



**February's Insight is from Marist Youth Intern
Marissa Berrios**



**She is our new intern and this insight will include her introduction
and journey so far as an Intern!**

Hi everyone! My name is Marissa Berrios and last month I recently became a part of the Marist Youth Internship team! Even though I have only been a part of the team for two months, it has been an amazing experience so far and I cannot wait to see what this journey brings.

I wanted to share with you all a little bit about myself. In 2014 I started at Roselle Catholic high school with zero knowledge of the Marist Brothers or the Marist tradition. It was on my freshman class retreat at Esopus where I learned about what it meant to call yourself Marist. Throughout my time at RC I became very involved in campus ministry. I went on and led many retreats as well as volunteering my time on service trips. However, it was not until my junior year of high school where I understood what it felt like to be Marist.

I graduated from Roselle Catholic in 2018. I knew that I wanted to continue to be a part of the Marist family after high school and after talking with Matt, I became part of the Marist Young Adults. Currently, I am a junior attending Drew University studying Public Health and Biology. Throughout my 3 years at Drew so far I stayed very connected with the Marist Young Adults. I led Marist



Youth Mission Conference and several Encounter retreats. I was also an assistant rector for last March's Encounter and was the vice-regional chair on the Marist Young Adults Board for New Jersey.

For as long as I can remember my faith has always been at the center of my life. My faith has become a huge part of my identity. I knew that when I graduated high school I wanted to stay active in the Marist community. The Marist community has strengthened my beliefs and helps me live out the words of God. Being a part of the Marist community has given me many experiences and people that I will cherish for a lifetime.

As I begin this new adventure as a Marist Youth Intern, I hope to help create those experiences for others to understand what it means to call yourself Marist. Currently, I have been working on the communications side of Marist Youth. Since the pandemic has started, social media has become a big part of staying active in the Marist community. It has been cool to help create the social media projects and find different, creative ways to spread Marist love!

It has been a blessing to be able to be a part of the Marist Youth Internship team. I have been working alongside Matt Fallon, Mrs. Hagan, and Billy Carvalho. As a team, we have been working hard to find ways for everyone to stay connected with the Marist community. I am looking forward to my time as an Intern and cannot wait to see what's in store for the future!