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## One Mission One Day Giving Event for Diocese's Catholic Schools Underway

**By Colleen Rowan**  
**WEST VIRGINIA—**  
 "You can make a difference" for the Catholic schools of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. This is the message of the One Mission One Day (OMOD) campaign, which is now underway. The annual giving event



kicked off April 27 and runs through May 4.

"One Mission One Day is an important event that helps our Catholic schools raise funding for tuition assistance, school renovations, and classroom upgrades," said Heidi Sforza, director of Annual Giving

for the diocese. "It is a chance for school families, alumni, supporters and friends to come together to build a stronger tomorrow across West Virginia and beyond."

The campaign's website OneMissionOneDay.org states that the Catholic

school communities of the diocese are committed to providing quality education in the Catholic tradition for all students in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment. Gifts will help challenge children to recognize, develop and **See "Schools" on Page 3**

## St. Joseph's Table Supports Community Bread Basket in Weirton



*Courtesy Photo*  
 For the Year of St. Joseph, Weirton's St. Joseph the Worker Parish received donations such as canned goods and other food items from generous parishioners for the Community Bread Basket located in downtown Weirton. Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., pastor, is pictured with members of the St. Joseph the Worker Parish Council. Many parishioners will be participating in the "Consecration to St. Joseph" at the church on May 1, the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker.

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## Diocesan Official Appointments:

Bishop Mark Brennan has made public the following appointments:

**Very Rev. Leonard A. Smith, V.F.**, is appointed pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley with residence at the parish rectory, effective June 23, 2021.

**Very Rev. Paul J. Wharton, V.F.**, has been granted a one-year sabbatical, effective June 23, 2021, and ending on June 23, 2022.

**Father Timothy J. Grassi** is appointed pastor of St. James Parish in Charles Town and St. Peter Chapel in Harpers Ferry with residence at the parish rectory, effective June 23, 2021.

**Father Martin Smay** is appointed administrator of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Thomas and Our Lady of Mercy Mission in Parsons with residence at the parish rectory, effective June 23, 2021.

After consultation with Very Rev. Joby John Edamuriyil, C.S.T., provincial superior of the St. Thomas Province of the Little Flower Congregation in Kerala, India, **Father Jojan Joseph, C.S.T.**, is appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Fairmont, effective immediately. His place of residence is not affected by this assignment.

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The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Dioceses/Epar- chies 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 Chil- dren; 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](http://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 fore- most if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing [www.reportbish- opabuse.org](http://www.reportbish- opabuse.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 ap- plicable jurisdiction and visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).

**To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforce- ment:** numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in im- mediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspect- ed 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 Di- ocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also call the Di- ocese's sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5656. Complaint forms are available online at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), click "Diocese" on the menu bar, then "Offices," then "Safe En- vironment", 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 ac- cessed via [www.dwc.org](http://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 ap- plicable 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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## Schools ...

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share their God-given gifts and talents.

Visitors to OneMissionOneDay.org will find they are just a click away from making a donation to their chosen school. By selecting "Click Here to Find Your School," donors can view a list of participating schools. There, they can click on their school's profile which will offer information about the school and how to donate.

Principals of diocesan Catholic schools said this special day brings many great opportunities for school communities.

Dr. Carol Templeton, principal of St. Joseph Catholic School and St. Joseph Central Catholic High School, both in Huntington, said One Mission One Day provides the school communities the opportunity to come together as one family "to show our support, dedication, and appreciation of our Catholic schools. Through the generosity of our parents, faculty, staff, grandparents, alumni, and community members, the day of giving has an amazing ability to not only contribute to a need but also significantly enhance the learning experience for all our students enrolled within Catholic schools throughout the state."

One Mission One Day is an opportunity to come together as a Christian community to support programs and other initiatives for students to grow in knowledge and faith, said Fairmont Catholic School Principal Diane Burnside.

"We appreciate the support of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in their efforts to help our school with the tools students need to become productive citizens and servants of GOD," she said.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish School in Wheeling is using One Mission One Day to build a strong legacy for the future, said Advancement Director John Yelenic. He noted that the St. Vincent de Paul Parish Education Fund was recently launched building a \$4 million endowment fund.

As for the actual day of the giving event, St. Vincent's has plans for a celebration for students to enjoy.

"Since the national OMOD appeal is scheduled for May 4... our school community is focusing on the epic Star Wars line... 'May the 4th (Force) be with you!'" Yelenic said.

"Several celebration parties (The Gathering) are planned for the parking lot 'as a rite of passage' for our SVS students! 'DJ Yelenix will create the atmosphere as stu-

dents and families are safely surrounded by Chewbacca, Darth Vader, Andy the Aardvark from the Roadhouse and plenty more sights and sounds of Star Wars.

"All money raised will build our legacy!" Yelenic said.

Through last year's event, more than \$40,000 was raised for St. Vincent's.

"Our goal this year is \$75,000!" Yelenic said. "WE ARE STAR WARS!"

Catholic schools across the diocese have been preparing for One Mission One Day and generating

excitement online, Sforza said. She emphasized that there are a number of ways people can get involved and help their school.

"You can share your school's photos and videos promoting the day, you can visit the OMOD website and make a gift, and you can post about your giving on social media using the hashtag #OneMissionOneDay to encourage others to do the same!" she said.

Sforza also encouraged all to visit the campaign website on May 4 to watch as the donations roll in,

and numbers change on the leaderboard. There will also be a hashtag generator that will share all social media posts that include #OneMissionOneDay.

"It's definitely going to be an exciting day for Catholic schools across the state!" said Sforza, who went on to express her gratitude to everyone for their support of One Mission One Day.

"Your gifts," she said, "will help our Catholic schools continue to provide exceptional academics in a safe and nurturing environment."

