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HLC Continues Wheeling University Accreditation with Probation

University Response and Actions

WHEELING—On March 4, 2021, Wheeling University was notified by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of a change in status from “Accredited” to “Accredited – On Probation.” To clarify, Wheeling University

remains fully accredited by the HLC while working to address concerns raised by the HLC’s decision. Concurrently, the Higher Learning Commission decided to remove the Financial Distress designation imposed on the University in May 2019.

While under probation, Wheeling University remains fully accredited and strongly committed to remedying

the issues necessary to lift the sanction quickly and decisively. It is equally important to note that the HLC did not cite nor alter the degree award position or status of the University’s academic programs. The sanction has no negative impact on academics and will not affect students in terms of the awarding of credits or degrees.

In response, the University had al-

ready begun to address the issues of concern, which the Higher Learning Commission has acknowledged in its statement. Under the guidance of the HLC, Wheeling University will continue to improve and actively resolve these issues and others over the coming academic year. As part of the probationary process, Wheeling

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First Reconciliation

Courtesy Photo
Children around the diocese are making their first reconciliation. Above are the children at Sacred Heart Parish in Bluefield after receiving the sacrament from their pastor, Father Sebastian Devasya, who is standing with them. The children are, from left: Madeline French, Catherine Longworth-Bowling, Brogan Hudson, Henry Ward, Benjamin Crigger, Daeghyn Griffith, and Emilee Husband.

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University will provide a report to the HLC that it has addressed the issues that led to the sanction no later than July 1, 2022. The HLC will then conduct an on-site evaluation no later than September 2022. Wheeling University officials remain confident that the University will fully address all of the HLC's concerns and resume its regular accreditation status at the earliest possible time.

Wheeling University welcomes this important opportunity to improve as the University is an institution that embraces and meets its challenges. The University has already begun and will continue to respond effectively, making steady and significant improvements to its financial planning and assessment, while linking initiatives and operations to a solid strategic plan. These sustained efforts are necessary to fulfill the University's commitment to its students and alumni. Wheeling will continue to move forward with on-going corrections and will gain strength from rectifying the mistakes of prior administrations.

"We remain committed to excellence for our students, their families and our alumni. Our Catholic mission calls for us to reflect on our work and continuously seek ways to enhance our programs and service to others throughout the world," stated President Ginny R. Favede.

The HLC decision serves as an additional impetus to continue the work already begun in right-sizing Wheeling University involving the permanent establishment of best practices in fiscal management and controls, financial stewardship, operational efficiency, institutional assessment and effectiveness, and enrollment management.

"While the University is taking the HLC's action seriously, students will feel no ill effects in a day-to-day matter. We will still have our excellent professors teaching the same great courses. We will be fielding the same athletic teams, and our student-athletes will continue to compete. Not one student will lose their financial aid due to this decision, and we are not anticipating any reductions in faculty or staff due to the HLC's

actions. We know what work we have in front of us, and we have already made many of the improvements. It is important to emphasize that although the University is on probation, it remains fully accredited," stated President Favede.

Since October 2019, when Favede became President, she and her senior leadership team have worked closely with both the Higher Learning Commission and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission to address critical issues. This effort entailed a disciplined approach to managing finances, improving operations, bolstering academics, developing a new assessment system, providing faculty with additional support and training, and creating a new strategic plan, in addition to the significant efforts committed to enrollment and retention. As a result of these efforts and more, Wheeling University remains accredited and compliant with the HLC standards. Coming as part of its regular 10-year accreditation review, the sanction of probation by the HLC requires the University to continue to provide more data primarily in the areas of academic assessment, faculty re-development, institutional effectiveness, and planning. In the past year, the University had already recognized and had begun making significant progress in these areas.

"Setting our financial house in order and reassuring our students, our alumni, and the people of our region that Wheeling University will continue to be here for them, have been the top priorities of my administration. I am proud that my team has taken steps to put Wheeling on firmer footing, while continuing to develop new ways to improve the experience of our students, while serving the interests of our community," Favede continued.

"Our University's success - from enrollment levels to retention and graduation rates, to most especially the quality of our graduates - demonstrates that Wheeling University lives up to its mission of educating for leadership and service. We remain committed to our mission to provide a quality liberal arts education in the Catholic tradition as we have done for 67 years," said Favede.

To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children

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.report-bishopabuse.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: please call Dr. Patricia Bailey at 304.242.6988.

In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the EthicsPoint platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via www.dwc.org, under "Accountability", then "Report Misconduct" or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected.

Links and information: WV Department of Health and Human Resources: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp>. West Virginia State Police, Crimes Against Children Unit: 304-293-6400.

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."

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Obituary — Father Francis Leon Alexander

Father Francis Leon Alexander, 81, of Charleston, died Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at CAMC Memorial Division, Charleston. He was pastor at Blessed Sacrament Parish, South Charleston, for over 20 years and had also served several parishes in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.



and served as director from 1965 to 1971. He served as associate pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley from 1966 to 1968 and of Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarksburg in 1968. He was director of Youth for the diocese

from 1968 to 1971 and then served as associate pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in St. Albans from 1971 to 1972. He went on to serve as pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Montgomery from 1972 to 1981, Sacred Heart Parish in Bluefield from 1981 to 1986, Blessed Sacrament Parish in South Charleston from 1986 to 2006, and St. Francis de Sales Parish in Morgantown from 2006 to 2010.

