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Possible Eucharistic Miracle in Connecticut under Vatican Investigation

By Gina Christian

(OSV News) — A possible Eucharistic miracle in Connecticut is now under investigation by the Vatican.

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair told a Hartford television news station May 2 that the Dicastery (formerly Congregation) for the Doctrine of the Faith will examine whether an apparent multiplication of Communion hosts during a March 5 lit-

urgy at St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, Connecticut, was supernatural. The church, along with Immaculate Conception Church and St. Casimir Church, both in Terryville, Connecticut, is part of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish.

St. Maximilian Kolbe pastor Father Joseph Crowley said in a YouTube livestream of his March 12 homily that an unnamed extraordinary minister of holy Com-

munion at the previous week's liturgy had begun to run out of hosts — only to find that “all of a sudden there (were) more hosts in the ciborium.”

The minister continued to distribute the hosts to some “100, 150 people in the congregation,” after which “there was the same amount, if not more hosts” in the ciborium, said Father Crowley in his March 12 homily. “What hap-

pened is Our Lord multiplied himself. ... I have no doubt. I know what I gave the person. I know what (was) returned (to the tabernacle). It was just very obvious and plain to me as to what happened.”

In a livestream video of his post-Communion remarks at the March 5 liturgy at St. Thomas Church, a visibly struck Father Crowley said the experience was “very powerful, **See “Investigation” on Page 2**

Convocation Gathers Priests with Bishop in Charleston



Rob Wickham Photo

Bishop Mark Brennan gathers with priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston after Mass in the chapel at Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center during their convocation, which was held May 2-4 at the center.

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Catholic Immigration Advocates Called for Just Policy as Title 42 Expires

By Kate Scanlon, OSV News

WASHINGTON (OSV News) — As Title 42 drew to its scheduled close on May 11, Catholic immigration advocates called for immigration public policy recognizing the humanity of migrants and asylum seekers.

Title 42, a part of federal U.S. public health law granting the federal government some authority to implement emergency action to prevent the spread of contagious diseases by prohibiting some migrants from entry, was scheduled to expire in tandem with the end of the federal Public Health Emergency declared for COVID-19 in 2020. Lawmakers in both parties have expressed concerns that the end of Title 42 will lead to an increase in individuals seeking entry into the United States at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Anna Gallagher, executive director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, said, "In the coming days, as new policies are implemented and the post-Title 42 landscape unfolds, CLINIC will continue to repeat Pope Francis' words: we are 'brothers and sisters all.'"

In a message posted on Twitter late May 10, Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, Texas, chairman of the U.S. bishops' migration committee, urged Catholics and all people of goodwill to welcome the migrants coming into the country with the end of Title 42 as long-lost relatives.

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very awesome, very real, very shocking."

A local saint in the making also may have played a role, Father Crowley said in his March 12 homily, since Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, served as pastor of St. Thomas Church from 1884 until his death in 1890.

"I think in a very profound way that ... because of Blessed McGivney's life here ... it shows that this is a very special place. And it's important to God," said Father Crowley in that reflection. "And I think good things are coming. I think great things are coming."

David Elliott, associate director of communications for the Archdiocese of Hartford, told OSV News at the time that the archdiocesan judicial vicar, Father George S. Mukuka, was "looking into the possibility of a Eucharistic miracle" at the parish.

Speaking to media May 2, Archbishop Blair said he had "(sent) out an experienced priest who has knowledge of church law, canon law, to follow procedure, (and) to just examine exactly what happened and

under what circumstances."

He noted that "the guidelines for these kinds of situations do call for me to notify the (Dicastery) for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome."

The Vatican's investigation is expected to take approximately two weeks. In the 21st century, only four Eucharistic miracles have been recognized throughout the world, according to the Magis Center, which, under the leadership of scholar and Jesuit Father Robert J. Spitzer, promotes dialogue between faith and science.

The last recognized miracle occurred in 2013 in Legnica, Poland, where a consecrated host, left to dissolve in water after it was accidentally dropped, formed red stains that under scientific analysis were found to contain fragmented parts of cross-striated muscle resembling that of heart muscle. The host was approved for veneration in April 2016 by then-Bishop Zbigniew Kiernikowski of Legnica.

OSV News has contacted both the Archdiocese of Hartford and Father Crowley for comment.

(Gina Christian is a national reporter for OSV News.)

To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children:

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

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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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Dallas Bishop Reacts to Mass Shooting at Mall with 'Heavy Heart,' Urges 'Prayers for Peace'

By **Kate Scanlon**

(OSV News) — Dallas Bishop Edward J. Burns addressed the faithful of the diocese “with a heavy heart” late May 6 after at least eight people, including a child, were killed during a mass shooting that afternoon at an outlet mall in Allen, Texas.

“Like all of you, I am deeply troubled by the shooting in the community of Allen and the senseless disregard for life that has occurred in our community,” Bishop Burns said in a statement. “The Catholic community is in unity and solidarity with the families who have lost loved ones in this tragedy. May God, our Heavenly Father, bring comfort and strength to all affected by this tragic event. We ask God to comfort our community, the victims and their families.”

Authorities said a gunman opened fire at the Allen Premium Outlets, a Dallas-area outlet mall, killing eight and wounding at least another seven people before being killed by a police officer who happened to be at the mall.

The Allen Police Department said one of its officers had already responded to the outlet mall on an unrelated call, when the officer heard gunshots shortly after 3:30 p.m. The department said this officer “engaged the suspect and neutralized the threat.”

Victims range in age from 5 to 61 years old, authorities said.

Late May 7, the Texas Department of Public Safety identified the gunman as Mauricio Garcia, 33, who wore tactical gear, used an assault-style weapon and had multiple rounds of ammunition with him, according to news reports. Police investigators were looking into his social media accounts to see if he had links to extremist groups.

Garcia had been working as a security guard and was staying at a motel near

the mall. Police searched the motel as well as a Dallas-area house reportedly owned by his parents.

“We must work for an end to the violence,” Bishop Burns said in his statement. “We must pray for peace within our communities. And, we must have the courage to stand up to the forces of evil and the culture of death.”

President Joe Biden said in a May 7 statement that “eight Americans — including children — were killed yesterday in the latest act of gun violence to devastate our nation.”

“Jill and I are praying for their families and for others critically injured, and we are grateful to the first responders who acted quickly and courageously to save lives,” Biden said, adding he has “directed federal agencies to provide all needed support” to federal, state, and local law enforcement involved in the response.

“Yesterday, an assailant in tactical gear armed with an AR-15 style assault weapon gunned down innocent people in a shopping mall, and not for the first time,” Biden said. “Such an attack is too shocking to be so familiar. And yet, American communities have suffered roughly 200 mass shootings already this year, according to leading counts. More than 14,000 of our fellow citizens have lost their lives, credible estimates show. The leading cause of death for American kids is gun violence.”

