

Society of Mary

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Marists in the United States

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Justice & Peace Alert



Marist School

Atlanta, Georgia

For many decades, Marist School has partnered with the Bashor Men's Shelter, a relationship rooted in faith, compassion, and a shared commitment to serving others. This winter, Marist families once again answered that call, living out the mission in powerful, tangible ways. Students from Foundations through seniors packed breakfast and lunch bags and served dinner across six Friday evenings with the shelter community. Overnight service was led by Marists, with junior and senior boys joining their dads as part of a dedicated group of volunteers who stayed with guests each week. Parents also generously gave of their time, navigating Friday traffic, serving in the kitchen, and supporting overnight efforts, while many families contributed to provide nourishing meals for guests. Together, the school community continues to model what it means to serve others with great heart.



Atlanta, Georgia

The Daffodil Dash in Atlanta is more than just a race—it's a powerful act of remembrance and hope. Organized by Am Yisrael Chai!, the Dash is part of a global effort to plant 1.5 million daffodils in memory of the 1.5 million children murdered in the Holocaust—and in honor of the children who survived. Last month, the Bearing Witness Institute (BWI) was honored to take part in this meaningful event. BWI's participation reflects its mission: to ensure that the stories of the Holocaust are not only remembered, but lived forward through education and moral responsibility. By running together, BWI stood in solidarity with survivors, honored the memory of those lost, and recommitted ourselves to building a future rooted in human dignity.



Leadership and Compassion in the Middle School

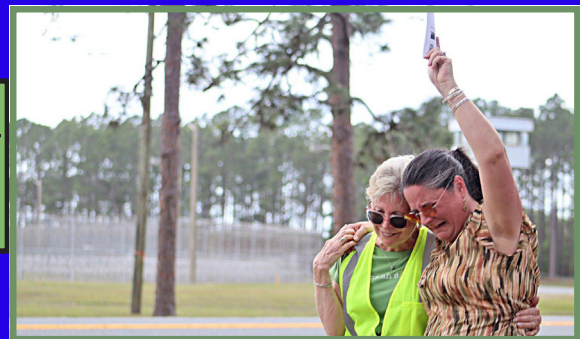
NDP's National Junior Honor Society members spent April 17th, living out NDP's mission through service and learning during their annual service day. Accompanied by teachers and advisors Marisol Aguilar and Kelly Simon, students partnered with the Pope Francis Center's Bridge Housing Campus in Detroit — an organization dedicated to serving individuals experiencing homelessness.

Students rolled up their sleeves to clean outdoor spaces, sort and inventory donations, and engage in a tour to better understand the center's comprehensive approach to support and community building. This hands-on experience challenged students to grow in leadership, compassion and a commitment to the common good — core values of a Notre Dame Prep education.



Faith in Action

Faithful sing, pray, walk in solidarity with
detained immigrants in Florida to bring
them hope



Pax Christi International's Public Letter in Solidarity with Pope Leo XIV



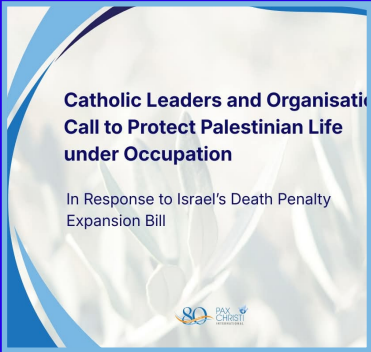
Stop the War with Iran and Lebanon – Prayer, Study, Action



US cardinals speak out against Iran war, mass deportations in 60 Minutes appearance



Catholic Leaders and Organizations Call to Protect Palestinian Life under Occupation



The urgent call for peace today



Pope Leo wants peace—but what does that mean?

