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Candlelight Rosary Gathers Faithful at Fatima Shrine on Our Lady's Feast Day



Paul Buede Photo

On the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, members of St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town were joined by Eastern Panhandle faithful for a candlelight praying of the rosary at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine next to the church. Following the 7 p.m. Mass, the faithful processed to the shrine. Pictured is an aerial view of the shrine that evening.

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Obituary — Sister Margaret Sinnott, CSJ

Sister Margaret (Peggy) Sinnott, with a sister at her bedside, peacefully died May 24, 2021 at Mount St. Joseph in Wheeling. Sister Peggy was celebrating 75 years in the Congregation of St. Joseph this year. She was born in County Wexford, Ireland April 15, 1927 and entered the Congregation of St. Joseph on February 19, 1946. Sister Peggy professed vows on August 19, 1948. She was preceded in death by her parents, Nicholas and Catherine Sinnott, her sisters, Catherine Whelan (Fran), Mary Sinnott, Marie Sinnott and Eileen Marie Sinnott, CSJ, her brothers, Leo Sinnott (Madge) and William Sinnott (Patricia), all of County Wexford, Ireland. Surviving are three brothers, Oliver (Breda), Nicholas (Breda) and Frank Sinnott and numerous nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.



Sister Peggy received her undergraduate degree in elementary education from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa., and she earned her Master's degree in Educational Administration at St. John's College in Cleveland, Ohio. After spending 38 years in parochial education as a teacher and principal, Sister Peggy spent a year at Notre Dame University and then embarked on a new career in Health Care. When she asked for a job description for the Coordinator of Outpatient Services, Mother Rosaria matter-of-factly said, "Develop One!" It was a new program there. She spent 13 years ministering as Coordinator of Outpatient Services and as Patient family Representative to outpatients at the Congregation's hospital in Charleston.

Sister Peggy retired from active ministry in 1999 and resided at Mount St. Joseph where she was actively engaged in prayer ministry. Sister Peggy had a deep love of creation and enjoyed nurturing plants and flowers in the Serenity Garden at the Mount whenever she could. She had a special love for both her family of origin and her sisters in religion. Sister Peggy's family from Ireland came to visit regularly. In recent days, they kept in contact via Skype. When reflecting on her life as a sister, Sister Peggy said, "I would do it all over again."

A vigil service was held via zoom on May 27.

Due to ongoing pandemic restrictions, the funeral liturgy was recorded and will be available Friday, May 28, after 1 p.m., by visiting Sister's obituary page at www.altmeyerfuneralhomes.com.

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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.reportbishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct or has interfered with an investigation into sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit www.reportbishopabuse.org.

To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforcement: numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. You may report anonymously to this hotline if you prefer.

To Report to Diocesan Authorities: The diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. The diocese also encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also call the Diocese's sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5656. Complaint forms are available online at www.dwc.org, click "Diocese" on the menu bar, then "Offices," then "Safe Environment," then "Download Files and Forms." The form is titled "Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor." The form may be returned via U.S. mail to: Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

To Report to the Diocese's Victim Assistance Coordinator: please call Dr. Patricia Bailey at 304.242.6988.

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

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

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Dioceses/Eparchies have in place a Safe Environment Program for the protection of children and young people. In accordance with these requirements, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Safe Environment Program consists of the following components for persons seeking employment or to volunteer—directly or indirectly—with children: background check; receipt of the Diocese's Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children; and sexual abuse awareness training for adults. Sexual abuse awareness training may be completed online or via live workshop. For more information on the Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, click "Diocese," then "Offices," then "Office of Safe Environment."



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Watch Tomorrow's Livestream of Deacon Szabo's Ordination to Priesthood

By Colleen Rowan

CHARLES TOWN—Tomorrow, May 29, will be a great day for the Church in West Virginia as Deacon Phillip Szabo is ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Mark E. Brennan at 11 a.m. at St. James the Greater Church in Charles Town.

This joyful day is one the faithful will not want to miss. And they don't have to. Those who cannot be there in person are reminded to tune into the livestream of the ordination on the diocese's website at www.dwc.org.

"I hope many people can tune in for this beautiful event in the life of the diocese."

—Father Brian Crenwelge, vocations director for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

"We're blessed to be able to livestream the Ordination Mass so that all those who are unable to attend in person can participate prayerfully through their computers and phones," said Father Brian Crenwelge, vocations director for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. "I hope many people can tune in for this beautiful event in the life of the diocese."

As a seminarian, Deacon Szabo has made many friends in the places he has visited and served, especially in his summer assignments at Sacred Heart parishes in Bluefield and Princeton and at St. Thomas Parish in Thomas and Our Lady of Mercy Mission in Parsons. The people of these faith communities will watch as the seminarian they came to know becomes a priest. "Those who cannot travel are so pleased to have the ability to watch this holy ceremony virtually," Gina Boggess, a member of Sacred Heart Parish in Princeton, said in a story in the May 14 issue of *The Catholic Spirit*. Boggess, who is also a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council, went on to say, "It is a blessing and honor for the faithful to be present in spirit witnessing Brother Phillip accepting God's call to love and serve His people."

