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Basilica Hosts Service of Remembrance and Lament for Those Lynched in West Virginia



Martina Hart photo

The Martin Luther King Jr. Male Chorus performs at the Prayer Service of Remembrance and Lament for Those Lynched in West Virginia at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Aug. 23.

By Martina Hart

CHARLESTON — Clergy and laity of local Catholic parishes as well as various other churches gathered at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Friday, Aug. 23 for a Prayer Service of Remembrance and Lament for Those Lynched in West Virginia. The event had been organized by the Dismantling Racism Task Force of the West Virginia Council of Churches (WVCC).

On behalf of Bishop Mark Brennan and the people of the basilica parish, Very Reverend Donald X. Higgs, V.F., rector of the basilica, welcomed the participants. He

quoted the pastoral letter against racism issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in November 2018, titled "Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love" which invited all people of faith to conversion.

"We are called to open our minds and hearts to Christ's love for all people and to the experiences of those who have been harmed and killed by the evil of racism," Father Higgs said. "As Christians, we are called to listen and know the stories of our sisters and brothers."

In order to be moved to empathy and promote justice, he said, we

must create opportunities to hear, with open hearts, the tragic stories that are deeply imprinted on the lives of these sisters and brothers.

"We recall some of these stories tonight," Father Higgs concluded, "for racism still profoundly affects our culture and has no place in the Christian heart."

Rev. Roberta Smith, president of the Charleston Black Ministerial Alliance and co-chair of the WVCC Dismantling Racism Task Force, led the opening prayer and introduced the keynote speaker, Jason Bailey, esquire, assistant U.S. attorney for

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Wheeling University Exceeds Enrollment Goal

WHEELING — Wheeling University opened the new academic year Aug. 23 when the class of 2028 arrives – a new student group that is 15 percent larger than a year ago.

That day, the university officially welcomed 280 new students to the campus, who come to Wheeling from 26 states and 28 countries. This figure exceeds the enrollment goal of 250 new students for the upcoming year.

Jennifer Board, vice president of Enrollment, said the enrollment team efforts to focus on local, regional and international students is why new student numbers increased for the coming year.

"Our success this year is a tribute to the hard work of the admission's team which worked closely with our faculty and coaches to recruit this class. Wheeling University's personalized approach to student recruitment is why our enrollment has increased again this year," Board explained.

Wheeling's incoming class includes one of the largest groups of international students in the university's history – 68 – which is 19 more than the Fall of 2023, said Board.

The international students come to the university from: Argentina; Bahamas; Bermuda; Bosnia & Herzegovina; Canada; Columbia; Congo; Czech Republic; Dominican Republic; Estonia; Ethiopia; France; Germany; Ghana; Italy; Japan; Luxembourg; Nepal; New Zealand; Norway; Poland; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Turkey;

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the Southern District of West Virginia. Bailey outlined legislative measures, resultant from the efforts of civil rights activists, that promote racial equality, from the first hate crime laws passed by Congress in the aftermath of the Civil War, following the abolition of slavery, to the Civil Rights Act in 1964 and finally the Emmett Till Antilynching Act, signed into law in 2022. He added that already in 1921 West Virginia had passed an antilynching law designed to end the practice within its borders while also offering financial compensation for the families of lynching victims.

"Many of the challenges that necessitated the Civil Rights Act in 1964 are still with us," he continued. "This underscores the absolute need for and importance of events like this evening's."

Bailey described his personal experience of growing up white in mainly white environments.

"It becomes my responsibility as a member of our collective society to educate myself and those like me about aspects of our state's and country's histories of which I was totally and still remain partially ignorant," he said and listed ways to raise awareness. "I've read countless books by Black authors to educate myself on racial injustice and the systemic racism that has plagued this country for far too long," he said. "Structural inequalities that span the areas of criminal justice, healthcare, education, housing, voting rights, employment, and the list goes on."