# West Virginia Catholic Daughters 'Zoom into Faith' at State Convention

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Clockwise from top left: Bishop Mark Brennan offers the opening prayer for the West Virginia Catholic Daughters of the Americas for their state convention April 24 which was held via Zoom; Court Martinsburg after Mass at St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg with Deacon Phillip Szabo; and members of the West Virginia Catholic Daughters are shown during their Zoom conference.

**WEST VIRGINIA**—The West Virginia Catholic Daughters of the Americas held their state convention April 24 via Zoom due to pandemic restrictions. The theme was “Zoom into Faith.”

Many local courts gathered together, for the event and were honored to have Bishop Mark Brennan open the convention with a prayer as he joined, via Zoom, Court Bishop Donahue in Huntington.

Through the convention, “we learned how the Catholic Daughters can be a positive influence within the state of West Virginia,” said Lisa Ceravalo, West Virginia Catholic Daughters state regent.

National Regent Sherry Nilles, joined the convention from Sheldon, Iowa.

“Although she was sitting at her home on the farm, she still felt the con-

nection and love from West Virginia,” Ceravalo said. “We plan on her visiting us in the future. Sherry was glad to see all those who joined the virtual convention.”

Members from the various Courts around the state shared projects that they have been doing even during the past year. Ceravalo said these included participating in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas National Education Contest, drive by dinners, Christmas gifts for an entire nursing home along with blankets, blessing boxes around the town, having a Lenten retreat, making palm crosses with parish youth, and even making homemade vanilla and Christmas chocolates to name a few.

The guest speaker for the conference was Deacon

Phillip Szabo.

“Deacon Phillip joined us in the morning session from Mount Saint Mary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and spoke to us about how we can share our faith even during a pandemic, with the convention theme ‘Zoom into Faith,’” Ceravalo said.

During the past two years, the West Virginia Catholic Daughters of the Americas state project was focused on supporting the seminarians of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

The afternoon session opened with a prayer from Very Rev. James R. DeViese, Jr., J.V., who also shared some inspiration to those in attendance, Ceravalo said. State court business was also discussed. It was also announced that there will be a training weekend in Morgantown next year, and the next convention will be hosted by Court Bishop Donahue in Huntington in 2023.

The convention closed with a prayer and a few words by Msgr. Dean Borg-

meyer, V.F., pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Huntington.

Some members of Court Martinsburg attended Mass Saturday evening together and were able to meet with Deacon Szabo, who was given a small token from the West Virginia Catholic Daughters for his participation in the convention.

The Catholic Daughters are open to any Catholic women age 18 and older. For more information, contact Ceravalo at regentcdawv@aol.com.

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# Evangelization and Catechesis Office Announces Summer Catechist-Training Circuit

**WEST VIRGINIA**—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston’s Office of Evangelization and Catechesis has announced its Summer Catechist-Training Circuit.

Over the course of this summer, 12 weekends of trainings will take place throughout the diocese. Though the courses will be targeted toward catechists for the purpose of becoming certified in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, anyone and everyone is welcome to attend, from RCIA team members to nonvolunteering parishioners.

To become a certified catechist through these training days, one needs to attend six required courses. These can be taken at a pace that is comfortable for each individual catechist. However, catechists will be able to achieve certification within three years, without ever having to leave their own vicariates.

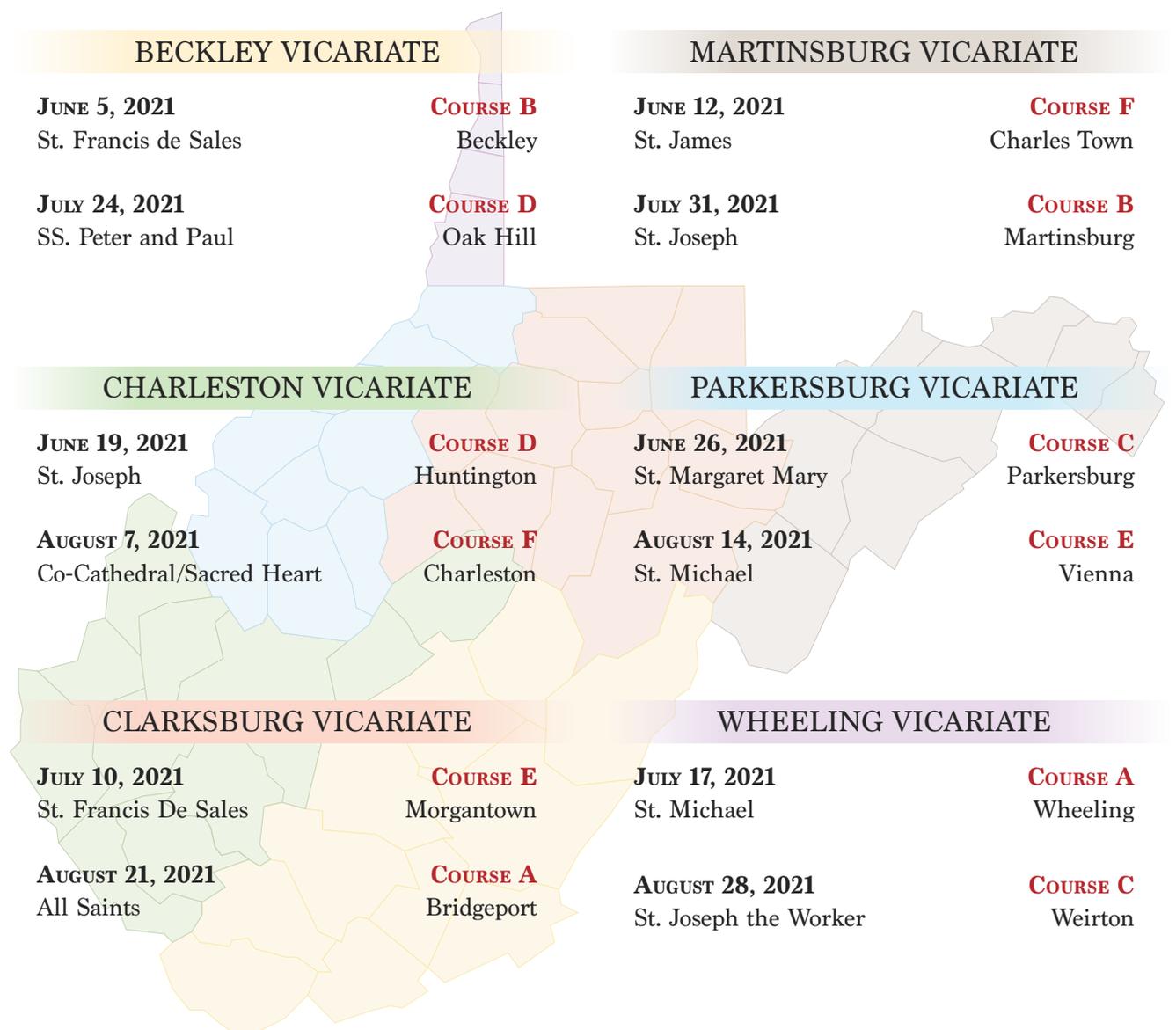
Those individuals wishing to become certified catechists will be assigned, at the trainings, five short readings and five short reflection papers, to be due five weeks after the attended course. Therefore, a certified catechist will have read 30 articles or chapters and will have written 30, one-page, typed reflection papers by the time of certification.

