

THE CATHOLIC Spirit

Pope Entrusts Prayers for Peace to Mary, Assumed into Heaven

By **Cindy Wooden**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — On the feast of Mary's assumption into heaven, Pope Francis entrusted to her people's prayers for peace, especially in Ukraine.

"The din of weapons drowns out attempts at dialogue," the pope told an es-

timated 10,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square Aug. 15 to pray the Angelus with him.

"The law of force prevails over the force of law" and respect for human rights, "but we must not be discouraged," the pope said. "Let's continue to hope and pray because it is

God, it is he who guides history. May he hear us."

While the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Mary's assumption, body and soul, into heaven, the day's Gospel reading focused the Visitation, Mary's decision to rush to visit her cousin Elizabeth when she heard the older woman also

was expecting. The passage also includes the Magnificat, when Mary praises the greatness of God and all he has done for her.

"Mary ascends, and the word of God reveals to us what characterized her as she does so: service to her neighbor and praise to God," Pope Francis told

people in the square.

"In other words, Jesus and Mary travel the same road: two lives that ascend upward, glorifying God and serving their brothers and sisters," the pope said.

Mary's journey from Nazareth to visit Elizabeth was not short, the pope **See "Mary" on Page 3**

Bishop Brennan and W.Va. Faith Leaders Call for Prayer for Those Incarcerated and Correctional Officers

By **Colleen Rowan**

CHARLESTON — Bishop Mark Brennan and religious leaders from across West Virginia are calling for "Days of Prayer for Those Incarcerated and Correctional Officers" this weekend—Aug. 18-20.

The bishop and other religious leaders of the West Virginia Council of Churches (WVCC) announced the prayer initiative at an Aug. 14 press conference at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Charleston.

Rev. Jeffrey Allen, executive director of the WVCC, began by thanking Gov. Jim Justice and the West Virginia State Legislature "for the substantial legislation that was passed during the special session of this past week. It is a very good and real first step to remedying the current crisis."

Justice signed into law several bills Aug. 14 which are designed to reduce vacancies in the state's jails and prisons, increase pay scales for correctional officers, and offer retention incentives for non-uniform correctional staff.

Allen said there is still more to be done. "We do not **See "Prayer" on Page 3**



Pictured in the front, from left, are Rev. Jeffrey Allen, Congregation of St. Joseph Sister Rose Ann Hefner, Rev. Roberta Smith, Bev Sharp, and Rev. Gregory Pennington. In the back, from left, are Mary Pat Peck, Rev. Alton Dillard, Bishop Mark Brennan, Lida Shephard, and Kenneth Matthews.

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Diocese Announces New Victims Assistance Coordinator

WHEELING—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston recently hired a new Victims Assistance Coordinator for the first time in 20 years, and she already is a familiar face to some.

Erin McFarland, M.Ed., LPC, has been appointed by Bishop Mark Brennan as Victims Assistance Coordinator, in addition to her role as counselor and coordinator for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's School Based Health program in the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia.

"Erin brings decades of experience to this role, especially as it pertains to young people, families, trauma, and abuse," said Bryan Minor, process administrator for Safe Environment for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. "In addition, her education and existing roles in School Based Health for the Diocese make her a logical and natural fit for the role of Victims Assistance Coordinator."

McFarland earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and a master's degree of Education in Community Counseling from Ohio University in 1997 and 1999, respectively. Over the past 25 years, she has served as a counselor at the Children's Home of Wheeling, Harmony House Child Advocacy Center, Fox Run Hospital, Wellspring Family Services, Belmont County Student Services, and Hillcrest Psychiatric Unit/Hillcrest Outpatient. For more than a decade, she has served as counselor, and for the past two years, as coordinator, for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's School Based Health Program, focusing on the Northern Panhandle. She has extensive experience working with children and families, particularly those suffering from the effects of abuse and neglect. She is skilled in both group and individual counseling and has built professional relationships with her peers



Erin McFarland

throughout the region. She is licensed in West Virginia and Ohio.

"I'm so blessed to be the new Victims Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston," McFarland said. "I feel honored to have been asked to fill this role. I have many years of experience working with children and families and have built great working relation-

ships with many people that will help lend to this position."

Minor explained that the role of Victims Assistance Coordinator has been filled by Dr. Patricia Bailey of Wheeling since Safe Environment's inception in 2002. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which was established in June 2002, requires that every diocese in the United States maintain an Office of Safe Environment and fill the role of Victims Assistance Coordinator.

"We have been very blessed to have Dr. Bailey's expertise for the past 20 years," Minor said. "She has served survivors of abuse in West Virginia with grace, dignity, and compassion. We congratulate her and wish her well in her retirement from the role of Victims Assistance Coordinator. We believe Erin is an excellent choice to follow and continue to build on Dr. Bai-

ley's tremendous foundation, and we are thankful she said yes."

The Charter also mandates that every diocese in the United States must maintain a primarily lay-led Review Board to ensure that allegations of clergy sex abuse of minors are properly handled and reported. Victims Assistance Coordinators assist survivors of abuse in finding mental health providers and advise bishops and review boards on best practices relative to mental health services and healing. The diocese's Review Board also analyzes cases involving behavioral and boundary issues of adult employees and volunteers in addition to clergy sex abuse cases of minors.

"The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston continues to build a culture of safety in West Virginia. Having professional resources such as Dr. Bailey, and now Erin, on board is one way we continue to accomplish this goal," Minor said.

