



Dana Dabruzzi '96 with her brothers, Kyle Dabruzzi '02 and Bryan Dabruzzi '98

Sustaining Marist Spirituality for Future Generations

As Dana Dabruzzi '96 reflects on her time at Marist School, she credits Marist with helping to build a strong spiritual foundation for her adult life. Faith was a cornerstone of Dana's Marist experience, beginning with the 7th grade Damascus Retreat. "The chapel was like my second home," Dana said of her extensive involvement with campus ministry. The school's distinctive Marist spirituality shaped Dana's experience and continues to influence her life today.

Looking up to older students who served as retreat leaders, Dana was inspired. She served as a retreat leader for the Damascus, Genesis, and Emmaus retreats and also served on the Genesis Retreat Board as a sophomore and the Emmaus Retreat Board during her senior year. Additionally, Dana served as a Peer Support Facilitator and a Peer Leader. These unique leadership opportunities proved transformational for her. "Becoming a leader and taking responsibility for a group of your peers is a unique and special honor, especially at such a young age. The role allows you to connect with fellow students in a meaningful way and arms you with positive communication skills as you mature. The time spent planning and leading retreats was vital to my spiritual growth and helped shape who I am today."

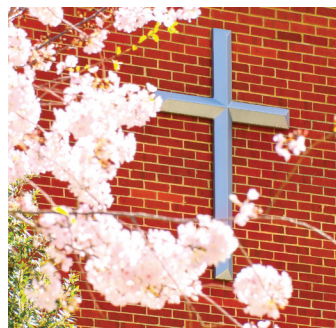
After graduating from Marist, Dana attended the University of Georgia. Today, she is president of Generation Cable Corp., a thriving family business where she works alongside her father, Rich Dabruzzi, and her brothers, Bryan Dabruzzi '98 and Kyle Dabruzzi '02. Dana is a dedicated member of Marist School's alumni community, serving as a reunion volunteer and member of the Alumni Board's Service and Spirituality Committee. She remains close with many



friends from Marist, including a tight-knit group of 12 Marist alumnae who gather for an annual weekend getaway. "I treasure the time we spend with one another. As girls, the Marist experience brought us together. As women, that foundation supports our ever-strengthening relationships and deep bond," Dana shared.

As Dana reflects on her journey, she credits Marist with nurturing her faith and guiding her personal growth. "When you have a relationship with God, you have a sense of purpose and the knowledge that you are loved unconditionally. As life presents challenges, this relationship, this love, is often what supplies the support required to recover and thrive," she said. She recognizes the deep importance of faith for current and future Marist students. "It's not a school where you just focus on academics or on sports. Marist shapes the whole person. Marist helps to form good people, and this world needs more good people."

Initially motivated to create an estate plan to ensure the continuity of her business, Dana recognized that it could be more than a legal arrangement. She saw estate planning as an opportunity to give back to the institution that shaped her formative years, supporting the



spiritual programming that held profound significance in her life. "Marist was such an important part of my life. I would like to help ensure that future generations have the same opportunity to build a relationship with God and each other," she shared. Dana became a member of the Heritage Circle by including a bequest to

Marist in her will. Dana's generosity exemplifies how members of the Marist community can create lasting legacies that align with both their practical needs and deeply held values.

A Marist education unlocks God-given greatness, so students can thrive and demonstrate how they can be Marist made for good in the world. Heritage Circle members like Dana help ensure that Marist can continue its mission of forming the whole person in the image of Christ. **In this newsletter, we invite you to explore opportunities to create your own legacy and impact future generations of Marist students.**



CELEBRATE WHAT MATTERS MOST

Marist School's campus buzzes year-round with milestone celebrations—from the spirit of Homecoming and the significance of the Half Century Club and Blue & Gold Athletics Circle Induction to the joy of Alumni Weekend and the traditions of Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement. Events like these, including the beloved St. Peter Chanel Day, celebrated for over 40 years, reflect the vibrant Marist spirit and the values we cherish.

As the academic year concludes, our campus shines with gratitude, pride, and reflection. Each celebration, large or small, honors the achievements of our students and affirms our shared commitment to the Catholic faith, service, and communal pursuit of excellence. These milestones are expressions of a legacy that connects generations of Marist families.

In that same spirit of reflection and legacy, we invite you to consider a deeply meaningful way to celebrate your own connection to Marist. You may not immediately think of your will or estate plan as a celebration, yet it is one of the most powerful expressions of what you value most. A charitable bequest to Marist School is a lasting statement of your belief in our mission and the transformative impact of a Marist education.

By including Marist School in your estate plans, you help ensure that our values continue to guide future generations. It is a gift that honors the past, supports the present, and shapes the future.

Have you included Marist in your estate plans? If so, we'd be honored to hear from you—so we can express our gratitude for your generous commitment and ensure your legacy is honored just as you intend.



The Class of 1975, pictured here with Marist School President J.D. Childs and Fr. Ralph Olek, gathered to celebrate their 50 year reunion.



Contact us today to learn more about opportunities to create your legacy at Marist School.

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CREATE YOUR LASTING LEGACY

By including Marist School in your estate plan, you create a legacy that will benefit Marist students for generations—and leave a lasting impact that endures forever. Most estate gifts to Marist become part of the school's endowment, a permanent fund that provides a strong foundation for the school's continued excellence and growth. A bequest in your will is an ideal way to support the school because it is:

FLEXIBLE

You retain control over your assets throughout your lifetime and are free to alter your plan at any time.

AFFORDABLE

The gift is fulfilled after your lifetime, so your current income is not affected.

VERSATILE

There are several options to structure your bequest in a way that fulfills your wishes.

➤ **SPECIFIC BEQUEST:** A specific bequest is the most straightforward way to leave a gift through your will. You can designate a dollar amount or a specific asset, such as stocks or property, to support Marist's mission.

➤ **PERCENTAGE BEQUEST:** A percentage bequest allows you to dedicate a percentage of your estate's value to Marist, ensuring your gift remains proportional regardless of changes to the estate size over time.

➤ **RESIDUAL BEQUEST:** A residual bequest lets you support Marist after taking care of your loved ones first. This type of gift comes from what remains in your estate after all other specific bequests, debts, and expenses have been paid.

➤ **CONTINGENT BEQUEST:** A contingent bequest is made in case the purpose of the primary bequest cannot be met. For example, you could leave an asset to a family member, with a contingent bequest specifying that the asset will go to Marist School if they are not alive at the time of your death.

A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. With the help of an attorney, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift to be made to family, friends, or Marist School as part of your estate plan.

To learn more and view sample bequest language, please visit www.maristlegacy.org/bequests.





CELEBRATE YOUR LEGACY



Three steps to take today

1. Return the enclosed reply card to request a copy of Marist's Estate Planning Guide.
2. Visit maristlegacy.org to explore a variety of ways to plan a gift that supports the people and causes that are important in your life.
3. Contact the Marist Advancement Office to learn more about gift options that complement your financial and charitable goals.

The Heritage Circle

The Heritage Circle recognizes supporters who have thoughtfully remembered Marist School in their estate plans through bequests, charitable trusts, naming the school as a beneficiary of retirement plans, or contributing insurance policies.

Uniting Marist School's past, present, and future, the Heritage Circle celebrates the legacy of those who have made a lasting commitment to the school. Their generosity helps ensure that Marist's mission continues for generations to come. We would be honored to have a conversation about creating your lasting legacy at Marist.

Heritage Circle Membership Benefits

- Invitations to special events
- Special recognition in Marist School's publications and the Heritage Circle Honor Wall
- Marist School lifetime athletics pass



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