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Pope Names 21 Cardinals, Including U.S.-Born Archbishop Prevoost; Archbishop Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S.

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis named 21 new cardinals, including U.S.-born Archbishop Robert F. Prevoost, who took the helm at the Dicastery for Bishops in April, and French Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the apostolic nuncio to the United States.

The pope announced the names after his recitation of the Angelus with the faithful in St. Peter's Square July 9. He said he would formally install the cardinals during a special consistory at the Vatican Sept. 30.

Cardinal-designate Prevoost expressed his surprise and joy upon hearing the announcement, he said in an interview with Vatican News July 10.

"Certainly I felt happy for the recognition of the mission that has been entrusted to me—which is a very beautiful thing—and at the same time I thought with reverence and holy fear: I hope I can respond to what the pope is asking of me. It is an enormous responsibility, like when he called me to Rome as prefect," he said in Italian.

"I see it as the continuation of a

mission that the pope has decided to give me," he added.

Speaking in English, Cardinal-designate Prevoost said it is not a coincidence that Pope Francis scheduled the consistory before the start of the first general assembly of the synod on synodality, saying he is firmly convinced that "all of us are called to walk

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Missing Va. Mother and Daughter Traveling to W.Va. Found Safe

By Samantha McGranahan, WWBT TV

PRINCE GEORGE, Va.—A Prince George, Va., mother and daughter who went missing last weekend were found safe, according to family.

Prince George County Police confirmed a VDEM employee found Martha and Mary Bates alive and safe in Highland County, Va., on Thursday, July 13, around 4 p.m.

Martha, 42, and her daughter Mary, 15, traveled to Camp Carlo in Huttonsville on Sunday, July 9. The summer camp was about a four-hour drive from Prince George.

Martha was supposed to call her husband when they made it to camp, but after no call, her husband called the camp and found out the two never made it.

Prince George Police say the mother and daughter were reunited with their family.

(This story is courtesy of WWBT TV in Richmond, Va.)

Vacation Bible School Enriching Children's Catholic Faith



Courtesy Photo

This summer, children across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are enjoying Vacation Bible School programs at their parishes. These programs offer fun activities for little ones, while enriching their Catholic faith. Above, children participating in Vacation Bible School at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Huntington pray at the church. The parish's program was held June 26-29 for children entering pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Serving as volunteers were youth entering sixth through 12th grades.

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Diocesan Official Appointments

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

Very Rev. Joseph M. Konikattil, Assoc. V.F., is reappointed designated pastor of St. Mary Central School and Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg, for a term of one year, effective immediately. This is in addition to his current assignment as pastor of St. Peter the Fisherman Parish in Fairmont.

Father That Son Ngoc Nguyen is on a medical leave of absence from priestly ministry, effective July 10, 2023.

In consultation with Very Rev. Mathew Olickal, MCBS, Zion provincial superior of the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in Kerala, India, **Father Priyesh Sebastian, MCBS**, is appointed administrator of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Moundsville and St. Martin of Tours Chapel in Cameron with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 10, 2023.

In consultation with Very Rev. Adam Oleszczuk, SVD, provincial superior for the Society of the Divine Word Chicago Province, **Father Lusius Mite, SVD**, is appointed priest in residence at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Summersville with residence at the parish rectory, effective immediately.

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 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, click "Diocese" on the menu bar, then "Offices," then "Safe Environment", then "Download Files and Forms." The form is titled "Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor." The form may be returned via U.S. mail to: Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

To Report to the Diocese's Victim Assistance Coordinator: please call Dr. Patricia Bailey at 304.242.6988. In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the EthicsPoint platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via www.dwc.org, under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected. Links and information: WV Department of Health and Human Resources: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp>. West Virginia State Police, Crimes Against Children Unit: 304-293-6400.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Dioceses/Epararchies have in place a Safe Environment Program for the protection of children and young people. In accordance with these requirements, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Safe Environment Program consists of the following components for persons seeking employment or to volunteer—directly or indirectly—with

children: background check; receipt of the Diocese's Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children; and sexual abuse awareness training for adults. Sexual abuse awareness training may be completed online or via live workshop. For more information on the Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, click "Diocese", then "Offices," then "Office of Safe Environment."

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together."

The new cardinals represent more than a dozen countries on five continents. Three of the new cardinals are current Vatican officials, three are current or retired apostolic nuncios, 13 are current or retired heads of archdioceses around the world, one is a rector major of the Salesians and one is a 96-year-old confessor in Buenos Aires. Six belong to religious orders; two of them are Jesuits.

Continuing a papal custom, among the new cardinals were three churchmen — two archbishops and a Capuchin Franciscan priest — over the age of 80, whom Pope Francis said he wanted to honor because they were particularly deserving because of "their service to the church." Being over the age of 80, they are ineligible to vote in a conclave.

After the new cardinals are installed in late September, there will be 137 potential voters and the total membership of the College of Cardinals is expected to be 243.

The nomination of Cardinal-designate Prevost brings to 18 the number of U.S. cardinals; after the consistory, the U.S. contingent will include 11 potential papal electors.

The September ceremony will mark the ninth time Pope Francis has created cardinals since his election to the papacy in March 2013. After the ceremony Sept. 30, he will have created a total of 131 new cardinals in that College of Cardinals, which would make up about 54% of the total college and 72% of potential electors.

