

U.S. Bishops Rebuke Distortion of Church Teaching in Abortion Statement by Members of Congress

By **Kate Scanlon, OSV News**
WASHINGTON (OSV News)

— After 31 Catholic Democratic House lawmakers signed a “statement of principles” advocating for abortion access that cited tenets of their faith as their rationale, the U.S. bishops rebuked the distortion of Church Teaching.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) statement was issued

by Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services, USCCB president; Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Virginia, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Pro-Life Activities; and Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Doctrine. They said in a joint statement issued late June 28: “Members

of Congress who recently invoked teachings of the Catholic faith itself as justifying abortion or supporting a supposed right to abortion grievously distort the faith.”

“It is wrong and incoherent to claim that the taking of innocent human life at its most vulnerable stage can ever be consistent with the values of supporting the dignity and wellbeing of those in

need,” the bishops said. “Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception,” including through the civil law (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2270, 2273). Abortion violates this with respect to preborn children and brings untold suffering to countless women.”

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Papal Commission Seeks Public Input on Safeguarding Principles

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Emphasizing the responsibility of all Catholics to ensure the church is a safe place, the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors is inviting public comment on a proposed set of principles that church bodies around the world must reflect in their safeguarding guidelines.

Distribution of the draft “Universal Guidelines Framework” was approved by members of the commission at their meeting in May; the framework begins by calling church leaders to “acknowledge and take ownership of their moral, pastoral and governance responsibilities to work for the creation of a ‘one church approach’ to safeguarding.”

The principles, though, insisted guidelines must be tailor-made for different countries and their cultures. And, it said, they should include processes for “regular internal review and external audit procedures.”

The framework was sent to the world’s bishops’ conferences, the heads of religious orders and survivors of abuse for review. But on June 23, the commission also launched a period of public comment, inviting anyone interested to use a survey — <https://www.tutelaminorum.org/universal-guidelines-framework/> — on

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Happy Feast Day!

Basilica Co-Cathedral Celebrates
 Feast of the Sacred Heart and 125th Anniversary



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On the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a dinner was held at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston. Cutting the “Happy Feast Day” cake at the dinner are Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, V.F., rector of the basilica (left), and Msgr. P. Edward Sadie, P.A., S.T.L., the former rector who served there for 36 years. The dinner was part of the basilica co-cathedral’s 125th anniversary celebration. Prior to the dinner, parishioners attended Eucharistic Adoration from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Mass at 6 p.m. The parish community also gathered to pray the rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as well as the Litany of the Sacred Heart.

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Diocesan Official Appointments

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

Father William K. Matheny, Jr., is appointed designated pastor of Madonna High School in Weirton for a term of three years, effective immediately. This is in addition to his current assignment as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in New Cumberland and Sacred Heart Parish in Chester.

Father Carlos Melocoton is appointed designated pastor of Central Catholic High School in Wheeling for a term of three years, effective July 19, 2023. This is in addition to his current assignment as pastor of St. Michael Parish in Wheeling.

Father Anthony Thurston is appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Weirton, effective July 19, 2023, with no change to his place of residence. This is in addition to his current assignment as parochial vicar of Sacred Heart of Mary Parish in Weirton.

Father Christopher M. Turner is ap-

pointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish in Huntington with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 19, 2023.

Father Nye Joseph Wiley is appointed administrator of Corpus Christi Parish in Wheeling with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 19, 2023.

In consultation with Very Rev. Jaya Raj Battula, HGN, provincial superior of the St. John Paul II Province of the Heralds of Good News, **Father Ramababu Dakkamadugula, HGN**, is appointed administrator of Holy Redeemer Parish in Spencer and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mission in Elizabeth with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 19, 2023.

In consultation with Very Rev. Mathew Olickal, MCBS, Zion provincial superior of the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in Kerala, India, **Father Deepu Joseph, MCBS**, is appointed parochial vicar of St. Ann Parish in Shinnston, St. James the Apostle Parish in Clarksburg, and Sacred Heart Mission in

Salem with residence at the parish rectory in Shinnston, effective July 19, 2023.

In consultation with Bishop Varghese Chakkalakkal of the Diocese of Calicut in Kerala, India, **Father Joseph Kutty K. Sebastian** is appointed parochial vicar of St. Alphonsus Parish in Wheeling with residence at the parish rectory, effective July 19, 2023.

In consultation with Very Rev. Jaya Raj Battula, HGN, provincial superior of the St. John Paul II Province of the Heralds of Good News, **Father Upendra Rayapudi, HGN**, is appointed parochial vicar of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Huntington and St. Stephen Parish in Ona with residence at the parish rectory in Ona, effective July 19, 2023.

In consultation with Bishop José Porunedom of the Eparchy of Mananthavady (Syromalabar), India, **Father Paul Vazhappilly** is appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg with residence at the parish rectory, effective June 22, 2023.

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the commission's website.

Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley of Boston, commission president, explained in May that the universal framework is meant to update the principles that informed the circular letter by the then-Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 2011, which requires bishops' conferences to draft guidelines for dealing with

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After consultation "in a spirit of synodality," he said, he hoped the updated framework could be released at the end of 2023. "On the basis of

this updated framework, we can develop and finalize an audit tool, also called for by the Holy Father in his audience with us last April, to accompany the guideline framework and to ensure the adequacy of safeguarding policies and procedures within the particular churches."

The commission website said that "while the core principles should apply everywhere, the way those

principles manifest themselves will likely differ from one place to another. All church entities will be obliged to ensure their local safeguarding guidelines reflect the general principles" when they are adopted.

The proposed principles included ensuring that "obligations regarding the receipt of reports, complaints and allegations, as well as the procedures governing investigations and case manage-

ment, are in line with both civil and canon law requirements."

Local guidelines, it said, also should promote a "commitment from each member of the local church, in their own capacity, to work toward the creation of safe environments, under the paradigm of risk management and based on a comprehensive understanding of the rights of children and vulnerable people."

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Dioceses/Eparchies have in place a Safe Environment Program for the protection of children and young people. In accordance with these requirements, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Safe Environment Program consists of the following components for persons seeking employment or to volunteer—directly or indirectly—

with children: background check; receipt of the Diocese's Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children; and sexual abuse awareness training for adults. Sexual abuse awareness training may be completed online or via live workshop. For more information on the Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, click "Diocese", then "Offices," then "Office of Safe Environment."

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.

To Report to Diocesan Authorities:

The diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. The diocese also encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis

Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also call the Diocese's sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5656. Complaint forms are available online at www.dwc.org, 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:

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Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., who spearheaded the lawmakers' statement, was joined by 30 other self-identified Catholics who are Democrats in the House — including former Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California.

"The fundamental tenets of our Catholic faith — social justice, conscience, and religious freedom — compel us to defend a woman's right to access abortion. We are committed to advocating for the respect and protection of those making the decision if and when to have children."

Their statement further cited the writings of St. John Paul II.

A press release from the USCCB stated that 31 Catholic members of Congress authored a public statement of principles, falsely invoking specific teachings of the Catholic Church to defend their support of a legal right to abortion.

Archbishop Broglio, USCCB president; Bishop Burbidge, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Pro-Life Activities; and Bishop Flores, chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Doctrine, issued the following corrective statement in response:

"Members of Congress who recently invoked teachings of the Catholic faith itself as justifying abortion or supporting a supposed right to abortion grievously distort the faith. It is wrong and incoherent to claim that the taking of innocent human life at its most vulnerable stage can ever be consistent with the values of supporting the dignity and wellbeing of those in need. 'Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception,' including

through the civil law [Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2270, 2273]. Abortion violates this with respect to preborn children and brings untold suffering to countless women.

"Conscience rightly enjoys a special regard both in Church teaching and in the public sphere. And policymakers should support the freedom of Catholics and of others to serve the common good in accord with their beliefs in a wide range of areas — from services and assistance to recently arrived migrants, to offering health care and social services.

"Nevertheless, conscience is not a license to commit evil and take innocent lives. Conscience cannot and does not justify the act or support of abortion. In fact, conscience 'must be informed and moral judgment enlightened' with the Word of God in faith and prayer, and 'guided by the authoritative teaching of the Church' [CCC 1783, 1785]. Moreover, the reality that the preborn are our living sisters and brothers is not only a matter of faith, but is attested to by science and sound reason.

"We once again implore and pray for Congress to join us in working toward the true common good by prioritizing authentic, uplifting support for the vulnerable and marginalized, including mothers and families in need."

That same day, Stephen White, executive director of The Catholic Project at The Catholic University of America, told OSV News the Second Vatican Council "called abortion an 'unspeakable crime.'"

