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FIVE PROFESS FIRST VOWS IN INDIA



Newly professed brothers include, in front: **Bros. Prakash Jonnada and Ajay Soreng**. In back: **Bros. Roshan Soreng, Amit Surin and Peter Tirkey**.

The Marianist Family welcomed new brothers on April 30 as five young men professed

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Ranchi. **Fr. Sudhir Kujur**, assistant district superior presided at the Eucharist; **Bro. Augustus Surin**, district superior, received the vows. The District of India is a dependent unit of the Marianist Province of the United States.

HOMELESS FAMILIES FIND RESPITE AT MARIANIST RETREAT



On the beach at the Marianist Family Retreat Center at Cape May Point, New Jersey, Jennifer Noriega and her children enjoy a peaceful stroll. They were attending a retreat for homeless families. Aleks Morjakov photo

Last month, seven parents and 18 children boarded a bus in Elizabeth, New Jersey, for a three-hour trip to the [Marianist Family Retreat Center](#) at Cape May Point. One thing about these families: All have been living in a homeless shelter for the last six months.

“Like most parents, they struggle to earn a living, raise kids with good values and find time for one other,” said **Jessica Sherwen**, retreat program director. “But they are doing it without permanent roofs over their heads.”

Eight years ago, the retreat center decided to offer a special getaway for homeless families, and it’s become an every-other-year event. The costs are subsidized by the center and the Marianist Province of the United States. “Seeing how much they appreciate their time here, we are grateful to do it,” said **Anthony Fucci**, retreat center executive director.

With the help of volunteers, the weekend unfolded with a mix of homestyle meals, beach time and exercises to build faith and improve family dynamics. The weekend was coordinated through the efforts of Marianist Lay Affiliate **Linda Flores-Tober**, who leads the Elizabeth (New Jersey) Coalition to House the Homeless. Linda was also the weekend’s cook.

“It was a breath of fresh air to be around such loving people,” said **Jennifer Noriega**, one of the parents on retreat. “They made us feel like family.” See [more photos](#).

THREE QUESTIONS WITH ...

Bro. Francis Heyer

Brother Francis, 95, is among the most senior Marianists in the world. He was a teacher and staff member at Marianist schools from 1943 to 1999.

You began formation at Maryhurst in St. Louis in 1938. What was it like back then?

Everything was intended for our religious, mental or physical development. Our days were completely scheduled — there was no radio, no newspapers, no cars, and of

course, no dates!

As novices, we were tested by the novice master constantly. He was always criticizing, always testing. It was harsh – very bad psychology by today’s standards, but in those days it was the accepted method.



Loading the dishwasher is among Bro. Francis' regular chores at his St. Louis community. Although he's legally blind, he also does "a bit of yard work."

How were your first years as a teacher?

I was at McBride High School (in St. Louis, now closed) for six years, so I guess I did OK. They didn't pull me after a year or two. I had some big classes – 35 to 40 boys. And I had a tendency to be defensive, which I had to get over. You have to let the kids know you like them.

What's your advice to teachers today?

It's not about you succeeding as a teacher, but making sure they succeed as students. It's about them, not you. Religious life should be the same way; make sure you're living for other people.

MARIANISTS CELEBRATE JUBILEES IN ST. LOUIS



From left, Bro. Steve Glodek, 50 years of profession; Fr. Don Wallace, 50 years of ordination; Fr. John Thompson, 25 years of profession; Fr. Al McMenemy, 50 years of ordination; Fr. Bill Meyer, 50 years of profession; Fr. Martin Solma, 50 years of profession; and Bro. Joe Kamis, assistant provincial.

Jubilee season began in St. Louis April 29, with four men marking milestone anniversaries of their first vows as Marianists, and two marking 50 years of their priestly ordinations. The celebration was at Our Lady of the Pillar parish. The next several issues of *FamilyOnline* will include a special section (below) honoring Marianist jubilarians.

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.



Recognize the building in the background of this 1894 photo? It's St. Louis Hall at [St. Mary's University](#). As old as this photo is, the site is not the school's original home. It opened — with 12 pupils and five teachers — as St. Mary's Institute above a San Antonio livery stable in 1852. St. Mary's is the oldest Catholic university in Texas. See a [timeline](#) of the school's history. *Photo from the National Archives of the Marianist Province of the United States.*

WHO'S DOING WHAT AROUND THE PROVINCE



The Marianist Sisters announce that novices **Srs. Gabrielle Bibeau** and **Caitlin Cipolla-McCulloch** both have been approved to profess first vows later this month. They then will enter a five-to-seven-year period of "temporary profession." Read about the [formation process](#).



