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A Celebration of WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital



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Bishop Mark Brennan speaks at the April 9 celebration of Wheeling Hospital becoming a full member of the West Virginia University (WVU) Health System. Seated, from left, are Douglass Harrison, CEO of WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital; Albert Wright, president and CEO of WVU Health System; and Dr. E. Gordon Gee, president of WVU.

By Colleen Rowan

WHEELING—Bishop Mark Brennan has had two main goals for Wheeling Hospital since he became bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston: “Keep this hospital open and viable to serve the people in this area, and strengthen and improve it wherever possible. Secondly, keep it Catholic in identity and practice.”

Wheeling Hospital becoming a full member of the West Virginia University (WVU) Health System

accomplishes these goals, the bishop said in his remarks at the April 9 celebration of the agreement.

“The transfer of ownership of hospital operations to the WVU Health System ... expands Wheeling hospital’s access to specialists connected with the university hospital’s health system, modernizes many internal operations, and it does respect the tradition of Catholic healthcare.”

The WVU Health System, Wheeling Hospital, and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston formal-

ized their agreement to make Wheeling Hospital a full member of the WVU Health System March 31. The agreement is built on trust and mutual respect, Douglass Harrison, CEO of WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital, said at the celebration which gathered state and local dignitaries, medical staff, and employees in front of the hospital’s main entrance.

“It’s an agreement that was developed with that solid foundation of relationship, trust, and
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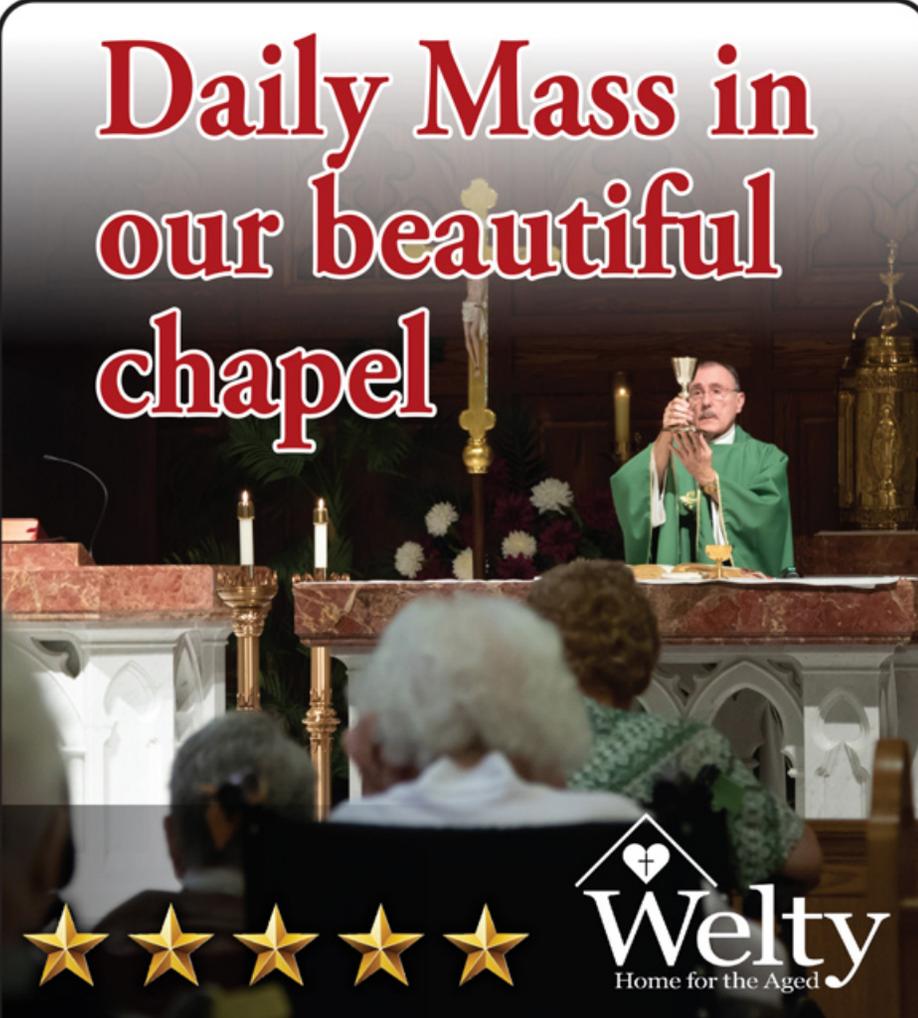


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knowing the strengths that each side brought to this table," Harrison said.

Bishop Brennan began by offering the invocation. In his remarks, he spoke of the ethos of Catholic healthcare: special concern for the poor, the basic principle of do no harm, and to see medicine in a holistic manner. Though this agreement, the bishop said, the WVU Health System benefits from its association with "a worldwide provider of healthcare, the Catholic Church."

Bishop Brennan said that church provides about 26% of healthcare in the world with 5,500 hospitals; 16,000 specialized centers; and 18,000 clinics. Two-thirds of the 26% in healthcare provided by the church are in developing countries, the bishop said, and there are roughly 620 Catholic hospitals in the U.S.

Catholic healthcare, he continued, is rooted in generous care of the neediest and the poorest. "It's religious and ethical directives embody wisdom coming right from the ancient world through to today," he said, noting that Catholic healthcare has produced innovators such as Abbot Gregor Mendel, Augustinian priest and founder of the modern science of genetics.

"I hope that we can recognize that this relationship is a two-way street... and that we can do good for the people of the Upper Ohio River Valley," Bishop Brennan said.

Bernie Twigg, who is serving as board chair of WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital and WVU Medicine Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Glen Dale, began his remarks by welcoming the doctors, nurses, technicians, and employees of Wheeling Hospital to the WVU Health System family.

"This is a grand day," Twigg said. "Healthcare is transformed in this Upper Ohio Valley."

Twigg spoke of the transformation that happened to Reynolds Memorial Hospital when it joined the WVU Health System, going from a small community hospital to one that earned \$10 million last year, "while providing service lines that people in Marshall County never imagined."

"Those same service lines will be made available to Wheeling Hospital and given its strong Catholic foundation it will continue to dote on the poor and make the less fortunate the focus of their efforts," said Twigg, who is a member of St. Jude Parish in Glen Dale. "I am encouraged by this association. I look forward to working with all of you. We have strong board representation from Ohio County, and we all look forward to this association."