In an interview with OSV News, White noted that Vatican II likened abortion to "'slavery' and 'the selling of women and children' and other direct attacks on life," and it

also "insisted that abortion is a 'poison on human society,' that it does more harm to those who practice it than those who suffer from the injury, and is a 'supreme dishonor to the Creator.'"

"Pope Francis calls it 'murder,'" White added.

White, who is one of the organizers of the Tertio Millennio Seminar on the Free Society, an annual three-week seminar on Catholic social teaching with an emphasis on the writings of St. John Paul and takes place in the pontiff's native Krakow, Poland, pushed back on the argument in the lawmakers' letter about the writings of the saint.

"As for what can be said about these politicians desperately trying to enlist Pope St. John Paul II to their cause, he gave the most succinct rebuttal to these claims himself, when he wrote, in 'Evangelium Vitae': 'To claim the right to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia, and to recognize that right in law, means to attribute to human freedom a perverse and evil significance: that of an absolute power over others and against others. This is the death of true freedom: 'Truly, truly, I say to you, every one who commits sin is a slave to sin' (Jn 8:34)," White said.

Former Rep. Dan Lipinski, D-Ill., also a Catholic, told OSV News that the signatories' understanding of the terms "social justice, conscience and religious freedom is fundamentally wrong."

"Regarding social justice, the foundation of Catholic social teaching on social justice is the proclamation that human life is sacred and every person has dignity," Lipinski said. "The right to life is the first right because without life a person has nothing and that is why the

church opposes abortion. It is science, not only Catholic teaching, that shows us that human life begins at conception and thus abortion is the taking of the life of 'the least among us.'"

Kristen Day, executive director of Democrats for Life, concurred, arguing that "it is disconcerting to watch Catholic legislators continue to disassociate their religious affiliation to justify their position on abortion."

"The letter talks about the value of human life and protecting the vulnerable, yet their position on abortion harms the very people they espouse to support, poor and minority communities," Day said.

"The money that the abortion lobby provides to the Democratic Party is not a good enough reason to walk away from one's faith and responsibility to protect the vulnerable and provide all, regardless of their income or race, an opportunity to have and raise their families," she said. "I would encourage the members who signed the letter to go back and review the fundamental tenets of our Catholic faith."

Day said they would find themselves "hard-pressed to find any reference or tenet" that would "justify killing conscience provisions," justify their support for taxpayer funding for abortion, or "any social justice provision that would encourage unjust policies that support abortion for financially insecure women."

Day said that "as Catholics, it is our duty to live and advance our faith, not excuse or walk away from the faith when faced with political pressure."

(Kate Scanlon is a national reporter for OSV News covering Washington.)

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Summer Visit Bears Fruit

Society of the Divine Word Priests Help out at Risen Lord Food Pantry;
One is Working with the Pastor to Create Video about the Ministry

By Colleen Rowan

The faithful of St. Thomas Parish in Gassaway and Risen Lord Mission in Maysel welcomed Society of the Divine Word priests Father Minh Anh Dinh, SVD, and Father Khánh Minh Hà, SVD, for a visit to their churches and area last week. They were also there to visit Father Thien Duc Nguyen, SVD, pastor of the churches, who is a Society of the Divine Word priest as well. The trio had attended seminary together.

In addition to spending time at the churches and celebrating Masses, Father Minh and Father Khánh rolled up their sleeves and got to work at Risen Lord's food pantry. A ministry of Risen Lord Mission, the food pantry is one of the only places area residents who have fallen on hard times can find food and assistance.

"We helped 238 families last week," Father Thien said.

The food pantry serves about 230 to 250 families at Risen Lord and another 60 to 80 families at St. Thomas each month.

"We also help 330 kids weekly with the backpack program," Father Thien said. "Every month we spend about \$6,000-9,000 to purchase food for the poor in Clay and Braxton" counties.

During their visit, Father Khánh and Father Minh helped unload food deliveries and other provisions for the pantry, packed boxes of food and loaded them into cars in the pantry's drive-thru distribution.

Father Khánh was so moved by the ministry and outreach that he and Father Thien are working on a video about the efforts of the ministry.

In addition to the pantry, the ministry helps people in emergency situations and in need of assistance for utility cut off notice, medical bills and gasoline.

According to the Society of the Divine Word, Father Khánh professed perpetual vows in 2019 and was ordained to the



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Following Mass at St. Thomas Parish in Gassaway are, from left, Father Khánh Minh Hà, SVD; Father Minh Anh Dinh, SVD; and Father Thien Duc Nguyen, SVD, pastor.



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Father Khánh Minh Hà, SVD, helps unload provisions for Risen Lord Mission's Food Pantry in Maysel.



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Father Minh Anh Dinh, SVD, right, helps unload provisions for the food pantry.

priesthood in 2020. He has been serving as a missionary in Ecuador.

Father Minh professed perpetual vows in 2020 and was ordained in 2021. He has been serving in a parish in Missis-

sauga, Ontario, Canada, and is now going back to Chicago to work for the SVD province.

Currently, there are eight Society of the Divine Word priests serving in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, ap-

pointed to 14 churches as pastors and administrators and to the chaplaincy for West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon and WVU Medicine St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon.

Elkins Knights Award Father Mark T. Gallipeau Scholarship



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The Knights of Columbus Council 603 in Elkins awarded the Father Mark T. Gallipeau Scholarship this year to Logan Murphy, a member of Holy Rosary Parish in Buckhannon and a dedicated altar server. On Sunday May 14, Logan was awarded the \$2,000 scholarship. He is enrolled at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon and plans to study computer science. Pictured, from left, are Father Edward Tetteh, SVD, pastor of Holy Rosary; Tracy Murphy; Logan Murphy; and Deacon Rue Thompson, permanent deacon at the parish. In the back row, from left, are Knights of Columbus members Mike Gasper, John Weber, John Kriner, Jerry Moore, and Mike Ashley.

Novena to Our Lady of Peace Begins July 1

WHEELING—Saturday, July 1, Our Lady of Peace Parish in Wheeling begins the Novena of Our Lady of Peace for nine consecutive days, leading up to the feast day of Our Lady of Peace on Sunday, July 9. This is also the date of the parish's picnic. "Join us. Have your special intention for the novena. Make a commitment and pray with us," parish officials said.

Parkersburg Gabriel Project Needs Volunteers

PARKERSBURG—The Gabriel Project in Parkersburg needs additional volunteers. Some of the ways people can help are working directly with clients Mondays 1 to 3 p.m. or Thursdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., sorting donations or packaging diapers any time the St. Francis de Sales Parish Center is open. Help is also needed to monitor and maintain the Facebook page or recording client data onto a spreadsheet—either of which is done from home on any computer.

"Please prayerfully consider helping us in any way you feel comfortable. You will find it very personally rewarding to help these families who are struggling to provide the necessities for their children from infancy to 3 years of age," organization officials said. For more information, call (304) 422-6786 and choose option 2, which is the Gabriel extension.

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Ethicists Voice Concern over Reprogramming Human Embryonic Cells for Research

By **Kimberley Heatherington, OSV News**

(OSV News) — When the International Society for Stem Cell Research recently held its annual meeting in Boston, the more than 4,000 assembled scientists from 75 countries were promised “the future starts here.”

That future, they were told — in a plenary address by professor Magdalena Zernicka-Goetz of the University of Cambridge in England and the California Institute of Technology — now includes synthetic human embryos.

“We can create human embryo-like models by the reprogramming of (embryonic stem) cells,” Zernicka-Goetz announced.

No eggs or sperm were used; the “models” were instead grown from single living stem cells, which were derived from a real human embryo. They were not developed beyond a 14-day period, since the regulations governing the research use of human embryos do not allow for it in the United Kingdom and most other countries.

After something of a media uproar ensued, Zernicka-Goetz took to Twitter: “These tiny clusters of cells mimicking aspects of post-implantation human embryos that we and others make, have no developmental potential and are not real embryos,” she posted. “Nevertheless, they help to understand why many pregnancies fail.” Another tweet emphasized, “It is important to stress that these are not synthetic embryos, but embryo models and our research isn’t to create life, but to save it.”

It’s not yet the Central London Hatchery of Aldous Huxley’s dystopian novel “Brave New World” — where natural birth no longer existed and babies were mass-pro-

duced from lab-grown embryos. But the announcement by the International Society for Stem Cell Research, and another like it at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, nonetheless raised ethical and moral questions from two prominent Catholic experts who spoke to OSV News.

