



Faithful Invited to Fast & Pray the Rosary May 13 in Midst of Tensions Over Leaked Draft Supreme Court Opinion

WASHINGTON—In response to the leak of a draft opinion in the U.S. Supreme Court case of *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, some abortion advocates are calling for nationwide demonstrations, disruptions of church services, and the personal intimidation of specific Supreme Court justices. Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Pro-

Life Activities invited the faithful to unite in fasting and prayer:

In the midst of current tensions, we invite Catholics around the country to join us in fasting and praying the Rosary on Friday, May 13, the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima. Let us offer our prayers and fasting for these intentions:

For our nation, for the integrity of our judicial system, and that all branches of government be dedicated to seeking the common good and protecting the dignity and rights of the human person, from

conception to natural death.

For the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* in the Supreme Court’s final decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*.

For the conversion of the hearts and minds of those who advocate for abortion.

For a new commitment to building an America where children are welcomed, cherished, and cared for; where mothers and fathers are encouraged and strengthened; and where marriage and the family are recognized and supported as the

true foundations of a healthy and flourishing society.

For Our Blessed Mother’s intercession and guidance as the Church continues to walk with mothers and families in need, and continues to promote alternatives to abortion, and seeks to create a culture of life.

As Catholics, let us witness to the beautiful gift of life with civility and love, and with our peaceful prayers and our compassionate service to all those in need.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

Month of Our Lady



Colleen Rowan Photo
Eighth graders, who recently received the sacrament of confirmation, and second graders, who recently made their first Holy Communion, at St. Vincent de Paul Parish School in Wheeling surround a statue of Our Lady following May Crowning in the gym May 6. May is the Month of Mary throughout which parishes and Catholic schools will be holding May Crownings as well.

Bishop Chairmen Respond to Senate Vote on Extreme Abortion on Demand Bill

WASHINGTON—On May 12, the U.S. Senate failed to advance the Women’s Health Protection Act, S. 4132. This bill would have imposed abortion on demand nationwide at any stage of pregnancy through federal statute and would have eliminated pro-life laws at every level of government — including parental notification for minor girls, informed consent, and

health or safety protections specific to abortion facilities.

S. 4132 also would have compelled all Americans to support abortions here and abroad with their tax dollars and would have also likely forced health care providers and professionals to perform, assist in, and/or refer for abortion against their deeply-held beliefs, as well as forced employers and insurers to

cover or pay for abortion.

Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities and Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty, issued the following statement:

“The ‘Women’s Health Protection Act’ (S. 4132) is an utterly unjust and ex-

treme measure that would impose abortion on demand nationwide at any stage of pregnancy through federal statute. We are relieved that the Senate vote to advance this bill failed for the second time in less than three months. This bill insists that elective abortion, including late-term elective abortion, is a ‘human right’ and ‘women’s health care’ — something that should be

promoted, funded, and celebrated. S. 4132 is far more extreme than Roe v. Wade. It would invalidate widely supported laws that protect women and unborn children from an unscrupulous abortion industry, would force all Americans to support abortion here and abroad with their tax dollars, and seeks to force religious hospitals and health care professionals

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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

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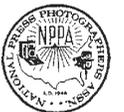


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Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

Unfortunately, after two years, we still find ourselves in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. In light of a rising number of Coronavirus infections, both nationwide and in West Virginia, and more COVID-related hospitalizations in many places, I do not want to relax any of our safety protocols at this time. We will keep our eye on further developments, but for the present the best course for our people's and our own safety is to keep in place the safety measures we have been following.

As a reminder, that means that anyone distributing Holy Communion should wear a mask, sanitize his or her hands before offering the Eucharist to the faithful and sanitize the hand that has given the Sacrament, after a person receives on the tongue, before giving the Host to the next communicant. The Precious Blood is still not to be offered to the faithful for safety reasons.

All other protocols put in place by the Diocese on June 11, 2021, (dwc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Updated-directives-6-10-21.pdf) remain in effect.

I thank you for observing these safety measures at the moment of closest personal contact with the faithful. May we all receive the Lord Jesus with faith and joy, with due regard to mutual safety. Let us continue to offer our prayers for an end to this pandemic that God will spare the loss of more lives and the serious illness of others.

Fraternally in Christ,
+Mark E. Brennan
+Mark E. Brennan
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

Vote...

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to perform abortions against their beliefs.

"More than 60 million unborn children have already lost their lives to abortion, and countless women suffer from the physical and emotional trauma of abortion. This radical bill would add millions more to that tragic toll. As a nation built on the recognition that every human being is endowed by its Creator with the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, we implore Congress to stop pushing abortion as a solution to the needs of women and young girls, and instead embrace public policy that fully respects and facilitates these rights and the needs of both mother and child."

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Ecumenical Service in Wheeling Offers Prayers for Survivors of Abuse

By Colleen Rowan

An Ecumenical Prayer Service for Survivors of Abuse brought people of different faiths and their faith leaders together May 10 at the Wheeling Park Amphitheater.

At the gathering, Bishop Mark Brennan joined Rev. Darrell Cummings of Bethlehem Apostolic Temple, Rev. Erica Harley of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church, Rev. Ken Hardway of First Christian Church, Pastor Marshall Davis of Macedonia Baptist Church, Rabbi Joshua Lief of Temple Shalom, Rev. Jacob (Jake)



Courtesy Photo

Bishop Mark Brennan speaks at the Ecumenical Prayer Service for Survivors of Abuse May 10 in Wheeling.

Steele of Christ United Methodist Church, and Father Joshua Saxe of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church—all of Wheeling. Each of the faith leaders offered words of support for survivors of abuse and prayers.

Those gathered were welcomed to the service by Tim Bishop, director of Marketing and Communications for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. The diocese sponsored the event with the aim of offering prayer, support, and healing for those who have suffered abuse.

Bishop Brennan began his prayer, noting Psalm 133: "How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together as one! Like fine oil on the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, upon the collar of his

robe. Like dew of Hermon coming down upon the mountains of Zion. There the LORD has decreed a blessing, life for evermore!"

Bishop Brennan continued, praying: "Lord, to live in peace with one another and experience the joy of unity we must recognize evil, denounce it, and defend those victimized or threatened by it," the bishop said. "So, peace comes from working for justice. You have told us that every human being is made in God's image and likeness, as others have said before me, from the unborn child to the frail, elderly adult to handicapped persons—all deserve respect for their human dignity and to receive, from other members of the community, the assistance they need."

