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*Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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Our Lady's Assumption is depicted in this beautiful stained glass window at Assumption of Our Lady Church in Keyser. The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Aug. 15.

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# Cathedral to Celebrate Mass for the Conversion of Lost Souls

**WHEELING**—Everyone is invited to attend a Mass for the Conversion of Lost Souls at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling on Thursday, August 27, the Memorial of St. Monica, at 6 p.m. Bishop Mark Brennan will be the celebrant and homilist for this Mass.

The fourth-century saint, Monica, was a Christian, but her husband was a pagan. Mon-

ica's virtues and prayers, however, converted him, and he was baptized a year before his death. When her son, Augustine, went astray in faith and morals, Monica's tears and prayers for her son were incessant. She followed him where he went to teach, and there continued to storm heaven with prayers for her son. Finally, she had the joy of witnessing Augustine being baptized.

In addition to being one of the patron

saints of mothers, St. Monica is most often invoked for the conversion of children who have left the Church. The Cathedral will celebrate this Mass on her feast day to pray in a special way for all those who have wandered from the faith.

During the Mass, everyone will have an opportunity to write the names of their loved ones and entrust them to the powerful intercession of St. Monica.

## 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](http://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, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://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: Sr. Ellen Dunn, O.P., ext. 264; 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](http://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](http://www.dwc.org), under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where 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, Internet Crimes Against Children

## 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."



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# Black Catholics Laud Harris Pick; Others Scrutinize Past Record

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — Joe Biden's choice of Sen. Kamala Harris, D-California, as his vice presidential running mate elicited broad smiles from key black Catholics. Others, though, started criticizing her record nearly as soon as the pick was publicized Aug. 11.

"This is headline news. It's the first of its kind," said Dominican Father Aniedi Okure, executive director of the Africa Faith and Justice Network, about the choice of Harris, the first Black vice presidential nominee of a major political party.

Black Catholics should look at Biden and Harris for "policy that is favorable to people on the margins," said Donna Toliver Grimes, associate director of African American affairs in the U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church. She also expressed hope the Biden-Harris

ticket can do something on health care reform "to get people the health care that they need."

Critics of Harris pointed to her support for legalized abortion. "Sen. Harris supports a policy of abortion on demand at anytime, anywhere and under any circumstances," said an Aug. 11 statement by Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life, noting that Harris has a 0% rating from NRLC but a 100% rating from NARAL Pro-Choice America.

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**U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., is seen on Capitol Hill in Washington June 25. Former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic nominee for president, announced Aug. 11 that Harris will be his running mate for the November presidential election.**



# Pandemic Has Revealed How Often Human Dignity is Ignored, Pope Says

**By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — The coronavirus pandemic has shed light on other, "more widespread social diseases," particularly attacks on the God-given human dignity of every person, Pope Francis said.

"The pandemic has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected we all are. If we do not take care of each other, starting with the least — those who are most affected, including creation — we cannot heal the world," the pope said Aug. 12 at his weekly general audience.

Pope Francis had announced a week earlier that he would begin a series of audience talks about Catholic social teaching, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The audience, which was livestreamed from the library of the Apostolic Palace, began with a reading from the Book of Genesis:

"God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

The dignity of the human person, the pope said, is the foundation of Catholic social teaching and all its attempts to apply Gospel values to the way people live and act in the world.

Pope Francis said that while there are many "heroes" who are caring for others during the pandemic, even at the risk of their own lives, the pandemic also has revealed economic and social systems influenced by a "distorted vision of the person, a gaze that ignores the person's dignity and relational character" by seeing others as "objects, objects to be used and discarded."

Such an attitude is contrary to the faith, he said. The Bible clearly teaches that God created every per-

son with "a unique dignity, inviting us into communion with him, with our sisters and brothers (and) with respect for all creation."

"As disciples of Jesus," he said, "we do not want to be indifferent or individualistic — two ugly attitudes, which are against harmony. Indifferent, I look the other way. And individualistic, 'only for me,' looking only at one's own interests."

Instead, God created human beings "to be in communion," the pope said. "We want to recognize the human dignity of every person, whatever his or her race, language or condition."

Taking seriously the dignity of each person and recognizing the God-given gift of creation should give rise to both a sense of responsibility and a sense of awe, Pope Francis said.

