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Arrests Made in St. Colman Church Arson Investigation

Bishop Brennan Says Work Begins to Ensure Memory of St. Colman Catholic Community 'is Kept Alive on That Sacred Site'

SHADY SPRING—Three teenagers have been arrested and charged with arson in connection with a June fire that destroyed historic St. Colman Church near Shady Spring in Raleigh County, the Register-Herald in Beckley reported.

In a statement, Bishop Mark Brennan said: "On behalf of the families who settled Irish Mountain generations ago, the local parishioners who lovingly maintained our historic chapel and cemetery there, and all those who have visited St. Colman over the years, I am grateful for the hard work of the West Virginia State Police, particularly Trooper Daniels as well as the state Fire Marshal's office, who worked diligently to investigate the devastating fire at St. Colman Church near Shady Spring.

"We are deeply saddened to learn that the fire was considered an act of arson and was intended to destroy this historic structure so important to the lives of many in the area," the bishop continued. "While this criminal act can be very shocking and hurtful to the faithful, it can never destroy the memories of the Catholic community who built, maintained, and lived out their faith in that little church on Irish Mountain.

"Our work now begins to ensure that their memory is kept alive on that sacred site. I will seek guidance from our pastoral and lay leadership at St. Patrick Parish in Hinton and work with diocesan leaders to consider plans for the future of the site," Bishop Brennan said. "We will release more information once it is available."

The following was reported in the Register-Herald: According to the criminal complaint, community tips



Courtesy Photo by Beaver Volunteer Fire

Shown are the charred remains of St. Colman Church after the June 26.

helped lead to the arrest of Braxton Allan Miller, 18, of Charleston, and James Dean Elmore, 19, of Beckley, for their alleged part in a fire that burned St. Colman Church to the ground near Shady Spring on June 25. A third suspect, a male juvenile, has been arrested and charged with arson and conspiracy. West Virginia State Trooper D. Daniels said he will be held at a juvenile detention facility for 10 days.

Miller was charged with arson and conspiracy. Elmore was charged with second degree arson and conspiracy.

In the criminal complaint, Daniels, the investigating officer, said he

received an anonymous tip regarding a group of individuals who were partying and drinking at the church the night it burned down.

When Daniels went to interview Elmore and another individual, they identified a total of five people who were drinking beer and partying at the church just before midnight on June 25. They showed the officer multiple videos from that night. The two men then pointed the finger at Miller as the individual who set the fire, according to the complaint.

They said Miller lit a set of plastic flowers with a lighter and left the flowers in the middle of the church. They said Miller then placed a church

pew on top of the flowers and left, the complaint states.

The church fire was not discovered until the next morning when it had been reduced to ashes.

Daniels states in the complaint that he had made several attempts to speak with Miller but has been unsuccessful.

Miller was booked into the Southern Regional Jail at 9:40 p.m. Friday while Elmore was booked into the same jail at 12:50 p.m. Sunday.

Bond for each of them has been set at \$75,000.

(The story from the Register-Herald was written by Josephine E. Moore.)

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Pope Names Three Women to Office that Helps Him Choose Bishops

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Ten days after saying he would name two women to the group that helps him choose bishops, Pope Francis appointed three women to the office. The Vatican announced July 13 that the pope had named 14 new members of the Dicastery for Bishops.

For the first time ever, the members include women: Sister Raffaella Petrini, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist, who is secretary-general of the office governing Vatican City State; French Salesian Sister Yvonne Reungoat, former superior general of the order; and Maria Lia Zervino, an Argentine who is president of the World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations.

The dicastery is led by Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet and is responsible for helping the pope choose bishops for Latin-rite dioceses outside of the church's mission territories. Members meet twice a month to review dossiers submitted by Vatican nuncios about potential candidates and to vote on the names they recommend to the pope.

Before Pope Francis' reform of the Roman Curia took

effect in June, members of the dicastery were only cardinals and a few bishops.

The other new members of the dicastery include: Cardinals Anders Arborelius of Stockholm; Jose F. Advincula of Manila, Philippines; José Tolentino de Mendonca, Vatican archivist; and Mario Grech, secretary-general of the Synod of Bishops.

Pope Francis also named as members several bishops who will become cardinals in August: Cardinals-designate Arthur Roche, prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments; Lazarus You Heung-sik, prefect of the Dicastery for Clergy; Jean-Marc Aveline of Marseille, France; and Oscar Cantoni of Como, Italy.

The other new members are: Archbishop Drazen Kutlesa of Split-Makarska, Croatia; Bishop Paul Tighe, secretary of the former Pontifical Council for Culture; and Benedictine Abbot Donato Ogliaari, abbot of St. Paul Outside the Walls in Rome and apostolic administrator of the Abbey of Montecassino, Italy.

The new members join existing members, including U.S. Cardinals Blase J. Cupich of Chicago and Joseph W. Tobin of Newark, New Jersey.

Vatican, Offering 'Moral Support,' Joins U.N. Treaty on Climate Change

By **Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican is now a formal party to the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change and has declared it intends also to formally join the 2015 Paris Agreement. "The Holy See, in the name and on behalf of Vatican City State, intends to contribute and to give its moral support to the efforts of all states to cooperate ... in an effective and appropriate response to the challenges posed by climate change to humanity and to our common home," said a statement released by the Vatican press office July 8.

Archbishop Gabriele Caccia, the Holy See's permanent observer to the United Nations, submitted the papers for formal "accession" to the convention July 6, the Vatican said. "Accession" has the same legal effect as ratification and is used to join a treaty that already has been negotiated and entered into force.

"At the earliest possible date, considering the legal requirements of the Paris Agreement," the statement said, "the Holy See, in the name and on behalf of Vatican City State, will deposit the instrument of accession" to that agreement as well.

The framework convention followed the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and was updated in 1997 with the Kyoto Protocol and later with the Paris Agreement. Countries signing the original convention pledged to work to prevent

dangerous" human interference with the climate system, particularly by stabilizing greenhouse gas emissions. With the Kyoto agreement, countries pledged to reduce those emissions and the Paris Agreement set specific goals for limiting global warming.

The Vatican's formal adhesion to the agreements, the statement said, is a sign of its commitment to work with nations to keep alive what Pope Francis has described as "a remarkable convergence on the urgent need for a change of direction, a decisive resolve to pass from

the 'throwaway culture' prevalent in our societies to a 'culture of care' for our common home and its inhabitants, now and in the future."

Solidarity with the poor, who are most impacted by climate change, and with future generations as well as responsibility for individual actions and national policies "are two core-values that must be at the basis of the implementation of both the convention and the Paris Agreement, and which will continue to guide the efforts of the Holy See in this process," the Vatican statement said.



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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.

