



MARIST HALL DEDICATION

Nampa, Idaho

In 1903 Bishop Glorieux of Boise, Idaho entrusted to the care of the Marist Fathers the parish of Saint Paul in Nampa. Bishop Glorieux was well acquainted with the ministry of the Marists attached to All Hallows College in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Nampa owes its origin to the railroad. Years later as Nampa began to grow, Marist Fr. Donze, SM felt that Nampa would need a second parish. With that in mind he purchased 25 acres on the west of town for a future sight.

After 95 years the Marists withdrew from the parish and returned it to the Diocese of Boise in 1998. At that time the population was around 30,000.

In 2012 a new parish church was constructed on the land purchased by Fr. Donze, SM.

In 2019 a new parish hall was built and dedicated. The hall is named Marist Hall. A museum is planned to display the 95 years of Marist presence.



Marist Hall plaque & cornerstone on display

As the last Marist pastor, I was asked to travel to Nampa at the end of March and bless the hall. Only three of us who served in Nampa are still standing: myself, Brother Joseph Grima, SM who lives in San Francisco and Brother Roy Madigan, SM who does pastoral work in West Virginia.

Nampa now has a population of 100,000 and continues to be the second largest city in the state of Idaho.

Saint Paul's greatly appreciated our Marist presence for 95 years of service.

We must all remember, "Unless the Lord build the house we labor in vain"

by Al Puccinelli, SM

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