

**2024 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY****Father Greg Boyle**

Founder of Homeboy Industries, the nation's largest gang intervention program, providing hope, training, and support to formerly gang-involved and previously incarcerated persons.

***Cherished Belonging: Love in Divided Times***

**Monday, January 15, 6pm**  
**Heberton Hall, Keene Public Library**  
**60 Winter St, Keene, NH 03431**

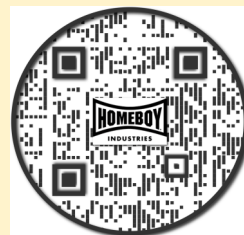
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A native of Los Angeles and a Jesuit priest, **Father Greg Boyle** served as pastor of Dolores Mission Church in the poorest Catholic parish in Los Angeles, which also had the highest concentration of gang activity in the city. While there, he witnessed 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. Fr. Greg, the parish and community members adopted a radical approach to the crisis that emphasized the humanity of gang members. Their efforts led to the founding of Homeboy Industries.

Fr. Greg is the author of numerous books, including the 2010 New York Times-bestseller *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* and the 2017 Los Angeles Times-bestseller *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship*. He is a recipient of the California Peace Prize and a 2011 inductee into the California Hall of Fame. In 2014, the White House honored him as a *Champion of Change* and, in 2017, the University of Notre Dame bestowed upon him the *Laetare Medal*, the oldest honor given to American Catholics. Fr. Greg has also served as a member of the Governor of California's Economic and Job Recovery Task Force and the National Gang Center Advisory Board.

Fr. Greg donates all proceeds from speaking engagements and book sales to Homeboy Industries. Learn more about Homeboy Industries and make your own generous donation at <https://homeboyindustries.org/donate/donate-online/> or scan the QR code.



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