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Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Dioceses/Eparchies 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."

Archbishop Calls Biden's Order on Abortion 'Deeply Disturbing, Tragic'

By Julie Asher, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. bishops' pro-life chairman said it is "deeply disturbing and tragic" that President Joe Biden has chosen to use his power as the nation's chief executive "to promote and facilitate abortion in our country" than support resources for pregnant women in need.

Biden is "seeking every possible avenue to deny unborn children their most basic human and civil right, the right to life," said Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities.

"Rather than using the power of the executive branch to increase support and care to mothers and babies, the president's executive order seeks only to facilitate the destruction of defenseless, voiceless human beings," he said in a July 9 statement.

A day earlier, Biden signed an executive order to safeguard access to medication abortion and emergency contraception; protect patient privacy; launch public education efforts; and strengthen "the security of and the legal options available to those seeking and providing abortion services."

Before signing his executive order, Biden condemned what he called the "extreme" Supreme Court majority for overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

The court's June 24 ruling came in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a challenge to a Mississippi law banning abortion after 15 weeks.

In affirming the law 6-3, the high court also voted 5-4 to overturn 1973's *Roe v. Wade* ruling, which legalized abortion nationwide, and 1992's *Casey v. Planned Parenthood* ruling, which affirmed *Roe*.

The ruling sends the issue of abortion back to the states.

"In response to the *Dobbs* decision," Archbishop Lori said in his statement, "I called for the healing of wounds and repairing of social divisions, for reasoned reflection and civil dialogue, and for coming together to build a society and economy that supports marriages and families, and where every woman has the support and resources she needs to bring her child into this world in love."

"And as religious leaders, we pledged ourselves to continue our service to God's great plan of love for the human person, and to work with our fellow citizens to fulfill America's promise to guarantee the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all people," he added.

"I implore the president to abandon this path that leads to death and destruction and to choose life," Archbishop Lori said. "As always, the Catholic Church stands ready to work with this administration and all elected officials to protect the right to life of every human being and to ensure that pregnant and parenting mothers are fully supported in the care of their children before and after birth."

Biden called the *Dobbs* decision an "exercise in raw political power," but in writing for the majority,

Justice Samuel Alito said: "The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision."

"It's outrageous. I don't care what your position is (on abortion), it's outrageous and it's dangerous," said Biden, a Catholic who supports legal abortion. He said his executive order was a necessary response to the ruling.

Biden urged Americans upset by the decision to "vote, vote, vote" in November to elect lawmakers who will back a law codifying *Roe*.

Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life, said Biden's executive order "confirmed the White House is working to appease the abortion lobby to the detriment of women and their unborn children."

"On no other issue, from inflation to high gas prices, have President Biden and pro-abortion Democrats put forward so much effort as they have on abortion," she said in a July 8 statement.

Biden "seems to think that Americans' problems can only be solved by killing (the nation's) children by abortion," she said.

"The Biden administration and congressional Democrats continue to promote abortion up until birth," said Tobias. "Despite the rhetoric, nothing this administration does is going to help women and their unborn children."

She also took issue with a scenario Biden laid out in remarks he made before signing the executive order. He said a woman facing "a life-threatening miscar-

riage" who goes to the emergency room will be denied care because doctors and hospital lawyers will fear they will be penalized for helping her now that *Roe* has been overturned.

"Misinformation and deceptive statements permeated the president's speech today," said Tobias, noting that pro-life legislation "explicitly makes clear that treatment for miscarriages does not fall under the legal meaning of abortion."

In addition, she said, no law exists that outlaws the treatment of ectopic pregnancies.

She added that "the pro-life movement is vehemently opposed to women being prosecuted for having or seeking an abortion. An open letter to state legislators stating the opposition of the movement to the prosecution of women was signed by over 70 pro-life groups."

To underscore what he said was the need for his order, before signing it Biden repeated a news story first reported July 1 by *The Indianapolis Star* daily newspaper and carried by a number of news outlets, that a 10-year-old girl in Ohio who became pregnant as the result of a rape allegedly had to travel across state lines to Indiana get an abortion. Ohio has banned abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy.

"Imagine being that little girl," he said. "I'm serious, just imagine being that little girl. Ten years old!"

But hours after his remarks, *The Washington Post* reported what others were already saying, that

the story "is highly dubious."

In a July 8 statement, Judie Brown, president of the American Life League, quoted Biden from some years ago: "America is the promised land, because each generation bequeathed to its children a promise, a promise that they might not come to enjoy but which they fully expected their offspring to fulfill. So, the words 'all men are created equal' took a life of its own, ultimately destined to end slavery and enfranchise women."

"Today Joe Biden embraces the act of killing children by acts of abortion and apparently has forgotten the meaning of 'all men are created equal,'" Brown said.

"In the latest phase of his career, he has alienated women who appreciate their ability to give birth to children and he has focused on enslaving the culture to hedonism by his advocacy of contraception, homosexuality and abortion," she continued. "No wonder folks are confused. Which Joe Biden will we see next?"

During his years in the U.S. Senate, Biden was considered a moderate on abortion. In 2006, ahead of his 2008 run for the presidency, he described being an "odd man out" with Democrats on abortion.

In 2019, he confirmed his longtime support for the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal tax dollars being used to pay for abortion except in cases of rape or incest and to save the life of the mother. But when he was criticized for this position, he reversed it.

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Pope Speaks on U.S. Gun Violence, Abortion Debate, Retirement Rumors

By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — U.S. President Joe Biden should consult with his bishop or parish priest about his stance on abortion, Pope Francis said, adding that the primary concern of bishops should be pastoral care.

In an interview that aired in the United States July 11 on Univision, the Spanish-language network, the pope was asked his opinion about President Biden's continuing support for abortion.

"I leave it to his conscience and that he speaks to his bishop, his pastor, his parish priest about that inconsistency," he said.

However, repeating what he has said before about bishops declaring a politician unfit to receive Communion, Pope Francis said bishops must focus on the pastoral care of their people rather than on public condemnation.

"When a shepherd leaves pastoral care aside, or does not have a mature pastoral care, it creates a political problem. That is where all the confusion lies," the pope said.

The pope was also asked about House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's recent visit to Rome and her reportedly receiving Communion at Mass in St. Peter's Basilica despite being barred from receiving in her home Archdiocese of San Francisco.

In May, Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco declared that Pelosi was not "to be admitted" to Communion unless and until she publicly repudiates "support for abortion 'rights'" and goes to confession and receives absolution "for her cooperation in this evil."

When asked why Pelosi was al-

lowed to receive Communion at the Vatican, the pope noted that she continues to receive the Eucharist in Washington, D.C., as well.