Biden touted the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, legislation he signed into law last year passed by Congress in the wake of a mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. That legislation expanded the background check system for prospective gun buyers under 21 years old, closed a provision known as the “boyfriend loophole,” banning domestic



OSV News Photo/Jeremy Lock, Reuters
Muralist Roberto Marquez, left, and his friend Israel Gil from Dallas erect a memorial May 7 to honor the eight people killed the day before by a gunman at the Dallas-area Allen Premium Outlets mall in Allen, Texas. “This is like a refuge for the people who lost loved ones, a place where they can come and express all their emotions,” said Marquez, who believes the memorial was a priority because people need a place to gather at such a difficult time.

abusers from purchasing firearms regardless of their marital status, and funded new investments in mental health resources.

But, Biden said, “we need more action, faster to save lives.”

“Once again I ask Congress to send me a bill banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines,” he said, adding, “Enacting universal background checks. Requiring safe storage. Ending immunity for gun manufacturers. I will sign it immediately. We need nothing less to keep our streets safe.”

Biden ordered flags flown at half-staff as “a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence,” according to a proclamation issued by the White House.

Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, wrote on Twitter that he is “grieving with the Allen community,” and thanked local police and first responders “and all of those involved in respond-

ing to this afternoon’s horrific incident.”

St. Jude Catholic Church in Allen, Texas, posted on its Facebook page, “Let us pray together for the tragic events that occurred earlier today and all those affected by the devastating loss of life.”

“Lord God, Father in heaven, our hearts are broken, and we pray for all impacted by the horrible events that unfolded today in our community,” the posted prayer said. “We ask that You comfort all the families dealing with suffering and loss and pray that You give consolation as only You can give. We ask this in the name of Jesus Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, the Lord.”

That prayer was followed by a request for the intercession of Mary and all the saints and the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel, which says in part: “Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness

and snares of the devil.”

In a statement posted on its website, Allen Premium Outlets said, “We are horrified by today’s senseless tragedy and outraged by the violence that continues to plague our country.”

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families and others affected by this heinous act,” the statement said. “We are thankful for the police officer’s heroic actions and for the support of all the first responders.”

Elsewhere in Texas, another tragedy struck the following day. Authorities said a driver plowed into a group outside a shelter that had been housing migrants in Brownsville near the Texas border May 7, leaving seven people dead as well as others injured. The bus stop is across the street from the Ozanam Center, a shelter that houses migrants.

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Happy Mother's Day

Treasure the Women Who Serve as Your Christian Example

By Joyce Bibey

Happy Mother's Day to all the women in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston that love, care, and nurture the roots of faith for our children young and old.

Mothers are invaluable and the role of a mother is challenging and daunting. Being a Catholic mom of God's miracles that are our children requires the additional responsibilities of professing our faith; teaching virtues, prayers, and Church traditions; and keeping Christ in the center of our lives, words, and actions – just like Mary our Blessed Mother did.

Among cherished family photos of Bishop Mark Brennan and his brother Paul is one with their mother Regina "Jean" Lonsway Brennan taken by their father Edward in front of the outdoor chapel of St. Anne the mother of our Blessed Mother Mary, holding her grandson Jesus. The statue is in the gardens of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, located in Washington, D.C.

Bishop Mark is about 11 years old in the photo. He remembers his family outings fondly, including being on the grounds of this monastery that has 42 acres of gardens and full-sized replicas of shrines from the Holy Land. The family had moved to DC just a year prior.

You can see how happy and proud his mother was in the photo. We can only imagine her thoughts as a young mother standing with her boys on a beautiful day set aside to bring life to their faith and understanding of the significance of our Catholic traditions, saints, and prayers.

"I remember my mother, Jean, as a gentle, quiet woman, capable of maintaining friendships over many years and great distances and imbued with the spirit of Catholic faith," Bishop Brennan said. "I also saw her achieve reconciliation with persons from whom she had been briefly estranged. Thank you, Mom, for giving me an example of true Christian living."

Do not underappreciate or take a mother for granted. Pope Francis eloquently expresses how women and mothers are true heroes and "key players in fighting against an individualistic, self-centered society."

"Not even the Christian community values them properly, despite the eminent example of the Mother of Jesus," he said in a January 7, 2015, address. "To be a mother is a great treasure. Mothers, in their unconditional and sacrificial love for their children, are the antidote to individualism; they are the greatest enemies against war."

It has been reported that the Pontiff keeps a prayer book with him with a note from his Nonna Rosa, that reads: "May my grandchildren, to whom I have given the best of my heart, have a long and happy life. But if there are days of pain or illness, or if the loss of a loved one fills them with despair, may they remember that a whisper of a prayer and a look to Mary at the feet of the cross, can be like a drop of balsam on even the deepest and most painful wounds."

Let us all show our love and appreciation to our mothers, grandmothers, and all the women who form our faith.



Courtesy Photo
Pictured at age 11, Bishop Mark Brennan pauses in front of the outdoor chapel of St. Anne with his brother Paul and mother Regina "Jean" Lonsway Brennan. The photo was taken by his father Edward in the gardens of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, located in Washington, D.C.

We pray for God's blessing on all mothers; our mothers both living and deceased, spiritual mothers, godmothers, foster mothers, stepmothers, women who nurture our souls like a mother, and women who long to be mothers or who have lost a child.

We entrust the care of all mothers to Mary, the mother of our Lord, who understands the joys and sorrows of motherhood.

We call out to St. Anne, mother of our Blessed Mother, to strengthen all women, as they share the love of God through our words and example.

Amen.

Martinsburg's St. Joseph School Students Place at Divisional Level in American History Essay Contest

DAVIS — St. Joseph School, Martinsburg, eighth-grader Andrew Galvin won first place in the East Central Division of the West Virginia State Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) American history essay contest.

Galvin and fellow SJS students Stella Carter and Grace Derrick were invited to attend the National Society DAR State Conference on May 6 at Canaan Valley Resort & Conference Center in Davis for winning at the state level. During the conference, it was announced that Galvin won first place in his age group at the divisional level, while Carter (grade seven) and Derrick (grade six) each placed third. The East Central Division encompasses Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

A total of 70 students in grades five through eight from two schools in the Eastern Panhandle were asked by Pack Horse Ford Chapter NSDAR to imagine that they were delegates during the 1775-76 Second Continental Congress. They described which of the 13 colonies they represented and what was important for them to accomplish. The Second Continental Congress met from May 10, 1775, to March 1, 1781, and was instrumental in shaping what became the United States of America.

In his essay, Galvin represented John Hancock, former governor of Massachusetts. Carter presented ideas from fictitious delegate James Burn, while Derrick wrote from the perspective of a delegate she created named Jameson Marshall.



