



**January's Insight is from Marist Youth Intern  
Billy Carvalho**



**He shares about his experience visiting our Marist Community in Chicago!**

Being a part of the Marist community is a great foundation coming into the new year. With the world changing around us we are all there to stabilize one another. Because I have been involved in Marist Youth and Marist Young Adults for so long, it feels very strange not having any Encounters or Lavalla weekends in the foreseeable future. However, interning with Marist Youth, working with Maureen Hagan, Matt Fallon, and our newest Intern Marissa Berrios, we are still finding ways to reach out and connect with the rest of our community.

Due to the lack of in-person events, we have been teaming up with the YA National Board media crew, Working together, we have had many events through zoom such as; a nationwide *Secret Santa*, our new series *Marist Convos* where Matt Fallon and Brother Brian dive deep into what it means to be Marist in today's world, a virtual reflection *2020 What's to Love*, and the list goes on.

Now we are setting our sights on the rest of 2021. With more virtual events and hopefully some in person events there is a lot to look forward to. Although I have mostly been working on our database and other designs behind the scenes. I am still amazed when I get to see how strong our Marist Community



is and how much we care and love for one another. I am so excited for the new year. I hope I see you all soon.