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Wheeling-Area Catholics Pray in Rosary Procession for Our Lady's Intercession



Colleen Rowan Photo

Catholic faithful pray the rosary in a procession through downtown Wheeling on the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima May 13.

By Colleen Rowan

n the warm spring evening of May 13, Father Chester Pabin asked the roughly 75 Catholic faithful gathered in the parking lot outside of St. Alphonsus Parish in Wheeling to come in close and hold their rosaries to be blessed. Many brought their own,

while others accepted complimentary rosaries distributed to them upon their arrival for the Rosary Procession on the Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima.

Father Pabin prayed that Our Lady, "will lead us closer to her Son, Jesus Christ."

Father Pabin continued, pray-

ing, "O God, who chose the Mother of your Son to be our Mother also, grant us that, persevering in penance and prayer for the salvation of the world, we may further more effectively each day the reign of Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen."

All were invited to join in the 0.6-mile procession from St. Alphonsus to the Cathedral of St. Joseph praying the rosary "for our church, our world, and our families"

In the procession, led by the Knights of Columbus, a group of

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Correction

The story on the upcoming priesthood and diaconate ordinations on Page 1 of the May 10, 2024, issue of The Catholic Spirit included some incorrect information on the 20 candidates to be ordained as permanent deacons on June 7 at 3 p.m. at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in

The following is the corrected information: Three of candidates are from the Martinsburg Vicariate: Bryce Timberlake is a member of St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town; Patrick Michel is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg; and David Torlone is a member of St. Leo Parish in Inwood.

Blessed Sacrament Parish in South Charleston has two candidates: Tony O'Leary and Tommy Ross. Additional candidates from the south are Rick Allen of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley, EJ Brucal of Sacred Heart Parish in Williamson, Michael Kawash of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, and Ronald Piaskowski of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Huntington.

Candidates from central West Virginia are Michael Brumley of St. Patrick Parish in Weston, John Butler of St. Matthew Parish in Ravenswood, Victor Cwynar of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Parkersburg, James McCullough of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Stonewood, and Aaron Talbott of St. Brendan Par-

Candidates from the Northern Panhandle are Dr. John Basil of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Weirton, William Klug of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in New Martinsville, Robert Krall of St. Michael Parish in Wheeling, Jacob Manning of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, Thomas McFadden of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling, and Jason Miller of St. Paul Parish in Weirton.



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Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Month of June

The Catholic Spirit publication date for this issue is June 21

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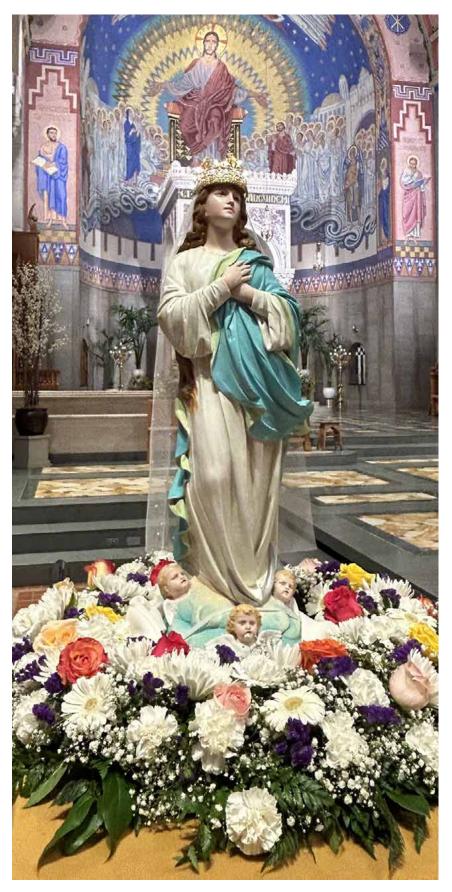
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men (four at a time) tooks turns carrying a platform holding a statue of Our Lady followed by parishioners of St. Alphonsus and the cathedral and from many neighboring parishes through downtown Wheeling. Father Pabin and Deacon Doug Breiding led the praying of the rosary.

Participants also sang "The Salve Regina" and prayed the "Litany of Loreto."

The procession ended inside the cathedral with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

"May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time," the faithful prayed. "Amen."