But it also has "serious social,

economic and political implications" for those who recognize that responsibility, he said.

Pope Francis urged people to continue working to contain the virus and find a cure, but said that in the meantime, "faith exhorts us to commit ourselves seriously and actively to combating indifference in the face of violations of human dignity."

A "culture of indifference," he said, "accompanies the throwaway culture: things that do not affect me, do not interest me," and Catholics must counter such attitudes.

"In modern culture, the closest reference to the principle of the inalienable dignity of the person is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," the pope said.

After the audience, Pope Francis held a private meeting with Michelle Bachelet, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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# Clarksburg Notre Dame's Angela McKeen Wins Presidential Award

**CLARKSBURG**—Notre Dame High School's Angela McKeen has won a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

On Aug. 3, President Donald Trump announced the recipients of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) and the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM).

Awardees come from schools in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools, and schools in the United States territories of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands. Nominations and awards are facilitated by the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science Foundation.

Presidential award for K-12 teachers—established in 1983, PAEMST is the highest award given by the U.S. Government to kindergarten through 12th grade teachers of mathematics and science, including computer science.

A panel of distinguished mathematicians, scientists, and educators at the state and national levels assess the applications before recommending nominees to OSTP. Teachers are selected based on their distinction in the classroom and dedication to improving science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education.

McKeen has taught in public and private schools for 11 years and taught in higher education for six years. She spent the past four years at Notre Dame High



**Angela McKeen**

School where she teaches Honors Physics, Earth and Space Science, Advanced Placement Environmental Science, and 7th Grade Science. She worked as a science instructor and science coordinator at St. Mary's Central School for four years. She began her career at Valley High School teaching science and English for three years.

McKeen's enthusiasm for the natural world is reflected in her yearly science camps. While working with disadvantaged youth in rural West Virginia, she began running her own science camps. Most recently, she was awarded a grant from West Virginia Science and Research, a division of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC) to offer an environmental camp.

McKeen's excitement for teaching science and her active participation in all levels of science education have made her an excellent professional development provider. Several of her earth science lessons have been published. Her dissertation explored teaching science using aspects of the arts in rural Appalachian classrooms. She presented to the Maryland Higher Education Consortium at Johns Hopkins University with a colleague on using trade books to teach science content at the university level. Recently, she was asked to present at a statewide diocesan conference on teaching rigorous science in Catholic schools.

McKeen earned her B.A. in secondary education at Fairmont State University and her M.A. in science education at West Virginia University (WVU). She also holds a doctorate in curriculum & instruction from WVU. She is certified in chemistry, earth and space science, and general science.

## New Principal at Notre Dame High School



**Kelly Light**

**CLARKSBURG**—Kelly Light will take over as the Principal of Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg on Aug. 15.

Light graduated from Notre Dame in 2006 before receiving a degree in English literature from the University of the South in Seawane, Tenn. She went on to receive a Master's Degree in educational leadership from West Virginia University and a post-master's certification in school principalship from Marshall University.

Light taught at Lincoln High School in Shinnston and Robert C. Byrd High School in Clarksburg before becoming the assistant principal at Notre Dame in 2018. She replaces Julie Frosch who resigned over the summer.

"It means a lot to me to be selected for the position," Light said. "When you accept a job at Notre Dame — it's a calling. You're there for the kids; you care about the community; and you care about providing a faith-based education."

## Free COVID-19 Testing Clinics for Wheeling University Students and Faculty

**WHEELING**—The Wheeling Ohio County Health Department will be holding free COVID-19 testing clinics at Wheeling University at the Alma Grace McDonough Center.

The clinics are for those associated with Wheeling University. Students who will be taking classes exclusively online and will not be on campus are not required to be

tested. For testing, participants must wear a mask. No insurance is needed. Participants need to bring a drivers license, university provided ID, or other proof of address.

The testing schedule is as follows: Aug. 18, all fall sports students and all staff, faculty, and on-campus employees from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Aug. 21, all freshman students from

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Aug. 23, returning students from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The special clinics are being hosted by the Wheeling Ohio County Health Department and the Wheeling Ohio County Emergency Management System.

For more information, call the Wheeling Ohio County Health Department at (304) 234-3682.

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# CDC Director Sees Public Health Risk in Children Not Returning to School

By **Ian Alvano, Catholic News Service**

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, thinks it is a good idea for schools to reopen and for children to return to school in the fall.

