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Seminarian Jourden Travis Moger to be Ordained to the Diaconate Dec. 21

By Colleen Rowan

WHEELING — The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is pleased to announce that Bishop Mark E. Brennan will ordain Seminarian Jourden Travis Moger to the diaconate at 11 a.m. on Dec. 21 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.

All are invited to join Moger's family and friends for this joyful occasion in his life and in the life of the diocese.

Moger is thankful for the many prayers and the support he has received from the Catholic faithful of West Virginia throughout his formation.

"So many people across the diocese have told me that they are praying for me," he said. "Several have written me cards and letters. It means a lot to me to receive this kind of encouragement from God's people."

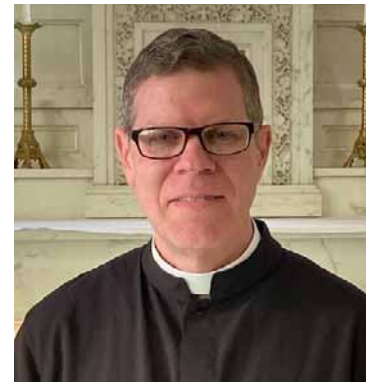
Moger is married and was an ordained Baptist minister, who converted to Catholicism in 2018. He will be ordained a transitional deacon on a path to ordination to the priesthood, having been approved by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith and personally dispensed from the promise of celibacy by Pope Francis.

Father Brian Crenwelge, diocesan director of Voca-

tions, said the diocese received approval from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith last month.

"Bishop Brennan truly desires Travis to be a priest for our diocese," Father Crenwelge said. "So as soon as he got the permission from Rome, he didn't want to delay the diaconate ordination any longer."

Moger has been undergoing training through
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Seminarian Jourden Travis Moger



Celebrating the First Sunday of Advent

Bishop Mark Brennan lights the first candle of the Advent wreath at Our Lady of the Hills Parish in Elkview Dec. 1. Concelebrating is Father Kotaiah (Thomas) Dharelli, HGN, administrator of the parish, right. Serving are seminarian Michael Aiello, second from right; and Lawrence Tanner Westfall, third from right. Bishop Brennan also celebrated Mass at St. Anthony Parish in Charleston for the first Sunday of Advent. Courtesy photo

Diocesan Official Appointments

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

Father Nye “Joseph” Wiley is appointed pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Wheeling, effective immediately.

Father Prakash P. Kerketta is appointed associate rector of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston with residence at the parish rectory, effective November 29, 2024.

Deacon Rue Thompson will retire as co-director of the Office of Prison Ministry, effective December 31, 2024. He will remain in active ministry at Holy Rosary Parish in Buckhannon.

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St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., for the past year to form him in the Catholic understanding of ministry, Father Crenwelge said. “Having served many years as a Protestant chaplain, he is already coming in with much pastoral experience,” he added.

Upon learning that he would be ordained, Moger was overwhelmed with joy.

“This good news was a long time coming,” he said. “When Bishop Brennan called to tell me that Rome had granted permission for me to be ordained, I felt surprised, relieved, and, most of all, happy.”

Father Crenwelge said that married priests are generally an exception in the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church for practical and theological reasons.

“Practically speaking,” he said, “a Catholic pastor needs to be radically available to his people at all hours of the day and night, something that is difficult to do when you have family responsibilities. Further, the demands of a parish require him to be very flexible. Travis will need to balance his very important and beautiful duty of being a father and a husband amidst his diaconate and Lord willing, future priestly ministry.

“Theologically speaking,” he continued, “clerical continence has been present in the church in some form or another since apostolic times because of the priest's identity as another Christ and his total self-giving to his people, as Christ gave of himself totally on the Cross.

“Travis will be able to assist local priests and live out his priesthood in a beautiful way serving the people of God in West Virginia,” Father Crenwelge said, adding that he is excited for him to become part of the diaconate and eventually part of the presbyterate.

“He has a lot of energy, and he'll be able to help many people in his ministry,” Father Crenwelge said. “I've gotten to know him over the past year and a half and I know he has a true heart for the Lord and

the Lord's Catholic Church.”

Moger's wife, Amelia Grace, is a pediatric nurse. He said she has been his biggest supporter throughout his life's journey. They joined the Catholic Church together with their son Mark at their home parish of St. Francis de Sales in Purcellville, Va., which is near Charles Town in the Eastern Panhandle. Amelia teaches third grade CCD at their parish and just finished a two-year master catechist formation program in the Diocese of Arlington, Va.

They were married July 28, 1990, in Livermore Falls, Maine. They have four children: Natalie Hynes (32), Nadine Klein (29), Madeline Moger (27), and Mark Moger (25); and four grandchildren: Boaz Hynes (6), Ezra Hynes (5), Lydia Hynes (3), and Ada Klein (1).

Moger is originally from Ocala, Fla., and was ordained at Brassfield Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) in Creedmoor, N.C., in 1991. He received a master's in theology from Christendom College Graduate School of Theology in 2024; and a Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) in 2011. He was a Fulbright Scholar, Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität, Germany in 2005-2006; received his master of divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1993; and received a Bachelor of Arts from Dallas Baptist University (summa cum laude) in 1988.

Moger also has extensive military service. He has a 26-year military career as a U.S. Navy chaplain and retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve with the rank of captain in 2018. He served in combat in Iraq as chaplain for the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment (infantry) in 2003. In federal civil service from July 2017 to December 2023, he worked as a full-time historian for the U.S. Army Center of Military History and for the Naval History and Heritage Command, both in Washington, D.C.

Moger's assignment as a deacon will be announced at the end of his ordination Mass.

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 Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504 or the Diocese's sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5656. Additional methods of reporting are available at www.dwc.org, under “Accountability.” 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:** call Erin McFarland, M.Ed., LPC, at 304.559.6742. The Diocese partners with Navex Global to offer EthicsPoint to report other 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 WV. EthicsPoint 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.



