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## Apostolic Nuncio to U.S. Celebrates Mass for Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree Near Beckley

Shares His Thoughts on Becoming a Cardinal and the National Eucharistic Revival, and His Message to Scouts

By Colleen Rowan

It was unexpected, Cardinal-designate Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the U.S., said of Pope Francis naming him a cardinal. However, this was the news he woke up to on the morning of July 9 when a journalist called to ask him how he felt.

While visiting West Virginia last month to celebrate the Mass for the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree near Beckley, Cardinal-designate Pierre sat down with *The Catholic Spirit* to share how he felt in this moment, his thoughts on the National Eucharistic Revival, and his message to the scouts.

Cardinal-designate Pierre is among 21 new cardinals to be formally installed by Pope Francis during a special consistory at the See “Nuncio” on Page 4



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Cardinal-designate Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the U.S. (second from left), celebrates Mass at the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve near Beckley July 23. Also pictured is Deacon Harry Evans, permanent deacon at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley (left); Bishop Mark Brennan (third from left); and a boy scout who attended the jamboree.

## Bishop Brennan Asks Faithful to Join in One Million Rosaries for Vocations in West Virginia Effort

By Colleen Rowan

**WEST VIRGINIA** — Bishop Mark Brennan is asking the Catholic faithful of West Virginia to join in the effort of One Million Rosaries for Vocations in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

“For vocations to the priesthood, to the consecrated life of religious men and women, to the permanent diaconate, and to Christian mar-

riage. Those are all distinct vocations in our church. We need to pray for them,” Bishop Brennan said to those gathered at the Mass he celebrated at the Upper Ohio Valley Italian Heritage Festival in Wheeling July 30. “Thank God, you see some of the fruit of your previous prayers in our seminarians, here,” who were serving at the Mass.

The bishop continued saying

that he knows men and women considering consecrated life and that the diocese has 20 men in preparation to be ordained permanent deacons. Deacon John Soplinski, the bishop said, who was the deacon for the Mass, will be ordained a priest next year.

Bishop Brennan also spoke of the importance of the vocation of Christian marriage, “the foundation of

society and family life.”

The One Million Rosaries for Vocations effort begins on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug. 15) and continues to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct. 7).

“Commit yourself to praying a rosary every day for that period of time,” Bishop Brennan said.

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# Diocesan Official Appointments

Bishop Mark Brennan has made public the following appointments:

**Father John Gallagher** is reappointed to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Finance Council for a term of one year, effective June 30, 2023. This is in addition to his current assignment as pastor of St. Michael Parish in Vienna.

**Deacon Dave Galvin** is reappointed to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Finance Council for a term of one year, effective June 30, 2023. This is in addition to his current assignment as permanent

deacon at St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town

**Mr. Pat Felton** is reappointed to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Finance Council for a term of four years, effective June 30, 2023.

**Mr. Ian Flores** is reappointed to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Finance Council for a term of two years, effective June 30, 2023.

**Mr. Chris Freeman** is reappointed to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Finance Council for a

term of five years, effective June 30, 2023.

**Ms. Kathy Lester** is reappointed to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Finance Council for a term of three years, effective June 30, 2023.

**Mrs. Mary Pockl** is reappointed to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Finance Council for a term of two years, effective June 30, 2023.

**Ms. Donna Smith** is reappointed to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Finance Council for a term of three years, effective June 30, 2023.

**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 or has interfered with an investigation into 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: 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 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: 304-293-6400.

## Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Dioceses/Epararchies 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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Our Lady's Assumption is depicted in this beautiful stained glass window at Assumption Parish in Keyser. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's One Million Rosaries for Vocations effort begins on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aug. 15) and continues to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct. 7).

## Rosaries...

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In order to keep an accurate tally as the faithful work toward the goal of 1 million, those joining in the effort are kindly asked to make a pledge of the number of rosaries they will pray at <https://dwc.org/onemillion-rosaries/> or by simply scanning the QR code in the ad on the right of this page. The website also offers information and resources to aid in this endeavor, including a prayer card. This prayer is shown on the bottom right of this page.

“The more we pray together, the more vocations we will have.”

Sister Martha Teresa Gomez, RGS, delegate for Consecrated Life for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Visitors to the website will find that more than 10,000 pledges have already been made. The faithful are making the commitment to pray the rosary for vocations in different ways—as families, on their own, or in groups.

The initiative seeking Our Lady's intercession aptly begins in

the month of August, which is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and ends in October, the Month of the Rosary.

