

Society of Mary

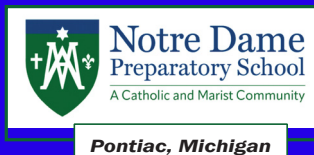
An International Religious Congregation

Marists in the United States



May 29, 2026

Justice & Peace Alert



Students in NDP's Optimists Club recently hosted a donation drive for Grace Centers of Hope! They collected hygiene products, kids clothing, men's and women's clothing, and shoes to help support those in the programs.



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Catholic Climate Covenant and Laudato Si' Movement-North America applaud environmental concerns highlighted by Pope Leo XIV in his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*

Ten Beautiful Quotes in
Magnifica Humanitas



In ‘Magnifica Humanitas,’ Pope Leo
delivers on a people-first vision for AI



A Public Dialogue With:

 Archbishop Paul Coakley United States Conference of Catholic Bishops	 Emilce Cuda Pontifical Commission for Latin America	 Daniel Daly Center for Theology and Ethics in Catholic Health	 Meghan Sullivan Institute for Ethics and the Common Good, University of Notre Dame	 Bishop Paul Tighe Vatican Dicastery for Culture and Education
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Magnifica Humanitas:
AI, Catholic Social Teaching, and Pope Leo's New Encyclical

Tuesday, June 2, 2026 | 3:00 - 4:15 pm EDT | Online via Livestream

#PopeLeoAI

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY | Institute on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life

Magnifica Humanitas: AI, Catholic Social Teaching, and Pope Leo's New Encyclical

Magnifica Humanitas Panel

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS
MAGNIFICENT HUMANITY

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026
7:30PM EDT / 6:30PM CDT / 4:30PM PDT

Join us for a panel with respondents from across the CSSJ community who will offer initial thoughts on Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, which is focused on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence.

Speakers include Sr. Colleen Gibson, SSJ who serves as Coordinator of Pastoral Care at St. John-St. Paul Catholic Collaborative in Wellesley, Massachusetts and Mr. Fred Robinson who is the Director of Technology for the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Brentwood, New York.

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The one-hour session will include Q&A from participants. A link to a recording of the panel will be sent to those who register.

Faith, Resistance, and the Politics
of Solidarity

Faith, Resistance, and the Politics of Solidarity
a 3-part mini series

"White Genocide" and Real Genocide:
South Africa, Palestine, and the Politics of Fear

Rev. Edwin Arrison Rev. Rudi Swanepoel Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac

CHURCHES FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE REFORMED CHURCH OF AMERICA

June 3rd 11a ET

Pope Leo issues plea for Gaza assistance



Vatican announces global rosary for peace with Pope Leo XIV



We Need Children's Peace Fairs Everywhere (But Especially in the United States of Warfare)



After legal fight, Chicago clergy bring spiritual care to ICE immigrant detainees



O&A with Sr. Leticia Salazar, who says the synod is a process can help listen to migrants, those who suffer



Why & How to Mark the 'World day of Prayer for Creation' with the New Mass





As AAPI Heritage Month comes to a close, the Society of Mary remembers its role in supporting Catholic institutions on the islands of Hawaii. In June 1946, Bishop James Sweeney announced a new church in the diocese of Honolulu: Mary, Star of the Sea on Oahu, the main island. The church, initially staffed by Rev. Edward Donze, SM and Rev. John Dallas, SM opened in a former Japanese language school adjacent to pig and chicken farms. The ten-year anniversary booklet for the Star of the Sea notes that, “[Donze and Dallas] expected the worst, and truly they found just about that.” Despite its primitive beginnings, with the priests using a drinking fountain as their primary water source, the church flourished, and a school opened that September with 250 students. The enrollment doubled by the next year. Although personnel depletion forced the departures of both the Marists and the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, who operated the school, Star of the Sea Church, early learning center, elementary, and middle schools still thrive today.

(Content and pictures shared by Susan J. Illis, Archivist, Archives of the Society of Mary, U.S. Province)



Star of the Sea , Honolulu, founded in 1946



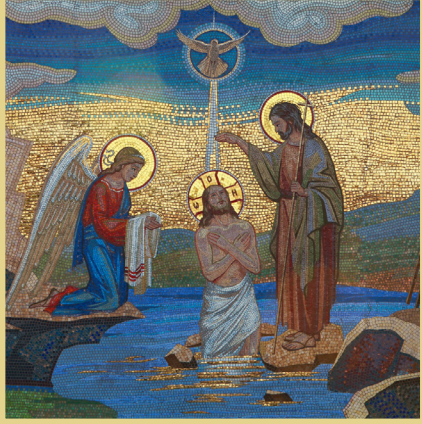
Feast Day of Pope St. Paul VI – May 29th

St. Paul VI coined the phrase that “dialogue is the new word for love”.

The founder of the Society of Mary, Jean-Claude Colin, said that our spiritual life must be one of a growing “emptying of self” so that others with whom we engage will find nothing that would stand in the way of their experience of God or the Gospel.

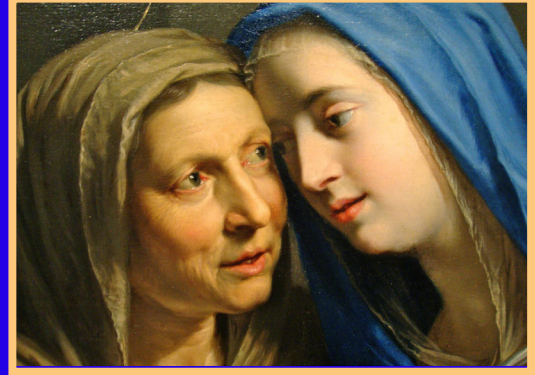
Feast of the Most Holy Trinity - May 31st

On the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we recall the words of Pope Francis, “May the Virgin Mary, perfect creation of the Trinity, help us to make our whole lives, in small gestures and more important choices, an homage to God, who is Love.”



Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As we celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary let us reflect on the words of Pope Leo XIV: “Mary’s “yes” to God, to life and to love continues ‘in the martyrs of our time, in witnesses of faith and justice, of gentleness and peace,’ ...”



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.