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The Catholic Spirit's Print Schedule for 2024

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Bishop Brennan Thanks Catholic Sharing Appeal Donors at Mass of Gratitude

By Colleen Rowan

Thanking all who support the ministry and outreach of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston through their gifts to the Catholic Sharing Appeal, Bishop Mark Brennan celebrated the annual Mass of Gratitude at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Nov. 25. He welcomed the many CSA donors from around the state who were joined by cathedral parishioners and chancery staff.

Concelebrating the Mass was Father Romeo Bacalso, SVD, pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Fairmont and Holy Spirit Parish in Monongah. Deacon Doug Breiding, permanent deacon at the cathedral and St. Alphonsus Parish in Wheeling, served as the deacon for the Mass, which was also livestreamed on the CSA website.

In his homily, Bishop Brennan said the simplest description of Jesus Christ in the New Testament is from St. Peter, who said, “He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him” (Acts 10:38).

This, the bishop said, describes how we are to follow Jesus.

“Let’s go about doing good and freeing people, healing people, rescuing people from whatever oppresses them,” Bishop Brennan said. “For ... God is with us.”

Bishop Brennan then turned to the story of the



Screen shot photo Bishop Mark Brennan, right, and Father Romeo Bacalso, SVD, administer Communion at the annual Mass of Gratitude at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Nov. 25.

widow in the Gospel (LK 21:1-4) for the Mass, emphasizing that it is not the amount of money one gives, or his or her high position in some organization that matters.

“It’s the wholehearted devotion to serving God and in doing good in God’s name,” the bishop said. “That’s what really counts.”

The widow gave more

than everyone else. Jesus doesn’t condemn the others for giving a lot because they had a lot to give, and they gave generously, the bishop said. He commends the widow because out of the little she had, she gave it all.

“So, we’re really to give it all to God in whatever capacity we are able to serve him,” the bishop said.

There are many ways the

faithful can give to help others—our time, our energy, and financially. The bishop thanked all who give in these ways.

“In a particular way, I want to thank those of you who have contributed during the year to our Catholic Sharing Appeal. It really does some good,” Bishop Brennan said. “I’m always pleased to know that at our Camp Carlo we integrate

into those weeks of camp, children from families that are on public assistance and children from families whose—one or both—parents are in jail. They don’t pay a penny. We just do that because we’re trying to do good as Jesus did. That’s the kind of thing the money that comes to the diocese for the Catholic Sharing Appeal does.”

The bishop also spoke of the other ministries the appeal helps to support, including Catholic Charities West Virginia and families in need of tuition assistance for Catholic schools.

“We try to go about doing good,” the bishop said, “and those of you who contribute to those efforts of the Catholic Sharing Appeal are doing that. You can’t all be the teachers in that classroom in a Catholic school, you can’t all be the drug counselors at Catholic Charities helping someone get over an addiction, you can’t give counseling or help to a particular family that needs it to pay the rent or the utilities, but you can do it through the Catholic Sharing Appeal. You’re contributing to the welfare of people. So, I thank you for that. ... The needs won’t go away but, as Jesus said, the poor you will have always with you and ... you can do good to them whenever you wish.”

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U.S. Basilicas, Churches to Ring Bells at the Moment Notre Dame Cathedral Reopens

By Gina Christian, OSV News (OSV News) — As Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris officially reopens Dec. 7-8, bells will ring in churches an ocean away in the United States to celebrate the historic moment.

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington has invited local churches to toll their bells Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. EST, when the two-day reopening ceremonies — led by Archbishop Laurent Ulrich of Paris, and attended by dozens of dignitaries, including France’s President Emmanuel Macron, U.S. first lady Jill Biden, and U.S. President-elect Donald Trump — will begin.

The USCCB in a Nov. 29 post on X (formerly Twitter) had also invited local churches to join in ringing their bells in celebration.

“Please join us in celebrating the reopening of this iconic cathedral that holds a special place in the hearts of all believers and people of goodwill worldwide,” it added in another X post.

“This gesture of uniting our local Churches with the Cathedral of Paris would be one more sign of our union to the eldest daughter of the Church whose forefathers contributed so much to the U.S. struggle for Independence,” said Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in a Dec. 3 post to the USCCB’s X account.

Indiana’s University of Notre Dame confirmed to OSV News in an email Dec. 3 that its Basilica of the Sacred Heart “will join other Churches across the United States in ringing our bells” that day.

“This time has been deliberately chosen, since it will be the exact time the doors of Notre Dame de Paris Cathedral will be formally reopened and they will begin their rededication ceremony,” said Carrie Gates, the university’s associate director of media relations.

The iconic cathedral, built over the 12th to 14th centuries, was badly damaged in a devastating

April 15, 2019, fire that was believed to be accidentally caused, possibly through an electrical fault or careless smoking. A number of pre-existing safety violations enabled the blaze to rapidly spread through the cathedral, which some 600 firefighters battled for 15 hours, with no injuries or deaths reported.

During the five-year reconstruction process, more than 1,000 artisans painstakingly restored the 12th-century cathedral’s stone, wood and art fixtures.

Notre Dame’s spire, which collapsed at the peak of the April 15, 2019, blaze, was reconstructed with some 1,000 historic French oak trees, and was unveiled in February as scaffolding was removed. In December 2023, Archbishop Ulrich placed the relic of the Crown of Thorns, as well as relics of St. Denis and St. Genevieve, inside the restored golden rooster — a symbol of Christ’s resurrection, and reimagined as a phoenix — that tops the

spire.

Also renovated was the cathedral’s grand organ, the largest in France with some 8,000 pipes and 109 stops. The instrument had been coated by toxic lead dust during the blaze.

Gates told OSV News that students from the University of Notre Dame’s school of architecture traveled to Paris in the spring of 2023 to see the ongoing restoration firsthand.

During the visit, the students met “with the architects in charge of the restoration, climbed the scaffolding to observe construction,” and even “visited a quarry where they were sourcing stone for the cathedral,” said Gates.

As a result, she said, the reopening of Notre Dame Cathedral “will be a meaningful moment for those students and faculty, in particular, as well as so many others here and around the world.”