He has had frank conversations with friends and acquaintances about their experience as a black man or woman. He calls out hate and discrimination when he sees or hears it and uses his position to seek justice for those victims.

"I appreciate the opportunity to be here with you all, to remember and honor those who lost their lives to lynching in West Virginia, and to continue reflecting on what I and what we all can do to ensure that West Virginia's best days still lie ahead."

Deborah Larimer and Azita Misaghi of the Baha'i faith community of Charleston read the names of the 49 persons who had been lynched in the area now comprising West Virginia between 1808 and 2001. For each name read, Rev. Kay Albright, health equity case manager of



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Father John Finnell led the congregation in reciting prayers of repentance for the sin of racism. Rev. Jeffrey S. Allen, executive director of the WVCC, led the call to commitment, as members of different faith communities, to stand up against all forms of racism and contribute to reconciliation.

The program was interspersed by musical selections, contemporary and traditional African-American gospel music, performed by the Martin Luther King Jr. Male Chorus. Based in Charleston, the chorus consists of clergy and lay men from 26 denominationally different congregations from Hurricane to Oak Hill.

Following the prayer service, participants enjoyed fellowship and refreshments in the Basilica's Msgr. P. Edward Sadie Gathering Space.



Courtesy photos

In the above photos, new students at Wheeling University arrive for the new academic year Aug. 23. The university welcomed 280 new students from 26 states and 28 countries. This figure exceeds the enrollment goal of 250 new students for the upcoming year.

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United Kingdom; Venezuela; and Zimbabwe. Additionally, the largest number of domestic students hail from Ohio (58), Pennsylvania (26) and West Virginia (19), Board noted. Wheeling University Chief Operations Officer, Dianna Vargo, Ed.D., offered her thanks to the faculty, coaches and administrators who helped the Admissions' Office enroll this class.

the greater Wheeling area," Vargo explained. "This is a diverse class that comes to the university from local high schools, as well as from institutions across the country and from around the world – one student has traveled from New Zealand to be part of this community. We wish our new and returning students great success in the classroom this year."

To keep private, Catholic education affordable for families, Wheeling University did not increase tuition this year. Vargo said tuition has remained the same at Wheeling since 2018.

"We are excited to officially welcome this class to Wheeling University. Throughout the weekend, members of the campus community will introduce our new Cardinals to our campus, our mission and

Friday afternoon, the university community welcomed and celebrated the new class during the New Student Convocation. The

convocation marks the official start of the academic year where faculty and administration formally accept the new students into the university's learning community.

Saturday, the class participated in the university's annual Make a Difference Day, where the new students undertake service projects around the campus and throughout the city of Wheeling. The students worked at the following places Saturday morning: Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center; Ohio County Solid Waste Authority; Volunteer Wheeling (clean up at Wheeling Island) Wheeling Soup Kitchen; and Wheeling University campus.

"Make a Difference Day

is an annual tradition that introduces our new students to the university's mission and helps them better understand what it means to be a person in service to others," said Michael Kochka, dean of Student Affairs. "This special day also gives our students the chance to learn more about the city and bond with classmates before the start of classes."

The start of the 2024-25 academic year brings the addition of three women's athletic programs – acrobatics and tumbling, lacrosse and rugby.

"Wheeling University is pleased to reinstate our women's lacrosse program and start two NCAA emerging sports for women, acrobatics and tumbling and rugby this Fall. It is impor-

tant that we continue to grow and expand opportunities for our students that align with our university's mission, vision and values, while sponsoring sports that fit well with our Mountain East Conference mantra, 'providing opportunity and pursuing excellence,'" said Carrie Hanna, director of Athletics.

All classes at Wheeling University began Monday, Aug. 26.

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‘An Incredibly Blessed Weekend’ in Keyser



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“What an incredibly blessed weekend we had celebrating our parish’s Sesquicentennial Jubilee!” officials at Assumption Parish in Keyser said. “From the opening Mass honoring our deceased parishioners, to the Fun Fair enjoyed by those of all ages, to the Jubilee Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. Mark Brennan, and ending with the spectacular dinner and program that followed, it was a most appropriate way to honor our past and celebrate our Catholic faith and fellowship!” The beginning of the Mass is pictured above with the bishop and clergy processing to the altar.

