



Prevention and Awareness Measures Making a Difference, Diocese's Safe Environment Process Administrator Says

Prevention and awareness measures implemented by the Catholic Church in the United States to protect children and vulnerable adults and raise awareness of clergy sex abuse of minors are making a measurable difference, according to Bryan Minor, Process Administrator for Safe Environment in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Findings from the 2022 Annual Report on the Implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People indicate that the Safe Environment protocol mandated for dioceses across America by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) since 2002 show two important trends, according to Minor. They are: that survivors of clergy sex abuse continue to feel supported and empowered to come forward and that the instance of current, credible clergy sex abuse cases of minors remains low nationwide, he said.

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People serves as the basis for Safe Environment program requirements in dioceses across the US and has been in effect for two decades.

In accordance with the Charter, the USCCB requires that dioceses across the United States participate in yearly Safe Environment audits. The audit process ensures that awareness and protection measures are in place for parishes and



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Pictured is the front entrance of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Chancery in Wheeling.

schools and serves as a mechanism to collect data and inform the public on the number of allegations, past and present, of clergy sex abuse of minors.

"We analyze this report every year upon its release," Minor said. "What we see in the 2022 report is that there are about 2,700 people across the United States who had the courage to come forward with their disclosures of clergy sex abuse, most from many decades ago, and there are 16 current disclosures from across the United States of clergy sex abuse involving minors." He said Safe Environment officials also recognize that there are survivors who may never choose to come forward. "I think I can speak for all Offices of Safe Environment across the US when I say our goal is always for there to be zero current, credible disclosures and that those who suffer effects from past abuse obtain help and healing. I think these numbers do give us an indication that the Safe Environment process is making a difference across the nation."

The Charter requires background checks, awareness training, and acknowledgement of a sex abuse policy for employees and volunteers who are involved directly or indirectly with children and vulnerable adults in dioceses across America. The Charter also mandates that every diocese in the US must have a Victims Assistance program in place.

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Diocesan Official Appointments

Bishop Mark Brennan has made public the following appointment:

Very Rev. Sebastian Devasya, V.F., is appointed Associate Episcopal Vicar for Clergy for a period of five years, effective immediately. This is in addition to his current assignments as pastor of Sacred Heart Parishes in Bluefield and Princeton and Vicar Forane of the Beckley Vicariate.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

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

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

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.report-bishopabuse.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.report-bishopabuse.org.

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

To Report to Diocesan Authorities: The diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. The diocese also encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens,

Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also call the Diocese's sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5656. Complaint forms are available online at www.dwc.org, click "Diocese" on the menu bar, then "Offices," then "Safe Environment", then "Download Files and Forms." The form is titled "Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor." The form may be returned via U.S. mail to: Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

To Report to the Diocese's Victim Assistance Coordinator: please call Dr. Patricia Bailey at 304.242.6988. In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the EthicsPoint platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of 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, 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 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.



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Minor explained that the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston upholds these requirements and strengthens them with additional measures, including fingerprinting of clergy and Catholic school personnel; multiple mechanisms for reporting through the diocesan web site; the release of the diocese's list of credibly accused in 2018; and an Independent Review Board comprised primarily of lay members that meets regularly and considers clergy sex abuse cases as well as boundary issues and other behavioral concerns pertaining to all volunteers and employees. The diocese also encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if there is reason to believe a crime has been committed. West Virginia law sets forth a 24-hour reporting requirement when abuse of any kind is suspected.

"Under the direction of Bishop Mark Brennan, presently, we are formulating a plan for continuing Safe Environment education for clergy and schools, and we will have more information on that in the coming months," Minor said. "This expansion in scope is really a demonstration of best practices. We voluntarily go above and beyond the Charter requirements, as do many other dioceses across America."

In addition, the diocese periodically offers opportunities to help promote healing. "We have held public prayer services and Masses for healing," Minor said. "We also house a Rosary for Healing on www.dwc.org, so anyone anywhere can access it and pray and know that they are supported in prayer."

Bishop Brennan has made Safe Environment a priority since his arrival in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Minor said. "Our Bishop is mindful of Safe Environment, its impact overall, and the importance of healing. His actions demonstrate that he is committed to creating a culture of safety and healing in West Virginia. We are thankful for his support."