“The fundamental ethical (and public) question here is whether these ‘embryoids’ are living human embryonic organisms that cannot develop throughout all the gestational stages merely because of temporary technical limitations, or are they just a laboratory artifact that cannot be rightly termed an organism,” said professor O. Carter Snead, director of the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture at the University of Notre Dame.

“If the former,” Snead explained, “then we are back to the long-standing embryo ethics debates begun many decades ago with the dawn of in vitro fertilization. We Catholics, along with others who acknowledge the intrinsic equal dignity of every human being, at all stages of development from conception to natural death, oppose this practice and support alternative avenues of research that do not involve the use and destruction of living human embryos,” said Snead.

Father Tad Pacholczyk, director of education and staff ethicist at the National Catholic Bioethics Center, voiced a similar concern.

“Since these synthetic embryos were developed from embryonic stem cells, which were originally obtained by destroying a human embryo, it is also worth noting that we have an inherent ethical problem right at the origins of this newly announced technology,” Father Pacholczyk told OSV News.

“The big question hanging

over this research would be: Are human ‘synthetic embryos’ really embryos?” asked Father Pacholczyk. “If they are, we have walked right into the ethical landmine of creating young humans for research or experimental purposes, albeit by an unusual method.”

The research use and destruction of a living human embryo — as “an organism of the human species,” Snead said — has always been a controversial bioethical issue, as is the creation of human embryos for the same purpose.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Since it must be treated from conception as a person, the embryo must be defended in its integrity, cared for, and healed, as far as possible, like any other human being...It is immoral to produce human embryos intended for exploitation as disposable biological material” (2274-2275).

Father Pacholczyk stressed that “synthetic embryos behave like regular embryos in many ways, growing similarly and generating cells that typically go on to form important parts like the placenta, yolk sac, etc.”

Furthermore, the biological accuracy of terms such as “synthetic” and “non-embryonic” is not without need of clarity.

“The fact that these synthetic embryos might fail to cause a pregnancy when implanted doesn’t necessarily mean they aren’t real embryos,” said Father Pacholczyk. “Sometimes women’s pregnancies fail through miscarriages not because their embryonic child was ‘not an embryo,’ but because their embryonic child had some kind of defect.”

This, Father Pacholczyk observed, “raises the question of whether synthetic embryos

might actually be real embryos that have developed some kind of defect through laboratory manipulations and procedures. It seems unsafe to start from the assumption that they are ‘synthetic’ and hence ‘non-embryonic,’” he said. “There is a lot at stake in synthetic embryo experiments, and researchers should be encouraged to attend to two critical ethical considerations: first, avoiding all human embryonic stem cells in their research; and second, studying synthetic embryos only in non-human animals,” advised Father Pacholczyk.

While news coverage has reported that uterine implantation of synthetic embryos is currently “illegal,” the relevant law itself is, Snead said, somewhat murky. “I’m not aware of any applicable law in the United States that would forbid it, in those many state jurisdictions that permit embryo research,” he commented.

Snead indicated that the Aderholt Amendment — a federal appropriations law — prevents “the creation or modification of an embryo to include a ‘heritable genetic modification.’” But if an embryoid genome is never modified, it may not apply. The Dickey-Wicker Amendment, Snead said, “might forbid federal funding for research in which such ‘embryoids’ are created, destroyed or endangered, if they fall within its definition of ‘embryo.’”

“This is definitely something the congressman is concerned about,” said Michael Finan, communications director to Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., who also is co-chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus.

Since the international stem cell group’s research was only recently announced,

Snead said he wants “to learn more about the scientific techniques involved in these experiments,” and qualified his comments accordingly.

“My ultimate advice for policymakers,” Snead added, “is to study the scientific and technical aspects carefully, think hard about what these synthetic beings are — living human organisms or something else? See how existing regulatory measures do or do not apply, and what changes must be made. Listen to all of the contending voices in this domain.”

“But in the meantime, just as in environmental policy, I would urge scientists and industry not to plunge ahead with any actions that might cause irrevocable harms, ethical or otherwise,” he added.

(Kimberley Heatherington writes for OSV News from Virginia.)



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Pro-Lifers Call for Action at 'National Celebrate Life Day' Rally on Dobbs Anniversary

By **Katie Yoder, OSV News**

WASHINGTON (OSV News) — Sheila and David Porter left their home in Newport News, Virginia, at 5 a.m. to celebrate the first anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in Washington June 24.

Together, the couple attended the 2023 National Celebrate Life Day rally held by national pro-life groups on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. The event commemorated the court's ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* that overturned *Roe*, which legalized abortion nationwide in 1973, and freed states to decide abortion policy.

"I hope next year, this time, that we have much more to celebrate," 64-year-old David told OSV News. "In order to do that, I and the rest of the people that are pro-life have much work to do."

Sheila, 63, agreed: "We can't stop fighting."

The Porters brought with them shirts, available for a donation, that cited the Bible verse Jeremiah 1:5: "Before I formed you, I knew you." In between the text, an image of an unborn baby appeared, resting in the palm of a hand.

The event invited pro-life Americans to celebrate the anniversary, honor past pro-life heroes and unite to protect the unborn from abortion as persons under the 14th Amendment, which says, in part, that no state "shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law."

"I think it's very important now that we're living in this post-*Roe*

era, this new dawn for our nation, that our generation, the pro-life generation, understands we haven't reached high noon yet," Kristan Hawkins, the president of Students for Life of America (SFLA), which organized the rally, told OSV News.

"In order to achieve that moment, every human being must be recognized as they are: A unique, unrepeatable human person," she added. "And the 14th Amendment does acknowledge that, and that is our path to success."

Ahead of the event, crowds slowly gathered in front of the memorial as the threat of thunderstorms loomed. Curious tourists passed through, asking questions. Printed signs handed out by SFLA read, "Equal rights for all, born and preborn." Others held handmade signs.

The crowd in the hundreds appeared significantly smaller than the March for Life rally, which challenged *Roe* each year in Washington. But, like the March for Life, the crowd was youthful. Nearly 2,000 joined to watch the event online, via livestream.

A dozen or so protesters crashed the start of the event, but soon disappeared. By the end, the hot afternoon sun replaced the cloudy morning.

In addition to SFLA and SFLA Action, the event was hosted by Pro-Life Partners Foundation, Live Action and 40 Days for Life. Sidewalk Advocates for Life and Patriot Mobile served as co-hosts. Heartbeat International and The Vulnerable People Project participated as partners.

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OSV News Photo/Evelyn Hockstein, Reuters
Pro-lifers gather near the Lincoln Monument in Washington June 24 for the National Celebrate Life Day rally to commemorate the first anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 2022 *Dobbs* ruling that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, the court's 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide.

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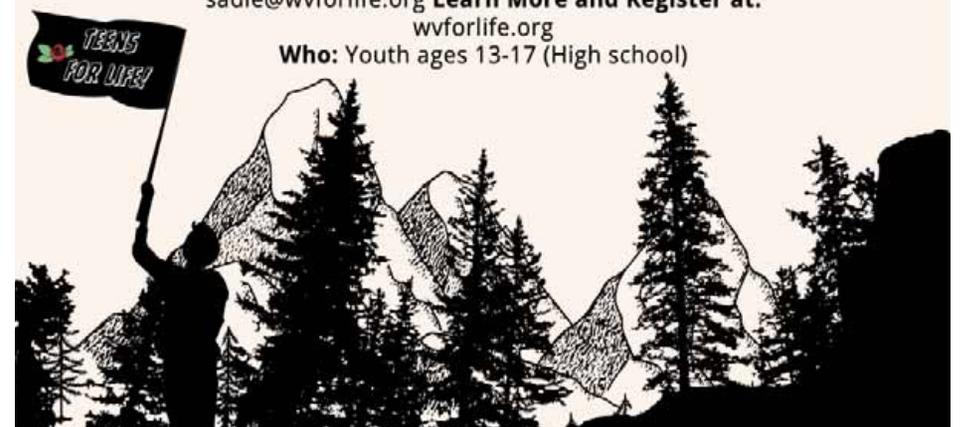
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The slew of speakers included Hawkins, former Vice President Mike Pence, Mississippi Attorney General Lynn Fitch, Live Action President Lila Rose, Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America President Marjorie Dannenfelser, activist and author Alveda King, and Catholic University of America professor Chad Pecknold.

People traveled from near and far to celebrate Dobbs and share their stories.

Kaylee Stockton, 20, traveled with her baby boy, Colton, from Phoenix. She carried a sign reading: "This Teen Mom didn't build her SUCCESS off of MURDERING her CHILD."

