



## Diocese Announces Tuition Assistance Expansion

**WEST VIRGINIA**—Bishop Mark Brennan and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston have announced the establishment of a third phase of tuition assistance that will be available to both Catholic and non-Catholic families already attending or recently enrolled in one of our 24 Catholic schools across the state.

This one-time program expansion of up to \$450,000 is in recognition and response to the economic challenges families are fac-

ing not only in West Virginia but also in our nation. This third phase of the Diocesan Tuition Assistance Program (TAPs) is the first established by the diocese for families regardless of religion. Previously, only families belonging to a parish within the diocese were eligible to apply for TAPs which distributes nearly \$1 million annually in tuition assistance.

The application period for this third phase of TAPs for the 2022-2023 school year will be from Au-

gust 15, 2022 to September 2, 2022. Applications are made online at [www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com). If a Catholic family has previously applied for TAP for the 2022-2023 school year and not received funds, their applications are automatically submitted to Phase III. They do not need to

reapply. If a family already received TAP funds for this school year via Phase I or II, they are not eligible for additional funds. Non-Catholic Families must apply—

even if they previously submitted information to the system—to be eligible for consideration.

“The rapid rise in gas prices and cost of living is hitting all of us, especially our young families,” said Superintendent Mary Ann Deschaine, Ed.S. “This program further acknowledges the commitment to Catholic education in our diocese.”

In 2021, Bishop Mark Brennan released a program to give a \$250  
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## Catholic Charities West Virginia Celebrates New Offices at Hazel’s House of Hope Offices in Morgantown

**MORGANTOWN** — Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) celebrated the opening of its new offices at Hazel’s House of Hope in Morgantown on Aug. 10 with an open house and a blessing by Bishop Mark Brennan.

Hazel’s House of Hope is located in the former Ramada Inn on Scott Avenue — a building that has been converted into a social service hub to house multiple non-profit organizations.

“Hazel’s House of Hope is about building a community of kinship, working together to serve effectively with compassion and dignity,” said Beth Zarate, CCWVa president and chief executive officer. “Catholic Charities is honored to work alongside the many non-profits to provide comprehensive services to everyone who seeks help. It is about working together and serving together in a language that goes to the heart.”

Other non-profits currently providing services at Hazel’s House of Hope include the United Way of Monongalia and Preston Counties; Salvation

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Bishop Mark Brennan blesses Catholic Charities West Virginia offices at Hazel’s House of Hope in Morgantown.

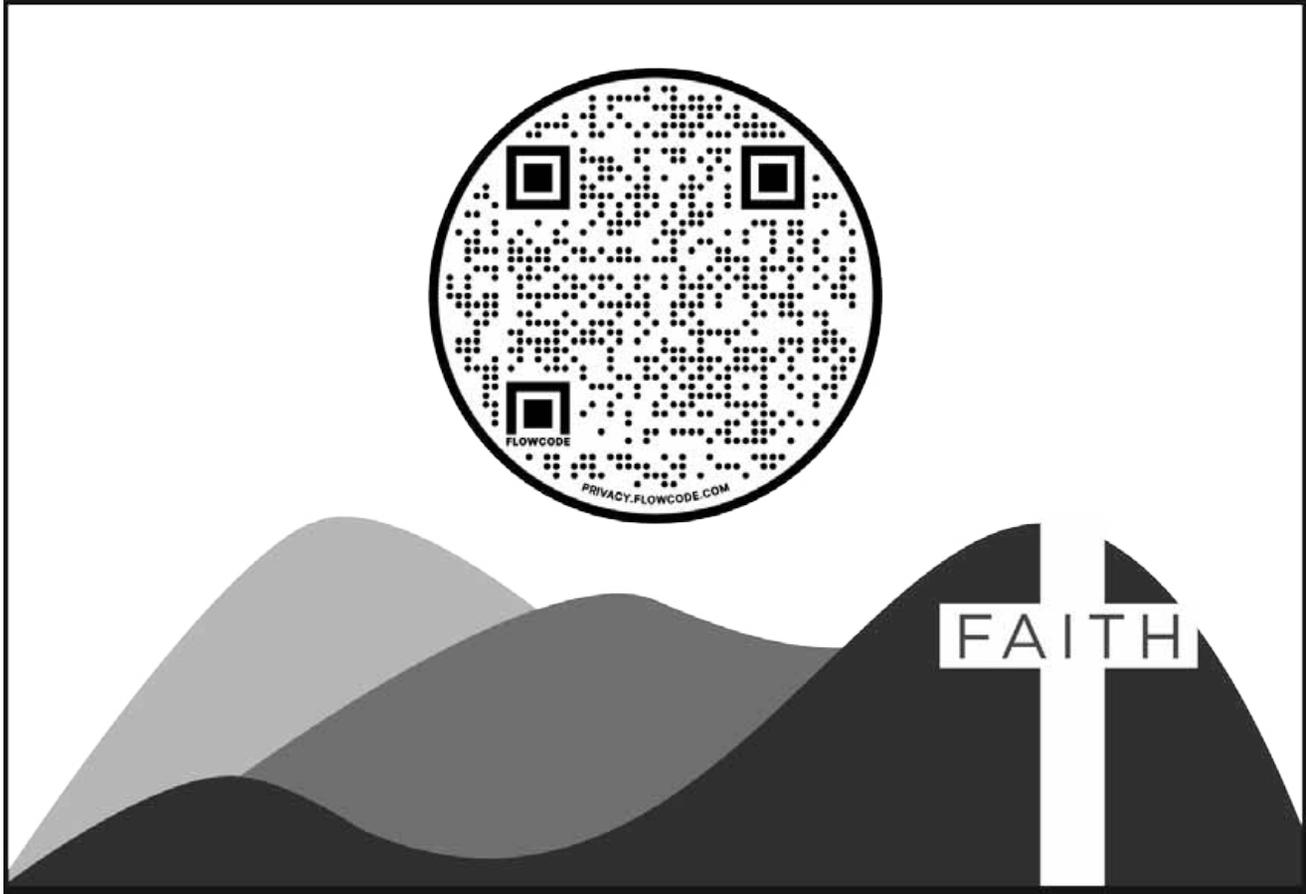
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**To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforcement:** numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including 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.

