

Society of Mary

Marists in the United States



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Justice & Peace Alert



The "[O Antiphons](#)," sung in the Roman Catholic church since at least the 8th century, have long been a way to anticipate the Word becoming flesh at Christmas. Yet rippling underneath the names of Christ they invoke is also a demand for right action: the Sun of Justice shall shine on those who dwell in darkness, the Key of David shall free the prisoners of darkness, the Giver of the Law shall save us!
(JP Alert, Conference of Major Superiors of Men)

Rivers of Hope

All are invited to experience four virtual visits along U.S. rivers to hear from those ministering with people impacted by some of society's most difficult situations. Presenters will share how they find hope and strength. Opportunities will be provided for prayer and small group conversations. The first session, held December 7 at 6-7:30 pm CT, focuses on immigration and will be facilitated by leaders from the Mexican American Catholic College (MACC) and the Asociación de Hermanas Latinas Misioneras en América (AHLMA). To learn more and to register for these virtual events, click [here](#).



Louie Hotop, SJ, and Brian Strassburger, SJ are two recently ordained Jesuit priests who are gaining ministerial experience at San Felipe de Jesus in Brownsville, Texas with pastor Fr. Tony O'Connor, SM. In the **second episode** of their Jesuit Border Podcast they welcome their good friend and frequent advisor, Nancy Dimas. Nancy is the Executive Administrator of Project Dignity Legal Team, a ministry of Catholic Charities Rio Grande Valley. In this episode she reflects on the rights that asylum seekers have as they navigate the immigration process. They also share stories of some unexpected places where they've run into asylum seekers in the US.

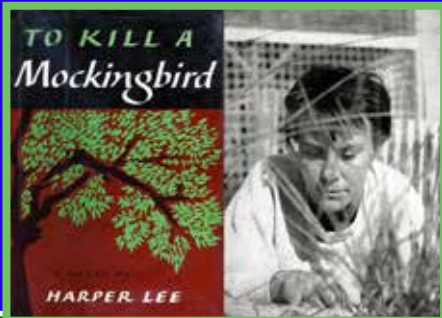
Click [HERE](#) to listen to Episode 2.



Pope Francis is about to visit Greece and Cyprus - and he's expected to invite some 50 migrants to come to Rome



A School with an Edible Forest



TACKLING UNCONSCIOUS BIAS
Ninth-grade English classes focus on unconscious bias as they wrap up social justice unit.



PREPARING STUDENTS TO SOLVE WORLD CRISES
Notre Dame Prep's Model United Nations team works on reducing ocean pollution at recent Southeast Michigan Model United Nations Association event in Bloomfield Hills.



This Thanksgiving, the student honor society at NDV hosted a canned food drive and our dedicated parents delivered the donations to the San Francisco Marin Food Bank.



The Marist Monk of Tibherine

French Trappist monk Jean-Pierre Schumacher died on Sunday, November 21st, in Morocco, age 97. Along with one other monk, frère Jean-Pierre survived the kidnapping and brutal killing of the seven monks from the monastery in Tibherine, Algeria, in 1996.

Frère Jean-Pierre started his religious life as a Marist: he did his novitiate in la Neylière, and was finally professed in the Society of Mary in 1951. In 1953 he was ordained to the priesthood in Ste-Foy. After reconsidering his vocation, he entered the Cistercian Abbey of Notre-Dame de Timadeuc in 1957, and arrived as a monk in Algeria in 1967. Four years after the martyrdom of his confreres, Jean-Pierre moved to Morocco, becoming prior of the Trappist community of Notre-Dame de l'Atlas, where he continued to testify in prayer and silence of the love of Christ.



[This band wrote a song in honor of Dorothy Day -
Now their album could help make her a saint](#)





Society of Mary USA Advent & Christmas Reflections

For the Sundays of Advent and Christmas day, we invite you to participate with the Society of Mary (Marists) in reflections from the Racial Justice Ministry Team at Our Lady of Assumption Parish, a Marist ministry in Atlanta, Georgia. This year's meditations reflect on Pope Francis's encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti* and *Brothers and Sisters To Us* (USCCB)

Each week the reflections will be available through our [website](#), [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram page](#).

Wishing you a blessed Advent Season!

Pope Francis is calling us to a “new Advent” rooted in Hope



ADVENT PRAYER Wednesday, December 8
1:00-1:30PM EST
Zoom

Join with **Laudato Si' Action Platform** promoters from religious congregations in the United States as we pray that our journey toward an integral ecology may lead to personal conversion and societal transformation.

LAUDATO SI' Action Platform
Register at <https://bit.ly/2ZV5WU2>
All are welcome!

Laudato Si Action Platform Prayer for December 8th

IGNATIAN SOLIDARITY NETWORK

VIRTUAL POSADAS
December 16-24

The Ignatian Solidarity Network is once again offering virtual posadas from December 16-24 for an experience of music, art, prayer, reflection, and action as we journey with the Hoy Family and migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border in search of shelter and protection. Sign up [HERE](#).



Advent Joy: Finding the Rising Star during Times of Uncertainty

Advent is a time of preparation for joy that has the possibility of changing our lives. In the midst of the current reality, COVID with its uncertainty illness, and death; Climate change with its catastrophic storms, floods, fires, and displacement; demographic and other changes in religious life, reduced energy, and questionable futures, how do we prepare for joy?

Advent gives us a clue with a rising star that led the wise ones to Emmanuel, God with Us.

This webinar will focus us on the lessons of stars – How they form in uncertain conditions, how they shine while maintaining a precarious balance, how they create even as they give themselves away, and how they give new life that has changed the course of the Universe.

Formation teams and people attentive to their own formation will find this Cosmo-Centric conversation helpful as they negotiate holding on to joy in the midst of struggle. Register [here](#).



Maryknoll Advent Guide 2021: A Time of Hope and Healing



THANK YOU!!

Thank you for your support on Giving Tuesday. It meant the world to us! Never underestimate the power of your giving to the Society of Mary (Marists).

If time ran out and you would still like to support the Marists, click here to share your blessings with us. Click [HERE](#).

You will always shine bright in the hearts of the Marists!