More about Father Gregory Boyle

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, 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.

Father Boyle has received the California Peace Prize and been inducted into the California Hall of Fame. In 2014, the White House 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.

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“The discovery that awaits us is that paradise is contained in the here and now” - Father Gregory Boyle
Calendar of Events

SCARED STRAIGHT: 20 YEARS LATER
Monday, February 3rd—6:00 pm
City Hall Council Chambers
Kick off a month of events with a movie, revisiting the original teenage lawbreakers from the Academy Award winning film, *Scared Straight*, and see if their lives were changed by the intervention of convicts.

TASTE & SEE: CHIPS AND SALSA
Thursday, February 13th—11:00 am
Sierra Madre Public Library
Stop by the Library for a blind taste test. There’ll be something new every month for your taste buds to explore. This month we’ll try a variety of chips and salsa including Homeboy.

TOUR HOMEBOY INDUSTRIES
Friday, February 28th—11:00 am
Homeboy Industries, Los Angeles
Tour Homeboy Industries starting at 11:00 am. Meet up with a group at the ticket kiosk at the Sierra Madre Villa Metro station at 10:00 am to travel together (wear your walking shoes).
This is a free, ticketed event. Tickets will be available at the Library starting on January 6th.

BARKING TO THE CHOIR: The Power of Radical Kinship
with Father Gregory Boyle
Saturday, February 15th—6:30 pm
Sierra Madre Elementary School
Join us as Father Boyle shares his inspirational journey of kinship and unconditional love on the streets of Los Angeles. Father Boyle will discuss his book, *Barking to the Choir*, and what is next for him and his homeboys.
This is a free, ticketed event. Tickets will be available at the Library starting January 6th.

CAFÉ VIDA PLAY—COLD READING
Monday, February 17th—7:00 pm
Sierra Madre Playhouse
Enjoy a cold reading of *Café Vida*—a wonderful play and important cultural project for Los Angeles—which follows the men and women who work at Homeboy Industries. This program is brought to you in part by the Sierra Madre Playhouse. Registration is not required, but seating is limited.
This is a first come, first seated event.

3RD THURSDAY BOOK CLUB
Thursday, February 20th—11:00 am
Sierra Madre Public Library
Read and discuss *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship* with your friends and neighbors. *Barking to the Choir* reveals the success of using “radical kinship” and compassion to transform the lives of gang members. Learn to define your world with more compassion and fewer barriers.