(Gina Christian is a multimedia reporter for OSV News.)

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First Friday Mass to Honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus is This Evening, Dec. 6, in Weirton

WEIRTON—St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Weirton is having a 6 p.m. Mass this evening, First Friday (Dec. 6), to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The parish encourages all to attend this Mass and Mass on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 a.m.

“Jesus’ Heart burns for love of you.

Jesus appeared to St. Mary Margaret Alocque in the 17th century and asked her to establish Devotion to His Sacred Heart by the faithful attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist on nine consecutive monthly First Fridays,” parish officials said. “Many graces are given through this practice.”

Morgantown Faithful Invited to Join in Decades for Downtown! Rosary

MORGANTOWN — “Join us on Friday evenings from 6 p.m. - 12 a.m. as we pray a rosary every half hour for the students and individuals on High Street and WVU Campus,” St. John University Parish in Morgantown said in its latest bulletin. “We gather in the St. Philomena

Chapel! All are welcome to spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist and pray a rosary for our people in harmful situations.”

Those who participate are free to pray out-spoken or in silence. For more information, call the parish at (304) 296-8231.

Tri-State Catholic Women of West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio to Hold Advent Book Study

HUNTINGTON—Join The Tri-State Catholic Women of West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio as they delve into Sister Miriam James Heidland’s book, “Behold: A Guided Advent Journal for Prayer and Meditation.”

The book’s description on Ave Maria Press, states: “Let the Holy Family be your light through Advent as you receive the healing power of Christ. In this beautiful guided journal for prayer and meditation, Sister Miriam James Heidland of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity—author of the bestselling book ‘Restore’—will walk with you as you explore familial wounds with the help of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.”

Sister Miriam is a popular Catholic speaker, a cohost of the Abiding Together podcast, and the author of the bestselling books “Loved as I Am,” and “Restore: A Guided Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation.”

A former Division I athlete who had a radical conversion and joined the

Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity in 1998, Sister Miriam has shared her story on EWTN’s “The Journey Home,” at numerous SEEK and Steubenville conferences, and at the USCCB’s Convocation of Catholic Leaders.

She is also affiliated with the Friends of the Bridegroom community and the John Paul II Healing Center in leading healing retreats for priests and religious sisters across America.

Sister Miriam earned a master’s degree in theology from the Augustine Institute and speaks extensively on the topics of conversion, authentic love, forgiveness, and healing.

To participate in the book study, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/tristatecatholicwomensadventbookstudy>

The first gathering will be Saturday, Dec. 7, at a home in Huntington. The second gathering will be Sunday, Dec. 15, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall in Huntington from 1:30-3 p.m.

South Charleston Parish to Hold Blue Christmas Service Dec. 15

SOUTH CHARLESTON—Not everyone is up and cheery for Christmas. Some are feeling blue dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future, and several other trials make parties and joviality painful.

“A Blue Christmas Service seeks to acknowledge whatever shade of BLUE we may have, support one another, and find comfort and strength in God,” said officials of Blessed Sacrament Parish in South Charleston.

The parish will hold the Blue Christmas Service on Sunday, Dec. 15, at 3 p.m. The service is open to the public.

Franciscan University to Celebrate Advent With ‘Night of Hope’

STUEBENVILLE, OHIO — Franciscan University of Steubenville will host a Night of Hope on Thursday, Dec. 12, from 7-9 p.m. in Christ the Teacher Hall’s Pope St. Paul VI Event Center. The evening will be shared via livestream and will be open to an in-person audience free of charge. Taking place on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, it will be an opportunity to enter the season of Advent more deeply through inspiring talks, powerful worship, and prayer.

Sponsored by Steubenville Conferences, Night of Hope will include uplifting music, a keynote presentation by internationally acclaimed Catholic author, speaker, and television host Chris Stefanick, and spiritual reflections and eucharistic adoration with Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, president of Franciscan University.

For more information and to register for the Night of Hope livestream, please visit steubenvilleconferences.com/night-of-hope. To attend in person, register for free here.

Huntington Catholic Men Invited to Prayer Breakfast

HUNTINGTON—All Catholic men in the Huntington area are invited to a Catholic Men’s Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Huntington. Wayne Ferguson will lead the prayer and a gospel talk.

A veggie loaded casserole will be served along with cheese tator tots, bacon, sausage & homemade biscuits. Coffee, tea, orange juice & milk will also be served.

