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## Recall Bishop Whelan on the 150th Anniversary of His Death

By Joyce Bibey

Sunday, July 7, marks the 150th anniversary of the death of Bishop Richard Vincent Whelan, the first Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Bishop Whelan will be remembered at the Sunday, July 7, Masses at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling and at the 12:05 p.m. Mass at the cathedral on Monday, July 8.

In the 24 years he served as Bishop, he oversaw the building of 42 churches, 9 schools, one orphanage and a hospital. He died confident that he had given his all to the building up of the Church in the Diocese. It is reported that his last words were, "My work is done."

Bishop Whelan was an ambitious evangelist. He was only 32, when he was named Bishop of Richmond (the diocese West Virginia was part).

In 1849, he convinced the Church hierarchy in Baltimore to divide the Diocese of Richmond by the natural barriers of the Allegheny Mountains. On July 19, 1850, the Holy See established the Diocese of Wheeling (at that time the diocese would include all of what is now West Virginia except for the eastern panhandle, and it would also include the section of present-day western Virginia). When the diocese was being contemplated there were at least 12 chapels and four churches within the borders. The churches included St. James, Wheeling; St. Patrick, Weston; St. Mary, Wytheville; and St. John, Summersville. At Bishop Whelan's suggestion, St. James in Wheeling was declared the Cathedral for the new Diocese of Wheeling.

Four days later, on July 23, 1850, Blessed Pope Pius IX named Bishop Whelan as the first bishop for the diocese.

Bishop Whelan pleaded to Pope Blessed Pius IX in 1872, to change the Cathedral's patronage from St. James to St. Joseph. Earlier in 1868, Blessed Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph the Terror of Demons and Guardian of the Redeemer patron for the entire Church. He was certain this decree would further protect and strengthen the Church and the faithful. Bishop Whelan died at the age of 65 in 1874.

These facts were documented by Tricia Pyne in Faith in the Mountains: A History of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston from 1850 to the 21st Century.

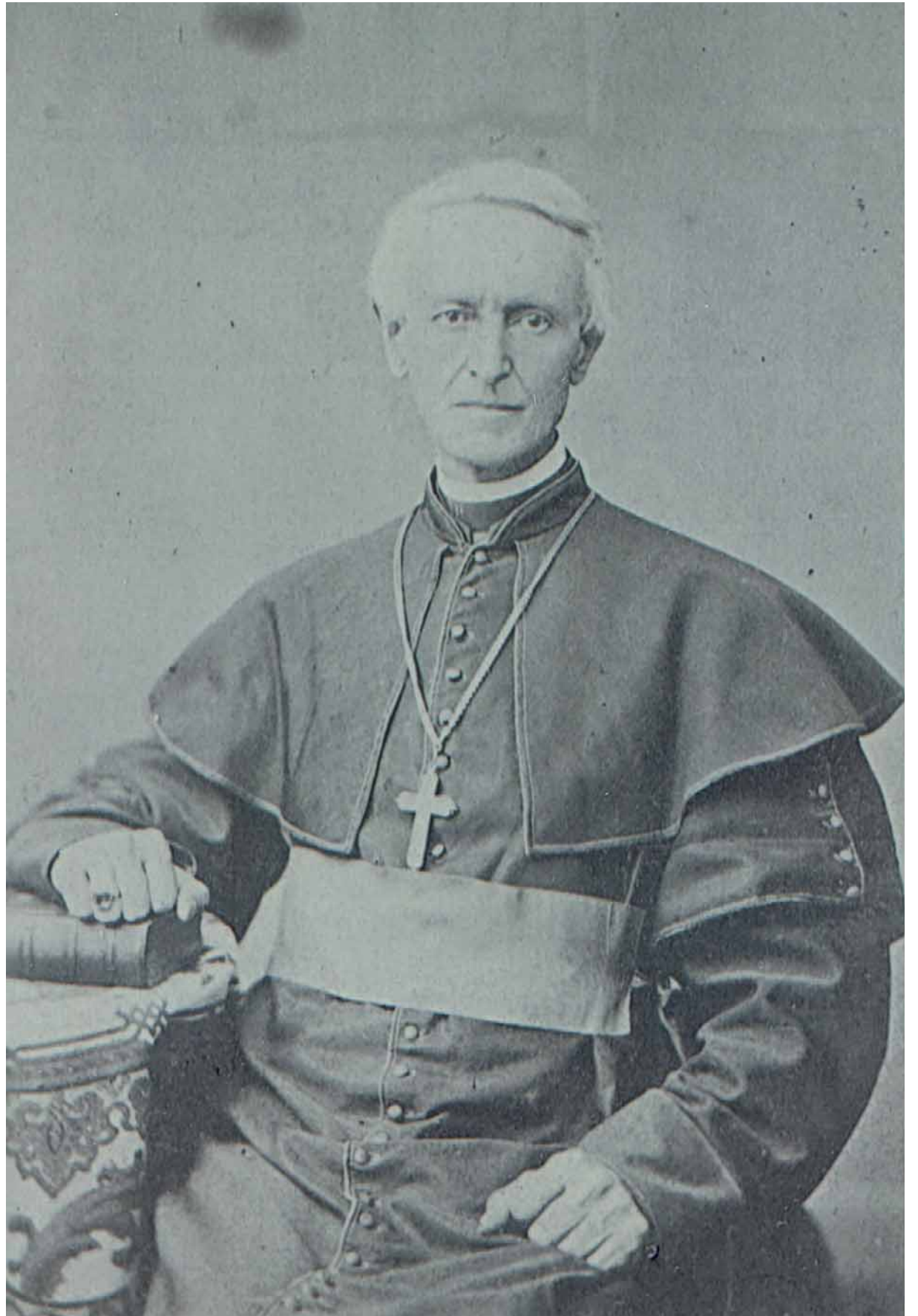


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Bishop Richard Vincent Whelan, the first Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