Those who help victims of abuse to become survivors with meaningful lives are doing the work of justice and peace, he said.

"Dealing with the wounds of sexual abuse of particular," the bishop said, "victims need healing, inner peace. From my perspective, a restoration of faith where it has been lost. And as they gain emotional control, I hope and trust in God they become models for others to achieve peace after being similarly abused."

Survivors help victims flourish, Bishop Brennan said, and society needs healing and peace, which once again is the fruit of a common commitment to work for justice.

"We must transform the impulse to do violence to others into the resolve to do them good. I believe a renaissance of religious faith then will help in that effort," Bishop Brennan said. "We have to see clearly that we are one community, Lord, whose common good depends on the goodwill of constructive contributions of each member. Then we can hope to build the earthly city of which it may be said how good it is and how pleasant where the people dwell as one. For God, we are weak and distracted so often. Too much so to do this on our own. Bless us with your help so that we may fulfill your holy will for us—peace and life for evermore. Amen."

Those in attendance also had the opportunity to hear from advocates for survivors of abuse and the support and resources that are available. One of the speakers was Adam Marquart, founder of the Confraternity of St. Nicholas, a public association of the faithful who, through prayer, fasting, and good works, are dedicated to the protection of all children from scandalization, abuse, and trafficking as described on the group's website.

Marquart spoke about the dangers against children and the necessity of prayer and advocacy for their protection, explaining that "these evils continue to worsen, and if we as a culture do not turn back to God, society will collapse."

His goal in participating in the gathering was to raise awareness and to get more people involved in his group.

"I wanted to be a part of the event so that more people would be aware of the Confraternity of St. Nicholas, which prays for abused children, and so that I could connect with the other



Courtesy Photo

Bishop Mark Brennan is pictured with Adam Marquart, founder of the Confraternity of St. Nicholas, following the Ecumenical Prayer Service for Survivors of Abuse May 10 in Wheeling. The bishop and Marquart spoke at the gathering.

speakers," Marquart said. "I would like the confraternity to get involved more with other groups that work to protect and help abused children."

More information about the group can be found at <http://confraternityofstnicholas.org>.

Attendees of the gathering also heard from other Wheeling-area advocates for victims of abuse, including Laurie Jones, executive director of YWCA Wheeling; Ashley Carpenter of the Upper Ohio Valley Sexual Assault Help Center; and Chris Frizzell, victim witness coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office-Northern District of West Virginia.

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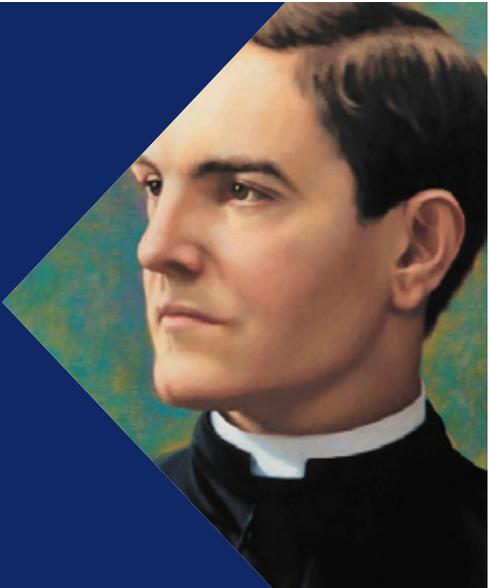
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Fundraisers Underway for Mary's Refuge, Home for Pregnant Women in Crisis, in Martinsburg

By Colleen Rowan

MARTINSBURG—Initiatives are underway to raise funding and provisions for Mary's Refuge, a home for women in crisis pregnancy in Martinsburg. The home is a ministry of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg.

West Virginians for Life (WVFL) is lending its support by sponsoring a baby shower to benefit the home beginning at the end of this month.

"We will be collecting items between May 29 and June 5 (between Mother's Day and Father's Day)," WVFL officials said.

Kim Roche, director, of Mary's Refuge, listed needed items as: diaper bag and/or items to stock one – newborn diapers, onesies, pacifiers, newborn bottles, wipes, swaddle cloth, booties & lamp; socks, burp cloth, blanket/sac. Other needs include port-a-crib sheets, mobile for crib, nail clippers, clip-on toys, nursing bottles and pads; clothing should be premie, newborn, or 0-3 months, 3-6 months.

A crib will be in the narthex of St. Joseph Church in Martinsburg, where donations may be placed. "The babies thank you!" officials said.

The neighboring Parish of St. James the Greater in Charles Town is also having a Mary's Refuge fund-



Courtesy Photo
Mary's Refuge maternity home logo

raiser selling "630K Shirts" designed by the parish's seventh- and eighth-grade girls religious education classes.

"What is 630K? Sadly, it's the number of children lost to abortion in just one year in the United States," parish officials said. "We want to change that! We want to change hearts! And we want to help women!"

The girls' logo is the number 630K with a heart and baby footprints inside. St. James officials said the logo references the "shocking" 630,000 children who are lost to abortion each year in the U.S.

"We are committed to finding solutions for women facing difficult or unplanned pregnancies, empowering them to work toward self-sufficiency in a loving and supportive environment," parish officials said.

"The seventh- and eighth-grade girls' religious education classes ... are the brains and motivation behind this fundraising campaign which supports Mary's Refuge," officials continued.

Proceeds from the sale of the shirts will be donated for the operation of the home, parish officials said. Available for purchase are hoodies, short-sleeve shirts, and long-sleeve shirts in St. Zita's or online at <https://630k.square.site>. The option to donate to the organization is also available on the site, which states: "This home will be one of only 250 maternity homes in the United States. Custom donation amounts can be made by clicking on the \$0.00 button. Every donation received from February 7 onward will be matched by the diocese up to \$50,000. Thank you for your support!"

Officials describe Mary's Refuge as a safe haven for women in crisis pregnancy. "Mary's Refuge is a maternity home that embraces life, mother, and child in a holistic program of services based on Catholic values and independent living," officials state on the facility's website.

