

### Diocesan Official Appointments

Bishop Mark E. Brennan has made public the following appointments:

**Father Vincent E. Joseph** is appointed pastor of Ascension Parish in Hurricane with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 18, 2022.

**Father William K. Matheny, Jr.**, is appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Chester and Immaculate Conception Parish in New Cumberland with residence at the parish rectory in Chester, effective July 18, 2022.

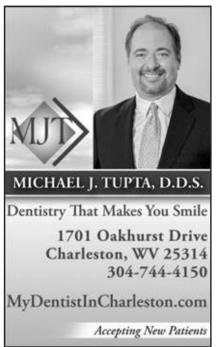
**Father Paul J. Wharton** is appointed pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in South Charleston with residence at the parish rectory, effective June 23, 2022.

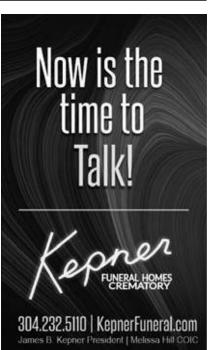
**Father Justin Golna** is appointed administrator of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Wellsburg with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 15, 2022. Father Golna is also assigned among the personnel of the Tribunal of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

**Father Brian J. Crenwelge** is appointed chaplain for the new Courage Chapter in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, effective immediately. This appointment is in addition to his current assignments as pastor of St. John University Parish in Morgantown and director of Vocations for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

In consultation with Very Rev. Quang Duc Dinh, S.V.D., provincial superior of the Society of the Divine Word, Chicago Province, **Father Romeo Bacalso**, **S.V.D.**, is appointed pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Fairmont and Holy Spirit Parish in Monongah with residence at the parish rectory in Fairmont, effective July 18, 2022.

In consultation with **Very Rev. Quang Duc Dinh, S.V.D.**, provincial superior of the Society of the Divine Word, Chicago Province, Father Chinh Quang Joseph Tran, S.V.D., is appointed administrator of St. Patrick Parish in Hinton, Sacred Heart Mission in Rainelle, and St. Coleman Chapel on Irish Mountain with residence at the parish rectory in Hinton, effective July 18, 2022.







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To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforcement: numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in im- mediate 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

ou prefer.

To Report to Diocesan Authorities: The diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. The diocese also encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also call Diocese's sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5656. Complaint forms are available online at www.dwc.org, click "Diocese" on the menu bar, then "Offices," then "Safe Environment", then "Download Files and Forms." The form is titled "Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor." The form may be returned via U.S. mail to: Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

To Report to the Diocese's Victim Assistance Coordinator: please call Dr. Patricia Bailey at 304.242.6988. In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the EthicsPoint platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via www.dwc.org, under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a thirdparty reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected. Links and information: WV Department of Health and Human Resources: https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp. West Virginia State Police, Crimes Against Children Unit: 304-293-6400.

#### Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Dioceses/Eparchies have in place a Safe Environment Program for the protection of children and young people. In accordance with these requirements, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Safe Environment Program consists of the following components for persons seeking employment o unteer—directly or indirectly—with children: background check; receipt of the Diocese's Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children; and sexual abuse awareness training for adults. Sexual abuse awareness training may be completed online or via live workshop. For more information on the Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, click "Diocese", then "Offices," then "Office of Safe Environment."

# Bringing Christ to the Community on Corpus Christi Sunday

"We will say, as we walk, 'This is the world's savior. He remains with us and blesses us still. Come, let us adore."

—Bishop Mark Brennan, homily for Corpus Christi Sunday, June 19, Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling

#### By Colleen Rowan

The National Eucharistic Revival opened on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi Sunday (June 19), with Eucharistic processions in dioceses across the country. Through this threeyear initiative, the U.S. bishops aim to revive and reinvigorate belief in Christ's true presence in the Eucharist.

In the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Corpus Christi processions were held at a number of cities and small towns in all six vicariates. In Wheeling, Bishop Mark Brennan celebrated Sunday Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. The bishop then led a Eucharistic procession with more than 250 Catholic faithful from the cathe-

dral through seven blocks of the city to St. Alphonsus Church. Joining them were priests, deacons, and women religious including a group of Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, from Weirton.

At the end of his celebration of Mass, Bishop Brennan knelt before the altar and incensed the Most Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance. After the exposition hymn, the bishop received the humeral veil, took the monstrance and processed with the faithful following him from the cathedral to begin the procession. The many who walked in the procession were followed by buses that transported people who could not make the journey. Downtown was filled with the voices of the Catholic faithful as they sang

"A Hymn in Honor of the Doctrine of the Real Presence," prayed the "Litany of the Most Blessed Sacrament," sang "O Sacrament Most Holy," prayed the "Anima Christi Prayer," and sang "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All."

The procession ended with benediction at the main altar at St. Alphonsus.