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# What to Expect at the National Eucharistic Congress in July

**By Maria Wiering, OSV News (OSV News)** — “I think my heart is going to explode,” said Montse Alvarado, describing the way she expects to feel when she gathers with tens of thousands of Catholics to adore the Eucharist at Indianapolis’ Lucas Oil Stadium in July. “It feels like so much beauty at a moment when our country and our world is in the midst of war and so much pain, just to see this be our church’s response — wow, what a witness.”

The United States’ first event of its kind in more than half a century, the National Eucharistic Congress is expected to draw more than 40,000 Catholics July 17-21 for five days of prayer, speakers, liturgies and worship, all centered on Jesus in the Eucharist.

Speakers showcase a “who’s who” in Catholic evangelization, including Bishop Robert E. Barron of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, and founder of Word on Fire; Father Mike Schmitz of the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, and host of “The Bible in a Year” podcast; Sister Josephine Garrett, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth and host of the “Hope Stories” podcast; and Jonathan Roumie, who portrays Jesus in “The Chosen.”

The event is the pinnacle of the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative the U.S. bishops launched on Corpus Christi Sunday in June 2022 to renew Catholics’ love for and understanding of Jesus’ real presence in the Eucharist.

Alvarado, EWTN News president and COO and one of three emcees for the congress’s daily “revival sessions,” told OSV News June 21 she expects the congress to be a source of American Catholics’ spiritual unity, strengthened identity and renewed vigor through the Holy Spirit.

“I’m excited for people to connect with the church,” she said, and “for the church to encounter itself.”

The congress begins Wednesday night in Lucas Oil Stadium with the first of the four evening revival sessions, with Eucharistic adoration, speakers and worship music. The event opens with a major procession with the 30 young adult “perpetual pilgrims” from all four routes of the eight-week National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. The pilgrims set out with the Eucharist on Pentecost weekend from points in California, Connecticut, Minnesota and Texas to meet in Indianapolis for the congress, covering a

combined 6,500 miles — many of them on foot — as they encountered Catholics at parishes and other sacred and secular sites for Mass and other worship experiences, Eucharistic processions and fellowship.

The congress’s opening procession will culminate in Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of Crookston, Minnesota, entering the stadium

with the Eucharist in a “massive” monstration designed for the congress, leading to a time of silent adoration. Then participants will hear from Bishop Cozzens and the evening’s other keynote speakers, Cardinal Christophe Pierre, the Holy See’s apostolic nuncio to the United States; and Sister Bethany Madonna, a Sister of Life in Phoenix.

As with each congress evening’s revival session, Alvarado will be emceeding along with Sister Miriam James Heidland, a sister of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity and co-host of the “Abiding Together” podcast; and Father Josh Johnson, a priest of the Diocese of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and host of the “Ask Father Josh” podcast.  
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## Congress...

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Worship will be led by Dallas' Dave and Lauren Moore, the founders of Catholic Music Initiative.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday have similar schedules. The days begin with Relevant Radio's Family Rosary Across America with Father Rocky Hoffman, followed by Mass, with English, Spanish and youth options, celebrated by key American prelates such as Cardinal Timothy M Dolan of New York, Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley of Boston and Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory of Washington.

Following Mass, attendees are encouraged to remain in the stadium or head to the adjacent Indiana Convention Center for one of seven "impact session" tracks being held in both locations. With names like Encounter, Renewal and Empower, each track is tailored for particular audiences — including ministry leaders, families, youth and priests — and features well-known Catholic leaders, experts and speakers.

Following lunch, afternoon breakout sessions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday dive into a range of topics, from apologetics to social action, with more than 40 speakers over three days.

Varied styles of liturgies will be offered Thursday and Friday afternoons, with options including Masses in English and Vietnamese (Friday only), as well as Byzantine Divine Liturgy and Mass according to the 1962 Missal (widely known as the "traditional Latin Mass") offered at nearby parishes.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons also include a range of additional exhibits and experiences: the National Shroud of Turin Exhibit, which features a replica of the famous burial shroud believed to have covered Jesus in the tomb; the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit, originally created by soon-to-be St. Carlo Acutis (one of the Eucharistic revival's patrons); a chapel with relics from Blessed Carlo and other saints associated with the revival; Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atriums, which offer Montessori-style faith formation for children up to age 12; and the CatholicHOM Immersive Family Experience, which will include an interactive puppet show.

On Thursday, "Bernadette de Lourdes, the Musical" — a theatrical performance about the Marian visionary of Lourdes, France — will be staged at Lucas Oil Stadium at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday and Friday will also include an opportunity to pack meals for the hungry with Indianapolis-based Million Meal Movement. The Denver-based Christ in the City will also train small groups of people to encounter chronically homeless men and women in Indianapolis.

Meanwhile, an expansive expo hall in the convention center will

be open each day from noon to 6:30 p.m. with booths and displays featuring apostolates, ministries, religious orders, publishers and "makers of all types," according to organizers. The convention center will also host three stages with rotating music acts and live podcast shows.

