By Catholic News Service

CHICAGO (CNS) — Saying he watched "in horror" news reports in the aftermath of a mass shooting during a suburban Fourth of July parade, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich of Chicago offered prayers for the victims.

Seven people died and more than two dozen others were injured.

"What should have been a peaceful celebration of our nation’s founding ended in unspeakable tragedy," Cardinal Cupich said in a statement released hours after the tragedy by the archdiocese of Chicago.

"Two women will be appointed for the first time in the committee to elect bishops in the Congregation for Bishops," Pope Francis told Philip Pullella, the Reuters’ Vatican correspondent.

"This way, things are opening up a bit," the pope said when asked about expanding the role of women in church decision making.

Reuters published the pope’s remarks about women’s positions July 6.

Preparing nominations for the office of bishops is a long, multistep process. For most Latin-rite dioceses that are not in mission territories, the process begins with bishops submitting to their local archbishop the names of priests they think would be good bishops; once a year the bishops of the province discuss the names submitted and forward recommendations to the nuncio.

The nuncio studies the lists, investigates further, solicits feedback from people who know the candidate and submits them to the archdiocese of Chicago.

Pointing to the victims, who authorities said ranged in age from 8 to 85, Cardinal Cupich said, "Weapons designed to rapidly destroy human bodies have no place in civil society."

Law enforcement authorities said they arrested a "person of interest" about eight hours after the shooting in Highland Park in Chicago’s affluent North Shore. Police identified the man as Robert E. Crimo III, 21, of suburban Chicago. Police earlier said he was 22. The man was apprehended without incident on a busy highway in a nearby suburb after briefly fleeing officers. Officials said their investigation was ongoing.

A tricycle is seen near the scene of a mass shooting in the Chicago suburb of Highland Park, Ill., July 4.

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forwards his recommendations to the Dicastery for Bishops.

The prefect of the dicastery, currently Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet, can make recommendations directly to the pope about transferring a bishop from one diocese to another or to an archdiocese. But the process is not just a matter of the pope’s decision. The current secretary of the dicastery, the prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops, Marc Ouellet, can make recommendations to the pope about transferring a bishop from one diocese to another or to an archdiocese. But the process is not just a matter of the pope’s decision. The pope’s new apostolic dicastery, the Dicastery for the Economy, a body of the Roman Curia to lay men and women, and the synodal office of the respective episcopal conference and the metropolitan officers of the respective sees, has the authority to name to the dicastery a woman who has expertise in the areas of finance, economics, and management.

The dicastery deals with matters concerning the appointment of diocesan and titular bishops, apostolic administrators and, in general, the provision of the particular churches. It does so by considering the proposals presented by the particular churches, the episcopal conferences, and the papal representations, and after having consulted the executive officers of the respective episcopal conference and the metropolitan (archbishop)."  

"In appropriate ways, it also engages in this process the members of the people of God, the laity and civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. The church also encourages reporting to other civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by persons seeking employment or to volunteer for the services of the Diocese of Wheeling, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families’ Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.552.6513. 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 other civil authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by children of personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling, contact the Diocese of Wheeling’s Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also call the Diocese’s sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5665. Forms are available online at www.dwcr.org, click “Dioce” on the menu bar, then “Office,” 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 offenses such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese of Wheeling or any other diocese or religious or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via www.dwcr.org, under “Accountability,” then “Report Misconduct” or calling 844.724.8381. 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.wvdhrh.report.asp. West Virginia State Police, Crimes Against Children Unit: 304.293.6400.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Diocesan Parishes 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: training—is offered with or without pre-employment requirements; and background checks. The Diocese’s Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children, and Sexual abuse awareness training for adults. Sex abuse awareness training is also offered through an online or live workshop. For more information on the Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwcr.org, click “Dioce,” then “Offices,” then “Office of Safe Environment.”

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In Interview Pope Condemns Abortion, Says He’s Not Resigning

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In a wide-ranging interview with the Reuters news agency, Pope Francis condemned abortion, dismissed the idea that he’s preparing to resign and said he still hopes to be able to visit Russia and Ukraine in the fall.

Pope Francis also told Philip Pulella, the Reuters’ Vatican correspondent, that while the Vatican’s 2018 deal with China on the nomination of bishops was not ideal, it was what was possible, and he hopes it will be renewed again in October.

The pope spoke to Pulella July 2, and portions of the interview were published July 4 and 5, including in the Vatican’s own media outlets.