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Shown May 6 at the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution West Virginia State Conference in Davis are, from left, NSDAR President General Pamela Rouse Wright; St. Joseph School students Grace Derrick and Stella Carter; Pack Horse Ford Chapter Regent Cindy Nicewarner; West Virginia State Chair, American History, Randi Gray; and NSDAR WV State Regent Jane Larke. Not pictured is SJS student Andrew Galvin.

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Wheeling University Graduates Receive Words of Wisdom and Advice from Gov. Justice

WHEELING—West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice told the Wheeling University class of 2023 to find their passion and serve others along life's journey, and make sure to surround themselves with people who are 'jacked up and happy.'

At the university's 65th commencement, Wheeling University President Ginny R. Favede awarded degrees to undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students. Justice served as the speaker on Saturday and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Justice, with Babydog at his side, offered the graduates words of wisdom and advice during his remarks. He recalled his last trip to campus in 2019. "There was a time not too long ago that we could have lost this institution and all the odds makers were saying its gone ... we would not be here today without all of you. Everyone was pulling the rope together ... All of us made this day happen."

Justice talked about his family's humble beginnings and how by working hard, he became the governor and the owner of many businesses.

"You can do the same thing. You can make it happen with one word that is really, really important, and that's passion. If you don't have it, you won't get there. You've got to have a real passion for what you're going to do. I hope you find the passion," he said.

Wheeling University's mission calls its students to serve others, and Justice encouraged the class to continue to live the mission and take time in life to help others throughout life. "You can serve in so many different ways - you can help your neighbor," he said. "You can help the church and you can help this university."

The governor warned the graduates the future will have disappointments and be tough at times. "Remember to surround yourself with people that are jacked up, people who are happy - you'll go much further in life," he said.

In closing, Justice told the class of 2023 that their professors have prepared them for the next chapter ... "You're ready to go. Remember to look in life for what you love and then get after it," he said. "You can be everything you want to be."

The governor and Babydog greeted each graduate after they received their degrees and posed for photos.

Prior to handing out diplomas, Favede told the graduates that the

class of 2023 that there will never be another class like this, noting they "stayed the course" through a global pandemic, probation and financial exigency. "You were my first class, the class that helped define the resilience of this university."

She recalled how hard it was "sending you home" when COVID-19 caused a global shutdown in the spring of 2020, noting the class didn't let the pandemic define their time at Wheeling. After returning to campus from the shutdown, Favede said, "you returned kinder more compassionate and empathetic. Somehow, you held onto the kindness and support of one another, and you kept moving forward ... You will be remembered for your compassion, strength and character."

Favede encouraged graduates "to continue serving others, helping others. It ends up helping you more than anyone. Mother Teresa of Calcutta said that the key to world peace lies in remembering that 'we belong to each other.' The most powerful thing you can do in the world is stand on the firm ground of your faith and claim your worthiness. Serving others is about doing our best to improve the world."

Also, she told the students to continue being who they were while they were students. "Continue to be who God meant you to be, love one another unconditionally, and support one another and the Lord. Remember that you are not alone. We are all part of a community, and we have a responsibility to help each other ... Your Cardinal family will always be here for you. This campus will always be your home."

Class valedictorian Kimbria Lance of Fowler, Michigan, told her classmates, that for the past month it seemed like each day someone asked me 'are you ready to graduate?' And she responded each time, "not yet, but it's a good thing graduation isn't today."

Lance explained, "In those moments, I was hoping that as our commencement date approached, my feelings of sadness about leaving and anxieties about the future would subside, and I would suddenly 'be ready to graduate!' Well, here I am, at graduation and I still don't 'feel ready.' I have found we never feel entirely ready for what God has planned for our lives."

The past four years, she said, presented each graduate with opportunities and lessons they could-



Courtesy Photo

Wheeling University Board Chair Maribeth Arlia (left) and University President Ginny R. Favede, presented West Virginia Governor Jim Justice with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters as Babydog looked on.

n't have anticipated.

"Personally, my relationship with God became the most important part of my life, and I started being intentional about investing

in meaningful relationships. This resulted in living a much more fulfilling life. God continued to surprise me with his grace, blessings

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Huntington Knights Give a ‘Salute to the Women of St. Joseph’s Parish’



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Knights of Columbus Council 963 in Huntington gave a “Salute to the Women of St. Joseph’s Parish.” Pictured above, Msgr. Dean Borgmeyer, pastor of St. Joseph’s, speaks to women of the parish about motherhood and the Queenship of Our Blessed Mother May 6.

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and plan. I never thought I could be the kind of person who led a Bible study, organized campus activities or podiumed at our conference track meet, let alone graduate at the top of my class, but it is by the grace of God that he made these things possible. He placed the most remarkable people in my life who shaped me into the person I am today. Our university is unique in this way. The opportunities and room we had to learn and grow is like no other,” Lance said.

She also told her classmates to take time to thank and show appreciation to those people who helped get them to “this moment right now. Show your appreciation for their support in your life, because none of us got here alone.”

Wheeling University, she said, will always hold a special place in her heart. “The close-knit community, Catholic roots and wonderful campus are all reasons why I love this place, but the part I love most is the people. As we ponder our favorite memories here, it is the people in those memories that make them significant ... I will carry these memories with me forever, because they have shaped me into the person I am today and will always be a part of who I am. I hope that you carry these memories with you wherever God takes you. Remember that it is okay to

feel unprepared, because God’s plan is so much greater than anything we could have ever imagined. We must give ourselves enough grace and the freedom to fail, because no accolade or achievement will ever fulfill us in the way we hope it will. It is the people we invest in and our relationships that matter so much more than any grade we get in a class, points we score in a game, or money we make at our job.”

Lance ended by offering a quote from St. Catherine of Siena – “be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”

“As we receive our diplomas and our time here comes to an end, I challenge each of you to let your light shine and set the world on fire,” Lance said.

The university honored Dr. Bryan Raudenbush, professor of Physical Therapy (Neuroscience & Research), by awarding him the Fr. Edward Gannon, S.J. Outstanding Teaching Award. Each year, Wheeling University gives two medals during commencement to those graduates who have distinguished themselves both in service and in academics. The Mary Woomer Medal and Archbishop John J. Swint Medals, are given to the woman and man in the class who most exemplifies the ideals of Wheeling University. Brooke Briggs was the recipient of the Woomer Medal, while Joshua Wessler was given the Swint Medal.