Father Alexander served as dean of the Bluefield Deanery from 1981

to 1986 and vicar forane of the Charleston Vicariate from 1986 to 2006. He retired from active ministry in 2010. He also served as temporary administrator of Ascension Parish in Hurricane from 2018 to 2019. Father Alexander served on Presbyteral Council, the Clergy Personnel Committee and the Priests Health and Retirement Board.

He was an avid steam train lover and enjoyed acting with various acting guilds in the Kanawha Valley, but he was probably best known for his time spent at Camp Tygart in Huttonsville. Father Alexander was also an avid traveler where he visited many European countries of which Italy was his favorite.

He will be greatly missed because of his life's mission and ministry where he influenced and encouraged thousands of people throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter J.D. Alex-

ander and Rita M. Miller Alexander; brother, Walter John Duane Alexander, II.

Surviving, a niece and many nephews along with countless friends around the world.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., Friday, March 12, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, South Charleston.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 13, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with Bishop Mark Brennan as celebrant.

Please observe pandemic guidelines with social distancing and by wearing masks.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 305 E Street, South Charleston, WV 25303.

Good Shepherd Mortuary, South Charleston, is handling the arrangements.

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Bishops: Relief Will Help Many; Lack of Hyde Protections ‘Unconscionable’

By Julie Asher, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act heading to President Joe Biden’s desk for his signature will provide relief to Americans in need amid the pandemic, but it lacks “protections for the unborn,” the U.S. bishops said.

Their March 10 statement quickly followed U.S. House passage of the measure in a 220-211 vote. After the Senate passed its version of the bill March 6, it was sent back to the House where members reconciled its changes with the version they approved Feb. 27. Biden was expected to sign it into law the afternoon of March 12.

In a joint statement, Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the chairmen of six USCCB committees praised “positive provisions” that “will save people from extremely desperate situations and will likely save lives.”

But they called it “unconscionable” that Congress passed the bill “without critical protections needed to ensure that billions of taxpayer dollars are used for life-affirming health care and not for abortion.”

Unlike all of the previous pandemic relief bills, Hyde Amendment language was not included in this measure. Hyde outlaws federal tax dollars from directly funding abortion except in cases of rape, incest or when the life of the woman would be endangered.

In addition to Archbishop Gomez, the committee chairmen who signed the statement are: Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, Committee on Pro-Life Activities; Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, Committee on International Justice and Peace; Bishop Michael C. Barber of Oakland, California, Committee on Catholic Education; Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism; and Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville of Washington, Committee on Migration.

“As the American Rescue Plan Act was being written, Catholic bishops reached out to every House and Senate office to express our support for providing additional relief to help poor and vulnerable people who are most at risk of harm from this pandemic, and our strong conviction that this relief should also protect the unborn and their right to life,” the bishops said.

“We are grateful this legislation addresses many positive provisions, including unemployment assistance, child and earned income tax credit enhancements, nutrition funding, vaccine distribution funding, health care funding, housing assistance, international assistance to regions stricken by COVID, conflict and hunger,” they said.

But “unlike previous COVID relief bills,” the bishops said, “sponsors of the American Rescue Plan Act refused to include the long-standing, bipartisan consensus policy to prohibit taxpayer dollars from funding abortions domestically and internationally.”

Hyde Amendment language “was needed because this bill includes many general references to health care that, absent the express exclusion

of abortion, have consistently been interpreted by federal courts not only to allow, but to compel, the provision of abortion without meaningful limit,” the bishops said.

“The many important, life-saving provisions in the American Rescue Plan Act have been undermined because it facilitates and funds the destruction of life, which is antithetical to its aim of protecting the most vulnerable Americans in a time of crisis,” they added.

In remarks after its passage, Biden said the American Rescue Plan Act “represents a historic, historic victory for the American people. I look forward to signing it later this week.”

“Everything in the American Rescue Plan addresses a real need — including investments to fund our entire vaccination effort. More vaccines, more vaccinators and more vaccination sites,” he said.

No Republican in the House or Senate voted for the bill. Two House Democrats joined their Republican counterparts to vote against it Feb. 27; in the final House vote, one Democrat rejected it. The measure includes \$17 billion for vaccine-related activities and programs and \$110 billion for other efforts to contain the pandemic; \$130 billion for public schools; and \$143 billion to expand child tax credit, child care tax credit and earned income tax credit mostly for one year.

Other provisions include \$45 billion to temporarily expand Affordable Care Act subsidies for two years and subsidize 2020 and 2021 coverage; \$25 billion for grants to restaurants and bars; \$7 billion to allow more loans under the Paycheck Protection Program; \$6 billion to increase nutrition assistance; and \$350 billion for states and localities.

The bill also provides for checks of \$1,400 to go to individuals who earn up to \$75,000 a year and heads of households earning \$112,500; married couples earning \$150,000 will get \$2,800. Eligible dependents, including adult dependents, also would each get \$1,400.

It expressly provides \$50 million for family planning, but as the bishops noted in their statement, and other national pro-life leaders have said, funding allocated in other provisions can be used for abortion.

It directs billions to state and local governments, \$219 billion and \$130 billion, respectively, “to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from” COVID-19.

Because the Hyde Amendment is not applied to these funds, state and local governments could use the money to pay for abortion and abortion providers in the name of “responding to or mitigating the public health emergency,” said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life.

Jeanne Mancini, president of March for Life, said the “sheer size” of the measure gives it “the potential to be the largest expansion of abortion funding since Obamacare.”

