MARIST PROVINCE OF WEST AFRICA

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR: MAY 2025

The Pope's intension for May 2025: For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

May 1st Thursday of the 2nd week of Easter. Psalter: Week 2
Memorial: ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
Vestment: White

Liturgy	Genesis 1:26-2:3 "Fill the earth and conquer it." or Col 3:14-15, 17,23-24 "Whatever your work is, put your heart into it as if it were for the Lord and not for men." Matthew 13:54-58 "This is the carpenter's son, surely?"
Anniversary	In 1825, The community of La Valla settled in the house of Notre-Dame de L'Hermitage.
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** The members of our 20th General Chapter challenged you and me to take some responsibility for ensuring that our Marist communities are places where human and spiritual growth are possible. While not an easy task to address, we can rest assured that God will provide the gifts and graces necessary to complete the work (Sammon, 2005).
Reminder	Workers Day
Intentions	We pray for the community of the Hermitage. We thank God for the gift Brother Sean Sammon to our Institute.

May 2nd Friday of the 2nd week of Easter. Psalter: Week 2
Vestment: White

Liturgy	Acts 5:34-42 "They left, glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name of Jesus." John 6:1-15 "To all who were sitting there he gave out as much as they wanted."
Memorial	St. Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria and Doctor of the Church. He worked tireless in combating the heresy. He was exiled five times for his persistence.
Birthday	Br Stephen Kpunsa (1971) from Cameroon.

Reflection	**<u>Marvelous Companions</u>** Our Marist communities were founded so we could live the Gospel and proclaim the Word of God. Our primary mission is to love God and to make God known and loved (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for our General Councilors. For Brother Stephen Kpunsa, his family, his intention and his community of the Novitiate, Sabin Akrofrom..
May 3rd Saturday of the 2nd week of Easter. Psalter: week 2 Feast: Saints Philip and James, Apostles (Proper office and Mass) Vestment: Red	
Liturgy	I Cor. 15: 1-8 "The Lord appeared to James, and then to all the apostles." John. 14: 6-14 "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me?"
Anniversary	In 1840, Father Champagnat celebrated the Eucharist in the Hermitage for the last time.

Reflection	**<u>Marvelous Companions</u>** Some of us question our call to community life when solitude becomes a burden. Whether it be early in our days as a brother as we struggle with issues of intimacy, or when facing the sobering reality of personal mortality at midlife, or as we mourn the death of lifelong friends during our final years, we are reminded time and again that we are alone and that community can never lift that weight (Sammon, 2005).
Reminder	World Press Freedom Day
Intentions	We pray for the domestic workers of our communities. We pray for the children that are engaged in all sorts of hard labour. **Marist Saturday:** We offer special prayers for our vocation
May 4th Sunday of the 3rd week of Easter. Psalter week 3 Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 5:27-32,40b-41 "We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit." Revelation 5:11-14 "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth." John 21:1-19 "Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish." Or 21:1-14
Reminder	Beginning of Canonical Visitation to Tatum Community
Birthday	Br Sylvain Yao Kouassi (1959) from Cote d'Ivoire
	<u>Marvelous Companions</u> The Solitude and the loneliness that at times accompany our community life, provide us with a means for growing closer to God and other people. Both help us understand that that world and our concerns are not what is most important; there is One who is