Its mission, described on the site, is "Embracing Life, Mother and Child." To Embrace—surround with love and non-judgment; feel-



Courtesy Photo
"630K Shirt" logo designed by the seventh- and eighth-grade girls religious education classes at St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town. All proceeds from the sale of the shirts support Mary's Refuge.

ing safe and valued; Life—the miracle of birth, the potential of a unique person evident and tangible; Mother—nurturer, guardian, filled with hope and love; Child—a gift, real and tangible, filled with opportunity and wonder.

The program welcomes mothers-to-be who are in a situation which is causing them fear and anxiety, the website states.

"They likely feel they are not being listened to, have no idea where to turn, and have no safe place to be. Mary's Refuge is a safe haven; a loving, structured place to live, offering support, encouragement, and real resources and solutions. We walk alongside our mothers-to-be to support them in making good independent choices so they can live in the knowledge of having a fruitful and happy future with their child, ready and equipped for life's challenges and successes," the website states.

For more information, contact Mary's Refuge by e-mail to Office.Marysrefuge@gmail.com or call (304) 261-3664 or visit its website at <https://marysrefuge.org>.

Catholic Radio in the Eastern Panhandle Informational Meeting to be Held May 14

CHARLES TOWN—In an effort to bring Catholic Radio to the Eastern Panhandle, there will be an informational meeting on Saturday, May 14 after the 8 a.m. Mass at St. James the Greater Parish in Charleston in the St. James Parish Library.

The special guest is Bob Carubia of Light of Life Catholic Radio in Central West Virginia and the Northern Panhandle.

To RSVP or for questions, contact Shaun Perkowski at shaun.perkowski@gmail.com or call (304) 283-1038.

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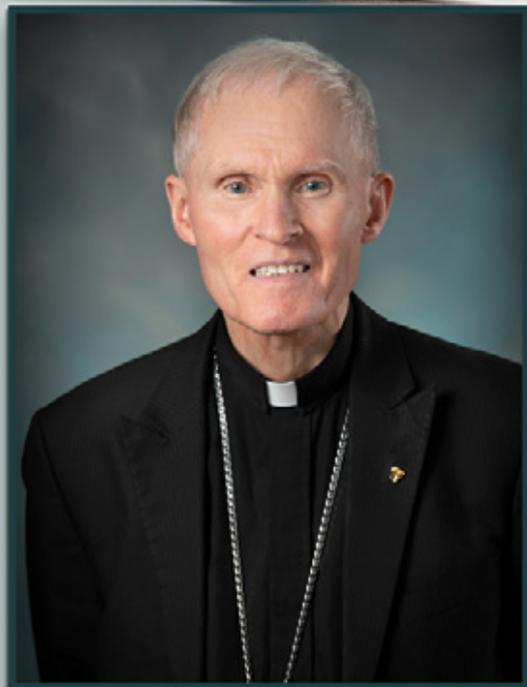
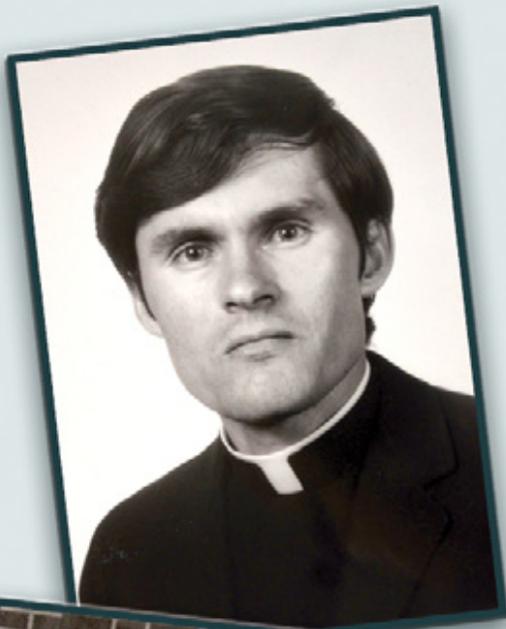
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Jesus Christ, before our
God and Father.*

Thessalonians 1:2-3



*From the faithful of the
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston*

Day of Prayer for Peace Planned in Wheeling

WHEELING—As the deaths, destruction and human suffering mount in Ukraine and other troubled spots of the world, St. Vincent de Paul Church in Wheeling is hosting a Day of Prayer for Peace on Tuesday, May 17.

The parish have all-day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adora-

tion will conclude with a prayer service for peace and healing followed by a Communion service.

“Please come anytime during the day to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament and join us in prayer afterwards,” parish officials said. “Let there be Peace on earth, and let it begin with me!”

Join in a Rosary Rally this Sunday in Huntington

HUNTINGTON—Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Huntington will have a Rosary Rally May 15 following the celebration of Sunday morning Mass at 11 a.m. The rally is being sponsored by the local Knights of Columbus council. Following the rally, there will be a gathering in the parish hall where attendees can enjoy hotdogs, chips and refreshments.

Buckhannon’s Holy Rosary Parish Will Host SVD Seminarian this Summer

BUCKHANNON—Holy Rosary in Buckhannon will welcome Martin Vu Trung Tin, a Society of the Divine Word seminarian, this summer. He will be spending several months at the parish as part of his cross-cultural experience.

“We are not sure of his exact arrival, but we are looking forward to his stay,” parish officials said. “We welcome him to our faith community.”

To introduce himself to the parish prior to his arrival, he offered a brief biography on himself. He was born (1986) and raised in Vietnam. His parents and a younger brother are still living there.

“I joined the Society of the Divine Word in Vietnam in 2014 and spent two years in postulancy,” he shared. “After that, I had one year contemplating and discerning

about my vocation in the novitiate before professing my first vows in July 2017.”

He came to the United States in January 2018 after spending months for document work. As a member of the Society of the Divine Word, he continued the formation program at Divine Word College for required philosophy credits. He graduated from Divine Word College Seminary - Epworth in 2020 and is currently a student at Catholic Theological Union.

“During my two and a half years studying at Divine Word College, I did ministry at a nursing home before helping teach Vietnamese for kids at a parish in Davenport,” he said. “I am now helping teach Catechism at Queenship of Mary in Glen Ellyn, Ill.”

‘Pasta-bilities’ Dinner to Benefit Catholic Charities in Huntington

HUNTINGTON—“Consider the Pasta-bilities,” a carry-out dinner fundraiser for Catholic Charities West Virginia’s Western Region, will be held at the Catholic Charities Community Center of Huntington at Sacred Heart Parish Center in Huntington on Sunday, May 15, from noon – 5 p.m.

