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Catholic Charities West Virginia to Celebrate Virtual ‘Shining a Light on Hope’ Gala

WHEELING—Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) will host its Shining a Light on Hope Virtual Gala on April 21. The Gala will broadcast at 7 p.m. on WTRF-7 in Wheeling and on CCWVa’s website, YouTube channel and Facebook page.

“We are excited to give our supporters an inside look at the vital programs we provide across northern West Virginia,” said Beth Zarate, CCWVa president and chief executive officer.

From food pantries to case management, from children’s services to in-

home care for the elderly, CCWVa provides comprehensive social services to those in need.

Proceeds from the gala support CCWVa’s programs and services in 17 counties in northern West Virginia.

“Over the last year, Catholic Char-

ities has given more critical support than ever before,” said Zarate.

“We are steadfast in our desire to help those experiencing hardships get the resources, education and tools they need.”

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Prayers for Peace



Courtesy Photo

Amy Perry’s third-grade class at St. Francis de Sales School in Beckley created these peaceful dove prayers for the people of Ukraine. They are displayed on a wall inside the school beside a statue of Our Lady, shown above. “May these, and all the prayers of the faithful, be answered and peace renewed to the people of Ukraine,” school officials said in a post on the school’s Facebook page. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is still collecting funds to support the Church in the Ukraine. Donations can be made on the diocese’s website at dwc.org. Funds will be used to provide humanitarian aid to victims of the war as well as refugees who have fled their homelands in search of safety.

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Obituaries

Father John N. Duhaime

Father John N. Duhaime died April 7, 2022. He was born in Manchester, N.H., on Dec. 17, 1939, to Cecile and Ovila Louis Duhaime. He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brothers: Guy Duhaime, Lionel Duhaime, Victor Duhaime, and Jules Duhaime.

He is survived by his brother, Andre' Duhaime.



Father Duhaime attended Salette Minor Seminary in Enfield, N.H., and St. Mary Queen of the Clergy Seminary in Quebec, Canada. He also attended St. Francis Seminary in Loretto, Pa., and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. Father Duhaime was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Joseph H. Hodges at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling on May 29, 1971. From 1971 to 1973, he was associate pastor of St. Peter the Fisherman Parish in Fairmont. He then served as associate pastor at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley from 1973 to 1975 and at St. Paul Parish in Weirton in 1975. In 1974, he was appointed as chaplain of the veterans hospital. He served as pastor of Christ the King Parish in War from 1976 to 1978, Our Lady of Victory Parish in Gary from 1978 to 1986, and Sacred Heart Parish in Rainelle from 1986 to 1996. He also served as chaplain at the Federal Reformatory for Women in Alderson. In 1996, he became pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Hinton and St. Mary of the Greenbrier Mission in Alderson.

Father Duhaime retired from active ministry in 1998 but continued as chaplain at the Federal Reformatory for Women until 2015. In 2020, he moved to the Welty Home for Assisted Living in Wheeling. He celebrated his 50th anniversary of priesthood last year.

Arrangements are pending at this time.

Gladys A. Tetteh

Gladys A. Tetteh, the sister of Father Edward Tetteh, SVD, passed away on April 6, 2022, in Ghana.

Gala...

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A special highlight of the gala will be musical entertainment provided by the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra (WSO) on the GO program, as well as the children of Holy Family Child Care Center in Wheeling.

As part of the Gala, CCWVa will host a virtual auction. The auction will feature a number of unique items and priceless opportunities. It will be available at

bidpal.net/CCWVa from April 17-24, closing at 9 p.m. on April 24.

"We rely on the generous contributions of our community to support our programs, and we're extremely grateful for our sponsors whose support enables us to continue this important work," said Zarate.

The gala is presented through the generosity of lead sponsors: WVU Medicine and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

More details about the event are available on CCWVa's website at: www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/Gala2022.



Courtesy Photo

Catholic Charities West Virginia staff prepare food pantry bags for Morgantown residents experiencing food insecurity.

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.

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."

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HHS Expected to Propose Health Care Rule on Abortion, Transgender Services

By Tom Tracy, Catholic News Service

Leadership at the Catholic Benefits Association believes the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will soon announce new regulations that may pose an existential threat to religious-based employers including Catholic hospitals.

Discovery of a 74-page legal memorandum attached to a court filing from a consortium of 30 sexual rights groups last year revealed that HHS has promised to revise its mandates on health plan coverage and performance to include surgical abortion, cross-sex hormones, gender-transition surgeries, gender-affirming cosmetic surgeries and voice modification — along with a host of expanded services dealing with fertility treatments, contraception, abortifacients and sterilizations.

It is believed that sometime in April, HHS could announce the proposed regulations, which would not only disallow religious exemptions but would have a broad cost and compliance impact on all U.S. employers.

“The memo prepared by the Leadership Conference provides the best forecast of what the new regulation will say. We don’t know for sure what the regulation will say but there is good reason to believe that it will be quite similar to the memo signed on by 30 sexual rights activist groups including Planned Parenthood,” said attorney Martin Nussbaum of Nussbaum Speir Gleason in Colorado Springs, Colorado, a legal firm which advises the Catholic Benefits Association.

The association provides legal advocacy and litigation in defense of the First Amendment rights for its membership of over 1,000 Catholic employers, including 60 dioceses and archdioceses, numerous religious orders, colleges and universities, hospitals and other ministries.

The Leadership Conference, based in Washington, is a coalition of some 200 member organizations advocating for civil and human rights for women, the LGBTQ community, immigrants and workers and the disabled commu-

nity.

The proposed HHS regulations would apply to implementation of an Affordable Care Act provision that includes a prohibit on discrimination based on sex. It will likely apply to all health care providers, clinics, nursing homes, hospitals, group health insurers and third-party administrators of self-funded plans.

“And if the new regulation applies to all of those groups, it will effectively apply to all employers with a health plan,” Nussbaum told Catholic News Service. “The proposed regulation would also apply to all contractors of the previous groups, including my law firm. For Catholic hospital chains it is hard to imagine how broad that group is.”

Last year a number of Catholic health care organizations filed a lawsuit challenging the Biden administration’s so-called “transgender mandate” requiring that doctors and hospitals perform gender-transition procedures on any patient despite any moral or medical objections of the doctor or health care facility.

A federal court blocked the mandate last August, granting the plaintiffs’ request for a permanent injunction. It permanently enjoined HHS, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and all HHS-related divisions, agencies and employees “from interpreting or enforcing Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act,” which became law in 2016.

Section 1557 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex — including pregnancy, sexual orientation and gender identity — in covered health programs or activities.

In 2020, the Trump administration put in place a final rule that eliminated the general prohibition on discrimination based on gender identity and also adopted abortion and religious freedom exemptions for health care providers. But the courts blocked this rule change.

