

# Society of Mary

Marists in the United States

## Justice & Peace Alert



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### Tree Planting at Our Lady of the Assumption (OLA) Atlanta, Georgia

On May 23, 2021 the OLA Creation Care Ministry hosted a Tree Planting in honor of the Fifth Anniversary of the release of Pope Francis's encyclical on the environment.

Watch video of tree planting ceremony [here](#).



NOTRE DAME

Pontiac, Michigan

Congratulations to Notre Dame Lower School for once again receiving a Michigan Green School designation. It's the 10th year in a row for the lower school, which earned this year's award for activities such as recycling paper in the classrooms; using recycled materials to make art projects; learning about plants and animals and how to help them; using refillable water bottles; and planting flowers in our Mary Garden.



### Connections - the Earth and the Poor

One of the 7 Goals of Laudato Si is to respond to the Cry of the Poor. Fr. Tony O'Connor, SM, on the Mexican Border, [writes](#) that the Cry of the Earth - drought in Honduras and Guatemala compounded by the Climate Crisis, and political instability, leads to the Cry of the Poor - of those he is working with.



**Pope Francis launches program to put Laudato Si' into action throughout church**



**The goals of the Laudato Si' action plan are fulfilled in "community engagement and participatory action"**



**"Laudato Si' and the U.S. Catholic Church: A Conference Series on Our Common Home" is a biennial conference series to convene, equip, and inspire Catholics who can more deeply integrate Laudato Si' and its climate change teaching into the U.S. Church. Learn more about this conference and how to register [HERE](#).**

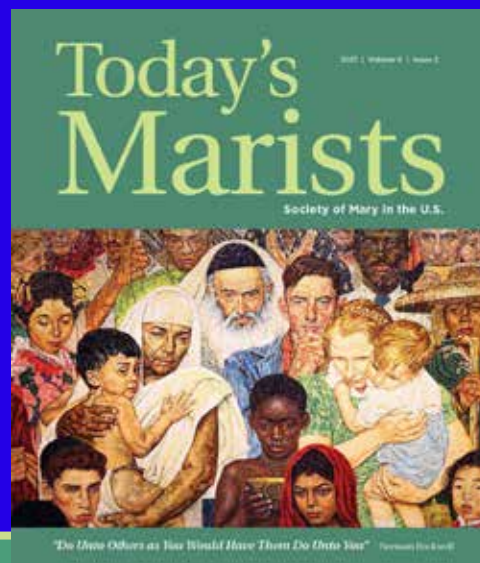
**June reflection for Marist Laity: Fratelli Tutti - Who Is My Neighbor?**

Bev McDonald, Marist Laity New Zealand team Coordinator/Director and member of the International Marist Lay Network, explores the 2nd chapter of Fratelli Tutti in which Pope Francis unwraps the parable of the Good Samaritan, telling us that 'we cannot be indifferent to suffering ...instead, we should feel indignant, challenged to emerge from our comfortable isolation and to be changed by our contact with human suffering.'



## Racism and the Catholic Church one year after George Floyd's murder

A conversation with Fordham University's Fr. Bryan Massingale about the progress of racial justice in the United States since George Floyd's murder one year ago. America's national correspondent Michael O'Loughlin hosts the conversation.



Be on the lookout for the next issue of *Today's Marists*! The Centerspread in this issue, *Marist Response to Racial Sensitivity in Our Ministries*, includes an article by Mr. Ashley Morris, Th.M., Associate Director, Office of Intercultural Ministries, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta about a four-week virtual series this past January at Our Lady of the Assumption in Atlanta, Georgia. The series focused on key components of Father Bryan Massingale's influential book, *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter against racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*.

## Diocese Mourns the Tulsa Race Massacre on its 100th Anniversary



## Tulsa Race Massacre: Reflections on the Role the Cathedral Played Then and Now

