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## Dioceses Respond to Pope's Document Restoring Limits on Pre-Vatican II Mass

**By Maria Wiering, Catholic News Service**  
**ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS)** — Archbishop Bernard A. Hebda of St. Paul and Minneapolis said July 16 that, for now, parishes that celebrate Mass in the extraordinary form — also known as the “traditional Latin Mass” or “Tridentine Mass” — should stick to the status quo.

Archbishop Hebda has formed a task force to review Pope Francis' new law to place greater oversight on the use of that form of the Mass.

Auxiliary Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens is chair of the task force, which will take time to understand the new law and consider the next steps to take to implement it in the archdiocese.

Noting that the norms were effective as of July 16, Archbishop Hebda said he “will need some time to study the new norms, examine our local situation and seek counsel.”

“With that in mind, I am happy to grant the necessary faculties so that those priests who are already celebrating the rites of the extraordinary form may continue to do,” he said. “I

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## USCCB General Secretary Resigns; Reports Allege ‘Possible Improper Behavior’

**By Julie Asher, Catholic News Service**  
**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — Msgr. Jeffrey D. Burrill, the general secretary of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops since November, has resigned from the post after the USCCB “became aware of impending media reports alleging possible improper behavior by Msgr. Burrill,” said Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, USCCB president.

In a July 20 memo to bishops, Archbishop Gomez said he had accepted Msgr. Burrill's resignation, effective immediately.

“What was shared with us did not include allegations of misconduct with minors. However, in order to avoid becoming a distraction to the operations and ongoing work of the

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## Diocese's Catholic Schools ‘Lead with Faith’ to Academic Success



Courtesy Photo

The 2021 graduates of Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg toss their caps at graduation. The school announced July 21 that the graduates were offered approximately \$1.7 million in scholarships.

**By Colleen Rowan**

“We are true to who we are, and our curriculum follows that,” Superintendent Mary Ann Deschaine said of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Catholic schools. With the faith at the center of everything and the path they provide to academic success for students, the diocese's Catholic schools continue to be the choice of many families.

To sustain them for the future, the schools' Catholic identity and mission and academic excellence are being strengthened through the recently launched “Intentional Growth Planning for Our Catholic Schools of West Virginia.”

The diocese's six Catholic high schools and 18 Catholic elementary and grade schools are located in 13 counties of West Virginia. A number of them,

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# Diocesan Official Appointments

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

After consultation with Very Rev. Joby John Edamuriyil, C.S.T., provincial superior of the St. Thomas Province of the Little Flower Congregation in Kerala, India, **Father Binu Emmanuel, C.S.T.**, is appointed administrator of St. Patrick Parish in Mannington and St. Peter Parish in Farmington with residence at the parish rectory in Mannington, effective July 21, 2021.

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conference, Monsignor has resigned," the archbishop said.

"The conference takes all allegations of misconduct seriously and will pursue all appropriate steps to address them," he said.

In a lengthy story posted midday, The Pillar, an online outlet that covers the Catholic Church and provides news and analysis, said Archbishop Gomez's memo came after it had contacted the USCCB and Msgr. Burrill regarding evidence the news outlet claimed to have "of a pattern of sexual misconduct on Burrill's part."

The Pillar claimed it had "found evidence the priest engaged in serial sexual misconduct, while he held a critical oversight role in the Catholic Church's response to the recent spate of sexual abuse and misconduct scandals."

"An analysis of app data signals correlated to Burrill's mobile device shows the priest also visited gay bars and private residences while using a location-based hookup app in numerous cities from 2018 to 2020, even while traveling on assignment for the U.S. bishops' conference," it reported.

Commercially available app signal data, The Pillar said, "does not identify the names of app users, but instead correlates a unique numerical identifier to each mobile device using particular apps."

"Signal data, collected by apps after users consent to data collection, is aggregated and sold by data vendors. It can be analyzed to provide time-stamped location data and usage information for each numbered device," The Pillar added.

In a brief statement released later in the day by its Office of Public Affairs, the USCCB, like Archbishop Gomez in his memo, said it had received "impending media reports alleging possible improper behavior" by Msgr. Burrill and that the priest had resigned, effective immediately, "to avoid becoming a distraction" to the conference's operations and ongoing work.

"The conference takes all allegations of misconduct seriously and will pursue all appropriate steps to address them," the statement said.

Archbishop Gomez said in his memo that in consultation with the bishops' Executive Committee, he was appointing Father Michael J.K. Fuller, associate general secretary, to serve as interim general secretary "until the election of a new general secretary by the body of bishops."

Father Fuller, a priest of the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois, was named to the

associate post Nov. 19. The priest had worked as the executive director of the USCCB's Secretariat of Doctrine and Canonical Affairs since August 2016.

"I ask for your prayers for Monsignor, and for the conference staff during this difficult time," Archbishop Gomez said. "We also pray that all those affected might find strength and comfort in our merciful Lord."

A priest of the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin, Msgr. Burrill was named general secretary after the result of voting by the bishops that was announced Nov. 16, the first day of the USCCB's annual fall general assembly. He had been the conference's associate general secretary since March 1, 2016.

The Diocese of La Crosse issued a statement saying Bishop William P. Callahan and diocesan representatives "are saddened to hear the media reports related to Msgr. Burrill. The Diocese of La Crosse pledges its full cooperation with the conference of Catholic bishops to pursue all appropriate steps in investigating and addressing the situation."

"Please remember Msgr. Burrill and all affected in your prayers so they may find refuge and strength in God's unfailing love," it added.

Prior to his USCCB appointment, Msgr. Burrill was pastor of St. Bronislava Church in Plover in central Wisconsin for three years. He was at the Pontifical North American College in Rome from 2009 to 2013, serving originally as director of apostolic formation and subsequently as the Carl J. Peter chair of homiletics, formation adviser and director of media relations.

He was ordained in 1998 for the Diocese of La Crosse. He was pastor of the parishes of St. Mary, in Duran, Holy Rosary in Lima, and Sacred of Jesus in Mondovi, Wisconsin, from 2001 to 2009. He also taught and was chaplain at Regis High School and Middle School in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, for two years prior to his parish assignments.

