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## ‘WV Catholic Schools Are Ready to Reopen,’ Superintendent Says in Letter

By Colleen Rowan

**WHEELING**—While the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is mandated by the state to delay its start of the academic year until Sept. 8, “leave no doubt your WV Catholic schools are ready to reopen,” Diocesan Superintendent Mary Ann Deschaine assured families in a July 22 letter.

“It is important to note each of our 24 schools have prepared a plan that has been approved not only by our schools’ office, but also the individual county health departments,” she said. “Remain assured our decisions throughout this time and in the future focus on the safety of our students, teachers, and staff. We will continue to rise and emerge as a stronger Catholic school family.”

Plans for reopening are designed to keep everyone as safe as possible, she said, being mindful of individuals and respectful to others like the diocese’s parishes, which based their safety

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## Wheeling Hospital Instituting Voluntary Workforce Reduction

**WHEELING**—Due to the severe economic losses caused by a number of issues, Wheeling Hospital has made the difficult decision to reduce its workforce and will begin with a Voluntary Reduction Plan.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has had a \$35 million impact on the hospital,” said CEO Douglass Harrison. “To date, we have received just over \$22 million in CARES funding. As a result, the

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## Vatican: Laity Have Role, but Most Parishes Must be Led by Priests



CNS Photo/Ahmed Jadallah, Reuters  
The dome of St. Peter’s Basilica at the Vatican is seen through a window of Castel Sant’Angelo in Rome in this 2018 file photo. On July 20, 2020, the Vatican issued a new instruction on pastoral care that emphasizes the role of lay men and women in the church’s mission, but said most parishes must be led by priests.

By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — The Vatican’s Congregation for Clergy issued a new instruction on pastoral care that specifies the role of lay men and women in the church’s mission of evangelization and offers guidance in parish reforms and restructuring.

The 22-page document, titled “The pastoral conversion of the parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the church,” was released by the Vatican July 20.

While it does not introduce new legislation on pastoral care, the Vatican press office said it was developed by the congregation as a guide related “to the various projects of reform of parish communities and diocesan restructuring, already underway or in the planning process.” It also clarifies the role of the deacons, consecrated men and women, as well as the laity, in dioceses where there is a shortage or lack of priests.

Those entrusted with participation in the exercise of the pastoral care of the community, the document states, “will be directed by a priest with legitimate faculties, who will act as a ‘moderator of pastoral care,’ with the powers and functions of a parish priest, albeit without an office with its duties and rights.”

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## Obituary

### Deacon Louis John Belldina

Reverend Mr. Louis John Belldina of Monongah, WV, passed away on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at age 72. He was born on March 19, 1948 in Cleveland, OH, and raised in Grant Town, WV, a son of the late James Belldina and Helen Wolfe Belldina.



Lou is survived by his wife, Barbara Belldina; his children, Juda Belldina and wife Sarah of

Cincinnati, OH, Jeremy Belldina and his wife Seashal of McMurray, PA, Jennifer Lancaster and her husband John of Barboursville, WV, and Jessica Belldina of Clarksburg, WV; grandchildren, Warie, Uzuri, Bearra, Caius, Ilya, Verena, Elizabeth, Elijah, Micah, Nathan, and Anna; sister, Shirley Smith; brother-in-law, David Bordas; and nieces, Jessica, Carrie, Jill, Tina, and Lisa.

Deacon Lou was lovingly devoted to his wife, family and the Church, serving as Deacon for 39 years. Ordained in 1981, Deacon Lou served as the Director of Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center, served as a Permanent Deacon for St. John Bosco Parish in Huttonsville, St. Brendan Parish in El-

kins, and St. Patrick Parish in Coalton, and most recently served at St. Anthony Parish in Fairmont, and Holy Spirit Parish in Monongah.

The family received friends at St. Anthony Church in Fairmont on July 19 with Vigil Rites celebrated by Father Vincent E. Joseph. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Spirit Church in Monongah on July 20 with Bishop Mark E. Brennan as celebrant and Father Gary P. Naegele as homilist.

Burial followed at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Monongah. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.domicofh.com](http://www.domicofh.com). Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice.