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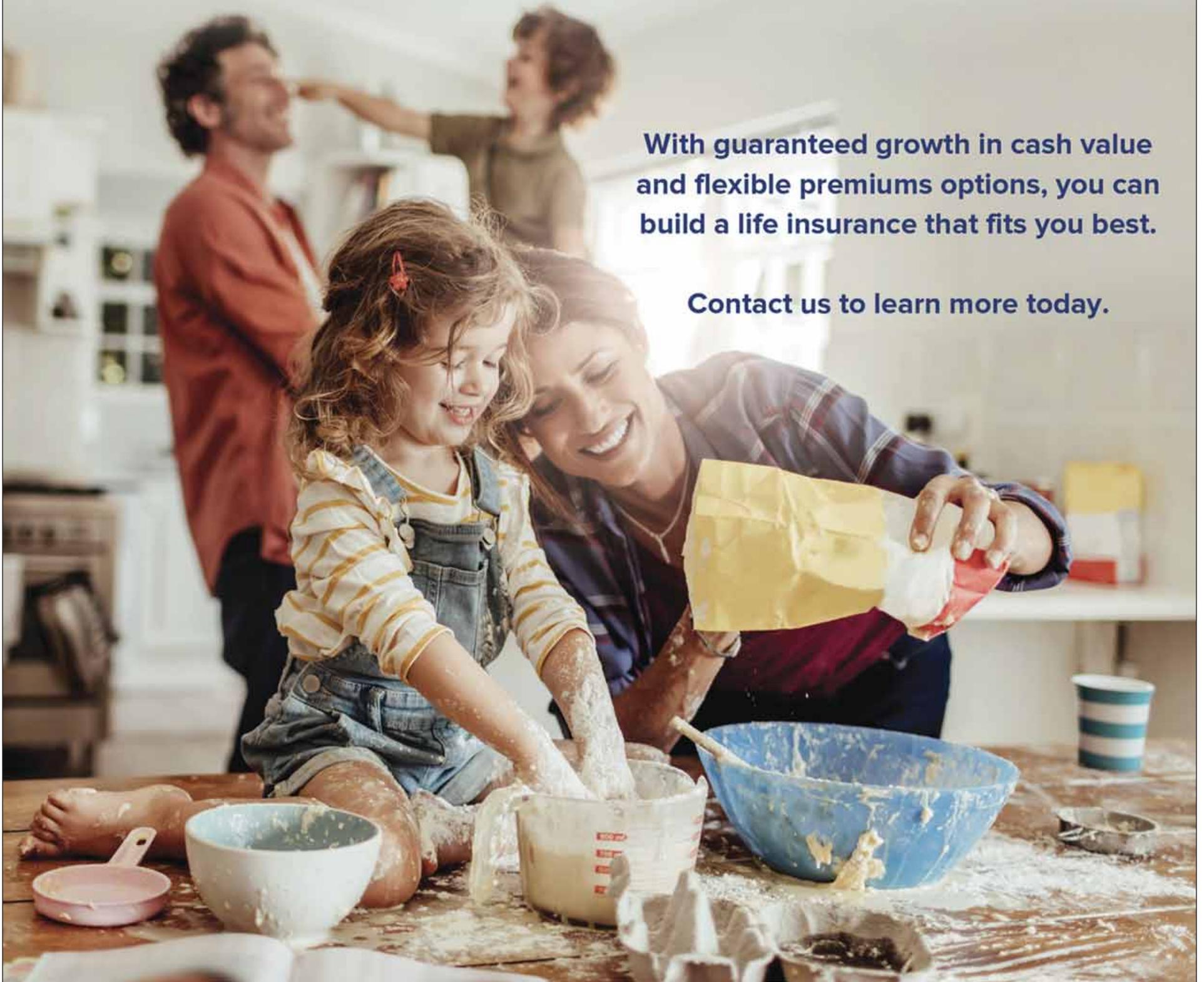


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New Courses Offered through University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)

WEST VIRGINIA—The Office of Evangelization & Catechesis for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has announced two, five-week courses being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF).

These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community For Faith Formation (VLCFF). The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of any books associated with the courses. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Dr. Stoicoiu at rodicastoiu@uphd@gmail.com

The Mass

In this course we will examine the core principles of the Eucharistic liturgy as found in the foundational documents of the Mass. We will consider its history and make connections between the modern liturgy and the historical context. Our central point of discussion throughout the course will be focused on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Over the course of the five weeks, we will take a deep dive into the elements of the Sunday celebration and its component parts. This course will be of value for liturgical ministers, RCIA Team members, and anyone interested in learning more about this most central celebration of all the baptized. All course materials are online, and we will meet for class lecture/discussion once a week on Tuesday evenings 7-9 pm beginning May 23rd

Images of Jesus

Through this course the participant will have the opportunity to examine, from a variety of theological perspectives, what we know and believe about the central figure of the Christian faith and arguably the most influential person who ever walked the earth. After looking at many different resources, the student will be able to form a personal answer to "Who do you say that I am?"

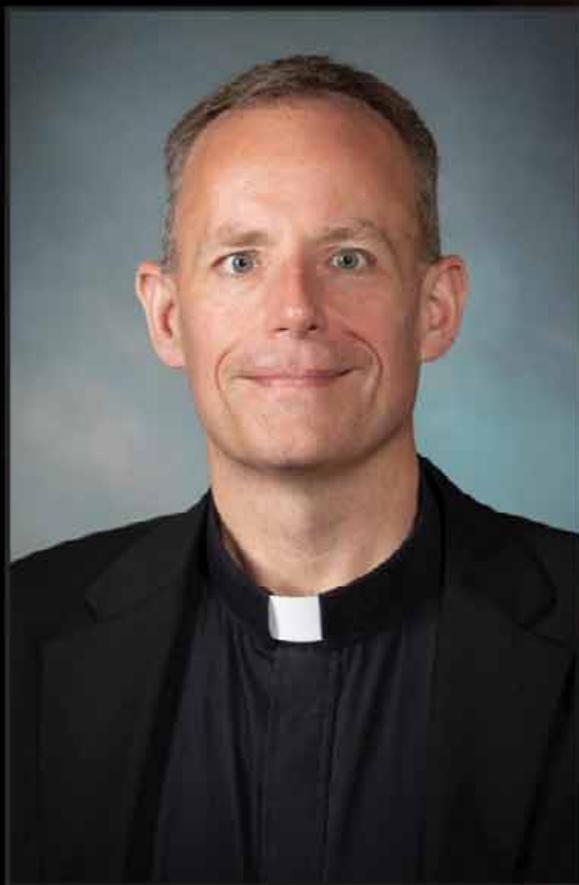
We will look at the images of Jesus in the New Testament, as understood in theology today, as understood in the Paschal Mystery and as encountered in the liturgical life of the Church. All course materials are online and we will meet for class lecture/discussion once a week on Wednesday evenings 7-9 pm beginning May 24th. This course is part of the sequence for the catechetical certification. The Office of Evangelization & Catechesis for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.



