



May 18, 2026

Dear Friends of Maristhill,

The month of May is in full swing, as the warm weather allows us to work on our gardening and enjoy our patio. Just last week we celebrated Nursing Home Week and treated our staff and residents alike to a soft serve ice cream truck that made sundaes and milkshakes to order. Toss in a few yard games, and it was one of many great ways we celebrated the Maristhill community during that special week.

Maristhill also has an important connection to May, because this month is set aside within the Catholic Church to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary is an important figure to the Marist Missionary Sisters who founded Maristhill in 1970, and who still live in their convent right next door. The Marist priests and sisters seek to model their lives after Mary, from her willing "yes" to God's call, to her modeling humility, presence, and hospitality. At Maristhill we are stewards of the work and spirituality of the Marist Missionary Sisters and seek to carry out their mission in health care.

The Marist Missionary Sisters were founded in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and many of their missions provided medical care to the underserved and marginalized, including hospitals for leprosy. As they did, we look at each resident or patient in a holistic way, meeting not only their medical needs, but also their physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs as well. As a Catholic Non-Profit organization, we see this work as a ministry, not just a career, and that is demonstrated by the empathetic and compassionate care provided by our staff. As the warmer days arrive, we also welcome volunteers to join us in this healing ministry.

May Mary continue to inspire and guide us as we care for those in our community and beyond. Stay safe as we move into warmer, sunnier days!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Tracy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

James Tracy  
*President/Administrator*