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THE CATHOLIC Spirit

Joy to the World

In the week before Christmas, children in the diocese's Catholic schools and parishes presented Christmas concerts and pageants. In this photo, first-graders at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling present the story of Christ's birth at their school's Christmas pageant on Dec.18.
Colleen Rowan photo

March For Life's 2026 Theme is 'Life Is A Gift'

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In September, the March for Life unveiled the theme for the 2026 National March for Life: "Life Is a Gift" at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Under the leadership of new President Jennie Bradley Lichter, the March for Life is renewing its commitment to energizing and uniting the pro-life movement at a pivotal moment in history.

This year, the march seeks not only to gather tens of thousands on the National Mall, but to serve as a catalytic moment, rekindling hope, resolve and purpose across the broader pro-life community. For decades, the National March for Life has stood as the largest human rights demonstration in the world, and in 2026 it will continue to fulfill that role as the central rallying point for national and international organizations working to advance a culture of life.

Jennie Bradley Lichter, serving now as president of the March for Life, said, "'Life Is a Gift' invites everyone, through the irrepressible joy of the March for Life, to be swept up into a movement that transcends politics and celebrates the joy, beauty and goodness of life itself by recommitting ourselves: to each other, to every woman facing a pregnancy and to every child. This is not a moment for passivity; it is time to renew, reinvigorate and march forward together."

The 2026 National March for Life will take place on Friday, Jan. 23 in Washington, D.C. The March for Life has announced that Grammy-nominated Christian band Sanctus Real will perform at a pre-rally concert. The National Anthem at the rally will be led by a chorus of young adults with Down Syndrome called the Friends of Club 21 Choir, based in Colorado Springs. The featured testimony speaker will be Sarah Hurm, from Iowa, whose youngest child's life was saved by abortion pill reversal. The banner leading the March will be carried by Georgetown

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Diocesan Official Appointments

Bishop Mark Brennan has made public the following appointments:

Very Rev. John Rice, V.G., V.F., is appointed a member of the College of Consultors. His five-year term will begin on December 31, 2025, and expire on December 31, 2030. This is in addition to his current assignments as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, Vicar Forane of the Parkersburg Vicariate, and Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Parkersburg and St. Monica Mission in Lubeck.

Very Rev. Sebastian E. Devasya, V.E., is reappointed a member of the College of Consultors. His five-year term will expire on December 31, 2030. This is in addition to his current assignments as Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Parkersburg.

Msgr. Dean Borgmeyer is reappointed a member of the College of Consultors. His five-year term will expire on December 31, 2030. This is in addition to his current assignment as Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Huntington.

Very Rev. Carlos Melocoton, V.F., is reappointed a member of the College of Consultors. His five-year term will expire on December 31, 2030. This is in addition to his current assignments as Vicar Forane of the Wheeling Vicariate and Pastor of St. Michael Parish in Wheeling.

Very Rev. Leonard Smith, V.F., is reappointed a member of the College of Consultors. His five-year term will expire on December 31, 2030. This is in addition to his current assignments as Vicar Forane of the Beckley Vicariate and Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley.

Father Gerald Muoka is appointed a member of the College of Consultors. His five-year term will begin on December 31, 2025, and expire on December 31, 2030. This is in addition to his current assignment as Pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Follansbee.

Father Dennis Schuelkens, Jr. is reappointed a member of the College of Consultors. His five-year term will expire on December 31, 2030. This is in addition to his current assignment as Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish and Sacred Heart of Mary Parish in Weirton.

Father Arul Anthony is appointed Temporary Administrator of St. Agnes Parish in Shepherdstown with residence at the parish rectory, effective January 12, 2026.

Father Jose Manuel Escalante is appointed Temporary Administrator of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Franklin and St. Mary Parish in Petersburg, effective January 12, 2026. This appointment is in addition to his current assignment as Pastor of Epiphany of the Lord Parish in Moorefield. His place of residence will not change.