First Holy Communion

Courtesy Photo
Charlotte Hawkins and Emmitt Sforza made their first holy Communion May 7 at St. Jude Parish in Glen Dale. With them are Deacon George E. Smoulder, left, and Very Rev. John S. Ledford, V.F., pastor of the parish. Little Catholics across the diocese will be making their first holy Communion at their parishes throughout this month.

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Marian Library Seeks to Show Mary through Ancient Eyes, New Perspectives

By Gina Christian

(OSV News) — A research library at an Ohio university houses what it calls “the largest dedicated collection of materials on Mary in the world” — and its doors are as open as the Blessed Mother’s arms.

“We are here for everyone, including people with a personal devotion, artists looking for inspiration, academics and theologians,” Sarah Cahalan, executive director of the Marian Library at the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, told OSV News.

Founded in 1943, the Marian Library lives up to its motto of “De Maria numquam satis” (“Never enough about Mary”). Its books, periodicals, articles, prints and religious artifacts — combined with resources in an array of disciplines, including patristics, biblical studies, church history, spirituality, hymnography and iconography — represent 100 languages and form an impressive repository that only one institution can match, said Cahalan.

“It’s not a competition, but obviously the Vatican had a significant head start,” she admitted.

The library, which supports a number of Marian studies programs offered by the school, led to the creation of the International Marian Research Institute, which hosts the online Marian Forum to promote academic research on Mary. Institute graduate and former faculty member Archbishop Frank Leo now heads the Archdiocese of Toronto, which he entrusted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Currently, the Marian Library is hosting the two-part art exhibit “East Meets West,” which features a private collection of Ukrainian works by women icon makers of the Lviv School in Ukraine, along with selections from the library’s own Ukrainian Marian Collection, which was established in 1981 by Marian Library employee Helen (Halyna) Nkolyshyn.

For Nkolyshyn, who died in 2000, assembling the Ukrainian Marian Collection was a “passion project,” said Cahalan. “Her family had to leave Uk-



OSV News/Marian Library, University of Dayton
Scrapbooks containing vintage Marian holy cards and archival newspaper clippings from the Marian Library of the University of Dayton in Ohio are seen in this undated image.

raine because of religious persecution, and her work has become increasingly relevant again.”

The Lviv School women iconographers have brought a contemporary vision to the genre, employing “distinctive styles, color schemes and really interesting (techniques) that people have responded well to,” said Cahalan.

Seeing Mary through fresh eyes is a goal of the Marian Library, one that informs its acquisitions policy, she said.

Cahalan and her colleagues seek to incorporate “more geographic diversity” in the library’s materials by adding pieces from African, Indigenous and other cultures.

“We are actively working to acquire materials that demonstrate the global reach of devotion to Mary, and give a more comprehensive overview of what that devotion looks like today,” she said, pointing to Our Lady of Kibeho, Rwanda — the only Vatican-approved Marian apparition in Africa — as one example.

With “a majority of its material Catholic” in nature, the library is also making “a concerted effort in recent years to show how Mary is presented in other traditions, such as Islam, which is important for ecumenism and interfaith dialogue,” said Cahalan.

Even a few works by Marian detractors, such as “17th-century Protestant authors writing against Catholicism,” can be found on the library’s shelves, she said.

The collection also has its share of the whimsical, said Cahalan.

“One of the fun things about Catholicism is that in addition to high art, we certainly churn out a lot of kitsch,” she said.

The library’s Nativity set collection in particular is “an area where people really do let their creativity emerge,” Cahalan said. “We have unconventional animals in the displays that never would have been in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. And we had one artist who used kitchen implements (for the figures), with the Infant Jesus made from a strawberry huller.”

Mary might smile at such humble innovations — and she herself serves as “a bridge” that connects others, especially the marginalized, to each other, said Cahalan.

“She has a way of drawing people closer to her,” Cahalan said. “She’s strong, brave and courageous, but also known for her humility. I hope we’re doing work that makes her proud.”

(Gina Christian is a national reporter at OSV News.)



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Catholic Leaders Welcome 'Focus on Service' at King's Coronation

By **Jonathan Luxmoore**

(OSV News) — Catholic leaders in Britain welcomed the ecumenical and interfaith elements in the May 6 coronation of King Charles III and his consort, Queen Camilla, as well as a pledge by the new monarch “not to be served but to serve.”

“The years following the Reformation were a desperately challenging time for Catholics, with priests, religious and laity persecuted and killed for their faith — it is testament to an incredible journey of reconciliation that six Catholic bishops were present at the coronation, including Vatican representatives,” said Archbishop John Wilson of Southwark.

“Here we are taught an important lesson embedded in the Gospel: Reconciliation is possible. It may take time. There may be obstacles on the road. It may not be easy, but we can be reconciled. With effort, patience and prayer, we can find healing — in our lives and families, within our communities and between nations.”

The archbishop was preaching at a May 7 thanksgiving Mass at St. George's Cathedral in Southwark following the coronation, which was attended by 2,300 in London's historic Westminster Abbey, including heads of state and government, and watched live by tens of millions worldwide.

He said Catholics looked to the new king and queen to “witness that Christian service knows no boundaries,” despite “all the pomp and ceremony, all the gold, jewels, crowns, rods, orb, robes, music and carriages.”

Joseph Shaw, chairman of England's Latin Mass Society and a prominent lay British Catholic, told OSV News the Protestant coronation service had incorporated historic Catholic elements, including a Eucharist and holy Communion, as well as a Gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei and Te Deum Laudamus, and had provided a “wonderful reaffirmation of Christian tradition and presence.”

“Of course, there could have been even more — but it was perfectly choreographed to embody all essential elements of British statecraft,” Shaw said.

“The king's position under God was shown by his ritual receiving of regalia from the altar, which he touched” and which were “then returned to the altar, symbolizing their divine sanction,” Shaw stressed. “We were reminded that we are a Christian country with a Christian monarchy, laws and institutions, which also allows its people to go their own way.”

The two-hour coronation ceremony, conducted by Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury, primate of the Protestant Church of England, with the theme “Called to serve,” included the presentation of a Bible to King Charles, who prayed publicly for grace to protect “every faith and belief,” while following “the pattern of Christ.”



OSV News Photo/Aaron Chown, Reuters
King Charles III sits in the Coronation Chair after being crowned with St. Edward's Crown by Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury during his coronation ceremony at Westminster Abbey in London.

The monarch also reaffirmed his loyalty to the “Protestant reformed religion,” and declared himself a “faithful Protestant,” pledging to secure “the Protestant succession,” as supreme governor of the legally established Church of England.

However, he also received blessings from leaders of other churches, including Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster, in the first direct participation of a Catholic leader at a coronation since the 16th century.

In his OSV News interview, Shaw said the king's pledge to the “Protestant reformed religion” had sounded “strange to modern ears,” but also reflected “historic formulations” that remained binding in Britain.