> Clockwise from right: Father Chester Pabin gives the blessing at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling; faithful and the Knights of Columbus pray in the procession; and the statue of Our Lady stands at the cathedral. **Colleen Rowan Photos**











Bishop Brennan Celebrates Mass for Boy Scouts at Catholic Camporee



Bishop Mark Brennan talks to Boy Scouts from around West Virginia after celebrating Mass for them at the Catholic Camporee at Camp Mountaineer located just outside of Morgantown April 27.

Boy Scouts of America Rebranding in 2025 not Expected to Impact Catholic Scouts

By Gina Christian, OSV News

(OSV News) — A change in name for the Boy Scouts of America will not affect affiliated Catholic scout troops, the executive director of the Catholic Church's official committee overseeing Scouting programs in the U.S. told OSV News.

"It doesn't really impact us at all," said John Anthony, who heads up the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, which sponsors Catholic Scouting, the official

Catholic organization that uses all BSA programs and activities in line with Catholic teaching and aims to form youth into both good citizens to welcome every youth and family and "committed disciples of Jesus

Bishop Michael W. Fisher of Buffalo, New York, (also an Eagle Scout) serves as the episcopal liaison for the committee to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

On May 7, the BSA announced in a news release that it would re-

brand itself in 2025 as Scouting America in order to reflect "the organization's ongoing commitment in America to experience the benefits of Scouting."

The announcement comes on the fifth anniversary of the BSA welcoming girls into the Scouts BSA program for youth 11-17; and six years after allowing girls into the Cub Scouting program for youth ages 5-10.

These flagship youth programs,

however, still maintain separation by gender: Cub Scouts can be in either single-gender units called "packs," or part of a mixed pack with boys and girls organized into smaller subgroups by gender called "dens."

Scouts BSA troops, however, are single-gender only. Once Cub Scouts crossover to the Scouts BSA program, girls can join all-girl troops and boys can join all-boy

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While boys and girls experience the same Scouting program in most countries today, philosophical differences Scouting in the early 20th century led to the Boy Scouts of America and Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. developing separate and distinct youth programs. The two organizations have clashed over the course of their history — especially recently over the BSA's decision to open its Scout program to girls — and a merger is considered unlikely.

The BSA has also had co-ed programs for decades prior to its decision to include girls into Cub Scouting and Scouts BSA, including the Sea Scouting, Venturing, and Exploring programs.

According to the BSA, Scouting America currently serves more than 176,000 girls and young women across all programs, including over 6,000 who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

BSA President and CEO Roger A. Krone said in the release about the organization's name change to Scouting America that "though our name will be new, our mission remains unchanged."

Anthony told OSV News that the same is true of Catholic Scouting, which counts more than 97,650 Scouts from over 5,000 Catholic units across the country, representing separate boy and girl Scouting formations.

"We support the Scouting program, but we work with the local dioceses and those committees and help people understand that if you're going to have and call it a Catholic Scouting program, you'd better be Catholic," said Anthony, who worked full-time for the BSA for 38 years, most recently as an executive regional director

in South Florida.

Catholic Scouting partners closely with parish and school-based faith formation as well as youth ministry outreaches, offering age-appropriate religious activities and emblems. Catholic discipleship, service and spiritual development are essential goals of the organization, which is also encouraging members to participate in the National Eucharistic Revival and the National Eucharistic Congress.

"The local bishop decides how the program is going to be administered (in his diocese)," Anthony said. "He appoints the chairman and the chaplain; (and) he approves of members of the local diocesan Catholic committee."

Anthony told OSV News that fears about the implications of the BSA name change to Scouting America may have been sparked by one media outlet's choice of photograph to accompany its story on the news.

"You don't see the person's face, but the (scout's) neckerchief slide (clasp) is the rainbow color," he said. "That gets people going. ... You couldn't use the photo of everybody camping or having a good time or (showing) they're in church?"

Following the BSA's announcement, at least one Catholic group issued a blog post "listing all the alternative programs to Boy Scouts — and one they recommend is Catholic Scouting," said Anthony, chuckling.

According to the BSA, the rebranding to Scouting America will be effective Feb. 8, 2025, when the organization marks its 115th anniversary.

For information on Catholic Scouting, visit https://catholic scouting.com/.