Diocesan Official Appointment

Bishop Mark E. Brennan has made public the following appointment:

Msgr. Paul A. Hudock is assigned to Hispanic ministry at St. Mary Parish in Star City and Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarksburg, with residence at Immaculate Conception Parish, effective immediately.

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 Erin McFarland, M.Ed., LPC, at 304.559.6742. 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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Jesus is Calling Many of Us to Visit Him in Prison!

By Father William J. Kuchinsky, Supervisor of the Diocesan Office of Prison Ministry

As a diocese we like to pride ourselves on the many good works we do for Jesus in the poor, those in need—soup kitchens, clothing, ministry to the sick via our hospitals and laity, and on.

Jesus, on His way up to his passion and death, was blessed by Mary Magdalene. She anointed him with an expensive oil as he passed through Bethany on the way to Jerusalem.

His disciples protested that the use of this oil was an extravagant expense. “When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. ‘Why this waste?’ they asked. ‘This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.’”

Aware of this, Jesus said to them, “Why are you bothering this woman? She has done a beautiful thing to me. The poor you will always have with you; but you will not always have me.” [Matthew 26:8-11]

Jesus told us He can be found in the poor, the needy. Because we recognize Jesus in the Holy Eucharist – we are all better able to see Him in those in need!

The imprisoned are in need. They are in need of our love, our visits, our help to transition to life after they are released. In them, Jesus can be seen; in them Jesus calls to us – “when I was in prison you visited ME.”

It is a great mystery. We can come to understand this, as many have. Deacons such as Deacons Rue Thompson, John Sarraga, Jay Ziolkowski, and Larry Hammel These deacons, many religious and laity can give testimony to finding Jesus where He told us He can be found.

Those who have visited the incarcerated know there is great joy to be found. The Word made Flesh of the Blessed Virgin Mary has chosen to identify Himself closely to them. “When I was imprisoned, you visited me.”

Please note: the Church has always held, as the Scriptures attest, Matthew 25 constitutes a vision of the Last Judgment among the other things Jesus teaches us.

But those who love the Lord seek to serve Him as they can. Who would fear judgement from the One they love and serve.

There is great joy within for those who seek to serve Jesus: “in as much as you have done it to the least of my brethren you have done it unto me.”

We all know these words. We are

familiar with this passage which is part of Our Redeemer’s last will and testament. As such they are all the more important for us to take to heart.

The Lord gives us an invitation to the healing and joy we can find in service to others. It is Jesus who awaits us behind the bars, and in the halls and meeting rooms of prisons and jails throughout the state.

Presently, the state is in the midst of a staffing crisis at these places. This brings a greater hardship and loneliness to the men and women who are all but forgotten. For them the isolation of COVID continues even as the disease has passed.

Pope Francis has invited us to live the Joy of the Gospel. He has shown us that joy can be found in service.

Further, he has pointed us to the possibly most forgotten about or neglected: those in prison, as the Holy Father has often celebrated Holy Thursday by washing the feet of those behind bars.

Prisons and jails are found near many parishes. If there is not one in your area, there is likely one not far away.

Please, reach out to your pastor. With your kind shepherds to lead, it is the laity who are tasked and empowered by Jesus to reach into these lonely places to bring the light of Jesus to bring hope.

Jesus was imprisoned on the night He was betrayed. He continues to call out to us from the dark places He Himself has entered. Go find Him.

He calls many. Will you also be among the chosen? Find the wonder of seeing what the saints have known: Jesus is often found in the most distressing of disguises. He is found in the poorest of the poor. Among these: our brothers and sisters who are imprisoned throughout West Virginia.

Recent statistics tell us there are some 9,860 Federal and 6,044 held by West Virginia authorities. These numbers each represent a person created in the image and likeness of God. The Good Lord has not abandoned them, nor must we.

Jesus has shed His blood for them. He not only identifies Himself as being in the very person of the imprisoned: He honors us to have an opportunity to love him as in their person.

The first canonized saint hung beside the suffering Lord on the Cross. May Dismas pray for us to know the wonders of the encounter with the Lord in those now suffering with their own crosses, hidden away in facilities throughout our diocese.

Mary...

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said. Serving others has a price, which everyone experiences “in the effort, the patience and the worry that taking care of another brings,” whether it is traveling for work to support one’s family or sleepless nights caring for a newborn or volunteering to care for those who can offer nothing in return.

“It is tiring, but it is ascending upward, it is earning heaven,” Pope Francis said.

The Gospel also makes clear how praise — especially of God but also of others — changes the quality of one’s actions and one’s life, he said.

“Praise increases joy. Praise is like a ladder: it leads hearts upward,” he said. “Praise elevates souls and defeats the temptation to give up.”

“Haven’t you seen how boring people, those who live on gossip, are incapable of praise,” the pope asked the crowd.

“Ask yourself: Am I capable of praise?” he suggested. “How good it is to praise God every day, and others, too! How good it is to live in gratitude and blessing instead of regrets and complaints, to raise our gaze upward instead of keeping a long face!”

Prayer...

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want to lose sight of the many issues facing our criminal justice system in West Virginia,” he said.

In his remarks, Bishop Mark Brennan said that caring about those incarcerated and those who guard them is important as followers of Jesus Christ.

“We care because we believe that every human being is made in God’s image and likeness and deserves genuine respect simply for that fact. ... This does not depend on our behavior,” he said.