In his homily that morning at the cathedral, Bishop Brennan said that the Eucharistic procession is "a public demonstration of our belief that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist just has he said he would be. We will say, as we walk, 'This is the world's savior. He remains with us and blesses us still. Come, let us adore '"

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Colleen Rowan Photo

Bishop Brennan and the Catholic faithful take part in the Eucharistic procession through Wheeling on June 19, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

## **Corpus Christi...**

Of all the sacraments, the Eucharist is the one that provides the densest, most intimate experience of Christ in us, Bishop Brennan said. "When we eat the body of Christ and drink his blood, he changes us more and more into a true image of himself. And we need his strength in us to persevere and follow him," the bishop said. "Jesus said, 'This is my body,' while holding bread; and 'This is my

blood,' holding a cup of wine. The son of God has the power to put in effect what he said."

The change is not at the physical level, the bishop said. The change is at the deepest level of reality in those elements of food and drink.

"The Lord Jesus Christ, from heaven, extends his risen body into those elements so that what we receive is no longer bread and wine but truly Jesus's body and blood, soul and divinity," Bishop Brennan said. "This is a mystery we can describe, but not fully explain."

Christ has given us a great gift—
"a gift of himself disguised in the appearance of bread and wine but truly with us as he promised he would be," the bishop said.

Bishop Brennan then spoke of Blessed Carlos Acutis, who died in 2006 when he was just 15, and was beatified in 2020. Blessed Carlos had a deep devotion to the Eucharist, Bishop Brennan said, noting that he would say, 'The Eucharist is my highway to heaven.'" "On that pilgrim journey to heaven, my brothers and sisters, the Lord in the Eucharist accompanies us," Bishop Brennan said. "For he knows that road can be rough. He does not leave us to walk alone."

Following benediction at St. Alphonsus, a luncheon was provided in the parish hall.

At parishes all over West Virginia Eucharistic processions were also held. See Pages 6-7 for coverage

The Eucharistic Revival is part of the U.S. bishops' response to reports of a high percentage of Catholics not believing in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is a three-year initiative of the bishops to "bring people back to the church which openly acknowledges the Lord's presence in the sacrament of the altar," Bishop Brennan said in a story that appeared in the June 3 issue of The Catholic Spirit. That is the hope of the bishops. "We need to revive the faith of the people of Christ's true presence in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is central to our Catholic faith. It's not a peripheral thing. It's at the heart and center of our worship."

Each year of the revival will **See "Corpus Christi" on Page 5** 









**Colleen Rowan Photos** 

The faithful walk through downtown Wheeling in the Eucharistic procession.

### **Corpus Christi...**

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begin and end on the feast of Corpus Christi. The goal is to animate people from around each diocese in the U.S. by doing things that are diocesan or carried out on the vicariate level, Bishop Brennan said in a story in The Catholic Spirit's June 3 issue.

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

The theme for the diocesan year of the Eucharistic Revival in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is "My Flesh for the Life of the World" from John 6:51. Throughout this year

there will be events and gatherings at the vicariate level. This summer monthly articles will start to be featured in The Catholic Spirit about the Eucharist and the revival. The articles will begin in August. Also starting this summer will be videos and other media spotlighting the Eucharist on the diocese's website and social media. Activities at Camp Carlo summer youth camp in Huttonsville will center on the Eucharist and there will be vicariate/regional book studies (in-person or on ZOOM). Also planned are "Emmaus Evenings" in Wheeling and Charleston (evenings of prayer, scripture, reflection, Eucharist, and a light meal to follow). More about events planned will be in upcoming issues of The Catholic Spirit.

The Year of Parish Revival (June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024) will foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucha-

ristic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit, the website states.

Next will be the National Eucharistic Congress which will be held July 17-21, 2024 in Indianapolis.

"At this historic event, more than 80,000 Catholics of all ages will gather in Indianapolis to reconsecrate their hearts to the source and summit of our faith," organizers said.

There will then be a Year of Going out on Mission (July 21, 2024 – Pentecost 2025).

"Having enkindled a missionary fire in the hearts of the American faithful, the Holy Spirit will send us out on mission to share the gift of our Eucharistic Lord," organizers said.

For additional information about the three-year National Eucharistic Revival, visit www.eucharisticrevival.org.



Colleen Rowan Photo

Bishop Brennan and the Catholic faithful pray before the Most Blessed Sacrament before benediction at St. Alphonsus Church.



www.eucharisticrevival.org

# Eucharistic Processions around the Diocese







**Courtesy Photos** 

## Eucharistic Processions around the Diocese











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## Knights Carroll Council 9483 Gifts New Flag to Parish



n Flag Day, June 14, the Knights of Columbus Council # 9483 replaced the American Flag after the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Ascension Parish in Hurricane. Raising the flag, from left, are Chris Rock, U.S. Marine Corps; Fred Dessinger, retired U.S. Marine Corps; and Herb Lattimore, retired U.S. Army. The words "under Go" were inserted in the Pledge of Allegence in 1954 with the help of the Knights of Columbus. (Courtesy Photo)