With the addition of six new cardinals under the age of 60, the average age of cardinal electors will get one year younger going from today's average age of 72 years 8 months to 71 years 6 months. Cardinal-designate Alves Aguiar of Lisbon, 49, will be just six months older than the youngest elector, Cardinal Giorgio Marengo of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 49.

Cardinal-designate Prevost, 67, was born in Chicago, and had served as bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, for more than eight years before being appointed to lead the Vatican body responsible for recommending to the pope candidates to fill the office of bishop in many of the Latin-rite dioceses of the world. Recommendations made by the dicastery are typically approved by the pope. Archbishop Prevost has been a member of the dicastery since November 2020.

He also oversees the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, established in 1958 by Pope Pius XII to study the church in Latin America, where nearly 40% of the world's Catholics reside.

The cardinal-designate holds degrees from Villanova University in Pennsylvania and the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and a doctorate from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome. An Augustinian friar, he joined the Augustinian mission in Peru in 1985 and largely worked in the country until in 1999, when he was elected head of the Augustinians' Chicago-based province. From 2001 to 2013, he served as prior general of the worldwide order.

In 2014, Pope Francis named him

bishop of Chiclayo, in northern Peru, and the pope asked him also to be apostolic administrator of Callao, Peru, from April 2020 to May 2021. The pope then appointed him to succeed the retiring Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops in early 2023.

Cardinal-designate Pierre, 77, was born in Rennes, France. Ordained to the priesthood in 1970, he served as apostolic nuncio to Haiti, Uganda and Mexico until Pope Francis named him nuncio to the United States in 2016.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of Military Services, USA, and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops offered his congratulations and prayers to the new cardinals on behalf of the bishops of the United States July 9.

"Please join me in praying for Cardinal-designate Prevost and Cardinal-designate Pierre as they continue their lives of service to the universal church," Archbishop Broglio said. "For the church in the United States, their ministry has been a true blessing. Our episcopal conference rejoices in this sign of recognition of these distinguished churchmen."

Before he read the 21 names, Pope Francis told the estimated 15,000 people in St. Peter's Square that the diversity of the new cardinals "expresses the universality of the church, which continues to proclaim God's merciful love to all people on Earth."

The order in which the cardinals are announced determines their seniority in the College of Cardinals, which has little practical effect except in liturgical processions.

Here is the list of the new cardinals:

— U.S.-born Archbishop Robert F. Prevost, prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, 67.

— Italian Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, prefect of the Dicastery for Eastern Churches, 67.

— Argentine Archbishop Víctor Manuel Fernández of La Plata, Argentina, incoming prefect of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith. He will turn 61 July 18.

— Swiss Archbishop Emil Paul Tscherrig, the apostolic nuncio to Argentina, 76.

— French Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the apostolic nuncio to the United States, 77.

— Italian Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, 58.

— South African Archbishop Stephen Brislin of Cape Town, 66.

— Argentine Archbishop Ángel Sixto Rossi of Córdoba, 64. He is a member of the Society of Jesus.

— Colombian Archbishop Luis José Rueda Aparicio of Bogotá, 61.

— Polish Archbishop Grzegorz Rys of Łódź, 59.

— South Sudanese Archbishop Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla of Juba, 59.

— Spanish Archbishop José Cobo Cano of Madrid, 57.

— Tanzanian Archbishop Protase Rugambwa, coadjutor archbishop of Tabora, 63.

— Malaysian Bishop Sebastian Francis of Penang, Malaysia, 71.



CNS Photo/Vatican Media

Pope Francis greets Archbishop Christophe Pierre, nuncio to the United States, during a private meeting Sept. 12, 2022, in the papal library of the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican. The pope will elevate Cardinal-designate Pierre to the College of Cardinals during a special consistory at the Vatican Sept. 30.

— Bishop Stephen Chow Sau-yan of Hong Kong, 63. Born in Hong Kong, he is a member of the Society of Jesus.

— Bishop François-Xavier Bustillo of Ajaccio in Corsica, France, 54. Born in Spain, he is a member of the Conventual Franciscans.

— Portuguese Auxiliary Bishop Américo Alves Aguiar of Lisbon, 49.

— Spain-born Salesian Father Ángel Fernández Artime, rector major of the Salesians, 62.

Those named cardinal and over the age of 80:

— Italian Archbishop Agostino Marchetto, a retired papal nuncio, a former curial official and a respected historian of the Second Vatican Council, 82.

— Retired Archbishop Diego Rafael Padrón Sánchez of Cumaná, Venezuela, 84.

— Capuchin Father Luis Pascual Dri, confessor at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompei, Buenos Aires, 96.



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Mass, Procession to Honor St. Rosa de Lima Will be Held in Charles Town

CHARLES TOWN—The Brotherhood/Association of the Ladies and Gentlemen of St. Rosa de Lima of New York City is hosting a Mass and procession in honor of St. Rose on Saturday, Aug. 19, at St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town.

The Mass begins at 1 p.m. and the procession will start at 2 p.m.

The celebration is less than two weeks before the Aug. 30 feast day for St. Rose, the first person born in the Western Hemisphere to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church.

St. Rose was drawn to a spiritual life at a young age. She was reclusive, but often cared for the sick and hungry in her hut. She was skilled in needlework and sold her lace and embroidery, plus the flowers she grew, to help her family and raise funds for the poor.