"The pastoral situation is not clearly explained," he said. "And I would say what I said at the beginning: When the pastoral dimension is lost, it creates a political problem. And it is not easy. But for me that is the great answer: When the pastoral dimension is lost, it creates a political problem."

Pope Francis also spoke about gun violence and the growing trend of mass shootings in the United States, particularly the most recent shootings in Uvalde, Texas, and Highland Park, Illinois.

The phenomenon of mass shootings "is a grave social problem," he said, and it would be important to look into the "aggressiveness" of those who "opt to destroy and not build."

"What is happening in the education of these people, what is happening in their way of life, what is happening in their personal history of human psychological development that makes these people go on attacking and destroying?" the pope asked.

When asked whether guns or the devil were at fault for such violence, the pope said that "a war of this kind is certainly never inspired by the Holy Spirit" because the desire "to destroy humanity itself is something diabolical."

Nevertheless, the pope said the solution to preventing mass shootings cannot be achieved by "looking at the effects; we must look at the causes."

"Why are there young people who are so unsatisfied that they can feel fulfilled only by destroying. And even in the most recent shoot-

ings that have occurred all over, they (the shooters) have said, 'I had to do it,'" he said.

The world, he added, "is becoming more and more aggressive" due to the current climate of war and the selling of weapons.

"In the United States, that is one of the problems that is concerning the authorities: how to monitor, how to regulate the sale of weapons. That is what provokes this life of aggression. It does us no good and it destroys," the pope said.

Pope Francis also addressed rumors about his possible retirement, rumors that grew after the Vatican announced that in late August, he plans to visit the burial place of Pope Celestine V, the first pope to resign.

Once again, the pope confirmed that "I have never thought about retiring, even to this day."

"Truly, in this moment, I don't feel that the Lord is asking me" to retire, he said. "When I feel that he asks me, then yes. The knee problem did scare me, in the sense that I had to start thinking a bit about my future. Thank God it is getting better."

However, the pope said that if he were to retire, he would not stay at the Vatican nor go back to his native Argentina.

"No. I am a bishop of Rome. In that case, I would be the emeritus bishop of Rome," he said.

"Would you go to St. John Lateran?" asked Mexican journalist Valentina Alazraki. "Perhaps. I would go to a church and do confessions," he replied.

The pope explained that before his election in 2013, he had made plans to retire as archbishop of Buenos Aires at the end of the year and

had already chosen a room at a retirement home for priests in the city.

The residence, he said, was five blocks from a parish, "my parish — where I would go to as a child — and there are a lot of confessions. And it was half a block away from a big hospital," he said.

"Between doing confessions there (at the parish) and visiting the sick, that's where I saw my apostolate, my work; to be at the service of people where needed," Pope Francis added. "If I survive, I would like something like that."

Reminded that he had been wrong when he'd said he expected to have a short pontificate, the pope replied, "The same thing used to happen to me whenever I bought a lottery ticket!"

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West Virginia Interfaith Power and Light Invites Parishes to be Cool Congregations

WEST VIRGINIA—West Virginia Interfaith Power and Light (WVIPL) invites Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to participate in the national Interfaith Power and Light (IPL) network's Cool Congregations programming. Cool Congregations encourages faith communities to be good environmental stewards by taking steps towards energy efficiency and carbon footprint reduction.

Included on the Cool Congregations website and in the free, downloadable kit are a general guide to

starting a "green team" in faith communities, energy efficiency checklists, online carbon footprint calculators for both congregational and household settings, a link to the Energy Star Action Workbook for Congregations, and information about the annual Cool Congregations Challenge. These and more can be found at www.coolcongregations.org.

WVIPL's Outreach Coordinator, Angie Iafate, notes that the Cool Congregations resources available through the national IPL network are a helpful tool for local faith

communities to begin developing an awareness of their energy consumption and explore means of improving energy efficiency. She adds, "What many churches across the country have begun to discover is that this is not only a way to put the idea of stewardship of the Earth into action, but it often ends up lowering utilities bills in the long run, leaving congregations with more funds available to carry out their missions. It's a double win."

In addition, the Cool Congregations Challenge is a national contest awarding \$1,000 prizes to

six congregations annually for climate-friendly projects that model good stewardship. Projects range in scope, from extensive energy upgrades to organic gardening. In 2018, Blessed Sacrament Parish in South Charleston won the national award for lighting renovations that resulted in significant energy savings. See the Cool Congregations website or contact WVIPL for a full list of project categories and past winners.

WVIPL can be reached at westvaipl@gmail.com with any additional questions.

First Annual St. Agnes Car Show Set for July 30

SHEPHERDSTOWN—The First Annual St. Agnes Car Show will take place on Saturday, July 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Agnes Church in Sheperdstown. Trophies will be awarded and the first 50 entries will receive dash plaques.

There is no fee to enter, but donations will be gratefully accepted. Proceeds will benefit the Kolofata Girls' Education Fund and St. Agnes Youth programs. Refreshments will be sold as well. To pre-register, go to <https://bit.ly/398fvUg>. Registrations will be accepted on the day of the show.

"We are looking for donations for door prizes. These could be anything from a themed basket (car care, movie night, fun in the sun, etc.) to gift cards to services (spa treatments, lawn care, etc.) to baked goods," parish officials said.

For more information, contact Bill Donahue at formation@stagnesshepherdstown.org or the office.

Young Keyser Parishioner Receives Jonah Edward Kelley Award



Courtesy Photo

Alec Stanislawczyk is shown here following the J. Edward Kelley Award ceremony with Father Thomas Sebastian, CST, administrator of Assumption Parish in Keyser, and Kelley Kuhn, director of Religious Education for the parish.

KEYSER—Alec Stanislawczyk, a member of Assumption Parish in Keyser, recently was awarded the 77th annual prestigious Jonah Edward Kelley Award at Keyser High School.

Named in honor of Keyser High School graduate and Medal of Honor recipient J. Edward Kelley, who sacrificed his life to save his men during an ambush in Kesternich, Germany, during World War II, the award was launched in 1946 to honor the top scholar-athletes in the

Keyser High School senior class.

To be eligible for the prestigious award, the student must have participated in either football or basketball—the sports Kelley played as a KHS student—for all four years of his high school career. The candidate must also have displayed quality of leadership, patriotism, courtesy, satisfactory scholarship, sincerity, good sportsmanship, honesty and good habits, as well as religious affiliation.

"We are very proud of

Alec for receiving this prestigious award," said Father Thomas A. Sebastian, CST, administrator of Assumption Parish, following the award ceremony. "He is an outstanding young person and wonderful representative of our parish, community and our Catholic faith."

Alec is a graduate of Keyser High School, the Mineral County Technical Center, and the Assumption Parish CCD program. He is the son of Jay and Kelly Stanislawczyk.