"It's not risk of school openings versus public health. It's public health versus public health," he said during a recent webinar with the Buck Institute for Aging, an independent biomedical research institute based in Novato, California.

"And I weigh that equation as an individual who has 11 grandchildren, that the greater risk to the nation is actually to keep these schools closed," said Redfield, who is a Catholic.

The threat of drug overdoses and suicide prove to be "far greater" concerns than the COVID-19 pandemic for many people, particularly in high schools, according to Redfield.

"You know, a lot of kids get their mental health services, over 7 million, in school. A lot of people get food and nutrition in schools. Schools are really important in terms of mandatory reporting sexual and child abuse," the physician explained. "Obviously, the socialization is important. And, obviously, for some kids, I think actually a majority of kids, their learning in a face-to-face school is the most effective method of teaching."

"That said, it has to be done safely, and it has to be done with the confidence of the teachers," Redfield said. "It has to be done with the confidence of parents. And so I think each of the school districts will begin to wrestle with this."

"Local school districts are going to have to make these decisions," he added, and schools should be open with certain restrictions and rules in place, including "wearing a mask, washing your hands (and) maintaining social distancing."

News reports Aug. 10 said that 17 out of the nation's 20

largest public school systems have decided to teach students only online, though in the state of New York, Gov. Andrew Cuomo has declared schools will open.

Other public and non-public schools are choosing a "hybrid" option with some in-person classes and some online classes. Some Catholic dioceses around the country have chosen to reopen their schools for in-person learning, following local health and safety protocols and CDC guidelines to protect students, teachers and staff from the coronavirus.

The CDC's guidance is aimed at K-12 schools as well as colleges and universities, but "our guidance is not in stone. Our guidance is not meant to be impractical," Redfield said, "and we have to work with each district as they try to translate that guidance into a functional plan."

Its lengthy detailed guidance — which can be found online at <https://bit.ly/2XODgHV> — includes about a dozen recommendations ranging from encouraging everyone in the school and community to practice preventive behaviors to educating and reinforcing "appropriate hygiene and social-distancing practices" to cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

"This guidance is meant to supplement — not replace — any state, local, territorial, or tribal health and safety laws, rules and regulations with which schools must comply," the CDC says.

Decisions must be made taking into account "the level of community transmission," it says.

"I don't want people to overestimate the risk of serious illness to individuals that are school age," Redfield said during the webinar. "That said, there is a real risk to vulnerable individuals that are teachers, potentially, that may have comorbidities. And, obviously, there are some students that have a comorbidity."

So schools cannot get

ready "faster than you're ready to do it," he said.

"None of us is going to compromise safety," he added about himself and other doctors who support schools reopening.

"There is going to need to be accommodation for those teachers that have high risk. Some of our colleagues think it would be a great opportunity for younger teachers in the classroom to be mentored by older teachers by video that may have a risk and should be more separated," he said.

When it comes to testing, Redfield said the CDC has not recommended routine testing for K-12 students. "Different institutions, particularly in higher learning, are looking at some different strategies, particularly if they attract people from all over the country, which includes some areas that may be having significant transmission right now," he said.

He noted the U.S. has accelerated testing across the board and is at about 5 million tests a week, but about 3 million to 5 million tests a day is "where we need to be as a nation."

"The challenge this virus gives us (is it's) so unlike flu, which basically causes symptomatic illness and you can use that symptomatic illness to monitor flu. ... We actually do have a surveillance system which just monitors for flu-like illness," Redfield said. "We don't necessarily test everybody for flu. We just monitor influenza-like illness. This virus is problematic because a significant number of people don't have symptoms, and that's inversely related to age."

"So when you really are looking at a group of individuals under the age of 25, you know, it's probably going to be somewhere between 50%-80% of people that have this virus don't have any symptoms," he added.

"So the only way you begin to be able to detect that is if you set up broader surveillance programs," like contact tracing, he said, which is the process of iden-

tifying people who may have come into contact with an infected individual and collecting more information about such contacts.

Children appear to be at lower risk for contracting COVID-19 compared to adults. While some children have been sick with the disease, U.S. adults make up nearly 95% of reported COVID-19 cases. Children and adolescents under 18 account for just over 6% of all reported COVID-19 cases.