St. Rose is the patron saint of all the Americas and the Philippines, the police in Peru, and of embroiderers, gardeners and florists.



Courtesy Photos
Raffle prizes are from left: a painting of St. Rose, an Incan bull figurine, and a framed Incan artwork. The majority of proceeds from the raffle will benefit needy children and senior adults.

In honor of St. Rose's commitment to the poor, raffle tickets are being sold, the majority of proceeds from which will benefit needy children and senior adults.

The cost is \$3 per ticket and the prizes include a painting of St. Rose, an Incan bull figurine, and a framed Incan artwork.

To order tickets, please send

email to elbuby66@gmail.com.

For more information or to volunteer to help with the procession, call (304) 725-5558 or (301) 331-8047.

Parkersburg and Lubeck Parishes are Making Walking With Moms in Need a Priority

PARKERSBURG — Kathy Barton, director of Social Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, will be returning to St. Francis Xavier Parish in Parkersburg for a second presentation on Walking With Moms in Need, July 17 at 6 p.m. in the parish hall.

Barton spoke to the parish earlier this year about the nationwide effort to increase outreach and support for pregnant and parenting mothers. Parishioners of both St. Francis Xavier and St. Monica Parish in Lubeck attended and are making this effort a priority.

"As part of this initiative, we invite all parishioners to join us ... as Kathy Barton returns to further explain Walking with Moms in Need," St. Francis Xavier Parish officials announced. "This is a parish-wide initia-

tive and all parishioners can be involved in some way."

Parish officials added, "Through Walking with Moms, we can help vulnerable women find support in welcoming and caring for their children. It is a free complete step-by-step process that anyone can lead. With the help of others at our parishes, we can make a difference in our community."

Walking with Moms in Need is a U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops program that offers a simple process for Catholics and parishes to find out what help is

available to local women who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances; identify what types of support are missing; and determine how the church can be part of strengthening the local support network for moms in need. Available are free, ready-to-go materials, an easy-to-use

website, fully adaptable timelines, and support from the diocese.

"Please join us in praying that our united efforts will help ensure pregnant women in need know that they can turn to our parishes for support and assistance," parish officials said.

For more information, and to receive ongoing updates, contact Katie Walters by calling (304) 481-0578 or by e-mailing dkwalters66@gmail.com.

To learn more about the nationwide initiative, call Barton at (304) 233-0880, ext. 289, or send e-mail to kbarton@dwc.org.

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Hispanic Women’s Retreat for West Virginia Faithful set for Beckley

BECKLEY—Women 18 and up are invited to attend a Hispanic Catholic Women’s Retreat July 29-30 in Beckley hosted by the Missionary Servants of the Word serving in the southern region of West Virginia.

The dynamic duo of Nora Covarrubias and Daniela Sandoval have organized the two-day inspiration program. Covarrubias and Sandoval are missionaries for Missionary Servants of the Word and were featured presenters at the Diocesan Year of the Eucharistic Revival in Charleston last Spring. The two have a popular Facebook page (Misión Beckley West Virginia) featuring their joyful prayer videos and Catholic inspiration for our Hispanic families.

Born and raised in Mexico, Covarrubias has lived in Fontana, Calif., for the last 13 years. She is in her second year of mission and is very grateful to God for calling her to serve him through this experience where she has grown personally, learned more about the word of God, his love, and his will for us.

Sandoval was born and raised in Idaho. Her parents are originally from Mexico. She has thoroughly enjoyed her mission formation and is eager to share her love of God with others. She is super grateful towards God for allowing her to serve him through this community here in West Virginia.

The retreat will begin the morning of July 29 and run through Sunday afternoon, July 30.



Courtesy Photo

Recording a prayer video for Facebook are Nora Covarrubias and Daniela Sandoval, Missionary Servants of the Word.

“We are excited to have Mother Alicia, HMSP, of the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Word, serving in Charles Town, traveling to Beckley to lead this retreat with us,” Covarrubias said.

She said the focus of the retreat will be renewal and love.

“Our hope is that everyone who comes will encounter God,”

Covarrubias said. “It is two days for renewal of yourself and be loved.”

Sandoval and Covarrubias will have meals for two days, overnight and shower accommodations on the St. Francis de Sales Church and School campus, and provide educational materials.

“We want women to come so

they can take time to get to know yourself better, to heal from anything troubling them, to leave behind life’s problems, and build up their love of God,” Covarrubias said.

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‘Until We Meet Again’

Father Paul Mundumoozhikkarani-rappel, CST, Returning to India; Farewell Celebration to be Held at His Former Parish of Our Lady of Grace in Romney July 18



Colleen Rowan Photo

Father Paul Mundumoozhikkarani-rappel, CST, former pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Wheeling who is returning to India, leads the Eucharistic procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 11.



Colleen Rowan Photo

Father Paul Mundumoozhikkarani-rappel, CST, former pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Wheeling who is returning to India, administers first Holy Communion in May 2022.

By Colleen Rowan

After eight years of service in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Father Paul Mundumoozhikkarani-rappel, CST, is returning to India. Since 2015, he has served several parishes which are expressing their gratitude to him and best wishes.