### St. Michael Parish Community Festival Set for July 7-9

**WHEELING**—St. Michael Parish in Wheeling will hold its annual community festival July 7-9.

The event will include kids games, basket raffles, food, and an outdoor café. There were also be live music for festival goers to enjoy. Performing on July 7, from 6-7:30 p.m. will Brother Randall and Friends and from 8 to 10 p.m. Easy Street. On July 8, from 5-730 will be the Muddle followed by MSM from 8 to 11 p.m. On July 9, from 5 to 7 p.m., there will be Jule Carenbauer at the Old Fashion Chicken Dinner and from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Taylor JoN and the Copper Creek Band will perform followed by Eli & The Mojo Kings from 8 to 11 p.m. The 50-50 tickets available in the parish office.



# Knights Carroll Council 504 Makes \$8,000 Donation to Gabriel Project



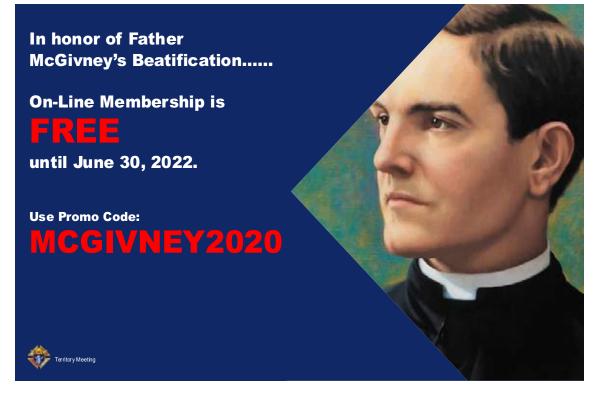
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Presenting the check at left is Brother Mark Kemp and at right Mike Bush, Grand Knight of Carroll Council 504.

WHEELING—The Knights of Columbus Carroll Council 504 in Wheeliung recently completed its annual Baby Bottle Drive and thanks to the generous support of parishioners from Wheeling's Cathedral of St. Joseph, St. Alphonsus, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Michael parishes and friends, the council was able to present a check for \$8,000 to the Gabriel Project of West Virginia Northern Programs Chap-

"These funds will help the Gabriel Project continue making a difference in the lives of mothers and their babies in our community," council officials said.

Accepting the check for the Gabriel Project was Faith Hicks, Northern Programs Chapter coordinator. Carroll Council 504 is grateful to be able to have conducted the drive this year after missing last year due to the pandemic. All that change adds up!



# Pope Offers Prayers for Victims of Earthquake in Afghanistan

**By Catholic News Service** 

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — Pope Francis offered prayers for victims of a strong earthquake that hit a remote, mountainous area of Afghanistan near the border with Pakistan.

At least 1,000 people were dead — the death toll was expected to increase — and more than 1,500 people were injured in the quake, which hit just over 100 miles southeast of Kabul

At the end of his general audience June 22, Pope Francis said: "In the past few hours, an earthquake has claimed victims and caused extensive damage in Afghanistan. I express my sympathy to the injured and those affected by the earthquake, and I pray in particular for those who have lost their lives and for their families. I hope that with everyone's help, the suffering of the dear Afghan people can be alleviated."

The Associated Press reported the disaster posed a major test for Afghanistan's Taliban government, which seized power last August. Many international aid agencies left after the Taliban takeover. Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' international relief and development agency, still has a presence there.

# Juneteenth Celebrated



CNS Photo/Callaghan O'Hare, Reuters

A person in Galveston, Texas, waves a flag during an emancipation march June 19 as people gather to celebrate Juneteenth, which commemorates the end of slavery in Texas, two years after the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves elsewhere in the United States.

# Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Adventure Camp

With Him on the Mountain

We are a Catholic youth adventure camp that ministers to youth through rock climbing, equestrian activities, archery, Adoration, overnight backpacking, outdoor Mass and more! Register your camper at CampCarlowv.org by June 1st to receive our early bird rate of \$275.

<u>June 26th – July 2nd</u>, A "catch all week" from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

<u>July 3rd – July 9th</u>, Rising 6th graders to 8th graders.

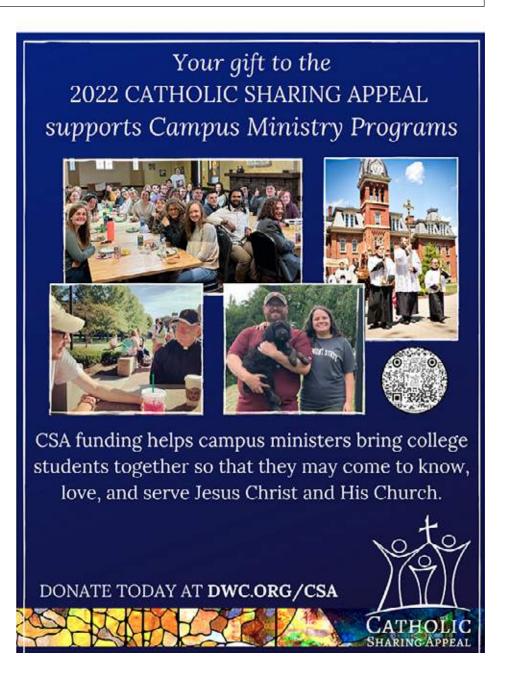
<u>July 10th - July 16th</u>, Rising freshmen to seniors in high school.

