Pope Prays for U.S., Calls Racism a Pro-Life Issue

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Observing with great concern the social unrest unfolding in the United States, Pope Francis said no one can claim to defend the sanctity of every human life while turning a blind eye to racism and exclusion.

Addressing all “dear brothers and sisters in the United States,” during his livestreamed general audience June 3, the pope said, “Today I join the church in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and in the entire United States, in praying for the

Let Us Unite in Prayer for Peace

A Statement from Bishop Brennan

The killing of George Floyd was an egregious act of violence with no justification whatsoever, all the worse for having been perpetrated by some police officers who are sworn to serve and protect their fellow citizens. Most law enforcement officials are decent men and women who train hard to restrain any violent impulses and to be respectful as they deal with the public. Mr. Floyd did not meet that kind of police officer the day he was killed.

I join other Americans in prayer for Mr. Floyd, his family and friends and for the African American community of Minneapolis and throughout our country. Every human being is made in God’s image and likeness and deserves respect and fair treatment. The protests taking place in many US cities reflect the anger and frustration of millions of Americans who, to this day, experience racism in their daily lives. If I find abhorrent the resurgence of the ugly language, violence and racial

Szabo Ordained Deacon

By Colleen Rowan

CHARLES TOWN — With family and friends gathered with him at St. James the Greater Church in Charles Town on May 30, Deacon Phillip Szabo was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Mark Brennan. “Today you will make promises to be a man of prayer, a man of celibate love, and a man of obedient faith,” Bishop Brennan said to Deacon Szabo in his homily. “These promises will sustain in you a vibrant diaconate and, God willing, next year a fruitful priesthood.”

One of the great achievements of the Second Vatican Council, the bishop said to Deacon Szabo, was the restoration of the permanent diaconate. There is no difference between a permanent deacon and a

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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.reportbishopsabuse.org to report. 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.reportbishopsabuse.org.

To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforcement; 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 800-352-6009.

To report to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston: The Diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost as well as to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by persons other than the bishop, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the designees at 304-233-0880. The proper extensions are: Sr. Ellen F. Dunn, O.P., ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Tim Bishop, ext. 353. You may also fill out a confidential “Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor” by picking one up at your local parish or requesting one in the mail from Safe Environment Coordinator, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003. The Complaint Form is also available for download on the diocese’s web site www.dwc.org, click Diocese on the menu bar, then click Offices, click Safe Environment and Ed. Dunn, O.P., Ext. 264, and fill out the Complaint Form. To report to the Diocese’s Victim Assistance Coordinator: Dr. Patricia M. Bailey, ext. 307; 304-242-6988.


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.”

Sister Eileen Marie Sinnott, CSJ

Sister Eileen Marie Sinnott passed away peacefully, with her sisters at her bedside, at Mount St. Joseph in Wheeling, following a long illness on May 30, 2020. Eileen Elizabeth Sinnott was born in Covington, Kentucky, on January 19, 1948. She entered the Congregation of St. Joseph in Wheeling and, upon beginning her novitiate experience, became known as Sister Eileen Marie. She made her first profession of vows on August 18, 1951. Later she received a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and a Master of Science in Administration from St. John University in Cleveland, Ohio. Sister Eileen Marie celebrated her 70th Jubilee on October 11, 2018.

Sister Eileen Marie has dedicated her life energies to education in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Her ministries as teacher and/or principal include St. Agnes in Charleston, St. Mary’s School in Clarksburg, St. Paul in Fairmont, St. Joseph in Huntington, Corpus Christi and St. Vincent de Paul in Wheeling, and St. Patrick in Weston, where she gave a total of 34 years. She served as Pastoral Associate at St. Patrick Church. From 1993-1997 she was a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph Leadership Team. Sister Eileen Marie moved to Mount St. Joseph in 2008, where she was active in a ministry of prayer.

Sister Eileen said, “Most of my ministry has been spent in Weston, in the parish that has produced more religious and priests than any other in the Diocese. I concentrated my ministry on praying for and offering young men and women to consider the priesthood and/or the religious life as their future. Hopefully, the Call of Christ will once again be inserted in that parish. I was also deeply involved in three small faith community groups and the RCIA at St. Patrick. It gave me great joy and spiritual satisfaction to experience the growth of the love of Jesus in the hearts of all those involved in these groups.”

In light of COVID-19, a memorial Mass will be scheduled by the Congregation for a future date, when everyone will be able to attend.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Congregation of St. Joseph, 137 Mt. St. Joseph Rd., Wheeling, WV 26003. Funeral arrangements by Altameyer Funeral Homes, 1400 Eoff St., Wheeling, WV.

Sister Anne Dorice DeFebo, OFS

After a courageous battle with cancer and leukemia, Sister Anne Dorice DeFebo, OFS (72), died in Aston PA on May 18, a few days before her 73rd birthday. She had been a professed member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia for 48 years. Sister Anne Dorice (christened Anna Mary DeFebo) was born on May 21, 1947 in Steubenville, Ohio, but grew up in Weirton, West Virginia, where she was a member of Sacred Heart of Mary School and Parish. She was a proud 1965 graduate of Weirton Madonna High School. Sister Anne Dorice studied nursing at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA where she earned her R.N. in 1968. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia in 1969 and professed her first vows in 1972. She later earned a B.S. in Nursing from Neu- mann University in Philadelphia and an M.S. in Medical-Surgical Nursing from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. She ministered primarily in healthcare as well as pastoral, parish, and social service ministries. Sister Anne Dorice ministered for 13 years as a nurse at the former St. Mary Hospital in Philadelphia. For four years, Sr. Anne served at St. Francis Hospital in the Diocese of Wilmington, DE as a nurse staff and later as head nurse in the ICU Department. During her nine years in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, she ministered at St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing in Towson, MD as a nursing instructor. A strong missionary spirit and desire to serve the poor took her to St. John’s, Antigua, where she served at Holy Family Cathedral Parish, and to the Dominican Republic where she ministered at Santa Teresa de Jesus in Provincia Elías Piña.

Preceded in death by her parents John and Theodora DeFebo, formerly of Weirton, Sr. Anne Do- rice is survived by her two sisters, Sister Lorraine Therese DeFebo, OFS of St. Louis, MO and Paula (Robert) Leonard of Hudson, FL, by her brother, Kevin (Barbara) DeFebo of Bowling Green, KY, and by her Franciscan Sisters.

Donations in her name can be made to the Sisters of St. Francis Foundation, 609 S. Convent Road, Aston PA 19014.
Deacon Golna to be Ordained to Priesthood

By Colleen Rowan

WHEELING — The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston joyfully anticipates Deacon Justin Golna’s upcoming ordination to priesthood. He will be ordained by Bishop Mark Brennan at 11 a.m. June 27 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.

Deacon Golna, 30, is originally from Washington, Pa., and is the son of John and Deborah Golna. He received a bachelor of arts from Wheeling Jesuit University and a master’s in philosophy from Duquesne University. His home parish is Our Lady of Peace in Wheeling.

Following his ordination, he will be assigned to St. Joseph the Worker and Sacred Heart of Mary parishes in Weirton for the summer before he returns to Rome to continue his advanced studies in canon law at the Gregorian University.

