

# PEACE OFFERINGS

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**Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God.**  
**Matthew 5:9**

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## Ingrid Castrillo, Immigration Specialist, to Share “The Reality of Immigration in Arkansas”

Ingrid Castrillo is an Immigration Specialist with Catholic Charities of Arkansas. She will be presenting a program on “The Reality of Immigration in Arkansas” in person on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 pm CST. Pax Christi Little Rock members and friends are invited to attend this presentation in Fitzgerald Hall at St. John’s Center (2500 N. Tyler St., Little Rock). For those unable to attend in person, the zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89207132331>.

Ingrid was born in Puebla, Mexico and came to the United States at the age of eight. Her passion for immigration law came from her personal experience as well as the struggles she witnessed in her immigrant community as they dealt with the US immigration system. Ingrid graduated from Central High. After being told she should join the US military due to her immigration status, Ingrid made it a personal goal to be the first person in her family to graduate from college. After many struggles with college registrations, she received an Associate Degree from Pulaski Tech and graduated with a double major in International Relations and Political Science from UALR.

Ingrid applied for law school, but her immigration status prevented her application from being reviewed. In 2012, after DACA became law, Ingrid was able to be-

come a receptionist at a law firm where she was determined to learn about the law. Eventually, she helped build a law firm and managed it for six years.

In 2021, Ingrid joined Catholic Charities and began representing immigrants with US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). She has a passion for immigration law and her goal is to continue to represent her immigrant community and one day contribute to changing the immigration system. Ingrid loves her family, knowing what sacrifices her parents have made, and she wants them to be worth it.



### Ingrid Castrillo

Immigration Specialist,  
Catholic Charities of Arkansas

**“The Reality of Immigration in Arkansas”**

**April 20, 6:30 pm CST**

**Live presentation-Fitzgerald Hall**

Zoom:

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# 9th Annual Pilgrimage for Peace Draws Coalition of Active Peacemakers Young and Old



**Heifer International**

Service, an ecumenical event that memorialized those who lost their lives to violence in Pulaski County in the past year. The Pilgrimage took place on Sunday, April



**Active Peacemakers**

this perfect spring day to walk about a mile down President Clinton Avenue, through the River Market, and across the Junction Bridge to the Beacon for Peace and Hope in North Little Rock.



**Telling the Stories**

Pax Christi Little Rock coordinated the 9th Annual Pilgrimage for Peace and Remembrance



**World Peace**

16 beginning at 2 pm in front of Heifer International. Approximately 90 peacemakers turned out on



**Picture caption**

Many more people joined the pilgrims there at 3 pm to take part in the Remembrance Service.



**Peacemakers All**

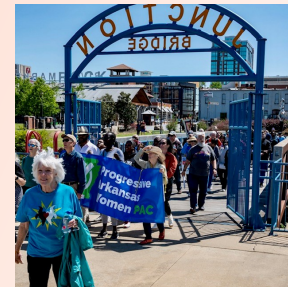
around the theme of peace interspersed with reading the names of all who died at the hand of violence in Pulaski County in the past year. A chime was struck after the reading of each set



**Crossing the Bridge**

of names, with a moment of silence observed to honor those who had died. This moving service brought home the importance of saying the names of those who died so that they not be forgotten and so that we become more aware of the magnitude of each of these deaths in our desensitized world. A reading was shared during the service entitled *Saying the Names*. It was written by Pax Christi USA National Council

There were faith, service, and social justice representatives who provided prayers, poems, and readings



**Junction Bridge Entrance**

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**Deep Thoughts**



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**Honorine Uwimana**

member Honorine Uwimana from Rwanda (see text below). She made the point that saying the names of the deceased “activates our humanity, kindness, concern, and perspective-taking.” This is why the Pilgrimage is held each year. So that the scores of people who lose their lives in this violent world are not forgotten, and so that we are reminded that there is much to be done in their names to address the root causes of this violence.