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

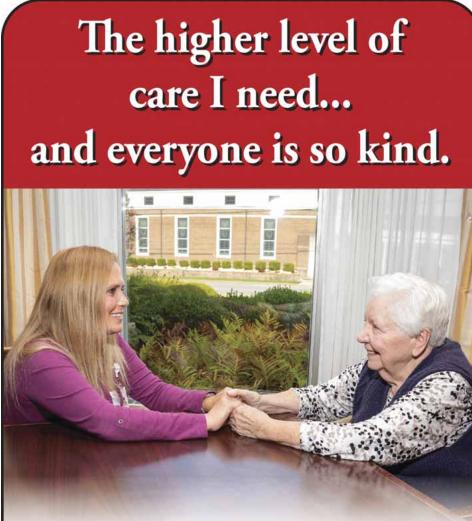


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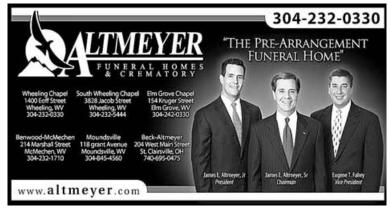


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Pontifical College Josephinum Celebrates 125th Commencement Exercises

COLUMBUS, OHIO—Nineteen graduates became alumni of America's only pontifical seminary as the Pontifical College Josephinum celebrated its 125th Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 11, 2024.

The graduating class included seminarians from the dioceses of Birmingham, Columbus, Gaylord, Jefferson City, Steubenville, and Wheeling-Charleston, and the Fathers of Mercy religious order. Students from Fresno, CA, and Paterson, NJ, were granted graduate degrees from the Josephinum Diaconate Institute.

The day of celebration began with Baccalaureate Mass in the seminary's Saint Turibius Chapel, celebrated by The Most Reverend Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus and Vice Chancellor of the Pontifical College Josephinum. Concelebrating were Very Reverend Steven P. Beseau, Rector/President; the Community of Formators; and many visiting clergy.

Bishop Fernandes' homily commended the accomplishments of the graduates and emphasized the importance of an openness to continue learning. He encouraged them to be "open to learning more from the priests who will serve as your mentors, from the lay faithful, from deacons, and from many others who will collaborate with you in the advancement of the Kingdom and in making the Gospel known," he said. The bishop also acknowledged the challenges of being in formation. Seminary life, he said, "is a test of our love and how far we are willing to be stretched in order to be the person, the disciple, the priest that God calls us to be and that Christ needs us to be for the lay faithful."

Following Mass, more than 200 guests joined seminary priests, faculty, staff, and seminarians in the Msgr. Leonard Fick Auditorium for Commencement Exercises. Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Philosophy, Master of Divinity, and Master of Arts degrees were conferred upon the seminarians by Father Beseau. The Josephinum, in affiliation with the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy, granted a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology pontifical degree to two graduating transitional deacons.

Two graduates, also transitional deacons, were awarded a Hispanic Ministry Field Education Certificate. The Josephinum was one of the first seminaries in the United States to develop a Hispanic Ministry Program that prepares seminarians for ministry in the Latino community. Native English-speaking theologians are prepared to engage in ministry in Hispanic communities immediately after ordination.

Three individuals were present to receive a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies degree from the Josephinum Diaconate Institute (JDI). The JDI was inaugurated by the Pontifical College Josephinum in 2007, in response to the continuing education and formation requirements of permanent deacons, in accord with the USCCB's National Directory for the Formation, Ministry, and the Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States. The JDI offers educational programs through distance learning – in both English and Spanish – to diaconal aspirants and candidates, permanent deacons and their spouses, and lay ministers serving or preparing

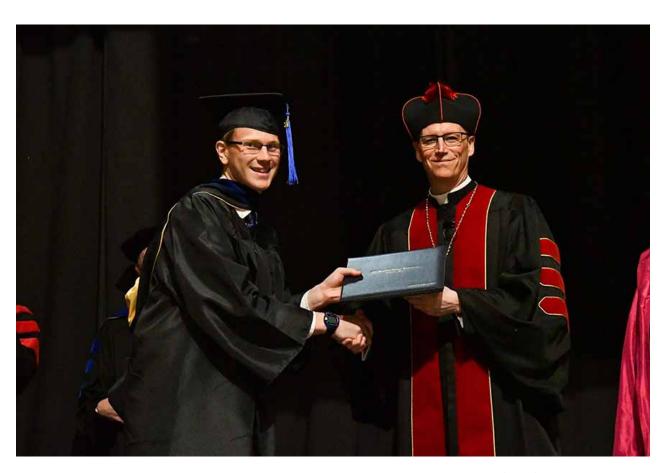


Photo courtesy of Pontifical College Josephinum
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston seminarian Timothy M. Kawash (left) receives his diploma from Very Reverend
Steven P. Beseau, STD, rector/president of the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, at the Josephinum's

to serve the people of God through ministry in the Catholic Church.