In 2021, shortly after he was inaugurated, President Joe Biden issued an executive order declaring his administration would apply in all areas — in-

cluding the ACA — the ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in *Bostock* in 2020 that discrimination based on sex outlawed Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 covers people who are gay or transgender.

The expected rules change Nussbaum discussed with CNS would have to be published in the Federal Register by HHS, and once published, a period for public comment would begin. In general, agencies will specify a comment period ranging from 30 to 60 days.

“The forthcoming (HHS) regulation presents an existential threat to Catholic health care because the penalties to noncompliance will likely include private enforcement, class-action lawsuits, ‘qui tam’ actions, which is where an individual can file a lawsuit as if he or she were the United States itself,” he explained. “The penalties may also include loss of Medicare and Medicaid funding and even imprisonment for noncomplying health care executives.”

“Such sanctions can shut down any hospital network,” Nussbaum said, adding that such an expansion of ACA-related services will cost employers millions and millions of dollars in increased health insurance costs.

Last year, the Colorado Association of Health Plans, an industry trade group, predicted a 1.5% rate hike in response to the Colorado governor’s announcement to cover gender-conforming cosmetic surgery — reportedly becoming the first state to try to require insurers to provide transition-related care for transgender people as an essential benefit.

“Such performance mandates will harm health care in the U.S. overall, given that Catholic hospitals provide an estimated one-sixth of hospital beds nationally,” Nussbaum noted.

Other faith-based groups and employers including evangelical and Christian colleges and health care networks would be expected to file challenges to a radical broadening of mandatory abortion, contraceptive and gender-transition services following the comment period on the proposed

the HHS rule.

Doug Wilson, CEO of the Colorado-based Catholic Benefits Association, said he planned to discuss the anticipated HHS announcement with the leadership of other Catholic health care associations coming together under a newly formed umbrella organization called the Catholic Healthcare Leadership Alliance.

“My main focus right now is getting ready for the HHS ruling,” Wilson told CNS. “Until November, when our attorneys discovered it in a 74-page court filing, nobody knew about it. We very quickly shared the information with the USCCB (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops) and many others and our membership community as well.”

“The general public has almost no awareness of what may be coming,” Wilson added.

“It is written to end Catholic health care. The requirements are so far beyond Catholic teaching that Catholic employers of every sort would be faced with complying or shutting down,” Wilson said.

There was no immediate response to a request for comment that CNS sent to HHS, the Catholic Health Association and the U.S. bishops’ pro-life secretariat.

The anticipated HHS rules represent a well-crafted and well-thought out way to remove religion from health care, according to Wilson. The anticipated rules, he said, would touch on the full gamut of reproductive health care, from surgical abortion and, possibly, mail-order chemical abortion to services related to sexual orientation and gender identity.

“The Leadership Conference’s demands are very clear. There must be no religious exemptions from this,” he said. “At the end of the day, we are preparing for what we anticipate will be a significant lawsuit. I don’t think the administration will make material changes or that the public comment period will have enough (or) much effect.”

“Their view of what is good for the country is certainly in a different place than ours,” Wilson said.

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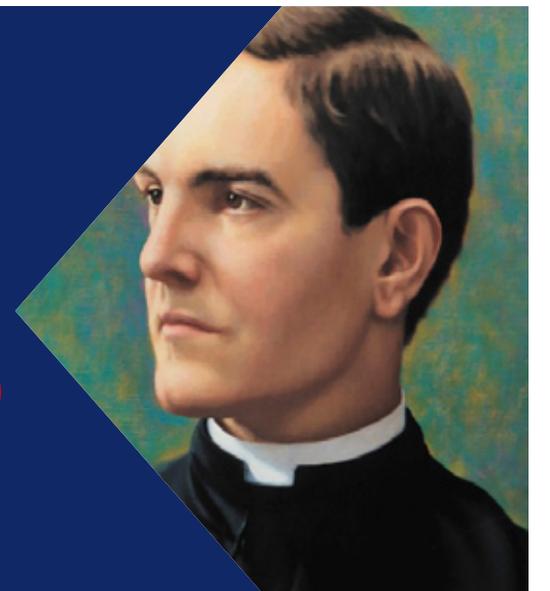
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U.S. Nun, 83, Kidnapped in Burkina Faso

By Peter Finney Jr., Catholic News Service

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — The attack in which Marianite Sister Suellen Tennyson, 83, was abducted from her convent in Yalgo, Burkina Faso, the morning of April 5 was conducted by at least 10 armed men, the Marianites of Holy Cross said in an electronic newsletter.

The congregation said Sister Tennyson, the former international congregational leader for order and a native of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, was sleeping when the men burst into the convent, ransacked the living quarters and kidnapped her, leaving behind two other Marianite sisters and two young women who also live in the convent.

"There were about 10 men who came during the night while the sisters were sleeping," Marianite Sister Ann Lacour, congregational leader, said in the e-bulletin April 6. "They destroyed almost everything in the house, shot holes in the new truck and tried to burn it. The house itself is OK, but its contents are ruined."

Sister Lacour, who currently is attending a congregational meeting in Le Mans, France, said she was told by the two younger women living at the convent that Sister Tennyson was taken from her bed with "no glasses, shoes, phone, medicine, etc."

The other two Marianites at the convent — Sister Pauline Drouin, a Canadian, and Sister Pascaline Tougma, a Burkinabé — were not abducted and did not see many of the details.

"They say the two young women who live with them saw what happened and told them (the details)," Sister Lacour said. "They think there were more men on the road. They have heard nothing from or about Suellen since she was taken."

Sister Lacour said Sister Drouin and Sister Tougma have been relocated to Kaya, Burkina Faso, about 70 miles from Yalgo.

"We let them know that the U.S. Embassy as well as the vicar general of Le Mans (who spent time as a missionary) strongly urged them to leave Burkina Faso and go to France," Sister Lacour said. "They were not open to leaving the country without Suellen — they want to stay and wait for her and seem confident that she will be released."

Sister Lacour said the Marianites have contacted the U.S. Embassy in Burkina Faso and the U.S. State Department, and "they have assured us that this is a high-priority case for them." The congregation also has contacted the apostolic nuncios to the U.S., Burkina Faso and France as well as the Vatican's secretary of state and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious in the U.S.

"They are all doing what they can," Sister Lacour said.

Sister Lacour told Catholic News Service that Sister Tennyson was kidnapped "because she's American."

Yalgo is in northern Burkina Faso, not far from the border with Mali. Reliefweb reports that in the last two years, Burkina Faso's northern and eastern regions have seen a "sharp deterioration in the security situation ... due to the presence of nonstate armed groups."

Sister Lacour, who has visited the Marianites in the country, said Sister Tennyson was serving as a pastoral minister, "to wipe tears, give hugs, import a smile. She really did support the people that work in the clinic that the parish runs." People walked for miles to get help from the clinic, she said.

She added that Sister Tennyson is in good medical health.

"I don't know if any of us are prepared to be kidnapped," she added.