She was 18, she said, when she became pregnant.

"My biggest challenge being a teen mom was everyone telling me to get an abortion," she told OSV News, before describing her life as a young mom. "It's scary, and I think every mom feels that when she first finds out she's pregnant, but it's so rewarding."

Kayla Garcia, 22, traveled to the event from Los Angeles. She used to defend abortion clinics. That changed when, at 18, she visited a Planned Parenthood while pregnant and in a physically abusive relationship.

"The only thing that they offered me was abortion, and so I took it because I really thought that was my only option," she remembered, noting that Planned Parenthood failed to report the bruises on her arm.

Today, she leads a pro-life group with SFLA at her college, Citrus College, in Glendora, California. For women contemplating abortion, she encouraged them to visit StandingWithYou.org,

run by SFLA.

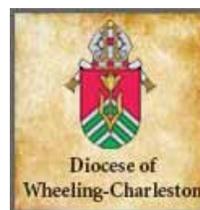
Nearby, 23-year-old Redi Degefa from the Washington area, held a sign reading "PRAY THE ROSARY TO END ABORTION." She wanted to show people her age, especially young girls, that young people exist who believe that abortion is evil and that life starts at conception, she said.

The event followed a letter published June 15 by National Review in which pro-life leaders and scholars across the political aisle argued that "our North Star in the pro-life movement remains the same as ever: the end of abortion through ensuring the equal protection of the laws."

The speakers also included Progressive Anti-Abortion Uprising (PAUU) founder Terrisa Bukovinac, who said she arrived after PAUU held an event at the Supreme Court.

"I just want to join with my pro-life community in celebration of the overturning of the deadliest Supreme Court case in history," Bukovinac, one of the signers of the letter, said. "We support equal application of the law for every single human being. And the unborn are human beings. They are persons."

(Katie Yoder writes for OSV News from Maryland. Yoder is a contributing editor for Our Sunday Visitor, the weekly newspaper of OSV, the parent company of OSV News.)



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Fatima 1917

Mary Gives Venerable Lucia and Cousins Visions of Hell, Promises of Peace and a Dancing Sun

By **Junno Arocho Esteves**,
OSV News

While conversion and prayer are at the heart of Mary's messages at Fatima, Portugal, the miracles and unexplained phenomenon that accompanied the events 106 years ago continue to intrigue believers and nonbelievers alike. With the newly granted title of "venerable," the canonization cause for Carmelite Sister Lucia dos Santos, the longest-living Fatima visionary who died in 2005, has moved forward, renewing interest in the apparitions' history. However, Mary's apparitions in 1917 were not the first supernatural events reported there.

Two years before Mary appeared to the three shepherd children — Lucia and her cousins, Jacinta and Francisco Marto — they saw a strange sight while praying the rosary in the field, according to Sister Lucia's memoirs.

"We had hardly begun when, there before our eyes, we saw a figure poised in the air above the trees; it looked like a statue made of snow, rendered almost transparent by the rays of the sun," she wrote, describing what they saw in 1915.

The next year, Francisco and Jacinta received permission to tend their family's flocks and Lucia decided to join her cousins in a field owned by their families.

It was 1916 when the mysterious figure appeared again, this time approaching close enough "to distinguish its features."

"Do not be afraid! I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me," Sister Lucia recalled the angel saying.

The three told no one about the angel's visit and received no more heavenly visits until May 13, 1917. While the children tended their sheep and played, they were startled by two flashes of lightning.

As they made their way down a slope, the children saw a "lady all dressed in white" standing on a small tree. It was the first of six apparitions of Mary, who gave a particular message or revelation each time:

— May 13, 1917. When asked by the children who she was and where she came from, the lady said she was "from heaven" and that she would reveal her identity later. She asked the children to come

back to the Cova da Iria on the 13th day of the month for the next six months, and she asked them to pray the rosary every day "in order to obtain peace for the world" and the end of World War I.

— June 13, 1917. The lady said she would take Francisco and Jacinta to heaven soon while Lucia would remain on earth for "some time longer" to establish devotion to the Immaculate Heart.

— July 13, 1917. The lady said she would reveal her identity in October and "perform a miracle for all to see and believe." After telling the children to make sacrifices for sinners, she revealed three secrets; two of the secrets were not shared publicly until 1941 and the third secret, written down by Sister Lucia and sent to the Vatican, was not released until 2000.

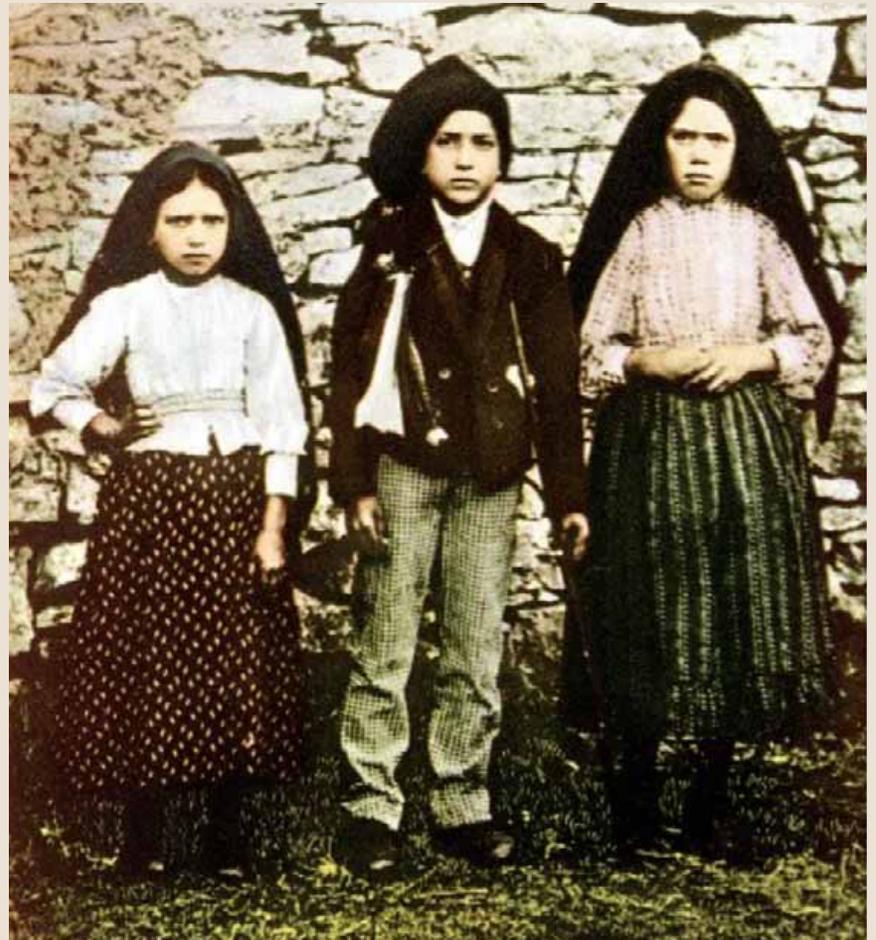
The first secret involved a vision of hell in which the children saw "a sea of fire" with demons and human souls shrieking "in pain and despair." In her memoir, Sister Lucia said people nearby, who had begun gathering around the children on the 13th of the month, heard her "cry out" during the frightening revelation.

The second secret was that while World War I would come to end, a "worse one will break out" if people continued offending God.

The children were told that calamity would be prevented if Russia was consecrated to the Immaculate Heart. Although Sister Lucia confirmed that the consecration was done properly by Pope Pius XII in 1942 and by St. John Paul II in 1984, some Fatima devotees continued to argue that it was not. On March 25, 2022, Pope Francis and bishops around the world consecrated Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine the previous month.

The third and final secret, published 83 years after the Fatima apparitions, was a vision of a "bishop dressed in white" shot down amid the rubble of a ruined city. The official Vatican interpretation, discussed with Sister Lucia before its publication, was that it referred to the persecution of Christians in the 20th century and, specifically, to the 1981 assassination attempt on the life of St. John Paul II.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict XVI, was prefect of the Congregation (now Dicastery) for the Doctrine of Faith at



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Sts. Jacinta and Francisco Marto are pictured in a colorized image with their cousin, Lucia dos Santos (right), in a file photo taken around the time of the 1917 apparitions of Mary at Fatima, Portugal. Sister Lucia was declared "venerable" on June 22 by Pope Francis.

the time of the third secret's publication in 2000. Presenting the secret and the interpretation to the press, he said the vision's purpose was not to show an "irrevocably fixed future" but to "mobilize the forces of change in the right direction."

