# **Society of Mary**

**An International Religious Congregation** 

## Marists in the United States

May 5, 2025

Justice & Peace Alert



In Memory of Pope Francis' Legacy on Social Justice . . .



The Death of Pope Francis Is Not the End of Everything, but a New Beginning to Emulate his Teaching and Values as a legacy that he has left behind for us as he has concluded his pilgrimage journey of Hope here on earth and raised to a journey with the risen Lord to the Father in heaven.



compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

<u>Conclave to elect next pope</u> will begin May 7



If there's no pope, who says whether or not a cardinal is eligible for a conclave?





<u>A Prayer for the Conclave – A</u> <u>Virtual Service</u>

Join the Franciscan Federation for

### A Prayer for Conclave

A virtual service of prayer and reflection on the eve of the conclave.

> May 6th, 2025 8 PM ET/5PM PT

> > Franciscan Federation



Vatican postpones Carlo Acutis canonization <u>following Pope Francis' death</u>





Trinity House is a "safe and supportive environment for men recovering from homelessness and substance abuse." They offer help with employment, GED, life skills training, support groups, in house therapy and more. Their goal is to "empower men to reclaim their lives and return to their families and community as mentors and leaders."

For over 25 years, once a month, students and adult faculty visit with the men of Trinity House. They are offered the opportunity to bring a hot meal, which is provided by a few parents, to sit and enjoy the meal and fellowship with the men. During the dinner, several men will speak and share their stories of addiction and what brought them to Trinity House and how being there has helped them. They almost, always, tell the students NOT to drink, do drugs, or listen to negative peer pressure, because they have "done it all " for them. Students listen and also share a little about themselves as a way for the men to connect with them. Students remember the men and the lesson they teach. At other times, students have made candy bags and uplifting notes for the men as a reminder that we care.

Over the years, many students have returned monthly to hear what the men have to share. It's been a most meaningful service project and it is wonderful that Marist School supports such a learning experience.





Marist School is proud to recognize those students who have earned the President's Volunteer Service Award. This national honor celebrates individuals who demonstrate a strong commitment to serving others through meaningful volunteerism—an embodiment of Marist School's aim to prepare students for fulfilled lives of service and leadership. The award requirements are significant, and Marist is proud to have honorees in both the Teen and Young Adult categories. Within each age group, the number of volunteer hours completed determines the Bronze, Silver, or Gold award level.



#### 25<sup>th</sup> Marist Women Build Home-building















ND Academy's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Earth Science students enjoyed a field trip this week to the West Atlanta Watershed Alliance! Students conducted a trash audit and observed how an in-stream trash removal trap helps to combat pollution in cities. This experience encouraged students to reflect on how they can have a positive impact on the planet as they design environmental campaigns in science class for the ND Academy community!



#### **Lenten Food Drive**











#### Middle School Visits Forgotten Harvest

In April, NDP middle school students from the Little Seminary and Cerdon houses volunteered at the <u>Forgotten Harvest</u> warehouse in Oak Park, Michigan to help pack emergency food boxes and sort fresh food that will be distributed to families in need in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.







Fourth Grade Ellis Island

NDP fourth-grade teacher Caitlin LaPratt describes the "Coming to America" activity, which finished up the students' Phase 5 period of study.

"The fourth grade wrapped up their phase 5 project with a 'Coming to America' celebration. During this phase, students focused on the theme, 'Where We Are in Place and Time.' One of the main concepts discussed was immigration and how human societies can shape over time.

"Each student took on the persona of an immigrant that migrated to the U.S. through Ellis Island. Part of the project included interviews with relatives at home, a perspective letter describing their hardships and experience, a suitcase they built filled with five of their most valued items and costumes. Each student was able to visit four stations during this simulation: (1) information desk, (2) baggage inspection, (3) an interview and (4) medical exam.

"Some students were even deported if they didn't answer questions properly. Through this experience students expressed a lot of different emotions — just as an immigrant might face. They gained a valuable perspective on how difficult the immigration process can be. As they each listened to every immigrant letter, they learned that every immigrant has a story and now have a greater appreciation for diversity in America."

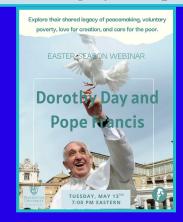




#### **Deep Resurrection**



#### **Pope Francis and Dorothy Day:** A Legacy of Hope



#### **Pilgrimages of Hope For Creation**

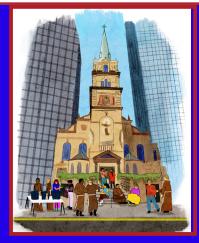






<u>Finding Servant of God, Sister Thea</u> <u>Bowman: A personal reflection</u>

I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me: A Century of Franciscan Solidarity with Migrants



#### <u>Complexities of US immigration visa system</u> <u>impact the church's pastoral mission</u>



Catholic Mobilizing Network Announces Winners of 2025 Justice & Mercy Poetry Contest



#### July 25-27: Join Pax Christi USA at our national conference in Detroit



