

Society of Mary

Marists in the United States

Justice & Peace Alert

September 16, 2022



The International Work of Mary

Students and faculty begin Immigrant and Refugee Awareness Week on campus this week with Mass and special presentations on the refugee crisis in Central America and the work of the Marists serving in Thailand. Read more [HERE](#).



In the Shoes of Refugees

National Refugee Week at Notre Dame provides opportunity for students as globally minded citizens to live like and experience the hardships of those fleeing “the horrors taking place in their countries.” Read more [HERE](#).



Sustainability Project and Bee Club

NDP student Tommy Fletcher and NDP teacher Sue McGinnis were interviewed on Ave Maria Radio regarding Notre Dame’s sustainability project and bee club. Their segment starts at 28:20 on the recording, which is available [HERE](#).





Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15th-October 15th) honors the long and important presence of Hispanic Americans in the United States.

In celebration of this month we highlight [Centro Hispano Marista](#) (CHM), a program in Atlanta, Georgia sponsored by the Society of Mary and hosted by Marist School, that offers GED preparation courses in both Spanish and English. For CHM teachers and students the celebration of Hispanic heritage is a year-long event. Below are the responses from 3 CHM teachers as to why they volunteer their time to CHM.

“I’ve always believed that we need to make this world better. To me, education is one of the ways to better our lives and that of our loved ones, although it might not necessarily be the easiest way. I hope that in helping young adults achieve their GED, I leave my legacy to society.” ~ Beatriz Leon-York

“And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ (Matthew 25:40.) “One has to have heart to see when providence knocks at your door.” ~ Rene Rodriguez

“I have been a volunteer at CHM for the last 10 years, I strongly believe that the gift of an education is best gift you can give. Education provides stability in life, and it’s something that no one can ever take away from you. By being well-educated and holding a degree, you increase your chances for better career opportunities and open up new doors for yourself. Education is arguably the only thing that enables social mobility and is a way for people who are immigrants to be respected in society. I strongly believe that by getting their GED, our students are opening the doors of opportunities for themselves and their families that our great country has to offer. I am proud to volunteer at CHM because I can see the impact getting the GED has for our students and the positive domino effect this creates. Many of our students are parents and they are motivated by becoming a good example for their children, they are making a big sacrifice since they are busy working and raising a family. This sacrifice and emphasis on their education, provides a positive role model for their children and other members of their family and community. Their change in self-confidence is apparent during their time here at Centro. When they start, many of them have a lot of doubt but after they pass their tests, we can clearly see a huge change in the confidence. During the graduation ceremonies, the pride and confidence our graduates and their families display is truly inspiring. Building on that self-confidence will become a major part of being successful in life.” ~ Raul Alfonso

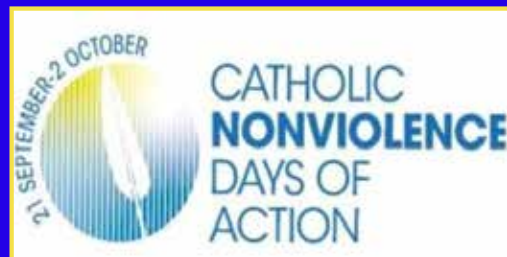


Marist Asia Foundation (MAF) Scholarship Students at Asia Pacific International University (APIU)

Fr. Frank Bird, SM visited Yoon Thiri and May Thazin Oo recently on behalf of the Education Scholarship Partners as they began Year 2 of their studies. For him it was great to see the beautiful university campus, library and classrooms and most of all their growing passion for teaching and supporting Burmese Migrant Education in the future. Thanks again to Marist Mission Centre (Australia), Society of Mary (USA), Society of Mary (NZ) and Marist Asia Foundation for growing leaders and teachers for our Migrant families in Ranong.

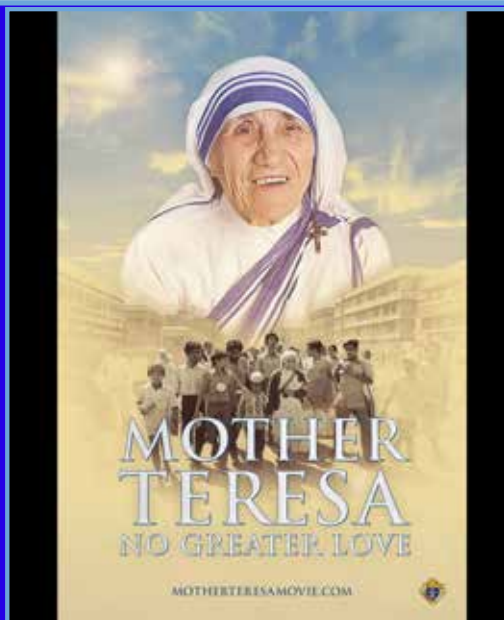


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with God, God's creation



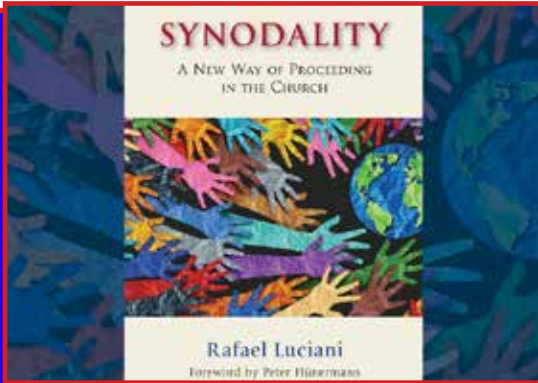
Pax Christi USA efforts for the
Catholic Nonviolence Days of Action,
Sept. 21 to Oct. 2, 2022

Mother Teresa filmmaker says new
documentary is 'work of the Holy Spirit'



New documentary on Sr. Thea Bowman
highlights her faith, justice work

A Study of Synodality: A Three Week Book Study of “Synodality: A New Way of Proceeding in the Church”



Moon Landrieu was a visionary Catholic mayor who reshaped New Orleans

Below are some pictures from Marist celebrations of the feast day of the Holy Name of Mary on September 12th around the world.

May we all model Mary’s discipleship and humble devotion to the lifework of her Son as we share our compassion and empathy with others.