In addition, he was a regional vicar for six years, served two terms on the diocesan priests' council and also was the diocese's ecumenical officer and a member of the seminary admissions board.

A native of Marshfield, Wisconsin, Msgr. Burrill has a bachelor of arts degree from Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary, adjacent to the campus of St. Mary's University of Minnesota, in Winona, and a bachelor of sacred theology from Rome's Pontifical Gregorian University. In 1999, he earned a licentiate in ecumenical theology from the Angelicum, or Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, which also is in Rome.

## To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children

**To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children:** The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org) to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct or has interfered with an investigation into sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).

**To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforcement:** numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. You may report anonymously to this hotline if you prefer.

**To Report to Diocesan Authorities:** The diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. The diocese also encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also call the Diocese's sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5656. Complaint forms are available online at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), click "Diocese" on the menu bar, then "Offices," then "Safe Environment", then "Download Files and Forms." The form is titled "Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor." The form may be returned via U.S. mail to: Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.


**To Report to the Diocese's Victim Assistance Coordinator:** please call Dr. Patricia Bailey at 304.242.6988.

In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the EthicsPoint platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected.

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/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](http://www.dwc.org), click "Diocese", then "Offices," then "Office of Safe Environment."



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similarly direct that the Mass in the extraordinary form continue in those locations where it is currently being offered in the archdiocese.

"No new public liturgical celebration of the extraordinary form, however, should be introduced anywhere in the archdiocese at this time without my written permission."

Currently, Mass in the extraordinary form is regularly offered in the archdiocese at seven parishes.

Saying he was acting for the good of the unity of the Catholic Church, Pope Francis July 16 restored limits on the celebration of the Mass according to the Roman Missal in use before the Second Vatican Council, overturning or severely restricting permissions St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI had given to celebrate the so-called Tridentine-rite Mass.

His apostolic letter "Traditionis Custodes" ("Guardians of the Tradition") declares the liturgical books promulgated after the Second Vatican Council to be "the unique expression of the 'lex orandi' (law of worship) of the Roman Rite," restoring the obligation of priests to have their bishops' permission to celebrate according to the "extraordinary" or pre-Vatican II Mass and ordering bishops not to establish any new groups or parishes in their dioceses devoted to the old liturgy.

Priests currently celebrating Mass according to the old missal must request authorization from their bishop to continue doing so, Pope Francis ordered, and for any priest ordained after the document's publication July 16, the bishop must consult with the Vatican before granting authorization.

In a statement issued late July 16, Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, encouraged his brother bishops "to work with care, patience, justice and charity" as "these new norms are implemented ... (and) as together we foster a eucharistic renewal in our nation."

Like Minnesota's archbishop, a number of other U.S. bishops similarly told their priests who celebrate the Mass in the extraordinary form and their parishes that already are allowed to have the celebration of this Mass that they can continue to do so while they further study the document.

Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory of Washington told priests of the archdiocese July 16: "I will prayerfully reflect upon 'Traditionis Custodes' in the coming weeks to ensure we understand fully the Holy Father's intentions and consider carefully how they are realized" in the archdiocese.

In the meantime, until there is

"further guidance," he said, he would allow "those who celebrate the Mass using the liturgical books issued before 1970 to continue to do so ... in the days to come."

In a July 19 statement, Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori said that further study of the norms by individual bishops and the USCCB "will help determine how these norms apply here in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. In the meantime, the current practice will continue and going forward every effort will be made to meet the pastoral needs of those who frequent Holy Mass in the extraordinary form."

Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City tweeted shortly after the papal document was released:

"Many questions have been raised by today's publication of Pope Francis' motu proprio 'Traditiones Custodes.' I have informed our clergy that I am granting temporary permission for those priests competent in offering Mass in the Extraordinary Form to continue to do so in churches that already have an Extraordinary Form Mass on their schedule or in a private setting until further study and clarification can inform an appropriate implementation of this document. Thank you for your patience."

Bishop Anthony B. Taylor of Little Rock, Arkansas, in a July 16 statement said it was "incumbent on me as your bishop to indicate the implications of this change for our diocese."

The new norms "do not apply to our two personal parishes for the celebration of the Latin Mass: St. John the Baptist Parish in Cabot and Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Springdale," he explained. "There is no change for these parishes or the priests serving them."

"All that is required of them and the Fraternity of St. Peter (FSSP) priests serving them is that they accept the validity and legitimacy of the liturgical reform of Vatican II, which they do. 'Traditionis Custodes' does caution me not to establish any additional personal parishes for the celebration of the Latin Mass going forward."

"'Summorum Pontificium' (issued by Pope Benedict) sought to foster the healing of the schism of Archbishop (Marcel) Lefebvre and others who rejected not only the liturgical reforms of Vatican II but indeed often the council itself," Bishop Taylor explained. "As it turned out, not only did 'Summorum Pontificium' not achieve that purpose, the unintended result in many places was to create further division within parishes and among priests."

"Traditionis Custodes, the result of consultation among bishops in 2020, 'seeks to foster unity by removing this source of division in our parishes,'" he said.

The document also means, Bishop Taylor said, that three "regular parish churches" where the Mass in the extraordinary form has been celebrated can no longer have the Mass — Holy Redeemer Church in El Dorado, St. Peter the Fisherman Church in Mountain Home and St. Michael Church in Cherokee Village.

The bishop said he is required to decide where the Latin Mass can be celebrated and is designating the churches in the personal parishes in Cabot and Springdale.

In San Francisco, responding to a request for comment from Catholic News Agency July 16, Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone said: "The Mass is a miracle in any form: Christ comes to us in the flesh under the appearance of bread and wine. Unity under Christ is what matters."

"Therefore the traditional Latin Mass will continue to be available here in the Archdiocese of San Francisco and provided in response to the legitimate needs and desires of the faithful."

Archbishop Alexander K. Sample of Portland, Oregon, said in a July 16 statement that while many might want him "to respond immediately and publicly" to "Traditionis Custodes," he will need "time to study, pray and reflect on the implications of this new law for the church and its effect on the celebration of the traditional liturgy."

"I will want to be as merciful and generous as the law allows," said the archbishop, who has been accommodating to those who want the extraordinary form. "Let us all pray for unity and charity in the church."