On its website, the American Academy of Pediatrics said that according to Aug. 6 data from U.S. states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and Guam, over 380,000 children have tested positive for COVID-19 since the onset of

the pandemic.

"At this time, it appears that severe illness due to COVID-19 is rare among children," the academy said. "However, states should continue to provide detailed reports on COVID-19 cases, testing, hospitalizations and mortality by age so that the effects of COVID-19 on children's health can continue to be documented and monitored."

Redfield suggested people call the CDC's toll-free number for information on its guidance — (800) CDC-INFO, or (800) 232-4636. He noted the agency has "over 2,000 guidelines, and a lot of those were generated because someone took the time to call in and ask a question."

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# Charleston Woman among Eight Who Profess Perpetual Vows as Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia

**E**ight young women professed perpetual vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience as Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 25. Among those who made their Perpetual Profession was Sister Albertine Cevallos, O.P., a former parishioner of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston.

Sister Albertine is the daughter of Dr. Jose Fernando Cevallos-Candau and Dr. Kathleen Mimmagh. Sister is a graduate of George Washington High School in Charleston, and the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in astrophysics. She also has earned a Certificate in Science Communication at the University of California Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz, California, and a Master's of Arts in education at Aquinas College, Nashville. She is currently teaching math at St. Cecilia Academy in Nashville, where she has taught both math and science for four years.

The Mass for the Rite of Perpetual Religious Profession was celebrated at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Nashville. Bishop J. Mark Spalding of the

Diocese of Nashville was the main celebrant. The homilist was the Reverend Cole Daily (Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana).

In 1860, the Congregation of Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia was established in Nashville, where its Motherhouse is located. The Sisters of St. Cecilia are dedicated to the apostolate of Catholic education. The community of approximately 300 sisters serves in over 41 schools throughout the United States, with mission houses also in Melbourne and Sydney, Australia; Vancouver, Canada; Rome and Bracciano, Italy; Elgin, Scotland; Sittard, The Netherlands; and Limerick, Ireland.

For more information on the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia Congregation, visit their website at [www.nashville.dominican.org](http://www.nashville.dominican.org).

See the Sept. 4 print edition of The Catholic Spirit for a wider story on Sister Albertine.

**Courtesy Photo**  
**Sister Albertine Cevallos, O.P., pictured here, made her perpetual profession of vows as a Dominican Sister of Saint Cecilia in Nashville, Tennessee, on July 25.**



## Gabriel Project's Northern Panhandle Chapter in Need of Baby Items

**WHEELING**—The Northern Programs Gabriel Project-Wheeling chapter office is need some specific baby items.

"We will gladly accept donations of travel pack hygiene items, baby health kits of nail clippers, thermometer, brush/comb, New Born diapers, wipes, receiving blankets, wash cloths

and towel sets," officials said. "These items are for our newborns." The chapter will also gladly accept any larger hygiene items; head to toe baby bath, diaper cream, baby gates, crib sheets. "We really appreciate everyone thinking of God's littlest ones!" officials said. "Thank you all and God bless." To donate, call (304) 639-5039.

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# Wheeling Congregation of St. Joseph to Honor Former W.Va. Auxiliary, Look to Future in Virtual Gathering

**WHEELING**—The Congregation of St. Joseph, Wheeling Center, will host a live webinar to honor the rich history of the former West Virginia Auxiliary. The event will be held from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29.

After more than 30 years of service to the Sisters of the Wheeling Center, the auxiliary will transition to a new group, the Friends of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Wheeling. The auxiliary was a vital part of the congregation, and the sisters want to acknowledge the outstanding support it has provided for more than three decades.

The virtual event is an opportunity to learn more about the history of the sisters and how they continue to build and sustain connections in communities throughout the state. The sisters will discuss the new Friends organization, and how the congregation's old and new friends can become involved.

The webinar will also feature interviews with some of the Mission Partners of the Congregation to highlight the work they are doing.

"We had hoped to host this celebration in person at Mount St. Joseph, but decided to make a new plan to protect the health and well



Assisting at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center's shower station earlier this year are Congregation of St. Joseph Sisters Mary Ann Rosebaum (above left, third from left) and Kathleen Durkin (above right, at right). The Congregation of St. Joseph, Wheeling Center, will host a live webinar to honor the former West Virginia Auxiliary Aug. 29.

being of our sisters and friends," said Rose Mathes, Coordinator of Community Life for the Wheeling Center of the Congregation of St. Joseph. "We hope this virtual event will let people know about the Friends of the Sisters of St. Joseph, but we look forward to celebrating with our Friends when it's again safe to get together."