In a statement released to media in Africa and Europe, Bishop Théophile Nare of Kaya said, "Until the search for her is successful, we remain in communion of prayer for the release of Sister Suellen Tennyson."

New Orleans Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond joined in the appeal of the safe return of Sister Tennyson, who, among her local assignments, was executive director of the Office of Religious, 1996-2007.

"For many years, Sister Suellen ministered to the people of the Archdiocese of New Orleans with great joy. Today, we express our sadness and shock at her abduction and offer our prayers for her safe return. Please join me in praying for Sister Suellen, the Marianite Sisters of the Holy Cross, and all who know and love her during this difficult time," the archbishop said.

(Contributing to this story was Barb Frazee in Washington.)

Senate Confirms Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to Supreme Court

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — In a 53-47 vote, the U.S. Senate April 7 confirmed Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, making her the first Black woman to fill that role.

"Judge Jackson's confirmation was a historic moment for our nation. We've taken another step toward making our highest court reflect the diversity of America," tweeted President Joe Biden after the tally was announced by Vice President Kamala Harris, who presided over the vote. On the Senate floor, just prior to the vote, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said: "This is a great moment for Judge Jackson, but it is an even greater moment for America as we rise to a more perfect union."

The senator, called Jackson's confirmation a "giant, bold and important step" and also stressed the significance that she would

be the first former federal public defender to serve on the nation's high court.

Jackson will fill the vacancy that will be left by Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer when he retires this summer at the end of the current term. She will be sworn in at that time. Just as the Senate vote was divided, advocacy groups also had a mixed reaction.

"Judge Jackson's work as a public defender and a civil rights lawyer provide her a necessary framework" to serve on the court, said Mary Novak, executive director of Network, a Catholic social justice lobby. Conversely, Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, said her organization was disappointed by the Senate's vote. "Jackson's record of judicial activism fails to align with the role of a Supreme Court justice, which is to interpret the constitution without prejudice and to apply the law in an unbiased manner," she said.

Activists Say Fetuses from Abortion Clinic are 'Proof of Illegal Abortions'

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS)

— Two members of a group called Progressive Anti-Abortion Uprising said April 5 that five fetuses taken by the police a week earlier from the Capitol Hill residence of one of the activists were "proof of illegal abortions" being performed at a Washington abortion clinic.

Activists Lauren Handy, 28, and Terrisa Bukovinac, 41, made the comments at a news conference, where they were joined by Randall Terry, founder of Operation Rescue.

The same day, a group of 23 congressional Republicans wrote a letter to Mayor Muriel Bowser and Police Chief Robert J. Contee III asking for a thorough investigation of the remains "of five preborn children" and not to assume — "without conducting any medical evaluations" — that "each child died as the

result of a legal abortion." Handy and Bukovinac said the fetuses are from a box of medical waste they got from the driver of a medical waste truck at an abortion clinic, and they claimed the fetuses looked like they were from late-stage abortions. The box also contained more than 100 fetuses that appeared to be from early stage abortions, they said. "The activists said they want authorities to evaluate whether any of the fetuses may have been aborted in violation of federal laws," the story added.

In their letter, the members of Congress referenced photos and videotapes Handy and Bukovinac said they took of the five fetuses reportedly showing they are from late-stage abortions. "As members of Congress, we have an obligation to conduct oversight over the District of Columbia ... to ensure D.C. upholds laws enacted

by Congress, particularly those enacted to protect and uphold the sanctity of human life," they wrote.

"While other horrific methods of abortion unfortunately remain legal for the time being, killing a child through a partial-birth abortion is a crime under federal law," they said. "Under the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003, a partial-birth abortion occurs when a physician partially delivers a living child for the purpose of performing an overt act that intentionally takes the life of the child."

"Additionally, Congress passed the Born Alive Infants Protection Act to provide equal protections for children who are born alive during an abortion," they added.

Police said the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner currently has no plans to perform an autopsy on the remains.



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Government to Lift Health Measure that Blocks Entrance of Asylum-Seekers

By Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The Biden administration has confirmed it will lift a public health measure in May that was put in place at the start of the coronavirus pandemic that has kept asylum-seekers out.

Catholic groups that support immigrants have long been calling for an end to Title 42 of the Public Health Safety Act, which the Trump administration began using in March 2020 as infections of the coronavirus began to surge in the U.S.

On April 1, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on its website that “after considering current public health conditions and an increased availability of tools to fight COVID-19 — such as highly effective vaccines and therapeutics — the CDC director has determined that an order suspending the right to introduce migrants into the United States is no longer necessary.”

Under the provision, Border Patrol agents were instructed to expel anyone caught trying to illegally enter the U.S. instead of processing them under existing immigration law for those seeking asylum.

The Biden administration has taken heat from Catholic groups, among others, for keeping Title 42 in place. Administration officials said it was not immigration policy but a health measure and that the government would take cues from the CDC on when to end it.

Many are expecting an increase in migrants looking for asylum at the southern border when the measure is lifted.

On March 22, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said there would be an “utter meltdown” if Title 42 were lifted.

On its website, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection says the provision prohibits “the entry of certain

persons who potentially pose a health risk, either by virtue of being subject to previously announced travel restrictions or because they unlawfully entered the country to bypass health screening measures.”

Some like Anna Gallagher, executive director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc., known as CLINIC, have attacked Title 42 since its implementation, calling it a shameful and racist action designed to keep migrants out.

“While we watch much of the nation remove their masks at the public health guidance of this administration, we simultaneously watch the same administration continue to expel vulnerable people back to harm for the supposed protection of public health. We will not stay silent in the face of such hypocrisy,” she said in a March 21 news release from CLINIC.

Women religious and their supporters protested outside the White House in December urging Title 42’s demise.

On March 30, 14 Jesuit law and immigrant advocacy institutions — including Jesuit law school deans, the Jesuit Refugee Service and the Border Justice Initiative at Gonzaga Law School — called for Title 42’s end, saying it was “unlawful, dangerous and inflicts profound suffering on extremely vulnerable people.”

There’s “no present public health justification for its continuation,” they added in a joint letter to President Joe Biden and key members of his administration.

The U.S. “must rescind Title 42 immediately so that no one is denied the right to seek protection,” Giulia McPherson, JRS director of advocacy and operations, said in the letter.

Other faith-based groups, including the Washington-based Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, also have called for its end.

“We are grateful that this long and shameful chapter

in our nation’s history is coming to end,” said LIRS president and CEO Krish O’Mara Vignarajah.

The decision recognizes that people fleeing violence and persecution have the right to seek protection, she said, while acknowledging the political fallout to come from lifting the measure.

“We know there will be

much political theater surrounding this decision, but we urge the administration to remain focused on upholding our nation’s legal and humanitarian obligations to those seeking safety at America’s golden doors,” she said.