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### 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](http://www.dwc.org), click "Diocese", then "Offices," then "Office of Safe Environment."

# Retreat Brings Deacons and Candidates Together



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Deacons and their wives and diaconate candidates and their wives are pictured with Bishop Mark Brennan during the annual Deacon Retreat at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston Aug. 5-6.

## Hope...

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Army of Monongalia, Marion, and Preston Counties; Bartlett Housing Solutions; Crittenton Services; Hope Hill Sobering Center; Salvation Army; and Lauren's Wish Crisis Triage Center.

"Successful collaboration saves costs by sharing infrastructure; but most importantly, it strengthens programming and adds value, kinship, and shared compassion," said Zarate.

CCWVa programs at Hazel's House of Hope include a food pantry, basic needs assistance, case management services, Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services, Child Care Resource Center, and West Virginia Birth to Three.

Zarate and Catholic Charities officials expressed their gratitude to Hazel Trust and those who inspired the vision of Hazel House of Hope.

"If a family in need can access multiple coordinated resources,

that efficiency helps to ease a daily burden," said Sara Lindsay, CCWVa chief program officer. "Better yet — if a family can sense a genuine community-level effort to provide quality care from multiple angles — it can start to ease the

chronic stress of poverty over time."

CCWVa serves all people regardless of faith, family or background throughout West Virginia.

To learn more about CCWVa, visit [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org).



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The former Ramada Inn building on Scott Avenue in Morgantown is now Hazel's House of Hope, a social service hub for local non-profit organizations.



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Catholic Charities West Virginia staff give tours of their new offices and food pantry at Hazel's House of Hope in Morgantown.

# Archbishop Decries Biden Executive Order, ‘Continued Promotion of Abortion’

By Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — Decrying President Joe Biden’s new executive order on abortion, the chairman of the U.S. bishops’ pro-life committee said Aug. 5 that “continued promotion of abortion takes lives and irreparably harms vulnerable pregnant mothers, their families and society.”

“Even preceding the Dobbs decision, my brother bishops and I have implored the nation to stand with moms in need, and work together to protect and support women and children,” Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori said in a statement.

“It is the wrong direction to take at a moment when we should be working to support women and to build up a culture of life,” added the prelate, who heads the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-life Activities.

On Aug. 3, Biden signed an ex-

ecutive order instructing the Department of Health and Human Services “to advance access to reproductive health care services, including, to the extent permitted by federal law, through Medicaid for patients traveling across state lines for medical care.”

In his statement, Archbishop Lori said: “I continue to call on the president and all our elected officials to increase support and care to mothers and babies, rather than facilitate the destruction of defenseless, voiceless human beings.”

“Blessed Virgin Mary, patroness of our nation, intercede for us as we advocate to protect human life and work toward solutions that will help every mother and child flourish,” he said.

Biden wrote in his order that “eliminating the right recognized in Roe has had and will continue to have devastating implications for

women’s health and public health more broadly.”

Before he signed the order at a White House event, he claimed that because of the court’s reversal of Roe, a “health care crisis ... has unfolded” that is affecting women “all across America.”

The use of Medicaid funds is aimed at helping low-income women obtain an abortion in another state if the state where they reside has banned it, according to White House officials.

Critics of the move said it was unclear how federal funds could be used because the long-standing federal Hyde Amendment prohibits federal government dollars from being spent on abortion except in cases of rape, incest and to save the woman’s life.

This was Biden’s second executive order regarding abortion. The first one he issued was July 8 to safeguard access to medication

abortion and emergency contraception; protect patient privacy; launch public education efforts; and strengthen “the security of and the legal options available to those seeking and providing abortion services.”

Before signing the first order, Biden condemned what he called the “extreme” Supreme Court majority for overturning Roe v. Wade.

The court’s June 24 ruling came in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, a challenge to a Mississippi law banning abortion after 15 weeks.

In affirming the law 6-3, the high court also voted 5-4 to overturn the 1973 Roe ruling, which legalized abortion nationwide, and 1992’s Casey v. Planned Parenthood ruling, which affirmed Roe.

The ruling sends the issue of abortion regulation back to the states.



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# Asylum-Seekers Will be Allowed in as DHS Ends 'Remain in Mexico' Policy

By Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — The U.S. Department of Homeland Security said Aug. 8 that it was set to end, in “a quick, and orderly, manner,” a Trump-era policy that keeps asylum-seekers out of the country while they wait for immigration courts to hear their cases.

The Biden administration has battled legal impediments since its first day in office to end the Migrant Protection Protocols, popularly known as “Remain in Mexico,” created in late 2018 by the Trump administration and implemented in January 2019.

Since then, under MPP, individuals asking for asylum at U.S. border crossings — or in between ports of entry after crossing — were given paperwork and scheduled for a hearing for an asylum claim, then told to return to the Mexico side to wait out the process.

But many immigrant supporters said that put people in danger as cartels near the border preyed on them and they faced kidnapping, extortion, assault and, in some cases rape, as they struggled to survive each day in dangerous border towns.

Official figures show that under this program, 70,000 people have been forced to wait in Mexico, with the majority of them coming from places such as Venezuela and Nicaragua, which are both experiencing political and economic turmoil. DHS said those enrolled will be allowed to enter during their next scheduled court date.

But even if they enter, there is no guarantee they will be allowed to stay. It just means they can wait out the process in the U.S.

DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said MPP had “endemic flaws, imposes unjustifiable human costs, and pulls resources and personnel away from other priority efforts to secure our border.”

DHS reiterated that it was still enforcing Title 42, a health measure that kicked in during the coronavirus pandemic and has been enforced by the Trump and Biden administrations.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has said in the past that the provision is to prohibit “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.”

The most recent DHS news release on ending MPP said “that individuals encountered at the Southwest border who cannot establish a legal basis to remain in the United States will be removed or expelled.”

Catholic organizations have repeatedly protested against the Biden and Trump administrations on both measures.

# 5th Circuit urged to Keep Injunction in Place on HHS Transgender Mandate

By Catholic News Service

**NEW ORLEANS (CNS)** — The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans heard oral arguments Aug. 4 in *Franciscan Alliance v. Becerra*, a challenge to a federal mandate that requires doctors to perform gender transition procedures even if this violates their conscience and medical judgment.

“Franciscan Alliance and the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration seek to carry on Jesus Christ’s healing ministry by providing the best possible care to every person who comes through our doors,” said Sister Petra Nielsen, a Sister of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, who is a member of the Franciscan Alliance’s corporate board.

“We are simply asking the courts to let us keep caring for all our patients with joy and compassion — as we’ve done for over 145 years,” she said in a statement released by Becket, a Washington-based religious liberty law firm representing the plaintiffs.

“We asked the court today to let doctors keep caring for all patients with compassion, conscience and common sense,” said Becket counsel Joseph Davis. “We are hopeful the court will agree that the transgender mandate clearly violates federal law and doctors’ freedom of conscience.”

In 2016, the federal government under the Obama administration began implementing a mandate requiring doctors to perform gender transition procedures on any patient, including children, and re-

quired private insurance companies — except plans run by Medicare and Medicaid — and many employers to cover gender reassignment therapy or face severe penalties and legal action.

In August of that year, Becket, joined by eight state governments, filed a lawsuit in Texas against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of Franciscan Alliance, a religious hospital network sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, and the Christian Medical & Dental Associations.

After years of litigation, including an appeal to the 5th Circuit and a remand to the lower court, the District Court granted the doctors and hospitals in the case involved permanent relief from the mandate and protected their medical conscience rights.

The Biden administration appealed to keep the mandate in place. Secretary Xavier Becerra heads HHS under President Joe Biden.

In a separate action, the HHS civil rights office July 25 released proposed regulations that could force health care workers to perform gender transition procedures; require health insurance plans to cover those costs; and likely remove federal conscience protection for those in health care who object to performing abortions.

On Aug. 4, the proposal was published by the Federal Register, opening a 60-day period for public comment that can be submitted at <https://bit.ly/3vEM4Bl>.



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# Msgr. McSweeney Celebrates Golden Jubilee

“A hundred thousand thanks for honoring me with your presence at my 50th anniversary of ordination celebration. It means the world to me that you were present.”

—Msgr. Jeremiah F. McSweeney



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Clockwise from top left: Msgr. Jeremiah McSweeney bestows an Irish blessing at the end of the Mass celebrating his 50th anniversary of priesthood at St. Michael Parish in Wheeling Aug. 4; Bishop Mark Brennan celebrates the Mass; concelebrating priests process at the end of Mass; Bishop Brennan and Msgr. McSweeney offer the sign of peace to one another; and altar servers lead the procession at the end of Mass.

## By Colleen Rowan

“We are grateful to God that this son of Ireland came to us here in America and we pray that God may richly bless this priest who has been such a blessing to us.” Bishop Mark Brennan shared these words in his homily for the Mass celebrating Msgr. Jeremiah McSweeney’s Golden Jubilee at St. Michael Parish in Wheeling Aug. 6. The church was filled that evening with monsignor’s brother priests, deacons, friends, and parishioners.

“Fifty years ago, a young Jerry McSweeney answered God’s call, stepped forward, and was ordained a priest,” Bishop Brennan said in his homily. “And he came to wild and wonderful West Virginia.”

The Mass, Bishop Brennan said, was being celebrated on the feast of St. John Vianney, the

patron saint of priests. In his priesthood, Msgr. McSweeney served in many parts of the state: St. Anthony Parish in Follansbee, St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley, St. John the Evangelist Parish in Mullens, St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Ronceverte, Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Oak Hill, St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Cheat Lake, St. Patrick Parish in Weston and, finally, St. Michael Parish in Wheeling, where he served for seven years as pastor.

Msgr. McSweeney was ordained to the priesthood on June 17, 1972. He retired from active ministry June 15, 2016, and resides in Wheeling.

Bishop Brennan was the celebrant of the Mass for Msgr. McSweeney’s Golden Jubilee. The designated concelebrants, along with Msgr. McSweeney, were Msgr. Samuel S. Sacus; Very Rev. Sebastian E. Devasya, V.F.; Very Rev. J.

Stephen Vallelonga, V.F.; Father Penumaka Manikyalarao, HGN; Father William K. Matheny, Jr.; Father Carlos L. Melocoton, Jr.; and Father James B. McCafferty, Jr., SM. Concelebrating were many other priests of the diocese. Deacons for the Mass were Deacon Doug Breiding and Deacon Steve Wharton.

In his homily, Bishop Brennan pointed to the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: “Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins (Hebrews 5:1).”

A young Msgr. McSweeney began to do that on behalf of God’s people, to offer gifts and sacrifices for them, the bishop said. Every time he celebrated Mass, Msgr. McSweeney was making the saving grace of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross available to God’s people, Bishop Brennan said.

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# 'Composition of Praise' Ecumenical Gospel Choir Returns to All Saints Church for a Free Concert

**BRIDGEPORT**—All Saints Catholic Church in Bridgeport is presently celebrating its 75th Anniversary as a parish and will be the site of a free concert featuring the internationally known ecumenical gospel choir "Composition of Praise" from Washington, D.C., Sunday, Sept. 11 at 4 p.m.

