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## Catechumens Joyfully Gather for Rite of Election



*Martina Hart Photo*

Catechumens and their godparents are gathered at the Rite of Election at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston Feb. 21. During the service, catechumens came forward to sign their names in the Book of the Elect. Bishop Mark Brennan then signed the book as well. The Rite of Election will also be held at St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. and at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Feb. 28 at 3 p.m.



# Biden Leads Nation in Mourning its 500,000 COVID-19 Deaths

By Carol Zimmermann, Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — President Joe Biden addressed the nation in a speech from the White House Feb. 22, the day the nation reached, and then passed, what he called the “truly grim, heartbreaking milestone” of 500,000 U.S. deaths from COVID-19.

He urged Americans to “resist becoming numb to the sorrow” brought on by the hundreds of thousands who died this past year, a number which he said is more than the Americans who died in the two world wars and the Vietnam War. “We have to resist viewing each life as a statistic or a blur or on the news. And we must do so to honor the dead,” he said, but also to “care for the living and those left behind.”

The president’s address was prior to a moment of silence outside the White House, where he was joined by first lady Jill Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and second gentleman Doug Emhoff. Alongside them were 500 lit candles symbolizing the 500,000 deaths. The Marine Corps band played “Amazing Grace,” and when the song ended, the president made the sign of the cross and the two couples went back inside.

In his 10-minute remarks before this moment of silence just after sundown, the president urged the nation not just to remember the dead, whom he described as “extraordinary Americans” from all walks of life, but to also fight against the virus that has impacted so many. “We have to fight this together, as one people, as the United States of America. That’s the only way we’re going to beat this virus, I promise you,” he said, urging Americans not to let these milestones of numbers of deaths continue to “mark our national mourning.”

“Let this not be a story of how far we fell, but of how far we climbed back up. We can do this,” he said, speaking as one who knows the impact of grief firsthand from deaths of his first wife and young daughter almost 50 years ago in a car crash and his son Beau’s death from cancer just over five years ago. The president personally addressed those who have lost loved ones through COVID-19.

“For the loved ones left behind, I know all too well. I know what it’s like to not be there when it happens. I know what it’s like when you are there, holding their hands. There’s a look in your eye, and they slip away. That black hole in your chest — you feel like you’re being sucked into it, the survivor’s remorse, the anger, the questions of faith in your soul.”

He said for some in the nation, these deaths were a year ago, or a month, a week, a day or even an hour, but “when you stare at that empty chair around the kitchen table, it brings it all back, no matter how long ago it happened, as if it just happened that moment you looked at that empty chair. The birthdays, the anniversaries, the holidays without them. And the everyday things — the small things, the tiny things — that you miss the most.” He also acknowledged the lack of normal rituals to help people cope with loss and honor the dead.

The president said he received a letter from a daughter whose father died of COVID-19 last Easter and said she wondered about the significance of her own loss up against so many other losses. He said she and her family enter this Lent, “a season of reflection and renewal, with heavy hearts” since they were unable to properly mourn.

Although he spoke solemnly of the innumerable losses America has experienced, he also gave the nation a collective “there, there” pat on the back, urging its citizens to keep going and not to let the pandemic have the last word. Echoing his message at the COVID-19 memorial the day before his inauguration, he said: “To heal, we must remember. I know it’s hard. I promise you; I know it’s hard,” but he also stressed that one day it would get easier and said one way to help this happen is to find purpose. To that end, he advised Americans to “remain vigilant, to stay socially distanced, to mask up, get vaccinated when it’s your turn.” He also pleaded for an end to the “politics and misinformation that has divided families, communities, and the country, and has cost too many lives already.”

“It’s not Democrats and Republicans who are dying from the virus,” he stressed. “It’s our fellow Americans. It’s our neighbors and our friends, our mothers, our fathers, our sons, our daughters, husbands, wives.”

Biden, who has been president just over one month, said that in this year of loss, Americans also have displayed profound courage on the front lines.

“I know the stress, the trauma, the grief you carry. But you give us hope. You keep us going,” he said directly to those who have been on the front lines throughout the pandemic.

He told them they remind the nation to take care of our own and to leave nobody behind.

“While we have been humbled, we have never given up,” the president said. “We are America. We can and will do this.”

## To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children

**To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children:** The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org) to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct 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 a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), under “Accountability”, then “Report Misconduct” or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected.

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# U.S. House Passes Equality Act in a 224-206 Vote

By Julie Asher, Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — The House of Representatives passed the Equality Act in a 224-206 vote Feb. 25.

A couple days ahead of the vote, the chairmen of five U.S. bishops' committees said its mandates will "discriminate against people of faith" by adversely affecting charities and their beneficiaries, conscience rights, women's sports, "and sex-specific facilities."

The bill, known as H.R. 5 and recently reintroduced in the House, also will provide for taxpayer funding of abortion and limit freedom of speech, the chairmen said in a Feb. 23 letter to all members of Congress.

H.R. 5 amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, public accommodations, public education, federal funding, the credit system and jury duty.

"Human dignity is central to what Catholics believe because every person is made in the image of God and should be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion," they said. "This commitment is reflected in the church's charitable service to all people, without regard to race, religion or any other characteristic."

"It means we need to honor every person's right to gainful employment free of unjust discrimination or harassment, and to the basic goods that they need to live and thrive," they continued. "It also means that people of differing beliefs should be respected. In this, we wholeheartedly support nondiscrimination principles to ensure that everyone's rights are protected."

H.R. 5 "purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from discrimination. But instead, the bill represents the imposition by Congress of novel and divisive viewpoints regarding 'gender' on individuals and organizations," they said.

"This includes dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting 'gender' as only a social construct," they said. "As Pope Francis has reflected, however, 'biological sex and the socio-cultural role of sex — gender — can be distinguished but not separated.'"

Signing the letter were: Bishop Michael C. Barber of Oakland, California, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catholic Education; Archbishop Paul S.

Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the USCCB Committee for Religious Liberty; Bishop David A. Konderla of Tulsa, Oklahoma, chairman of the USCCB Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage; and Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

"It is one thing to be understanding of human weakness and the complexities of life, and another to accept ideologies that attempt to sunder what are inseparable aspects of reality," the bishops said, further quoting Pope Francis.

"Tragically, this act can also be construed to include an abortion mandate, a violation of precious rights to life and conscience," the committee chairmen added.

"Rather than affirm human dignity in ways that meaningfully exceed existing practical protections, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith," they said. "It would also inflict numerous legal and social harms on Americans of any faith or none."

The measure first passed the House May 17, 2019, in a bipartisan 236-173 vote, but the Senate did not act on the bill after receiving it. President Donald Trump had threatened to veto the measure if it ever reached his desk.

House leadership pledged to see it reintroduced in the 117th Congress. On Feb. 18, Rep. David Cicilline, D-Rhode Island, reintroduced it. Democratic Sens. Jeff Merkley of Oregon, Cory Booker of New Jersey and Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin are expected to reintroduce a Senate version soon.

A group of faith leaders who support the Equality Act who held a webinar for the media Feb. 24 included Sister Simone Campbell, a Sister of Social Service, who is the outgoing executive director of Network, a Catholic social justice lobby organization.

Network has long supported the measure, she said. "It's critically important to ensure

there is no discrimination in our nation especially with regard to the LGBTQ community."

In the Catholic faith, all are welcome, she said, "and if all are welcome, all need to be protected. I think the bedrock position of our faith is to welcome and secure safety and the ability to flourish for all."

Campbell and representatives of other faiths, including Jewish, Muslim and other Christian leaders, said in the webinar that the measure "will not reduce religious liberty," as protected by the First Amendment and religious exemptions in current law, "but it will reduce religious bigotry."

However, the U.S. bishops' committee chairmen said in their Feb. 23 letter that if passed, the Equality Act will "discriminate against individuals and religious organizations based on their different beliefs by partially repealing the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, an unprecedented departure from that law and one of America's founding principles."

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act, or RFRA, is a 1993 law that protects religions against government intrusion.

Among its other provisions, the bishops said, the measure would expand "the government's definition of public places into numerous settings, even forcing religiously operated spaces, such as some church halls and equivalent facilities owned by synagogues or mosques, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their broader communities."

The USCCB on its website posted an "Action Alert" — <https://bit.ly/3qVHIKl> — asking Catholics to write to their representatives and senators to urge them to vote against the Equality Act.

Some state Catholic conferences have done the same, including the Montana Catholic Conference. In a Feb. 24 "Call to Action," it said: "Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The Equality Act ... in many ways does the opposite and needs to be opposed."

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# Pope Marks 90th Anniversary of Divine Mercy Apparition

By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — Marking the 90th anniversary of the apparition of Jesus to St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope Francis wrote a letter to Catholics in Poland expressing his hope that Christ's message of divine mercy would remain "alive in the hearts of the faithful."

According to a statement released by the Polish bishops' conference Feb. 22, the anniversary of the apparition, the pope said he was united in prayer with those commemorating the anniversary at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Krakow and encouraged them ask Jesus "for the gift of mercy."

"Let us have the courage to come back to Jesus to meet his love and mercy in the sacraments," he said. "Let us feel his closeness and tenderness, and then we will also be more capable of mercy, patience, forgiveness and love."

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that she had witnessed a vision of Jesus on Feb. 22, 1931, while she was living at a convent in Plock, Poland.

Christ, she wrote, had one hand raised in benediction and the other resting on his breast, from which emanated two rays of light. She said Christ demanded to have this image painted — along with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" — and venerated.

Her sainthood cause was opened in 1965 by then-Archbishop Karol Wojtyla of Krakow, who — after his election to the papacy — would go on to beatify her in 1993 and preside over her canonization in 2000.

Recalling St. John Paul II's devotion to St. Faustina Kowalska and Christ's message of divine mercy, the pope said his predecessor was "the apostle of mercy" who "wanted the message of God's merciful love to reach all inhabitants of earth."

Pope Francis also marked the anniversary of the



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**Pilgrims pray in front of an image of Jesus of Divine Mercy at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Plock, Poland, Feb. 22. A papal delegate celebrated a Mass at the shrine Feb. 22 to mark the 90th anniversary of the first apparition of Jesus to St. Faustina Kowalska.**

apparition during his Sunday Angelus address Feb. 21.

"Through St. John Paul II, this message reached the entire world, and it is none other than the Gos-

pel of Jesus Christ, who died and rose again, and who gives us his father's mercy," the pope said.

"Let us open our heart, saying with faith, 'Jesus, I trust in you,'" he said.

## Fight Temptation with Faith, Prayer, Penance, Pope Says at Angelus

By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — Christians must never engage in dialogue with the devil, but instead must fight against temptations with the same spiritual weapons Jesus used in the desert, Pope Francis said.

The Gospel account of Jesus' temptation in the desert, read each year at the beginning of Lent, is a reminder that following the Lord's footsteps "is a battle against the spirit of evil," the pope said Feb. 21 during his Sunday Angelus address.

"We must be aware of the presence of this astute enemy, who seeks our eternal condemnation, our failure, and prepare to defend

ourselves against him and to combat him," he said. "The grace of God assures us — with faith, prayer and penance — of our victory over the enemy."

The Gospel says Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights in the desert, which is an important "natural and symbolic environment" where God "speaks to the heart of the human person," the pope said.

However, he said, it is also a "place of trial and temptation" where the devil takes advantage of one's "human frailty and needs" and offers an alternative to God's voice "that makes you see another road, a road of deception."

Although Jesus ultimately overcame the devil's

temptations, Pope Francis said his true victory came after his crucifixion and death.

"In reality, death was the last 'desert' to cross in order to finally defeat Satan and free us all from his power. And in this way Jesus won in the desert of death, so as to win in the resurrection," the pope said.

Nevertheless, while faith, prayer and penance are needed to overcome temptation, the pope said it was also important for Christians to imitate Jesus who never entered "into dialogue with the devil; never!"

