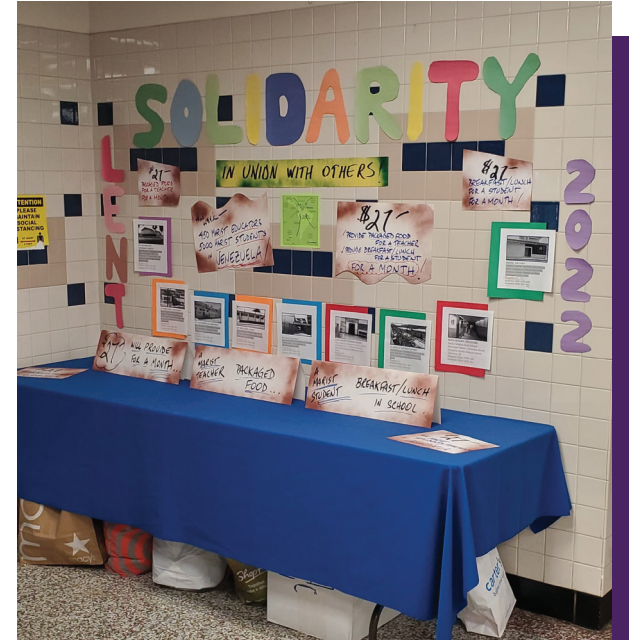




# LENTEN CALL TO SOLIDARITY



*March 7<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>:* Thanks to a collaboration between Athletics, Campus Ministry, and the Marist Brothers at Molloy, Stanners were able to send bags full of supplies to the Dominican Republic this Lenten season. Students, parents, faculty, and alumni donated shoes and backpacks to be distributed to our brothers and sisters in need in the DR. The backpacks will be filled with school supplies, because according to Ms. Wilson, “The belief is that education is the key to change.”

*March 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>:* Together we practiced solidarity with homeless New Yorkers. Donations of new men’s socks, underwear, gently used sweatshirts and pants were collected and will be distributed to those in need. A breakfast Run coinciding with the delivery of these items will take place on April 2nd.

*March 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>:* During Molloy Spirit Week, we stood in solidarity with Marists in Venezuela. Economic, social, and political conditions have deteriorated to the point where the over 400 Marist educators and their families are struggling. There are currently 450 Marist teachers and almost 5,000 Marist students that attend nine impoverished Marist schools in rural areas of Venezuela. They are often deprived of the most essential necessities (i.e. food, medications, etc). Teachers in these schools earn between \$20 - \$30 per month in salaries and the cost to feed one fellow Marist educator in Venezuela for a month is \$27. Thank you to our students and faculty, who raised money for or sponsored Marist educators during Spirit Week.

*March 28<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>:* Solidarity with Moms and their babies - donations will be given to Bridge for Life and support struggling new moms. And students have the invitation to be in conversation on the dignity of all life with Fr. James Martin, SJ on Wednesday, March 30 from 2:15 - 3PM. This conversation will be through zoom. Students are invited to email Mrs. Jelcic ([djelcic@molloys.org](mailto:djelcic@molloys.org)) or Ms. Wilson ([lwilson@molloys.org](mailto:lwilson@molloys.org)) if they can come join this conversation.

*April 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>:* Our hearts break as we watch footage of the Ukrainian/Russian war. We know that refugees and those who cannot leave their homes are suffering. We will be collecting monetary donations on Wednesday, April 6th and Friday, April 8th during homeroom. Our efforts will culminate with Friday’s Faculty vs. Seniors Basketball Game. Molloy will send all money collected to a Catholic Relief group, either the Jesuit Refugee service or through Marists in Ireland, which will support Ukrainian refugees.