

# Society of Mary

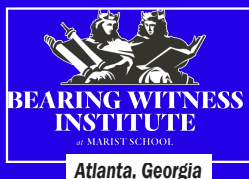
## An International Religious Congregation

### *Marists in the United States*



October 3, 2025

## Justice & Peace Alert



### **Bearing Witness: A Transformative First Year of Interfaith Dialogue and Education**

The Bearing Witness Institute (BWI) is honored to be a proud partner of the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta (ISB Atlanta). Last week, BWI joined in celebrating ISB's inspiring Annual Gala at the Marriott Marquis Atlanta — a powerful evening dedicated to building bridges of understanding and respect through education and leadership.

A special highlight: Peace by Piece program graduates Mary Myers Ryll (Marist School) and Sidrah Mohamed (Mohammed Schools of Atlanta) opened the evening with beautiful, heartfelt prayers — a reflection of the unity and hope our communities can create together. Here's to the work of peace and understanding!

The Bearing Witness Institute is partnering with the Atlanta Jewish Film Festival for the first annual Atlanta Student Film Competition. With the theme of building bridges, this unique event will showcase student creativity and storytelling, highlighting voices from across our community. Filmmakers from schools throughout Atlanta are creating original short films for the competition. Mr. Scott Tufts, Marist School's media and broadcast specialist, is moderating the Marist School team.



### 'Choosing Compassion'



Last weekend NDP's Champions for Life Club rolled up their sleeves to wash cars, share smiles and raise funds to support some truly meaningful projects.

Every dollar collected will go toward:

- Blessing bags filled with essentials for the homeless
- Christmas cards to bring joy to the elderly
- And more initiatives that live out our mission of faith and service

NDP is so proud of these students for embodying what it means to be Christians, citizens and scholars who are making a difference, one clean car at a time!



### **Day of Migrants Celebration**

Migrant families, including those who have experienced asylum abroad, gathered on September 28<sup>th</sup> during the celebration of Migrants Sunday.

The event was led by Fr. Pat Muckian, SM, OLF's assistant parish priest, and followed by a lively initiation of passion through animation dance led by the youth group.

Mr. Michael Vincent A. gave a heartfelt speech full of inspiration. His message inspired and encouraged migrants to continue their journey despite life's challenges. Migrants also shared their own experience of working abroad to build a better future for their families. At the end of the celebration, the election of Migrants Apostolate officers was held for the smoother running of the new apostolate and for the development of many more activities that they will be doing.



Matti, Digos, Philippines

### **Our Lady of Fatima Youth: Clean-up Drive for Cleanliness, Unity and Development**

OLF parishioners led the parish youth group in cleaning around the chapel on September 20<sup>th</sup>. This activity was also part of the celebration of the Season of Creation, wherein everyone is encouraged to take care of nature and all creation as a gift from God.

This event was not just a clean-up, but the beginning of a more sincere and sustainable care for the environment. Whether young, young, or vulnerable — there is no age to help and care. All working together to clean up for the improvement and well-being of all.



Adlaw sa mga Migrante,  
gisaulog sa OLF!







The Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (IRICD) program of the Marist Asia Foundation successfully hosted the Ecumenical Harmony Lunch at the Marist Harmony Centre on September 19, 2025. Participating churches included Baptist, Presbyterian, Assembly of God, and Roman Catholic. The theme of the gathering was: “Share a Meal, Build Friendship.”



## Marist JPIC Blog

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

### Season of Creation – Reflection



### Decolonizing Interreligious Studies and Dialogue

 Catholic Theological Union

THE CATHOLIC-MUSLIM STUDIES PROGRAM PRESENTS

**Decolonizing Interreligious Studies and Dialogue**

**OCTOBER 21, 2025**  
**7 P.M. - 8 P.M. CT**  
REGISTER | [BIT.LY/CTU-DISD](https://bit.ly/CTU-DISD)



Host: Syed Araf Rizwan, PhD  
Catholic Theological Union

Speaker: K. Christine Pae, PhD  
Denison University

Speaker: Oluwaluke Ogunseike, PhD  
University of Virginia

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### Five Ways to Stand with Immigrants



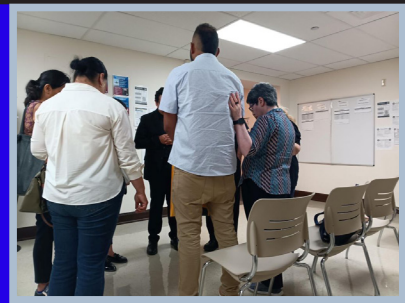
### Conference of Major Superiors of Men

### Responses to U.S. Immigration Changes

As deportation terror mounts, Cardinal McElroy asks U.S. Catholics, ‘Who is your neighbor?’



From the parish to court, sister follows the call of faith to aid migrants



World must recommit to peace, justice, truth, Vatican diplomat tells UN



United States  
Conference of  
Catholic Bishops

U.S. Bishops’ Administrative Committee Approves Transition of Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism to a Permanent Subcommittee

Catholic bishops mourn deadly attack on Latter-day Saints church in Michigan



**News from the Dorothy Day Guild**

Several members of the Dorothy Day Guild’s board of directors had the opportunity to represent Dorothy’s cause for canonization at two events on the East Coast last month. At the 2025 Labor Day Parade, the New York City Organization of Public Service Retirees brought out their Dorothy Day Ferry float for the event.