Congratulations to **Bro. Joseph Kamotho**, (left) of the Region of Eastern Africa, and **Bro. Kumaraswamy**, of the District of India, who will graduate from [University of Dayton](#) this weekend with master's degrees in educational leadership. They have been members of Marianist communities in Dayton while pursuing their degrees.



Bro. Andrew Kosmowski has been named the vice chair of the Academic Libraries, Archives, and Library Education section of the Catholic Library Association. Bro. Andy is a librarian at the [Marian Library of the International Marian Research Institute](#).



An article by **Sr. Nicole Trahan** recently was published in the *Global Sisters Report*, a project of the National Catholic Reporter. The piece is called "With Mary at the Foot of the Cross." Read [the article](#).

EUDOKEO COMMUNITY MAKES FORMAL COMMITMENT



Top left: Victoria Schoen and Amber Johnson; bottom left: David Devlin, Sarah Stratil and Anna Schlegel. Top right: Madison Burgei and Noelle Jacobs; bottom right: Paige Benkert and Samuel Brickweg. Fr. Jim Fitz, center, was the presider.

Nine [University of Dayton](#) students made formal commitments as Lay Marianists on April 22 during a special Mass in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The commitment ceremony followed a semester-long formation process led by **Mike Sievers**, UD's associate director for Marianist strategies-student programs, and **Bro. Mitch Schweickart**. The community's name, *Eudokeo*, is a Greek word meaning "it is pleasing," or "well pleased."

HARVEST PRAYER COMMUNITY 'SETS A MARIANIST TABLE'



“Setting a Marianist Table” was the focus of a recent gathering of the Harvest Prayer Marianist Lay Community in Mayetta, Kansas. Lay Marianists **Joanne McCracken** and **Patti Jarvis** led the session, which is part of the *Things Marianist* series available from the [North American Center for Marianist Studies](#). The Lay Community was formed at St. Francis Xavier parish four years ago and has 19 members. Thanks to **Marcetta Reilly** for sending the news and photo.

JUBILARIANS

Honoring our jubilarians

Each year, the Society of Mary recognizes the brothers and priests who are marking milestones of their first professions of vows or of their priestly ordinations. This is the first group of 2017 jubilarians we honor as a special section of FamilyOnline.



BRO. JOSEPH BARRISH – 70 years of profession

My life has been full of surprises. I had a wonderful formation in the novitiate and in my scholastic years. My superiors were very gracious in allowing me to study both in the United States and in Europe. [Read more.](#)



BRO. WILLIAM CHEWNING – 75 years of profession

Every day is a “thanksgiving” day for me. My life as a Marianist has been guided by the Benedictine saying, *Ora et Labora*, although I have interchanged the words to *Labora et Ora*. [Read more.](#)

FR. GEORGE MONTAGUE – 70 years of profession

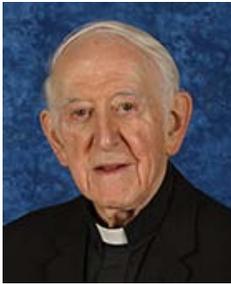


Community life and service as a Marianist have formed me in ways I never would have experienced had I followed some secular vocation. Since the age of 6, I wanted to be a writer and a newspaper publisher ... But at Central Catholic High School, I experienced the touch of the Lord. [Read more.](#)



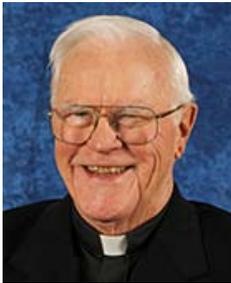
FR. PAUL NEUMANN – 70 years of profession

I was born Aug. 22, 1929, in San Antonio to Charles and Margaret Neumann. My family included one girl and three boys. One of my brothers was Fr. Charles Neumann, a Marianist. [Read more.](#)