“Along with so many others in our diocese, I am thrilled to see Deacon Golna becoming “Father” Golna,” said Father Brian Cronwelge, director of vocations. “The priesthood, of course, is all about fatherhood. By being ordained, Justin will be laying down his life for his family, the people of West Virginia. At his ordination, he will be conformed to Christ the Head in order that he may teach, govern, and sanctify the people who will be entrusted to him in his priestly office. He will be called to be a spiritual father to all those he encounters. Justin recognizes this humbling responsibility, and his faithful commitment to our Lord is evident in all his actions. I have known Justin for years now and am looking forward to sharing many years together in priestly fraternity.”

During the ordination, Deacon Golna will stand before Bishop Brennan and promise to serve the people of God as a priest. As he kneels before the altar, the bishop will lay his hands upon Deacon Golna’s head, calling upon the Holy Spirit to ordain him a priest. The bishop will then pray the prayer of ordination.

Deacon Golna will be vested with the stole and chasuble by Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, V.E., pastor of the Parishes of St. Joseph the Worker and Sacred Heart of Mary in Weirton, and Msgr. Kevin M. Quirk, pastor of the Parishes of St. Vincent de Paul in New Martinsville and Mater Dolorosa in Paden City and the Missions of St. Joseph in Proctor and Holy Rosary in Sistersville.

As he approaches ordination, Deacon Golna said that he is overcome with an overwhelming sense of joy to begin the vocation that the Lord has called him to do in His Church. “It is no surprise to anyone that we find ourselves in strange times, however this time of pandemic has revealed the deep love and need that the people of God have for Christ’s Church and the sacraments that He established,” he said. “Seeing these manifestations of devotion and desire to return to the sacraments has inspired me and increased my desire to be able to offer the sacraments to the people of God who so need them.”

“During this time of preparation for the priesthood, I have been overwhelmed with the love and support that people have offered me,” Deacon Golna said. “More importantly, I have been humbled by prayers that people have offered on my behalf so that I may become a happy, holy priest. No vocation is born and we’ll get you on our new e-mail list. We’re happy to provide both print and e-mail versions.

The Catholic Spirit Launches E-Mail Version

By Colleen Rowan

WEST VIRGINIA — The Catholic Spirit has launched an e-mail version that is now available. Beginning with this June 5 issue, readers have the chance to receive the full edition of The Catholic Spirit delivered free to their e-mail.

By joining the e-mail list, readers will receive an e-mail on each issue date of The Catholic Spirit with a link to the full issue. Issue dates are the first and third Friday of each month. This is a day earlier than mail delivery of the print version.

The e-mail version is being made available to enhance communication, but at the same time cutting the cost of printing. Joining the e-mail list gives readers the option to receive The Catholic Spirit by e-mail only and to be removed from the list to receive the print version if they choose. However, they may receive both the print and e-mail versions if this is what they prefer.

To be added to the e-list, those interested must send an e-mail to crowan@dwc.org with “The Catholic Spirit e-list” in the subject line. Preference should be noted in their e-mail request by saying: “E-mail only, and remove me from print mailing list” or “I would like both print and e-mail versions.”

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Gomez: Killing of Floyd is a ‘Sin That Cries out to Heaven for Justice’

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis “was senseless and brutal, a sin that cries out to heaven for justice,” and protests taking place nationwide “reflect the justified frustration and anger” of millions of Americans, said Pope Francis.

“But the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating,” said Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles. “Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us keep our eyes on the prize of true and lasting change.”

What the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said is “true ... that riots are the language of the unheard,” the archbishop continued. “We should be doing a lot of listening right now. This time, we should not fail to hear what people are saying through their pain. We need to finally root out the racial injustice that still infects too many areas of American society.”

Archbishop Gomez asked, “How is it possible that in America, a black man’s life can be taken from him just for help that is not answered, and his killing is recorded as it happens?”

Floyd, 46, was arrested May 25 by police on suspicion of forgery. Once he was handcuffed, a white officer pinned him down on the street, putting his knee on Floyd’s neck for eight minutes. A now widely circulated video shows Floyd repeatedly saying, “I can’t breathe.” He appears to lose consciousness or die and was later declared dead at the hospital.

The four officers involved in the arrest were fired; the former officer who put his knee on Floyd, Derek Chauvin, was arrested May 29 and charged with third-degree murder and manslaughter, but the investigation into Floyd’s death is ongoing by state prosecutors and by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Archbishop Gomez’s May 31 statement followed a joint statement from the chairman of seven USCCB committees issued late May 29. The committee includes the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, the Subcommittee on African American Affairs, the pro-life, domestic policy, cultural diversity, ecumenical and interreligious affairs, and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development committees.

The committee chairman said they “are broken-hearted, sickened and outraged to watch another video of an African American man being killed before our very eyes. ... This is the latest wake-up call that needs to be answered by each of us in a spirit of determined conversion,” the chairman said.

In his statement, Archbishop Gomez said he is praying for Floyd and his loved ones, “and on behalf of my brother bishops, I share the outrage of the black community and those who stand with them in Minneapolis, Los Angeles and across the country.”

“The cruelty and violence he suffered does not reflect on the majority of good men and women in law enforcement, who carry out their duties with honor,” the archbishop said. “We know that. And we trust that civil authorities will investigate his killing carefully and make sure those responsible are held accountable.”

The protests that are ongoing in many U.S. cities “reflect the justified frustration and anger of millions of our brothers and sisters who even today experience humiliation, indignity, and unequal opportunity only because of their race or the color of their skin,” Archbishop Gomez stated. “It should not be this way in America. Racism has been tolerated for far too long in our way of life.”

But he called the violence of recent nights “self-destructive and self-defeating.”

“Legitimate protests should not be exploited by persons who have different values and agendas. Burning and looting communities, ruining the livelihoods of our neighbors, does not advance the cause of racial equality and human dignity,” he said.

“We should not let it be said that George Floyd died for no reason,” Archbishop Gomez said. “We should honor the sacrifice of his life by removing racism and hate from our hearts and renewing our commitment to fulfill our nation’s sacred promise to be a beloved community of life, liberty and equality for all.”

Diocesan Official Appointments:

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

Father Joseph M. Konikattil is appointed as designated pastor of St. Mary Central School and Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg, for a term of three years, effective June 1, 2020. This is in addition to his current assignments as administrator of St. Peter the Fisherman Parish in Fairmont and designated pastor at Fairmont Catholic School.

Father Brian J. Creenelge is appointed chaplain to Council #8288 of the Knights of Columbus for the Fraternal Year 2020-2021, effective immediately. This is in addition to his current assignments as director of Vocations and director of Campus Ministry at St. John Paul the Fisherman Parish in Morgantown.

In consultation with Rev. Father Jaya Raj Battula, H.G.N., provincial superior of the St. John Paul II Province of the Heralds of Good News, Father Yusu Golla, H.G.N., is appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Williamson, effective immediately. This is in addition to his current assignment as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Logan.

Rev. Mr. Robert A. Holliday is appointed permanent deacon at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Roncove, and St. Charles Borromeo Parish in White Sulphur Springs, and to liturgical ministry at these same parishes, effective immediately.

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discrimination I witnessed as a child, with how much more right do African Americans react against it! We American bishops addressed the issue of enduring racism in our society in our Pastoral Letter, Open Wide Our Hearts, in November, 2018 (usccb.org website). I urge you to read it.

