

# **RADICAL COMPASSION AND KINSHIP: THE VOCATION OF THE EDUCATOR IN TIME OF CRISIS**

**Speaker and Facilitator:**

**FATHER GREG BOYLE,**

Society of Jesus and Founder of  
Homeboys Industries.

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**9am - Noon via Microsoft Teams**

9am - 10:30am Keynote/Reflection

10:30am-12pm Writing in Kinship\*

*The Center for Teaching & Learning  
is grateful to sponsor this session to both  
honor and thank you as Marquette faculty and  
instructors. We will be led with grace by Fr. Boyle  
through a reflection on our roles as instructors  
particularly during this time of multiple crises  
(COVID-19, health and economic instability,  
racial inequity, and campus budget decisions).*

***Each registered participant will receive a free copy of  
Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship.***

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\* Join us if you wish following Fr. Boyle's address to reflect and write in community on the theme of the vocation of the educator in this moment. We will take up issues from vocational discernment to public-facing social justice issues. Faculty will be invited to contribute to an edited volume of essays associated with MU Press on the theme of what teaching and pedagogy means to you as Marquette faculty now.

This will be an opportunity to reflect on and discuss ways to write with colleagues in kinship or by yourself during Spring '21 about the ways in which 2020 has affected and informed you as a person, as a faculty, and in relationship with students, given the unique factors of:

- Catholic social teaching
- COVID-19 research and education
- Ignatian pedagogy
- Adaptive teaching and learning
- Racial injustice and the classroom
- Radical kinship
- The mission of a Jesuit university
- Our changing educational landscape
- Teaching in a time of political strife
- How you understand your vocation now
- Cross-disciplinary research and innovation
- High impact teaching practices
- Art and expression in education



In a moving example of unconditional love in difficult times, Gregory Boyle, the Jesuit priest and *New York Times* bestselling author of *Tattoos on the Heart*, shares what working with gang members in Los Angeles has taught him about faith, compassion, and the enduring power of kinship.

In his first book, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*, Gregory Boyle introduced us to Homeboy Industries, the largest gang-intervention program in the world. Boyle returns with *Barking to the Choir* to reveal how compassion is transforming the lives of gang members.

A native Angeleno and Jesuit priest, from 1986 to 1992 Father Boyle served as pastor of Dolores Mission Church in Boyle Heights, then the poorest Catholic parish in Los Angeles that also had the highest concentration of gang activity in the city.

Father Boyle witnessed the devastating impact of gang violence on his community during the so-called “decade of death” that began in the late 1980s and peaked at 1,000 gang-related killings in 1992. In the face of law enforcement tactics and criminal justice policies of suppression and mass incarceration as the means to end gang violence, he and parish and community members adopted what was a radical approach at the time: treat gang members as human beings.

In 1988 they started what would eventually become Homeboy Industries, which employs and trains former gang members in a range of social enterprises, as well as provides critical services to thousands of men and women who walk through its doors every year seeking a better life.

Father Boyle is the author of the 2010 *New York Times*-bestseller *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*. His new book, *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship*, was published in 2017.

He has received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2014, President Obama named Father Boyle a *Champion of Change*. He received the University of Notre Dame’s 2017 Laetare Medal, the oldest honor given to American Catholics. Currently, he serves as a committee member of California Governor Gavin Newsom’s Economic and Job Recovery Task Force as a response to COVID-19.