

Society of Mary

An International Religious Congregation

Marists in the United States



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Justice & Peace Alert

Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

Marist School Launches Bearing Witness Institute for Interreligious and Ecumenical Dialogue



Exchange Students Arrive from Sister School in Barcelona

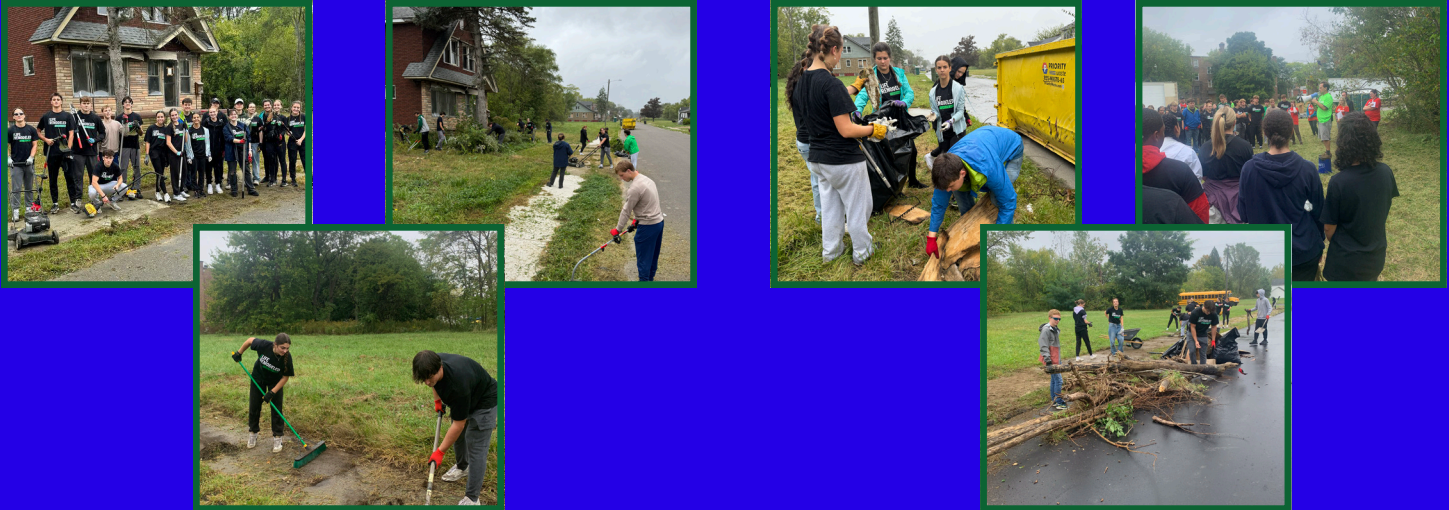
Marist School recently welcomed 22 students and two chaperones from sister school, La Inmaculada Maristes in Barcelona, Spain who are visiting campus September 27 - October 6. This exchange aligns with Marist's aim to foster connections across cultures, encouraging dialogue and understanding among students. Featuring a week of Homecoming spirit and National Hispanic Heritage Month festivities, read more about this exchange and the events planned [HERE](#).



On September 20th, Marist 9th graders participated in Camp 3790, a day of adventure, team building, and service aimed at fostering class unity and reinforcing the Marist Way. Led by senior leaders and faculty, students took part in activities at Sojourn Adventures that built friendships and highlighted core values. The day's highlight was working with senior camp counselors on team challenges emphasizing unity and growth. Back on campus, students learned about service and completed two hours of hands-on activities. Science teacher Mr. Jim Naum-Bedigian shared his experiences as a veteran, and students created posters of encouragement for veterans in recovery. Lisa and Andy Hiles, Marist parents of alumni, led a sandwich-making activity through The Sandwich Project, and Campus Minister Mrs. Mary Ujda guided students in writing letters to homebound Cathedral of Christ the King parishioners.



NDP seniors were recently in Detroit, Michigan as part of Life Remodeled, a major effort by the Detroit-based nonprofit that mobilizes hundreds of people from various business organizations, churches, and schools over six days to concentrate on beautifying a Detroit neighborhood around a current or repurposed school or community center.



Ms. Karen Thompson & “Pumpkin” and Ms. Alex McConnell & “Joy” recently spoke with ND Academy 6th graders about Canine Assistants, the 6th grade service learning partner, and to thank them for sponsoring our 6th-12th grade Pet Supply Collection Drive that will be held on October 4th.



Second Annual 5k Run to Church and Ministry Fair

OLA's Run To Church 5K/Fun Run and Ministry Fair (held in August) was a smashing success with 300+ runners/walkers, volunteers, and 24 business/parish family sponsors. On September 22nd, the OLA Parish Engagement Council presented St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) with a check for \$2000! These proceeds will allow SVdP to help 4 families in the Atlanta area with financial assistance for food, rent, or bills.



Celebration of Intercultural and Interreligious Day



Marist Asia Foundation answers the call of sharing with our less fortunate brothers and sisters. MAF staff together with the students donated basic goods to the Department of Social Welfare Development and Human Security.