She urged Biden “to honor the wishes of the majority of Americans who don’t want to pay for abortions and to return to his pro-life roots by vetoing this bill until the bipartisan Hyde Amendment and other pro-life protections are included.”

USCCB Administrative Committee’s Pastoral Message Marks Year of Pandemic

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — U.S. life has “dramatically changed” due to the yearlong pandemic, and alongside it, racial injustices and political divisions have shaken the nation, yet there is “comfort in God’s promise,” the U.S. bishops’ Administrative Committee said in a March 9 pastoral message.

There also “is much to learn from this global suffering,” it said, adding that going forward, people must build on the many acts of sacrifice and kindness exhibited amid the scourge of COVID-19.

March 11 marked one year since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic, “ushering in immense suffering,” the pastoral message said. This was WHO’s first such designation since declaring H1N1 influenza a pandemic in 2009. To date, 525,000 lives have been lost to the disease just in the U.S., according to data from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. Worldwide, the death toll is 2.6 million.

“Many have endured extraordinary hardships: sickness, death, mourning, a lack of food, unstable housing, loss of work and income, struggles with education, separation, abuse, isolation, depression and anxiety,” said the message, approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Administrative Committee during its virtual meeting.

Doctors Seek Permanent Relief from Mandate to do Transgender Surgeries

By Catholic News Service

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) — Attorneys for doctors and hospitals argued in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit March 3 that they shouldn’t be forced to perform gender-transition surgeries required under the Affordable Care Act, stressing this is an issue of conscience.

The case focuses on a 2016 regulation issued by the Department of Health and Human Services requiring doctors to perform these procedures in children and adults or be held liable for discrimination. After the rule was first issued, Becket, a religious liberty law firm, filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Texas, saying the rule violated the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Franciscan Alliance, a religious hospital network serving Indiana and Illinois that now goes by the name Franciscan Health, and the Christian Medical and Dental Associations. Texas, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska and Wisconsin joined in the suit. Two federal courts in 2016 placed an injunction on the mandate. Two other federal district court judges also ruled against the mandate in 2019 and 2020. However, the courts didn’t issue a permanent injunction against HHS to prevent it from enforcing this rule in the future, which the group of doctors and hospitals were seeking March 3 before the 5th Circuit, which is based in New Orleans.

“Medical decisions related to gender transition have serious implications, and it is clearly in patients’ best interests to ensure that doctors are able to serve in keeping with their consciences and their medical judgment,” said Luke Goodrich, a senior counsel at Becket.

Bishop Blesses Ultrasound Machine for Central W.Va. Pregnancy Care Center



Courtesy Photo

Bishop Mark Brennan blesses the ultrasound machine at the Pregnancy Care Center in Parsons.

PARSONS—Bishop Mark Brennan formally blessed a new ultrasound machine for the Central W.Va. Pregnancy Care Center Feb. 7.

The ultrasound machine repre-

sents the third such machine placed by the Knights of Columbus in West Virginia under the ultrasound machine initiative sponsored by the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus as part of the

Culture of Life Program.

In addition to this, two other councils in the state are currently working to place ultrasound machines in their local pregnancy care centers.

The ultrasound machine placed in the Parsons Pregnancy Care Facility represents a unique partnership between the Knights of Columbus Thomas Council #2010 and the Padre Pio Council #10754 in Great Falls, Va. This collaborative effort began in the late summer of 2018 when the director of the Pregnancy Care Center, Barbara Kinkaid, was at a rally for life in Charleston. She met Father William Kuchinsky who asked her if she had an ultrasound machine in her pregnancy care center. Kinkaid said that having a machine was a life-long dream, but was not yet a reality. Father Kuchinsky put Kinkaid in touch with the folks in Great Falls. They, in turn, contacted Father Timothy Grassi, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Thomas and Our Lady of Mercy Mission in Parsons, about the possibility of placing an ultrasound machine in Tucker County. The process of obtaining the necessary approvals from the Supreme Council and

the West Virginia State Council began.

Before the machine could be purchased, one half of the cost of the machine needed to be raised by the Padre Pio Council in Great Falls. The Supreme Council contributed the remaining half of the cost of the machine. The money was donated to the Central West Virginia Pregnancy Care Center for the purchase of the machine in December of 2020.

The Pregnancy Care Center can now offer free ultrasounds to expectant mothers to help them see the beauty of the gift of the life of their unborn child. In most cases, once the mother sees her unborn child, there is a great chance of carrying the child to full term.

Father Grassi and Kinkaid were present for the bishop's blessing of the machine as well as State Life Chairman Skip Gjolberg of the West Virginia Knights of Columbus and Pat Kotten of the Knights of Columbus Thomas Council #2010.

For more information about the center or for assistance, call (304) 642-8496 for Parsons and (304) 463-4388 for Thomas. More information is also available at www.cwvcpc.com.



Courtesy Photo

At the Pregnancy Care Center in Parsons are Bishop Mark Brennan, left, Father Timothy Grassi, Pregnancy Care Center Director Barbara Kinkaid, State Life Chairman Skip Gjolberg of the West Virginia Knights of Columbus, and Pat Kotten of the Knights of Columbus Thomas Council #2010.

