



# Bishop Brennan Releases Statement on the Need for a Culture of Life

A few weeks ago the Supreme Court of the United States, in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, overruled *Roe v. Wade*, clearing the way for Americans in their respective states to enact legal protections for unborn human life. This week, in its extraordinary session, the West Virginia Legislature has taken steps to consider legislation to end most abortions in the Mountain State.

I support the strongest possible protections for the unborn and I am grateful for the work of our representatives in government in taking up this important issue this week. But the end of abortion will not be the end of the journey, it will be a new beginning and an opportunity for all of us to work towards a culture of life in our

state.

That means working together to build a society and economy that supports marriages and families; strengthening medical, economic and emotional supports for pregnant women and for West Virginia's children; addressing housing and food insecurity, improving protections for victims of domestic violence, promoting paid maternity leave, and expanding the availability and affordability of childcare. So too must we support adoption reforms, support adoptive families, and expand resources available to kinship families. Embracing life, supporting families, and assisting those among us that are most vulnerable is how we will heal the cultural wounds of abortion.

I know that many West Virginians feel strongly about this issue and that this week's discussions in the Legislature are not going to change hearts and minds overnight, but despite the controversy, this moment presents an opportunity for all of us to reflect on the love of God for each human life from the instant of his or her conception. We have been presented with an opportunity to begin to heal from the scars of *Roe* and a chance to work together to foster a culture of life in West Virginia.

*+Mark E. Brennan*

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Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

## A Special Blessing of Grandparents



Colleen Rowan Photos

Grandparents at Corpus Christi Parish in Wheeling stand for a special blessing by Father Paul Mundumoozhikkarani, CST, pastor. At left are parishioners Ron and Marie Stoehr. They have been married for 40 years and have three grandchildren. Pope Francis established throughout the church the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

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# Retired Beckley Priest Accused of Abusing Boy in Butler County, Pa.

**By Megan Tomasic, Tribune-Review**  
**BUTLER COUNTY, Pa.**—A retired Catholic priest who served at St. Francis de Sales Church in Beckley, W.Va., is accused of sexually abusing a boy in Butler County, Pa., according to court papers.

Perry Malacaman, 84, who resides in West Virginia, is charged with involuntary deviate sexual intercourse with a person under the age of 16, corruption of minors and indecent assault of a person younger than 16, according to a criminal complaint.

Pennsylvania State Police said the accuser, who is now 19, came to them on July 13 to report that Malacaman had sexually abused him when he was between 9 and 14 years old. The suspect would have been between 74 and 79 years old at the time.

The Tribune-Review doesn't identify alleged victims of sexual assault.

The teen told police he was abused by Malacaman on more than five different occasions, all at the same location, documents show.

A preliminary hearing has not yet been scheduled.

St. Francis de Sales is a parish in Beckley, W.Va., and is in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

"The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston was not aware of the complaint until the day it was made public and cannot comment on a pending criminal investigation. We will cooperate fully with the appropriate authorities in the investigation," diocesan spokesman Tim Bishop said.

(This story was courtesy of the Tribune-Review.)

## A Letter from Bishop Brennan to the Faithful of Beckley

Thursday, July 28, 2022

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

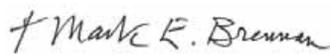
Many of you share my concern upon learning late yesterday that Fr. Pericles "Perry" Malacaman, 84, was recently arrested in Beckley, WV, and is accused of sex abuse of a family member in Pennsylvania. The Diocese was not aware of the allegation until the day it was made public. We have not seen the criminal complaint and, as a matter of policy, we cannot comment on pending criminal investigations. I want you all to know that the Diocese will cooperate fully with appropriate civil authorities as they investigate this matter.

While our parishioners and school families in Beckley, Mullens and Pineville are more familiar with Fr. Malacaman, I can share the following information with you. According to Diocesan records, Fr. Malacaman was ordained on December 16, 1972, in the Archdiocese of Davao, in Davao City, Philippines. Fr. Malacaman was assigned to St. John the Evangelist Parish in Mullens and Holy Cross Chapel in Pineville from June 23, 1993, through June 16, 1999; and St. Francis De Sales Parish in Beckley from June 16, 1999, through June 3, 2009. He has not been assigned in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston since then. Prior to his arrest, there were no sex abuse-related complaints on file for Fr. Malacaman. To the best of our knowledge, he was living in retirement in a private residence in Beckley, WV.

There will be much discussion and concern over this matter, and as such, concerns related to abuse or other allegations should first be reported to civil authorities and then to the Office of Safe Environment at the Chancery at 304.230.1504.

Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Furthermore, I encourage everyone to pray for abuse victims and survivors and hope that all investigations will proceed thoroughly and fairly.