## 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 report. 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.

**To report to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston:** The Diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost as well as 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 designees at 304-233-0880. The proper extensions are: Sr. Ellen F. Dunn, O.P., ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Tim Bishop, ext. 353. You may also fill out a confidential "Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor" by picking one up at your local parish or requesting one in the mail from Safe Environment Coordinator, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003. The Complaint Form also is available for download on the diocese's web site [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), click Diocese on the menu bar, then click Offices, click Safe Environment and click "Download Files and Forms" section. It is listed as "Complaint Form." To report to the Diocese's Victim Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Patricia M. Bailey: 304-242-698

**Links and information:** WV Department of Health and Human Resources: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp>. West Virginia State Police, Crimes Against Children Unit, Internet Crimes Against Children

## 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."

## Diocesan Official Appointments:

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

**Very Rev. John S. Ledford, V.F.**, is appointed Vicar Forane of the Wheeling Vicariate for a period of three years, effective Aug. 4, 2020. This is in addition to his current assignment as pastor of St. Jude Parish in Glen Dale.

**Msgr. Joseph L. Peterson** is retiring from active ministry, effective Aug. 4, 2020.

**Father Martin Smay** is appointed vice rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, with residence at the cathedral rectory, effective Aug. 4, 2020.

**Father Gary P. Naegele** is appointed pastor of St. Boniface Parish in Camden, Good Shepherd Mission in Glenville, and St. Clare Chapel in St. Clara, with chaplaincy responsibilities with the Federal Correctional Institution in Gilmer and Glenville State College in Glenville, with residence at the parish rectory in Glenville, effective Aug. 4, 2020.

**Father Christopher Turner** is appointed associate pastor of St. Ann Parish in Shinnston, St. James the Apostle Parish in Clarksburg, and Sacred Heart Mission in Salem, with residence at the parish rectory in Shinnston, effective Aug. 4, 2020.

**Father Nye Joseph Wiley** is appointed associate pastor of St. Michael Parish in Wheeling, effective Aug. 4, 2020.

**Father Joseph M. Konikattil** is appointed chaplain of the Knights of Columbus Marian Council No. 942. This is in addition to his current assignment as administrator of St. Peter the Fisherman Parish in Fairmont.



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# One Resident, Three Staff Members Test Positive for COVID-19 at Good Shepherd Nursing Home

**WHEELING** — One resident and three staff members at Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Wheeling have tested positive for COVID-19.

Good Shepherd Administrator Donald R. Kirsch made the announcement July 15.

The nursing home's 175 residents and 210 staff underwent the testing.

The resident that tested positive was the same one who tested positive earlier in the year.

Kirsch spoke with the head of Epidemiology for the State of West

Virginia who stated that the CDC is starting to see more cases like this, in which an individual is "persistently positive;" furthermore, it does not appear that these individuals are capable of infecting others, but facilities should treat them as if they have the virus. Kirsch stated that the resident is now in isolation.

All three of the staff members who tested positive are asymptomatic and self-isolating at home. Asymptomatic carriers are capable of transmitting the virus to others, but less so than those who are

showing symptoms.

Good Shepherd is informing residents, families and regulators of these developments. According to guidance from the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health, the nursing home must now test all residents and all staff every seven days until there is a 14-day period with no new cases.

"We are working closely with the Ohio County Health Department and the Ohio County Office of Homeland Security to accomplish this goal," Kirsch said. "Suspension of resident visitation will

continue during this period."

He thanked staff for using proper infection control procedures, the result of which is keeping Good Shepherd residents safe. "We are also continuing to ask our staff to be careful regarding social contact with groups now that our economy is reopening," he said.

He also thanked Good Shepherd residents and their family members for their patience and understanding. "We will continue to communicate with all parties, as further developments arise," he said.

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measures on guidance by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and local health authorities.

"Throughout this historic moment, we remain forward thinking and not intimidated by unknowns," Deschaine said. "We remain realistic knowing that problems occur, but as we instill in our students, we know those problems are challenges that need innovative solutions

and call upon our strong faith."

Earlier this month, West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice announced his order pushing back the start of the school year in response to the increase in COVID-19 cases in West Virginia. At a July 8 press briefing, the governor announced that he and state education leaders are targeting Sept. 8 as the tentative date to resume student instruction in school buildings in all 55 counties across West Virginia.

Because of the state's emergency order delaying the opening of schools,

Deschaine said that the NWEA assessment test for students in kindergarten-10th grades will be moved from August to early fall. The assessment identifies areas where a student may need extra help and enables staff to better develop prescriptive individualized educational plans, she said. The assessment test will be administered three times during the school year to assess progress and identify overall academic growth.