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Catholic Charities West Virginia to Recognize Charity in Action Awardees During Virtual Gala



David Rose



Bernard Twigg

WHEELING— Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) will host its 11th Annual Shining a Light on Hope Gala in a virtual format this year. The Gala will broadcast on Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. on WTRF-7 in Wheeling and on CCWVa's website at: www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/Gala2021

"This is a unique chance for our whole community to peek behind the scenes and learn more about how we serve this region. And we're continuing our tradition of recognizing leaders in the community who demonstrate true Charity in Action with a special award," said Beth Zarate, CCWVa President and Chief Executive Officer.

CCWVa offers a network of services supporting infants to seniors. The agency collaborates with individuals and community partners to support people who need food, hospitality, utility bill assistance, child care assistance, home care services and much more.

"This year the pandemic hit our clients especially hard. Our awardees stepped up in a profound way, helping us provide almost triple the assistance in comparison to the prior year," said Zarate.

The recipients of the 2021 Charity in Action Award are David Rose (Wheeling), Bernard Twigg (Glen Dale), and St. Vincent de Paul Parish School (Wheeling).

David Rose

David Rose has volunteered with Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center for over 14 years. He works in the kitchen, coordinates food drives, and welcomes people to the day shelter warming room in the winter.

Since March 2020 when the pandemic hit, David has tirelessly dedicated his time to serving the most vulnerable. He is at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center five days each week, helping prepare about 300 meals each day. Neighbors who are homebound and experiencing homelessness benefit daily from his compassionate service.

"David personifies charity in action. His service to those in need illustrates his commitment to Catholic Charities' mission," said Trish Whitelatch, CCWVa Assistant Neighborhood Center Coordinator.

Bernard Twigg

Bernard Twigg's service to the Catholic Church and his community has been recognized even by Pope Francis; in 2018, Bernie received the Benemeriti Medal, which means "well merited."

Catholic Charities West Virginia joins the Pope in honoring Bernie for his dedication to their mission. His service on the CCWVa Board of Directors is marked by enthusiasm and demonstrates his commitment to living out his values.

"Bernie treats others with dignity and respect,



St. Vincent de Paul Parish School, Wheeling

and he is a man of honor and integrity," said Bryan Minor, Director of Administrative Services for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, who nominated Bernie for this award.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish School

The faculty, staff and students of St. Vincent de Paul Parish School have been serving neighbors at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center since the mid-1990s. Eighth grade students in particular cook and serve meals, and lead the school community in supporting the food pantry with periodic food drives.

Christine Anghie, Assistant Principal, coordinates the partnership between the school and Catholic Charities. A primary goal for the school is to teach students that service to others is their primary mission as Catholics.

"We're blessed to have Saint Vincent School as a community partner to help us serve our neighbors," said Trish Whitelatch, Assistant Neighborhood Center Coordinator.

"We are grateful for and inspired by many partners who walk this journey with us, and we're honored to recognize these dedicated people," said Zarate.

Proceeds from the Gala support CCWVa's programs and services in 17 counties in northern West Virginia. As part of the Gala, CCWVa will host a virtual auction. The auction will be available at bidpal.net/CCWVa from March 14-21, closing at 9:00 p.m. on March 21.

The Gala is presented through the generosity of lead sponsor, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston; and major sponsor, WVU Medicine.

More details about the event are available on CCWVa's website at: www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/Gala2021.

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Weirton's St. Paul School Holds Virtual Open House, Live on Facebook

By Colleen Rowan

WEIRTON—Students' families, the community, and alumni of St. Paul School in Weirton had the chance to go on a virtual visit to the school on the morning of March 9 through a live open house on the school's Facebook page. Viewers were able to ask questions in real time as Principal Michele Martin led the tour, visiting classrooms and different parts of the building.

The event was recorded and posted on the school's Facebook page for those who were unable to watch live and can be viewed at any time.

The 36-minute tour gave families who may be interested in enrolling their children in the school, the alumni, and the community the chance to learn more about all that the school offers. In the beginning of the tour, Martin explained that this was a way to connect with the school family as they have not been able to have gatherings or many events because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We know what an unprecedented year this has been," Martin said as she began the live tour. "We wanted to come up with something different and creative, and we thought why not a virtual open house so all of our parents and families and maybe some prospective families can come in and see what it's like in our classrooms and our school throughout the day."

Martin then led viewers throughout the school, beginning with the preschool age 4 classroom where the little ones told viewers they were working on making paper crosses, "like the ones in church!" one of the students joyfully told viewers. The children made their crosses with many different colors of paper, pasted on the image to look like a stained glass window. They are giving their crosses as a gift to the volunteers of the fish fry who could not help this year because of the pandemic.

It was then on to the kindergarten classroom decorated with the planets and lighted blinking stars hanging from the ceiling as the children are learning about the Solar System. "We're going to Mars!" one of the students said to Martin when she asked what they were learning about that day. Their trip to Mars was part of the day's math lesson.

The tour continued to the music room with older students practicing drumming with music teacher



The Catholic Spirit Photo
Michele Martin, principal of St. Paul School in Weirton, opens the door of the school welcoming viewers to the live, virtual open house on the school's Facebook page.



The Catholic Spirit Photo
Seventh graders at St. Paul School in Weirton wave to viewers of the live, virtual open house.

Carrie Oliver-Shultz, then to second grade where students were doing math lessons, and fourth grade where the students told viewers they recently dissected a sheep's heart and a cow's eye for science.

Third graders took a moment from their math word problems to share with viewers their favorite things about their class: "My friends," one student said. "Everybody is nice," another student said.