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://dhhr.wv.gov/bss/services/Pages/Centralized-Intake-for-Abuse-and-Neglect.aspx West Virginia State Police, Crimes Against Children Unit: 304-293-6400.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops requires all Dioceses/Eparchies have a Safe Environment Program for the protection of children and young people. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Safe Environment Program consists of the following components for persons seeking employment or to volunteer, directly or indirectly, with children: background check; receipt of the Diocese's Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children; sexual abuse awareness training for adults. Training may be completed online or via live workshop. For information, go to www.dwc.org, click "Diocese", then "Offices," then "Office of Safe Environment."

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There are 10 print editions in 2026. Below are the names of the issues and the publishing dates. Please note, the publishing dates may or may not be on feast days. Digital issues are published every Friday, delivered by e-mail to subscribers, and posted on thecatholicspiritwv.org.

2026 Print Dates:
Month of the Holy Family, February 20
Lent, March 13
Easter, April 10
Month of Mary, Mother of God, May 15
Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 12
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 14
Triumph of the Cross, September 11
Month of the Rosary, October 9
Advent, November 20
Christmas, December 18

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University Right to Life.

The National March for Life Rally & Concert will be held from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. The rally usually starts around 1 p.m.

Pro-life friends who plan to attend the March for Life in Washington can learn more details at marchforlife.org.

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An attendee holds a poster during the 52nd annual March for Life rally in Washington Jan. 24.

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Wheeling University Partners with Salvation Army to Make Christmas Brighter for Local Children

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Wheeling University students, faculty and staff partnered with the Salvation Army to make the holidays brighter for children around the Ohio Valley. The university sponsored 100 children from The Salvation Army's Angel Tree. Recently, Dean of Students, Mike Geibel; Director of Residence Life, Cameron Gibson, Student Government President Caitlin Oltman; Lt. John Lawrence, Commander of The Salvation Army; Student Affairs Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Chiazza; and SGA members Kaitlyn Osario and Olivia Moyer loaded all of the gifts for The Salvation Army to distribute.

WHEELING — Wheeling University students, faculty and staff partnered with the Salvation Army to make the holidays brighter for children in the Ohio Valley again this year.

"I am grateful to all our students and employees who donated toys and clothing to make the holiday season brighter for so many children again this year. Our mission calls us to be men and women in service to others, and it is wonderful to see how the Wheeling University community lives this mission," said Dianna M. Vargo, Ed.D., president of Wheeling University.

The Student Affairs staff led the drive to have Wheeling University students, faculty, athletic teams and staff sponsor children who were part of The Salvation Army Angel Tree project.

This marks the second year that Wheeling University partnered with The Salvation Army on the Angel Tree project.

"I wish to thank my staff for organizing the project again this year. It is heartwarming to see how the Wheeling University family came together to help young people in our community have a special Christmas," said Mike Geibel, Dean of Students.

"Wheeling University has stepped up once again to help our community through The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program by adopting 100 Angels this year. Each Angel represents a child in our community in need. We are grateful for the partnership Wheeling University has had with us which has blessed many people through their generosity and community involvement," said Lt. John Lawrence of The Salvation Army.

He noted that in addition to helping area children at Christmas, the Wheeling University football players helped the organization move into its new Service Center in Moundsville. Lawrence also thanked the University mascot, Iggy, for its help during the Red Kettle Campaign.

"It is partners like them that allow us to keep our promise to 'Do the Most Good,'" he added.

Recognizing that every child deserves to feel the wonder of Christmas, The Salvation Army Angel Tree program provides new clothing and toys to more than one-million children nationwide in need each year. Donors pick an 'angel' tag and purchase items requested by that individual. Once all of the items are collected, The Salvation Army picks those gifts and distributes them to the families to place under their tree on Christmas morning.

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Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation Awards Grant to Catholic Charities West Virginia

MORGANTOWN — Catholic Charities West Virginia has received $2,000 from the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation to help nourish neighbors experiencing hunger. The Nourishing Our Neighbors grant supports community feeding partners by helping neighbors increase their access to nutritious food and providing nutrition education to eliminate health risks for those experiencing food insecurity.

"When people come into the food pantry at St. Ursula's, they find more than groceries," said Ashlie Kotson, Northern Regional director at Catholic Charities West Virginia. "They are met with kindness and compassion, and this funding will serve to further that spirit of community through feeding our neighbors."