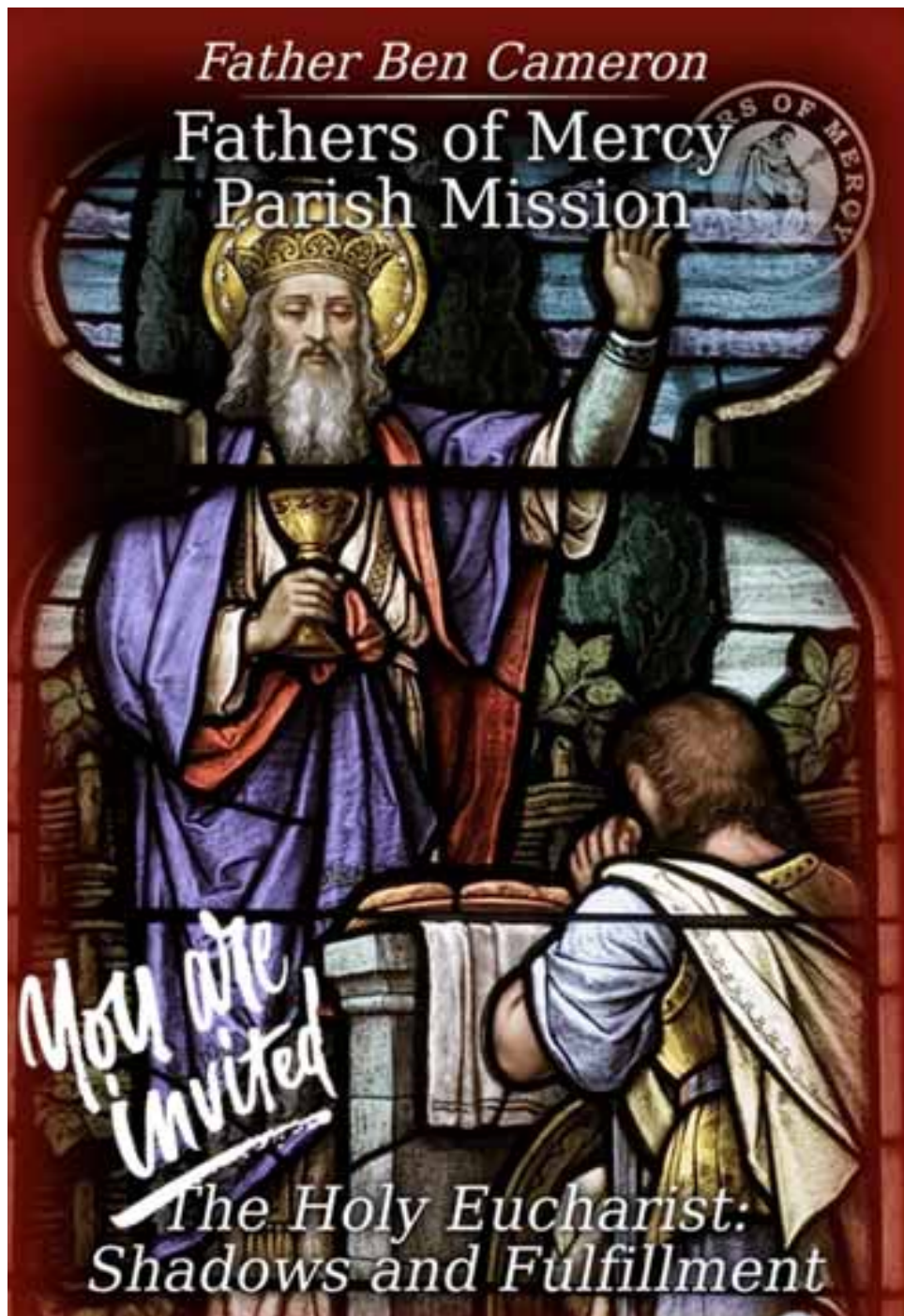
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Fairmont Catholic Donates 20 Wreaths to Maple Grove Cemetery for Wreaths across America

Fairmont Catholic Grade School donated 20 Christmas wreaths to Maple Grove Cemetery in Fairmont for Wreaths across America. At right, Marcella Yaremchuk, who organized donations from the national effort for Maple Grove, accepts the donation check from the students. Fairmont Catholic thanked her for visiting the school and joining with them to honor veterans. Through this effort, a wreath will be placed on every veteran's grave in Maple Grove. Many Knights of Columbus councils in West Virginia have been active in Wreaths across America, a national effort. Contact local councils to learn about efforts in your community.

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‘Pilgrims of Hope’: Vatican Prepares to Welcome Millions for Holy Year



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A cloth barricade reading “Rome Jubilee 2025” surrounds a construction site at the beginning of the broad boulevard leading to St. Peter’s Square and St. Peter’s Basilica Dec. 4. The city of Rome is preparing for the Holy Year with hundreds of roadworks and restoration projects.

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The celebration of a Holy Year every 25 years is an acknowledgment that “the Christian life is a journey calling for moments of greater intensity to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps toward the goal of our encounter with the Lord Jesus,” Pope Francis wrote.

Opening the Holy Door to St. Peter’s Basilica on Christmas Eve, the pope will formally inaugurate the Jubilee Year 2025 with its individual, parish and diocesan pilgrimages and with special celebrations focused on specific groups from migrants to marching bands, catechists to communicators and priests to prisoners.

Inside the Vatican basilica, the door had been bricked up since Nov. 20, 2016, when Pope Francis closed the extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy.

Dismantling the brick wall began Dec. 2 with a ritual of prayer and the removal of a box containing the key to the door and Vatican medals.

The Holy Doors at the basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls were to be freed of their brickwork in the week that followed.

In January 2021, as the world struggled to return to some kind of normalcy after the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis announced that he had chosen “Pilgrims of Hope” as the theme for the Holy Year.

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"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and farsighted vision," the pope wrote in a letter entrusting the organization of the Jubilee to Archbishop Rino Fisichella, president of the then-Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization.

The pope prayed that the Holy Year would be marked by "deep faith, lively hope and active charity."

A holy year or jubilee is a time of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy, based on the Old Testament tradition of a jubilee year of rest, forgiveness and renewal. Holy years also are a time when Catholics make pilgrimages to designated churches and shrines, recite special prayers, go to confession and receive Communion to receive a plenary indulgence, which is a remission of the temporal punishment due for one's sins.

Crossing the threshold of the Holy Door does not give a person automatic access to the indulgence or to grace, as St. John Paul II said in his document proclaiming the Holy Year 2000. But walking through the doorway is a sign of the passage from sin to grace which every Christian is called to accomplish.

"To pass through that door means to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord; it is to strengthen faith in him in order to live the new life which he has given us. It is a decision which presumes freedom to choose and also the courage to leave something behind, in the knowledge that what is gained is divine life," St. John Paul wrote.

Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Holy Year in 1300 and decreed that jubilees would be celebrated every 100 years. But just 50 years later, a more biblical cadence, Pope Clement VI proclaimed another holy year.

Pope Paul II decided in 1470 that holy years should be held every 25 years, which has been the practice ever since — but with the addition of special jubilees, like the Holy Year of Mercy in 2015-16, marking special occasions or needs.

The Jubilee of Mercy had a special focus on encouraging Catholics to return to confession, but the sacrament is a key part of every Holy Year.

Pope Francis, in his bull of indiction for the 2025 Holy Year, said churches are places "where we can drink from the wellsprings of hope, above all by approaching the sacrament of reconciliation, the essential starting point of any true journey of conversion."