The justified protests currently underway must not be tainted by those who wish to spread violence or ruin the livelihoods of their neighbors. Such acts do not advance the cause of racial equality and respect for the human dignity of all.

Pope St. Paul VI said, “If you want peace, work for justice.” Injuries to persons and destruction of property are not the work of justice and will not bring peace.

Let us honor George Floyd and others who have died in similar incidents by working for true justice and an America in which, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said, a person is “judged not by the color of his skin but by the content of his character.”

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transitional deacon, he said. The diaconate is one and the same for both, he said.

Every Christian, the bishop continued, is joined to Christ through baptism, and called to serve others. The Lord inspires his disciples to serve through his words and his example and he strengthens them by the grace of the sacraments to imitate his service, Bishop Brennan said.

“As you, a deacon, engage in the ministry of charity you will often do the same things that lay disciples do,” the bishop said to Deacon Szabo. “The difference is not in the material act but in its spiritual significance and broader ecclesial or church context.”

In helping the poor or visiting the sick, his service will take place in this wider context, the bishop said to him.

“You are an icon or image of the unity of the love of God and the love of neighbor. Your voice comforting the sick also proclaims the good news in the assembly of the faithful gathered to show their love for God,” he said.

“You hand giving food to a hungry family or helping a frail person up a flight of stairs also gives the sacramental Christ to his people, who love him and want to receive him. The love we offer God at Mass must bear fruit in the love we offer those in need and you, as a deacon, represent before the faithful the unity of those loves which are truly one.”

Bishop Brennan said that because the credibility of Jesus’ teaching that we must love both God and neighbor is at stake in his diaconal role, the Lord will endow him with a grace beyond his baptism.

Building upon it, the bishop said, but beyond that. Others may exercise some of his liturgical roles such as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, or visiting the sick, which is all on the basis of their baptism.

“You will exercise these ministries as one even more intimately joined to the source of all service, the Lord Jesus, who offered his life to rescue ours,” the bishop said to Deacon Szabo.

“Your service of word and sacrament in the liturgy is also a form of charity. For the word of God and sacraments give life to God’s people, and you are Christ’s minister on their behalf.”

The diaconate is not lost in priesthood, the bishop said. Rather, it will be a continuation of it. Much of his own priesthood, the bishop said, has been a continuation of his diaconate in visiting the sick, sharing the faith with others, helping a homeless person find shelter. Bishops, he said, wear a deacon’s dalmatic under their chasubles as a sign that their diaconate endures. “The call to serve as Christ served, the minister of charity, doesn’t go silent once you’re ordained a priest,” he said.

In the promise of celibacy, Bishop Brennan told Deacon Szabo that he will commit himself to follow the Lord Jesus, literally.

“For as highly as he regarded marriage, raising it for his disciples to the level of a sacrament which gives grace to the couple for a lifelong union of fruitful love, the Lord himself did not marry,” the bishop said. “He remained celibate ... to serve the kingdom of God without distractions and, even more, because we, all of us together, are his spouse and he could have no other.”

The bishop spoke of Deacon Szabo’s promise of obedience to the bishop and his successors. Bishop Brennan said to Deacon Szabo that it really is a promise to the Lord to do what he asks and acknowledge his choice to exercise his authority in his church through his apostles and their successors, the bishops.

“The Lord has sent you and all of us an example of obedience by his steadfast adherence to his father’s plan for our salvation,” he said, emphasizing that it cost him much suffering. “I cannot promise you that in being an obedient servant of God you will never suffer. You may be asked to do things you dislike or feel unqualified for, but I can promise you that God will always stand by you and he will not let the suffering crush you.”

“As you pray with and for the church, as you strive to be a faithful and obedient and celibate man, as you give up yourself in service to others on the altar and in a poor family’s home, you become the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies,” that dies to a life turned outward and produces much fruit.

In ending his homily, Bishop Brennan said to Deacon Szabo, “In your diaconate and later in your priesthood you will discover the loss is gain and pain is growth. Trust the Lord, turn to him often, and be confident that the one who has called you to this good work will bring it to completion.”

Deacon Szabo then prostrated himself on the altar. This was followed by Bishop Brennan laying his hands upon Deacon Szabo’s head, ordaining him a deacon. He was vested with the stole and dalmatic by Deacon David Galvin, permanent deacon at St. James, and Deacon Larry Hammel, permanent deacon at Assumption of Our Lady Parish in Keyser and Szabo’s home Parish of Our Lady of Grace in Romney.

Bishop Brennan then presented the Book of the Gospels to Deacon Szabo, so that he may proclaim the good news and model his life after Christ.

Deacon Szabo will spend a year preaching the Gospel and preparing for his ordination to priesthood. He began that ministry June 3 in his summer assignment at St. Thomas Parish in Thomas, and Our Lady of Mercy Mission in Parsons, with Father Timothy Grassi, pastor.
More Catholic High Schools Announce Graduation Plans

By Colleen Rowan
WEST VIRGINIA—Central Catholic High School in Wheeling and Parkersburg Catholic High School have announced plans for graduation ceremonies amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Graduation for Central Catholic’s 72 seniors has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Aug. 1 at Oglebay Amphitheater at Oglebay Park. Principal Becky Sancomb said the rain date is Aug. 2. Central also held a Baccalaureate Mass for graduates at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Wheeling May 29. The Mass was celebrated by Msgr. Paul Hudock, designated pastor of the school and pastor of the parish.

Parkersburg Catholic will hold a graduation ceremony on June 18 at 6 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church in Parkersburg.

The announcement was made in a letter to PCHS seniors from Father John Rice, pastor and chaplain of the school and pastor of St. Francis Xavier.

In his letter, he says that arrangements will be made for as much of the traditional graduation trappings as possible, including the inclusion of valedictorian and salutatorian speeches, the senior slideshow, a variation of the candle-lighting ceremony, a graduation speaker, a graduates procession into the church (with everyone else already seated), and the cap toss.

In keeping with current diocesan guidelines, seating in the church will be limited. A photographer will be provided.

“We know how hard it is to graduate with a four-year education by a semester or two,” he said. Wheeling University President Ginny R. Favede.

“This is more than just something to do for the summer,” President Favede said. “What are you doing to invest in yourself and your future? Do you want to accomplish something that helps put you ahead? We wanted to give our incoming and current students an opportunity to get ahead in their coursework and the Summer of Purpose program will help them accomplish this.”

The program isn’t just for Wheeling University students. For the first time, the institution is offering rising high school seniors the opportunity to take collegiate level courses.

“We know how hard it is to graduate with a four-year degree in four years. In these times of uncertainty, this is allowing rising high school seniors an opportunity to take a class or two during the summer that will earn them credits toward a college degree down the road and get some core requirements out of the way,” Favede added.

The Summer of Purpose program also allows current and incoming students the opportunity to take courses at a discounted rate. All classes for this track are discounted, with the first three hours discounted 10 percent, and students taking six hours receiving a 25 percent.

Favede said the program offers incoming students the chance to get a jump start on their courses in an online delivery format and will introduce them to the pace of college coursework. Each student will earn credits toward a college degree down the road and get some core requirements out of the way, Favede added.

Current students have the opportunity to learn alongside fellow undergraduates in a safe, online learning environment.

The summer course tracks are offering 200 and 300-level classes that could speed up a student’s undergraduate education by a semester or more.