Father Mundumoozhikkarani-rappel returns to his former Parish of Our Lady of Grace in Romney on Tuesday, July 18, to celebrate Mass at noon. A reception will follow. Parishioners of neighboring Assumption Parish in Keyser are invited to attend to say goodbye. Father Mundumoozhikkarani-rappel served as administrator of the two parishes from 2016 to 2018. During his time there, he also served as chaplain to the Knights of Columbus Council #10011.

Father Mundumoozhikkarani-rappel first came to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston in 2015 and was appointed priest in residence at St. Anthony Parish in Charleston. He is a priest of the St. Thomas Province of the Little Flower Congregation in Kerala, India. He is returning to his congregation. On Oct. 11, he will celebrate 39 years of priesthood.

In 2018, Father Mundumoozhikkarani-rappel was appointed pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Wheeling where he served until this month. He has also been the designated pastor of Central Catholic High School in Wheeling for the last two years and served as chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Council #12830 from 2018 to 2019.

Saying goodbye is never easy, Father Mundumoozhikka-

ranirappel wrote to the people of Corpus Christi before leaving.

“In my heart there is sadness, but also gratitude, pain of separation, but also joy in having come to know you, and be so much a part of your lives,” he wrote. “As I wind up my time with all of you, my heart is full of memories of you all—memories of thankfulness, friendship, support, patience and above all love.”

His message was published in the parish’s July 2 bulletin, in which he shared with the parishioners that they have blessed him in so many ways.

“When I look back to my life, I see how you have helped me to grow spiritually,” he wrote. “As I ministered to you, preaching to you, you were also ministering and preaching to me. We have

worked together, and I want to tell you that I have learnt a lot from you. Dear brothers and sisters, you are a very dear people ... and you will be with me for the rest of my life. You are part of my history. Thank you for everything that you have given me. I request your support and prayers for my future ministry in India. Even though I am going away from here, you are always in my heart and in my prayers.”

Corpus Christi held a celebration for their beloved pastor after Mass on July 9 at the parish center to thank him for all he has done over the past five years.

Father Mundumoozhikkarani-rappel ended his letter to his parishioners saying that goodbyes are not forever.

“I will miss you,” he said, “until we meet again.”


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U.S. Bishops Praise Expansion of Family Reunification Processes for Migrants

By **Kate Scanlon**

WASHINGTON (OSV News) — The U.S. bishops July 10 praised a recent announcement by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that it would expand family reunification processes for some migrants.

On July 7, the department said it would implement the new processes for eligible nationals of Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. The expanded program, which began July 10, permits migrants from those countries to travel to the U.S. and gain work permits if they have family members who are U.S. citizens or legal residents, and those relatives filed visa applications on their behalf. Parole would be determined on a case-by-case basis, officials said.

In a statement, Bishop Mark J.

Seitz of El Paso, Texas, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration, said the bishops "welcome this effort to provide a realistic opportunity for attaining family unity and reunification, which are foundational to the U.S. immigration system and central tenets of Catholic social teaching."

"As we know, 'Family relations contribute decisively to the sound building of human society in fellowship, which cannot be reduced to simply the inhabitants of a territory or citizens of a State who live together,'" Bishop Seitz said, citing a 2015 Vatican report.

"Unfortunately, what the need for such programs demonstrates — and as similar programs created for Cubans and Haitians have already underscored — is that backlogs continue to pose untenable chal-

lenges for aspiring immigrants who seek to avail themselves of the limited legal pathways currently available, whether family- or employment-based in nature," he continued. "This is why my brother bishops and I, along with the vast majority of civic leaders and the American public, know immigration reform is ultimately the only true and sustainable solution to these challenges."

Bishop Seitz said the bishops "continue to urge Congress to come together on a bipartisan basis to achieve this, a difficult but not impossible task, as demonstrated by recent measures such as the Dignity Act."

Among other provisions, the measure "takes into account the contribution of immigrants — including Dreamers — to our country by granting them legal protections

to remain in the United States if they meet certain conditions," co-sponsor Rep. Jenniffer González Colón, R-Puerto Rico, said in a statement. "Dreamers" refer to immigrant young people, brought to the U.S. as children without legal authorization, who qualify for the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act.

The Dignity Act also would secure the border, and create a process for those already in the U.S. without authorization to pay restitution and "integrate into American society."

Immigration officials said the move on family reunification was intended to "provide lawful pathways" for migrants seeking citizenship or legal residency in the United States and to "reduce dangerous irregular migration."

On Affirmative Action, U.S. Bishops Echo Call of St. Katharine Drexel

(OSV News) — In a statement released July 7, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said that it was their "hope that our Catholic institutions of higher learning will continue to find ways to make education possible and affordable for everyone, regardless of their background."

The statement was made in response to the June 29 Supreme Court ruling that institutions of higher educa-

tion can no longer take race into consideration for admission, a landmark decision overturning previous precedent supported by many Catholic universities and colleges.

"Education is a gift, an opportunity, and an important aspect of our democracy that is not always within the reach of all, especially racial and ethnic groups who find themselves on the margins," the statement, issued by

Bishop Joseph N. Perry, auxiliary bishop of Chicago and newly appointed chair of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, said. Quoting St. Katharine Drexel, patroness and pioneer in Catholic education, the USCCB statement concluded: "If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor as well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which

invites us. Press forward and fear nothing."