Starting in 2023, Bishop Brennan elected yearly on-site compliance audits for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. The Charter requires data collection audits every year and on-site compliance audits every three years. However, dioceses may elect to conduct the on-site audits on a yearly basis as well.

"As a diocese, we have a robust Safe Environment program in place," Minor said. "We are constantly striving for compliance at the parish and school level. The Bishop has expressed the importance of on-site compliance auditing and has committed to it on a yearly basis. We also utilize a modern, user-friendly software platform for tracking and documenting Safe Environment compliance."

According to the USCCB, the Charter was first published in 2002. It was revised in 2005, 2011, and 2018. Another revision is scheduled for 2024.

"The Catholic church across the US continues to work in earnest to raise awareness and assist survivors of clergy sex abuse," Minor said. "These efforts are an ongoing process. Our prayers that survivors find courage, peace, and healing and that our efforts continue to make a difference are frequent and fervent."



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Within three hours after the announcement email to our priests was sent, Monsignor Dean Borgmeyer, of St. Joseph Parish in Huntington, posted a challenge on his Facebook page followed by 494 people to say one Rosary for vocations a day for the next 100 days.

Additionally, within eight hours a Rosary zoom group based in Fairmont pledged more than 900 rosaries!

Have you entered your pledge on <https://dwc.org/onemillionrosaries/>?

Several pastors including Father Carlos Melocoton, of St. Michael Parish in Wheeling, printed a bulletin insert for parishioners that attended last weekend's Masses that outlines the campaign with a QR code/link to the online pledge form.

Reach out to those among your parish or circles, especially the elderly who may not have access to a computer or be technically savvy – connect with them and use your smart phone/device to log onto the diocesan site to add their commitment to the tally.

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A weekly rosary group in the Bethlehem section of Wheeling eagerly accepted the mission after Joyce Bibey, manager of writing and social media for the diocese, shared the project.

"More than 20 people gathered on that particular day to pray together for the unborn," Bibey said. "It was a diverse group with genuine reverence and confidence in our Blessed Mother to go to her son with their united prayers. Looking around the room, I was inspired to see a young girl, who jumped right in to lead the third decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries (it was a Tuesday). This time set aside was very important for this group. One woman had driven 90 minutes to get there.

"After our Rosary, I was able to speak to the group about the project and how they can get involved. I was immediately encouraged by their reactions and genuine enthusiasm to join

us on this journey," Bibey said. "This is exactly an example of how we can reach and even surpass our goal – taking accountability and going out of our comfort zone to share our mission."

She added, you don't have to be a pro at reciting the rosary – "most of us aren't." Let this be a moment to start a great habit of going to our Blessed Mother through the calming Rosary – a time to have her present our special intentions to Jesus.

The diocesan website page dedicated to the One Million Rosaries project, as well as <https://faithinwv.org/the-rosary/>, have a plethora of resources to guide you.

According to the State of Priestly Vocations Report conducted by Vocation Ministry in 2022, nearly 3,500 parishes in the US are without their own parish priest. Like the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston most priests serve more than one parish, mission, and chapel.

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A Night at the Opera to Feature Agatha Holland at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg

CLARKSBURG—A Night at the Opera will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg featuring one of its own cantors, Agatha Holland who is an opera soprano. The concert will be held Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. in the church and will also feature the parish's music director, Robin Bohn.

"Like all the graces of God, Agatha Holland came to us as a pure and unmerited gift, adding to the list of talented cantors we already have at Immaculate Conception," said Very Rev. Casey B. Mahone, V.F., pastor of the parish. "Before I even knew that she was a trained opera soprano, I was amazed at the voice that came out of this very little, humble woman (who was pregnant at the time.) It absolutely filled the church. Immaculate Conception has wonderful acoustics that seemed to complement her voice. The first time we heard her sing solo, I overheard one parishioner say to another, 'THAT is no ordinary cantor!' The concert that Agatha and Robin Bond present should be a wonderful evening and all are welcome to come as you are and be blessed by what you see and hear."

Holland graduated Magna cum Laude from Truman State University, Missouri and proceeded to earn her Master of Arts degree at the University of Central Missouri. She won first place in the advance women division of NATS in both the Tri-state and Kansas City Chapters. She also won first place at the Quistorff Aria Competition (2017) and second place at the Southern Illinois Young Artist Vocal Competition (2019). She was the 2019 winner of the FIO Italia competition.