Asked about the Vatican’s controversial, and still unpublished, agreement with China on the appointment of bishops, Pope Francis said, “The agreement is moving well, and I hope that in October it can be renewed.”

Originally signed in 2018 and renewed in 2020, the agreement reportedly allows the pope to approve or veto bishops nominated by the Chinese Communist Party. So far, only six bishops have been appointed, ordained and installed under the agreement; the last was announced in September 2021.

The deal has been criticized by Cardinal Joseph Zen Ze-kiun, the retired bishop of Hong Kong, as well as by religious freedom advocates and the administration of former U.S. President Donald Trump.

But Pope Francis told Reuters the deal was the best the church could hope for currently.

“Diplomacy is like that. When you face a blocked situation, you have to find the possible way, not the ideal way out of it,” the pope said. “Diplomacy is the art of the possible and of doing things to make the possible become a reality.”

Asked about the U.S. Supreme Court’s ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization June 24, a decision that stated there is no constitutional right to abortion in the United States, Pope Francis said he could not comment on the technicalities of the decision nor on Roe v. Wade, which it overturned.

“I don’t really understand (the details) the ruling very well, and now I can’t say whether it did right or wrong from a judicial point of view. I respect the decisions,” he said.

However, he said, abortion itself “is a problem.”

“I ask: ‘Is it licit, is it right, to eliminate a human life to resolve a problem?’ It’s a human life — that’s science,” the pope said. “The moral question is whether it is right to take a human life to solve a problem. Indeed, is it right to hire a hit man to solve a problem?”

Asked about bishops denying communion to Catholic politicians who publicly support abortion, Pope Francis would not get into specifics.

Instead, he repeated what he had said in the past when asked, “When the church loses its pastoral nature, when a bishop loses his pastoral nature, it causes a political problem. That’s all I can say,” he said.

Pulella also asked Pope Francis about his recent announcement of his resignation, rumors that found extra fuel when the pope announced he would create new cardinals in late August — a time when many Romans and Vatican officials take their summer break — and, especially, when he said he would travel Aug. 28 to the Italian city of L’Aquila, the burial place of St. Celestine V, a 13th-century pope who abdicated just a few months after his election.

Before he resigned Pope Benedict visited the tomb of St. Celestine.

The White House released a statement from the Philadelphia and San Antonio archbishops. Philadelphia Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez called for stopping the killing. San Antonio Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller said guns were an idol.

“Guns should not be an America idol,” he tweeted. “In this anniversary let us pray for civilization in our Country.”

The parade shooting incident also prompted Cardinal Cupich to repeat his call to “enact serious, broadly popular gun safety measures.” He credited Congress for passing “significant, yet modest” gun safety measures that President Joe Biden signed into law June 25.

“The right to bear arms does not eclipse the right to life or the right of all Americans to go about their lives free of the fear that they might be shredded by bullets at any moment,” Cardinal Cupich said. “Gun violence is a life issue. We must continue to pray that all our officials, elected and unelected alike, will redouble their commitment to keeping safe the people they have sworn to serve.”

The White House released a statement from Biden and first lady Jill Biden saying they were “shocked by the senseless gun violence that has yet again brought grief to an American community on this Independence Day.”

There is “much more work to do,” Biden said. In a late afternoon Independence Day gathering with military families at the White House, Biden asked for a moment of silence for the Illinois victims.

“Six people have passed and others are wounded, but we’ve got a lot more work to do, we’ve got to get this under control,” Biden said before the seventh victim died.
Father Bufogle Reflects on His Time at St. Colman Chapel

By Father Arthur Bufogle, Jr.

St. Colman Chapel on Irish Mountain, is in Raleigh County on the border with Summers County, and was a mission church of St. Patrick in Hinton. I was pastor there for 5 years. Archbishop Swint built the altar when he was pastor in Summers County and the area, and I built the small front altar when I was there. While I was there, we also had a foundation built for the chapel (it used to rest on piles of stones). Later, parishioners improved the driveway going up to the chapel and new stairs were also built, both from the gravel Irish Mountain Rd. After occasional vandalism, parishioners always saw to repairs, most recently replacing the windows.

There was an active Irish Catholic farming community on the mountain in the late 1800’s to early 1900’s (but almost everyone and their descendants have moved away, and almost no one lives in the area today), and the chapel was active from about 1880-1920. The priest from St. Patrick Hinton would take the train from Hinton to Sandstone, take the ferry across the New River, and would be met by parishioners on horseback who would take him the rest of the way up the mountain, for Mass and sacraments, about once every month.

