

SOCIETY OF MARY

Marists in the United States

Justice & Peace Alert

January 22, 2021



Pope prays Biden works to heal divisions,
promote human dignity



Biden to prioritize legal status for millions
of immigrants



Statement of Pope Francis on Biden Inauguration

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, DC

On the occasion of your inauguration as the forty-sixth President of the United States of America, I extend cordial good wishes and the assurance of my prayers that Almighty God will grant you wisdom and strength in the exercise of your high office. Under your leadership, may the American people continue to draw strength from the lofty political, ethical and religious values that have inspired the nation since its founding. At a time when the grave crises facing our human family call for farsighted and united responses, I pray that your decisions will be guided by a concern for building a society marked by authentic justice and freedom, together with unfailing respect for the rights and dignity of every person, especially the poor, the vulnerable and those who have no voice. I likewise ask God, the source of all wisdom and truth, to guide your efforts to foster understanding, reconciliation and peace within the United States and among the nations of the world in order to advance the universal common good. With these sentiments, I willingly invoke upon you and your family and the beloved American people an abundance of blessings.

FRANCISCUS PP.

Amanda Gorman reads the inaugural poem "The Hill We Climb"



Cardinal Gregory's invocation for nationwide COVID-19 Memorial Service

Remembering those who have died from COVID-19

On Tuesday, January 20, 2021, the bells at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC tolled 400 times in memory of the 400,000 people who have died from COVID-19.

*May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace.
Amen.*



Pope: King's 'vision of harmony, equality for all' remains timely



Notre Dame Preparatory and Marist Academy (NDPMA), Pontiac, Michigan

NO INJUSTICE ZONE

Weekly dialogue sessions in the middle school focus on social justice, inclusion and human rights. Martin Luther King Jr. Day provides another opportunity to focus on Notre Dame's DEI initiative.



A final requiem for an extraordinary nun and champion of Black Catholic history

REMINDER ...

Racial Justice and the Catholic Church

This free 4-session virtual discussion, hosted by Our Lady of Assumption's (Atlanta, Georgia) Saturday Morning Men's Group, will examine the presence of racism in this country. It will also explore how Catholic social teaching has been used, or not used, to combat racism and promote reconciliation and justice. The discussion group is based on Fr. Bryan Massingale's book, *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church* and will be facilitated by Ashley Morris, Associate Director of the Office of Intercultural Ministries in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Learn more about these discussion sessions [here](#).



“Killing In Our Name: Federal Executions and Pro-life Witness”

On Friday, January 8, 2021, the Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University in Washington, DC in partnership with the Catholic Mobilizing Network held an online public dialogue – “Killing in Our Name: Federal Executions and Pro-life Witness.” This dialogue brought together a U.S. bishop, a Christian pastor, and two national advocates for ending capital punishment to explore how the principles of Catholic social thought can offer direction and urgency in ending the death penalty, both in the United States and worldwide. A video recording of the dialogue can be viewed [HERE](#)

#KillingInOurName: Federal Executions and Pro-Life Witness

A virtual public dialogue featuring:



Bishop Daniel Flores of Brownsville, Texas



Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy, Catholic Mobilizing Network



Sr. Helen Prejean, CSJ, Anti-death penalty visionary



Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan, Jr., Ohio Council of Churches

To sign a petition urging President Biden to honor the sanctity of life and end the federal death penalty, [CLICK HERE](#).



Faith, Science and Youth

Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim
Coordinator of AFPAT (Association des femmes peules et peuples autochtones du Tchad)

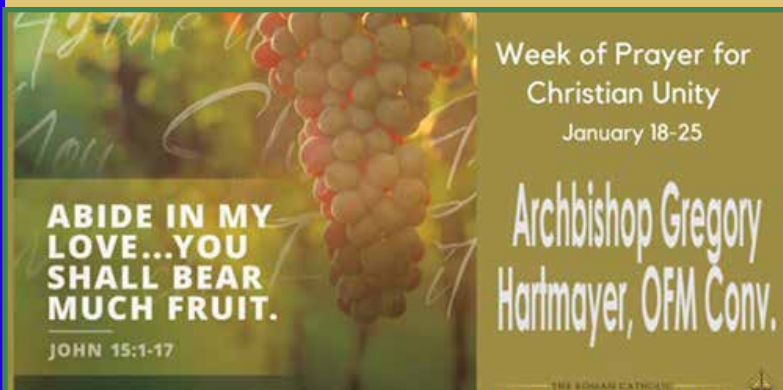


Faith, Science and Youth leaders call for Climate Ambition

Ahead of the climate ambition summit, leading global voices from faith, science, and youth came together to share the moral imperative to rebuild our economies for true resilience.

Archbishop Gregory Hartmayer Reflects on the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Roman Catholic Archbishop of Atlanta, Georgia, Gregory Hartmayer talks about the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the theme for 2021: “Abide in my love...You shall bear much fruit.” John 15:1-17.



January 2021 Reflection from Society of Mary Superior General, Fr. John Larsen, SM



Our Marist spirituality is our particular way of deepening the work of grace called "ecological conversion".

In our distracted world a profound inner silence enables us to hear the Word of the Lord both in the Scriptures and the Tradition and also in the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth.

Fr John Larsen—Superior General

Marists Refugees and Migrants

Brother Ivan Vodopivec, SM is Chair of the Society of Mary Solidarity Committee Europe. Here is the first of 4 reflections the committee has prepared on Marists and Solidarity. The theme is Refugees and Migrants - "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" - Matt 25:38.



2021 Virtual Youth Rally and Mass for Life, Washington, DC

The Youth Rally and Mass for Life will be held virtually on January 29, 2021. Live streaming will be available on multiple platforms, beginning at 8:30 AM on Friday, January 29. Mass will begin at 10:00 AM. Learn more HERE.

Pray to Protect Human Life!

Join dioceses across the country in praying for the protection of human life throughout the 9 Days for Life novena through livestreamed prayer events. **Learn more about these events and the novena.**



March for Life – Virtual Events