Consider all the “Pasta-bilities” that Catholic Charities contributes to those in need, CCWVa officials said. Throughout 2021, with COVID impacting the area, Catholic Charities/Western Region has provided over \$100K in emergency assistance such as utility payments, rent, etc. throughout the Western Region; distributed approximately 68 thousand pounds of food to over 972 individuals; and enrolled over 382 students in its Huntington-based educational programs with over 242 career credentials and job certifications achieved.

Tickets are \$15 each and are available from staff members of Catholic Charities Community Center of Huntington, the CCWVa Advisory Council, the St. Joseph Council of the Knights of Columbus, Huntington’s Sacred Heart Parish and St. Joseph Parish pastoral councils, and at the door.

Tickets can also be purchased and donations can be made online at: <https://catholiccharitieswv.org/pastabilities2022/>

Rosary to be Prayed Before Sunday Masses at Basilica in May

CHARLESTON—May has traditionally been a month when Catholics perform special devotions to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In keeping with this tradition, the rosary will be prayed at the Ba-

silica of the Co-Cathedrals of the Sacred Heart in Charleston before each of the 10 a.m. Sunday Masses in May, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please come to pray the rosary as a congregation as we honor Mary during the month of May.



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Report Identifies Abuses of Native American Children in Boarding Schools

By **Dennis Sadowski, Catholic News Service**

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Hundreds of boarding schools supported by the U.S. government for 150 years sought to forcefully assimilate Native American and Indigenous children into white society, a first-of-its-kind report from the Interior Department said.

The report, issued May 11, identified 408 schools in 37 states or territories that tens of thousands of children were forced to attend from 1819 to 1969. The period largely coincides with the forced removal of many tribes from ancestral lands.

It also said there are at least 53 marked or unmarked burial sites associated with the schools.

Additionally, about 19 of the schools accounted for more than 500 child deaths, the report said. The Interior Department said it expects the number of record deaths to increase.

The federal government directly ran many of the boarding schools and contracted with Catholic, Protestant and other churches to operate others. The report said about 50% of the schools received support or involvement from a religious institutions or organizations.

Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, who is Laguna Pueblo and Catholic, commissioned the report last June by

establishing the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative to undertake a comprehensive review of the troubled legacy of federal boarding school policies.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops afterward said through a spokesperson that the bishops will “look for ways to be of assistance” as information about the schools was being compiled.

Haaland’s action followed the discovery of 215 unmarked graves at the Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia. Just two days after the U.S. initiative was announced, 751 unmarked graves were discovered at a second site, a former Catholic residential school in Saskatchewan.

“The consequences of federal Indian boarding school policies — including the intergenerational trauma caused by the family separation and cultural eradication inflicted upon generations of children as young as 4 years old — are heartbreaking and undeniable,” Haaland said in a statement with the release of the report.

A second volume of the report is expected to provide more detailed information on the burial sites, the size of the government’s investment in the school, and the effects of the schools on Indigenous communities, the Interior Department said.

Haaland also announced May 11 that a yearlong nationwide tour of Interior Department officials will allow Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiians to share their stories and experiences about life in the schools to develop a permanent oral history archive.

“It is my priority to not only give voice to the survivors and descendants of federal Indian boarding school policies, but also to address the lasting legacies of these policies so Indigenous peoples can continue to grow and heal,” Haaland said.

Conditions varied in the schools, with some students reporting positive experiences. However, many students lived under “systematic militarized and identity-alteration” practices meant to assimilate them into white society, the report said.

Practices included renaming children from Indian to English names; cutting long hair; discouraging or preventing the use of Indigenous languages, religions and cultural practices; and organizing children into units to perform military drills.

Children regularly were forced to carry out manual labor as part of the school curricula, according to the report’s findings. Training in vocational skills often left school graduates without the necessary requirements to ob-

tain meaningful employment, leading to further disruptions of tribal economies, it said.

Haaland said the report shows the need for an all-encompassing response from the federal government “to strengthen and rebuild the bonds within Native communities that federal Indian boarding school policies set out to break.”

Since the discoveries of the graves in Canada, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has begun to work toward reconciliation with Indigenous communities.

Further, representatives of the Métis National Council, the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the Assembly of First Nations met with Pope Francis from March 28 to April 1 to press for a papal apology on Canadian soil.

During the meetings, the pope expressed “sorrow and shame” for the complicity of Catholics in abusing Indigenous children in Canada and helping in the attempt to erase their culture. He pledged to address the issue more fully during his visit to Canada, which is planned for late July.

“For the deplorable conduct of those members of the Catholic Church,” the pope told Indigenous representatives April 1, “I ask for God’s forgiveness, and I want to say to you with all my heart: I am very sorry.”

Declining Birthrates Impoverish Future, Pope Says

By **Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The steady decline of birthrates across Europe and the West are signs of a new form of poverty that deprives humanity of a future, Pope Francis said.

Families unable to have children and young people who struggle with having a family due to economic hardship or the allure of “mediocre substitutes” risk turning the “beauty of a family full of children” into a “utopia, a dream that is difficult to fulfill,” the pope said in a message sent May 12 to participants of a conference on low birthrates in Italy.

“This is a new poverty that scares me,” he said. “It is the generative poverty of those who discount the desire for happiness in their hearts, of those who resign themselves to watering down their greatest aspirations, of those who are content with little and stop hoping for something great.”

According to the national statistics agency, ISTAT, Italy’s birthrate hit an all-time low with 399,431 births in 2021 compared to 404,892 in 2020. Italy, Malta, Spain, Greece and Luxembourg have the lowest fertility rates in Europe.

The two-day “General State of Birth Rates” conference, its website stated, aims to “make proposals to reverse

the demographic trend” in Italy which has “worsened by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

In his message, the pope said that the decline in birthrates is a “very urgent problem” and that the failure to see it as a problem “is short-sighted attitude” that views the issue as “too complex and that nothing can be done.”

Recalling the conference’s

theme, “It can be done,” the pope said it is a hopeful approach “against numbers that inexorably get worse each year.”

‘It can be done’ means not passively accepting that things cannot change,” he said.

Pope Francis encouraged conference participants to seek new ways to “reverse the course of this cold, demo-

graphic winter.”

“Things can change if we engage each other without fear, going beyond partisan interests and ideological fences,” the pope said. “The data, the forecasts, the numbers are now known to all: we need concreteness. It is time to give real answers to families and young people. Hope cannot and must not die waiting.”