The pope also asked Catholics to use the Jubilee Year to nourish or exercise their hope by actively looking for signs of God's grace and goodness around them.

"We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence," he wrote. "The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human

hearts in need of God's saving presence, ought to become signs of hope."

Even in a troubled world, one can notice how many people are praying for and demonstrating their desire for peace, for safeguarding creation and for defending human life at every stage, he said. Those are signs of hope that cannot be discounted.

As part of the Holy Year 2025, Pope Francis has announced the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis April 27 during the special Jubilee for Adolescents and the proclamation of the sainthood of Blessed Pier Giorgi Frassati Aug. 3 during the Jubilee for Young Adults.

The lives of the two men, active Catholics who died young, are emblematic of Pope Francis' conviction that hope, "founded on faith and nurtured by charity," is what enables people "to press forward in life" despite setbacks and trials.

Both young Italians knew that the hope they drew from faith had to be shared with others through their words, their way of acting and their charity.

Pope Francis, in the bull of indiction, told Catholics that "during the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind."

In addition to individual acts of charity, love and kindness like feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger or visiting the sick and the imprisoned,

Pope Francis has continued his predecessors' practice of observing the jubilee by calling on governments to reduce the foreign debt of the poorest countries, grant amnesty to certain prisoners and strengthen programs to help migrants and refugees settle in their new homes.

Italy and the city of Rome are keeping one of the messier and tension-producing traditions of a Holy Year: Roadworks and the restoration or cleaning of monuments, fountains and important buildings. With the opening of the Holy Door just three weeks away, none of the major projects had been completed, but Mayor Roberto Gualtieri promised in late November that most of the roads would open and most of the scaffolding would come down by Jan. 1.

Archbishop Fisichella, the chief Vatican organizer of the Jubilee Year, said in late November that the Vatican had commissioned a university to forecast the Holy Year pilgrim and tourist influx. They came up with a prediction of 32 million visitors to Rome.

The multilingual jubilee website — www.iubilaeum2025.va — has been up and running for months and includes the possibility of reserving a time to pass through the Holy Door at St. Peter's and the other major basilicas of Rome.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops also has a special section on its website — www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025 — with information about traveling to Rome for the Holy Year and for celebrating the special jubilees in one's own diocese or parish.



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Vatican Norms for Jubilee Indulgence Include Pilgrimage, Penance, Service

By **Cindy Wooden,**
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pilgrims passing through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica during the Holy Year 2025, going to confession, receiving Communion and praying for the intentions of the pope can receive an indulgence, but so can inmates in prison and those who work to defend human life or assist migrants and refugees.

Fasting "at least for one day of the week from futile distractions" such as social media also can be a path toward a jubilee indulgence, according to norms published by the Vatican May 13.

Pope Francis said he will open the Holy Year at the Vatican Dec. 24 this year and close it Jan. 6, 2026, the feast of Epiphany. But he also asked bishops around the world to celebrate the Jubilee in their dioceses from Dec. 29 this year to Dec. 28, 2025.

For centuries a feature of holy year celebrations has been the indulgence, which the church describes as a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for their sins.

"Every sin 'leaves its mark'" even after a person has received forgiveness and absolution through the sacrament of reconcili-

ation, Pope Francis wrote in the document proclaiming the Holy Year. "Sin has consequences, not only outwardly in the effects of the wrong we do, but also inwardly, inasmuch as 'every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death, in the state called Purgatory,'" he wrote, quoting the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

The norms for receiving an indulgence during the Holy Year were signed by Cardinal Angelo De Donatis, the new head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, a Vatican court dealing with matters of conscience and with the granting of indulgences.

The basic conditions, he wrote, are that a person is "moved by a spirit of charity," is "purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion" and prays for the pope. Along with a pilgrimage, a work of mercy or an act of penance, a Catholic "will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory."

The Rome pilgrimage,

Cardinal De Donatis said, can be to the papal basilicas of St. Peter's, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran or St. Paul Outside the Walls. But also to one of the churches connected to outstanding women saints and doctors of the church: St. Catherine of Siena at the Basilica of Santa Maria sopra Minerva; St. Brigid of Sweden at Campo de' Fiori; St. Teresa of Avila at the Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria; St. Thérèse of Lisieux at Trinità dei Monti; and St. Monica at the Church of St. Augustine.

Pilgrims to the Holy Land also can receive the Holy Year indulgence by praying at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem or the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth.

For those who cannot travel abroad, local bishops around the world can designate their cathedral or another church or sacred place for pilgrims to obtain the indulgence, the cardinal wrote, asking bishops to "take into account the needs of the faithful as well as the opportunity to reinforce the concept of pilgrimage with all its symbolic significance, so as to

manifest the great need for conversion and reconciliation."

People who cannot leave their residence — "especially cloistered nuns and monks, but also the elderly, the sick, prisoners and those who, through their work in hospitals or other care facilities, provide continuous service to the sick" — can spiritually join a pilgrimage and receive the indulgence, according to the norms.

Visiting the sick or a prisoner, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked or welcoming a migrant, "in a sense making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them," can be another way to receive the indulgence, the cardinal said, adding that an indulgence could be obtained each day from such acts of mercy.

"The Jubilee Plenary Indulgence can also be obtained through initiatives that put into practice, in a concrete and generous way, the spirit of penance which is, in a sense, the soul of the Jubilee," he wrote, highlighting in particular abstaining on Fridays from "futile distractions" like social media or from "superfluous consumption" by not eating meat.

"Supporting works of a

religious or social nature, especially in support of the defense and protection of life in all its phases," helping a young person in difficulty or a recently-arrived migrant or immigrant — anything involving "dedicating a reasonable portion of one's free time to voluntary activities that are of service to the community or to other similar forms of personal commitment" also are paths toward an indulgence, he said.

"Despite the rule that only one plenary indulgence can be obtained per day," Cardinal De Donatis wrote, "the faithful who have carried out an act of charity on behalf of the souls in Purgatory, if they receive Holy Communion a second time that day, can obtain the plenary indulgence twice on the same day," although the second indulgence is "applicable only to the deceased."