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation is committed to supporting families facing food insecurity across its 10-state footprint. Established in 2001, the Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to feeding local neighbors in the communities it serves. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than $23 million in grant funding to help nourish communities with fresh food.

About The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation:

The Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Food Lion, based in Salisbury, N.C. Established in 2001, the Food Lion Feeds Charitable Foundation provides financial support for programs and organizations dedicated to eliminating hunger. The charitable foundation has provided more than $23 million in grant funding, helping to nourish communities with fresh food for backpack programs, Kids Café's and other hunger-relief programs as well as funding for long-term programs to help shorten the lines at food banks. The charitable foundation partners with Feeding America, the nation's largest hunger-relief agency, in addition to local food agencies serving the 10 Southeastern and Mid-Atlantic states in which Food Lion operates. For more information, visit foodlion.com/pages/food-lion-feeds.

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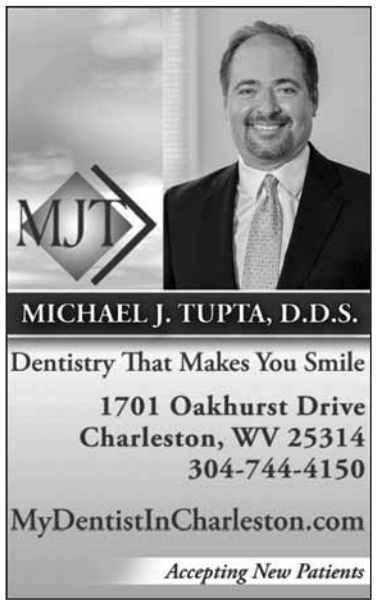