The new WVU Medicine signs now on different parts of the hospital's facade look good, "but you'll



Colleen Rowan Photo

The new WVU Medicine sign appears beside the cross atop Tower 5 at WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital.

notice that there's still a cross on this building," said Albert Wright, president and CEO of WVU Health System.

It was gratifying for him to be at the hospital that day, he said, "as partners with an important vision to make this a long-term successful Catholic entity inside WVU medicine."

Also speaking at the celebration were Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va.; Dr. E. Gordon Gee, president of WVU; and Rep. David McKinley, R-W.Va.

As a full member of the WVU Health System, Wheeling Hospital will be part of a broad, integrated network of doctors, hospitals, clinics, and specialized institutes across West Virginia, Southwestern Pennsylvania, Western Maryland, and Ohio. Today, the WVU Health System, which operates under the brand WVU Medicine, has more than 20,000 employees; 2,815 providers; 22 member, managed, and affiliate hospitals; and more than 2.5 million patient visits annually.

As Wheeling Hospital joins the Health System, a new community Board of Directors will begin service in support of the hospital. In addition to Bishop Brennan, Harrison, Twigg, and Wright, WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital board members include: Mark Benson, M.D., president of Wheeling Hospital Medical Executive Committee; Todd Clossin, president and CEO of WesBanco; Wheeling Mayor Glenn F. Elliott, Jr.;

Kenneth Mason, community leader; Ohio County Commissioner Don Nickerson; Don Rigby, community leader; Jessica Rine, executive director of the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley; and Thomas Wack, M.D., county health officer, Wheeling-Ohio County Board of Health.

The WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute, WVU Medicine Children's, and WVU Medicine Emergency Medicine already operate programs at Wheeling Hospital, and the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute opened a clinic at the hospital in late 2020. The WVU Cancer Institute is also actively working with Wheeling Hospital to open a clinic on its campus.

After Bishop Brennan offered a closing prayer, the ceremony ended with the raising of the WVU Medicine flag in front of the hospital. The flag was raised by Joyce McCorder, a retired employee of the Wheeling Hospital Dietary Department who worked at the hospital for 39 years. She is a COVID-19 survivor who spent 29 days at Wheeling Hospital last year in the ICU on a ventilator. As her recovery progressed, she was then moved to the pandemic unit and then spent two months in rehabilitation. McCorder did not see her family for 90 days. After recovering from COVID, she decided it was time to retire and spend time with her family.

McCorder raised the WVU Medicine flag as the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra played "Take Me Home, Country Roads."



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Joyce McCorder, a COVID-19 survivor and retired employee of the Wheeling Hospital Dietary Department, prepares to raise the WVU Medicine flag in front of WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital April 9.

Cathedral of St. Joseph to Celebrate 95th Anniversary

Bishop Brennan Will Celebrate a Solemn Mass on the Anniversary April 21 at 6 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling will celebrate its 95th Anniversary of Dedication with Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Brennan on Wednesday, April 21 at 6 p.m.

Parishioners of the cathedral and faithful throughout the diocese are invited to attend.

The anniversary of the dedication of a cathedral church is observed with the rank of a solemnity in the cathedral itself and of a feast in the other churches of the diocese.

As the mother church of the diocese, the cathedral is a symbol of the unity of the local church and its dedication is therefore celebrated throughout the diocese.

"Faith in the Mountains: A History of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston," offers the following account of the cathedral's history: St. James Parish in Wheeling was completed by 1823, and initial members of the parish were primarily Irish and German immigrants. A second church was built in 1849. When the Diocese of Wheeling was created in 1850, St. James became the cathedral parish. The name of the parish was officially changed to St. Joseph in 1872.

St. Joseph Cathedral has been a center of Catholic life in Wheeling and the diocese from the time of its humble wood frame of 1823 to the majesty of the Romanesque carved stone of 1926. All city parishes and many in the Northern Panhandle (of West Virginia) were formed from the cathedral.

When Archbishop John J. Swint (who served as bishop of the diocese from 1922 to 1962) announced

his plans to build a new cathedral, he called upon the people of the diocese to build a cathedral that would be "symbolic of all the Catholic Church stands for" in West Virginia. Within one year, the old cathedral was raised and a temporary chapel was con-

structed for members of the cathedral parish to worship in until the new cathedral was completed.

By the following spring, construction had begun and the cornerstone for the new cathedral was blessed on May 5, 1924. Pittsburgh architect Edward J. Weber

was selected to design the new cathedral. Working closely with Archbishop Swint, a Lombard Romanesque style of architecture was chosen.

The new cathedral, built entirely of Indiana lime stone, was completed within two years and con-

secrated on April 21, 1926.

Join Bishop Brennan and the cathedral's parishioners for the April 21 Mass in celebration of the diocese's cathedral.

To learn more about the Cathedral of St. Joseph, visit the parish's website: saintjosephcathedral.com.



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Pro-Life Bill (H.B. 2982) Passes WV Senate 27-6, Now Awaits Governor's Signature

CHARLESTON—The Second Chances at Life Act (HB 2982/SB 609) successfully passed in the West Virginia Senate on the final day (April 10) of the legislative session by a bipartisan 27-6 vote. This after an 83-15 vote in the House of Delegates on March 24. The bill will require that a woman be informed that the effects of the chemical abortion pill can be reversed to save her baby if she changes her mind after taking it.

Lead Sponsor was Delegate Kayla Kessinger with co-sponsors Delegates Trent Barnhart, Jordan Bridges, Adam Burkhammer, Josh Holstein, Laura Kimble, Todd Longacre, Margitta Mazzocchi, Jeff Pack, Jonathan Pinson, and Terri Sybolt. Senate Lead Sponsor of com-

panion bill S.B. 609 was Senator Patricia Rucker.

More than 40% of all abortions in West Virginia are chemical abortions.

"The bill will do two things," said West Virginians for Life Political Liaison Karen Cross. "It will inform the girl/woman that if she changes her mind, she may be able to save her baby with the help of medical professionals. And it provides her the ability to act on that information by including a list of medical professionals versed in abortion pill reversal protocol on the existing DHHR Women's Right to Know website. Women deserve full information when making this life changing decision."

The American Association of

Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a 2,500-member OB-GYN medical group, supports offering the Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) protocol (by knowledgeable health care providers) to women who regret initiating the abortion pill process, after appropriate informed consent. The APR involves use of progesterone to reverse the effects of the Mifepristone. Progesterone has routinely been given to women during pregnancy for over 50 years and is, in fact, standard of care to prevent miscarriages. Also, it has not been shown to cause any type of harm to women or their pre-born children.

After the victory, National Right to Life (NRLC) State Legislative Director Ingrid Duran stated, "NRLC applauds West Virginians for Life

and all of the pro-life legislators who worked tirelessly to ensure that women have a right to be informed about the possibility of counteracting the effects of chemical abortions. These laws provide hope and a second chance at life should she choose it, but she must first know that this protocol exists, and that this protocol has already saved over 2,000 babies and hers could be next."

With the expected signature by Governor Jim Justice, West Virginia will become the 11th or 12th state to pass this law depending on when Indiana's governor signs along with Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Kentucky, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Utah.

Wheeling University to Host Commencement Exercises May 1

U.S. Congressman David B. McKinley, R-W.Va., Will Serve as Commencement Speaker

WHEELING—U.S. Congressman David B. McKinley, R-W.Va., will serve as speaker at Wheeling University's 63rd Commencement ceremony set for 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 1 at Bishop Schmitt Field.

"It is a great privilege to have Congressman McKinley serve as our Commencement speaker and offer the Class of 2021 his insights as they embark on their next journey," said Wheeling University President Ginny R. Favede. "Congressman McKinley is a dear friend of our University and a respected national leader. We are honored by his presence. I know the Congressman will offer our graduates heartfelt remarks about serving others and how to succeed in today's workplace."

The Congressman has represented the First District of West Virginia since Jan. 3, 2011. Born in Wheeling in 1947, Congressman McKinley attended public schools and worked his way through college, graduating from Purdue University with a degree in Civil Engineering. After graduating, he worked in the construction industry as a certified profes-



Courtesy Photo
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sional engineer, gaining more than 51 years of experience. Congressman McKinley is the founder of McKinley and Associates, an architectural and engineering firm, where Congress-

man McKinley ran the business for years, creating hundreds of jobs. As one of two professional engineers in Congress, he has a seat on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, where he has been active on issues related to the coal industry, environmental regulation, energy efficiency, and health care. McKinley is married to Mary (Gerkin), a 1977 graduate of Wheeling University and native of New Martinsville. The couple has four adult children and six grandchildren.

In addition to serving as the commencement speaker Congressman McKinley will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Wheeling University.

During this year's Commencement, President Favede will award degrees to undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students.

The Ceremony will be held outdoors – socially distanced on the Bishop Schmitt Field, she said. To ensure the health and safety of all those attending, graduates and faculty will be seated six-feet apart on the field. All those participating

will process and recess six-feet apart. Graduates will have the opportunity to register for family grouped seating for up to six guests, Favede explained.

"Last year we had a beautiful outdoor commencement ceremony that allowed graduates, families, and friends the opportunity to participate in a safe manner. All those attending are asked to wear a face covering, which will be provided at the entrances to the venue," Favede said.

The University will hold a socially distanced Baccalaureate Mass at 6 p.m., Friday, May 30 at Bishop Schmitt Field. Bishop Mark E. Brennan will preside.

"We are always honored to have Bishop Brennan celebrate Mass with our campus community and provide a special blessing as our students begin this next chapter in their lives," said Favede.

For those not able to attend, Commencement and Baccalaureate will be livestreamed. A link for each event will be available on the University's website.

Morgantown Magnificat Resumes Ministry for Catholic Women

By Colleen Rowan

MORGANTOWN—The Our Lady of Grace, Morgantown, West Virginia Chapter of Magnificat also known as Morgantown Magnificat has resumed its ministry for Catholic women.

“Due to pandemic protocols, we’ll meet online or in person—your choice,” organization officials said.

Morgantown Magnificat is a ministry to Catholic women which hosts monthly gatherings to help them grow in their faith. Catholic women are invited to the next gathering: Magnificat Visitation April 24 at St. Francis de Sales Church in Morgantown. Organizations officials said the church is the new location for Morgantown Magnificat gatherings. Participants interested in this month’s event may also join via Zoom.

“We’ll be social distancing, and no breakfast meal will be served,” Magnificat officials said.

“Our inspirational speaker, Sherry Chico, will share her story of how faith, hope, love, and miracles, released her from a lifelong struggle with fear and anxiety,” officials said.

To register for online or in-person attendance, call (304)-296-8950. Registration is free, but donations are accepted. Those interested must register by April 20 for online or in-person attendance.

Magnificat’s purpose, as described on Morgantown Magnificat’s website, is to “encourage women to grow in holiness, to be more open to the Holy Spirit through a deeper commitment to Jesus as Lord, and to impart the Holy Spirit to each other by our love, service and sharing of the good news of salvation.” Among its objectives is to help women “live

out the mystery of Mary’s visit to Elizabeth.”

The essential function of the ministry is the Magnificat meal of which the highlight is a personal testimony of the Lord’s work in the life of one woman. However, because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, meals have been put on hold.

“These are exciting times that we live in and Magnificat began in 1981 for such a time as this,” officials state on Morgantown Magnificat’s website.

West Virginia’s chapter of Magnificat was established in 2016 and has been hosting prayer breakfasts for Catholic women ever since.

The Magnificat ministry has been an inspiration to Pat Higginbotham, who serves as a coordinator of the West Virginia chapter.

“I have been blessed to gain so many beautiful new friends who share the goals of Magnificat, cherish their faith and nurture mine,” Higginbotham said. “And being an international ministry to Catholic women I have also had the privilege to meet women of faith from all over the world. This ministry is truly a grace to me.”

Higginbotham is part of an eight-member service team of the West Virginia chapter.

There are now more than 100 Magnificat chapters throughout the U.S. and its territories and in many countries around the world.

For more information, to volunteer to help with Magnificat meals, or to be added to the mailing list, contact Higginbotham at CLRPL09@gmail.com.

To learn more about Morgantown Magnificat visit the organization’s website at: www.magnificatmorgantown.org.

Shepherdstown Catholic Youth Starting Garden Project to Fight Food Insecurity

SHEPHERDSTOWN—The St. Agnes Youth Group at St. Agnes Parish in Shepherdstown is starting a Garden Project. The kids will provide produce to Shepherdstown Shares to be distributed to those in the community who are in need.

