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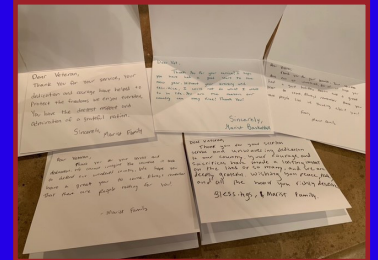
Justice & Peace Alert

Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

Valentines for Vets

For the second year, the Marist School Varsity Boys Basketball team spearheaded a donation drive called “Valentines for Vets” from February 3-14. Members of the team collected donations to support a group of homeless veterans who are currently in transitional housing. These vets are newly released from the VA Hospital after battling physical and mental disabilities as well as substance abuse. To show these vets some support as they strive to find jobs, pay rent and get back on their feet, donations of toiletries, laundry detergent, dish detergent, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, men’s pants, socks, underwear, towels, blankets, kitchen utensils, paper plates, napkins, and gift cards were collected. The donations along with about 30 handwritten notes from the players and coaches were delivered to the veterans.



Packing monthly lunches for The Gubbio Project



Gleaner's Catholic Schools Week Food Drive

After totaling up the schools (NDP, Brother Rice, Bishop Foley, Marian, Divine Child and Shrine) participating in the food drive competition, Notre Dame Prep finished in first place by a mile, totaling far more than their goal of 5,000 when combining dollars raised (\$3,816) plus the weight of the food collected (3,421 lbs).

“Thank you to our NDP students, faculty, staff and families for your incredible generosity and hard work in making our food drive such a success,” said upper school Principal Kim Anderson. “Your kindness and dedication have made a real difference in the lives of those in need. Because of your efforts, many families in our community will have access to nutritious meals. The total number of meals that will be provided because of the generosity of all competing Catholic schools is an amazing 28,705! Your willingness to give and serve is truly inspiring, and we are so grateful for each and every one of you!”



Members of the NDP Interact Club made a total of 150+ Valentines that were distributed to members of the local Pontiac community.




Marist JPIC Blog
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation ministries throughout the Marist world

[Myanmar Migrants in Ranong, Thailand](#)



Some history from the Society of Mary Archives as we continue to recognize Black History Month. (Prepared by Susan Illis, U.S. Province Archivist)

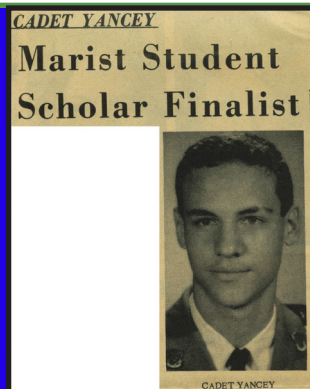
Marist School Desegregation (Atlanta, Georgia)

In 1961, Marist College (currently known as Marist School) graduate Henry deGive, Jr. (1907-2001) joined with Clothilde (“Johnnie”) Ouida Yancey (1914-1972) to form the St. Martin Council on Human Relations, an interracial interfaith organization of men and women committed to ending segregation in Atlanta.

At the same time, Paul J. Hallinan, then bishop of Charleston, had joined with the bishops of Savannah and Atlanta to issue a pastoral letter in 1961 calling for the desegregation of Catholic schools. When Hallinan became archbishop of Atlanta in 1962, he oversaw the integration of Catholic schools. As a non-diocesan school, Marist chose to desegregate and admitted Michael Yancey, son of Johnnie Yancey, as its first Black student.

This May 15, 1962 letter from Archbishop Hallinan to Rev. Vincent Brennan, SM, principal and superior of Marist College, discusses the desegregation of Catholic schools in Atlanta. It reads, in part, “I am confident that both the Archdiocese and the College [Marist] can move into this new era in a favorable posture of true Catholic leadership... We who love Atlanta’s Catholicism and are proud of the whole community’s forward movement stand to gain much both for the Church and the city.”

