stewart
- Sydney & Rick Olson
- Brian & Erica Pifer

**Contributions Over $500**

- Sandra Jeremiah
- George & Gayle Jessie
- Brian & Debra Jeffet
- Leslie & Sean Jones
- Cathleen & Joe Karcher
- Charlie & Lisa Kimball
- Christine & Steve Koester
- Marilyn & Donald Lance
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- Christine & Andy Stormont
- Michelle Vinson
- Fay & Pat Wagner
- Sharee & Jay Waldron
- Michael Whitney
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The Marist Foundation is an independent entity specifically designed to protect long term endowments given to help the school. Begun in 1969, the Foundation manages over $1.6 million in 41 funds given as legacies or in memory of many members of our community. The names of these funds are as follows:

Diane G. Andersen Memorial Scholarship  
Sister John Backenstos Scholarship  
Peter Campbell Bronson Drug Education Fund  
Clarence & Eileen Brown Memorial Textbook Scholarship*  
Fran & Dale Cooley Scholarship  
Lucy Duffy Scholarship  
Stan & Naomi Duyck Family Scholarship  
Michael J. Dwyer Memorial Scholarship  
Dr. Robert Furrier Memorial Scholarship  
Kevin Gallagher Memorial Scholarship  
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Henry Hanson Scholarship  
Verne Hawn Scholarship  
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Stan Howard Scholarship  
Ed Hummel Scholarship  
Bob Jeremiah Scholarship  
Freda Kirkish Scholarship  
Michael Kirkish Scholarship  
Michael Lewis Memorial Scholarship  
Fr. Vincent Lopez Family Scholarship for the Creative Arts  
Bud & Rose Macke Family Scholarship  
Marist Brothers Scholarship  
Marist Parent’s Association (MPA) Scholarship  
Monsignor Edmund Murnane Scholarship  
David & Sandra Shepard Scholarship  
Jack Starr Memorial Scholarship  
Sub Stew Academic Excellence Scholarship  
Mark C. Storms Scholarship  
Bill & Dolores Tremaine Memorial Scholarship  
Troutman Scholarship  
Richard C. Williams & Stan Howard Scholarship  
Loretta Young Scholarship

*Funds endowed in 2009-10

Marist is committed to growing our program on the pillars of faith, academics, accessibility, growing leaders and being good financial stewards. As we increasingly say at Marist, “There is a mission and it has a school.” The values of Marist have been here since the beginning of Catholic education in our area and you can help continue them by:

PRAYING FOR MARIST – We are a place of faith and we need your continued prayers. We encourage you to pray for Marist and join us in prayer. We have almost daily Masses in our chapel which you are welcome to attend. You are also welcome to attend any of the Masses listed on the “Schedule of Events” on the back of our magazine or to contact our campus ministry for other prayer opportunities.

BEING INVOLVED – Marist could not exist without our involved community. You are welcome to visit or be part of the audience at any of our sporting or fine arts events. We need volunteers at countless events to make the school run properly. Contact our development office to be put in touch with Marist members who need people willing to devote the gift of time to keep Marist strong.

INVESTING IN MARIST – As our financial pages show, Marist needs the continued growth of donations to keep our school open to all while increasing faculty and staff pay and class offerings. We have made tremendous strides in increasing the size of our donor base, but have a tremendous way to go before we reach our long term goals. Your investment has kept Marist strong in an incredibly challenging economy. You have helped us sustain tuition assistance at levels that would not have been possible even a few years ago. Your continued investment in Marist has made this possible. God bless you for the gift of financial investment.

Thank you for being part of this community.
TOGETHER, WE TRULY ARE ONE.
THE LEGACY OF CLARENCE AND EILEEN BROWN

Clarence and Eileen Brown lived their lives as active members of our Catholic community. Members of St. Mary’s parish for several decades, they were close personal friends with Fr. Francis Liepzig. As a real estate broker, Clarence spent hours helping the parish and other Catholic ministries with land questions and Eileen, a busy mother of ten, found time for many parish committees. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America, the Altar Society, and in her later years, was a long time volunteer at Sacred Heart Hospital. They were both known for their praying of the rosary, for their involvement in the Knights of Columbus, and for their passionate dedication to our churches and schools.

At a time when Catholic schools were not widely accepted in Oregon, Clarence defended the right to faith-based schooling by lobbying in 1953 to defeat a bill aimed at eliminating all Catholic education in the state of Oregon by prohibiting the purchase of text books by Catholic schools. Clarence mobilized opposition using his membership in the Knights of Columbus to successfully defeat the bill. In honor of this effort, he was later elected head of the Knights of Columbus for Oregon.

Clarence and Eileen were involved in the booster club that worked with the Marist Brothers to propel the idea of Marist High School to its completion in the late 1960’s. At one of the early meetings, Clarence worried out loud that the cost of the new school would necessitate a tuition hike and wondered what would happen to those children whose families could not afford higher tuition. He was a catalyst for the new Marist Foundation and one of its original board members. Clarence and Eileen are listed as the first official donors to the Marist Foundation in 1969. They raised ten children who graduated from St. Mary’s, St. Francis, or Marist. Many of their grandchildren have attended O’Hara, St. Paul’s and Marist as a legacy to the family’s ongoing commitment to Catholic education. One of their granddaughters, the late Julie Calicott, is fondly remembered as a teacher at O’Hara for many years.

After Clarence and Eileen passed away in 1995 and 2003, respectively, their daughter-in-law, Tig Brown, wife of son Pat, remembered the stories of the fight for text books and suggested that a scholarship fund be established to aid Marist students with the cost of their books. At that time, Ellen Brown, wife of son Dan, was the Marist Foundation Administrator. She and Tig worked together to determine the criteria for the establishment of a scholarship fund, and the idea of the family fund was announced at a family reunion. In a little over three months, twelve different members of the family stepped forward to donate over $10,000 to endow the fund to honor the memory of a couple dedicated to keeping Catholic education open to all.

The Marist Foundation will protect and invest this fund for years to come. Each spring, the legacy of Clarence and Eileen Brown will continue with a scholarship and a longer version of this story given to a student continuing their Marist education. Does your family have such a story to tell? Is Catholic education part of your family’s legacy? If you would like to add your family’s legacy to the over forty named funds that form the Marist Foundation, contact the Marist Development Office at maristdevelopment@marisths.org or call us (541) 681-5470.

Catholic Education In Lane County

10 Children
37 Grandchildren
43 Great Grandchildren
7 Great Great Grandchildren

Catholic education is a gift
passed from one generation to another.
Make Marist part of your legacy!
## Upcoming Events

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