Chief Justice John Roberts wrote the 6-3 majority opinion in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard*, arguing admissions programs at Harvard University and the University of North Carolina violated the Constitution's equal protection clause in a ruling dealing with affirmative action policies at those institutions.

Catholic Universities Must Engage with AI's Development, Cardinal Says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Catholic universities must not recoil from the daunting risks of artificial intelligence but become proactively involved in its ethical development, said the head of the Dicastery for Culture and Education.

Catholic universities are obligated "to a delicate exercise of responsibility" in the "new historical era" represented by AI, said Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonça, prefect of the dicastery. "Universities and, even more so, universities which share the church's mission, stand at a crossroads of cultural, scientific and social possibilities."

Quoting Pope Francis, he said "mere training in the correct use of new technologies will not prove sufficient" and that "it is not enough to simply to trust in the moral sense of researchers and developers of devices and algorithms," signaling the need to develop "algor-ethics."

The cardinal spoke July 13 at the opening of a conference in Milan titled, "The Future of Catholic Universities in the AI Age" organized by the Strategic Alliance of Catholic Research Universities, an international network of leading Catholic universities dedicated to research.

"Catholic universities must indeed dialogue with the new, work unsparingly on current questions and issues, and establish themselves as great laboratories of the future," he said, since they are "expected not only to actively guard the noble memory of past days, but also to be the probes, and the cradles, of tomorrow."

Catholic universities must recall that "they do not live for themselves," he said. "On the contrary, they develop to the extent that they become capable of listening, capable of co-responsible exercise of collaborative practices, and of a generative encounter of people and cultures."

Iowa Lawmakers Pass 6-Week Abortion Ban

DES MOINES, Iowa (OSV News) — During a special session July 11, the Iowa Legislature passed a ban on most abortions after six weeks.

Once Republican Gov. Kim Reynolds signs the measure July 14, it takes effect immediately. Hours after lawmakers passed the measure, abortion advocates filed a legal challenge July 12 in Iowa District Court for Polk County seeking a temporary injunction that would prevent enforcement of the law. Reynolds said in a brief statement she would sign the measure as planned. Unless the court intervenes, the law would take effect immediately July 14. Currently, abortion is legal in Iowa up to 20 weeks of pregnancy.

The new measure, which is identical to the earlier law that passed in 2018 but was blocked by the courts from ever taking effect, prohibits almost all abortions once cardiac activity can be detected, which is usually around six weeks of pregnancy. The measure includes exceptions for rape, incest and to save the life of the mother.

In a July 13 statement, Iowa's four Catholic bishops commended lawmakers for passing the abortion bill. "For us, this is a matter of personal rights and dignity and the common good," they said.

The bishops urged all Iowans of goodwill to work to end abortion and "to join us in tireless, unremitting and compassionate solidarity with pregnant women in distress, with the men who fathered these children, and with families in need."

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Tuition is free for those serving the church in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, thanks to a partnership with the diocese, and study can be completed when you have time available during the offering dates. Enroll at <https://www.pathlms.com/cdu/courses/38066#>. Be sure to use the access code, CDU20 DIOCESEWC, to receive your free tuition.

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Catholic Charities provided 445,695 pounds of food to people in need over the past year.

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"It's just hard. We're barely getting by right now," said Makayla Moore.

While both Makayla and her husband are employed full-time, they are struggling to provide for their family of five on their fixed income.

"We had to really cut back on groceries," said Makayla. "[Food] is so expensive. We can't afford food, rent... all our bills."

The end of temporary pandemic Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funds coupled with inflation has many individuals and families facing a "hunger cliff."

"When people are really struggling, we must increase our commitment to food security," said Mark Phillips, CCWVa president and chief executive officer. "By working hard to ensure that West Virginians have access to nutritious food, we can improve the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of our communities."

Catholic Charities West Virginia's (CCWVa) food and nutrition programs are helping families experiencing food insecurity. Built on the foundation of feeding the hungry, CCWVa operates eight food pantries, five mobile food pantries, one on-site meal program and one meal delivery program. Additionally, the agency's SNAP Outreach Program and Child Care Food Program help families stretch their budgets further. "Like a neighborhood picnic or a family cookout, a food pantry serves as a place of community and support," said Phillips. "When a family comes to pick up a food box, we can develop a relationship with them and help to provide resources to support their needs and goals."

During food pantry visits, CCWVa staff take the opportunity to get to know clients and the challenges bringing them to the food pantry, and staff can then provide additional support and resources.

"Everything here [Catholic Charities]... it's a blessing," said Makayla.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit 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.



Calling all Cursillistas!

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

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

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

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

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

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Father Gregory Patrick Lyttle

Father Gregory Patrick Lyttle, 81, of Summit Street, Princeton, died Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at his home with his family by his side.



Born January 7, 1942, in Bronx, NY, he was the son of the late John William Lyttle, Sr. and Mary Drury Lyttle. Left to cherish his memory are his loving and devoted family, John William Lyttle, Jr. and wife, Connie, Mary Ellen Campbell, Patricia Joan Hatfield, Robert Michael Lyttle and wife, Gail, David Francis Lyttle and wife, Patricia, Jeanne Marie Schmauss and husband, David; Nephews Charles Hatfield, Conor, Sean, Alex and John Lyttle; Nieces Jennifer Viger and Kerry MacDonald; grandnephews Briger and Turner Viger and Colin and Trever MacDonald; grandnieces Megan and Ellie MacDonald and Hayden Lyttle; dear friend and caregiver, Coty Dennis; wonderful friends and neighbors Jim and Loretta Lintz and David and Wilma Styers; Sherry Lusk, the caring nurse's aide from Amedisys Hospice and Amber Dunford and Aiden Butler who assisted with Father Greg's care.