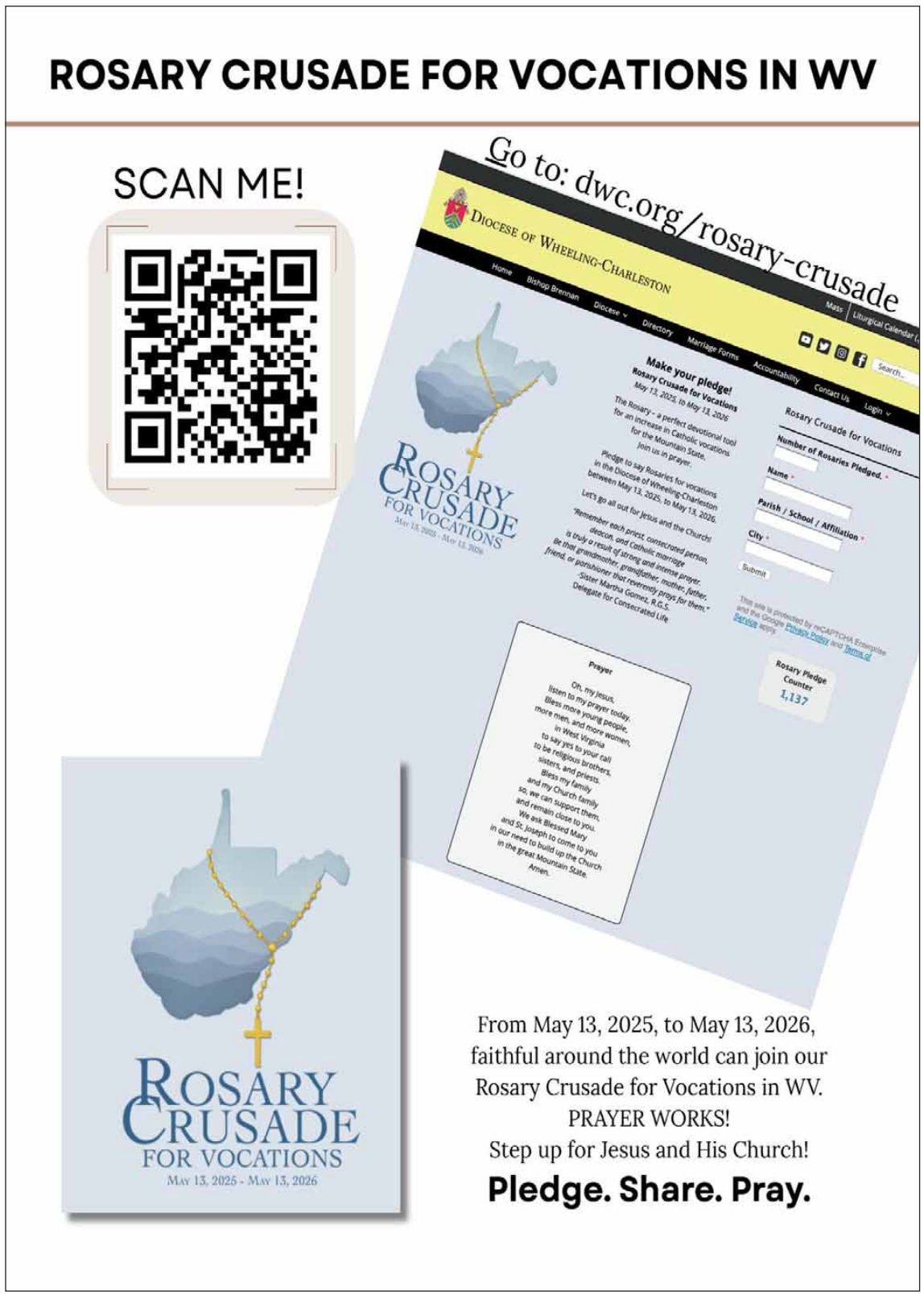

Webster Cares Christmas Distribution Serves More Than 400 Families and Children

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The Webster County office of Catholic Charities, hosted the 2025 Webster Cares Christmas distribution. Over 200 families received food for Christmas dinner and over 200 children had gifts under the tree for Christmas!

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Women's Retreat to be Presented by John Angotti

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Finding God in the everyday, in the busyness of life—it can be hard to recognize God's presence. When the world seems filled with violence, hate, and chaos, holding on to faith that God even exists can feel like a challenge. Yet, just like learning a sport or mastering a musical instrument, discovering God in the everyday takes practice, patience, and trust in your teachers and spiritual guides.

God works through humanity—because Jesus is God made flesh. If you want to know what's on God's heart, listen to Jesus through Scripture. Look for God revealed in creation. And most of all, open your ears and your heart to hear God calling you to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. This retreat invites you to pause, reflect, and rediscover how God is already at work in your life.

Angotti is a faith-driven singer-songwriter, speaker, and music missionary who uses his gift of song to awaken hearts and bring healing to communities. Raised in West Virginia and classically trained in both music and theology, John travels the world sharing the Gospel through concerts, retreats, and worship experiences that bridge tradition and contemporary sound. His music invites honest reflection, emotional healing, and a deeper connection with God in everyday life.

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Pray for Peace in Front of the Nativity Scene, Pope Asks Children

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Leo XIV asked children to pray in front of their Nativity scenes this Christmas and, especially, to pray "that all the world's children may live in peace."

Clutching their creche figurines of the baby Jesus, thousands of children gathered in St. Peter's Square Dec. 21 to have Pope Leo bless the little statues after the midday recitation of the Angelus prayer.

"Dear children, as you stand before your Nativity scenes, please pray to Jesus for the pope's intentions," he told them. "In particular, let us pray together that all the world's children may live in peace."

In his main Angelus address, Pope Leo focused on the day's Gospel reading about St. Joseph and how an angel told him in a dream that Mary was pregnant and that he should not be afraid to take her as his wife.

The Gospel of St. Matthew portrays St. Joseph as a man of "piety and charity, mercy and abandonment" to God's will, the pope said.

As Christmas draws near, he said, all Christians should cultivate the same values because they are "important attitudes that educate the heart to encounter Christ and our brothers and sisters."

