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Justice & Peace Alert



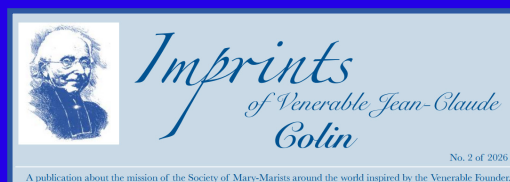
Love Knows No Distance

The Balay Pasilungan (FBP) family extends its heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful young volunteers from Australia, Anna Ramsay and Alana Leahy, for sharing a month of love, joy, and friendship with the boys of Balay Pasilungan and the girls of Balay Banaag Center.

For the third time, Anna and Alana chose to return—not because they had to, but because they had formed genuine bonds with our children. Through simple moments of playing, listening, laughing, learning, and simply being present, they reminded every child that they are seen, valued, and deeply loved.

Their kindness, compassion, and joyful spirit have left lasting memories in the hearts of our children and staff. Thank you for becoming part of our family and for showing that even small acts of love can make a lifelong difference.

The FBP family is also deeply grateful to the Marist Sisters for making this beautiful connection possible. Together, we continue to build a community where vulnerable children experience hope, belonging, healing, and love.



A periodic publication to promote awareness of the Cause for the Beatification of the Founder of the Society of Mary, Ven. Jean-Claude Colin, among those involved in Marist ministries, as well as among the many people whom Marists serve throughout the world. View the second issue of this publication [HERE](#).



Young Voices for the Future: Global Marist Research on AI, Education, and Human Values

Nun speaks out for first time about being detained by ICE while walking to Mass in Texas



Catholic teachers' 80-mile pilgrimage raises funds, awareness for detained immigrants



As a migrant bishop in Peru, Leo made immigration advocacy a priority in his diocese



“Acts That Diminish or Disregard the Dignity of Any Person or Group of People Should Never Be Normalized in Our Society,” Say Bishop Garcia and Bishop Cahill

Pope Leo calls for prayers for just peace
in the Holy Land and Middle East



Fr Romanelli: Gaza's humanitarian crisis
'beyond disastrous'



Pope Leo at Borgo Laudato Si' lunch: 'I came
with a 'hunger' for genuine charity'



Peru: Historic churches severely damaged
following earthquakes

Pope prays for victims of deadly wildfires
in Spain, France



Africa's First Our Ocean Conference: A Call for
Ocean Justice and Care for Creation



Podcast: 'Racism has injured us all,' says racial
healing leader Catherine Meeks



Amid war in Sudan, people continue to
care for one another



Promote Peace in Sudan



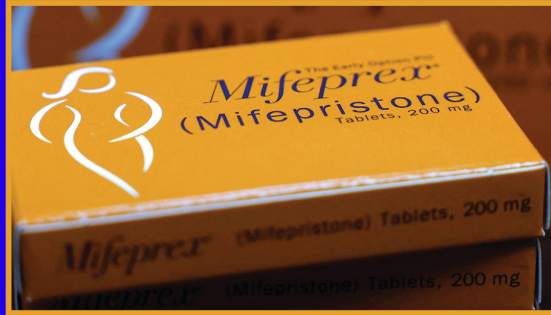
Stewards of Reconciliation



Institute for the Works of Religion (IOR)
releases 2025 Sustainability Report



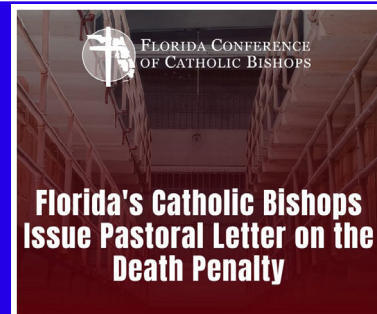
**US bishops call for nationwide prayer
and action amid rising abortion rate**



**He converted to Catholicism while on death
row. It began with one question about God.**



**A Pastoral Letter on the Death
Penalty in Florida**



**Pope: Like a stream leading to its source,
music leads us to God**



**Pope's Lourdes visit to spotlight life,
healing and hope**



**Help Make 75,000 Rosaries for the Beatification
of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**



Feast of St. Julian Eymard - August 2nd



The Eucharist is everything, because from the Eucharist, everything is.
- St. Julian Eymard

Remembering Hiroshima & Nagasaki



This year marks 81 years since the atomic bombings of Hiroshima (August 6, 1945) and Nagasaki (August 9, 1945).

We remember the lives lost, honor the survivors, and commit to a future without nuclear weapons.

The Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6th) foretells the glory of the Lord as God, and His Ascension into heaven. It anticipates the glory of heaven, where we shall see God face to face. Through grace we already share in the divine promise of eternal life.



Happy Birthday Fr. Colin, SM!

On August 7th the Marists worldwide will celebrate the birth of their founder Fr. Jean-Claude Colin.

Born at the close of the 18th century (1790) in revolution-torn France, Jean-Claude was convinced that the Blessed Virgin wanted a group of men and women to do her work in the world at a time of turmoil and challenge. With this inspiration he forged the way for a new family of consecrated religious and laity in the Church - the Marist family.

Under his leadership, as founder and father, Marist missionaries would proclaim Christ's message in Mary's gentle spirit 'on whatever distant shore' to which they were sent.

Fr. Jean-Claude Colin Pray for Us!





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.