Father Greg began his seminary training at the Maryknoll Seminary in Ossing, NY. He joined the Order of the Compagnia di San Paola, Milan, Italy in 1970's. He learned of the Society through his mentor and spiritual director Father Ronaldo Borzaga. In May of 1975 Greg was ordained into the priesthood. His first ministry was in his hometown parish St. Peter the Apostle in River Edge, NJ as the director of religious education. In 1980 he continued his ministry as a director of religious education at St. Patrick's Parish in Yorktown, NY. In 1984 Father Greg went to Manhattan College, Riverdale, NY to work in Campus ministry. He lived with Father Borzaga and 2 other priests. During this time Fr. Greg served as one of the Catholic chaplains for the Kolping Residence in the Bronx and Marian Woods, a home for elderly religious sisters in Hartsdale, NY. In 1995 He served as the Catholic chaplain at the Veterans Hospital in the Bronx. He retired 14 years later in 2009 and came to West Virginia to care for his mother. He and his sister, Mary Ellen, took care of their mom until she passed away in 2011 at the age of 100. During this time many parishioners from Sacred Heart church in Princeton would sit with his mother so Father Greg could continue to say Mass at the 2 parishes in Princeton and Bluefield. Throughout his priesthood, Father Greg traveled to Milan, Italy and was elected as the Secretary of Priests in the Company of St. Paul. For many years, he traveled to Long Island in the Bahamas to cover various churches for Christmas and Easter. He also covered many churches in West Virginia: St. Patrick's in Hinton; Sacred Heart in Rainelle; Sacred Heart in Springdale; St. John Neumann in Marlinton; Sacred Heart in Williamson; St. Peter in Welch, Sts. Peter and Paul in Oak Hill; and Sacred Heart in Powhatan.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 21, 2023, at Sacred Heart Church on 507 Harrison Street in Princeton with Bishop Mark Brennan as the celebrant. Interment will follow in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Springdale. Friends may visit with the family from 10 a.m. until the service hour at the church.

The family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations be sent in Father Lyttles' name to: Amedisys Hospice Care, 545 Airport Rd Suite 201, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Online condolences may be shared with the family via www.memorialfd.com.

Sister Mary Rebecca 'Barbara' Fidler, RMS, Ph.D.

Sister Mary Rebecca "Barbara" Fidler, RMS, Ph.D., 91, of West Milford, W.Va., was called home to be with the Lord in the early morning Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at Maplewood Health Care, with family surrounding her.

She was born in Salem, W.Va., on January 2, 1932, the daughter of the late Kester and Marcella Robey Fidler.

She is survived by her brother, Joseph Fidler and his wife Nancy of Buffalo Lake; sister, Rebecca Barnette of Buffalo Lake; several nieces and nephews; as well as her fur babies, cats Gabby and Straley.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her brother, John Fidler and brother-in-law, Coach Gary Barnette.

Sister Barbara vowed and dedicated her life to God and was a member of the religious vocation of the Sisters of Mercy.

She had numerous achievements that exemplified her dedication to helping others and making the world a better place.

Sister of Mercy Mary Rebecca Fidler was the founder of the Susan Dew Hoff Memorial Clinic in West Milford and received her Bachelor of Science in medical technology and biology from Salem College in 1954 and her certification as a medical technologist from St. Mary Hospital School of Technology in 1956.

She then worked at the University of Michigan Hospital and St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich. It was at St. Joseph's that she came into contact with the Sisters of Mercy and discerned a religious vocation. She entered the Sisters of Mercy of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Sept. 11, 1960, and made her temporary profession June 21, 1963, following the completion of her novitiate. She made her final profession June 21, 1966. Sister Fidler returned to her apostolate in the medical profession, assigned as an instructor in basic sciences at Mercy Hospital Nursing School in Cedar Rapids from 1964-1968. From there, she pursued, simultaneously, her degree as a medical doctor and her Ph.D. in human anatomy, both degrees being bestowed upon her by the University of Iowa College of Medicine in Iowa City, Iowa, in 1971. She then taught anatomy, physiology, and nursing first in Dubuque, Iowa, and then, returning to her native state, at Salem University in 1978.

Sister Fidler developed a passion for research especially in the areas of cancer, dermatology and cranio-facial anatomy related to orthodontics. She published extensively in these areas in peer-reviewed journals and garnered awards and peer recognition for her work. In the early 1990s, she became a consultant and volunteer research technologist for the Cancer Biologics of America Laboratories and director of the Cancer Center at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and in 1992 became Senior technologist of hematology at Roche Biomedical Laboratories in Fairmont. In 1995, she moved to West Milford, where she recognized that while basic medical care was available, dental care was not. After conducting a study of the matter and listening to residents, Sister Fidler founded the Susan Dew Hoff Memorial Clinic,



which has a focus on dentistry. The clinic provides medical assessments, does basic laboratory testing, offers dental care, and provides transportation to doctors' offices.

