LaMorte moves one step further

by Christopher Hogan

Saying Mass is a lot like being a college administrator for newly appointed Assistant Dean of Students, Father Richard LaMorte. LaMorte, who also shares the duties of part-time housing coordinator, college chaplain, director of orientation programming, and coordinator of the freshmen program says he can see a parallel between being a priest and an administrator.

"When I'm saying Mass I take the time and consider it important enough to take my everyday world and put it against my philosophical beliefs," says LaMorte. LaMorte replaced Assistant Dean of Students Gerald Kelly who resigned to work as the college's Admissions Director.

As an administrator, I am equally responsible for looking at things everyday and placing them against the larger picture of images, visions, and goals of Marist College," said LaMorte, who says he took three weeks to decide if he wanted the administrative position, is responsible for supervising the residence staff, health services, Interhouse affairs, activities, and the operation of the student life on campus. After spending five years at Marist, LaMorte says he sees a need for administrators to be more aware of students needs.

"I first showed an interest in cooking when my father taught me how to make my own breakfast," says the first Diocesan priest to be named as the only Diocesan priest at the college. LaMorte's plans to improve services for non-Catholics, coordinate, lectures and discussions, and revise "table talks" discussions in which faculty share their religious views with students.

Standing beside the bar, Frank Sorrentino reflects back over the years and verifies the rumors that recently circulated throughout the campus: Frank's Bar and Grill has been sold. Within a short time, the bar and grill will be open for the Marist students.

Frank's bar has been a part of the Poughkeepsie community for the past seventeen years. Its popularity has not only included Poughkeepsie's small community but also a large percentage of Marist students and faculty. The bar is under the ownership of the woman who was born and raised in Poughkeepsie, New York. He also remembers when the Brothers, who were on the college's campus at the time of the establishment of the restaurant area of the bar. Frank Sorrentino also contributed to the opening of Marist's own rathskeller many years ago. He recalled that Brother Paul, a member of the faculty at the time, came to him asking if he'd consider opening the rathskeller. Frank replied that it wouldn't affect his business and proceeded to donate one hundred dollars to the cause.

When asked if there was one unique experience that stuck in his mind, Frank jokingly replied, "There are many incidents which I will never forget but I am afraid that they can't be printed in The Circle." Upon concluding the conversation Frank remarked, "I'll miss the kids more than anything.

Within the next couple of months, Frank's will be under the new management of Edward Beck from Easy Street. Exactly what the new bar will consist of is unknown at this time. Hopefully, it will provide the same enjoyable atmosphere that Frank's has provided for the past seventeen years.

Fr. LaMorte, pulling back the early 70's were a rest period and the college was in a process of reorganizing. I see a genuine enthusiasm among those people that are ready to say Marist is going somewhere, and more importantly those people are contributing to its future."


doesn't give the students something to go to. The faculty and the students truly feel. He thinks, "Marist has the opportunity to become unique. This is a special place, you can just sense it."
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Largest Enrollment Ever...

by Loretta Kennedy

This semester boasts the largest enrollment in Marist’s history, with a total of 2,100 registered undergraduate students. Over 2,000 applications were received causing Jim Daly, Director of Admissions, to deny twice the amount of students admission this year over last year. Daly says one of the reasons for this increase is, “The story is getting out, people are beginning to notice that Marist has become more competitive in the school market.”

Daly also commented, “it is not uncommon to see that a student has applied to Vassar or Williams as well as Marist. We are starting to be compared to schools that were once considered out of our league.”

Another reason Daly feels Marist has been able to become so competitive is his staff. “I have an excellent staff,” says Daly. “Last year we were able to visit 1,000 colleges,” and those recruiting endeavors allow Daly and his Admissions staff of Bryan Maloney, Marybeth Carey, and Cathy Hanley to be selective in the type of students admitted to Marist.

Daly says “there is a special atmosphere surrounding the Marist community. People here have developed a real affection for this institution.” The “self selection” that the Admissions Staff is able to execute helps to foster that atmosphere. “It says something for the college when you are able to turn away over 400 students,” says Daly. “This school has become a desirable place to be. The more students in the college, the more valuable one’s degree will be.”

Daly also commented, “the more students enrolled in the college, the less the tuition increase per student.” The tuition will naturally increase due to nation wide inflation, but the more students to share in that increase will result in less cost per person.

“There are two strengths within the college that have caused the abundance of interest in the school;” says Daly, “they are the faculty and the quality of the student.” Daly expressed that he thinks the faculty is talented and the students are friendly and willing to be involved. He also added, “the faculty has been very receptive to the larger classroom situations which he feels is an added plus.”

“Permanent housing due to the increase of admissions will have to be secured in the near future,” says Daly. There is nothing concrete as of now, but there are some proposals that are “in the works.”

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Oakwood School Added

by Matthew Cole

Staff Writer

Marist has expanded its living facilities through the rental of two off-campus dormitories. According to Housing Coordinator Peter Amato, the move was necessary to accommodate the number of incoming transfer students, as well as to create on-campus space for the large freshmen body. Fifty-seven students are residing at Craig Hall, The Oakwood School, located approximately five miles south of Marist. Another thirty-two are at a converted motel in Hyde Park.

The majority of these students are pleased with the new accommodations. They are quiet, said therefore more conducive to good study habits than the on-campus dormitories. The Hyde Park students are housed two people to each room with a private bathroom and cooking facilities.

There are, however, inconveniences. The off-campus student must rely on a bus service that makes periodic, daily trips between Marist and the residence halls. At one student stated, “if you miss the bus, you’ve missed the class.” The weekday buses are punctual, but there have been complaints regarding the weekend service. Another distance related problem involves meals. Many of the Oakwood-Hyde Park students have removed themselves from the meal plan, and have been purchasing food with their pocket money. According to Student Activities Director, Gail Bloomer, a full refund of previously paid board payments will be given to these students at the end of this week.

Mrs. Bloomer also asks that Sheahan residents in triple rooms report to her for a rebate on their housing fee.

The Circle wishes to express its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of John Menapace who died last week from Hodgkins Disease.