Sincerely in Christ,



+Mark E. Brennan  
 Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

**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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# Returning Moccasins, Pope Apologizes for Church Role in Residential Schools

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

**MASKWACIS, Alberta (CNS)** — The first step of Pope Francis' "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada involved him returning two pairs of children's moccasins.

The little shoes were not among the Indigenous artifacts held in the Vatican Museums, but rather reminders that Chief Marie-Anne Day Walker-Pelletier of the Okanese First Nation in Saskatchewan had left with Pope Francis in March so he would think and pray about the children who went to residential schools and, especially, about those who never returned home.

On the treaty land of the Ermineskin Cree Nation, Samson Cree Nation, Louis Bull Tribe and the Montana First Nation, near the former site of one of Canada's largest residential schools, Pope Francis said, "I humbly beg forgiveness for the evil committed by so many Christians against the Indigenous peoples."

"The first step of my penitential pilgrimage among you is that of again asking forgiveness, of telling you once more that I am deeply sorry," the pope said July 25.

"I am sorry," he said again. "I ask forgiveness, in particular, for the ways in which many members of the church and of religious communities cooperated, not least through their indifference, in projects of cultural destruction and forced assimilation promoted by the governments of that time, which culminated in the system of residential schools."

The pope spoke in Spanish. When his words of apology were read in English, the crowd responded with applause.

Pope Francis' meeting with more than 2,000 residential school survivors, community elders and knowledge keepers, their family members and mental and emotional support staff was held at the Muskwa, or Bear Park, Powwow Grounds under a persistent drizzle.

Canada's governor general, Mary Simon, and prime

minister, Justin Trudeau, were in attendance. But the dignitaries were the pope and Indigenous chiefs from across Canada who made a grand entrance, carrying staffs decorated with eagle feathers and wearing "war bonnets."

The local master of ceremonies explained that the chiefs must be warriors who defend the Indigenous people, language, customs and children.

Before the pope arrived, Ruby Rose Henry of the Tla'amin Nation warmed up her drum and voice by a fire. She hoped to sing the "Wild Flower Song" for the pope.

When government officials would come into the village to take children to the residential school, she said, "the children would run and hide." When the officials would leave, "the children would sing this song so the parents would know they were not kidnapped."

The pope had begun his visit meeting the pastoral staff and a few parishioners at Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Church before stopping to pray in the Ermineskin Cree Nation Cemetery and then going, by wheelchair, to the site of the former Ermineskin Indian Residential School.

Five teepees were erected on the site — four of them to represent each of the nations that call Maskwacis home, and the fifth to mark the school.

Pope Francis had described his visit to Canada July 24-29 as a "penitential pilgrimage" to ask forgiveness for the trauma inflicted on Indigenous children by too many of the priests and nuns who ran about 60% of the schools for the Canadian government.

The government now estimates at least 150,000 First Nation, Inuit and Métis children were taken from their families and communities and forced to attend the schools between the 1870 and 1997. At least 4,120 children died at the schools, and several thousand others vanished without a trace.

As the meeting with the pope began, dozens of people

carried a long red banner through the crowd. The banner bore the names of each of the 4,120 deceased children and the school where they died.

Students at the schools were forbidden to speak their native languages or practice their traditions. The government provided so little financing that the students often were malnourished. And many were emotionally, physically or even sexually abused.

The discovery of unmarked graves and of possible burial grounds at several sites across Canada in 2021 increased attention on the residential-school legacy and increased pressure on Pope Francis to apologize on Canadian soil for what members of the church had done.

Ernest Durocher, a member of the Métis Nation Saskatchewan and a survivor of the Ile-a-la-Crosse Residential School, traveled to Maskwacis with his wife, also a survivor. He sat alone outside the powwow grounds for a while, just thinking, he said.

"I hope to hear an apology from the pope," he said.

Emily McKinney, 21, a member of the Swan Lake First Nation, traveled to Maskwacis from the Treaty 1 territory in Manitoba, where she is chair of the Treaty 1 Youth Council.

"I hope to hear a sincere, genuine apology for those who need it to heal from intergenerational trauma," she said.

The schools' policy separated parents and children, she said. "It wasn't natural, but by force, and for seven generations! There are huge, traumatic effects."

"These kids were raised in institutions. How were they supposed to know how to raise their families with love and kindness and our teachings?" she asked.

At the powwow grounds, Pope Francis acknowledged the church's complicity in the "deplorable evil" of suppressing native languages and cultures, the destruction of family and community bonds and the trauma en-



CNS Photo/Paul Haring  
Pope Francis prays at the Ermineskin Cree Nation Cemetery before meeting with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities at Maskwacis, Alberta, July 25.

ured by the children at the schools and often passed on to their children and grandchildren in the form of a lack of affection or actual abuse.

Cree Chief Wilton Littlechild, 78, an Ermineskin residential school survivor who had traveled to Rome in March to meet Pope Francis, welcomed the pope to his home.

