

THE CATHOLIC Spirit

USCCB President Lays out Vision of Church 'Committed to the Common Good'

By Kate Scanlon, OSV News
ORLANDO, Fla. (OSV News)—The Catholic Church in the United States remains "committed to the common good" in navigating several political issues impacting the poor and vulnerable, especially migrants, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, told the conference's Spring Plenary Assembly June 15.

Archbishop Broglio, who oversees the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, told fellow bishops gathered in Orlando, Florida, that "we cannot fail to see the face of Christ in all of those who need our assistance, especially the poor and the vulnerable."

"I did not do a survey, but I would imagine that many of us have ancestors who either recently or at least in the 19th century came to these shores looking for a better life," he said. "Even those on the Mayflower were looking for freedom of religion and a new life."

The Catholic Church's commitment to the common good requires its cooperation in the distribution of humanitarian aid in partnership with local, state and federal officials, as well as but also faith communities and "like-minded organizations," he said.

Archbishop Broglio lamented
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U.S. Bishops Invite Catholics to Pray Litany of Sacred Heart in Response to 'Blasphemy'

By Francesca Pollio Fenton

(CNA)—The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is inviting Catholics to join together to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart on June 16, offering this prayer as an act of reparation for the act of "blasphemy" scheduled to take place at Dodgers Stadium on June 16, the day the Catholic Church celebrates the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles, alongside the USCCB, is asking parishes across the country to pray the litany on June 16 at Mass or during a Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

An act of reparation such as the bishops recommend is offered to the Lord with the intention of repairing the spiritual damage inflicted by sin.

This comes after the Los Angeles Dodgers announced they would be honoring the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence," an anti-Catholic drag show that mocks the faith, with a "Community Hero Award" on the same day.

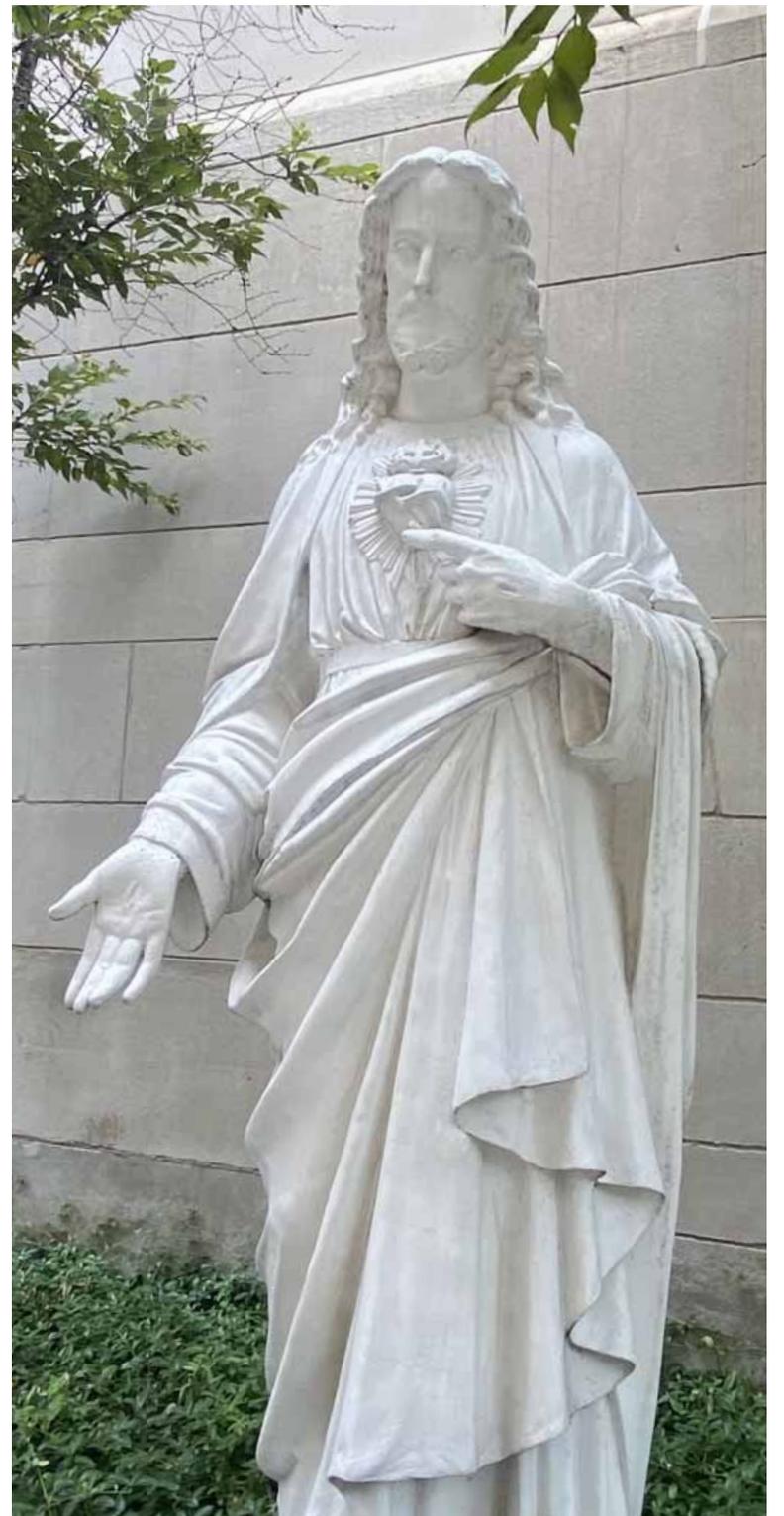
Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA, president of the USCCB; Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, chairman of the USCCB's Committee for Religious Liberty; and Archbishop José Gomez of Los Angeles shared this message:

"Catholic Christians traditionally recognize June as the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. During this time, we call to mind Christ's love for us, which is visible in a special way in the image of his pierced heart, and we pray that our own hearts might be conformed to his, calling us to love and respect all his people."

They added: "This year, on June 16 — the day of the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus — a professional baseball team has shockingly chosen to honor a group whose lewdness and vulgarity in mocking Our Lord, his Mother, and consecrated women cannot be overstated. This is not just offensive and painful to Christians everywhere; it is blasphemy."

"It has been heartening to see so many faithful Catholics and others of goodwill stand up to say that what this group does is wrong, and it is wrong to honor them. We call on Catholics to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart on June 16, offering this prayer as an act of reparation for the blasphemies against Our Lord we see in our culture today," the bishops concluded.

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Colleen Rowan Photo
A statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus stands in the courtyard of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.