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Immigration Reform Cannot be Delayed, Pope Says in Message

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Countries around the world must get serious about reforming their immigration policies to respect the rights of migrants and refugees and establish orderly procedures for welcoming newcomers, Pope Francis said.

"We cannot leave to future generations the burden of responsibility for decisions that need to be made now so that God's plan for the world may be realized and his kingdom of justice, fraternity and peace may come," the pope wrote in his message for the celebration Sept. 25 of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

Pope Francis' message, focused on the theme "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees," was released at the Vatican May 12.

While welcoming migrants and refugees presents challenges in many countries, the pope wrote, doing so also can revitalize a nation and the local church and expand people's knowledge of the world and its many cultures and religious traditions.

And, for Christians, he said, providing a dignified welcome and integrating newcomers into the community is part of their call to cooperate with God in building his kingdom.

God's plan for the world and for humanity "calls for an intense work of construction, in which all of us must be personally involved," the pope wrote. "It involves a meticulous effort aimed at personal conversion and the transformation of reality, so that it can correspond ever more fully to the divine plan."

The world clearly is not close to being what the Book of Revelation describes as "the new Jerusalem, 'the dwelling place of God with men,'" the pope wrote, but "this does not mean that we should lose heart."

"In the light of what we have learned in the tribulations of recent times," he said, "we are called to

renew our commitment to building a future that conforms ever more fully to God's plan of a world in which everyone can live in peace and dignity."

"For this wondrous harmony to reign," the pope said, "we must accept Christ's salvation, his Gospel of love, so that the many forms of inequality and discrimination in the present world may be eliminated."

In creating that future, migrants and refugees are not simply people in need, but are people who have much to contribute, the pope said.

"Indeed, history teaches us that the contribution of migrants and refugees has been fundamental to the social and economic growth of our societies," Pope Francis wrote. The same is true today when newcomers' "work, their youth, their enthusiasm and their willingness to sacrifice enrich the communities that receive them."

The challenge, he said, is to "optimize and support" their contributions with "carefully developed programs and initiatives. Enormous potential exists, ready to be harnessed, if only it is given a

chance."

That potential is a gift to the Catholic Church as well, the pope wrote. "The arrival of Catholic migrants and refugees can energize the ecclesial life of the communities that welcome them," bringing enthusiasm and sharing different devotions, which "offers us a privileged opportunity for experiencing more fully the catholicity of the people of God."

At a Vatican news conference to present the message, Cardinal Francesco Montenegro, the retired archbishop of Agrigento, Italy, which includes the island of Lampedusa, told reporters, "The pope — and this is important — calls us to move from the logic of simple welcome to Gospel logic of universal fraternity in which 'the other,' particularly the poor, is a brother or sister with whom I am called to walk."

"It will take effort to realize this," he said, "but there are not those who welcome and those who are welcomed, but brothers and sisters who must learn to love each other and to make cultural, reli-

gious and social diversity an opportunity for growth for everyone."

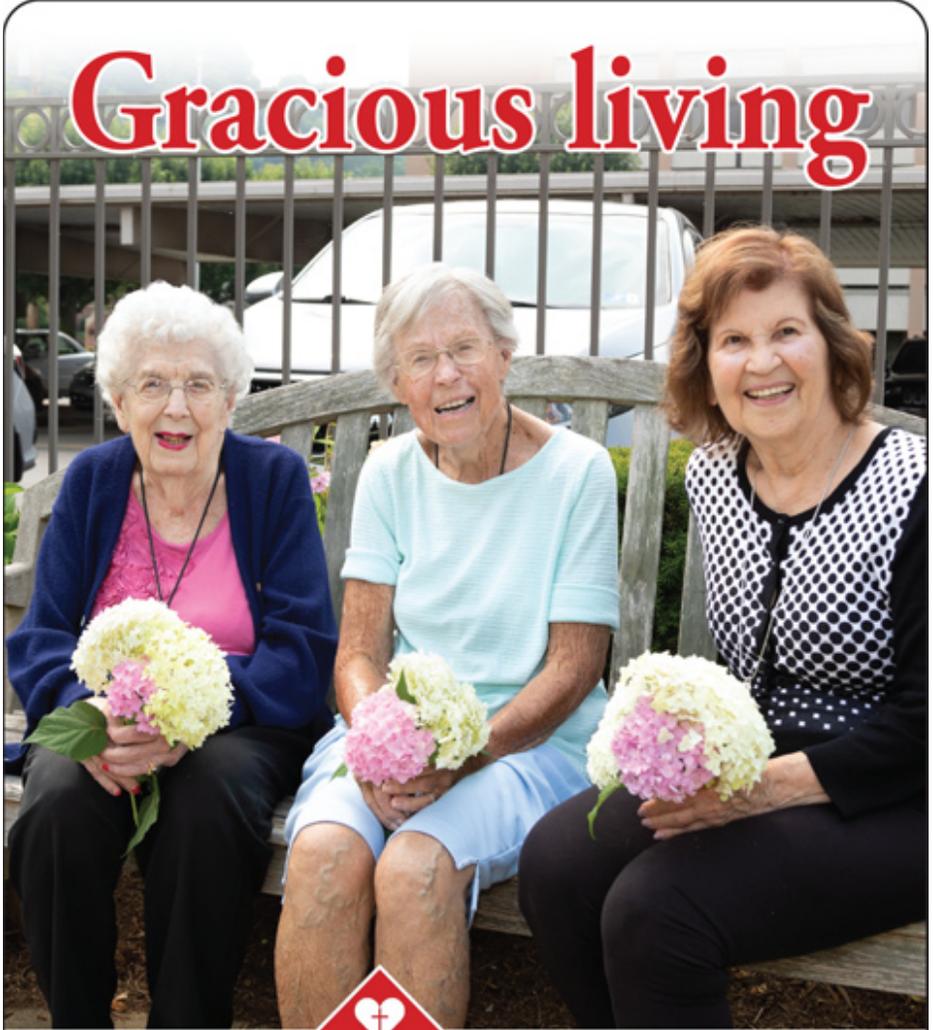
Scalabrinian Father Fabio Baggio, undersecretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, was asked about the difference in how European countries and their people are welcoming refugees from Ukraine in comparison to the hesitation many have in welcoming migrants and refugees from North Africa and the Middle East.