Musical lovers and especially those who participate in choirs, voice students, musicians of all kinds, in general, will find this a rich opportunity to delve into the beauty of Gospel Music. The parish is pleased to make this event happen, as it opens the doors for the community at large to experience music that is so powerful and unique.

It's a way to celebrate the arts, while at the same time to celebrate and affirm faith.

This upcoming visiting vocal ensemble is made up of several voices and a small instrumental combo. The gospel group will also sing for the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Sept. 10, and the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass Sunday, Sept. 11. They will also give a free Gospel Music Workshop on Saturday, Sept. 10 at 11 a.m. at All Saints. The workshop will be led by their director Eddie Cromwell.

Cromwell is also director of St. Augustine Catholic Church Music Ministry in Washington, D.C. He is a gifted, inspirational, self-

trained classical pianist, composer and organizer in gospel music ministry for more than twenty years. He has performed with the likes of many nationally known gospel artists, such as the Winans, Darryl Coley, Tramaine Hawkins, Andre Crouch, Richard Smallwood, John P. Kee, Dianne Reeves, Karen Clark-Sheard and Anthony Brown. In the last several years, he has had the distinguished honor of directing performances with his parish choir at St. Augustine Catholic Church on the occasions of Papal Visits to the United States, — including performances for Pope Benedict, Pope Francis. He has led groups that have performed at the White House during the Bush Administration and Obama Administration and he continues to still be in demand for various musical performances in a variety of locations, in his local area and abroad.

Historically and even today, "Composition of Praise" has been represented by various denominations including: Roman Catholic, Seventh-day Adventist, Baptist, Church of God in Christ (COGIC) and Non-denominational. The Sunday concert will feature various genres of songs which include: a mix of traditional, modern and contemporary Gospel. The choir's voices fill the entire church with a soul-filled energetic burst of musical



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The internationally known ecumenical gospel choir "Composition of Praise" of Washington, D.C., performs.

praise to God.

Over the years, this group has always been in high demand. They have traveled to various islands, including: The Turks and Caicos, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic as well as Bethel AME Church in Moorestown, N.J. Several trips throughout Italy, including Calabria, where they sang to packed concert halls and historical Catholic churches and cathedrals.

This will be their fourth time in Bridgeport. Their last visit drew hundreds of people to All Saints for the concert. Anyone looking for their spirits to be raised and their hearts to be full of joy, should consider coming to this free event. The work of Composition of Praise Gospel Choir is quite unique and vibrant. You can hear some of their music on YouTube as well.

All Saints Parish is look-

ing forward to hosting this musical event. There is no fee to attend the concert.

For more information, please call (304) 842-2283, ext. 16, or check out [allsaintsbridgeport.com](http://allsaintsbridgeport.com) or All Saints Roman Catholic Church on Facebook. All Saints also broadcasts is Sunday Morning Mass on YouTube as well.

All Saints Church is located at 317 East Main Street, in Bridgeport.

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"God chooses ordinary people to do extraordinary things," the bishop said. "Think of the apostles ... They weren't the high priests or the legal scholars of their day. They were just ordinary working people. But Jesus chose them as the nucleus of his movement and his church. The extraordinary task given to an ordinary human being, Father McSweeney, was fulfilled especially in the Eucharist."

At the end of his homily, Bishop Brennan said, "Monsignor, 'ad multos annos.'" This is a Latin phrase meaning "For many more years."

"This has been a fantastic celebration of hope and joy," said Msgr. McSweeney, who bestowed upon all an Irish blessing.

He thanked Bishop Brennan; Father Melocoton, pastor of St. Michael's; Chad Carter, chancellor of the diocese and director of music at St. Michael's; the choir; his brother priests; deacons; and all who were present to celebrate this special day with him.

In published remarks prior to the Mass, Msgr. McSweeney said: "A hundred thousand thanks for honoring me with your presence at my 50th anniversary of ordination celebration. It means the world to me that you were present. Thank you so very much. The Lord's blessings in abundance to all of you."

A dinner was held at St. Michael's Angelus Center following the Mass.

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# Feast of the Assumption Mass to be Celebrated at Historic Sweet Springs Chapel

The oldest standing Catholic church in West Virginia will be the setting for the annual Mass of the Feast of the Assumption Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. with an ice cream social on the grounds following the Mass. St. John the Evangelist Chapel in Sweet Springs will be open at 4 p.m. for tours of the building which was constructed as early as 1839 and the public is invited.

Father James Conyers, pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in White Sulphur Springs and St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Ronceverte, will celebrate the Mass with priests from nearby Virginia and as far away as the Diocese of Raleigh, N.C., concelebrating.

Music for the Mass will be provided by the "Hymns and Hers" choir of St. Catherine of Siena Church.

Built as early as 1839, the church served as a family church for the late Gov. John Floyd of Virginia whose daughters attended Catholic schools in Washington, D.C., and Richmond, Va., and converted to the Catholicism, along with their mother.

Priests serving Sweet Springs in the 1800s also rode horseback to outlying areas as far away as Summersville, Lewisburg, and southwestern Virginia, establishing outpost churches in each area.

The church was built of brick by the slaves on the Lynnside Plantation, owned by the Lewis and Floyd family and the slaves also attended the Masses in the church.

For additional information on the Aug. 15 tours, Mass, and ice cream social, telephone the office of the Catholic churches of the Greenbrier Valley at (304) 536-1813 or the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus at (304) 645-1373.