Littlechild, a lawyer and politician, told the pope that as a member of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, he had heard "nearly 7,000 testimonies from former students of residential schools" across Canada. The people gathered at Maskwacis, he said, represented all of them.

After Pope Francis spoke, Gerry Saddleback offered an "honor song" in Cree. The Canadian organizers said the

song is a way of showing "openness and, for some, acceptance of the Holy Father's apology and (is) an invitation to all those present, in their own way and according to their own personal timeline, to seek to accept that same invitation toward forgiveness."

The pope promised the church's cooperation in further investigating what occurred at the schools and to walk alongside survivors in their journey toward healing.

"On this first step of my journey," the pope said, "I have wanted to make space for memory. Here, today, I am with you to recall the past, to grieve with you, to bow our heads together in silence and to pray before the graves."

"In the face of evil, we pray to the Lord of goodness," he said. "In the face of death, we pray to the God of life."

# Bishops Say HHS Proposal Violates Religious Freedom, 'Is Bad Medicine'

By Julie Asher, Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — The chairmen of four U.S. bishops committees said July 27 that proposed regulations from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on abortion, transgender services and other procedures threaten the Catholic Church's ability "to carry out our healing ministries" and others' ability "to practice medicine."

They called the proposed regulations — a 308-page document released July 25 by HHS — "a violation of religious freedom and bad medicine."

"They mandate health care workers to perform life-altering surgeries to remove perfectly healthy body parts," the bishops said. "Assurances that HHS will honor religious freedom laws offer little comfort when HHS is actively fighting court rulings that declared HHS violated religious freedom laws the last time they tried to impose such a mandate."

They added: "The proposed regulations announce that HHS is also considering whether to force health care workers to perform abortions against their will or lose their jobs. We call on HHS to explicitly disavow any such intent."

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops released the joint statement from Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman, Committee on Pro-Life Activities; Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman, Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco, chairman, Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth; and Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman, Committee for Religious Liberty.

The proposed HHS regulations would apply to implementation of the Affordable Care Act's Section 1557, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex — including pregnancy, sexual orientation and gender identity — in covered health programs or activities.

In 2020, the Trump administration put in place a final rule that eliminated the general prohibition on discrimination based on gender identity and also adopted abortion and religious freedom exemptions for health care providers. But the courts blocked this rule change.

In 2021, shortly after he was

inaugurated, President Joe Biden issued an executive order declaring that his administration would apply the U.S. Supreme Court's 2020 ruling in *Bostock v. Clayton County* in all areas of government — including the ACA.

In a 6-3 ruling, the court held that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity is necessarily also discrimination "because of sex" as prohibited by Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Biden administration's so-called "transgender mandate" required that doctors and hospitals perform gender-transition procedures on any patient despite any moral or medical objections of the doctor or health care facility.

Last year a number of Catholic health care organizations filed a lawsuit challenging the mandate. A federal court blocked it mandate last August, granting the plaintiffs' request for a permanent injunction.

The court permanently enjoined HHS, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and all HHS-related divisions, agencies and employees "from interpreting or enforcing Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act."

Also last year, lawyers for the plaintiffs discovered a 74-page legal memorandum attached to a court filing from a consortium of 30 sex-

ual rights groups revealed that HHS had promised to revise its mandates on health plan coverage and performance to include surgical abortion, cross-sex hormones, gender-transition surgeries, gender-affirming cosmetic surgeries and voice modification — along with a host of expanded services dealing with fertility treatments, contraception, abortifacients and sterilizations.

Once the newly released HHS proposed regulations are published in the Federal Register, a period for public comment will begin. HHS said this period will be 60 days after publication. As of July 27, the HHS proposal had not yet been published on the website <https://www.federalregister.gov>.

"Catholics have been called to care for the sick since the earliest days of our faith," said the USCCB committee chairmen. "Today, the various agencies and social service ministries of the Catholic Church taken together are equivalent to the largest nonprofit health care provider in the country."

The church does "this work in

fulfillment of the direct command of Jesus Christ and in imitation of his divine ministry here on earth," they said.

"Catholic health care ministries serve everyone, no matter their race, sex, belief system or any other characteristic," the bishops continued. "The same excellent care will be provided in a Catholic hospital to all patients, including patients who identify as transgender, whether it be for a broken bone or for cancer, but we cannot do what our faith forbids. We object to harmful procedures, not to patients."

The bishops said they "will continue to review these proposed regulations and will file more thorough comments at the appropriate time."

Editor's Note: The HHS announcement about its proposed regulations can be found at <https://bit.ly/3zzYBZ8>. The full text of the proposed regulations can be found at <https://bit.ly/3b7PF3C>.

Contributing to this story was Tom Tracy.