In Pittsburgh, Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish was established as a personal parish to support the celebration of the traditional Latin Mass in July 2019. Under the new norms, Bishop David A. Zubik confirmed there will be no alterations to the parish's status and "no changes" to these Masses celebrated at the church.

"With today's communication from the Holy Father, we remain committed to work for the unity

of the church as Pope Francis implores us to do in his latest teaching," Bishop Zubik said in a statement.

Bishop Donald J. Hying of Madison, Wisconsin, said in a July 16 letter to the faithful of his diocese that "before making any definitive decisions," he "will seek to understand fully what the Holy See is decreeing."

"Although I do not celebrate the Tridentine Mass myself, I have great esteem for its form and its antiquity, knowing that many Catholics in our diocese draw tremendous graces and blessings by participating in it," the bishop said. "This appreciation will certainly guide me in any decisions needed to be made" to best serve "the needs of the faithful, of parishes and of the diocese as a whole."

In the meantime, he said, some points of the norms "require more immediate attention."

"Priests of the diocese and other priests ministering stably in the diocese who wish to celebrate according to the 1962 Roman Missal can presume my authorization to do so for now, in fidelity to all relevant liturgical and disciplinary norms, but they should anticipate in the near future that I will ask them to contact me to request continued authorization," Bishop Hying said.

Until "times and places for the public celebration of Mass in the Extraordinary Form" are designated, Masses can continue to be celebrated at the times and places in which they have regularly been celebrated throughout the diocese, including in parish churches, he said, adding that the readings must "be proclaimed in the vernacular using translations of the sacred Scripture approved for liturgical use by the USCCB."

"May all of us, whether we worship at the Novus Ordo Mass or the Tridentine Mass, find our unity in the Eucharist, the living bread of God who died and rose from the dead, so that we could be saved and live forever with the Lord," Bishop Hying added.

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# Spending Bills without Hyde Seen as Move to Expand Abortion on Demand

By Julie Asher, Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — In eliminating the Hyde Amendment in spending bills for fiscal year 2022, the “pro-abortion” Democrats on the House Appropriations Committee “destroy over 40 years of previously unprecedented bipartisan support for a measure aimed at saving human lives,” said the president of National Right to Life.

“This is a campaign by pro-abortion Democrats to ensure that abortion is available on demand, for any reason, at any time and paid for with taxpayer dollars,” Carol Tobias said.

She made the comments late July 15 after the committee marked up the legislation.

“The most egregious aspect of the bill presented today is the removal of the Hyde Amendment, which protects lives and prohibits taxpayer funding of abortion,” said Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., during the markup session.

Hyde first became law in 1976 to prohibit federal funds appropriated through the Labor Department, the Health and Human Services Department and related agencies from being used to cover abortion or fund health plans that cover abortion except in cases of rape, incest or when the life of the woman would be endangered.

Hyde has been reenacted in spending bills every year since it was first passed.

House Democrats said they had planned to keep Hyde out of spending bills because President Joe Biden released his proposed budget May 28 without the amendment, according to an ABC News report.

ABC quoted House Appropriations Committee Chair Rosa De-

Lauro, D-Conn., as saying at a July 12 hearing of the committee: “Allowing the Hyde Amendment to remain on the books is a disservice to our constituents. We are finally doing what is right for our mothers, our families and our communities by striking this discriminatory amendment once and for all.”

DeLauro, like Biden, is a Catholic who supports keeping abortion legal.

Jennifer Popik, legislative director of National Right to Life, cited data showing that Hyde has “saved over 2 million American lives” since 1976.

“The Hyde Amendment has proven to be the greatest domestic abortion-reduction measure ever enacted by Congress,” she added in a statement.

Also missing from the appropriations bills was Weldon Amendment language to protect the conscience rights of medical providers and prevent them from being forced to participate in an abortion.

Rep. Andy Harris, R-Md., who is Catholic, told the committee members: “I will tell you as a practicing physician, the Weldon Amendment is incredibly important at protecting people with deeply held conscience and religious beliefs from being forced to participate in something they don’t agree with.”

Another Catholic member of Congress, Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., issued a statement July 15 lamenting the move by House Democrats to break from the decades of bipartisan consensus on Hyde “to advance legislation that would force U.S. taxpayers to pay for abortion on demand.”

The majority of the American

people remain opposed to forcing taxpayers to fund elective abortion, said Smith.

“Polling consistently shows that a majority of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion — nearly six in 10,” he said, citing a recent a Marist poll. “Another eight in 10 Americans think laws can protect both the well-being of a woman and the health of her unborn child.”

Smith, who is co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, and many other pro-life leaders have noted how Biden as a senator always supported the Hyde Amendment.

In a 1994 letter to a constituent, he said that “on no fewer than 50 occasions,” he had voted against federal funding of abortions. “Those of us who are opposed to abortion should not be compelled to pay for them,” he said. In a 2007 memoir, he similarly stated he similarly said he was against federal funding of abortion.

In June 2019, Biden declared he no longer supported the Hyde Amendment. The New York Times quoted him as saying: “If I believe health care is a right, as I do, I can no longer support an amendment that makes that right dependent on someone’s ZIP code. I can’t justify leaving millions of women without access to the care they need and the ability to exercise their constitutionally protected right.”

The “ZIP code” reference was in relation to his opposition to the efforts in a number of states to enact restrictions on abortion.

Smith is the author of the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2021, or H.R. 18, which would make Hyde and similar provisions permanent. He

has 166 co-sponsors.

On June 23, in a late afternoon vote, all 218 Democrats in the House approved a procedural “previous question” motion that prevented the House from debating and voting on the measure. The Republican vote against the motion was 209.

Smith told Catholic News Service that House Republicans then began a series of “unanimous consent requests” on the floor asking that H.R. 18 be immediately discharged from three committees and brought to the floor for debate and a vote. McCarthy made the first request, “followed by others including me. We are going to do this every day until the August recess.”

Over the past couple of months, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ committee chairman, individual bishops, the head of the Catholic Health Association and several pro-life organizations, including March for Life, the Susan B. Anthony List, National Right to Life and Students for Life of America have called on Americans to write to their members of Congress demanding the Hyde Amendment be included in spending bills.

