

Society of Mary

An International Religious Congregation

Marists in the United States

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Justice & Peace Alert



During the beautiful celebration of the Eucharist this Christmas season, Santa visited the Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) in the Philippines through the friends of the Marist Sisters.



Sr. Joséphine, sm, from Caritas – Refugee and Migrant Welcome Centre, together with her dedicated team, organized a joyful Christmas celebration for children and families from Sudan, Central African Republic, and Mauritania. They came together in an atmosphere of unity and hope.



After US strike on Venezuela, Pope Leo
urges respect for law, justice and peace



Pax Christi USA responds to US action
in Venezuela



Prayer for the People of Venezuela

God of mercy and peace, we come before you today with hearts heavy for our brothers and sisters in Venezuela. Our hearts are with them in their hour of fear. Lord, hear our prayer and bring your peace.

We pray for the families in Caracas and across Venezuela who were awakened by the sound of explosions. Protect the children, the elderly, and the vulnerable from the physical and emotional scars of violence. Prince of Peace, guide us toward a nonviolent path.

We pray for our leaders and the leaders of all nations. Soften hearts that seek power through force and enlighten minds to see the path of dialogue. May they remember that every life is sacred and every act of war is a failure of peace. Holy Spirit, grant them the wisdom to be peacemakers.

Loving God, grant us all the strength to be your hands and feet in a time of darkness. Amen.



Israel bans dozens of aid groups from
Gaza, including Caritas, drawing
condemnation

Church altar featuring homeless man goes
on display near his grave at the Vatican



At a migrant shelter in Mexico, hope may
not make sense, but it's real



Kentucky, Wisconsin bishops issue
statements affirming dignity of migrants



Pope opens 2026 with plea for peace
in countries bloodied by war, families
wounded by violence

Dorothy Day as a Template for Christian Prophecy



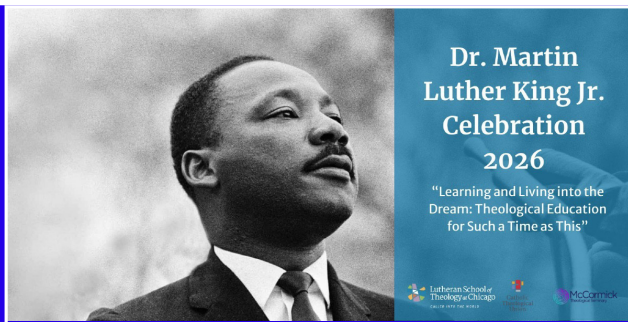
Living Nonviolence Every Day: Stories and Insights



Fill the Jails! A Catholic Worker Vocation



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration



50 Years Connecting Catholic Social Thought and Public Life: Lessons from John Carr's Leadership



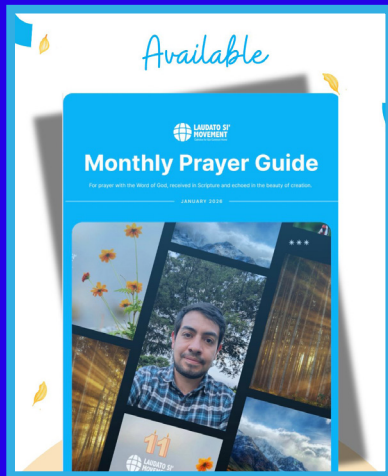
The Wind Beneath My Wings for Care for Creation



I see Christ's face all around me in those who suffer from chaos of climate change



Laudato Si' Movement's January Prayer Guide



Laudato Si' Movement 2026: From Hope to Action



Closing Holy Year, pope calls to reject 'distorted economy' of profit



4 Ways to keep the Jubilee alive: Pope's suggestions



**Consistory: Cardinals choose synodality
and mission as themes for reflection**



Jan. 10: Anniversary of the Acceptance of the Society of Mary Missions in Oceania - 1836

Marists in Oceania: A Mission Without Borders

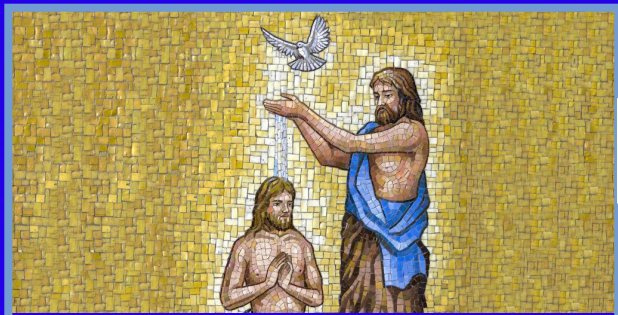
Fr Jean-Claude Colin, the founder of the Society of Mary, was strongly convicted the Society was called “to do great things” and to work “in any corner of the world”. When, in 1836, the Society of Mary received from the Holy See the responsibility of evangelizing Oceania, Jean-Claude Colin, freshly elected Superior General, started sending missionaries.

Between 1836 and 1849, 15 groups left France to go to the missions in Oceania: New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Fiji Islands, Wallis et Futuna, Tonga, Vanuatu, Samoa and New Zealand. The mission was undertaken with great spiritual conviction and human courage. Many of the Marist Missionaries recorded what they observed, they kept their logbooks, they said how they were received, they stated the difficulties they met, they recorded the works they undertook.

Today, the mission continues!

Oceania is not just a chapter in our history—it is a living testament to the courage, faith, and dedication of the first Marist missionaries. Their footsteps still echo across the Pacific, reminding us that the mission continues today. The Marist presence in Oceania remains a vital expression of our call to bring Christ’s mercy to every corner of the world.

(Credit: <https://maristfathers.net/oceania/>)



January 10th
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord