



Pope Calls for Monthlong Global Prayer Marathon for End of Pandemic

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis has called for a global prayer marathon for the entire month of May, praying for the end to the pandemic.

“The initiative will involve in a special way all shrines in the world” in promoting the initiative so that individ-

uals, families and communities all take part in reciting the rosary, “to pray for the end of the pandemic,” said the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization in a press release April 21. “It is the heartfelt desire of the Holy Father that the month of May be dedicated to a prayer marathon dedicated to the theme, ‘from the entire church

an unceasing prayer rises to God,’” it said. The theme refers to the miraculous event recounted in the Acts of the Apostles (12:1-12) when all the church prayed for Peter, who was imprisoned until God sent an angel to free him, illustrating how the Christian community comes together to pray in the face of danger and how the Lord listens and

performs an unexpected miracle.

Each day in May, there will be a livestream from one of 30 chosen Marian shrines or sanctuaries to guide the prayer at 6 p.m. Rome time (noon EDT) on all Vatican media platforms.

The pope will open the monthlong prayer May 1 and conclude it May 31, the council said.

Catholics Urged to Join Efforts Needed to Address Racism, Right Wrongs

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Following the Chauvin verdict, the chairmen of two U.S. bishops’ committees prayed God “strengthens us to cleanse our land of the evil of racism, which also manifests in ways that are hardly ever spoken, ways that never reach the headlines.”

The May 25, 2020, death of George Floyd while in police custody and the surrounding events, including the three-week trial of Derek Chauvin, the former Minneapolis police officer now found guilty for his death, revealed “so much pain and sadness.”

Floyd’s death “highlighted and amplified the deep need to see the sacredness in all people, but especially those who have been historically oppressed. Whatever the stage of human life, it not only matters, it is sacred,” said the chairmen’s joint statement April 21.

It was issued by Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, and Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

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Cathedral Celebrates 95th Anniversary



Bishop Mark Brennan celebrated a solemn Mass on the 95th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling (shown above). See story on Page 3.

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Diocesan Official Appointment

Bishop Mark Brennan has made public the following appointment:

In consultation with Archbishop Dominic Lumon of Imphal, India, **Father Shinto Mathew** is appointed administrator of St. John Parish in St. Marys, Christ Our Hope Mission in Harrisville, and St. Joseph Chapel in Pennsboro with residence at the parish rectory in St. Marys, effective immediately.

Father Charles E. McGinnis, Jr. is on temporary medical leave.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Dioceses/Eparchies have in place a Safe Environment Program for the protection of children and young people. In accordance with these requirements, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Safe Environment Program consists of the following components for persons seeking employment or to volunteer—directly or indirectly—with children: background check; receipt of the Diocese's Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children; and sexual abuse awareness training for adults. Sexual abuse awareness training may be completed online or via live workshop. For more information on the Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, click "Diocese", then "Offices," then "Office of Safe Environment."

To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children

To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children: The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing www.reportbishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct or has interfered with an investigation into sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit www.reportbishopabuse.org.

To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforcement: numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. You may report anonymously to this hotline if you prefer.

To Report to Diocesan Authorities: The diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. The diocese also encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also call the Diocese's sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5656. Complaint forms are available online at www.dwc.org, click "Diocese" on the menu bar, then "Offices," then "Safe Environment", then "Download Files and Forms." The form is titled "Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor." The form may be returned via U.S. mail to: Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

To Report to the Diocese's Victim Assistance Coordinator: please call Dr. Patricia Bailey at 304.242.6988.

In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the EthicsPoint platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via www.dwc.org, under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected.

Links and information: WV Department of Health and Human Resources: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp>. West Virginia State Police, Crimes Against Children Unit: 304-293-6400.

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The events following Floyd's death — which included protests and riots across the Twin Cities, the nation and parts of the world — "also highlighted the urgent need for racial healing and reconciliation," the prelates said. "As we have seen so plainly this past year, social injustices still exist in our country, and the nation remains deeply divided on how to right those wrongs."

On April 20, the jury, after deliberating for more than 10 hours over two days, found Chauvin found guilty of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter in the death of Floyd, an African American. Chauvin is white.

His actions in Floyd's arrest, including restraining him for nine minutes and 29 seconds with a knee on his neck as he lay on the street handcuffed, were captured on a bystanders' video that went viral.

Bishop Fabre and Archbishop Coakley joined their voices and prayers in support of Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis and the entire Minnesota Catholic Conference and they quoted a conference statement:

"As a diverse community, the

Catholic Church is committed to changing hearts and minds and to moving the conversation about race in this country beyond accusations and recriminations toward practical, nonviolent solutions to the everyday problems that are encountered in these communities."

The USCCB committee chairmen urged Catholics to "join in the hard work of peacefully rebuilding what hatred and frustration has torn down."

"This is the true call of a disciple and the real work of restorative justice," Bishop Fabre and Archbishop Coakley said. "Let us not lose the opportunity to pray that the Holy Spirit falls like a flood on our land again, as at Pentecost, providing us with spiritual, emotional and physical healing, as well as new ways to teach, preach, and model the Gospel message in how we treat each other."

Their statement included a link to resources for prayer prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism and posted on the USCCB website at <https://bit.ly/3gs03DC>.

The two prelates also noted the USCCB's president, Los Angeles Jose H. Gomez, as well as several USCCB committee chairmen and other U.S. bishops and archbishops issued statements last year after Floyd's death. Links to those statements also are posted online at <https://bit.ly/32DHt36>



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The Cathedral of St. Joseph
'A Statement in Magnificent Stone'
Celebrating the 95th Anniversary of Dedication



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Bishop Mark Brennan, Deacon Doug Breiding, and altar server Austin Smay genuflect at the end of the solemn Mass celebrating the 95th anniversary of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling April 21. Standing behind them is altar server Michael Tupta, III.

By Colleen Rowan

When he decided to build a new cathedral for the diocese 100 years ago, Archbishop John J. Swint wanted to make a statement, Bishop Mark Brennan said in his homily for the solemn Mass celebrating the Cathedral of St. Joseph's 95th anniversary of dedication. It was "a statement," Bishop Brennan said, "in magnificent stone that said, we Catholics are here, we belong here, and we are not going away."

The cathedral was built at a time when the country was experiencing a resurgence of anti-Catholicism, Bishop Brennan said, especially from the Ku Klux Klan. Ninety-five years to the day of

the dedication of the cathedral on April 21, 1926, Bishop Brennan celebrated the Mass for the anniversary with parishioners and faithful of Wheeling gathered.

Archbishop Swint's vision for a new cathedral came almost 100 years after the original church of St. James in Wheeling was built in 1823.

"The cornerstone for this magnificent Cathedral of St. Joseph was blessed in 1924 and the church was consecrated on this very day in 1926," Bishop Brennan said in his homily.

Archbishop Swint wanted the cathedral to be "symbolic of all the Catholic Church stands for" in

West Virginia. The cathedral's grandeur, beautiful stained glass windows, and images of the saints and sacraments helped to fulfill that goal in a religious sense, Bishop Brennan said, but the social context was important too, especially with the anti-Catholicism of the 1920s. The response was that "statement in magnificent stone," the cathedral.

Bishop Brennan noted that St. Peter said that we are living stones built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ, who is the cornerstone of the edifice.

"As imposing and beautiful as this cathedral is and many other

churches are as well, far more beautiful and imposing are the lives of men and women who serve God day in and day out offering him not only the worship at divine services but their sacrifices for others at home, at work, and in the community."

Bishop Brennan then noted Psalm 84, "How lovely your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!" The psalmist, Bishop Brennan said, "certainly must have had a vision of this cathedral."

In the first reading for the Mass, the bishop continued, St. Stephen reminds the faithful that the most high does not dwell in the houses made by human hands.

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Pictured is the interior of the dome at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.

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He dwells in his faithful ones who serve him and he welcomes their worship when they enter a church humble or magnificent.

“God wants true worshipers who will worship the father in spirit and in truth,” the bishop said. “Jesus, himself, is our way to the father and the fullness of truth that sets us free. The Holy Spirit unites us to the risen Christ, so that we may live the truth in love.”

Whether one prays in his or her room or in a great cathedral, attends Mass in a farm yard or in a famous basilica, Bishop Brennan said, it is faithfulness in living it day by day in unity with the Lord Jesus that makes prayer and worship an acceptable sacrifice to the father.

Each person, the bishop said, is a living stone in the spiritual edifice of the church and together are united to Christ.

“We thank Archbishop Swint and all who collaborated with him for giving us such a splendid Cathedral church—the mother church of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. ... Its lofty height and colorful art inspire us to reach

higher and to frequent the sacraments and imitate the saints whose images adorn these walls. This cathedral church continues to insist silently that we Catholics are here, we belong here, and we are not going away.

“Whenever we gather here to celebrate the church’s liturgies, may we remember that the building is meant to facilitate our worship of God in spirit and in truth that is in union with Jesus Christ,” Bishop Brennan said, “a worship that continues when we leave church as we offer God acceptable spiritual sacrifices in heartfelt prayer and service to our neighbors.”

Serving as deacon of the word at the Mass was Deacon Doug Breiding, permanent deacon at the cathedral. The altar servers were West Virginia University students from the Newman Center at St. John University Parish in Morgantown: Reece Lopatka, Austin Smay, and Michael Tupta, III.

The book “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 sec-



Colleen Rowan Photo

Bishop Brennan blesses the faithful at the end of the solemn Mass celebrating the 95th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.

“We thank Archbishop Swint and all who collaborated with him for giving us such a splendid Cathedral church—the mother church of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.”

—Bishop Mark Brennan, homily for the solemn Mass on the 95th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling

ond 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.

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 cathedral, built entirely of Indiana lime stone, was completed within two years and consecrated on April 21, 1926.

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 was therefore celebrated throughout the diocese.

Research with Fetal Tissue from Elective Abortion Called ‘Deeply Offensive’

By Julie Asher, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairman of the U.S. bishops’ pro-life committee April 20 called on the Biden administration to fund research “that does not rely upon body parts taken from innocent children killed through abortion.”

“The bodies of children killed by abortion deserve the same respect as that of any other person,” said Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

“Our government has no right to treat innocent abortion victims as a commodity that can be scavenged for body parts to be used in research,” he said.

His remarks were a reaction to a notice the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, posted April 16 in the grants area of its website announcing the end of a Trump administration ban on research involving human fetal tissue acquired from elective abortions.

In addition, NIH and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will no longer convene the Human Fetal Tissue Research Ethics Advisory Board.

Under President Donald Trump, the two agencies had established the board to review research applications for NIH grants, cooperative agreements, and research and development contracts that proposed using fetal tissue from elective abortions.

The previous administration also terminated contracts without outside institutions that used fetal stem cells for

research.

According to Roll Call, a news outlet on Capitol Hill, the decision to lift the ban came after 26 House Democrats wrote to HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, urging this policy change.

“It is unethical to promote and subsidize research that can lead to legitimizing the violence of abortion,” Archbishop Naumann said in his statement. “Researchers have demonstrated that we can do effective scientific research and develop efficacious clinical treatments without harvesting tissue from aborted babies.”

“It is also deeply offensive,” he added, “to millions of Americans for our tax dollars to be used for research that collaborates with an industry built on the taking of innocent lives.”

Other pro-life reaction to NIH’s announcement included a statement from Tom McClusky, president of March for Life Action, the sister organization of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund.

He said the Biden administration’s decision to “fund research that requires aborted fetal tissue (is) very disappointing.”

“This type of experimental research is a gross violation of human dignity and is not where the majority of Americans want their tax dollars being spent,” McClusky said. “The government has no business creating a marketplace for aborted baby body parts.”

It is a move in the wrong direction, agreed Tara Sander Lee, senior fellow and director of life sciences at Charlotte Lozier Institute, which is the research and education arm of the Susan B. Anthony List.

“There are superior and ethical alternatives available such as adult stem-cell models being used by countless scientists worldwide to develop and produce advanced medicines treating patients now, without exploitation of any innocent life,” she said. “All scientists should reject the administration’s attempts to prey on fears related to the pandemic to advance the practice of harvesting fetal tissue.”

“Pro-abortion Democrats push this deeply unpopular agenda at their own political peril,” said Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List.

The HHS ban on NIH using human fetal stem cells in research announced June 5, 2020, came after an audit and review of its own research involving human fetal tissue and elective abortions. Regarding contracts with outside institutions, HHS refused to renew a \$13 million research contract with the University of California, San Francisco, because it failed to live up to its moral and ethical standards.

In 2019 alone, NIH spent \$120 million on fetal tissue of unborn babies, according to a news release issued by HHS at the time.

Meanwhile in Congress, ahead of the April 16 announcement by NIH, Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., spoke during debate on a bill to reauthorize the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act of 2005. Smith was the prime sponsor of the 2005 bill and of a bill to reauthorize it in 2015.

The new law created a nationwide umbilical cord blood stem-cell program, designed to collect, derive, type and freeze cord blood units for trans-

plantation into patients to mitigate “and to even cure serious disease,” Smith said April 14.

“Pursuant to the law, it also provided stem cells for research” he said, adding that new cord blood program was combined with an expanded bone marrow initiative, whose main sponsor was the late Rep. C.W. Bill Young, R-Fla.

The reauthorization bill for the Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Act authorizes \$23 million to be appropriated for fiscal year 2021 through fiscal year 2025. It also authorizes \$30 million to be appropriated for fiscal years 2021 through 2025 for the bone marrow transplant program.

“This continues funding at the same levels authorized in the 2015 authorization bill,” Smith said.

“Each year, nearly 4 million babies are born in America. In the past, virtually every placenta and umbilical cord was tossed as medical waste,” Smith said in his comments on the floor. “Today, doctors have turned this medical waste into medical miracles.”

“Not only has God in his wisdom and goodness created a placenta and umbilical cord to nurture and protect the precious life of an unborn child,” he continued, “but now we know that another gift awaits us immediately after birth. Something very special is left behind — cord blood that is teeming with lifesaving stem cells.”

According to Smith, one of “the best kept secrets in America” is “umbilical cord blood stem cells and adult stem cells in general are curing people of a myriad of terrible conditions and diseases — over 70 diseases in adults as well as in children.”

USCCB Migration Chairman urges Biden to Raise Cap on Refugee Admissions

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The chairman of the U.S. bishops’ migration committee said April 19 he is disappointed that President Joe Biden announced he will not increase the 15,000 cap on the number of refugees who can be resettled in the United States for the current fiscal year.

The historically low cap was put in place by the Trump administration last Sept. 30 for fiscal year 2021, which for the federal government began Oct. 1.

“The number of refugees who will be welcomed this year is far short of what we can do as a country, and is not an adequate response to the immense resettlement need,” said Washington Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Migration.

“We will work with the administration, state and local officials, and communities, and our colleagues to ensure that every one of the 15,000 refugees reaffirmed as this year’s ceiling are resettled safely and as quickly as possible,” he said, referring to the

USCCB’s Migration and Refugee Services, which among other U.S. nongovernmental organizations helps resettle refugees in this country.

“We expect the administration to recalibrate and raise this ceiling, as it stated it would do,” Bishop Dorsonville said. “We further encourage the administration to build back the program to more normal and just levels by getting to an admission goal of 125,000.”

When he came into office, Biden promised he would lift the cap to 62,500 refugees, so when he signed an emergency declaration April 16 keeping the 15,000 cap in place, the outcry from advocates for refugees was swift and vocal.

Jen Psaki, White House press secretary, said Biden had consulted with a number of advisers and decided that with “the decimated refugee admissions program” left by the Trump administration, resettling 62,500 refugees seemed “unlikely.”

But after the criticism leveled at keeping the current cap in place, Psaki said Biden would “set a final,

increased refugee cap for the remainder of this fiscal year by May 15.”

“Given the unprecedented number of refugee families seeking new homes after being persecuted for religious, political and other reasons, we appreciate that the U.S. refugee admissions program will now offer previously left out refugees an opportunity to resettle in our country,” Bishop Dorsonville said in his statement.

“At the same time, we were hopeful that the Biden administration would increase the ceiling for refugee admissions in this fiscal year, and we are disappointed that it has not yet done so,” he said. “The dire circumstances confronting refugees and asylees has been of particular concern for the Catholic Church.”

“The work of the U.S. Catholic bishops in assisting and advocating on behalf of immigrants and refugees is rooted in the recognition that every person is created in God’s image and must be valued, protected, and respected for the inherent dignity that he or she possesses.”

Catholic Schools in West Virginia Will Participate in State ESA Program

Bishop Brennan Calls New Legislation “A Blessing for Parents Seeking a Catholic Education” for Their Children

WHEELING—In March, Governor Jim Justice of West Virginia signed into law House Bill 2013, which creates the Hope Scholarship Program for state residents. The program will create Educational Savings Accounts (ESAs) to assist eligible families who are investing in educational options other than traditional public schools in the Mountain State.

Initially, families with children entering kindergarten or transferring from public schools to home schooling formats or non-public schools will be able to apply for Hope Scholarship accounts for the 2022-2023 school year through the State Treasurer’s office. Hope Scholarship funds in these accounts can then be used by those families for tuition at a private school or for educational services, tutoring, home school costs, on-line instruction, or other allowable expenses. Depending on the total number of families utilizing Hope Scholarship opportunities, families with children already enrolled in Catholic schools may be eligible to apply for Hope Scholarships in 2026. A board will be established by the State Treasurer to oversee

and regulate the Hope Scholarship Program, including participation in the program by qualified private schools and other education service providers.

“The Hope Scholarship Program can truly serve as a blessing for parents who seek a Catholic education for their children,” said the Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan, Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston. “This program empowers parents and families to make decisions about how best to educate their children and in so doing is in keeping with a key tenet of the Catholic faith: that parents are the primary educators of their children.”

“Parents partner in a particular way with our Catholic schools in the education of their children, and the Hope Scholarship will help families secure a faith-and-values-based curriculum for their children that is built on centuries of excellence in our finest Catholic tradition.”

While Catholic Schools in the Diocese will not determine which families might be approved by the state for ESA accounts, all Catholic Schools within the Diocese plan to apply to fully

participate in accordance with rules to be developed by the State Treasurer’s office. “The 6 high schools and 18 elementary schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be carefully reviewing their school policies and reviewing the State Treasurer’s program rules in the coming months,” said Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S., Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. “More information will be available as we proceed through the process, but as of now all Catholic schools intend to apply for inclusion as ‘education service providers’ under terms of the legislation,” said Deschaine, referring to the designation in the statute for institutions that are approved within the program to receive payments from Hope Scholarship accounts to provide educational goods and services to Hope Scholarship Students.

“Catholic schools in West Virginia are caring, diverse, values-based institutions that have historically outperformed their peer systems in academic outcomes at a cost that is a fraction of what other systems spend,” Deschaine said. “Our small classroom settings, Gospel-based programs, talented and caring educators, and investments in cutting edge technology combine with the legacy created by generations of religious brothers and sisters who helped our Diocesan Bishops make Catholic schools flourish in this Diocese.”

“The Hope Scholarship program will alleviate the financial stress for so many families who would like to choose a faith-based education but have struggled to afford tuition,” Brennan added. “On behalf of our lay faithful and the pastors and principals at our Catholic schools, I am very grateful to the state legislature and Governor Justice for this wonderful opportunity; we look forward to continuing to partner with parents and families to help form and educate tomorrow’s leaders.”



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WVU Medicine St. Joseph's Hospital Celebrates 100th Anniversary



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Following Mass at Holy Rosary Church in Buckhannon celebrating the 100th anniversary of WVU Medicine St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon are, from left: Michael C. Tillman, president and chief executive officer of WVU Medicine United Hospital Center in Bridgeport; Albert Wright, president and CEO of WVU Health System; Bishop Mark Brennan; Sister Francesca Lewis, SAC; Ivar "Skip" Gjolberg, president of WVU Medicine St. Joseph's Hospital; Father Edward Tetteh, SVD, administrator of Holy Rosary Parish; and Deacon Rue Thompson, permanent deacon at the parish.

By Colleen Rowan

BUCKHANNON—WVU Medicine St. Joseph's Hospital is celebrating 100 years of operation and service to the people of Buckhannon. The hospital was founded by the Pallottine Missionary Sisters on March 28, 1921, and their mission continues today through the support of WVU Medicine: "We are inspired by the love of Christ to provide our community with quality healthcare in ways which respect the God-given dignity of each person and the sacredness of human life."

To honor the hospital for its centennial, Bishop Mark Brennan gathered with the community to celebrate a special Mass at Holy Rosary Church in Buckhannon on April 7. Attending the celebration along with hospital staff and community members were Albert Wright, president and CEO of WVU Health System; Sister Francesca Lewis, SAC, vice president of Mission Integration and director of Pastoral Care at the hospital; Ivar "Skip" Gjolberg president of WVU Medicine St. Joseph's Hospital; and Michael C. Tillman, president and chief executive officer of WVU Medicine United Hospital Center in Bridgeport.

Concelebrating the Mass with the bishop

was Father Edward Tetteh, SVD, administrator of Holy Rosary Parish. Deacon Rue Thompson, permanent deacon at the parish, served as deacon of the word.

"It was just wonderful," Sister Francesca said of the Mass. "You could tell that everybody just loves the hospital. One hundred years is a long time."

Sister Francesca is a member of Holy Rosary and has worked at the hospital for 25 years. Every chance she gets, she thanks the doctors, nurses, and staff who continue their work at St. Joseph's.

Sister Mary Grace Barile, SAC, provincial of the U.S. Province of Pallottine Missionary Sisters and president of Pallottine Health Services, Inc. (PHS), was unable to attend the Mass. However, a letter she wrote to those gathered for the celebration was read to the congregation following the Mass.

"I rejoice with you, the St. Joseph's Hospital family, as you celebrate 100 years of blessings received for your service to the people of this area. God has certainly filled your lives with his un-failing love and grace as you witness to his people," she said in her letter.

She welcomed Bishop Brennan, and thanked

Gjolberg and his leadership staff. She also took a moment to honor the four pioneer Pallottine Missionary Sisters, "who following their call to minister to the people of God, came to a new country, to uncharted territory and began to serve the ill of Buckhannon and the surrounding counties."

Sister Mary Grace also expressed her gratitude to Sister Francesca, who for a quarter of a century has worked side by side with administrators, physicians and staff continuing to share the mission and values of the early sisters.

"Sister is an outstanding example of what servant leadership in healthcare is," Sister Mary Grace said. "Her dedication and love of the people she works with, and ministers to is undeniable."

"My hope is that all who lead and minister here at St. Joseph's will experience in some way the appreciation of the people they serve during their time of need," she continued. "You are following the works of mercy given us by the Lord, through caring for and visiting those who are ill and in need, as well as, comforting those who mourn."

She concluded her letter, saying: "May the
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Knights of Columbus Honor Deacon Maciorowski



Courtesy Photo

At St. Agnes Parish in Shepherdstown, the Knights of Columbus Council #13887 honored Deacon Tony Maciorowski, a 45-year member of the Knights of Columbus. Grand Knight John Doyle of Council #13887 is pictured with Deacon Maciorowski after presenting to him a plaque in honor of his years of service.

Hospital ...

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Lord grant you a blessed day of celebration, and fill your lives and those of your family, with peace, joy and the graces you need as you honor and serve Him through your daily ministry. Thank you for all you do for the people of Buckhannon and the neighboring counties who present themselves to you for care, and for all you do for each other as you continue together in your years of service here at St. Joseph's Hospital."

The four pioneering Pallottine Missionary Sisters in the diocese were Sister Franciska Zabel, Sister Alacoque, Sister Prisca Hess, and Sister Dominica Senn. They came to West Virginia in 1912 not long after arriving in the United States from Germany. In addition to St. Joseph's, they also founded Sacred Heart Hospital in Richwood and Vincent Pallotti Hospital in Morgantown, which later merged with community hospitals, as well as St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, which is still open today.

Although the official anniversary was March 28, hospital officials said that St. Joseph's will be celebrating throughout the year.

"Special events are planned in recognition of this momentous event each month," hospital officials said.

Earlier this month, the Pallottine Missionary Sisters presented a donation to St. Joseph's in honor of the anniversary.

Holy Rosary Parish recently expressed well wishes to the hospital, saying: "Happy birthday to St. Joseph's Hospital! They are celebrating their 100th birthday this month, and we extend our hearty congratulations to all those who work together to provide the care and concern for the members of our humble community. We especially thank the Pallottine Sisters, who have worked tirelessly through the years to provide excellence in the healthcare industry at St. Joe's. May God's blessing be upon each and every one at St. Joseph's Hospital."

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Novena to Santo Niño Returns to the Basilica Co-Cathedral



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Faithful attend the Novena to Santo Niño at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston April 18.

By Colleen Rowan

CHARLESTON—The annual Novena to Santo Niño at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston culminated April 18.

The Mass, novena, and benediction were celebrated by Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, rector of the basilica, and livestreamed on the basilica's Facebook page for those who

could not attend. Concelebrating the Mass was Father Binu Emmanuel, CST, associate rector of the basilica.

Last year, the faithful were unable to gather for the novena because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, they were invited to pray the novena at home. So, it was a happy return to the church for this year's celebration.

The novena is held each year on the first Saturday after Easter. It is a joyous celebration presented by the Filipino Community of West Virginia and Ohio and parishioners of the basilica co-cathedral.

The basilica co-cathedral is a Diocesan Shrine of Santo Niño de Cebu, the patron and protector of the Philippines.

Huntington Parishes Feeding the Homeless throughout Pandemic

HUNTINGTON—Visitors to the parish center at Sacred Heart Parish in Huntington on a Tuesday or Wednesday can smell the aroma of delicious food. This is one of the parish ministries in action.

For more than a year, through the pandemic, some of the parishioners from Sacred Heart and St. Peter Claver Parish in Huntington have been feeding the poor and homeless every Wednesday through Rebuild,

a local Christian organization that provides food and fellowship to the needy.

When they began to prepare and donate meals it was for 40-50 people; that number has soared to 80-100.

Parishioners of the parishes who would like to help are invited to do so. They can call the Sacred Heart Parish office for information.

Annual Walk for Life Set for May 1 in Wheeling

WHEELING—West Virginians for Life, Ohio County Chapter will have its annual Walk for Life on Saturday, May 1. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. from Wheeling Park's main parking lot, 1801 National Road, to St. Michael Church.

There will be a rally and refreshments at the conclusion. Organizers invite all to "join us for this important event!"

Knights of Columbus to Host Blood Drive in Ranson

RANSON—The Knights of Columbus will host a Blood Drive Thursday, April 29 at the Independent Fire Hall, 200 W. 2nd Ave. in Ranson. The Blood Drive is scheduled from 1:30 to 7 p.m. The drive is being conducted by the Red Cross.

Because of the current environment, blood donations are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment for the April 29 Drive, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go online to www.redcrossblood.org. Enter your Zip Code to find the Independent Fire Hall, Ranson Blood Drive and schedule an appointment.

If anyone experiences any difficulties they can contact John Sherwood at jmsctwv@frontiernet.net or John Dunmore at jcdunmore@aol.com.

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Vocations Answer God's Call to Make Great Dreams Come True, Pope Says

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Religious and priestly life must be filled with the simple joy of caring every day for what really matters — faithful friendship with God and one another, Pope Francis said.

"I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the dream of your lives, serving him in your brothers and sisters through a fidelity that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy," he wrote in his message for the 2021 World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The day will be celebrated April 25 at the Vatican and in many dioceses around the world.

The message, released at the Vatican March 19, the feast of St. Joseph, was dedicated to the saint and "the dream of vocation." The pope had declared a special year devoted to the saint starting Dec. 8, 2020, to encourage a greater love for and inspiration from Jesus' guardian and patron of the universal church.

As the protector of Jesus and the church, St. Joseph can be a model for all vocations, which are meant to be the "ever-active hands of the Father, outstretched to his children," the pope wrote in the message.

St. Joseph has "the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines," which is the same aim of vocations, he wrote.

"The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes.

"The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life," he wrote.

St. Joseph, the pope said, is one of those gentle "saints next door" whose "strong witness can

guide us on the journey."

The saint's heart was always listening to God, who spoke to him in his dreams, the pope wrote.

"This applies also to our calling: God does not like to reveal himself in a spectacular way, pressuring our freedom," Pope Francis wrote. "He conveys his plans to us with gentleness," speaking through one's thoughts and feelings, and unveiling "profound and unexpected horizons."

The saint faced numerous upheavals, but he always found the courage to follow God's will, the pope said. The same must happen with a vocation, he said, because "God's call always urges us to take a first step, to give ourselves, to press forward. There can be no faith without risk."

St. Joseph is a model of service "as a concrete expression of the gift of self," the pope wrote.

He always adapted to different and unexpected circumstances without getting discouraged and without complaining because he was always "ready to give a hand to help resolve situations."

And St. Joseph was always faithful and always persevered, he said, bolstered by God's words: "Do not be afraid."

God speaks those same words to priests and religious every day, but especially amid "uncertainty and hesitation" or "trials and misunderstandings," because they are called, like St. Joseph, to "say 'yes' to God with their lives, through their fidelity each day."

"This fidelity is the secret of joy," he said.

"It is the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbor," he said, asking that this "same atmosphere, simple and radiant, sober and hopeful" pervade all seminaries, religious houses and rectories.

Pope Francis asked that St. Joseph protect vocations and that men and women see how God's call will make their greatest dreams come true; respond with generous service and attentive care; and live with simple, joyful fidelity.



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World Day of Prayer for Vocations April 25

'Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest' (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2)



The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. The photos on this page show a few of the great priests, deacons, and religious who serve the people of God in West Virginia.

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE Spring 2021

Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant

St. Joseph, Huntington – Friday,
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Our Lady of Fatima, Huntington –
Saturday, April 24 at 11:00 a.m.

All Saints, Bridgeport – Sunday,
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St. Patrick, Hinton – Saturday, May 1
at 1:00 p.m.

St. John, Summersville – Sunday,
May 2 at 11:00 a.m.

St. Ann, Shinnston – Sunday, May 9
at 1:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling –
Sunday, May 16 at 10:30 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier, Moundsville –
Saturday, May 22 at 4:00 p.m.

St. Paul, Weirton – Sunday, May 23
at 2:00 p.m.

St. Michael, Wheeling – Monday,
May 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Assumption, Keyser – Wednesday,
May 26 at 6:00 p.m.

St. James, Charles Town – Thursday,
May 27 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Leo, Inwood – Friday, May 28,
2021, at 6:30 p.m.

St. Bernadette, Hedgesville – Sun-
day, May 30 at 11:00 a.m.

St. Joseph, Martinsburg – Sunday,
May 30 at 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

St. Patrick, Weston – Wednesday,
June 2 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi, Logan – Thurs-
day, June 3 at 5:00 p.m.

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From Retired Chef to Valued Kitchen Volunteer

By Katie Hinerman Klug, Marketing Communications Specialist

On Monday mornings at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center in Wheeling, you can find Barbara Gabis in the kitchen preparing meals for those in need.

When Barbara retired as a chef, she offered her talents to the staff at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center.

“Barbara’s warmth and good humor are very much appreciated by the staff and volunteers in the kitchen at the Neighborhood Center,” said Mark Phillips, Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Northern Regional Director. “Her generosity in supporting the work of her friends in the kitchen makes a big difference as we prepare meals for neighbors and those to whom we deliver.”

According to Barbara, the kitchen is her comfort zone. She loves working in the kitchen and applying her passion for culinary arts to filling the need she sees in her community. And CCWVa Kitchen Manager Betty Simeth says Barbara is an invaluable member of the volunteer team.

In November 2020, Barbara made a \$10,000 donation to the Neighborhood Center in memory of her late husband, Dr. Joe Gabis.

“I thought the best way to honor Joe for the one year anniversary of his death was to make a donation,” said Barbara. “He was a man of faith and an example to us all. He really be-

lieved in giving back.”

The donation was used to purchase equipment for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center kitchen.

“I’ve worked in kitchens. I know when you have the best equipment, you work more efficiently,” said Barbara.

With this donation, CCWVa purchased hot boxes to keep prepared meals warm before serving; new shelving and kitchen racks to store food more efficiently; a new commercial grade microwave; portion control serving utensils; and numerous other items that enable kitchen staff and volunteers to work more effectively.

“Barbara is a faithful volunteer in our kitchen at the Neighborhood Center who is always willing to work hard to keep our neighbors well fed,” said Trish Whitelatch, Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center Assistant Coordinator.

“Barbara’s efforts have continued throughout the pandemic as she moved from dinner service to meal preparation for meal route participants,” said Trish. “We’re extremely grateful for her ongoing commitment to the Center and to our neighbors in need.”

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

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Barbara Gabis operates the hot meal press to package meals for individuals who are homebound.

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CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)—La vida religiosa y sacerdotal debe estar llena de la alegría sencilla de preocuparse todos los días por lo que realmente importa: la amistad fiel con Dios y entre nosotros, expresó el papa Francisco.

"Rezo para que experimenten esta misma alegría, queridos hermanos y hermanas que generosamente han hecho de Dios el sueño de sus vidas, sirviéndole en sus hermanos y hermanas a través de una fidelidad que es un testimonio poderoso en una época de elecciones y emociones efímeras que no traen alegría duradera", escribió el Santo Padre en su mensaje para la Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones 2021. Este evento será celebrado el 25 de abril en el Vaticano y en muchas diócesis de todo el mundo.

El mensaje, difundido en el Vaticano en la fiesta de San José el 19 de marzo, estaba dedicado a este santo y al "sueño de la vocación". A partir del 8 de diciembre de 2020, el papa había declarado un año especial dedicado al santo no solo para fomentar un mayor amor al guardián de Jesús y patrón de la iglesia universal, sino también para que la gente pueda hallar inspiración en él.

Como protector de Jesús y de la iglesia, San José puede ser un modelo para todas las vocaciones, que deben ser las "manos siempre activas del Padre, extendidas hacia sus hijos", sostuvo el papa en el mensaje.

San José tiene "el corazón de un padre, capaz de dar y generar vida en medio de la

rutina diaria", que es el mismo objetivo de las vocaciones, escribió.

"El Señor desea moldear el corazón de los padres y madres: corazones abiertos, capaces de grandes iniciativas, generosos en la entrega, compasivos en consolar ansiedades, y firmes en fortalecer esperanzas.

"El sacerdocio y la vida consagrada necesitan mucho estas cualidades hoy en día, en tiempos marcados por la fragilidad, pero también por los sufrimientos por la pandemia, que ha generado incertidumbres y temores sobre el futuro y el sentido mismo de la vida", escribió.

San José, dijo el papa, es uno de esos amables "santos de al lado" cuyo "fuerte testimonio puede guiarnos en el camino".

El corazón del santo siempre estaba escuchando a Dios, quien le hablaba en sueños, escribió el Sumo Pontífice.

"Esto se aplica también a nuestro llamado: a Dios no le gusta revelarse de manera espectacular, presionando nuestra libertad", escribió el papa Francisco. "Nos transmite sus planes con gentileza", hablando a través de los pensamientos y sentimientos de uno, y develando "horizontes profundos e inesperados".

El santo enfrentó numerosos disturbios, pero siempre encontró la valentía para seguir la voluntad de Dios, dijo el papa. Lo mismo debe suceder con la vocación, continuó, porque "la llamada de Dios siempre nos urge a dar un primer paso, a darnos, a seguir adelante. No puede haber

fe sin riesgo".

San José es un ejemplo de servicio "como expresión concreta del don de sí mismo", escribió el Santo Padre.

Siempre se adaptó a circunstancias diferentes e inesperadas sin desanimarse y sin quejarse porque siempre estaba "dispuesto a dar una mano para ayudar a resolver situaciones".

Y San José fue siempre fiel y perseverante, dijo, vigorizado por las palabras de Dios: "No temas".

Dios les dice esas mismas palabras a los sacerdotes y religiosos todos los días, pero especialmente en medio de "incertidumbres y vacilaciones" o "pruebas y malentendidos", porque están llamados, como San José, a "decir 'sí' a Dios con su vida, a través de su fidelidad cada día".

"Esta fidelidad es el secreto de la alegría", agregó.

"Es la alegría de la sencillez, la alegría que experimentan a diario los que se preocupan por lo que verdaderamente importa: la cercanía fiel a Dios y al prójimo", dijo, pidiendo que este "mismo ambiente, sencillo y radiante, sobrio y esperanzador" impregne todos los seminarios, casas religiosas, y rectorías.

El papa Francisco pidió que San José proteja las vocaciones y que los hombres y mujeres vean cómo el llamado de Dios hará realidad sus mayores sueños; respondan con un servicio generoso y una atención atenta; y vivan con fidelidad sencilla y alegre.

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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,

Principal Needed

The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of Sacred Heart of Charleston, West Virginia is seeking a Principal for their Catholic Grade School.

- Candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with Church precepts and act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Christian philosophy of the school.

- The ideal candidate must have an earned Master's Degree in Educational Leadership or Administration or begin the process of completing degree requirements; or hold a valid Educational Leadership certification from the state of West Virginia or be eligible for such certification.

- The candidate will have a minimum of three years of successful educational experience with preference for administrative experience.

A resume with three references may be emailed with all attachments in PDF to Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs A.V.F., dhiggs@dwc.org. or mail to 1114 Virginia Street East, Charleston, WV 25301 by April 23, 2021.

Principal Needed

St. Patrick Church of Weston, West Virginia is seeking a Principal for St. Patrick Catholic School, pre-school through eighth grades.

- The Candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with Church precepts and act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Catholic philosophy of the school.

- The ideal candidate must have an earned Master's Degree in Educational Leadership or Administration or begin the process of completing degree requirements; or hold a valid Educational Leadership certification from the state of West Virginia or be eligible for such certification.

- The candidate will have a minimum of five years of successful educational experience with preference for administrative experience.

A resume with three references may be emailed with all attachments in PDF to Rev. Father Douglas A. Ondeck, . or mailed to 210 Center Ave., Weston, WV May 14, 2021.

Director of Human Resources Opening

Catholic Charities West Virginia is seeking a full-time Human Resources Specialist for its Administrative Offices located in Wheeling. The Human Resources Specialist oversees the human resource components of employment with CCWVa from recruitment to an employee's separation from the agency. The Specialist completes payroll and serves as a resource to staff about employee benefits and agency policies. The HR Specialist provides guidance and recommendations to executive leadership on various HR issues in conjunction with the Diocesan HR offices.

Essential duties include but are not limited to: oversee the CCWVa process for hiring employees, and assist supervisors with following the appropriate steps; process timesheets for payroll and track PTO and sick days; oversee the onboarding process for new employees; be a liaison between Catholic Char-

ities and the Diocesan HR department; provide guidance to supervisors regarding disciplinary action when necessary; and oversee performance evaluation processes.

Qualifications include: Bachelor's degree required, with at least two years of HR experience or strong knowledge of principles and practices of HR/personnel administration; proficiency using Microsoft Excel and Word, and ability to learn payroll program; knowledge of simple accounting principles; ability to maintain confidentiality at all times; and must be detail oriented with excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

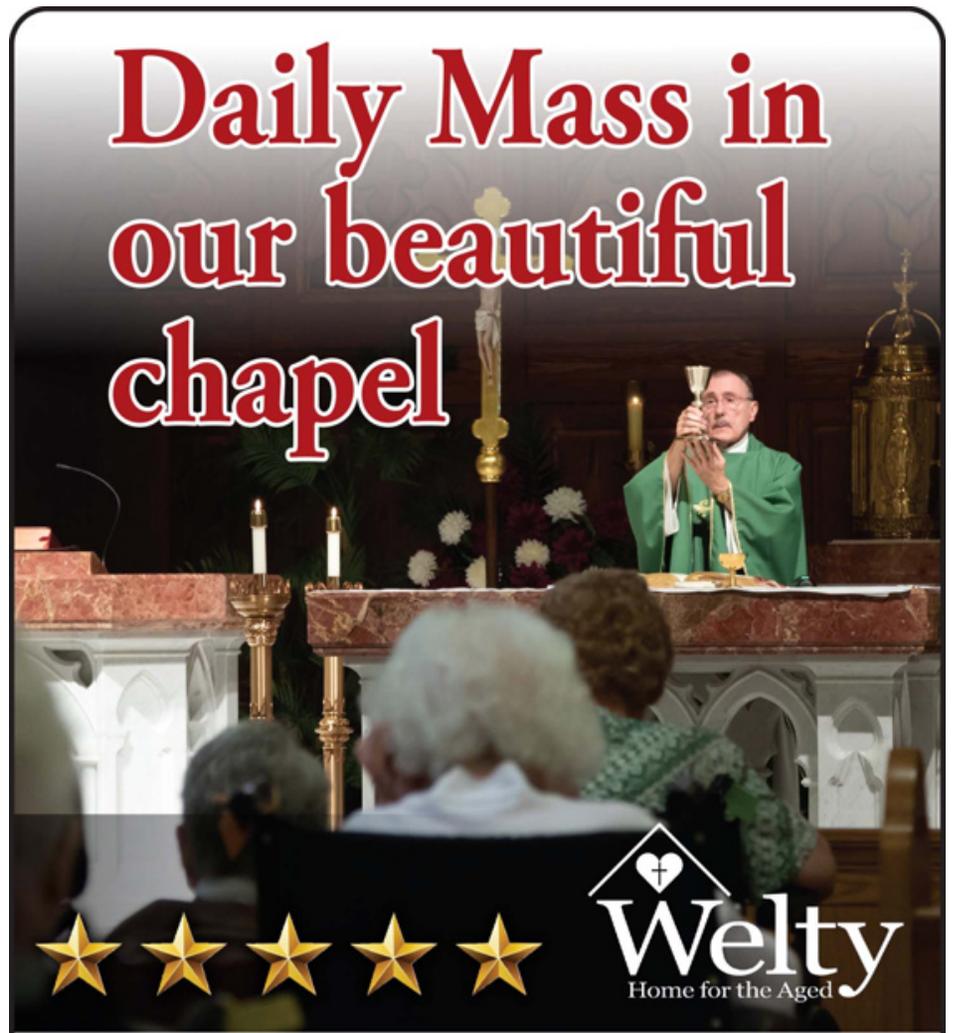
Please send cover letter, up-to-date resume, and three professional references by May 5, 2021, to Beth Zarate, CEO, Catholic Charities WV, 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003, or email to bzarate@ccwva.org.

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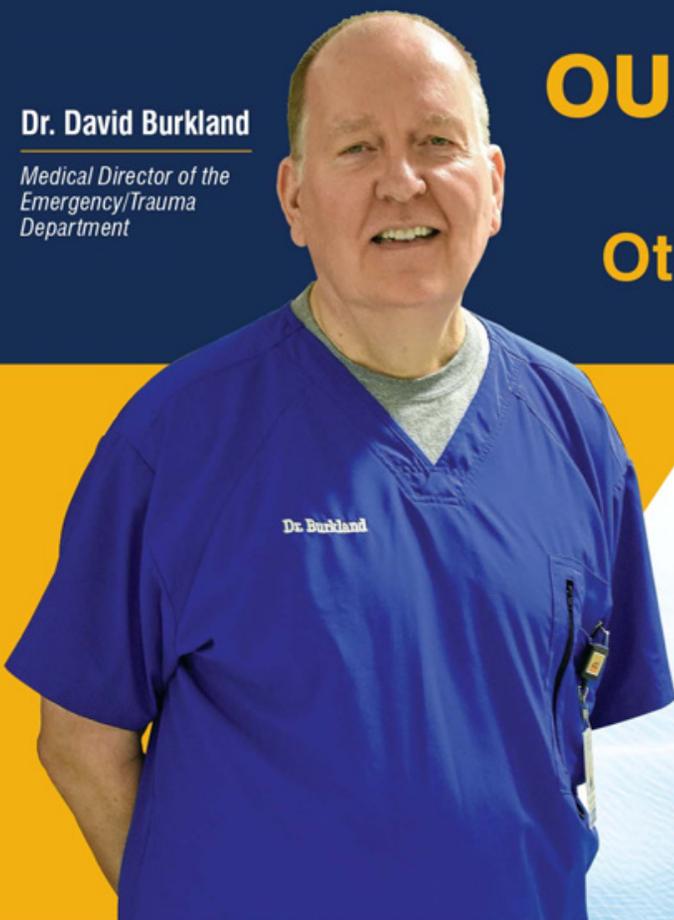


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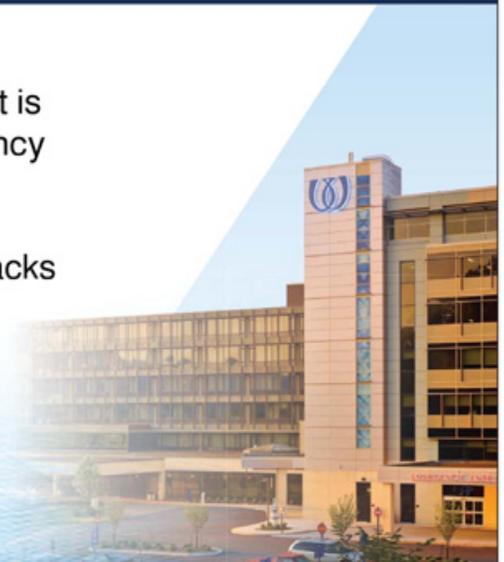
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