Partners scheduled to participate in the event include the House

of Hagar, Sisters Heath Foundation, Grow Ohio Valley, St. Joseph Retreat Center Health and Wellness Foundation and the MSJ Sisters Outreach Initiative.

Those interested must register in advance to participate in this event. Please e-mail Amy Anderson (aanderson@csjoseph.org) by Thursday, Aug. 27.

"Please join us to learn about the variety of ways that you can be a

part of the important work of the Congregation of St. Joseph," congregation officials said.

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph is a religious community of nearly 500 vowed Catholic women and over 500 lay associates who live and minister in the U.S. and around the world. Through its Mission Network, it works with and supports a diverse array of ministries.

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# St. Agnes Parish in Shepherdstown Using 'Environmentally Friendly, Safe' Sanitizing

**SHEPHERDSTOWN**—For the safety of its parishioners, St. Agnes Parish in Shepherdstown announced that it has entered into an agreement with GermRid Eco to sanitize the church twice a week against COVID-19.

GermRid Eco is a licensed, insured and bonded, locally owned and operated business. It provides a people, pet and environmentally friendly, safe sanitizing and deodorizing service that is EPA approved to kill 99.9 percent

of bacteria and viruses, including Coronavirus.

GermRid Eco employs a 100 percent natural sanitizing method, no toxins using a technique called Electrolyzed Oxidizing Water (EOW) to create Hypochlorous Acid (HOCl) or Free Chlorine, an EPA registered, broad spectrum sanitizer 100 times more powerful than chlorine bleach. Fogging machines ensure full coverage of large open areas, like

the nave, Day Chapel and narthex as well as surfaces. Applications are completely safe for children of all ages and anyone with respiratory or immunocompromised issues.

Sanitizing occurs every Wednesday afternoon, and Saturday evening following the 5:30 Mass.

For more information about GermRid Eco-visit: [www.germrideco.com](http://www.germrideco.com) or the contact the parish office.

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### *Confirmation in Weirton*

**Bishop Mark Brennan is pictured with young people for confirmation at St. Joseph the Worker Grade School in Weirton Aug. 6. Also pictured is Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr., and Principal Recheal Fuscardo. Below is the confirmation schedule for August.**

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## CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

St. Leo, Inwood  
Saturday, Aug. 15: 10:00 a.m.

St. Agnes, Shepherdstown  
Sunday, Aug. 16: 9:00 a.m.

St. Joseph, Martinsburg (to be held at St. James Parish,  
Charles Town)  
Sunday, Aug. 16: 3:30 p.m.

St. Sebastian, Kingwood; St. Zita Mission, Masontown;  
St. Edward the Confessor, Mission, at St. Sebastian  
Friday, Aug. 21: 6:00 p.m.

St. Peter Welch and Sacred Heart Mission, Powhatan, at  
Sacred Heart Mission  
Saturday, Aug. 22: 5:30 p.m.

St. Francis de Sales, Beckley  
Sunday, Aug. 23: 11:00 a.m.

Corpus Christi, Warwood  
Saturday, Aug. 29: 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

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# Papa empezará nueva serie sobre doctrina social debido a la pandemia

Por Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)**—En vista de la actual pandemia del COVID-19 y la crisis ambiental y social a nivel mundial, el papa Francisco anunció que empezará una nueva serie de charlas en su audiencia general orientada a ayudar a construir “el futuro que necesitamos”.

“En las próximas semanas, les invito a afrontar juntos las cuestiones urgentes que la pandemia ha puesto de manifiesto, males sociales por encima de todo. Y lo haremos a la luz del Evangelio, de las virtudes teológicas y los principios de la doctrina social de la iglesia”, dijo el 5 de agosto durante su audiencia general semanal.

“Exploraremos juntos como nuestra tradición social católica puede ayudar a la familia humana a sanar este mundo que sufre de serias enfermedades”, dijo el papa.

La audiencia, transmitida en vivo desde la biblioteca del Palacio Apostólico, fue la primera charla en la audiencia general del papa desde que las citas fueran suspendidas durante julio, un mes en que la agenda del papa suele estar menos recargada debido a las vacaciones de verano.

