

Society of Mary

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Justice & Peace Alert

Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

The Marist School community answered the call to serve through the annual Trick or Treat Hunger food drive. This year's effort resulted in 80 barrels of food and more than \$5,000 in donations to benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank. In early October, Foundations theology classes began reflecting on the role of service in our Marist identity. Students studied food insecurity and participated in class sessions led by Atlanta Community Food Bank education specialist Khalilah Womack. With a deeper understanding of the issue, Foundations students and their high school peers took action by canvassing their neighborhoods, raising awareness, and collecting donations. Even some Early Learning Center students joined the effort, showing that no one is too young to make a difference. Thanks to the dedication of the morning collection team, led by Connor Bok '27, not even a dark and stormy morning could dampen this year's drive. Trick or Treat Hunger 2025 is a shining example of what it means to be Marist made to serve.



Atlanta, Georgia

Bearing Witness Institute 2024-25
Impact Report



GEORGIA COMMISSION
on the HOLOCAUST

Kristallnacht -
Night of Terror

Ladies of Charity Meet Students with Purpose

Students in Notre Dame Prep’s kindergarten recently traveled to the Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, based in Bloomfield Hills. The hard-working students packed blessing bags filled with donated goods from the NDP community for people in need.



8th grade Visit to Annandale Village



The parishioners of St. Anne’s Manurewa recently held a Boot Sale for children in need in the Philippines. They also had a ‘Paddy’s Market’ (flea market) where they raised money for families in need this Christmas.





Marist JPIC Blog

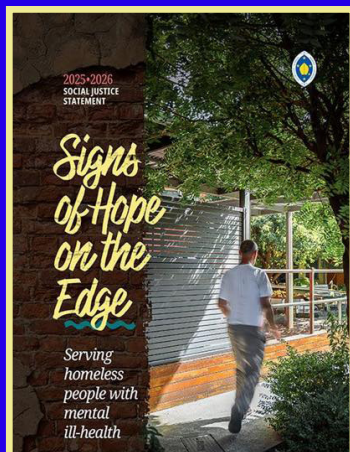
Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation ministries throughout the Marist world

Following the Footsteps



Marist Mission Workshop

The Marist Mission Workshop - on Inter-faith, and inter-cultural dialogue - is underway in Bangkok, Thailand. The workshop includes participants from branches of the Marist Family and the RNDM Sisters: from Bangladesh, Germany, Brazil, Mexico, Vietnam, China, Philippines, India, Fiji, Hungary, and Australia. The first 2 days of the workshop were spent on sharing one's own mission experience story.



Marist Family Reflects on Social Justice

On US immigration, Pope invites
“deep reflection”



Pope Leo says ICE should allow ‘pastoral
workers’ to bring detained migrants
Communion



Bishop Seitz previews new plan for
U.S. bishops to support immigrants:
‘Statements alone are not enough’



JD Vance’s immigration comments are
an insult to our Catholic faith



Hope at the border: The response of
communities of faith to mass deportations



Bishops approve beatification cause of
priest who ministered in U.S.-Mexico
border region



Growth of Catholic-Jewish interfaith
vision encouraged at Catholic University of
America event



At COP30 in the Amazon, Catholic leaders
urge global cooperation on climate change



Europe's Bishops call to EU for a renewed
global commitment ahead of COP30



COP30 Climate Action Alert



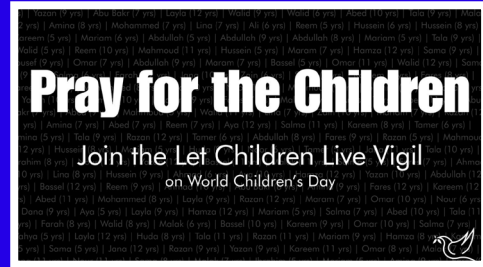
Peru: Amazon Faith and Civil Leaders
Call for Water's Defense



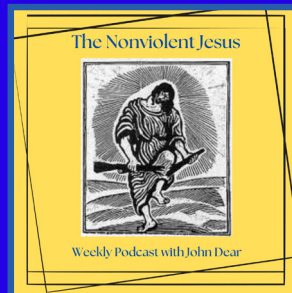
Inside Gaza, BBC sees total devastation after two years of war



CMEP Let Children Live Vigil



Pope Leo meets Palestinian President Abbas, discuss urgent need for Gaza aid, two-state solution



Non-violent Jesus Podcast: John Dear Talks With Anti-Nuclear Leader Dr. Ivana Hughes

Pope Leo to call College of Cardinals to Rome for a two-day January meeting



"Leo from Chicago" – Documentary



With SNAP benefits in flux, Catholic Charities agencies step up food programs



Remember. Celebrate. Live.
BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH
 NOVEMBER

Where to find a Black Catholic History Month event



In 1990, the National Black Clergy Caucus established November as Black Catholic History Month. The following content was prepared by Susan Illis, Archivist for the Society of Mary, U.S. Province.

Bishop John E. Gunn, SM

As Bishop of Natchez, John E. Gunn, S.M. (1863-1924) worked to bring churches to all Catholics, particularly Black and Indigenous Catholics. During his bishopric, he conducted a census of Black Catholics in Biloxi, Mississippi, leading to the dedication of Our Mother of Sorrows Church in 1914. Three years later, Mother Katharine Drexel sent three nuns to establish a parish school. Bishop Gunn was also instrumental in the founding of in Bay St. Louis, MS of St. Augustine Seminary, a preparatory seminary for the Society of the Divine Word. Harold R. Perry, S.V.D. (1916-1991) attended the seminary and eventually became auxiliary bishop of New Orleans, and the first twentieth-century Black Catholic bishop in the United States.

St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise

The Marist Fathers and Brothers of Boston accepted administrative and ministerial leadership of the parish of St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Crown Heights in 1984. This ministry was a cooperative Marist Family Project that included members of the Marist Brothers (F.M.S.) and Marist Missionary Sisters (S.M.S.M.).

Mass was offered in three languages: Spanish, Creole, and English to accommodate the Church and neighborhood's ethnic diversity (significant Caribbean and Hispanic immigrant communities). From 1984 until the Marists left the church in 2016, they served the spiritual, educational, and social needs of 12,000 members and their families, while also ministering to the local community.



Bishop John E. Gunn, S.M.



Bishop Harold R. Perry, S.V.D.



(Top Left) Rev. Gerard Pelletier, S.M. and St. Francis of Assisi parishioners participate in the celebration of Corpus Christi in Flatbush, June 1994.

(Bottom Right) Irish Catholics founded St. Francis of Assisi Church in Brooklyn in 1898 and built this church on Nostrand Avenue in 1913. In 1980, the neighboring parish of St. Blaise merged with St. Francis of Assisi.