Martin then took viewers to the art room where art teacher Cathy Bartoletti was preparing for the day's project.

Martin shared that Blue Stream Farms will be installing a vegetation table in the classroom where students will be able to enjoy watching plants grow. Some of the produce, she said, will be used in the school's salad bar.

"It's coming, but because of the pandemic we had to put a delay on that," Martin said. "We are hoping that will all be installed by the summer."

As the tour continued, viewers were able to learn about the school's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Lab as well as its Computer Lab and Robotics Lab, where students learn coding, PowerPoint, and more.

Martin also pointed out a display of seventh-graders' dioramas of areas in India. Father Babu Joseph Elamthuruthil, administrator



The Catholic Spirit Photo
Marie Kostur, preschool age 4 teacher, shows one of her student's art projects to viewers of the live, virtual open house. The students made crosses to give to volunteers of the fish fry who could not help this year because of the pandemic.

of St. Paul Parish and pastor of St. Paul School who is from India, talked to the students about his homeland and the languages spoken there. Martin said he even sang a song in his native language for the students.

The tour found seventh graders working on pre-algebra, while eighth graders in religion class were engaging in an end of chapter summary with middle school religion teacher Jason Miller. He is one of more than 20 men from the Di-

ocese of Wheeling-Charleston studying to become a permanent deacon. Miller told viewers that the seventh and eighth graders are preparing for their presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross, which will be shown live on the school's Facebook page.

In the cafeteria, Martin shared that the school is now participating in the state lunch program and that all of the students receive a free lunch and a free breakfast.

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Virtual ...

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"So, our students have tried a lot of different things they may not have tried in the past," Martin said.

During the tour, she also directed viewers to a wall of the school where students wrote about what they like most about their school. "I love St. Paul School because I learn about God and Jesus," one student's message said. Another message said, "I love my friends and teachers."

Viewers posted comments on complimenting the school on the tour:

"My siblings and I went to SPS. I sent my three children to SPS as well. School looks great! I highly recommend."

"What a wonderful idea! I enjoyed the tour. ... God bless the teachers, staff, parents, and donors that keep St. Paul School doors open. Thank you for the walk down memory lane. Best wishes for many more successful years!"

"Well Done SPS!"

"How sweet thank you!!!"

St. Paul School first opened its doors in 1924. Students come from Wellsburg, Follansbee, Weirton, New Cumberland, and Chester. The school also has students from Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The current school building was built in 1962. According to St. Paul's website, the school has a u-shaped design for departmentalization and pre-school separation.

"Even though the school is located in the downtown area, it is recessed behind the church and is safe and aesthetically isolated from downtown traffic and distractions," school officials note on St. Paul's website. "Over the years, the building and furniture have undergone an extensive revitalization project. Security doors with cameras were installed in 2014 and our HVAC system project was completed in 2016. In 2018 each classroom door was fitted with a Nightlock Lock-down security device; the existing security camera system was upgraded, and five new cameras were installed to increase security. Security measures were again upgraded in 2020."

St. Paul's currently has 32 faculty and staff members and more than 125 students in pre-school through eighth grade. The preschool, kindergarten, and first through fourth are in self-contained taught classrooms while fifth through eighth grades change classes and enjoy the middle school setting.


"St. Paul Catholic School offers a well-rounded program always striving for academic excellence while adding extracurricular activities in a safe and secure Christian atmosphere," school officials note on the website.

For more information about St. Paul School or to apply, call the school (304) 748-5225; send e-mail info@weirtonstpauls.org; or visit weirtonstpauls.org.

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Notre Dame & St. Mary's Fund Hits \$125,000

Development Director's Virtual Fundraising Challenge Begins

CLARKSBURG—The 2020-2021 Notre Dame & St. Mary's Fund Campaign has just hit the \$125,000 mark, officials of the school announced recently. The goal is \$200,000, and the campaign ends on June 30.

The Notre Dame & St. Mary's Fund is an annual campaign that benefits academic/extracurricular programs, building maintenance, and provides a limited amount of academic tuition assistance.

Gifts can be made by sending checks to: Notre Dame & St. Mary's Fund, 127 East Pike Street, Clarksburg, WV 26301. Donations can also be made online at notredamewv.org. All gifts are appreciated and make a difference. The schools thank those who have contributed.

Online donations may be made on Notre Dame's website at notredamewv.org.

Donations also may be made to the Run for the Notre Dame & St. Mary's Fund – Camino de Santiago. The link is on Notre Dame's website.

Ian McAra, development director for the schools, began the Camino de Santiago Virtual Challenge on March 1. This is a 480-mile run/walk with a 16-week completion deadline. The Camino de Santiago, known in English as the Way of St. James, is a network of Christian pilgrimages across Europe leading to the Shrine of the Apostle St. James the Great in the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain. There are

a number of routes that can be taken to the final destination and although McAra will not be physically there, the route he will virtually follow will run across the Northern part of Spain.

The fundraiser will be broken up into two parts. Part 1 will include March and April. Part 2 will include May and June.

"We are doing this so we don't have to wait until the whole event is over before initial funds are released to the schools," McAra stated on the campaign's Facebook Page. "The goal for the entire event is \$6,000."

The schools thank all for considering a donation to the Notre Dame & St. Mary's Fund."