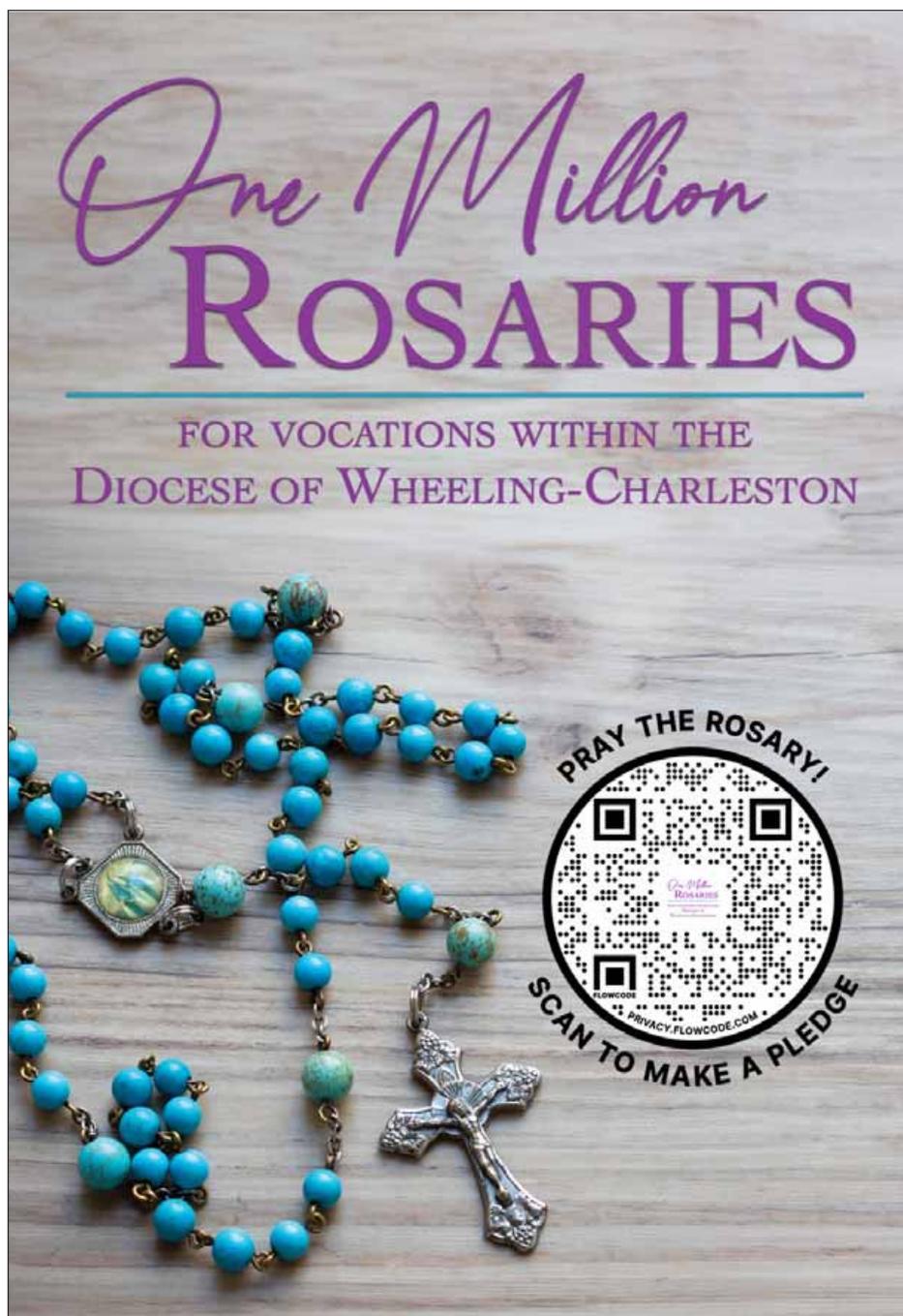
“If there is one prayer that is most spoken about in the life of the church other than the Mass, it's the rosary,” said Father Brian Crenwelge, director of Vocations for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. “Time and time again, in Marian apparitions, Our Lady has asked for a daily rosary to be prayed. Countless popes have written on its importance, and hundreds of saints have written and spoken about it. It's very evident—the praying of the rosary is powerful.”

The idea of the One Million Rosaries for Vocations effort in West Virginia came from Sister Martha Teresa Gomez, RGS, delegate for Consecrated Life for the diocese. She addressed the Wheeling Serra Club about the effort at the club's 54th Annual Burse Dinner July 27 at Central Catholic High School's Great Hall.

“My first rosary was given from the Serra Club,” Sister Martha shared with attendees. She also spoke about the power of the rosary and recalled that in her youth her parents, no matter how tired or how long of a day they had, would pray the rosary at the end of the day.

“I want you to shout it out,” Sister Martha said, encouraging all of the Serrans and guests to join in and spread the word about the effort.

“We need to pray for vocations,” she stressed. “That's where they come from—from prayers. The more we pray together, the more vocations we will have.”



*Oh, my Jesus,  
listen to my prayer today.  
Bless more young people,  
more men, and more women,  
in West Virginia  
to say yes to your call  
to be religious brothers,  
sisters, and priests.  
Bless my family  
and my Church family  
so, we can support them,  
and remain close to you.  
We ask Blessed Mary  
and St. Joseph to come to you  
in our need to build up the Church  
in the great Mountain State.*

*Amen.*





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Cardinal-designate Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the U.S. (second from left), celebrates the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve near Beckley July 23. Concelebrating are Bishop Mark Brennan (left); Bishop Robert Guglielmone, bishop emeritus of Charleston, S.C.; and Bishop Michael Fisher of Buffalo, N.Y.

## Nuncio...

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Vatican Sept. 30, and he sees this as a continuity of what his life has been. "Since I have been called, so many years ago, to service of the pope," he said, "my ministry as a priest has been to correspond to what it means to be a representative of the pope."

He has been a nuncio for 27 years and before that served in the nunciature. He was appointed apostolic nuncio to Haiti on July 12, 1995, where he served until 1999. He was the apostolic nuncio to Uganda from 1999 to 2007 and then, the apostolic nuncio to Mexico from 2007 to 2016. He was appointed as apostolic nuncio of the United States by Pope Francis on April 12, 2016.

Throughout his years of service, he said his mission has always been to represent the pope in the best way.

