

# Society of Mary

An International Religious Congregation

*Marists in the United States*



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## Justice & Peace Alert



Last month Notre Dame Prep students attended a TEEN TRUTH assembly focused on anti-racism and building a more inclusive school community. Led by Brandon McCall, the program, held at the school's main campus, encouraged students to reflect on their role in creating a respectful and supportive environment.

McCall, a motivational speaker and youth coach, drew on his own experiences growing up in a challenging environment to connect with students in an authentic way. After a personal loss in his family, he has committed to helping young people break cycles of violence and discrimination by promoting self-awareness, accountability and positive decision-making.

Through personal stories and student-centered content from TEEN TRUTH, the assembly addressed real-world challenges and emphasized the importance of empathy, accountability and standing up against discrimination.

Programs like this are part of Notre Dame Prep's ongoing commitment to fostering strong character amid a connected school community. Learn more by listening to the Talk of the Irish podcast club's interview with McCall [HERE](#).



### Open Minds, Respectful Hearts

Prior to Easetr, the boys of Balay Pasilungan visited the newly built Davao Philippines Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints as part of their interreligious exposure and formation.

More than a tour, it was a meaningful experience of respect, openness, and learning from the faith of others.

Balay Pasilungan believes that forming young hearts also means teaching them to appreciate diversity and build bridges of understanding.



Pope Leo praises ceasefire as 'genuine hope,' presses for dialogue, peace



In statement, Cardinal Robert McElroy, the archbishop of Washington, calls for immediate end to escalating violence in Iran



U.S. military archbishop doubts Iran war meets just war standard, urges obedience



War is Back in Vogue: Iran and Catholic Teachings on a Moral Foreign Policy



The "non-violent" power of Easter in Pope Leo's appeals for peace



Archbishop Coakley Invites All to Join Pope Leo XIV's Vigil for Peace in Midst of Threats of Increased Military Action in Iran



Prayer Vigil for Peace

Washington's Way of the Cross calls out suffering caused by US government



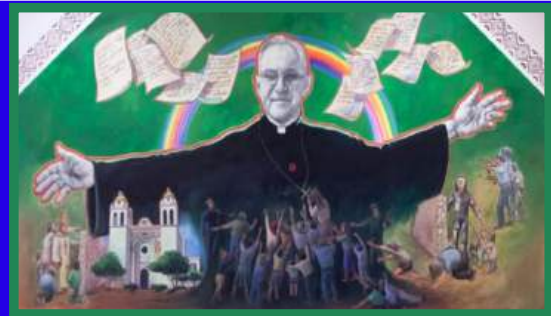
Bishop Shomali: Let us not forget Gaza and the West Bank



Announcing the "Blessed are the peacemakers" young adult essay invitational



On immigration and war, the U.S. bishops are echoing Oscar Romero



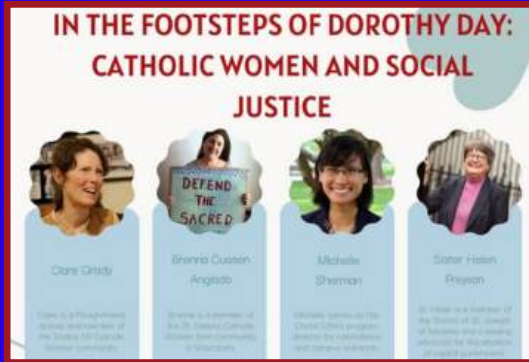
Sisters mark St. Oscar Romero feast with protest of ICE enforcement tactics



Catholic Workers wear homemade ankle monitors in solidarity with migrants



Webinar Recording: In the Footsteps of Dorothy Day – Catholic Women and Social Justice



Catholic and Anarchist: The spiritual wisdom of Dorothy Day



Journey to Sainthood: Dorothy Day



Dorothy Day Gave Her Life to Those America Left Behind



Podcast: Human rights activist Kerry Kennedy talks of her pursuit of equal justice



Work by incarcerated artists showcased in recent exhibit at IHM Sisters' gallery



On Good Friday, remember the inherent dignity of those in prison



Litany for Peace



Pope Leo is not traveling to bring hope to Africa, but to find hope



Laudato Si' Animators Program 2026

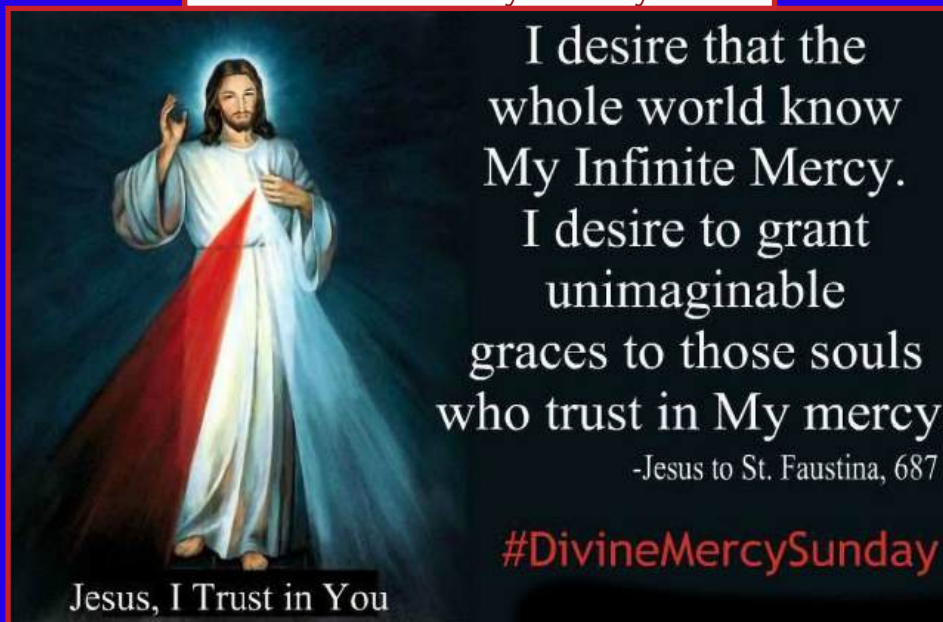


Season of Creation 2026 Theme – "Living Water"



Support the Farm Bill to Fight Global Hunger

**April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Divine Mercy Sunday**



*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.*