

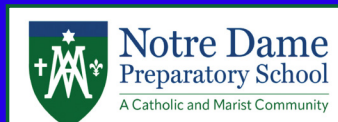
# Society of Mary

An International Religious Congregation

*Marists in the United States*

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**Justice & Peace Alert**



**Pontiac, Michigan**

**NDP Delegation Engages in Humanitarian Aid Debate at Jr. Summit**



**Duluth, Georgia**

**ND Academy 8<sup>th</sup> graders had another amazing day of service last week with the Villagers from Annandale Village! Great conversations and sharing took place during lunch, and afterwards, 8<sup>th</sup> graders led the Villagers in a variety of games and a Christmas craft.**





## Building Bridges of Hope Towards Lasting Peace



## Walking in Prayer for a Just Nation



## Marist JPIC Blog

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

## Kidnapped - Prayer Appeal

### KIDNAPPING IN NIGERIA

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SOLIDARITY WITH  
THE SISTERS OF OUR  
LADY OF THE  
APOSTLES

Prayer Appeal



## Advocating in the Halls of Parliament



After 900-mile trek, Chicago priest urges action and empathy on deportations



Dorothy Day's grandchildren reflect on a legacy that still challenges the church



US Military Archdiocese leader issues statement on military actions against suspected drug smugglers



'Gaudium et Spes' and the optimistic final days of Vatican II



Pope ends Middle East trip with plea to reject violence, open chapters to peace



Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem brings hope and help to West Bank Christians



Pope Leo meets Ukraine's Zelensky as  
European leaders discuss controversial  
U.S. peace plan



Interview: Kevin Costner Wants You to See  
the Nativity Story Anew



Remembering the churchwomen,  
45 years later



Actor David Henrie posts about walking  
Camino de Santiago



To see as Mary sees: Marian art in an age  
of distraction



Pope Leo XIV: AI forces us to ask  
what it means to be human



**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe  
(December 12<sup>th</sup>)**

**The appearance of the image of the Virgin on the  
tilma of Juan Diego was a prophetic sign of an  
embrace, Mary's embrace ... (Pope Francis, 2014)**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.**



**International Migrants Day – December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**A Prayer for World Day of  
Migrants and Refugees**

When Abraham welcomed the angels,  
They, too, were on a journey.  
And he begged them not to pass him by.  
How is it that we miss the holy image of God  
In our sisters and brothers,  
Traveling perilous distances  
In the baking sun, the drenching rain?  
How is it that we do not run from our tents  
To welcome and deeply embrace  
All who flee from violence and poverty,  
Seeking the ever-distant horizon of hope?  
May we, like Abraham,  
Run to gather the very best  
Of what we have to offer  
And lay it out lovingly  
On the holy table of hospitality.  
Amen.

– Cameron Bellm



***Due to the holidays, this will be the last  
Society of Mary USA Justice & Peace  
bulletin for 2025. We look forward to  
sharing more justice and peace related  
news with you in 2026!***

***Wishing you a safe and Blessed  
Christmas and New Year!***

## 2025 Advent Resources

### Society of Mary USA Advent Calendar



### Marist Way Council of England's Advent Reflections



### Marist Laity NZ – December Reflection: Advent 2025



### **The Gift of Prayer**

I know how it feels to be on the receiving end of the gift of prayer. The fear and anxiety it relieves are replaced with peace and sometimes even joy. I've been offering this to others, and when I am on the phone with a friend, and she tells me a story of her frustrations, I say, "Can I pray for you, right now? On the phone?" Not later, not on my own time, but there together. And we both feel God's presence and peace and comfort together. We feel closer to each other and closer to our God, who can take care of it all.

What a gift.

(~ Excerpted from "[The Gift of Prayer](#)" by Shemaiah Gonzalez)

## Explore Advent

Watch the *Arts & Faith*: Advent video for the Second Sunday of Advent



Read Sacred Time by Tim Muldoon



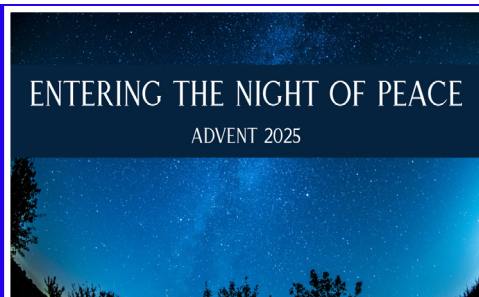
The Child Interrupts



Praying with the Season's Songs



Pax Christi 2025 Advent Reflections and Resources



Laudato Si' Movement: Advent Pilgrimage – Walking the Path of Laudato Si' Virtues