In reflecting on his new role, Cardinal-designate Pierre stressed that church is not an abstract organization of people as in a club or a society.

"The church is really the sacrament of God's presence in the human reality, but it cannot be unless it corresponds to the will of Christ," he said, "because Christ is the only one who was sent by God the Father to speak about him,

to represent him, to be his presence."

Jesus has called all to be his body, the cardinal-designate said, and the church is organized around Jesus, himself.

"My vocation, my calling in the church is to represent the successor of Peter," he said. "It is a very precise mission."

As a cardinal, he will share the pope's mission in the closest way. "I will continue to do so," he said. "I am ready to do so—to give my life for that. I have already given my life for that."

### The National Eucharistic Revival

The National Eucharistic Revival presents a wonderful opportunity for the church, Cardinal-designate Pierre said, and he is happy that the U.S. bishops have taken this action.

"To revive the faith of the people, to revive the church as church, the sacrament of God's presence," he said. "So that people—through the church, through the dynamism of the church—have the possibility to have a personal encounter with Christ."

It is an opportunity to educate the faithful, especially in this time of secularization, the cardinal-designate continued.

Many have lost the real understanding of what the Eucharist is, he said.

"Not just the Eucharist ... also the sacraments, the church. The Eucharist is really Jesus giving himself like he did to his first disciples. Before giving his life, he said: This is my body, this is my blood. Take it. Eat it, so that you may become my body. ... It is a moment of communion," he said.

"The revival, which is undertaken by the bishops, is a monumental thing because it is the whole meaning of our faith which is at stake," the cardinal-designate said. The Eucharist is the center of the Catholic faith, he said, the center of the life of the church. Reviving belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist cannot happen "if you don't help people to become aware that they have become Eucharist themselves," he said.

When asked what he saw as the cause of many Catholics' lack of belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist as reported by Pew Research Center, Cardinal-designate Pierre said that it goes beyond a lack of understanding of what the Eucharist is. He recalled his first year as the apostolic nuncio to Mexico in 2007. In the final document for the meeting of the bishops for South America at that time, the bishops noted a difficulty

in the transmission of the faith from one generation to the next at many levels in society: Parents having difficulty communicating their values, their culture to their children; as well as teachers and priests. Cardinal-designate Pierre sees this as a factor today.

"I think it is a breakdown of communication," he said. "The message has not been transmitted. The experience of faith has not been transmitted, even inside the family."

There are many factors that have contributed to this breakdown in the transmission of the faith, he said, which is now into the second or third generations.

"We, the bishops in the present, now have to help our church to find a new way of reaching out to people," the cardinal-designate said, "a new way of teaching the faith, a new way of witnessing our faith."

All that is being offered and accomplished in the National Eucharistic Revival is good, Cardinal-designate Pierre said. It is an invitation, he said, for families to find new ways of transmitting the faith further into prayer; for the education of children; and parishes with catechism. Especially important are missions reaching out to Catholics who have lost their faith and reaching out to young Catholics, the cardinal-designate

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Daniel Glass Photo

At the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve July 23, boy scouts and girl scouts are pictured with (from right, in the back row): Father Joseph Powers of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo.; Father Gerard Gentleman of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y.; Bishop Robert Guglielmone, bishop emeritus of Charleston, S.C.; Bishop Michael Fisher of Buffalo, N.Y.; Bishop Mark Brennan; Cardinal-designate Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the U.S.; and three priests who are not identified.

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said. "You see, now, in parishes," he said, "the youth have disappeared. Where are they?"

A Eucharistic Congress is also excellent to have during the revival, he said, "but it's not enough. Because if we continue to do the things with the people who are already there, I think it would be insufficient."

### Mass for Boy Scouts National Jamboree

This was the third Mass Cardinal-designate Pierre celebrated at the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree in West Virginia.

"I was impressed this morning," he told *The Catholic Spirit* several hours after the celebration July 23. "We had a few thousand young men and women that participated in the Mass. ... I'm happy to see that so many lay leaders are also serving in this capacity to help the young people."

"It was a good experience," he said, noting the lay leaders, bishops, and priests from across the U.S. who were present. The concelebrating bishops were Bishop Mark Brennan; Bishop Michael Fisher of Buffalo, N.Y.; and Bishop Robert Guglielmone, bishop emeritus of Charleston, S.C. Father Joseph Powers of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., and Father Gerard

Gentleman of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y., were among concelebrating priests of the Mass. Deacon Harry Evans, permanent deacon at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley, served as deacon for the Mass.

Cardinal-designate Pierre sees extraordinary moments in the Boy Scouts National Jamboree, which is held every few years at Summit Bechtel Reserve near Beckley. Last month's gathering hosted scouts from around the country, and the one before that was an international jamboree for scouts from all over the world.

"I've been a scout myself," said Cardinal-designate Pierre, who was born in Rennes, France. "It was part of a tradition in the family. With my brothers and sisters, we are all scouts."

He shared that he became a member of the Catholic Scouts in France at age 13 and continued as an active member for the next five years until he went to seminary. His father was also involved in the Catholic Scouts, and the tradition continued in his family as his nieces and nephews are scouts.

He recalled that being a scout was more than camping and activities. It also brought the aspect of religious and moral teaching, learning responsibility, discipline, values, and the celebration of the Catholic faith.