<u>July 17th – July 23rd</u>, A "catch all week" from 3rd grade through 12th grade.

<u>July 24th – July 30th</u>, "A Camp Carlo Summer Vacation" free program for 7-12 year olds who receive support from the government or Catholic Charities.

Contact Assistant Director, Sadie Shields, for more information: sshields@dwc.org or 1 (304) 476-9015





# Justice Department urged to Address Violent Attacks on Pro-Life Centers

By Julie Asher, Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — The Biden administration's "relative silence" over a growing number of attacks on churches, pregnancy resource centers and pro-life organizations over the abortion issue "endangers Americans even more," said a coalition of pro-life and faith leaders.

In a letter released June 16, the leaders called on the U.S. Department of Justice to publicly condemn the attacks, "commit to vigorous efforts to prevent them, and to investigate and prosecute them."

The letter to U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland and Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke was signed by about 30 leaders "representing millions of Americans."

The pro-life leaders acknowledged the FBI was "assisting at least one affected religious organization on this matter" and they said they were aware "through media reports" the agency was "at least investigating the firebombing" of a prolife center in Madison, Wisconsin.

"However, the severity of the situation calls for your leadership," they wrote Garland and Clarke. "This continued assault on religious and pro-life groups because of their beliefs is a manifest injustice that requires prompt, comprehensive and public response."

They urged the Justice Department "to proactively engage with the affected faith communities to ensure their concerns and security needs are being met," and they requested a meeting with Garland's office as well as the department's Civil Rights Division "to discuss what plans are in the likelihood these attacks will intensify."

A day before the pro-life coalition released its letter, more than 100 House Republicans sent a similar letter to Garland, calling on the Justice Department to investigate these incidents "as acts of domestic terrorism."

In a response to the lawmakers' letter, the FBI issued a statement to news outlets June 16 saying the agency is investigating "a series of attacks and threats targeting pregnancy resource centers and faith-based organizations across the country."

"The FBI takes all threats seriously and we continue to work closely with our law enforcement partners and will remain vigilant to protect our communities," a spokesperson for the FBI's national press office told the Washington Examiner.

The coalition of pro-life leaders who wrote to Garland and Clarke was organized by Catholic-Vote, a political advocacy group.

Among the letter's signatories were Greg Schleppenbach, associate director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities; Jeanne Mancini, president of the March for Life Education and Defense Fund; Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life Action; and Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America.

Citing a tally by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty, their letter noted that from May 2020 to October 2021, there were at least 100 incidents of arson, vandalism and other destruction at Catholic sites across the United States.

"In December of last year, the Department of Justice was asked how it was investigating the repeated attacks on churches in the United States," the letter said. "The attorney general was also asked to investigate those complaints and take appropriate action as is your duty. Since that request there has been public silence."

The pace of attacks has been stepped up to include pro-life centers as targets, it noted, since the May 2 publication of a leaked draft version of Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito's opinion in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Services case.

The draft suggested the Supreme Court could overturn Roe v. Wade, the court's 1973 decision which legalized abortion nationwide, in its ruling in the Dobbs case concerning a Mississippi ban on most abortions after six weeks.

The final ruling has not yet been handed down, but one group in particular has declared "open season" on pro-life pregnancy centers: Jane's Revenge, described as a "radical pro-abortion" organization.

On June 13, the chairmen of the U.S. bishops' religious liberty and pro-life committees pleaded for an end to attacks on pro-life centers and churches

In their June 16 letter, the coalition of pro-life leaders highlighted some of these recent attacks.

Like the Wisconsin pro-life center, a Keizer, Oregon, pro-life center has been firebombed "as well as a pregnancy care center in Buffalo, New York," they said. "Seventeen churches or pro-life organizations have been vandalized with pro-abortion or anti-religious slogans."

"Among those, a tiny Black Baptist church in rural Mississippi was spray-painted with depictions of rape, and four churches in Olympia, Washington, were vandalized on the same day with phrases like 'abort the church,'" it continued. "A recurring slogan has been: 'If abortions aren't safe, then neither are you.'"

"Religious liberty is a foundational principle of enduring importance in America, enshrined in our Constitution and other sources of federal law," the letter continued. "It is a precondition of a flourishing civil society where citizens of shared beliefs or convictions freely come together to meet their communities' needs, as through the efforts of pregnancy help centers to support expecting moms.

"And it has no more basic embodiment than the right to worship free from fear."