"The Holy Father has repeated many times that a new crisis does not cancel the previous one," he responded, and sooner or later Europe will have to come to grips again with its failure to find a truly shared response to the needs of those fleeing places other than Ukraine.

In addition, he said, it has been clear for years that categorizing migrants and refugees as "economic migrants" or "war refugees" or even the newer "climate refugees" does not reflect the complexity of factors that push people to seek safety and a better life for themselves and their families outside their homelands.



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Faith, Fortitude, Martyrdom, Miracles: Pope Will Recognize 10 New Saints

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — After a long pandemic pause, Pope Francis is scheduled to celebrate a Mass May 15 for the canonization of 10 men and women: five from Italy, three from France, one from India and one from the Netherlands.

The last canonization ceremony was celebrated Oct. 13, 2019, and included St. John Henry Newman.

The “big names” — globally — in the newly recognized heavenly host are soon-to-be St. Charles de Foucauld, who lived as a hermit in North Africa, and soon-to-be St. Titus Brandsma, a Dutch Carmelite martyred at the Dachau concentration camp.

Those canonized will bring to 909 the saints Pope Francis has recognized officially during his pontificate; the figure includes the 813 “Martyrs of Otranto,” who were killed in the southern Italian city in 1480 and declared saints in 2013.

In view of the canonization ceremony, the Congregation for Saints’ Causes has published a brief biography of each of the 10 new saints and information about the miracle attributed to their intercession needed for their canonizations. While the church does not require the recognition of a miracle for the beatification of a martyr, it generally requires one for all blessed to be declared saints.

The 10, listed in the order the congregation lists them, are:

— **Blessed Devasahayam Pillai**, an Indian layman and father who was born to an upper-caste Hindu family in 1712 and converted to Christianity in 1745. The Vatican said his refusal to participate in Hindu ceremonies and his preaching about “the equality of all people,” denying the Hindu caste system, led to his arrest, torture and his death in 1752.

The only details the Vatican provided about the miracle in his case was that it involved “the resuscitation of a fetus at the 20th week of pregnancy of an Indian woman” and that a diocesan inquiry into the case was held in 2015.

— **Blessed César de Bus**, the France-born founder of the Fathers of Christian Doctrine, a religious congregation dedicated to education, pastoral ministry and catechesis. Born in 1544, he enjoyed life and parties until he had a conversion experience in his early 30s and began dedicating his life to prayer and helping the poor. Ordained to the priesthood in 1582, he was a pioneer in educating the laity in the faith, using illustrations he painted himself and songs and poetry he wrote. He died in 1607.

The Vatican said the miracle approved for his canonization was the healing in 2016 of a young woman in Salerno, Italy, who suffered from “acinetobacter baumannii meningitis” with a “cerebral hemorrhage from a high-flow AVM rupture with acute hydrocephalus.”

— **Blessed Luigi Maria Palazzolo**, an Italian priest and founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Poor. Born in 1827, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1850. The Vatican biography said, “At that time there was an abundance of

clergy and, like the majority of priests from wealthy families who stayed at home and generously dedicated themselves to good works, Don Luigi chose to devote himself to young people” at an oratory in a poor neighborhood. He opened a school that offered evening classes in reading and writing to men and boys before opening a separate oratory for girls and founding the Sisters of the Poor to run it.

The miracle recognized in his sainthood cause involved an Italian Sister of the Poor who had an intestinal perforation, sepsis, multi-organ failure and septic shock. In early 2016, when doctors had proclaimed her death imminent and had stopped trying to reverse the damage, she recovered.

— **Blessed Giustino Maria Russolillo**, an Italian who, on the day of his ordination to the priesthood in 1913, vowed to establish a religious order dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but his first attempt was stopped by his bishop. Eventually, though, he founded the Society of Divine Vocations for men and the Vocationist Sisters.

The healing in April 2016 of a young member of the Society of Divine Vocations who was in a coma had acute respiratory failure and rhabdomyolysis (muscle death) after an epileptic seizure was the miracle accepted for his canonization.

— **Blessed Charles de Foucauld** was born in Strasbourg, France, in 1858. He strayed from the faith during his adolescence, but during a trip to Morocco, he saw how devoted Muslims were to their faith, which inspired him to return to the church and, eventually, to join the Trappists. After living in monasteries in France and in Syria, he sought an even more austere life as a hermit. Ordained to the priesthood in 1901, he lived among the poor and finally settled in Tamanrasset, Algeria. In 1916, he was killed by a band of marauders. His writings inspired the foundation, after his death, of the Little Brothers of Jesus and the Little Sisters of Jesus.

The miracle approved for his cause involved Charle, a carpenter’s apprentice working on restoring a chapel in Saumur, France, who fell over 50 feet, hitting a bench whose armrest pierced his left side and came out at the back at the base of his rib cage. According to the Little Brothers of Jesus, Charle did not pass out, got up immediately to seek help and, after surgery, was discharged from the hospital after a week. “He went back to work two months after the accident without suffering any physical or psychological ill-effects,” the order said. The accident occurred Nov. 30, 2016, the eve of the centenary of Blessed Charles’ death.

— **Blessed Anna Maria Rubatto**, founder of the order now known as the Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto, was born in Carmagnola, Italy, in 1844 and died in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1904.

The miracle accepted in her cause involved the healing in March 2000 in Colonia, Uruguay, of a young man suffering from “cranio-encephalic trauma with severe subarachnoid hemorrhage, severe coma, endocranial hypertension and diffuse axonal damage,” the Congregation for Saints’ Causes said.

— **Blessed Maria Domenica Mantovani**, co-founder and first superior general of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family. Born in 1862 in Castelletto di Brenzone, Italy, she dedicated her life to serving the poor and needy as well as assisting the sick and the elderly. She died in 1934.

The miracle in her case involved the healing in 2011 of a 12-year-old girl in Argentina who, during a medical procedure, suffered convulsions, cardiac arrest and respiratory failure. Touched with a relic of Blessed Mantovani and supported by the prayers of her family, the girl was extubated two days later and went on to recover, the Vatican said.

