

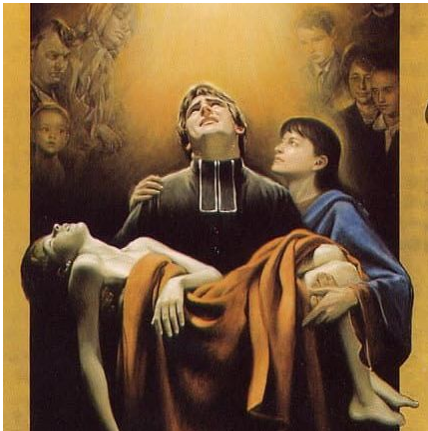
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Marists of Champagnat USA

October 2021 LayUp

Happy Feast of Jean-Baptiste Montagne!

October 28th



While January 2, 1817 may be considered the official foundation day of the Marist Brothers, October 28, 1816 can be considered the unofficial "inspiration" or "motivation" day.

For those engaged in Marist mission past or present, this is more than an important date in history. The story of Jean-Baptiste Montagne is more than a historical footnote. **It is a vivid reminder of why we do what we do and how we do what we do.**

Marcellin's visit to the Montagne household was somewhat extraordinary as is explained in these excerpts from [Evangelizers in the Midst of Youth](#), the document on Marist Youth Ministry.



Marist friends,

It is with great joy that we announce that the second cohort of the *Marists of Champagnat USA* is set to begin on January 2, 2022. If you are someone who has been inspired by the charism of St. Marcellin and are interested to join in communion with Lay Marists and Marist Brothers to help drive the Marist mission into the future, we urge you to explore this opportunity.

By forming part of the *Marists of Champagnat USA*, participants not only strengthen their faith and deepen their understanding of Marist spirituality in a more meaningful way but also connect with Marists from around the country. Last year's first cohort was made up of 42 lay women and men and 22 Marist Brothers and we are anticipating an excellent group in 2022. The 6-month formation process for this cohort will again take place on Zoom, culminating in a prayer and commitment ceremony on the Feast Day of St. Marcellin Champagnat, June 6.

Interested in the Marists of Champagnat?

- Visit the [MARIST OF CHAMPAGNAT WEBSITE](#)
- Submit Your EXPRESSION OF [INTEREST FORM](#) (forms due by November 30th)

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There will be three information sessions (no commitment) on Zoom: 11/09 @ 8:30pm EST, 11/10 @ 8:30pm EST, and 11/14 @ 7:00pm EST.

We hope that you will consider joining us in this exciting new endeavor that is giving a fresh spirit and energy to the Marist world.

Sincerely,



Br. Dan O'Riordan
Marist Brothers USA Provincial



Maureen Hagan
Chair, Council of Lay Marists USA

Marists of Champagnat

Ongoing Faith Formation Opportunities.

Sharing Marist Life in your 20's and 30's

on Monday 11/1/21 at 8:30pm EST

Lectio Divina

on Thursday 11/4/21 at 8pm EST

Advent with Saint Joseph

on Saturday 12/4/21

COHORT 2

INFORMATION SESSIONS

- Tuesday 11/9/21 at 8:30pm EST
- Wednesday 11/10/21 at 8:30pm EST
- Sunday 11/14/21 at 7pm EST

For more information or to receive the zoom link, contact Maureen Hagan at mhagan8486@gmail.com



Our next cohort is in 2022!

January 2 to June 6.

Mark your calendars to join us for Cohort 2.

Who is eligible?

- Adults who are willing to walk in the footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat to make Jesus known and loved, especially to those in need. You may have been touched by the Marist charism in a Marist school or ministry in the US.



Why participate?

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communion with the Marist brothers in the US schools and ministries on a deeper level.

What is the commitment?

- 5 Webinars - bimonthly for 1.5 hours from February to April
- Discernment week in May
- Participate in conversations with a mentor/companion
- Commitment ceremony on 6/6/22

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News from the Lay Marist Council

Resources Available

Many have shared it can be challenging to get something going near you. Don't wait for someone else to do it. We need people willing to start building groups and communities, start with an invitation. The link below contains some guidelines and prayer templates to help. Please reach out if you need some assistance!

[Click here for Marist Gathering Resources](#)

Want more information about Marists of Champagnat?

[Click here for more information on Marists of Champagnat](#)



Further Reading

[Water From the Rock](#)

[Gathered Around the Same Table](#)

[Being A Lay Marist](#)

[In the Footsteps of Marcellin Champagnat](#)

Let us remember ...

Those who have died, especially our Marist Brothers, and Lay women and men, may they rest in the love of God eternally for making Jesus known and loved.

In thanksgiving for all Marists of Champagnat in the USA, may they be guided by the Holy Spirit as they work side by side in communion with one another to promote the Marist charism.

For our nation to be a beacon of hope and a channel of peace for the downtrodden, homeless and suffering.

In gratitude, for our family and friends who remind us that God is ever present.

... To pray for each other!



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