Family Adoration and Extended Adoration to Begin at Charleston’s St. Agnes Parish

CHARLESTON— Family Adoration will begin at St. Agnes Parish in Charleston on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 10 a.m. and will continue each First Saturday after that. This will be 30 minutes of Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament “directed specifically towards the youngest members of our community,” parish officials said.

Interested families can contact Aisling Whelan at aislingterese@gmail.com for more information and to receive updates.

At the request of some members of St. Agnes, the parish will also start up an extended period of adoration on Fridays starting at 6 p.m. and continuing until midnight.

“We need at least two people signed up for each 30-minute time slot. Please see the sign-up sheet in the back and prayerfully consider committing to one or more time slots so that we can offer Adoration to the community for this extended period of time!” parish officials said.

Infant of Prague Novena Begins at Cathedral Sept. 9

WHEELING—The Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling will begin the annual Infant Jesus of Prague Novena on Monday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. with Bishop Mark Brennan as the homilist for the first evening.

The Novena is prayed on nine consecutive Monday evenings concluding on Nov. 4. Each week will feature Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, a reflection by a guest priest, music, and prayers to the Infant of Prague.

“This year’s Novena is especially significant as we embark on the Year of Mission for the National Eucharistic Revival. Our theme, ‘Bringing Others to Christ,’ will guide the reflections each week, offering a powerful opportunity to grow in your own faith and to be a light for others,” parish officials said.

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Pope Expresses Concern about Religious Freedom in Ukraine

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — “Please, let no Christian church be abolished directly or indirectly: the churches are not to be touched,” Pope Francis said about a Ukrainian law banning the Russian Orthodox Church, which President Volodymyr Zelenskyy signed Aug. 24, Ukrainian independence day.

“I continue to follow with sorrow the fighting in Ukraine and the Russian Federation,” Pope Francis told visitors and pilgrims gathered in St. Peter’s Square Aug. 25 for the recitation of the Angelus prayer.

But, he said, “thinking about the legal regulations recently adopted in Uk-

raine, a fear arises for the freedom of those who pray, because those who truly pray always pray for everyone. One does not commit evil because one prays.”

Ukrainian lawmakers approved a bill Aug. 20 to ban the Russian Orthodox Church and its affiliates in Ukraine. The law requires the Ukrainian Orthodox Church affiliated with the Moscow Patriarchate to sever all ties with the Russian Orthodox Church or face a process that would lead to its disbanding.

Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill of Moscow has publicly blessed Russian President Vladimir Putin’s war on Ukraine and consistently has expounded the

“Russian World” or “Russkii Mir” ideology, which claims Ukraine as part of the religious, cultural and political sphere of Russian influence.

Speaking at the Vatican Aug. 25, Pope Francis said, “If someone commits evil against his people, he will be guilty of that, but he cannot have committed evil just because he prayed.”

“Let those who want to pray be able to pray in the church they consider theirs,” the pope said. “Please let no Christian church be abolished directly or indirectly: the churches are not to be touched.”

The Religious Information Service of Ukraine, which was founded at the Catholic University of Uk-

raine in Lviv, reported Aug. 21 that Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk, head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, said the law “is not a ban on the church, but a means of protection from the danger of using religion as a weapon.”

According to the archbishop, RISU wrote, the law aims “to protect the religious environment of Ukraine from the instrumentalization and militarization of religion, which has become characteristic of the activities of the Russian Orthodox Church in the context of war.”

RISU also quoted Viktor Yelensky, head of Ukraine’s State Service for Ethnic Policy and Freedom of Con-

science, as saying that once the leadership of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church-Moscow Patriarchate has severed ties with Moscow, it could unite with the Orthodox Church of Ukraine, which is recognized by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, or it could determine its own canonical status.