A key congress highlight is Saturday's 3-5 p.m. Eucharistic procession through downtown Indianapolis, which is expected to make a visual and spiritual impact on the city.

On Wednesday to Saturday, revival sessions begin in Lucas Oil Stadium at 7 p.m. Thursday's keynote speakers are Father Schmitz and Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, founder and servant mother of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth in the Archdiocese of Boston. Friday's speakers are Sister Josephine and Father Boniface Hicks, a Benedictine monk of St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and the event includes prayer for healing and reparation and a Eucharistic procession.

Saturday's revival speakers are Bishop Barron; Roumie; Catholic media personality Gloria Purvis, and Tim Glemkowski, current CEO of National Eucharistic Congress Inc., the nonprofit organizing revival events, especially the congress and pilgrimage. Catholic musician Matt Maher will lead worship during Eucharistic adoration.

On Sunday, the congress's final day, the revival session is in the morning, with speakers Mother Adela Galindo of the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary, who founded a bilingual "religious family" of religious sisters and brothers, priests and laypeople; and Chris Stefanick, founder of Real Life Catholic.

The congress ends with a "great commissioning," which organizers have compared to "a new Pentecost," where attendees "will be sent out to joyfully proclaim the Gospel in every corner of our nation." The congress will close with a 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by special papal envoy Cardinal Luis Tagle, pro-prefect of the Section for the First Evangelization and New Particular Churches of the Holy See's Dicastery for Evangelization.

As the event draws near, Glemkowski said he is excited to watch it unfold.

"There's movement and energy and it's focused on Jesus, and we're asking for the Holy Spirit to fall on the church in a new way," he told OSV News June 26. "The communion of the church is going to be so powerful and prominent."

Speaking to fellow bishops June 14 at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Spring Plenary Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky, Bishop Cozzens, board chairman of National Eucharistic Congress Inc., pointed to the encouragement Pope Francis gave congress organizers when they met with him June 19, 2023.

"I'm reminded and encouraged often by the words of our Holy Father to us," Bishop Cozzens told the bishops. "'The National Eucharistic Congress,' he (Pope Francis) said, 'marks a significant moment in the life of the church in the United States. May all that you're doing be an occasion of grace for each of you, and may it bear fruit in guiding men and women, throughout your nation, to the Lord who, by his presence among us, rekindles hope and renews life.'"

The congress kicks off the National Eucharistic Revival's third year, the Year of Mission, which encourages Catholics to intentionally accompany someone on his or her faith journey back to the Catholic faith through its "Walk with One" initiative.

The year also invites Catholics to become Eucharistic missionaries, which would take them, Bishop Cozzens said, "deep into the mystery of the Eucharist" and how that affects their life. Bishop Cozzens' book on the topic, written with Glemkowski and titled "For the Life of the World: Invited to Eucharistic Mission," was published June 24 by Our Sunday Visitor.

The July congress is the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, occurring 83 years after the Ninth National Eucharistic Congress in St. Paul, Minnesota.

"We won't wait another 83 years before the 11th National Eu-

charistic Congress," Bishop Cozzens told the bishops. "We all know that the work of renewing the life of the Eucharist in the church is a generational work. Many countries have regular national Eucharistic congresses, including places like Italy and Mexico."

The next U.S. national congress may be in 2033, Bishop Cozzens said, in honor of the "year of redemption" — the 2,000th anniversary of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Catholics who have only recently felt moved to attend the Eucharistic congress need not wait another nine years, however; Bishop Cozzens told bishops that day passes and hotel rooms are still available for the congress in July.

"For five days, Catholics are going to take over a one-and-a-half-square-mile radius of downtown Indianapolis," Glemkowski said. "I'm so excited for people to come and just have that experience of, 'Oh, this is a huge deal, like, this is a big thing that's happening in this city.' You're going to spend five days wrapped in the communion of the church in a way that I think a lot of us are going to miss when it's over."

See the National Eucharistic Congress schedule at <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule>.

(Maria Wiering is senior writer for OSV News.)

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# Wellsburg's St. John the Evangelist Parish Celebrates Centennial

By Colleen Rowan

Current and former parishioners, families, and friends filled St. John the Evangelist Church in Wellsburg on June 30 for the parish's centennial celebration.

"Welcome," Father Justin Golna said at the Mass. "We are glad you're here."

Father Golna was joined in the celebration by Father Cyprian Osuegbu, chaplain at WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital and its Continuous Care Center, who concelebrated the Mass.

At the end of Mass, Father Golna directed the congregation to the parish hall below the church to view historical exhibits of parish life throughout the last 100 years. A large pictorial display included photos of marriages, confirmations, first Communion, baptisms, families of the parish, gatherings, and more. The back of the display aptly carried the title "100: A Centennial Celebration of Faith."

There was also an exhibit on the history of the parish complete with photos and information on clergy, sketches of the church, and mementos. Another display featured the former St. John Parish School. Class photos, yearbooks, and a "Go Eagles" T-shirt as well as other memorabilia took visitors back to fun times at the school.

The celebration continued with food, games, raffles, and more outside.

## A Century of Chronicles

The following is from "A Historical Sketch of Saint John the Evangelist Church" by Rev. Leopold Hermanns

For sixty years, old St. John's on the corner of 4th and Commerce had been a landmark. In former years it was ideally located because the homes of most Catholics were clustered around the church. The trend of population had been northward, and after much consideration, it was decided to build a new church northward, also.