Immaculate Conception Parish Nurses Providing Mammograms for Women in Need

CLARKSBURG—The Parish Nurse Ministry will again be sponsoring Bonnie's Bus to provide mammograms for women regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. The bus will be at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg on Friday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Theresa White at (304) 669-6063 to schedule an appointment. Due to stricter COVID cleaning protocols used between appointments, there are only 20 appointment slots available this year. Please call early as appointments are limited. Please try to obtain an order from your provider prior to the test. Masks and social distancing will be required.

St. Vincent's in Wheeling to Hold Blood Drive

WHEELING—March is Red Cross Month, and a blood drive is being sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling. The blood drive will be held at St. Vincent's Marist Centre at 2244 Marshall Ave., Wheeling, on Thursday, March 18 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Those who would like to donate blood are asked to call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the word Marist to schedule an appointment.

Notre Dame Students Take First Places in Catholic Daughters Contest



Courtesy Photo
 Students from Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg took first place in a variety of categories in the Catholic Daughters of the America local contest. The school's winners are pictured above holding their trophies. From left are the winners with their categories listed: Audrey Kosydar, first place for Photography II; Johnny Karakozis, first place for Essay II; Anthony Rogers, first place for Poetry III; Ali Witt, first place for Photography III; and Liz Renzelli, first place for Art III. Not pictured is Michael Mazza, who won first place for Essay III.

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Living the Beatitudes Can Change the World, Pope Says in Iraq

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

BAGHDAD (CNS) — Pope Francis told Iraqi Christians that when they suffer discrimination, persecution or war, the Eight Beatitudes are addressed to them.

“Whatever the world takes from us is nothing compared to the tender and patient love with which the Lord fulfills his promises,” the pope told the congregation sitting inside and outside the Chaldean Catholic Cathedral of St. Joseph March 6.

“Dear sister, dear brother, perhaps when you look at your hands, they seem empty, perhaps you feel disheartened and unsatisfied by life,” he said in his homily. “If so, do not be afraid: The beatitudes are for you — for you who are afflicted, who hunger and thirst for justice, who are persecuted. The Lord promises you that your name is written on his heart, written in heaven!”

According to the Vatican, the service marked the first time Pope Francis celebrated a eucharistic liturgy, “the Holy Qurbana,” in the rite of the Chaldean Church. While the pope recited the prayers in Italian, Cardinal Louis Sako, the Chaldean patriarch, and members of the congregation prayed in Chaldean, a modern form of Aramaic. The Bible readings were in Arabic.

Iraqi President Barham Salih and Foreign Minister Fuad Hussein attended the liturgy, which included a prayer for government officials, asking God to help them be “examples of honesty for the common good” and “know how to collaborate for a renewed world in which liberty and harmony reign.”

One of the prayers of the faithful, recited in Arabic, echoed the pope’s homily. “Benevolent Father, sustain your holy church with the strength of the Spirit so that it would courageously witness to Christ and would be for our country a sign of reconciliation and solidarity among all the children of Abraham, our father in faith.”

In his homily, Pope Francis told the people that while “in the eyes of the world, those with less are discarded, while those with more are



Pope Francis celebrates Mass at St. Joseph Chaldean Catholic Cathedral in Baghdad March 6.

CNS Photo/Paul Haring

privileged,” it is not that way with God, which Jesus made clear in the beatitudes.

Jesus overturned the worldly order of things, he said. “It is no longer the rich that are great, but the poor in spirit; not those who can impose their will on others, but those who are gentle with all; not those acclaimed by the crowds, but those who show mercy to their brother and sisters.”

“The poor, those who mourn, the persecuted are all called blessed,” he said, not the rich and powerful. The beatitudes “do not ask us to do extraordinary things, feats beyond our abilities,” the pope said. But “they ask for daily witness.”

“The blessed are those who live meekly, who show mercy wherever they happen to be, who are pure of heart wherever they live,” he said.

The beatitudes are not a call for a moment of heroics, but about imitating Jesus each day, Pope Francis said. “That is how the world is changed: not by power and might, but by the beatitudes.”

The Mass was the final public

event of a day that saw Pope Francis travel to Najaf, a center of spiritual and political power for Iraqi Shiite Muslims, and then to Ur, the birthplace of Abraham, about 10 miles outside of Nasiriyah. On March 7 he was scheduled to travel to Iraq’s Kurdistan region, where he was to visit

Irbil, Mosul and Qaraqosh, cities devastated under the Islamic State group’s rule. There, he planned to meet with some of the Christians who have returned to the region to try to rebuild.

The pope’s March 5-8 visit took place under tight security.



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Catholic Charities Volunteers Provide Free Tax Preparation Services

By Trina Bartlett, Eastern Regional Director, Catholic Charities West Virginia

Preparing and filing tax returns can often be an unwanted chore, but for many West Virginians it can also be difficult and nearly impossible without help.

'Joseph and Mildred' cannot read or write well.

'Ann' speaks limited English.

'George and Margaret' are hard of hearing.

'Jessica' has moved out of her parents' house and is supporting herself by working at a fast food restaurant.

The Catholic Charities Martinsburg office has been able to help all of these individuals and hundreds more through its participation in the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for low- and moderate- income taxpayers. As part of the program, certified volunteers, recruited by Catholic Charities staff, prepare tax returns free

of charge.

Last year, Catholic Charities volunteer tax preparers completed returns for 220 taxpayers who received a total of \$334,648 in federal tax returns and \$29,287 in state tax returns for Eastern Panhandle residents. They were able to accomplish this despite the COVID-19 pandemic. With the extension of the filing season, the volunteers continued to help clients into the summer.