In addition, Holland took leading roles in opera productions and concerts: Serafina in *Il campanello di notte* by Donizetti; Laetitia in the *Old Maid*



Courtesy Photo
Agatha Holland, opera soprano and a cantor at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg, will be featured in A Night at the Opera Aug. 11 at the church.

and the *Thief* by Menotti; Adele in *Die Fledermaus* by Strauss II; Lucy in *The Telephone* by Menotti; *Iyabo* in *The Odyssey of a Dream*—an African Opera by Bode Omojola (World Premier); Eliza in *My Fair Lady*; Soloist in Vivaldi's *Gloria*; Soloist in *Porgy and Bess*—Concert version; Soloist in Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*.

In 2016, Holland made her New York debut, singing as a soloist in Carnegie Hall with the University of Central Missouri concert choir. Holland is a member of the Music Honor Society of America (Pi Kappa Lambda). She is currently a doctoral student under the tutelage of Dr. Hope Koehler and a recipient of the W.E.B Dubois research fellowship award at West Virginia University.



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Paul Renowicz waters the Wheeling University campus garden.

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WHEELING — Alumnus Paul Renowicz has turned his love of gardening into a way to serve his alma mater — Wheeling University.

Renowicz, who lives just across from the front entrance to the campus, began talking to WU President Ginny Favade about how much he enjoys growing his own vegetables and herbs.

“When my husband Lee and I were watering the flowers at the front entrance last summer, Paul would come over and chat with us. Those visits turned into a friendship. He shared his love of gardening, and I asked him if he would be willing to take over our campus garden. This spring, he began tending to our little garden, and we cannot wait to see the harvest,” Favade said.

Renowicz explained that his grandmother taught him the ins and outs of gardening. “I’ve been gardening for years. My grandmother got me started, and our family always had a garden when I was growing up,” he explained.

Before he could plant all of the tomato plants, var-

ious types of peppers and squash, herbs, and potatoes, Renowicz spent many hours preparing the raised beds, pulling weeds, tilling all the soil and fertilizing the beds.

“Serving and engaging with our communities is the foundation of a Wheeling University education. The change we make in one student’s life lasts for generations and deepens that student’s commitment to others. Paul’s volunteer work with the university’s community garden exemplifies how the educational experience of service-learning transforms students into people for others,” Favade said. “Cura personalis — care of the whole person — involves creating experiences that enable students to prepare for lives enriched by service. Our commitment to social justice issues, such as hunger, is addressed through alumni like Mr. Renowicz, primarily because the produce from our garden is distributed to organizations throughout the community. I am very fond of Paul and grateful for his passion for others and commitment to our university.”

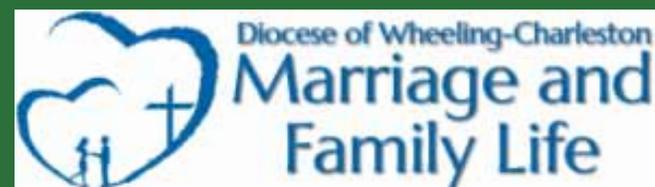
Don Headley, a Wheeling Park High School teacher, heard that Renowicz was overseeing the campus garden and donated all of the vegetable plants. Renowicz wasted no time putting them in the ground and is now watching them grow.

Favade added, “I am grateful to Mr. Headley for his generosity in providing the garden’s various tomato, pepper, and squash plants. I hope, through Paul’s green thumb, they produce a bountiful harvest later this summer. We can then give those vegetables and herbs to community agencies to help those in need.”

“I love to garden, and tending to the campus garden allows me to give back to the school I attended,” the class of 1982 graduate said. He comes to campus each day to water the garden and rid the area of weeds. He is cleaning up the compost area and the storage shed as well.

A standout for the Cardinal basketball team, Renowicz said, “Basketball was my hobby, but gardening is my calling.”