The six required certification courses are: (A) Introduction to Catechesis – the Ministry of Forming the Faith Lives of Children and Youth; (B) Introduction to Prayer and Praying with Children – Communicating Our Lives with God Simply; (C) Catholic Beliefs and a Survey of Catholic Doctrine – the Creed and Its Application to Our Lives; (D) Introduction to Scripture – the Bible for Living; (E) Jesus Christ – Lord and Savior of Our Lives; (F) The Seven Sacraments and Sacramental Living – Encountering Christ in Our Lives.

Trainings will be held in each of the diocese’s six vicariates: Beckley, Charleston, Clarksburg,

## DATES, VICARIATES, AND SUMMER SCHEDULE OF COURSES

By the end of the summer, four courses will have been taught in each vicariate.



Martinsburg, Parkersburg, and Wheeling. For dates and locations of each training, refer to the graphic on this page.

Each training day will have the following schedule: 8 a.m., registration and refreshments; 8:30-9:45 a.m. First Class (1); 10-11:15 a.m. Second Class (2); 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., Third

Class (3); 12:45-1:45 p.m., lunch break; 1:45-3 p.m., Fourth Class (4); 3:15-4:30 p.m., Fifth Class (5); 4:30-4:45 p.m., closing remarks, evaluations, and adjournment; 5 p.m., Mass (optional, when available).

There is no fee for the training; these days are entirely free for all participants. They will be

sponsored by the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis in conjunction with the hosting parishes.

Register by contacting Daniel Maul, director of Evangelization and Catechesis, by e-mail to [dmaul@dwc.org](mailto:dmaul@dwc.org), or by calling (304) 233-0880, ext. 376.

## Eucharistic Adoration on First Fridays at the Cathedral

**WHEELING**—In keeping with the devotional custom of the First Friday of the month, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Cathedral of St. Joseph on Friday, May 7 from the conclusion of the 12:05 p.m. Mass until

the celebration of Benediction at 5:45 p.m.

All are invited to stop by the Cathedral on Friday afternoon and spend time adoring Our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

## Consecration of Children to Our Lady of Good Hope to be Held at Wheeling Parish

**WHEELING**— At St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling, the Marist Laity will again sponsor the Consecration of Children (born and unborn) to Our Lady of Good Hope, on Sunday, May 16 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

Anyone who wishes to have a child or children consecrated or prayed for, is welcome to attend. For more information, contact the parish office at (304) 242-0406, or Jean Hohman at (304) 242-3295.

## St. Joseph's Students Doing Their Part in the Care for God's Creation



Courtesy Photo  
St. Joseph School in Martinsburg Pre-K 4 Teacher Stephanie Dardaris and students are pictured at the pre-kindergarten garden, where they placed worms for Earth Day.

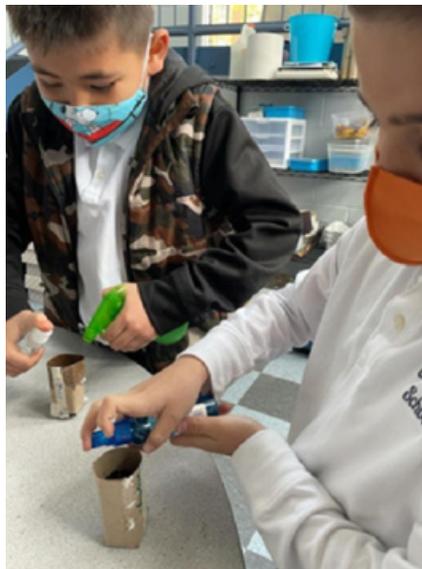
**MARTINSBURG**—“The Earth gives so much to us,” officials of St. Joseph School in Martinsburg posted on the school’s Facebook page, so Pre-K 4 Teacher Stephanie Dardaris and Little Crusaders Aide Monica Power and their students wanted to return the favor. The duo and their students added worms to the soil of the pre-kindergarten garden so it will be fertile for all the plants that will call it home. They also sang a song in honor of Earth Day (“Happy Earth Day,” sung to the tune of “Happy Birthday”).

Meanwhile the school’s third-graders celebrated Earth Day by making

biodegradable pots in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

In honor of Earth Day, St. Joseph’s also announced that as of the beginning of the 2020-2021 academic year, the school has recycled 170 large trash bags full of mixed paper, cardboard, aluminum and plastic. Though now, they cannot recycle plastic because the local recycling program is no longer collecting.

