



**November's Insight is from Marist Youth Intern
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**He shares about:
"The Online Huddle" and his experience visiting
Camp Marist New Hampshire!**

Last month on “Intern Insights”, my fellow intern Monica Estrellado described her experiences in The Huddle, our work space at the Roselle Catholic Marist Brothers Community, as well as our visit to St. Helens Church. Monica did a great job filling you guys in on what we were doing early on in The Huddle, however, after we reacted to Covid-19 our “huddle” became an online meeting space.

Although we were not meeting in person anymore, we knew more than ever that reaching out and keeping our Marist community connected was our number one goal. Becoming more active on social media was one of our first steps. Running social media campaigns was a great way to stay connected. For example, on Mother's Day, we asked people to send us pictures of their mother along with a special message. It



was great to see the comments from friends and family, and watching our community keep in touch.

Another part of helping Marists connect during the pandemic has been a variety of zoom meetings between different parts of the Marist world. The Marist Young Adult Advisory Board has been meeting continuously coming up with different ways to reach out to the Marist Young Adults.

After a long time of Zoom meetings and other virtual gatherings, we were finally able to get back together. However, for this reunion instead of meeting at our Huddle in Roselle, Matt Fallon decided we were going to visit Camp Marist in New Hampshire. I had never been to Camp Marist before then, and I was not ready for how beautiful of a place it is.

For those of you who have not had the pleasure of visiting Camp Marist; it is a huge summer camp on Lake Ossipee that has the most extraordinary sunsets. With activities such as horseback riding, go-karting, soccer, and much more, there is a lot to see and do.

All four of our team, Monica, Maureen Hagan, Matt Fallon and myself, stayed in the log cabin. Because there were only four of us we could easily follow Covid-19 guidelines. We decided to share the cooking for the three days we stayed there. Maureen made a chili which lasted a lot longer than one meal. Monica made some delicious Tacos. And I decided to make my famous double grilled cheese.

Besides discussing upcoming events and planning ways to keep our fellow Marists engaged while thousands of miles apart. Matt also wanted Monica and I to take time on our own to rest and relax (we called it R&R). Camp Marist is such a peaceful and beautiful place, it was not hard to find the presence of God all around us. On the lakeshore I spent some time alone and listened to the water brush against the dock. The four of us went on a hike nearby. It was a beautiful hike through the New Hampshire mountains. At the top were hundreds and hundreds of blue berries, and an amazing view of Mt. Washington.

All in all, this was an incredible few days. Although there are plenty of upcoming events and activities I will never forget the time we spent together as a team at Camp



Marist. I am so thankful for the Marist Community, and everyone putting in effort to keep us connected during these socially distant times!