While it may seem that there is a dialogue in the Gospel, he added, Jesus "does not respond with his words," but rather with the

word of God.

"If we enter into dialogue with the devil, we will be defeated," the pope said. "Keep this in your head and in your heart: you can never enter into dialogue with the devil, no dialogue is possible. Only the word of God."

Pope Francis encouraged Christians to "not be afraid of the desert" but instead, to

seek moments of more prayer and silence.

"Do not be afraid. We are called to walk in God's footsteps, renewing our baptismal promises: renouncing Satan, and all his works and all his empty promises," the pope said. "The enemy is crouching there; beware. But never dialogue with him."

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# Catholic Charities West Virginia to Celebrate Virtual 'Shining a Light on Hope' Gala



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Members of the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra WSO on the GO program provide musical entertainment for the Shining a Light on Hope Virtual Gala. From left: Juan Jaramillo, Wheeling Symphony Orchestra Violinist; Jeffrey Mangone, Sr., Wheeling Symphony Orchestra Bassist.



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Attendees of the virtual event prepare hot meals for local residents in need. From left: Betty Simeth, CCWVa Neighborhood Center Kitchen Manager; Thomas Smith, CCWVa Volunteer; Mark Phillips, CCWVa Northern Regional Director; Beth Zarate, CCWVa President and CEO; and Bishop Mark Brennan.



Courtesy Photo

Catholic Charities Shining a Light on Hope Virtual Gala Committee Member Elsie Reyes packs food pantry boxes for those in need of food assistance



Courtesy Photo

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center Coordinator Diana Bell stocks the Neighborhood Center's food pantry.

**WHEELING** — Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) will host its 11th Annual Shining a Light on Hope Gala in a virtual format this year. The Gala will broadcast on Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. on WTRF-7 in Wheeling and on CCWVa's website at: [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/Gala2021](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/Gala2021).

"While we are disappointed not to see our friends in person this year, we are excited for the opportunity to take viewers inside our Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center and our many programs provided in this region," said Beth Zarate, CCWVa President and Chief Executive Officer.

CCWVa offers a network of services supporting infants to seniors. The agency supports people who need food, hospitality, utility bill assistance, child care assistance, home care services and much more.

"So much has changed throughout the coro-

navirus pandemic," said Zarate. "What has not changed is the service that we provide to people experiencing hardships. This Gala is more important than ever as we respond to the increased need due to the pandemic; we are providing almost triple the assistance in comparison to last year."

Proceeds from the Gala support CCWVa's programs and services in 17 counties in northern West Virginia.

A special feature of the Gala will be musical entertainment provided by the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra WSO on the GO program.

"We are honored to partner with CCWVa to be the musical entertainment for their Shinning a Light on Hope Gala," said Bryan Braunlich, Wheeling Symphony Orchestra Executive Director. "Our WSO on the GO program provides free access to ensemble

concerts in neighborhoods throughout the greater Ohio Valley, and we are thrilled to perform virtually for this event that supports the important work CCWVa offers our communities."

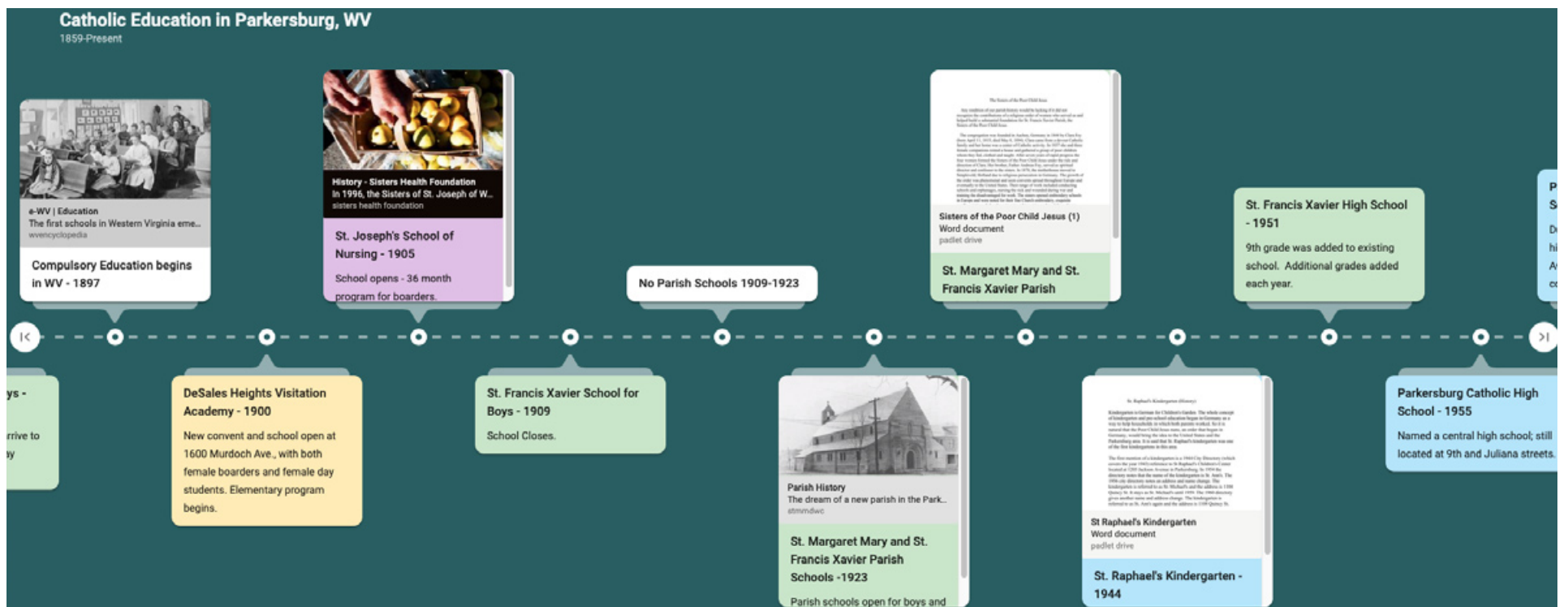
CCWVa will also host a virtual auction as part of the Gala. The auction will be available at [bidpal.net/CCWVa](http://bidpal.net/CCWVa) from March 14-21, closing at 9 p.m. on March 21.