Another top lay Catholic told OSV News the oath was a legal rather than religious requirement, and was “a lot less anti-Catholic” than it had been previously, when it had included a denunciation of the Catholic Mass as “superstitious and idolatrous.”

Catherine Pepinster, former editor of Britain's Catholic weekly, *The Tablet*, and author of a new book on coronations, “Defenders of the Faith,” added that the Church of England had explained the “history and symbolism” of the coronation in its order of service, showing sensitivity to other religious traditions, and also had made “innovations reflecting national diversity.”

“Many people will have been surprised the coronation was such a religious event, and especially by its focus on the Church of England, which is now just a small practicing minority here,” she said.

“Although there'll also be some disappointment that other churches weren't given a fuller role, it was stressed that people of all faiths and none were welcome. The king was shown kneeling at the altar like a humble penitent,

before being anointed and receiving God's grace in moves precisely choreographed to stress his role of service,” Pepinster said.

Westminster Abbey said the coronation, with its historic elements of recognition, oath-taking, anointing, investiture, crowning, enthronement and homage, had been the 39th in the Gothic building since that of William the Conqueror in 1066.

It added that new elements had included the king's pledge of service, as well as participation by female clergy and Greek Orthodox and Gospel choirs, the use of Welsh, Scots and Irish Gaelic in the liturgy, and a “Homage of the People,” whose wording was modified shortly before the service following criticism. With the “Homage,” the people of the U.K. pledge allegiance to the king.

“Throughout the changing centuries, the coronation service has held together hopes both for our immediate and our eternal destinies — it has been and still is an occasion for prayer,” the abbey said.

“Today we pray for our king, and pray with him, for a nation united and rejoicing in its diversity, and, ultimately, for a world healed and reconciled in the eternal banquet of the saints in heaven.”

The service was attended by Humza Yousaf, Scotland's newly elected Muslim first minister, and included a New Testament reading by British premier Rishi Sunak, a practicing Hindu, as well as the presentation of regalia by senior representatives of Judaism, Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism.

The procession into the Abbey included a new Cross of Wales, incorpo-

rating fragments of the Cross of Christ donated by Pope Francis, and a book of Latin gospels used in a sixth-century conversion mission to England, and was joined by various Christian denominations, as well as Bahai, Jain, Zoroastrian, Buddhist, Sikh, Hindu, Muslim and Jewish leaders.

In his coronation homily, Archbishop Welby said Jesus Christ had created “the unchangeable law of good authority — that with the privilege of power comes the duty to serve,” adding that the new king had been given, through anointment, “what no ruler can ever attain through will, or politics, or war or tyranny.”

“Christ announced a kingdom in which the poor and oppressed are freed from the chains of injustice, in which the blind see, and the bruised and broken-hearted are healed,” the Protestant archbishop said. “That kingdom sets the aims and means of all righteous government, all authority. For Jesus does not grasp power or hold onto status.”

Meanwhile, in an online commentary, Cardinal Nichols paid tribute to the coronation service's “profoundly Christian nature,” adding that the significant presence of Catholic leaders was “the fruit of decades of ecumenical relations.”

“The presence of other Christian leaders and leaders of different faith communities speaks to the king's commitment to maintaining the way of life of this country, with its openness to all faiths, permitting the free expression of these faiths, and joined to the nation's Christian roots,” Cardinal Nichols said.

“It's symbolic of the whole ceremony because it respects our history, builds on our history and complements the history,” he said.

Tributes were paid to the new king and queen at a May 7 concert, attended by the royal family and 20,000 members of the public at Windsor Castle, near London, which featured international stars.

British media reported controversy over the arrest of several dozen anti-monarchy protesters during the May 6 ceremonies under new public order laws.

(Jonathan Luxmoore writes for OSV News from Oxford, England.)

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Priests, Seminarians, Laity to Gather May 16 at International Symposium on Priesthood

By **Father Patrick Briscoe**

WASHINGTON (OSV News)—Canadian Cardinal Marc Ouellet has launched an international movement to revitalize the collaboration between ordained priests and the priesthood of the faithful.

The movement was inspired by a symposium held in Rome in February 2022 and will now include a gathering for American theologians, priests, seminarians and laity that will be held May 16 at The Catholic University of America in Washington.

The event is expected to attract more than 150 people and is co-sponsored by the Center for Research and Anthropology of Vocations, based in France; the Thomistic Institute, which is affiliated with the Dominican House of Studies in Washington; Theological College, the national diocesan seminary of Catholic University; and the Institute for Human Ecology, which also is part of Catholic University.

Archbishop Timothy M. Broglio of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services, who is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and Bishop William D. Byrne of Springfield, Massachusetts, will be among the conference presenters.

For Cardinal Ouellet, at stake is the question of how the reciprocity of the priesthood of the baptized and the ordained priesthood are in service to each other. "Society in general but also the church in the United States are struggling with strong polarizations," the cardinal said. "Better understanding" and "renewed collaboration" among priests and laity is

one response to the situation, he added.

Catholic priests face unique challenges today, however. For Cardinal Ouellet, the keys to renewal are "the witness of unity around the bishop" and "charity that gives priority to the most needy." He encouraged priests to dream of converting their parishes, as the Curé of Ars did, and emphasized that holiness must be "virtuous," but above all, "missionary."

The Curé of Ars—St. John Vianney—was known for his priestly and pastoral work in his parish in Ars, France. He is the patron saint of parish priests.

Another priority for Cardinal Ouellet is examining the value of the witness of clerical celibacy. He says that celibacy is a "treasure" which orients and animates a priest in his "missionary openness." Priestly celibacy is "above all a testimony of faith in the divine Person of Christ which precedes and accompanies the ministry of preaching and the sacraments," said the cardinal. Despite individual failures and struggles, Cardinal Ouellet judges the discipline "fruitful."

The inaugural conference in Rome received wide acclaim. Pope Francis opened the conference, delivering the longest speech of his pontificate to participants gathered in the Pope Paul VI Audience Hall.

"A priest needs to have a heart sufficiently 'enlarged' to expand and embrace the pain of the people entrusted to his care while, at the same time, like a sentinel, being able to proclaim the dawning of God's grace revealed in that very pain," the pope said in his opening remarks Feb. 17, 2022.

Over 700 participants were present in Rome and

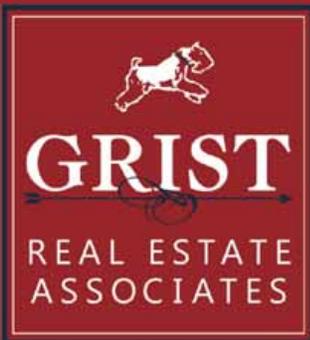
many thousands more joined the symposium virtually. In addition to the cities that have hosted the conference so far — Paris, Abidjan, Ivory Coast, and Madrid — Cardinal Ouellet said that organizers are arranging events in Manila, four major cities in Brazil, and across Africa and South America. A large gathering also is being coordinated for the upcoming World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal.