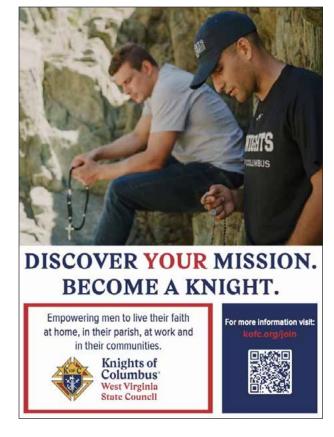
125th Commencement Exercises on Saturday, May 11.

The final honor bestowed at Commencement was the Pinter Scholar Award. Established in 1975 in memory of Rev. Msgr. Nicholas Pinter (Josephinum professor, 1902-1957), the award recognizes the College of Liberal Arts seminarian who has excelled in academic formation in preparation for service to the Church. Announced as this year's award recipient was seminarian Michael Rhatican of the Diocese of Columbus, who completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy summa cum laude.

Rhatican offered an address on behalf of the Class of 2024, in which he acknowledged his transformative experience of formation at the Josephinum. "After four years of a deep prayer life, frequent reception of the Sacraments, spiritual direction, formation meetings, authentic brotherhood and accountability, growth in virtue, and academic classes, the Lord has broken down many doubts and fears I believed about myself and my calling to be his priest," he said. "Please pray for me and all my brothers moving on, whether that be to continued formation or to the priesthood, that we might lead all we encounter to the love of God."

The Pontifical College Josephinum's 2024 Commencement Exercises marks the close of the seminary's 124th year of forming priests for the Church. Graduates of the School of Theology will return to their respective dioceses to be ordained as priests; they will join more than 1000 ordained alumni who currently serve the universal Church in nearly every U.S. state and in 18 countries around the world.

"The future of the Church passes by way of the seminary," said Father Beseau. "In these graduates, you can see that the future of the Church is very bright, and we should have great hope."





Confirmation in New Cumberland



John Roos Photo Seven youth from Immaculate Conception Parish in New Cumberland received the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Feast of the Ascension, May 12. Pictured in the front, from left, are Marshall Woodbury, Bryce Emler, Evelyn Woodbury, Taylor Woodbury, and Adriana Reese. In the back, from left, are Father Bill Matheny, Caleb Dicks, Bishop Mark Brennan, and Tyler Dillon.

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Confirmation Schedule; Bishop Brennan, Celebrant

Sunday, May 19: St. Agnes, Charleston; 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 22: Immaculate Conception, Clarksburg; 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 25: St. James, Charles Town; 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, May 25: St. Vincent de Paul, Berkeley Springs; 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 26: St. Joseph, Martinsburg; 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 1: St. Francis Xavier,

Moundsville; 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 8: Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston; 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 9: Sacred Heart, Princeton; 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 15: St. Francis de Sales, Beckley; 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 16: St. John the Evangelist, Summersville; 9:00

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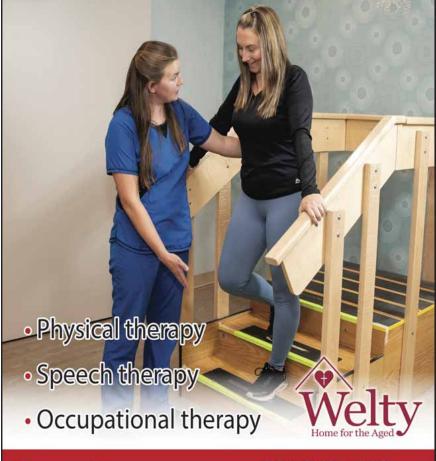
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Rural America is 'the Natural Arena for the Lay Apostolate,' Says Cardinal Dolan

By Anna Wilgenbusch, **OSV News**

ST. PAUL, MINN. (OSV **NEWS)** — The late Bishop Edwin Vincent O'Hara, founder of Catholic Rural Life, was "perhaps the most influential leader in Catholic agrarianism," New York Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan said at a celebration of the organization's 100th anniversary at the University of St. Thomas in St.