Deschaine also announced in her letter that

plans for the summer enrichment program are being adjusted to meet state guidelines. Individual schools will contact their families with details. "These focus sessions will be subject area specific, and where needed will serve as a cross curriculum bridge program," she said. "These times have been both unwanted and unpredictable. I am confident that we will come out of this even more resilient. We are not only making history, but also writing our story of adaptability, perseverance, empathy, and steadfast faith

every step along this journey."

The diocese's Department of Catholic Schools is also continuing enhanced e-learning and distance engagement trainings for teachers in each building, Deschaine noted.

"As I have said countless times," she said in closing her letter, "I am inspired by the unwavering commitment of our schools, their advisory boards, and parishes. Keep us in your prayers, as we know our God is an awesome God, and we need to lead with faith over fear."


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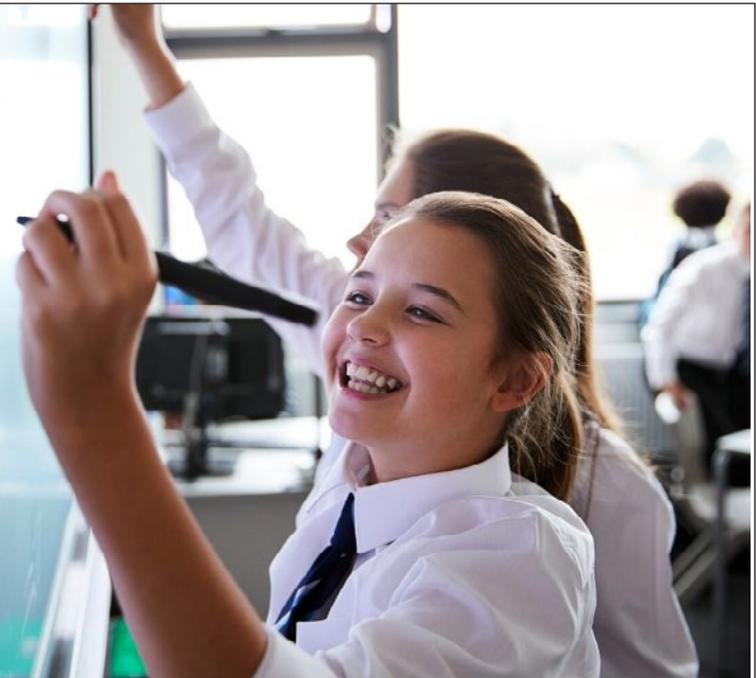
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The document also instructs bishops to not designate deacons, consecrated and lay men and women who are given responsibilities in a priestless parish as “pastor, co-pastor, chaplain, moderator, coordinator, parish manager,” which are typically reserved for priests “as they have a direct correlation to the ministerial profile of priests.”

Instead, those with responsibilities should be designated as “deacon cooperator, coordinator, pastoral cooperators or pastoral associate or assistant,” it said.

Laypeople, the document states, are called “to make a generous commitment to the service of the mission of evangelization,” first and foremost, through the “general witness of their daily lives.”

The Vatican press office said, “The text, fundamentally, recalls that ‘in the church there is room for all and everyone can find their place’ in the one family of God, respecting each person’s vocation.”

Msgr. Andrea Ripa, undersecretary of the Congregation for

Clergy, said their office created the instruction as a way to help support and guide bishops and dioceses in parish reforms and diocesan restructuring.

The instruction was not a “one size fits all” approach, he wrote, but a concise overview of current norms and indications that can be utilized by the different dioceses and parishes according to their unique situations.

“Given that the church is mandated by Christ to be missionary, evangelizing and outward-looking, a reform of her structures is continuously required in order to respond to the challenges of the day,” the monsignor wrote.

“Naturally, this involves a certain reorganization in the way the pastoral care of the faithful is exercised, so as to foster a greater co-responsibility and collaboration among all the baptized,” he wrote.

The importance of the laity in the parish community was emphasized in the way bishops work on restructuring the diocese, particularly when it comes to closing or merging parishes.

In order for such restructuring to succeed, the document said, many factors need to be taken into

account by including all members of the parish.