In his homily for the jamboree



Daniel Glass Photo

Father Joseph Powers of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., offers Communion to a boy scout at Mass for the Jamboree.

Mass, Cardinal-designate Pierre recalled his own experience and joy as a scout and spoke of the values scouts today can gain through membership. He also invited them to have a personal encounter with Christ, which brings the opportunity to discover many virtues. This has been the case in his life, he shared. Emphasizing the virtue of patience to the scouts, the cardinal-designate spoke about the Gospel for the Mass that Sunday, (Mt 13:24-30): "Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was as-

leep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.'"

The man said that an enemy had done this but cautioned: "if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. ... Let them grow together until harvest..."

God gives us patience to do good, Cardinal-designate Pierre said.

"He invites us to follow him even in the world which is complicated," he said, "but to be a witness of his presence."

# Lisbon Basks in Joy as World Youth Day Opens

By Paulina Guzik

**LISBON, Portugal (OSV News)** — Joyful, singing crowds were walking through Lisbon long after the opening Mass of World Youth Day 2023 was over Aug. 1. The atmosphere surprised even those that lived in the Portuguese capital throughout their lives.

“All those people are now on the streets, it’s really exhilarating! I don’t think it will happen in my lifetime again that so many pilgrims come to my city!” Concha Sousa, a Portuguese volunteer of WYD 2023, told OSV News.

Sousa is 26 but never participated in WYD before. But now, when it’s in her city, “how could you not,” she said. “It would be a sin not to!”

Thousands of young people participated in the opening Mass of WYD in Lisbon. Cardinal Manuel Clemente, the patriarch of Lisbon, welcomed them at the Eduardo VII Parc in the city center.

“Lisbon welcomes you wholeheartedly,” Cardinal Clemente told the youths.

In his homily, he described to them how the pilgrims were walking in the footsteps of the Blessed Mother. “Mary set out. A path that was difficult and without the means of transportation that we have available today. She was young like all of you, and had just conceived Jesus in a unique way, which the Gospel recounts,” Cardinal Clemente said. “All of you also set out. For many it was a difficult journey due to the distance, the connections, and the costs that the trip required. It was necessary to bring together resources, organize activities to obtain them, and rely on solidarity which, thanks to God, was not lacking.”

Youth from all countries of the world except from Maldives arrived in Lisbon for the event, including over 1,300 groups comprised of more than 28,600 individuals from across the United States. The U.S. is among the five largest delegations participating in WYD, which is taking place Aug. 1-6. Most U.S. pilgrims to WYD are young adults between the ages of 18 and 25.

“From near or far, you all set out. It is very important to set out. This is how we should face our own lives, as a journey to be traveled, making each day a new segment,” Cardinal Clemente said.

Joseph Vo set out to come to WYD from San Jose. He saw the videos of WYD in Krakow in 2016, and that’s when he first dreamt of coming to World Youth Day.

“I was 11 at the time, and it was just so beautifully done and inspiring, and with Pope Francis being such an inspiring pope I decided that when I would get older I would one day go to World Youth Day,” he said.

He loved the Lisbon encounter from the first sight.

“It’s been fantastic, it’s been beau-



OSV News Photo/Bob Roller

Pilgrims gather prior to the opening Mass for World Youth Day at Eduardo VII Parc in Lisbon, Portugal, Aug. 1.

tiful,” he told OSV News. “There is plenty of time to pray and encounter God directly. Also it’s just a really beautiful opportunity to talk and engage and meet other young people.”

“It feels like we’re all family members that haven’t seen each other for a long time,” Vo said.

For youth, often closed in their own virtual circles, what matters in WYD is the actual personal meeting.

“Virtual reality keeps us seated in front of means that easily use us when we think we use them. Quite to the contrary, reality consists in going out to encounter others and the world as it is, both to admire and make better,” Cardinal Clemente said.

“I’ve never seen so many different people so happy together,” a 16-year-old-Portuguese pilgrim said, marching with her friends.

There are 354,000 pilgrims registered for the event, with the most representatives from Spain (77,224 young people), Italy (almost 60,000) and Portugal (43,742). France brought 42,482 pilgrims, followed by the U.S. The theme of WYD is “Mary arose and went with haste.”

“When I told Pope Francis that this was precisely the motto of our World Youth Day — Mary arose and went with haste... — he immediately added that, ‘yes, with haste but not anxiously,’” Cardinal Clemente told the youth at the opening Mass Aug. 1.

The encounter is also important for bishops from all corners of the Catholic world. Almost 700 bishops

are registered for the event, according to the organizing committee, 30 of whom are cardinals.

Bishop Artur Wazny, auxiliary bishop of Tarnow, Poland, is one of them, and he told OSV News that after participating in several World Youth Days, this one means a lot to him as it is the first one he is participating in as a bishop.

“Starting with quite a difficult journey, I am really happy I could experience the event just like the young people and with them,” he said. “Young people give light and joy, and we can all embrace that joy from them

and believe, thanks to them, that what I do as a bishop makes sense. They teach me to be a better man.”

“In fact, every meeting we have must begin with a true greeting, in which we exchange words of sincere welcome and full sharing,” Cardinal Clemente told the youth.

And the youth don’t have to be asked twice. Across Lisbon, they are exchanging signatures on their national flags, taking pictures together and sharing stories, ready to make the most of the next few days together.

(Paulina Guzik is international editor for OSV News.)