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Greenbrier Valley Knights of Columbus to Host Area-Wide Catholic Picnic

An area wide Catholic picnic will be held in Greenbrier State Forest at shelter #1 at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 17.

The picnic will be hosted by the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 of the Knights of Columbus. The picnic is open to all Catholics and their families, who are encouraged to bring a covered-dish to share. All paper products, drinks, hamburgers and hot dogs, plates, and utensils will be provided.

The gathering will be followed by vespers at 4 p.m.

Council officials said all are invited from St. John Neumann Parish in Marlinton; St. Mark the Evangelist Mission in Bartow; St. Bernard Chapel at Snowshoe; St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Ronceverte; St. Charles Borromeo Parish in White Sulphur Springs; Sacred Heart Mission in Rainelle; Sacred Heart in Spring Dale; St. John, the Evangelist in Sweet Springs; Sacred Heart Parish in Covington, Va.; St. Joseph Parish in Clifton Forge, Va.; and Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Hot Springs, Va.

Northern Programs Gabriel Project to Celebrate Silver Jubilee

WHEELING—To celebrate 25 years in the community, the Northern Programs Gabriel Project (NPGP) of West Virginia invites all to its community anniversary party. The theme is “baby shower” complete with games (with local celebrities set to host), prizes, and refreshments.

The celebration will be held at the McClure House Hotel July 28 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Donations are welcomed but not required. For those who would like to make a donation, NPGP can accept new and gently used clothing items, baby gates, strollers, bath tubs, and walkers; and new baby hygiene products, diapers, formula, baby food, car seats, and diaper bags.

“Join us for our 25th anniversary,” NPGP officials said, noting that the McClure House Hotel is “kindly sponsoring the Baby Shower Silver Jubilee for our wonderful mission.”

NPGP is a branch of the Gabriel Project of West Virginia representing the counties of northern West Virginia.

“We offer free assistance to pregnant women and families of children age 2 and under in need. We can also provide cribs,

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For more information, visit gabrielwv.org or send e-mail to npgabrielproject@gmail.com



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On Saturday, October 29th, 2022 from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM,
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We will celebrate Mass with our bishop, Mark E. Brennan. There will also be adoration, music, food, recreational activities, catechesis, and speakers.

Parents are encouraged to attend as well.

Huntington's Our Lady of Fatima Parish School Announces New Faculty and Staff

HUNTINGTON—Our Lady of Fatima Parish School in Huntington has announced new faculty and staff for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

Stephanie Long is the new administrative assistant. She has three children and is married to Josh Long, who heads church and school maintenance.

Meredith Hufford is the new first grade teacher. She is a native of Huntington and has 15 years of teaching experience. She is married

to Shane Hufford, who is pursuing his master's degree at Southeastern Theological Seminary, and they have five children.

Elijah Watson will be the middle school religion/history teacher. He is a graduate of Marshall University with a bachelor's degree in secondary education, emphasizing social studies for grades five-12. He also works with campus ministries at Marshall and will also be leading the Huntington Catholic Youth Group.

Hannah Carroll will be the preschool 2s teacher. She is from Proctorville, Ohio, and has previously taught 2-year-olds and runs her church daycare.

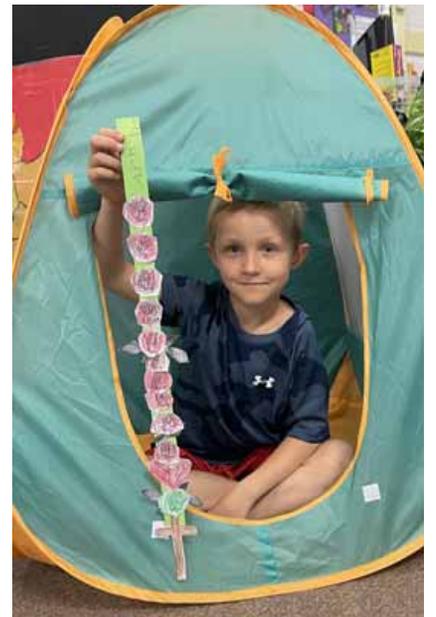
Kenny Hughes is the new middle school math teacher. He is a graduate of Marshall University with a mathematics degree. He has taught introductory math classes at Marshall and has provided tutoring services in math and Japanese.

"At Our Lady of Fatima Parish School, we represent affordable ac-

ademic excellence while developing a solid religious foundation in the Catholic faith," said Principal Micah O'Connor. "We offer classes from our 2-year-old preschool through eighth grade with a smaller student-to-teacher ratio, providing more individualized learning."

For more information regarding enrollment or a tour of the school, contact O'Connor at (304) 523-2861. Summer office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Summer Camp Fun at Fairmont Catholic



"Let it Shine" was the theme of Summer Camp at Fairmont Catholic School. The kids are pictured above enjoying six days of praying, singing, crafting, learning, and sharing their talents from God.

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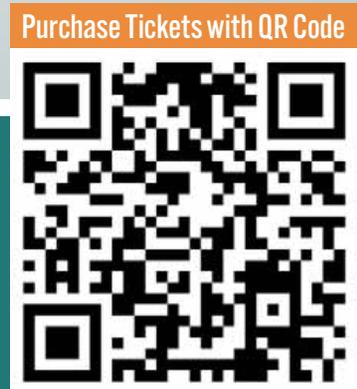
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Inscape Center for Personal Vocation Launches Missions Experience

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio—Inscape Center for Personal Vocation, a Catholic nonprofit organization dedicated to building a culture of personal vocation, recently announced the launch of a Missions Experience based in Steubenville, Ohio.

The Inscape Missions Experience is for young adults ages 18-23 who want to do hands-on missionary service in a community context while growing in self-awareness and exploration of their unique, personal vocation.

“Young people are crying out to be known, to belong to community, and to understand their purpose for living,” says Dr. Joshua Miller, executive director of the Inscape Center. “The Inscape Missions Experience is a powerful new program that directly meets these needs. The missionaries will learn to find their unique identity in Christ, as they give themselves in service to others.”

Beginning in August 2022, up to six men and six women will spend one to two semesters in guided formation, where they will explore and develop their unique talents in a variety of service opportunities with partner organizations in Steubenville.

The missionaries will do team projects (e.g. serving inner city kids at the Sycamore Youth Center and working at an urban farm), but each participant will also have the opportunity to work with a vocation coach to build and implement his/her own “action plan” for service and personal growth.

“The Mission Year promotes the practice of active love – for neighbor and for one’s community – as the greatest means of discernment and service, two things that are intimately connected,” says Luke Burgis, Inscape co-founder. “We

hope that Steubenville can become a model of what’s possible when the church fully embraces her role as the shepherd of personal vocations: a church where each person is fully alive, doing what they were created to do.”