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# Presidential Search Underway at Catholic Distance University

Dr. Marianne Evans Mount, who has served CDU tirelessly since 1983, intends to retire as President once her successor can be recruited and engaged. A Presidential Search Committee, appointed by the CDU Board of Trustees and representing all constituencies of the university, has selected executive search firm Hyatt-Fennell to manage the search process under the guidance of the Committee. The firm has expertise in serving small-to medium-sized faith-based institutions and deep connections across the Catholic higher education community.

Under Dr. Mount's leadership, CDU has grown from a catechetical institute with a staff of two offering paper correspondence courses to the world's only exclusively online, fully accredited Catholic university. She served as Education Director from 1983 to 1985, Executive Director from 1985 to 1996, Vice President from 1997 to 2008, and as President since 2008 after earning her PhD. Her zeal for CDU's mission, in partnership with dedicated employees, have brought CDU to an inflection point, with unprecedented opportunities to enhance the value of a CDU degree and the contributions of its graduates to the Church. The enhanced value will be created by the university's recent accreditations by the Higher Learning Commission and Association of Theological Schools, innovations in curricula enabled by grant opportunities, enrollment growth, and new academic partnerships.

Hyatt-Fennell's two founding partners, Cheryl Hyatt and Sister (Dr.) Marylouise Fennell, will be leading the search, supported by Partner Dr. Robert Head.

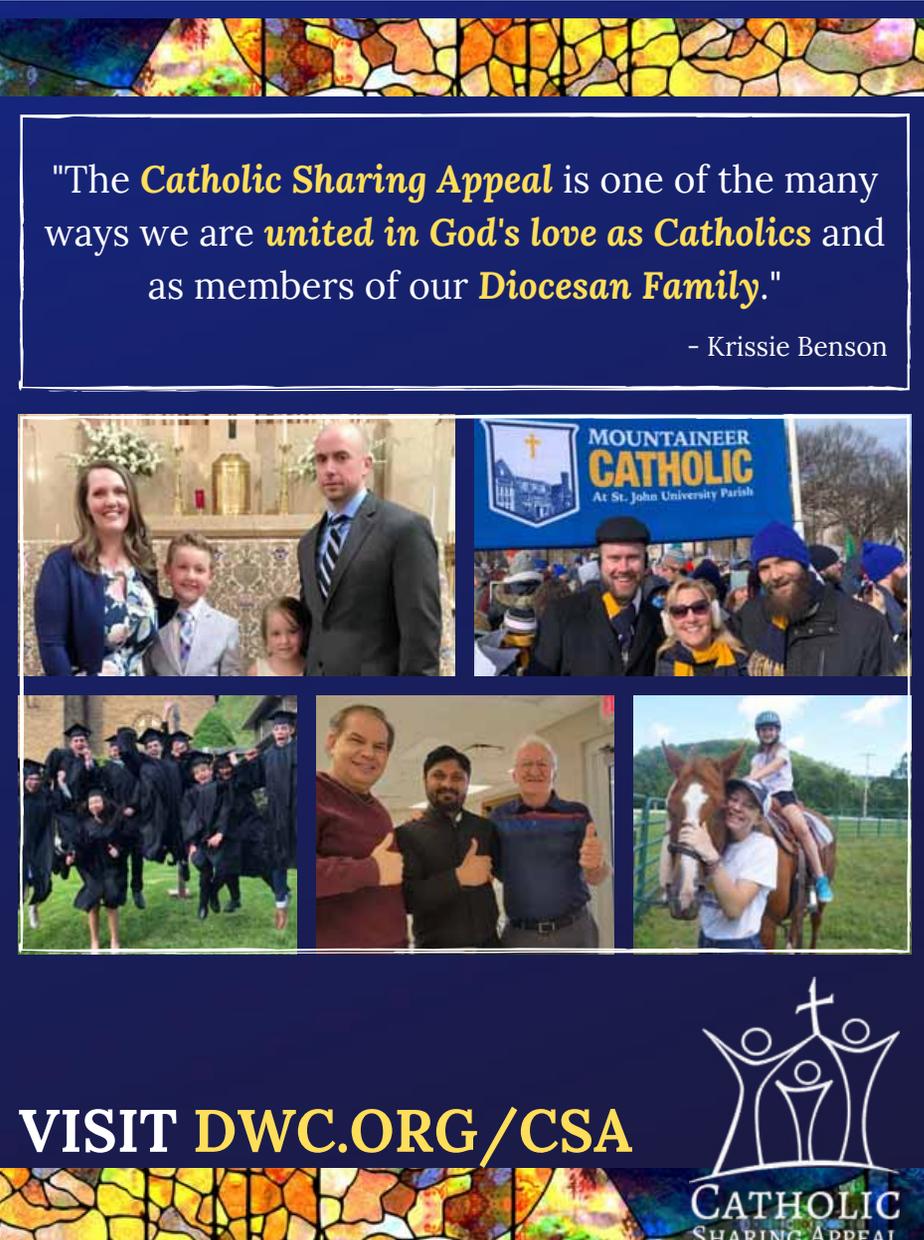
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Cost is \$600, which includes motel, tour bus and most meals. Registration and \$100 down payment required by August 23, with a maximum of 30 attendees. If less than 20 sign up, the trip will be cancelled and down payment returned to you.