## A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

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# THE CALLING

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## Diocese Announces New Seminarians



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Bishop Mark Brennan is pictured with the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's seminarians. In the front row, from left, are Michael Aiello; Clifton Mastran; Bryan Tedeschi; Bishop Brennan; Nathan Schmidt; Joe Derico; and Father Brian Crenwelge, director of Vocations for the diocese. In the back row, from left, are Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr., V.E.; Peter Russman; Timothy Kawash; Donvito Cortese; Michael Tupta; Deacon John Soplinski; and Dominic Re.

**By Colleen Rowan**

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston announced three new seminarians. This brings the total number of men now in formation for priesthood in West Virginia to 11.

"I am so excited for our returning men as well as our new men entering our program," Father Brian Crenwelge, director of Vocations for the diocese, said. "They are a witness of what it means to give your life generously over to the will of God. Whenever someone lets God reign in his life and will, he is

always abundantly blessed. I am excited to see what the future is for these men."

Father Crenwelge introduced the new seminarians—Michael Aiello, Clifton Mastran, and Peter Russman—at the Wheeling Serra Club's 54th Annual Burse Dinner at Central Catholic High School in Wheeling July 28.

Aiello's home parish is the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston. He is 32 and holds an associate's degree in culinary arts from the Culinary Institute of America. He later com-

pleted the pre-theology program at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md.

"After a few years away discerning monastic life, I will be returning to Mount St. Mary's to start first theology," Aiello said. "What I'm looking forward to the most this year is being back with my brother seminarians and amongst the people of this diocese."

Mastran, 44, comes to the Mountain State from Washington, D.C. He has a Bachelor of Science in computer science with minors in business administration and classi-

cal studies from the University of Florida. He had an 18-year professional career as a federal civilian employee within the U.S. Department of Defense. He is entering third theology at Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston, Mass.

"The Lord has drawn me from Washington, D.C., and, through a movement of the Holy Spirit, led me to 'Almost Heaven' West Virginia," Mastran said. "I am so excited to find out what the Lord has

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# ‘DWC Vocations 2023’ Promotional Video Showcases Joy Found in Priesthood

By Colleen Rowan

**WEST VIRGINIA** — A new promotional video showcases the joy diocesan priests have found in priesthood. The piece, which has been posted to YouTube and social media, features long-serving priests in West Virginia as well as a few seminarians.

The four-minute video, with the title “DWC Vocations 2023,” begins with the header, “He’s calling!” What follows are clips of diocesan priests in action and then footage of the late Bishop Bernard Schmitt sharing his homily for the Vocations Mass in 2002.

Seminarians Joe Derico and

Timothy Kawash share their thoughts on the seminary and when they felt the call to priesthood.

Father Brian Crenwelge, director of Vocations for the diocese, shares what he tells a man considering priesthood and it begins with prayer.

“Pray every day. Ask the Lord for the grace to be open to his will in your life,” Father Crenwelge says in the video. “Second, talk to someone. Whether it’s a close friend, whether it’s your parish priest... And then, finally, be open. Don’t be afraid. You’re going to be fulfilled being a priest. There’s no greater honor than to give greater

glory to our Lord.”

Additional clips highlight the life of the church in West Virginia as well as Msgr. Paul Hudock and Father John Rice. This part of the video offers a glimpse of them as seminarians more than 25 years ago. Clips also show Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., Father

Tom Gallagher, and Father John Gallagher in action and ends with a blessing from Bishop Mark Brennan.

The video was produced by Ted Rouse and may be viewed on the diocese’s YouTube channel OfficialDWC (<https://youtu.be/2eRD-vc3rMw>).



Colleen Rowan Photo

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston’s new seminarians are, from left, Michael Aiello, Clifton Mastran, and Peter Russman.

## Seminarians ...

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in store for me here and wherever He leads me!”

Russman, 24, is a parishioner of St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town. He has an associate’s degree in information systems technology from Lord Fairfax Community College.

“I’m looking forward to beginning this new adventure as God leads me, as well as continuing to build my relationship with Jesus, particularly through daily Mass and regular adoration,” he shared.

At the dinner, Father Crenwelge also recognized the eight returning

seminarians: Deacon John Soplinski, Donvito Cortese, Joe Derico, Timothy Kawash, Dominic Re, Nathan Schmidt, Bryan Tedeschi, and Michael Tupta.

Attending the dinner was part of the annual seminarians weekend in Wheeling July 28-30. During that time, the seminarians met with Bishop Brennan and Vocations Office personnel. They also served at the Mass the bishop celebrated at the Annual Upper Ohio Valley Italian Festival in Wheeling.

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## Being Present to Young Catholics



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Father Martin Smay, center, gives a thumbs up at the National Boy Scouts of America Jamboree at Summit Bechtel Reserve near Beckley July 20. With him are Deacon John Soplinski, left, and Deacon Harry Evans, permanent deacon at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley. Father Smay is chaplain to the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the diocese.



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 Very Rev. Sebastian E. Devasya, Assoc. V.E., V.F. (right), and seminarian Michael Tupta are pictured during Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart Parish in Bluefield earlier this summer.



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 Seminarian Bryan Tedeschi is pictured in Rome with St. Peter's Basilica in the background earlier this summer.



Terri Blaker Photo  
 Seminarian Donvito Cortese, left, serves at Mass celebrated by Very Rev. J. Stephen Vallelonga, V.F., pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Parkersburg.

## Summer Assignments Take DWC Seminarians across West Virginia and Beyond

By Colleen Rowan

Parishes said goodbye recently to seminarians who spent summer assignments in their communities.

