

# SMbulletin

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## “SYNAGOGA AND ECCLESIA”



In October, Marist School in Atlanta dedicated a new sculpture “Synagoga and Ecclesia in Our Time” that will inspire current and future generations of students to live a life of friendship with the Jewish people. The statute was created by Joshua Koffman, and embodies what Pope Francis describes as the “rich complementarity that allows [the Church and the Jewish people] to read the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures together and to help one another mine the riches of God’s word.” The sculpture also reflects Marist’s focus on creating a campus culture in which students learn to understand the inherent dignity and perspectives of peoples from a variety of cultures, experiences, and places around the world, as well as close to home.

Members of Atlanta’s Jewish, Catholic, and Marist communities, as well as Marist bishop Joel Konzen s.m. from the Archdiocese of Atlanta and former principal of the school, participated in the official blessing of the sculpture.

For more: [New Sculpture Celebrates Friendship Between Catholics and Jews \(marist.com\)](https://www.marist.com/news/new-sculpture-celebrates-friendship-between-catholics-and-jews)

## THE MARIST MONK OF TIBHERINE

French Trappist monk Jean-Pierre Schumacher died on Sunday, 21 November, in Morocco, aged 97. Along with one other monk, frère Jean-Pierre survived the kidnapping and brutal killing of the seven monks from the monastery in Tibhirine, Algeria, in 1996.



Frère Jean-Pierre started his religious life as a Marist: he did his novitiate in la Neylière, and was finally professed in the Society of Mary in 1951. In 1953 he was ordained to the priesthood in Ste-Foy. After reconsidering his vocation, he entered the Cistercian Abbey of Notre-Dame de Timadeuc in 1957, and arrived as a monk in Algeria in 1967. Four years after the martyrdom of his confreres, Jean-Pierre moved to Morocco, becoming prior of the Trappist community of Notre-Dame de l’Atlas, where he continued to testify in prayer and silence of the love of Christ.

## IMPLEMENTING LAUDATO SÌ

The Marist Family work group on Laudato si’ have launched a Facebook group, MFLSi.

In the facebook group resources can be placed

and shared with all to promote the implementation of Laudato si’ in the Marist world.

[Marist Family Laudato Si \(MFLSi\) | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mflsi)