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# Blessed Sacrament Symposium to be Held in South Charleston

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"Through Baptism, Christians are made disciples, called to lifelong learning about God," symposium organizers said. "The Blessed Sacrament Symposium is an ongoing opportunity to do so by participating in series of four-week mini courses on a variety of topics. Please come, see, and learn."

The symposium's title is "Introduction to Prayer" which will be held on four Tuesdays led by Father Paul Wharton, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Why attend? "Catholics are taught the importance of prayer and various prayers. Few are taught how to pray better and more," symposium organizers said.

The following are dates and topics: "What, Why, and How of Prayer," Aug. 23 at 6:30 p.m.; "Dealing with Difficulties in Praying," Aug. 30 at 6:30 p.m.; "The Lord's Prayer and Lectio Divina," Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m.; and "How God Answers Our Prayers and Why Formal Prayers are Treasures," Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. Each gathering will be held at Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall.

Register by e-mailing Father Wharton at [pjw424@gmail.com](mailto:pjw424@gmail.com). It helps with preparing handouts.

Parishioners, friends, neighbors, other Catholics and the public are all invited to attend.

Father Wharton has been a priest 40 years, and has served as prison chaplain, dean, vicar, teacher, Presbyteral Council chairman, and a consultant for the bishop.

The symposium is part of the local celebration of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Eucharistic Revival to revive and reinvigorate belief in Christ's true presence in the Eucharist.

According to the National Eucharistic Revival website, this first year (June 19, 2022 – June 11, 2023) is a diocesan revival inviting diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to respond to the Lord's personal invitation and equips them to share this love with the faithful through Eucharistic congresses and events.

The theme for the diocesan year of the Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is "My Flesh for the Life of the World" from John 6:51. Throughout this year there will be events and gatherings at the vicariate level.



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# Silver Rose Making Two Stops in Charleston This Weekend

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The Silver Rose will make two stops in the Charleston: at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on July 30. There will be a Silver Rose rosary after the conclusion of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament starting at approximately 5 p.m. before the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass. The Silver Rose will be at St. Agnes Parish on July 31 for the noon Spanish Language Mass.



Knights of Columbus Photo

After its West Virginia appearances, the Silver Rose will continue on its eventual journey to Mexico.

The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. "Through Mary, under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, we seek the grace and strength to bear witness to the reality that every human life is sacred, a gift from God," knights said.



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# Gabriel Project's Charleston Location has 'Urgent Need' for Boys' Clothing Donations

**CHARLESTON**—The Gabriel Project's Charleston location has an "urgent need" for donations of gently used boys' summer clothes, sizes 2T & 3T, shirts, shorts, pants, etc. Those who have items to donate, please drop them off on Thursdays between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist

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## Bridgeport Kids ‘Investigate the Love of Jesus’

All Saints Parish in Bridgeport held Vacation Bible School “Investigate the Love of Jesus” with 70 children, and more than 20 adult volunteers and another 15 junior high and high school counselors July 18-22. The themes for each day were: Monday – God Loves Kids - Matt 19:13-15; Tuesday – God Protects - John 10:11-15; Wednesday — God Feeds - John 6:1-13; Thursday – God Forgives – God Saves - Luke 15:11-32; and Friday – God Serves – Invites us to Serve - Luke 10 – 25-37. Different ages rotated through five stages of music, catechesis, games, snacks, and crafts. The kids and are pictured on this page enjoying the week’s activities. Also joining the kids are Father Walter M. Jagela, pastor of the parish (left), and Stephen Pishner, director of Music and Liturgy at the parish (top left). Courtesy Photos

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# New York Catholic Agency Calls out ‘Chaotic’ Dispersal of Asylum-Seekers

By Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — New York’s Catholic Charities has spoken out against what it called a “chaotic approach” to dealing with asylum-seekers coming into the country who are being sent from Texas officials by bus to cities around the nation.

“The current chaotic approach is not in the best interest of those seeking protection from violence and other crises in their own countries, nor the good of our own country,” Msgr. Kevin Sullivan, executive director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, said in a July 22 statement.

Cities such as New York and Washington have been on the receiving end of an influx of migrants being bused from the southern border to cities in the Northeast in what some say is a stunt by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican with presidential aspirations.