— Aug. 19, 1917. The lady again said she would perform a miracle in October and asked that the money given by pilgrims be used to build a chapel on the site of the apparitions.

— Sept. 13, 1917. The lady asked them to continue to pray the rosary "to obtain the end of the war," and she said that Jesus, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Sorrows and Our Lady of Carmel would appear during the miracle in October.

— Oct. 13, 1917. Despite the pouring rain, tens of thousands of people went to the Cova da Iria to witness the long-awaited miracle.

The lady identified herself as "Our Lady of the Rosary" and said the war would end and the soldiers would return home. After asking that people cease to offend God,

she opened her hands, which reflected a light toward the sun.

Sister Lucia recalled crying out, "Look at the sun!" As the crowds looked on, the sun appeared to "dance," spinning and changing colors. The children also saw the promised figures of Jesus, St. Joseph and Mary.

Amazement at the "dancing sun" turned to panic when the sun seemed to hurl toward earth. Fearing the end of the world, some people screamed and ran, some tried to hide and others remained on their knees, praying for mercy. Then the sun returned to its place.

Thirteen years after Mary's final apparition at Fatima, the bishop of Leiria declared the visions of the three shepherd children "worthy of belief" and allowed the veneration of Our Lady of Fatima. However, the bishop did not recognize the "dancing sun" as miraculous.

Sts. Francisco and Jacinta were canonized in 2017, the apparitions' centennial year. (OSV — Junno Arocho Esteves is a Catholic journalist.)

Mother Lange, Who is Now ‘Venerable,’ is Nation’s ‘Greatest Model for Evangelization,’ Says Deacon

By Gerry Jackson, OSV News

When Deacon B. Curtis Turner received word that Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange had moved a step closer to sainthood June 22, he hoped to be the first to celebrate the good news with a visit to her room at St. Frances Academy.

He was delighted to see several of his students at the East Baltimore school had beaten him to it. A handful had already gathered to pray and celebrate at the site where the nun whom Pope Francis declared “venerable” resided, prayed and died.

“We couldn’t be more excited,” said Deacon Turner, the head of school at the academy Mother Lange co-founded in 1828. “Everything we do here is guided by her. It was heartwarming to see kids in her room talking about her cause.”

Sister Marcia Hall, vocations director for the Oblate Sisters of Providence, said it was somewhere between a celebration and business as usual at the motherhouse in Halethorpe, near Baltimore, since the sisters didn’t get official word until the afternoon of June 22.

“We’re very grateful and very excited,” Sister Marcia said. “We’re just going to continue to pray until she reaches sainthood, and we encourage everyone else to pray with us.”

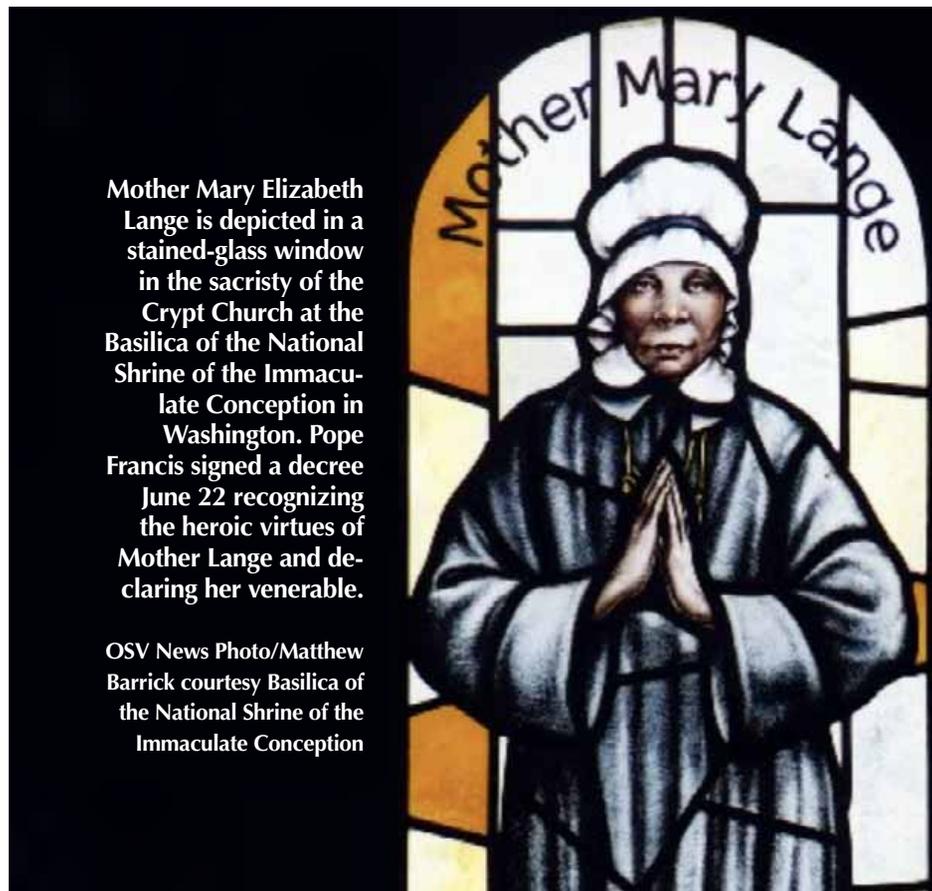
Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore rejoiced at the prospects of one of their own moving closer to sainthood. Mother Lange, also the founder of the Baltimore-based Oblate Sisters of Providence, was declared venerable when Pope Francis signed a decree recognizing her as having “lived the Christian virtues in a heroic way.”

A miracle attributed to her intercession is still necessary before she can be beatified. Another miracle would be needed for her canonization.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore and the Oblate Sisters have championed the cause for the sainthood of the founder of the first Catholic order of African American nuns.

Archbishop William E. Lori said he was overjoyed by the news and noted that Baltimore still draws on Mother Lange’s grace.

“I am delighted that the Holy See has officially recognized the heroic virtues of Mother Mary Lange, for her virtues and example still enliven and grace this local Church,” Archbishop Lori said in a June 22 statement. “I am especially happy



Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange is depicted in a stained-glass window in the sacristy of the Crypt Church at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. Pope Francis signed a decree June 22 recognizing the heroic virtues of Mother Lange and declaring her venerable.

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for the Oblates of Providence who have been praying and working fervently for the canonization of their beloved founder. Today’s news marks an important step forward in the path towards her beatification. Let us continue to pray for her cause and ask her intercession for our needs.”

In February, when the Vatican accepted the theological and historical record of Mother Lange, Archbishop Lori noted: “With each step forward, more people learn about the life and legacy of our beloved Mother Lange. She unlocked educational opportunities for children in Baltimore and beyond during her lifetime — and that impact continues today. The Oblate Sisters have worked very hard to help bring about this key development. Along with so many others, we are delighted.”

St. Frances Academy’s Deacon Turner, a deacon of the Archdiocese of Washington, called Mother Lange the greatest model for evangelization the nation has.

“She teaches us to love the church even when the church doesn’t seem like it loves us back,” Deacon Turner told the Catholic Review, Baltimore’s archdiocesan news outlet. “She is the ultimate model for us to learn about forgiveness.”

Adrienne Curry, director of the Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of Black Catholic Ministries, said it’s “an exciting time” for Baltimore.

“I am absolutely thrilled,” said Curry. “We are very excited that she is one step closer. It’s very moving. We need people to pray for her cause,”

She noted that four African Americans up for sainthood now have been declared venerable — Mother Lange, Mother Henrietta Delille, Father August Tolton and Pierre Toussaint. (Two other African Americans with canonization causes are Sister Thea Bowman and Julia Greeley.)

Auxiliary Bishop Bruce A. Lewandowski, urban vicar, is glad to see the Lange cause advancing as well.

“Patience in God’s providence pays off,” Bishop Lewandowski said. “This is wonderful news for so many who are praying and working for Mother Lange’s canonization. God is so good!”

Mother Lange helped establish in 1829 the Baltimore-based Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first religious order for women of color. Mother Lange, who also established the first Catholic school for children of color in the United States, was born in Cuba in 1784 and lived in Haiti before coming to Baltimore as a French-speaking immigrant in 1813.

She died Feb. 3, 1882, in Baltimore at St. Frances Academy.