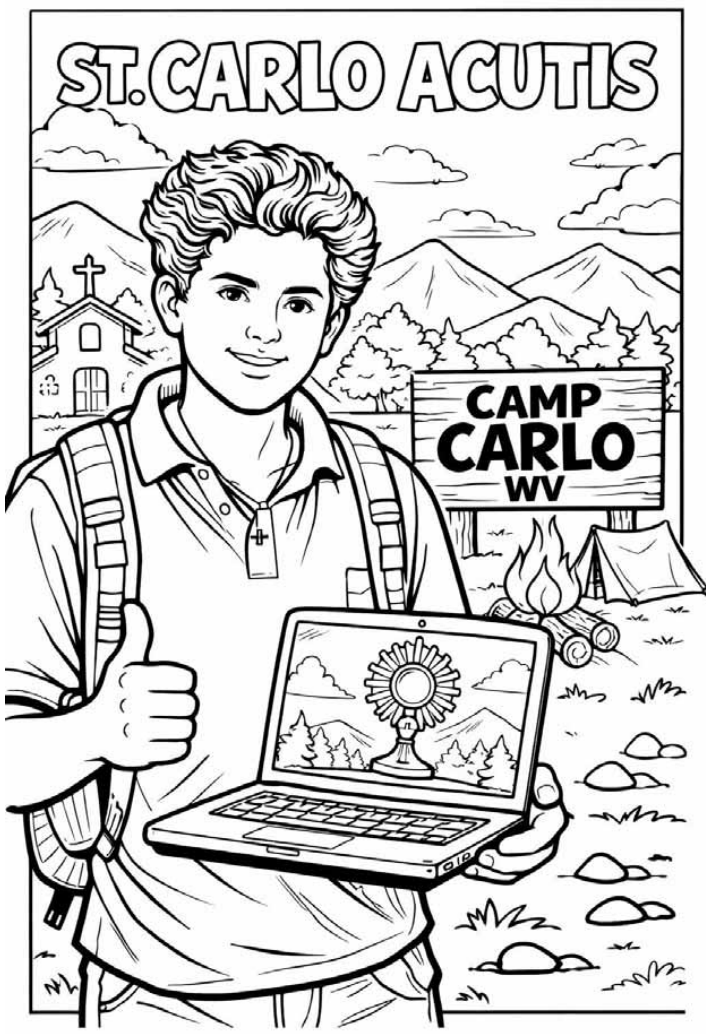
"They can also help us to be, for one another, a welcoming manger, a hospitable home, a sign of God's presence," Pope Leo said. "In this time of grace, let us not waste the opportunity to practice them: forgiving, encouraging, giving a little hope to those with whom we live and those we meet; and renewing in prayer our filial abandonment to the Lord and his providence, entrusting everything to him with confidence."

The day before, Pope Leo had held the last of his special Jubilee general audiences in St. Peter's Square. The Holy Year ends Jan. 6.

"The Jubilee is coming to an end," the pope told visitors and pilgrims. "However, the hope that this year has given us does not finish: we will continue to be pilgrims of hope!"

"To hope is to see this world become God's world, the world in which God, human beings and all creatures walk together again," Pope Leo said.

Camp Carlo is having a coloring contest!



This is for children in grades 3rd-12th.

Please submit the colored sheet to ggust@dwc.org by **January 5th, 2026**

In the submission, include the child's first and last name, age, and address.

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El Papa pide a los niños que recen por la paz frente al pesebre en Navidad

Por Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)— El Papa León XIV pidió a los niños que rezaran frente a sus pesebres (belenes o nacimientos) esta Navidad y, especialmente, que rezaran "para que todos los niños del mundo puedan vivir en paz".

Aferrados a sus figuritas del niño Jesús, miles de niños se reunieron en la plaza de San Pedro el 21 de diciembre para que el Papa León bendijera las pequeñas estatuas después de la recitación del Ángelus al mediodía.

"Queridos chicos, ante el pesebre, recen a Jesús también por las intenciones del Papa", les dijo. "En particular, recemos juntos para que todos los niños del mundo puedan vivir en paz. ¡Les agradezco de corazón!".

En su discurso principal del Ángelus, el Papa León se centró en la lectura del Evangelio del día sobre San José y cómo un ángel le dijo en un sueño que María estaba embarazada y que no debía temer tomarla como esposa.

El Evangelio de San Mateo describe a San José como un hombre de "piedad y caridad, misericordia y abandono" a la voluntad de Dios, dijo el Papa.