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Nationwide Prayer Vigil for Life to Take Place Jan. 23-24

WASHINGTON – “I enthusiastically invite Catholics from all around the country to join me in-person or virtually, in praying for an end to abortion and building up a culture of life,” said Bishop Daniel E. Thomas of Toledo, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities. The faithful are invited to observe a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 23 to Friday, January 24, 2025, and encouraged to pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life in post-Roe America.

In 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States issued its decision *Dobbs vs. Jackson* which overturned the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion nationwide. Since the *Dobbs* decision, abortion policy is now determined at the state and federal levels. Some states have increased access to abortion and others are working to ensure stronger policies to protect preborn children and their mothers.

“Together, we must pray to change hearts and build a culture of life as we advocate for the most vulnerable. I look forward to opening our Vigil with Holy Mass together with many other bishops, hundreds of priests, consecrated religious, seminarians, and many thousands of pilgrims,” said Bishop Thomas.

The National Prayer Vigil for Life is hosted each January by the USCCB’s Pro-Life Secretariat, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., and The Catholic University of America’s Office of Campus Ministry. The vigil has always taken place on the eve of the March for Life, which marks the date of the historic 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision.

The Opening Mass will take place in the Great Upper Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 23. The principal celebrant and homilist for the Opening Mass will be Bishop Thomas.

After the Mass, there will be a Eucharistic Procession immediately followed by a National Holy Hour for Life, which will include Recitation of the Rosary and Benediction. The Opening Mass and Holy Hour of the National Prayer Vigil for Life will be broadcast on various Catholic networks and will be livestreamed on the Basilica’s website at www.nationalshrine.org/mass.

The vigil concludes at 8 a.m. on Friday, January 24 with the Closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert J. Brennan of Brooklyn.

The full schedule of the 2025 National Prayer Vigil for Life is listed below. (All times are in Eastern Time.)

Thursday, January 23:

4:45 p.m. — Chaplet of Divine Mercy
5 p.m. — Opening Mass with Bishop Thomas
7 p.m. — Holy Hour for Life

Friday, January 24:

8 a.m. — Closing Mass with Bishop Brennan

The live television broadcasts on January 23 from 5-8 p.m. and on January 24 from 8-9 a.m. will be provided by the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) and will be available via live-stream on the Basilica’s website.

For more information about on-site attendance at the Basilica for the National Prayer Vigil for Life, please visit the information page on the Basilica’s website.

Archbishop Sheen’s Beatification ‘Inevitable’ Amid Growing Devotion, Says Foundation Head

By Gina Christian, OSV News

(OSV News) — Despite a few high-profile delays in recent years, the beatification of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen — the popular, scholarly archbishop and 20th-century pioneer of Catholic broadcasting — is “inevitable,” said the head of the foundation supporting his cause.

“The desire to see Sheen beatified is increasing, and there is a growing devotion to him,” Msgr. Jason Gray, executive director of the Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Foundation, told OSV News.

In an article for the foundation’s 2024 year-end newsletter, Msgr. Gray — who also serves as the judicial vicar and episcopal vicar for consecrated life for the Diocese of Peoria, Illinois, as well as pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Peoria Heights — pointed to several indicators of Archbishop Sheen’s expanding reputation for holiness, or “*fama sanctitatis*” in canonical terms.

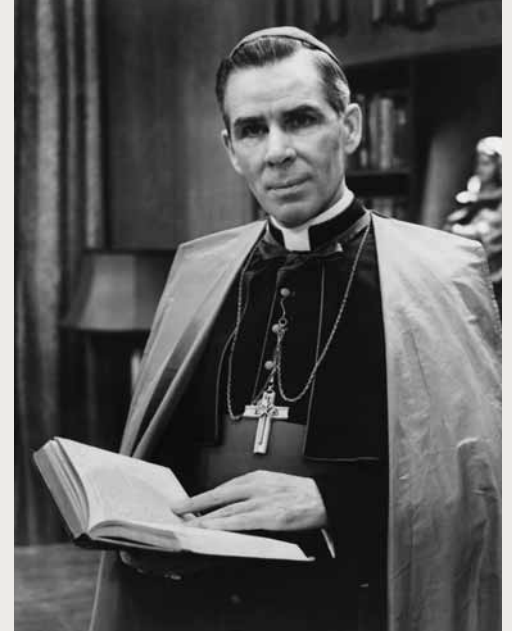
“He didn’t just know about Jesus Christ,” Msgr. Gray told OSV News. “He knew Jesus Christ personally.”

That relationship enabled Archbishop Sheen to put his considerable intellect and communications skills at the service of the Catholic Church, with international impact, said Msgr. Gray.

Born in 1895, Fulton John Sheen sensed an early call to priesthood, and was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Peoria in 1919. He then obtained a doctorate in philosophy and taught both that subject and theology at The Catholic University of America in Washington from 1927 to 1950.

But rather than confine himself to academia, then-Father Sheen also leveraged modern social communications platforms to spread the Gospel. He launched a weekly radio show while still a fairly young priest, drawing some 4 million regular listeners during a two-decade run. After being appointed as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of New York, he transformed the show into a television program, “*Life is Worth Living*,” which peaked at 30 million weekly viewers.

His ministry continued to expand, with then-Bishop Sheen serving as national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1950-



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1966. He was then appointed bishop of Rochester, New York, in 1966, where he launched a second television show. He resigned three years later as his 75th birthday approached; canon law requires bishops to submit their resignation to the pope at 75. He was appointed a titular archbishop by Pope St. Paul VI, which afforded him time to continue preaching. Archbishop Sheen, who had suffered from heart disease in later years, died in 1979 before the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel of his Manhattan residence.

His cause for canonization, opened in 2002, has been stalled by two controversies — a public battle to relocate his remains from St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York to its current location, the side chapel of the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Peoria; and concerns that as bishop of Rochester from 1966-1969, the prelate might have overlooked sexual abuse by at least one former diocesan priest there.

