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Fairmont Catholic Students Fill City with Prayers on Rosary Walk



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Fairmont Catholic Grade School held its annual Rosary/Prayer Walk May 23 in downtown Fairmont. Students, teachers, administrators, and staff prayed for the community, government officials, leaders, parishes, and peace throughout the world.

Pray at Pentecost for Courage to Evangelize, Pope Says

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Christians should pray on Pentecost that the Holy Spirit would give them the courage and strength to share the Gospel, Pope Francis said.

“No matter how difficult the situation may be — and indeed, at

times it may seem there is no room for the Gospel message — we must not give up and we must not forsake pursuing what is essential in our Christian life, namely evangelization,” the pope said May 24, the Wednesday before Pentecost.

Using the example of St. Andrew Kim Taegon, the 19th-cen-

tury Korean martyr, Pope Francis continued his weekly general audience talks about the “zeal” to evangelize.

With thousands of visitors and pilgrims — including bands, flag twirlers and dancers — gathered in a sunny St. Peter's Square, the pope introduced his talk about St. An-

drew by pointing out how Christianity was introduced to Korea 200 years before St. Andrew by laypeople who had heard the Gospel proclaimed in China and then shared it when they returned home.

“Baptized laypeople were the
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ones who spread the faith. There were no priests," the pope said. "Would we be able to do something like that?"

Ordained in 1844, St. Andrew Kim Taegon was the first Korean-born priest and ministered at a time of anti-Christian persecution.

Pope Francis told the story of how when the

saint was still a seminarian, he was sent to welcome missionaries who snuck into the country from abroad. After walking far through the snow, "he fell to the ground exhausted, risking unconsciousness and freezing. At that point, he suddenly heard a voice, 'Get up, walk!'"

"This experience of the great Korean witness makes us understand a very important aspect of apostolic zeal: namely, the courage to get back up when one falls," the pope said.

"Each one of us might think, 'But how can I evangelize,'" he said. Following the example of the "greats" of evangelization history, each Christian can find a way to witness to the Gospel — "talk about Jesus" — in his or her family, among friends and in one's local community.

"Let us prepare to receive the Holy Spirit this coming Pentecost, asking for that grace, apostolic grace and courage, the grace to evangelize, to always carry forward the message of Jesus."

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A Church of the Many: Pope Addresses Some Synod Questions, Fears

By **Cindy Wooden**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — While the release of the working document for the Synod of Bishops on synodality is expected sometime in early June, Pope Francis tried to respond to some of the questions and concerns about the synod process that already have been raised.

Meeting at the Vatican May 25 with members of the Italian bishops' conference and the people they chose to coordinate work for an Italian synod, the pope gave a succinct description of what he means by a "synodal church":

"Every baptized person is called to actively participate in the life and in the mission of the church, starting from the specifics of one's own vocation, in relationship with others and with the charisms given by the Spirit for the good of all. We need Christian communities in which space is enlarged, where everyone can feel at home, where pastoral structures and means foster not the creation of small groups, but the joy of being and feeling co-responsible."

Evangelization is at stake, he said. "A church weighed down by structures, bureaucracy and formalism will struggle to walk in history at the pace of the Spirit, meeting the men and women of our time."

"The great enemy of this process," he said, "is fear."

Pope Francis said that as he entered the Vatican audience hall for the meeting, someone — using an Argentinian phrase that is not very polite, nor is its translation in Italian, he said — told him that the whole synod process is creating a mess.

"Think about the apostles on the morning of Pentecost," the pope said. If the synod is "a blank," he said to laughter, "Pentecost morning was even

worse. It was worse. Total disorder. And who provoked that mess? The Holy Spirit. He's good at creating disorder to move people. But the same Spirit also provoked harmony."

"Don't be afraid when there is disorder provoked by the Spirit," Pope Francis said. One need fear "only when it is provoked by our selfishness or the spirit of evil."

Speaking just a few days before Pentecost, the pope urged everyone, but especially the fearful, to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who opens people to listen to others, who makes dialogue fruitful, enlightens discernment and guides choices and decisions.

Pope Francis told the bishops and representatives that he would try to respond to their questions about "the priorities for the church in relation to society, about how to overcome resistance and concerns, on the involvement of priests and lay people, and on the experiences of marginalization."

Church unity and shared responsibility are essential, he said. An "always lurking" temptation is to rely on "a few 'qualified actors' who carry out pastoral activity" while the rest of the faithful stand by and watch.

"Sometimes one gets the impression that religious communities, chanceries and parishes are still too self-referential," Pope Francis said.

"There seems to creep in, somewhat covertly, a kind of 'defensive neo-clericalism' — clericalism is a perversion," he said. It is "generated by a fearful attitude, by complaints that the world does not understand us anymore, that young people are lost and by a need to reiterate and make one's influence felt."