“Our goal is to help provide fresh vegetables to folks who are struggling with food insecurity,” youth group officials said.

Therefore, the St. Agnes Youth Shepherdstown Shares Garden Project is looking for monetary donations to purchase

plants for the project.

“In addition, we are looking for garden tools and gloves for the project that can be loaned or donated,” they said.

The group is also inviting fellow parishioners to volunteer to help out. Volunteers can contact the parish center. For more information, send e-mail to: stagnesshepherdstown.org.

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Clarksburg Notre Dame Students Excel at State Thespian Festival

CLARKSBURG—The Performing Arts Conservatory at Notre Dame High School won several group and individual championships at the 2021 West Virginia State Thespian Festival. The program's 20 students brought home a total of 28 awards and acknowledgements highlighted by 12 invitations to perform and compete at this summer's virtual International Thespian Festival.

The high school Thespian troupe's original play Shakespeare's MixTape was chosen as the West Virginia Chapter Select One-Act, an honor given to only one production each year. The show will now represent the state in the Chapter Select Showcase at the International Thespian Festival. From the cast of Shakespeare's MixTape, Ajai Woofter and Maryn Seamon were named to the All-Festival Cast, and from the entire field of one-acts, Ashton Nardella was selected as an Outstanding Supporting Actor; and McKenzie Fittro and Ben Long were selected as the Outstanding Actors.

The high school one-act, which finished one point shy of a perfect score, was also awarded a special judges' commendation for Best Ensemble. This was the same award the troupe won earlier in the month of March at the virtual Southeastern Theatre Conference.

"This is the second time in five years our high school one-act has been chosen as the Chapter Select production for West Virginia," said Jason A Young, PAC at NDHS Director. "Our 2017 production of Future, Here and this year's production of Shakespeare's MixTape had one major thing in common: Both plays were original works partially created by the students."

Thanks to a generous grant from the West Virginia Division of Arts Culture and History, the PAC at NDHS was able to enlist the services of Guest Artist Jim Warren to assist the Thespians in the creation of this year's one-act. Warren, the Co-Founder and Artistic Director of The American Globe Center in Stratford, Connecticut, spent half of the fall semester in Clarksburg with the high school Thespians as they created their collage of Shakespeare scenes woven together through music and movement.

"All of the work that we did with the students

was the same kind of work I would do with professional actors," Warren said. "I think that every actor comes into a play with their own amount of experience, but they come with their own bag of tricks. They come with their own strengths and weaknesses, and as a director, it is for us to figure out where they are and to take the steps to the next level."

The results of this year's festival signifies that the six-year-old performing arts program at Notre Dame has certainly reached a new level of achievement.

In addition to the success of the high school Thespians' one-act, the students also won nine championships in individual performance events:

- Monologue – Hannah Gowarty**
- Duo Acting – Mary Korn & Ashton Nardella**
- Duo Acting – Zach Davis & Karen Riley**
- Group Acting – Hannah Gowarty, Stephanie Santilli, Mary Korn, Gracie Nardella, Karen Riley, and Kelsey Riley**
- Solo Musical Theatre – Nicole Schumacher**
- Solo Musical Theatre – Maryn Seamon**
- Duet Musical Theatre – Ben Long & Ajai Woofter**
- Duet Musical Theatre – McKenzie Fittro & Mary Claire Palmer**
- Group Musical Theatre – McKenzie Fittro, Ben Long, Nicole Schumacher, Maryn Seamon, and Mary Claire Palmer**

From those nine championship entries, Gowarty's monologue, both duo scenes, the group acting scene, both musical theatre solos, and the group musical theatre scene are advancing to compete at the virtual International Thespian Festival.

"In previous years we may have had as many as three individual event winners," said Young. "This year we had a champion in every category and will be represented in almost every category at the International Thespian Festival. I think we are still trying to wrap our head around that incredible feat."

The high school Thespians also received six first or second place finishes in the state festi-

val's Technical Theatre Expo:

- 1st Place Costume Design – Gracie Nardella**
- 1st Place Fantasy Make-Up – Nicole Schumacher**
- 1st Place Puppetry (Marionette) – Mary Korn**
- 2nd Place Puppetry (Marionette) – Maryn Seamon**
- 2nd Place Puppetry (Experimental) – Mary Claire Palmer**
- 1st Place Publicity/Marketing (Novice) – Stephanie Santilli**

From those six award-winning entries, Nardella's Costume Design and Schumacher's Fantasy Make-Up Design will be advancing to the virtual International Thespian Festival for adjudication.

"This is the first year our high school Thespians have ever entered technical theatre projects," said Young. "We normally aren't able to provide that type of opportunity for our students. But this year we enlisted the help of some teaching artists as mentors who guided the Thespians as they created their individual projects."

Thanks to all of the top finishes in the Technical Theatre Expo, NDHS was named the Outstanding Technical Theatre School at this year's state festival.

The program's successes did not stop with the high school Thespians. The PAC at NDHS houses one of the only middle school Thespian troupes in West Virginia. The middle school Thespians submitted a one-act play and four individual events to this year's state festival.

From the cast of the middle school one-act **Androcles and the Lion Jack Santee and Cameron Bruce were named to the All-Festival Cast.** The production also earned a special judges' commendation for Physical Creativity.

Duo Scenes from Bruce and Andrew Cochran and Caroline Lewis and Audrey Kosydar also won state championships.

"We are incredibly blessed with wonderful students, teachers, parents, and a supportive administration," said Young. "To create this amount of work during a pandemic is outstanding. To create work that is of as high a quality as these performances and projects were, is truly astonishing."



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Pope Calls all Catholics to be Missionaries of God's Mercy

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

ROME (CNS) — Like the disciples, who experienced Jesus' divine mercy after the resurrection, all Christians are called to become missionaries, sharing the Gospel of God's love and mercy with others, Pope Francis said.

"Today Jesus tells us, too, 'Peace be with you! You are precious in my eyes. Peace be with you! You are important for me. Peace be with you! You have a mission. No one can take your place. You are irreplaceable. And I believe in you,'" the pope said April 11.