The late Cardinal William H. Keeler began the canonization process for Mother Lange nearly three decades ago while he was arch-

bishop of Baltimore when he submitted a report to the Vatican. Dr. Camille Brown Privette, president of the Mother Mary Lange Guild, wrote a six-page historical document about the history of African Americans from slavery through Reconstruction, Civil Rights Act and other changes that Cardinal Keeler submitted, along with other materials, to what was then called the the Congregation for Saints Causes at the Vatican.

“She was determined to respond to that need in spite of being a Black woman in a slave state long before the Emancipation Proclamation,” according to the official website of her sainthood cause. “She used her own money and home to educate children of color.”

With the encouragement and support of a priest and Archbishop James Whitfield of Baltimore, she and three other women made promises of poverty, chastity and obedience in 1829, founding the Oblate Sisters of Providence, an order that continues today.

The pope also recognized Sister Lucia dos Santos, who as a child reported seeing Mary with her cousins in Fatima, Portugal.

At the same meeting with Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, Pope Francis also recognized the martyrdom of Father Manuel González-Serna Rodríguez and 19 other diocesan priests, laymen and laywomen killed in 1939 during the Spanish Civil War. The recognition of martyrdom clears the way for their beatification without a miracle.

The other notable decree of heroic virtues involved a religious sister who died much more recently. Sister Lucia dos Santos died in Coimbra, Portugal, in 2005 at the age of 97. Pope Francis canonized her cousins, Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marto, in 2017.

(Gerry Jackson is on the staff of the Catholic Review, news outlet of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Catholic News Service Rome contributed to this story.)

NOTES: To read more about Mother Mary Lange’s cause for sainthood, visit <https://catholicreview.org/mother-lange-cause-for-canonization-seeks-prayers> and <https://catholicreview.org/oblate-sisters-celebrate-10th-anniversary-of-transfer-of-mother-langes-remains>. More about Mother Lange, her life and ministry, and her sainthood cause can be found at the website of the Mother Mary Lange Guild, visit <https://www.motherlange.org>.

Catholic Distance University Offers an Affordable Path to a College Degree

Registration begins July 3 for Fall Courses

According to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, the percentage of West Virginia public high school graduates who enroll in college has been steadily declining since 2016. In 2021, just 48.3% enrolled in college within 12 months of graduation.

What stops students from pursuing higher education? The high cost of tuition, fear of going into debt, and expense of relocating and paying for room and board top the list. However, deciding to forgo a college education can be a very expensive decision. Graduates with a bachelor's degree earn \$2.8 million over the course of their careers, according to the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, compared to \$1.6 million for high school graduates. That's a loss of \$1.2 million over the course of a career.

Catholic Distance University, the only fully and exclusively online Catholic university in the United States, located in Charles Town in the Eastern Panhandle, offers fully accredited, affordable degree programs completely online so that students can live at home and work while pursuing their degrees. Many students choose to work while attending, and because classes are asynchronous, students can manage work and family responsibilities while completing coursework at their convenience. All of these factors help CDU stu-

dents earn their degrees while avoiding the debt that has become so common in higher education today. CDU also offers federal financial aid, and students who are fully eligible for Pell grants have most of their educational costs fully covered.

Enrollment in fall classes is underway. Students can begin classes in either the Fall I term, which starts on Aug. 21, or the Fall II term, which begins on Oct. 23. There are six start dates throughout the year: two in Fall, two in Spring, and two in Summer.

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The US Department of Education has named CDU an emerging Hispanic-Serving Institution, the only such institution in the state of West Virginia. Beginning in the Fall 2023 term, a new Associate's Degree in Theology with a Concentration in Catholic Social Teaching

will be offered fully in Spanish, and a bilingual graduate certificate in Catholic Social Teaching is now offered. A thriving bilingual English-Spanish Student Life Center welcomes students and builds community and student support. Our theological librarian staffs a bilingual online library and provides research and writing help to students.

Father Augustine Boh, pastor of St. Bernadette's Church in Hedgesville, is the Chaplain at CDU and offers Mass for the CDU community on a regular basis. Bishop Mark Brennan, serves on the Board of Trustees.

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Bachelor's degree at another institution in the shortest time possible.

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Papal Peace Envoy Meets Putin's Foreign Policy Adviser in Moscow

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Italian Cardinal Matteo Zuppi met with a Kremlin foreign policy adviser during the peace mission he is making to Moscow on Pope Francis's behalf.

Archbishop Giovanni d'Aniello, the apostolic nuncio to Russia, told reporters June 29 that the mission Pope Francis entrusted to Cardinal Zuppi "is to identify and encourage humanitarian initiatives that will make it possible to begin a journey that, we hope, will lead to the much-desired peace."

Such humanitarian initiatives, he said, were the topic of the cardinal's meeting June 28 with Yuri Ushakov, a foreign policy adviser to Russian President Vladimir Putin and former Russian ambassador to the United States. Humanitarian issues, the archbishop said, also would be the subject of a meeting June 29 with Maria Lvova-Belova, Russia's commissioner for children's rights, who has been accused by the International Criminal Court of aiding the abduction and deportation of Ukrainian children to Russia.

Archbishop d'Aniello said Cardinal Zuppi would meet Russian Orthodox Patriarch Kirill of Moscow in the afternoon June 29 and then would preside at Mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and meet with the local Catholic community.

He was scheduled to return to Italy June 30, the nuncio said.

The Holy Spirit Guides Christians Toward Harmony, Unity, Pope Says

By Justin McLellan, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Christians must welcome the Holy Spirit as the guide leading the whole Christian community toward unity, Pope Francis said.

Speaking to members of the International Commission for Dialogue between the Disciples of Christ and the Catholic Church at the Vatican June 28, the pope said that Christian unity comes from "walking together" while remaining open to the Spirit's role in creating harmony amid the differences between Christians.

Pope Francis recalled how on the morning of Pentecost the Spirit created harmony from the "great 'division' of many charisms" among the apostles. Yet, he said, harmony in the Spirit is more than a "negotiation" between different sides; it opens "new and unforeseen paths" of unity that formerly seemed closed off.

"Let us not be afraid therefore of walking the paths of concord that the Spirit points out, not those of spiritual worldliness — which want to conform us to the needs and trends of the time — but the paths of communion and mission," he said.

The international dialogue commission chose as the theme for its 2020-2025 dialogue phase, "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit" with the aim of identifying common theological foundations regarding the Holy Spirit's guidance in the ministry of the two churches.

The pope said that while the Spirit "gives the church the memory to remain in apostolic tradition," it is also the forward-looking guide that "keeps the Christian community young."

The Spirit, he said, gives Christians "the strength to go forth in praise of (Jesus') name, glorifying him."

"In that way, the Holy Spirit keeps our spirit from the temptation of sadness and being self-referential," the pope said.

Pope Francis also shared a joke he said Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I told St. Paul VI about working toward Christian unity: "Let's send all the theologians to an island, and we'll walk together."

"Theologians are necessary, certainly, that they study, talk, argue, but in the meantime let us walk, pray together with works of charity," said the pope. "For me, this is the path that does not disappoint."

Put Preaching at Center of the Church, Pope Tells New Archbishops

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — In the mold of Sts. Peter and Paul, Catholics are called to be members of a church that constantly follows Jesus and proclaims his word by putting preaching at the center of its ministry, Pope Francis said.

Concelebrating the Mass with Pope Francis were 29 new metropolitan archbishops from 18 countries. Among those receiving their palliums were U.S. Archbishop George L. Thomas of Las Vegas, Canadian Archbishop Frank Leo of Toronto, Spanish Archbishop José Cobo Cano of Madrid and Argentine Archbishop Jorge García Cuerva of Buenos Aires.

Dressed in red vestments to recall the apostles' martyrdom, during his homily at a Mass for the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul in St. Peter's Basilica June 29, Pope Francis reflected on how Rome's patron saints responded to "the most essential and most important question of all: Who is Jesus for me?

Who is Jesus in my life?"

St. Peter's answer, he said, "can be summed up in one word: follow." When Jesus called out to St. Peter, he did not respond "with a faultless doctrinal formula or a set of preconceived notions," the pope said, but "left his nets and followed Jesus, without demanding any kind of guarantee beforehand."

For St. Paul, on the other hand, encountering Jesus means to "proclaim, to preach the Gospel."

Celebrating Mass with metropolitan archbishops appointed in the last year, the pope said that St. Paul's spirit of evangelization is "necessary also for the church in our day: to put preaching at the center."



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Caviezel: ‘Sound of Freedom’ a ‘Weapon of Mass Instruction’ to End Child Trafficking

By **Gina Christian, OSV News**

(OSV News) — A new film starring Jim Caviezel aims to move millions to end the scourge of child trafficking.