“Dropping plans upon the people of God from above, without their involvement, should be avoided,” Msgr. Ripa said in his written presentation.

The instruction underlined that certain reasons were not sufficient for suppressing a parish, including “the scarcity of diocesan clergy, the general financial situation of a diocese” or other situations that are temporary or reversible.

Legitimate reasons for suppression had to be “directly and organically connected to the interested parish community, and not on general considerations or theories,” it added.

Similarly, legitimate reasons for the deconsecration and sale of places of worship could not include “the lack of clergy, demographic decline or the grave financial state of the diocese,” it said.

*(Contributing to this story was Carol Glatz.)*



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# Attacks on Statues Seen as ‘Signs of Society in Need of Healing’

By **Julie Asher, Catholic News Service**

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — A wave of recent attacks on Catholic statues around the country and fires at two churches prompted the chairmen of two U.S. bishops’ committees to decry “the destruction of these holy symbols of selfless love and devotion.”

“Whether those who committed these acts were troubled individuals crying out for help or agents of hate seeking to intimidate, the attacks are signs of a society in need of healing,” said Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami and Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City in a joint statement late July 22.

“In those incidents where human actions are clear, the motives still are not. As we strain to understand the destruction of these holy symbols of selfless love and devotion, we pray for any who have caused it, and we remain vigilant against more of it,” they said.

Archbishop Wenski is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Religious Liberty, and Archbishop Coakley is chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development.

Among incidents the two prelates pointed out were the beheading of a statue of Christ at a Catholic church in the Miami Archdiocese, the defacing of a statue of Mary outside a Catholic school in the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York. They also highlighted two church fires, one that severely damaged the interior of a church in the Diocese of Orlando, Florida, and one that gutted a 230-year-old mission church in the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

“Our nation finds itself in an extraordinary hour of cultural conflict,” Archbishops Wenski and Coakley said. “The path forward must be through the compassion and understanding practiced and taught by Jesus and his holy Mother.

“Let us contemplate, rather than destroy, images of these examples of God’s love,” they said. “Following the example of Our Lord, we respond to confusion with understanding and to hatred with love.”

In recent weeks, angry mobs have toppled statues

of figures such as St. Junipero Serra, a Franciscan priest from Spain who founded several missions in California. Statues of historical figures, like Christopher Columbus, Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Frederick Douglass, also have been knocked down and heavily damaged.

In the Miami Archdiocese, the beheaded statue of Christ was found July 15 at Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Southwest Miami-Dade. The statue also was knocked from its pedestal.

“The statue, located outside the church, was on private and sacred property,” said Mary Ross Agosta, director of communications for the Archdiocese of Miami. She told the local Fox News affiliate Archbishop Wenski requested investigators consider the vandalism “a hate crime.”

The Department of Homeland Security is among the agencies investigating the case.

In a statement, parish officials said: “It is too soon to arrive to any conclusion, but we have seen other churches vandalized around the country. We totally ‘condemn’ this action. We invite our community to pray for peace.”

In the Diocese of Colorado Springs, Colorado, an unidentified person used red paint to deface a statue of Mary in front of St. Mary’s Cathedral in downtown Colorado Springs July 15.

“It does look like a graffiti tag more than anything else,” Father David Price, the cathedral’s rector, told local reporters. “I’m not sure there was any sense or meaning behind it.”

In the Diocese of Knoxville, Tennessee, Father Manuel Perez, pastor of St. Stephen Catholic Church in Chattanooga, found a statue of Mary on the parish grounds knocked over and beheaded. News reports said the 5-foot-tall statue was worth \$2,000. The missing head has not been found.

As in Florida, the Department of Homeland Security is looking into the incident, which occurred over the July 11-12 weekend, as a possible hate crime.

“Anytime something like this happens it is  
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## New Accusation Surfaces against Former U.S. Prelate McCarrick

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** -- A firm that has filed previous legal complaints against former Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick and church entities added another complainant July 21 against the defrocked prelate, leveling a new accusation that he allegedly abused its new client as a boy at a beach house in Sea Girt, New Jersey, in the early 1980s.

In a July 22 news conference via Zoom, Jeff Anderson of Jeff Anderson & Associates of St. Paul, Minnesota, announced a new lawsuit he said was filed in Middlesex County Superior Court in New Jersey. He said his client, named only

as John Doe 14, was groomed by a priest and “procured” for McCarrick when he was bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen, New Jersey.