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congressional inaction on comprehensive immigration reform, and said, "I know that this can put us at odds with certain groups or those who fear immigration, but our commitment is to the truth about the human condition and the dignity of the human person from conception to natural death."

"We strive to encourage those well-intentioned lawmakers who are seeking to enact effective and humane border management as part of a framework of comprehensive immigration reforms," he said.

Archbishop Broglio also identified "turmoil and unrest" in Haiti and Russian President Vladimir Putin's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine as areas of concern for the conference and U.S. Catholics.

"We continue our prayers for an end to the aggression and the invasion," he said. "There are no easy solutions."

Archbishop Broglio also said "our thoughts and prayers also go to Archbishop Gomez and the faithful of Los Angeles," in reference to the Los Angeles Dodgers' recently announced

plans to honor a drag group called the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" at a Pride Night event.

"The disrespect for the truths and traditions of our faith, for the legendary commitment of religious women to building up society, and the tarnishing of what has so often been called the 'national sport' harken back to the 'know nothings' of the 19th century," Archbishop Broglio said. He noted the U.S. bishops invited the faithful to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart June 16, the solemnity of the Sacred Heart, and make an act of reparation, or an action offered to the Lord with the intention of repairing the spiritual damage inflicted by sin, for "the blasphemies against our Lord we see in our culture today."

The Dodger's invitation to the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" was briefly withdrawn after protests, but was later reinstated with a public apology to the group from the Dodgers.

The address to fellow U.S. bishops was Archbishop Broglio's first as USCCB president, a three-year role to which he was elected in November at the bishops' fall biannual meeting.

Later at the June 15 meeting,

nearly 300 U.S. Catholic bishops in a voice vote signaled their approval for a cause to canonize five missionary priests from Brittany, France, who volunteered to serve those suffering a deadly epidemic in Shreveport, Louisiana, knowing their ministry would likely be fatal.

"They demonstrated heroic charity during the third worst pandemic in U.S. history," said Bishop Francis I. Malone of Shreveport in remarks during the assembly June 15. Known in northwest Louisiana as the "Shreveport martyrs," Fathers Jean Pierre, Jean Marie Biler, François Le Vézouët, Isidore Quémerais and Louis Marie Gergaud were all young men who sacrificed their own welfare to journey with the dying and bring the Eucharist to the faithful.

Bishop Earl K. Fernandes of Columbus, Ohio, noted the Shreveport Martyrs could be a source of inspiration for priests during the National Eucharistic Revival, since they worked to provide the sacraments to a population others might not touch.

The bishops also voted June 15 to approve a letter intended for Pope Francis that also denounced Florida's planned execution of Duane Owen

scheduled for 6 p.m. that day. Owen had been on Florida's death row for 37 years. He was convicted of the murders of Karen Slattery, 14, in Delray Beach, and single mother Georgianna Worden, 38, in Boca Raton.

"Sadly, on this very day, as this assembly meets, the state of Florida is set to execute a convicted man. We share in your opposition to the death penalty," the U.S. bishops wrote.

The letter included mentions of not just the death penalty, but other items that would be discussed during the bishops' June 15-16 meetings at the Omni Championsgate Resort located in the southern part of the Diocese of Orlando.

"Capital punishment is indeed a false answer that does not solve the problem for which it is invoked and introduces new elements of destruction," the bishops stated in their letter to the pope. "We pray for the victims of heinous crimes and for the protection of the indelible dignity of every human being."

The bishops' meeting was continuing at press time June 16.

(Kate Scanlon is a national reporter for OSV News covering Washington. Contributing to this story was Jean Gonzalez, OSV News.)

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 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.

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.

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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 priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via www.dwc.org, under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting 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.



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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

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Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

God our Father in heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, one with eternal Word, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, infinite in majesty, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, aflame with love for us, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, source of justice and love, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, well-spring of all virtue, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, worthy of all praise, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, treasure-house of wisdom and knowledge, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, in whom there dwells the fullness of God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, from whose fullness we have all received, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, desire of the eternal hills, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, patient and full of mercy, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, generous to all who turn to you, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, atonement for our sins, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with insults, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, broken for our sins, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, obedient even to death, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, pierced by a lance, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, victim of our sins, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, salvation of all who trust in you, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, hope of all who die in you, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, touch our hearts and make them like your own.

Let us pray.

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son
and recall the wonders of his love for us,
may be made worthy to receive
an overflowing measure of grace
from that fount of heavenly gifts.
Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Image above: The Sacred Heart of Jesus is shown on the front of the altar at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston. (Colleen Rowan Photo)



Colleen Rowan Photo

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Wheeling's Corpus Christi Parish community gathered in Warwood's Garden Park for Mass and a Eucharistic procession, shown above, led by Father Paul Mundumoozhikkarani, CST, pastor of Corpus Christi.

West Virginia Catholics Show Belief in Real Presence with Eucharistic Processions

Parishes Announce Gatherings and Events Planned for Eucharistic Revival's Parish Year

By Colleen Rowan

It is our duty to build a Eucharistic community through our words and deeds, Father Paul Mundumoozhikkarani, CST, said in his celebration of Mass on the morning of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 11. But first, he said, we must believe in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist.

It was an outdoor Mass Father Mundumoozhikkarani celebrated on the solemnity for the parishioners of Wheeling's Corpus Christi Parish, where he is pastor. Together, they congregated in Garden Park in Warwood for the celebration.

"Corpus Christi means Body of Christ. It is a solemn reminder of the extraordinary gift God has given to us—his very self, offered as food and

drink for our spiritual journey," Father Mundumoozhikkarani said. "Through the Eucharist, Jesus unites himself intimately with us, nourishing our souls and strengthening our bond with him. It is in this sacrament that we find comfort, healing, and the transformative power to live."

Following the Mass, Father Mundumoozhikkarani and parishioners joined in a Eucharistic procession around the park, publicly showing our belief, as Catholics, that the Eucharist is Christ—body, blood, soul, and divinity. Travelers on West Virginia Route 2, Sunday morning shoppers in the Warwood Plaza, and those enjoying recreation in Garden Park all witnessed the procession.

Corpus Christi parishioners were not alone. Across the state and the

U.S., parish priests and parishioners did the same in their communities, publicly showing our belief in Christ's Real Presence as well. The solemnity and the Eucharistic processions also kicked off the National Eucharistic Revival's Parish Year, which aims to foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit, according to eucharisticrevival.org.