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All classes will be taught by Wheeling University faculty in the Catholic, educational tradition.

The next Summer of Purpose session for incoming and current students begins June 29 and continues through Aug. 11.

Wheeling University Summer of Purpose Program Providing High School, Incoming and Current Students Online Courses

WHEELING—Wheeling University’s Summer of Purpose program offers rising high school seniors, as well as incoming and current students, a dynamic collection of courses to take online throughout the summer.

Courses offered during the summer sessions are being discounted to give students a purpose this summer, said Wheeling University President Ginny R. Favede.

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Watch Lives-Tream of Masses at dwc.org
from the Cathedral of St. Joseph
12:05 p.m. daily, and Saturdays
at 6 p.m.
By Martina Hart

CHARLESTON—Catholics of West Virginia were welcomed back to their churches for Masses May 23-24, the first weekend since the suspension of public liturgies in mid-March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The following weekend at many parishes, catechumens and candidates were received into the church.

“I’m so grateful to be back with my church family and to receive the Eucharist,” said Mary Williams, a member of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston. She attended the 8 a.m. Mass on May 24. “All the precautions and everyone following guidelines carefully is very much appreciated.”

Between 30 and 50 people attended each of the four Masses offered that first weekend, the vigil Mass on Saturday evening as well as 8 and 10 a.m. and noon on Sunday. The regular Sunday evening Mass was omitted for now. In addition, one Mass was offered at noon Monday through Friday, drawing up to 15 participants.

Under current physical distancing guidelines there is room for 75 people in the basilica which normally holds around 350. Parishioners had to preregister for a particular Mass. Upon arrival they were greeted by an usher, who made sure they were wearing a mask (or otherwise provided one to keep), and after sanitizing their hands escorted them to their assigned seats.

Julie and Reed Robinson who attended the 10 a.m. Mass were very impressed with the preparations and logistics put in place to provide a safe environment.

“Father Higgs did an excellent job trying to just explain what was going on and at the same time trying to make it as normal as possible which is very difficult to do,” Reed said. “You feel very confined and isolated in some sense because you’re so far away, but at the same time it’s nice to get back and to see people and to have a community celebration again. I think even though you have access to watching the Mass (via livestream) it’s not even close to participating in person in the Eucharistic celebration and receiving the Blessed Sacrament.”

The Robinsons said it had been hard to stay away from Sacred Heart where they had spent every Sunday for the past 23 years and to not see fellow parishioners that had become like family. “It was good to see some familiar faces, although just the top half of their faces,” Julie said. “It’s going to be very strange for me as a longtime choir member to not have the choir,” she added. “That’s a big part of Mass for me, so it still didn’t feel normal.”

Organist Greg Gray and cantor/choir director Jeremy Severn led the congregation who were provided disposable worship aids instead of hymnals. Music overall was minimized, e.g. only singing one verse of hymns, in order to shorten the liturgy and ensure enough time between Masses to clean and sanitize the building.

Jack Walsh served as usher for his “regular” Sunday noon Mass. His wife Annabelle remained home with her parents who are considered part of the most vulnerable group and continued to attend livestreamed Mass with them.

“What really hit me emotionally was the usher training on Wednesday (preceding that weekend),” Walsh said. “It was the first time to see many church and Knights (of Columbus) buddies, along with Father Don and Father Binu.”

Confronted also with worries about his parents who live in Rhode Island, he “really appreciated being part of the church and the strength of our parish coming together.” He was also struck by how many had responded to the call for more and younger ushers to help facilitate the logistics.

Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, Assoc. V.F., rector of the basilica, celebrated each of the weekend Masses with Father Binu Emmanuel, vice rector, as concelebrant. For the distribution of Communion, they were joined by one Eucharistic minister, each of them placed at one of three stations. A lector used a separate microphone to read from.

“It was a comfort to me to see people, particularly as I presided,” Father Higgs said. “It’s challenging not to gather, not to greet people coming in, going out because we haven’t seen them for a while. So, it’s just kind of like a wave from a distance.”

He pointed out the significance of welcoming the congregation home on the Feast of the Ascension, “when we celebrate Jesus’ leaving our earthly home, his return to God the Father.”

Father Higgs commended the work of parish and maintenance staff, ushers and other volunteers, and the cooperation of parishioners in following guidelines. “Everybody had to pull this together,” he said. “There was an effort; it took a lot of people to do it.”

“I was so excited and happy to welcome people back to the basilica,” Father Emmanuel agreed. “I am so grateful to our people for their perseverance in practicing their faith...”

Although they had been united in love and prayer and supported each other by acts of charity, he said, there was a great joy in worshiping God together as a community. While parishioners and priests acknowledged and appreciated the hesitance and caution of those who prefer to wait a little longer before returning to public church services, they felt it was a good start of a gradually evolving process.

“Even in the midst of this awkward time we are reminded again of what remains true, what is important in our lives,” Father Higgs said in his homily that weekend. “The comfort of the Word of God, the nourishment of the body of Christ that you have fasted from for over two months.”

He reminded the congregation of Jesus’ Great Commission to go out to all the world: “We gather now with the whole world, who experience the same crisis, but we don’t alter our course given to us by Jesus, our light. By our caring for each other we teach all nations. May we bring them to Christ who is our lasting hope and will remain with us till the end of time.”
Catholic Charities West Virginia Announced as Finalist for Innovation Challenge

**WHEELING—**Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) has been selected as a finalist for the Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) Innovation Challenge. The CCUSA Innovation Challenge, introduced in September 2019, seeks to inspire Catholic Charities agencies to propose a fresh solution toward alleviating, reducing or eliminating poverty.

CCWVa is one of nine finalists from across the country. “One of the many strengths of the Catholic Charities network is our ability to share innovative approaches to reducing poverty,” said Beth Zarate, CCWVa chief executive officer. “We learn from one another to advance our delivery of social services.”

Three Catholic Charities agencies will receive an award of $333,333 to be used to capitalize their initiatives. “I want to provide our ministry a platform to think creatively and innovatively about how they address poverty in their community every day,” said Sister Donna Markham OP, PhD, president and CEO of CCUSA. “This challenge serves as a catalyst to encourage ideas that lead to systemic change in the way they address poverty.”

CCWVa proposed an Innovative Hospital Transition Program in partnership with Wheeling Hospital. The two organizations would work together to develop a supportive transition for high-risk patients as they are discharged from the hospital. A CCWVa case manager would provide individualized supportive services, following up with the patient to ensure they have their medications filled, understand instructions and are connected to community resources.

“Collaboration with valued community partners, like Wheeling Hospital, is so key in our non-profit social service work,” said Sara Lindsay, CCWVa chief program officer. “Through resource leveraging, we are able to provide higher quality services to the most people in need.”

For high-risk hospital patients with complex needs, this collaboration would provide a more fluid transition from the inpatient setting to home, reducing readmission rates and helping individuals better achieve health stability,” said Lindsay.

Additionally, space would be made available within the hospital for a “food pharmacy” – a food pantry or those with fixed or low incomes to visit before they are discharged. Local parishes would collaborate to help stock the pantry with donations of nutritious foods specific to certain chronic illnesses.

“Strategic community partnerships like this benefit the entire community, not only those receiving direct services,” said Lindsay.