In its announcement, the CDC said that with help from other departments, it

would “implement additional COVID-19 mitigation procedures. These measures, along with the current public health landscape where 97.1% of the U.S. population lives in a county identified as having ‘low’ COVID-19 Community Level, will sufficiently mitigate the COVID-19 risk for U.S. communities.”



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Pope Apologizes for Treatment of Indigenous in Canada, Promises to Visit

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Expressing “sorrow and shame” for the complicity of Catholics in abusing Indigenous children in Canada and helping in the attempt to erase their culture, Pope Francis pledged to address the issue more fully when he visits Canada.

“For the deplorable conduct of those members of the Catholic Church,” the pope told Indigenous representatives April 1, “I ask for God’s forgiveness, and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry.”

Representatives of the Métis National Council, the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the Assembly of First Nations had asked Pope Francis for an apology for the church’s role in running residential schools in Canada, but they asked that he apologize in Canada.

The pope responded to that request as well.

Saying he was impressed by their devotion to St. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus, the centerpiece of the popular Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage, scheduled this year for July 25-28, Pope Francis told them, “This year, I would like to be with you in those days.”

The Shrine of St. Anne, on Lac Ste. Anne, is located in central Alberta, not far from Edmonton.

Gathered in the frescoed Clementine Hall of the Apostolic Palace, representatives of the Métis, Inuit and First Nations shared their prayers, music, dance and gifts with the pope.

The pope had held separate meetings March 28 with representatives of the Métis and Inuit and met March 31 with delegates from the Assembly of First Nations. They were accompanied by six Canadian bishops.

Addressing all the delegates and their supporters at the end of the week, Pope Francis recalled that several delegates compared their communities to branches, growing in different directions, buffeted by wind, but still living because they are attached to the trunk and the tree’s deep roots.

“Your tree, which bears fruit, has suffered a tragedy, which you told me about in these past few days: uproot-

ing,” he said. The normal transmission of language, culture and spirituality from one generation to the next “was broken by colonialization, which, without respect, tore many” from their homelands and tried to force them to adopt other ways.

Catholics could not use trying to evangelize the Indigenous as an excuse of running the schools because “the faith cannot be transmitted in a way contrary to the faith itself,” the pope said.

The Gospel calls Christians “to welcome, love, serve and not judge,” he said, and it is “a frightening thing” when, in the name of that faith, Christians act the opposite.

“Through your voices,” he told the delegates, “I have been able to touch with my own hands and carry within me, with great sadness in my heart, the stories of suffering, deprivation, discriminatory treatment and various forms of abuse suffered by many of you, particularly in residential schools.”

Pope Francis said it is “chilling” to think of how much thought and effort went into designing and running a system aimed at instilling “a sense inferiority” in the students and the attempt “to make someone lose his or her cultural identity, to sever their roots, with all the personal and social consequences that this has entailed and continues to entail: unresolved traumas that have become intergenerational traumas.”

“I feel shame — sorrow and shame — for the role that a number of Catholics, particularly those with educational responsibilities, have had in all these things that wounded you, in the abuses you suffered and in the lack of respect shown for your identity, your culture and even your spiritual values,” he said.

Those values were on display during the meeting in the Apostolic Palace, which began with representatives offering their prayers.

First Nations Elder Fred Kelly, wearing a feathered headdress and offering a prayer in Nishnawbe and English, prayed for the gifts of “love, kindness, respect, truth, kindness and humility from the one Creator.”

Métis Elder Emile Janvier, a residential school survivor, recited his prayer in Dene-Michif, asking the Creator for healing of “the hurts of the past” and for strength in moving forward “in forgiveness and reconciliation.”

Marty and Lizzie Angotealuk, members of the Inuit delegation, led the singing of the Lord’s Prayer in Inuktitut.

During the individual meetings earlier in the week, elected leaders of the groups asked Pope Francis for a formal apology for the Catholic Church’s role in suppressing their languages, cultures and spiritualities and, particularly, for the church’s role in running many of the residential schools that were part of the government’s plan of forced assimilation and where many children were emotionally, physically and sexually abused.

The leaders also asked Pope Francis to go to Canada to make that apology and requested his help in getting access to more of the school records so a full history of the schools could be written and so the children in unmarked graves could be identified.

But the major part of the private meetings with the pope were devoted to the survivors of residential schools telling their stories.

Pope Francis thanked the delegates for “opening your hearts and for expressing the desire to walk together,” and he assured them that he brought all of their stories to his prayer.

And, he said he looked forward to learning more about them and meeting

their families when he visited their lands, but, he said, pointing to the Inuit, “I’m not going in winter.”

Thanking the pope for agreeing to go to Canada, Bishop Raymond Poisson of Saint-Jérôme, Quebec, president of the Canadian bishops’ conference, told Pope Francis, “We are ready today to help you pack your bags!”

The recent history of the Catholic Church, he said, “is marked with the stigma of mistakes and failures to love our neighbor, in particular toward members of those nations who have been present in Canada for centuries.”

An acknowledgment of the church’s failures makes “our desire for reconciliation” even stronger, he said. “Our presence here is a testimony to our commitment for one another and to each other.”

Pope Francis gave each delegation a bronze olive branch as a sign of peace and reconciliation, according to the Canadian bishops’ conference.

The Assembly of First Nations gave the pope a liturgical stole, beaded with orange crosses, and a pair of snowshoes made of black ash with caribou and artificial sinew.

The Métis National Council gave him a memory book with the stories of Métis residential school survivors and a letter from Cassidy Caron, council president.

The Inuit gave the pope a cross carved from a baleen of a bowhead whale and riveted to a piece of sterling silver and a pouch made from sealskin with an ivory button.

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Bishop Brennan's Holy Week and Easter Schedule

WEST VIRGINIA—Bishop Mark Brennan will be traveling the diocese for Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Below is his schedule for Masses:

Saturday, April 9: 5 p.m. Mass, Holy Family Parish, Richwood

Sunday, April 10, Palm Sunday: 9 a.m. Mass, Holy Family Parish, Richwood; 11 a.m. Mass, St. Anne Parish, Webster Springs

Monday, April 11: Chrism Mass, 4 p.m. at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston

Tuesday, April 12: Chrism Mass, 4 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling

Holy Thursday, April 14: 7 p.m. Mass at the Basilica Co-Cathedral, Charleston

Good Friday, April 15: 7 p.m. Lord's Passion at St. Brendan Parish, Elkins

Holy Saturday, April 16: 8 p.m. Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart Parish, Chester

Easter Sunday, April 17: 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral, Wheeling

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Sunday, April 17
Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Wheeling
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Lenten Event at Parkersburg Parish Offered ‘a Modern Take on 40 Hours Devotion’

By Colleen Rowan

PARKERSBURG—When the Pastoral Council at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Parkersburg met earlier this year, members tried to envision what might be possible for Lent.

In a letter to their fellow parishioners in the parish bulletin, the council said many things were taken into consideration including the feelings of those who are still concerned about such events for their own safety or the safety of someone they love.