In addition to the holy sacrifice of the Mass, the diocese's parishes throughout West Virginia are planning gatherings and prayerful events to strengthen and inspire Eucharistic devotion and belief that the Eucharist is Christ. The following are just a few of the events planned at this time:

St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Berkeley Springs will hold a "Symposium on the Sacrament of Reconciliation—the Sacrament that Revives our Eu-

charistic Spirit" June 28 from 6-7:30 p.m.

"All are invited to experience this unique opportunity to renew and deepen your understanding of the Eucharist and its intrinsic relationship to the sacrament of reconciliation," parish officials said.

The speaker will be Father Richie Mercado, OSA, "who will assist you in examining the spiritual condition of your heart so as to revive your Eucharistic spirit towards God and neighbor."

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Stonewood has weekly Holy Hour at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays in the chapel in the parish hall, evening prayer, rosary, silence, and benediction.

St. John Parish in Summersville has Eucharistic adoration Saturdays from 4-4:45 p.m. and Sundays 7:45-8:45 a.m.; Holy Hour of Reparation every first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.; and Divine Mercy Holy Hour

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Mass, Adoration, and More on Feast of the Sacred Heart at Basilica Co-Cathedral

CHARLESTON—The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (today, June 16) as part of its 125th anniversary.

Devotions will include Eucharistic Adoration from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 6 p.m. The rosary will be prayed at 1 p.m., the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 p.m., and the Litany of the Sacred Heart at 5:45 p.m.

Spiritual Retreat for Grieving Parents Planned in Wheeling

WHEELING—Emmaus Ministry and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are offering a day-long, spiritual retreat for grieving parents on Saturday, Oct. 14. It will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling. Any grieving parent who has lost a child, no matter how long ago, is welcome to attend.

The cost is \$25 individual or \$40 a couple. Lunch and dinner will be provided. For more information or to register, visit www.emfgp.org or call (800) 919-9332.

Novena to Our Lady of Peace Begins July 1 at Wheeling Parish

WHEELING—Wednesday, July 1, Our Lady of Peace Parish in Wheeling begins the novena of its parish patron, Our Lady of Peace, for nine consecutive days, leading up to the Feast of Our Lady of

Peace July 9. "Join us. Have your special intention for the novena. Make a commitment and pray with us," parish officials said. Celebrants and times have not been announced.

Polish Heritage to be Celebrated at Wheeling's Our Lady of Grace Grotto

WHEELING—Polish Heritage Day, Sunday, June 25, will be celebrated in Wheeling with a Polish Mass at Our Lady of Grace Grotto at 1 p.m. Polish food and Polka music will follow the Mass. The cost is \$18/plate: kielbasa, pierogies, cabbage rolls, dessert and one free drink ticket. All are invited to join in the celebration.

Golf FORE Life Tournament to be Held in Kingwood

KINGWOOD—The 11th Annual Dutch Miller Auto Golf FORE Life Tournament will take place Saturday, July 8, in Kingwood at Preston Country Club with a noon registration/lunch, a 1 p.m. putting contest, and a 1:30 p.m. tee time. Pay \$70

per player/\$280 per foursome.

The four-man scramble format benefits the West Virginians for Life Educational Trust Fund. An informal awards ceremony at 6 p.m. will be catered by Mountain State BBQ. Hole-in-one,

closest to the pin, longest drive, etc. are included in the fun along with a 50/50 drawing and Putting Contest.

Register foursomes now and pay online at wvforlife.org/event/annual-golf-fore-life-tournament or call (304) 594-9845.

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every third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Corpus Christi Parish in Wheeling will host an evening holy hour every third Monday of the month praying for a specific cause. This month's holy hour will be held June 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the church praying for all fathers. "Your father helped bring you up, sacrificed his time and many things to help bring you to where you are today," parish officials said. "Prayer is powerful."

St. John Parish in St. Marys announced that every Wednesday during the year of the Eucharistic Revival on the parish level there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 5 p.m. Mass from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. The parish is encouraging

the faithful to sacrifice a half hour each week to sit with our Lord.

St. Paul Parish in Weirton will honor 10 families each week at the Tuesday evening Mass throughout the year. Invitations will be sent out to each family to be honored. Parishioners are encouraged to invite fallen away Catholics and may add them to the list of families invited each week.

On Sept. 9, the Men's Society at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarksburg is sponsoring an event with Catholic biblical scholar, theologian and speaker, Dr. Scott Hahn. A former Presbyterian minister who converted to Catholicism in 1986, Hahn is author of "The Lamb's Supper: The Mass as Heaven on Earth" as well as "Rome Sweet Rome" and other books.

More gatherings and events at parishes will be announced soon.



The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday, June 16, 2023

CONFESSIONS
11:15 - 11:45am

MASS
12:05pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Following Mass until 3:00pm

LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART WITH BENEDICTION
3:00pm

"The Heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God's mercy; but it is not an imaginary symbol, it is a real symbol, which represents the center, the source from which salvation for all humanity gushed forth."

- Pope Francis

Symposium on the Sacrament of

- Reconciliation -

THE SACRAMENT THAT REVIVES OUR EUCCHARISTIC SPIRIT

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2023, 6:00PM - 7:30PM

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
67 Liberty Street, Berkeley Springs, WV

All are invited to experience this unique opportunity to renew and deepen your understanding of the Eucharist and its intrinsic relationship to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fr. Richie Mercado will assist you in examining the spiritual condition of your heart so as to revive your Eucharistic spirit towards God and neighbor.



Our Speaker:
Fr. Richie Mercado, O.S.A.
Friar, Order of Saint Augustine
Canon Law Student, CUA



Adrienne Manning Named Principal of St. Michael Parish School

WHEELING — St. Michael Parish and St. Michael Parish School in Wheeling are pleased to announce that Adrienne Manning has accepted the position of principal. She begins her position on July 31.

Manning comes to SMPS with an impressive background in teaching and school leadership. A West Virginia University graduate from the PI Reed School of Journalism, Manning continued her WVU education earning a Master of Arts in Secondary Education, English. She has sixteen years of service at Wheeling Middle School. At Wheeling Middle, Manning served as a curriculum team member and a team leader. Over the years, she worked at the county level on many committees including curriculum development and textbook adoption. She was the 2017-2018 Ohio County Schools Teacher of the Year and a state finalist that same year for West Virginia Teacher of the Year.

Manning is not a stranger to SMPS, as she and her husband, Jacob, are school parents of three children, Elizabeth, Sarah and Declan. Elizabeth graduated as eighth-grade valedictorian in May. Sarah will be in seventh grade and Declan will be in kinder-

garten. Additionally, the Mannings have served as Parish Festival co-chairs for seven years and have been active stewards at numerous school events. Manning said, "I'm excited and blessed to pair my passion for education with my Catholic faith and join the St. Michael family as a member of the staff. This is a wonderful school community, and I can't wait to help nurture the growth of faith, family, and community that is already present here. I want to thank Father Carlos and the search committee for their dedication to our school. I also want to thank Ohio County Schools for encouraging me to grow into the educator that I am today."

