

# Society of Mary

*Marists in the United States*

## Justice & Peace Alert

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Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia



### New Sculpture Celebrates Friendship Between Catholics and Jews



### Marist School Students Learn about Food Insecurity in Atlanta, Georgia

As part of their commitment to serve others, all of Marist's 8th grade theology classes participated in workshops with the Atlanta Community Food Bank (ACFB) to learn about food insecurity in Atlanta. Students at all grade levels were then invited to participate in Trick or Treat Hunger during Halloween, a project initiated by Marist families in 2010. Students asked their neighbors to contribute nonperishable food items or funds to support the work of ACFB, ultimately filling 95 barrels and collecting over \$2,400 to provide over 10,000 meals for our neighbors in need.





## Aboriginal Spirituality

Fr Paul Sullivan sm, Director of Marist Mission Centre, has worked for many years with the Indigenous People of Australia. He recently gave some input to our Marist Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue.

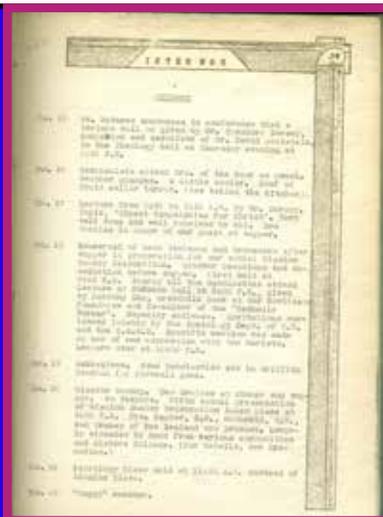
## HAPPY BIRTHDAY DOROTHY DAY!

Social activist and journalist Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker, was born on November 8, 1897. The Society of Mary played an influential role in Dorothy Day's faith formation. While living in her cottage on Staten Island in the 1920s, Day worked for a few months in the kitchen at Our Lady of the Elms, the Marists' novitiate. Years later, she joked, "the dear Fathers and Brothers ate everything I put in front of them. I think they were afraid I might fire them if they didn't eat what I prepared."

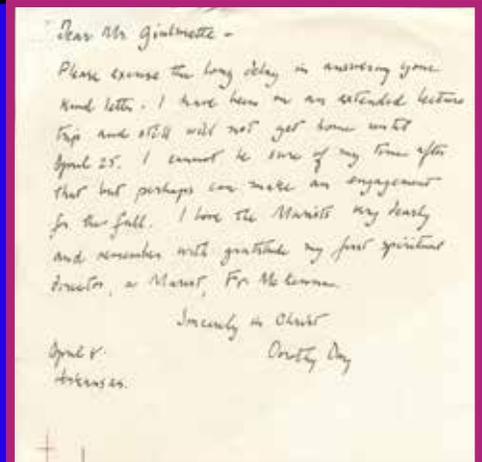
More importantly, Rev. James McKenna, SM, served as her spiritual director, providing her with reading material including *The Spirit of Catholicism*, by Karl Adam. Although she worked for the Marists for a relatively brief time, she later said, "I am very much a member of the family with the Marists and I am very happy that they consider me as a member of their family."



Dorothy Day, 1916



In their student annual "Inter Nos," Marist College students noted a lecture by Dorothy Day given at Catholic University on October 18, 1935.



A note to Rev. Emile Guilmette, SM, in which Day writes, "I love the Marists very dearly and remember with gratitude my first spiritual director, a Marist, Fr. McKenna."



## Economic Justice for All Webinar

Together with the Catholic Labor Network, Conference of Major Superiors of Men Religious is pleased to co-sponsor a panel discussion on November 22 at 2pm ET to mark the 35th anniversary of Economic Justice for All, a pastoral letter written “...to help Catholics form their consciences on the moral dimensions of economic decision making...”

Panelists include Rev. David Hollenbach, SJ and others who will share their observations on the origins of the document, the intervening years, and possibilities for the future. Register [HERE](#).

### Take Action During Climate Talks

World leaders are meeting at the United Nations Climate Talks in Scotland to make new commitments to address climate change. These important meetings come just weeks after scientists released an alarming report on the state of the climate that UN Secretary-General António Guterres called a “code red for humanity.”



### **What do nukes have to do with climate change?**

Let's **talk** about VULNERABILITIES with Rev. Dr. Katalina Tahaafe-Williams, Oceanian Theologian and Climate Justice Activist



### The Catholic Church in Black and White



Parishioners and staff of San Felipe de Jesus in Brownsville, Texas, coordinated the first trip to Matamoros, Mexico since the start of the pandemic, to distribute food to 130 migrants.



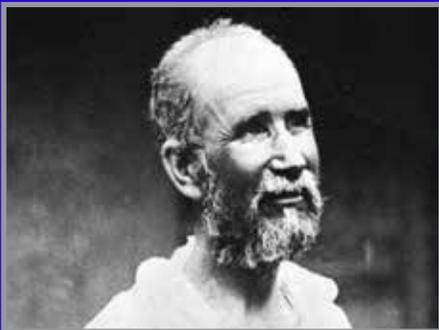
**Central America: Changing U.S. Policies for Migrants**



**Remembering Julius Nyerere as a model of grace and sanctity in public life**



**Pope Francis Sets May 15 Canonization Date for Blessed Charles de Foucauld**



Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Charles De Foucauld, considered to be one of the pioneers of interreligious dialogue, during a special Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on May 15, 2022. The announcement was made November 9<sup>th</sup> by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Charles de Foucauld will be canonized along with six other Blesseds. It follows the Ordinary Public Consistory past May, when the pope authorized the canonizations, without setting a date for the ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Charles de Foucauld, born in 1858 in Strasbourg, France, was an aristocrat and religious, whose work and writings led to the founding of the Congregation of the Little Brothers of Jesus.

Read more [HERE](#).