Wheeling Hospital Stringent Safety Precautions in Place As Services Resume

**WHEELING—**Wheeling Hospital, like many institutions across the country, has begun ramping up its services and opening its doors to the “new normal” as some pandemic restrictions are eased. Having worked incredibly hard with the rest of the region to flatten the curve of the pandemic, the hospital is tackling new challenges that arise with the resumption of routine services such as elective surgeries, cardiology, radiology and ambulatory clinics.

“We’re also stepping forward to provide the quality service this area has come to expect at Wheeling Hospital,” said Dr. Michael Campsey, Chief Medical Officer. “In doing so we want to assure you that we are taking precautions to protect you from the coronavirus.”

Changes that patients will see include all staff, visitors and patients wearing masks; and a triage process in the Emergency Department that separates patients according to the type of illness they are experiencing. In addition, the pre-operative screening now includes questions directed toward symptoms, contacts and travel prior to surgery. In some cases, patients may be required to have COVID-19 testing performed before surgery.

Specialized units have been created to separate any COVID-19 patients or suspected patients from the general population of patients.

Additional precautions visitors may not see include:
- Enhanced facility and room cleaning procedures targeted to eliminate any virus from surfaces.
- Up-to-date monitoring of infection control policies that are consistent with current CDC guidelines.
- Enhanced personal protective equipment guidelines to protect the health care providers and patients.
- On-going collaboration with local health departments and neighboring states to track potential outbreaks and determine appropriate facility action.

In addition, patient visitation restrictions remain in place.
- Visitation permitted only in labor and delivery (one visitor per patient per day); and pediatrics (two visitors per patient per day to allow mother and father to visit).
- Visitation is suspended in ICU/critical care except in end-of-life situations.
- No visitors under the age of 18 are permitted inside the hospital.
- Visitors who do not feel well should reconsider their visit.
- No visitors at the Continuous Care Center.
- No visitation at Acuity at either Wheeling or Belmont sites.
- All visitors to the hospital are required to wear face masks. Masks are available upon request.
- All visitors are asked to maintain social distancing and try to remain 6 feet apart.

All requests for visitation exceptions must be made by health care providers or nursing leadership. Those requests must be limited to the following: end-of-life decisions, pediatrics, obstetrics, deaf patients, low mental capacity, or other extraordinary circumstances approved by incident command or hospital leadership.

To enhance public safety and make disbursement of patient items during the COVID-19 pandemic more efficient, Wheeling Hospital has adopted a Clear Bag Policy. Any patient wishing to receive items from an external source must have the items labeled with the patient name and placed in a clear bag. The items can be dropped off at the main entrance volunteer desk for distribution. All bags may be inspected and tagged by security.

Wheeling Hospital’s Physician Practice Division members have turned to telehealth to ensure their patients receive quality time with their health care providers. Telehealth allows patients to have visits and consults with their physicians and nurse practitioners via computer. This is especially beneficial when stay-at-home restrictions are in place or patients reside in very rural areas. For practices using telehealth, a link is sent to the patient, allowing them to download the Webex app after the appointment is scheduled. The real time visit can be done via Smartphone, Tablet or computer with voice and video capability.

“We want our patients and visitors to know that we are doing our very best to keep them safe,” Campsey said. “They can rely on the employees of Wheeling Hospital to provide them with the best care during this crisis. Most importantly, if you or someone you know requires urgent or emergent care we encourage you to come to the hospital so that you can get the care you need and deserve.”
Daily Living Returns to the Eastern Panhandle

By Colleen Rowan

After a long hiatus, Father Chapin Engler’s Daily Living has returned to the Eastern Panhandle. The show is being televised Sundays at 11 a.m. on Nexstar WDVM out of Hagerstown, Md.

Father Chapin is happy to return the show to the people of the area. For those who have never seen the show, he suggests visiting mydailyliving.com to view episodes.

“The tagline is how can we take the good news and apply it into our daily living so that we can become reflections of God,” Father Chapin said. “That’s the mission.”

The show, he explained, is geared toward people that do not go to church.

“They know about Jesus, they believe in Jesus, but they don’t really read the Bible. They don’t really practice their faith, but they’re interested,” Father Chapin said, noting that the show is about teaching, not preaching.

For example, right now he’s talking about fear and not being afraid. He uses the analogy of a parent at a swimming pool encouraging his or her child to jump into the water for the first time. The parent assures the child that he or she will catch him or her. Father Chapin said, “This is Jesus saying ‘Jump, go ahead jump. Don’t be afraid.’”

Father Chapin is currently pastor of the Parishes of Christ he King in Dunbar and Holy Trinity in Nitro and St. Patrick Mission in Bancroft. He started Daily Living 12 years ago, two months after his ordination to priesthood. It all began in Beckley on the radio, and then a move to television. After two years and a few moves, he became pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in White Sulphur Springs, making a connection with Gov. Jim Justice before he was governor. Justice donated funds to help Father Chapin take the show statewide. A donation from an anonymous donor then funded the show for another seven years.

“Once we were on the air statewide, that’s when Catholic TV approached me,” Father Chapin said. At that time, Daily Living was in almost 2 million homes in West Virginia, Catholic TV, out of Water- town, Mass., brought the show to an additional 15 million homes. It was then picked up by The Christian Faith Network (formerly Tele-care) in Newark, N.J., adding another six million homes, and the Diocese of Pittsburgh for its cable channel adding another 1 million homes. World Harvest Television on DirectTV also picked up the show.

“Right now Daily Living is receiving partnerships, monthly checks from supporters that completely fund the show,” Father Chapin said, “and we are represented in 43 of the 50 states—every state east of the Mississippi and every state west, minus seven.

“We’ve come along way. We started with one station and 200,000 households and with zero financial support and it’s now 51 million homes, nationally, 12 years later.”

Father Chapin is so grateful that people have been moved enough to support the show. They write letters to him, sharing the impact the show has had on their lives.

“It’s very moving that what we do in the basement of our rectory is affecting Madeline in Carson, Calif., and I read her letter on air and then Margaret of Boston responds to Madeline,” he said. “It’s like a bicoastal connection.”

Father Chapin is also grateful for all of the prayers he has received following his accident and continuing recovery over the past five months. Just a few days after this past Christmas, he was hit by a car, going through the windshield and then landing 30 feet from the car. The accident left him with lacerations on his face a head, and a broken leg, clavicle, scapula, and all of the ribs on his left side. He was in the hospital for a month and has been in rehab ever since. In the accident, his axillary nerve in his left arm was severed, and he cannot raise his arm. He recently underwent nerve transplant surgery, which could restore up to 70 to 80 percent of functional mobility in the arm. The next surgery will be on his leg.

Father Chapin has received so many letters of support and prayers. “I’m convinced,” he said, “that the daily rosary to the Blessed Mother, and all those prayers have seen me through.”

To make a donation to support the show, make checks payable to Daily Living, PO Box 339, Nitro, WV 25143 or donate online at mydailyliving.com.

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11 Nexstar WDVM Hagerstown, Md.
6:30 WOWK CBS 13 Charleston, Huntington
8:30 WNIN FOX 59 Beckley, Bluefield, Lewisburg
10:00 WTOV METV Wheeling, Steubenville
9:30 WVFX FOX 10 Clarksburg, Fairmont, Morgantown
10:00 DirectTV 367 World Harvest Television

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Pope Clears Way to Sainthood for Three, Advances Causes of Others

By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis has approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, clearing the way for his beatification.