“Thanks to all of our staff and students, we are doing our part to keep our planet clean and healthy!” school officials posted.



Courtesy Photo

Third-graders at St. Joseph’s celebrated Earth Day by making biodegradable pots in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

## Diocesan Youth Board Accepting Applications

**WEST VIRGINIA**— This application will be used to determine the leadership team for the 2021-2022 school year. The DWC Youth Board will be comprised of Catholic youth representing each vicariate in our Diocese (West Virginia).

This application is open to all incoming high school Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors desiring to grow their relationship with God and are dedicated to leading others closer to Christ. Those interested in applying are asked to reflect seriously and prayerfully on why they are applying to be on the DWC Youth Board and if they are willing to commit fully to the requirements for one year. Total, individual commitment is crucial if the Youth Board is to be functional and effective.

Travel for in-person meetings is required. Attending occasional virtual meetings is also required. Students can apply online through this link <http://bit.ly/DWCYB2021> or via the diocese’s website ([dwc.org](http://dwc.org)) under Evangelization and Catechesis.

Read each question carefully and answer it thoughtfully. Each applicant may be required to do a Zoom interview. Filling out this application does not guarantee acceptance to the DWC Youth Board. All applicants will be contacted by June 1.

For any questions or more information, contact Assistant Director of Evangelization and Catechesis Jessica Petter at [jpetter@dwc.org](mailto:jpetter@dwc.org) or call (304) 233-0880, ext. 375.

## Shepherdstown Parishioner to Volunteer at Shelter for Asylum Seekers in Texas

**SHEPHERDSTOWN**—Siobhán Bertone, a parishioner of St. Agnes Parish in Shepherdstown, will be volunteering at Holding Institute, a humanitarian shelter for asylum seekers in Laredo, Texas. The shelter is receiving hundreds of families every week. To support the guests at the shelter, St. Agnes will receive cash or check donations between now and May 8. While there, Bertone will use the donations to purchase basic needs items for the families, from socks and underwear to shampoo and medications. Donations can be mailed or dropped off to the St. Agnes office. Please note “Laredo” in the memo of the check.

## WV Council of Churches Sponsoring Foster Care Awareness Month Audio Storytelling Project

**WEST VIRGINIA**—The West Virginia Council of Churches (WVCC) is sponsoring an audio storytelling project to highlight the stories of these families. Individuals can call (304) 449-4877 and leave a voicemail message up to three minutes long. The call is free and callers can remain anonymous.

Callers can leave a message describing a special memory of the child/children they are caring for or they can share why they chose to foster, adopt, or provide kinship care. This is also an opportunity for those who wish to thank foster, adoptive, and kinship parents.

These voice mail messages will be uploaded online and excerpts will be shared on the WVCC’s Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages.

The number to call to leave a message is (304) 449-4877.

## Walk for Life in Charleston Will be Held May 2

**CHARLESTON**—All are invited to join in the Cross Roads Pregnancy Care Center’s Walk for Life which will be held on Sunday, May 2 at 3 p.m. at the West Virginia State Capitol in Charleston. The center is also located in Charleston.

# Catholic Leaders Urge India to Deploy Military to Help with Pandemic

**By Catholic News Service**

**NEW DELHI (CNS)** — As COVID-19 continues to claim thousands of lives daily in India, some Catholic leaders have called on the federal government to deploy the military to deal with the crisis before it worsens.

“The second wave of COVID-19 is surely a national calamity, and the entire nation is struggling as thousands are dying and hundreds of thousands are getting infected daily,” said Auxiliary Bishop Theodore Mascarenhas of Ranchi, former secretary-general of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India.

“The federal government should consider deploying military personnel to assist the civil administration to effectively deal with this alarming situation of people living in fear,” he told ucanews.com April 27.

“Whenever the country faced national calamities such as a flood, drought, earthquake, cyclone or any such crisis, the Indian military played a crucial role to restore normalcy,” said Bishop Mascarenhas. “It is high time that the government deployed the army and other wings of the defense forces with their huge resources and trained manpower to tide over this calam-

ity that has already crippled the economy and taken a huge toll on its population.”

Since mid-April, India has been reporting more than 300,000 new COVID-19 cases and 2,000 deaths daily. Several states and cities have resorted to lockdowns and night curfews and other restrictions on socio-religious gatherings to break the chain of the pandemic’s spread.

On April 27, India reported 323,144 new cases and 2,771 deaths. The stretched health care system in the country of 1.3 billion people has been reporting a lack of hospital beds, medical oxygen, vaccines and antiviral medicines as thousands seek medical care.

Divine Word Father Babu Joseph, former spokesman for the Indian bishops’ conference, also said military should be deployed.

“Certainly, our defense personnel played very important roles in calamities and rendered superb services,” Father Joseph said. The advantage of deploying military personnel is that they are disciplined and trained to deal with such situations, he added.

“Now we face a health emergency, and at a time like this their service would be more useful and effective,” Father Joseph told



**CNS Photo/Adnan Abidi, Reuters**  
A health care worker wearing personal protective equipment pulls a patient suffering from COVID-19 on a stretcher outside Guru Teg Bahadur hospital in New Delhi April 24.

ucanews.com.

Father Varghese Vallikkatt, former deputy secretary-general of the Kerala Catholic Bishops’ Council, also supported the suggestion.

“It is sickening to see people dying without oxygen and hospital beds even in places like New Delhi, the national capital, and other big cities such as Mumbai,”

Father Vallikkatt said. “Many have lost hope of returning to their homes from cities where they work. Their heartbreaking stories make me helpless.

“I strongly believe that at this hour of the crisis taking the service of our military personnel will be an added advantage to overcome this critical situation.”

The priest also wrote a post on Facebook urging the

federal government to consider the suggestion to deploy the army.

