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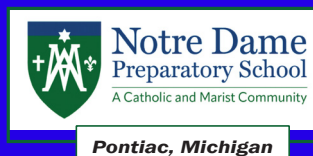


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Justice & Peace Alert



In June, Bearing Witness Institute Director Brendan Murphy had the privilege of joining the leadership team of We Remember: Exploring the Holocaust and Antisemitism, a seminar for Catholic school educators sponsored by TOLI and supported by the Bearing Witness Institute. Educators from Catholic schools gathered to deepen their understanding of the Holocaust, examine the long and tragic history of antisemitism, and explore the Church's transformation in Jewish-Christian relations since Nostra Aetate. Through lectures, discussions, survivor testimony, and collaborative learning, participants wrestled with difficult questions about prejudice, conscience, moral responsibility, and remembrance. What made this seminar so successful was not only the outstanding scholarship and thoughtful conversation, but also the commitment of these educators to bring these lessons back to their classrooms and communities. Together, the group explored how teaching about the Holocaust can help form conscience, confront hatred, and inspire students to become people of courage and compassion. The lessons of the Holocaust remain urgently relevant, and the responsibility to remember — and to teach — belongs to all of us.



**Beyond the Classroom: NDP Students
Experience Language and Culture in Peru**





Accompanying Young People Beyond Shelter

At Balay Pasilungan, we believe that every child and young person deserves more than a safe place to stay. They deserve caring adults who listen, understand, and walk with them through life's challenges and opportunities.

To strengthen this mission, Fr. Gil Casio, SM, Executive Director of Balay Pasilungan, with Fr. Roque Rebito, SM, Formator of the Marist Aspirancy Program, participated in the three-day workshop “Accompanying Young People: Psycho-Spiritual Perspectives” at Ateneo de Davao University.

The workshop brought together priests, religious, educators, counselors, youth ministers, and formators from across Mindanao to deepen their understanding of today's young people. Through sessions on mental health, social media, artificial intelligence, emotional well-being, spirituality, self-compassion, and strengths-based accompaniment, participants explored ways to better support the growth and development of young people in a rapidly changing world.

These learnings are especially relevant to our work with the boys of Balay Pasilungan and our youth in Balay Kalambuan, our transitional care program. As our young people navigate adolescence and prepare for independent living, they need more than guidance—they need accompaniment, encouragement, and trusted adults who can journey with them as they discover their strengths, make responsible choices, and build hopeful futures.

At Balay Pasilungan, we remain committed to creating safe spaces where children and young people can heal, grow, belong, and thrive.



Better Policies. Safer Children. Stronger Communities

Real change begins when leaders choose to learn.

Balay Pasilungan, represented by Executive Director, Fr. Gil Casio, SM, participated in the Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC XI) Learning Visit to the Davao City PCW-Accredited GAD Local Learning Hub. The activity featured learning visits to the Ray of Hope Female Jail, Child Minding Center, and the Integrated Gender and Development Division of Davao City Hall, showcasing best practices in gender-responsive governance and inclusive public service.

These insights strengthen Balay Pasilungan's mission of providing safe, inclusive, trauma-informed, and child-centered care for children in need of special protection. At Balay Pasilungan, Gender and Development (GAD) is not simply a compliance requirement—it is a commitment to uphold the dignity, rights, and equal opportunities of every child. When we invest in gender equality, we create safer homes, stronger families, and brighter futures for every child.



**Samphran Centre Promotes Education
for Migrant Children from Myanmar**



**Does the Catholic Church
condemn deportation?**



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podcast

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**At Border Mass 250, US bishops
urge immigration reform,
emphasize migrant dignity**



**Bishops plan Mass on pilgrimage mountain
Trump administration seeks to seize**



**'Neighboring the Dear Neighbor'
workshop equips Catholics to
support migrants**



Migrant farmworkers are lonely and scared.
This Jesuit leads a ministry to serve them.



ICE releases Texas nun after detaining
her on the way to Sunday Mass



Meet the Catholic mom organizing for
immigrant advocacy



Beyond the Shipwreck: Transforming the
Global Migrant Phenomenon



Faith Leaders Condemn Anti-Asylum
Supreme Court Decision



Catholic immigration advocates praise court's
birthright citizenship ruling



Pope Leo: War is 'fed more easily' than the hungry



Gaza kindergarteners have Church's highest leaders at graduation



Israel continues to commit genocide, atrocity crimes by deliberately targeting Palestinian children, UN independent commission finds

Podcast: For Palestinian Zoughbi Zoughbi, hope 'is a form of nonviolent struggle'



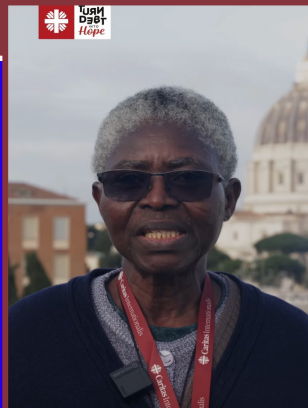
Interfaith Action for Palestine



Turn Debt Into Hope

Sr Maamalifar shares how the debt crisis has affected people in her community in Ghana and why she believes we can #TurnDebtIntoHope.