The public is invited to the church events. The church is located on VA/WV 311 at its intersection with WV 3 in Sweet Springs. From the East, take the Callahan Exit in Virginia from I-64 and travel VA 159/311 south to less than one mile into West Virginia to the church. From West, travel I-64 to the Crows, Va., Exit and VA/WV 311 to Sweet Springs. From the south, take US 219 North to downtown



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St. John the Evangelist Chapel in Sweet Springs

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Meanwhile, the First Saturday devotions and daily Mass will be held the first Saturday in September and October beginning at

10:30 a.m. in Greenbrier County's oldest Catholic church building, the Church of Mary Immaculate near Williamsburg with a covered dish lunch on the grounds following the daily Mass.

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# Wheeling University and West Liberty University Sign Articulation Agreement for Doctorate of Physical Therapy

**WEST LIBERTY** — West Liberty University (WLU) and Wheeling University marked the establishment of a new articulation agreement for undergraduate students seeking advanced degrees in physical therapy in an Aug. 9 signing agreement, held in WLU's Shaw Hall.

"This new collaboration between both of our institutions offers a seamless transition for West Liberty University students and will benefit those most interested in the field of professional healthcare, specifically those seeking a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree," said Dr. W. Franklin Evans, WLU's president.

"We are pleased to partner with West Liberty University and look forward to welcoming qualified students into our well-established program. This agreement is sure to result in well-trained physical therapists serving the community and the larger medical field, something we can all appreciate," said Ginny R. Favede, Wheeling's president.

According to Dr. Alison Kreger, PT, DPT, Ed.D., director of Wheeling's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program, "By partnering, Wheeling and West Liberty will help both institutions facilitate the training of physical therapy professionals who can provide high quality patient care."

The collaborative agreement between West Liberty University and Wheeling University will be open to students in any WLU undergraduate major who meets specific qualifications and prerequisite courses, including (partial list):

- An overall cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale or higher;
  - A grade point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale or higher in the required prerequisite courses, which include, but are not limited to: BIO 124/125, BIO 325/326, BIO 302/303, BIO 328/334, CHEM 110/111, CHEM 112/113, PHYS 101/110, PHYS 102/111, PSYC 101, MAT 160
- Higher level courses may be substituted for lower-level courses in the same area.
- A minimum grade of B in each required prerequisite course

Wheeling University has agreed to accept up to two students per year into their DPT program.

Wheeling University's DPT program emphasizes a whole person approach to the investigation of clinical issues using a Problem-Based Learning (PBL) format. PBL encourages teamwork, open discussion, and researching appropriate resources to acquire the essential didactic knowledge.

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Pictured are Ginny R. Favede, Wheeling University president, and Dr. W. Franklin Evans, West Liberty University president.

mat, Wheeling's physical therapy graduates demonstrate exemplary professionalism, exceptional skills and problem solving, as well as the ability to access and utilize knowledge, reflective of a commitment to life-long learning, according to Kreger.

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# Hurricane Knights Give Gift of Baseball to Outgoing Pastor



Courtesy Photo

Father Bill Matheny, kneeling, is pictured with Knights of Columbus Bishop H. Hodges Council 9483 of Hurricane and parishioners of the Church of the Ascension in Hurricane at a Charleston Dirty Birds baseball game.

**HURRICANE**—Knights of Columbus Bishop H. Hodges Council, 9483, of Hurricane gave their pastor, Father Bill Matheny, a memorable going away gift as he prepared to move to a new parish.

The council took Father Matheny to a Charleston Dirty Birds baseball game and collected donations well over \$1,000 so far. Father Matheny will be donating all of the money to charity. Father Matheny was part of the pregame ceremonies and was recognized during the game.

“Our council planned the entire outing, arranged for Father Bill to throw the first pitch, and

provided a photograph of Father Bill to be displayed on the big screen during the game,” said Mark Trimble, a member of the council. “Also, we had special, souvenir tickets printed with ‘Best wishes Father Bill!’

The council purchased 95 tickets and sold every one of them (for donation of any amount).

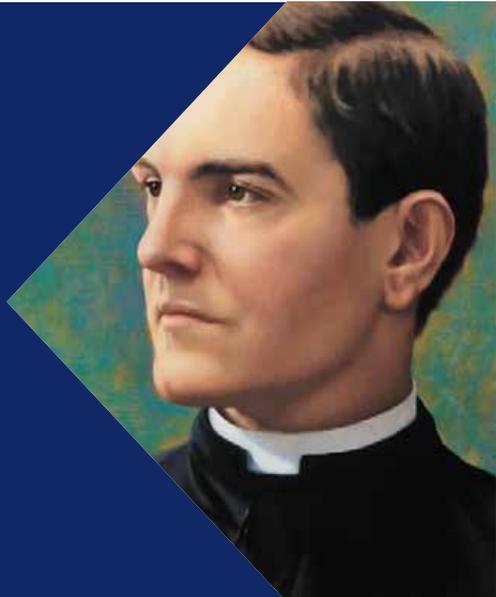
“In fact,” Trimble said, “the team allowed me and a few others to enter the game without our tickets so we could sell our tickets to others who wanted them!”

The council is from the Church of the Ascension in Hurricane. Father Matheny is now pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Chester.

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Cost is \$600, which includes motel, tour bus and most meals. Registration and \$100 down payment required by August 23, with a maximum of 30 attendees. If less than 20 sign up, the trip will be cancelled and down payment returned to you.

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# Matthew 25 Bags Help Neighbors in Need



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Catholic Charities West Virginia distributes "Matthew 25 Bags" for those experiencing homelessness.

To better demonstrate care and concern for the many individuals experiencing homelessness, the Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Western Region has begun filling tote bags with personal care items and distributing the bags in Charleston, Huntington, and Parkersburg.

"What so ever you do to the least of my brothers, you do unto me." - Matthew 25

The tote bags, known as "Matthew 25 Bags," are filled with food, bottled water, personal hygiene items, socks, a blanket, and other assorted items vital for someone without a home. The CCWVa team plans to continue connecting with parishes and others sites throughout the area to continue distributing the supplies.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org).