Sister Fidler was the recipient of the 2010 Papal Honor Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice Cross, awarded by Pope Benedict; 2003 Mountaineer Spirit Award presented by the General Federated Women's Club of WV; 2003 Unsung Hero Award presented by the West Virginia Woman's Commission; 2002 Distinguished WV Award presented by Governor Bob Wise; 2002 WV Honorary Italian Woman of the Year; 2002 Distinguished WV Humanitarian Award presented by Joe Manchin III; 2001 Clarksburg Exponent Telegram top ten Citizen of the Year; 1998 Top 10 Outstanding Medical Technologists in the Nation; 1990 Outstanding Teacher Award in Appalachia in Natural Sciences; as well as several others.

She devoted her life to serving others and exemplified that "what we do makes a difference". She made a difference with her life.

Among her numerous achievements she was a talented basketball player and participated in the women's semi-pro league. She was an avid WVU sports fan and loved to fish.

The impact she made during her years on earth will carry her spirit and she will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

The family of Sister Barbara would like to extend their gratitude to her nieces, Marcie Boulden and Georgianna Fidler Cupp, as well as her neighbor Brenda Martin, and special friend Charlie Bramble.

Family and friends were received at the Amos Carvelli Funeral Home in Nutter Fort July 13 with a praying of the rosary to conclude the visitation and where Catholic Burial Rites will be extended on Friday, July 14, 2023, at 10 a.m. with Father Kumar Reddimasu as celebrant and her nephew Dr. Kester Gary Barnette as a special speaker.

Interment will follow in the Sardis Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Sister Fidler's memory to the Susan Dew Hoff Memorial Clinic, 925 Liberty Street, West Milford, WV, 26451.

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Qualifications: Holds a current valid license or an emergency permit issued by the West Virginia Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board. A master's degree in a health care or business-related field is preferred. A bachelor's degree in a health care or business-related field with qualifying experience may be considered. Has a sincere interest in the eld-

erly and their needs. Has the ability to deal with people effectively to carry out objectives of facilities under his/her direction.

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El Papa nombra 21 cardenales, entre ellos el arzobispo de origen estadounidense Prevest

Por Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — El Papa Francisco nombró a 21 nuevos cardenales, entre ellos el arzobispo estadounidense Robert F. Prevest, que asumió la dirección del Dicasterio para los Obispos en abril, y el arzobispo francés Christophe Pierre, nuncio apostólico en Estados Unidos.

El Papa anunció los nombres tras el rezo del Ángelus con los fieles en la Plaza de San Pedro el 9 de julio, y dijo que los nombraría formalmente en un consistorio especial en el Vaticano el 30 de septiembre.

El cardenal designado Prevest expresó su sorpresa y alegría al conocer el anuncio, según declaró en una entrevista concedida a Vatican News el 10 de julio.

"Ciertamente me sentí feliz por el reconocimiento de la misión que se me ha confiado -- que es algo muy hermoso -- y al mismo tiempo pensé con reverencia y santo temor: espero poder responder a lo que el Papa me pide. Es una responsabilidad enorme, como cuando me llamó a Roma como prefecto", dijo en italiano.

"Lo veo como la continuación de una misión que el Papa ha decidido encomendarme", añadió.

Hablando en inglés, el cardenal designado Prevest dijo que no es una coincidencia que el Papa Francisco programara el consistorio antes del inicio de la primera asamblea general del sínodo sobre la sinodalidad, diciendo que está firmemente convencido de que "todos nosotros estamos llamados a caminar juntos".

Los nuevos cardenales representan a más de una docena de países de los cinco continentes. Tres de los nuevos cardenales son funcionarios actuales del Vaticano, tres son nuncios apostólicos actuales o jubilados, 13 son jefes actuales o jubilados de arquidiócesis de todo el mundo, uno es rector mayor de los Salesianos y otro es un confesor de 96 años de Buenos Aires. Seis pertenecen a órdenes religiosas; dos de ellos son jesuitas.

Siguiendo una costumbre papal, entre los nuevos cardenales había tres eclesiásticos -- dos arzobispos y un sacerdote franciscano capuchino -- mayores de 80 años, a los que el Papa Francisco dijo que quería honrar porque eran particularmente merecedores por "su servicio a la Iglesia." Al tener más de 80 años, no son elegibles para votar en un cónclave.

Después de que los nuevos cardenales sean instalados a finales de septiembre, habrá 137 votantes potenciales y se espera que el total de miembros del Colegio Cardenalicio sea de 243.

El nombramiento del cardenal designado Prevest eleva a 18 el número de cardenales estadounidenses; tras el consistorio, el contingente estadounidense contará con 11 posibles electores papales.

La ceremonia de septiembre marcará la novena vez

que el Papa Francisco crea cardenales desde su elección al papado en marzo de 2013. Tras la ceremonia del 30 de septiembre, habrá creado un total de 131 nuevos cardenales en ese Colegio Cardenalicio, lo que supondría alrededor del 54% del total del colegio y el 72% de los potenciales electores.

Con la incorporación de seis nuevos cardenales menores de 60 años, la edad media de los cardenales electores se reducirá un año, pasando de los 72 años y 8 meses a 71 años y 6 meses. El cardenal designado Alves Aguiar, de Lisboa, de 49 años, será sólo seis meses mayor que el elector más joven, el cardenal Giorgio Marengo, de Ulán Bator, Mongolia, de 49 años.