Anderson said the new complaint identifies at least seven children who were “groomed by others for McCarrick,” and in addition to McCarrick it names several Catholic entities as defendants including the Diocese of Metuchen, the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, and Essex Catholic Boys High School, which closed in 2003. Anderson categorized the Sea Girt venue as “McCarrick’s sordid beach house child sex ring.”

“While we have not yet received the complaint, our prayers are with all survivors of abuse, today and always, and we stand with them in their journey toward healing and hope,” said Anthony P. Kearns III, spokesperson and chancellor for the Diocese of Metuchen in a July 22 statement.

The Archdiocese of Newark in a statement July 22 said it would not discuss or comment on matters in litigation. Both the diocese and archdiocese said they remain “fully committed” to working with victims and ensuring such abuse never happens again.

## ‘Journeying Together’ Will Focus on Church’s Engagement with Young People

**WASHINGTON (CNS)**—The U.S. Catholic Church will convene a yearlong intercultural process with young adults and ministry leaders July 25.

Called “Journeying Together,” the initiative aims to explore the Catholic Church’s engagement with young people of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds and mobilize U.S. Catholics on issues and concerns related to culture and race in the United States, according to a July 22 news release from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The USCCB’s Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church is leading the initiative, with the involvement of several USCCB secretariats—Catholic Education, Evangelization and Catechesis, and Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. They will be joined by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

Due to health concerns created by the novel coronavirus, the initiative will primarily take place online from July through next May. Plans call for a live gathering to take place next summer, pending health and safety directives.

It is based on Pope Francis’ call for encounter and dialogue in his 2019 apostolic exhortation “Christus Vivit,” (“Christ Lives”) on the 2018 Synod of Bishops on young people, the faith and vocational discernment.

The pope urged parishes and dioceses to  
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## California Mission Founded by St. Junipero Serra Gets a Papal Upgrade

**VENTURA, Calif. (CNS)** — When Father Tom Elewaut saw the name on his phone’s caller ID the night of June 30, the pastor of Mission San Buenaventura guessed the call had something to do with the recent controversy over whether to remove the statue of St. Junipero Serra in front of Ventura’s City Hall. He guessed wrong.

“I’ve got some good news,” said Los Angeles Archbishop Jose H. Gomez on the other end of the line. “You’re a minor basilica.”

Father Elewaut’s voice started to crack with emotion. He had spent the last six years researching, praying and waiting for Pope Francis to decide whether to elevate the 238-year-old parish to the rank of minor basilica. On July 15, the feast of the mission’s namesake, St. Bonaventure, the pope’s decision became public. At a special 7:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Gomez, Father Elewaut and Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron, Mission San Buenaventura was unveiled as the first basilica in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the 88th in the United States.

“When the pope designates a basilica, it means this is holy ground, that something beautiful and important in the history of salvation happened here,” Archbishop Gomez said at the Mass.

## Fun, Festival Food Fridays at St. Michael's in Wheeling

**WHEELING**—St. Michael Parish in Wheeling invites you to take a break from the “old grind” of cooking to enjoy some of your favorite festival foods. Fun Festival Food Fridays are happening at the Angelus Center every Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. for the month of July.

“There will be delicious desserts by our Christian Mothers and Christian Women and cotton candy from the Komorowski/Philips Family,” parish officials said.

Drive-thru and carry-out carhop service will be available. Credit cards will be accepted and checks are encouraged due to the pandemic.

Next to the plate - July 24: Rajun Cajun Gumbo (Golden Family), July 31: Mansuetto Meatballs (Dieffenbaugher Family).

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## New Martinsville Parish Offers Fresh Produce to Community's Senior Citizens



Courtesy Photo

**St. Vincent de Paul Parish in New Martinsville in conjunction with Community Resources holds a free produce give away twice a month for any senior citizen who wants fresh produce. Pictured above are volunteers with the bags of fresh produce, which is grown in the parish's newly established garden. See a full story on this parish's ministry in the Aug. 7 issue of The Catholic Spirit.**

## St. Joseph School in Martinsburg will Have Yard Sale with All Proceeds to Benefit the School

**MARTINSBURG**—St. Joseph School in Martinsburg will host a yard sale from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 24, and Saturday, July 25, in the parking lot behind the school. Among the items being sold are toys, furniture, sports equipment, home decor, clothing for all ages and purses. Refreshments also will be available for purchase.