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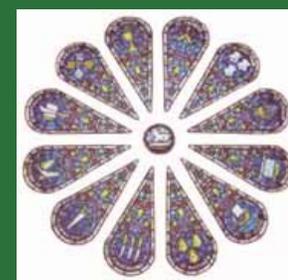
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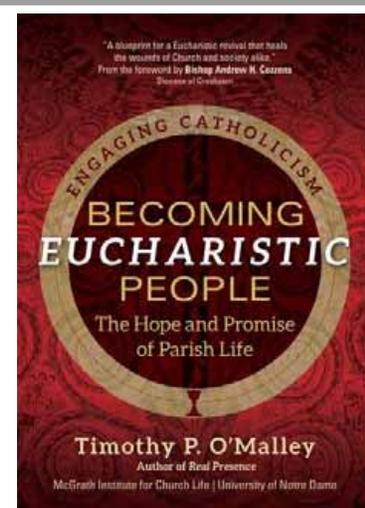
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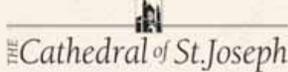
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At Congress Closing Mass, Black Catholics Urged, ‘Don’t let the Fire Go Out!’

By **Mark Zimmermann**

NATIONAL HARBOR, Md. (OSV News) — Sending forth the participants of the 13th National Black Catholic Congress at their July 23 closing Mass in the Washington metropolitan area, Bishop John H. Ricard offered them an admonition that he said he learned from his days as a youth camping in the woods — “Don’t let the fire go out!”

Bishop Ricard, the superior general of the Josephites, who formerly served as the bishop of Pensacola-Tallahassee, Florida, was the homilist at the Mass, celebrated at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. He encouraged the congress participants to be enlivened by the flame of the Holy Spirit, and to bring that spirit of faith back to their homes, parishes, dioceses and to the African American communities in their cities and towns.

“You’ve got to poke the flame and stir it up ... We can’t let the fire go out,” he said, also encouraging people to address problems like violence in their communities, the mass incarceration of people of color, and the challenge of reaching out to young adult Black Catholics raised in the faith, who no longer go to church.

An estimated 3,000 Black Catholics from 80 dioceses across the United States attended the four-day gathering, which included Masses, keynote addresses, breakout sessions for adults and youth, and a visit to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture.

“I’m grateful to God that you are here in such great numbers, to bear witness to our Church and our faith in the Lord,” Bishop Ricard, 83, said.

In his homily, Bishop Ricard praised the legacies of faith of the six U.S. Black Catholics being considered for sainthood whose portraits were depicted in large banners hanging behind the altar, noting how the Holy Spirit had reigned down on each of them.

“We’re here this weekend to reap the harvest that has been sown,” said Bishop Ricard.

Those candidates for sainthood include Venerable Henriette Delille of New Orleans, the foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family; Venerable Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange of Bal-

timore, the foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first religious congregation of African American women; Venerable Father Augustus Tolton of Chicago, the first publicly known Black Catholic priest in the United States; Venerable Pierre Toussaint of New York, renowned for his charitable works; Servant of God Julia Greeley of Denver, known for her devout faith; and Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration and dynamic evangelist from Mississippi who died of cancer in 1990.

Sister Thea, who was known for her soaring style of singing, participated in the sixth National Black Catholic Congress, held in 1987 on the campus of The Catholic University of America in Washington. Remembering the impact of her life, Bishop Ricard said, “The Holy Spirit came upon the songbird. Didn’t she become a witness of triumph over sickness and discrimination?”

Bishop Ricard also noted the legacy of Daniel Rudd, a pioneer Black Catholic journalist from Kentucky who founded the Congress of Colored Catholics that first met at St. Augustine Church in Washington in 1889.

That group, the bishop said, “is the granddaddy of the National Black Catholic Congress,” a movement that was revived in 1987, after Rudd’s group had held five earlier national gatherings around the turn of the century.

Honoring the memory of Rudd’s effort, Bishop Ricard said, “They had the vision, they had the determination, and they had the will back then to come together, because Rudd believed that in the Catholic Church, there was the fullness of the revelation of the teaching of Jesus, and that was the answer to all of the problems that Blacks were facing.”

The main celebrant of the July 23 closing Mass was Washington Auxiliary Bishop Roy E. Campbell Jr., the president of the National Black Catholic Congress. He was joined by five other bishops, about 60 priests and nearly 50 deacons. Joining the laypeople in the congregation were numerous African American women and men religious.

(Mark Zimmermann writes for the Catholic Standard.)