It added: "One extremist group is advocating for violence in response to the final Supreme Court decision on Dobbs, while another group has published home addresses, and encouraged people to show up at Supreme Court justices' homes, churches and their children's schools in an attempt to coerce the justices and influence their final decision."

The pro-life coalition's letter also noted the death threat against Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

On June 8, Maryland police arrested Nicholas John Roske, a 26-year-old from California, near the justice's Maryland home in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He was carrying a gun, a knife and zip ties. Roske called 911 to turn himself and told police he planned to break into Kavanaugh's house and kill him and then planned to kill himself.

On June 15 a federal grand jury indicted him on was charged in a single count of attempted murder a justice of the United States.

A day earlier the House gave final approval to legislation allowing around-the-clock security protection for families of Supreme Court justices.

The measure was passed unanimously by the Senate in May but was held up by House Democrats who wanted the measure to also include protection for court employees' families.

On May 9, then-White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki tweeted that President Joe Biden "strongly believes in the constitutional right to protest. But that should never include violence, threats, or vandalism. Judges perform an incredibly important function in our society, and they must be able to do their jobs without concern for their personal safety."



# Pope Asks Families to Take a Small Step Toward Greater Holiness

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service VATICAN CITY (CNS)

— The Catholic Church professes marriage and family life to be a path to holiness — a daunting concept — but one that can start with a tiny step, Pope Francis said.

"Start from where you are, and, from there, try to journey together: together as couples, together in your families, together with other families, together with the church," the pope said June 22, opening the World Meeting of Families with an evening "Festival of Families" in the Vatican audience hall.

The in-presence portion of most of the event June 22-26 was limited to about 2,000 people — official delegates of bishops' conferences, Catholic family associations and movements. But the entire event was

being livestreamed, and parishes and dioceses around the world were holding their own events at the same time on the theme, "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness."

At the opening festival, with some 4,500 people in the Vatican audience hall, Pope Francis said he wanted the church to be a "good Samaritan that draws near to you and helps you to continue your journey and to take a step forward, however small."

Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life, welcomed delegates to the gathering and told Pope Francis the five families — from Rome, Ukraine and Congo — that shared their stories "are not perfect families ... because, as you always say, perfect don't exist."

"They are normal families who, like so many others, in every country and latitude, go through the difficulties and sufferings typical of our time," the cardinal said, but they have discovered that when the problems are experienced with faith, they can open "incredible paths of family holiness."

Serena Zangla and Luigi Franco, who have lived together for 10 years and have three children, spoke to the pope of the difficulty they had in finding a parish that would accept and support them, for which Pope Francis apologized. Zangla said they finally have found a community and are hoping to be married soon.

The sacrament of marriage is the gift God gives to couples in love, the pope said. "It is a marvelous gift, which contains

the power of God's own love: strong, enduring, faithful, ready to start over after every failure or moment of weakness."

"Family life is not 'mission impossible,'" he told them. "By the grace of the sacrament, God makes it a wonderful journey, to be undertaken together with him and never alone."

Roberto and Maria Anselma Corbella shared with the crowd the story of the illness and death of their daughter, Chiara, who eventually chose not to pursue cancer treatment so her unborn baby would live.

"To see how she experienced the trial of her illness helped you to lift up your gaze, not to remain imprisoned in grief, but to be open to something greater: the mysterious plans of God, to eternity, to heaven," the pope said. "I

thank you for this witness of faith!"

Paul and Germaine Balenza of Congo spoke of the crises in their marriage, including infidelity, and how members of the Christian Family Community helped them find the strength to forgive and begin again.

"No one wants a love that is short-term or is marked with an expiration date," the pope said. "We suffer greatly whenever failings, negligence and human sins make a shipwreck of marriage. But even amid the tempest, God sees what is in our hearts."

Listening to their story, the pope said he was reminded of the biblical story of the prodigal son, "only this time, the ones who went astray were the parents, not the child!"

> See "Families" on Page 12

## CELEBRATE FAITH AND FAMILY WITH US!



## Wednesday June 22nd

Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Charleston, WV

6:00pm - Mass
Bishop Brennan presiding
Music by Mark Haas

Speakers and Reception to Follow Speakers:

Tim Bishop Nick Chancey Colleen Criste

## Thursday June 23rd

St. Leo Catholic Church

6:00pm - Mass
Fr. Alfred Objudu presiding
Music by Ross Semler

Speakers and Reception to Follow

Speakers:

Joyce Bibey Tim Bishop Nick Chancey Tyler and Sydney Kilbane

#### Friday June 24th

St. John XXIII Pastoral Center Charleston, WV

> 6:00pm - Mass Monsignor Samuel Sacus Music by Mark Haas

Music by Mark Haas

Speakers and Reception to Follow

Speakers: Tim Bishop Colleen Criste

#### Saturday June 25th

St. Francis De Sales School Morgantown, WV

All Day Festival
with Food, Kids Activities, Confession,
and Adoration/Benediction
5:15pm & 8:00pm - Mass

Msgr. Cincinnati presiding Music by Donna Kinsey

Speakers:
Deacon Walter Calabres
Tim Bishop
Colleen Criste
Seth Johnson
Micah Schlittenhardt

#### Sunday June 26th

Cathedral of St. Joseph Wheeling, WV

3:00pm - Mass

Bishop Brennan presiding Music by Matthew Berher

Speakers and Reception to Follow

Speakers:

Joyce Bibey Nick Chancey Daniel Maul



Scan the QR Code or visitwww.dwc.org/world-meeting-of-families to Register.