Father Vallikkatt said the “real problem of oxygen supply is not its shortage, but distribution. If our defense personnel are deployed, they will airlift oxygen from available sources and fill the shortage,” he said.

“What is more important is our lives. The sooner, the better,” he added.

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# Christian Meditation is Path to Meeting Christ, Pope Says at Audience

**By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service**

Meditation is more than just a method of stress relief for the body, it is a way of encountering Christ in one's soul, Pope Francis said.

During his weekly general audience April 28, the pope said that although it has become a "widespread activity among people who do not have a religious view of life," meditation within the context of Christian prayer guides men and women "to advance, with the Holy Spirit, along the one way of prayer: Christ Jesus."

"For us Christians, meditating is a way of encountering Jesus. And in this way, only in this way, can we find ourselves," he said.

Continuing his series of talks on prayer, the pope reflected on medita-

tion as a form of prayer Christians use to "seek meaning" within the sacred mysteries and from God's word.

Meditation, however, is also practiced by nonbelievers as well "because it represents a high barrier against the daily stress and emptiness that is everywhere," he noted.

"Here, then, is the image of young people and adults sitting in meditation, in silence, with their eyes half-closed," he said. "What do these people do? They meditate. It is a phenomenon to be welcomed: we are not made to run all the time, we have an inner life that cannot always be neglected. Meditating is therefore a need for everyone."

Nevertheless, the pope said that for Christians, the use of meditation is not due to an aspiration of "full self-trans-

parency," but first and foremost "an encounter with the Other, with a capital O."

"If an experience of prayer gives us inner peace, or self-mastery, or clarity about the path to take, these results are, one might say, side effects of the grace of Christian prayer, which is the encounter with Jesus. That is, meditating means going forward — guided by a verse from Scripture, from a word — to the encounter with Jesus within us," he said.

Departing from his prepared remarks, the pope said that while there are many methods that are "important and worthy of practice," Christian meditation "is not possible without the Holy Spirit."

"Jesus told us, 'I will send you the Holy Spirit; he will teach you and ex-

plain to you,'" the pope said. "In meditation as well, he is the guide to go forward in the encounter with Jesus Christ."

Pope Francis said that the grace of Christian prayer is the knowledge that "Christ is not far away but is always in a relationship with us."

He encouraged Christians to meditate on the Gospels so that the Holy Spirit "may guide us to be present there."

"This is not a withdrawal into ourselves, no, no," the pope said. Christian meditation involves "going to Jesus and from Jesus, to meet ourselves — healed, risen, strong — because of the grace of Jesus. And to encounter Jesus, the savior of all, including me. And this is thanks to the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

# Biden Administration Appeals Block on Transgender Health Care Mandate

**By Catholic News Service**

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — The Biden administration has filed an appeal April 20 of a Jan. 19 federal court's ruling to block an Affordable Care Act provision barring discrimination by health insurers and providers against transgender people.

The regulation was issued in 2016 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services requiring doctors to perform these procedures in children and adults or be held liable for discrimination.

Catholic and other opponents of the provision, Section 1557, call it a "transgender mandate" and say forces doctors and hospitals to perform gender-transition procedures against their moral conscience and professional medical judgment.

"This is bad for patients, doctors and religious liberty," said Luke Goodrich, senior counsel at Becket, a law firm in Washington that focuses on religious liberty cases.

In a series of tweets April 20, Goodrich said: "The Biden Admin shouldn't have appealed. But we look forward to another ruling that protects patients, aligns with current medical research, and ensures doctors aren't forced to violate their religious beliefs and professional medical judgment."

"The government's own doctors during the Obama Admin agreed: 'Based on a thorough review of the clinical evidence ... there is not enough evidence to determine whether gender reassignment surgery improves health outcomes for [patients] with gender dysphoria.'"

This mandate, he tweeted, "not only threatens religious doctors and hospitals. It also threatens patients, as there is ample evidence that certain gender transition procedures can be deeply harmful."

The Biden administration is appealing a ruling by the U.S. District Court for the District of North Dakota in Fargo in a case brought by several Catholic and other faith-based plaintiffs, including doctors, hospitals and clinics. The appeal is being handled by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 8th Circuit, based in St. Louis.

The Religious Freedom Re-

storation Act, or RFRA, "bars the U.S. government from forcing Catholic health care providers to perform gender-transition related procedures and from forcing employers to provide insurance to pay for them," the District Court said.

"Thus, the government's interpretation of the Affordable Care Act's Section 1557 and Title VII as prohibiting discrimination on the basis of a person's gender identity or transgender status can't be enforced against entities that have sincerely held religious beliefs that preclude them from performing and covering such procedures," it said.

This decision "protects patients, preserves the integrity of the doctor-patient relationship and vindicates crucial conscience rights in medicine," a Becket statement said.

After the rule was first is-

sued, Becket filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Texas, saying the rule violated RFRA.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Franciscan Alliance, a religious hospital network serving Indiana and Illinois that now goes by the name Franciscan Health, and the Christian Medical and Dental Associations. The states of Texas, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska and Wisconsin also joined in the suit.

In December 2016, two different federal courts ruled "the policy was an unlawful overreach by a federal agency and a likely violation of religious liberty."

"The decision to undergo gender reassignment therapy is a difficult and deeply personal one, and it is especially complicated and sensitive in the case of children," the

courts said. "It is a health care decision that should be left between a family and their doctor, and not decided by politicians and government bureaucrats."

Two other federal district court judges also ruled against the mandate in 2019 and 2020, followed by the District Court ruling in North Dakota this past January.

However, the courts didn't issue a permanent injunction against HHS to prevent it from enforcing this rule in the future, so in early March of this year a group of doctors and hospitals sought such an injunction before the 5th Circuit, which is based in New Orleans.

In 2020, the Trump administration attempted "to fix the unlawful rule," Becket said, but that effort was blocked by other courts.