Obviously, the pope said, a

"synodal church," one where all are welcome, where all share the mission and contribute their prayer, time and talents will have an impact on those the Catholic Church still believes have been chosen by God and given special gifts to lead and to discern.

"We must ask the Holy Spirit to make us understand and experience how to be ordained ministers and how to exercise ministry in this time and in this church: never without the Other with a capital 'O,' but also never without others with whom we share the journey."

"This applies to the bishops, whose ministry cannot do without that of priests and deacons" and to priests and deacons who must work with each other and the faithful, the pope said. "But this is also true for the entire com-

munity of the baptized, in which each one walks with other brothers and sisters in the school of the one Gospel and in the light of the Spirit."

Promoting co-responsibility in the church, he said, is not simply a matter of finding a new way to "distribute power."

Rather, he said, it means learning how to recognize the gifts of each person, particularly those "who still struggle to see their presence recognized in the church, those who do not have a voice, those whose voices are drowned out or even silenced or ignored, those who feel inadequate perhaps because they have difficult or complex life paths (and) are sometimes almost 'excommunicated' a priori."

Part of the goal of synodality, he said, is to "let God's

heart shine through — a heart open to all and for all."

Pope Francis said those already active in the church need to remember the parable of the wedding feast from Matthew 22. "When none of the invited guests show up, what does that gentleman say? 'Go to the crossroads and call everyone.' Everyone: sick, healthy, righteous, sinners, everyone, everyone."

"We should ask ourselves how much space we make and how much we really listen in our communities to the voices of young people, women, the poor, those who are disappointed, those who have been hurt in life and are angry with the church," the pope said. "As long as their presence remains sporadic in ecclesial life overall, the church will not be synodal, it will be a church of the few."

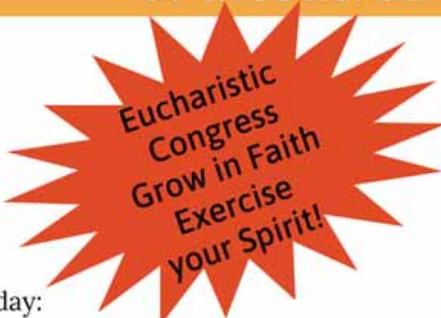


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After Dodgers Reinstate Plan to Honor Group ‘That Clearly Mocks the Catholic Faith’, LA Archdiocese Calls on Catholics to Support Women Religious

By Angelus staff

LOS ANGELES (OSV News) — The Archdiocese of Los Angeles called on “all Catholics and people of goodwill to stand against bigotry and hate in any form” after the Los Angeles Dodgers reinstated plans to honor a self-described “leading-edge order of queer and trans nuns.”

The California Catholic Conference has joined its voice in criticizing the Dodgers, saying May 25 it “is wildly offensive” that the team would honor the group, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, which “intentionally ridicules and encourages the intolerance of Catholicism and its women’s religious orders for its own purposes.”

In a tweet, Bishop Robert E. Barron, a former auxiliary bishop of the Los Angeles Archdiocese who now heads a Minnesota diocese, encouraged his friends to boycott the Dodgers and “make our voices heard in defense of our Catholic faith.”

The California-based Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence (SPI) were set to receive the Dodgers’ Community Hero Award for their community charity work at the team’s annual “Pride Night” celebration June 16. Their motto, displayed on their website and in marketing materials, is “Go forth and sin some more!”

In a May 17 statement, the Dodgers announced that the group would no longer receive the award “given the strong feelings of people who have been offended by the sisters’ inclusion in our evening.” Catholic groups, including the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, and Catholic Vote, as well as Florida Sen. Marco Rubio, had criticized the group for mocking the Catholic faith, and in particular, Catholic women religious.

But on May 22, following heavy criticism from some fans and the news media, the team apologized and reinvited the group to “receive the gratitude of our collective communities” for their charity work.

In a statement released the following day, the LA archdiocese said it “stands against any actions that would disparage and diminish our Christian faith and those who dedicate their lives to Christ.”

“The decision to honor a group that clearly mocks the Catholic faith and makes light of the sincere and holy vocations of our women religious who are an integral part of our Church is what has caused disappointment, concern, anger, and dismay from our Catholic community,” the statement read.

The archdiocese said that women religious should be “honored and celebrated through genuine acts of appreciation, reverence, and respect for their sacred vows” and pointed to the array of charitable works carried out by sisters for the sick and needy, as well as their spiritual care for souls through prayer.

The message also called on Catholics to “show our care and respect for our women religious” in a variety of ways, including by sending messages of support to sisters

through phone calls, letters, or social media or donating to their orders and/or charitable causes they support.