	greater than ourselves. Dag Hammarskjöld, who for a time served as Secretary General of the United Nations, put it this way: "Pray that your loneliness may spur you towards finding something to live for, something that is great enough to die for" (Cited by Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for Brother Sylvain, his family, and his mission in Korhogo. We pray for our cooks and their families.
May 5th Monday of the 3rd week of Easter. Psalter week 3 Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 6:8-15 "They could not get the better of Stephens because of his wisdom, and because it was the Spirit that prompted what he said." John 6:22-29 "Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life."
Anniversary	In 1873, departure of the first Brothers to New Caledonia (Pacific).
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** The matter of community life is an urgent one in our Institute today. I believe that our Marist mission and way of life will die out eventually in those provinces and districts where ever increasing numbers of brothers are either living alone, or might as well be, considering the little interaction they have with other community members (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for our brothers in New Caledonia. For medical doctors and other health workers. **First Monday:** We pray for our departed brothers, relatives, and benefactors
May 6th Tuesday of the 3rd week of Easter. Psalter Week 3 Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 7:51-8:1a "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." John 6:30-35 "It was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread."
Anniversary	In 1818, Gabriel Rivat (Brother François), 10 years old went to live with Father Champagnat at La Valla. (See reflection of June 1, 2025). In 1854, the Vow of Stability was introduced into the Institute.
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** In those administrative units where brothers continue to tolerate a level of activism that can only be described as bordering on the pathological, that choice of community life is solely a personal matter, and they therefore continue to find reasons to remain in the same community year after year (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for our brothers and works in Hong Kong. We pray for the non-teaching staff in our schools
May 7th Wednesday of the 3rd week of Easter. Psalter: Week 3 Vestment: White	

Liturgy	Acts 8:1b-8 "They went from place to place preaching the Good News." John 6:35-40 "It is my Father 's will that whoever sees the Son shall have eternal life."
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** Religious life was never meant to consist of a group of people who come together solely to live amiably or interact superficially. Rather, we are called to be a searing presence in our world. This end can be accomplished only if we allow God's will to be mediated through our brothers. This holds true for the composition of our communities as much as it does for the ministries we are asked to undertake in the Institute's name and in other areas of our life (Sammon, 2005).
Anniversary	In 1871, Marist foundation in Samoa Islands, Pacific.
Intentions	We pray for our brothers and works in the Samoa Islands. We pray for fishermen.
May 8th Thursday of the 3rd week of Easter. Psalter Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 8:26-40 "If you believe with all your heart, you may be baptized." John 6:44-51 "I am the living bread which has come down from heaven."
Anniversary	1994, Brother Henri Verges was killed in Algiers, where he had been working for 24 years.
Reminder	End of Canonical Visitation to Tatum Community
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** Community is one place where the human weakness that you and I carry is very evident. And so, we must often ask ourselves these questions: Are we willing to place our legitimate human needs secondary to the overall goals of the community? Is that fact apparent in the way that we live and pray and share our lives? Are we willing to take responsibility for the life and direction of our communities, or do we spend our time criticizing those who do? (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for our brothers and works in Algeria. We pray for the canonization of Brother Henri Vergers.
May 9th Friday of the 3rd week of Easter. Psalter: Week 3 Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 9:1-20 "This man is my chosen instrument to bring my name before pagans." John 6:52-59 "My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink."
Birthday	Cosmos Boakye, 2001 (from Ghana).
Anniversary	In 2001, death of Brother Lorenzo in Chad.
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** Discipleship demands that we sacrifice our own comfort, take a number of risks, and act with courage. Jesus was most serious when he offered this challenge: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." He was equally serious when he promised in return the fullness of life in this biosphere and in the next (Sammon, 2005).

Intentions	We pray for our brothers and works in Koumra, Chad. We pray for people with terminal illnesses.
	May 10th Saturday of the 3rd week of Easter. Psalter: Week 3 **Vestment: White**
Liturgy	Acts 9:31-42 "The churches built themselves up and were filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit." John 6:60-69 "Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life."
Reminder	Beginning of Canonical Visitation to Bafut Community
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** Every Marist community is a group. We can assume therefore, that rather than remaining static, each one will pass through a series of stages from the time its members first gather until the community comes to an end, due to the departure of some brothers or the addition of new ones (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for the Brothers who introduced us to the Marist Way of Life. We pray for all our brothers in active service. **Marist Saturday:** We offer special prayers for our vocation