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

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“The Works of Mercy give



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**Kellie Rogers, CCWVa Managing Attorney/Director of Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services, provides a client consultation over the phone during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

us a model for how to treat one another,” said Zarate. “Through our Refugee Resettlement and Immigration

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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 – Sunday, 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 – Thursday, June 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Mary, Weirton – Wednesday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m.

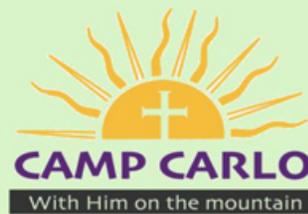
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## Confirmation in Morgantown

**Bishop Mark Brennan administers the sacrament of confirmation at St. Francis de Sales Church in Morgantown April 18.**

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## Book Reviews

# *New Books offer Unique Perspectives on Long Road to Sainthood*

By Timothy Walch, Catholic News Service

“Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood,” edited by Michael R. Heinlein. Our Sunday Visitor (Huntington, Indiana, 2021). 96 pp., \$9.95.

“The Saint Makers: Inside the Catholic Church and How a War Hero Inspired a Journey of Faith” by Joe Drape. Hachette Books (New York, 2020). 256 pp., \$28.

Sainthood. It’s a matter of faith that Catholics who die in a state of grace join the communion of saints in heaven. Indeed, the church has codified that recognition in the celebration of All Saints’ Day each Nov. 1.

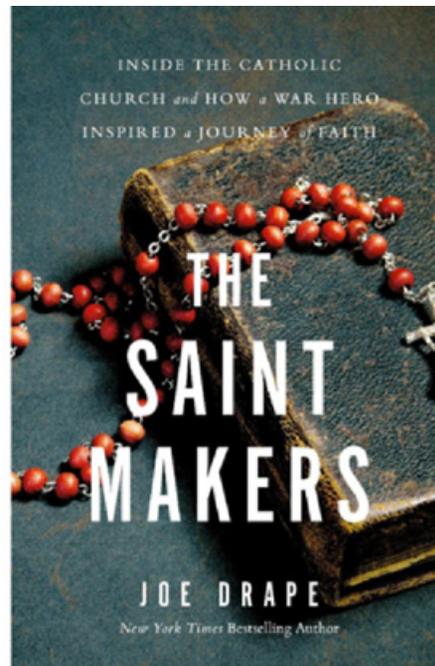
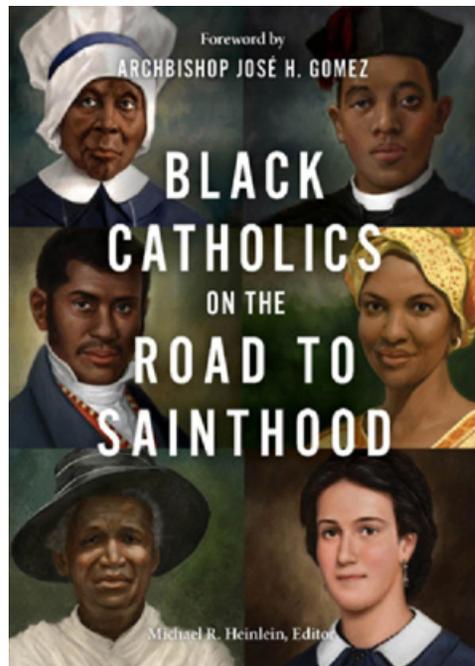
For a few extraordinary Catholics, however, the recognition of sanctity takes a more public form. In a process known as canonization, Vatican officials examine the lives of certain Catholics to determine if they are, indeed, worthy of special commemoration. When the church is convinced of the truth of sanctity, the pope grants formal sainthood.

The process of canonization can be arduous, so supporters seek to advance these causes through books and articles. Two recent books offer insight into the process; both are informative contributions to our understanding of the canon of saints.

“Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood” is a compilation of personal reflections issued by the publishing division of Our Sunday Visitor. Editor Michael R. Heinlein focuses on six African American Catholics recognized by the church for additional consideration.

The six are Pierre Toussaint; Mother Henriette Delille, who founded the Sisters of the Holy Family; Father Augustus Tolton; Mother Mary Lange, who founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence; Julia Greeley; and Sister Thea Bowman, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration.

All six led exceptional lives of service and sacrifice and have been recognized as either “servants of



CNS composite/courtesy Our Sunday Visitor, HarperOne  
These are the covers of “Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood,” edited by Michael R. Heinlein; “The Saint Makers,” by Joe Drape. These books are reviewed by Timothy Walch.

God” or “venerable,” the first two steps on the road to canonization. “By their stories of faith and virtue,” notes Heinlein, “they show us how to respond to the call of holiness, bringing healing, reconciliation and peace to our wounded nation and world.”

This is a timely book that emphasizes the importance and contributions of people of color to our nation and our church. The book includes numerous testimonials from prominent Black Catholics as well as a foreword by Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

“The Saint Makers” by Joe Drape provides a different approach to canonization. A Jesuit-educated journalist, Drape concentrates on the cause of Father Emil Kapaun, a priest of the Diocese of Wichita, Kansas, and a military chaplain during the Korean War.

Drape begins his journey with an introduction to Father Kapaun as a parish priest in Kansas and as member of the Chaplain Corps. With the onset of the Korean con-

flict, Father Kapaun joined the 1st Cavalry Division on the field of battle.

On the evening of All Saints’ Day, 1950, Father Kapaun and other members of his battalion were captured by Chinese troops. Even though he was a prisoner, Father Kapaun never stopped being a priest; his bravery and leadership provided great solace to his fellow prisoners.

Father Kapaun carried on for the next several months but shortly after Easter his health declined. He was malnourished and a blood infection put his life in peril. Dysentery further compounded his suffering, but still he ministered to his men. The Chinese took him away on May 21 and two days later he was dead. The body was dumped in a mass grave without ceremony.