“At the same time, we talked about the necessity of doing something for the community during Lent,” the pastoral council wrote. “An event that respects the need for personal space while bringing people together for prayer.”

This thought led them to propose something that would be “a modern take on the old practice of the 40 hours devotion.”

The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. The focus of the devotion is on the Eucharist. As Catholics, the pastoral council wrote, “the words of our Lord burn in our hearts: ‘I myself am the living bread come down from Heaven. If anyone eats this bread, He shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.’” (John 6:51).

“Affirming our belief in the real presence of The Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, the Second Vatican Council taught that the Holy Eucharist is ‘the source and summit of the Christian life’ (Lumen Gentium, #11). While the Mass is the central act of worship for us Catholics, an act which participates in the eternal reality of our Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection, Vatican

II upheld and encouraged the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass,” the pastoral council wrote.

Rather than holding a continuous 40 hours, the parish scheduled two days. The first was at the beginning of Lent in March, and the second was held April 6. Council members said, teams of ministers from the parish would join together to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for one hour each. The first day began with Mass, and the second ended with the celebration of the Mass. Opportunities for confession were also held during these times.

The culmination of the parish’s Lenten event began with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by initiatives and gatherings for parish ministries and groups, a Pro-Life Novena later that evening, and benediction.

WVU Newman Center Team Visits Wheeling Central Seniors



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Central Catholic High School in Wheeling was pleased to welcome a visit from Father Brian Crenwelge and Colleen Criste, campus minister at the West Virginia University Newman Center in Morgantown. Joining them were CCHS grads Conor Garvey (class of 2019) and Blake Peluchette (class of 2018). The group, pictured above, spoke to interested juniors and seniors about the many opportunities and services available to WVU students through the Newman Center.



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St. Joseph Rock Garden to be Blessed on Palm Sunday

BUCKHANNON—The Blessing and Dedication of St. Joseph Rock Garden will be Sunday, April 10, following the 9 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass.

“We have waited a long time for the memorial stone to arrive and it is finally here!” parish officials said. “Please be a part of this dedication outside in front of the rock garden.

Parish families are encouraged to place their stone in the garden before the dedication takes place.

“We want all families to be represented as a way of honoring good St. Joseph. This is also a means of recognizing the role of fathers in the life of the church and in the family,” parish officials said.

Parish to Tell 60-Year History in Pictures

WHEELING—The 60th anniversary of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Wheeling will be partly told in pictures.

“We are seeking pictures; old or new of our church,” parish officials announced. Digital copies are preferred, they said, and can be e-mailed or brought to the parish office to be scanned. The pictures will be used to make a photo slideshow.

“Be a part of history,” parish officials said.

Pictures must be sent by April 29 to: christina.zdilla@gmail.com. Census slips can be mailed in, dropped off at the parish office, or placed in collection baskets.

There will be a Mass, social, dinner, and dance Friday, June 3, to celebrate.

“Mark your calendars; the celebration begins!” parish officials said. Tickets go on sale after all weekend Masses starting April 23, and ending May 22.

Mother’s Day Walk for Life to be Held in Morgantown

MORGANTOWN—The 37th Annual Mother’s Day Walk-for-Life will take place in Morgantown on Saturday, May 7. The rain or shine family event is sponsored by the Mon County Chapter of West Virginians for Life.

Registration is from 9:30–10 a.m. at the outdoor pavilion of St. Mary Church in Star City. The 3.4-mile walk will begin at 10 a.m. Free food and prizes are awarded at a rally following the walk at the outdoor pavilion where the walk started.

Free pro-life T-shirts will be given to walkers with at least \$100 in pledges. Plan to obtain pledges for your walk. If unable to walk, just come to the rally at the pavilion at 11:45 a.m.

For pledge sheets and more information about the event, call (304) 594-9845.

Corpus Christi Students Collect 1,525 Shoes for People in Need around the World



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The Shoe Service Project at Corpus Christi School in Wheeling is now complete. On April 1, the shoe truck arrived and sixth and eighth graders loaded up 1,525 pairs of shoes. These shoes will now be repurposed and sent to less fortunate people in many countries. The school thanks all who have donated gently used and new shoes to the project and a big thank you to students and Kate Ross for sorting the shoes and loading them. Students are pictured gathering the shoes.

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Wahlberg: Real-Life Father Stu Has Him 'Continuing to Carry on His Message'

By Mark Pattison, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Catholic actor Mark Wahlberg, who plays the title role in the upcoming movie "Father Stu," said the real-life Montana priest is "having me continuing to carry on his message."

"Father Stu," in theaters April 13, tells the story of Father Stuart Long, a priest who had been ordained for only four years before he died from an incurable muscle disorder, and the lives he touched along the way before and after his ordination.

Some of those he touched were, in truth, pummeled, as Stuart Long was an amateur boxer, compiling a 15-2 record before he gave up the ring.

In those days, pre-Father Stu was the kind of guy who wouldn't take no for an answer — and often assembled a string of expletives before rejecting any rebuff to his pursuit of whatever dream he was following at the time. But the priest, who grew up unbaptized, had a near-death experience following a motorcycle accident and determined the priesthood was his true calling.

"I've made a movie about a remarkable man, and I know that they had campaigned to get him ordained and petitioned to have him canonized," Wahlberg told Catholic News Service in a March 31 phone interview from Los Angeles. "I'll push and campaign for Stu, absolutely."

He said an archbishop, whom he didn't name, came to him while he was he trying to make the movie. "He told me, 'Father Stuart Long did more in his four years than I have in my 40 years of service,'" citing the priest's "dedication and service to God."

Wahlberg, also a producer of the movie, said if the real-life Father Stu, as he was best known, had seen his life on-screen, "I think he'd have a big smile on his face, probably saying he's not as big or strong or as good a boxer. He's a super-competitive guy, and if I ever get asked who would be one of the few people to have dinner with, dead or alive, he'd be right at the top of my list."

The priest "had four years to complete his mission here and now he has eternity ... having me continuing to carry on his message," Wahlberg said. "Who knows how long I'll have?"

Asked what his Catholic faith means to him, Wahlberg replied, "Everything. Everything. There's so many wonderful things that happened to me — the good, the bad and everything else in between. I've

been able to appreciate and have gratitude because of my faith. After I've done my last interview, I'll know how to articulate it."

He added, "This message, this conversation and this commitment to service does not stop when the movie comes out. It's only a start."

Wahlberg said this film is different from his other projects because of "how this child (the movie) came into the world, and what it's doing for people ... in a good way for everybody. Everybody is finding something they can personally relate to."

He said, "We were really inspired by Stu's story. And it's just a matter of finding the right person to put it on the page, which was not an easy thing to do," given that many decades of Father Stu's life had to be condensed into a two-hour movie. Wahlberg talked with screenwriter Rosalind Ross.