	May 11th Sunday of the 4th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 4. **Vestment: White**
Liturgy	Acts 13:14,43-52 "Behold, we turn to the Gentiles." Rev. 7:9,14b-17 "The Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water." John 10:27-30 "I give my sheep eternal life."
Birthday	Honore Togyanouba, 1999.
Anniversary	In 1840, Father Champagnat received the Oil of the Sick and gave his final blessing.
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** For most of us, the first stage in the life of any community we join includes a period of orientation. Beginnings are usually fraught with difficulties; in an unfamiliar situation we all need some time to get our bearings. Entering a new community, for example, you and I might find ourselves trying to find our place in the group. If we are feeling anxious and uncertain, we can easily start comparing our new living situation with the one we recently left (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	For our elderly and sick Brothers. For our community superiors.
	May 12th Monday of the 4th Week of Easter. Psalter: Week 4. Optional Memorial: Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs. Optional Memorial: Pancras, martyr **Vestment: White, or Red**

Liturgy	Acts 11:1-18 "God can grant even the pagans the repentance that leads to life." John 10:1-10 "I am the gate of the sheepfold."
Birthday	Brother Owen Ormsby (USA) worked in Liberia
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** During this first stage in our new community, its veteran members need to be careful not to spend all their time discussing people and events with which they alone are familiar. If they do, those new to the group need to point out what is happening or they run the risk of finding themselves increasingly excluded from day-to-day conversation (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for Brother Owen, his intention, and his community. We pray for our parents, both living and dead.
May 13th Tuesday of the 4th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 4 Optional Memorial: Our Lady of Fatima Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 11:19-26 "They started preaching to the Greeks, proclaiming the Lord Jesus." John 10:22-30 "The Father and I are one."
Anniversary	2003 Death of Brother Justin Keady from Britain, who (worked in Cameroon).
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** The task of drawing up a *Plan for Community Living* is also often addressed at this time, when new members join. Even if the community had a Plan the previous year, its details should be discussed and renegotiated. Such action is imperative whenever the membership of the community changes (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for the catechists of our home parishes. We pray for an end to the crisis in Cameroon.
May 14th Wednesday of the 4th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 4 Feast: Matthias, Apostle Vestment: Red	
Liturgy	Acts 1:15-17,20-26 "The lot fell to Matthias and he was listed as one of the twelve Apostles." John 15:9-17 "You did not choose me, no, I chose you."
Anniversary	1997: Death of Brother Gall Hanley from Britain who worked in Cameroon.
Reminder	End of Canonical Visitation to Bafut Community
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** What happens in the life of one of our brothers in our community has ramifications for all who make up the group. While we generally prefer to classify the person who is causing all the trouble, at least from our point of view, as the source of difficulty, in remaining silent we collude with that person and add to the group's dysfunction (Sammon, 2005).

Intentions	We pray for all the students in our schools. For those working for the improvement and protection of our environment..
May 15th Thursday of the 4th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 4 Optional Memorial: Isidore, the farmer, married man Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 13:13-25 "God has raised up one of David's descendants, Jesus, as saviour." John 13:16-20 "Whoever welcomes the one I send welcomes me."
Anniversary	In 1876, first Marist school opened in New Zealand.
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** Learning to disagree and to resolve differences in our community are skills that can be acquired. And learn them we must! What other alternatives do we have? To wring our hands in despair about the state of our local community? Such behavior, as we well know, will do little to change the quality of life within the group (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for our brothers and works in New Zealand. For God's protection over street children.
May 16th Friday of the 4th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 4 Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts13:26-33 "God has fulfilled his promise by raising Jesus from the dead." John 14:1-6 "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."
Reminder	Beginning of Canonical Visitation to Manuel Jorques Community
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** Having agreed that it is safe to disagree, the community members can speak honestly about their hopes and disappointments, and arrive at a consensus about the details of their life together. Who will manage the group's finances? How often and in what manner will its members pray in common? What responsibilities do they have to one another? These are but a few of the many questions that must be addressed (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	For those who have difficult work to do. For all politicians and world leaders.
May 17th Saturday of the 4th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 4 Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 13:44-52 "We must turn to the pagans." John 14:7-14 "To have seen me is to have seen the Father."
Reminder	World Telecommunication Day
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** Obviously, our Marist *Constitutions and Statutes* have a particularly important role to play in the life of the group at this stage. If we are committed to forming a community that will be a source of spiritual, emotional, and interpersonal growth, we will need to discuss as a group the directives found in that document and in the *Message* of our 20th General Chapter (Sammon, 2005)

Intentions	For all immigrants across the world. For the communications commission and respective teams in our Province. **Marist Saturday:** We offer special prayers for our vocation
May 18th	**Sunday of the 5th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 1** **Vestment: White**
Liturgy	Acts: 14:21-27 "They gathered the church together and declared all that God had done with them." Revelation 21:1-5a "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes." John 13:31-33a,34-35 "A new commandment that I give to you, that you love one another."