CRL is a national organization based in St. Paul that seeks to promote rural life in America through a wide array of initiatives, which include supporting Catholic education and providing formation for Catholic pastors.

The May 8 anniversary event, titled "Rejoicing in the Harvest," drew CRL supporters from across the nation to hear Cardinal Dolan address the organization's history and ongoing mission.

In his lecture, which was based on his 1992 book "Some Seed Fell on Good Ground," Cardinal Dolan outlined the life and mission of Bishop O'Hara and identified continued needs of rural commu-

Bishop O'Hara grew up as the youngest of eight children on a family farm in Lanesboro, Minnesota. As he studied for the priesthood at St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, which he entered in 1900, he grew in awareness of the many challenges facing rural communities, including a lack of Catholic schools, pressure to move to the city and the threat of bigger farms buying up smaller ones, the cardinal said.

"According to this farm boy-turned-priest, there was no greater challenge facing the church in the United States than the strengthening of rural life," he said.

Year after year, some of the brightest and strongest young men were abandoning the land. That hemorrhage, Bishop O'Hara said, would prove fatal to the church and the nation, and to heal it would be his top priority," Cardinal Dolan said.

Although Bishop O'Hara worked a century ago, the cardinal said, many of his concerns about the rural church in America continue to be ger-

"The threats to small family farms by agribusiness are still towering," Cardinal Dolan said, adding that these numerous issues need to be addressed with a robust understanding of "Christian personalism."

"All problems today in society come from a faulty understanding of the human person. If we get the anthropology right — that we are children of God made in his image and likeness, worthy of dignity and respect, whose life is worth the precious blood of our Savior and is destined for all eternity —if we get that view of the person right, everything else works out," Cardinal Dolan

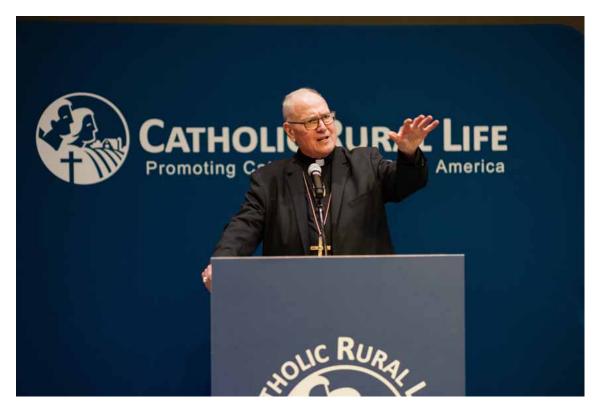
Organizations such as CRL are vital to establishing Christian personalism, he said.

"A new challenge today is that the volunteer organizations upon which rural life depended are no longer vibrant," he said. "We need to see the countryside as the natural arena for the lay apostolate."

Msgr. James Shea, president of the University of Mary in North Dakota, also spoke at the May 8 event about rural life, which he said is a "way of life which is worth fighting for, worth preserving." Msgr. Shea grew up on a dairy farm, where he learned to drive a tractor at age 7. He said that his "whole priesthood was formed (on)

Msgr. Shea tempered the inclination of many urbanites to idealize country living.

"There is no room for nostalgia," he said. "God is not in



OSV News Photo/Neal Abbott, courtesy Catholic Rural Life Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York speaks during a May 8 celebration of Catholic Rural Life's 100th anniversary at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn.

the future, which is the age of anxiety, or the past, which is the age of regret. He is in the present."

Many organizations collaborate with CRL to expand its mission. Foremost among them is St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul, where CRL has its offices. Seminarians attend a weeklong rural ministry practicum and a day on a farm, where they learn about farming equipment.

Led by Jim Ennis, executive director, CRL has a network of 30 chapters nationwide — a figure that the organization hopes to double over the next five years, especially at colleges and universities. Currently Kansas State University is home to CRL's only campus chapter. Students from the chapter attended the May 8 event to learn more about CRL's ongoing initiatives.