The California Catholic Conference echoed what the archdiocese said about women religious. “Our Catholic women’s religious orders are comprised of individuals who devote their lives to Christ by serving the poor, the underprivileged, and the marginalized,” it said. “They deserve the same consideration and respect that the SPI says it is working to secure for the LGBTQ+ community.”

“It is absolutely possible to celebrate inclusivity without promoting bigotry,” the conference added. “Working to celebrate diversity can be done without ridicule and mockery.”

“For the Dodgers to not only re-issue the invitation to the SPI but award them a ‘Community Hero Award’ for using unquestionably offensive Christian antics is far from fulfilling the intention of ‘inclusivity for all,’” the conference said. “It is the promotion of choosing who is culturally acceptable and who is not — a common form of hate.”

In his May 25 tweet, Bishop Barron, who was an LA auxiliary bishop from 2015 to 2022, said, “I’m a big baseball fan. I’ve even thrown out the first pitch at a Dodgers game. But I’d encourage my friends in LA to boycott the Dodgers.”

“Let’s not just pray, but make our voices heard in defense of our Catholic faith,” tweeted the prelate, now the bishop of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota.

Bill Donohue, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, said the team had “officially endorsed anti-Catholic bigotry” by inviting back the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

“Only one side was listened to — the side that sponsors hate speech,” said Donohue of the “honest conversations” that the Dodgers said led to the reversal.

In a May 15 letter to Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred after the initial invitation of the group, Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., had questioned Manfred’s previously stated commitment to being “inclusive and welcoming to everyone” and singled out one of the group’s recent Easter celebrations for featuring “children’s programming followed by a drag show where adult performers dress in blasphemous imitation of Jesus and Mary.”

Rubio and others also expressed outrage at events organized by the group that mix sexual ref-

erences with observances sacred to Catholics, including the Holy Eucharist and the Stations of the Cross.

Some of the biggest names in Dodgers history during their time in Los Angeles have been Catholic, including the late player and manager Gil Hodges, Hall of Fame catcher Mike Piazza, late manager Tommy Lasorda, and the legendary broadcast announcer Vin Scully, who died last year. The O’Malley family, which oversaw the team’s move from Brooklyn to Los Angeles in 1955, were also known for being active in Catholic causes and events during their ownership of the team from 1950 until 1998, when they sold the team.

One Catholic priest took to Twitter the night of May 22 to express his sadness as a baseball fan that the Dodgers’ decided to reinvite the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, and he referenced the Catholic connections the team has long had.

“As an @MLB fan, this is deeply saddening to me. Celebrate whomever you please, celebrate good works; but can we refrain from mocking religion? No religion should be mocked. This plainly mocks Catholicism. This is the team of Vin Scully, of Gil Hodges. They would be so ashamed,” tweeted Father Joshua Whitfield (@frjoshTX).

Father Whitfield is pastoral administrator at St. Rita Catholic Community in Dallas, which is a parish in the Houston-based Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter.

“I know @MLB has done a lot of good supporting and celebrating various religions and people of faith. But it’s also long been a place where it’s hard to be a Catholic. This again is deeply troubling, that to celebrate something, something else must be denigrated. This needn’t be,” he said in another tweet.

In a third tweet, Father Whitfield said he “just lost some love for what’s been a great new season. Again, just terribly saddening. I just want to watch baseball. I want to feel baseball is a game for everybody, belittling nobody.”

Angelus is the news outlet of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.



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Fairmont Pastoral Musician, Teacher Will Mark 50th Anniversary of Ministry on Pentecost Sunday

FAIRMONT—Pentecost Sunday will mark the 50th anniversary of Robert Ellis' tenure as pastoral musician at St. Peter the Fisherman Parish in Fairmont and music and liturgy instructor at Fairmont Catholic Grade School.

A native of Fairmont, Robert graduated from Fairmont State College and received his Master of Music degree from WVU in organ and church music, with study under Dr. Clyde English. After teaching two years at Farmington and Fairview high schools and three years at Glenville State College, he studied four years toward the DMA degree in organ and choral conducting on a teaching fellowship in theory. His organ studies were with Dr. Roberta Gary and Gerre Hancock. He studied choral techniques under Robert Shaw at the Meadowbrook School of Music in Michigan. He then taught at Rygaalds International School in Copenhagen, Denmark. He also performed recitals in New York and throughout West Virginia.

In June 1973 he assumed playing the five weekly liturgies at St. Peter's under Msgr. Joseph Wanstreet. Throughout the 1980s he was a member of the diocesan music commission with Sister Carol Hannig. Ellis organized and conducted several liturgies for state diocesan conventions and presented workshops on Liturgical Spirituality. He was organist at several installations and funerals for bishops of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, and composed a "Te Deum" for the installation of Archbishop Francis B. Schulte. The ensemble of bells, instruments, and cantor Cecily Enos were invited to Philadelphia to perform the "Te Deum." St. Peter's Bells also performed at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. and for the Thanksgiving liturgy at Washington Cathedral.

