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Justice & Peace Alert

Solar Eclipse Viewing 2024

As Psalm 19:1 says, “The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork,” we are reminded of the beauty of God’s creation. The viewing of the solar eclipse was a special time of unity and wonder. (Credit: Marist School)



Marist School
Atlanta, Georgia

Notre Dame
Preparatory School
A Catholic and Marist Community
Pontiac, Michigan



Marist School
Atlanta, Georgia

Marist School recently hired Mikael Yisrael to be the school’s new Director of Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging. He will join the Marist community on July 1st.

A self-described thought leader, practitioner, problem solver, and collaborative administrator for diversity, inclusion and belonging, Mikael is a dedicated educator and a bridge-builder with a track record of engaging successfully with a wide variety of stakeholders. He will come to Marist from Abington Friends School in Pennsylvania where he has served as director of equity, justice, and engagement since 2018. Before that position, he was associate director of college counseling for access and programming at Germantown Friends School. He also has held admissions positions at Swarthmore College and the Peddie School. Originally from Harlem, New York, Mikael has a Bachelor of Science from Cornell University in policy analysis and management and a Master of Science in higher education from Drexel University.





**24th Marist Women Build –
Home Building Days 3**



Easter - Eucharistic People



Consolation - Bambili, Africa



New Tutu Nursery to Assist in Growing Agriculture in the Garden Island

Tutu Rural Training Center, a Marist ministry in the area of Taveuni in Fiji, reached another milestone last month as their new state of the art nursery was commissioned by the Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Waterways, Honourable Tomasi Tunabuna.

“The opening of this nursery was only made possible through collaboration between British American Tobacco (BAT) and Tutu Rural Training Center. The nursery will provide fruits and vegetable seedlings to around 100 farmers based here in the Garden Island of Taveuni,” said Hon. Tunabuna.



“Tutu Rural Training Center is a great example of perseverance and dedication and has achieved so much over the years. We appreciate the model that you have been practicing here at the centre and believe that you are on the right track by encouraging and engaging with students and their families in agricultural programs that will sustain them well into the future,” he added.

“On behalf of Government, I humbly thank BAT, and convey our deepest appreciation for their continuous support to farmers through their agricultural operations, which for the last

69 years, has operated as a model agriculture business in Fiji showing the immense potential of the sector,” said Hon. Tunabuna.

“On behalf of the Ministry, I would like to thank you sincerely for your support and assistance as we cannot do this alone. Organizations like Tutu, complements the effort being put in by Government as a whole.”

“The Ministry is confident that the construction of this nursery in Tutu marks the beginning of further opportunities for our remote farmers. The seedlings that will be provided from the nursery will allow farmers to grow more fruits and vegetables.”

“BAT Fiji has been training rural farmers on seed germination and proper care of seedlings. Knowledge transfer is important as this will greatly assist farmers,” added Hon. Tunabuna.

Hon. Tunabuna further added that the initiative by BAT Fiji allows the Ministry to expand its reach to remote areas through its Grow+ Project” he reiterated.

BAT Head of Finance, Mr Rahul Prakash thanked Hon Tunabuna for officiating at the opening of the Tutu Nursery and said that it adds significance to the event and underscores the importance of collaborative efforts between the private sector and government in fostering sustainable development for rural dwellers.



“The nursery that we are opening today stands as a testament to BAT Fiji’s commitment to making a positive impact on the environment for the communities in which we operate. Our belief in sustainability goes beyond boundaries” he added.

The state-of-the-art nursery consists of a water tank and pressure pump with an automated irrigation system that will water vegetable seedlings and will have the capacity to grow 6,000 vegetables seedlings every 6 weeks or 60,000 seedlings every year.

Report: US Catholics say environmental justice important, but most unaware of *Laudato Si'*



Reconciling God, Creation and Humanity: An Ignatian Examen

Interested in organizing for Catholic climate action, especially in your diocese? You're invited to take this 1-week, 1-credit course through Creighton University!

The professor is Covenant consultant and moral theologian Dr. Dan DiLeo. The course will occur asynchronously to accommodate student flexibility, but Dr. DiLeo will offer synchronous lecture and discussion each day from 3:30 - 5:20 pm CT. To register, contact Dr. DiLeo: danieldileo@creighton.edu.

**CSP 691:
Eco Spirituality**

1-credit online course
July 8-13

Laudato Si', *Laudate Deum*,
Vatican's *Laudato Si'* Action Platform,
organizing for diocesan action, and more



How Caring for the Earth Fits into the Consistent Life Ethic



Death penalty opponents gather for prayer vigils

Nigerian sister honored for work against human trafficking



6 women's congregations in India come together to empower youth at risk



April 13: Blessed are the nonviolent, a Beatitudes Center conversation with Michael Nagler

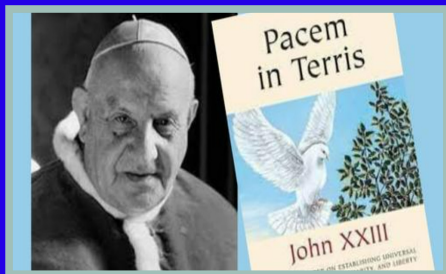
Remembering Martin Luther King, Jr. on the 56th anniversary of his assassination, and the 57th anniversary of his speech at Riverside Church, when he called out “the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism.” We pray for an end to racist systems and attitudes, an end to corporate greed and materialism, and an end to war and preparations for war.

“Somehow this madness must cease. We must stop now. I speak as a child of God ... I speak for those whose land is being laid waste, whose homes are being destroyed, whose culture is being subverted ... I speak as a citizen of the world, for the world as it stands aghast at the path we have taken.”

Beyond Vietnam: A time to break silence
April 4, 1967

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968

Pax Christi 50th Anniversary



Pacem in Terris: Historical context and the call for global governance

Pope Francis praised Bishop Gumbleton as ‘a good shepherd’ in letter before his death



Easter calls us to ensure the survival of humanity