

Society of Mary

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Marists in the United States

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Justice & Peace Alert



24th Marist Women Build –
Home Building Days 4 & 5



Last 8th grade visit to Clyde's Kitchen for the 2023-24 school year





Peace Activist Award

On April 20th, NDP's Circle of Support Ministry, which is a part of Strangers No Longer's Youth in Action for Immigration board, won the "Young Peace Activist Award." Two students, Carmen Thomas and Valentina Sedano, represented NDP at the 42nd annual Pax Christi Michigan State Conference at the University of Detroit Mercy to accept the award.

Strangers No Longer (SNL) is a network of Circles of Support formed in Catholic parishes, congregations and immigrant communities to support immigrant neighbors and to advocate for a comprehensive and humane immigration policy. Named after a pastoral letter written by Bishops about immigration, the organization is motivated by Jesus' call to welcome the stranger - a call that has been echoed by Pope Francis and church leaders throughout time.



Green School Awards and Penguins

NDP lower school Environmental Club students attended the Michigan Green Schools ceremony this week at the Detroit Zoo with club moderators and teachers Emma DiNardo and Jennette Wrobel. They joined more than 1,000 other students from the tri-county area to accept their Green School awards. The lower school earned the Evergreen Award, which is the highest level that can be achieved. While at the zoo, students toured the animal habitats and a couple of the students won prizes for turning in their completed scavenger hunts put on by the event coordinators.

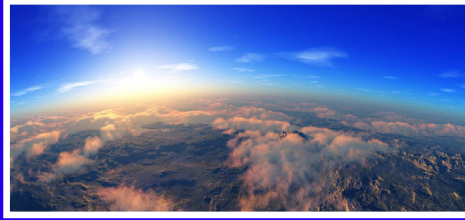
An Emotional and Educational Day at NDP

West Bloomfield, Michigan resident and Holocaust survivor Irene Miller recently met with and spoke to students in the middle school and upper school as part of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) programming for Jewish-American Heritage Month. Miller's book, "Into No Man's Land," details her family's escape from the horrors of Holocaust to end up in a frozen field of "no man's land" at a Siberian labor camp in an impoverished village in Uzbekistan before making her way to Israel, and ultimately, to the United States. It is a story of courage, determination, perseverance and the power of the human spirit.



NDP National Junior Honor Society students sorted over 13,000 pieces of food this week as part of their day of service. The food they organized will help feed over 15,000 families in the Detroit area.

Deep Time -Adaptation - Transformation



After 15 years of fruitful service in the Talikala – Centre in the Philippines for prostituted women and children, Sr. Edna Gado, SM was given a thanksgiving celebration and bid her goodbye to the ministry. The years together were filled with a good time of sharing and helping each other with strategies in the challenges faced.



Strengthening Women's Rights (West Africa)

Caritas/PARI organized a meeting on the theme of refugee, asylum-seeking and migrant women and HIV/AIDS and STIs for International Women's Rights Day. It was an opportunity to get together and share as one family. The women's faces were full of joy and gratitude as they received gifts of food, clothes and travel expenses.



Food Parcels for Migrants in New Zealand

On April 20th, the St. Anne's community entrusted Alex and Cecilia with the contents of donated food baskets. Alex and Cecilia belong to a small Christian community called "La Familia", based in central Auckland, New Zealand, that serves as a surrogate family for Latin American students and recent immigrants from a variety of South American countries. "La Familia" provides consistent friendship and fellowship as well as practical and spiritual help. Alex and Cecilia help deliver the food donations from St. Anne's to the migrants. The migrants, some who have small children, are in a precarious situation living in the center of Auckland, trying to find work, pay rent and scratch for food. Agencies that had hired them went broke and the migrants have visas for specific work only.



(L to R): Alex, Cecilia, and Fr. Tony O'Connor, SM

Q&A with Sr. Kathleen Erickson, working in immigration for decades



Earth Day: Pope Francis urges responsibility for our common home



In the Philippines, Catholic priests tackle plastic waste brick by brick

In Vietnam province, sisters teach how to adapt to climate change



How clean water and faith go hand in hand

“Assisi Terra Laudato Si” launched on Earth Day



Voices from the Amazon
and the Road to COP 30 in Belém, Brazil

Tues., Apr. 23 12-1 pm

NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice
800 First Street, NE, Suite 350
Washington, DC, 20002

Livestreamed at
mogg.info/VT
RSVP: mogg.info/REPAM

Please join us for a brown bag lunch and conversation with the leadership team of REPAM, the Catholic Church's network in the Amazon.

Bishop David Martínez de Aquino Guinea of Puerto Maldonado, Peru. Brother Juan Columbig and Rodrigo Fado of Manaus, Brazil will share inspirations and concerns of the people of the Pan-Amazon region whom they accompany. As we move towards next year's UN Climate Change Conference in Saudi Arabia - the first to be held in the Amazon - it is timely to hear voices from the world's largest tropical rainforest.

Recording of Webinar: Voices from the Amazon

Two upcoming events on gun violence crisis



Aswad Thomas – Surviving Violence, Rethinking Safety

Prayer vigil for Gaza reveals power and poverty of nonviolent action



Summer course for high schoolers merges business and Catholic social teaching

Dream of the Pacific: Honouring St. Peter Chanel

Sharing an [article](#) published in The Catholic Weekly in 2022 about the 185th anniversary celebration of St Peter Chanel's arrival on Futuna. In the article St. Peter Chanel, whose feast day is April 28th, was remembered as “a great evangelizer in the same way that Pope Francis has called for the Church to be like a “field hospital” that cares for the most disadvantaged, the sick and the infirm.”



How Tom Gumbleton showed us what the priestly vocation should be