# Celebrating West Virginia Day:

A Message from Our CEO



Courtesy Photo

Beth Zarate, CCWVa President and CEO, and Bishop Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, serve meals at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center.

# By Beth Zarate, Catholic Charities West Virginia President and Chief Executive Officer

Every West Virginia Day I play the song "Country Roads," and my heart swells with love for the people of this beautiful state. On June 20, we celebrate West Virginia as the last state created from one of the 13 original colonies under the British Empire. With its spectacular rolling mountains, hills and valleys, the Mountain State offers outdoor experiences that will soothe the soul.

At Catholic Charities, we have the privilege of serving all West Virginians, regardless of faith or background. With 15 offices across the state, we serve from the Ohio River Valley, across Allegheny plateaus and highlands, to the Potomac region. We know that every community is unique, with deep roots, strong family ties and robust traditions. It's about attending church and sitting in the exact pew where your great great great grandmother once sat! Or, dropping your child at daycare with Mamaw, with whom you spent every afternoon when you were a child.

At Catholic Charities, we honor the individuality and dignity of every West Virginian. We start by recognizing each person's individual strengths, and we work with each individual to set goals that he or she can achieve. We don't impose our beliefs on people, but let them take the lead in setting goals based on their personal experience, dreams for

their lives — trusting they know themselves better than we do! Recently we were able to assist a young mother who wanted to finish high school, a homeless young man who wanted to attain his trucking license, and a senior who fell behind on her rent and needed helping making a budget and a plan to stick to it.

We strive to serve with generosity, gratitude and grace: generosity of time, resources and sometimes patience; gratitude because we know what a privilege it is to be in the position to help others; and grace to extend unconditional love and know that every one of us is a heartbeat away from needing help — a child gets sick, a car breaks down, a job is lost or suddenly we have the responsibility to care for a loved one.

They say by knowing our history we build empathy through understanding the lives and struggles of those who came before us. I know personally I am extremely thankful to the West Virginians who forged the way so we can celebrate today.

"It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." — Irish Proverb

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, 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.

### Families...

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Pope Francis congratulated the couple for celebrating a "feast of forgiveness" with their children and renewing their wedding vows at Mass, because it helped their children see "the humility needed to beg forgiveness and the God-given strength to pick yourselves up after the fall."

Iryna Kozhushko and her daughter Sofia from Ukraine, and Pietro and Erika Chiriaco, the couple with six young children hosting them in Acilia, a suburb of Rome, also shared their stories.

The welcome offered by the Chiriaco family, Pope Francis said, shows the generosity that almost naturally comes from having a large family where people are "trained to make room for others."

"In the end, this is what family is all about. In the family, we experience what it is to be welcomed. Husbands and wives are the first to 'welcome' and accept one another, as they said they would do on the day of their marriage," he said. "Later, as they bring a child into the world, they welcome that new life."

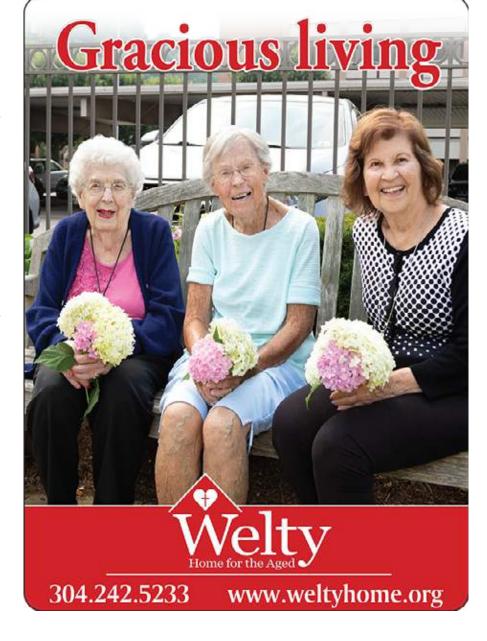
"Whereas in cold and anonymous situations, the weak are often rejected," the pope said, "in families it is natural to welcome them: to accept a child with a disability, an elderly person in need of care, a family member in difficulty who has no one else — this gives hope."

Zakia Seddiki, a Moroccan Muslim and widow of Luca Attanasio, the Italian ambassador to Congo killed in an ambush in 2021 at the age of 43, also spoke at the event.

Seddiki had told the crowd, "We based our family on authentic love, with respect, solidarity and dialogue between our cultures."