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: Guided by God's love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.

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# Solicitantes de asilo podrán ingresar cuando DHS finalice política 'Quédate en México'

Por Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** -- El 8 de agosto, el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional de Estados Unidos (DHS, por sus siglas en inglés) expresó que estaba listo para poner fin, de "una manera rápida y ordenada", una política de la era de Donald Trump que mantiene a solicitantes de asilo fuera del país mientras esperan que los tribunales de inmigración escuchen sus casos.

Desde su primer día en el cargo, la administración de Joe Biden ha luchado contra los impedimentos legales para poner fin a los Protocolos de Protección al Migrante (MPP, por sus siglas en inglés) -- conocidos popularmente como "Quédate en México" -- creados a fines de 2018 por la administración de Trump e implementados en enero de 2019.

Desde entonces, bajo el MPP, a personas que solicitaban asilo en los cruces fronterizos de Estados Unidos, o entre puertos de entrada después de cruzar, se les entregaba documentos y se les programaba una audiencia para una solicitud de asilo, pidiéndoles luego que regresarán al lado de México para esperar el proceso.

Sin embargo, muchos defensores de los inmigrantes dijeron que eso ponía a las personas en peligro, ya que los carteles cerca de la frontera se aprovechaban de ellos y los inmigrantes enfrentaban secuestros, extorsiones, asaltos y, en algunos casos, violaciones, mien-

tras luchaban por sobrevivir cada día en las peligrosas ciudades fronterizas.

Las cifras oficiales muestran que, bajo este programa, 70,000 personas se han visto obligadas a esperar en México, la mayoría de ellas provenientes de lugares como Venezuela y Nicaragua, países que están experimentando inestabilidad política y económica. El DHS dijo que los inscritos podrán ingresar durante su próxima cita programada en la corte.

Pero incluso si ingresan, no hay garantía de que se les permita quedarse. Simplemente significa que pueden esperar el proceso en Estados Unidos.

El secretario del DHS, Alejandro Mayorkas, señaló que el MPP tenía "fallas endémicas, impone costos humanos injustificables, y quita recursos y personal de otros esfuerzos prioritarios para asegurar nuestra frontera".

DHS reiteró que todavía estaba haciendo cumplir el Título 42, una medida de salud que se instauró durante la pandemia de coronavirus y ha sido aplicada por las administraciones de Trump y Biden.

La Oficina de Aduanas y Protección Fronteriza de EE. UU. ha dicho en el pasado que la disposición prohíbe "la entrada de ciertas personas que potencialmente representan un riesgo para la salud, ya sea en virtud de estar sujetas a restricciones de viaje previamente anunciadas o porque ingresaron ilegalmente al país para eludir controles sanitarios".

El comunicado de prensa más reciente del DHS sobre la finalización del MPP decía que "las personas encontradas en la frontera suroeste que no puedan establecer una base legal para permanecer en

Estados Unidos serán removidas o expulsadas".

Las organizaciones católicas han protestado repetidamente contra las administraciones de Biden y Trump por ambas medidas.

## DIÓCESIS DE WHEELING-CHARLESTON CALENDARIO DE CONFIRMACIÓN

**Obispo Mark E. Brennan, Celebrante**

Domingo 28 de agosto: San Sebastián, Kingwood, 5 p. m.

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Domingo 2 de octubre: Santo Santiago el Apóstol, Clarksburg, 4 p.m.

Domingo 9 de octubre: Santos Pedro y Pablo, Oak Hill, 5:30 p.m.

Domingo 16 de octubre: Santa Inés, Shepherdstown, 10:30 a. m.

Jueves 20 de octubre: Ascensión, Hurricane, 6:30 p. m.

Sábado 22 de octubre: Santísimo Sacramento, South Charleston, 5:30 p. m.

Domingo, 23 de octubre: Confirmación combinada: Sagrado Corazón, Huntington y San Pedro Claver, Huntington, en la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón, 9 a. m.

Domingo 30 de octubre: Santo Rosario, Buckhannon, 9 a. m.

Domingo 6 de noviembre: Todos los Santos, Bridgeport, 10 a. m.

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

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

al 304.230.1504. También puede llamar a la línea directa de abuso sexual de la Diócesis al 833.230.5656. Los formularios de queja están disponibles en línea en [www.dwc.org](http://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](http://www.dwc.org), en "Rendición de cuentas", luego "Informar mala conducta" o llamando al 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint es un sistema de informes de terceros que informa a las autoridades civiles cuando corresponda y a las autoridades diocesanas, y la identidad de la persona que informa esta protegida. Enlaces e información: Departamento de Salud y Recursos Humanos de WV: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp>. Policía Estatal de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Crímenes contra Niños: 304-293-6400.

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**Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant**

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Sunday, October 16: St. Agnes, Shepherdstown, 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 20: Ascension, Hurricane, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 22: Blessed Sacrament, South Charleston, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 23: Combined Confirmation: Sacred Heart, Huntington, & St. Peter Claver, Huntington, at Sacred Heart Parish, 9 a.m.

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## Director of Catholic Schools Religious Education and Evangelization

*Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston*

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You are motivated to provide learning that is rich with motivation, active engagement in cognitively challenging tasks, regular assessment and feedback, as well as modeling and providing differentiated forms of re-engagement and support for administrators, staff, faculty and students.

You value experiential learning, that is rooted in a community of Catholic heritage and culture inspired by the rich educational tradition in our Catholic schools. You see relationships of mutual respect and rapport as foundational to learning.

You value professional growth through collaboration with other educators both at the school level and in partnership with others. You collaborate well in various collegial structures for professional and ministerial growth.