"We rely on the generous contributions of our community to support our programs, and we're extremely grateful for our sponsors whose support enables us to continue this vital work," said Zarate.

The Gala is presented through the generosity of lead sponsor, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston; and major sponsor, WVU Medicine. More details about the event are available on CCWVa's website at: [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/Gala2021](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/Gala2021).



# Project Offers a Virtual Look at the ‘History of Catholic Education in Parkersburg’



The Catholic Spirit Photo

Above is a screen shot of a part of the online “History of Catholic Education in Parkersburg” created by Roger Nedeff and Erin Augenstein.

**By Colleen Rowan**

**PARKERSBURG**—A new on-line project offers a unique look at the “History of Catholic Education in Parkersburg” from 1859 to today. This virtual window into the past was created by Roger Nedeff, an alumnus of St. Joseph Preparatory Seminary in Vienna and a member of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Parkersburg, and Erin Augenstein, a 1992 graduate of Parkersburg Catholic High School and a member of St. Michael Parish in Vienna. The duo created the timeline as a reflection to assist in the long-range, comprehensive planning of Parkersburg Catholic Schools (PSC)—Parkersburg Catholic High School and Parkersburg Catholic Elementary School.

“We invite you all to take a look at the project and reminisce about the Sisters of the Poor Child Jesus, the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Sisters of the Visitation, and the diocesan priests who served our seminary,” officials of the schools said in announcing the project in a post on Parkersburg Catholic Schools Facebook page.

The timeline notes significant events in Catholic education of the area such as the 1955 opening of Parkersburg Catholic High School still located at 9th and Juliana streets and the 1963 opening of St. Joseph Preparatory Seminary in Vienna among others.

**“This timeline clearly shows how the Catholic Church created and continues an exciting legacy of innovative education for our families.”**

—Mary Caren “M.C.” Heffner, principal of Parkersburg Catholic High School

Segments of the timeline feature icons with links to more extensive information, history and photos of certain events. For exam-

ple, the first icon on the timeline is St. Francis Xavier Parish School - 1859. “School opens for elementary aged boys and girls; lay teachers. The school is housed in the rectory and later in a frame building next to the church,” the icon description notes. Visitors can click on this link to read about the history of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Parkersburg and more.

Additional icons on the timeline offer links to the Visitation Academy - 1864 for girls; St. Francis Xavier School for Boys - 1881; and St. Joseph’s School of Nursing - 1969 among others.

Parkersburg Catholic High School Principal Mary Caren “M.C.” Heffner said the project is “amazing.” The project began after Heffner asked Augenstein for a bit of history on the school for its Intentional Growth Plan (strategic plan) which all of the Catholic schools are compiling. Heffner said that Augenstein then enlisted the help of Nedeff to form the timeline.

“I asked Erin to help me with historical data for the high school,” Heffner explained. “By

partnering with Mr. Roger Nedeff, the two created a compiled history of significant educational events through 2007 in the Mid-Ohio Valley (MOV). Their work provides an extensive and inspiring look at Catholic education in our area.”

Heffner continued by saying their timeline shows the “strong, innovative education our Catholic Church provided this area. Often, the Catholic education led education efforts of not only the MOV but the entire state. This timeline clearly shows how the Catholic Church created and continues an exciting legacy of innovative education for our families. PCS strives to continue leading the way in education.”

The timeline can be viewed at <https://padlet.com/erinaug>.

Enrollment is open at Parkersburg Catholic Schools. Parkersburg Catholic Elementary School serves pre-kindergarten through sixth-grade. Parkersburg Catholic High School serves seventh- through 12th grades.

For more information about the schools, visit their website: [www.parkersburgcatholic.com](http://www.parkersburgcatholic.com).

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# Pandemic Has Not Deterred Wheeling's Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Outreach

**WHEELING**—The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary's Conference, Elm Grove (Wheeling) had a busy and productive year of service in 2020, despite Covid restrictions. Members made 191 in-home visits at the beginning of 2020, and then switched to phone visits and outside meetings observing social distancing.

"We were able to help 671 individuals," society officials said.

Society members and friends, all lay volunteers, gave a reported 736 hours of service and an estimated

1,958 driving miles to assist the society in its work.

"We were able to give \$20,160 in assistance to those we serve – anyone in need, for whatever reason – in our community," society officials said. "In addition to these efforts, our bed ministry continues to be quite successful. With beds donated by hotel/motel operations, college/university sources, individual donations and beds purchased directly with donations, we provided 92 beds to families in need. We did this with the much

appreciated help of our volunteer truck drivers and their friends.

"This year we reached out to other local parishes – informing them about our mission – and requesting both financial help and volunteers. This resulted in donations and some prospective new members."

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's outreach depends upon volunteers and donations, and officials said the church community has always been generous in providing both. Poor box collections, Thrift Store distributions, grants, individual donations and member contributions make up the bulk of financial resources needed to help those the society serves. Ninety-eight percent of the funds received

go directly to those the society serves. The remainder goes to maintaining the phone line and other supplies. The services provided include food vouchers to Riesbeck's, rent and utility assistance, personal care and cleaning supplies, gasoline for transportation, beds and bedding supplies, emergency assistance and other services to empower those in need.

"We deeply appreciate the ongoing support of our community," society officials said. "Be assured of our gratitude and prayers. We ask that you continue to be part of our society through your prayers and financial donations. If you feel called to join the society, you would be most welcome!"

## Knights of Columbus Invite All to Free Webinar with Catholic Author Joe Jordan

The Knights of Columbus invite all to participate in a free online webinar: "Living a Life of Significance" with best selling Catholic author and Knights of Columbus member Joe Jordan.