In preparation of this year's tax season, the Catholic Charities team began last fall to plan how they could safely provide tax services. Instead of having the volunteers meet with clients and prepare the taxes at the office, staff and volunteers are meeting clients at their cars to collect documents and then scan them to a secure site. The eight volunteer tax preparers access the documents remotely and then contact the tax clients via phone to complete the returns.

Despite the pandemic, Catholic Charities continues to work with community partners to help vulnerable individuals, and the volunteers are going beyond what is required of them. For example,



Courtesy Photo
Catholic Charities West Virginia Program Assistant Siobhán Bertone greets a tax client at the client's car to gather paperwork. As part of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, Catholic Charities certified volunteers prepare tax returns for low- and moderate- income taxpayers free of charge.

the manager at a local low-income senior housing program is collecting information and documents from residents.

Staff and volunteers are picking up and delivering paperwork directly to the complex. Because of this, clients that have cognitive and physical issues are still receiving the personal tax help they need.

While the VITA tax program is provided in addition to the Martinsburg office's year-round services, the extra work is worthwhile because the tax clients are all very appreciative. As one woman said, "I don't know what I

would do if Catholic Charities didn't provide this service."

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

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Papa en Irak: Vivir las bienaventuranzas puede cambiar el mundo

Por Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

BAGHDAD (CNS)—El papa Francisco dijo a los iraquíes cristianos que cuando sufran discriminación, persecución o guerra, las Bienaventuranzas están dirigidas a ellos.

"Lo que sea que el mundo nos quite no es nada comparado con el amor tierno y paciente con el que el Señor cumple sus promesas", dijo el papa a la congregación dentro y fuera de la Catedral Católica Caldea de San José el 6 de marzo.

"Querida hermana, querido hermano, quizás cuando te miras las manos parecen vacías, quizás te sientas desanimado e insatisfecho con la vida", dijo en su homilía. "Si es así, no temas: las bienaventuranzas son para ti, para ti que estás afligido, que tienes hambre y sed de justicia, que eres perseguido. El Señor te promete que tu nombre está escrito en su corazón, escrito en el cielo".

Según el Vaticano, el servicio marcó la primera vez que el papa Francisco celebró una liturgia eucarística en el rito de la Iglesia caldea. Mientras el papa rezaba en italiano, el cardenal Louis Sako, el patriarca caldeo, y los miembros de la congregación oraban en caldeo, una forma moderna del arameo. Las lecturas de la Biblia fueron en árabe.

El presidente iraquí Barham Salih y el ministro de relaciones exteriores Fuad Hus-

sein asistieron a la liturgia, que incluyó una oración por los funcionarios del gobierno, pidiendo a Dios que los ayude a ser "ejemplos de honestidad para el bien común" y "saber cómo colaborar por un mundo renovado en el que la libertad y la armonía reinan".

Una de las oraciones de los fieles, recitada en árabe, hizo a de la homilía del papa. "Padre benevolente, sustenta a tu santa iglesia con la fuerza del Espíritu para que sea testigo valiente de Cristo y sea para nuestro país signo de reconciliación y solidaridad entre todos los hijos de Abraham, nuestro padre en la fe".

En su homilía, el papa Francisco dijo a la gente que si bien "a los ojos del mundo, se descarta a los que tienen menos, mientras que a los que tienen más se les privilegia", no es así con Dios, y eso Jesús lo dejó claro en las bienaventuranzas.

Jesús cambió el orden mundano de las cosas, dijo. "Ya no son los ricos los grandes, sino los pobres de espíritu; no los que pueden imponer su voluntad a los demás, sino los que son amables con todos; no los aclamados por la multitud, sino los que muestran misericordia a su hermano y hermanas".

"Los pobres, los que lloran, los perseguidos son todos llamados bienaventurados",

dijo, no a los ricos y poderosos.

Las bienaventuranzas "no nos piden que hagamos cosas extraordinarias, hazañas más allá de nuestras capacidades", dijo el papa. Pero "piden testimonio diario".

"Los bienaventurados son los que viven con humildad, que muestran misericordia dondequiera que se encuentren, que son puros de corazón dondequiera que vivan", dijo.

Las bienaventuranzas no son un llamado a un momento heroico, sino a imitar a Jesús todos los días, dijo el papa Francisco. "Así es como cambia el mundo: no por el poder y la fuerza, sino por las bienaventuranzas".

La misa fue el último evento público de un día en el que el papa Francisco viajó a Nayaf, un centro de poder espiritual y político para los musulmanes chiítas iraquíes, y luego a Ur, el lugar de nacimiento de Abraham, a unas 10 millas de Nasiriyah. El 7 de marzo tenía previsto viajar a la región iraquí del Kurdistán, donde visitaría Irbil, Mosul y Qaraqosh, ciudades devastadas bajo el gobierno del grupo Estado Islámico.

Allí, tenía previsto reunirse con algunos de los cristianos que han regresado a la región para intentar reconstruir.

La visita del papa del 5 al 8 de marzo se llevó a cabo bajo estrictas medidas de seguridad.

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Employment Opportunities

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Office Manager/Vocations

This is to announce an opening in the Vocations Office at the Diocese for a person to assist the Director of Vocations as Office Manager. This is a Part Time position requiring 20 hours per week. The position is located at the Chancery building in Wheeling.