Although gone, Father Kapaun was not forgotten among Korean War veterans and they worked tirelessly to bring his heroism to public attention after the war. Their penultimate achievement came when the priest, who held the rank of

captain, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor April 11, 2013.

Father Kapaun’s legacy of compassion also led to another honor. For several years, church officials in Wichita compiled documentation on Kapaun’s life and sanctity. This effort led to Father Kapaun being declared a “servant of God” in 1993.

The balance of Drape’s book traces the campaign to take the cause to the next stage and convince the pope to declare Father Kapaun to be “Venerable.” This effort required additional research and the employment of a special canon lawyer to plead the cause. Drape traces this effort up to March 20, 2020, when Kapaun’s documentation was to be presented formally to the Vatican.

Unfortunately, the pandemic put Father Kapaun’s cause on hold and he still has the title “Servant of God.” A declaration he is “Venerable” would confirm he led a life of heroic virtues.

In general, the canonization process requires confirmation of two miracles occurring through the sainthood candidate’s intercession. The first would give Father Kapaun the title “Blessed,” and with the second he would be declared a saint.

On March 4, 2021, the U.S. Defense Department announced the identification of Father Kapaun’s remains among those returned from Korea to the United States in the 1950s and 1960s. He is interned among the men he served at the U.S. military cemetery in Hawaii.

Why is the process of canonization so important? Drape asks that question of one Vatican official, and the response was plain and rings true. “We all need models of sanctity,” Drape was told. “They are the best images of Christ. They are the best of all of us. That is why we need saints.”

(Walch is a historian of American Catholicism and the author of “Parish School.”)

# Papa en audiencia: La meditación cristiana es el camino al encuentro con Cristo

Por Junno Arocho Esteves,  
Catholic News Service

La meditación es más que un método para aliviar el estrés del cuerpo, es una forma de encontrar a Cristo en el alma, dijo el papa Francisco.

Durante su audiencia general semanal del 28 de abril, el papa dijo que aunque se ha convertido en una "actividad difundida también entre personas que no tienen una visión religiosa de la vida", la meditación en el contexto de la oración cristiana guía a hombres y mujeres a "avanzar, con el Espíritu Santo, por el único camino de la oración: Cristo Jesús".

"Meditar, para nosotros cristianos, es una forma de encontrar a Jesús. Y así, solo así, reencontrarnos con nosotros mismos", dijo.

Continuando con su serie de charlas sobre la oración, el papa reflexionó sobre la meditación como una forma de oración que los cristianos usan para "buscar significado" dentro de los misterios sagrados y de la palabra de Dios.

La meditación, sin embargo, también la practican los no creyentes "representa un alto terraplén contra el estrés cotidiano y el vacío que se esparce por todos lados", señaló.

"Ahí está, por tanto, la imagen de jóvenes y adultos sentados en recogimiento, en silencio, con los ojos

medio cerrados... Pero podemos preguntarnos: ¿qué hacen estas personas? Meditan," dijo. "Es un fenómeno que hay que mirar con buenos ojos: de hecho nosotros no estamos hechos para correr en continuación, poseemos una vida interior que no puede ser siempre pisoteada. Meditar es por tanto una necesidad de todos".

Sin embargo, el papa dijo que para los cristianos, el uso de la meditación no se debe a una aspiración de "plena transparencia", sino sobre todo un "encuentro con el Otro, con el Otro pero con la O mayúscula".

"Si una experiencia de oración nos dona la paz interior, o el dominio de nosotros mismos, o la lucidez sobre el camino que emprender, estos resultados son, por así decir, efectos colaterales de la gracia de la oración cristiana que es el encuentro con Jesús, es decir meditar es ir al encuentro con Jesús, guiados por una frase o una palabra de la Sagrada Escritura", dijo.

Partiendo de sus comentarios preparados, el papa dijo que si bien hay muchos métodos que son "importantes y dignos de práctica", la meditación cristiana "no es posible sin el Espíritu Santo".

"Jesús nos había dicho 'os enviaré el Espíritu Santo. Él os enseñará y os explicará'. Y también en la meditación, el Espíritu Santo es la guía para ir adelante en el encuentro con



Foto del CNS / Vatican Media  
El Papa Francisco dirige su audiencia general en la biblioteca del Palacio Apostólico en el Vaticano el 28 de abril. El Papa reflexionó sobre el tema de la meditación mientras continuaba su serie de charlas sobre la oración.

Jesucristo".

El papa Francisco dijo que la gracia de la oración cristiana es el conocimiento de que "Cristo no está lejos, pero siempre está en relación con nosotros".

Animó a los cristianos a meditar en los Evangelios para que el Espíritu Santo nos "guíe para estar presentes allí".

"Meditar, para nosotros cristia-

nos, es una forma de encontrar a Jesús. Y así, solo así, reencontrarnos con nosotros mismos. Y esto no es un encerrarnos en nosotros mismos, no", dijo. "Ir a Jesús y en Jesús encontrarnos a nosotros mismos, sanados, resucitados, fuertes por la gracia de Jesús. Y encontrar a Jesús salvador de todos, también mío. Y esto gracias a la guía del Espíritu Santo".

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- 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 at dondeck@dwc.org or mailed to 210 Center Ave., Weston, WV May 14, 2021.