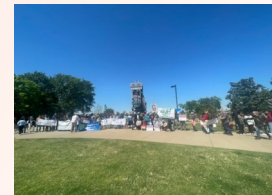


**The Beacon**



**Fire and Brimstone**

Fire and Brimstone (Phil and Lori) provided upbeat and inspirational music to entertain the crowd both before and after the Remembrance Service. This musical duo returns to the Pilgrimage each year. They exude the peace that they sing about and are a wonderful addition to the Pilgrimage. They let the peacemakers know that they have arrived at the Beacon for Peace and Hope, singing them home.



**Gathering of Peacemakers**

## SAY THEIR NAMES



**Abstract of God's Name**

**Each name carries a story that the story itself is not complete without.** A name invites us to meet all aspects of the person and not just the most voiced parts or the comfortable parts. A name allows us to relate to the person's life, family, pain, and their aspirations.

Different walls of remembrance list the names of those we honor and whose legacy we carry in one way or another; their names remind us that they lost lives they cherished

and left behind families and friends who will never be the same again. Their names remind us of the cause they died for or died of; saying their names ignites in us action and compassion.

**Tamir Rice, Trayvon Martin, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Jayland Walker, Patrick Lyoya,** and many others tell us a story beyond police brutality and racial bias—a story of a life interrupted, milestones they did not get a chance to live, families that mourn them, and an over half-century old dream not yet honored. Saying someone's name activates our humanity, kindness, concern, and perspective-taking.

**Honorine Uwimana**

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**SAVE THE DATE****Sr. Angela Faustina, CSJ**

National Speaker on Anti-Racism

**Recognizing and Addressing  
Racism in our Culture****May 18, 6:30 pm CST****Zoom presentation-Fitzgerald Hall****2500 N. Tyler St. Little Rock**

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89207132331>**PCLR FOCUSES ON ANTI-RACISM  
IN UPCOMING 3-PART SERIES**

In **May-July 2023**, PCLR has organized a three-part series to address the issue of racism. While PCLR is aware that it is going to take much more than a speaker series to adequately grapple with these issues, we are beginning the process of educating ourselves and looking within in order to gain a more objective vision.

- **May-Sr. Angela Faustina, CSJ** (National Speaker on Anti-Racism)
- **June-Michael Howard** (Eat the Scrolls Ministry) and **Charlene Howard** (PCUSA National Council President)
- **July-Fr. Warren Harvey and the Arkansas Diocesan Council for Black Catholics (DCBC)**

**Prayer for Migrants and Refugees**

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body. You offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst. Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in who we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. (USCCB)

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## PCLR FOOD PANTRY MARCH 2023



**Clara and Move Team**

On March 3, Settled Souls helped settle Clara and her two-year-old son into an apartment. Clara lost her partner unexpectedly and was forced to relocate back to Arkansas with her son. She went to Our House seeking shelter last September and enrolled in the Our House CAFSI (Central AR Family Stability Institute) program. Clara has been navigating being a single parent to her son while grieving the loss of her partner and father to her son. She has been brave, maintaining employment attending parenting classes, and engaging in events, courses and case management services to support them. She recently started working at a restaurant. Her family helped her with a bed and some kitchen items and Settled Souls helped fill in the rest to help her new place feel more like a home. Pax Christi (Lee Bass) took over some staples, canned, and fresh food and helped with the move.

On March 14, Mike and his CTK team helped furnish a Jericho Way duplex that was being readied for a new tenant. Pax Christi supplied staples and canned goods for the person who would be moving into the home.



**Miriam Puts Up Food**

## PCLR Helps Victims of Tornado in Little Rock



A violent tornado struck Little Rock as well other parts of the state on March 31 at 2:20 pm, doing terrible damage to homes and buildings throughout the city. It was amazing that there were no lives lost. Pax Christi made the decision immediately to provide \$300 in Target gift cards through Christ the King Church tornado resource station. Several members of CTK also took personal donations to CTK and volunteered to help set up and hand out supplies.

The board voted last week to donate \$1000 to Catholic Charities of Arkansas' Disaster Relief Fund with board members pledging to match this amount. Catholic Charities will use funds to help with housing needs and more long term relief for individuals and families who lost everything in the storm.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3: 5-6**