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Justice & Peace Alert

Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

Marist School Foundations Theology classes spent time during Term 3 learning about Habitat for Humanity, Marist Women Build, and this year's new homeowner, Lovell, and her family as part of hearing and answering God's call to serve. While they look forward to meeting the age requirements to become Habitat builders, the 8th graders supported this year's build by making Mother's Day cards for Lovell and personalized storage boxes for each of her three boys for their new rooms.



Dedication Day of 25th Home

Dedication Day on May 10th was successful even with the cool, rainy weather .

Those present included Fr. Ralph Olek, SM, the Habitat for Humanity team, and Lovell's family. It was a lovely celebration of Lovell's dedication to building a home for her boys.

Lovell was very appreciative of Marist's role in making that possible. The Marist 8th grade class made gifts for Lovell's boys and sent Mother's Day cards to Lovell. Marist parent, Mary George, gifted a beautiful painting as a housewarming gift to the family.





Earlier this month, ND Academy K-5th grade students enjoyed the 7th grade sponsored baby shower for A Beacon of Hope. ND Academy families donated items for the baby shower.



The ND Academy community had the wonderful opportunity to honor its amazing community volunteers at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Coffee! The school is so blessed by all of the room moms, coaches, classroom helpers, chaperones, and all others who have served in any other volunteer position!



Last month, the Sr. Thea Bowman Racial Justice Ministry at OLA enjoyed a guided tour of the Martin Luther King JR National Historic Site in Atlanta, Georgia.





Fr. Miguel Contreras, SM Auxiliary Bishop of Callao, Peru!

Today Pope Leo XIV made his first appointment: he appointed our confrere, Fr Miguel Ángel Contreras Llajaruna S.M. as Auxiliary Bishop of Callao, Peru, assigning him the titular see of Babra.

Fr. Miguel is currently the Superior of the Marist Fathers District of South America. He started his Marist formation in the seminary of Sullana, Peru. He was ordained in 2008 and he has been ministering as Parish Priest and in Education. In 2021 he was appointed episcopal vicar for Consecrated Life in the diocese of Callao.

In 2024, Fr. Miguel spent a couple months at the Marist Provincial house in Washington, DC while he was studying at the International Center for Language Studies (ICLS). While in the United States, he also visited the Marist communities in Atlanta, Georgia and Boston, Massachusetts.

The Marists of the U.S. Province congratulate Fr. Miguel on his appointment!



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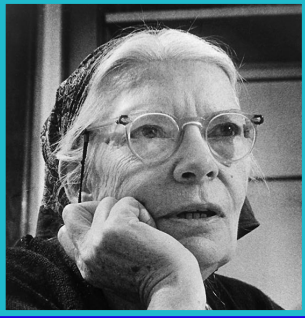
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation ministries throughout the Marist world

Bambili-Cameroon-Hope



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SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL END OF YEAR
PARTY WITH PARENTS AND
CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

Dorothy Day Retreat



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Catholic Relief Services Nationwide Call to Prayer and Action

A missionary pope: What Pope Leo XIV's years in Peru tell us about how he'll lead the church



Pope Leo XIV pleads for end to Ukraine, Gaza conflicts: 'Never again war!'



Pope Leo XIV pledges to strengthen Catholic-Jewish dialogue



Pope Leo XIV calls for the release of imprisoned journalists, tells media to be peacemakers



What to expect from an Augustinian pope



Pope Leo XIV's Creole heritage highlights complex history of racism and the church in America



Catholic death penalty abolition group eager for new pope to build on Francis' legacy on issue



Before he was pope, Leo XIV said it's time for action on climate change



Environment prize winner's journey to protect river began in remote Amazon parish



World Water Day 2025 celebration with Laudato Si Chapter DRC