The USCCB’s Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities is asking Catholics and all “people of goodwill” to sign an online petition, [www.notaxpayerabortion.com](http://www.notaxpayerabortion.com), urging Congress not to let federal funds be used to pay for abortions. The petition, “Save Hyde. Save Lives,” will be sent to members of Congress and staff. As of late July 16, the petition had 121,000 signatures.

The spending measures approved by the House Appropriations Committee will now go to the full House for a vote.

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# Congress Urged to be ‘Courageous,’ Pass Comprehensive Immigration Bill

**By Patricia Zapor, Catholic News Service**

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — At a Capitol Hill media event July 21, Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory of Washington joined immigrants, agriculture and business representatives and two U.S. senators in calling for legislative protections for immigrants that keep families together, including a pathway to citizenship.

Speaking on the lawn of the Capitol, Cardinal Gregory said that “like many of our own family members who made a new life here ... we too are called to demonstrate kindness and a spirit of welcome to our migrant and refugee sisters and brothers, who are greatly contributing to our society through work and service.”

He added a note of gratitude “for their dedication and service to this country in positions classified as essential work, health care and military service” during the pandemic.

Cardinal Gregory’s remarks were bracketed by brief comments from Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and by a recipient of DACA, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, who aspires to become a police officer; representatives of the agriculture and poultry industries, including Arturo Rodriguez, former chairman of the United Farm Workers labor union; and a Michigan farmworker, an Ohio college president and immigrant advocacy organizations.

Cardinal Gregory said the 117th Congress “now has an opportunity to be courageous by addressing immigration in a comprehensive and productive way that will provide long-desired relief for those already living as Americans.”

He asked fellow Americans, “whatever political opinions may divide us,” to support legislation that

will keep families together and protect children.”

That would include, he said, legislation that would allow Dreamers, as DACA recipients are known, those covered by Temporary Protected Status and Deferred Enforced Departure, seasonal agriculture workers “and other undocumented essential workers to integrate as fully recognized members of our society, whether through the enactment of stand-alone legislation or a broader legislative package.”

The cardinal explained that Catholic social teaching “upholds the principle that every person has the right to live in his or her own homeland, in security and dignity with opportunities for work. However, when the loss of these rights forces individuals to migrate to other lands, we must welcome them, protect them and generously share our abundance with them.”

In his remarks, the coalition’s co-chair, Don Graham, chairman of Graham Holdings, said he was attending “as a businessperson ... but this is not primarily a business matter.”

He continued, saying that although the program featured two Democratic senators, “this is not primarily a partisan matter,” and that although Cardinal Gregory’s attendance meant there was “a prince of the church,” on hand, “this is not primarily a sectarian matter. He went on to joke: “Though I believe the cardinal is in daily consultation with the Lord and I believe he has his advice.”

Graham, who also chairs the board of The Dream.us and is the former publisher and chairman of The Washington Post, said immigration legislation is a matter of justice, fair treatment and, “above all, a moral matter.”

“America is not a cruel country, and Americans are not cruel people,” Graham added, “but what we are doing to Dreamers is cruel and it is wrong.”

Graham introduced Enrique Sanchez, a recent graduate of the University of Utah, who said he came to the United States from Mexico as a 2-year-old.

As a briefly intense rain

shower swept through, blowing umbrellas inside out and drenching participants, Sanchez said that DACA has provided him, and others who have been raised in the United States but lack legal status, the chance to work and attend school “and contribute to this country.”

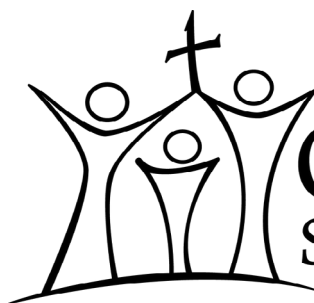
He said immigrants like him are everywhere in the United States. “We are your friends, we are your neighbors, we are your co-workers.”

The event was hosted by the American Business Immigration Coalition, which represents 1,200 CEOs and employers. The

group was sponsoring a national week of action focused on pressing members of Congress to pass the Durbin-Graham Dream Act. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., is a co-sponsor of the measure.

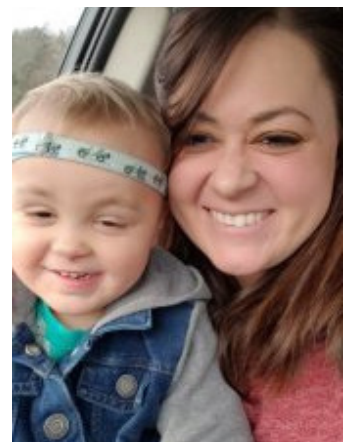
In opening the press event, Rebecca Shi, the coalition’s executive director, said that in addition to participation by Durbin and Schumer, the members had met with 41 Republican senators and that potentially 13 to 15 of them might support immigration legislation.

“There is a deal to be had,” she said.



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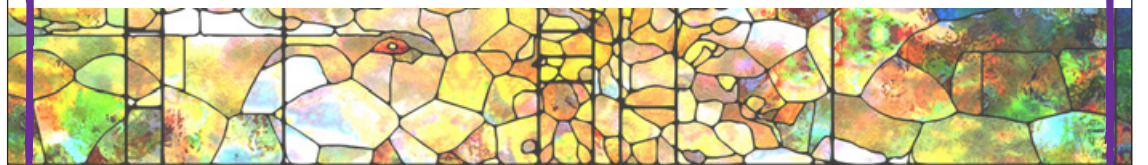
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Students from Our Lady of Fatima Parish School in Huntington attend school Mass earlier this year.



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On a warm day in March, students at St. Francis de Sales School in Beckley work on science experiments on school grounds.

## Schools ...

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Deschaine said, are already seeing an increase in enrollment which she believes has much to do with the schools' continued commitment to students and their success through the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We didn't miss a beat in offering education the last two years," she said. "If it was in-face instruction or remote, our data demonstrates that our children are progressing. ... We are able to provide that personalized instruction for our kids."

The Catholic Schools' Snapshot provided earlier this year reported that the class of 2020 of the diocese's six high schools received \$28.4 million in academic and athletic scholarships.

On July 21, Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg announced that its graduates of 2021 were offered approximately \$1.7 million dollars in scholarships.

In the snapshot, Deschaine says: "West Virginia Catholic Schools provide exceptional academics in a Christ-centered environment, while nurturing responsibility, accountability, citizenship, and empathy. Our PK-12 focus is to encourage individual and critical thinking; deepen faith; build self-esteem; and develop a sound moral foundation rooted in the gospel. God is in our schools. Everything we do, choices we make, and plans we develop are prayerfully made with the best intentions of our students' success. The social, emotional, physical, spiritual, and mental well-being of each child is just as important to academic achievement. We lead with faith."

The diocese's secondary schools are Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, Charleston Catholic High School, Madonna High School in Weirton, Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg, Parkersburg Catholic High School, and St. Joseph Central Catholic High School in Huntington.

The diocese has 18 Catholic elementary and grade schools. In Wheeling are Corpus Christi School, Our Lady of Peace School, St. Michael Parish School, and St. Vincent de Paul Parish School. In Weirton are

St. Joseph the Worker Grade School and St. Paul School.

In the south are Sacred Heart Grade School in Charleston, St. Francis of Assisi School in St. Albans, Our Lady of Fatima Parish School and St. Joseph Catholic School in Huntington, SS. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Oak Hill, and St. Francis de Sales School in Beckley.

In the Central Region of the state through the I-79 corridor are St. Francis de Sales Central Catholic School in Morgantown, Fairmont Catholic Grade School, St. Mary Central School in Clarksburg, and St. Patrick School in Weston. The Central Region is also home to Parkersburg Catholic Elementary School, while the Eastern Panhandle provides Catholic education at St. Joseph School in Martinsburg.

Students at these schools attend weekly school Masses and other prayerful gatherings, keeping the Catholic faith at the forefront.

Catholic school principals and teachers are hoping that families in their areas will choose their schools for their children this year.

"Families in our area should choose Fairmont Catholic because we develop learning through academic excellence and foster faith, family and education," said Diane

Burnside, principal of Fairmont Catholic School. "Our faculty and staff serve as moral role models as we serve God and our community. We are motivated, dedicated and devoted to our students from the minute they enter our doors in the morning to leaving at the end of the day. God is LOVE! We are blessed!"

Shannon Wall, principal and an alumna of Corpus Christi School in Wheeling, echoed these sentiments about her school as well which serves children in the Warwood area of Wheeling.

"At Corpus Christi School, we provide a rounded education which not only offers high academics but also strong faith-filled values," she said. "We get to know our students and families on a personal level which allows us to individualize our instruction and help each child to grow into the best version of themselves while learning the importance of accepting and helping others."

The Department of Catholic Schools provides testimonials from parents, families, and students on its website. One of them is from Anne Garvin, a parent of students at Parkersburg Catholic High School, who said the school "provides my children with the gifts of faith, knowl-

edge, which allows them to learn, serve, lead, and succeed both now and in their grown-up lives. I love what a Parkersburg Catholic education has done for my four children. Their education is a true blessing."

Read more testimonials at <https://wvcatholicschools.org/testimonials/>.

Deschaine also noted that on Aug. 10 and 11, the diocese's Department of Catholic Schools is offering "Mountain Movers," a virtual professional development conference, for all of its teachers and principals.

"We have over 15 virtual breakout sessions, but we are focusing on Catholic identity and mission and academic excellence," Deschaine said. "It's huge that we ... are offering this and having our teachers be able to dive deep into formation, into incorporating the faith into their classrooms while still focusing on our academics along the way. I think that's pretty powerful."

The conference was planned after the Department of Catholic Schools looked at NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) scores, and the intentional growth plans conducted by individual schools.

For contact information for all of the diocese's Catholic schools, see the ad on Page 7 of this issue or visit [wvcatholicschools.org/our-schools/](https://wvcatholicschools.org/our-schools/).



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The class of 2021 of Central Catholic High School in Wheeling is pictured during commencement.





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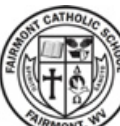
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## Wheeling Central Offering Summer Math Enrichment for Area Students

**WHEELING**— “It’s not too late to register for Mr. Perdziola’s Math Enrichment classes,” Central Catholic High School officials posted on the school’s Facebook page. “Classes begin in the next couple of weeks, so the time is now!”

The program, called “Summer nights 2021 with Thomas Persziola,” is a series of classes appropriate for students from grades seven through 12 and covers various problem-solving techniques from pre-algebra to pre-calculus. Persziola is a knowledgeable, innovative instructor who brings nearly 40 years of experience to his classroom, school officials said. He is also chair of the Math Department at CCHS.

Class size is strictly limited and masks will be required. Social distancing will be observed.

The program will be held Monday through Thursday Aug. 2-12 featuring Test Prep/SAT/ACT/Everyday Problem-Solving 8 to 9:50 a.m.; Preview of Trigonometry 10 to 11:50 a.m.; and Preview/Review of Algebra I from noon to 1:50 p.m.

The cost is \$250. Checks should be made payable to CCHS.

For more information, contact Persziola at (412) 401-6757 or by e-mail to tperdziola@cchsknights.org

## Pishner Releases New CD, ‘Songs of Hope for the Heart’



Courtesy Photo

**Stephen Pishner, director of Music and Liturgy at All Saints Parish in Bridgeport, recently released a new CD.**

**BRIDGEPORT**—Stephen Pishner, director of Music and Liturgy at All Saints Parish in Bridgeport, has just recently released a new recording on CD. Called “Songs of Hope for the Heart,” the CD contains a collection of original songs, some of which were composed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

One song, “We Will Get Through This Storm,” was actually written in response to the pandemic. It received a good bit of attention online.

This first song, that begins the CD, gained a collective 10,000-plus plays on youtube and facebook. Some of the other songs are “Tu Eres Mi Otro You/You Are My Other Self,”

which is based on an ancient poem. Pishner combined this phrase with additional themes that remind the listener that we are the children of God. There is also a song entitled “Song of Justice Love and Mercy,” which was inspired by Micah 6, Matthew 25, The Corporal Works of Mercy, I John 4:7, and the Prayer of St. Francis.

The CD also includes three Psalms as well as a Cantic of Mary called “My Soul Rejoices In My God.” Two inspirational songs are found towards the end of the CD, “You Raise Me Up” and “The Prayer.”

Pishner says those who listen to this recording may find it uplifting and a way to enhance their prayer time. Four of the songs from this CD can already be found on iTunes and Amazon Music, as well as youtube and various other digital platforms. Plans now are being made to get the entire CD posted online, but that will come later on.

Anyone interested in obtaining copies of the CD can get them at All Saints Parish Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., or after Masses on the weekends.

Those interested can also e-mail Pishner directly at italiawv@gmail.com and have one mailed to them. The cost is \$15 plus \$3 for shipping.

This is his second CD of sacred music. Additional songs he’s recorded can be found on iTunes, Amazon, Pandora, Spotify and more.

Pishner’s music has just recently made it to greatcatholicmusic.com, radio programming that is available online 24 hours a day.

## ‘Jesus Christ Superstar’ to be Performed at St. Agnes in Shepherdstown

**SHEPHERDSTOWN**—The musical, “Jesus Christ Superstar,” by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, will be performed at St. Agnes Parish in Shepherdstown outside on the lawn. Show dates are Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 5,6 ,7, and 12, 13,14 at 8 p.m.

Patrons are encouraged to bring their favorite lawn chair or blanket

to sit on the hill. Social distancing will be practiced. The entrance fee is \$10 per person (no printed tickets necessary), and reservations can be made by calling the office at (304) 876-6436.

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# West Virginia Knights of Columbus Install New Officers



Following the State Organizational Meeting held in Elkins on July 10, the Knights of Columbus State Council officers were installed into their respective office for the fraternal year by West Virginia State Deputy Frank Koeing. The installation was held at St. Brendan Church in Elkins following the Saturday evening Mass. Father Jim O'Connor, pastor of St. Brendan Parish, blessed the medals of each office. As part of the organizational meeting and installation of officers, a banquet dinner was held at historic Graceland on the campus of Davis and Elkins college later that evening. Koeing and all the officers look forward to serving Catholic parish and parishioners across West Virginia this coming year. Pictured above, from left, are Koeing and Father O'Connor. From middle left are State Advocate Tom Burke and his wife Cindy, and State Secretary Mike Stanger. At bottom, from left, are State Treasurer Brian Gordon and his wife Valleri, State Warden Carmen Romano and his wife Mary, and Immediate Past State Deputy Paul Niedbalski and his wife Diane. (Courtesy Photos)





# Pope Expresses Closeness with Cuban People as Unrest Continues

By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis expressed his closeness to the people of Cuba a week after protests erupted on the island nation.

In his first public appearance after his release from Gemelli hospital, the pope told pilgrims in St. Peter's Square July 18 that he was "near to the dear Cuban people in these difficult moments, in particular to those families suffering the most."

"I pray that the Lord might help the nation construct a society that is more and more just and fraternal through peace, dialogue and solidarity," he said, as a large group of pilgrims in the square held Cuban flags.

The pope encouraged the people of Cuba to entrust themselves to the maternal protection of the island's patroness, Our Lady of Charity, who "will accompany them on this journey."

Thousands of Cubans in Havana and elsewhere took to the streets July 11 to protest economic hardships, lack of basic freedoms and the Cuban government's handling of the coronavirus outbreak, making for what some have described as the most significant unrest in decades.

Since the protests, the government reportedly has responded by arresting people, including clergy, not only on the streets but also in their homes. There was at least one confirmed death after police shot a man taking part in the anti-government protest.

Before praying the Angelus, the pope reflected on the Sunday Gospel



People in Havana shout slogans against the government July 11 amid the coronavirus pandemic.

CNS Photo/Alexandre Meneghini, Reuters

reading in which Jesus shows concern for his disciples and "their physical and interior tiredness" after returning from preaching.

Jesus does this, the pope said, to make them aware of the danger of being "caught up in the frenzy of doing things, falling into the trap of activism where what is most important are the results that we obtain and the feeling of being absolute protagonists."

"How many times this happens in the church: we are busy, we run around, we think that everything de-

pends on us and, in the end, we risk neglecting Jesus and we always make ourselves the center," he said.

The Gospel reading, the pope continued, is a reminder that physical rest also implies remaining in silence and in prayer to "return to the heart of things."

"Let us beware, brothers and sisters, of efficiency, let us put a halt to the frantic running around dictated by our agendas. Let us learn how to take a break, to turn off the mobile phone, to contemplate nature, to regenerate ourselves in dia-

logue with God," the pope said.

In doing so, he added, Christians can view others with compassion because "only a heart that does not allow itself to be taken over by hastiness is capable of being moved," and rather than being preoccupied with self, "is aware of others, of their wounds, their needs."

"Compassion is born from contemplation," Pope Francis said. "If we learn to

truly rest, we become capable of true compassion."

"If we cultivate a contemplative outlook, we will carry out our activities without that rapacious attitude of those who want to possess and consume everything; if we stay in touch with the Lord and do not anesthetize the deepest part of ourselves, the things we need to do will not have the power to take our breath away or devour us," he said.

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## CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA MISSION MOMENT

# Rebuilding Together at the Margins

**By Katie Hinerman Klug,  
CCWVa Marketing Communications Specialist**

In addition to providing direct assistance to those in need, Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) also engages the youth in West Virginia through learning about poverty, its root causes, and efforts to effect change.

Through this year's Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) "Rebuilding Together at the Margins" art contest, CCWVa engaged students in grades 7-12 to reflect on the vast disparities in our world, and how many of those disparities were amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic.

St. Joseph Central Catholic High School (Huntington) student Elexis Spurlock authored a poem addressing the struggles of homelessness. In Spurlock's piece, the person experiencing homelessness only finds escape by going to sleep and dreaming.

"Faith isn't just complete trust in God; it can be complete trust within yourself and others," said Spurlock. "I think when going about this [effecting change] in a communal way, we need to have faith in one another."

With faith in both God and in one another, CCWVa works with people in poverty to find long-term, sustainable solutions.