At Fairmont Catholic School, Elli has



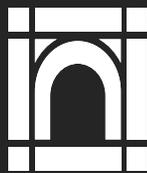
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Pictured is Robert Ellis, pastoral musician at St. Peter the Fisherman Parish in Fairmont and music and liturgy instructor at Fairmont Catholic Grade School.

taught kindergarten through eighth grade music classes and presented concerts and musical productions with various choirs and grades. For many years his classes presented programs at Mount St. Joseph in Wheeling.

A Mass will be held at St. Peter's at 4:30 p.m. on June 23, followed by dinner and a program at Knights of Columbus.

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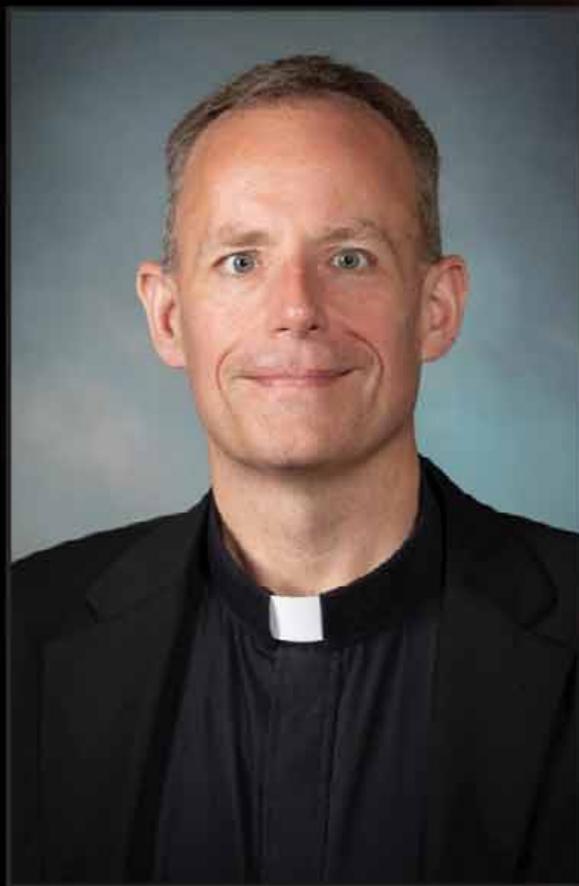
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Rosary Recitations on Memorial Day Weekend Set at Five Greenbrier Valley-Area Catholic Cemeteries

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS—The members of the Greenbrier Valley Council 8689 Knights of Columbus will be leading rosary recitations at five area Catholic Cemeteries Memorial Day Weekend.

The first is scheduled at Mount Lorretta Cemetery at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in White Sulphur Springs on Sunday, May 28, at 8:30 a.m.

On Sunday, also, the Knights will lead the rosary at Sacred Heart Cemetery at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Springdale at 11 a.m. which will be followed by the annual reunion Mass at 11:30 a.m., the blessing of the graves and then a covered dish luncheon, a tradition on Memorial Day weekend at Springdale.

On Memorial Day, the rosary recitation will be held at 9 a.m. at St. John of God Cemetery at Sam Black Church; at 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Cemetery near Williamsburg; and at 5 p.m. at St. John, the Evangelist, in the new cemetery behind the Catholic Chapel at Sweet Springs in Monroe County.

The public is invited to all Rosary recitations.

For additional information and directions to the cemeteries, telephone the office of the Catholic Churches of the Greenbrier Valley (304) 536-1813 or the Knights of Columbus at 304-645-1373.



Crowning Our Lady

Molly Rebeck places a crown of flowers on the statue of Mary at Sacred Heart Parish in Bluefield May 7. Looking on is Very Rev. Sebastian Devasya, V.F., pastor of the parish. Molly and fellow parishioner Aidan Slade made their first Communion that day as well.



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Martinsburg's St. Joseph School Wins Recycling Contest



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Most of the middle-schoolers from St. Joseph School in Martinsburg who helped collect recycling throughout the school year are shown with members of the Berkeley County Council, the Solid Waste Authority, and representatives from Apple Valley Waste.

MARTINSBURG — St. Joseph School again won first place in the Operation Greenlid recycling competition organized by the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority, in partnership with Apple Valley Waste.

Every week, the school's mixed recycling — paper, plastic (not

grocery bags), aluminum and cardboard — is gathered throughout the building by middle-schoolers and set outside by the shed in the back parking lot. A dedicated group of SJS family members totes it every week during the school year to the Grapevine Road recycling center for counting.

On May 18, almost 30 middle-schoolers from SJS were honored during the Berkeley County Council meeting, where it was announced that the school collected nearly 600 totes (each tote is 96 gallons) during the school year.