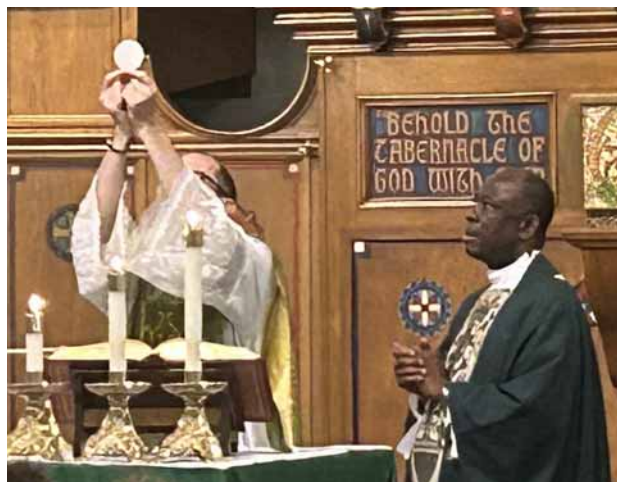
In May, 1921 a large plot of ground on 13th and Charles Streets, ideally located midway between Dutchtown and Lazearville on the Prather Addition, was purchased with the idea of building thereon a new parish group. The dream of the pastor and his flock became a reality thirty years ago. On Sunday, April 27, 1924 an ideal blue sky greeted the populace of Wellsburg who had come to witness the laying of the corner stone of the new St. John's Church.

The document in the corner stone is in Latin and freely translated, reads: "For the perpetual remembrance of this event: be it stated, that on the 27th of April in the year of our Lord, 1924, during the Pontificate of Pius XI, by Divine Providence, Pope; Calvin Coolidge being President of the United States of America; Ephraim Morgan, Governor of the State of West Virginia; William McCreary, Mayor of this City; Leopold Hermanns, pastor of this church, amid a large gathering of clergy and people, the corner stone of this Church was laid by the Rt. Rev. John Swint,



Colleen Rowan Photo

Mass is celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church in Wellsburg on June 30 for the parish's centennial celebration.



Colleen Rowan Photo

Father Justin Golna, left, celebrates Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Wellsburg June 30 for the parish's centennial celebration. Concelebrating is Father Cyprian Osuegbu.



Colleen Rowan Photo

Father Justin Golna greets the faithful after Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Wellsburg June 30 for the parish's centennial celebration.

IV Bishop of Wheeling."

The Church was designed by the renowned architect, Edward J. Weber of Pittsburgh, who among other numerous ecclesiastical edifices,