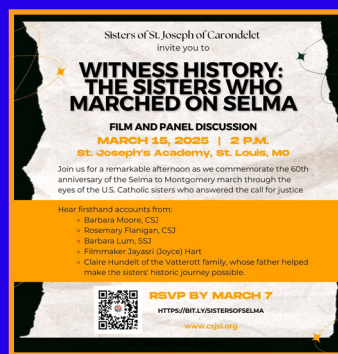
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Newspaper clipping announcing Cadet Michael Yancey as finalist in a 1965-1966 scholarship competition.



Photograph showing final stages of the construction of the Ashford-Dunwoody campus of Marist School in July 1962.



This year is the 60th anniversary of the March on Selma, when Martin Luther King, Jr., led demonstrators demanding voting rights for African Americans. The documentary, *Sisters of Selma: Bearing Witness for Change*, tells the story of American nuns who went to Selma to demonstrate at the invitation of King. The documentary can be viewed [HERE](#).

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Consolidated Archives in St. Louis has just received the archives for the documentary *Sisters of Selma* from Avila University. As the 60th anniversary coincides with the accession, they are planning an event on March 15th to view the film and host a panel featuring the director and religious sisters who marched at Selma.

Honoring Black History Month: A Reflection on Creation, Justice, and Environmental Responsibility



Cardinal Gregory has long history promoting Dr. King's dream



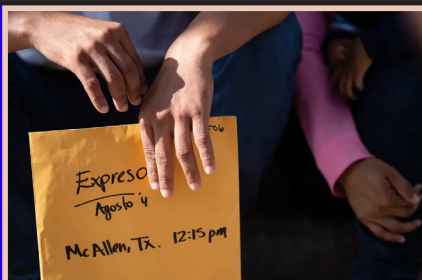
ACTION ALERT: Love Your Neighbor



US bishops sue Trump administration for refugee settlement funding freeze



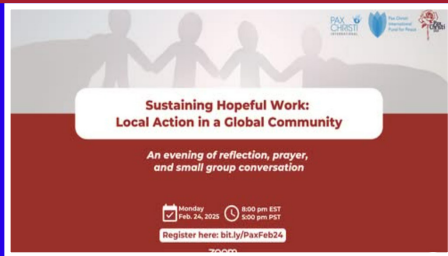
Texas migrant shelters are nearly empty after Trump's actions effectively shut the border



My journey from USAID officer to Jesuit priest



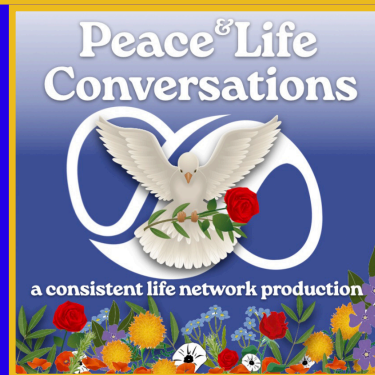
**Feb. 24: Sustaining hopeful work:
Local action in a global community**



**Pope Francis calls for global peace
in message from hospital bed**



**Podcast – Consistent Life Kids!: Youth Activism
Part 1 - Interview with Three Youth Activists**



**World must pull together to build
a fairer, more sustainable planet -
UNEP's Annual Report**



**We Are the Light of the World –
Earth Day 2025**



Coalition aims to have an active prison ministry in all US dioceses, get more laity involved



What Do I Do with My Anger?"
Online Event



Pope Francis adds feast day of Mother Teresa to universal calendar



Vatican says Pope Francis has pneumonia in both lungs



A prayer for Pope Francis

Lord, we ask that you watch over Pope Francis and grant him the courage, strength, and healing he needs.

Grant wisdom, compassion, and empathy to those caring for him and as well as others entrusted to their care.

Grant those of us who love your Church faith in your healing heart and unite us in prayer for all those experiencing pain and illness.

In Jesus' holy name we pray.
AMEN.