Respect for that divine image in those incarcerated means providing safety, good living conditions, recreational opportunities, and educational opportunities.

“I’m very proud of Catholic Distance University, a completely online university,” headquartered in Charles Town, Bishop Brennan added. “They direct some of their efforts toward prisoners who can take courses and even get degrees while they’re in prison, which will be a help to them when they get out in perhaps securing good employment.”

The bishop continued by saying that religious opportunities for those incarcerated, being able to interact with members of their own faith community, and visits from family and friends are also important.

Guards deserve respect as well, Bishop Brennan said, as well as safe working conditions, adequate pay and benefits, and proper training to deal with difficult situations.

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Allen then introduced Rev. Roberta Smith, African Methodist Episcopal pastor and president of the Charleston Black Ministerial Alliance, who spoke about faith and women in prison.

Rev. Gregory Pennington of St. Christopher Episcopal Church in Huntington was the next to speak and shared more about the WVCC’s “Days of Prayer for Those Incarcerated and Correctional Officers” this weekend.

“With an enduring commitment to justice and compassion,” he said, “the council aims to shed light on the challenges faced by individuals within the criminal justice system and the dedicated correctional staff who serve them.”

A presentation on the state of those incarcerated, correctional staff, and correctional facilities in West Virginia was offered by Bev Sharp, founder and executive director of REACH (Restore, Empower & Attain Connections with Hope). This was followed by “A call to the West Virginia Legislature: Next Steps for Correctional Staff, Maintenance, and Legislation” presented by Lida Shephard of American Friends Service Committee and chair of WVCC Prison Ministry/Corrections Program Unit. And finally, things that local congregations can do was provided by Rev. Alton Dillard, African Methodist Episcopal pastor, presiding elder, West Virginia/Pittsburgh District.

For more information about and resources for this weekend’s prayer initiative, visit wvcc.org.

One Million Rosaries for Vocations in West Virginia Begins

Bishop Brennan Asks Faithful to Join in Effort Asking for Mary's Intercession on the Solemnity of Her Assumption

By Colleen Rowan

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a day for rejoicing, Bishop Mark Brennan said at the evening Mass he celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Aug. 15, as Mary was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

"Her assumption is God's promise that we too will be raised bodily to the fullness of life when the Lord returns in glory," the bishop said.

"As the early Christians sensed, Mary was an exceptional woman whose willingness to become the mother of God's son brought our savior into the world," Bishop Brennan said, emphasizing the firmness of her faith—in the conception of the divine child within her, when she stood beneath her son's cross, and being present with the apostles when the Holy Spirit descended upon all of them at Pentecost.

"Her faith is a model for ours," Bishop Brennan said. "How fitting then that the body of this remarkable woman did not suffer corruption in death but was raised with her soul to eternal glory."

This solemnity, Bishop Brennan said, also marked the beginning of the 1 Million Rosaries for Vocations in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. In this prayer effort, West Virginia Catholics are asking for Our Lady's intercession for vocations to the priesthood, the consecrated life of men and women religious, the permanent diaconate, Christian marriage, and single life in the diocese.

"We ask all West Virginia Catholics to pull out their rosaries and commit to saying at least one rosary a day between now and Oct. 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary," Bishop Brennan said in his homily.

Some may ask, why pray the rosary for vocations? The answer, Bishop Brennan said, is be-

cause of Our Lady's powerful intercession.

"Our faith that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven means that we have a most loving and powerful intercessor there who is closer to her son than any other human being could ever be," Bishop Brennan said. He noted what Our Lady accomplished at the wedding feast in Cana when there was no more wine. She got her son to perform his first public miracle.

"We are asking Mary to intercede before her son that he may inspire many men and women in our diocese to embrace the different vocations that God gives to us in the church... Let us show our trust and love of Mary before us by praying the rosary to seek her intercession for this just cause," Bishop Brennan said.

He encouraged all present at the Mass and he encourages all West Virginia Catholics to visit the diocesan website and make their pledge of the number of

rosaries they will pray at dwc.org/onemillionrosaries/.

Nearly 30,000 rosaries have been pledged to be prayed by the faithful over these 54 days to Oct. 7.

Bishop Brennan ended his homily that evening by saying, "Mary, mother of the church..." and the congregation responded, "Pray for us."

See more on the 1 Million Rosaries for Vocations in West Virginia effort on Pages 5-6 of this issue of The Catholic Spirit.



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—Bishop Mark Brennan, Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, Aug. 15

Bishop Mark Brennan begins the celebration of Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Aug. 15. Serving as deacon for the Mass is Deacon Doug Breiding, left.

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One Million Rosaries for Vocations in West Virginia

Let Sunday's readings give us faith & confidence to succeed

One million is a huge number. Asking the faithful around the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to pledge, pray, and promote the One Million Rosaries for Vocations in WV is a huge ask.

However, Bishop Mark Brennan and Sr. Martha Gomez believe in you and the power of your prayers. They want us to have the fierce faith of the Canaanite woman in the Matthew's Gospel we hear on this twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Her faith was so great in Christ she did not hold back to ask great of the Lord.

Additionally, just as we

hear in the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, "Observe what is right, do what is just." Heed these words, and as the reading directs us, welcome all people to prayer. Let us lift up our voices for all to hear as we pray and promote with confidence this mission to strengthen vocations. Let those voices be ones of praise as we hear in the psalms and as we make our petitions in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we hope to be.

You are the Church. You understand the great need for strong Catholic vocations in WV. With you we

will be a great success.