### Core Competencies

- Assists in the development and implementation of goals and objectives for the Department of Catholic Schools.
- Confers regularly with the Superintendent, School/ Designated principal and religious education chairperson of each school to assess the school religion program.
- Observes teachers of religious education in the schools as part of the on going program assessment.
- Provides opportunities for professional and spiritual development of religion teachers in schools.
- Works collaboratively with the Superintendent of Schools to provide leadership and support to school administrators.
- Assists school administrators as needed in recruiting and selecting qualified religion teachers.
- Creates and monitors implementation of Religious Education Guidelines.
- Assist with the creating of Religious Education curriculum mapping.
- Oversees Catholic Schools Religious Education Certification program used by our teachers for professional development.
- Works to maintain and update list of religion texts recommended for use in the schools and parish programs.
- Works with principals to ensure that all religion teachers are certified (or working toward certification) according to Diocesan policy.

- Serves as a resource person for religious education/formation by maintaining a library of texts, manuals, support materials, current literature and media.

- Meets regularly with the religion teachers of secondary schools to evaluate the program, discuss needed changes and make recommendations.

- Assist the superintendent by gathering, organizing and correlate information on teacher certification in the Catholic Schools.

- Travels significantly during the week and on weekends and participates in evening and weekend job related activities.

- Participates with members of the department in workshops and in-service training sessions.

- Assists in the orientation of new principals and new teachers.

- When requested, observes teachers to assist the administrator in guiding them towards improvement in the teaching of religion.

- Reviews religious education/formation policies in the school policy handbook and suggests revisions when appropriate.

- Maintains religious education files and issues certificates as appropriate.

- Assists superintendent in implementing special programs in the schools; Virtue in Education program

- Oversees the Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK) testing program and works with schools to analyze and utilizing the assessment data.

- Performs other job related duties as collaboratively determined and within the limits of time, energy and priorities.

### Qualifications

#### Base

- Master's degree (MA) in Theology, or Religious Education, or related field.

- Must adhere to the teachings of the Magisterium of the Church.

- Experience teaching religion in parochial elementary and secondary schools.

- Must possess leadership, organizational and interpersonal communication skills.

- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.

#### Preferred

- Working experience as school administrator or related administrative, department head or lead teacher responsibility.

- Worked as a teacher with teacher certification.

### Next Steps

Qualified and highly motivated candidates are invited to submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae or résumé to Julie Link at [jlink@dwc.org](mailto:jlink@dwc.org). Candidates who meet the qualifications for this position will be contacted about the interview process and invited to submit a full set of application materials.

## Kindergarten Aide Custodian Needed at Corpus Christi School, Wheeling

Corpus Christi School in Wheeling is seeking positive, energetic, qualified individuals to fill the following positions for the starting the 2022-2023 school year.

- Kindergarten Aide (FULL TIME 8:30-3:30, experience preferred)

- School Custodian (PART TIME 1pm -6pm , 5 days a week)

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and three references to Principal Shannon Wall at [swall@ccwheeling.net](mailto:swall@ccwheeling.net)