While the Vatican announced May 27 that Pope Francis had signed the decree, it did not announce a date for the beatification ceremony.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, previously scheduled beatification Masses have been postponed.

For beatification, the Vatican requires proof of a miracle attributed to the candidate’s intercession, unless the candidate was martyred for his or her faith.

A statement from the Knights of Columbus said, “The miracle recognized as coming through Father McGivney’s intercession involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after prayers by his family to Father McGivney.”

“A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut,” the statement said.

Meeting with the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus in early February, the statement noted, Pope Francis said the organization has been faithful “to the vision of your founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, who was inspired by the principles of Christian charity and fraternity to assist those most in need.”

Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action,” said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. “He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s.”

For canonization — the declaration that the candidate is a saint — a miracle must take place after the beatification ceremony; it is seen as God’s final seal of approval on the church’s proclamation that the candidate is in heaven with God.

Father McGivney was born Aug. 12, 1852, the eldest of 13 children born to Michael McGivney in Waterbury, Conn. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1877 and stayed there for a time out of concern for his family and because he lacked funds. At the request of Hartford’s bishop, he enrolled in St. Mary’s Seminary in Baltimore, where he completed his priestly studies. In 1877, he was ordained in Baltimore by Archbishop James Gibbons for the then-Diocese of Hartford.

A few days after his ordination, he said his first Mass in the presence of his widowed mother at Immaculate Conception Church in Waterbury.

Father McGivney served as an assistant pastor at St. Mary’s Parish in New Haven, 1877-1884. He founded the Knights of Columbus with a small group of Catholic laymen, in order to strengthen religious faith and to help families overwhelmed by the illness or death of their breadwinner.

In 1884, he was named pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, a factory town about 10 miles from Waterbury. He fell ill during an influenza epidemic and died Aug. 14, 1890, probably from complications of pneumonia and tuberculosis.
By Joyce Bibey

He was a bit disheveled, wearing stained clothing, but surprisingly tidy. He spoke in a gentle voice – one that gave her great calm and enough encouragement to put mercy in motion.

“He opened my eyes,” Monica Cressin of St. Leo Catholic Church in Inwood said of Scott Fox, the first person she’d met in “tent city” – a secluded area occupied by homeless families and individuals in the Martinsburg area. She had gone to the South Berkeley spot with an acquaintance, who was filming a documentary on homelessness in America.

“When I went out to the site it was dark,” she said. “I had no idea where on earth I was going. We walked deep into the woods – seemingly another world. There I was a naïve woman, alone with strangers in a room of sorts with a metal garbage type can in its center and from it a pipe that stretched through a makeshift roof. This was their source of heat; in fact, it was the only source of heat out there.

“As odd and unbelievable as it may sound, I felt at peace talking to this man I would later learn was legally blind. Something had come over me that reassured me I was safe and needed to listen.”

If we all stop and listen, we will hear God talking to us, she said. Sometimes it is our own thoughts and voices. Sometimes it’s the voice of another like Fox.

Since she was a child, she was taught Matthew 25:40, “Whatever you did to the least of my people that you did unto me.”

“Who’s to say someone like a Scott Fox isn’t Jesus in disguise,” she questioned. “He is respected among his community as the protector and as their minister. He is preaching God’s word, giving hope to people through the words Jesus taught us. He is fulfilling his call.

Seeing his love and his care for the people on the street stirred my heart. I knew I had to do something. What, I didn’t know, but something.”

So, with the encouragement of her pastor Father Alfred Obiudu, she spoke to her fellow parishioners at the weekend Masses.

“I got up there with a mission to get a few people involved,” she said. “I told them about what I saw. The more I spoke the more tears came – it was so hard not to cry.”

Fast forward two years and St. Leo’s Homeless Ministry is 40 strong and growing.

Her volunteers of all ages, including the parish’s Boy Scouts, collaborate with other agencies, charities, and organizations that provide services to the homeless or services to prevent homelessness; help at Immanuel House in Martinsburg; make mats out of recycled plastic bags; and collect donations to purchase tents and sleeping bags and other essential items needed. While at Immanuel House, a non-denomination facility, volunteers serve meals, help people work on resumes, search job openings, do laundry, get haircuts, etc.

Cressin credits her mother for her compassion and work ethic.

“She is such a hard worker, always has been,” she said of her mother who is now 82 and living in the St. Leo Parish community.

Cressin was one of seven children of Walt and Marge Ruth. She grew up in Parkville, Maryland. They were a strong Catholic family often having their grandparents and other family members living with them.

“It was only a four-bedroom home, but we always made room,” she said. “For me being compassionate was our way of life. You learn through that closeness of family what love is really about.”

Each day Cressin recites a variety of prayers, but one dear to her is the Serenity Prayer she See “Mercy” on Page 12

Part of the St. Leo Homeless Ministry crew.
Mercy...
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learned from St. Leo’s former pastor Father Paul Wharton now at St. Francis de Sales, in Beckley.

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as the pathway to peace. Taking as Jesus did this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will; that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever and ever in the next.

“With this prayer God reminds me through our sufferings we become stronger if we give our struggles to Him,” she said.

“God is the reason I get up thankful every day. He gave me the strength to do what I am doing, and the guidance to know what to do and what to say to help that person in need.”

For more information on how to help the St. Leo Catholic Church Homeless Ministry or how to begin one of your own at your parish contact Monica Cressin at homeless.ministry@stleo.com

Catholic Crossword Puzzle
Puzzle solution on Page 14

ACROSS
1   ___ to Emmaus
5   Tied
10  Catholic Surrealist painter
14  Commander of the army who was made king over Israel (1 Kings 16:16)
15  One of the wedding party
16  Father of Jesse
17  Lake or pond
18  At that place
19  Powder
20  Self-esteem
21  Ark passenger
22  Dyes
23  Rouses
25  Saint for managers of the Hilton and the like
27  OT wisdom book
28  Outcast
30  Biblical measure from the elbow to the end of the middle finger
33  Page in account book
35  OT historical book
37  Riding the Indian
38  “___ in terris”
39  Swindle
40  Sack
41  Blood line
42  “___ in Deum Patrem omnipotentem…”
43  Jesus multiplied these
45  Day dedicated to Marian devotions (abbr.)
46  Mother-in-law of Ruth
47  of Prague
50  Virile
52  ___ will
53  Expression of triumph
55  Samoan capital
56  Anonak
58  NT epistle
59  Grant temporary use of
60  Steamlined
61  Certain something
62  Energy units
63  Woman’s one-piece undergarment
64  Nav. officer