Through a formal partnership with Franciscan University of Steubenville, missionaries will receive a Student ID card and have access to the university’s fitness center, library, chapel, and more. “Franciscan University is committed to helping men and women discern and respond to their God-given personal vocation,” says David Schmiesing, dean for Personal Vocation at Franciscan. “We are happy to collaborate with the Inscape Center on this exciting Mission Year Experience that provides a time of discernment in the context of service, mentorship, formation, and community.”

To learn more about Inscape and the Mission Year Experience, visit Inscape’s website at InscapeCenter.org.

CDU Offering Online Seminar: Making the Case for Christ

WEST VIRGINIA—Catholic Distance University partners with the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to provide FREE online continuing education courses to those involved in church ministry and religious education.

Making the Case for Christ, offered Aug. 8-29, will help Catholics develop objective and persuasive reasons for belief that are valuable for sharing with those who may doubt the historical reality, divinity, or resurrection of Jesus. Course instructor Steven R. Hemler is president of the Catholic Apologetics Institute of North America (CAINA) and a published author.

Learn more and enroll at <https://www.pathlms.com/cdu/courses/42287>. Use the access code, CDU20DIOCESEWC, when signing up to receive the free tuition.

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Papa nombra a tres mujeres para en departamento para seleccionar obispos

Por Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)—Diez días después de decir que nombraría a dos mujeres para el grupo que lo ayuda a elegir obispos, el papa Francisco nombró a tres mujeres para el cargo.

El Vaticano anunció el 13 de julio que el papa había nombrado a 14 nuevos miembros del Dicasterio para los Obispos.

Por primera vez, los miembros incluyen mujeres: Hermana Raffaella Petrini, miembro de las Hermanas Franciscanas de la Eucaristía, quien es secretaria general de la oficina que gobierna el Estado de la Ciudad del Vaticano; la hermana

salesiana francesa Yvonne Reungoat, ex superiora general de la orden; y Maria Lia Zervino, argentina, presidenta de la Unión Mundial de Organizaciones Femeninas Católicas.

El dicasterio está dirigido por el cardenal canadiense Marc Ouellet y es responsable de ayudar al papa a elegir obispos para las diócesis de rito latino fuera de los territorios de misión de la iglesia. Los miembros se reúnen dos veces al mes para revisar los expedientes presentados por los nuncios del Vaticano sobre posibles candidatos y para votar por los nombres que se le recomendaran al papa.

Antes de que la reforma de la

Curia romana del papa Francisco entrara en vigor en junio, los miembros del dicasterio eran solo cardenales y algunos obispos.

Los otros nuevos miembros del dicasterio incluyen: Cardenales Anders Arborelius de Estocolmo; José F. Advincula de Manila, Filipinas; José Tolentino de Mendonca, archivero del Vaticano; y Mario Grech, secretario general del Sínodo de los Obispos.

El papa Francisco también nombró como miembros a varios obispos que se convertirán en cardenales en agosto: Cardenales-designan a Arthur Roche, prefecto del Dicasterio para el Culto Divino y la Disciplina de los Sacramentos; Lá-

zaro You Heung-sik, prefecto del Dicasterio para el Clero; Jean-Marc Aveline de Marsella, Francia; y Oscar Cantoni de Como, Italia.

Los otros nuevos miembros son: el arzobispo Drazen Kutlesa de Split-Makarska, Croacia; el obispo Paul Tighe, secretario del antiguo Consejo Pontificio para la Cultura; y el abad benedictino Donato Ogliaari, abad de San Pablo Extramuros en Roma y administrador apostólico de la Abadía de Montecassino, Italia.

Los nuevos miembros se unen a los miembros existentes, incluidos los cardenales estadounidenses Blase J. Cupich de Chicago y Joseph W. Tobin de Newark, Nueva Jersey.

El Vaticano se une a tratado de la ONU sobre el cambio climático

Por Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — El Vaticano ahora es parte formal de la Convención Marco de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Cambio Climático y ha declarado que también tiene la intención de unirse formalmente al Acuerdo de París de 2015.

"La Santa Sede, en nombre y representación del Estado de la Ciudad del Vaticano, tiene la intención de contribuir y dar su apoyo moral a los esfuerzos de todos los estados para cooperar... en una respuesta eficaz y adecuada a los desafíos que plantea el cambio climático para humanidad y a nuestra casa común", dijo un comunicado emitido por la oficina de prensa del Vaticano el 8 de julio.

El arzobispo Gabriele Caccia, observador permanente de la Santa Sede ante las Naciones Unidas, presentó los documentos para la "adhesión" formal a la convención el 6 de julio, dijo el Vati-

cano. La "adhesión" tiene el mismo efecto legal que la ratificación y se utiliza para adherirse a un tratado que ya ha sido negociado y entró en vigor.

"En la fecha más temprana posible, considerando los requisitos legales del Acuerdo de París", dice el comunicado, "la Santa Sede, en nombre y representación del Estado de la Ciudad del Vaticano, depositará el instrumento de adhesión" a ese acuerdo también.

La convención marco se dio tras la Cumbre de la Tierra en Río de Janeiro en 1992 y se actualizó en 1997 con el Protocolo de Kioto y más tarde con el Acuerdo de París. Los países que firmaron la convención original se comprometieron a trabajar para evitar interferencias humanas peligrosas en el sistema climático, en particular mediante la estabilización de las emisiones de gases de efecto invernadero. Con el acuerdo de Kioto, los países se comprometieron a reducir esas emisiones y el Acuerdo de París estableció objetivos específicos

para limitar el calentamiento global.

La adhesión formal del Vaticano a los acuerdos, dice la declaración, es una señal de su compromiso de trabajar con las naciones para mantener vivo lo que el papa Francisco describió como "una convergencia notable sobre la necesidad urgente de un cambio de dirección, una resolución decisiva para pasar de la 'cultura del descarte' prevaleciente en nuestras sociedades a una 'cultura del cuidado' de nuestra casa común y sus habitantes, ahora y en el futuro". La solidaridad con los pobres, que son los más afectados por el cambio climático, y con las generaciones futuras, así como la responsabilidad de las acciones individuales y las políticas nacionales "son dos valores centrales que deben estar en la base de la implementación tanto de la convención como del Acuerdo de París, y que continuarán guiando los esfuerzos de la Santa Sede en este proceso", dice el comunicado del Vaticano.

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 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.

Para informar a las autoridades civiles: comuníquese con la policía local; los números variarán según su ubicación. Si cree que alguien está en peligro inmediato, llame al 911. Para informar confidencialmente cualquier incidencia de sospecha de abuso o negligencia infantil, incluido el abuso sexual, comuníquese con la Oficina de Servicios de Protección Infantil de Niños y Familias de West Virginia llamando a la línea directa de abuso infantil al 800.352.6513. Puede informar anonimamente a esta línea directa si lo prefiere.