"At Catholic Charities, we meet each person or family where they are, and we build re-

lationships and provide guidance to empower them to reach their goals," said Beth Zarate, CCWVa president and chief executive officer.

One of these families is that of Katherine Elliott, who found herself without a home for her family, including her 1-year old daughter and her boyfriend, JR, at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Because Katherine had a child, she did not qualify to stay at local homeless shelters without being separated from her child. However, the Catholic Charities Hospitality House in Wheeling provided transitional housing for her and her family for several months. The Hospitality House enabled the family to stay intact under one roof, while receiving intensive case management services and learning about budgeting and saving money.

"The house was a life saver," said Elliott. "In the midst of COVID, with a child, it made everything so much better. I don't know where I would've been without it."

CCWVa Case Manager Joe Sparksman met with Elliott weekly during her time at the Hospitality House.

"Joe was our mentor. He helped walk us through everything, set us up with the programs we needed to get our life straight," said Elliott. "We were able to save and pay our first month's rent at a [new] house they [CCWVa] connected us with through the Homeless Coalition."



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Katherine Elliott (left), CCWVa client/neighbor, and her daughter, Skyla Sea, celebrate with Joe Sparksman (right), CCWVa case manager, as Katherine obtains the keys to her new home after transitioning out of the Catholic Charities Hospitality House.

Elliott and her family are thriving in their new home and continuing to work toward their goals.

Read more about their journey and read Spurlock's full poem at [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org).

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## Obituary

### Sister Mary Brendan Conlon, OSU

Ursuline Sister Mary Brendan Conlon, 93, died on July 16, 2021, at Nazareth Home-Clifton. Born in Cumberland, Maryland, and named Mary Catherine, she entered the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville in 1946 after her 1945 graduation from the former Ursuline Academy in Cumberland.

Sister Mary Brendan founded Christian Help, Inc. in Mingo County, West Virginia, in 1994, and served that ministry to the needy until her retirement in 2010.

In recognition of her work at Christian Help, the Jenco Foundation in 2006 awarded her the Community Leader Initiative Award for her "visionary leadership in Appalachia." In 2008 the Catholic Committee of Appalachia awarded her the Bishop Sullivan Award for "26 years of working for the voiceless and economically poor of Appalachia." In 2009 she was the recipient of the Dr. William and Budd Bell Award from the Community Transportation Association of America for establishing accessible transportation "to seniors and low-income residents of Mingo County." [Mingo County had no public transportation system.]

Before her service in Mingo County, she was a teacher in schools in Louisville, Kentucky; Omaha, Nebraska, and Morgantown, West Virginia. In 1982 she succeeded Ursuline Sister of Louisville Thecla Shiel as director of Christian Help, Inc., in Morgantown. She also served as a campus minister at West Virginia University's St. John Parish and on the faculty of Saint Francis de Sales School in Morgantown.

In the late 1980s, Sister was a Witness of Peace delegate in Managua, Nicaragua, Central America, for eight months. She also took part in many protests for justice and peace, including civil disobedience, both in Washington, D.C. and at the annual gathering of several thousand people at Fort Benning, Georgia, a movement committed to the closing of the School of the Americas.

Sister Brendan also served her Ursuline Sisters in leadership from 1968 to 1970, and as director of communication from 1969 to 1971. In retirement, she volunteered at several social agencies in Louisville.

Sister Brendan earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, and a master's in theology from Wheeling University; and studied at Marquette University, Milwaukee; Duquesne University, Pittsburgh; the University of Iowa and Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

Sister Brendan is survived by several nieces and nephews, as well as her community of Ursuline Sisters and Associates.



## Confirmation Schedule Fall 2021

*Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant*

Sunday, August 29, 2021: Sacred Heart Parish, Bluefield, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, September 7, 2021: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Stonewood, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 19, 2021: Ascension Parish, Hurricane, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 24, 2021: St. Thomas Parish, Gassaway, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 30, 2021: St. Patrick Parish, Mannington, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 7, 2021: Immaculate Conception Parish, Fairmont, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 10, 2021: Combined Confirmation: Holy Redeemer Parish, Spencer, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mission, Elizabeth; at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mission, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 20, 2021: St. Francis Xavier Parish, Parkersburg, 5:00 p.m.



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### *Charity in Action Award 2021*

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# Papa expresa cercanía al pueblo cubano mientras continúan los disturbios

Por Junno Arocho Esteves,  
Catholic News Service

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)** — El papa Francisco expresó su cercanía al pueblo cubano una semana después de que comenzaran protestas en la isla.

En su primer evento público después de ser dado de alta del hospital Gemelli en Roma, el papa dijo a los peregrinos reunidos en la Plaza de San Pedro el 18 de julio, que estaba "cerca del querido pueblo cubano en estos momentos difíciles, en particular de aquellas familias que más sufren".

"Rezo para que el Señor ayude a la nación a construir una sociedad cada vez más justa y fraterna a través de la paz, el diálogo, y la solidaridad", expresó, mientras un grupo de peregrinos en la plaza ondeaban banderas cubanas.

El Santo Padre animó al pueblo cubano a encomendarse a la protección materna de la patrona de la isla, Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre, quien "los acompañará en este camino".

Miles de cubanos en La Habana y otros lugares salieron a las calles el 11 de julio para protestar por las dificultades económicas, la falta de libertades básicas, y el manejo del gobierno cubano frente a la pandemia de COVID-19, lo que provocó lo que se han descrito como las protestas más masivas que se han visto en Cuba en décadas.

Según informes, desde que empezaron las protestas, el gobierno

ha respondido arrestando a personas -- incluyendo a miembros del clero -- no solo en las calles sino también en sus hogares. Hubo al menos una muerte confirmada después de que la policía disparara contra un hombre que participaba en una protesta contra el gobierno.

Antes de rezar el Ángelus, el papa reflexionó sobre la lectura evangélica dominical en la que Jesús muestra preocupación por sus discípulos y por "su cansancio físico e interior" después de que ellos habían regresado de predicar.

Jesús hace esto, señaló el Sumo Pontífice, para concienciar a sus discípulos sobre el peligro de estar "atrapados en el frenesí del hacer, de caer en la trampa del activismo, donde lo más importante son los resultados que obtenemos y la sensación de ser los protagonistas absolutos".