Anniversary	In 1840, the Spiritual Testament of Father Champagnat was read to the Brothers assembled around his bedside.
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** First of all, we need our Marist Documents to clarify what we mean by the word community, in light of the multicultural world in which the Institute finds itself, and the traditions handed down to us since our founder's time. Community wears many different faces in the church and our world today, and not every religious institute defines this expression in quite the same way (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for fidelity to the wishes of our Founder. For all our brothers who are studying.
May 19th	**Monday of the 5th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 1** **Vestment: White**
Liturgy	Acts 14:5-18 "We have come with good news to make you turn from these empty idols to the living God." John 4:21-26 "The Advocate, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything."
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** There are many ways to live out community life. One point is quite clear: in our Institute, community life entails living together physically, face to face, and being involved intimately in the life of the group. We read that message in the chapter on Community Life found in our *Constitutions and Statutes, namely, article 82, which reads "*Ours is a community apostolate. It begins with the witness of the consecrated life we live together (Sammon, 2005)
Intentions	We pray for social justice and equality in the countries where we work. For our brothers in international missions in solidarity with the church.
May 20th	**Tuesday of the 5th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 1** **Optional Memorial: Bernardine of Siena, presbyter, religious** **Vestment: White**
Liturgy	Acts 14:19-28 "They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them." John 14:27-31a "My own peace I give you."

Anniversary	In 1789, birth of Marcellin Champagnat at Le Rosey, Marlhes.
Reminder	End of Canonical Visitation to Manuel Jorques Community
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** The whole community shows its apostolic solidarity by affirming and encouraging each of its members in his apostolic ministry. There can be no doubt that community life was central in Marcellin's vision of our life. In his circular letter of August 12th, 1837, he wrote," How pleasant, how flattering it is for me to think that in a few days I shall have the wonderful pleasure of saying to you, with the psalmist, while embracing you, 'Quam bonum et quam jucundum habitare fratres in unum.' It is a delightful consolation to me to have you all together again one in heart and mind, as a single family, seeking only the glory of God and the good of his holy religion" (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	In thanksgiving for the gift of Father Marcellin Champagnat to our world. For the people of Le Rosey, where Father Champagnat was born.
May 21st Wednesday of the 5th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 1 Optional Memorial: Christopher Magallanes, presbyter, martyr and companions Vestment: White, or Red	
Liturgy	Acts 15:1-6 "It was arranged that they should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the Apostles and elders." John 15:1-8 "Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruits in plenty."
Anniversary	In 1789, baptism of Father Champagnat. He was given the Christian name of Marcellin Joseph Benedict.
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** Our Marist *Constitutions and Statutes* tell us that the community has a community superior or leader, who "creates a climate of understanding and harmony among his brothers. His role is to encourage and coordinate the common effort and to ensure both its continuity and unity" (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for the success of our annual retreat this year. We pray for our Spiritual Directors and Accompanators.

May 22nd Thursday of the 5th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 1 Optional Memorial: Rita of Cascia, religious Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 15:7-21 "I rule that we do not make things difficult for pagans who turn to God." John 15:9-11 "Remain in my love, and let your joy be complete."
Birthday	Br Aureliano Garcia, Provincial of the Mediterranean, who work in Ghana.
Anniversary	In 1810, birth of Brother Louis-Marie, 2nd Superior General. (Reference: Reflection of June 5, 2025 Religious Calendar).