This conference, which will be presented via Zoom, will be held Tuesday, March 9 at 7 p.m. Jordan will speak live based on his award-winning book, "Living a Life of Significance," and focus on the four pillars he has identified: belonging, purpose, storytelling, and transcendence. He will also speak about building intergenerational wealth, from a Catholic perspective. He is a best-selling author, Legatus member, past Senior VP at MetLife, founder of the Insured Retirement Institute, is a Top 50 Irish Americans on Wall Street, in the Fordham Football Hall of Fame, and an avid rugby player.

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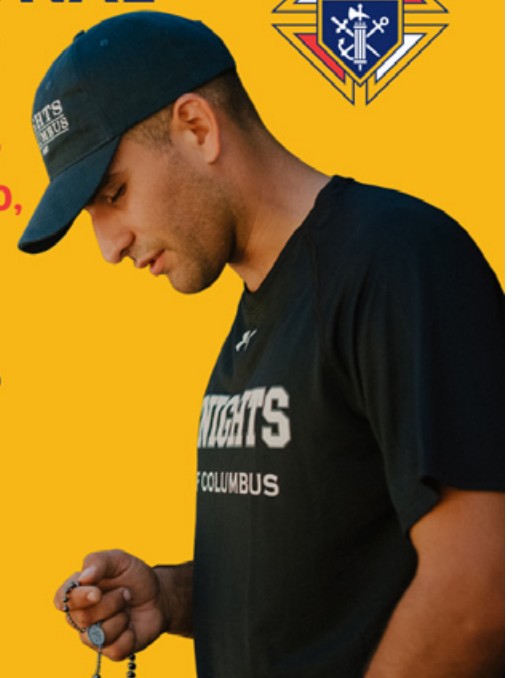
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# Franciscan Sisters, TOR, Invite All to Join in Their Virtual Lenten Retreat

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The retreat will offer talks, testimonies, music, meditations, and optional small groups led by a sister.

“Our sisters will also share short video reflections during Lent, leading up to the retreat, on our Facebook page and YouTube channel, and offer weekly small groups,” retreat organizers said. “If you’d like to participate in our weekly small

groups, register on our website as soon as possible.”

Those who would like more information about the Lenten Retreat can visit the sisters’ webpage: [www.franciscan-sisterstor.org](http://www.franciscan-sisterstor.org), and then click Events. Registration for both the small groups and the retreat itself will also be found at that link. There is no fee to register, but registration is required by Wednesday, March 24 for the retreat itself.

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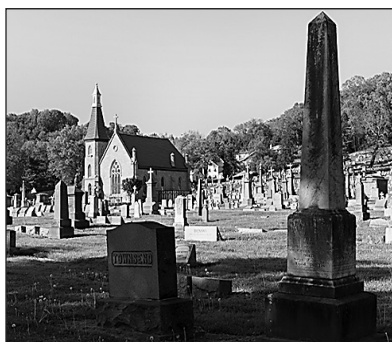
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The annual diocesan Men’s Priestly Discernment Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 20 at the Pope St. John XXIII Pastoral Center (100 Hodges Rd, Charleston, WV 25314) from 10AM – 5PM. This event is open to men 18 years and older who are simply open to reflecting on God’s will for them in their lives. The day will consist of Holy Mass, prayer, reflections on the priesthood, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession.

**For any men interested in attending, email Rick Teachout at [rteachout@dwc.org](mailto:rteachout@dwc.org) or call (304) 233-0880, ext. 442.**





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## Vatican Official Insists Religious Services are ‘Essential Services’

By Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — For believers, the ability to practice their faith and receive spiritual guidance are “the highest of essential services,” and pandemic practices over the past year have shown they are not automatically super-spreader events, the Vatican foreign minister said.

Speaking Feb. 23 during the high-level segment of the U.N. Human Rights

Council session in Geneva, Archbishop Paul R. Gallagher said, “There are numerous examples of how the freedom of worship can be guaranteed while taking all the necessary precautions to protect reasonably public safety.”

Pope Francis, the Vatican and most bishops around the world acknowledged and accepted most of the measures imposed by local and national governments to ensure public health and slow the

spread of the pandemic, he said.

But some measures have gone so far as to “impinge on the free exercise of numerous human rights. Any limitations on the exercise of human rights for the protection of public health must stem from a situation of strict necessity,” he said. “Such limitations must be proportional to the situation, applied in a nondiscriminatory fashion and used only when no other means are available.”

## Campaign Aims to Foster Respect for Religious Freedom, Religious Sites

By Catholic News Service

**CHICAGO (CNS)** — Catholic Extension has joined the U.N. Alliance of Civilizations to engage youth around the globe in raising awareness of religious freedom and cultivating interreligious respect through a campaign called #forSafeWorship.

The campaign is part of a global call to action to foster solidarity and protect religious sites and worshippers. Catholic Extension is collaborating with the alli-

ance, known as UNAOC, through a special storytelling project “designed to celebrate the universality of religious sites as symbols of our shared humanity, history and traditions,” said a news release from the Chicago-based organization.

Participants are asked to film a short, amateur video — in any format — about a sacred space, big or small, and describe its beauty or particular significance or history in the local community.

## At Trial, Former Students Recall ‘Unhealthy’ Environment at Minor Seminary

By Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — Several former students told a Vatican court that they experienced an “unhealthy” environment at a minor seminary inside the Vatican.

The young men, who had studied at the St. Pius X Pre-Seminary, operated by the Diocese of Como inside the Vatican, took the stand Feb. 24 at the trial in the Vatican City State criminal court against Father Gabriele Martinelli, who is ac-

cused of sexually abusing a fellow student at the seminary.

Father Martinelli, 28, is accused of abusing a younger student, known as L.G., from 2007 to 2012. Although he and his alleged victim were under the age of 18 when the abuse allegedly began, the court accused him of continuing to abuse the younger student when Father Martinelli was already 20.

Msgr. Enrico Radice, the former rector of the semi-

nary, also is standing trial and is accused of hindering the investigation into the abuse allegations, including by lying to Vatican investigators in 2018 when he affirmed with absolute certainty that he had no knowledge of sexual acts ever taking place at the seminary while he was rector.