They were also invited to participate in the “Saints on Their Way Village” at the Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Maryland, alongside representatives from nearly two dozen other Guilds for American sainthood causes.



Laudato si' @ 10: The Promise & Peril of Technology with Eugene McCarraher and Special Guest



The Promise and Peril  
of Technology

Pope Leo XIV opens the Raising Hope Conference: What remains to be done after Laudato Si'?



Closing Prayer Service for the Season of Creation



**Closing  
prayer  
service of the  
Season of  
Creation**

04 OCTOBER

9:00 New York | 16:00 Nairobi |  
21:00 Manila

Pope inaugurates center, farm dedicated to zero-waste, inclusive economy



800 years later, St. Francis' 'Canticle of Creation' still speaks to us





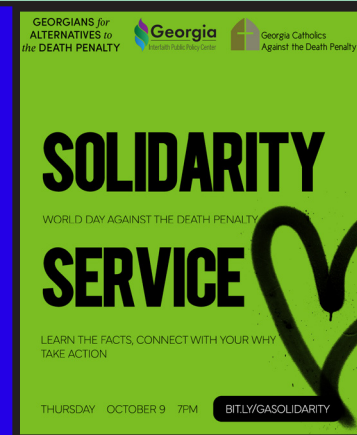
Ignatian Voices for Justice Podcast S1E8:  
Career Track with Alyssa Perez Marquez



Novena to End the Death Penalty



World Day Against the Death Penalty  
Solidarity Service

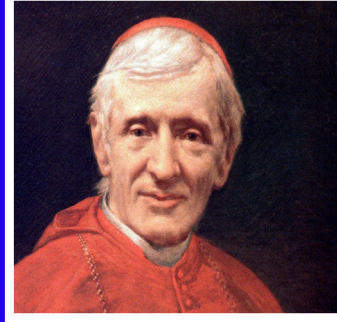


Praying With Our Feet:  
Encountering God in the Margins

How this two-year Jesuit college is revolutionizing education for low-income students



Pope Leo will declare St. John Henry Newman doctor of the church Nov. 1



Marist Laity NZ – October Reflection:  
To Act Justly



Pope Leo XIV's October 2025 Prayer  
Intention: For collaboration between  
different religious traditions

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THE POPE VIDEO  
Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network



**Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**

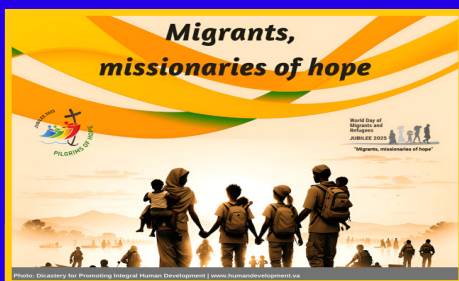
October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology. As we also conclude the 2025 Season of Creation on this day, let us take time to pray the Season of Creation Prayer, working for justice for the vulnerable, and acting with love to sow seeds of hope for a renewed Earth.



*God of the universe, we thank you for Your many good gifts - for the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits, for clean water and fresh air for food and shelter, animals and plants.*

*Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources for granted. Transform our hearts and minds so that we would learn to care and share, to touch the earth with gentleness and with love, respecting all living things.*

*We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference. Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species. And help us to willingly share your gifts today and always.*  
*Amen*



## World Day of Migrants & Refugees

The 111<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees will be celebrated on October 4-5, 2025 to coincide with the Jubilee of Migrants. The theme for this day is “Migrants, missionaries of hope.”

In his [message](#) for this year’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Leo XIV has continued to emphasize the dignity of migrants, saying, “In a world darkened by war and injustice, even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes.”

For more information and resources click [HERE](#).



National Hispanic Heritage Month is a period from September 15 to October 15 in the United States for recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the history, culture, and achievements of the United States.

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month to all!

October 13<sup>th</sup>

## A PRAYER FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY

CREATOR OF ALL,  
WE THANK YOU FOR THE LAND, THE WATERS, AND THE SKIES,  
FOR THE WISDOM AND TRADITIONS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES  
WHO HAVE STEWARDED THEM FOR GENERATIONS.  
GRANT US HEARTS OF RESPECT AND REVERENCE,  
TO LISTEN TO THE VOICES OF THOSE WHO HAVE WALKED  
THIS EARTH BEFORE US,  
AND TO CARE FOR YOUR CREATION WITH JUSTICE, HUMILITY,  
AND LOVE.  
GUIDE US IN HEALING THE WOUNDS OF HISTORY,  
AND INSPIRE US TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH ONE ANOTHER  
AND WITH THE WORLD YOU HAVE MADE.  
IN YOUR NAME, WE PRAY. AMEN.



We announce with joy the election of the Fr. Declan Marmion, SM as the XV Superior General of the Society of Mary!