Pope Francis celebrated the Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday at the Rome Church of the Holy Spirit, just a block away from St. Peter's Square. The church is the Rome Shrine of Divine Mercy, a devotion begun by St. Faustina Kowalska and promoted by St. John Paul II.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, fewer than 100 people were present for the Mass, wearing masks and seated only two people to a pew, except if they were members of the same family.

At the end of the Mass, Pope Francis thanked those invited: nurses and doctors from the hospital next door, refugees, people with disabilities, priests serving as "missionaries of mercy," inmates from several correctional institutes and representatives of Italy's civil protection service. The pope told them they represent "realities where mercy becomes concrete, draws close and serves those in difficulty."

After reciting the "Regina Coeli" prayer with those present, the pope greeted each individual personally, shaking hands, blessing them and even posing for a few selfies.

In his homily at the Mass, Pope Francis focused on how, prior to the resurrection, the disciples misunderstood so much of what Jesus said and how they abandoned or even denied him at the hour of his passion and death.

But when the disciples are hovering in fear in the closed room, he noted, the Risen



Pope Francis celebrates Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday at the Church of the Holy Spirit near the Vatican in Rome April 11.

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Lord appears to them and "raises them up with his mercy."

"Having received that mercy, they become merciful in turn," the pope said. "It's very difficult to be merciful if you have not been shown mercy."

Saying, "Peace be with you," Jesus sets their troubled hearts at ease and forgives their failings, he said, lifting them up and filling them with the courage they need to be his witnesses.

"The disciples were guilty; they had run away, they had abandoned the master," the pope said. "Sin brings torment; evil has its price. Our sin, as the psalmist says, is always before us."

"Like those disciples, we need to let ourselves be forgiven," the pope said. "Let us ask for the grace to accept that gift, to embrace the sacrament of forgiveness. And to understand that confession is not about ourselves and our sins, but about God and his mercy."

"We do not confess to abase ourselves, but to be raised up," he said, and "we — all of us — need this badly."

Speaking to priests, Pope Francis said that anytime they

hear someone's confession, they "ought to convey the sweetness of mercy ... the sweetness of Jesus, who forgives everything. God forgives everything."

When Jesus showed the

disciples the wounds of his crucifixion, the pope said, he was not simply proving he had risen, but also made it possible for them to see and touch "the fact that God has loved us to the end. He has

made our wounds his own and borne our weaknesses in his own body."

The day's first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, recounted how the early Christian community shared everything they had in common. "This is not communism, but pure Christianity," the pope said.

The disciples "discovered that they shared the mission, the forgiveness and the body of Jesus, and so it seemed natural to share their earthly possessions," he said. "Their fears had been dispelled by touching the Lord's wounds, and now they are unafraid to heal the wounds of those in need, because there they see Jesus. Because Jesus is there in the wounds of the needy."

Catholics today, he said, need to ask themselves if they show others the mercy they have been shown by God and if they feed the hungry like Jesus feeds them in the Eucharist.

"Let us not remain indifferent," Pope Francis said. "Let us not live a one-way faith, a faith that receives but does not give, a faith that accepts the gift but does not give it in return."

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Cardinal Unveils Major Vatican Conference on Priesthood Slated for 2022

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Increasing vocations to the priesthood, improving the way laypeople and priests work together and ensuring that service, not power, motivates the request for ordination are all possible outcomes of a major symposium being planned by the Vatican in February 2022.

“A theological symposium does not claim to offer practical solutions to all the pastoral and missionary problems of the church, but it can help us deepen the foundation of the church’s mission,” said Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect of the Congregation for Bishops and the chief organizer of the symposium planned for Feb. 17-19, 2022.

The symposium, “Toward a Fundamental Theology of the Priesthood,” seeks to encourage an understanding of ministerial priesthood that is rooted in the priesthood of all believers conferred at baptism, getting away from the idea of ordained ministry as belonging to “ecclesiastical power,” the cardinal said at a news conference April 12.

The three-day gathering, the cardinal said, is aimed specifically at bishops and delegations of theologians and vocations personnel from every country, although it will be open to other theologians

and people interested in the topic.

The relationship between baptism and ordained ministry needs greater emphasis today, Cardinal Ouellet said, but reviewing the foundations of a theology of priesthood also “involves ecumenical questions not to be ignored, as well as the cultural movements that question the place of women in the church.”

The recent synods of bishops on the family, on young people and on the church in the Amazon all show the urgency of questions surrounding priesthood and relationships among people with different vocations in the church, the cardinal said.

Michela Tenace, a professor of theology at Rome’s Pontifical Gregorian University, is helping organize the symposium and told reporters that going back to baptism and the priesthood of all believers “isn’t just a fashion, it’s the basis for all Christian life.”

The clerical abuse scandal, she said, makes the questions of priestly identity, vocational discernment and formation more urgent.

Father Vincent Siret, rector of the Pontifical French Seminary in Rome, said a deeper reflection on priesthood — both the priesthood of all the baptized and ministerial priesthood — is essential for those engaged in training men for the priesthood.



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Cardinal Marc Ouellet, prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, leaves the opening session of the Synod of Bishops on young people, the faith and vocational discernment at the Vatican in this Oct. 3, 2018, file photo. Cardinal Ouellet announced plans for a major international conference at the Vatican in 2022 on the theology of the priesthood.

“The baptismal life is the fundamental human vocation, and all must exercise the priesthood received at baptism. Ministry is at the service of this,” he said. “Reflecting on the fundamental theology of the priesthood will also make it possible to return to the justifications for priestly celibacy and the way it is lived.”

The Catholic Church requires most priests in its Latin rite to be celibate. While Cardinal Ouellet, Father Siret and Tenace all mentioned the importance of celibacy in the Latin rite, none of them mentioned the traditions of the Eastern Catholic churches that continue to have both married and celibate clergy.

Archbishop Hebda Encourages Prayers, Peace after Fatal Police Shooting

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) — After a night of protests and vandalism April 11 in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, following the police shooting of Daunte Wright, Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis urged prayers for justice and peace.

“I hope that as a community, we might be able to pause and pray, particularly during this time of already heightened tension due to the Chauvin trial,” the archbishop said in an April 12 statement referring to the current trial in Minneapolis of former Police Officer Derek

Chauvin over the May 25, 2020, death of George Floyd while he was in police custody. “I am encouraged and inspired by the pleas for peace that have continued to come from the family of George Floyd” over the Wright shooting, he added.