The latter concern was magnified after the state of New York adopted

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lookback laws that allowed hundreds of abuse claims to be considered, with the Diocese of Rochester ultimately filing for bankruptcy.

However, Msgr. Gray told OSV News, "Sheen is clean. ... Not one accusation has been raised that impugned Sheen."

He said the foundation has examined "all of the pleadings" relevant to claims against the Rochester Diocese, and "there hasn't been anything that was brought up there" implicating Archbishop Sheen.

The monsignor said the only thing remaining is a "dormant" investigation by New York State Attorney General Letitia Jones, who opened several such inquiries into other dioceses that have now

been settled.

Msgr. Gray told OSV News there are "three reasons" for renewed interest in Archbishop Sheen's canonization, which has been evidenced by a surge in visits to his tomb, requests for both relics and for his more than 50 books, and reports of favors and graces received through Archbishop Sheen's intercession.

"The first is maybe the most obvious, and it's just that he was someone who used the modern means of communication," said Msgr. Gray, adding "if he (Archbishop Sheen) were around today, (imagine) what he'd be doing with the internet."

Even more important, Archbishop Sheen "was very devoted to the Eucharist," and serves as "a model for devotion to the Blessed Sacrament" — a role that has taken

on deeper significance amid the National Eucharistic Revival, said Msgr. Gray.

And, he added, Archbishop Sheen was "someone who was just so insightful on so many issues," including the most contentious ones "facing modern man today."

"He would talk about psychology, politics, sociology," said Msgr. Gray. "And I think maybe more than ever, we need someone ... (like) Sheen to speak with so much clarity, and so much passion and so

much charity about the issues that are just roiling our societies today."

Because of his personal relationship with Christ, Archbishop Sheen "could speak from a personal perspective, and with personal passion," said the monsignor. "He wasn't just quoting a book. ... He brought his knowledge of the faith and his knowledge of Jesus Christ into the personal trials that we face in the world today."

(Gina Christian is a multimedia reporter for OSV News.)

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Requisitos para obtener indulgencia jubilar incluyen peregrinaciones, penitencia y servicio

Por Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Los peregrinos que pasen por la Puerta Santa de la Basílica de San Pedro durante el Jubileo 2025, se confiesen, reciban la Comunión y recen por las intenciones del Papa pueden recibir una indulgencia -- pero también la podrán recibir los reclusos en las cárceles y quienes trabajan en defensa de la vida humana o ayudan a migrantes y refugiados.

Abstenerse "al menos durante un día de distracciones banales" como las redes sociales también puede ser un camino hacia la indulgencia jubilar, según las normas publicadas por el Vaticano el 13 de mayo.

El Papa Francisco dijo que abrirá el Año Santo en el Vaticano el 24 de diciembre de este año y lo clausurará el 6 de enero de 2026, en la fiesta de la Epifanía. Pero también pidió a los obispos de todo el mundo que celebren el Jubileo en sus diócesis desde el 29 de diciembre de este año hasta el 28 de diciembre de 2025.

Durante siglos, una de las características de las celebraciones del Año Santo, o Jubileo, ha sido la indulgencia, que la Iglesia describe como una remisión del castigo temporal que se debe a una persona por sus pecados.

"El pecado 'deja huella'" incluso después de que una persona haya recibido el perdón y la absolución a través del sacramento de la reconciliación, escribió el Papa Francisco en el documento que proclama el Año Santo. El pecado "lleva consigo

unas consecuencias; no sólo exteriores, en cuanto consecuencias del mal cometido, sino también interiores, en cuanto 'todo pecado, incluso venial, entraña apego desordenado a las criaturas, que es necesario purificar, sea aquí abajo, sea después de la muerte, en el estado que se llama Purgatorio'", escribió, citando el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica.

Las normas para recibir una indulgencia durante el Jubileo fueron firmadas por el cardenal Angelo De Donatis, nuevo jefe de la Penitenciaría Apostólica, un tribunal vaticano que se ocupa de cuestiones de conciencia y de la concesión de indulgencias.

Las condiciones básicas, escribió, son que los fieles estén "movidos por un espíritu de caridad", estén "purificados por el sacramento de la penitencia y alimentados por la Sagrada Comunión" y rece por el Papa. Junto con una peregrinación, una obra de misericordia o un acto de penitencia, un católico "podrá obtener del tesoro de la Iglesia una indulgencia plenaria, con remisión y perdón de todos sus pecados, que podrá ser aplicada a las almas del purgatorio en forma de sufragio".

La peregrinación a Roma, dijo el cardenal De Donatis, puede ser a las basílicas papales de San Pedro, Santa María la Mayor, San Juan de Letrán o San Pablo Extramuros. Pero también a una de las iglesias relacionadas con destacadas santas y doctoras de la Iglesia: Santa Catalina de Siena, en la basílica de Santa Maria sopra Minerva; Santa Brígida de Suecia, en Campo de'

Fiori; Santa Teresa de Ávila, en la iglesia de Santa Maria della Vittoria; Santa Teresa de Lisieux, en Trinità dei Monti; y Santa Mónica, en la Iglesia de San Agustín.

Los peregrinos a Tierra Santa también pueden recibir la indulgencia plenaria del Año Santo rezando en la Basílica del Santo Sepulcro de Jerusalén, la Basílica de la Natividad de Belén o la Basílica de la Anunciación de Nazaret.

Para quienes no puedan viajar al extranjero, los obispos locales de todo el mundo pueden designar su catedral u otra iglesia o lugar sagrado para que los peregrinos obtengan la indulgencia, escribió el cardenal, pidiendo a los obispos que tengan en cuenta "las necesidades de los fieles, así como la oportunidad misma para mantener intacto el significado de la peregrinación con toda su fuerza simbólica, capaz de manifestar la necesidad apremiante de conversión y de reconciliación".

