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## Reflections on 'Fratelli Tutti'



John Carr, the Director of Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life at Georgetown University in Washington, DC wrote, "Fratelli Tutti is a powerful expression of faith in a time of doubt, a call to hope in a time of fear, and a challenge to love in at time of anger and division. Pope Francis' letter is a combination of Franciscan themes and Jesuit discernment, shaped by Argentinian pastoral experience and traditional Catholic social teaching. The encyclical affirms and applies the principles of Catholic social teaching to the "new things" of 2020: a global pandemic, an economic crisis, political polarization, and social isolation and exclusion." Read Carr's full publication [here](#).

Read the Feature Series on 'Fratelli Tutti' by National Catholic Reporter [here](#).

## Peace Through Interreligious Dialogue

Fr. Kevin Medilo, SM, recently completed his Licentiate on Inter-Religious Dialogue. His thesis is titled *Living Together in Peace Through Interreligious Encounter: Christian and Buddhist Dialogue in Myanmar*. In this [piece](#), Fr. Kevin [shares](#) some of work.



## **Catholic Mobilizing Network – Respect Life Month Toolkit**

October is Respect Life Month, a time for Catholics to reflect more deeply on the sacred dignity of human life. The [Respect Life Month Toolkit](#) from Catholic Mobilizing Network offers a selection of easy-to-use resources designed to assist Catholic parishes, dioceses, families, and individuals in advocating for a culture of life and an end to capital punishment.



## 'Kindness Week' at Marist School, Atlanta, Georgia

For this year's 'Kindness Week', the theme was "Marist United." Students signed the No Place for Hate Pledge and acknowledged each other's random acts of kindness. Virtual students also had the opportunity to participate. We want to know: **How will you show kindness today?**



The students, faculty and staff were led in the following prayer:

"Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered. In our community, we are many different people; we come from many different places, have many different cultures. We are called to stretch out our arms between oppressed, ignored, ridiculed, and unfairly convicted. Remind us that kindness is not a nice thought but a duty to break the chains of injustice and to set free the oppressed. Teach us, Father, how to live in love and not in fear. Teach us what it means to speak with conviction without using words as weapons. Teach us to carry both strength and gentleness, to offer kindness even in our anger, to listen without lashing out. So, Father, as I reach for the garments of grace-compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, I trust you for strength to extend to others the same loving-kindness you have poured on me. Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us."

### Virtual Anti-racist Summer Reading Prayer Service

A virtual prayer service was recently held at Marist School, Atlanta, Georgia for students. The prayer service focused on the anti-racist summer reading. Nik Rodewald, SM worked with some students and faculty to arrange and record some music which was then turned into two reflection videos.

[Reflection Video](#)

[Closing Song](#)



### Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA – Come and learn who she is and why she should be a saint!

On Saturday, October 17th at 2:00pm, you are invited to join a discussion about the Servant of God, Sr. Thea Bowman, FSPA. The guest speakers include Fr. Maurice Nutt, CSsR, Sr. Patricia Chappell, SNDdeN, and Ms. Vallimar Jansen.

[Event Registration](#)

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[Video: Sister Thea Bowman: Interview with Fr. Maurice Nutt, C.Ss.R](#)