Abbott, however, calls it a “mission” to prove to federal officials in Washington “how difficult the task is” to take in migrants at the local level.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams called July 19 for federal help, saying “New York has experienced a sharp increase in asylum-seekers from Latin America and other regions,” which had resulted in the city receiving 2,800 additional people into its shelter system “over the last few weeks.”

In his statement, Msgr. Sullivan said he was “deeply concerned about the current state of policies that have resulted in thousands of asylum-seekers being bused throughout the United States without proper planning.”

Catholic Charities in New York was doing everything possible to help those in their midst, he said, but the agency needs federal help.

“Over the past weeks, asylum-seekers have arrived often hungry, tired and in need of basic items. In New York, Catholic Charities has responded to this crisis promptly, professionally and compassionately,” he said.

“Those who have come to our

offices and parishes have been provided with emergency assistance, food, basic clothing items, toiletries, as well as critical information on shelter and medical resources,” the priest said. “Many have appointments with immigration officials in the upcoming months and our legal services staff is beginning to review their situations.”

The nation’s capital also has seen a similar influx and Catholic Charities at the Archdiocese of Washington also has helped.

But in a July 15 letter, Msgr. John J. Enzler, the agency’s president and CEO, said that while it had helped those who arrived in the nation’s capital in April until early June, “our ongoing response was not sustainable from a staffing and resource perspective, given our many other programs and services.”

“We strongly encouraged local and federal government to step up,” he said.

The Center Square online publication said Abbott has spent \$2.9 million from the state’s coffers to bus the migrants.

Lt. Chris Olivarez, spokesperson for the Texas Department of Public Safety - South Texas Region, said other localities are now “experiencing only a fraction of what these smaller border communities face every single day, when you have anywhere from 2,000 to 3,000 migrants crossing the border daily in those areas.”

He made the comments in a news released from the governor’s office.

Catholic Charities in New York said it was “prepared to work in partnership with the government, and others to advance appropriate policies and programs” to help the vulnerable.

Adams also said New York was willing to help, especially because it has a legacy of welcome, but it needs federal resources to do so.

He also said that while in some cases it appeared the migrants were being bused in by “Texas and Arizona governments. ... In other cases, it appears that individuals are being sent by the federal government.”



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# Michigan's Jim Harbaugh Tells Team Members He Would Help Raise Their Baby in Event of Unplanned Pregnancy

**By Francesca Pollio Fenton, Catholic News Agency**

**DENVER, Colo.**—After receiving criticism on social media and from college football fans for remarks made at a pro-life event, Michigan Wolverines' football coach Jim Harbaugh elaborated on his stance.

In an interview with ESPN, Harbaugh shared how he has told his family, players, and staff members that if they found themselves in an unplanned pregnancy and could not take care of the baby then he and his wife would raise the child.

"I've told [them] the same thing I tell my kids, boys, the girls, same thing I tell our players, our staff members. I encourage them if they have a pregnancy that wasn't planned, to go through with it, go through with it," Harbaugh said. "Let that unborn child be born and if at that time, you don't feel like you can care for it, you don't have the means or the wherewithal, then Sarah and I will take that baby."

He added, "Any player on our team, any female staff member or any staff member or anybody in our family or our extended family that doesn't feel like after they have a baby they can take care of it, we got a big house. We'll raise that baby."

Harbaugh was a keynote speaker at the Plymouth Right to Life dinner and auction on July 17, 15 miles down the road from the University of Michigan, where Harbaugh played college football, and has been head coach since 2015. He gave a powerful speech in defense of the unborn, which triggered a reaction on social media.

The theme of the evening was "We Were Made to be Courageous." Harbaugh talked about the courage needed in today's society for individuals to be able to stand up for their convictions.

"I believe in having the courage to let the unborn be born," he said, according to the Detroit Catholic. "I love life. I believe in having a loving care and respect for life and death. My faith and my science are what drive these beliefs in me. Quoting from Jeremiah, 'Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, I set you apart. I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.'"

Raised Catholic, Harbaugh spoke about how his convictions were instilled in him from a young age by his parents. He now passes these values onto his own children, and puts them into practice in in-

teractions with his football players and staff.

Harbaugh recognized that not everyone agrees with his perspective on life, but added that it is important to express what you believe and why you believe it.

"Passions can make the process messy, but when combined with respect, it ultimately produces the best outcomes," Harbaugh said. "This process has been passionate and messy, but I have faith in the American people to ultimately develop the right policies and laws for all lives involved. I recognize one's personal thinking regarding morality of a particular action may differ from their thinking on whether the government should make that action illegal. There are many things one may hold to be immoral, but the government appropriately allows because of some greater good or personal or constitutional right."

"Ultimately, I don't believe that is the case with abortion," he added. "Yes, there are conflicts between the legitimate rights of the mother and the rights of the unborn child. One resolution might involve incredible hardship for the mother, family, and society. Another results in the death of an unborn person."

