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NEW THIS FALL: YOUNG FACES AT A TIME-TESTED SCHOOL



Kindergarten teacher **Tasha Castro** with her students at Saint Louis School in Honolulu. *Derek Miyahara photos*

“Are you ready to make history?” asked **Glenn Medeiros**, president of [Saint Louis](#)

[School \(SLS\)](#) and teacher **Tasha Castro** with her students at the school on Sept. 6, 2016.

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answer could only be “yes!”

Last month, Saint Louis School in Honolulu, the oldest sponsored school in the U.S. Province, opened its doors to the youngest students ever enrolled – the first kindergartners in the school’s 170-year history.

The kindergartners joined first through fifth graders this fall at the former junior-senior high. It’s been 66 years since the all-boys school offered a complete elementary program.

This expansion will help SLS do a better job of forming students in Marianist values and SLS traditions by starting them at an earlier age, according to **Christopher Casupang**, principal of the lower school.



Even the youngest SLS men wear ties on special days.

“We also know that the families of our children grow in faith when grandparents, parents and alumni participate in school activities with their children,” said Christopher. “This is a way to build Marianist family spirit throughout our school.”

MARIANISTS CELEBRATE JUBILEES IN DAYTON



In the final jubilee celebration of 2016, 11 Marianists were honored at the University of Dayton’s Chapel of the Immaculate Conception on August 13. All of them were marking significant anniversaries of their first profession of vows. The jubilarians included, in front: **Bro. Don Schaaf**, 60 years; and **Fr. Paul Reich**, 70 years. Middle row: **Bros. Gary Marcinowski**, 50 years; **Ken Thompson**, 60 years; **Nick Rufo**, 25 years; **Paul Jablinski**, 60 years; **Jeff Sullivan**, 50 years; and **Joe Kamis**, 50 years. Back row: **Bros. Tom Oldenski**, 50 years; **Larry Cada**, 60 years; **Peter Kiama**, 25 years; and **Fr. Marty Solma**, provincial. See [more photos](#).

THREE QUESTIONS WITH ...

Fr. Oscar Vasquez

A native of San Antonio, Fr. Oscar is now associate pastor of [Our Lady of the Pillar Parish](#) and chaplain at [Chaminade College Preparatory](#) in St. Louis.

What was your path to becoming a Marianist?

It started when I was in high school at Central Catholic in San Antonio. The Marianist brothers at Central Catholic were so active at the school. They really knew the students ... and they supported us

and challenged us. They helped me see that I could be a leader.

You're now both an associate pastor and a high school chaplain. Is that as busy as it sounds?

It's busier! But for a Marianist, it's the best of both worlds. Being a teacher has made me a better pastor, and being in pastoral ministry makes me, I think, more effective among the students. I have a broader experience of the Church, and that's a gift I can give.

What's the best thing about being a Marianist?

Being part of a community. In my community, we challenge each other to be faithful. We pray together every day. I know my brothers are expecting me to be there, so I'm going to be there. Plus, coming from a family of three sisters and no brothers, I now have plenty of brothers!



HONORING OUR BICENTENNIALS – A PAGE FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

To celebrate the bicentennials of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate and the Society of Mary, *FamilyOnline* is featuring occasional peeks into the past.



PAYING THE ULTIMATE PRICE: THE MARTYRS OF CIUDAD REAL

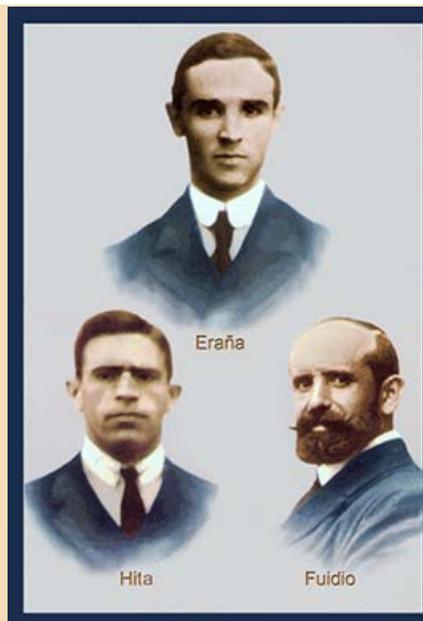
On Sept. 18, we will honor three Marianists, **Bros. Carlos Eraña, Jesús Hita, and Fidel Fuidio**, who were executed in 1936 as part of a brutal anti-Church campaign during the Spanish Civil War.

Bro. Carlos, 52, was a principal of a Catholic primary school in Madrid, but had fled to Ciudad Real in 1933 when the turmoil began.

He was arrested on Sept. 18, 1936, along with seven laymen, and executed by firing squad.

Bro. Jesús, 36, and Bro. Fidel, 56, both educators, met the same fate shortly thereafter. They were shot near a cemetery wall on the outskirts of Ciudad Real. Their bodies were later discovered in an abandoned well.

These three Marianists were beatified in 1995 by **Pope St. John Paul II**.



A total of 15 Marianists were executed in Spain in 1936, all of them because of their devotion to Christ and loyalty to the Church.