Father Carlos Melocoton remarked, "It is with great joy that I welcome Adrienne as our new principal. She brings experience, leadership, enthusiasm and a true love of Jesus Christ and our Catholic identity. I ask for you to keep her in your prayers and ask the Lord to bless her and our school. I would also like to express my appreciation for the Principal Search Committee. The committee reviewed resumes, conducted on-site interviews and carefully evaluated each candidate. I accepted their recommenda-



Courtesy Photo

Adrienne Manning, the new principal of St. Michael Parish School in Wheeling (second from left), stands outside of the school with Father Frederick J. D'Souza, parochial vicar of the parish (left); Father Carlos L. Melocoton, pastor of the parish and school; and Sara Herron, vice principal of the school.

tion which was subsequently approved by Mary Ann Deschaine, Superintendent of Catholic

Schools and Bishop Mark Brennan."

A special reception will be held soon to wel-

come Manning and the 2023-2024 faculty and staff at St. Michael Parish School.

Madonna High School Announces Jason Heckathorn as New Assistant Principal

WEIRTON – Madonna High School is pleased to announce that Jason Heckathorn will be the assistant principal starting in the 2023-2024 school year.

Heckathorn has been a history/social studies teacher for the last six years. He has a bachelor's degree from West Liberty University, a bachelor's degree in Educa-

tion from Wheeling University, and is in the process of working on his master's degree in Educational Leadership from Wheeling University.

As assistant principal Heckathorn will be responsible for facilitating high student achievement, offering necessary support to students for high achievement goals,

and promoting the mission of Madonna High School and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. He will also oversee the athletic programs. Principal Philip Rujak is pleased to welcome Heckathorn to the Madonna High School administration and is looking forward to working with him in this new role.



Jason Heckathorn

Children's Choir Brings Gifts of Song and Flowers to Homebound Parishioners



Courtesy Photos

Donna Kinsey, longtime pastoral musician at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Morgantown, and Julia Pinn, the parish's new director of liturgical music, recently worked with parents of the St. Francis de Sales children's choir to bring them out into the community and pay visits to some homebound parishioners. On their visits, pictured above, the children sang songs and brought flowers to parishioners.

Catholic Distance University Summer II Courses Begin June 26

The world yearns for the voices of the New Evangelization more than ever. God calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel.

Catholic Distance University empowers future leaders with AA, BA, and MA degrees offered 100% online. Programs are designed to equip students to share their faith effectively and make a meaningful impact in the world.

Learning goals can be achieved this summer with CDU's flexible, affordable & inspiring courses!

Summer II term classes begin June 26, so apply and register soon!

Summer II term classes include the following—THEO 232: Jesus Christ:

God, Man and Savior – Learn Christology's core, unravel Jesus Christ's theology, trace Mary's role and understand the Holy Spirit's grace.

THEO 204: Foundations of Catholicism – Dive into Catholicism's roots, explore doctrine, understand Church history, engage with major figures and cherish Marian devotion.

THEO 510: Revelation and Faith: Fundamental Theology – Come to understand foundational issues that are necessary for the study of systematic theology: the sources of Divine Revelation, the nature of God, the relationship between faith and reason, biblical inspiration and interpretation, and the development of Christian doctrine.

CATHOLIC DISTANCE UNIVERSITY

CDU partners with the diocese to offer **free** non-credit continuing education courses for catechists and those involved in parish ministry.

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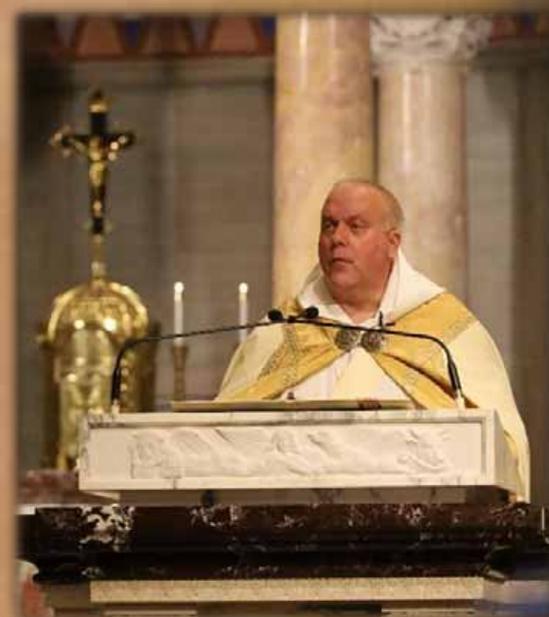
Catholic Men of West Virginia, Married or Single, Consider the Vocation of a Deacon



Deacons are ordained to a ministry of service, assisting the bishop and his priests in many areas, especially in the ministry of the liturgy, of the word, and of charity.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston opened a new Diaconate Formation Program for all Catholic men who will be 35 by June of 2027. Bishop Mark Brennan has made the 2023-2028 Diaconate Formation Program free to the men who apply, and the cost will be covered by the diocese.

Permanent deacons may be married. They must be faithful Catholics. Most work at secular jobs and must be willing to be open to an assignment outside of their parish.



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To apply and for more information, click the link below:

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On World Day of Poor, be Poor Like Those You Serve, Pope Says

By Justin McLellan, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — To recognize and address the poverty of others, Christians must become poor like the figure of Tobit from the Hebrew Bible, Pope Francis said.

Tobit, a blind and elderly man who dedicated his life to the service of others, “can show practical concern for the poor because he has personally known what it is to be poor,” the pope wrote in his message for the November celebration of the World Day of the Poor.

The papal message was published June 13, the feast of St. Anthony of Padua, patron of the poor.

Christians are called to “acknowledge every poor person and every form of poverty, abandoning the indifference and the banal excuses we make to protect our illusory well-being,” Pope Francis wrote. “Regardless of the color of their skin, their social standing, the place from which they came, if I myself am poor, I can recognize my brothers and sisters in need of my help.”

The theme for World Day of the Poor 2023 is a passage from the Book of Tobit: “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor.”

“When we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of the Lord Jesus,” Pope Francis wrote.

