

## BROTHER SHARES VOCATION STORY



Brother Brian Poulin F.M.S. visits campus on Tuesday. Photo courtesy of Dr. Rick Martin

By Amanda Jewett '20

Marist had a special visitor on Tuesday. A Marist Brother from New York stopped by 6th and 7th period religion classes to share about vocations.

Brother Brian Poulin F.M.S., the co-director of the Vocation Office for the Marist Brothers in Poughkeepsie, New York scheduled a visit with Dr. Rick Martin, who he met at a Marist Youth Gathering in 2017. The timing was good this week since Poulin had just been visiting family in Seattle for the Thanksgiving break.

While visiting with students in their theology class, Poulin shared his life journey and the unexpected turns that led him to become a Marist Brother; something seniors found pertinent as they are starting to make career choices.

An interesting piece of advice he gave was to reflect on their “what I want to be when I grow up” ideas. He explained that these aspirations from when we were younger and not yet tainted by reality hold important clues into the values that make us who we truly are. He mentioned focusing on these values and letting them shine through to what career you want to pursue.

## BEGINNING THE ADVENT SEASON



Marist community enters season of awaiting Christ's arrival

By Nikola Sušec '20

While the homes and businesses around us have dived into wearing “ugly sweaters”, setting up trees, and hanging stockings, Marist is stepping into Advent, the season of waiting for Christ to come “in the future, at the end times; in the past, at Christmas; and in the present, through the Sacraments,” explained Marist chaplain Fr. Theo Lange at a Catholic Culture Committee meeting this Friday.

“Advent is important because it allows us to spiritually prepare for Christmas,” said Campus Minister Julie Ferrari. Marist is celebrating the old season with traditions that have formed through the centuries.

Instead of sweaters, the Marist community can find Fr. Theo donning special purple robes for weekday Masses.

Instead of Christmas trees, winter foliage has been weaved into Advent wreaths ornamented with one pink and three purple candles, which can be found in the front office and chapel. Each week, a new candle will be lit to symbolize Jesus' growing light.

Instead of stockings, folks hang up Advent calendars to countdown to Christmas by opening up a religious figure or a toy each day of the month. Father Theo remembers finding a chocolate each day of December in his family's Advent calendar. A few students have

been hanging up a holiday-themed drawing each day by the chapel door. Meanwhile, theology classes are donating to the community's poor through the Advent Angels program, which Ferrari said is a charitable way to prepare for Christmas.

Marist will look towards Christmas in Advent-fashion through a school-wide prayer on Dec. 18.

“In our society, Christmas is already happening,” Ferrari observed. “Sometimes it distracts us from why we really celebrate the season,” she said. Advent invites us to ask ourselves, “Do we have room in our inn?”

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## READY FOR LAUNCH



Physical Science teacher Ryan Elliott ducks away from a firing water rocket. Photo by Amanda Jewett '20

Freshman science students play with Newton's laws

By Talon Larson '22

Five sections of Ryan Elliott's physical science class finished their unit on Newton's second and third laws this week. To celebrate they built water and air bottle rockets to apply the laws they had just learned.

The bottle rockets were designed and built by the students before filling the rockets with about 500 ml of water and about 40 pounds of air pressure. They then pulled the cord to launch their rocket.

After all the students had their first attempt they were able to change the amount

of water they put in the rocket. “More water does not always mean the bottle could go higher,” Elliott said.

The students thought that they were really fun and the experiment went well. “They were amazing and I would definitely do it again,” freshman AJ Sargent said.

Newton's second law of motion states that acceleration equals the net force of the object divided by the mass of the object. The third states every action has an equal and opposite reaction.

## CANDY GRAMS ON SALE STARTING MONDAY

By Ben Morehouse '21

It must be winter ... here come basketball games and candy canes!

Student Council will begin selling Candy Grams next Monday, Dec. 9 at lunch and stay until Dec. 19, the day before we go home for Christmas Break.

Candy Grams, which are sent to friends to spread Christmas cheer, will be sold for 50 cents each or three for \$1.

Along with Candy Grams at school, many students have begun finding their trees, decorating

their houses and listening to Christmas music on radio stations like Kool 99.1 FM.

Student council and teachers will be able to decorate classrooms and hallways on Monday, Dec. 16.

While it is fun to enjoy the Christmas season as a time of as a time of jolly celebration with great movies, music and food, it is far more important to remember the reason for the season: Jesus Christ's birth. It is time to celebrate the miracle with family and friends.