Yelensky said he had spoken to Metropolitan Onufriy of the Moscow-affiliated church, and “I told him that we do not demand that he join another church. I said that we do not demand to switch to a new calendar, etc., that we are only talking about severing ties with Moscow,” RISU reported.

Adoration Anchors One’s Life in Jesus, Pope Says

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The best way to ensure evangelization is about Jesus and not about oneself is to spend time in prayer and especially in Eucharistic adoration, Pope Francis told members of the Oblates of St. Joseph.

“Young people do not need us; they need God,” the pope told members of the order’s general chapter during a meeting at the Vatican Aug. 26.

“The more we live in his presence, the more we are able to help them encounter him without unnecessary protagonism and having only their salvation and full happiness at heart,” the pope said.

People today, but especially young people, he said, live in a world where what seems to count most is what is on the outside: one’s appearance, achievements or adventures.

“But a life lived all ‘outside’ leaves the inside empty like someone who spends all his time on the street and lets his home fall into disrepair for lack of care and love,”

the pope said. Instead, “make your hearts, your communities (and) your religious houses places where the warmth of familiarity with God and among brothers and sisters can be felt and shared.”

The life of every Christian, but especially of a member of a religious order, must be anchored in “a daily ‘being’ with Jesus,” he said. “Let’s not delude ourselves: without him we do not stand, none of us. We each have our own frailties, and without the Lord to sustain us, we would not stand.”

Participating in the sacraments, listening to and meditating on Scripture and spending time before Jesus in the Eucharist are essential parts of religious life, he said.

“I want to emphasize this: Sometimes we neglect adoration, the prayer of adoration, silence before the Lord,” Pope Francis said. The priests and brothers in the order should imitate St. Joseph, their patron, and the way he responded to “the immense gift of having the very Son of God made man in his home: by being with him, listening to him, talking to

him and sharing with him the life of every day.”

The pope also asked members of the general chapter to think about their sins and notice how “when

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DeSantis Urged to Stay Execution of Inmate Abused Decades Ago as Teen at State Reform School

By Jean Gonzalez, OSV News

ORLANDO, Fla. (OSV News) — Florida's first execution of 2024, scheduled for Aug. 29, has been deemed "hypocrisy" because the death warrant is for a victim of abuse suffered decades ago at a state-run reform school for boys and comes as the state agreed to pay compensation for many of those abused at the school.

Gov. Ron DeSantis signed the death warrant for Loran Cole, 57, on the heels of signing into law a measure to divide \$20 million in compensation among survivors of abuse that took place at the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys in north Florida between 1940 and 1975.

Cole was 17 when he was housed at the Dozier School for five and a half months in 1984, when he endured daily beatings that resulted in two broken legs and being raped by guards.

Florida's Catholic bishops are among those who have implored DeSantis to stay Cole's execution and commute his sentence to life without possibility of parole.

Cole was sentenced to death in 1995, for the murder of John Edwards, an 18-year-old Florida State University student. Cole was also convicted of robbing, raping and kidnapping Edwards' sister Pam, who was with her brother camping in the Ocala National Forest. Cole's execution warrant comes nearly 10

months after Florida's last execution, which was the last of the state's six executions carried out in 2023. The co-defendant in the Edwards murder was given life in prison.

In its 111-year history, investigations and former students' accounts have chronicled how the Dozier School, in both Marianna and Okeechobee, was not so much a reform school but rather a place where physical, sexual and mental abuse was rampant.

In June, DeSantis quietly signed a bill — without any press present and with only a handful of Dozier survivors and three representatives who sponsored HB 21 — to provide \$20 million in compensation to abuse victims.

This followed years of investigation, including in 2008 when then-Gov. Charlie Crist directed the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to investigate the Dozier School and the deaths alleged there, and a federal investigation that closed the school in 2011, which was under the control of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

One moniker from the institution in Marianna was the "White House Boys," which according to News Service of Florida derived from the white concrete building where boys were beaten and raped by school workers.