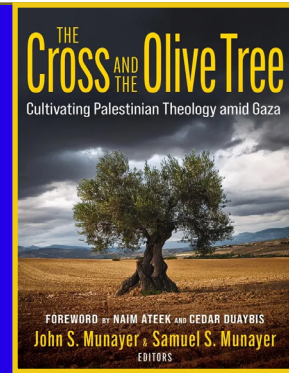


Georgetown panel highlights Pope Leo's comments amid current war in Iran

Webinar: Stop Using Drone Warfare to Perpetrate Genocides in Palestine and Sudan



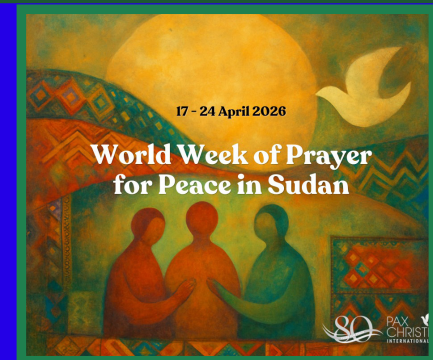
April 30: Online book discussion with John and Samuel Munayer (Editors of The Cross and the Olive Tree: Cultivating Palestinian Theology Amid Gaza)



New online course: Gospel nonviolence in action



World Week of Prayer for Peace in Sudan



Vibrant song and dance a big part of Leo's Africa trip



Pope Leo walks in the footsteps of St. Augustine in Hippo



In Equatorial Guinea and across Africa, Pope Leo sharpens the church's social message



New 'Borrowers Platform' could help countries to cooperate on overwhelming debt crisis



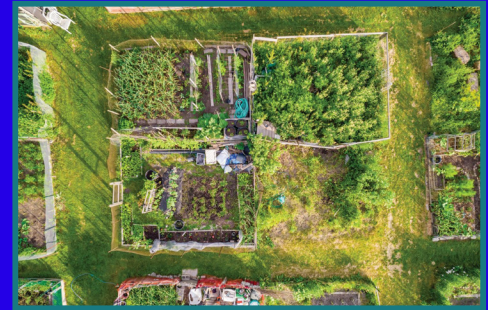
Podcast: 'We were put on this planet to serve God,' says David Cortright



How the 7th commandment directs our care of creation



A theology of food must prioritize those who labor to produce it



This Earth Day, meet the artist making beautiful icons of God's endangered creature



New ecological program trains US diocesan leaders to build *Laudato Si'* momentum



Pope Francis Believed Our Capacity for Mercy Will End Death Penalty

On April 21, 2025 Pope Francis passed away. In 2025 Catholic Mobilizing Network's executive director, Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy, wrote about the late Holy Father's legacy for Vatican News: "Pope Francis believed our capacity for mercy will end the death penalty." Read here reflection [HERE](#).

We pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and for Pope Leo XIV as he continues to lead the Church in paths of peace, prioritizing dialogue, reconciliation, and transformation.



Pope Leo named one of Time Magazine's '100 Most Influential People of 2026'



Did you know a copy of Psalm 8 was left on the moon?



April 28th
Feast of St. Peter Chanel

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ST PETER CHANEL PRAYER

St Peter Chanel,
You left your homeland to proclaim Jesus, Saviour of the world,
to the people's of Oceania.

Guided by the Spirit of God who is the strength of the gentle,
you bore witness to love, even laying down your life.

Grant that like you, we may live our daily life in peace, in joy, and in
love.
May your prayer and example call forth from our midst many workers
for the Gospel, so that God's kingdom may reach to the ends of the
earth.

April 29th

Anniversary of Marist Approval

On the anniversary of Marist Approval, we invite you to read the following reflection found [HERE](#).



Prayer for Peace

*Lord of Life,
you shaped every human being in your image and likeness.
We believe you created us for communion, not for war,
for fraternity, not for destruction.
You who greeted your disciples saying, "Peace be with you,"
grant us the gift of your peace and the strength to make it a reality in history.*

*Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world,
asking that nations renounce weapons
and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy.*

*Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference,
so we may become instruments of reconciliation.
Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear,
but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.*

*Lord, enlighten the leaders of the nations,
so they may have the courage to abandon projects of death, halt the arms race,
and place the lives of the most vulnerable at the center.
May the nuclear threat never again dictate the future of humanity.*

*Holy Spirit,
make us faithful and creative builders of daily peace:
in our hearts, our families, our communities, and our cities.
May every kind word, every gesture of reconciliation,
and every choice for dialogue be seeds of a new world.*

Amen.