There was never any electricity or facilities at the chapel, there once was a pot-bellied stove, but that was stolen many years ago. The outhouse and the cemetery remain.

The chapel has remained open for visitors all hours every day of the year, with Mass and picnic a few times every year. Because it was on some tourist “must see” lists, there were regular visitors from all over the country, and local people (both Catholic and non-Catholic) regularly would stop in for a visit, or just quiet time. Names are in the guest books, full books stored at St. Patrick in Hinton. You had to go out of your way to get there, but people seem to do it all the time. It became not just a Catholic Church, but a place for everyone, which is why it so sad that it is no more.

(Father Bufogle is currently pastor of St. John Neumann Parish in Marlinton, St. Mark the Evangelist Mission in Bartow, and St. Bernard Chapel at Snowshoe.)

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(Below is an article by Father Arthur Bufogle, Jr., about his time as pastor at St. Colman Chapel on Irish Mountain near Shady Spring in Raleigh County. The chapel was destroyed by fire June 26.)
‘For the Restoration of the Spirit of St. Colman’

A fund has been established at St. Patrick Parish in Hinton called “For the Restoration of the Spirit of St. Colman.” Donations may be made payable to St. Colman/St. Patrick and mailed to St. Patrick Catholic Church, 2nd Ave., Hinton, WV 25951.

Historic St. Colman Church, which stood for 145 years on Irish Mountain near Shady Spring in Raleigh County, was lost to fire on the morning of June 26. Authorities are investigating the fire as arson.

St. Colman’s was designated a chapel years ago and was part of a cluster of churches under St. Patrick Parish in Hinton.

Clockwise from top left: St. Colman Chapel on Irish Mountain; the sign in front of the chapel; the National Register of Historic Places plaque which was displayed above the chapel’s entrance; St. Colman Cemetery.
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Marshall County Gabriel Project Thanks Moundsville Parish for Support

MOUNDSVILLE—Recently, the Marshall County Gabriel Project requested the help of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Moundsville and area churches for donations to a Mother’s Day Baby Shower, which would benefit clients and their babies.

“Thanks to the participation of St. Francis and several Marshall County churches, we were blessed with many gifts of baby items, supplies, and equipment to the value of $1,650,” Gabriel Project officials said.

In addition, St. Francis Xavier parishioners responded with $725 in monetary donations, and other participating churches donated another $174.

“Our volunteers are overwhelmed with your generosity. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we thank you for helping us to help others,” Gabriel Project officials said.

Many of the donations have already been distributed to very grateful clients, they said. The monetary donations will be used to purchase needed items.

Officials said the organization is experiencing an increased need, as its client base is growing and client visits are increasing. The Marshall County Gabriel Project serve clients in Xavier Hall at St. Francis Xavier on Thursdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. From January – May of 2021, the organization had 51 client visits. From January – May of 2022, it had 101 client visits.

St. Joseph Consecrator Groups in Weirton Present Gift for Parish’s Adoration Chapel

At St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Weirton, a statue of St. Joseph the Worker is presented to Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., pastor, by a few members of the 2021 and 2022 St. Joseph Consecrator groups. The statue will be placed in the Adoration Chapel in the church.

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We will celebrate Mass with our bishop, Mark E. Brennan. There will also be adoration, music, food, recreational activities, catechesis, and speakers.

Parents are encouraged to attend as well.

For more information, please call the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis at 304-233-0880, extension 374.
There is Still Time for Kids to Register for Camp Carlo Catholic Youth Adventure

By Colleen Rowan

There is still time for kids to sign up for Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Camp in Huttonsville. Also known as Camp Carlo, the program is operated by the Diocese Wheeling-Charleston, and offers kids summer fun while enriching their Catholic faith.

“We strive to model an authentic Catholic community to young people at Camp Carlo,” said Sadie R. Shields, assistant director of the camp. “Everything we do, from the moment we wake up, to the moment we lay our heads down on the pillow is meant to be a reflection of Christ and His Church. We do this by sacrificing for our peers, sacrificing with our peers, sharing in the joy of others, and having fun!”

Campers enjoy canoeing, an overnight campout, horseback riding, swimming, archery, high ropes challenge courses, arts, and field sports. Lodging is air-conditioned with bathrooms attached to the lodges.