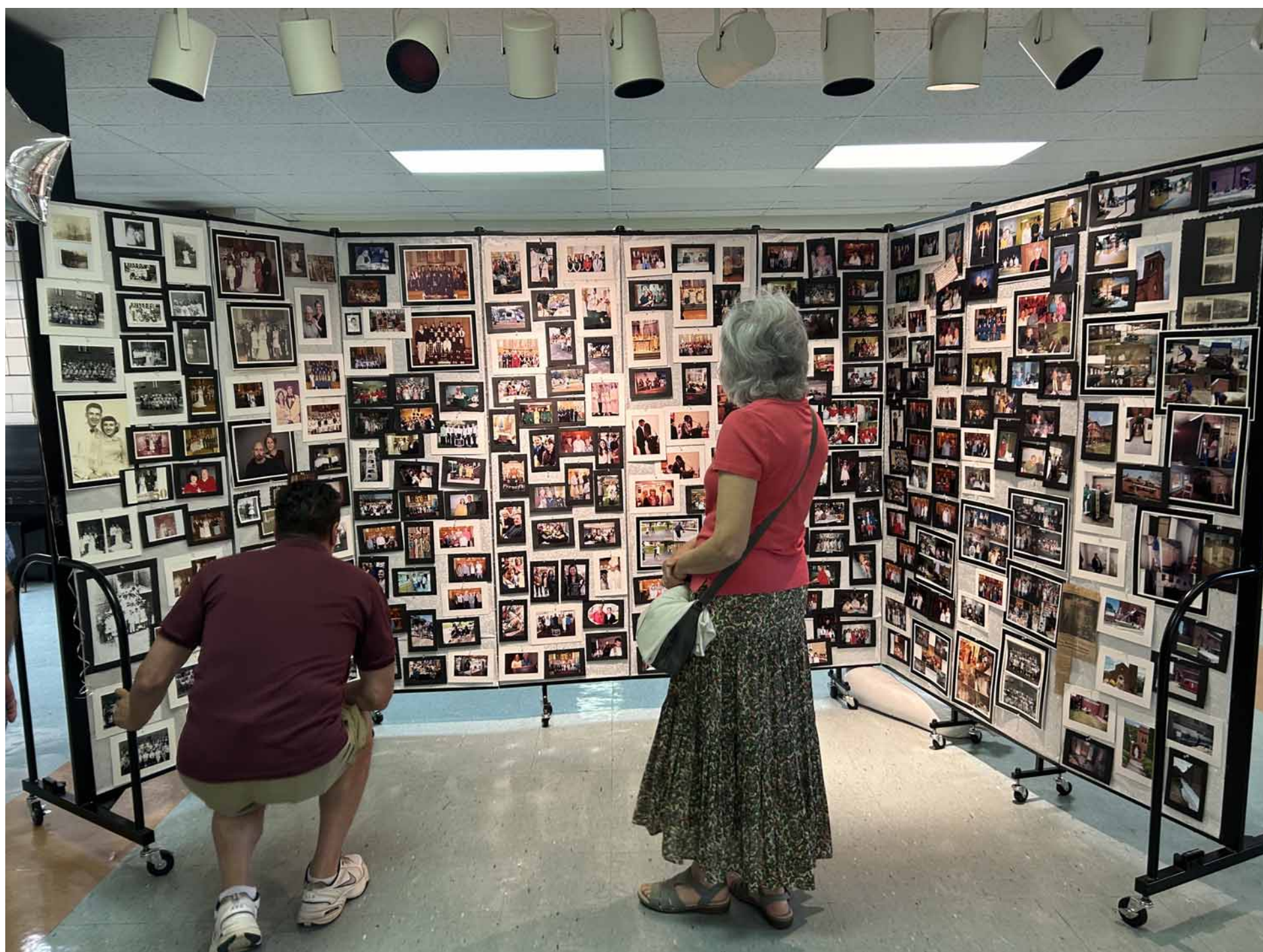


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St. John the Evangelist Church in Wellsburg is pictured on June 30 during the parish's centennial celebration.

built the pleasing adaptation of Romanesque form in the Wheeling Cathedral. Engstrom & Co. of Wheeling were the low bidders and **See "Centennial" on Page 7**





Colleen Rowan Photo

A man and woman look over the display of historic photos of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Wellsburg in the parish hall June 30 during the centennial celebration.

## Centennial...

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satisfying contractors, the church being \$52,240.00 and the rectory, \$11,900.00.

The new St. John's Church was dedicated on December 14, 1924. The first Mass in the new Church was offered by the Most Rev. John J. Swint, with many priests and laity, Catholic as well as non-Catholic, present.

A stone tympanum over the front door has the letters "Alpha" and "Omega" carved on each side of a fine bronze lantern. These letters are taken from the Book of Revelation: "I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End,

saith the Lord God. Who is and Who was, and Who is to come, the Almighty" (Rev. 1:8). Above that is placed a beautiful medallion of Indiana limestone showing the heraldic eagle holding the open book of Holy Scripture with the words: "In principio erat verbum" (In the beginning was the Word). It is surrounded by a fine ornamental brick archivolt. Thus, anyone who is familiar with Christian symbolism, knows that the church is dedicated to St. John the Evangelist.

With a length of 159 feet on Thirteenth Street, a width of 49 feet on Charles Street with a tower on the corner of the two, and a rectory connected by a cloister, it is a most impos-

ing edifice. The tower, 15 1/2 feet square and rising to a height of 72 feet, has an entrance on Thirteenth Street, leading by inside steps to the Narthex. An ornamental brick arched corbel table and other ornamental brick coursing form the cornice for the tower, on the roof of which is placed the copper ball and cross.

The style of architecture is Romanesque, specifically Lombardic, modeled after the beautiful church in Northern Italy. Those who have seen the imposing XIII Century Cathedral of San Severino in the Province of Mascerato realize that the inspiration for St. John's came from that model.



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Knights of Columbus at St. James the Greater, Mother Teresa Council held a Fish Fry event and graciously donated all proceeds to Mary's Refuge, totaling an incredible \$6,700. Their dedication and hard work have made a significant impact on our ability to provide essential services to our residents.

St. Bernadette Social Concerns hosted a basket raffle, raising \$700 for Mary's Refuge. This wonderful initiative not only brought joy to the participants but also provided much-needed funds to support our programs and services.

St. Leo Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary generously gifted our mothers with a gift card tree for Mother's Day. This thoughtful gesture brought smiles and relief to many, allowing them to purchase necessities and treats for themselves and their children.

American Heritage Girls Troop WV0082 held a collection drive for items such as diapers, wipes, and clothing, and additionally donated \$950 in gift cards to Mary's Refuge. Their efforts have ensured that our mothers and babies have access to essential supplies, easing the challenges of daily life.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Martinsburg #392 organized a Mother's Day celebration for our residents, complete with refreshments and gifts. Their evening event was a lovely occasion filled with joy and generosity. They also collected a substantial number of donations, including diapers and cleaning supplies, greatly aiding our day-to-day operations.

St. Agnes of Shepherdstown conducted a diaper drive specifically for the children at Mary's Refuge. Their efforts have ensured that our youngest residents have the necessary supplies to stay clean, dry, and comfortable.

St. John University Parish in Morgantown, Knights of Columbus Chapter 8288, held a heartwarming baby bottle collection for Mary's Refuge and generously

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Courtesy Photo  
American Heritage Girls Troop WV0082 held a collection drive for diapers, wipes, and clothing for Mary's Refuge. They are pictured with the collection. They also donated \$950 in gift cards to Mary's Refuge.

Items are shown from the Basket Raffle hosted by Social Concerns at St. Bernadette Parish in Hedgessville, which raised \$700 for Mary's Refuge.  
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Members of the Knights of Columbus Mother Teresa Council at St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town are pictured at a Fish Fry they held to benefit Mary's Refuge. The event raised \$6,700.

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donated \$5,150.

"We are deeply touched by the unwavering support and generosity of our community coalition members," said Allison Ferrell, director of Mary's Refuge. "Their contributions are not just donations but acts of love and solidarity that help us create a nurturing environment for our

young mothers and their children. These partnerships are vital to our mission, and we are incredibly grateful for their dedication and kindness."

Mary's Refuge continues to thrive thanks to the compassion and support of these remarkable community members. Together, we are making a difference, providing hope, and building a brighter future for the mothers and children in our care.