Prayerfully consider your personal prayer pledge - how many rosaries will you promise to say with vocations as an intention? Will it be 54, representing the number of days the campaign stretches? Will it be 365, promising to say a rosary for vocations every day for a year? It's your personal commitment.

We are keeping a running total, so it is important to get those pledges logged at <https://dwc.org/onemillionrosaries/>.

Like Isaiah reminds us, let this be your reminder to

welcome others to prayer-share this mission with those in and outside of WV and around the world. Please, keep sharing through Oct. 7, the last day to make a pledge of your Rosary commitment.

Be mindful too that Catholics and non-Catholics say the Rosary. Bishop Mark shared a story from when he was a boy. "I knew of a Jewish lady who said she prayed the Rosary. I was confused, but then she said, 'It's just two Jewish women praying together. (Referencing Mary's devout Jewish faith).'"

The Rosary campaign team in the diocese has or-

ganized many online resources under the printable resources, apps, web pages, and children's resources' tabs at: <https://dwc.org/onemillionrosaries/>

In closing, be mindful of the words from Pope Saint Pius X, whose feast day we celebrate Monday, "The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God..."

Pledges can also be called in to Joyce Bibey at (304)233-0880 ext. 357.

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Family Rosary

"The Rosary touches the Heart of the Mother of God... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."

-Pope Saint Pius X



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FOR VOCATIONS WITHIN THE
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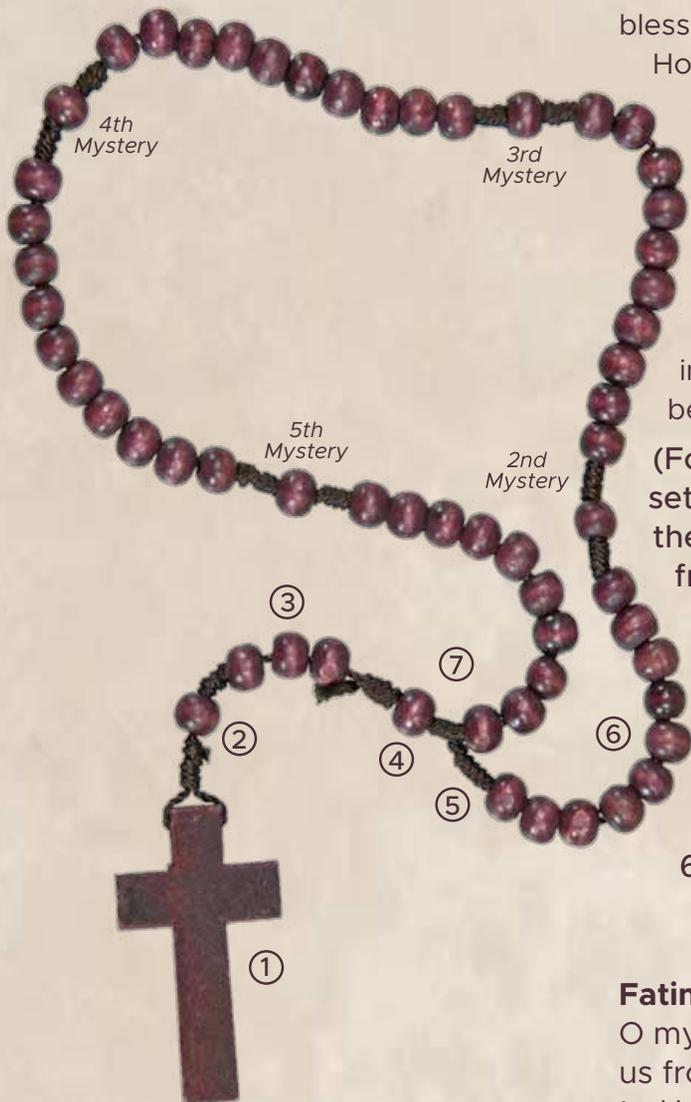


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How to Pray the Rosary

Begin with the Sign of the Cross:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



1. Holding the Crucifix/Cross say the Apostles' Creed

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

2. On the first bead, say an Our Father.

Our Father

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come. thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

3. Say the Hail Mary on each of the next three beads.

Hail Mary

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

4. Say the Glory Be

Glory Be

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

(For each of the five decades – the set of 10 beads in a row) - announce the Mystery (can also cite a reading from Scripture).

Then say the Our Father.

5. Holding each of the 10 beads (the decade) say 10 Hail Marys while meditating on the Mystery.

6. Then say a Glory Be. (After finishing each decade, you can add the Fatima Prayer):

Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

7. After saying the five decades, say the Hail, Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Conclude the Rosary with the Sign of the Cross.

Mysteries

Sunday & Wednesday

Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection
The Ascension
The Descent of the Holy Spirit
The Assumption of Mary
The Coronation of the Blessed Mother

Monday & Saturday

Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation
The Visitation
The Birth of Jesus
The Presentation
The Finding of the Child Jesus

Tuesday & Friday

Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at the Pillar
The Crowning with Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion

Thursday

Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of Jesus
The Miracle at the Wedding Feast of Cana
Jesus Proclaims the Kingdom of Heaven and Repentance
The Transfiguration
The Institution of the Holy Eucharist



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Back-to-School Celebrations Gather Catholic School Principals and Teachers in Wheeling and Charleston

By Colleen Rowan

“You have an exalted calling,” Bishop Mark Brennan said to the Catholic school principals and teachers gathered for Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Aug. 10. “You get to be one of God’s instruments in forming children and adolescents. ... to form the whole person—the body, mind, and soul.”

