Save the Date

An Afternoon with Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.

September 23, 2018
3:30–5:30 PM

St. Joseph Center
Mother Louis Room
480 S. Batavia St., Orange, CA 92868

No charge; but donations will be gratefully accepted.

Ticketed Soirée & Book Signing to follow in the gardens of the Loyola Institute.

Gregory Boyle, S.J., is the founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, the largest gang-intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world.

From 1986 to 1992 Father Boyle served as pastor of Dolores Mission Church, then the poorest Catholic parish in Los Angeles that also had the highest concentration of gang activity in the city.

Fr. 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, Fr. Boyle 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.

Fr. Boyle is the author of the 2010 *New York Times*-bestseller *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion*. His 2017 book is the *Los Angeles Times*-bestseller *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship*.