“We have a team of excited cooks rearing to get to work making great meals, too,” Shields said.

St. John Bosco Chapel is on-site for personal prayer and Mass.

The Camp Carlo website lists goals of the camp to serve disadvantaged 7-12 year olds from across West Virginia. “We’ve particularly aimed recruitment at families receiving support through Catholic Charities,” Shields said.

An ambition for this summer, she went on to say, is to provide a “Counselor in Training” program for high school Camp Carlo campers to return and volunteer “to provide the best-summer-ever to kids who might not have otherwise had a vacation.”

With Shields are 15 other young men and women on the Camp Carlo staff. Camp administration, she said, is excited about all of them.

“We held a staff discernment retreat in January to help potential applicants discern whether they want to spend a summer at Camp Carlo. So many great people came out of that discernment retreat,” she said.

The remaining camp schedule for the year is as follows:

- **July 10-16** – Rising freshmen to seniors in high school.
- **July 17-23** – A “catch all week” from 3rd grade through 12th grade.
- **July 24-30** – “A Camp Carlo Summer Vacation” free program for 7-12 year olds who receive support from the government or Catholic Charities.

On its website, Camp Carlo states its mission as to lead young people to a deep relationship with Christ through his church. In his short earthly life, Blessed Carlo, for whom the camp is named, “cultivated great love for our Lord in the Eucharist, his mother, and his church. As Blessed Carlo’s faith life drew him deeper into life with Christ, we seek to, through the Catholic Charities, lead young people on the same path — the path to sainthood, the path home, the path to him.”

For more on Camp Carlo or to register, visit campcarlowv.org.
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Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson is Sworn in as Supreme Court justice

By Carol Zimmermann, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson was sworn in as a Supreme Court justice June 30, becoming the first Black woman in that role.

The ceremony took place at the Supreme Court, after the court finished issuing its final opinions of the 2021-2022 term and Justice Stephen Breyer’s retirement was official.

Jackson took the constitutional oath, administered by Chief Justice John Roberts and a judicial oath, administered by the newly retired Breyer.

“With a full heart, I accept the solemn responsibility of supporting and defending the Constitution of the United States and administering justice without fear or favor, so help me God,” she said.

“I am truly grateful to be part of the promise of our great nation,” she added.

Jackson, in the presence of other justices and retired Justice Anthony Kennedy, took the oaths with her hand on two Bibles held by her husband, Patrick; a family Bible, and a Bible described as the “Harlan” Bible, that Justice John Marshall Harlan gave to the court in 1906.

In a statement, Jackson, 51, thanked both Roberts and Breyer and said Breyer had been her “personal friend and mentor” for two decades.

Breyer, also in a statement, said he was “glad today for Ketanji.”

“Her hard work, integrity and intelligence have earned her a place on this court. I am glad for my fellow justices. They gain a colleague who is empathetic, thoughtful and collegial,” he stated. “I am glad for America.”

Breyer also said his replacement would “interpret the law wisely and fairly, helping that law to work better for the American people, whom it serves.”

Jackson was confirmed by the Senate April 7 in a 53-47 vote.

Like the Senate, advocacy groups had a mixed reaction to her confirmation vote.

“Judge Jackson’s work as a public defender and a civil rights lawyer provide her a necessary framework to serve on the court, said Mary Novak, executive director of Network, a Catholic social justice lobby.

She said her organization and its supporters are confident Jackson will “bring our country a step closer to achieving a more representative, inclusive and just democracy.”

Conversely, Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund, said her organization was disappointed with the vote.

“Jackson’s record of judicial activism fails to align with the role of a Supreme Court justice, which is to interpret the Constitution without prejudice and to apply the law in an unbiased manner,” she said.

In a statement issued two months before the court voted to overturn its Roe v. Wade decision, she said: “Pro-life Americans understand the dangers of judicial activism, and the threats it poses to women and their children.”

During Jackson’s confirmation hearings this March, Republican senators said she was soft on crime and had not revealed her judicial philosophy, while Democrats emphasized Jackson’s qualifications for the role and the historic opportunity of confirming the nomination of the first Black woman to the Supreme Court.

Jackson was a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, after serving nearly eight years as a federal trial court judge in Washington. She worked with law firms and served as a federal public defender.

She clerked for Breyer in the 1999-2000 court term and said during remarks announcing her nomination that he demonstrated how a Supreme Court justice can demonstrate civility, grace and generosity of spirit.