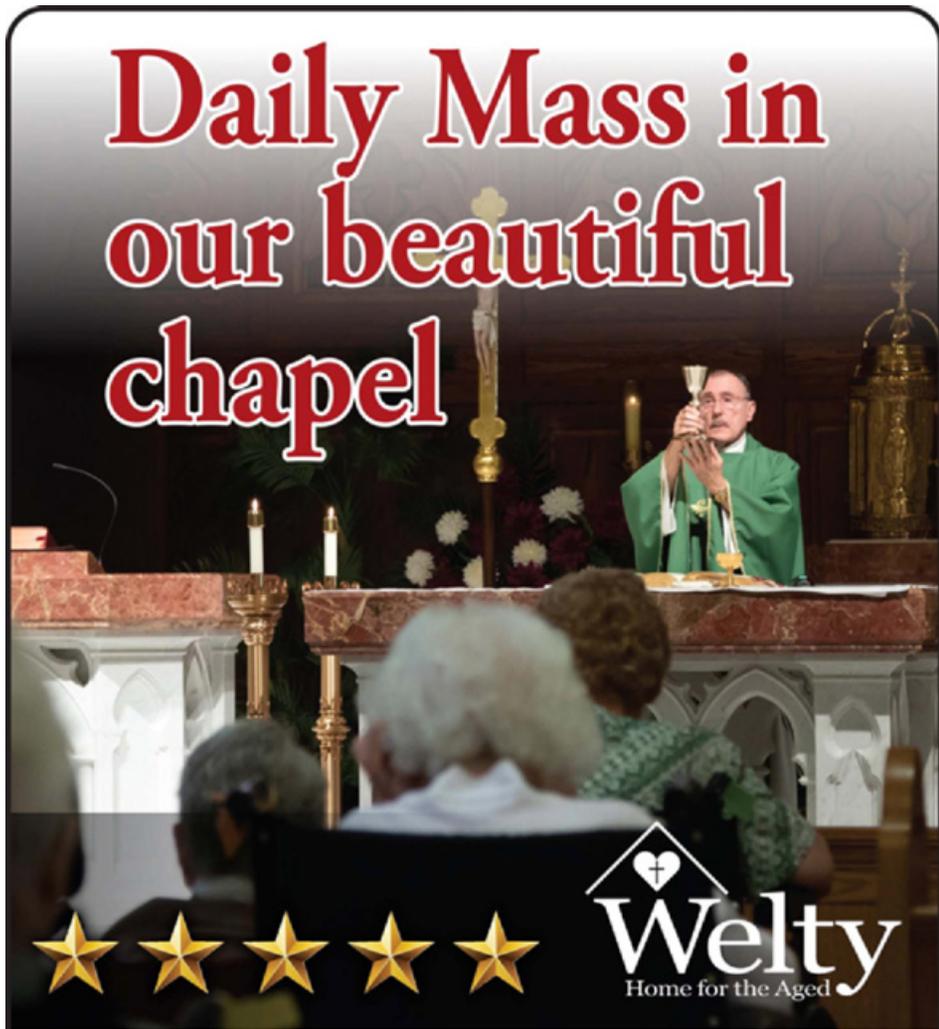
## Director of Human Resources Opening

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 Charities 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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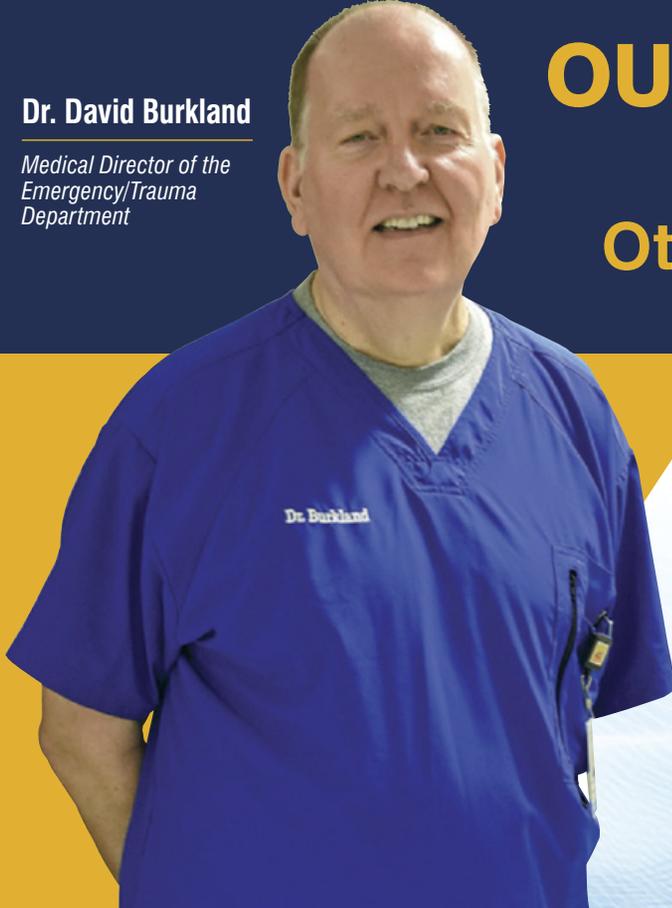
## Advancement Associate Catholic Charities West Virginia Needed

Catholic Charities West Virginia is seeking a full-time Advancement Associate for its Advancement Office in Wheeling. The Advancement Associate is responsible for all administrative office aspects of fund development and participates in all fundraising activities including donor relations, direct mail appeals, and special events. Occasional in-state travel is required.

Essential duties include but are not limited to: process donations, event registrations and sponsorships, and coordinate with Finance; coordinate acknowledgments, registrations, and other correspondence; coordinate appeal, newsletter and other publications, and email, print and mail projects; create monthly fundraising reports and other agency data reports as needed; continually update and correct donor database records; and coordinate administrative details associated with fundraising events.

Qualifications include: Bachelor's degree or equivalent relevant experience required; experience working in Salsa CRM/Salsa Engage software; experience in fundraising (i.e., donor relations, special events); proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint; knowledge of simple accounting principles; and excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

Please send cover letter, up-to-date resume, and three professional references by May 7, 2021, to John Catone, Chief Advancement Officer, Catholic Charities WV, 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003, or email to [jcantone@ccwva.org](mailto:jcantone@ccwva.org).



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