Acknowledging that a theological conference does not have the necessary tools or resources to answer every problem the church faces, Cardinal Ouellet said in his opening remarks to the symposium in Rome, "it can help us deepen the foundation of the church's mission."

"In this search for synodal conversion, there is room for a vast theological endeavor which should offer a renewed vision," which is "a way of valuing all vocations while respecting what is specific to each," said Cardinal Ouellet, expounding his vision for the project.

Throughout the synods on the family, youth and the church in Amazonia, there was a significant emphasis placed on the priesthood and synodality, highlighting the importance of baptism as the foundation for all vocations, said the cardinal, who retired Jan. 30 as the prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Bishops. "The time has come to prolong the reflection and to promote a vocational movement facilitating the sharing of the various church experiences all over the planet."

(Father Patrick Briscoe, OP, is editor of Our Sunday Visitor Newspaper.)



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Bishop Mark Brennan stands with the newly confirmed at St. Matthew Parish in Ravenswood following confirmation April 30. From left are Piper Hill, Mitch Marra, Father Penumaka Manikyalarao HGN (pastor), Bishop Brennan, Michael Sayre, Jenna Roberts, Alex Toler, and Tammy Spangler (the the kids' teacher).

Confirmation Schedule

Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant

Saturday, May 13: Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 14: Our Lady of Fatima, Huntington, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 14: St. Joseph, Huntington, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17: St. Joseph the Worker, Weirton, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 19: St. Leo, Inwood, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20: St. Bernadette, Hedgesville, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 20: St. James, Charles Town, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 21: St. Vincent de Paul, Berkeley Springs, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, May 21: St. Joseph, Martinsburg, 4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 22: Assumption, Keyser, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 28: St. Paul, Weirton, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 1: St. Agnes, Charleston, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 10: Sacred Heart, Princeton, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 10: St. Francis de Sales, Beckley, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 18: Immaculate Conception, Fairmont, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 24: Mater Dolorosa, Paden City, 5:00 p.m.



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El obispo de Dallas reacciona al tiroteo masivo en un centro comercial con 'el corazón encogido' y pide 'oraciones por la paz' en las comunidades

Por **Kate Scanlon, OSV News**

(OSV News) — El obispo de Dallas Edward J. Burns se dirigió a los fieles de la diócesis "con el corazón encogido" a finales del 6 de mayo, después de que al menos ocho personas, entre ellas un niño, murieran durante un tiroteo masivo esa misma tarde en un centro comercial de Allen, Texas.

"Al igual que todos ustedes, estoy profundamente preocupado por el tiroteo en la comunidad de Allen y el desprecio sin sentido por la vida que ha ocurrido en nuestra comunidad", dijo el obispo Burns en un comunicado. "La comunidad católica acompaña en unidad y solidaridad a las familias que han perdido a sus seres queridos en esta tragedia. Que Dios, nuestro Padre Celestial, traiga consuelo y fortaleza a todos los afectados por este trágico suceso. Pedimos a Dios que consuele a nuestra comunidad, a las víctimas y a sus familias".

Según las autoridades, un hombre armado abrió fuego en el Allen Premium Outlets, un centro comercial outlet del área de Dallas, matando a ocho personas e hiriendo al menos a otras siete antes de ser abatido por un agente de policía que se encontraba casualmente en el centro comercial.

El Departamento de Policía de Allen dijo que uno de sus agentes ya había acudido al centro comercial outlet por una llamada no relacionada, cuando el agente escuchó disparos poco después de las 3:30 p.m. El departamento dijo que este agente "se enfrentó al sospechoso y neutralizó la amenaza".

Las edades de las víctimas oscilan entre los 5 y los 61 años, según las autoridades.

A finales del 7 de mayo, el Departamento de Seguridad Pública de Texas identificó al pistolero como Mauricio García, de 33 años, que vestía equipo táctico, usaba un arma de asalto y tenía

varias rondas de municiones con él, según informes de prensa. Los investigadores policiales estaban investigando sus cuentas de redes sociales para ver si tenía vínculos con grupos extremistas.

García había estado trabajando como guardia de seguridad y se hospedaba en un motel cerca del centro comercial. La policía registró el motel y una casa en el área de Dallas que, según se informa, es propiedad de sus padres.

"Debemos trabajar para poner fin a la violencia", dijo el obispo Burns en su declaración. "Debemos rezar por la paz en nuestras comunidades. Y debemos tener el valor de enfrentarnos a las fuerzas del mal y a la cultura de la muerte".

El presidente Joe Biden dijo en una declaración el 7 de mayo que "ocho estadounidenses -- incluidos niños -- fueron asesinados ayer en el último acto de violencia armada que ha devastado nuestra nación".

"Jill y yo estamos rezando por sus familias y por otros heridos graves, y estamos agradecidos a las personas que fueron los primeros en responder que actuaron con rapidez y valentía para salvar vidas", dijo Biden, añadiendo que ha "ordenado a las agencias federales que proporcionen todo el apoyo necesario" a las fuerzas del orden federales, estatales y locales que participaron en la respuesta.

"Ayer, un asaltante con equipo táctico armado con un arma de asalto estilo AR-15 mató a balazos a personas inocentes en un centro comercial, y no era la primera vez", dijo Biden. "Un ataque así es demasiado impactante para ser tan familiar. Y, sin embargo, las comunidades estadounidenses han sufrido ya unos 200 tiroteos masivos este año, según los principales recuentos. Más de 14,000 de nuestros conciudadanos han perdido la vida, según estimaciones creíbles. La principal causa de

muerte de los niños estadounidenses es la violencia armada".

Biden se refirió a la Ley Bipartidista de Comunidades más Seguras, una ley que firmó el año pasado y que fue aprobada por el Congreso a raíz de un tiroteo masivo en una escuela primaria de Uvalde, Texas. Esta ley amplió el sistema de comprobación de antecedentes para los posibles compradores de armas menores de 21 años, cerró una disposición conocida como la 'laguna del novio' (boyfriend loophole), que prohibía a los maltratadores domésticos comprar armas de fuego independientemente de su estado civil, e invertía en recursos de salud mental.

Pero, dijo Biden, "necesitamos más acción, más rápido para salvar vidas".

"Una vez más, pido al Congreso que realice una ley para prohibir las armas de asalto y las municiones de alta capacidad de almacenamiento", dijo, y añadió: "Que se implemente la revisión universal de antecedentes. Que se requiera de resguardo seguro. Que finalice la inmunidad para los productores de armas. La firmaré de inmediato. Es lo que necesitamos para mantener seguras nuestras calles".