The Office Manager will assist the Director of Vocations by performing all secretarial, clerical and office work necessary to effectively manage the operations of the office. This person will also assist the Director of Vocations in developing and implementing retreats and events to help promote Priestly vocations. The individual will monitor and guide potential seminary candidates through all phases of the process leading to acceptance and entrance to the seminary. The Office Manager will maintain communication with seminarians to assist them with policy, benefit and other clerical work necessary during their formation. The person must be willing to attend meetings both nationally and regionally as well as working evenings and/or weekends as necessary.

Eligible candidates should have a Bachelor's Degree preferably in a Religious field of study. Individual must be an active member of a Roman Catholic Parish Faith Community who adheres to the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Excellent organizational, presentation and communications skills are required. This Person must be reliable and maintain confidentiality. Office skills and use of MS Word, Microsoft Office and Outlook are necessary.

Interested person should send letter of introduction and Resume to: Human Resources Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, P.O. Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

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Please email resume, cover letter, and three professional references by March 15, 2021 to: Sara Lindsay at slindsay@ccwva.org. Application materials can also be delivered to: Sara Lindsay, Chief Program Officer, Catholic Charities West Virginia, 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003.

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Some Expectations: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said, "[...] You were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness."

Life at Camp Carlo will: Be physically intensive – long hours, hard work, not as much rest as we might be accustomed to in our life at home; Require a tremendous amount of patience with the youth you serve, not to mention the peers you live and work with; Deepen your faith life, build character to the extent that you commit – "You get out of camp what you put in"; Require you to try and learn new things; Ask you to set aside the day-to-day distractions in your own life (social media, constant communication, modern conveniences).

Standards of Professional Conduct: Staff at Camp Carlo are held to high standards of professional conduct, including: Good manners; Good personal hygiene; A dress code that is modest and functional; No personal guests throughout the week without permission from the director; No personal pets; No weapons, drugs, tobacco; Staff with cars must provide proof of insurance & license, keys kept in camp office while campers are on property; Always – without exception – following all policies for keeping children safe; Keeping peer romantic relationships from interfering with work; No co-ed sleeping arrangements on weekends; Be willing to go without personal electronic devices for extended periods of time; Understanding that a successful summer is a team effort.

Whom & When You'll Serve: On-site staff training will be from Monday, June 14th thru Sunday June 20:

June 20th – June 26th, Blessed Sacrament parish camp serving ages 7-13.

June 27th – July 3rd, Rising 3rd graders to 5th graders. July 4th – July 10th, Rising 6th graders to 8th graders. July 11th – July 17th, Rising freshmen to seniors in high school. July 18th – July 24th, A "catch all week" from 3rd grade thru 12th grade. July 25th – July 31st, C.A.M.P Wade (Pocahontas County parishes) serving ages 7 to 15.

Application & Hiring: Camp Carlo's goal is to have all summer staff positions filled by April 1, 2021. Applications can be requested from Camp Carlo by emailing Riley Keaton at rkeaton@dwc.org, subject line: "COUNSELOR APPLICATION – [YOUR NAME]." Upon reviewing this brochure, complete the application and return it via email to the email above or mail at: ATTN: Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Camp, 1311 Byron St., Wheeling, WV 26003.

Once your application has been reviewed, camping director Riley Keaton will reach out to schedule an interview.

Applications returned before February 1 will receive preference – all applicants will be informed of the status of their application by March 31.



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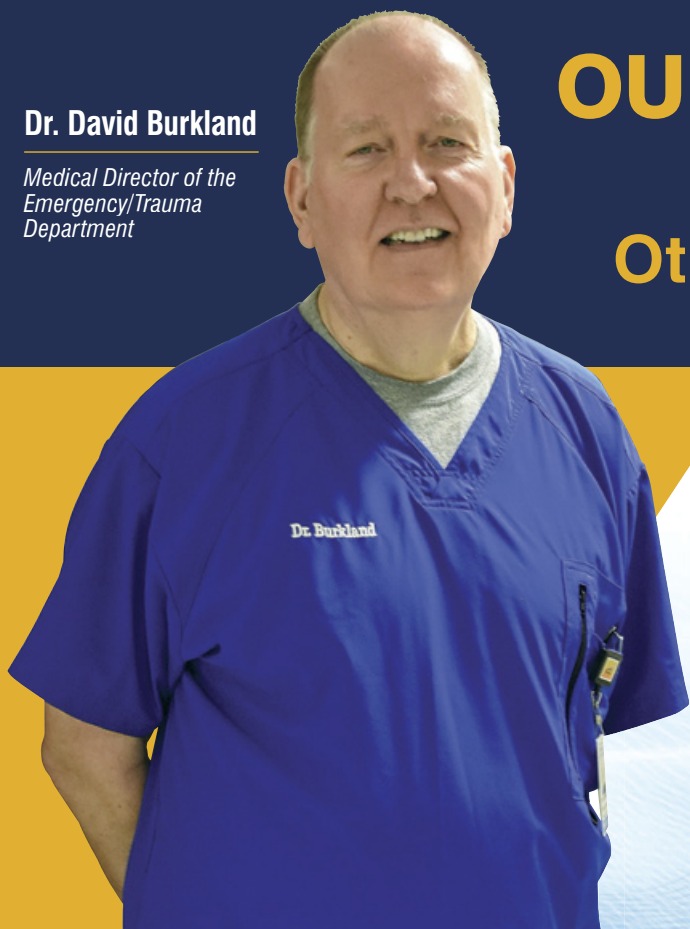
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