U.S. Set to Have Fifth Largest Delegation at World Youth Day

WASHINGTON (OSV News) — When Pope Francis arrives in Lisbon for World Youth Day 2023, there will be plenty of pilgrims from the U.S. ready to greet him — close to 29,000.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops announced July 24 that more than 28,600 individuals, most between the ages of 18 and 25, and over 60 U.S. bishops will be on hand for the Aug. 1-6 gathering. While registration numbers have not yet been finalized (and in fact are rising, said the bishops’ conference), the U.S. is set to have one of the five largest delegations at WYD.

“Our country is very much looking forward to this pilgrimage,” said Bishop Robert E. Barron of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, which oversees the U.S. involvement in WYD. Bishop Barron, along with 60 other U.S. bishops, will be accompanying young people to Lisbon.

In a statement, Bishop Barron described WYD as “a wonderful occasion for young adults to have a significant encounter with Jesus Christ in the company of the universal Church.”

The event is “also a moment when the Holy Father and the Church’s leadership get an opportunity to listen to the young people present, teach and form them in the Gospel, and ultimately send them towards their vocation and mission in the world,” he said.

U.S. pilgrims will stay in parishes, campuses, homes and hotels around Lisbon during the WYD week, taking part in prayer, liturgies, daily catechesis, concerts, presentations, dialogue, service and networking with young adults from around the world.

More than 35 U.S. bishops will lead daily catechetical “Rise Up!” sessions.

U.S. pilgrims will gather Aug. 2 for an outdoor evening gathering organized by the USCCB in Lisbon’s Parque da Quinta das Conchas. Music and testimony by young adults will be followed by a keynote address from Bishop Barron, who will then lead a Holy Hour with Bishop Edward J. Burns of Dallas as part of the USCCB’s National Eucharistic Revival initiative.

Pope Francis will join the WYD pilgrims Aug. 3 for a welcome ceremony in the city center. He will preside at a Way of the Cross Aug. 4 and a prayer vigil Aug. 5, and then celebrate the WYD closing Mass Aug. 6, with an anticipated crowd of 1 million or more.

The USCCB’s Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth recently collaborated with WYD organizers in Lisbon and U.S.-based Oregon Catholic Press on the English version of the official WYD hymn, “Feel the Rush in the Air,” which was released earlier this month.

Inaugurated by St. John Paul II in 1986, WYD officially takes place every year as a “Global Celebration of Young People,” which is now celebrated on Christ the King Sunday. In addition, a major international event is held every 2 - 4 years in a different location around the world.

Past WYDs have taken place in Buenos Aires, Argentina (1987); Santiago de Compostela, Spain (1989); Czestochowa, Poland (1991); Denver (1993); Manila, Philippines (1995); Paris (1997); Rome (2000); Toronto (2002); Cologne, Germany (2005); Sydney (2008); Madrid (2011); Rio de Janeiro (2013); Krakow, Poland (2016); and Panama City (2019).

NOTES: For more information, please visit the USCCB’s web page for WYD: www.wydusa.org.

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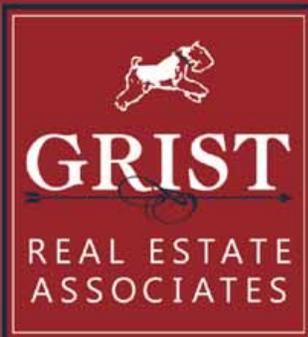
The Diocesan Cursillo community will gather, on Saturday, August 19th, first at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, in Charleston, at 10:30 AM. Then, the other Ultreya option will be a gathering at the Parish Center of St. John University Parish, in Morgantown, at 4:30 PM.

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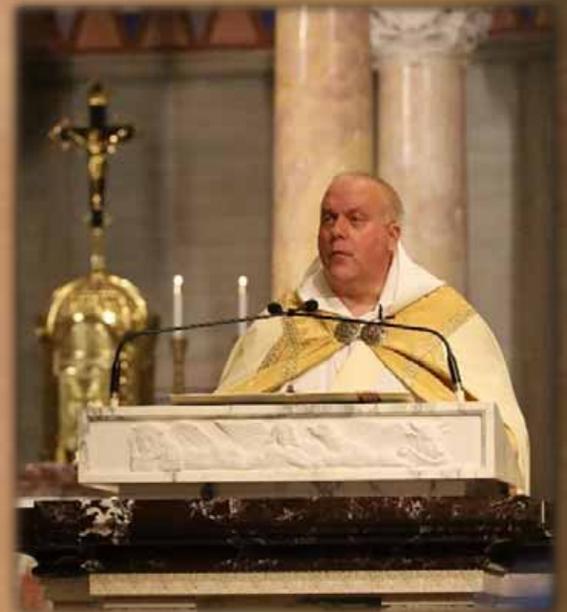
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Estados Unidos envía quinta delegación más grande a Jornada Mundial de la Juventud