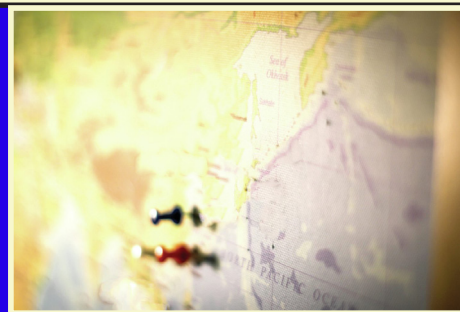
View video [HERE](#).



Podcast: 'Nonviolence is the only way to not be at war with God,' says Lisa Sharon Harper



Today's missionaries reconsider how they approach their work



Father James Martin on meeting our moral heroes



Extraordinary consistory signals Pope Leo's push to work with cardinals on global challenges



Pax Christi USA recognizes Archbishop John Wester with its 2026 Teacher of Peace award



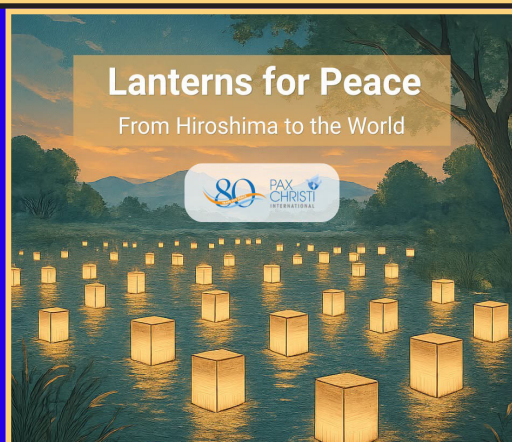
Lauren Agresti receives 2026 Sr. Dianna Ortiz OSU Peacemaker award



Prayer-study-action for nuclear disarmament



Catholic peace group to honor victims of nuclear weapons with lantern ceremonies



Marie Dennis is the Inaugural Recipient of Mercy by the Sea's Catherine McAuley Spirit Award





Pope Leo XIV calls for solidarity, prayers
after deadly Venezuela quakes

Laudato Si' July Prayer Guide



Catholic Climate Covenant's 2026 Summer Advocacy Campaign: For Our Common Home and the Common Good!



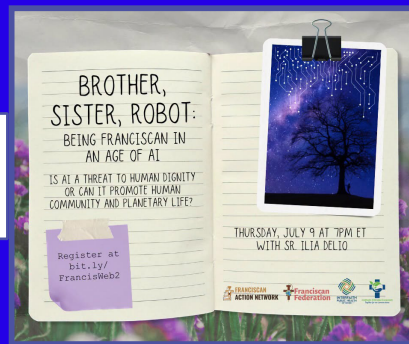
Cry of Earth, Cry of the Poor Synodal Listening sessions



Caritas opens a landmark international conference on health



Brother, Sister, Robot: Being
Franciscan in an age of AI



In historic first, Catholic sisters return
Indigenous land



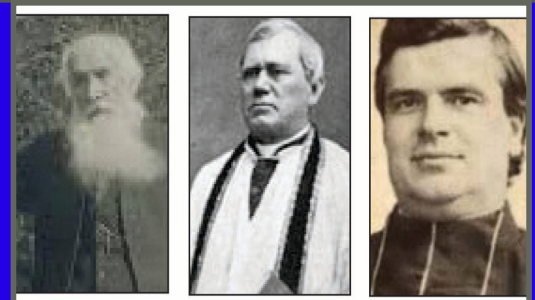
Bicentennial birthday greetings to America —
including Dorothy Day's one-word message



Webinar Recording: 250 Years Towards
Racial Justice: Progress, Promise, and
Challenges”



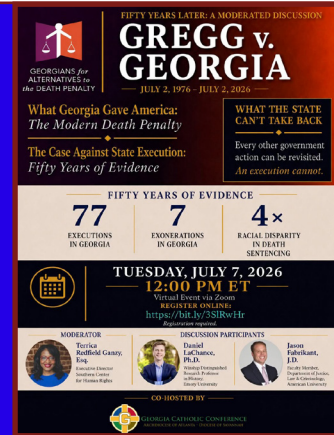
Tales of pioneer priests recall the building of
Catholic America



As DeWine announces death penalty opposition, Catholic advocates urge further action



Gregg v. Georgia- What Georgia Gave America: The Modern Death Penalty



Pope Leo calls all Christians to celebrate 2033 anniversary of Christ's redemption together

Marist Laity NZ – July Reflection:
July 2026 – Under the Stars of Matariki

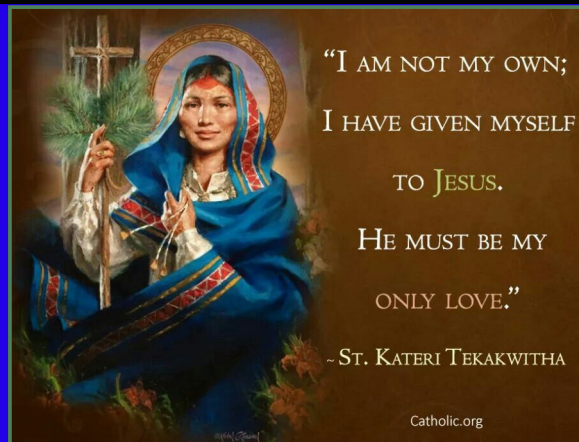


Happy 250th Birthday America!
July 4th

PRAY FOR OUR NATION



Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha -
July 14th



PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV

View the Holy Father's monthly
prayer intention [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.