While neither outcome is good, Harbaugh said, the life of the unborn person must win out. He also noted the importance of supporting pro-life programs for mothers who are expecting and are in need of assistance.

"In God's plan, each unborn human truly has a future filled with potential, talent, dreams and love," he said. "I have living proof in my family, my children, and the many thousands that I've coached that the unborn are amazing gifts from God to make this world a better place. To me, the right choice is to have the courage to let the unborn be born."

His wife, Sarah Harbaugh, also shared her pro-life testimony during the event and how they promote their values as a married couple.

"From an early age, my mom and dad would go to a Planned Parenthood and pray," she said. "I feel my mom was a big influence for me, both my parents talked about protecting the unborn. I have friends, even family, who have considered abortion or had an abortion, and I know they are not better for it. If we had more support for women, more people who



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University of Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh at his introductory press conference on Dec. 30, 2014.

knew what really happens, we would be in a different place on this issue."

The auction raised an estimated

\$44,000 for pro-life initiatives in the area. Donors also gave an estimated \$100,000 in pledges for Plymouth Right to Life.



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# El obispo Brennan publica una declaración sobre la necesidad de una cultura de la vida

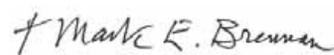
Hace unas semanas, la Corte Suprema de los Estados Unidos, en *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, anuló *Roe v. Wade*, allanando el camino para que los estadounidenses en sus respectivos estados promulguen protecciones legales para la vida humana no nacida. Esta semana, en su sesión extraordinaria, la Legislatura de Virginia Occidental ha tomado medidas para considerar una legislación que ponga fin a la mayoría de los abortos en el Estado de las Montañas.

Apoyo las protecciones más fuertes posibles para los no nacidos y estoy agradecido por el trabajo de nuestros representantes en el gobierno al abordar este importante tema esta semana. Pero el final del aborto no será el final del viaje, será un nuevo comienzo y una oportunidad para que todos trabajemos por una cultura de vida en nuestro estado.

Eso significa trabajar juntos para construir una sociedad y una economía que apoye matrimonios y familias; fortalecer los apoyos médicos, económicos y emocionales para las mujeres embarazadas y los niños de West Virginia; abordar la inseguridad alimentaria y de vivienda, mejorar las protecciones para las víctimas de violencia doméstica, promover la licencia de maternidad remunerada y ampliar la disponibilidad y asequibil-

idad del cuidado infantil. También debemos apoyar las reformas de adopción, apoyar a las familias adoptivas y ampliar los recursos disponibles para las familias de parentesco. Abrazar la vida, apoyar a las familias y ayudar a aquellos entre nosotros que son más vulnerables es cómo sanaremos las heridas culturales del aborto.

Sé que muchos habitantes de Virginia Occidental están muy convencidos de este tema y que las discusiones de esta semana en la Legislatura no van a cambiar los corazones y las mentes de la noche a la mañana, pero a pesar de la controversia, este momento presenta una oportunidad para que todos reflexionemos sobre el amor de Dios. Para cada vida humana desde el instante de su concepción. Se nos ha presentado la oportunidad de comenzar a sanar de las cicatrices de *Roe* y la oportunidad de trabajar juntos para fomentar una cultura de vida en West Virginia.



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Santísima Madre en oración a medida que trabajamos para terminar con la cultura de la muerte que acecha a nuestra sociedad. Al pensar en términos de ‘Una Vida, Una Rosa’, lo más apropiado es que nos volvamos a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, quien dio a conocer su voluntad a través de Juan Diego y el milagro de las rosas”. Hoy en día, ocho rosas corren a lo largo de diferentes rutas norteamericanas, incluyendo Canadá, cada estado de

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Los Caballeros de Colón y la Rosa de Plata nos estarán visitando la parroquia de St. Agnes el Domingo, 31 de Julio a las 12:30 p.m.

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Basílica de la Concatedral del Sagrado Corazón en Charleston el 30 de julio. Habrá un Rosario de Rosas de Plata después de la conclusión de la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento comenzando aproximadamente a las 5 p.m. antes de las 17:30 Misa del sábado.

Después de sus apariciones en West Virginia, el Silver Rose continuará en su eventual viaje a México.

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# A Day to Simply Have Fun



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Participants in the CCWVa Relatives as Parents Program enjoy a day at Kennywood in July.

While for many of us, summer is a time of relaxation or perhaps a vacation, for some families this is not the case.

"Many of the parents in our Relatives as Parents Program cannot afford to take family trips," said Diana Bell, Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Case Management Specialist. "For some, even going out to dinner is not possible. Each year we try to have at least one fun event for them."

CCWVa's Relatives as Parents Program (RAPP) serves families where caregivers other than the biological parents are raising children. We often see grandparents or aunts or uncles stepping in to raise children when their biological parents are not in a place to do so.