FR. PAUL REICH – 60 years of ordination

I came into the world on Dec. 15, 1928, the second of three children, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. When my Catholic grade school education was complete, I enrolled at a brand-new high school – North Catholic High School – staffed by members of the Marianist order. [Read more.](#)



FR. KENNETH SOMMER – 70 years of profession

The greatest gift God has given me – and I say, us – in the Society of Mary is our consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary – to be called by God’s grace to make a vow to be a spokesman for Jesus’ love for his mother in the Church. [Read more.](#)

FROM OUR SPONSORED MINISTRIES

SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL PERFORMS IN ACCLAIMED HULA COMPETITION



The dancers of Saint Louis School's halau (hula school) earned an admirable fourth place in their division as they competed for the first time at the Merrie Monarch Festival in Hilo, Hawai'i. Photo by Honolulu Star-Advertiser.

[Saint Louis School](#) made history in April when a team including students and alumni was invited to participate in the "Merrie Monarch Festival," a prestigious competition that draws top *halau* (hula schools) from around the world.

Keli'i Puchalski, head of Hawaiian studies at SLS and a *kumu hula* (hula teacher), led the dancers in a form of traditional hula derived from men's martial arts. Participating in the Merrie Monarch Festival reflects SLS's values in honoring Hawaiian language and traditions, Keli'i said.

"We are deeply grateful that our students were invited to compete in this year's festival," said **Glenn Medeiros**, SLS head of school. The dancers came in fourth place in the traditional dance category. "It was an astonishing accomplishment," said Glenn.

See a [brief video](#) here.

MARIANIST EDUCATORS MEET DURING NCEA IN ST. LOUIS



Fr. Joe Uvietta with Jim Ford of the Marianist Retreat & Conference Center and Rob Staggenborg of St. John Vianney High School.



Matt Kleinberg of St. Mary's High School and Bro. Andy Kosmowski of the University of Dayton.



Fr. Oscar Vasquez of Chaminade College Prep with Kris Ranciglio of St. Mary's High School and Fr. Pat McDaid of Saint Louis School.

The National Catholic Educational Association held its annual convention April 18-20 in St. Louis, which presented an opportunity for a Marianist Family gathering. And so, about 70 teachers, administrators and Marianists gathered at Chaminade College Preparatory for an evening of networking and idea-sharing. Attendees came from as far away as Puerto

Rico and Hawai'i. See [more photos](#).

VIGIL MASS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO FAITH FAMILY



Fr. Roland Bunda, pastor of [St. Anthony Catholic Community](#) in Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i, presided at an Easter Vigil Mass that included several baptisms and confirmations. Thanks to **Bro. Fred Silberius** for sending this and [more photos](#).

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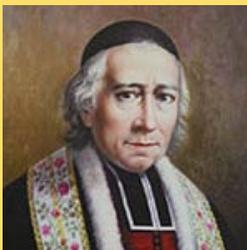
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✦ **Bro. John Totten** died April 28 at age 103, with 83 years of Marianist profession. He spent much of his long teaching career as a philosophy professor at [St. Mary's University](#). He was a wise, beloved icon of the Marianist Family. [See photos](#). Read his [obituary](#).

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A MOMENT WITH BLESSED CHAMINADE

"Let us always tend to the pure love of God and to the profound contempt of ourselves, and the Holy Spirit will enable us to work wonders."

RESOURCES

SEE MORE FAMILY PHOTOS!



Be sure to check out this month's Flickr album. It features many great photos, including a collection of recent pics of brothers and priests at the Marianist Residence in San Antonio. See [the album](#).

MARIANIST FAMILY DAY OF SERVICE – MAY 13



Dayton-area members of the Marianist Family are invited to join in a day of service at [Mission of Mary Cooperative](#), an urban farm run by Lay Marianists. The day includes morning service at the farm followed by a potluck and prayer service. [Learn more!](#)



In celebration of the bicentennials of the Marianist Sisters and the Society of Mary, **Fr. Paul Landolfi** shares an article by **Sr. Marie Laurence Cosnard**, provincial of the Marianist Sisters in France. The article examines the shared history and close ties among all branches of the Marianist Family. [Read the article](#).



UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

May 12: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Mediatrix of Grace

May 25: Mary, Help of Christians, foundation day of the Marianist Sisters

May 28: Ascension of the Lord

May 31: Visitation of the Virgin Mary

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