“Sound of Freedom,” directed by Alejandro Monteverde, will debut in theaters July 4 with Caviezel starring as Tim Ballard, who began his career at the CIA and then spent more than a decade as a special agent for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security battling child exploitation. Assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, Ballard was deployed as an undercover operative for the U.S. Child Sex Tourism Jump Team, infiltrating criminal organizations that sexually abused and trafficked children.

In 2013, Ballard and a team of former agents left DHS to form Operation Underground Railroad, a private foundation that assists international governments and U.S. law enforcement in dismantling criminal trafficking organizations that target children.

Ballard has testified before Congress on child trafficking and has advocated vigorously to raise awareness of the issue, which is estimated to affect at least 1.7 million children globally, according to the International Labor Organization.

For Caviezel, portraying Ballard — and replicating his dramatic real-life rescues of enslaved children — is a role second only to that of playing Jesus in “The Passion of the Christ,” with a similarly compelling mission.

Ahead of the film’s opening, the “Sound of Freedom” team is looking to sell “2 million tickets for 2 million children” trapped in trafficking, Caviezel told OSV News. “That’s been the goal all along.”

The film’s distributor, Angel Studios, is using technology it developed for its hit series “The Chosen” to enable viewers to buy tickets so that others can watch for free, or to claim donated tickets if they are unable to afford the purchase price.

Both Caviezel and producer Eduardo Verástegui told OSV News that the film has been a labor of both faith and love for the past eight years.

“I was in Los Angeles and met Tim Ballard and his team — ex-CIA agents, ex-FBI agents — and I learned what they were doing, traveling around the world undercover, rescuing children that were kidnapped for sexual exploitation,” said Verástegui. “And I was in shock. I couldn’t sleep for a few days when they told me what was going on.”

Verástegui said he decided to counter the problem with “a weapon of mass instruction and inspiration — film.”



OSV News Photo/Angel Studios
This is a poster from the film “Sound of Freedom.” Actor Jim Caviezel and producer Eduardo Verástegui share how faith prepared them for their new film.

Caviezel and Verástegui drew on their deeply held Catholic faith to overcome what the latter called “so many obstacles” that gave way to “so many miracles” in making the film.

“Every time I do a film, I pray the rosary and my prayer is that God would use us to really be whatever he needs us to be,” said Caviezel. “In this particular case, it’s a weapon against the greatest evil right now we’ve ever seen. And when the public really wakes up and sees this, it’s going to blow their minds how wicked those people (are) that do what they do with these children.”

“I pray the rosary every day,” said Verástegui. “That’s my biggest weapon. I go to Mass every day. ... Without that, there’s no way I can do what I’m doing right now.”

Caviezel also prepared for filming by attending Mass and receiving the sacrament of reconciliation “to get as pure as I can in my soul,” he said, admitting that researching the horrors of child sex trafficking by working with

law enforcement provoked both nightmares and tears.

In addition, “fasting had to happen,” said Caviezel, especially for a project that sought to expose the sexual slavery of children. “You’re going to have a lot of bad demons that are not going to like that. ... Scripture says some demons can only be removed by prayer and fasting.”

The Holy Spirit provided inspiration for “taking and elevating” the script by Monteverde and Rod Barr into a triumphant story of good conquering evil, said Caviezel — and without directly portraying lurid details of the film’s subject matter.

In one scene, his character reviews a confiscated child pornography video to file a DHS report, but the film manages to convey the horror by instead showing only Caviezel’s eye as he types up his testimony.

“The scene wasn’t written that way, but ... it takes you right to the edge,” said Caviezel. “I needed to take it to that point, because I needed the public to understand that when Tim would come home and his children would run to him, he would literally fall on his knees and start weeping in their arms.”

Verástegui said as producer he stressed the importance of “how we treat people on set,” particularly the child actors.

“They never knew what this film was about,” he said. “How can you explain what child pornography is to actors that are 5, 6 years old? The parents were there, and Alejandro (Monteverde) was literally protecting the integrity and the innocence of the children on set with their parents. He had that ability to tell them different stories to bring the emotions and the tears. In the editing, you see the real deal, but on set, they never knew the reality.”

Ballard himself was impressed by the film’s veracity, said Verástegui.

While viewing the on-set replay of the key rescue scene, the veteran operative “started crying ... and broke in pieces,” amazed to see his life story amplified to aid others, he said.

He and Caviezel are passionate about galvanizing the film’s viewers to end child sex trafficking and enslavement.

“The power of this is that your heart gets on fire,” said Caviezel. “Why does it get on fire? Because they feel the love of Jesus. ... You’re not afraid anymore.”

(Gina Christian is a national reporter for OSV News. For more information on “Sound of Freedom” and to purchase tickets, visit the movie’s website at <http://www.angel.com/freedom>.)



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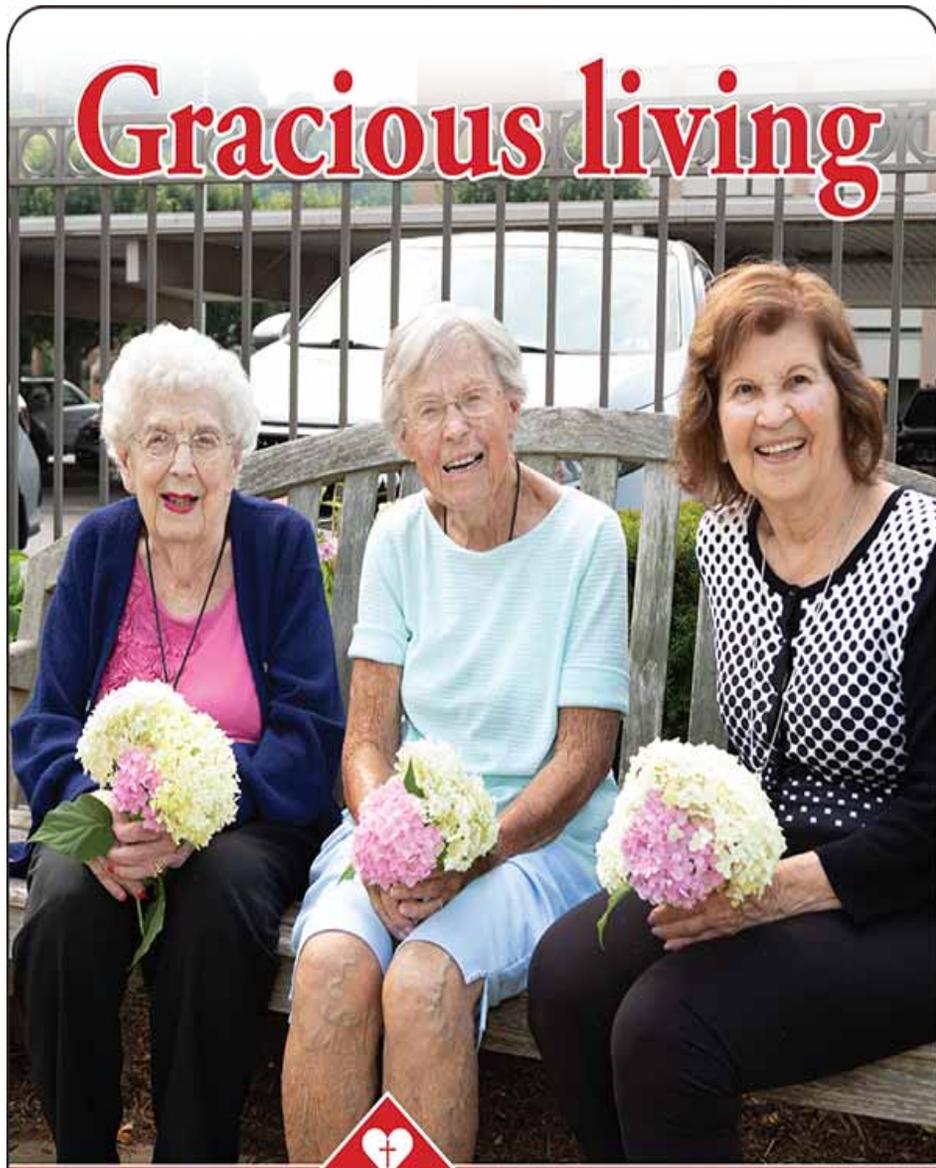
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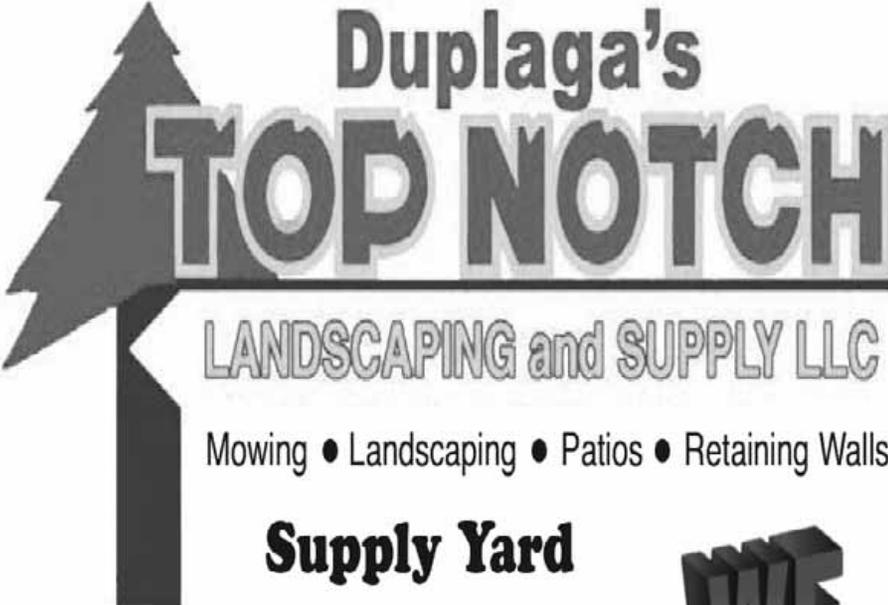
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Pongan el anuncio en el centro de la Iglesia, dice el Papa Francisco a los nuevos arzobispos