The seminary and the Opera Don Folci, the religious institution that runs the minor seminary, are accused of failing to protect the young students.

## Winter Storm Halts Nearly Everything but Texas Hospitality



CNS Photo/courtesy Madalene Parker, St. Mary Parish via Catholic Spirit

The Burtons are pictured with Father Kurtis Wiedenfeld, pastor of St. Mary Parish in Temple, Texas. The Burtons sought respite at St. Mary Church during the winter storm that brought most of Texas to standstill.

By Catholic News Service

**AUSTIN, Texas (CNS)** — The Burton family from Lake Charles, Louisiana, were on the way home from a New Mexico skiing vacation when the worst winter storm in recent Texas history brought the state to a perpetual halt. They kept track of the worst-hit regions and avoided Amarillo and Austin. Then Feb. 17, as many Texans huddled in their homes without electricity and water, the Burtons — Charles and Aunjelle and their two teenage nieces — stood stranded in the parking lot of a closed gas station.

“We were on fumes. We’d tried gas stations in Gatesville and Temple. No one was open. We couldn’t find a hotel room,” Charles told the Catholic Spirit, newspaper of the Diocese of Austin. As an emergency worker at his Catholic parish in Louisiana, Charles knew he was down to one option. He dialed 911. “We were directed to go to St. Mary’s, which was just a mile and a half away. What a coincidence,” he said.

Earlier that day at the request of the Texas city of Temple, Father Kurtis Wiedenfeld and parish volunteers had hurriedly organized and opened a warming center at St. Mary Parish. As conditions worsened and snow blanketed Texas, thousands lost electricity and many lost water. Thankfully, the parish’s power held strong. Soon, the Burtons were in a warm reception hall sharing a meal. They slept on cots along with others from central Texas who were driven to the church by police officers. “I could not have planned it any better,” Charles said.

Stories similar to the Burtons’ experience were repeated throughout the state as many desperate Texans were stranded in their own homes without power and water. The Catholic Charities of Central Texas disaster response team was activated and set up a disaster hotline. Short-term assistance included financial help with hotels for families displaced by the winter storm. Also, financial assistance was available for rent and utility bills due to loss of income resulting from the storm. Help with home repairs also was being made available in coordination with long-term recovery committees formed by local governments.

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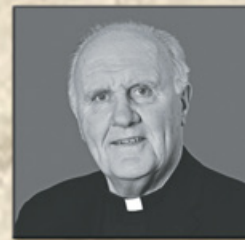
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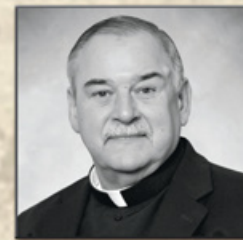
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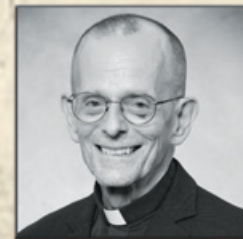
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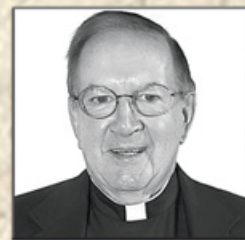
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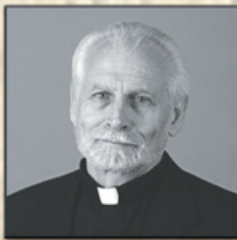
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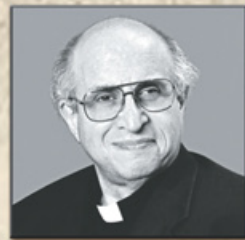
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# A Journey to Long-Term Flood Recovery

**By Kate Kosydar, Catholic Charities West Virginia Parish Social Ministry Consultant**

On June 23, 2016, people's lives were drastically changed over the course of 36 hours. Torrential rainfall caused flooding and a state of emergency in 44 West Virginia counties.

Now, three and a half years later, one woman has finally and fully recovered from that flood.

Shortly after the flood, a Disaster Case Manager from Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), of which Catholic Charities West Virginia is a member, visited Janie's home and gave her news no one ever wants to hear: her home was no longer safe to live in. Her recovery plan was to replace her old home with a new one elevated above the flood plain.

Janie lived in her house for over 45 years, and was no stranger to water. "I've been flooded out right many times," Janie said.

"You pray there won't be another flood, but you know there's going to be." She said the National Guard will soon be tearing down her old house, and she's still trying to adjust to that reality. "You leave a lot of memories. It's like leaving part of your family."

Lora Pierce, Catholic Charities Director of Disaster Services, is sensitive to the spiritual and emotional element of disaster recovery. Lora learned of Janie's situation from the VOAD Disaster Case Manager. "I heard about a senior woman who lived in a house that the Case Manager said she was afraid to walk on the floor for fear of it falling in," Lora said. "I stayed in contact with the Case Manager inquiring on the progress of Janie's case. I added her to my personal prayer list."

When VOAD's grant ran out, Catholic Charities West Virginia was able to take on Janie's case. There were many issues the two

had to tackle during the recovery process. For one thing, when the ramp was built on Janie's new trailer the door was installed so it swung the wrong way. She called Lora, who made sure the problem was fixed. "Lora is great!" Janie said. "She moves things forward!"

As this three and a half year process is coming to a close for Janie, she feels a sense of relief. "Water can't get in anymore. I won't have to go through the cleanup," she said.

Lora pointed out that there are still approximately 100 people remaining on the recovery list. That's why Catholic Charities' focus on long-term recovery is so important. "We stay with people through the long haul — through recovery," she says. "If I'm not helping someone, I'm not doing my job."

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

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: Guided by God's love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.



Courtesy Photo Catholic Charities West Virginia's Disaster Services program installed a new door for a rebuilt home of a flood survivor.

A poster for the Catholic Charities West Virginia Virtual Gala. It features a gold starburst border at the top and bottom. The text reads: "Catholic Charities West Virginia Shining a Light on Hope VIRTUAL GALA Save the Date March 16, 2021". The Catholic Charities logo is at the top center.