Shoppers must take all proper social-distancing precautions and wear face masks to help protect the community. To access the parking lot, travel past the school, at 110 E. Stephen St. in Martinsburg, and turn right on Spring Street.

The parking lot is the first one on the right.

All proceeds will benefit SJS, the only Catholic school in the Eastern Panhandle. Students ages 2 through eighth grade grow academically, spiritually, socially and emotionally at the school, which was founded in 1883. Math, language arts, science, social studies and religion are core subjects, and students attend Mass weekly at St. Joseph Church.

For more information about the sale or enrollment, which is ongoing, contact the school office at (304) 267-6447 or email [mpartington@sjsww.org](mailto:mpartington@sjsww.org).

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disappointing and concerning," said Diocese of Knoxville diocesan spokesman Jim Wogan in a statement. "We don't know if this was the targeted desecration of a sacred statue, or some kind of misguided prank, but it hurts."

"For whatever reason we are living in a very chaotic time and anger seems to be the default setting for people," he added. "Our bishop has asked that we live by the example set in the Gospel of Matthew, to treat others as we ourselves would want to be treated."

Knoxville Bishop Richard F. Stika tweeted about the incident July 13, saying "what a strange time" we live in. "Over the weekend, an outdoor statue of the Blessed Mother was beheaded at St. Stephen Parish in Chattanooga. This is occurring at various

spots throughout the United States."

A statue of Mary was found defaced July 10 on the grounds of Cathedral Prep School and Seminary in the Brooklyn Diocese.

Father James Kuroly, Cathedral Prep's rector and president, called the incident "an act of hatred."

"Obviously, this tragedy saddens us deeply," he said in a statement, "but it also renews our hope and faith in the Lord as he has shown his goodness in the many people who have already reached out to us." He urged prayers "for those who committed this act of vandalism and hatred toward Our Lady and the church."

Police in Boston were likewise investigating a fire that damaged a statue of Mary outside St. Peter Church the evening of July 11. News reports said flowers in Mary's hands were set on fire, causing damage from her arms up

to her face. Fire also claimed much of two Catholic churches, one in Florida and one in California.

In the Orlando Diocese, a man crashed his van through the doors of Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Ocala early in the morning July 11. Once inside, he set the interior of the church ablaze. There were no injuries reported.

Police later apprehended the suspect who had fled the scene, identified as Anthony Steven Shields, 24, who was charged with several felonies, including attempted second-degree murder, arson to a structure and felony fleeing or attempting to elude.

In Los Angeles, a fire ravaged the church at Mission San Gabriel Arcangel in the predawn hours of July 11. Investigators have not yet determined what started the blaze that gutted the 230-year-old church.

## CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

St. Joseph the Worker, Weirton  
Wednesday, Aug. 5: 7:00 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi, St. Albans  
Saturday, Aug. 8: 11:00 a.m.

St. Agnes, Charleston and St. Anthony, Charleston, at St. Agnes  
Saturday, Aug. 8: 5:00 p.m.

Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston  
Sunday, Aug. 9: 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (4:00 Mass if necessary)

St. Francis de Sales, Morgantown  
Wednesday, Aug. 12: 7:00 p.m.

St. Leo, Inwood  
Saturday, Aug. 15: 10:00 a.m.

St. Agnes, Shepherdstown  
Sunday, Aug. 16: 9:00 a.m.

St. Joseph, Martinsburg (to be held at St. James Parish, Charles Town)  
Sunday, Aug. 16: 3:30 p.m.

St. Sebastian, Kingwood; St. Zita Mission, Mason-town; St. Edward the Confessor, Mission, at St. Sebastian  
Friday, Aug. 21: 6:00 p.m.

St. Peter Welch and Sacred Heart Mission, Powhatan, at Sacred Heart Mission  
Saturday, Aug. 22: 5:30 p.m.

St. Francis de Sales, Beckley  
Sunday, Aug. 23: 11:00 a.m.

Corpus Christi, Warwood  
Saturday, Aug. 29: 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

## Journeying...

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rethink their young and young adult programs and to make changes based on what young people themselves say they want and need. Youth ministry cannot be elitist or focused only on the teens and young adults already active in the church's life, he said.