El cardenal designado Prevest, de 67 años, nació en Chicago y fue obispo de Chiclayo, Perú, durante más de ocho años antes de ser nombrado para dirigir el organismo vaticano encargado de recomendar al Papa candidatos para ocupar el cargo de obispo en muchas de las diócesis de rito latino del mundo. Las recomendaciones del dicasterio suelen ser aprobadas por el Papa. El arzobispo Prevest es miembro del dicasterio desde noviembre de 2020.

También supervisa la Comisión Pontificia para América Latina, creada en 1958 por el Papa Pío XII para estudiar la Iglesia en América Latina, donde reside casi el 40% de los católicos del mundo.

El cardenal designado es licenciado por la Universidad de Villanova, Pensilvania, y la Unión Teológica Católica de Chicago, y doctor por la Universidad Pontificia Santo Tomás de Aquino de Roma. Fraile agustino, se unió a la misión agustiniana en Perú en 1985 y trabajó en el país hasta 1999, cuando fue elegido jefe de la provincia agustiniana de Chicago. De 2001 a 2013 fue prior general de la orden en todo el mundo.

En 2014, el Papa Francisco lo nombró obispo de Chiclayo, en el norte de Perú, y el Papa le pidió también que fuera administrador apostólico de Callao, Perú, de abril de 2020 a mayo de 2021. A continuación, el Papa lo nombró sucesor del cardenal canadiense Marc Ouellet, que se jubila, como prefecto del Dicasterio para los Obispos a principios de 2023.

El cardenal designado Pierre, de 77 años, nació en Rennes, Francia. Ordenado sacerdote en 1970, fue nuncio apostólico en Haití, Uganda y México hasta que el Papa Francisco le nombró nuncio en Estados Unidos en 2016.

El arzobispo Timothy P. Broglio de los Servicios Militares, Estados Unidos, y presidente de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos ofreció sus felicitaciones y oraciones a los nuevos cardenales en nombre de los obispos de Estados Unidos el 9 de julio. "Por favor, únense a mí en la oración por el cardenal designado Prevest y el cardenal designado Pierre mientras continúan sus vidas de servicio a la Iglesia

universal", dijo el arzobispo Broglio. "Para la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos, su ministerio ha sido una verdadera bendición. Nuestra conferencia episcopal se alegra de este signo de reconocimiento a estos distinguidos eclesiásticos". Antes de leer los 21 nombres, el Papa Francisco dijo a las aproximadamente 15.000 personas en la Plaza de San Pedro que la diversidad de los nuevos cardenales "expresa la universalidad de la Iglesia, que sigue proclamando el amor misericordioso de Dios a todos los pueblos de la Tierra".

El orden en que se anuncian los cardenales determina su antigüedad en el Colegio Cardenalicio, lo que tiene poco efecto práctico salvo en las procesiones litúrgicas.

Esta es la lista de los nuevos cardenales: El arzobispo estadounidense Robert F. Prevest, prefecto del Dicasterio para los Obispos, de 67 años; El arzobispo italiano Claudio Gugerotti, prefecto del Dicasterio para las Iglesias Orientales, de 67 años; El arzobispo argentino de La Plata, Víctor Manuel Fernández, prefecto entrante del Dicasterio para la Doctrina de la Fe. Cumplirá 61 años el 18 de julio; El arzobispo suizo Emil Paul Tscherig, nuncio apostólico de Argentina, de 76 años; El arzobispo francés Christophe Pierre, nuncio apostólico en Estados Unidos, de 77 años; El arzobispo italiano Pierbattista Pizzaballa, patriarca latino de Jerusalén, de 58 años; El arzobispo sudafricano de Ciudad del Cabo, Stephen Brislin, de 66 años; El arzobispo argentino de Córdoba, Ángel Sixto Rossi, 64. Es miembro de la Compañía de Jesús; El arzobispo colombiano de Bogotá, Luis José Rueda Aparicio, de 61 años; El arzobispo polaco de Łódź, Grzegorz Rys, de 59 años; El arzobispo sursudanés Stephen Ameyu Martin Mulla, de Juba, de 59 años; El arzobispo español de Madrid, José Cobo Cano, de 57 años; El arzobispo tanzano Protase Rugambwa, arzobispo coadjutor de Tabora, de 63 años; El obispo malayo Sebastian Francis, de Penang, Malasia, de 71 años; El obispo Stephen Chow Sau-yan, de Hong Kong, de 63 años. Nacido en Hong Kong, es miembro de la Compañía de Jesús; El obispo François-Xavier Bustillo, de Ajaccio, Córcega, Francia, de 54 años. Nacido en España, es miembro de los franciscanos conventuales; El obispo auxiliar Américo Alves Aguiar, de Lisboa, de 49 años; El padre salesiano Ángel Fernández Artime, nacido en España, rector mayor de los Salesianos, de 62 años.

Los nuevos miembros del Colegio Cardenalicio que tienen más de 80 años son: El arzobispo italiano Agostino Marchetto, nuncio papal retirado y respetado historiador del Concilio Vaticano II, de 82 años; El arzobispo retirado Diego Rafael Padrón Sánchez of Cumaná, de Venezuela de 84 años; El padre capuchino Luis Pascual Dri, confesor en el Santuario de Nuestra Señora de Pompeya, Buenos Aires, de 94 años.

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