"Even though she wasn't raised Catholic, she could really appreciate someone trying to find their calling," Wahlberg told CNS. He said he asked Ross, "Why not take a crack at it?" After Ross came back with the script, Wahlberg told her, "This is the script — and I want you to direct," giving Ross her first directorial assignment.

Ross' longtime partner, actor Mel Gibson, is cast as Father Stu's dad, who did his young son no favors. His mother is played by Jacki



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Mark Wahlberg stars in a scene from the movie "Father Stu."

Weaver, who won an Oscar for her role in "Silver Linings Playbook." Longtime actress Colleen Camp, an executive producer of "Father Stu," has a memorable scene as a motel desk clerk. And if you look behind the scruffy beard, that's Malcolm McDowell playing Msgr. Kelly, the seminary rector.

Wahlberg said he had to go to extremes to play Stuart Long as a boxer and as an infirm priest.

"I was kind of in shape" at the start of filming," he said. "I had just

done an adventure racing movie. I had to reacquire my skill from "The Fighter," the 2010 movie in which he played real-life boxer Micky Ward. "I just started consuming 7,000 calories (a day) for the fighting scenes" that make up most of the opening scenes of "Father Stu."

Wahlberg later had to ramp that up to 11,000 calories a day "to try to show how Stu's physical being deteriorated and how his spirit soared."

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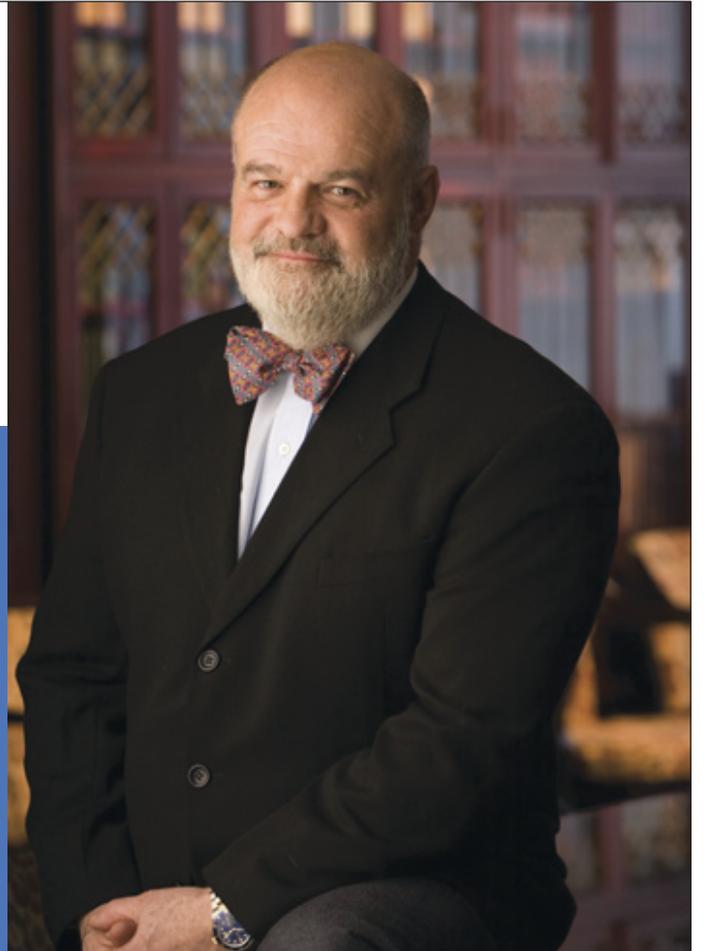
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Wheeling Serra, Team Sledd Diaper Drive for Gabriel Project Benefits Northern Panhandle Families



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Pictured from left are Team Sledd Category Manager Evan Sincavich; Gabriel Project volunteer Dianne Sincavich; and Team Sled President Rob Sincavich; Wheeling Serra Club Vice President Chris Freeman and President Frank Carenbauer; Northern Panhandle Gabriel Project Director Faith Hicks; and volunteer Peggy Clark.

WHEELING—The Wheeling Serra Club recently presented \$2,000 to the Gabriel Project to help struggling families with babies and toddlers.

For the past 12 years, Serrans have raised funds to support the Northern Panhandle Gabriel Project, which assists pregnant women and needy

families with children 2 years of age and younger.

Serrans Jim Gilligan and Jay Prager led the fundraising effort for the Gabriel Project

for the third consecutive year. Team Sledd, the convenience store distribution leader, has once again agreed to match the Serrans' contribution. Rob

Sincavich, president of Team Sledd, and his wife Dianne also give the Gabriel Project a good deal all year long on things families need.



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Catholic Charities Community Centers have opened in Charleston, Parkersburg and Huntington.



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Catholic Charities West Virginia operates a Hospital Transition Program in partnership with WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital.

variety of social services, including HomeCare, Disaster Services, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Outreach, basic needs assistance, case management services and more.

In Morgantown, Catholic Charities has joined Hazel’s House of Hope, a social service hub housing multiple non-profit organizations. We are thrilled for this opportunity to influence a model of collaborative services that truly move people out of poverty.

In Wheeling, we operate our new Hospital Transition Program in partner-

ship with WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital. We have seen great success in providing a supportive transition for high-risk patients as they are discharged from the hospital.

“WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital is so proud to have this truly unprecedented partnership where patients now have access to the array of services at Catholic Charities. This is changing the lives of so many,” said Deacon Paul Lim, WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital Vice President of Mission Integration.

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Papa se disculpa por el trato a indígenas en Canadá

Por Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) -- Expresando "tristeza y vergüenza" por la complicidad de los católicos en el abuso de niños indígenas en Canadá y ayudando en el intento de eliminar esa cultura, el papa Francisco se comprometió a abordar el problema de manera más exhaustiva cuando visite Canadá.

Diciendo que estaba impresionado por su devoción a Santa Ana, la abuela de Jesús, la parte central de la popular peregrinación a Lac Ste. Anne -- programada este año del 25 al 28 de julio -- el Santo Padre les dijo: "Este año, me gustaría estar con ustedes en esos días".

El Santuario de Santa Ana, en Lac Ste. Anne, se encuentra en el centro de Alberta, no lejos de la ciudad de Edmonton.

"Por la conducta deplorable de los miembros de la Iglesia Católica, pido perdón a Dios y quiero decirles de todo corazón que estoy muy apenado", les dijo el papa el 1 de abril. "Y me uno a mis hermanos obispos de Canadá en disculparme con ustedes".

Reunidos en la Sala Clementina del Palacio Apostólico, representantes de los Métis, Inuit, y Primeras Naciones compartieron sus oraciones, música, danza, y regalos con el papa.

El Sumo Pontífice había sostenido reuniones separadas el 28 de marzo con representantes del Consejo Nacional Métis y los Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami y se reunió el 31 de marzo con delegados de la Asamblea de las Primeras Naciones. Los acompañaron seis obispos canadienses.