"Don't be a stranger..." Sacred Heart Parish in Bluefield posted to Facebook. "This past weekend we had to say, 'see you soon' to our seminarian Michael Tupta. Michael was a great help to our parish, especially on Wednesdays at our food pantry. So instead of goodbye, we will say, 'until next time....'"

The assignments gave the seminarians the chance to spend time with the faithful and serve their parishes, or to be enriched by different environments and institutions of the church.

"Today was the last day at daily Mass for our summer seminarian Donvito Cortese," St. Margaret Mary Parish in Parkersburg posted on Facebook. "Many blessings for him as he returns to Pontifical College Josephinum."

Deacon John Soplinski spent time at St. Thomas Parish in Thomas, while fellow seminarians Joe Derico was in Antigua Guatemala for Spanish immersion

and Bryan Tedeschi was in Rome for the Rome experience. Timothy Kawash spent part of his summer at St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town, Dominic Re was at the Institute for Priestly Formation in Omaha, Neb., and Nathan Schmidt was at St. Joseph Parish in Huntington.

At St. Joseph Parish in Huntington seminarian Nathan Schmidt, center, stands with Msgr. Dean Borgmeyer, pastor, and Father Christopher Turner, parochial vicar.

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# Fourth Grader Proves to Be A Faith Builder

Julian Haas uses Minecraft for a look inside the Church



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By Joyce Bibey

Many Catholic parents can admit they have a hard time teaching some of the routine let alone complicated aspects of our faith to their kids in a way they find fascinating and interactive.

One of the last things a parent may think to do is ask a kid for advice. However, you may want to rethink that.

Nine-year-old Julian Haas a soon-to-be fourth grader at Point Harmony Elementary in Cross Lanes, with the help of his dad, Mark Haas, has constructed a way to connect fun and games to faith and formation – Minecraft!

“It’s super cool to build something and be able to teach people real stuff about the church,” Julian said.

The Catholic faith can be a bit intimidating and even strange, but by using Julian’s favorite game —

which happens to be the most popular game in video game history — the Haases have made faith facts attention grabbing.

For those who don’t know what Minecraft is think LEGO and Lincoln Logs meet video gaming. There are many ways to play the game that uses blocks, creatures, and adventure, but it is best known for its creative building fun as you are limited only by your imagination.

So how did this endeavor begin? Julian had been playing Minecraft for a couple years in some of his free time. He was most proud of an imaginary community he built, “a town that has houses and also a baseball field, a football field, and even a hotel,” he said.

Dad was so fascinated he wanted to think of something the two could build together.

“I went to him with

‘why don’t we try to build our church?’”

Their church is the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston. A little daunting of a task, but Julian was happy and eager to accept the challenge.

It took the duo a couple of months to complete.

“We would work on it a little at a time, maybe leave it for a week, then come back to it,” Mark said. “We impressed ourselves.”

The whole family enjoyed it — mom Renae; sisters Ruth, Josephine, Magdalyn, and Victoria; and brother Isaac. Julian will have to wait a couple years to get the reaction of his youngest sibling, Grace Elizabeth, who was just born in July.

“We had fun working together in Minecraft, but then I thought we could use this somehow,” Mark said. “I thought we could really use this to teach (and learn).”

Mark is the music director at the church and instinctively thought of what an audience may want and respond well to — “a video!”

They completed their first video We Built Our Church in Minecraft in January; and Mark posted it on his Facebook page. Watch it and you will get an inside look at the basilica — colorful block version of course — and a great commentary from Julian and his dad about the gathering area, church store, sacristy, nave, choir loft, sanctuary, and bell tower that Julian was excited to demonstrate — “it actually tolls!” The tour also includes a peak at

the cry room at the church, where they jokingly said brother Isaac belongs. He makes a cameo in the video.

“People would tell me they thought it was really cool,” Julian said, adding that his teacher even saw it.

The Minecrafters have completed five additional videos now, which led Mark to create a YouTube channel they titled, “Catholic Minecraft.”

The list includes:

- Going to Confession in Minecraft! (which lists a resource for confession from fathersofmercy.com). Viewers can see what the confessional

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## Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

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Sunday, August 6: Ascension Hurricane; 11:00 a.m.  
 Sunday, September 17: St. Stephen, Ona; 4:00 p.m.  
 Tuesday, September 19: Our Lady of Mercy Mission,  
 Parsons; 5:00 p.m.  
 Monday, October 23: Sacred Heart, Chester; 6:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, November 4: St. Francis Xavier, Parkersburg;  
 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, November 19: Sacred Heart, Bluefield;  
 9:00 a.m.



Calling all Cursillistas!

Would you like to gather with other past participants in Cursillo weekends for an Ultreya meeting? Well, you can, on Saturday, August 19th, and you have two locations and times to choose from!

The Diocesan Cursillo community will gather, on Saturday, August 19th, first at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, in Charleston, at 10:30 AM. Then, the other Ultreya option will be a gathering at the Parish Center of St. John University Parish, in Morgantown, at 4:30 PM.

What should you expect? At both meetings, we will have our Regional Director for Cursillo, Mr. Dan Kubisiak, as the rector/moderator, along with the Lay Director for Cursillo in South Carolina, Mr. Tommie Smith, as our main witness speaker.

At both locations, we will gather for about an hour and a half, for fellowship, spiritual enrichment, socializing, refreshments, and a meal. We hope these gatherings will help revive Cursillo in our wonderful state.