The Mass was celebrated for principals and teachers from Catholic schools of the Northern and Eastern panhandles and Central West Virginia. Bishop Brennan also celebrated Mass for the principals and teachers from Catholic schools of the Southern Region of the state at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston Aug. 8. The Masses were part of back-to-school celebrations in Wheeling and Charleston.

In a welcome letter to the Catholic school educators at both celebrations, Interim Superintendent of Catholic Schools Jennifer Hornyak said: “As we gear up for the new school year, we are thankful for each of you who teach in our Catholic schools across our great state of West Virginia. Our diocese is blessed to have you as part of our Catholic school team as we work together with families to live our mission. YOU are a true gift to Catholic education. Thank you for all you do!”

Hornyak said the celebrations provided professional development and faith formation as well as networking time for teachers. The keynote speaker was Sheri Wolfurt, and guest speaker Courtney



Colleen Rowan Photo

Principals and teachers from Catholic schools of the Northern and Eastern panhandles and Central West Virginia gather for a Mass Bishop Mark Brennan celebrated for them at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Aug. 10. He celebrated Mass for principals and teachers from Catholic schools of the Southern Region of the state at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston Aug. 8.

Brown focused on Theology of the Body. Educators in Wheeling gathered at Wheeling University while their counterparts in Charleston gathered at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center.

Continuing his homily at the Mass in Wheeling, Bishop Brennan told the principals and teachers that they have the great opportunity to cooperate with God in forming young people. And God, he said, will give them what they need to do that. He noted that St. Paul speaks of this in the first reading for the Mass that morning (2 Cor 9:6-10), “...God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good

work.”

The bishop shared that in his priesthood he was a classroom teacher for one year, but said he wasn’t very good at it, drawing chuckles from the principals and teachers.

Teaching can be hard some days, Bishop Brennan said. “Other days you have great joy in seeing the light bulb go on in that child’s head,” that moment a student understands, the bishop said.

Many of the teachers nodded their heads in agreement, knowing this moment well.

“It’s not merely a job,” Bishop Brennan said to the principals and teachers. “Yours is a calling.”

Pointing again to the first reading, the bishop en-

couraged them to do as St. Paul says: “...whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

The bishop encouraged them to sow the seeds of knowledge, skills, and faith bountifully and they will reap bountifully.

The bishop also encouraged them to pray daily for strength, wisdom, patience, and for their students. He pointed again to St. Paul’s words in the first reading: “The one who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness.”

Those are wonderful

promises, the bishop said.

“God does not promise in vain,” he said. “He delivers what he promises.”

Bishop Brennan also recognized the sacrifices that principals and teachers make to be in Catholic schools. “I presume you could make more money somewhere else,” he said to them. “But you sense a calling to serve these young people in the context of Catholic education.”

“You make sacrifices when you stay up to prepare a good lesson plan... That’s a sacrifice,” he said. They give of themselves when they do such things, he said. Being patient with slow learners, helping strong learners to learn even more, and helping kids to take on more responsibilities are examples as well.

“You do what you do because you really care,” the bishop said.

He continued by pointing to the Gospel for the Mass: “unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit” (Jn 12:24-26).

“Out of the sacrifices you make,” the bishop said to the principals and teachers, “good things happen.”

In addition to academics, “Your goal is to help students see the grandeur of God in this world, in his creation, and to learn to love God whose love for us is poured out in Jesus Christ,” the bishop said to them.

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Bishop Brennan said to them. "You are doing something that makes a difference in the lives of young people."

The bishop then spoke of an eighth-grade teacher who was beloved by her students at the parish school where he once served as pastor. After her students had gone on to high school they would often return to visit her. "She was a great classroom teacher, but she also

really had a great love for her students," the bishop recalled. "She cared about them, and they sensed that."

"Students will sense that in you, all of your efforts," Bishop Brennan said to the principals and teachers. "They will remember that teacher, that coach, that principal who really cared about me and helped me..." he said. "God will honor all of those efforts as will many of your students and their parents. May God bless you as you begin the new school year."