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Ambiente 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, 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.

Para informar al Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Diócesis: llame a la Dra. Patricia Bailey al 304.242.6988.

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, diacono, religioso, o empleado laico de la Diócesis o cualquier parroquia o escuela católica en West Virginia. Se puede acceder a la plataforma EthicsPoint a través de www.dwc.org, en "Rendición de cuentas", luego "Informar mala conducta" o llamando al 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint es un sistema de informes de terceros que informa a las autoridades civiles cuando corresponda y a las autoridades diocesanas, y la identidad de la persona que informa esta protegida. Enlaces e información: Departamento de Salud y Recursos Humanos de WV: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp>. Policía Estatal de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Crímenes contra Niños: 304-293-6400.



Working for Social Change

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has been working for social change across the United States for 53 years. Created by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, CCHD works with a two-pronged approach. One arm educates Americans about the realities of poverty. The other arm confronts the unique challenges of those living in poverty by funding community and economic development projects. These organizations work in innovative ways to build self-reliance and power for those in poverty.

In West Virginia this year, CCHD is funding HOH Share, Inc. HOH Share does inspiring work with people who are homeless and poor. HOH Share empowers those who are most vulnerable with a proactive approach to community organizing.

In the past five years, organizations in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston have been granted more than \$455,000 to do the good work of CCHD.

This year, the annual collection for CCHD is July 16 and 17, 2022. Your support for this collection makes a difference for West Virginians living in poverty and those across the United States.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

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Middle School English Needed at Corpus Christi School, Wheeling

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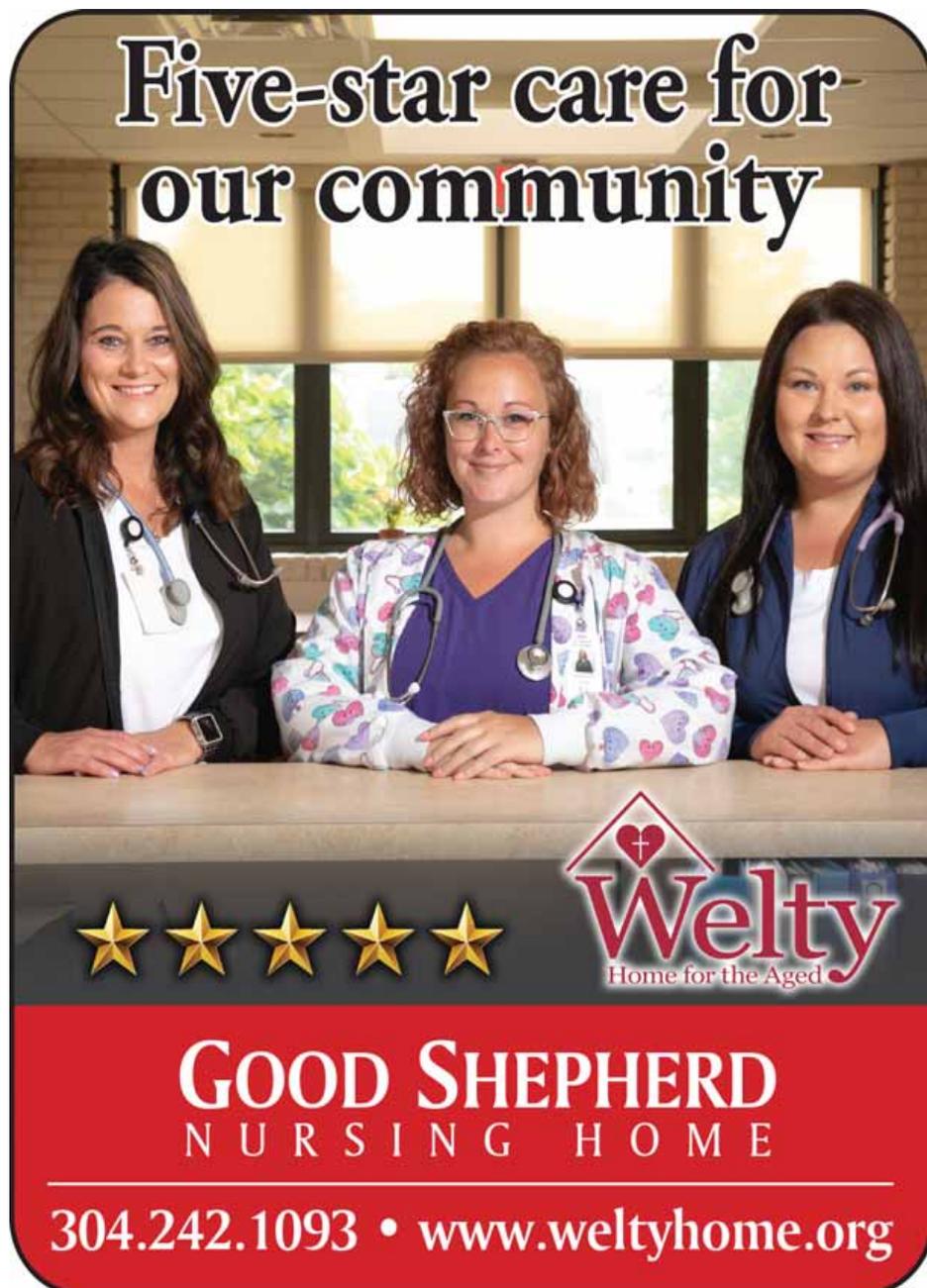
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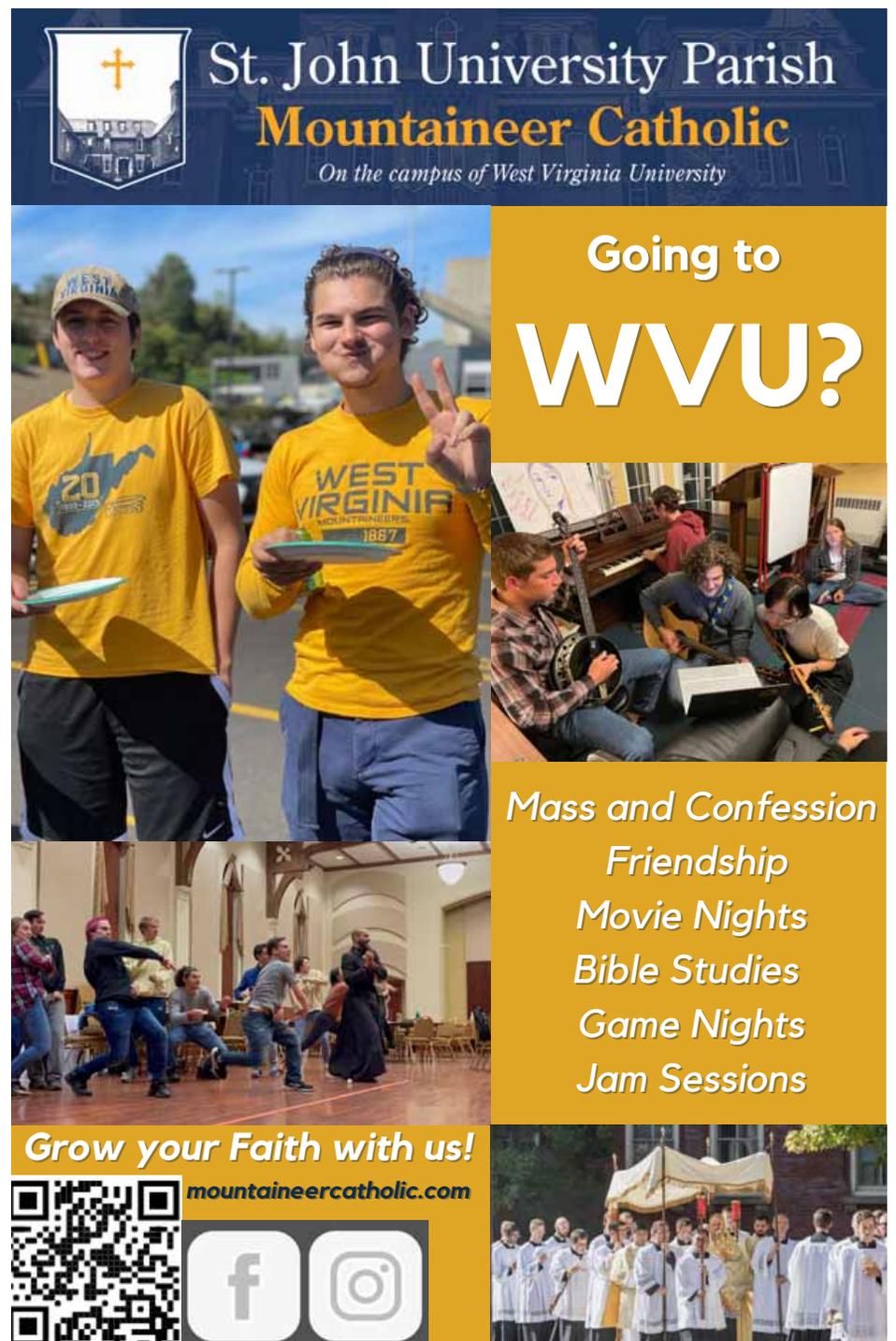