Second place went to Martinsburg South Middle School, with an

estimated 323 totes, and third place went to Hedgesville Elementary School with an estimated 218 totes.

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Pope Appeals for Cease-Fire, International Assistance in Sudan

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis has appealed for a cease-fire in Sudan and for the international community to help promote dialogue.

“It is sad, but, a month after the outbreak of violence in Sudan, the situation continues to be serious,” he said after reciting the midday “Regina Coeli” prayer with about 25,000 people gathered in St. Peter’s Square May 21.

The pope has been expressing his concern about Sudan after the midday prayer for weeks; fighting between forces loyal to two different generals has led to the deaths of hundreds of civilians and the displacement of hundreds of thousands more since April 15.

Several humanitarian cease-fire agreements have been reached by the two

sides engaged in the power struggle, but the fighting has continued.

Pope Francis said May 21, “While encouraging the partial agreements reached so far, I renew my heartfelt appeal for the laying down of weapons, and I ask the international community to spare no effort to make

dialogue prevail and to alleviate the suffering of the people.”

Food and fuel prices have skyrocketed and access to basic necessities has been cut off for many of the people.

The humanitarian emergency also has spilled onto neighboring countries such

as Chad, South Sudan and Egypt, where people have been fleeing to seek safety, according to the U.N. refugee agency, UNHCR, May 12.

The UNHCR reported, “Without a resolution to the crisis, many hundreds of thousands more people will be forced to flee in

search of safety and basic assistance. UNHCR and its partners estimate that the number of refugees and returnees could reach 860,000 by October.”

After praying the “Regina Coeli,” the pope also asked people to continue to “be near the beleaguered Ukrainian people.”



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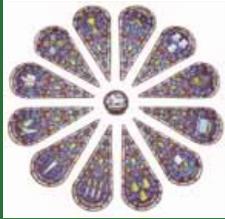
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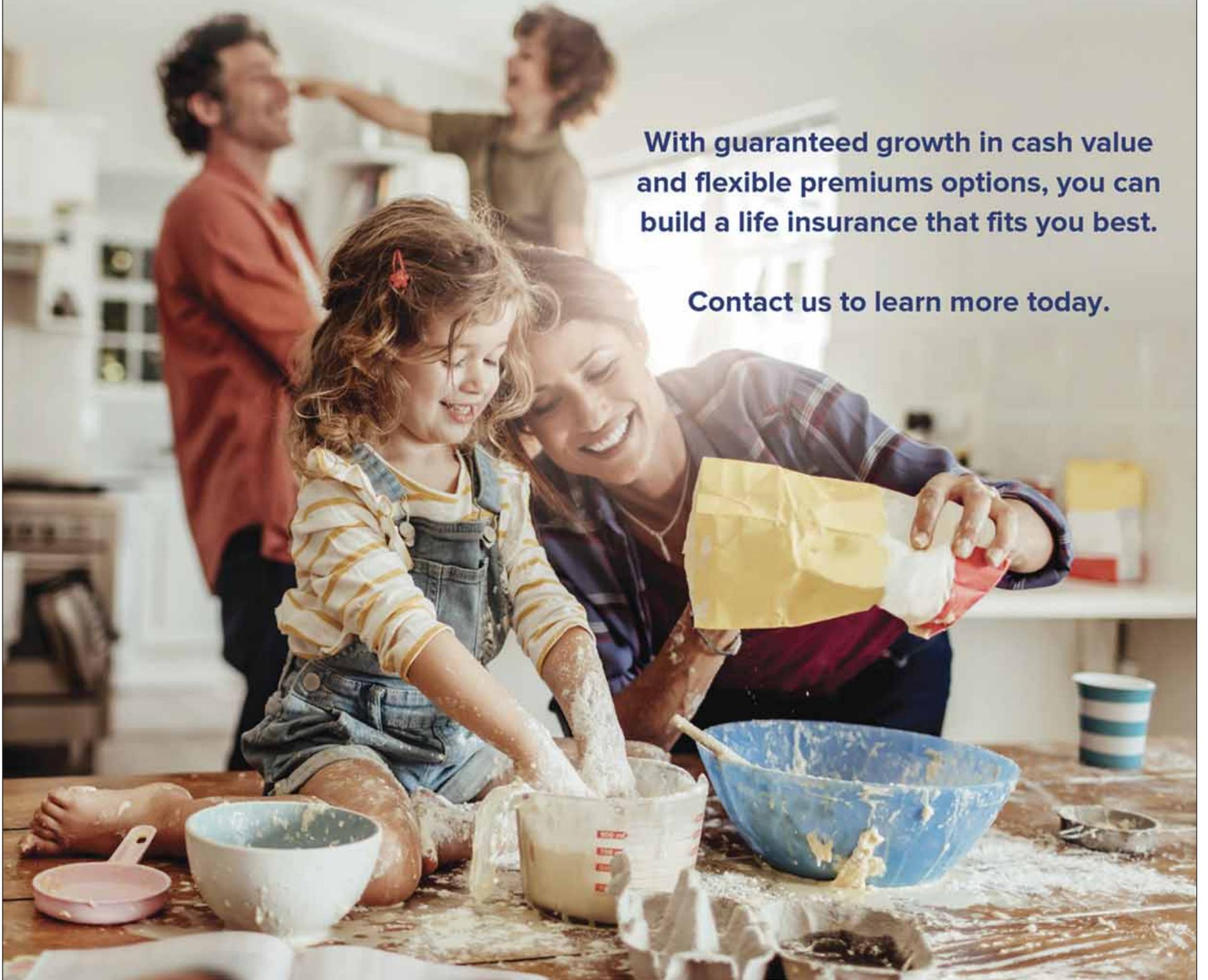
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Catholic Charities staff and volunteers gather for a volunteer appreciation luncheon in Beckley.