"None of that was lost, not even after the tragedy of Luca's death," the pope said. "Not only do the example and the spiritual legacy of Luca continue to live on and to speak to the consciences of many people, but also the organization that Zakia founded in some way carries on his mission. Indeed, we can say that Luca's diplomatic mission has now become 'a mission of peace' on the part of your entire family."

Pope Francis praised Seddiki and Attanasio for supporting and respecting each other's religious identities and focusing on how both Islam and Christianity called them to work "to overcome divisions, prejudices and narrow-mindedness, and to build together something grand, something beautiful, on the basis of what we have in common."



# Papa: La fuerza se puede encontrar en la fragilidad de la vejez

Por Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATI-CANO (CNS)—Los cristianos mayores están llamados a dar testimonio de la fuerza que viene de Dios, especialmente cuando los momentos de fragilidad y debilidad los hacen dependientes de los demás, expresó el papa Francisco.

"Nuestra dependencia crece con la enfermedad, con la vejez, y ya no somos autosuficientes como antes. Crece nuestra dependencia a los demás e incluso nuestra fe madura; incluso allí, Jesús está con nosotros, incluso allí, esa riqueza de una fe bien vivida en el camino de la vida fluye", indicó el papa durante su audiencia general semanal el 22 de junio.

Al llegar a la Plaza de San Pedro en el papamóvil, el Santo Padre se detuvo brevemente y dio la bienvenida a bordo a varios niños ucranianos. Según la oficina de prensa del Vaticano, los niños eran refugiados que huyeron de la guerra y estudian en una escuela primaria en Roma.

Antes de concluir la audiencia, el papa instó a los fieles "no olvidarse de Ucrania".

"No olvidemos el sufrimiento de ese pueblo mártir", acotó.

El Sumo Pontífice también lamentó el asesinato de dos jesuitas y un laico en el norte de México el 20 de junio. Según los jesuitas, hombres armados irrumpieron en la iglesia parroquial de la comunidad de Cerocahui en las Barrancas del Cobre del estado de Chihuahua mientras perseguían al laico, que trabajaba como guía turístico.

Los sacerdotes salieron después de que los hombres armados mataron al hombre y posteriormente les dispararon.

"¡Cuántos asesinatos en México!" lamentó el papa. "Estoy cerca, en afecto y oración, de la comunidad católica afectada por esta tragedia. Una vez más, repito que la violencia no resuelve los problemas, sino que aumenta el sufrimiento innecesario".

En su charla principal, el papa continuó su serie de catequesis sobre la vejez y reflexionó sobre el relato de San Juan sobre la advertencia de Jesús a Pedro de que "cuando seas viejo extenderás las manos, y otro te vestirá y te guiará donde no quieres ir".

Las palabras de Jesús a Pedro, explicó, revelan una relación abierta, franca, y directa que es "veraz". A menudo, los cristianos pueden tener la tentación de encerrar el testimonio del Evangelio en el "capullo de una revelación 'azucarada'" que "nos aleja del Jesús verdadero, e incluso se convierte en ocasión para un camino muy abstracto, muy autorreferencial, muy mundano de fe".

"Jesús es la Palabra de Dios hecha hombre, y actúa como hombre, nos habla como hombre, como Dioshombre", dijo el papa. Jesús habla "con esta ternura, con esta amistad, con esta cercanía. Jesús no es como esa imagen azucarada de las estampitas, no. Jesús está ahí, está cerca de nosotros".

El papa dijo que la conversación de Jesús con Pedro es una lección valiosa para todos los creyentes, especialmente para los ancianos, que aún pueden dar testimonio del Evangelio, incluso con sus vidas "encomendadas a otros"

Sin embargo, en la vejez, a algunos hombres y mujeres mayores les puede resultar difícil aceptar la fragilidad o la inevitabilidad de la muerte y dudan en ceder su papel de "protagonista" a las generaciones más jóvenes.

"Nosotros, los ancianos, no debemos tener envidia de los jóvenes que hacen su propio camino, que toman nuestro lugar, que nos sobreviven", dijo el papa de 85 años. "Aprender a despedirnos: esta es la sabiduría de los mayores. Pero salir bien, con una sonrisa".

El papa Francisco dijo que la vida de una persona mayor es "una despedida lenta pero alegre" que les permite en sus últimos momentos reflexionar sobre la belleza de la vida que vivieron.

"Es hermoso cuando un anciano puede decir: 'He vivido la vida, esta es mi familia, he vivido la vida, he sido pecador, pero también he hecho el bien'. Y esta paz que viene, esta es la despedida del anciano", dijo el papa.

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## **Employment Opportunities**

### **Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Prevention Educator**

Wheeling, W.Va.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is currently accepting applications for the position of Prevention Educator to work within 8 schools in the Northern Panhandle. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting students and advocating for their emotional, mental, and physical well-being in our Catholic schools. The individual is committed to advancing the mission of Jesus Christ, consistent with the core purpose and Gospel values enunciated in the Catholic School Mission Statement. This position is part-time based during a traditional school year calendar.