If you would like to join us, and we'd love if you would, please let us know either by calling the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, at 304-233-0880, ext. 374, or by emailing Daniel Maul, at [dmaul@dwc.org](mailto:dmaul@dwc.org).

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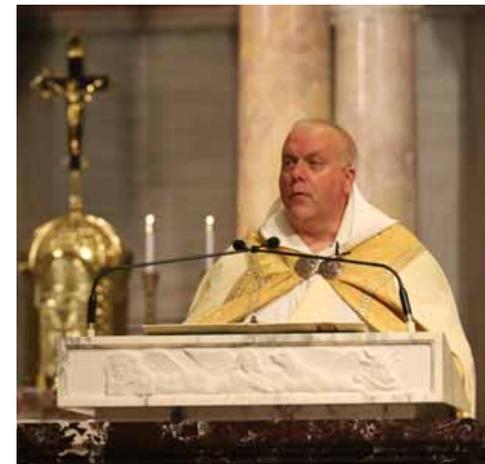
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The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston opened a new Diaconate Formation Program for all Catholic men who will be 35 by June of 2027. Bishop Mark Brennan has made the 2023-2028 Diaconate Formation Program free to the men who apply, and the cost will be covered by the diocese.

Permanent deacons may be married. They must be faithful Catholics. Most work at secular jobs and must be willing to be open to an assignment outside of their parish.



### **The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is accepting applications for the next class of permanent deacons.**

Applications may also be obtained by contacting Tina High in the Office of the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at (888) 434-6237 or for the Wheeling area at (304) 233-0880, ext. 271. Completed applications must be sent to the Office of the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston: Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr., V.E. Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003.



**DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON**



Pictured is the Haas family. In the front row, from left, are Isaac, Josephine, Ruth, and Magdalyn. In the back row, from left, are Julian, Mark holding Victoria, and Renae. Inset: Grace.

Photo Illustration by Joyce Bibey

## Faith...

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at the basilica looks like and find out what to expect, what to say (including our prayers), what happens, and why you would go to confession.

Praying the Rosary in Minecraft! This video defines what the rosary is, the prayers it includes, and the mysteries — the life of Christ to think about as you pray. The resource they share is: [thecatholickid.com](http://thecatholickid.com).

The Sacrament of Baptism in Minecraft! “This one is my favorite and was most fun to make,” Julian said. Check it out to view not only the baptismal font in the co-cathedral, but also get some pretty intricate Minecraft creations that visually aid references in the bible of God’s baptismal

waters, including the creation of the earth; Noah’s ark (Julian included cages with animals and also adequate beds for Noah’s family); Moses and the parting of the water; and the baptism of Jesus.

The Four Marks of the Church in Minecraft! Learn how the four marks of the church are recited at Mass in the Nicene Creed — one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic. Julian also reveals in the video a mind-blowing fun fact that “there is even a diocese on the moon!” (Bonus: sister Ruthie makes a sweet appearance in the video).

Altar Serving in Minecraft! Julian loves being an altar server at Mass, so watch this video to get an altar server’s point of view. Julian explains his duties during the Mass, and the duo stops to explain what a few words mean

and the importance. They also explain why altar servers are to hold their hands in prayer a certain way.

“I really like teaching people this way,” Julian said.

The platform help’s un-complicate the message. Jesus’ teachings are pretty simple, according to Julian.

His outlook — while on the super impressive side — is blissfully sensible. His favorite bible verse reflects that straight-forward unassuming faith Jesus wants us to have — I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6).

His favorite song, “O God Beyond All Praising,” echoes our wonder of God’s blessings, mercies, and love for us.

If we heed Julian’s advice, we can all grow in faith if we don’t try to complicate it,

and choose to see it more like children, and then share it.

Julian’s favorite saint, Mark (which is Julian’s first name), teaches us in his Gospel (10:45), “For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.” Mark is also the Gospel writer who gets right to the point all while painting us an impressive picture of Jesus and making it easy for us to

put ourselves in the scene of the readings.

So, what will Julian come up with next to build and tackle as a topic?

“I want to keep it a surprise,” he said.

You will have to keep tabs on or subscribe to their YouTube channel ((<https://www.youtube.com/@catholicminecraft>)) to find out.

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# Lisboa se llena de alegría en la apertura de la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud

**Por Paulina Guzik, OSV News LISBOA, Portugal (OSV News)** — Multitudes alegres y unidas en canto recorrían Lisboa mucho después de que terminara la Misa de apertura de la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud 2023, el 1 de agosto. El ambiente sorprendió incluso a quienes han vivido toda su vida en la capital portuguesa.

"Toda esa gente está ahora en la calle, ¡es realmente estimulante! No creo que vuelva a ocurrir en mi vida que vengan tantos peregrinos a mi ciudad", dijo a OSV News Concha Sousa, una voluntaria portuguesa de la JMJ 2023.

Sousa tiene 26 años, pero nunca había participado en la JMJ. Pero ahora, cuando es en su ciudad, "cómo no hacerlo", dijo. "Sería un pecado no ir".

Miles de jóvenes participaron en la Misa de apertura de la JMJ en Lisboa. El cardenal Manuel Clemente, patriarca de Lisboa, les dio la bienvenida en el Parque Eduardo VII, en el centro de la ciudad.

