



**June's Insight is from Marist Youth Intern
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She talks about her first six months as an intern!

In this month's edition of intern insights I will be talking about my first six months of my life as Marist Youth Ministry Intern. I started this past January starting off with working on virtual projects. With the pandemic still going on the intern team had to still find creative ways to reach out to the Marist Youth and Young Adult communities. I started to work on the social media side of things creating the email blasts and social media posts so that the Marist community still felt connected. I worked on promotion posts for virtual Marist YA events and helped create the Lenten Reflection that went out daily to those who participated.

In April of this year, I was very fortunate to attend the Marist Brothers Provincial Chapter. The Provincial Chapter is the time when a new council, who is elected by the chapter delegates. The chapter also helps to set the agenda for the Marist Brothers. During the chapter I was able to witness parts of the chapter in action and get to know many of the brothers throughout the Province. I was able to help photograph the chapter and aid with the technology side of the chapter as this was the first chapter that was held in a hybrid model of in person and on zoom!



In May, the intern team went to Lawrence, Massachusetts to visit the Marist community at Central Catholic. Matt, Mrs. Hagan, Billy and I took our first trip as a team to visit Central Catholic and speak with some of the seniors who were interested in staying connected to the Marist community. Billy and I also got to meet with the President of the School, Chris Sullivan, who talked about his experiences with trying to keep the Marist mission present in the decisions that we make. Billy and I were very thankful to hear his perspective and while we visited Central Catholic we could tell that the decisions made for the school connected with the Marist Mission in some way!

During Memorial Day weekend the intern team went up to Esopus to help with the Marist Youth Gathering weekend! MYG '21 was going to be held virtually but the Marist Young Adult team was able to gather in Esopus to help make the virtual gathering the best it could be. That weekend was our first retreat back after a year and a half of not being able to gather together and emotions were high. It was one of the most memorable weekends to be a part of. Everyone was so thankful to be home in Esopus and able to gather together once again.

My first six months as an intern has been a memorable one so far. I am very thankful for the opportunities I have been able to be apart of. I have learned many things during these past couple months, but there is one thing I would like to highlight which is that the Marist community will always be here to support you. Throughout this internship so far I have worked on a lot of projects both virtually and in person and I would not have been able to do without the help I received from people in the Marist Community. The Marist family gives me the courage I need to be able to accomplish my role as an Intern.

I am grateful for my first six months as a Marist Youth Ministry intern and I am so excited for the adventures to come!