DOWN
1   Priscilla and Aquila left here because the Jews were ordered out (Acts 18:2)
2   Alpha and ___
3   Straight as an ___
4   Decease
5   Reformation character
6   What Catholics receive on the first day of Lent
7   H.S. science course
8   Permanently, in poems
9   A parish position (abbr.)
10  Anno ___
11  Affluence
12  For fear that
13  Like Pete
14  Parody
15  NZ military branch
16  Sack
17  “In the ___…” (Gen 1:1)
18  Copa
19  Child of Catholic Hollywood costume designer
20  Hack
21  Amer. military branch
22  “In the ___…” (Gen 1:1)
23  Tehran tongue
24  The feast of the Guardian Angels is the second of this month
25  Hack
26  Disfigure
27  Shortened Catholic Hollywood
28  Book of the Bible
29  They come before the entrees to keep holy the Lord’s Day
30  Med. Plan
31  Composition in verse
32  “___ and female he created them.” (Gen 1:27)
33  Mes. across the Pyrenees
34  Med. Plan
36  “___ and female he created them.” (Gen 1:27)
37  Catholic actor Frawley’s famous TV role
38  Book of the Bible
39  Winter clock setting in the Diocese of Reno
40  Copier
41  Catholic actor Frawley’s famous TV role
42  Flea market
43  Mother-in-law of Ruth
44  TV role
45  “___ and female he created them.” (Gen 1:27)
46  “___ and female he created them.” (Gen 1:27)
47 handled by ___ and female he created them.” (Gen 1:27)
48  Bucharest
49  TV role
50  “___ and female he created them.” (Gen 1:27)
51  D.C. lobbying group
52  Catholic actor Frawley’s famous TV role
53  TV role
54  TV role
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59  TV role
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63  TV role
64  TV role

By Msgr. Dean Borgmeyer
Papa reza por Estados Unidos, califica el racismo como un asunto provida

Por Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Observando con gran preocupación los disturbios sociales en los Estados Unidos, el papa Francisco dijo que nadie puede afirmar que defiende la santidad de cada vida humana mientras ignora el racismo y la exclusión.

Dirigiéndose a todos los “queridos hermanos y hermanas en los Estados Unidos” durante su audiencia general transmitida en vivo el 3 de junio, el papa dijo: “Hoy me uno a la iglesia en St. Paul y Minneapolis, y en todo Estados Unidos para rezar por el reposo del alma de George Floyd y de todos los que han perdido la vida a causa del pecado del odio y el racismo y la exclusión”.

“Rezamos por el consuelo de las familias y de los amigos agobiados por el dolor y oramos por la reconciliación nacional y la paz que anhelamos”, dijo. El papa dijo: “he sido testigo con gran preocupación de los inquietantes disturbios sociales en su país en días recientes después de la trágica muerte del señor George Floyd”, un hombre de 46 años, cuyos últimos momentos de vida fueron grabados en un video ampliamente difundido que muestra a un oficial de policía blanco en Minneapolis presionando su cuello con la rodilla el 25 de mayo. Después del incidente, Floyd fue declarado muerto.

“Nosotros, amigos, no podemos tolerar o ignorar el racismo y la exclusión en cualquier forma y al mismo tiempo pretender defender la santidad de cada vida humana. Para nosotros, la verdadera justicia y una América en la que, como dijo el Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., una persona “no es juzgada por el color de su piel sino como dice el contenido de su personaje”. La verdadera justicia y una América en la que, como dijo el Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., una persona “no es juzgada por el color de su piel sino como dice el contenido de su personaje”.

“Hoy harás promesas de ser un hombre de oración, un hombre de amor celoso y un hombre de fe obediente”, dijo el Obispo Brennan al diácono Szabo en su homilía. “Estas promesas sostendrán en ustedes un diaconado vibrante y, si Dios quiere, el año próximo un sacerdocio fructífero”.

Después de la homilía del obispo, el diácono Szabo se postró frente al altar. A continuación, el obispo Brennan puso sus manos sobre la cabeza del diácono Szabo y le ordenó diácono. El diácono David Galvin, diácono permanente en St. James, y el diácono Larry Hammel, diácono permanente en la parroquia Asunción de Nuestra Señora en Keyser y la parroquia de la casa de Szabo en Romney le dieron la estola y la dalmática.

El obispo Brennan luego presentó el Libro de los Evangelios al diácono Szabo, para que pueda proclamar las Buenas Nuevas y modélar su vida después de Cristo. El diácono Szabo pasará un año predicando el Evangelio y preparándose para su ordenación al sacerdocio. Comenzó ese ministerio el 3 de junio en su asignación de verano en la Parroquia St. James.

Reportar casos sospechosos de abuso sexual de niños

Para informar a las autoridades civiles

Póngase en contacto con la policía local; Los números varían según su ubicación. Si cree que alguien está en peligro inmediato, llame al 911. Para reportar confidencialmente cualquier incidencia de sospecha de abuso infantil, incluido el abuso sexual, comuníquese con el Oficina de Servicios para la Protección Infantil de la Oficina de Niños y Familias de West Virginia llamando a la línea directa de abuso infantil al 800-352-6513.

Para informar a la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston

La Diócesis alienta a que se informe ante las autoridades civiles apropiadas, en primer lugar, así como a las autoridades eclesiásticas apropiadas. Para reportar casos sospechosos de abuso sexual de niños por parte del personal de la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston a la Diócesis, comuníquese con uno de los designados al 304-233-0880. Las extensiones adecuadas se enumeran a continuación:

- Sr. Ellen F. Dunn, O.P., ext. 264
- Señor. Bryan Minor, ext. 263
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Policía del Estado de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Delitos contra los Niños, Crimes de Internet contra los Niños
Siblings Paul and Helena Teltscher have turned their dining room into a 3D printing lab and mask assembly line. But that’s ok with their parents, because Paula and Helena are helping to equip those on the frontlines of the coronavirus with face masks and shields.

The kids are students at Parkersburg Catholic High School, which established a new technology lab last year. The school purchased a number of new computers, AV equipment, and a 3D printer, Paul said. The plan was to offer computer classes, 3D printing workshops, and e-sports for students of all ages (K-12). But the onset of the pandemic changed that plan.

“Aidan Roberts (fellow PCHS student) and I have been working with the 3D printer and preparing it for use in classes next year,” said Paul, a sophomore at the school. “In the days following the closure of the school campus due to COVID-19, Aidan sent me a text suggesting that, since we can’t use the 3D printer in school, we should instead use it to help our community.”

And so, Paul and Helena’s work began. To date they have made 155 masks and 60 face shields. They gave the first batch to Pat Givens, a representative from the West Virginia Department of Education at the Caperton Center at WVU-P in Parkersburg April 27.

“We will print approximately 8 per day as long as they are needed, and will buy more supplies accordingly,” Paul said. “We have also begun with the printing of face shields—another type of PPE very much in demand.”

The look of the masks is hard to explain, said Helena, who is in seventh grade at PCHS.

“It looks a little like Darth Vader’s lower mask, or Plo Koon’s mask,” she said, noting that she is a big Star Wars fan. She then went on to explain the details.

“We started making masks using Polylactic Acid (PLA) and then experimented with a material called Polylactide Terephthalate — Glycol (PETG), which is the same plastic water bottles are made of,” she said. “We hoped that masks made of PETG would be stronger and lighter. They however only proved to be heavier and took longer to print, so we reverted back to PLA. For the fully assembled masks, we are adding a filter (cut up vacuum bags), gaskets (made from rubber window seal), and elastic headbands (made from various materials). After completion, the face masks can be adjusted to fit different faces by softening the material at once,” Helena said.

Material costs for each mask are between $1 and $2 per mask, Helena shared, depending on whether or not they are just making the plastic parts, or assembling a complete mask. “Fortunately, we have received a couple of generous donations to help cover the cost of mask materials,” she said.

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“We print the two plastic parts of the masks and pass them along to representatives from the Department of Education and/or National Guard,” Paul said.