WASHINGTON (OSV News) — Cuando el Papa Francisco llegue a Lisboa, Portugal, para la Jornada Mundial de la Juventud 2023, se encontrará con cerca de 29,000 peregrinos de Estados Unidos listos para darle la bienvenida.

La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos (o USCCB, por sus siglas en inglés) anunció el 24 de julio que más de 28,600 personas, la mayoría entre 18 y 25 años, y más de 60 obispos estadounidenses estarán presentes durante esta Jornada, que se llevará a cabo del 1 al 6 de agosto. Aunque las inscripciones aún no han finalizado (de hecho, están aumentando, según la conferencia de obispos), Estados Unidos tendrá una de las cinco delegaciones más grandes en la JMJ.

"Nuestro país espera con ansias esta peregrinación", manifestó el obispo Robert E. Barron de Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, presidente del Comité de Laicos, Matrimonio, Vida Familiar, y Juventud de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, que supervisa la participación estadounidense en la JMJ. El obispo Barron, junto con otros 60 obispos estadounidenses, acompañará a los jóvenes a Lisboa.

En una declaración, el obispo Barron describió la JMJ como "una maravillosa ocasión para que los adultos jóvenes tengan un encuentro significativo con Jesucristo en compañía de la Iglesia universal".

El evento también es "un momento en el que el Santo Padre y el liderazgo de la Iglesia tienen la oportunidad de escuchar a los jóvenes presentes, enseñarles, y formarlos en el Evangelio, y finalmente, enviarlos hacia su vocación y misión en el mundo", agregó.

Los peregrinos estadounidenses

se alojarán en parroquias, campamentos, hogares, y hoteles alrededor de Lisboa durante la semana de la JMJ, participando en oraciones, liturgias, catequesis diarias, conciertos, presentaciones, diálogos, servicio, y estableciendo contactos con jóvenes adultos de todo el mundo.

Más de 35 obispos estadounidenses dirigirán sesiones catequéticas diarias llamadas "¡Levántate!".

Los peregrinos estadounidenses se reunirán el 2 de agosto para un evento al aire libre en la noche, organizado por la USCCB en el Parque da Quinta das Conchas de Lisboa. Habrá música y testimonios de jóvenes adultos, y continuará con el discurso principal del obispo Barron, quien luego dirigirá una Hora Santa junto con el obispo Edward J. Burns de Dallas como parte de la iniciativa del Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional de la USCCB.

El 3 de agosto, el Papa Francisco se encontrará con los peregrinos de la JMJ en una ceremonia de bienvenida en el centro de Lisboa. Presidirá el Vía Crucis el 4 de agosto y una vigilia de oración el 5 de agosto, para luego celebrar la Misa de clausura de la JMJ el 6 de agosto, con una multitud esperada de 1 millón o más.

Recientemente, el Comité de Laicos, Matrimonio, Vida Familiar, y Juventud de la USCCB colaboró con los organizadores de la JMJ en Lisboa y con la editorial católica con sede en Estados Unidos, Oregon Catholic Press, en la versión en inglés del himno oficial de la JMJ, "Feel the Rush in the Air", que se puso en circulación a principios de este mes.

Inaugurada por San Juan Pablo II en 1986, la JMJ oficialmente tiene lugar cada año como una "Celebración Global de los Jóvenes", que ahora se celebra en el Domingo de

Cristo Rey. Además, se lleva a cabo un evento internacional importante cada 2 a 4 años en una ubicación diferente alrededor del mundo.

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(1989); Czestochowa, Polonia (1991); Denver (1993); Manila, Filipinas (1995); París (1997); Roma (2000); Toronto (2002); Colonia, Alemania (2005); Sídney (2008); Madrid (2011); Río de Janeiro (2013); Cracovia, Polonia (2016); y Ciudad de Panamá (2019).



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