

**EDWARD DONOHUE**  
**Marist College**  
**Poughkeepsie, NY**  
**For the Marist College Archives and Special Collections**  
**Index – Edward Donohue**

**Project Name:** Marist Heritage Project

**Transcript:** Yes

**Summary:** Yes

**Photograph(s):** No

**CD#:** 021

**Name of Interviewee:** Edward Donohue

**Main Topics:** This interview with Edward Donohue runs through his life and career with Marist College, both as a Brother, and then after he left the Brothers as a continuing college professor. He talks extensively about his work with the Green Haven program, which was a wonderful program that brought higher education to inmates in a maximum security prison and gave them the opportunity to turn their lives around. He also discusses the changes he has seen in the students and the faculty over the years, but the majority of the interview is regarding the Green Haven program.

**Others present?:** No

**Interviewed by:** Richard Foy

**Interview Date:** 13 March 2002

**Location of Interview:** Archives and Special Collections Reading Room at Marist College

**Recorder model and type:** Marantz PMD 690

**Length of interview:** 47 minutes, 14 seconds

**Number of disks:** 1

**Recording medium/format:** Microdrive

**Brand of disks:** IBM 1GB Microdrive

**Archival copy made:** Burned to a gold alloy CD (MAM) and is held in the Marist College Archives and Special Collections. Saved as a .wav file at the highest resolution possible. CD copy is available for researchers.

**Quality of original recording:** Good

**Restrictions on interview access or use:** None

**Transcribed or summarized by:** Gianna D’Ambrosca

**Brief summary of interview context and recording contents:** This interview was held in the Cannavino Library on the Marist College campus.

**TAPE INDEX:**

<u>Time (00:00.00 ~ in hrs./mins./seconds)</u>	<u>Summary</u>
00:00.00 – 00:06.18	Edward Donohue begins his interview by discussing his personal history and past. He describes the origin of his name, what his parents did for a living, the amount of brothers and sisters he had, how he heard of the Marist Brothers, when he attended Marist Prep, the novitiate, the scholasticate, and the children he himself has today.
00:06.19 – 00:11.28	Edward quickly runs through a little bit about what life was like as a student Brother at Marist and receiving his bachelor’s degree. He then moves on to talk about some of his first teaching assignments, attending Fordham for his masters degree, and starting the Ph.D program at Catholic University.
00:11.29 – 00:20.04	Edward discusses what it was like to teach at Marist College in the 60’s, which was a very turbulent and exciting time in American history. He also briefly reflects on the difficulty of teaching full-time and working on his thesis dissertation simultaneously. He then moves on to compare the students he first taught at Marist to the students of today.
00:20.05 – 00:38.57	Edward talks about his role in the Green Haven program, which brought higher education to interested prisoners. He talks about the development of the program, the success that it had, and also how nerve-racking it was. He relates some stories about some of the difficulties and successes they had with the program, how it changed the atmosphere on the Marist College campus, and he talks extensively about one of Marist’s greatest success stories from the program, Jerry Hooks.
00:38.58 – 00:47.14	Edward discusses the change he’s seen in the faculty from when it was all Marist Brothers to now mostly all lay faculty. He also briefly reflects on when control of Marist College changed hands from the Brothers to a board of trustees and the effect it had on campus.