Empezó su charla destacando cómo la pandemia continúa generando enfermedad y muerte a tanta gente y está “causando profundas heridas, exponiendo nuestra vulnerabili-

dad”.

“Muchas personas y familias están viviendo un tiempo de incertidumbre debido a los problemas socioeconómicos, los cuales afectan especialmente a los más pobres”, dijo.

Manteniendo el enfoque en Cristo, los cristianos pueden encontrar fortaleza y sanación en el Evangelio y las virtudes de la fe, esperanza y caridad —agregó.

Estos son dones de Dios “que nos curan y nos hacen sanadores, dones que nos abren a nuevos horizontes, incluso mientras estamos navegando las complicadas aguas de nuestros días”.

Los católicos tienen que renovar su experiencia con el Evangelio, el cual “nos invita a asumir un espíritu creativo y renovado”, destacó. “De esta manera, seremos capaces de transformar las raíces de nuestras flaquezas físicas, espirituales y sociales y las destructivas prácticas que nos separan entre sí poniendo en riesgo a la familia humana y nuestro planeta”.

Jesús ofrece tantos ejemplos de sanación, no solo de sufrimientos individuales y físicos sino también de dolencias espirituales, sociales y de relaciones —dijo.

Como discípulos de Jesús, “podemos preguntarnos: Hoy, ¿de qué manera podemos ayudar a sanar nuestro mundo?” porque sus discípulos también están llamados a continuar su trabajo

de sanación y salvación “en un sentido físico, social y espiritual”.

La iglesia ofrece los sacramentos y caridad y cuidado concretos, pero no es “una experta en prevención o cura de pandemias. Ayuda con los enfermos, pero no es una experta”, dijo el papa.

Ni tampoco la iglesia emite específicas directrices sociopolíticas porque “ese es el trabajo de los líderes políticos y sociales”, quienes, no obstante, pueden ser guiados por la luz del Evangelio —agregó.

A lo largo de los siglos, la iglesia ha desarrollado muchos principios sociales “que pueden ayudarnos a avanzar a fin de preparar el futuro que necesitamos”.

Subrayó que los principios fundamentales son: la dignidad de la persona, el bien común, la opción preferencial por los pobres, el destino universal de los bienes, la solidaridad, la subsidiariedad y el cuidado del planeta, “nuestra casa común”.

“Estos principios ayudan a los líderes, los mismos que son responsables por la sociedad, a fomentar el crecimiento y también —como en el caso de la pandemia— la sanación del tejido social y personal”, dijo.

“Es mi deseo que todos reflexionen y trabajen juntos, como seguidores del Jesús sanador, para construir un mundo mejor, lleno de esperanza para las futuras generaciones”, dijo el papa Francisco.

## 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](http://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](http://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 anónimamente a esta línea directa si lo prefiere.

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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 está protegida.

**Enlaces e información:** Departamento de Salud y Recursos Humanos de WV: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp> Policía del Estado de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Delitos contra los Niños, Crímenes de Internet contra los Niños



Catholic Charities  
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## A Message from Our CEO

**By Beth Zarate, Catholic Charities West Virginia Chief Executive Officer**

**A**t Catholic Charities West Virginia, we are privileged to walk this journey with our clients, to meet them where they are, and to help them move forward in a way that is lasting and meaningful.

We have a deep belief that the poor are Christ among us. The recent pandemic has challenged us to operate differently, modify our services, and stretch our resources. We are happy to wear a mask or adopt any measure that will slow the transmission of the virus.

Our prayer continues to be the wisdom to make good choices and the grace to handle every situation. Please join us in praying the Catholic Charities prayer, as we recognize that prayer is of the utmost importance, and an invaluable contribution to helping the people we serve across our state.

### ***Catholic Charities Prayer***

Lord Jesus, open our eyes that we may see you in all our sisters and brothers.

Lord Jesus, open our minds that we may understand their hopes and dreams, their sorrows and pain, their longing for you.

Lord Jesus, open our hearts to give generously of ourselves.

Grant us wisdom to respond effectively to the needs of your people with grace and compassion.

Give us the courage to speak your words of life, peace, love, mercy and grace.

