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February Community Meal

All are invited to the Community Meal on **Sunday, February 23** from 1-2pm in the Walmesley Center. This is a free, monthly meal for all in the greater community who wish to attend. Join us for fellowship and great food. This month's meal is hosted by Hope Lutheran.

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Thank You St. Martin de Porres Meal Ministry!

Thanks to our dedicated group of parishioners who pick up donated food from a local restaurant each week to deliver to St. Martin de Porres Shelter. St. Martin's, run by Catholic Community Services, serves 212 homeless men over age 50 each night. Thanks to our volunteers, 5200+ meals were delivered through this great ministry in 2019!

Maryknoll Immersion Trips

Maryknoll, the Catholic Foreign Missions Society of America, invites you to join them on one of their immersion trips this year. Encounter people around the world and learn how the Church is responding to their needs in places like Kenya, Tanzania, El Salvador, Guatemala, Bolivia and the U.S./Mexico border. Visit maryknoll.us/home/mission-trips/upcoming-trips to learn more.

Safe Parking Update

Last week, we blessed the new Safe Parking lot, installed the port-a-potty, and had a training with a great group of volunteers. Signs will soon be going up soon and the insulated Hospitality Hut will be stocked with food and supplies. We are planning to welcome our first guests on Monday, February 24. Please keep them in your prayers.

Dying to Live: Stories on the Road to Freedom

Join Jesuit Refugee Service/USA on Thursday, **February 27** at 7pm at Seattle U's Student Center 106 to hear refugee expert and author Danielle Vella share about her new book, which tells the stories of people who have been forced to flee their homes in their own words. Come hear selections from the book, ask your questions about the refugee experience, and encounter the stories of the forcibly displaced. Visit www.jrsusa.org/dyingtolive to RSVP and learn more.

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Join the Day of Service Planning Team

Looking for a fun, short-term volunteer opportunity? Need volunteer hours for school? The Day of Service team is looking for a couple people to help implement the

March 28 event. Join us on Friday, **March 6** at 8:30am in the Pastoral Center for our monthly meeting.

OLG Immigrant Ministry Welcomes New Members

Come check out OLG's Immigrant Ministry as we seek new ways to encounter our immigrant brothers and sisters through education, advocacy and community building. Our next meeting is Friday, **February 21** at 9:45am in the Pastoral Center. Come learn about our upcoming panel on refugees, our efforts to support local asylee families and more! We look forward to seeing you there!

Day of Service 2020: Rainier Valley Food Bank Youth Site

Join the 100+ parishioners who have already signed up for the Day of Service on Saturday, **March 28**! With 17 projects still left to choose from, you may need more information! This week's featured project is **Rainier Valley Food Bank Youth Site**. This volunteer opportunity is for 6th-12th graders interested in volunteering with their peers. RVFB is the busiest food bank in all of Seattle, located in one of the most diverse areas of the city. Fulfilling its mission to "nourish with good food, empower with knowledge, and serve with compassion", RVFB fills over 5,000 orders each month. Youth volunteers will distribute food to customers and help with other tasks as needed. To learn more about Day of Service or sign up for a project, go to: <http://www.olgseattle.org/day-of-service>.

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Support the DREAM Act of 2019: Contact Senators Today!

The House passed H.R. 6 which includes a path to citizenship for DACA recipients. Catholic Community Services asks you to urge your senators to support Dreamers too. Contact them today and ask them to stand in support of young adult immigrants by supporting H.R. 6/S. 874, which provides critical permanent legal protection to DACA recipients, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) holders. For a pre-written, editable action alert, visit: <https://www.votervoice.net/CCSWW/Campaigns/70024/Respond>

Catholic Relief Services: Pass the Global Child Thrive Act

The Global Child Thrive Act is gaining support in the House. Let's keep the momentum going! The U.S. Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services need your help to support Early Childhood Development (ECD) around the world. Urge your representative to support the Global Child Thrive Act (H.R. 4864), which will mandate integrating ECD activities into U.S. government-funded international programming for children. ECD activities include helping children to play, exploring colors, music