At a news conference April 12, Brooklyn Center Police Chief Tim Gannon, who later resigned, said it appeared from police body camera video the officer accidentally fired her gun while intending to use her Taser. The officer was later identified as Kim Potter, a 26-year veteran of the

Brooklyn Center Police Department. Wright, a 20-year-old Black man, was hit by a single bullet after officers stopped him for a traffic violation because the car he was driving had expired registration tags but officers then discovered that he had an outstanding warrant. According to news reports, a struggle ensued as an officer on the driver side of the vehicle began to handcuff Wright, who jumped back into the driver’s seat and was shot. The local medical examiner said Wright “died of a gunshot wound of the chest.”

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Pope Accepts Resignation of Bishop Who Heads Minnesota's Crookston Diocese

By Maria Wiering, Catholic News Service
ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS) — Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Michael J. Hoeppner, 71, who has headed the Diocese of Crookston, Minnesota, since 2007.

The pope also named retired Bishop Richard E. Pates of Des Moines, Iowa, to serve as apostolic administrator of the 14-county diocese in northwestern Minnesota.

The changes were announced in Washington April 13 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio.

Statements from the Diocese of Crookston and the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis indicated the resignation was requested by Pope Francis and that it "arose from reports that (Bishop Hoeppner) had at times failed to observe applicable norms when presented with allegations of sexual abuse involving clergy of the Diocese of Crookston."

In 2019, Bishop Hoeppner was publicly accused of trying to cover up allegations of sexual abuse against a priest of the diocese. He has denied he thwarted such an investigation.

In September 2019, Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis confirmed he was overseeing an investigation into the claims and that law enforcement had been notified.

The archbishop, who is the metropolitan for the province of Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota, said the claims against Bishop Hoeppner were reported to him as prescribed by "Vos Estis Lux Mundi" ("You are the light of the world").

The "motu proprio" (on his own initiative) was promulgated by Pope Francis in May 2019 to set new worldwide norms for reporting sexual abuse and to hold bishops accountable for abuse and/or its cover-up.

With the approval of the Vatican, Archbishop Hebda entrusted the work of the preliminary investigation to Tim O'Malley, director of Ministerial Standards and Safe Environment for the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

O'Malley conducted the investigation with a team of his staff at the archdiocese and in collaboration with two lay experts: a retired Minnesota Supreme Court justice who serves on the Archdiocesan Finance Council and the archdiocese's board of directors, and a retired Minnesota state court judge who serves on the Archdiocesan Ministerial Review Board, a consultative group to the archbishop on matters relating to clergy and safe environment standards.

Prior to joining the archdiocesan staff in 2014, O'Malley worked as a deputy chief administrative law judge for the state of Minnesota. He also is a former Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension superintendent and FBI agent.

"The congregation indicated the preliminary investigation was not intended to be a full investigative or canonical process," the archdiocese said April 13. "Rather, its purpose was to substantiate (or not) the truthfulness of the allegation and, in turn, inform whether subsequent investigative and canonical processes should proceed."

According to an April 13 clarification issued by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the accusation under investigation was whether

Bishop Hoeppner "had intentionally interfered with or avoided a canonical or civil investigation of an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor."

Neither the April 13 announcements nor previous statements from Archbishop Hebda, who is trained both in canon law and civil law, indicate the specific allegations against Bishop Hoeppner.

However, Ron Vasek, a former candidate for the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Crookston, has publicly accused Bishop Hoeppner of pressuring him to recant an allegation of sexual abuse against Msgr. Roger Grundhaus, who had held leadership positions in the diocese.

Vasek claims that Msgr. Grundhaus sexually abused him in 1971 when he was a teenager, and that he told Bishop Hoeppner about the abuse in 2009 or 2010, while he was considering entering formation to become a deacon. He said the bishop told him not to tell anyone about the abuse because it would hurt Msgr. Grundhaus' reputation.

Then, Vasek said, in 2015, Bishop Hoeppner asked him to sign a letter recanting the abuse allegation. He signed the letter, he said, because the bishop had indicated that his refusal would have negative consequences for his son, Father Craig Vasek, a Crookston priest.

Ron Vasek had been prepared to be ordained a permanent deacon in 2017, but he said the bishop thwarted his ordination by asking his pastor to withdraw his support.

Bishop Hoeppner has repeatedly denied the allegation. According to the Diocese of Crookston, the allegation against Msgr. Grundhaus was reported to law enforcement in 2011. The priest, who disputes Vasek's abuse allegation against him, is on leave from public ministry.

In May 2017, Vasek filed civil lawsuits against Bishop Hoeppner and the Crookston Diocese, accusing the bishop of coercion and "intentional infliction of emotional distress."

Four months later, the diocese announced that Bishop Hoeppner had reached a settlement agreement with Vasek that included a statement that there was no admission of unlawful conduct on the bishop's part.

Archbishop Hebda's preliminary investigation of claims against Bishop Hoeppner took about two months. He said he submitted his "votum," or opinion, to the Congregation for Bishops Oct. 28, 2019, along with O'Malley's report on the preliminary investigation's findings, dated Oct. 26, 2019.

On Jan. 3, 2020, the Congregation asked Archbishop Hebda to pursue further investigation. O'Malley submitted his second report on the investigation to Archbishop Hebda Oct. 27, 2020.

At the same time, O'Malley also requested Bishop Hoeppner answer additional questions. Archbishop Hebda forwarded both the second report and the additional questions to the congregation.

On Jan. 7, Bishop Hoeppner provided written answers to O'Malley's questions, and O'Malley prepared a third report on the investigation. Archbishop Hebda shared that report with the congregation.

During the investigation, the Congregation for Bishops transferred Bishop Hoeppner's "faculty to deal with cases of sexual abuse against clerics of the Diocese of Crookston" to Archbishop Hebda, according to a February 2020 joint statement issued by the diocese and the archdiocese.

The April 13 clarification from the archdiocese's Office of Communications states that O'Malley's three reports and related documentation totaled 1,533 pages and that cumulatively, "the investigations took more than 2,000 hours to complete."

"Hundreds of documents were reviewed, analyzed and compared, including depositions, memoranda, statements, canonical investigative reports, law enforcement reports, letters, emails, policies and publications," it said. "Thirty-eight witnesses were interviewed or answered questions in writing. Bishop Hoeppner was interviewed on more than one occasion."