In post-conviction appeals, Cole's lawyers have chronicled the neglect, abuse and trauma their

client experienced and argued it changed the entire trajectory of his life and led to the commission of his crime. Cole's lawyers argued his "post-1984 criminal record also goes to show the effect that life in Dozier had on his psyche. That horrible place helped create the Loran Cole who sits on death row today."

Cole "was beaten, raped and tormented at Dozier," Michael Sheedy, executive director of the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in an Aug. 14 letter to DeSantis on behalf of the bishops of Florida.

"He witnessed torture and daily beatings of other students. He was once forced to clean up the remains of another student who died by suicide after jumping off a building," Sheedy wrote. "He had his legs broken after trying to escape. Mr. Cole's jury never heard about the physical and mental abuse he endured at the hands of officers at Dozier."

Survivors of Dozier tell stories of beatings with leather belts, students being tied to a bed, students being put in dryers, forced labor and rape. Various news reports indicate between 80 and 100 children died at Dozier, with the location of their remains unknown. A graveyard near the school has several unmarked crosses, which survivors believe are boys killed by staffers.

In 2010, while on death row, Cole watched a doc-

umentary about Dozier and was flooded with memories of his time there. He shared his memories with a prison mental health counselor.

"Never having received mental health and trauma treatment until his arrival on death row in his late 20s, Mr. Cole, at age 57, is not the same person who committed the grave crimes for which he was convicted," Sheedy stated in his letter.

Maria DeLiberato, executive director of Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, said there are a "half dozen other men on Florida's death row who survived the abuse at Dozier, as well as countless others in the Florida Department of Corrections." She described the governor's signing of a death warrant on a Dozier survivor as "hypocrisy," and said the "state-sanctioned cycle of abuse" must stop.

"Horribly, shortly before Loran was released

from Dozier, he was forced to clean up a smattering of blood and brain matter from another child who had jumped off the roof of one of the cottages and died by suicide," DeLiberato said. "In passing the compensation bill for Dozier survivors, the state of Florida recognized its direct responsibility for the profound and lifelong impact of the horrific torture and abuse those men suffered there. For the State of Florida to turn around less than a month later and say they are justified in killing one of those survivors is unconscionable."

Before Cole's scheduled execution, Floridians will gather across the state to pray for him and his victims, for DeSantis as he considers the request to stay the execution, "and for an end to the death penalty and the cycle of violence in society," Sheedy said.

(Jean Gonzalez is editorial/online director for Florida Catholic Media.)

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Forming Our Consciences

Our journey with Christ naturally includes equipping our consciences to make morally good judgments and acting accordingly. Learning about the dignity of human life and the indispensable respect for it, as well as applicable principles for medical care, is particularly important in preparing for our eventual passing.

Some bishops offer guides applying moral principles to local legal options. Parish and online resources are also widely available for careful and prayerful study, and the Ethical and Religious Directives from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops give direction for health care services to those who are seriously ill or dying.

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/catholic-considerations-our-earthly-passing>

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We will take questions on the day of the seminar. We also invite you to send in questions, thoughts, and concerns about end of life issues. Your submissions will remain confidential and will be answered during the in-person presentation. If you prefer to send them by email, please send your questions to stewardship@stjameswv.org

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 Father Lusius Mite, SVD, parochial vicar at St. Michael Parish in Wheeling, blesses catechists, lay leaders, and teachers and administration from the parish school at Mass Aug. 25. Earlier that morning, Dr. Petroc Willey, professor of Catechesis at Franciscan University of Steubenville and a consultant for the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, gave a talk on the importance of catechetical formation of lay faithful in evangelization. The title of Willey's talk was "Announcing the Good News – God's Way."