During her confirmation hearing, Jackson said it was “extremely humbling” to be considered for Breyer’s seat on the court and added that she “could never fill his shoes,” but if she were confirmed, she hoped she would “carry on his spirit.”

Court watchers have pointed out that although her appointment is historic, her spot on the bench will not change the court’s current balance of liberal and conservative justices.

Jackson was asked a few times in the confirmation hearings about her abortion views. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., asked Jackson, as she has asked the last three court nominees, if Roe v. Wade was settled law.

Jackson said she was “truly humbled by the extraordinary honor of this nomination” and thanked God for bringing her to this point in her professional journey, adding: “One can only come this far by faith.”

She said she hoped her love of this country and the Constitution would inspire future generations of Americans.

Jackson will join a bench that includes six Catholic justices — Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Sonia Sotomayor. Justice Neil Gorsuch was raised Catholic but is now Episcopalian and Justice Elena Kagan is Jewish.
Police Deflect Rioters from Portland Catholic Church, Avert Vandalism

By Catholic News Service
PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) — Police officers successfully drove dozens of anarchist rioters away from Holy Redeemer Church in Portland late July 1.

The Portland Activists online calendar had announced night rally at nearby Peninsula Park with the intent to “Abolish SCOTUS.”

Since the U.S. Supreme Court’s June 24 decision overturning Roe v. Wade and letting the states decide abortion laws, Catholic buildings across the nation have been a target of vandals who have cited the church’s support for the unborn.

Holy Redeemer had been vandalized with graffiti in the spring and was being mentioned by name in anarchist chatter in late June. After the Peninsula Park rally, more than one fringe group bent on vandalism marched toward Holy Redeemer.

But police were ready, along with the media who had alerted the public earlier that day.

“When the anarchists approached our block, the police announced it was an illegal gathering and blocked them as they rushed the church building,” said Holy Redeemer parish council member Tom Markgraf, whose family has been members of Holy Redeemer for more than a century.

“The police were superb. They blocked the anarchists. The lights shining on them and exposing them caused many to pull back. The church building was spared,” he said.

After police determined the threat had diminished shortly after midnight and returned to patrol duty, private security guards hired by the parochial vicar averted three attempts in the early morning by small groups seemingly intent on doing mayhem at the church.

In the days leading up to July 1 and the planned protest, Holy Cross Father Michael Belinsky, parochial vicar of Holy Redeemer, worked with the Portland police, private security and the Archdiocese of Portland to manage the potential violence and threat to property and persons.

Parish staff and volunteers barricaded the church’s front glass doors and removed everything from the church that could be used as a weapon or was flammable. Even the tabernacle and the Blessed Sacrament were removed for safety.

Two retired police officers stayed with Father Belinsky, Holy Cross Father Cameron Cortens and two seminarians in the rectory the night of July 1 for protection, even devising an evacuation plan in case the building were breached.

Markgraf hailed Father Belinsky’s leadership.

“He was steadfast in a peaceful response, securing the building and his attitude with the press was amazing,” Markgraf told the Catholic Sentinel, Portland’s archdiocesan newspaper.

Father Belinsky stayed in touch with Holy Cross Father Pat Neary, the pastor, who was in Rome for a General Chapter meeting of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Portland Archbishop Alexander K. Sample, who was out of town, and officials at the pastoral center as well as local police.

At Mass July 3, Father Belinsky thanked police and the many volunteers who worked to keep the church safe, including those who prayed. The priest also made a public appeal to common sense.

“We as a church are here to serve all people, the poor, the marginalized, the unborn and those who are discriminated against because of their race or if they are gay or transgender,” Father Belinsky said, seeking to point out the senselessness of attacking a Catholic parish church. “We are here for everyone.”

Holy Redeemer School has long served a racially diverse student body. The St. Vincent de Paul food bank quietly has fed people in need for almost a century, also helping people pay rent and utility bills. There is a strong environmental justice group emerging at Holy Redeemer.

“We simply must work together within the reasonable boundaries of government to make this a more cooperative, compassionate society,” Father Belinsky said.

In the Peninsula Park the night of July 1, where about 60 anarchists had gathered, one friend of Holy Redeemer was present and heard talk of attacking Holy Redeemer.

“I felt like I was in the movie ‘High Noon’ with Gary Cooper,” said Markgraf, who stayed in the church during the night. “Would anyone come in to help us?”