Dirigiéndose a todos los delegados y sus seguidores al final de la semana, el papa Francisco recordó que varios delegados compararon sus comunidades con ramas que crecen en diferentes direcciones, azotadas por el viento, pero que siguen vivas porque están unidas al tronco y a las profundas raíces del árbol.

"Su árbol, que da fruto, ha sufrido una tragedia, de la que me hablaron en estos días pasados: desarraigo", expresó. La transmisión de la lengua, la cultura, y la espiritualidad de una generación a la siguiente "fue rota por la colonización que, sin respeto, arrancó a muchos de ustedes" de sus países de origen y trató de forzarlos a adoptar otros caminos.

Los católicos no podían usar el intento de evangelizar a los indígenas como excusa para administrar las escuelas porque "la fe no se puede transmitir de manera contraria a la fe misma", manifestó el papa.

El Evangelio llama a los cristianos a "acoger, amar, servir, y no juzgar", acotó, y es "algo aterrador" cuando, en nombre de esa fe, los cristianos hacen lo contrario.

"A través de sus voces", dijo a los delegados, "he podido tocar con mis propias manos y llevar dentro de mí, con gran tristeza en mi corazón, las historias de sufrimiento, privaciones, trato discriminatorio, y diversas formas de abusos sufridos por muchos de ustedes, particularmente en las escuelas residenciales".

El papa Francisco dijo que es "escalofriante" pensar cuánto pensamiento y esfuerzo se dedicó en diseñar y ejecutar un sistema destinado a inculcar "un sentido de inferioridad" en los estudiantes y el intento de "hacer que alguien pierda su identidad cultural, para desarraigar, con todas las consecuencias personales y sociales que ello ha supuesto y sigue teniendo: traumas no resueltos que se han convertido en traumas intergeneracionales".

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"Siento vergüenza y pena por el papel que han jugado algunos católicos, con responsabilidades educativas, en todo lo que ha hecho daño, en el abuso y falta de respeto a su identidad y cultura, e incluso a sus valores espirituales", señaló.

Esos valores fueron demostrados durante la reunión en el Palacio Apostólico, que comenzó con el ofrecimiento de oraciones por parte de los representantes. El élder de las Primeras Naciones, Fred Kelly, quien llevaba un ornamento de plumas en la cabeza, ofreció una oración en nishnawbe y en inglés, pidiendo por los dones de "amor, bondad, respeto, verdad, y humildad del único Creador".

El élder métis, Emile Janvier, un sobreviviente de una escuela residencial, recitó su oración en Dene-Michif, pidiendo al Creador la curación de "las heridas del pasado" y la fortaleza para seguir adelante "en el perdón y la reconciliación".

Marty y Lizzie Angotealuk, miembros de la delegación inuit, encabezaron el canto del Padrenuestro en inuktitut.

Durante las reuniones individuales a principios de semana, los líderes electos de los grupos le pidieron al papa Francisco emitir una disculpa formal por el papel de la Iglesia Católica en la supresión de sus idiomas, culturas, y espiritualidades y, en particular, por el papel de la iglesia en la gestión de muchas de las escuelas residenciales que eran parte del plan del gobierno de asimilación forzada y donde muchos niños

fueron abusados emocional, física, y sexualmente.

Los líderes también le pidieron al Santo Padre que fuera a Canadá para disculparse y solicitaron su ayuda para obtener acceso a más registros escolares para que se pueda escribir un relato completo de lo sucedido en las escuelas y así poder identificar a los niños en tumbas sin marcar.

Sin embargo, la mayor parte de las reuniones privadas con el papa estuvieron dedicadas a los sobrevivientes de las escuelas residenciales, quienes contaron sus historias.

El papa Francisco agradeció a los delegados por "abrir sus corazones y expresar el deseo de caminar juntos", y les aseguró que tomó en cuenta todas sus historias en su oración.

Y dijo que esperaba aprender más sobre ellos y conocer a sus familias cuando visitara sus tierras, pero dijo, señalando a los inuit, "no voy a ir en invierno".

Agradeciendo al papa por aceptar ir a Canadá, el obispo Raymond Poisson de Saint-Jérôme, Quebec, presidente de la Conferencia de Obispos Canadienses, le dijo al papa Francisco: "¡Estamos listos hoy para ayudarlo a hacer las maletas!"

La historia reciente de la Iglesia Católica, indicó, "está marcada por el estigma de los errores y fracasos en el amor al prójimo, en particular hacia los miembros de aquellas naciones que han estado presentes en Canadá durante siglos".

Un reconocimiento de los fracasos de la iglesia hace que "nuestro deseo de reconciliación" sea aún más fuerte, dijo. "Nuestra presencia aquí es un testimonio de nuestro compromiso mutuo".

El papa Francisco entregó a cada delegación una rama de olivo de bronce como señal de paz y reconciliación, según la Conferencia de Obispos Canadienses.

La Asamblea de las Primeras Naciones entregó al papa una estola litúrgica adornada con cruces naranjas y un par de zapatos de nieve hechas de fresno negro con caribú y tendón artificial.

El Consejo Nacional Métis le entregó un libro de recuerdos con las historias de los sobrevivientes de las escuelas residenciales Métis y una carta de Cassidy Caron, la presidenta del consejo.

Los Inuit le dieron al papa una cruz tallada en barba de una ballena de Groenlandia y remachada a una pieza de plata esterlina y una bolsa hecha de piel de foca con un botón de marfil.

Para denunciar presuntos casos de abuso sexual de niños:

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

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

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

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

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

Confirmation Schedule

Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant

- April 23: St. Francis de Sales, Morgantown, 5:15 p.m.
- April 26: St. Vincent de Paul, Wheeling, 6 p.m.
- April 27: St. John the Evangelist, Wellsburg, 5:30 p.m.
- April 28: Corpus Christi, Wheeling, 6 p.m.
- April 30: St. Alphonsus, Wheeling, 5:30 p.m.
- May 1: Combined Confirmation: Sacred Heart, Chester, and Immaculate Conception, New Cumberland, 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart, Chester
- May 3: St. Michael, Vienna, 6 p.m.
- May 5: Combined Confirmation: Holy Trinity, Nitro, and St. Patrick Mission, Bancroft, 6 p.m. at St. Patrick Mission, Bancroft
- May 7: Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston, 5:30 p.m.
- May 9: St. Michael, Wheeling, 5:30 p.m.
- May 12: St. Jude, Glen Dale, 6:30 p.m.
- May 18: St. Joseph the Worker, Weirton, 6:30 p.m.
- May 19: St. Bernadette, Hedgesville, 6 p.m.
- May 20: St. Leo, Inwood, 6:30 p.m.
- May 21: St. James, Charles Town, 10 a.m.
- May 22: St. Joseph, Martinsburg, 3 p.m.
- May 28: Immaculate Conception, Clarksburg, 4:30 p.m.
- May 29: St. Margaret Mary, Parkersburg, 2 p.m.
- May 31: St. Anthony, Follansbee, 6 p.m.
- June 4: St. Francis de Sales, Beckley, 5 p.m.
- June 25: St. Brendan, Elkins, 5 p.m.