The West Virginia National Guard then sanitizes and completes the masks by attaching air filters, gaskets and elastic bands, he said. The masks are then distributed to frontline medical workers throughout West Virginia. In addition, they are making some fully assembled masks for direct use by local health care workers in the Parkersburg and the surrounding area.

“Right now, healthcare workers are in dire need of our help,” Paul said. “They risk their lives to help those infected by COVID-19, and we should help them in any way that we can. By printing these masks, we provide protection for the healthcare workers and their patients. We encourage others to find creative ways to help those fighting the epidemic as well.”

Much of what Paula and Helena know about 3D printing stems from their participation in the local FIRST robotics team at the Caperton Center at WVU-P in Parkersburg. The team consists of high school students from Parkersburg Catholic Schools, Parkersburg High School, and Parkersburg South High School. With the robotics season cut short due to COVID-19, Paul said, several team members have turned to making masks and face shields as a way to further develop some of the skills learned preparing for robotics competitions.

“My wife and I are very pleased that our children have found a way to use the time outside the (virtual) classroom to have a positive impact on our community’s COVID response,” Markus said. “The cancellation of the 2020 FIRST robotics season was a pretty tough blow (especially for Paul), and this project gives our kids a new and useful outlet for their creative energy.”

“On the flip-side, making masks means that our dining room has been an assembly line,” Helena said.

By Colleen Rowan

PARKERSBURG—Siblings Paul and Helena Teltscher show the face masks and shields they have been making at their home for those working on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic.

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Emmas Ministry for Grieving Parents Will Hold One-Day Retreat

MORGANTOWN—This retreat is designed for grieving parents whose precious children of any age (from conception to old age) have died by any cause (miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, illness, accident, suicide, murder, overdose, etc.), no matter how long ago.

The retreat agenda includes prayer services, spiritual reflections, breakout sessions, Emmaus Walk, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and time for reflection. Find compassion, rest, and peace...at least for a time.

Saturday, Oct. 17, at St. Mary Church, 33348 University Avenue, Morgantown.

Suggested donation: $25/individual; $40/couple. Donation includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available.

For more information, contact Ed and June Cesa at ejcesa@windstream.net or call (724) 886-0366, or Jeanne McKeets in the Department of Faith Formation & Mission at jmckeets@dwc.org or call (304) 233-0880, ext. 374.

West Virginians for Life Announces New Date for Annual Rose Dinner

MORGANTOWN—The West Virginian’s For Life (WVFL) 22nd Annual Rose Dinner, originally scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2020, has been rescheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12. All else remains the same. Location is the Holiday Inn in Morgantown, with featured speaker Melissa Coles, birth mother of David Scott, both heavily featured in the 2018 documentary “I Lived on Parker Avenue.” The 30-minute movie will be shown as well.

“What is it like for a young pregnant mother to enter an abortion facility? To be escorted past pro-life protesters, and make it all the way to the procedure room where she meets the abortionist? To have a change of heart, get off the procedure table, and walk out? What would it be like to meet her son 19 years after that fateful day? And how could her story change how we tell the pro-life narrative?” WVFL officials said.

“I Lived on Parker Avenue” is about a mother choosing life, the joy of a couple starting a family, and a young man in search for where his life began.

“We all know that statistics can never touch hearts the way a single person can,” WVFL officials said. “Come and hear Melissa’s story and watch the 30-minute documentary.”

There will also be a silent auction, which starts at 9 p.m. All the monies will go to the Educational Trust Fund of the WVFL. Reception followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

For reservations and cost info, email info@wvfollife.org or call 304-594-9845. More information is also available at https://www.wvfollife.org/event/22nd-annual-rose-dinner/

First Holy Communion

Father Paul Yuenger, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Huntington, administers first Holy Communion to students from the parish school. With the reopening of churches near the end of May, parishes and Catholic schools around the diocese are having first Holy Communions, which were postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Golf FORE Life Tournament Set for July

KINGWOOD—The Eighth Annual Golf FORE Life Tournament is a fundraiser held annually to benefit the life-saving efforts of West Virginians for Life. This year’s tournament swings into action Saturday, July 11 at Preston Country Club in Kingwood.

For a safe tournament, social distancing will be practiced as in one golf cart per golfer, unless family. Use of masks, hand sanitizers/disinfecting wipes are highly encouraged.

The schedule is: registration and box lunch at noon, Putting Contest at 1 p.m., Tee Time at 1:30 p.m., and MT State Box BBQ/Informal Awards Ceremony at 6 p.m.

For more details, call at (304) 594-9845. Register and pay online at http://www.wvfollife.org/event/.

Students...

Cont’d from Page 14 temporarily converted into a 3D printing lab and mask assembly line — but that is, of course, a minor inconvenience. Also, sitting around the dining table working with the printers, sanding parts, and assembling face masks is a new type of family activity that we could not have imagined just three months ago.”

Paul and Helena’s mother is a biology professor at WVU-P in Parkersburg, and their father is supply chain manager at Constellium in Ravenswood. The family attends St. Margaret Mary Parish in Parkersburg, where Paul and Helena are altar servers. The family is now looking forward to Paul’s confirmation.

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HUNTINGTON—St. Joseph Central Catholic High School in Huntington moved today to end both its academic and athletic relationship with the Huntington Prep Academy, beginning with the academic year 2020-2021.

As the academic year draws to a close and graduation celebrations have taken place, the Huntington Prep Academy has, unfortunately, failed to uphold their financial obligations with St. Joseph Central Catholic High School leaving a large amount of unpaid tuition in arrears. Attempts to collect the agreed-upon tuition by the school, and prior to the COVID-19 era, have been futile. St. Joseph’s principal, Dr. Carol Templeton, stated that “it is a disappointing and sad end to the school year, as the school remained committed to providing each Huntington Prep student with a high-quality academic program, embedded within our Catholic values. Many of the Huntington Prep students have now graduated St. Joseph this year to play basketball at the collegiate level and we wish them all the very best.”

Dr. Templeton also stated that the teachers continued to provide instruction, conducted lessons, administered assessments, and worked with the students throughout the academic year despite an unresolved tuition balance. Templeton stated that “this is not a student issue, we remained steadfast in our commitment to our students, this, unfortunately, is an organizational issue.”

The decision to terminate the relationship was made after consultation with the school’s Advisory Council and the Department of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

“St. Joseph’s has enjoyed a good relationship with the Huntington Prep Academy over the years,” Dr. Templeton said, “and we have appreciated the excitement and attention they have provided the school. However, we are a Catholic School first and foremost, and we have to fulfill our mission of educating our students.”

“During this difficult time,” she said, “St. Joseph must operate prudently in order to maintain a quality educational program for its students and to cover its costs, including the salaries of our dedicated and loyal faculty and staff.”

“Saying goodbye to the Huntington Prep Academy students is a tough decision for us, and if circumstances allow, all of the young men in the program are invited to apply for enrollment at St. Joseph through the school’s enrollment process,” Dr. Templeton said. “Our diverse and successful educational program is open to all the Huntington Prep students as well as other young men and women who seek academic rigor, service-learning opportunities, a Christ-centered environment, and a commitment to living Catholic values.”

St. Joseph Central Catholic’s mission is to educate the body, mind, and soul in the Catholic tradition, and to provide a safe environment in which students can become responsible members of society.