On their way out of the park, anarchists smashed the windows of a closed coffee shop and headed toward the church. Then the police responded with what Father Belinsky called “appropriate presence and force.”

Markgraf thinks the riots have less to do with Roe v. Wade than with young men seizing a chance to wreak havoc and get away with it. “It’s time to stop letting them get away,” he said.

The ending was good this time, Markgraf said, but he fears more attacks citywide in the future and urged city officials to get tougher.

“The city has to stop its yearlong passive tolerance of this terrorism,” Markgraf said. “Our community is suffering, maybe dying. If Portland is to stem the bleeding, and regain its vitality, it needs to be fought for. And it is worth fighting for.

“I do not condone vigilantism. We don’t want to go there. We need a strong, responsive police force.”

(Langlois is managing editor of the Catholic Sentinel, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Portland.)
Spanish Masses to be Celebrated in Beckley

BECKLEY—St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley invites all to its first Masses in Spanish. The first Mass will be Sunday, July 10, at 7 a.m. The second Mass will be Sunday, July 24, at 6:30 p.m.

“Sister Beverly and Sister Christian have been hard at work evangelizing and inviting the Hispanic community to come together for our first Mass in Spanish,” parish officials said. “Thanks to our lay missionaries for their hard work and dedication, and please pray for the success of this outreach effort.”

“We are waiting for you in the parish of St. Francis de Sales, Beckley,” parish officials said.

Tentatively, Spanish Masses are planned twice each month, on the second Sunday at 7 a.m., and on the fourth Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call (304) 890-3386.

On May 5, confirmation was held at St. Patrick Mission in Bancroft for young people of St. Patrick’s, Holy Trinity Parish in Nitro, Christ the King Parish in Dunbar, and Ascension Parish in Hurricane. The last time a confirmation was held at St. Patrick’s was in 2001. Bishop Mark E. Brennan presided over the confirmation Mass. With him were Father Chapin Engler, Jr., pastor of St. Patrick’s and Holy Trinity, and Deacon Dennis Nessor, permanent deacon at Christ the King. They are pictured above with the young people who were confirmed. A light reception, prepared by the St. Patrick’s Women’s Guild, was held in the parish hall following confirmation.
En Español

En entrevista, papa condena el aborto y dice que no renunciará

Por Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)—En una amplia entrevista con la agen-

tura de noticias Reuters, el papa Fran-

cisco dijo que era el instante adecuado

del papa Francisco para mencionar el

aborto y que no está dispuesto a

renunciar y que todavía espera poder

visitar Rusia y Ucrania en el otoño.

El papa Francisco también le dijo a

Philip Pullella, corresponsal de Reuters

en el Vaticano, que si bien el acuerdo del

Vaticano con China en 2018 sobre la

nominación de obispos no fue ideal, fue

posible, y que espera que se renueve nue-

aentemente en octubre.

Originalmente firmado en 2018 y

renovado en 2020, el acuerdo supuesta-
mente permite al papa aprobar o vetar a

los obispos nombrados por el Partido

Comunista de China y la Iglesia Católica

con China sobre el nombramiento de

obispos, el papa Francisco dijo: "El

acuerdo avanza bien y espero que en octu-

bre pueda ser renovado".

Misas en español se celebrarán en

Beckley

BECKLEY—La parroquia de San Francisco de Sales en Beckley invita a

todos a sus primeras misas en español.

La primera Misa será el domingo 10 de

julio a las 7 a.m. La segunda Misa será el

domingo 24 de julio a las 6:30 p.m.

"La hermana Beverly y la hermana

Christan han estado trabajando ardua-

mente para evangelizar e invitar a la co-

munidad hispana a unirse para nuestra

primera misa en español", dijeron los

funcionarios de la parroquia. "Gracias a

nuestros misioneros laicos por su arduo

trabajo y dedicación, y oren por el éxito de

este esfuerzo de divulgación".

"Los esperamos en la parroquia de

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Comunista de China y la Iglesia Católica con China sobre el nombramiento de obispos, el papa Francisco dijo: "El

acuerdo avanza bien y espero que en octubre pueda ser renovado".

"La hermana Beverly y la hermana

Christan han estado trabajando ardua-

mente para evangelizar e invitar a la co-

munidad hispana a unirse para nuestra

primera misa en español", dijeron los

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Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) held a community meeting in Romney recently. CCWVa brought together community partners and supporters to discuss how their agency and partner organizations can best serve residents of Romney and surrounding communities.