Dental Mission



Season of Creation

Marist Atlanta & the Season of Creation



Marist Laity NZ – October Reflection: Words of Love and The Season of Creation



Please join the Marists in celebrating the Feast of St. Francis and the close of the Season of Creation by listening to “Seeds of hope - Hymn for the Season of Creation 2024.”
St. Francis of Assisi pray for us!

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi – Living the Beatitudes



Laudato Si' Movement's October 2024 Prayer Guide



More inspiring activities during the Season of Creation!



'Green nuns' model how to put into action Pope Francis' call to care for creation



Indigenous Peoples' Day

Remembering Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 14th), honoring the cultures and histories of the Native American people, we invite you to read more about this day [HERE](#).



Contemporary icons: Seeing the divine in migrants and refugees



Cultural and spiritual differences can challenge us, enrich our faith journeys



Gustavo Gutiérrez and the life-changing theology of liberation



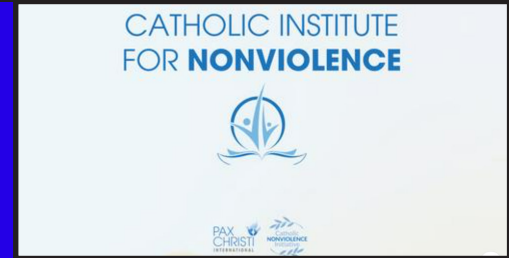
Dorothy Day Through Her Granddaughter's Eyes: An Interview with Martha and Kate Hennessy



Pope Francis: May charity and nonviolence guide the world



Upcoming seminars: The power of active nonviolence



RECOGNIZING THE VIOLENCE IN MY OWN HEART, yet trusting in the goodness and mercy of God, I vow for one year to practice the nonviolence of Jesus who taught us in the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons and daughters of God...You have learned how it was said, 'You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy,' but I say to you, Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you. In this way, you will be daughters and sons of your Creator in heaven."

I vow to carry out in my life the love and example of Jesus:

- by striving for peace within myself and seeking to be a peacemaker in my daily life;
- by refusing to retaliate in the face of provocation and violence;
- by persevering in nonviolence of tongue and heart;
- by living conscientiously and simply so that I do not deprive others of the means to live;
- by actively resisting evil and working nonviolently to abolish war and the causes of war from my own heart and from the face of the earth.

God, I trust in Your sustaining love and believe that just as You gave me the grace and desire to offer this, so You will also bestow abundant grace to fulfill it.



The vow of nonviolence

CATHOLIC NONVIOLENCE DAYS OF ACTION 2024

As global focus shifts, Catholic Relief Services continues to aid Gaza's suffering population



Pope calls for October 7th to be day of prayer and fasting for peace



Mass of Lamentation, for all victims in Palestine and Israel since Oct. 7, 2023

Ecumenical Service of Lament

October 7 - 2pm ET

via Zoom

Prayer Events on the Anniversary of October 7th

Join Pax Christi USA and the Association of US Catholic Priests for an online

Mass of Lamentation

For all victims of the violence in Gaza and Israel since October 7, 2023

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9, 8 PM ET/5 PM PT



Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/Mass10-9-24>
Or at www.paxchristiusa.org

A Novena to End the Death Penalty

To kick off Respect Life Month, which is recognized each October in the U.S., Catholic Mobilizing Network shares a Novena to End the Death Penalty. These holy nine days of prayer will lead up to World Day Against the Death Penalty which is commemorated on October 10th. View Novena prayers [HERE](#).



Catholic death penalty abolition group condemns 'regressive' spate of executions



Seeking the Common Good in an Election Year

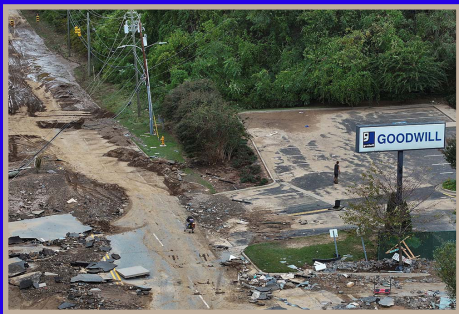
A Latino Leader Gathering With:

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Seeking the Common Good in an Election Year:
Responses from U.S. Latinos

Monday, October 7, 2024 | Georgetown School of Continuing Studies & Livestreamed
6:00 p.m. Happy Hour | 7:00 p.m. Latino Leader Gathering | 8:00 p.m. Reception

#CommonGoodLatinosGU



More than 15 foreign priests could be forced to leave archdiocese after recent visa law changes



In Asheville, North Carolina, priests try to serve amid Helene's devastation

Pope Francis' October Prayer Intention

For a shared mission

We Christians are all responsible for the Church's mission. Every priest. Everyone.

We priests are not the bosses of the laity, but their pastors. Jesus called us, one and others – not one above others, or one on one side and others on another side, but complementing each other. We are community. That is why we need to walk together, taking the path of synodality. Sure, you could ask me, What can I do as a bus driver? A farmer? A fisher? What all of us need to do is to witness with our lives. Be co-responsible for the Church's mission.

The laity, the baptized are in the Church, in their own home, and need to take care of it. So do we priests and consecrated persons. Everyone contributes what they know how to do best. We are co-responsible in mission, we participate and we live in the communion of the Church. Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

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THE POPE VIDEO
Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network