Principal Needed

St. Paul School in Weirton is seeking a Principal for the 2022-2023 school year. Qualified candidates will be a practicing Catholic, have a passion for Catholic Education, holds or qualifies for WV administrator's certification, and proven leadership and fundraising ability. Interested and qualified candidates are to submit a resume, letter of interest, and three references to Julie Link at jlink@dwc.org by April 30, 2022.

St. Paul School, located in Weirton, West Virginia is seeking an experienced elementary school principal (grades Pre-K through 8) effective July 1, 2022. St. Paul School serves approximately 144 students in Weirton and other surrounding areas. The principal, who is a practicing Catholic in good standing, reports directly to the Parish Pastor.

Qualifications include the following: strong mission-focused leadership and commitment to Catholic identity; exceptional knowledge of curriculum; familiarity with church documents on Catholic school education; operates collaboratively in a team environment; at least three years teaching experience; MA in educational leadership/curriculum & instruction preferred; holds or qualifies for WV administrator's certification.

Responsibilities include:

- Promotes Catholic identity by integrating Gospel values and Christian principles in all aspects of the school.
- Gives evidence of personal commitment to the Catholic faith and models an active faith life.
- Hires and terminates teachers and staff members.
- Supervises the educational program and maintains an on-going evaluation of the program, staff and students.
- Sets annual goals with faculty and staff.
- Nurtures an atmosphere conducive to learning.
- Provides opportunities for staff development, curriculum development, and professional development.
- Demonstrates effective organization skills for day-to-day operations of the school.

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Dr. Aprea Named New CMO at WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital

WHEELING—Richard “Tony” Aprea, MD, has joined the staff of WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital as the new Chief Medical Officer.

The Wheeling native most recently was the medical director of the Emergency Department of the Washington Health System in Washington, Pa. Aprea earned his medical degree at Marshall University School of Medicine and completed his family practice residency at the Washington Hospital. He also has a master’s degree in business administration from Waynesburg University.

“I’m excited with all of the changes that have occurred at Wheeling Hospital,” Aprea said. “I’m honored to be part of the WVU



Richard “Tony” Aprea, MD,

system, especially in Wheeling. I’m looking forward to doing something great for my hometown

and continuing to improve on the exceptional care given at Wheeling Hospital. My goal is to help make Wheeling the cutting-edge place for regional healthcare.”

He replaces Michael Campsey, MD, as CMO. Campsey is the WVU Medicine Heart and Vascular Institute’s Division of Cardiology northern region director.

Douglass Harrison, president and CEO of WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital and Reynolds Memorial Hospital, said, “We are thrilled to have Dr. Aprea join us as our new CMO. Dr. Aprea brings knowledge, leadership and, most importantly, an understanding of our local community needs.

“He will have big shoes

to fill replacing Dr. Campsey, but I have no doubt he will hit the ground running. I look forward to partnering with Dr. Aprea on the numerous opportunities that lie ahead for WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital.”

Aprea grew up not far from Wheeling Hospital, and graduated from Wheeling Park High School.

“What’s really nice about coming to Wheeling is I’m going to be reunited with so many people that I spent time with in Washington,” Aprea said, “such as Dr. Campsey, who was instrumental in bringing me here. Dr. David Burkland (ER Medical Director) and I spent a lot of time working together in the Washington ER. And

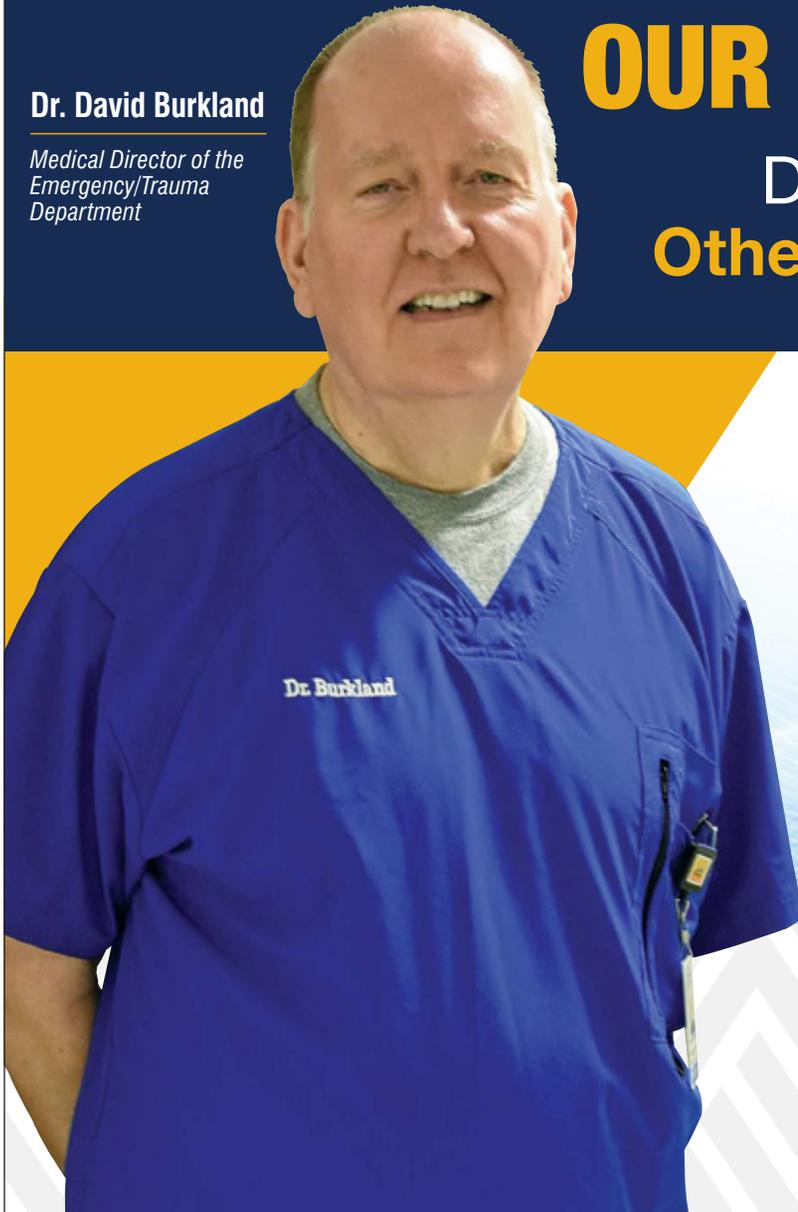
Dr. Terry Gilbert in the ICU; we worked together for several years at Washington. So, I think you have a great core group of people and I’m happy to be a part of it.”

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