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Our Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Southern Region recently held a volunteer appreciation luncheon in Beckley.

“Without our dedicated volunteers, our staff would not be able to offer the breadth of services we provide,” said Matt Atwood, CCWVa Southern Regional director.

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

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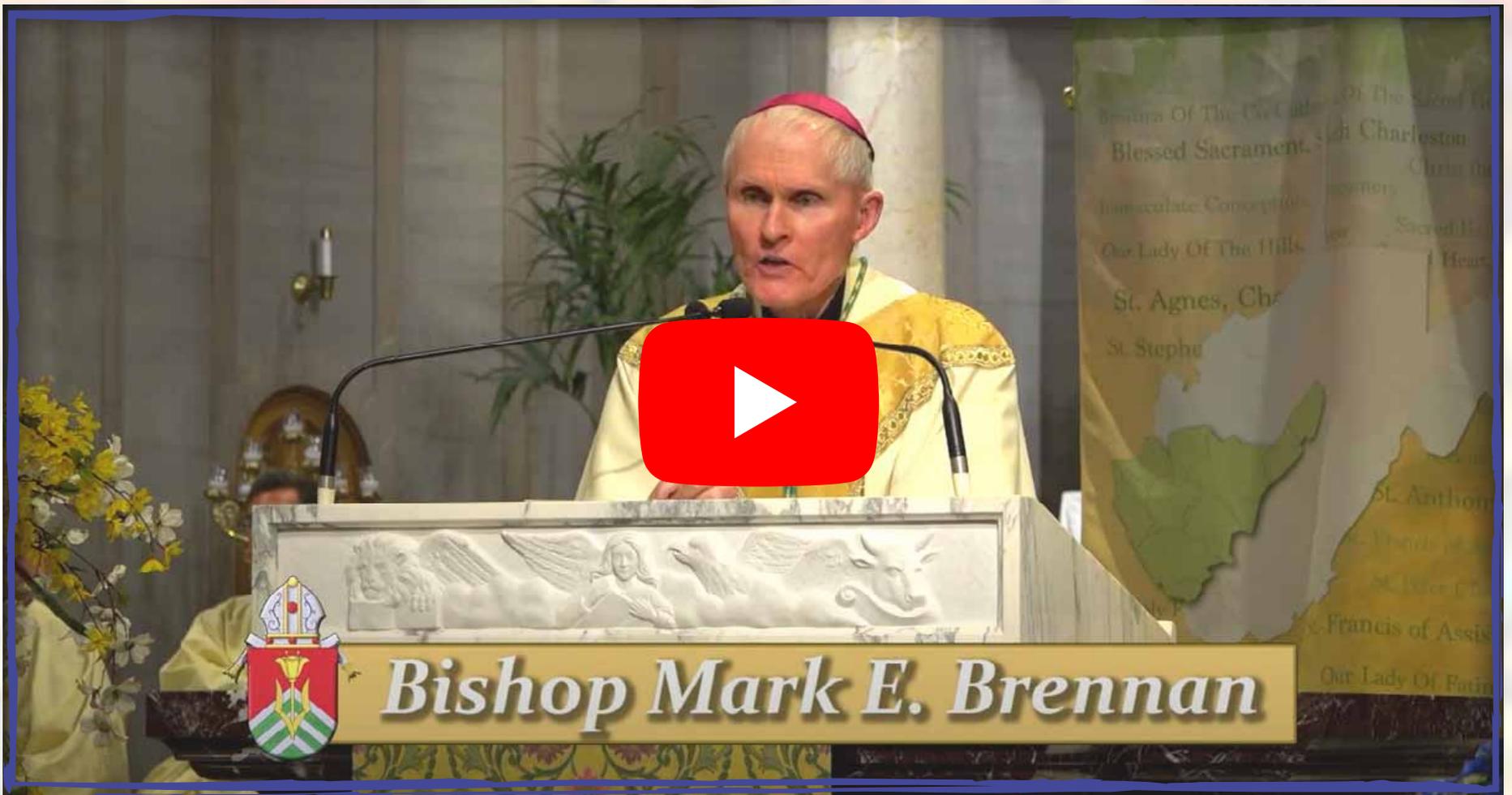


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- The candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with Church precepts and act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Catholic philosophy of the school.