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Advertisement for Light of Life Radio Ministry. It features the call letters "191" in large font and the text: "Light of Life Radio Ministry".

Advertisement for Catholic Radio. It features the text: "Catholic Radio 304-598-0026 www.LoRadio.org throughout West Virginia 24/7 on the internet www.rdo.to/WLOL Grafton Fairmont Clarksburg Bridgeport Kingwood AM 1190 Wheeling Moundsville St Clairsville FM 90.7 Clarksburg Bridgeport FM 97.5 Morgantown FM 89.7".

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# Papa en Ángelus: Lucha contra la tentación con fe, oración y penitencia

Por Junno Arocho Esteves,  
Catholic News Service

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)**—Los cristianos nunca deben entrar en un diálogo con el diablo, sino que deben luchar contra las tentaciones con las mismas armas espirituales que usó Jesús en el desierto, dijo el papa Francisco.

El relato del Evangelio de la tentación de Jesús en el desierto, leído cada año al comienzo de la Cuaresma, es un recordatorio de que seguir los pasos del Señor "es una batalla contra el espíritu del mal", dijo el papa el 21 de febrero durante su discurso del Ángelus dominical.

"Debemos ser conscientes de la presencia de este enemigo astuto, interesado en nuestra condena eterna, en nuestro fracaso, y prepararnos para defendernos de él y combatirlo", dijo. "La gracia de Dios nos asegura, mediante la fe, la oración y la penitencia, la victoria sobre el enemigo".

El Evangelio dice que Jesús pasó 40 días y 40 noches en el desierto, que es un importante "entorno natural y simbólico" donde Dios "habla al corazón de la persona humana", dijo el papa.

Sin embargo, dijo, también es un "lugar de prueba y la tentación"

donde el diablo se aprovecha de la "fragilidad y las necesidades humanas" y ofrece una alternativa a la voz de Dios "que te muestra otro camino, un camino de engaño".

Aunque Jesús finalmente superó las tentaciones del diablo, el papa Francisco dijo que su verdadera victoria llegó después de su crucifixión y muerte.

"En realidad, la muerte era el último 'desierto' a atravesar para derrotar definitivamente a Satanás y liberarnos a todos de su poder. Y así Jesús triunfó en el desierto de la muerte para triunfar después en la Resurrección", dijo el papa.

Sin embargo, si bien la fe, la oración y la penitencia son necesarias para vencer la tentación, el papa dijo que también era importante que los cristianos imitaran a Jesús que nunca entró "en diálogo con el diablo; ¡jamás!"

Si bien puede parecer que hay un diálogo en el Evangelio, agregó, Jesús "no responde con sus palabras", sino con la palabra de Dios.

"Si entablamos en diálogo con el diablo, seremos derrotados", dijo el papa. "Grabaos esto en la cabeza y en el corazón: no se dialoga nunca con el diablo, no hay diálogo posible. Solo la Palabra de Dios".

El papa Francisco animó a los



Foto del CNS / Medios del Vaticano  
**Papa Francisco saluda a la multitud mientras dirige el Ángelus desde la ventana de su estudio con vista a la Plaza de San Pedro en el Vaticano el 21 de febrero de 2021. El Papa Francisco dijo que la fe, la oración y la penitencia son las armas que los cristianos reciben para vencer las tentaciones del demonio.**

cristianos a que no "tengáis miedo al desierto", sino a buscar momentos de más oración y silencio.

"No tengáis miedo. Estamos llamados a caminar por las sendas de Dios, renovando las promesas de

nuestro bautismo: renunciar a Satanás, a todas sus obras y a todas sus seducciones", dijo el papa. "El enemigo está ahí, al acecho, tened cuidado. Pero no dialoguéis nunca con él".

**Para denunciar presuntos casos de abuso sexual de niños:** La Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston alienta a informar ante las autoridades civiles ante todo si se ha cometido un delito. También alentamos a utilizar [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org) para hacer un informe sobre cualquier obispo en los EE. UU. Si tiene motivos para creer que un obispo ha cometido una conducta sexual inapropiada, comuníquese con las autoridades civiles de la jurisdicción correspondiente y visite [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).

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biente Seguro de la Diócesis al 304.230.1504. También puede llamar a la línea directa de abuso sexual de la Diócesis al 833.230.5656. Los formularios de queja están disponibles en línea en [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), haga clic en "Diócesis" en la barra de menú, luego en "Oficinas", luego en "Ambiente seguro", luego "Descargar archivos y formularios". El formulario se titula "Formulario de queja para denuncias de abuso sexual de menores". El formulario se puede devolver por correo de EE. UU. A: Office of Safe Environment, Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

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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](http://www.dwc.org), en "Rendición de cuentas", luego "Informar mala conducta" o llamando al 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint es un sistema de informes de terceros que informa a las autoridades civiles cuando corresponda y a las autoridades diocesanas, y la identidad de la persona que informa esta protegida.

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# Employment Opportunities

## Director of Human Resources

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is seeking to hire a Director of Human Resources, a full-time position based at the Chancery Building in Wheeling, West Virginia. Reporting to the Vicar General of the Diocese, the Director of Human Resources develops policy and directs and coordinates human resources activities such as employment, compensation, labor relations, benefits, training and employee services. Essential duties includes overseeing the employee onboarding system, providing data on wage and salary information, explaining policy directives to department managers, consulting with legal counsel on a regular basis regarding employment issues, managing records in compliance with law or governmental authorities, delivering presentations to department directors regarding human resources policies and practices, administering all benefit programs and government regulatory standards, and maintaining all records required by the Affordable Care Act, including all necessary ACA reporting requirements.