A medida que se acerca la Navidad, dijo, todos los cristianos deben cultivar los mismos valores porque son "actitudes importantes, que educan el corazón al encuentro con Cristo y con los hermanos".

"Y que nos pueden ayudar a ser, los unos para los otros, pesebre acogedor, casa confortable, signo de la presencia de Dios", dijo el Papa León. "En este tiempo de gracia, no perdamos ocasión para practicarlas: perdonando, animando, dando un poco de esperanza a las personas con las que vivimos y a aquellas que encontramos; y renovando en la oración nuestro abandono filial al Señor y a su Providencia, encomendándole todo con confianza".

El día anterior, el Papa León había celebrado la última de sus audiencias generales especiales del Año Jubilar en la plaza de San Pedro. El Año Santo termina el 6 de enero.

"El Jubileo está por finalizar", dijo el Papa a los visitantes y peregrinos. "Pero la esperanza que este Año Santo ha reavivado en nosotros no termina... ¡seguiremos siendo peregrinos de la esperanza!".

Foto CNS/Vatican Media

El Papa León XIV saluda a los visitantes que se unen a él para recitar la oración del Ángelus en la plaza de San Pedro del Vaticano el 21 de diciembre de 2025.

"Esperar es ver cómo este mundo se convierte en el mundo de Dios, el mundo en el que Dios, los seres humanos y todas las criaturas vuelven a caminar juntos", dijo el Papa León.

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Employment Opportunities

School Nurse

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is looking to fill the position of School Nurse for its School Based Health Program. This is a full-time position requiring 40 hours per week for 40 weeks. The position is located at St. Vincent de Paul School, St. Michael Parish School, Central Catholic High School and Our Lady of Peace School.

The school nurse is responsible for planning, implementing, coordinating, and evaluating school health services within the context of the School Based Health Program. The nurse serves in the roles of program manager, case manager, direct care provider, collaborator, advocate, educator and counselor to students, parents, faculty, and the community as appropriate.

The successful candidate will possess a current valid WV Nursing License with a BSN. Pediatric, adolescent or public health experience is desired. The individual must be able to function independently within scope of practice. Interested persons should submit a resume to Erin McFarland, School Based Health Coordinator at emcfarland@stvincentschool.org

Provider Support Specialist

Full Time, Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa.) The Provider Support Specialist of the Child Care Resource Center is responsible for assisting child care providers in the West Virginia CARES system, WV STARS Career Pathway system, providing support in person or on the phone as needed, participating in community outreach events, and relieving the Supervisor of clerical duties and minor administrative business details.

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill and/or ability required; bachelor's degree in human services or related field or early care and education or child development. The definition of related fields includes social work, sociology, psychology, counseling, interpersonal communications, elementary or special education, and behavioral science; ability to work collaboratively in a team environment as well as independently; ability to follow directions and work well with others; ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks simultaneously; knowledge of office equipment and understanding of sound basic office procedures; prior use and understanding of computers, word processing and spread sheet application. Have a good understanding of how to use technology such as internet, Microsoft Office programs, and other programs as needed; good typing and editing skills; ability to work with persons from varied socio-economic backgrounds; willingness to work with people of cultural, ethnic and racial diversity; ability to maintain confidentiality, good written and oral communication skills; must hold a valid driver's license and able to drive throughout the covered region and state. Click here to apply.

Homeless Winter Shelter Assistant

Part Time, located in Morgantown. At Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa), we have a culture deeply rooted in Catholic social teaching and respect all Catholic beliefs and practices.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES

The Winter Shelter Assistant (WSA) will provide essential 24-hour awake coverage and supervision of the assigned shelter. This position is responsible for the welfare, safety and comfort, as well as daily support to the shelter residents. The incumbent is expected to always stay awake during shift.

