Marists at Isabella Street

The Marist Community members at Isabella Street in Boston are involved in a variety of ministries for the wider church community, the Province, and the Marist Missionary Sisters in Waltham, Massachusetts. The men are enjoying living in the newest house in the Province.

After residing at 27 Isabella Street, they moved in late October of 2017 into 13 Isabella Street after the old rectory and residence were sold. This house, which is just beyond the former Our Lady of Victories Church, is the property bought by the Marists in the 1930s for the use of Marist Missionary Sisters who came from Europe to establish a foothold in the U.S. Subsequently, it was used as a home for Marist seminarians going to Weston School of Theology until 1979 and was then rented by different groups until a few years ago.

The completely renovated 4 story building and basement now includes an elevator, which is much larger than the old one at 27 and even larger than the one at the General House in Rome! There are 5 comfortable bedrooms with desks and private bathrooms, one comfortable guest room and a smaller guest room, both with access to a common bathroom. All bathrooms are handicapped accessible.

The small chapel on the first floor is used for daily Mass and community evening prayer. The basement floor has a common recreation room. The only disadvantage is that, being a small building, there is little storage space.

We are only minutes away from downtown Boston, the Public Garden, Boston Common and stations for the subway, commuter rail and Amtrak. The community welcomes guests—you’ll be greeted with a smile!

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