Qualification requirements include a Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred), 4-10 years of experience in an administrative position, expertise in federal and state employee legislation, excellent interpersonal and communication skills, ability to provide direction on personnel issues, familiarity with payroll databases and Microsoft Office suite, ability to work within a team environment and the successful candidate must adhere to the teachings of the Magisterium of the Church and possess a clear sense of a Catholic Theology of work and compensation. Position will remain posted until filled. Applications may be directed to the Human Resources Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, P.O. Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

## Early Childhood Associate - TRAILS Child Care Resource Center

Catholic Charities West Virginia is seeking a full-time Early Childhood Associate-TRAILS in its Child Care Resource Center office in Wheeling, WV. The TRAILS Associate is responsible for keeping inventory clean and up to date in the WASP inventory tracking system, safely operate and maintain the TRAILS van, communicate with child care providers linking them to resources as needed, and represent CCRC in a professional manner. The TRAILS Associate must be able and willing to work cooperatively and meet the expectations of West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources Bureau of Children and Families Division of Early Care and Education Policy and Procedure Manual for Child Care Resource and Referral Services. In addition the TRAILS associate must follow CCWVa, CCRC and TRAILS Policy and Procedure. This individual works collaboratively with other members of the Professional Development Team.

Qualifications: Must possess a High School diploma or GED with prior experience working with young children. Must be willing to register or be registered on the WV STARS Career Pathway for professional Development. Must hold a valid driver's license and have the ability to drive agency van throughout service area and state. Must be able to maintain confidentiality. Must subject to a background check prior to hire and any time after.

Please send cover letter, updated resume, and three professional references by March 1, 2021, to Brittany Lucci, Child Care Resource Center Director, 965 Hartman Run Road, Suite 1103, Morgantown, WV 26505, or submit via email to [brittany.k.lucci@wv.gov](mailto:brittany.k.lucci@wv.gov)

## Case Manager/Recovery Retention Specialist Catholic Charities West Virginia

Catholic Charities WV is seeking a full-time Case Manager/Recovery Retention Specialist for its Catholic Charities Community Center of Huntington. This grant-funded position will be responsible for providing high quality case management services to individuals with varied social backgrounds, experiences, and traditions; including those who are in recovery from substance use disorder and/or mental health conditions.

The Case Manager/Recovery Retention Specialist will: 1) perform a comprehensive intake process with all enrolled adult learners, 2) work with each learner and Instructor(s) to create, monitor, and evaluate an individualized learning plan, 3) provide referrals to community supports, resources, and service providers to address barriers to goal achievement, 4) assist learners in advancing on their chosen career pathway, 5) counsel learners individually or in small groups on life skills, and 6) perform additional duties as assigned by the supervisor.

The position will be primarily focused on providing case management services to individuals recovering from substance use disorder and/or mental health conditions. However, this position may also serve learners in recovery from a variety of sources/factors.

Qualified individuals will have a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work or related field, familiarity and comfort working with persons of varied social, economic, and ethnic backgrounds, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and knowledge of federal, state, and local resources. Preference will be given to applicants who have experience in case management and/or counseling at-risk, adult populations.

Please email a resume, cover letter and three professional references on or before March 1, 2021, to Application materials can also be delivered to Bill Hagy, Western Regional Director, Catholic Charities West Virginia, 1024 Quarrier Street, Charleston, WV 25301.

## Accountant II Catholic Charities West Virginia

Catholic Charities West Virginia is seeking a full-time Accountant II, who will be responsible for recording and summarizing the Agency's transactions and reporting financial information accurately and timely.

The essential job duties include: verify and post transactions from regional E/A accounts to general ledger; reconcile bank accounts, investments, depreciation and billings for Homecare Department monthly; prepare monthly Nutrition Department report and reconcile agency fundraising events; and assist with budget preparation. Additional duties include: assist in the accounts payable function; assist with deposits; and perform spot audits within the various agency regions.

Qualifications include: Bachelor's Degree in accounting; 1-2 years related experience; working knowledge of Microsoft Excel, Word and Quickbooks; ability to maintain confidentiality; ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.

Please email resume, cover letter, and three professional references on or before Monday, March 1, 2021, to: Application materials can also be delivered to: Danielle Doerr, Catholic Charities WV, 2000 Main Street, Suite 214, Wheeling, WV 26003.

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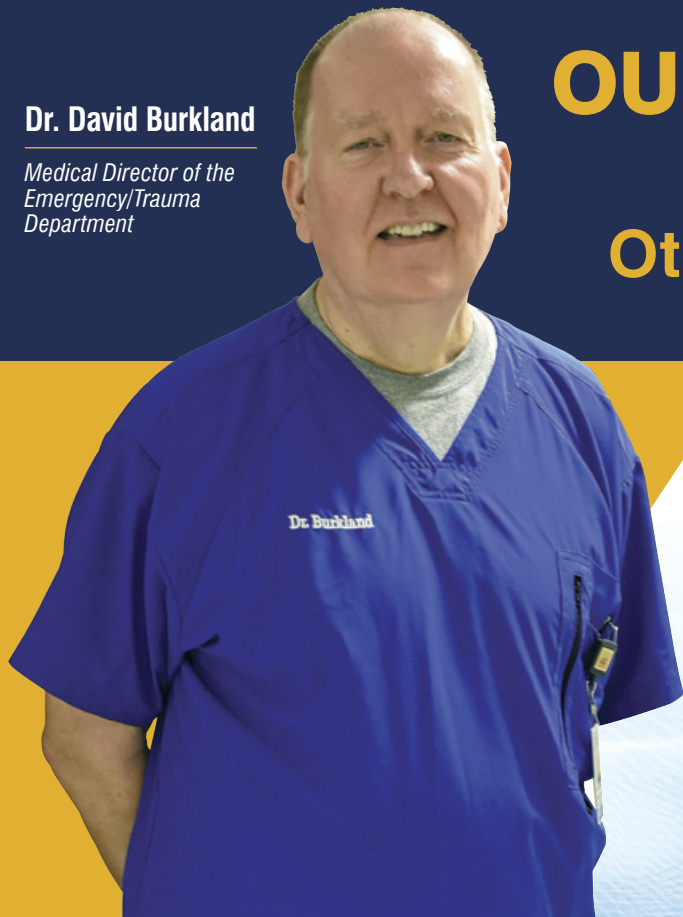


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