“Catholic Charities is invested in our communities and working to identify most needed services and where our work can have the greatest impact,” said Beth Zarate, CCWVa president and chief executive officer.

During the community meeting, the CCWVa team sought feedback regarding the work the agency does; any gaps in services; and how CCWVa can best serve the residents of Hampshire, Hardy, Grant and Mineral counties.

“CCWVa is committed to helping low-income households improve their circumstances,” said Trina Bartlett, CCWVa Eastern Regional director. “This requires more than just helping with financial emergencies. It requires helping clients address barriers that limit their ability to reach their goals.”


“This work can best be accomplished when we work collaboratively with community partners to identify both gaps in services as well as strategies to meet those gaps,” said Bartlett.

CCWVa views this meeting as a step toward strengthening and expanding partnerships with local social service agencies, as well as identifying how the community can collectively help vulnerable populations.

“We enjoyed the opportunity to receive feedback from the community and discern how we can have the greatest impact working together,” said Bartlett.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, including information about taking advantage of HomeCare services, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: Guided by God’s love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes, and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.

Catholic Charities Brings Community Partners Together in Romney

Catholic Charities West Virginia Eastern Regional Director Trina Bartlett leads a work session with social service agencies in Romney.

At left: Members of social service agencies brainstorm the most effective ways to collaborate in Romney at a meeting hosted by Catholic Charities West Virginia.

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Openings for Teachers at Charleston Catholic High School

Charleston Catholic High School is seeking enthusiastic and qualified candidates for the following positions: Middle School Spanish teacher (full or part time); Middle School Theology teacher. Qualified candidates should have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree and experience in the relevant field. Candidates should be able to plan lessons, implement curriculum and assess students at a rigorous level in content. Candidates will have a depth of knowledge and enjoyment of the subject area. Candidates should contribute to the overall success of Charleston Catholic High School and support students in their academic growth and faith development through their commitment to Catholic values, positivity, and love of teaching. Candidates should be certified or willing to pursue certification. To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to principal Colleen Hoyer at colleen.hoyer@charlestoncatholic-crw.org.

Middle School English Needed at Corpus Christi School, Wheeling

Corpus Christi School, Wheeling, a Catholic school in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has a rich history of providing faith-based, Catholic education to students Preschool through 8th grade, for over 106-years. Our school is seeking positive, energetic, qualified individuals to fill the following position for the starting the 2022-2023 school year.

Middle School English (FULL TIME)
Qualifications: Must hold a valid WV teaching certificate. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and three references to Principal Shannon Wall at swall@ccwheeling.net

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Teachers Needed at St. Vincent de Paul Parish School, Wheeling

St. Vincent de Paul Parish School in Wheeling is seeking qualified and energetic candidates for the following positions for the 2022-23 school year:

- Full Time Kindergarten Teacher
- Full Time Kindergarten Aide
- Full Time 3rd Grade Teacher
- Full Time Middle School English-Language Arts Teacher
- Part-Time Development Director

St. Vincent de Paul Parish School is a Catholic school that exists to serve the community through exceptional education grounded in responsibility to Catholic values by embracing individual needs. For over 100 years, SVS has served students and families in a faith-filled and vibrant environment, framed by academic excellence, family spirit, and the formation of the whole person. We work to provide students the tools they need to lead positive, productive, and purposeful lives. We do this through spiritual development, relevant classroom experiences, real-world application, character development, and the use of well-rounded academic and technological resources. The school is part of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and currently enrolls approximately 130 students in preschool through eighth grade. We offer a vibrant work environment framed in a positive culture and climate.

To apply, please email a cover letter, resume, and list of 3 professional references to the 2022-23 Principal Jarett Kuhns at jkuhns@stvincentschool.org. A complete job description can be emailed upon request.

Middle School Teacher Needed at St. Joseph School in Martinsburg

St. Joseph School in Martinsburg, W.Va., is seeking a middle school math/science teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Candidates must hold or be eligible to hold West Virginia professional teaching certification. A long-term substitute with a bachelor’s degree or first-class permit may be considered if there is a lack of fully qualified candidates. Preferred applicants are practicing Catholics in good standing with Church precepts who will act as examples of and motivators toward the fulfillment of the Catholic philosophy of the school. Ideal candidates are expected to be familiar with the official teachings, doctrine and laws of the Catholic Church, and to integrate those concepts in curricular and extracurricular activities.

Email résumés and three letters of reference to pblanc@sjswv.org.

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