Job responsibilities include: Create a welcoming environment for shelter clients, including greeting clients, orienting new clients to the shelter, and answering questions; empower shelter clients and provide support and crisis intervention through a trauma-informed care lens; provide resource information or triage questions for families residing in the shelter; ensure the safety and security of the shelter and the residents by enforcing house rules and conducting inspections during shift and reporting incidents by following protocols; support and assist guests with their shelter needs as they arise (ex. questions, concerns, hygiene supplies, cleaning supplies, bedding, food and more); maintain the safety and security of shelter property, and report concerns to Shelter Director.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES

Answers phone calls and relays important telephone calls to Service Specialist and Shelter Director; document shift notes at least once per shift and completes proper documentation, including but not limited to task list checks off lists, incident reports, reasonable suspicion forms, and mandated reporter documentation/reporting duties.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily; the requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill and/or ability required; high school diploma; at least one (1) year related work experience in direct service, preferably working in residential shelter services environment; ability to work a flexible schedule, working as a part of a 24 hour on-call system, and always staying awake during work hours; ability to lift a minimum of 50 pounds; ability to respond to physical emergencies, including immediate evacuation of campus buildings and potential client medical and behavior situations

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

Click here to apply.

HR Generalist, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

The Human Resources Generalist as a member of Diocesan Services, is committed to advancing the mission of Jesus Christ, consistent with the core purpose and Gospel values enunciated in the Diocesan Services' Mission Statement. The Human Resources Generalist will work as part of the HR team with a focus on supporting the Catholic Schools throughout the Diocese. The generalist will also serve to drive the onboarding process within the Diocese.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: Performs all onboarding for Diocese, including schools and parishes; works directly with school administration and staff to ensure accuracy and proper use of entire HRIS system; supports person for Family Medical Leave and Short Term Disability; ensures all ACA reporting and maintains file accuracy in the payroll system; assists with open enrollment for all benefit platforms; helps maintain organizational guidelines; maintain employee files and records electronically; monitors HR Help Desk; backup for Diocesan Pension Plans.

QUALIFICATIONS: High school graduate; Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources or Business; five (5) years' experience in human resources; firm knowledge and understanding of human resources best practices; knowledge and experience working with payroll and HRIS applications. Labor relations and policy experience a plus; ability to maintain confidentiality; ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.

Qualified candidates should forward a cover letter and current resume to: Debbie Turziano, Director of Human Resources at dturziano@dwc.org.

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Employment Opportunities

Saint Joseph School Elementary/Middle School Principal

Saint Joseph School in Martinsburg is seeking a principal who understands that this is a ministerial position at a religious institution and that there is within the Catholic Church a body of officially taught and commonly accepted beliefs, the communication of which is a fundamental purpose and mission of a Catholic school and that its students and staff have a right to expect such communication implicitly and explicitly from its president, principal and teachers, regardless of the subject areas, grades or courses being taught.

Reports to: Head of Schools

Job Description: According to Policy 2212.3 of Diocesan policy for Catholic Schools, the principal will serve as administrator, spiritual leader, financial manager and chief academic officer. The principal's responsibilities include, but are not limited to: curriculum, staff development, facilities, sports, finances and all day-to-day operations of the school. The principal reports to the pastor/designated pastor of the school.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES:

Performance Responsibilities:

General Duties: Chief Academic Officer

As the chief academic officer, the principal will fulfill administrative duties including, but not limited to, those required as the leader of the school:

Spiritual Leader: Ensures a strong Catholic identity in the school, working with teachers, students and their families to continually build the faith community.

Instructional Leader: Ensures academic excellence driven by a variety of teaching and learning strategies.

Guides teachers to use data to make instructional decisions.

Is the chief communicator of the school to families.

Managerial Leader: Manages the school staff, including teachers and other school personnel.

Ensures staff is continually focused on school improvement through the accreditation process.

ADDITIONAL DUTIES:

Facility Manager: Oversees the management of the school facility

Financial Manager: Oversees the management of finances

Day-to-day school decisions will be the responsibility of the school principal. Regular meetings with the pastor/designated pastor must occur. Working as a team is essential to the success of the impact that the leadership will have on the school community.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Practicing Catholic; Committed to Catholic education and the core values of Catholic schools; Committed to the leadership capacity within Catholic schools; Should be certified or eligible for certification in the state of West Virginia; Master's degree or related work experience preferred.

Please send a letter of introduction and resume to Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjswv.org.

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