— **Blessed Titus Brandsma** was born in Oegklooster, Netherlands, in 1881 and entered the Carmelites in 1898. Ordained in 1905, he was sent to Rome for further studies and, while there, became a correspondent for several Dutch newspapers and magazines. When he returned home, he founded the magazine *Karmelrozen* and, in 1935, was named chaplain to the Dutch Catholic journalists’ association. During World War II, he was arrested and sent to Dachau for treason after defending Jews and encouraging Catholic newspapers not to print Nazi propaganda. He was killed with a lethal injection in 1942 at the age of 61 and cremated at the camp.

The miracle in his cause involved Carmelite Father Michael Driscoll, former pastor of St. Jude Church in Boca Raton, Florida, who is now 80 years old. In 2004 he had been diagnosed with severe, stage 4, metastatic melanoma and began praying to Blessed Titus and putting a relic of the martyr’s clothing on his head and neck. When the medical board of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes looked at the case, the Vatican said, “of the disease, which was particularly malignant and invasive, there was no longer any trace, even after more than 15 years.”

— **Blessed Marie Rivier**, a Frenchwoman who founded the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary in 1796 during the time of the French Revolution, when many Catholic convents were closed and religious activities were outlawed. She was born in 1768 and died in 1838.

The miracle recognized for her canonization, the Vatican said, occurred in 2015 in Tagbilaran, Philippines. It involved the disappearance of hydrops — a buildup of fluid in tissues and organs — in a fetus just over 12 weeks into the pregnancy. The baby girl was born healthy Sept. 6, 2015.

— **Blessed Carolina Santocanale**, also known as Blessed Mary of Jesus, an Italian nun born in 1852, who founded the Congregation of the Capuchin Sisters of the Immaculate of Lourdes. She died in Palermo in 1923.

The Vatican said the miracle in her cause involved a young bride suffering from two autoimmune disorders, myasthenia gravis and Hashimoto’s thyroiditis, and documented infertility. Yet, after prayers to Blessed Carolina, in December 2016 she discovered she was pregnant. And, six months after her first child was born healthy, she became pregnant again and gave birth to another healthy baby.

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Wheeling University Commencement Speaker Says Three Words Are the Key to Success in Life

WHEELING—Wheeling University's Commencement Speaker Chase Watts told the Class of 2022 that by keeping character, courage and community in their minds and hearts, they will be successful in life.

During the ceremony, University President Ginny R. Favede awarded degrees to undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students.

The Ohio State Highway Patrolman, who is a native of Martins Ferry, Ohio served as the speaker at the University's 64th Commencement exercises May 7. He also was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Instead of telling "funny police stories," Watts decided to offer the graduates a message that would encourage and inspire them on their special day. He said the words character, courage and community "will motivate you every day of your life if you allow them to."

Character, he told the graduates, is what will set them apart from others and passed along a saying his father once told him. "Son, no matter where you go, your presence alone should change the atmosphere of the room. And if words ever attack you, your character will defend you." Watts added, "Your character defines you, not your circumstances."

A few years ago, Watts said he came across a formula: Event + Response = Outcome. To manage this formula, he said one must have courage and strength of heart. "The response is most important when the event is most difficult. The more challenging the event, the greater the demand on your response. Courage is about making your response stronger than the event ... It takes courage to identify your passions. It takes courage to embrace your passions. However, it takes the most courage to pursue your passions."

Watts said he learned through his own experiences the importance to serve the community. Service is, Watts explained, deeper than his profession, it is about stepping out of one's comfort zone. "I have always felt that God gave me a gift of inspiring those around me and bringing people together. One of the biggest reasons I created a community-based organization is because I



Courtesy Photo

Wheeling University held its 64th Commencement exercises Saturday morning. Flanked by members of the American Legion Color Guard are Ohio State Trooper Chase Watts who served as the Commencement speaker, University President Ginny R. Favede and Valedictorian Olivia Zampedro.

recognized and embraced my character traits, and had the courage to take action."

The Ohio State Trooper founded two programs—Books with Badges and Project P.A.S.T. (Positive Actions Shaping Teens)—both which provide positive role models for young people in the community.

In closing, Watts said "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, we must use time creatively, and know that the time is always right to do right." He told the graduates to embrace King's words, and "always be you, and stay true to what you believe. That is your power, and this is your opportunity to be the change. Go forth and claim it!"

Prior to handing out diplomas to the 2022 graduates, Favede told the graduates they should be congratulated for their incredible resilience having endured a global pandemic. "It is always about enduring. It is always about staying with something long enough to finish. The lessons you take away from this experience will serve you well for a lifetime."

Favede said while so many young people saw their dreams deferred by the pandemic, the Wheeling Class of 2022

worked harder and refused to give up—"you are champions, winners, conquerors, victors."

She added, "Class of 2022, I love each of you deeply. I am proud of you and who you have become. I have watched you grow. I have watched you evolve. I have watched you become enlightened...You have been educated to be men and women for and with others. Create beauty in our world by sharing your gifts and making the world a better place to live."

The president offered the graduates words from the Prophet Micah, "And what does the Lord require of you? To seek justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Finally, she told the class, "Seek justice. Love mercy. Walk humbly with your God. Your life is an invaluable, priceless gift. Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire."

The Class of 2022 also heard from Valedictorian Olivia Zampedro, a native of Mentor, Ohio. She told her classmates, "No matter what our reasons were for choosing Wheeling University a few years ago, we are all here today to celebrate our achievements

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Seeking Principal

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and victories both individually and as a school community, and the journey on which we have all begun toward our future destinations."

She told the class to never forget the Wheeling University mission to be men and women for life, leadership and service with and among others. Zampedro offered that serving others can make each person lifelong learners, effect change in the community and assist those in need.

"Volunteerism can involve either great or small investments of our personal time, however, even small investments matter, as collectively they can be turned into significant accomplishments. For example, our campus beautification day. Ultimately, a couple hours of our individual time spent dedicated to making the campus a better place can altogether turn into hundreds of hours of volunteer effort," Zampedro explained.

"So, as we leave here today, I challenge you all to continue the mission of our school. Find time to make a difference in others' lives and in your community. If you can't find time, you should make time, because in the end it is not about the amount of time, it is about the effort you put into making a difference in someone else's life. To quote Mother Theresa, 'we cannot all do great things. But we can do small things with great love.'"

The university honored Dr. Homayoun Hajiran, professor of Finance and Economics, 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 Woome 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. Olivia Zampedro was the recipient of the Woome Medal, while Hayden Scudder was given the Swint Medal.