**Essential Duties:** 

\*Classroom education for preschool through high school age students at 8 Catholic schools in Wheeling and Weirton, WV on mental health and physical health topics as decided upon by the School Based Health Program team (i.e. Drug/alcohol, feelings, self-esteem, character,

\*Schedule and oversee prevention and educational programs from outside sources in the areas of mental and physical health for preschool through high school age students at 8 Catholic schools in Wheeling and Weirton,

\*Assist with prevention and education for faculty of the 8 Catholic schools in Wheeling and Weirton, WV or throughout the Diocese as needed (i.e. Child abuse/neglect policies, mental health topics, etc.)

\*Assist in maintaining the School Based Health Program website and quarterly newsletter

\*Document/log all student contact, programs provided, and programs scheduled/overseen

Educational requirements: Bachelor Degree in Social Work, Psychology, or related field, experience in an educational setting preferred, strong communication and documentation skills

Send resume and cover letter to Erin McFarland, School Based Health Coordinator at: emcfarland@stvincentschool.org

### **Teachers, Notre Dame High School**

Clarksburg, W.Va.

Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg has openings for three teaching positions: a full-time middle school English Language Arts Teacher. Qualifications include prior teaching experience in ELA and or reading, valid state teaching certificate pervert preferred.

Full-time high school biology teacher. Qualifications

include prior teaching experience and secondary biology or life-sciences, state valid state teaching certificate preferred.

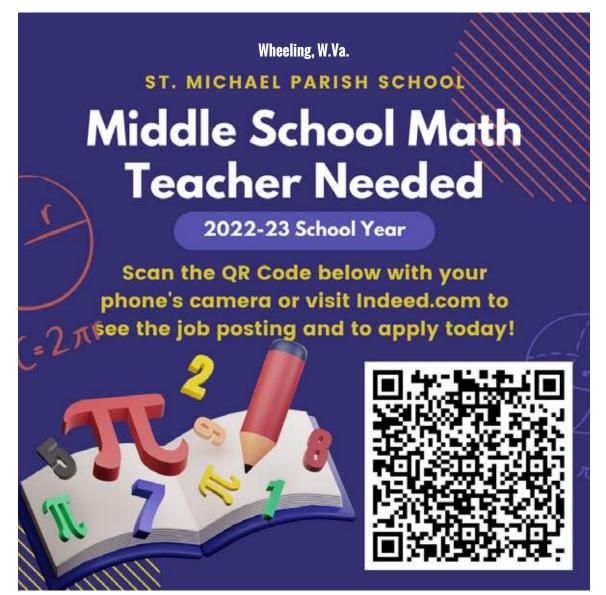
High school math teacher. Qualifications include prior teaching experience and mathematics, balance state teaching certificate preferred.

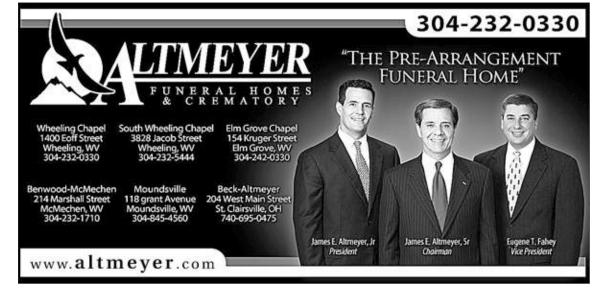
Applicants must be willing to teach a rigorous curriculums while promoting the values of the Catholic schools of the diocese Wheeling Charleston. Interested applicants, please contact principal Kelly Light at klight@notredamewv.org

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## **Employment Opportunities**

### **Teachers, Charleston Catholic High School**

Charleston, W.Va.

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.

### Principal, St. Patrick Catholic School

Weston, W.Va.

St. Patrick Church of Weston, West Virginia is seeking a Principal for St. Patrick Catholic School, pre-school through eighth grades.

The Candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with Church precepts and act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Catholic phi- losophy of the school.

The ideal candidate must have an earned Master's De- gree in Educational Leadership or Administration or begin the process of com-pleting 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 a preference for administrative experience.

A resume with three references may be emailed with all attachments in PDF form to Julie Link, jlink@dwc.org. Resumes will be accepted until June 30, 2022.

### Principal, Parkersburg Catholic High School

Parkersburg, W.Va.

Parkersburg Catholic High School is seeking a Principal. The Candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with Church precepts and act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Catholic identity 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 a preference for administrative experience. A resume with three references may be emailed with all attachments in PDF form to Julie Link at jlink@dwc.org

### **Teachers, St. Joseph School**

Martinsburg, W.Va.

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.

### Teachers, St. Vincent de Paul Parish School

Wheeling, W.Va.

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.





### Confirmation Schedule

Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant

June 25: St. Brendan, Elkins, 5 p.m.