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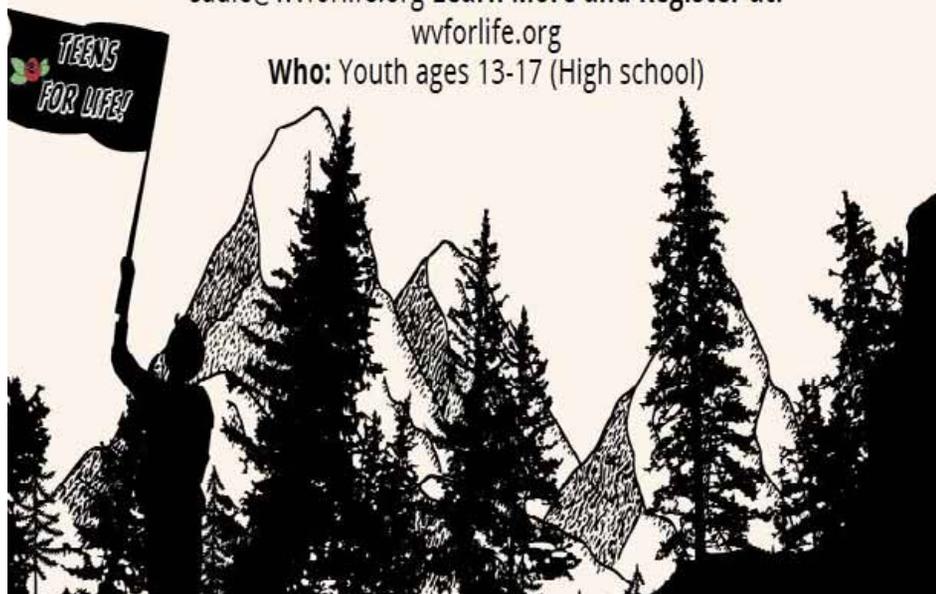
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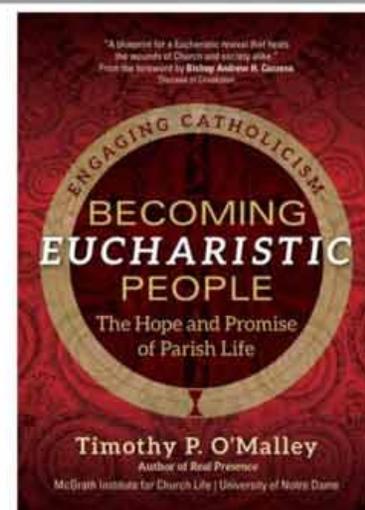
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‘Miraculous’ Survival of Maui Catholic Church Seen as Sign of Hope Amid Wildfire Destruction



OSV News Photo/courtesy Maria Lanakila Parish
Missionaries of Faith Father Kuriakose Nadooparambil, pastor of Maria Lanakila Church in Lahaina, Maui, Aug. 16, touches a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary which still stands amid foliage untouched by the wildfire that scorched trees across the street and destroyed the entire town of Lahaina.

By Patrick Downes

HONOLULU (OSV News) — “For us, it’s like a miracle,” Msgr. Terrence Watanabe, the Honolulu Diocese’s vicar of Maui and Lanai, said about Maria Lanakila Catholic Church in the town of Lahaina being seemingly untouched by the fierce Maui wildfires Aug. 8-9.

The blaze burned Lahaina to the ground in the deadliest natural disaster in Hawaii’s history and the deadliest U.S. wildfire in more than a century.

“When we saw the news

and saw the church steeple rise above the town, it was a great sight to see,” the priest said in an interview with the Honolulu Star-Advertiser daily newspaper Aug. 10.

There were conflicting news reports on the fate of the church — whose name translates as “Our Lady of Victory” — and its parish school, Sacred Hearts School, which had lost half of its roof to heavy winds Aug. 7. The parish’s priests, women religious and staff were safe and accounted for.

The Star-Advertiser had reported that the church had burned down, while another news source reported the church was still standing. The Star-Advertiser corrected its report Aug. 11 with a story that the church had indeed survived. Before that some photos and video footage posted on a parishioner’s Facebook page clearly showed the church was standing.

The church is a block or two from Front Street, the famous waterfront stretch of visitors’ shops and res-

taurants which the Lahaina fire reduced to a smoldering pile of ashes. Pictures showed charred trees across the street from the church.

Honolulu Bishop Larry Silva echoed the vicar in saying Maria Lanakila Church “was miraculously spared, as was the rectory.” He said the adjacent convent, school and hall were “burned, along with neighboring homes.”

In comments Aug. 14 to the Hawaii Catholic Herald, the diocesan newspaper, he also reported that the pastor, Father Kuri-

kose Nadooparambil, a priest of the Missionaries of Faith congregation, “was allowed to go in (to the church) with a police escort, and he reported that not even the flowers in the church were wilted or singed. There was only a covering of ash on the pews.”

“We thank God for this blessing! Of course the church cannot be used until the area around it is cleared and deemed suitable for passage,” Bishop Silva added.

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Early Aug. 17, Maui County officials reported that at least 111 deaths from the wildfires have been confirmed, with about 38% of the burned area searched so far, but the death toll was expected to keep rising as crews continue to "scour the ruins." About 1,300 people remained missing. About 11,000 others evacuated.

U.S. census data from 2020 shows that Lahaina had a population of about 12,700 out of an overall population on Maui of about 165,000.

As many as 3,000 homes may have been destroyed. Other Maui communities affected by fires include Kihei and Kula, with more than 500 acres burned. According to research done by Moody's Analytics, the economic cost to Maui from the wildfires could reach \$7 billion.

The White House press secretary announced Aug. 16 that President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden will travel to Maui Aug. 21 to meet with first responders and survivors, as well as federal, state and local officials. On Aug. 10 Biden issued a federal disaster declaration for Maui and the Big Island (Hawaii island), ordering "all available federal assets on the Islands to help with response."

In the days since the fires, Msgr. Watanabe has been fielding hundreds of calls and emails "from all over the world." The outpouring of concern is "overwhelming," he told the Hawaii Catholic Herald. "It's unbelievable."

The church where Msgr. Watanabe is pastor, St. Anthony in Wailuku, held an ecumenical prayer service for victims the evening of Aug. 15, hosted by Bishop Silva.

"We should do what we do best — pray," the monsignor said.

Prayer has been a watchword for Bishop Silva, too, as well as calling for the faithful to give "unwavering support" to the fire victims.

"As a community of faith, we are called to come together and provide unwavering support to those

who are suffering," he said in an Aug. 11 message to Hawaii Catholics. "It is in times like these that our collective love, faith and compassion can make a tremendous difference."