This year, the university had a special guest speaker, James Brooks a member of the Class of 2022. He offered his classmates three scripture verses that "led me to my greatest victory in life ... to help you gain a victory in life too."

He said Matthew 16:18 says, "I will build my church on this solid rock, and the gate of Hell will not prevail." Brooks reminded the class of the story of the three little pigs and how the last pig built his house of bricks. "Because the last pig chose to use a solid foundation, his house stayed standing when adversity tried to knock it down." He told his fellow graduates to build their lives on a solid foundation. "Jesus Christ... us that solid foundation. When our lives are built on Him ... no storm that life throws at us can take us down."

Brooks then quoted Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." He offered this advice, "I know many of us are nervous about being out of school and starting our life ... Do not let things of this world chain you down and tell you that you cannot do something. You have God whose strength is unmatched. He is always with you and he will never forsake you."

Finally, he offered from Romans, "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

"Life consistently tells us that we are not good enough, and I want you to know that you are good enough and loved unconditionally. Now go and secure your victory in life."

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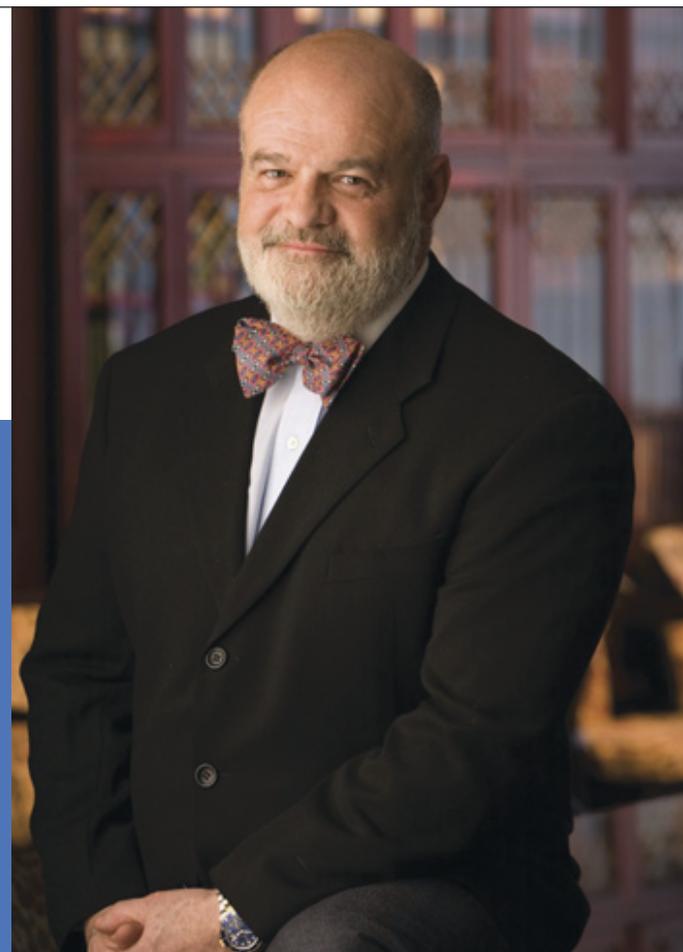
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Funcionarios condenan violencia, amenazas después de filtración sobre caso de aborto

Por Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service WASHINGTON

(CNS)—Los funcionarios de la administración de Joe Biden emitieron una declaración contra actos violentos el 9 de mayo, después de protestas frente a las casas de dos jueces de la Corte Suprema en el área de Washington, así como vandalismo y una serie de disturbios dirigidos a lugares donde se encuentran organizaciones que se oponen al aborto. Algunos de ellos incluyen iglesias católicas.

Etiquetando la cuenta oficial de Twitter del presidente de Estados Unidos, @POTUS, la secretaria de prensa de la Casa Blanca, Jen Psaki, manifestó que el presidente Joe Biden "cree firmemente en el derecho constitucional a protestar".

"Sin embargo, eso nunca debería incluir violencia, amenazas, o vandalismo. Los jueces desempeñan una función increíblemente importante en nuestra so-

cialidad y deben poder hacer su trabajo sin preocuparse por su seguridad personal", tuiteó.

La declaración se produjo después de que agencias de noticias informaran sobre protestas frente a la casa del juez Brett Kavanaugh en Chevy Chase, Maryland, y la casa cercana del presidente del Tribunal Supremo, John Roberts. Otros dijeron que otro juez y su familia tuvieron que ser llevados a un lugar no revelado debido a amenazas, pero estos rumores resultaron ser infundados.

Después de que el sitio de noticias en línea Politico publicara un informe a fines del 2 de mayo sobre un borrador de opinión filtrado que indica que la mayoría de los jueces de la Corte Suprema parecen dispuestos a revocar Roe v. Wade -- la decisión que legalizó el aborto -- los que se oponen a que se revoque han protestado. El vandalismo que muestra descontento con el fallo potencial

también parece estar en aumento.

El periódico The New York Times informó el 7 de mayo que parte de la pared de la sede de Wisconsin Family Action, en Madison, fue incendiada, dejando un grafiti que decía: "Si los abortos no son seguros, ustedes tampoco".

En una declaración del 9 de mayo, el obispo de Madison, Donald J. Hying, calificó el vandalismo como "un acto descarado de violencia, que todos los ciudadanos deberían condenar, como un ataque al respeto y la preocupación que nos

debemos unos a otros en la búsqueda del bien común".

Funcionarios de la Oficina de Libertad Religiosa de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos indicaron que documentaron nueve incidentes similares el fin de semana posterior a la filtración, que se extendieron desde Nueva York hasta Los Ángeles.

La mayoría fueron interrupciones o destrucción de propiedad como el incidente reportado por The Denver Channel en Colorado, una filial de ABC, donde el personal de la Igle-

sia del Sagrado Corazón de María, en Boulder, tuvo que eliminar grafiti, pintura, y vidrios rotos durante el fin de semana del Día de la Madre.

Aunque el borrador filtrado no es definitivo, el presidente del tribunal, Roberts, confirmó su autenticidad y pidió una investigación. El borrador, según el informe de Politico, muestra la alineación de cinco jueces en contra de Roe v. Wade, lo suficiente como para anularlo. La decisión final del tribunal podría anunciarse en los próximos dos meses.

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- May 22: St. Joseph, Martinsburg, 3 p.m.
- May 24: St. Anthony, Follansbee, 6 p.m.
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