Bro. Fidel expressed what many of them fervently believed: "If it would be necessary that I sacrifice my life for the cause of religion and my country, I offer my head gladly."

JUBILARIANS

Celebrating our Jubilarians

Each year, the Society of Mary recognizes the brothers and priests who are marking milestones of their first profession of vows or of their priestly ordination. This is the final group of 2016 jubilarians we honor as a special section of FamilyOnline.



BRO. REINALDO BERRIOS – 25 years of profession

It is interesting for me to stop and think about the past 25 years. Many thoughts come to my mind, but one stands out from the rest. If I would have the opportunity again to decide what I decided then, I will make again the same decision, without thinking it twice. Today I am very proud to belong to the SM. [Read more.](#)

BRO. PETER KIAMA – 25 years of profession

I come from a family of six sisters. My parents are still living; however, I would say that my faith roots came from both maternal and paternal grandparents. They held me close to their lives, inviting me to join them while going for Sunday prayers. This tradition was passed on to my parents, and truly



I see this reflection in my siblings. [Read more.](#)



BRO. BERNARD STRATMAN – 50 years of profession

I was blessed with a good family with deep roots in West Point, Nebraska, where I grew up. I have two sisters who continue to be very supportive. My mom and dad passed away but left me a legacy of faith and support. I was put in touch with the Marianists by a sister who was my science teacher at Central Catholic High School in West Point. [Read more.](#)



BRO. THOMAS SUDA – 50 years of profession

I would like to begin my story by simply saying that I recall a normal childhood filled with many sporting activities and ball team memories. Certainly, the decision to attend St. John Vianney High School, a Marianist Catholic school, guided me toward choosing a religious life and my vocation as a religious brother. [Read more.](#)



BRO. JEFFREY SULLIVAN

I started my life as a Marianist brother in 1964 when I attended my brother Tim's first profession at Marcy, New York. I saw something special and attracting about the brothers as they lived their life together. I saw family spirit, hospitality, a deep sense of prayer and a happiness they shared with one another, shown in the short time I was with them. [Read more.](#)

WHO'S DOING WHAT AROUND THE PROVINCE



Fr. Ignatius Arulappen of the District of India is pursuing doctoral studies in Marian theology at the [International Marian Research Institute](#) at the [University of Dayton](#). He has joined the Stonemill-Kiefaber Community.



Bro. Steve Glodek was unanimously elected president of the Religious Brothers Conference at its annual assembly in late July. The mission of the RBC is to promote an awareness of the calling of brothers in the Church and society.



An article by **Sr. Laura Leming** recently appeared in the Global Sisters Report, a project of the National Catholic Reporter. The article is titled, "Living the pattern of Mary's life as a 21st century religious." [Read the article.](#)



In August, **Bro. José Julián Matos-Auffant** received the President's Award for Excellence at [St. Mary's University](#). Bro. José was one of just three recipients of the award, which recognizes "outstanding dedication, excellent job performance and ingenuity."



Bro. Gary Morris has reason to be proud. [Chaminade University's](#) Performing Arts Department, under Bro. Gary's direction, received 10 Po'okela Awards for its spring musical production of "First Date." The announcement was made at Hawai'i State Theatre Council's annual celebration of local excellence in early August. [Read more.](#)

MAUI LAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATES ASSUMPTION



On the Feast of the Assumption, Rowena Enamoto and Gloria Dulay lead a procession of Lay Marianists. Photo by Bro. Fred Silberius.

Members of the Marianist Lay Community in Wailuku, Maui, marked the Feast of the Assumption with a gathering at [St. Anthony Catholic Community](#). The group enjoyed a potluck dinner followed by a candlelight procession to the chapel for a prayer service.

FROM OUR SPONSORED MINISTRIES

SERVICE AND BURGERS MARK START AT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY



Bro. Dennis Bautista assists at the start of the Burgers with the Brothers chow line. Farther down, in a light blue shirt, is Fr. Jim Tobin. Robin Jerstad photos.



St. Mary's students visit with Marianists at the Burgers with the Brothers event Aug. 23.



At the start of the Continuing the Heritage event, St. Mary's Chaplain Fr. Tim Eden offers a prayer.

Two start-of-school traditions at [St. Mary's University](#) have a keenly Marianist mission.

The "Continuing the Heritage" service day and popular "Burgers with the Brothers" cookout combine to serve the community while building community.

On Aug. 20, roughly 800 students and faculty turned out for tasks that included walking shelter dogs, cleaning up graffiti and delivering food to the poor as part of the Continuing the Heritage service day. Since its inception in 2003, the event has provided more than

50,000 hours of service to San Antonio nonprofit agencies.