"This is an opportunity for us to show our solidarity as a Catholic faith community and lend a helping hand to those who have lost so much," Bishop Silva said.

"Let us also remember the power of prayer," he said. "In our collective prayers, we ask for strength, resilience, and healing for the fire victims and their families. May we find the grace to rebuild our families, their livelihoods, and the physical structures that were lost. Let our faith guide us as we navigate the challenges ahead, knowing that with the grace of God, all things are possible." Bishop Silva said.

The diocese's Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation was established to support Hawaii's parishes and schools. It has a dedicated webpage for donations to Maui wildfire relief efforts: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>. Catholic Charities Hawaii also is collecting donations for wildfire victims at catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui-relief.

"Many people have been offering prayers, donations, and their own time to help with this crisis. The outpouring of love and care has also been remarkable!" Bishop Silva said.

The bishop flew to Maui late Aug. 12, touring the Lahaina area Aug. 13 and celebrated Mass that Sunday for 200 people about nine miles away in Kapalua at Sacred Heart, the other church that belongs to Maria Lanakila Parish.

"To arrive in Kapalua, we had to drive on the upper road above Lahaina town. At several places along the road we saw spots that were destroyed by the fire, whether homes or businesses, it was hard to tell. We could also overlook Lahaina town, which was shockingly devastated," he said.

Lahaina holds deep cultural significance for Hawaiians as the district "was once the capital of the Ha-

waiian Kingdom." The Lahaina Historic District, which encompassed downtown Lahaina, Front Street and its vicinity, was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1962.

While at the church in Kapalua, "I heard stories of people who lost one or more of their loved ones or neighbors, whose houses burned down, or who lost their livelihood," Bishop Silva told the Hawaii Catholic Herald. "One of my friends, who often serves as my liturgical master of ceremonies when I am on Maui, told me that his uncle, uncle's wife, their daughter and their grandson all were burned to death in their car, while they were trying to escape."

"My friend and his wife opened their home to other relatives who lost their home and suspects they will be living there for a couple of years."

Bishop Silva also noted that because cell towers had burned down and the internet was down, most people "were not aware that Pope Francis had sent a letter expressing his concern, prayers, and support — even though I had published the letter on our diocesan media platforms. I read the letter to them, and they were very grateful."

The pope's prayers and support for the people of Maui were in an Aug. 10 telegram sent by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state. On Aug. 13, after he led the recitation of the Angelus prayer, the pope again assured the

people of Hawaii of his prayers.

Bishop Silva noted that Maria Lanakila's pastor and the parish school's principal "are looking into using some nearby hotel conference rooms to set up a temporary school," because one of their priorities "is to get the children back to school, so that they can continue their learning, have the support of teachers and peers, and allow time for their parents to fill out insurance forms, FEMA applications, finding new employment, etc."

The Maui blaze began the night of Aug. 8. The National Weather Service said strong winds from Hurricane Dora, passing hundreds of miles to the southwest of the Hawaiian Islands, were partly to blame for fueling the fires.

When the fire struck, Bishop Larry Silva was taking a few vacation days in California on his way back from World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. His office quickly organized a Zoom virtual rosary to pray for the victims.

"What is needed is prayer for those who have lost their homes and businesses," he said, introducing the virtual prayer session that was attended by about 300 people, "prayers for our firefighters and first responders and police, and all those you are trying to protect the community, prayer for our social service agencies, which are gearing up to help those who are most in need in this time of crisis and trial."

"And so we pray to our Blessed Mother for victory over all these tragedies," he said.

(Patrick Downes is editor of the Hawaii Catholic Herald, newspaper of the Diocese of Honolulu. Contributing to this story were Jennifer Rector, reporter for the Hawaii Catholic Herald, and Julie Asher, OSV News senior editor.)

Donations to Maui wildfire relief efforts can be made online via the diocese's Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation, <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>, and the Catholic Charities Hawaii site, catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui-relief.

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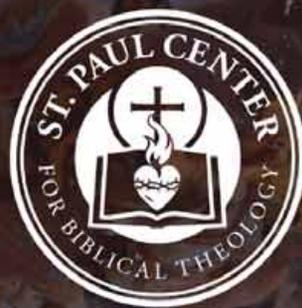
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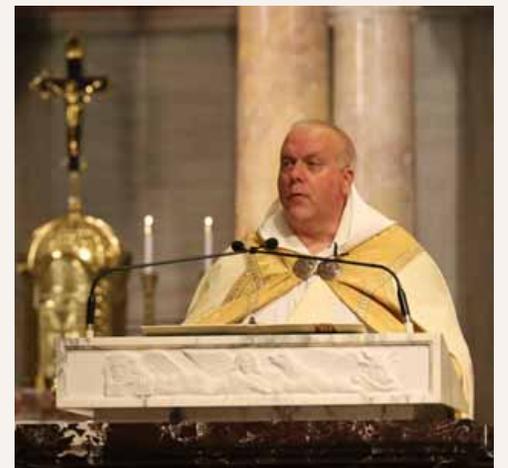
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El Papa encomienda oraciones por la paz a la Virgen María, asunta al cielo

Por Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — En la solemnidad de la Asunción de la Virgen María al cielo, el Papa Francisco encomendó a sus oraciones por la paz, especialmente en Ucrania.

"El estruendo de las armas cubre los intentos de diálogo", dijo el Papa a unas 10.000 personas reunidas en la Plaza de San Pedro el 15 de agosto para rezar con él el Ángelus.

