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ST. LOUIS, KING OF FRANCE CHURCH IN ST. PAUL, MN



The Minneapolis-based Star Tribune newspaper recently featured "Historic St. Paul Steeples" which included St. Louis, King of France Church where Marists have served since 1886.

"The architect of the church was Emmanuel Masqueray, who also gave the city the St. Paul Cathedral. Who better to design the Church of St. Louis than a Frenchman?...The interior of St. Louis' is a surprise, simply because it's so French. The descriptions of the Stations of the Cross on the wall are in French. The color scheme is royal. The architecture is early 18th century classicism with some Renaissance excesses, and you feel as if you've been teleported to a pre-revolutionary arrondissement."

Read the entire article at:

<http://www.startribune.com/historic-st-paul-churches-still-rise-above/367822921/>

MARIST FAMILY GATHERS IN BOSTON

Three branches of the Marist Family met February 6th at Lourdes Center in Boston. Attending were 10 Marist Fathers & Brothers (SM), 19 Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary (SMSM) and 4 Marist Brothers of the Schools (FMS). The group gathered in anticipation of the 200th anniversary July 23rd of the Pledge at Fourvière.



Led by Frank Grisipino SM, (above) the group enjoyed learning about and touring Lourdes Center. The "National Lourdes Bureau of America" was founded in Boston by the Marist Fathers in 1950 at the request of Archbishop Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston, through arrangement with the Bishop of Lourdes, France.

The day included Eucharist together with reflections by Al Dilanni SM. He traced the founding story of each branch of the Marist Family, naming the early founders, Jean-Claude Colin (SM), Marcellin Champagnat (FMS), Jeanne-Marie Chavoïn (SM), whose shared vision, the Society of Mary as one body comprised of several branches under one superior general, "never took shape. Such a creative concept was not within the purview of the 19th century Roman authorities." The Marist Missionary Sisters (SMSM), whose beginnings are traced to Marie Françoise Perroton and 10 others who traveled to the South Pacific, constitute the fourth member with Lay Marists completing the 'family.' The presence of all who gathered at Lourdes Center attests to the bond that the Marist Family continues to enjoy as it anticipates the

**Bicentenary of
The Pledge of Fourvière!**



(front): Sr. Mary Rita, Fr. Normand Martin, (back): Sr. Dorothy Doran, Fr. Al Dilanni, Srs. Cecile Mailloux, Sylvia Kircher, Virginia Fornasa, Mary Anne Faucher, and Fr. Frank Grisipino