	In 2002, death of Brother Cayetana, Quitana, one of the founders of Cote d'Ivoire.
Reminder	Beginning of Canonical Visitation to Yassa Community
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** Despite the inspiring words about the community superior, few brothers in the Institute today are lining up to take on the role of a community or local leader. Some feel ill-equipped for the challenge and insist that they lack the necessary skills. As one told me recently, "In my Province today, to be a local superior you need the skills of a spiritual director, a therapist, and an expert in conflict resolution, and have the good sense to know that at the end of the day some people are not going to change!" (Sammon, 2005).
Reminder	International Day for Biological Diversity.
Intentions	We pray for the newly baptized members of the church. For Br. Aureliano, his family, his personal intentions and his community.
May 23rd Friday of the 5th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 1 Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 15:22-31 "It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond essentials." John 15:12-17 "What I command you is to love one another."
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** A local Marist leader has three responsibilities: one, to interview the brothers in his community; two, to animate the group's prayer; three, to call community meetings. He does not have to take responsibility for implementing all three, but he must initiate each. In so doing, he comes not only to appreciate more fully the lives of his brothers; he also comes to understand more profoundly the dynamics that are present when any group of people lives together (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	For our aspirants and their parents. For our community bursars.
May 24th Saturday of the 5th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 1 Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 16:1-10 "Come across to Macedonia and help us." John 15:18-21 "You do not belong to the world because my choice withdrew you from the world."
Anniversary	In 1920, end of the term of Brother Stratonique, 5th Superior General, and election of Brother Diogene, 6th Superior General. In 1961, the General House was transferred from Saint-Genis-La Vall to Rome. **Marist Saturday:** We offer special prayers for our vocation
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** While most community superiors accept some of the responsibilities, a number will shrink from interviewing the brothers. Some protest: "I am neither a psychologist nor a social worker." To which I would reply, "Thank God!" For as important as these roles might be within a number of cultures, a community leader is meant to be, first of all, a brother among his brothers. His interest in them and

	in the details of their lives is fraternal. He serves them best as a listening ear (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for the Superior General and his council. We pray for workers in the factories.
May 25th Sunday of the 6th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 2 Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 15:1-2,22-29 "It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials." Revelation 21:10-14,22-23 "He showed me the Holy City, coming down out of heaven." John 14:23-29 "The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that have said to you."
Anniversary	In 1975, Death of Brother Leonidas, 7th Superior General from 1946 to 1958.
Reminder	End of Canonical Visitation to Yassa Community
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** One feature of our Marist community is that, we are guided by the voice of the Church, and within the framework of our specific vocation, we stand with the poor and their just causes. We give preference to the poor, wherever they are, whatever be our ministry. We should be glad to be in places and houses which oblige us to share their situation, and we should take advantage of opportunities to come into contact with the realities of their daily life" (Sammon, 2005).
Reminder	African Union Day

Intentions	We thank God for the gift of Brother Leonidas to our Institute. For members of the Preparatory Commission of our XXIII General Chapter.
May 26th Monday of the 6th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 2 Memorial: Philip Neri, presbyter, religious founder Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 16:11-15 "The Lord opened her heart to accept what Paul was saying. John 15:26-16:4a "The Spirit of truth will be my witness."
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** We often read, or we are told that "Our residences should be furnished in a way that gives visible witness to poverty." Finally, "Concretely, we live our personal and communal poverty in the context of a simple, hardworking life, without chasing after non-essentials." As disciples of Jesus, we are called upon continually to put aside those sterile comforts that serve only to domesticate our spirits and quench our thirst for God. Adopting a simple, even austere, lifestyle not only frees us from the concerns inherent in private ownership but can also enable us to be more effective in our service among those who are materially poor (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for countries at war and in conflicts. For our donor agencies.
MAY 27TH Tuesday of the 6th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 2 Optional Memorial: Augustine of Canterbury, bishop, religious, missionary	