For more information about Mary's Refuge and how you can support our mission, please visit [marysrefuge.com](http://marysrefuge.com) or contact us at [life@marysrefuge.com](mailto:life@marysrefuge.com).

Mary's Refuge is a pro-life home providing emotional, physical, and spiritual support to young mothers-to-be. Our mission is to create a supportive and nourishing environment where mothers can build stable lives for themselves and their children.



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Shown above are Mother's Day gifts for moms at Mary's Refuge from Inwood's St. Leo Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary. At right, Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Martinsburg #392 are pictured at the Mother's Day celebration for Mary's Refuge moms.



## MARY'S REFUGE GALA, MARTINSBURG

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AISHA TAYLOR

Author of "Navigating the Impossible: A Survival Guide for Single Moms from Pregnancy through the First Year of Motherhood"

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# St. James the Apostle Parish to Celebrate 100 Years in Clarksburg

St. James the Apostle Parish in Clarksburg will celebrate its centennial July 27. "The day will begin at 1 p.m. with a celebration and sharing of memories with a tour of St. James Church and our beloved St. James School. Go Crusaders!" parish officials said. "We look forward to a wonderful celebration of friendship and memories."

Parishioners and past parishioners/students

have been asked to share any photos or school artifacts. CDs and thumbdrives have been made containing 1,500 photos, newspaper articles, etc. to be sold as keepsake memories.

Former pastors and deacons who have served at the parish as well as women religious and teachers have been invited to attend.

The day continues with a Mass at 4:30 p.m.

celebrated by Bishop Mark Brennan. Entertainment by John Angotti will be at 5:30 p.m., and dinner and a video presentation will follow at 6:30 p.m.

"We have had a great response from parishioners, past parishioners, priests, deacons, and nuns," parish officials said. "It promises to be an amazing reunion."

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# Franciscan University to Host Conference Celebrating 800th Anniversary of St. Francis' Reception of the Stigmata

**STEUBENVILLE, Ohio** — The Marked With the Wounds of Christ Conference will commemorate the 800th anniversary of the miraculous imprinting of the sacred wounds of Christ's Passion upon St. Francis of Assisi in 1224. The conference will include formal academic papers on the subject, sacred liturgies, a performance by the Sacred Music Program, and student presentations. Co-sponsored by Franciscan University's sister school,

St. Francis University, the conference will be held on the campus of Franciscan University of Steubenville on Sept. 12-14.

Stigmata has been the focus of much academic discussion and popular fascination since St. Francis became the first to miraculously receive the wounds of Christ. Conference presenters will examine the evidence for St. Francis' stigmata, its legacy in the history of the Franciscan order and the life of the

Church, and its implications for Christian theology, philosophy, and anthropology.

"Franciscan University's mission is to educate, evangelize, and send forth joyful disciples," said Father Jonathan St. André, TOR, vice president for Franciscan Life. "It is a blessing for us to celebrate the legacy of St. Francis who was a disci-

ple of Jesus Christ and was so transformed by love that he bore the very wounds of his Master. We are excited to celebrate the conversion that Francis experienced through his encounter with the Crucified Christ as we recognize that this is our call as followers of Christ today."

The keynote addresses will be offered by Joshua

C. Benson, PhD, associate professor of historical and systematic theology at the Catholic University of America; and Carolyn Muessig, PhD, chair of Christian Thought at the University of Calgary.

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# Que esperar del Congreso Eucarístico Nacional que se realizará en julio

**Por Maria Wiering, OSV News (OSV News)** — "Creo que mi corazón va a explotar", expresó Montse Alvarado al describir cómo espera sentirse cuando se reúna con decenas de miles de católicos para adorar la Eucaristía en el Lucas Oil Stadium de Indianápolis en julio. "Se siente tanta belleza, en un momento en que nuestro país y nuestro mundo están en medio de la guerra y tanto dolor, ver que esta es la respuesta de nuestra Iglesia -- ¡vaya testimonio!"

El primer evento de este tipo en Estados Unidos en más de medio siglo, el Congreso Eucarístico Nacional se espera que atraiga a más de 40.000 católicos desde el 17 al 21 de julio y comprenderá cinco días de oración, charlas, liturgias, y adoración, todo centrado en Jesús en la Eucaristía.

Los oradores incluyen nombres prominentes en la labor de la evangelización católica, como el obispo Robert E. Barron de Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, y fundador de Word on Fire; el padre Mike Schmitz de la Diócesis de Duluth, Minnesota, y anfitrión (en la versión en inglés) del podcast "La Biblia en un año"; la hermana Josephine Garrett, miembro de las Hermanas de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret y anfitriona del podcast "Hope Stories"; y Jonathan Roumie, quien interpreta a Jesús en la serie "The Chosen".

El evento es la culminación del Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional, una iniciativa de tres años que los obispos estadounidenses lanzaron el Domingo de Corpus Christi en junio de 2022 para renovar el amor y la comprensión de los católicos por la presencia real de Jesús en la Eucaristía.

Alvarado, presidenta y directora de operaciones de EWTN News y una de los tres maestros de ceremonias de las "sesiones de reavivamiento" diarias del congreso, señaló a OSV News el 21 de junio que espera que el congreso sea una fuente de unidad espiritual, identidad fortalecida, y vigor renovado a través del Espíritu Santo para los católicos estadounidenses.

"Estoy emocionada porque la gente se conecte con la Iglesia", manifestó, "y porque la Iglesia se encuentre a sí misma".