He also called on Catholic youth to reach out to other young people, to not be afraid to mention Jesus and to invite friends to church or a church-sponsored activity.

The "Journeying Together" process will feature intracultural and intercultural digital gatherings and conversations with young adult delegates and key ministry leaders from different cultural communities, including African Americans, Asian and Pacific Islanders, European Americans, Hispanic/Latinos, and Native Americans, as well as immigrant groups, migrants and refugees.

Delegates, who include bishops, young adults and local ministry leaders, "will seek to involve their peers in the dialogue and mobilization aspects of this year-long experience," the news release said.

The conversations will be facilitated by young adults in response to Pope Francis encouraging young people to be "protagonists" in the church's mission of evangelization.

"This dialogue comes at an incredibly important time in our nation's history where we find ourselves engaged in a serious conversation about race and racism, with calls for meaningful and lasting social reform, a movement led in large part by young people

across the country and around the world," said Philadelphia Archbishop Nelson J. Perez, chairman of the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church.

"The COVID-19 pandemic also has affected communities of color most significantly," he said in a statement. "Over the course of the next year, it is my hope that we can have honest conversations on these and other issues impacting young people and on how we can move ahead on the important questions of race, culture and community."

Organizers of the initiative "have been very intentional about making sure every cultural family has their voice represented and a seat at the table as we journey together," he added. "The bishops are looking forward to learning from the young people and those who accompany them."

For more information about "Journeying Together," go to [www.usccb.org/journey2020](http://www.usccb.org/journey2020).



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# Vaticano presenta documento de instrucción para parroquias

Por Junno Arocho, Es-  
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Service

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)** — La Congregación para el Clero del Vaticano emitió una nueva instrucción sobre el cuidado pastoral que explica el papel de los laicos en la misión de evangelización de la iglesia y ofrece orientación en las reformas y reestructuraciones de la parroquia.

El documento de 22 páginas, titulado “La conversión pastoral de la comunidad parroquial al servicio de la misión evangelizadora de la Iglesia”, fue publicado por el Vaticano el 20 de julio.

Aunque no introduce nueva legislación sobre el cuidado pastoral, la oficina de prensa del Vaticano dijo que fue desarrollada por la congregación como una guía relacionada “con los diversos proyectos de reforma de las comunidades parroquiales y la reestructuración diocesana, ya en curso o en proceso de planificación”. También aclara el papel de los diáconos, hombres y mujeres consagrados, así como los laicos, en las diócesis donde hay escasez o falta de sacerdotes.

El documento establece que los encargados de participar en el ejercicio del

cuidado pastoral de la comunidad “serán dirigidos por un sacerdote con facultades legítimas, que actuará como ‘moderador del cuidado pastoral’ con los poderes y funciones de un párroco, aunque sin oficina con sus deberes y derechos”.

El documento también instruye a los obispos a no designar a diáconos, consagrados y laicos a quienes se les da responsabilidades en una parroquia sin sacerdote como “pastor, copastor, capellán, moderador, coordinador, gerente de la parroquia”, ya que generalmente están reservados para sacerdotes con correlación directa al perfil ministerial de los sacerdotes.

En cambio, aquellos con responsabilidades deben ser designados como “diácono cooperador, coordinador, cooperador pastoral o asociado o asistente pastoral”, dijo.

Los laicos, según el documento, están llamados a “hacer un compromiso generoso al servicio de la misión de evangelización”, ante todo, a través del “testimonio general de sus vidas cotidianas”.

La oficina de prensa del Vaticano dijo: “El texto, fundamentalmente, recuerda que ‘en la iglesia hay espacio para todos y todos



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**Los sacerdotes, con máscaras faciales, pasan frente a los fieles que asisten al primer día de misa el 12 de julio de 2020, en la Catedral de Puerto Príncipe, Haití, mientras el país reabrió sus lugares de culto durante la pandemia de coronavirus. El Vaticano emitió una nueva instrucción el 20 de julio sobre el cuidado pastoral que enfatiza el papel de los laicos en la misión de la iglesia, pero dijo que la mayoría de las parroquias deben ser dirigidas por sacerdotes.**

pueden encontrar su lugar’ en la familia de Dios, respetando la vocación de cada persona”.