In his message for the world day, which will be celebrated Nov. 19, Pope Francis listed an array of cultural phenomena that prevent people from caring for the poor: greater pressure to live affluently, a tendency to disregard suffering, virtual reality overtaking real life and a sense of haste that prevents people from stopping to care for others. He offered the parable of the Good Samaritan, who stops to help a man in the street beaten by robbers, to counter the hangups many people have against helping the poor.

The parable “is not simply a story from the past; it continues to challenge each of us in the here

and now of our daily lives,” he said. “It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian is to become personally involved.”

The pope thanked God for the men and women “of every age and social status” who devote themselves to caring for the poor and excluded, the “ordinary people who quietly make themselves poor among the poor.”

Pope Francis also called for a “serious and effective commitment on the part of political leaders and legislators” to defend the rights enjoyed by all people to food, clothing, shelter, medical care, rest and social services as outlined in St. John XXIII’s 1963 encyclical “Pacem in Terris” (Peace on Earth).

While recognizing the need to pressure public institutions to defend the poor, the pope praised volunteers who serve the common good in a “spirit of solidarity and subsidiarity,” saying “it is of no use to wait passively to receive everything ‘from on high.’”

The pope also pointed to the way poverty is exacerbated by inhumane working conditions, inadequate pay, the “scourge” of job insecurity and by workplace accidents resulting in death. Young people, he said, are also afflicted by a cultural poverty that destroys their self-worth and leads to frustration and even suicide.

He urged people not to fall into “rhetorical excess” or merely consider statistics when speaking of the poor, but to remember that “the poor are persons; they have faces, stories, hearts and souls.”

“Caring for the poor is more than simply a matter of a hasty handout,” Pope Francis said, “it calls for reestablishing the just interpersonal relationships that poverty harms.”

Calling for a care for the poor marked by “Gospel realism,” the pope invited Christians to discern the genuine needs of the poor rather than their own personal hopes and aspirations.

“What the poor need is certainly our humanity, our hearts open to love,” he said.

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Franciscan Friars Return to Pastoral Ministry at Walter Reed in Bethesda, Md.

By Gina Christian, OSV News (OSV News) — Franciscan priests have returned to pastoral ministry at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, two months after the center decided to end their contract.

The priests and brothers of Holy Name College Friary of Silver Spring, Maryland, resumed their service at the medical center June 13, according to a June 15 press release issued by the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services, which exercises pastoral jurisdiction over the center.

The U.S. Defense Health Agency (DHA) has awarded a five-year contract to the Franciscans that is renewable annually.

On March 31, the Franciscans

had been advised their contract — which was set to expire but had routinely been upheld for close to 20 years — would not be renewed.

The center instead assigned the ministry to Mack Global LLC, a secular defense contracting firm based in Mechanicsville, Virginia. According to its website, the company provides “telemarketing services, administrative and religious staffing, transportation and roadway services, (and) professional development and training.” The “typical religious positions” staffed by the company, the site says, include music directors and musicians for “Catholic services,” as well as coordinators for Catholic religious education and youth.

The move, announced hours ahead of Holy Thursday, Good Fri-

day and Easter Sunday services, was labeled “incomprehensible” at the time by Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, head of the military archdiocese, who also serves as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Catholic lawmakers — among them, Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J. and Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla. — also protested the decision by contacting Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin.

The DHA reopened bidding in May and awarded the contract to the Franciscans June 8. As before, a team of five friars will alternate service at Walter Reed six days a week, ministering to hospitalized patients.

In his June 15 statement, Archbishop Broglio said he was “very grateful” to the Army’s chief of

chaplains, the Rev. Thomas L. Solhjem, an ordained Assemblies of God minister, who holds the rank of major general, for “his personal intervention and interest in resolving the question of Catholic pastoral care at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.”

Rev. Solhjem had “moved quickly to assure the presence of additional Catholic priests from the Army Reserves as soon as the contract with the Franciscan Friars ended,” said the archbishop. “He also made certain that the needs of Catholics were addressed in the renegotiation of the contract.”

Archbishop Broglio said it was “a source of great joy that the Franciscans have returned to the medical center and care for patients and staff there.”

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Heroic Catholic Pilgrim Protects Children in France Knife Attack; Children Recovering from Injuries

By Junno Arocho Esteves, OSV News

(OSV News) — The British girl whose injuries were “life-threatening” after a stabbing attack on the playground in Annecy, France, was awake and recovering, France’s President Emmanuel Macron confirmed June 9. He said the condition of the children who were attacked while playing with their parents in Le Paquier park is “heading in the right direction.”

Four children and two men were injured June 8 by an attacker, later identified as a Syrian refugee, who had a knife and ran into the playground in an Alpine resort near Geneva. The suspect is facing attempted murder charges, French prosecutors said. If convicted, he faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Macron visited Annecy June 9, meeting rescuers, those lightly injured and a man who identified him-

self only as Henri, a 24-year-old Catholic pilgrim visiting French cathedrals who witnessed the attacks and protected the children from the attacker.

In an exchange caught on video, Henri told Macron he had “a little favor to ask — I would like to witness the opening of Notre Dame Cathedral,” which is planned for Dec. 8, 2024. The French president replied: “I will see to it personally.”

Calling on Catholics to pray for the victims of a stabbing at a local playground, French Bishop Yves Le Saux of Annecy said the horrific attack was an indication of growing societal violence.

“This tragedy raises questions about the violence that runs through our society, and commits us to work even harder together to fight it,” Bishop Le Saux said in a statement published June 8 by the Diocese of Annecy.

“I would like to express

my deep sorrow to the victims and their families, as well as to all the people of Annecy who have been affected by this tragedy,” the bishop said. “I assure them of the prayers of the entire Catholic community.”

According to Reuters news agency, the attack occurred the morning of June 8 when a Syrian refugee, identified by several French media sites as 31-year-old Abdalmasih Hanoun, pulled out a knife and lunged at several toddlers and adults at Le Paquier park near the lake in the picturesque town close to Geneva at the Swiss border.

Authorities said Hanoun inflicted life-threatening injuries on four children between the ages of 22 months and 3 years, as well as wounding two elderly adults while escaping the park. Witnesses said the attacker carried Christian insignia and shouted, “In the name of Jesus Christ.”

Police shot and wounded the assailant be-

fore he was finally apprehended.

French prosecutor Line Bonnet-Mathis said Hanoun was granted political refugee status and permanent residency in Sweden in 2013. However, he was denied citizenship twice in 2017 and 2018. Investigators said he had lived in Annecy since last fall.

A video of the attack was posted by several users on Twitter, only for it to be inexplicably deleted. After Dutch conservative philosopher and pundit Eva Vlaardingerbroek tweeted a complaint and questioned why people are “not allowed to see what’s really going on in Europe,” Twitter CEO Elon Musk responded to her, saying he was “looking into it.”