El congreso comienza el miér-



Foto de Colleen Rowan

**El obispo Mark Brennan lleva el Santísimo Sacramento en la procesión eucarística por el centro de Wheeling el 24 de junio para la Ruta St. Elizabeth Ann Seton de la Peregrinación Eucarística Nacional. Las cuatro rutas de peregrinación que atraviesan Estados Unidos desde el norte, el sur, el este y el oeste convergerán en Indianápolis para el Congreso Eucarístico Nacional que se celebrará del 17 al 21 de julio.**

coles por la noche en el Lucas Oil Stadium con la primera de las cuatro sesiones de avivamiento vespertinas, con adoración eucarística, oradores, y música de adoración. El evento se abre con una gran procesión con los 30 "peregrinos perpetuos", jóvenes adultos que participaron en las cuatro rutas de la Peregrinación Eucarística Nacional durante ocho semanas. Los peregrinos partieron con la Eucaristía el fin de semana de Pentecostés desde puntos en California, Connecticut, Minnesota, y Texas para encontrarse en Indianápolis para el congreso, recorriendo un total de 6.500 millas -- muchas de ellas a pie -- mientras se encontraban con católicos en parroquias y otros lugares sagrados y seculares para Misas y otras experiencias de adoración, procesiones eucarísticas, y compañerismo.

La procesión de apertura del congreso culminará con el ingreso del obispo Andrew H. Cozzens de Crookston, Minnesota, al estadio, llevando la Eucaristía en una "enorme" custodia diseñada específicamente para el congreso; la procesión conducirá a un tiempo

de adoración silenciosa. Luego, los participantes escucharán las palabras del obispo Cozzens y los demás oradores principales de la noche: el cardenal Christophe Pierre, nuncio apostólico de la Santa Sede en Estados Unidos; y la hermana Bethany Madonna, Hermana de la Vida de Phoenix.

Al igual que en cada sesión vespertina de avivamiento del congreso, Alvarado será la maestra de ceremonias junto con la hermana Miriam James Heidland, hermana de la Sociedad de Nuestra Señora de la Santísima Trinidad y co-anfitriona del podcast "Abiding Together"; y el padre Josh Johnson, sacerdote de la Diócesis de Baton Rouge, Louisiana, y anfitrión del podcast "Ask Father Josh". La adoración estará dirigida por Dave y Lauren Moore de Dallas, fundadores de Catholic Music Initiative.

El jueves, viernes, y sábado tendrán horarios similares. Los días comienzan con el "Rosario Familiar a Través de América" de Relevant Radio con el padre Rocky Hoffman, seguido de la Misa, con opciones en inglés, español, y para jóvenes, celebrada por importantes

prelados estadounidenses como el cardenal Timothy M. Dolan de Nueva York, el cardenal Seán P. O'Malley de Boston, y el cardenal Wilton D. Gregory de Washington.

Después de la Misa, se anima a los asistentes a permanecer en el estadio o dirigirse al Centro de Convenciones de Indiana (adyacente al estadio) para participar en una de las siete "sesiones de impacto" que se llevan a cabo en ambos lugares. Con nombres como Encuentro, Renovación, y Empoderamiento, cada sesión está diseñada para audiencias específicas, incluyendo líderes de ministerios, familias, jóvenes, y sacerdotes, y cuenta con reconocidos líderes católicos, expertos, y oradores.

Después del almuerzo, las sesiones en grupos pequeños de la tarde del jueves, viernes y sábado se sumergen en una variedad de temas, desde apologética hasta acción social, con más de 40 oradores en tres días.

Se ofrecerán estilos variados de liturgias el jueves y viernes por la tarde, con opciones que incluyen Misas en inglés y vietnamita (solo el viernes), así como la Divina Liturgia Bizantina y la Misa según el Misal de 1962 (ampliamente conocida como la "Misa tradicional en latín") ofrecidas en parroquias cercanas.

Las tardes de jueves, viernes, y sábado también incluyen una variedad de exhibiciones y experiencias adicionales: la Exposición Nacional de la Sábana Santa de Turín, que presenta una réplica de la famosa sábana mortuoria que se cree cubrió a Jesús en la tumba; la Exposición de los Milagros Eucarísticos, creada originalmente por el próximo santo Carlo Acutis (uno de los patronos del Avivamiento Eucarístico); una capilla con reliquias del Beato Carlo y otros santos asociados con el Avivamiento; Catequesis de los atrios del Buen Pastor, que ofrecen formación de la fe al estilo Montessori para niños hasta los 12 años; y la Experiencia Familiar Inmersiva CatholicHOM, que incluirá un espectáculo de marionetas interactivo.

El jueves, "Bernadette de Lourdes, el Musical" -- una representación teatral sobre la vidente mariana de Lourdes, Francia -- se **Ver Eucarístico en la página 15**



## Eucarístico...

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presentará en el Lucas Oil Stadium a las 6:30 p.m.

El jueves y el viernes también habrá oportunidad de empaçar comida para las personas que pasan hambre con Million Meal Movement de Indianápolis. Christ in the City, con sede en Denver, también capacitará a pequeños grupos de personas para que se encuentren con hombres y mujeres sin hogar crónicos en Indianápolis.

Mientras tanto, un amplio salón de exposiciones en el centro de convenciones estará abierto todos los días desde el mediodía hasta las 6:30 p.m. con stands y exhibiciones de apostolados, ministerios, órdenes religiosas, editoriales, y "creadores de todo tipo", según los organizadores. El centro de convenciones también albergará tres escenarios con presentaciones musicales rotativas y programas de podcasts en vivo.