Las personas que no pueden abandonar su residencia -- "especialmente todas las monjas y los monjes de clausura, los ancianos, los enfermos, los reclusos, como también aquellos que, en hospitales o en otros lugares de cuidados, prestan servicio continuo a los enfermos" -- pueden unirse espiritualmente a una peregrinación y recibir la indulgencia, según las normas.

Visitar "a los hermanos que se encuentran en necesidad o en dificultad" (a un enfermo o a un preso, dar de comer al hambriento, vestir al desnudo o acoger a un migrante), en cierto sentido "realizando una peregrinación hacia Cristo pre-

sente en ellos", puede ser otra forma de recibir la indulgencia, dijo el cardenal, añadiendo que se podría obtener una indulgencia cada día por tales actos de misericordia.

"La indulgencia plenaria jubilar podrá ser conseguida también mediante iniciativas que ayuden en modo concreto y generoso al espíritu penitencial que es como el alma del Jubileo", escribió, destacando en particular abstenerse los viernes de "distracciones banales" como las redes sociales o de "consumos superfluos" al no comer carne.

El cardenal De Donatis ha recordado que también se pueden obtener indulgencias por medio de "obras de carácter religioso o social, especialmente en favor de la defensa y protección de la vida en cada etapa", la ayuda a un joven en dificultad o a un emigrante o inmigrante recién llegado, y "dedicando una adecuada parte del propio tiempo libre a actividades de voluntariado, que sean de interés para la comunidad u otras formas similares de compromiso personal".

"No obstante la norma según la cual se puede conseguir solo una Indulgencia plenaria al día", escribió el cardenal De Donatis, "los fieles que habrán emitido el acto de caridad en favor de las almas del Purgatorio, si se acercan legítimamente al sacramento de la Comunión una segunda vez en el mismo día, podrán conseguir dos veces en el mismo día la Indulgencia plenaria", aunque la segunda indulgencia es "aplicable sólo a los difuntos".

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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, 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.

Employment Opportunities

High School Principal, St. Joseph High School, Martinsburg

New position! The new St. Joseph High School in Martinsburg has begun the search for the ideal leader to serve as principal for the school opening for the 2025-2026 school year. DEADLINE IS DEC. 15!

We are searching for a dynamic, mission-driven, forward-thinking principal who will work with our team to create a new Catholic high school for students in grades nine to 12 that will open for the 2025-26 academic year.

We are an equal-opportunity employer committed to excellence through diversity.

The position will begin in January 2025.

Candidates must be practicing Catholics in good standing with church precepts and act as examples

and motivators toward the fulfillment of the Catholic philosophy of the school. The ideal candidate will have a master's degree in educational leadership or administration; begin the process of completing that degree requirement; or hold a valid educational leadership certificate from the state of West Virginia or be eligible for such certification.

Candidates also must have a minimum of three years of successful educational experience; administrative experience is preferred.

A résumé, cover letter and three letters of reference may be emailed to Deacon Patrick Michel, Ed.D., at deaconpat@stjosephwv.org.

Applications will be accepted until Dec. 15.

High School Principal, Parkersburg Catholic High School

Parkersburg Catholic High School, located in Parkersburg, West Virginia is seeking a 6-12th Grade Principal. We are searching for a dynamic, mission-driven, forward thinking high school principal for Parkersburg Catholic High School. The Candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with Church precepts and act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Catholic philosophy of the school. The ideal candidate would have an earned Master's Degree in Educational Leadership or Administration or begin the process of completing degree requirements; or hold a valid Educational Leadership certification from the state of West Virginia or be eligible for such certification. The candidate will have a minimum of three years of successful educational experience with a preference for administrative experience. A resume with three references may be emailed with all attachments to Father Rice: jrice@dwc.org Resumes will be accepted until November 22, 2024. Click here to apply.

St. John XXIII Pastoral Center Job Opening – Cook

The Cook at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, as a member of Diocesan Services, is committed to advancing the mission of Jesus Christ and offering hospitality to our guests. The Cook is responsible for the preparation, service, clean-up and storage of all meals, snacks and food service for special functions. Assures the kitchen/dining room/dish room areas are clean and in good order at the end of a shift or function. Oversees and assists kitchen aides in the preparation, service and storage of food and cleanliness of the kitchen/dining area. Works early mornings, days, evenings, weekends and holidays/holydays as needed. Prefer a minimum of one year experience in food service.

For more information, click here. Contact the Director, Gerri Wright at (304) 342-0507.

St. John XXIII Pastoral Center Job Opening – Guest Services Coordinator

The Guest Services Coordinator at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, as a member of Diocesan Services, is committed to advancing the mission of Jesus Christ and offering hospitality to our guests.

The Guest Services Coordinator is responsible for working with guests to plan and book lodging and events. Some of the required qualifications include multi-tasker, problem solver & self-starter, detail oriented, excellent written & verbal skills, computer knowledge, team player and welcoming & respectful to all faith & secular guests. Additionally, the position entails the ability to perform the physical requirements of kitchen aide & housekeeper.

Works evenings, weekends and holidays/holydays as needed. Works in kitchen & housekeeping when needed.

For more information, click here.

Contact the Director, Gerri Wright at (304) 342-0507 or gwright@dwc.org to schedule an interview or for more information.

Maintenance Worker

Saint Joseph School in Martinsburg is in need of a full-time, experienced maintenance worker.

Responsibilities include sweeping; mopping; dusting; emptying trash cans; cleaning restrooms, doors and windows; vacuuming; cleaning out flower beds; shampooing carpets; and stripping floors.

The hours are 4 to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday. The pay starts at \$14 per hour, based on experience. We are an equal-opportunity employer committed to excellence through diversity.

Please email a letter of introduction and résumé to Principal Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjswv.org.

Office Assistant

St. Anthony Parish in Follansbee is seeking an experienced office assistant. Duties include bookkeeping, correspondence, general office duties, and administration of parish records. Qualified applicant will be trusted with confidential information. General accounting experience preferred along with general office experience. Full-time hours with pay based on experience. If you are interested, please send your applications to: manackstover@yahoo.com



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