The video also showed a young Catholic pilgrim using two backpacks he carried to block Hanoun from attacking and then running after him.

In an interview with French news site CNEWS,

the heroic pilgrim, Henri, said that despite the danger, it would be “unthinkable to do nothing.”

“I let myself be guided by providence and the Virgin Mary. I said my ‘adieu’ (goodbye). They would decide what would happen,” the pilgrim said.

Although the assailant committed the barbarous attack in Jesus’ name, Henri told CNEWS that “it is profoundly un-Christian to attack the vulnerable.”

“The entire Christian civilization on which our country is built upon is a chivalrous message to defend widows and orphans. I think that, on the contrary, something very bad inhabited him,” Henri said.

The Diocese of Annecy announced that Bishop Le Saux would celebrate an evening Mass June 9 for the victims and their families, followed by a time of prayer.

(Junno Arocho Esteves writes for OSV News from Rome.)



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From Ugandan Refugee to U.S. Citizen

By Renée Corbett, CCWVa Refugee Resettlement Specialist

We celebrate World Refugee Day on June 20th to draw attention to the plight of the millions of refugees who have been forcibly displaced from their homes due to various forms of conflict, violence, and persecution. Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) champions a clear message of compassion and solidarity for refugees, and we have the privilege to support refugees and other forcibly displaced people as they rebuild their lives in West Virginia. Today we celebrate one client, Promise, who made the journey as a refugee from Uganda to a U.S. citizen in West Virginia.

Promise remembers January 19, 2018 so clearly because it was his first morning waking up in the U.S., and it was also his first time seeing snow.

"It actually snowed on the following day that I got here. I told my friend that I wanted to go outside and touch the snow and experience something new that I have never seen in my life," said Promise. "Well I started jumping and looking up at the sky as the snow was falling on my face. I was excited. It was amazing!"

Promise's journey to safety in West Virginia had not been an easy one. Promise experienced hate and persecution in Uganda just because of who he was. He made the hard decision to flee Uganda to seek refuge in Kenya. This meant leaving behind everything and everyone he knew. Promise waited three years in Kenya for approval to come to the United States as a refugee. He was selected for resettlement in West Virginia because he had a friend living in Morgantown. As CCWVa is the only refugee resettlement agency in the state, he was assigned to our agency and we started planning for his arrival.

Promise stepped off the small plane at the Clarksburg airport, and the next few months were a blur. Promise received health screenings, learned about American culture from volunteers, applied for American identification documents, learned how to go grocery shopping, opened a bank account, learned how to use public transportation, and more. Within two months of his arrival, Promise started his first job, which was stocking shelves at Kroger.

Promise had always enjoyed caring for others, so he was really excited when he learned about an opportunity to become a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA). Within only six months in the U.S., Promise was working full-time as a CNA. Promise was still working as a CNA in a nursing home in March 2020 when the COVID pandemic hit.

"When COVID hit, it was a critical time and a very hard time for everyone," said Promise. "A lot of people got frustrated. I stayed because I needed to help and they needed us to help. I was like, 'I can't quit. I need to go ahead.'"

Promise has now been in the U.S. for about five and a half years and is proud to be a U.S. Citizen!

"I want to thank all of the people who have been a part of my journey – the people who have



Promise celebrates his U.S. citizenship at his naturalization ceremony.

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stood with me through hard times," said Promise. "There was a time I reached where I couldn't sustain my life and I had a lot of problems, and many volunteers and friends stood with me and provided me motivation and encouragement and help. I want to give a lot of appreciation to Catholic Charities because this has been an amazing journey in my life."

We congratulate Promise on his journey to rebuilding his life in West Virginia and becoming

one of our country's newest citizens.

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Wheeling University Named Best Small College & Best Private University in West Virginia by Niche

WHEELING – Niche has named Wheeling University the number one private university and best small college in the state of West Virginia.

Niche is the market leader in connecting students and families to colleges, building the most comprehensive college report card and rankings to assist prospective students to find the best institution that fits their needs, Niche officials said.

Wheeling University President Ginny R. Favede said, "We are pleased that Niche has once again recognized Wheeling University for being the best private university and best small college in West Virginia. Ranking like this show students and their families the institution offers an excellent education that prepares graduates to be successful in their career, while making sure they are grounded in our mission."

In its 2023 statewide rankings, Niche graded

Wheeling University as the best in two categories – Best Small College and Best Private University. Wheeling was rated number one out of 18 institutions around the Mountain State in the Best Small Colleges list. Niche also looked at the nine private universities in West Virginia and scored Wheeling the best in this category as well.

Wheeling University finished second among all 20 public and private institutions statewide in two Niche rankings. Wheeling was named the second in the Best Colleges category – only the state's largest university, WVU, had a better grade. Finally, the university was scored the second-best college in value statewide with the American Public University System, an online institution, receiving a higher score.

After looking at all of the data compiled, Niche awarded Wheeling an overall grade of B+. In addition, Wheeling University had a

score of A- for Value and Diversity. The University received a grade of B+ for Professors, Student Life and Safety, while Academics were given a B.

"This ranking by Niche shows parents and students that we offer a quality education at an affordable price on a safe campus," Favede said. "Our faculty are passionate about providing the best possible education to students to ensure they will be successful once they graduate. Producing graduates who are successful professionally and live our mission to serve others is why Wheeling University is regularly named a top university by ranking services."

To help students find the right college, Niche has built the most accurate, transparent and complete college search tool on the internet, Niche officials said. This tool is powered by a comprehensive college report card and rankings, which uses data from the

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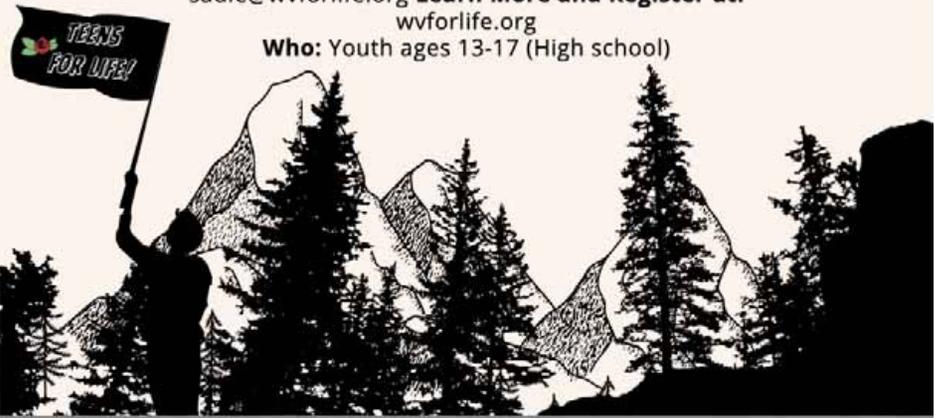

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En la Jornada Mundial de los Pobres, sean pobres como aquellos a quienes sirven, dice el Papa

Por Justin McLellan, Catholic News Service CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Para reconocer y afrontar la pobreza de los demás, los cristianos deben hacerse pobres como la figura de Tobit de la Biblia hebrea, dijo el Papa Francisco.