RAPP provides a variety of supports and interventions for these children and families. The program gives participating caregivers the resources they need to be informed, effective, and responsible parents.

"Most of our families have at least two or more foster children they are caring for (one family has five foster kids) for various reasons," said Bell. "It is almost impossible to do anything extra with all that may be going on with them."

This year RAPP had their annual outing at Kennywood. CCWVa provided entry, food and gas funding for participating families.

"We try to provide at least one experience where everyone can forget about some of the negatives and just be parents enjoying the day with their children," said Bell.

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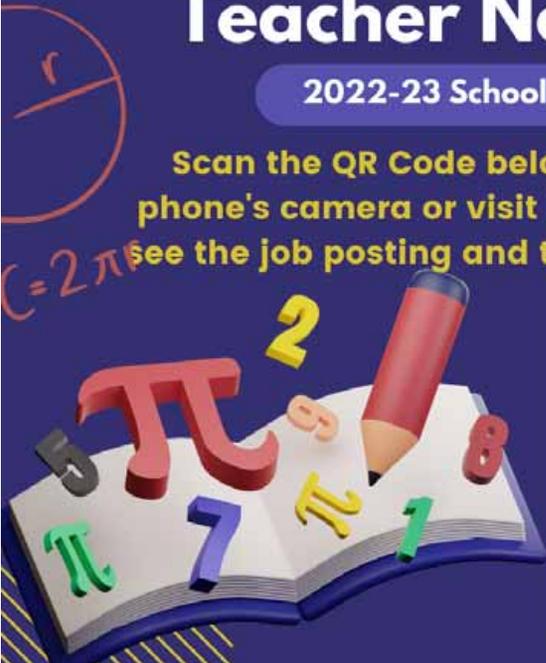
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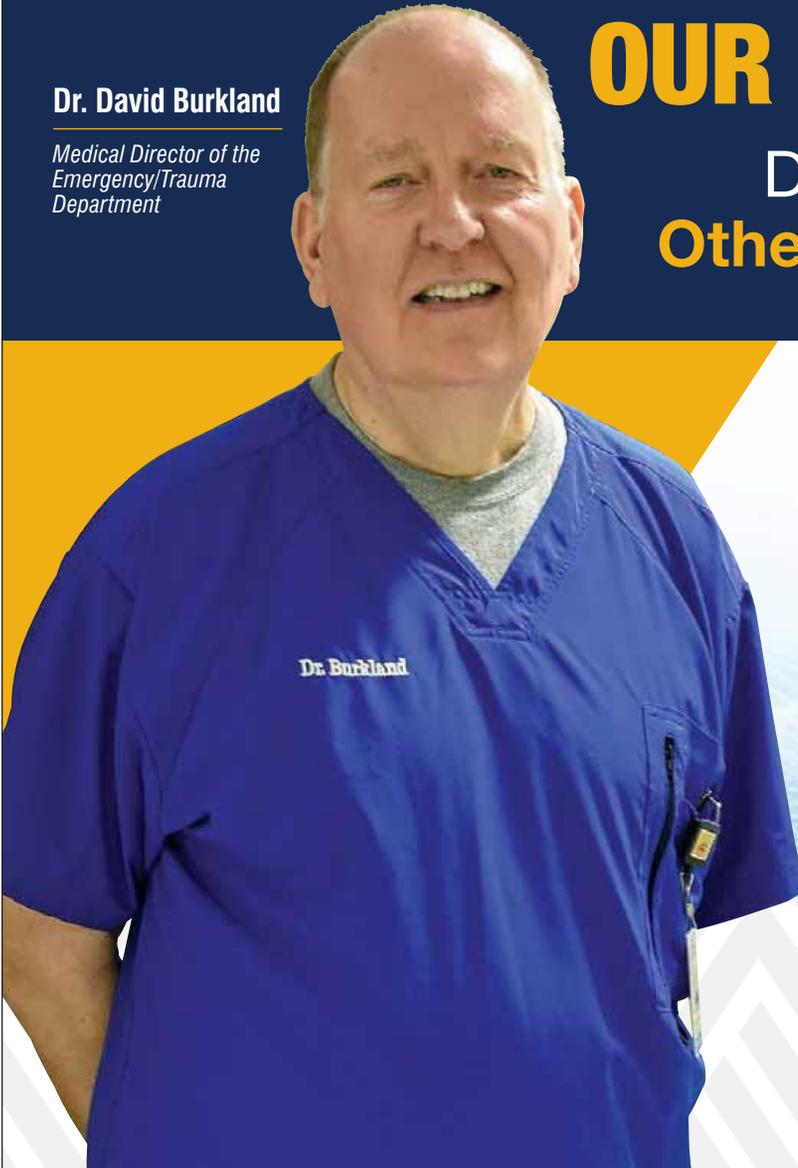
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