Bless the people whom we serve,

And strengthen the staff and volunteers who reach out to them every day in your spirit of Charity.

Amen.

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.

## Good Shepherd Nursing Home Residents Remain Virus-Free

**WHEELING**—The second week of COVID-19 testing at Good Shepherd Nursing Home revealed that all residents remain free of the virus. This is the second consecutive week that the tests on all were negative.

Administrator Donald R. Kirsch announced the good news but noted that one staff member tested positive. “The staff member is showing no signs or symptoms of the virus and has left Good Shepherd to self-isolate for 14 days,” he said.

The latest round of tests included approximately 450 residents and staff.

“Currently, none of our residents or staff have elevated temperatures. In addition, neither group is

showing any other signs or symptoms of the virus,” he said.

Good Shepherd will remain closed to visitors and will keep residents isolated for another 14 days while residents and staff are re-tested. “Our goal is to have no new cases over that period,” he said. “We ask the community to please keep us in your prayers.”

Kirsch noted that Good Shepherd’s sister facility, the Welty Home, is doing well. “All residents and staff are fine and have no signs or symptoms of the virus,” he said.

He thanked the residents, staff and families of Good Shepherd and Welty Home for their shared commitment to keeping everyone healthy.

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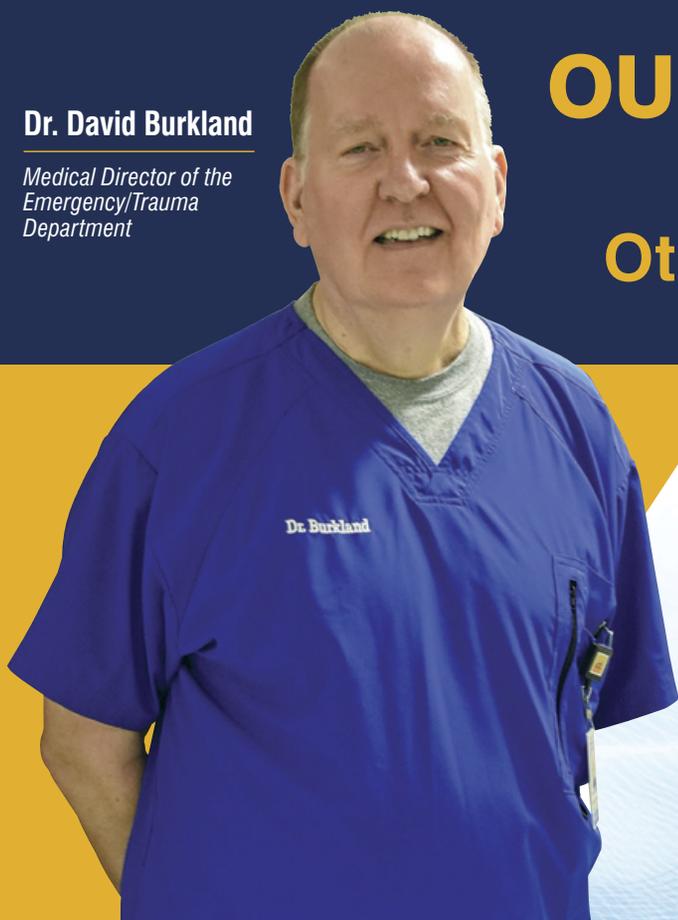


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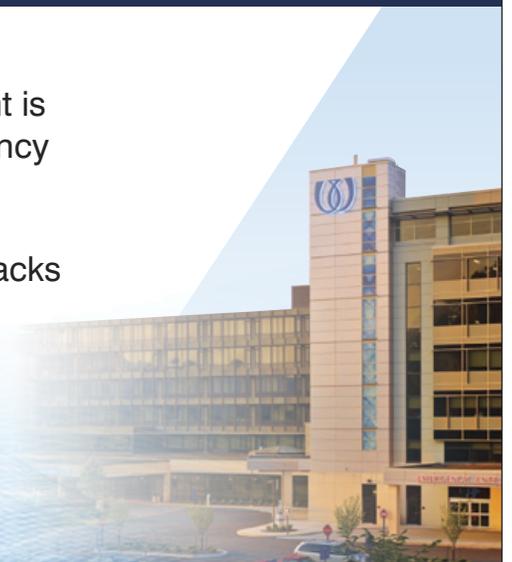
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