Tobit, un hombre ciego y anciano que dedicó su vida al servicio de los demás. "La atención efectiva hacia los pobres le era posible porque había experimentado la pobreza en su propia carne", escribió el pontífice en su mensaje para la celebración en noviembre de la Jornada Mundial de los Pobres.

El mensaje papal se publicó el 13 de junio, fiesta de San Antonio de Padua, patrón de los pobres.

Los cristianos están llamados a "encontrar a cada pobre y a cada tipo de pobreza, sacudiendo de nosotros la indiferencia y la banalidad con las que escudamos un bienestar ilusorio", escribió el Papa Francisco.

"No importa el color de la piel, la condición social, la procedencia. Si soy pobre, puedo reconocer quién es el hermano que realmente me necesita".

El lema de la Jornada Mundial de los Pobres 2023 es un pasaje del Libro de Tobías: "No apartes tu rostro del pobre".

"Cuando estamos ante un pobre no podemos volver la mirada hacia otra parte, porque eso nos impedirá encontrarnos con el rostro del Señor Jesús", escribió el Papa Francisco.

En su mensaje para la jornada mundial, que se celebrará el 19 de noviembre, el Papa Francisco enumeró una serie de fenómenos culturales que impiden que la gente se preocupe por los pobres: una mayor presión para vivir en la opulencia, una tendencia a despreciar el sufrimiento, la realidad virtual que se impone a la vida real y un sentido de la prisa cotidiana que impide que la gente se detenga a cuidar de los

demás. Propuso la parábola del Buen Samaritano, que se detiene a ayudar a un hombre en la calle apaleado por unos ladrones, para contrarrestar los complejos que muchas personas tienen contra la ayuda a los pobres.

La parábola "no es un relato del pasado; interpela el presente de cada uno de nosotros en el aquí y ahora de nuestra vida cotidiana", dijo. "Delegar en otros es fácil; ofrecer dinero para que otros hagan caridad es un gesto generoso; la vocación de todo cristiano es implicarse en primera persona".

El Papa agradeció a Dios por los hombres y mujeres "de toda edad y condición social" que se dedican a cuidar de los pobres y excluidos, los "'vecinos de casa' que encontramos cada día y que en el silencio se hacen pobres y con los pobres".

El Papa Francisco también pidió un "serio y eficaz compromiso político y legislativo" para defender

los derechos de los que gozan todas las personas a la alimentación, el vestido, la vivienda, la atención médica, el descanso y los servicios sociales, tal y como se dice en la encíclica de San Juan XXIII de 1963 "Pacem in Terris" (Paz en la Tierra).

Al mismo tiempo que reconocía la necesidad de presionar a las instituciones públicas para que defiendan a los pobres, el Papa elogió a los voluntarios que sirven al bien común con "espíritu de solidaridad y subsidiariedad", afirmando que "no sirve permanecer pasivos en espera de recibir 'desde lo alto'".

El Papa también señaló el modo en que la pobreza se ve exacerbada por condiciones de trabajo inhumanas, salarios inadecuados, el "flagelo" de la inseguridad laboral y los accidentes de trabajo con resultado de muerte. Los jóvenes, dijo, también se ven afectados por una pobreza

cultural que destruye su autoestima y conduce a la frustración e incluso al suicidio.

Instó a no caer en "la retórica" ni limitarse a considerar las estadísticas al hablar de los pobres, sino recordar que "los pobres son personas; tienen rostros, historias, corazones y almas".

"El interés por los pobres no se agota en limosnas apresuradas", dijo el Papa Francisco, "exige restablecer las justas relaciones interpersonales que han sido afectadas por la pobreza".

Llamando a un cuidado de los pobres marcado por el "realismo evangélico", el Papa invitó a los cristianos a discernir las necesidades genuinas de los pobres en lugar de sus propias esperanzas y aspiraciones personales.

"Lo que (los pobres) necesitan con mayor urgencia es nuestra humanidad, nuestro corazón abierto al amor", dijo.

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Diócesis al 304.230.1504. También puede llamar a la línea directa de abuso sexual de la Diócesis al 833.230.5656. Los formularios de queja están disponibles en línea en www.dwc.org, haga clic en "Diócesis" en la barra de menú, luego en "Oficinas", luego en "Ambiente seguro", luego "Descargar archivos y formularios". El formulario se titula "Formulario de queja para denuncias de abuso sexual de menores". El formulario se puede devolver por correo de EE. UU. A: Office of Safe Environment, Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

Para informar al Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Diócesis: llame a la Dra. Patricia Bailey al 304.242.6988.

Además de los métodos enumerados anteriormente para denunciar el abuso sexual, la Diócesis también se ha asociado con Navex Global para ofrecer la plataforma EthicsPoint para informar otras inquietudes adicionales, como sospecha de mala conducta financiera, profesional y personal de un sacerdote, diácono, religioso, o empleado laico de la Diócesis o cualquier parroquia o escuela católica en West Virginia. Se puede acceder a la plataforma EthicsPoint a través de www.dwc.org, en "Rendición de cuentas", luego "Informar mala conducta" o llamando al 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint es un sistema de informes de terceros que informa a las autoridades civiles cuando corresponda y a las autoridades diocesanas, y la identidad de la persona que informa esta protegida. Enlaces e información: Departamento de Salud y Recursos Humanos de WV: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp>. Policía Estatal de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Crímenes contra Niños: 304-293-6400.