In an April 13 interview with J.D. Flynn, editor-in-chief of The Pillar, Vasek called Bishop Hoeppner's resignation "a victory for all those who have been abused by sinful men in the church — a victory for the faithful people of Christ's church, and a victory for truth."

A native of Winona, Minnesota, Bishop Hoeppner was ordained a priest for that diocese in 1975 by Pope Paul VI at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. He holds a licentiate in canon law from St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario. In Crookston, he succeeded Bishop Victor H. Balke, who headed the diocese from 1976 until his retirement in 2007.

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(Wiering is the editor of The Catholic Spirit, newspaper of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.)

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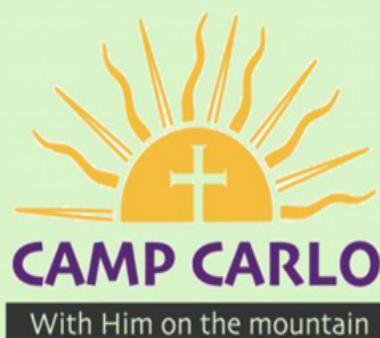
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By **Katie Hinerman Klug, Marketing Communications Specialist**

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Papa llama a los católicos a ser misioneros de la misericordia de Dios

Por Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

ROMA, Italia (CNS) — Como los discípulos, que experimentaron la divina misericordia de Jesús después de la resurrección, todos los cristianos están llamados a convertirse en misioneros, compartiendo el Evangelio del amor y la misericordia de Dios con los demás, expresó el papa Francisco.

"Hoy Jesús también nos dice: ¡La paz sea contigo! Tú eres precioso ante mis ojos. ¡La paz sea contigo! Tú eres importante para mí. ¡La paz sea contigo! Tienes una misión. Nadie puede ocupar tu lugar. Tú eres irremplazable. Y yo creo en ti", dijo el Santo Padre el 11 de abril.

El domingo pasado, el Santo Pontífice celebró la Misa de la Divina Misericordia en la Iglesia del Espíritu Santo de Roma, localizada a solo una manzana de la Plaza de San Pedro. La iglesia es el Santuario de la Divina Misericordia de Roma, una devoción iniciada por Santa Faustina Kowalska y promovida por San Juan Pablo II.

Debido a las restricciones de COVID-19, menos de 100 personas estuvieron presentes en la misa, con máscaras y sentadas solo dos personas por banco, excepto si eran miembros de la misma familia.

Al final de la misa, el papa Francisco agradeció a los invitados: enfermeras y médicos del hospital de al lado, refugia-

dos, personas con discapacidad, sacerdotes que sirven como "misioneros de la misericordia", reclusos de varios institutos correccionales, y representantes del servicio de protección civil de Italia. El papa les dijo que representan "realidades donde la misericordia se concreta, se acerca y sirve a los que están en dificultad".

En su homilía en la misa, el Santo Padre se centró en cómo, antes de la resurrección, los discípulos malinterpretaron gran parte de lo que dijo Jesús y cómo lo abandonaron e incluso lo negaron en la hora de su pasión y muerte.

Sin embargo, cuando los discípulos deambulaban atemorizados en aquella habitación cerrada, señaló, el Señor resucitado se les aparece y "los levanta con su misericordia".

"Habiendo recibido esa misericordia, se vuelven misericordiosos a su vez", sostuvo el papa. "Es muy difícil ser misericordioso si no se te ha mostrado misericordia".

Diciendo: "La paz sea con ustedes", Jesús tranquiliza sus corazones atribulados y perdona sus faltas, acotó, elevándolos y llenándolos del valor que necesitan para ser sus testigos.

"Los discípulos eran culpables; habían huido, habían abandonado al maestro", afirmó el Sumo Pontífice. "El pecado trae tormento; el mal tiene su precio. Nuestro pecado, como dice el salmista, está siempre ante nosotros".

"Como aquellos discípulos, tenemos que dejarnos perdonar", señaló el papa. "Pidamos la gracia de aceptar ese don, de abrazar el sacramento del perdón. Y comprender que la confesión no se trata de nosotros mismos y nuestros pecados, sino de Dios y su misericordia".

"No confesamos para abatirnos, sino para ser levantados", continuó, y "nosotros — todos — necesitamos esto con urgencia".

Hablándoles a los sacerdotes, el papa Francisco dijo que cada vez que escuchen la confesión de alguien, "deben transmitir la dulzura de la misericordia . . . la dulzura de Jesús, que perdona todo. Dios perdona todo".

Cuando Jesús mostró a los discípulos las heridas de su crucifixión, dijo el papa, no solo estaba probando que había resucitado, sino que también les permitió ver y tocar "el hecho de que Dios nos ha amado hasta el final. Él ha hecho nuestras heridas tuyas y lleva nuestras debilidades en su propio cuerpo".

Los católicos de hoy, dijo, deben preguntarse si muestran a los demás la misericordia que Dios les ha mostrado y si alimentan a los hambrientos como Jesús los alimenta en la Eucaristía.

"No nos quedemos indiferentes", dijo el papa Francisco. "No vivamos una fe unidireccional, una fe que recibe, pero no da, una fe que acepta el don, pero no lo da a cambio".

Para denunciar presuntos casos de abuso sexual de niños: La Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston alienta a informar ante las autoridades civiles ante todo si se ha cometido un delito. También alentamos a utilizar www.reportbishopabuse.org para hacer un informe sobre cualquier obispo en los EE. UU. Si tiene motivos para creer que un obispo ha cometido una conducta sexual inapropiada, comuníquese con las autoridades civiles de la jurisdicción correspondiente y visite www.reportbishopabuse.org.

Para informar a las autoridades civiles: comuníquese con la policía local; los números variarán según su ubicación. Si cree que alguien está en peligro inmediato, llame al 911. Para informar confidencialmente cualquier incidencia de sospecha de abuso o negligencia infantil, incluido el abuso sexual, comuníquese con la Oficina de Servicios de Protección Infantil de Niños y Familias de West Virginia llamando a la línea directa de abuso infantil al 800.352.6513. Puede informar anonimamente a esta línea directa si lo prefiere.