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Feeding Hope: The Grab n' Go Lunch Program at Catholic Charities West Virginia

PRINCETON—In May 2024, the Princeton location of Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) launched the Grab n' Go Lunch program, thanks to the insight and dedication of Southern Regional Director Matt Atwood and Program Assistant Wendy Wilkerson. Recognizing a critical gap in the community's access to food, Matt and Wendy stepped up to fill the void left by the local soup kitchen, which couldn't operate daily.

With a compassionate resolve, they decided to offer bagged lunches every Friday—the day the soup kitchen was closed. The community's response was overwhelming, with an average of 130 lunches now being distributed each week. Volunteers, including members from the nearby Princeton Sacred Heart Parish, have joined hands with CCWVa staff to support this heartfelt initiative.

"We're seeing a lot of new faces on Fridays," Atwood shared. "For some of the people who come for lunch, this is the first time we've met them. It's been wonderful to make new friends and share information about our other programs and services."

The program pays special attention to the needs of its recipients.

Many, including the homeless, receive shelf-stable food items that can be consumed immediately or saved for later. Among the regulars is a grandmother caring for her ten grandchildren, aged 3 to 19. She expressed deep gratitude, saying the lunches significantly ease her financial burden.

Another familiar face is John, who is battling cancer and struggles to leave his home. His friend Diane, who picks up the lunches for him, remarked, "He looks forward to these lunches every week. You guys really brighten his day."

On some Fridays, there are enough leftover food items to extend their reach even further. Lunches are delivered to Princeton Towers, an apartment complex serving the elderly and disabled, as well as to the dedicated workers at the Princeton Rescue Squad and Mercer County 911 Center, expressing gratitude and support for their invaluable community service.

The Grab n' Go Lunch program has become more than just a meal distribution initiative; it has woven itself into the fabric of the community, nurturing not only bodies but also souls, one lunch at a time.



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Wendy Wilkerson, program assistant, makes fresh baked cinnamon rolls for the lunches.



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The banner is shown out front promoting the lunches.



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Mary Kelly, SNAP Outreach specialist, and Becky Dillon, volunteer, make sandwiches for the lunches.

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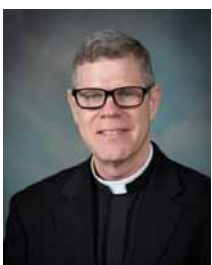
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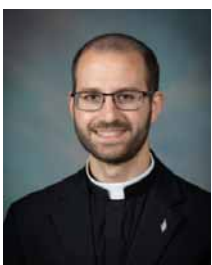
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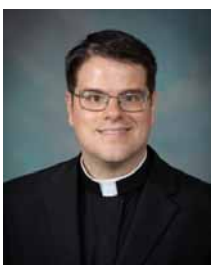
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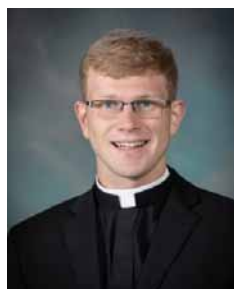


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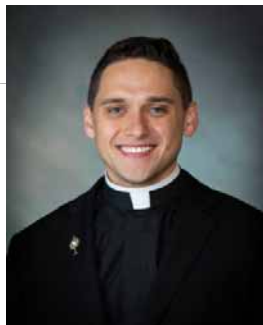
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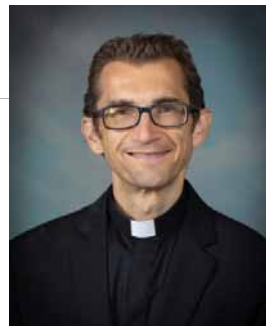


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DIocese of WHEELING-CHARLESTON

La adoración ancla la vida en Jesús, dice el Papa

Por Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — La mejor manera de asegurar que la evangelización sea sobre Jesús y no sobre uno mismo es pasar tiempo en oración y especialmente en adoración eucarística, dijo el Papa Francisco a los miembros de los Oblatos de San José.

