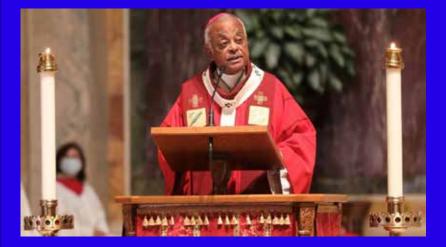
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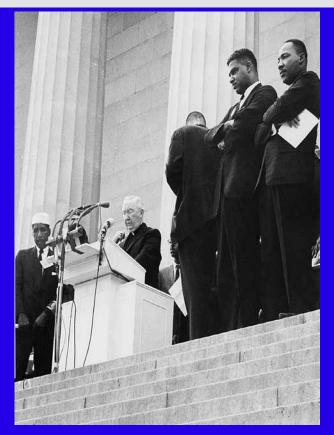
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Archbishop Wilton Gregory: Nation is at 'pivotal juncture' in racial justice struggle

The full text of Archbishop Gregory's homily from the Mass for Peace and Justice can be found <u>here</u>



<u>New executive director of Cultural Diversity and</u> <u>Outreach says 'we are journeying together'</u> A prayer, and a life, for justice: A reflection on Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle, who gave the invocation at the first March on <u>Washington</u>



Where do we go from here? Look inward

Columnist Carole Norris Greene asks "Fifty-seven years after Martin Luther King Jr.'s March on Washington, how does one make those blind to racism see?"





America, How Are the Children?

As Pope Francis said, "A society which abandons children severs its roots and darkens its future."

"Just Mercy" - Recipient of 2020 Christopher Award for Feature Film

The film "Just Mercy" was recognized during the Christopher Awards on August 25, 2020. The film chronicles crusading lawyer Bryan Stevenson's real-life battle to exonerate an innocent African American man

condemned to death row in Alabama, following a trial marked by racism and lies.

The Christopher Awards were created in 1949 to celebrate writers, producers, directors, authors, and illustrators whose work "affirms the highest values of the human spirit" and reflects the Christopher motto, "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

"Our motto of bringing light to the world is ever so relevant during this pandemic, and these Christopher Award winners add that much-needed light and understanding through the stories they tell," said Tony Rossi, The Christophers' Director of Communications. "Mark Twain once observed that travel is fatal to prejudice and narrow-mindedness. The projects we're honoring allow us to travel without leaving home, taking us behind prison walls, into battle during World War II, and into the minds and hearts of people struggling to forgive grave wrongs. In so doing, they remind us of our common humanity, the power of faith and God's grace, and each individual's ability to make a difference."





Season of Creation

The <u>Season of Creation</u>, which began on September 1, 2020, is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. The Season of Creation 2020 theme is "Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope."

Laudato Si' - Our Common Home: - A Prayer Service for Small Communities by Bev McDonald, Marist Laity New Zealand team Facilitator





Season of Creation calls for a "Jubilee for the Earth" by Rev. Joseph Nangle, OFM

Season of Creation Prayer and Worship Resources

- Season of Creation Liturgical Guide
- Jubilee for the Earth Guide
- <u>Catholic Climate Covenant: Finding God in the Wilderness A</u> <u>Prayer Service Series for the Season of Creation</u>