Para informar a las autoridades diocesanas: La diócesis alienta a informar a las autoridades civiles apropiadas, ante todo, si se ha cometido un delito. La diócesis también alienta a informar a las autoridades eclesásticas apropiadas. Para reportar casos sospechosos de abuso sexual de niños por parte del personal de la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston a la Diócesis, comuníquese con uno de los siguientes designados al 1.888.434.6237 o 304.233.0880: Sr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Sr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; o Muy Reverendo Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. También puede llamar a la Ofi-

cina de Ambiente Seguro de la Diócesis al 304.230.1504. También puede llamar a la línea directa de abuso sexual de la Diócesis al 833.230.5656. Los formularios de queja están disponibles en línea en www.dwc.org, haga clic en "Diócesis" en la barra de menú, luego en "Oficinas", luego en "Ambiente seguro", luego "Descargar archivos y formularios". El formulario se titula "Formulario de queja para denuncias de abuso sexual de menores". El formulario se puede devolver por correo de EE. UU. A: Office of Safe Environment, Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

Para informar al Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Diócesis: llame a la Dra. Patricia Bailey al 304.242.6988.

Además de los métodos enumerados anteriormente para denunciar el abuso sexual, la Diócesis también se ha asociado con Navex Global para ofrecer la plataforma EthicsPoint para informar otras inquietudes adicionales, como sospecha de mala conducta financiera, profesional y personal de un sacerdote, diacono, religioso, o empleado laico de la Diócesis o cualquier parroquia o escuela católica en West Virginia. Se puede acceder a la plataforma EthicsPoint a través de www.dwc.org, en "Rendición de cuentas", luego "Informar mala conducta" o llamando al 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint es un sistema de informes de terceros que informa a las autoridades civiles cuando corresponda y a las autoridades diocesanas, y la identidad de la persona que informa esta protegida. Enlaces e información: Departamento de Salud y Recursos Humanos de WV: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp>. Policía Estatal de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Crímenes contra Niños: 304-293-6400.

Director of Human Resources Opening

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is seeking to hire a Director of Human Resources, a full-time position based at the Chancery Building in Wheeling, West Virginia. Reporting to the Vicar General of the Diocese, the Director of Human Resources develops policy and directs and coordinates human resources activities such as employment, compensation, labor relations, benefits, training and employee services. Essential duties includes overseeing the employee onboarding system, providing data on wage and salary information, explaining policy directives to department managers, consulting with legal counsel on a regular basis regarding employment issues, managing records in compliance with law or governmental authorities, delivering presentations to department directors regarding human resources policies and practices, administering all benefit programs and government regulatory standards, and maintaining all records required by the Affordable Care Act, including all necessary ACA reporting requirements. Qualification requirements include a Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred), 4-10 years of experience in an administrative position, expertise in federal and state employee legislation, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, ability to provide direction on personnel issues, familiarity with payroll databases and Microsoft Office suite, ability to work within a team environment and the successful candidate must adhere to the teachings of the Magisterium of the Church and possess a clear sense of a Catholic Theology of work and compensation. Position will remain posted until filled. Applications may be directed to the Human Resources Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, P.O. Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

Faith Formation Director Opening

Progressive parish of 600 families (St. Mary Parish) is seeking a vibrant individual to coordinate formation programs, enable the gifts of the faithful, and to engage our youth to live a life of faith. We are located in Morgantown, WV, home of West Virginia University. Our parishioners are ethnically diverse. Our people have a deep love for celebrating Mass, gathering for fellowship, opportunities for adult formation and growth and for mission to the least of these. The position is full-time and reports to the Pastor. Responsibilities & Duties: Coordinates and manages all Faith Formation ministries and volunteers including, but not limited to: Religious Education (PK-5th), Youth Ministry (Middle and High School), Children's Liturgy of the Word and Vacation Bible School; sacramental preparation program for Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation, Christian Initiation for adults and children (RCIA); and helps facilitate adult faith formation. The Faith Formation Director is also the Safe Environment Coordinator for the parish. Qualifications and Skills: BA in Theology/Religious Education or related educational field; Excellent organizational, supervisory and leadership skills; Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills; Works well in collaborative efforts with other parish ministers; Seeks ongoing educational opportunities to keep current on trends in catechetical ministry; Excellent computer skills including the use of Microsoft Office and communication via social media. Fluency in Spanish is beneficial but not required. Salary & Benefits Health, vision, dental, participation in 403B plan, paid vacation and personal days, and education stipend. If interested please submit a letter of interest and resume by May 15, 2021. Position will begin on August 1, 2021. Send letter and resume to Fr. John by email papajohnwv@msn.com or via mail to: Attn: Father John McDonough, St. Mary Parish, 3346 University Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26505.

Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry

St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling, WV seeks a full-time Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry (DRE/YM) to build and administer a total parish catechetical and youth ministry program for a parish of 1,000+ parishioners. The DRE/YM will oversee the recruitment and training of parishioners to lead various aspects of faith formation including preparation for the sacraments of initiation, adult RCIA, our Sunday Parish School of Religion and an annual Summer Camp for middle school and high school youth. Experience in Catholic schools or parish ministry required. Bachelor's or Master's in theology or Catechetics. Salary based upon education and experience. Benefits offered. Submit resume to Rev. Msgr. Paul Hudock, pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish 2244 Marshall Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003, (304) 242-0406,

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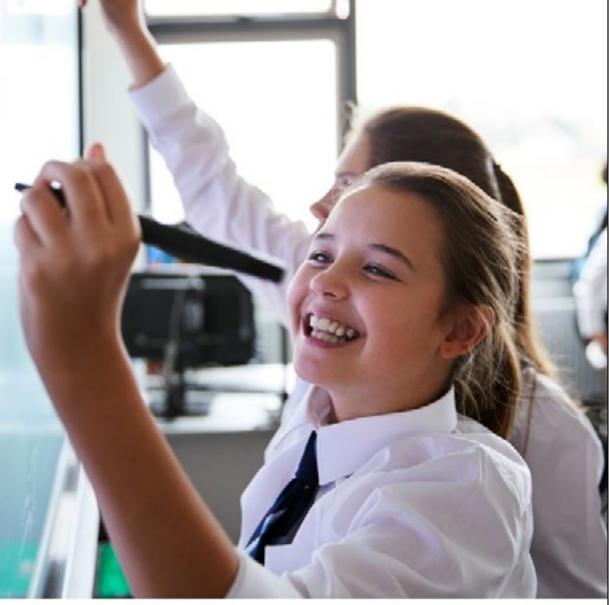


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