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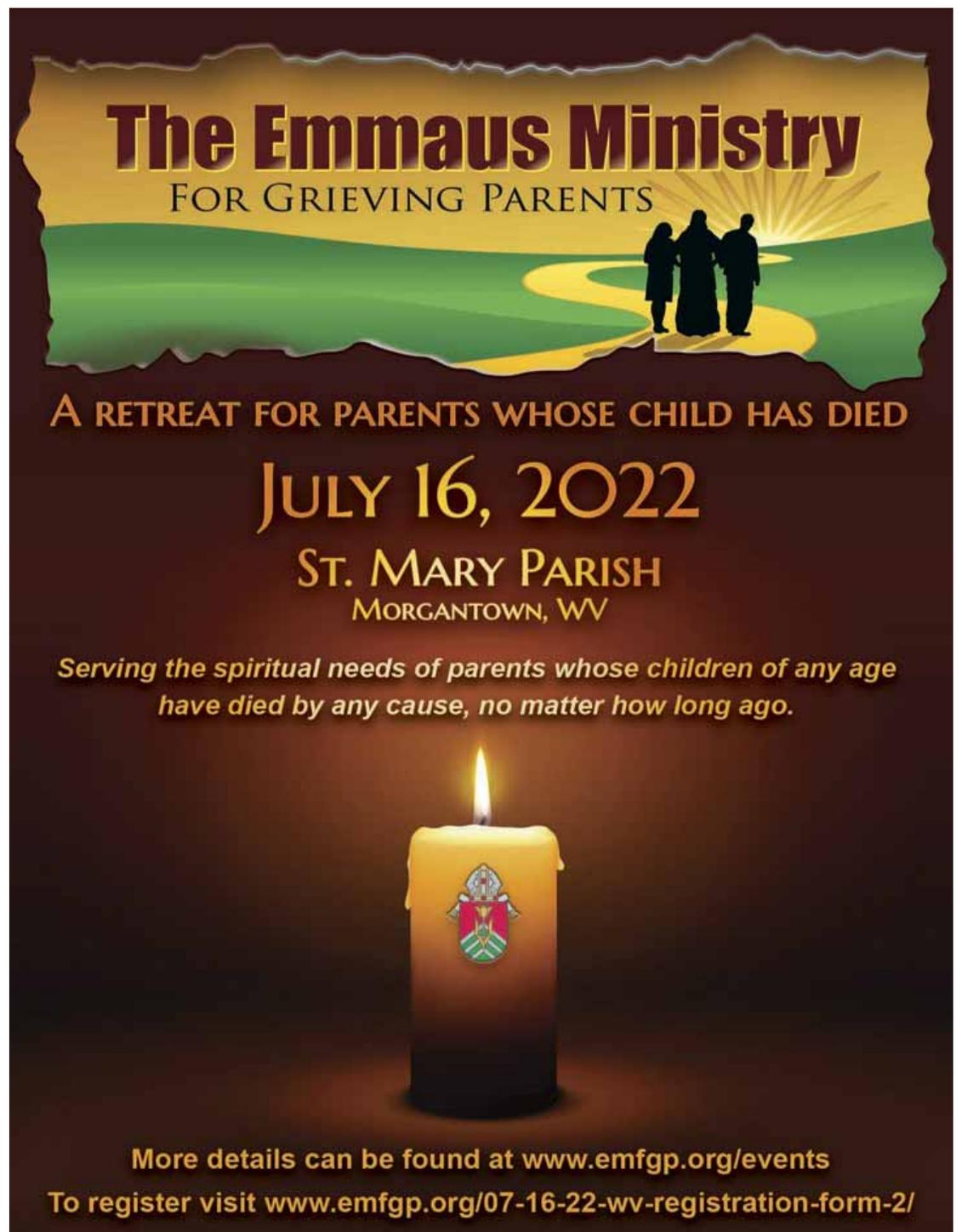
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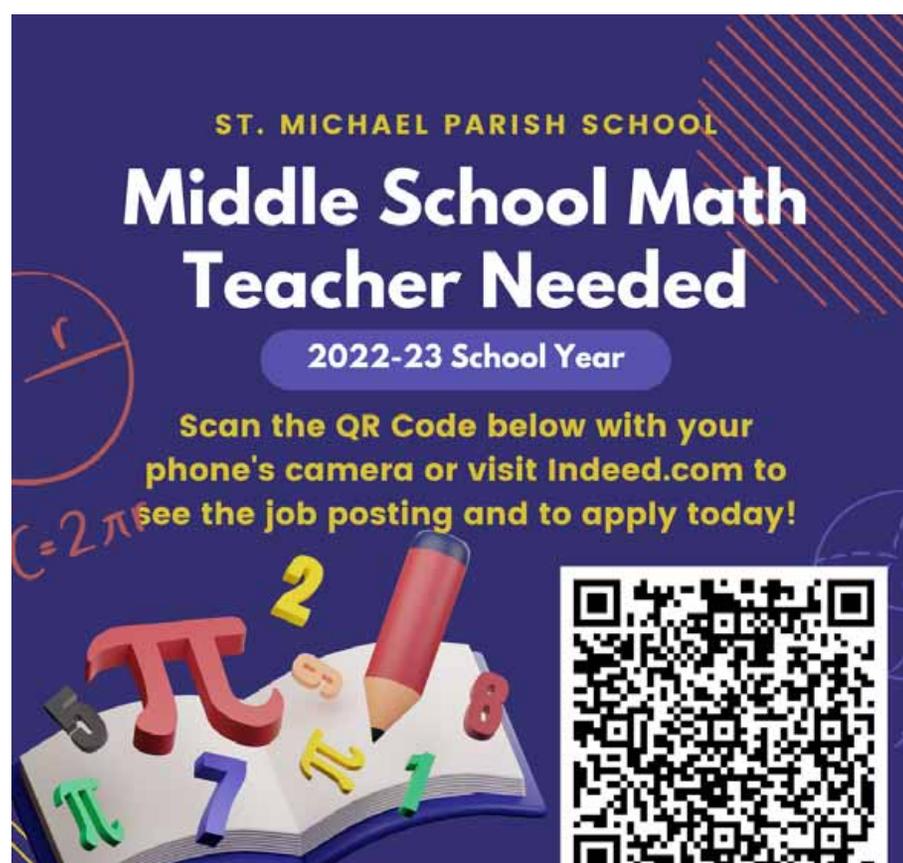
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Wheeling Hospital Performs First Procedure Using Latest Advancement in TAVR

