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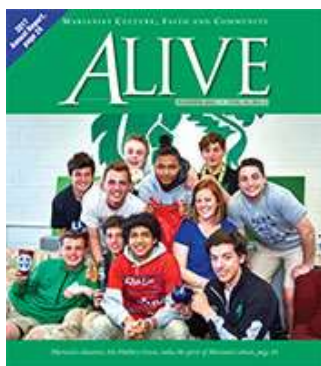
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## Mission-focused ministry

I am a mission-focused person. One of the ways I maintain that focus is to reflect on the experiences of other “spiritual pilgrims” who share a common mission. Their stories and insights help feed me, and re-energize me in my own ministry.

The latest edition of *ALIVE* magazine features three Marianist educators sharing their experiences of working at a variety of Marianist-sponsored schools. As a new school year begins, I encourage you to take some time to read and reflect on what these educators have shared. Then, ask yourself: What is my Marianist story? When was I “caught” by the Marianist spirit? How does that spirit continue to sustain me in my work at a Marianist-sponsored school or retreat center?



[Click here](#) to read the reflections of **Mallory Green** (campus minister at St. Mary’s High School in St. Louis), **Luis Guerra** (dean of students at Chaminade College Preparatory in Los Angeles), and **Jason Kertz** (middle school counselor at Chaminade College Preparatory in St. Louis).

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Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan'.

Dan Donnelly,  
Director, Office of Sponsorship

## Brothers of hope and joy

We prayerfully welcome the incoming Marianist Provincial Council of the United States which began its term on August 1.



Marianist Provincial Council of the United States 2018-2023. Front: **Bro. Jesse O'Neill** , assistant for education; **Fr. Oscar Vasquez** , provincial; and **Bro. Bernard Ploeger** , assistant provincial. Back: **Fr. Charles (Kip) Stander** , councilor; **Bro. Joseph Markel** , assistant for temporalities; **Fr. Timothy Kenney** , assistant for religious life; and **Bro. Charles Johnson** , councilor.

And we are grateful to the members of the outgoing Provincial Council for their years of dedicated service and leadership. They, too, are in our prayers.



Marianist Provincial Council of the United States 2015-2018: Front: **Fr. John Thompson** , councilor; **Fr. Martin Solma** , provincial; **Bro. Joseph Kamis** , assistant provincial; **Bro. Thomas Giardino** , assistant for education. Back: **Bro. Charles Johnson** , councilor; **Bro. Ronald Overman** , assistant for temporalities; **Fr. William Meyer** , assistant for religious life; and **Bro. Dennis Bautista** , councilor.

## Marianists gather in Rome - elect new leadership

During the month of July, Marianist delegates from all over the world gathered at the Marianist Generalate in Rome for the Marianist 35th General Chapter. The delegates spent much time discussing important issues and electing new leadership for the Society of Mary. The delegates elected **Fr. André Fétis** of the Province of France to be their 15th Superior General. He succeeds **Fr. Manuel Cortés** who just completed his second term as Superior General.



*Marianist Superior General **Fr. André Fétis** (Province of France)*

The delegates then elected three assistants who, with the Superior General, compose the new General Council. **Fr. Pablo Rambaud** of the Province of Spain was elected assistant general for religious life. **Bro. Maximin Magnan** of the Region of Togo was elected assistant general for education. **Bro. Michael McAward** of the Province of Meribah was elected assistant general for temporalities.



Fr. Pablo Rambaud



Bro. Maximin Magnan



Bro. Michael McAward

Please keep these men (and all leaders in Marianist ministry) in your prayers.

## **A note from Bro. Jesse**

It is with great humility and joy that I assume the role of assistant for education in the Marianist Province of the United States. I look forward to partnering with each of you in our mission to bring our

Marianist spirit to those we serve in our schools and retreat centers. The Marianist Family gathered this summer for an assembly with the theme of "Brothers of Hope and Joy - Reimagining the Dream."

My prayer for each of us is that we will be able to share the gift of our charism with an abundance of hope and joy to those we encounter each day. Be assured of my prayers for each of you.

Thanks,

*Jesse*



## New administrator

We welcome **Deacon César Ávila, Ph.D.** who has been named principal of Colegio San José, a Marianist-sponsored school in Puerto Rico. **Mrs. Elaine Torrens** remains at Colegio as associate principal.

## On the calendar

- Marianist Board Development Workshop – October 19-20, 2018
- Marianist Administrators Conference – October 21-23, 2018
- Head to Heart: Marianist Spirituality Workshop – November 5-7, 2018
- Teaching as Ministry Workshop – June 11-13, 2019

[Click here](#) for more information on ongoing formation programs.

## Prayers for Marianist-sponsored ministries

We encourage those at our sponsored ministries to incorporate these two prayers as part of the hiring process for new administrators:

**Prayer for Guidance and Support** - For those who are hiring new leaders.

**Prayer of Solidarity** - To support our colleagues who are hiring new leaders.

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