A few days later, a crowd of more than 500 poured onto the front lawn of the Casa Maria Marianist Community for “Burgers with Brothers,” a cookout welcoming students, faculty and staff back to school. “This is a fun and festive event in the spirit of Marianist hospitality,” said **Bro. Dennis Bautista**. Members of St. Mary’s Marianist Leadership Program and Student Government Association teamed up with local Marianists to host the big picnic. See [more photos!](#)



\$1 MILLION GIFT TO BENEFIT NATIVE HAWAIIANS

Last month, [Chaminade University of Honolulu](#) received a \$1 million donation from the Alaka’ina Foundation to establish a scholarship fund for students of native Hawaiian ancestry. “We are grateful for this truly magnanimous gift from Alaka’ina. This will mean expanded possibilities for our native Hawaiian students, giving them opportunities to pursue the disciplines of their choice,” said Chaminade president **Bro. Bernard Ploeger**. [Read more.](#)

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SCORES ON PRINCETON REVIEW RANKINGS



The [University of Dayton](#) achieved high rankings in a number of categories in the Princeton Review’s 2017 list of best colleges and universities. Only about 15 percent of the country’s 2,000 four-year schools make the list. [Read more.](#)

SPONSORED SECONDARY SCHOOLS BOAST TWO OLYMPIANS

Congratulations to two graduates of Marianist-sponsored schools who competed recently at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Max Holt, a 2005 graduate of [Purcell Marian High School](#) in Cincinnati, helped

bring home a bronze medal for Team USA volleyball.

Conor McCullough, a 2009 graduate of [Chaminade College Preparatory](#) in West Hills, California, competed in the hammer throw.



Max Holt, Purcell Marian alumnus



Conor McCullough, Chaminade College Prep alumnus

LIFE SUMMER PROGRAM VIDEO

LIFE was great this summer! Watch this [video](#) from the [Marianist LIFE](#) (Living in Faith Experience) summer programs.

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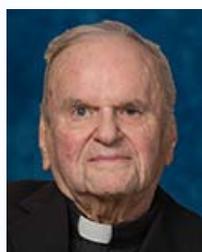


2015

✦ **Bro. David Conrad**, 86, died Aug. 28, 2016, with 67 years of Marianist life. Bro. Dave was a quiet, dedicated “working brother” who served in a variety of locations, including 17 years in Africa. He was in Nigeria during the country’s brutal civil war. Read his [obituary](#). See [more photos](#).



1938



2015

✦ **Fr. Lawrence Mann**, 100, died Sept. 1, 2016. He was a Marianist for 83 years. During his long ministry, Fr. Larry served as a teacher, pastor and campus minister. He was beloved as a counselor and mentor. Read his [obituary](#). See [more photos](#).

- ✦ [Recent deaths of Marianist Family members and friends.](#)
- ✦ [Those in need of prayers for healing.](#)
- ✦ [Obituaries of Marianist brothers and priests](#) (U.S. Province) since 2007.

A MOMENT WITH BLESSED CHAMINADE

“True missionaries should not count on themselves, their talents, or their industry, but they should put all their confidence in the grace of their mission and the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.”



RESOURCES

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FREE, ONLINE FORUM: MARY AND THE CHURCH

All are invited to join in an Oct. 14 online forum sponsored by the [International Marian Research Institute](#) and featuring **Fr. Thomas Thompson** as one of the speakers. The session will cover Mary and the Church in the teachings of **Popes Paul VI, John Paul II and Francis**. There is no charge, but registration by Sept. 23 is required. [Learn more](#). [Register](#).



MLC-NA ENCOURAGES VOTING FOR LEADERSHIP ROLES

The [Marianist Lay Community of North America](#) (formerly the Marianist Lay Network of North America), encourages lay members of the Marianist Family to participate in the election of MLC-NA leaders. Lay Marianists who are registered with MLC-NA should have recently received an email with candidate profiles and instructions on voting procedures. For more information, please send an email to: electionteam@mlnna.org. Voting ends Sept. 18.

POSITION OPENING: DIRECTOR OF NACMS

The Marianist Province of the United States is seeking a director for the [North American Center for Marianist Studies](#) (NACMS). NACMS creates and provides education and formation resources to assist members of the Marianist Family in sharing the Marianist charism. This key role, based in Dayton, Ohio, is charged with developing the vision of the organization and promoting it to its constituencies.

“We seek a dynamic, energetic professional whose administrative skills are complemented by a Marianist heart,” says **Bro. Tom Giardino**, the Province’s assistant for education. [Learn more](#).

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

Sept. 8: Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary

Sept. 12: Most Holy Name of Mary



Sept. 14: Death of Marie Thérèse de Lamourous, 1836

Sept. 18: Blesseds Carlos Eraña, Fidel Fuidio, and Jesús Hita

Oct. 3: Guardian Angels (transferred from Oct. 2)

BLOGS

[Bro. Phil Aaron](#)

[Srs. Gabrielle Bibeau and Caitlin Cipolla-McCulloch](#)

[Fr. Mike Nartker](#)

[Dr. Eric Spina](#)

[Fr. John Thompson](#)

[Susan Vogt](#)

[Bro. Brian Zampier](#)

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[Magnificat](#) from the World Council of the Marianist Family

[MLC-NA eNews](#) from the Marianist Lay Network of North America

MARIANIST BIRTHDAYS - [September and October](#)

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IN ALL PLACES THROUGH THE IMMACULATE VIRGIN MARY

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