



August 26, 2025

Dear Columbus Family,

We hope that sharing our story will inspire your sons to attend Marist Youth – a faith community that combines prayer, sharing of life experiences, and fun activities with the goal of making Jesus known and loved. Please consider this an invitation to any Tuesday night. It is never too late to join!

Our son, John, is proud to follow his father, uncle, and brother in the Columbus brotherhood. His schedule is full of rigorous academics, competitive sports, volunteer service, and extracurricular activities. However, the most important reason for choosing CCHS – its steadfast commitment to our beloved Catholic values – was at risk of being lost in our sea of busyness.

With grateful hearts, we have witnessed John's baptismal faith reawakened through his involvement in Marist Youth. Always a curious child, he constantly asks questions seeking wisdom and truth. With spiritual guidance from Brother Tom and joyful witness of his fellow students, he has developed his own personal relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Asked to become a servant leader as a Junior, John had to juggle many responsibilities, but he consistently found a way to prioritize Tuesday night meetings. This experience has strengthened qualities he has always had and shaped him in ways we never expected. Now, he looks forward to helping others grow in their faith and sincerely hopes that everyone can find the peace he has found. Practicing centering prayer in the classroom and on the football field gives him strength and serenity to face the stresses of life.

We humbly pray that your sons will hear the call to join Marist Youth and to explore the charisms of our founder, Saint Marcellin Champagnat, in a welcoming space for the gifts of prayer, reflection, and brotherhood.

God Bless and Adelante!

Bill (CCHS class of 1978) and Joëlle Allen (Parents of John Allen, CCHS class of 2026)

Marist Youth

Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the L Building Dining Hall

Starts September 2

Coed & open to students from any high school

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Questions? Email Brother Tom: tlong@columbushs.com