- The ideal candidate must have an earned Master's Degree in Educational Leadership or Administration or begin the process of completing degree require-

ments; 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.

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Qualifications: Bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college; Hold or be eligible for a West Virginia teaching license, with an endorsement in elementary education; Demonstrate knowledge of elementary content, curriculum and methodology of effective teaching; Ability to establish and maintain effective collaborative relationships with students, peers, administrators and parents; Demonstrate skill in oral and written communications; excellent human-relations skills; Proficiency with basic computer software such as Word and Excel

Please send letters of introduction and résumés to Principal Maria Byrd at mbyrd@sjsvw.org.

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.

The aide promotes academic and social behaviors in children in a developmentally appropriate manner and supports the classroom teacher.

Essential Responsibilities: Establishes a safe and supportive environment that is conducive to learning; Provides one-on-one attention to students who need additional support with their studies; Follows the classroom teacher's directions in completing tasks; Provides academic support through small groups or one-on-one instruction as needed; Works with the teacher to create an engaging learning environment that encourages student interest and involvement;

Helps children with their daily needs, including taking them to the bathroom or monitoring lunch, recess and/or nap time; Helps children understand the rules and routines of the classroom and school through modeling appropriate behavior; Encourages social interaction and emotional development through activities such as arts and crafts, playtime and circle time; Participates in staff events, as needed; Observes students to identify any behavioral issues that might require intervention by the teacher or principal

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@sjsvw.org.

Assistant Principal Opening Madonna High School, Weirton

Madonna High School is accepting applications for an Assistant Principal. This is a regular full-time position located at Madonna High School in Weirton, WV. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with Church precepts and act as an example and motivator toward the fulfillment of the Catholic philosophy and mission of Madonna High School and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

The ideal candidate should hold a 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 ideal candidate will hold a valid teaching certification or be eligible and willing to obtain such certification. The ideal candidate will have excellent written and verbal communication skills, and excellent management and organizational skills.

The ideal candidate will have a minimum of three years of successful experience with a preference for administrative experience. The ideal candidate must demonstrate a deep commitment to facilitate the learning of all students and be able to work in a dynamic, collaborative, technology rich environment. The ideal candidate will facilitate high student achievement, offer necessary support to students for high achievement goals, and promote the mission of Madonna High School and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Interested candidates should submit letter of interest, resume, and three references by email to Sharon Higgins at shiggins@weirtonmadonna.org; by mail to Madonna High School, 150 Michael Way, Weirton, WV 26062, attention: Sharon Higgins; or drop off in the main office at Madonna High School by the close of business on Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

English Teacher Opening Madonna High School, Weirton

Madonna High School is accepting applications for an English teacher. This is a regular full-time position located at Madonna High School in Weirton, W.Va. Must be qualified to teach English to 7th through 12th grade students.

The ideal candidate should hold a Bachelor's Degree in English or a relevant field, should hold a valid West Virginia teaching certification with an English endorsement or be eligible and willing to obtain such certification, have a working knowledge of teaching best practices, excellent written and verbal communication skills, and demonstrate effective classroom management skills.

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Employment Opportunities

Science Teacher Opening at Madonna High School, Weirton

Madonna High School is accepting applications for a Science teacher. This is a regular full-time position located at Madonna High School in Weirton, W.Va. Must be qualified to teach Science to 7th through 12th grade students.

The ideal candidate should hold a Bachelor's Degree in Science or a relevant field, should hold a valid West Virginia teaching certification with a Science endorsement or be eligible and willing to obtain such certification, have a working knowledge of teaching best practices, excellent written and verbal communication skills, and demonstrate effective classroom management skills.

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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.

Health and Physical Education Teacher Opening at Madonna High School, Weirton

Madonna High School is accepting applications for a Health and Physical Education teacher. This is a regular full-time position located at Madonna High School in Weirton, W.Va. Must be qualified to teach Health and Physical Education to 7th through 12th grade students.