## Middle School Teacher Needed at St. Joseph School in Martinsburg

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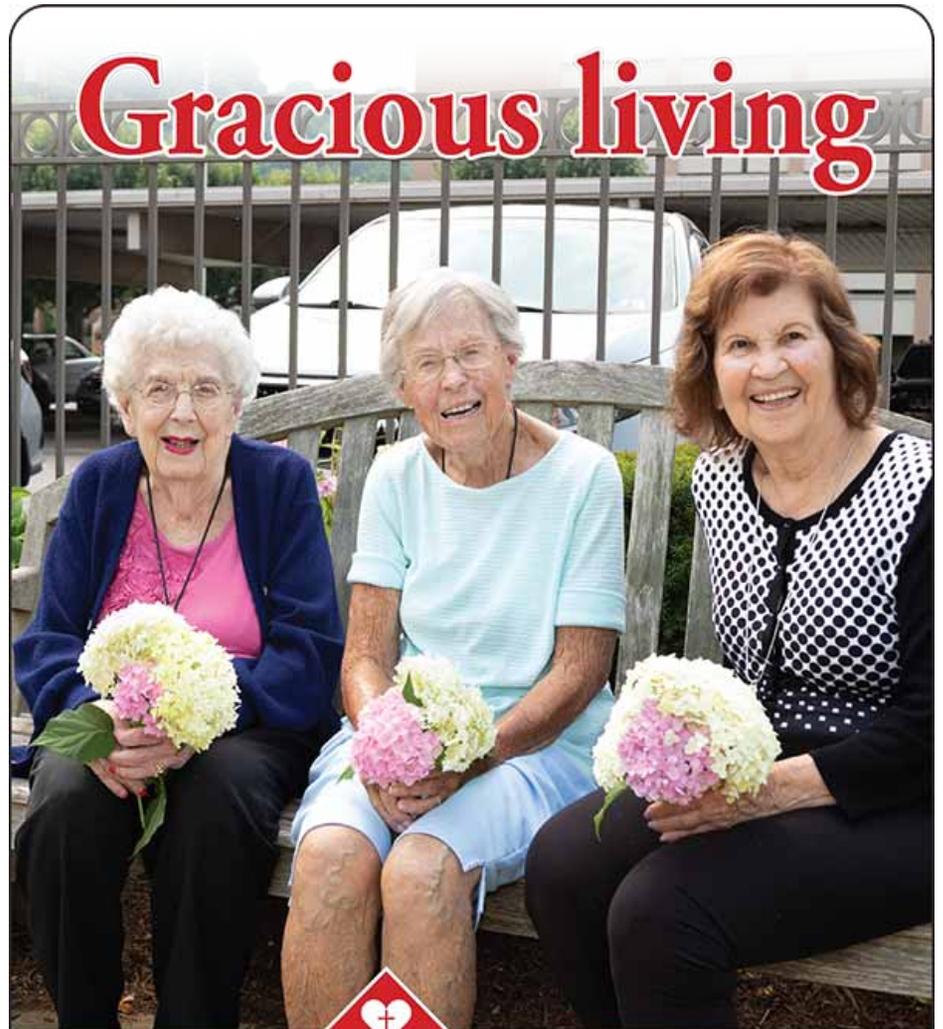
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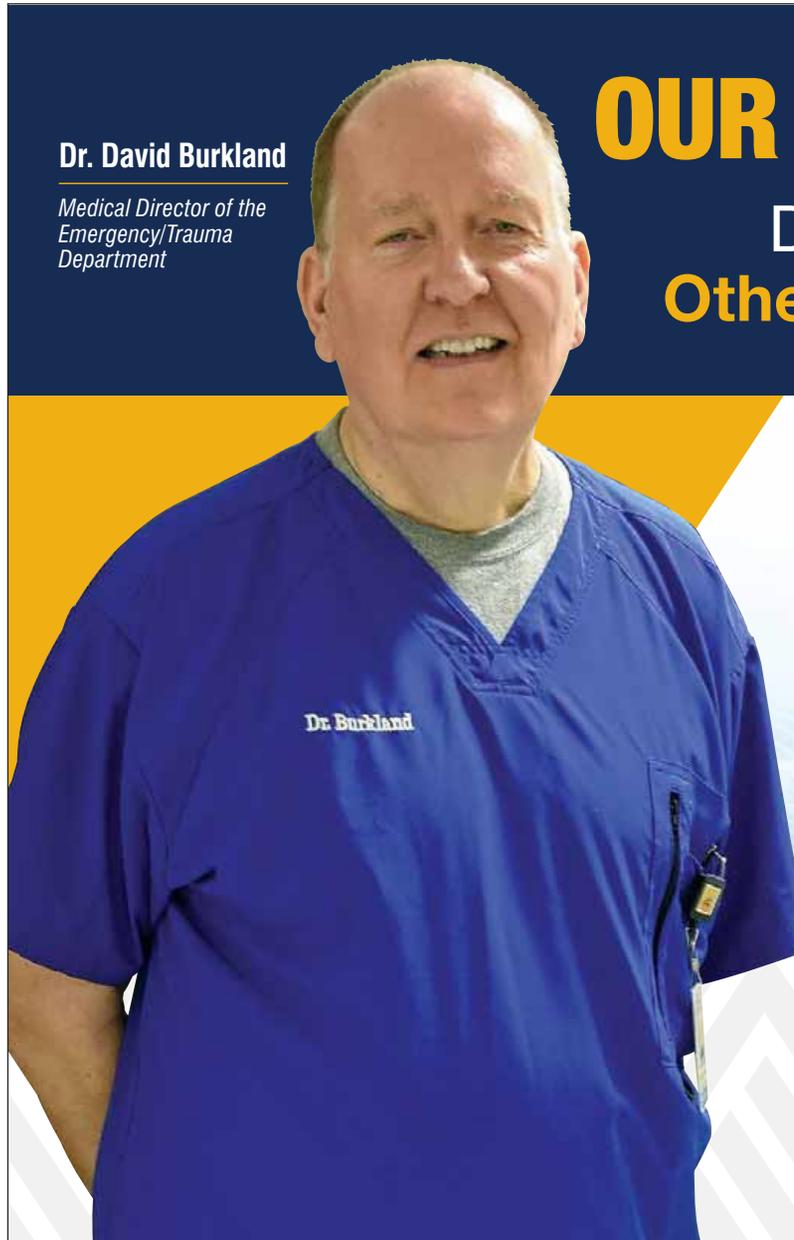
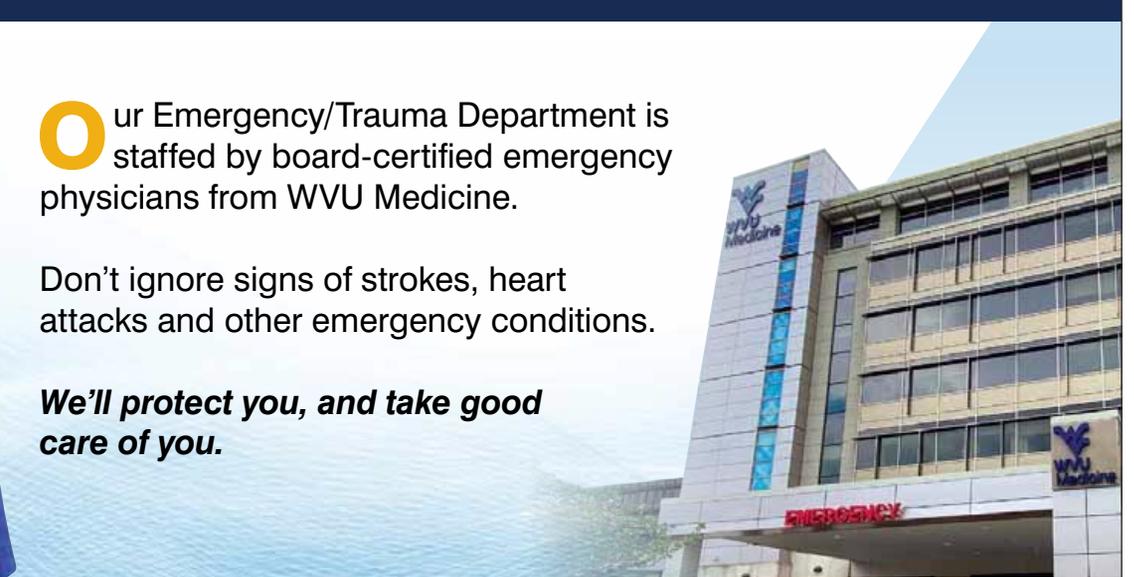
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