Mons. Andrea Ripa, subsecretario de la Congregación para el Clero, dijo que su oficina creó la instrucción como una forma de ayudar a apoyar y guiar a los obispos y las diócesis en

las reformas parroquiales y la reestructuración diocesana.

La instrucción no era un enfoque que se pueda aplicar en todos los casos, escribió, sino un resumen conciso de las normas e indicaciones actuales que pueden ser utilizadas por las diferentes diócesis y parroquias

de acuerdo con sus situaciones únicas.

La importancia de los laicos en la comunidad parroquial se enfatizó en la forma en que los obispos trabajan en la reestructuración de la diócesis, particularmente cuando se trata de cerrar o fusionar parroquias.

## Reportar casos sospechosos de abuso sexual de niños

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

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piadas, en primer lugar, así como 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 designados al 304-233-0880. Las extensiones adecuadas se enumeran a continuación: Sr. Ellen F. Dunn, O.P., ext.264; Señor. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Rdo. Tim Bishop, ext. 353. También puede completar un “Formulario de Queja por Alegaciones de Abuso Sexual de un Menor” confidencial recogiendo uno en su parroquia local o solicitando uno por correo a la Coordinadora de Ambiente Seguro, Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston, P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003. El formulario de queja también está disponible para descargar en el sitio web de la diócesis [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), haga clic en Diócesis en la barra de menú, luego haga clic en Oficinas, haga clic en Entorno seguro y haga clic en la sección “Descargar archivos y formularios”. . Está listado como “Formulario de Queja”. Para informar al Coordinador de Asistencia a las Víctimas de la Diócesis: Dr. Patricia M. Bailey: 304-242-6988

**Enlaces e información:** Departamento de Salud y Recursos Humanos de WV: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp> Policía del Estado de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Delitos contra los Niños, Crímenes de Internet contra los Niños



# Early Intervention Helps Children Reach Their Potential



Courtesy Photo

Amelie and Hazel Carrell-Jacks and their family received the support and services they needed to reach development milestones. Birth to Three services are offered in the child's natural environment and at no charge to families.

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

The Carrell-Jacks family was devastated when they learned that their newborn daughter, Amelie, was deaf. With no personal experience with deafness, they felt lost and alone, until they were referred to Catholic Charities West Virginia's Birth to Three RAU-1 program.

"Our team was incredibly supportive through Amelie's cochlear

implant surgery and aural rehabilitation," said Lynnsey Carrell-Jacks. "We could not have afforded the level of services Amelie needed without significant financial strain, and her development would have suffered as a result."

Catholic Charities West Virginia's Birth to Three RAU-1 program works with families and specialists to decide which supports and services are needed for children ages birth to three who have a delay in their development or may be at risk

for a delay. Amelie now uses listening and spoken language, and her oral communication skills are above average for her age.

"I do not think any of this would have been possible without the early intervention she received through Birth to Three," said Carrell-Jacks.

Amelie's younger sister, Hazel, was also born with the same condition and also received Birth to Three services.

"Our girls amaze us every day, and we are so grateful this program

exists to help our children reach their fullest potential!" said Carrell-Jacks.

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

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hospital has lost over \$18 million so far this fiscal year. Not to mention the \$11 million loss suffered in 2019."

The hospital has taken several steps to help mitigate the losses, such as voluntary reductions in pay from administrative staff and physicians; a short-term elimination of retirement matching funds; low-census staffing protocols and reduction of capital

spending.

The hospital is also preparing for a settlement agreement with the Department of Justice as it defends itself against a qui tam action case. That agreement will have another severe financial impact on the hospital once it is settled.

Harrison said the hospital will not survive without making these tough decisions now and continuing to find a long-term strategic partner for its ultimate survival.

"For 170 years, Wheeling Hospital has proudly served this region through discipline and prudent management of its resources," he said. "Because of COVID-19 and the impending DOJ settlement, we have been forced to make the painful decision to eliminate staffing resources. We are hopeful that by acting now, we are assuring that the hospital continues to maintain its viability and clinical excellence to meet the ongoing needs of the commu-

nity in the future."

The hospital is offering a severance plan for anyone interested in participating in a Voluntary Reduction Plan. Employees will have until Aug. 4 to decide if they want to participate. If the Voluntary Reduction Plan fails to achieve the appropriate staff reductions, an Involuntary Reduction Plan may be implemented. The involuntary severance benefits will be less beneficial to employees.



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