Vestment, White	
Liturgy	Acts 16:22-34 "Become a believer in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, and your household too." John 16:5-11 "Unless I go, the Advocate will not come to you."
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** While situations vary from country to country, and culture to culture, wherever there is a Marist community, it should be evident to all that its members live the spirit and practice of the Beatitudes in their day-to-day lives. Once again self-centeredness and selfishness can easily get the upper hand here. In addition, we can quickly put aside the values of the Gospel and embrace those in the culture that are in opposition to the message of Jesus. An abandonment of gospel values is particularly evident when it comes to the accumulation of goods (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We thank God for the ongoing and completed projects in our province. For our brothers in charge of projects in our province.
May 28th Wednesday of the 6th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 2 **Vestment: White**	
Liturgy	Acts 17:15,22-18:1 "The God whom I proclaim is in fact the one whom you already worship without knowing it." John 16:12-15 "The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth."
Birthday	Brother Theddy Gilles de Souza (1972) from Cote d'Ivoire Brother. Jose Descarga (1945) former District Bursar
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** For a number of years, brothers in several provinces and districts had the practice of packing their earthly possessions at the end of each year and storing them in a large trunk prior to leaving for summer assignment. This custom had a twofold purpose. First of all, since appointments for the following year were usually given out during the Province retreat held late in the summer, packing at the end of the academic year helped those moving to other communities to avoid any last minute rush (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	For Brothers Theddy and Jose Descarga, for their intentions, families, friends, and their mission. For the Brothers of the Marist Province of Mediterranea.
May 29th Thursday of the 6th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 2 **Solemnity: The Ascension of the Lord** **Vestment: White**	
Liturgy	Acts 1:1-11 "As they were looking on, he was lifted up." Ephesians 1:17-23 "He made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places." Or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23 "For Christ himself has entered into heaven." Luke 24:46-53 "As he blessed them, he was carried up to Heaven."
Anniversary	In 1955, beatification of Marcellin Champagnat by Pope Pius XII.

Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** As years passed, this annual custom of packing a trunk has fallen into disuse, but others have replaced it. For example, recently, in one Province, a middle-aged brother moving from one community to another needed a truck to transport all that he had accumulated over the course of a quarter century. On seeing this scenario unfold, a contemporary remarked, "We have come a long way in the course of renewal – from the one trunk to the one truck brother!" (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	We pray for our lay collaborators in the mission. For our brothers involved in ecological activities in our province.
May 30th Friday of the 6th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 2 Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Acts 18:9-18 "I have many people on my side in this city." John 16:20-23 "No one shall take your joy from you."
Anniversary	In 1955, foundation in Rome of the World Union of Marist ex-student.
Reminder	Beginning of Provincial Council Meeting
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** On a more serious note, simplicity of lifestyle so often mirrors the simplicity of mind and heart that Marcellin considered the defining virtue for his Little Brothers. Regardless of the ministry in which I find myself, and irrespective of the socioeconomic level of those whom I am called to serve, each of us has an obligation to give witness to this simplicity in our day-today lives. Moreover, you and I will never be credible witnesses to the young and others in our wider Church if our way of living is little more than a mirror of the middle-class values found in some cultures, no matter how acceptable they may be for others (Sammon, 2005).
Intentions	For the people involved in road construction and those who build our cities. For the sick and those caring for them.
May 31st Saturday of the 6th week of Easter. Psalter: Week 2 Feast: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth Vestment: White	
Liturgy	Zephaniah 3:14-18a "The Lord, the King of Israel, is in your midst." Or Romans 12:9-16 "If any of the saints are in need, you must share with them; and you should make hospitality your special care." Luke 1:39-56 "Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?"
Anniversary	In 1994, massacre of Brothers Gaspard, Canisius, Fabian, Etienne Rwesa in Rwanda.
Reminder	End of Provincial Council Meeting
Reflection	**Marvelous Companions** As mentioned earlier in this circular, when making our vows, we pledge ourselves to live fully and radically the *Good News* of Jesus Christ. Our *Constitutions and Statutes* remind us that the witness called for by that commitment should be as evident in our community life as it is in all other aspects of our lives (Sammon, 2005).

Intentions	For our Brothers and Marist works in Rwanda. In thanksgiving for the blessings that we have received during the Easter. **Marist Saturday:** We offer special prayers for our vocation