"Lisboa les da la bienvenida de todo corazón", dijo el cardenal Clemente a los jóvenes.

En su homilía, les describió cómo los peregrinos caminaban tras las huellas de la Virgen. "María emprendió su camino. Un camino difícil y sin los medios de transporte que tenemos hoy. Además, era una mujer joven como tú, que acababa de concebir a Jesús, de la manera única que relata el Evangelio", dijo el Cardenal Clemente. "Ustedes también se pusieron en camino. Para muchos fue un ca-

mino difícil por la distancia, las conexiones y los costos que implicaba el viaje. Fue necesario reunir recursos, desarrollar actividades para obtenerlos y contar con la solidaridad que, gracias a Dios, no faltó".

Jóvenes de todos los países del mundo, excepto de Maldivas, llegaron a Lisboa para el evento, incluidos más de 1.300 grupos formados por más de 28.600 personas de todo Estados Unidos. Estados Unidos se encuentra entre las cinco delegaciones más numerosas que participan en la JMJ, que se celebra del 1 al 6 de agosto. La mayoría de los peregrinos estadounidenses a la JMJ son jóvenes adultos de entre 18 y 25 años.

"Desde lejos o cerca, emprendes tu camino. Es muy importante ponerse en marcha. Es así como debemos afrontar la vida misma, como un camino a seguir, haciendo de cada día una nueva etapa", dijo el cardenal Clemente.

Joseph Vo se propuso venir a la JMJ desde San José. Vio los videos de la JMJ de Cracovia en 2016, y fue entonces cuando soñó por primera vez con venir a la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud.

"Tenía 11 años en ese momento, y fue tan hermosa e inspiradora, y con el Papa Francisco siendo un Papa tan inspirador decidí que cuando creciera algún día iría a la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud", dijo.

El encuentro de Lisboa le encantó desde el primer momento.

"Ha sido fantástico, ha sido pre-

cioso", dijo a OSV News. "Hay mucho tiempo para rezar y encontrarse directamente con Dios. También es una oportunidad realmente hermosa para hablar y comprometerse y conocer a otros jóvenes".

"Se siente como si todos fuéramos miembros de una familia que no nos hemos visto en mucho tiempo", dijo Vo.

Para los jóvenes, a menudo encerrados en sus propios círculos virtuales, lo que importa en la JMJ es el encuentro personal real.

"La virtualidad nos mantiene sentados, frente a medios que fácilmente nos utilizan, creyendo que los estamos utilizando nosotros. Muy por el contrario, la realidad verdadera nos pone en camino, y nos lleva al encuentro con los demás y con el mundo tal como es, tanto para admirar como para hacerlo mejor", dijo el cardenal Clemente.

"Nunca he visto tanta gente diferente tan feliz junta", dijo una peregrina portuguesa de 16 años que marchaba con sus amigos.

Hay 354.000 peregrinos inscritos en el acontecimiento, con mayor representación de España (77.224 jóvenes), Italia (casi 60.000) y Portugal (43.742). Francia aportó 42.482 peregrinos, seguida de EE.UU. El lema de la JMJ es "María se levantó y partió sin demora".

"Cuando le dije al Papa Francisco que ese era precisamente el lema de nuestra Jornada —María se fue de prisa...— enseguida añadió que sí, de prisa, pero no con ansie-

dad", dijo el cardenal Clemente a los jóvenes en la Misa de apertura el 1 de agosto.

El encuentro también es importante para los obispos de todos los rincones del mundo católico. Según el comité organizador, hay casi 700 obispos inscritos, 30 de los cuales son cardenales.

Mons. Artur Wazny, obispo auxiliar de Tarnow, Polonia, es uno de ellos, y dijo a OSV News que después de participar en varias Jornadas Mundiales de la Juventud, ésta significa mucho para él, ya que es la primera en la que participa como obispo.

"Empezando con un camino bastante difícil, estoy muy contento de haber podido vivir el acontecimiento como los jóvenes y con ellos", dijo. "Los jóvenes dan luz y alegría, y todos podemos abrazar esa alegría de ellos y creer, gracias a ellos, que lo que hago como obispo tiene sentido. Me enseñan a ser mejor hombre".

"De hecho, todo encuentro que tengamos debe comenzar con un verdadero saludo, en el que intercambiamos palabras de sincera bienvenida y de pleno compartir", dijo el cardenal Clemente a los jóvenes.

Y a los jóvenes no hace falta pedirselo dos veces. Por toda Lisboa, están intercambiando firmas en sus banderas nacionales, haciéndose fotos juntos y compartiendo historias, dispuestos a aprovechar al máximo los próximos días juntos.

(Paulina Guzik es editora internacional de OSV News.)

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quality of life.

"We serve many adults who are in recovery from Substance Use Disorder," said Miller. "We walk alongside our learners in their journeys – providing not only education, but also supportive services and resources to overcome barriers that may be preventing individuals from reaching their goals."

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At CCWVa, all program staff are trained in Adverse Childhood Experiences and trauma-informed care techniques to provide the highest-quality care possible to vulnerable West Virginians.

"Our adult learners go on to earn gainful employment, pursue higher education, advance in their careers, achieve stability or reach long-term goals," said Miller. "We're grateful to help provide the founda-

tion for them to take those next steps."

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

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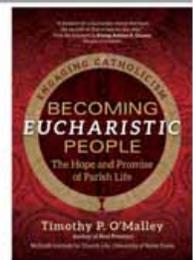
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