Among them was Elizabeth Wright, founding member of the campus chapter at Kansas State. Wright grew up on a farm in Olsburg, Kansas, where she showed pigs in local competitions and raised goats.

"The speakers were very enlightening about the importance of rural life and how it is something that God has given us," Wright said in an interview with The Catholic Spirit, the news outlet of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. "It is such a gift that we get to cultivate the land and provide food for people."

Wright, who now works as a communications and marketing specialist for the College of Agriculture at Kansas State, said she never wants to live in

a big city.

"It is a very spiritual experience to go back to the farm," she said. "(There is) just the fervent hope that God is going to provide."

Among many other initiatives, CRL supports Native Americans through scholarships and in their efforts to preserve wild rice.

The event promoted CRL's capital campaign, "Sowing Seeds for Faith and Growth," which aims to raise \$5 million over the next five years to expand its programs, chapters and conferences.

To learn more about the mission of Catholic Rural Life, visit catholicrurallife.org/ sowing-seeds-for-faith-and-

(Anna Wilgenbusch is a staff writer for The Catholic Spirit, the news outlet of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.)



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Christian Love Embraces the Unlovable, Enemies, the Unborn, Pope Says

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While it is easy for people to love what is good and beautiful or to be generous and heroic for an ideal, Pope Francis said Christian love embraces what is not lovable, it offers forgiveness and blesses one's enemies.

This "greater love," which comes from God, "drives us where humanly we would not go: It is the love for the poor, for those who are not lovable, for those who do not care for us and are not grateful," he said at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square May 15.

"It is love for what no one would love, even for one's enemy," he said in his main catechesis.

This "great selfless love" includes love for "the poor, the sick and the helpless, such as unborn children," he said in brief remarks to visitors from Poland, who had brought a bell, known as "The Voice of the Unborn," which will be taken to Kazakhstan. He also greeted representatives of the Yes

to Life Foundation, which started the initiative.

The bell serves as a reminder of "the need to protect human life from conception to natural death," the pope said.

In his main audience talk, the pope continued his series about vices and virtues by reflecting on the "theological" or New Testament virtue of charity or love. Of the three — faith, hope and love — "the greatest of these is love," according to St. Paul the Apostle.

Many people consider themselves to be good people who love their family and friends, when in reality they may know very little about the love of God, he said.

"Christians are capable of all the forms of love in the world: they too fall in love, more or less as it happens to everyone. They too experience the benevolence that is felt in friendship. They too feel love for their country and the universal love for all humanity," the none said

"But there is a greater love, a love which comes from God and is



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Pope Francis gets ready to ring a bell called "The Voice of the Unborn," before his general audience at the Vatican May 15. The bell was made for a parish in Kazakhstan by the Yes to Life Foundation, a pro-life group in Poland.

directed toward God, which enables us to love God, to become his friends, and enables us to love our neighbor as God loves him or her, with the desire to share the friendship with God," he said.

Love is charity, he said. And "we immediately realize that it is a difficult, indeed impossible love to practice if one does not live in God."

"Our human nature makes us love spontaneously what is good and beautiful. In the name of an ideal or a great affection we can even be generous and perform heroic acts. But the love of God goes beyond these criteria," he said.

"So much love is needed to forgive. Christian love blesses those who curse while we are used to responding to insults and curses with another insult and curse," he said.

"Love is the 'narrow gate' through which we will pass in order to enter the kingdom of God," he said. "We will not be judged on generic love, but precisely on charity, on the love we concretely had."









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Thursday, June 20, National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Kickoff in Weirton

St. Joseph the Worker Church: Meet the perpetual pilgrims and gather for Mass, Adoration, and praise and worship—8-9 a.m.

Eucharistic Procession from St. Joseph the Worker to Sacred Heart of Mary Church with Adoration and Benediction to follow—begins at 9:30 a.m.

Sharing Session & Reflection by Perpetual Pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—11 a.m.-noon

Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship at St. Paul Church—7-8 p.m.

Friday, June 21

Morning Mass with the perpetual pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—8:30-9 a.m.

Breakfast with Perpetual Pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary —9:30-10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 23 "Put Out into the Deep" on the Ohio River!"