Un punto culminante clave del congreso es la procesión eucarística del sábado de 3 a 5 p.m. por el centro de Indianápolis, que se espera tenga un impacto visual y espiritual en la ciudad.

De miércoles a sábado, las sesiones de avivamiento comienzan en el Lucas Oil Stadium a las 7 p.m. Los oradores principales del jueves son el padre Schmitz y la madre Olga del Sagrado Corazón, fundadora y sierva madre de las Hijas de María de Nazaret en la Arquidiócesis de Boston. Los oradores del viernes son la hermana Josephine y el padre Boniface Hicks, un monje benedictino de la Abadía de San Vicente en Latrobe, Pensilvania. El evento incluye oración por sanación y reparación y una procesión eucarística.

Los oradores del avivamiento del sábado son el obispo Barron; Roumie; la personalidad de los medios católicos Gloria Purvis; y Tim Glemkowski, director ejecutivo actual de National Eucharistic Congress Inc., la organización sin fines de lucro que organiza los eventos de reavivamiento, especialmente el congreso y la peregrinación. El músico católico Matt Maher dirigirá la adoración durante la adoración eucarística.

El domingo, último día del congreso, la sesión de avivamiento se realiza por la mañana, con oradores como la madre Adela Galindo de las Siervas de los Corazones Traspasados de Jesús y María, quien fundó una "familia religiosa" bilingüe de hermanas y hermanos religiosos, sacerdotes, y laicos; y Chris Stefanick, fundador de Real Life Catholic.

El congreso culmina con un "gran envío", que los organizadores han comparado con "un nuevo Pentecostés", donde los asistentes "serán enviados a proclamar con alegría el Evangelio en cada rincón de nuestra nación". El congreso cerrará con una Misa a las 10 a.m. celebrada por el enviado especial papal, el cardenal Luis Tagle, pro-prefecto de la Sección para la Primera Evangelización y Nuevas Iglesias Particulares del Dicasterio para la Evangelización de la Santa Sede.

A medida que se acerca el evento, Glemkowski dice estar emocionado de ver como se desarrollará.

"Hay movimiento y energía, y está centrado en Jesús, y estamos pidiendo que el Espíritu Santo se manifieste sobre la Iglesia de una manera nueva", expresó a OSV News el 26 de junio. "La comunión de la iglesia será tan poderosa y prominente".

En un discurso a sus compañeros

obispos el 14 de junio en la Asamblea Plenaria de Primavera de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos en Louisville, Kentucky, el obispo Cozzens, presidente de la junta directiva de National Eucharistic Congress Inc., se refirió al aliento que el Papa Francisco dio a los organizadores del congreso cuando se reunieron con él el 19 de junio de 2023.

"Las palabras de nuestro Santo Padre a menudo me recuerdan y animan", manifestó el obispo Cozzens a los obispos. "El Congreso Eucarístico Nacional", señaló (el Papa Francisco), 'marca un momento significativo en la vida de la Iglesia en Estados Unidos. Que todo lo que están haciendo sea una ocasión de gracia para cada uno de ustedes, y que dé frutos al guiar a hombres y mujeres, en toda su nación, al Señor que, con su presencia entre nosotros, reaviva la esperanza y renueva la vida'".

El congreso dará inicio al tercer año del Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional, el Año de la Misión, que anima a los católicos a acompañar intencionalmente a alguien en su camino de regreso a la fe católica a través de su iniciativa "Camina con Uno".

El año también invita a los católicos a convertirse en misioneros eucarísticos, lo que los llevaría, enfatizó el obispo Cozzens, "a las profundidades del misterio de la Eucaristía" y cómo eso afecta su vida. El libro del obispo Cozzens sobre el tema, escrito con Glemkowski y titulado "For the Life of the World: Invited to Eucharistic Mission" ("Por la Vida del Mundo: Invitados a la Misión Eucarística"), fue publicado el 24 de junio por Our Sunday Visitor.

El congreso de julio es el Décimo

Congreso Eucarístico Nacional, que se celebra 83 años después del Noveno Congreso Eucarístico Nacional realizado en St. Paul, Minnesota.

"No esperaremos otros 83 años antes del Undécimo Congreso Eucarístico Nacional", enfatizó el obispo Cozzens a los obispos. "Todos sabemos que el trabajo de renovar la vida de la Eucaristía en la Iglesia es una obra generacional. Muchos países tienen congresos eucarísticos nacionales regulares, incluidos lugares como Italia y México".

El próximo congreso nacional de Estados Unidos podría ser en 2033, agregó el obispo Cozzens, en honor al "año de la redención": el 2000 aniversario de la muerte y resurrección de Jesús.

Sin embargo, los católicos que se han sentido recientemente motivados para asistir al Congreso Eucarístico no necesitan esperar otros nueve años; el obispo Cozzens añadió que los países de un día y las habitaciones de hotel aún están disponibles para el congreso de julio.

"Durante cinco días, los católicos tomarán control de un radio de un kilómetro y medio cuadrado en el centro de Indianápolis", manifestó Glemkowski. "Estoy muy emocionado de que la gente venga y tenga esa experiencia de, 'Oh, esto es algo grandioso, algo maravilloso está sucediendo en esta ciudad'. Serán cinco días envueltos en la comunión de la Iglesia de una manera que creo que muchos de nosotros lo echaremos de menos cuando termine".

Consulte el programa del Congreso Eucarístico Nacional en <https://es.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule>

(María Wiering es redactora senior de OSV News.

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