Biden ordenó que las banderas ondearan a media asta como "señal de respeto a las víctimas de los actos de violencia sin sentido", según una proclama emitida por la Casa Blanca.

El senador John Cornyn, republicano por Texas, escribió en Twitter que está "de luto con la comunidad de Allen", y agradeció a la policía local y a los primeros en responder "y a todos los involucrados en responder al horrible incidente de esta tarde".

La Iglesia Católica de San Judas en Allen, Texas, publicó en su página de Facebook: "Recemos juntos por los trágicos acontecimientos ocurridos hoy y por todos los afectados por la devastadora pérdida de vidas".

"Señor Dios, Padre en el cielo, nuestros corazones están rotos, y oramos por todos los impactados por los horribles eventos que se desarrollaron hoy en nuestra comunidad", decía la oración publicada. "Te pedimos que consueles a todas las familias que están lidiando con el sufrimiento y la pérdida y rezamos para que les des consuelo como sólo Tú puedes dar. Te lo pedimos en el nombre de Jesús, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, el Señor".

A esa oración siguió una petición de intercesión a María y a todos los santos y la oración a San Miguel Arcángel, que dice en parte: "Defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y las asechanzas del demonio".

En un comunicado publicado en su página web, Allen Premium Outlets dijo: "Estamos horrorizados por la tragedia sin sentido de hoy e indignados por la violencia que sigue asolando nuestro país".

"Nuestros pensamientos y oraciones están con las víctimas, sus familias y otras personas afectadas por este acto atroz", dijo el comunicado. "Estamos agradecidos por las acciones heroicas del agente de policía y por el apoyo de todos los primeros en responder".

En otro lugar de Texas se produjo otra tragedia al día siguiente. Las autoridades informaron que el 7 de mayo un conductor atropelló a un grupo que se encontraba fuera de un refugio que había estado albergando a migrantes en Brownsville, cerca de la frontera con Texas, dejando un saldo de siete muertos y otros heridos. La parada de autobús está al otro lado de la calle del Centro Ozanam, un refugio que alberga a migrantes.

(Kate Scanlon es una reportera nacional de OSV News que cubre Washington.)

Para denunciar presuntos casos de abuso sexual de niños:

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

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

Para informar a las autoridades diocesanas: La diócesis alienta a informar a las autoridades civiles apropiadas, ante todo, si se ha cometido un delito. La diócesis también alienta a informar a las autoridades eclesásticas 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 siguientes designados al 1.888.434.6237 o 304.233.0880: Sr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Sr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; o Muy Reverendo Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. También puede llamar a la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro de la Diócesis al 304.230.1504. También puede lla-

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

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

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



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- The ideal candidate must have an earned Master's Degree in Educational Leadership or Administration or begin the process of completing degree requirements; or hold a valid Educational Leadership certification from the state of West Virginia or be eligible for such certification.

- The candidate will have a minimum of three years of successful educational experience with a preference for administrative experience.

A resume with three references may be emailed with all attachments in PDF form to Wendy F. Hinerman, whinerman@stmikesparish.org. Resumes will be accepted until June 1, 2023.

St. Joseph School, Martinsburg, Seeking Kindergarten Aide

St. Joseph School (SJS), Martinsburg, W.Va., seeks a Kindergarten aide for the 2023-24 school year. SJS educates in the spirit of the Gospel, inspiring Catholic values, academic excellence, global awareness and service to those in need. The ideal candidate would be one who embraces the SJS mission and who is looking for a place in which to be respected and supported.

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Qualifications: High school diploma; Experience caring for children desired; Ability to establish and maintain effective collaborative relationships with students, peers, administrators and parents; Demonstrated skill in oral and written communications; Proficiency with basic computer, copier and two-way radio or willingness to learn

Please send a letter of introduction and résumé to Principal Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjsww.org.

Four Positions Open at St. Francis de Sales School, Beckley

St. Francis de Sales School, Beckley, W.Va., will have four job openings for the 2023-24 school year. Brief descriptions of each are listed below. All positions involve implementing the school's mission and philosophy and respecting Catholic values. To find out more information about these or to apply, please call or stop by the school office between 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. The office phone number is (304) 252-4087.

Openings: **School Secretary** - 5 days/week, 7AM - 3PM, summer hours differ. Qualification Requirements: High School Diploma or Equivalent, Word processing, Excel spreadsheets, Quickbooks, Managing and maintaining school records, front desk, resources, and databases, Organization and communication skills, and correct English Grammar usage. **Finance Coordinator** - Hours and days individualized. Qualification Requirements: Quickbooks knowledge and Excel spreadsheets, 2 years of Bookkeeping experience. Primary role is to organize financial budgetary needs, maintain communication and assist in the general financial operation of the school. Managing and maintaining school databases in FACTS SIS and Quickbooks. **Preschool Aide** - 5 days/week, 7AM - 3PM. Essential duties: Assists the instructor in establishing a faith-filled environment, facilitating student learning under the guidance of the classroom teacher, and assisting in supervising the safety and well-being of each child. Complies with all workplace policies. **After School Care Program worker** - 4 days/week, 2:45- 5:30PM Essential duties: Assist in the facilitation of a safe and fun afterschool program. Ensure that students in your care are supervised and cared for, ensure that proper sign-in and sign-out procedures are followed, follow school policies, and assist supervisor in maintaining a clean environment for the program.



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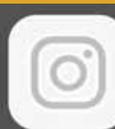
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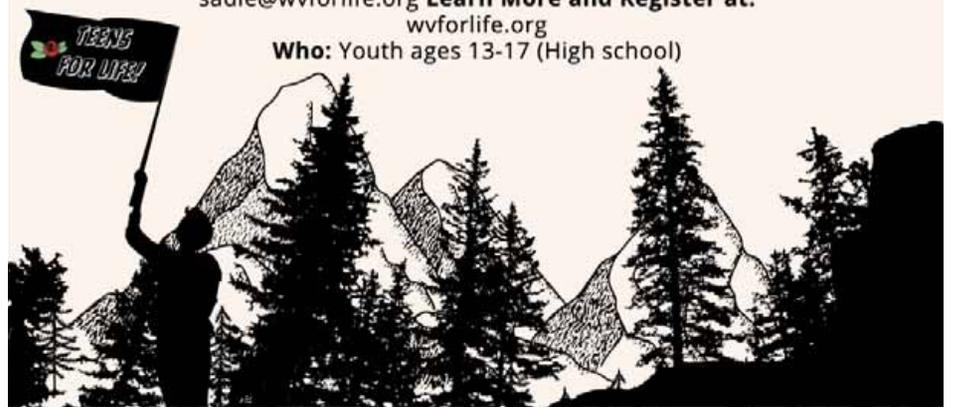
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