Bishop Mark Brennan and Bishop Paul Bradley, apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Steubenville, will board a sternwheeler and lead a Eucharistic Procession down the Ohio River. Boatercade with the two bishops leaves the Steubenville Marina at noon and will stop at four sites on both sides of the river where faithful can receive a blessing. Blessing sites: Steubenville Marina, Wellsburg Wharf, Wellsburg-Brilliant Bridge, Mazeroski Park (Ohio), Pike Island Lock and Dam, and Heritage Port in Wheeling. Final destination is Bellaire Marina in Bellaire, Ohio.

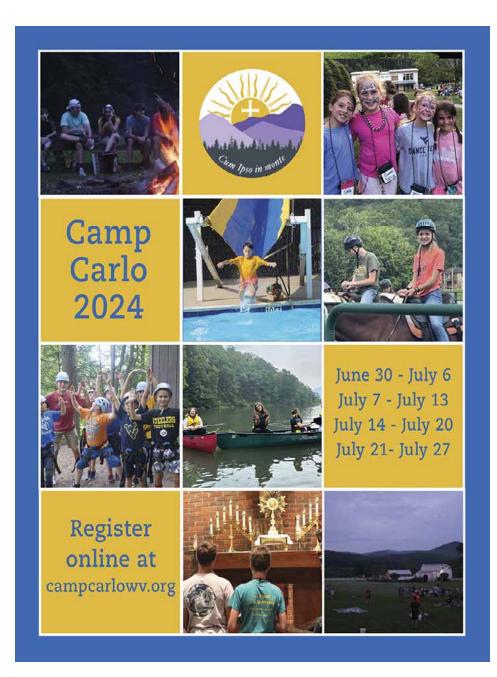
Arrival of National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Wheeling—7:30-8:30 p.m. Cathedral of St. Joseph. Bishop Brennan and the faithful of Wheeling will welcome the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the cathedral.

All-Night Eucharistic Prayer Vigil—8:30 p.m. (June 23) -8 a.m. (June 24) at the cathedral.

Monday, June 24

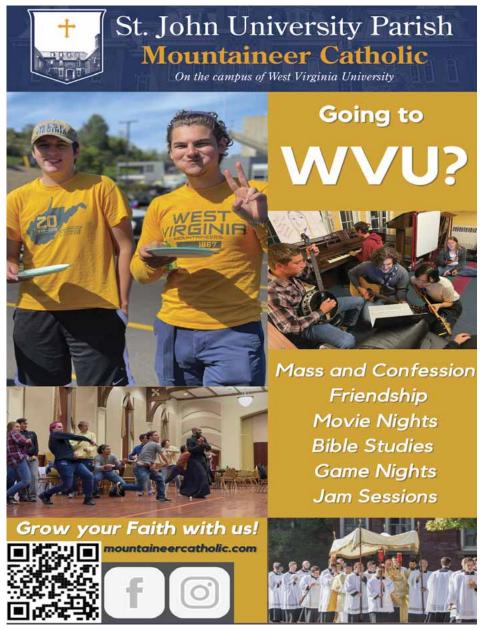
Mass at the cathedral celebrated by Bishop Brennan—8:30-9:30 a.m.

Solemn Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Wheeling from the cathedral to St. Alphonsus Church—9:30-10 a.m.









El Papa dice que el amor cristiano abraza lo que no es amable, a los enemigos y a los no nacidos

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tras que para la gente es fácil amar lo que es bueno y bello o ser generoso y heroico por un ideal, el Papa Francisco dijo que el amor cristiano abraza lo que no es amable, ofrece perdón y bendice a los enemigos.

Este "amor más grande", que viene de Dios, "nos lleva donde humanamente no iríamos: Es el amor por los pobres, por lo que no es amable, por los que no nos quieren y no son agradecidos", dijo en su audiencia general en la Plaza de San Pedro el 15 de mayo.

"Es amor por lo que nadie amaría, incluso por el (propio) enemigo", dijo en su catequesis principal.

Este "gran amor desinteresado" incluye el amor por "los pobres, los enfermos y los indefensos, como los niños no nacidos", dijo en unas breves palabras a los visitantes de Polonia, que habían traído una campana, conocida como "La voz de los no nacidos", que será llevada a Kazajstán. También saludó a representantes de la Fundación Sí a la Vida, que puso en marcha la

iniciativa

La campana sirve para recordar "la necesidad de proteger la vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural", dijo el Papa.