WHEELING—WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital has treated its first patient using the Evolut PRO+ Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR) System, a minimally invasive alternative to open-heart surgical aortic valve replacement.

The first procedure at Wheeling Hospital was performed by the heart team led by Heart and Vascular Institute interventional cardiologists Ramesh Daggubati, MD, and Deepak Hooda, MD, and cardiac surgeon Ganga Prabhakar, MD.

“By adding this alternative aortic valve, we have more options for patients who need minimally invasive aortic valve surgery,” Daggubati said. “Having options for different patient scenarios is impor-

tant for a strong structural heart program. With the support of WVU Medicine in Morgantown, Wheeling Hospital continues to grow and expand their structural heart services to better serve the community needs.”

Douglass Harrison, Wheeling Hospital president and CEO, said, “This latest advancement is an exciting milestone that demonstrates Wheeling Hospital’s commitment to improving cardiac care for heart valve disease patients.”

The self-expanding Evolut PRO+ TAVR System enables physicians to treat a broad range of patients with varying valve anatomies and includes four key valve sizes. The system provides physicians at Wheeling Hospital another option to

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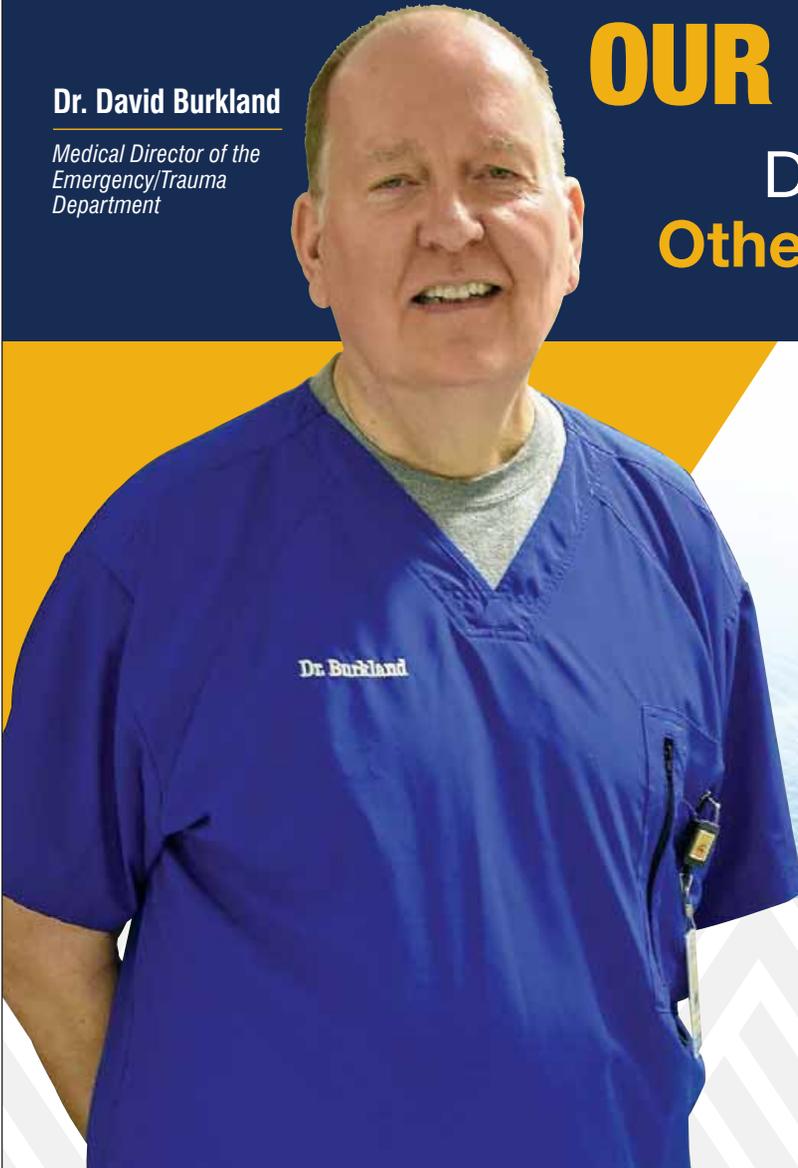
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