The ideal candidate should hold a Bachelor's Degree in Health and Physical Education or a relevant field, should hold a valid West Virginia teaching certification with a Health and Physical Education endorsement or be eligible and willing to obtain such certification, have a working knowledge of teaching best practices, excellent written and verbal communication skills, and demonstrate effective classroom management skills. The ideal candidate must demonstrate a deep commitment to facilitate the learning of all students and be able to work in a dynamic, collaborative, technology rich environment with fellow teachers. The ideal candidate will facilitate high student achievement, offer necessary support to students for high achievement goals, and promote the mission of Madonna High School and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

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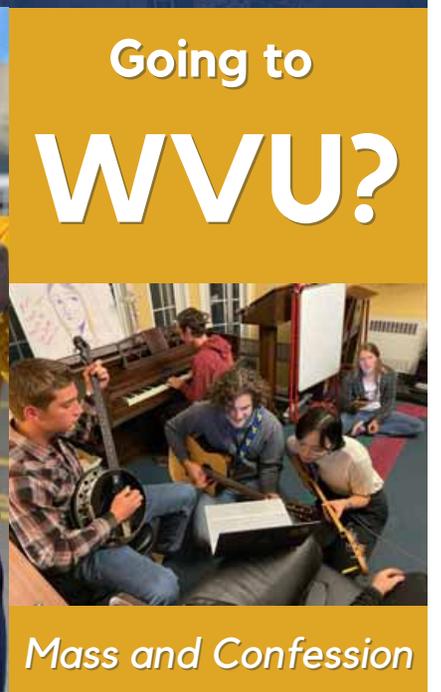
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- Depart to Mexico City via independent flights
- Welcome dinner with orientation talk

DAY 2: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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- See the miraculous image, the "Tilma" of St. Juan Diego, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Guided tour: the Shrine, the New Basilica, Old Basilica, Tepeyac Hill, and more
- Celebrate Mass with our pilgrim priests
- Time to pray, shop & explore the grounds of the Shrine
- Dinner presentation: Sisters of Mary programs around the world

DAY 3: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

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- Enjoy an amazing musical performance by the girls
- Lunch with the exceptional Sisters of Mary
- Tour Girlstown and see how the Sisters are transforming lives
- Time to play and enjoy the girls
- Light dinner with the Sisters before departing
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Rezar en Pentecostés para tener el valor de evangelizar, dice el Papa

Por **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Los cristianos deben rezar en Pentecostés para que el Espíritu Santo les dé el coraje y la fuerza para compartir el Evangelio, dijo el Papa Francisco.

"No importa cuán difícil sea la situación — y de hecho, a veces puede parecer que no deja espacio para el mensaje del Evangelio — no debemos rendirnos y no debemos renunciar a perseguir lo que es esencial en nuestra vida cristiana, es decir, la evangelización", dijo el Papa el 24 de mayo, el miércoles antes de Pentecostés.

Utilizando el ejemplo de San Andrés Kim Tae-gon, el mártir coreano del siglo XIX, el Papa Francisco continuó su discurso semanal en la audiencia general sobre el "celo" por evangelizar.

Con miles de visitantes y peregrinos — incluyendo bandas, giradores de banderas y bailarines- reunidos en una soleada Plaza de San Pedro, el Papa introdujo su discurso sobre San Andrés señalando cómo el cristianismo fue introducido en Corea 200 años antes que San Andrew por laicos que habían oído proclamar el Evangelio en China y luego lo compartieron cuando regresaron a casa.

"Los laicos bautizados fueron los que difundieron la fe. No había sacerdotes", dijo el Papa. "¿Seríamos capaces de hacer algo así?"

Ordenado en 1844, San Andrés Kim Tae-gon fue el primer sacerdote nacido en Corea y ejerció su ministerio en una época de persecución anticristiana.

El Papa Francisco contó la historia de cómo, cuando el santo era aún seminarista, fue enviado a recibir a unos misioneros que se colaban en el país desde el extranjero. Después de caminar mucho por la nieve, "cayó al suelo exhausto, corriendo el riesgo de perder el conocimiento y congelarse allí. En ese momento, oyó de repente una voz: "¡Levántate, camina!"

"Esta experiencia del gran testigo coreano



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El Papa Francisco da su bendición al final de su audiencia general semanal el 24 de mayo de 2023, en la Plaza de San Pedro del Vaticano.

nos hace darnos cuenta de un aspecto muy importante del celo apostólico: a saber, el valor de volver a levantarse cuando uno se cae", dijo el Papa.

"Cada uno de nosotros puede pensar: 'Pero, ¿cómo puedo evangelizar?', dijo. Siguiendo el ejemplo de los "grandes" de la historia de la evangelización, cada cristiano puede encontrar

la manera de dar testimonio del Evangelio -- "hablar de Jesús" -- en su familia, entre sus amigos y en su comunidad local.

"Preparémonos para recibir el Espíritu Santo este próximo Pentecostés, y pidiendo esa gracia, la gracia apostólica y el coraje, la gracia de evangelizar, de llevar siempre adelante el mensaje de Jesús".

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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.

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month

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