Por Justin McLellan, Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Siguiendo el modelo de los Santos Pedro y Pablo, los católicos están llamados a ser miembros de una Iglesia que sigue constantemente a Jesús y proclama su palabra poniendo el anuncio en el centro de su ministerio, dijo el Papa Francisco.

Usando vestiduras rojas para recordar el martirio de los apóstoles, durante su homilía en la Misa por las fiestas de San Pedro y San Pablo en la Basílica de San Pedro el 29 de junio, el Papa Francisco reflexionó sobre cómo los santos patronos de Roma respondieron a "la pregunta fundamental, la más importante: ¿quién es Jesús para mí? ¿Quién es Jesús en mi vida?".

La respuesta de San Pedro, dijo, "se puede resumir en una palabra: seguimiento". Cuando Jesús llamó a San Pedro, él no respondió "con una fórmula doctrinal impecable, ni siquiera con una idea que nos hayamos construido de una vez por todas", dijo el Papa, sino que "dejó las redes y lo siguió, sin pedir de antemano ninguna seguridad".

La respuesta del apóstol "nos invita a ser una Iglesia que sigue. Una iglesia que

se esfuerza por ser discípula del Señor, humilde servidora del Evangelio", dijo. "Sólo así podrá dialogar con todos y convertirse en lugar de acompañamiento, cercanía y esperanza para las mujeres y los hombres de nuestro tiempo".

Para San Pablo, en cambio, encontrar a Jesús significa "el anuncio del Evangelio".

"El apóstol nos enseña que crecemos en la fe y en el conocimiento del misterio de Cristo cuanto más somos sus heraldos y testigos", dijo el Papa Francisco. "Esto sucede siempre: cuando evangelizamos, somos nosotros mismos evangelizados".

Celebrando la Misa con los arzobispos metropolitanos nombrados en el último año, el Papa dijo que el espíritu de evangelización de San Pablo es "necesario también para la Iglesia de hoy: poner el anuncio en el centro".

Pidió a los católicos que formen una Iglesia "en salida, que no encuentre su alegría en las cosas del mundo, sino en anunciar el Evangelio al mundo, para sembrar la pregunta sobre Dios en el corazón de las personas".

Esa misión se logra, dijo el Papa, llevando a Jesús a

todas partes: en las familias, las relaciones, los barrios, la sociedad civil, la iglesia, la vida política y, especialmente, "allí donde anidan la pobreza, la degradación y la marginación".

Concelebraron la Misa con el Papa Francisco 29 nuevos arzobispos metropolitanos de 18 países.

Durante los ritos introductorios, el papa bendijo los palios después de que fueran subidos desde la cripta sobre la tumba de San Pedro. Los palios, bandadas de lana que las cabezas de las arquidiócesis llevan alrededor de sus hombros sobre sus vestimentas de Misa, simbolizan la unidad de un arzobispo con el Papa y su autoridad y responsabilidad para cuidar del rebaño que el Papa le confió.

Entre los que recibieron sus palios se encontraban el arzobispo estadounidense George L. Thomas de Las Vegas, el arzobispo canadiense Frank Leo de Toronto, el arzobispo español José Cobo Cano de Madrid y el arzobispo argentino Jorge García Cuerva de Buenos Aires.

El Cardenal Baltazar Porras Cardozo recibió un palio por segunda vez. Ya había recibido uno de manos de San Juan Pablo II

como arzobispo de Mérida, Venezuela, en 1992, y recibió uno nuevo del Papa Francisco el 29 de junio como arzobispo de Caracas.

El Papa bendijo los palios durante la Misa y los entregó, en una caja, a cada arzobispo después de la liturgia. Los nuncios en sus países de origen impondrán formalmente el palio a cada arzobispo en su arquidiócesis, en presencia de sus fieles y de los obispos de las diócesis vecinas.

También estuvo presente en la basílica el metropolitano ortodoxo Job de Pisidia, en representación del Patriarcado Ecuménico de Constantinopla, que abrazó al Papa Francisco durante el intercambio de la paz. Tras la Misa, ambos rezaron juntos en silencio a la entrada de la capilla, frente a la tumba de San Pedro y ante una estatua de San Pedro decorativamente vestida con ornamentos y tocada con una tiara papal, como es habitual en la festividad del santo.

El Papa Francisco presidió la Misa, pero permaneció sentado mientras pronunciaba la homilía. El cardenal Giovanni Battista Re, decano del Colegio Cardenalicio, fue el celebrante principal en el altar.

El Papa se dirigió a los

nuevos arzobispos metropolitanos durante su homilía y les pidió que imitaran a San Pedro y San Pablo.

"Sean discípulos en el seguimiento y apóstoles en el anuncio", dijo. "Lleven la belleza del Evangelio a todas partes, junto con todo el pueblo de Dios".

El Papa Francisco les advirtió de no salir con excusas para no ser como San Pedro, que sí siguió inmediatamente a Jesús, señalando cómo algunas excusas "se disfrazan de espiritualidad", como decir: "No soy digno".

"Esto es un truco del demonio", dijo el Papa, "nos roba la confianza en la gracia de Dios, haciéndonos creer que todo depende de nuestras capacidades".

Seguir constantemente a Jesús no resulta en "una religiosidad intimista, que nos deja indiferentes ante la inquietud de llevar el Evangelio a los demás", dijo el Papa Francisco, sino que conduce a una iglesia "que no puede vivir sin transmitir el abrazo del amor de Dios y la alegría del Evangelio".

Pidió a los católicos a desempeñar su papel en la construcción de esa Iglesia: una Iglesia "que necesita el anuncio como el oxígeno para respirar".

Para denunciar presuntos casos de abuso sexual de niños: La Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston alienta a informar ante las autoridades civiles ante todo si se ha cometido un delito. También alentamos a utilizar www.reportbishopabuse.org para hacer un informe sobre cualquier obispo en los EE. UU. Si tiene motivos para creer que un obispo ha cometido una conducta sexual inapropiada, comuníquese con las autoridades civiles de la jurisdicción correspondiente y visite www.reportbishopabuse.org.

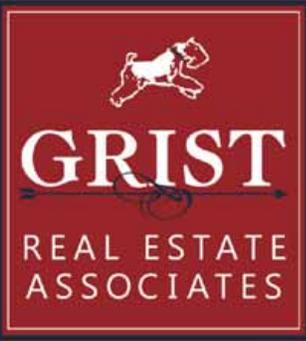
Para informar a las autoridades civiles: comuníquese con la policía local; los números varían según su ubicación. Si cree que alguien está en peligro inmediato, llame al 911. Para informar confidencialmente cualquier incidencia de sospecha de abuso o negligencia infantil, incluido el abuso sexual, comuníquese con la Oficina de Servicios de Protección Infantil de Niños y Familias de West Virginia llamando a la línea directa de abuso infantil al 800.352.6513. Puede informar anonimamente a esta línea directa si lo prefiere.

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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.



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