"Cuántas veces sucede también en la iglesia: estamos atareados, vamos de prisa, pensando que todo depende de nosotros y, al final, corremos el riesgo de descuidar a Jesús y ponernos siempre nosotros en el centro", manifestó.

La lectura del Evangelio, continuó el papa, es un recordatorio de que el descanso físico también implica permanecer en silencio y en oración para "regresar al corazón de las cosas".

"Cuidémonos, hermanos y hermanas, de la eficiencia, detengamos la carrera frenética que dicta nuestras agendas. Aprendamos a



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La gente sostiene banderas cubanas antes del rezo del Ángelus al mediodía por el papa Francisco en la Plaza de San Pedro en el Vaticano el 18 de julio de 2021, la semana después de que comenzaron protestas en Cuba.

hacer una pausa, a apagar el teléfono móvil, a contemplar la naturaleza, a regenerarnos en diálogo con Dios", acotó el papa.

Al hacerlo, agregó, los cristianos pueden ver a los demás con compasión porque "solo un corazón que no se deja dominar por la prisa es capaz de ser conmovido" y, en lugar de preocuparse por uno mismo, es consciente de los demás, de sus heridas, de sus necesidades.

"La compasión nace de la contemplación", dijo el papa Fran-

cisco. "Si aprendemos a descansar de verdad, seremos capaces de sentir verdadera compasión".

"Si cultivamos una mirada contemplativa, realizaremos nuestras actividades sin esa actitud rapaz de quienes quieren poseer y consumir todo; si nos mantenemos en contacto con el Señor y no anestesia- mos lo más profundo de nosotros mismos, las cosas que necesitamos hacer no tendrán el poder de quitarnos el aliento o devorarnos", indicó.

## Para denunciar presuntos casos de abuso sexual de niños:

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

**Para informar a las autoridades civiles:** comuníquese con la policía local; los números varían 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.

**Para informar a las autoridades diocesanas:** La diócesis alienta a informar a las autoridades civiles apropiadas, ante todo, si se ha cometido un delito. La diócesis también alienta a informar a las autoridades eclesiales apropiadas. Para reportar casos sospechosos de abuso sexual de niños por parte del personal de la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston a la Diócesis, comuníquese con uno de los siguientes designados al 1.888.434.6237 o 304.233.0880: Sr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Sr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; o Muy Reverendo Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. También puede llamar a la Oficina de

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

**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, diácono, religioso, o empleado laico de la Diócesis o cualquier parroquia o escuela católica en West Virginia. Se puede acceder a la plataforma EthicsPoint a través de [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), en "Rendición de cuentas", luego "Informar mala conducta" o llamando al 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint es un sistema de informes de terceros que informa a las autoridades civiles cuando corresponda y a las autoridades diocesanas, y la identidad de la persona que informa esta protegida. 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.



## Executive Director of Department of Social Ministry Opening

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is seeking to hire an Executive Director of Department of Social Ministry.

The Executive Director is responsible for serving as a catalyst and ongoing resource to the Bishop, diocesan staff, pastors and parishes in developing and maintaining effort which link direct service, advocacy, action and empowerment toward concerns of local and global justice, respect for all human life and environmental concerns.

This person also provides leadership, vision and advocacy for the development and implementation of a strategic plan for Prison, Hispanic ministries and other immigrant groups.

Qualification requirements include a Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred), 2-5 years experience in parish Social Ministry, extensive knowledge of Catholic Social Teachings, working knowledge of the operation of the Catholic Church, self-motivated, ability to work in a team environment.

Please submit resume, references and cover letter to: Human Resources Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, 1311 Byron Street, PO Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003

Position will stay open until filled.

## Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement VISTA Needed

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center in Wheeling, WV, is hiring a Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement VISTA. The VISTA will be responsible for working with the Volunteer Manager to increase volunteerism at the Center.

Essential duties include providing information to potential volunteers via social media and at in-person events; coordinating one special event per quarter to promote volunteer engagement; promoting volunteer opportunities throughout the community; and assisting Volunteer Manager with volunteer recognition events.

To review full position description and to apply, please visit <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do>. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Keith Miller, Volunteer Manager, at 304-232-7157, ext. 7.

Please apply by July 31, 2021.

## Elementary School Teacher and aide Sought St. Joseph School, Martinsburg

St. Joseph School in Martinsburg is seeking a certified elementary school teacher. We are blessed to have a high volume of students, so hiring another teacher will allow us to keep our class sizes small.

If you are interested in working in a rewarding, faith-filled environment, please email a résumé and cover letter to Principal Pat Blanc at [pblanc@sjswv.org](mailto:pblanc@sjswv.org).

St. Joseph School is also seeking a kindergarten teacher's aide. Aides support teachers in planning and implementing daily programs.

Job responsibilities include ensuring the daily care of every child by following all licensing guidelines and the school's standards of care. Aides also help maintain a fun and interactive environment that is clean and organized.

Applicants must have at least a high school diploma. Experience working in a child care setting is preferred.

For more information, contact Principal Pat Blanc at [pblanc@sjswv.org](mailto:pblanc@sjswv.org) or call 304-267-6447.

## Northern - CCNC Case Manager – Homeless Outreach

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

Case Manager – Homeless Outreach: This employee will direct case management duties, serve at-risk individuals and families especially to those experiencing homelessness. Case Manager also addresses financial assistance needs for clients outside of case management services.

Essential Job Duties: Conduct interviews; Assist clients in long-range plans; Maintain the operation of region's Emergency Assistance Program; Assist the Regional Director in working with regional Catholic parishes to develop and maintain working relationships

Job Type : This is a regular fulltime, non-exempt position located at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center, Wheeling, WV 26003

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in social work, education, human services, or a related field; Experience working with at-risk populations; Excellent computer skills w/ability to track and analyse data; Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.; Knowledge of: Federal, State and community resources; case management practices; Must have transportation to travel and a valid Driver's License; Working knowledge of and ability to articulate Catholic Social Teaching.


Please email resume, cover letter, and three professional references by 08/02/2021 to: ([maphillips@ccwva.org](mailto:maphillips@ccwva.org))

Application materials can also be delivered to:

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