En su discurso ante el público, el Papa continuó su serie de catequesis sobre vicios y virtudes reflexionando sobre la virtud "teologal" o neotestamentaria de la caridad o el amor. De las tres virtudes teologales -- fe, esperanza y amor - la mayor es el amor, según el Apóstol San Pablo.

Muchas personas se consideran buenas personas que aman a su familia y a sus amigos, cuando en realidad pueden conocer muy poco el amor de Dios, dijo.

"Los cristianos son capaces de todos los amores del mundo: también ellos se enamoran, más o menos como le ocurre a todo el mundo. También experimentan la bondad de la amistad. Asimismo, experimentan el amor a la patria y el amor universal a toda la humanidad", dijo el Papa.

"Pero hay un amor más grande, un amor que viene de Dios y se dirige a Dios, que nos empuja

a amar a Dios, a convertirnos en sus amigos, y nos impulsa a amar al prójimo como Dios lo ama, con el deseo de compartir la amistad con Dios", dijo.

El amor es caridad, dijo. Y "enseguida nos damos cuenta de que es un amor difícil, incluso imposible de practicar si no se vive en Dios".

"Nuestra naturaleza humana nos hace amar espontáneamente lo que es bueno y bello. En nombre de un ideal o de un gran afecto podemos incluso ser generosos y realizar actos heroicos. Pero el amor de Dios va más allá de estos criterios", afirmó.

"Cuanto amor hace falta para perdonar: El amor cristiano bendice a los que maldicen, y estamos acostumbrados ante un insulto, una maldición, a responder con otro insulto, con otra maldición", afirmó.

"El amor es la 'puerta estrecha' por la que debemos pasar para entrar en el Reino de Dios. Porque al atardecer de la vida no seremos juzgados por el amor genérico, sino juzgados precisamente por la caridad, por el amor que hemos dado concretamente".

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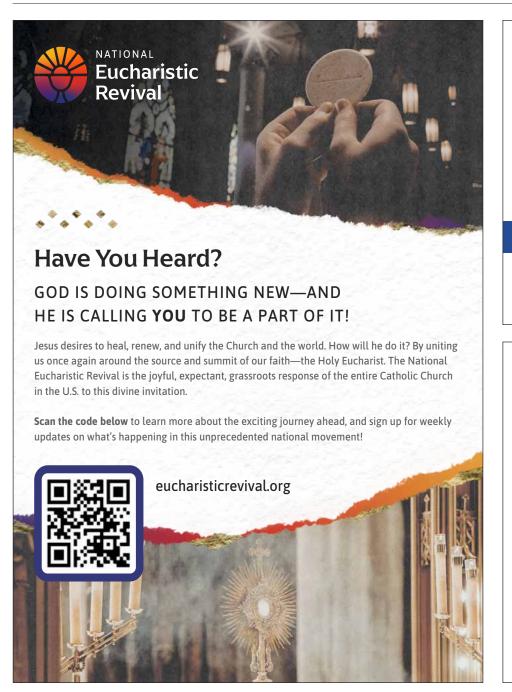
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bien puede llamar a la linea directa de abuso sexual de la Diocesis al 833.230.5656. Los formularios de queja estan disponibles en linea en www.dwc.org, haga clic en "Diocesis" en la barra de menu, luego en "Oficinas", luego en "Ambiente seguro", luego "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, Diocesis de Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

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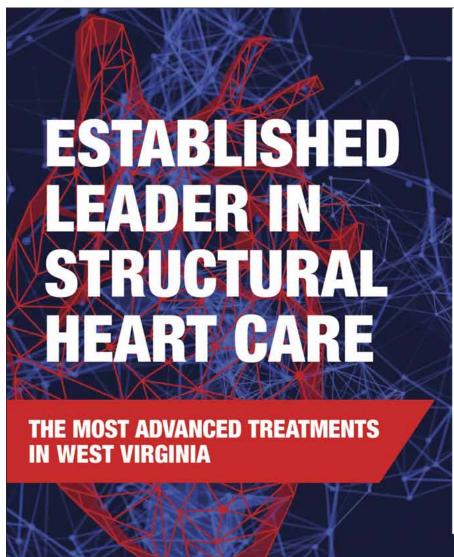
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