Marist Brothers Center at Esopus Foundation P. O. Box 197, 1455 Broadway Esopus, NY 12429

Dear Friends of the Marist Brothers Center at Esopus Foundation (MBCE-F):

For the 4th quarter ending December 31, 2023 MBCE-F assets totaled \$265,351. Contributions during this period were \$85,500. MBCE-F made no disbursements to the MBCE in the 4th quarter. (We anticipate initiating disbursements to the Center this year.)

For the quarter ending December 31, 2023, MBCE-F had a profit of 0.92%. From April 20, 2023 (the date on which the foundation began investing) through December 31, 2023 MBCE-F had a total profit of 2.39%. All the foundation's assets (except \$5,000 held in a Citizen's Bank checking account) were invested in Merrill Lynch's Preferred Money Market. As mentioned in the 3rd Quarter update, our goal is to conservatively grow MBCE-F's assets while following the investment guidelines of the US Conference of Catholic bishops.

We invite you to consider the Foundation as one of your philanthropic options as we seek to grow a corpus of assets that will ensure the future of Esopus. Donations must be made directly to the Foundation, in order to support the MBCE-F.

<u>WWW.MBCE-FOUNDATION.COM</u> has information on how to make donations.

We are excited to move the mission of Esopus into the future. We look forward to updating you on MBCE-F's progress in April.

Brother Owen Coleen Waldron Bob Mackie

Marist Brothers Center at Esopus Foundation, a NY Nonprofit Corporation, is in the process of applying for 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status with the IRS. While an organization's application is waiting for processing by the IRS, the organization may operate as a tax-exempt organization.

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