"Los jóvenes no nos necesitan a nosotros ¡necesitan a Dios!", dijo el Papa a los miembros del capítulo general de la orden durante una reunión en el Vaticano el 26 de agosto.

"Cuanto más vivamos en su presencia, más capaces seremos de ayudarles a encontrarse con él, sin

protagonismos inútiles y teniendo en el corazón únicamente su salvación y su plena felicidad", dijo el Papa.

La gente de hoy, pero sobre todo los jóvenes, dijo, viven en un mundo donde lo que más parece contar es lo que está en el exterior: la propia apariencia, los logros o las aventuras.

"Pero una vida vivida toda ' exteriormente' te deja el interior vacío por dentro, como quien pasa todo el tiempo en la calle y deja que su casa se estropee por falta de cuidado y amor", dijo el Papa. En su lugar, "hagan de sus corazones, de sus comunidades, de sus casas religiosas, lugares donde se pueda sentir y com-

partir el calor de la familiaridad con Dios y entre hermanos y hermanas".

La vida de todo cristiano, pero especialmente de un miembro de una orden religiosa, debe estar anclada en "un 'estar' cotidiano con Jesús", dijo. "No nos engañemos: sin Él no nos sostenemos, ninguno de nosotros. Cada uno tiene sus fragilidades, y sin el Señor que nos sostenga, no nos mantendríamos en pie".

Participar en los sacramentos, escuchar y meditar la Escritura y pasar tiempo ante Jesús en la Eucaristía son partes esenciales de la vida religiosa, dijo.

"Y sobre esto quiero subrayar: a veces descuidamos la adoración, la

oración de adoración, el silencio ante el Señor", dijo el Papa Francisco. Los sacerdotes y hermanos de la orden deben imitar a San José, su patrón, y la forma en que respondió al "inmenso don de tener en su casa al mismo Hijo de Dios hecho hombre: estando con Él, escuchándolo, hablando con Él y compartiendo con Él la vida de cada día".

El Papa también pidió a los miembros del capítulo general que pensarán en sus pecados y se dieran cuenta de que "que cuando cayeron en el pecado, fue porque no estaban cerca del Señor. Siempre es así. Quien está cerca del Señor se aferra inmediatamente y no cae".

Celebrá el "Cinco con 5"

Con motivo del quinto aniversario del Obispo Brennan

Durante la celebración del quinto aniversario de la instalación del Obispo Mark Brennan como obispo de la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston, hacemos un llamado a todos los fieles a celebrar el cinco con 5. Esta es una oportunidad para que conmemoremos el año histórico del Obispo Mark con los regalos que Cristo nos enseñó, que eran los más grandes para dar la oración y las obras de misericordia. A lo largo del año, los fieles podrán conectarse en línea por medio del siguiente enlace: <https://dwc.org/celebrate-five/> y de esta forma

regalar sus cinco.

Regalo de la oración: elija reflejarse con las oraciones del Obispo Mark. Sus hábitos diarios de oración incluyen rezar el rosario durante sus viajes por carretera por las mujeres embarazadas y también por el esposo/padre; por las parejas comprometidas/recién casadas; por las intenciones de los fieles de la diócesis; y también por las Vocaciones al sacerdocio, al diaconado y a la vida religiosa.

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Favor de registrar su regalo en línea a través del siguiente enlace: <https://dwc.org/celebrate-five/>

Para obtener más información, consulte el boletín electrónico FaithInWV de esta semana, mismo que se encuentra disponible en el siguiente enlace: <https://faithinwv.org>

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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.

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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, diacono, 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.

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Saturday, September 28: St. Mary, Petersburg; 4 p.m.

Sunday, October 6: St. Agnes, Shepherdstown; 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 20: Ascension, Hurricane; 11 a.m.

Sunday, October 27: All Saints, Bridgeport; 10 a.m.

Saturday, November 9: St. Peter the Fisherman, Fairmont; 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 16: Sacred Heart, Williamson; 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 19: St. Anthony, Follansbee; 6 p.m.

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