



Peace Offerings

Patrick Gallaher of Arkansas Catholic Charities to Speak on Disaster Relief

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Mr. Patrick Gallaher, executive director of Catholic Charities of Arkansas, will be speaking following the Pax Christi LR board meeting on **Thursday, October 5** at 7:30.

Please note that this is a change in our usual meeting time of every 2nd Thursday. Mr. Gallaher will

be emphasizing the work of Catholic Charities in the area of disaster relief. However, he will also elaborate on the many other ministries performed by his organization.

These services include alcohol and drug ministry, adoption services, immigration services, relief services,



prison ministry, free medical assistance, social action services, refugee resettlement, and more.

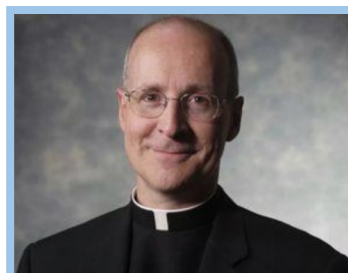
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Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

SAVE THE DATE

Father James Martin will be speaking via Skype on his new book, *Building a Bridge*, on Thursday, November 9 at 7 pm. We will meet at the St. John's Catholic Center



Fr. James Martin
in Fitzgerald Hall
(2500 N. Tyler Street,
Little Rock, AR). In

September, PCLR began a conversation between the Catholic Church and LGBTQ community with a book study on *Building a Bridge*. The conversation continues! All are welcome.

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Active Peacemaking Initiative

As part of our ongoing endeavor to put study and prayer into action, here is our highlighted October project that demonstrates our goal of active peacemaking.

Discussion on Formation of LGBTQ Support Group

Father Mark Wood is going to be working with Pax Christi Little Rock to explore and research the possibility of organizing an LGBTQ support group within the Catholic Church here in Arkansas. Once research is completed and the needs of the Catholic LGBTQ community are actively assessed, a proposal will be made to Bishop Taylor regarding the formation of this group(s). Father Wood will be present at our October 5 board meeting, where we will begin this process. He will be obtaining information from other Catholic support groups and share this information with the board. On November 9, Fr. James Martin will be presenting via Skype to talk about his book, *Building a Bridge*. We will also be able to consult with him regarding support group formation.

September Mission Results

Last month, Pax Christi Little Rock requested that attendees at our book study contribute to disaster relief services through Catholic Charities of Arkansas in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Generous members and guests contributed \$525 to this cause.

Faith, hope and love abide, but the greatest of these is love.

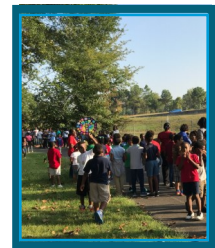
Pax Christi Walks with Rockefeller Elementary for Peace



Rockefeller Peace Walk

On Friday, September 22, as part of Arkansas Peace Week, Pax Christi Little Rock sponsored a Walk for Peace at Rockefeller Elementary School. The entire school, students and teachers, clapped, sang, marched and danced for peace. Several students carried signs. The students wore peace buttons and necklaces donated by Pax

Christi. They had been learning about peace throughout the week, engaging in journaling, drawing peace pictures, fundraising for the Red Cross, and learning about conflict resolution. Rockefeller's participation in Peace Week culminated in an invitation to visit Central High during the 60th anniversary of the Little Rock Nine. For Peace Week activity pictures, see page 4.



Pax Christi's Monthly Mission



Our October mission will focus on providing direct support for the disaster relief efforts in Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

Catholic Charities has a connection in PR who can provide direct relief. Funds will be sent to Father Enrique Camacho, Caritas de Puerto Rico, Calle San Jorge 201, San Juan, PR 00911. As you know, Puerto Rico is in a state of emergency. Please be generous in your contributions.

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PEACE PARTNERS

Peace Partners highlights various peace and social justice organizations that share our vision: active promotion of peace in our neighborhood, state, country and world. The goal is to increase awareness of the many organizations in our area that work for peace through social justice and invite joint ventures between these groups to increase the effectiveness of our mission.

ISLAMIC CENTER OF
LITTLE ROCK

The Islamic Center of Arkansas was established on January 16, 1992 to fulfill the Muslim Community's religious, educational, social and cultural needs. The center is located at 3224 Anna Street, Little Rock, AR. Imam Mahmoud Al-Denawy is the spiritual leader of the Islamic Center. Imam Al-Denawy has been involved in many interfaith activities over the years, sharing the tenets of the Muslim faith with other religions and actively promoting peace and social justice. In addition to housing a mosque and religious school, ICLR supports a food pantry, community center and more.

PEACE ACROSS FAITHS

PRAYING TOGETHER AS ACTIVE PEACEMAKERS

On September 25, the Islamic Center of Little Rock held an interfaith prayer program and a dinner in coordination with Arkansas Peace Week. Leaders from several different faiths were present. Bob Estes, Director of Arkansas Peace Week, provided introductory remarks. Rabbi Kalman Win-

nick read from Jewish scripture. Revs. Odessa Darraugh and Stephen Copley shared readings from the Christian Bible. Islamic text was shared by Sr. Aneesah Dawan and Br. Abu Nuh gave an Islamic prayer. Dr. Pat McGraw, Queen Mother of Imani Temple, read an excerpt from a book



Islamic Youth Group

she has written. President Ghulam Khaleel gave closing remarks. A middle Eastern dinner followed.



LITTLE ROCK PEACE POLE

There are thousands of Peace Poles planted around the world, dedicated as monuments of peace. On Monday, September 18, a Peace Pole was dedicated in Little Rock bearing the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in the languages of English, Arabic, Chinese, Spanish, Swahili, Japanese, French and Hindi. Pulaski County administrators hosted the event in the Pulaski County Administration parking lot.

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ARKANSAS PEACE WEEK

MAKE PEACE OUR "NATURAL" STATE

September 17-24