Join in a Pilgrimage with Bishop Brennan

September 29-October 2, 2023

Itinerary

DAY 1: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

DEPART USA, ARRIVE IN MEXICO

- Depart to Mexico City via independent flights
- Welcome dinner with orientation talk

DAY 2: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- Breakfast at the hotel and then take your bus to the world famous Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- See the miraculous image, the "Tilma" of St. Juan Diego, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Guided tour: the Shrine, the New Basilica, Old Basilica, Tepeyac Hill, and more
- Celebrate Mass with our pilgrim priests
- Time to pray, shop & explore the grounds of the Shrine
- Dinner presentation: Sisters of Mary programs around the world

DAY 3: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Sisters of Mary Girlstown

- Be inspired as you celebrate Mass with 3,500 girls
- Enjoy an amazing musical performance by the girls
- Lunch with the exceptional Sisters of Mary
- Tour Girlstown and see how the Sisters are transforming lives
- Time to play and enjoy the girls
- Light dinner with the Sisters before departing
- Return to the hotel for wrap-up

DAY 4: MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Return to USA

- Return home on independent flights

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- The most-visited Marian Shrine in the world!
 - Home of the only true image of our Blessed Mother.
- (A miraculous image created by God)

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The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of Sacred Heart of Charleston, West Virginia is seeking a Principal for their Catholic Grade School—Sacred Heart Grade School.

- Candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with Church precepts and act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Christian philosophy of the school.
- The ideal candidate must have an earned Master's Degree in Educational Leadership or Administration or begin the process of completing degree requirements; or hold a valid Educational Leadership certification from the state of West Virginia or be eligible for such certification.
- The candidate will have a minimum of three years of successful educational experience with preference for administrative experience.

A résumé with three references may be emailed with all attachments in PDF to Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, V.F., dhiggs@dwc.org. or mail to 1114 Virginia Street East, Charleston, WV 25301 by June 23, 2023.

Substitute Teachers Sought for St. Joseph School in Martinsburg

St. Joseph School in Martinsburg is seeking substitute teachers for infants through eighth grade for the 2023-24 school year. Substitutes for infants through prekindergarten classes must be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma. Substitutes in grades K-8 must have a bachelor's degree. Experience working with children is a must. The pay is \$12.15 per hour.

If you are interested, please send a résumé to Principal Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjswv.org.

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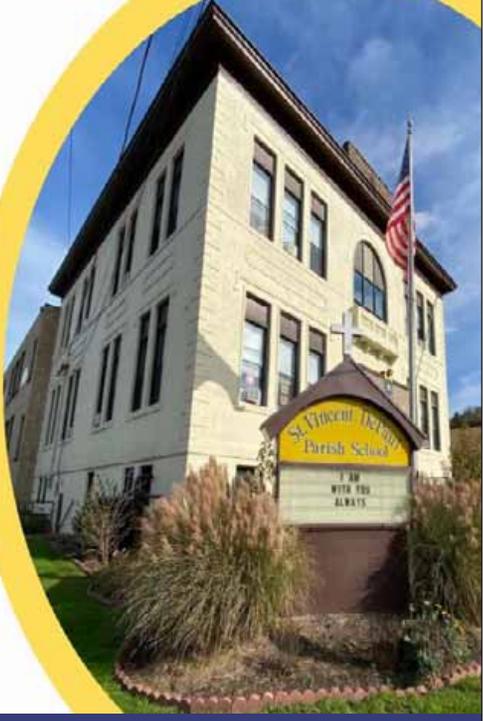
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- ✓ Commitment to Gospel Values
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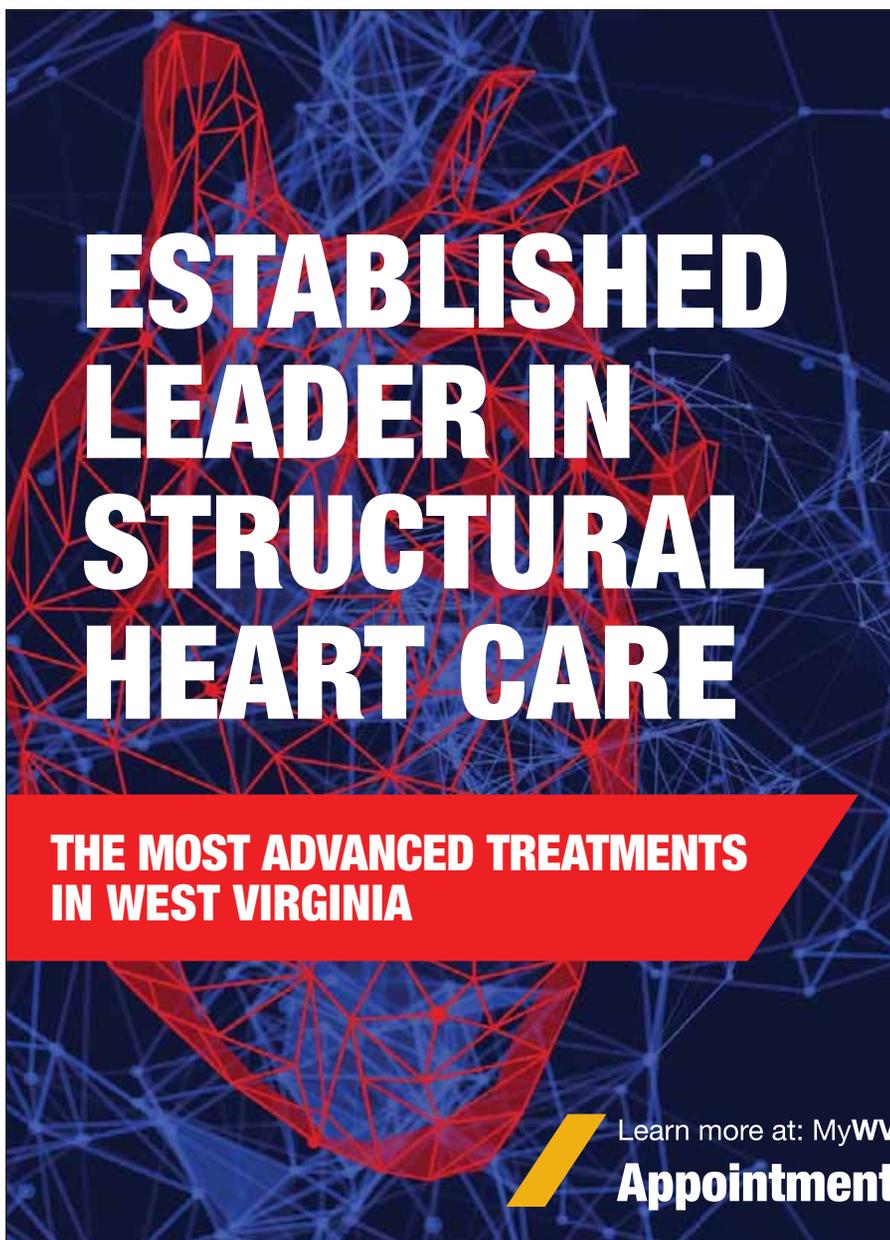
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