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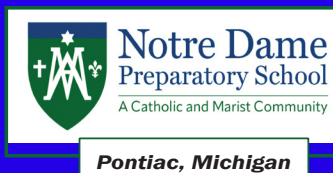


May 30, 2025

Justice & Peace Alert



Marist School's Share the Journey club honored the life of Pope Francis during their recent annual pilgrimage walk to Clarkston, Georgia. Share the Journey was founded at Marist in 2018 in response to Pope Francis' global campaign promoting solidarity with migrants and refugees. This year's walk began at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Decatur, Georgia. Along the nearly six-mile journey, students paused at designated stops to share prayers and reflections from Pope Francis centered on the struggles of those forced to flee their homes. One meaningful stop was at the Amani Women Center in Clarkston, where founder Doris Mukango spoke to the group about how the center supports immigrant and refugee women through initiatives like the Amani Sewing Academy and ESL Buddies. Share the Journey presented Ms. Mukango with a donation raised through the club's fundraising efforts this year. The pilgrimage concluded at Refuge Coffee's annual Spring Market, a community celebration in the heart of "the most diverse square mile in America."



Pontiac, Michigan

Paying it Forward One Backpack at a Time



18 from Notre Dame Prep Earn National and State Awards for Community Service Impact'





Pontiac, Michigan

As part of NDP's Leadership Day 2025, NDP's freshman class, put together 600 toiletry bags for Detroit's Pope Francis Center, which was organized by Erin Delaney NDP'25.



Making a Difference

Norma J. Okonski, founder and executive director of the Oakland HOPE food pantry, located in Pontiac, Michigan, recently received a check from NDP's latest casual for a cause collection that was held a few weeks ago by the school's Garden Club. Oakland HOPE's motto is "Motivated by the love of Jesus to alleviate hunger and empower lives." This fundraiser was organized by former Garden Club president Elaina Kalabat NDP'25, and the collection was executed by new Garden Club president Emily Seifert NDP'26, who presented the check to Okonski.



Marist JPIC Blog

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

The One Abrahamic Family



Marists and the 3 Francis's



**Pope Leo XIV's Pontificate Officially
Begins With a Resounding Call for Unity
and Peace**



**Pope Leo XIV calls for peace in
Ukraine and ceasefire in Gaza**



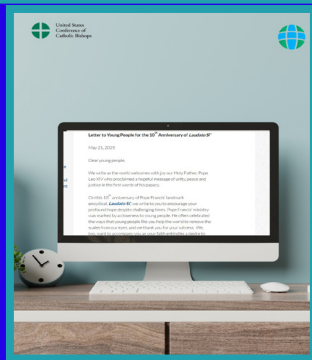
**Reflection – Nonviolence: ‘Unarmed &
Disarming Peace’**



**CRS rallies advocates, lawmakers
against proposed long-term cuts to
foreign aid**



Letter to Young People for the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si'



Here's how 10 US dioceses have embraced Laudato Si'



A pope in muddy boots': Viral photos of Leo XIV reveal a history of pastoral care



A Prayer for the 10th Anniversary of *Laudato Si'*

Laudato Si' to you loving Creator God!
 From you, all good things flow and bloom.
 Praise be also for the prophetic life of your servant Pope Francis,
 who steadfastly urged us to hear the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth!
 Today, our minds and hearts are open to those cries.
 We hear the wrenching cry of the poor and vulnerable.
 We hear the pleading cry of climate migrants and refugees.
 We hear, oh God, we hear!
 We hear the cries of your Creation groaning in travail.
 We hear the roaring cry of forests disappearing.
 We hear the haunting cries of our fellow creatures.
 We hear, oh God, we hear!
 Yet it is not enough to only hear these cries.
 Help us God, to confront the consequences of our neglect and abuse of creation;
 to radically change our ways and live in peace with each other and creation.
 Fill us with your strength to be protectors and redeemers
 of the vulnerable and of all creation.
 Give us your grace so we may become fruitful seeds of peace and hope
 that will sprout and welcome your kingdom on Earth.
 We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of the Blessed Mother
 and your faithful servant, Pope Francis.
 Amen.



The work goes on: Sisters in immigration hope Leo continues Francis' advocacy



8 disabled saints who worked for justice



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These holy people remind us that our bodies, whatever our abilities or disabilities, proclaim the love of God for all creation.



The Catholic Church Must Lead a New War on Hunger

Webinar Recording: The Latino Catholic Voice in a Divided Nation: Directions Forward in Challenging Times



2025 Franciscan Justice Leadership Conference: Love in Action



Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 31st, let us reflect on the words of Pope Francis' Apostolic Journey To Romania in 2019.

Pope Francis reminds us that "... from Nazareth to the house of Zechariah and Elizabeth was the first of Mary's Journeys, as related by the Scriptures. She will journey from Galilee to Bethlehem, where Jesus will be born; she will go down to Egypt to save her Child from Herod; she will go up again every year to Jerusalem for the Passover (LK2:31), and ultimately she will follow Jesus to Calvary. These journeys all have one thing in common: they were never easy; they always required courage and patience. They tell us that Our Lady knows what it means to walk uphill, she know what it means for us to walk uphill, and she is our sister at every step of the way. She knows what it is to be weary of walking and she can take us by the hand amid our difficulties, in most perilous twists and turns in our life's journey."



World Environment Day - June 5th

Since the first celebration in 1972, World Environment Day has helped UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme) to raise awareness and generate political momentum around growing concerns, such as the depletion of the ozone layer, toxic chemicals, desertification and global warming. This day has developed into a global platform for taking action on urgent environmental issues.

Plastic pollution permeates every corner of the planet—even in our bodies in the form of microplastics. World Environment Day 2025 calls for collective action to tackle plastic pollution.

To read more about this day and view resources click [HERE](#).

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - June 1st