"El derecho de la fuerza prevalece sobre la fuerza del derecho" y el respeto de los derechos humanos, "pero no nos desanimemos", dijo el Papa. "Sigamos esperando y rezando porque es Dios, es él quien guía la historia. ¡Que Él nos escuche!".

Mientras la Iglesia católica cele-

bra la fiesta de la asunción de María, en cuerpo y alma, al cielo, la lectura del Evangelio del día se centró en la Visitación, la decisión de María de correr a visitar a su prima Isabel cuando se enteró de que la mujer, ya mayor, también estaba esperando un hijo. El pasaje incluye también el Magnificat, cuando María alaba la grandeza de Dios y todo lo que ha hecho por ella.

"María sube, y la Palabra de Dios nos revela lo que la caracterizaba mientras sube: el servicio al prójimo y la alabanza a Dios", dijo el Papa Francisco a la gente en la plaza.

"Jesús y María, en definitiva, recorren el mismo camino: dos vidas que suben hacia lo alto, glorificando a Dios y sirviendo a los hermanos", dijo el Papa.

El recorrido de María desde Nazaret para visitar a Isabel no fue corto, dijo el Papa. Servir a los demás tiene un precio, que cada uno experimenta "el cansancio, la paciencia y las preocupaciones que conlleva el cuidado de los demás", ya sea viajando por trabajo para mantener a la propia familia o pasando noches en vela cuidando de un recién nacido u ofreciéndose voluntario para cuidar de quienes no pueden ofrecer nada a cambio.

"Es fatigoso, pero es subir hacia lo alto, ¡es ganar el Cielo!", dijo el Papa Francisco.

El Evangelio también deja claro cómo la alabanza — especialmente a Dios, pero también a los demás - cambia la calidad de las propias acciones y de la propia vida, dijo.

"La alabanza aumenta la alegría. La alabanza es como una escalera: eleva los corazones", dijo. "La alabanza levanta las almas y vence la tentación de caer".

"¿Han visto que las personas aburridas, las que viven de la charlatanería, son incapaces de alabar?", preguntó el Papa a la multitud.

"Pregúntense: ¿soy capaz de alabar?", sugirió. "¡Qué bueno es alabar a Dios cada día, y también a los demás! ¡Qué bueno es vivir de gratitud y bendición en lugar de lamentaciones y quejas, mirar hacia lo alto en lugar de enfadarse! Las quejas: hay gente que se queja todos los días. Pero mira que Dios está cerca de ti, mira que te ha creado, mira las cosas que te ha dado. ¡Alaba, alaba! Y eso es salud espiritual".

El Papa reza por las víctimas de los incendios en Hawaii

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Mientras los incendios continúan ardiendo en la isla hawaiana de Maui y el número de muertos seguía aumentando, el Papa Francisco ofreció sus oraciones y su aliento a los bomberos y socorristas.

"Su Santidad el Papa Francisco se entristeció profundamente al conocer la pérdida de vidas y la destrucción causada por los incendios forestales en la isla hawaiana de Maui", decía un telegrama enviado por el cardenal Pietro Parolin,

secretario de Estado del Vaticano, al cardenal designado Christoph Pierre, nuncio apostólico en Estados Unidos.

El Papa, decía, "expresa su solidaridad con todos los que sufren por esta tragedia, especialmente aquellos cuyos seres queridos han muerto o están desaparecidos".

Las autoridades dijeron a finales del 10 de agosto que el número de muertos por los incendios, que comenzaron el 8 de agosto, había llegado a 55, y el gobernador Josh Green dijo a los

periodistas que se esperaba que ese número aumentara a medida que continuaba la búsqueda a través de propiedades y barrios devastados.

El Papa Francisco ofreció "la seguridad de oraciones por los muertos, heridos y desplazados, así como por los primeros en responder y el personal de emergencia", escribió el cardenal Parolin. "Como signo de su cercanía espiritual, el Santo Padre invoca de buen grado sobre todo el pueblo de Maui las bendiciones de fortaleza y paz de Dios Todopoderoso".

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.

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, 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 Erin McFarland, M.Ed., LPC, al 304.559.6742.

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 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.

Join in a Pilgrimage with Bishop Brennan

September 29-October 2, 2023

Itinerary

DAY 1: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

DEPART USA, ARRIVE IN MEXICO

- Depart to Mexico City via independent flights
- Welcome dinner with orientation talk

DAY 2: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- Breakfast at the hotel and then take your bus to the world famous Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- See the miraculous image, the "Tilma" of St. Juan Diego, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Guided tour: the Shrine, the New Basilica, Old Basilica, Tepeyac Hill, and more
- Celebrate Mass with our pilgrim priests
- Time to pray, shop & explore the grounds of the Shrine
- Dinner presentation: Sisters of Mary programs around the world

DAY 3: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Sisters of Mary Girlstown

- Be inspired as you celebrate Mass with 3,500 girls
- Enjoy an amazing musical performance by the girls
- Lunch with the exceptional Sisters of Mary
- Tour Girlstown and see how the Sisters are transforming lives
- Time to play and enjoy the girls
- Light dinner with the Sisters before departing
- Return to the hotel for wrap-up

DAY 4: MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Return to USA

- Return home on independent flights

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- The most-visited Marian Shrine in the world!
 - Home of the only true image of our Blessed Mother.
- (A miraculous image created by God)

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