Deacon Szabo will be vested with the stole and chasuble by Father Timothy Grassi and Father Giles LeVasseur, two priests of the diocese who have played important roles in his vocation discernment.

Father LeVasseur has been a spiritual mentor to him since he was in college. "Without him, I would never have had the tools or encouragement that I needed to pursue my vocation to the priesthood," Deacon Szabo said. "He helped me recognize God's call in the very beginning and protected me from many of the pitfalls that can deter a man

from entering seminary."

It was during his summer assignment in Thomas that he got to know Father Grassi.

"His example and words of wisdom have also been a very important part of my journey towards the priesthood," Deacon Szabo said. "After spending a summer with him in Thomas and Parsons, he too became an important spiritual mentor for me."

At his ordination, Deacon Szabo will stand before Bishop Brennan and make the promise to serve the people of God as a priest. As he kneels before the altar, the bishop will lay his hands upon



Deacon Phillip Szabo

Deacon Szabo's head, calling upon the Holy Spirit to ordain him a priest. The bishop will then pray the prayer of ordination.

Deacon Szabo is the son of Joseph Szabo and Theresa Michael, and hails from Augusta in the Eastern Panhandle's Hampshire County. His home parish is Our Lady of Grace in Romney. He at-

tended St. Mary Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. He is also a registered nurse and attended Fairmont State University.

Deacon Szabo's first assignment as a newly ordained priest is forthcoming.

Wheeling's Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center Planning 25th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

WHEELING—The Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center on 18th Street in Wheeling invites all to the 25th Annual Spaghetti Dinner on June 13 from Noon to 5 p.m. The center is located at 125, 18th Street Wheeling.

The cost of a dinner ticket is \$10. Children age 5 and under eat for free. Dessert donations are needed for

the dinner.

For tickets or to donate a dessert, call the center at (304) 232-7157, ext. 3.

Funds raised support the vital programs and services provided by the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center. The center thanks all for their support.

For more information, visit catholiccharitieswv.org and click Special Events.

Let us Pray,
Use me God,
Show me how to give generously,
pray purposefully, and
serve joyfully for a
purpose greater than
myself.

Amen.



Pope Asks All Catholics to Step up Commitment to Saving Creation

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — To help lead the world's Catholics along a journey of intensified action in caring for creation, Pope Francis asked everyone to join a new global grassroots movement to create a more inclusive, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world.

The new initiative, the Laudato Si' Action Platform, is "a seven-year journey that will see our communities committed in different ways to becoming totally sustainable, in the spirit of integral ecology," the pope said in a video message released May 25.

"We need a new ecological approach that can transform our way of dwelling in the world, our lifestyles, our relationship with the resources of the Earth and, in general, our way of looking at humanity and of living life," he said.

This can only come about by everyone working together in a coordinated effort, he said. "Only in this way will we be able to create the future we want: a more inclusive, fraternal, peaceful and sustainable world."

The pope's message was released on the last day of Laudato Si' Week — the "crowning event" of a special Laudato Si' Anniversary Year, which closed May 24.

But the end of anniversary celebrations of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home," ushered in a new wave of initiatives including a new website in nine languages at laudatosi.va and an action platform at laudatosiplattform.org as part of a "road map" of action for the next decade.

The platform is meant to help those who want to increase their commitment to bringing "Laudato Si'" to life by promising a set of actions over a period of seven years.

Integral ecology requires every member of the wider church to contribute their skills and work together on common goals, which is why the platform specifically invites: families; parishes and dioceses; schools and universities; hospitals and health care centers; workers, businesses and farms; organizations, groups and movements; and religious orders. People can register May 25-Oct. 4 to assess what they are doing now and to see how they can further contribute to the seven Laudato Si' goals.



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Pope Francis delivers a recorded video message during a news conference to unveil a new platform for action based on his 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, at the Vatican May 25. Pictured at the dais are Carolina Bianchi, who works with the Global Catholic Climate Movement, and Sister Sheila Kinsey, co-secretary of the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission of the International Union of Superiors General.

Those goals are: responding to the cry of the Earth and environmental degradation; responding to the cry of the poor and vulnerable; creating an ecological-sustainable economy; adopting simple lifestyles; supporting ecological education; promoting ecological spirituality; and building community awareness, participation and action.

Choosing the biblical time frame of seven years "enables us to work slowly but surely without being obsessed with immediate results," said Salesian Father Josh-trom Kureethadam, coordinator of the "ecology and creation" desk at the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

"We envisage the first year to be dedicated to the three fundamental tasks of community building, resource sharing and drawing up concrete action plans for each of the Laudato Si' goals," followed

by five years of solid concrete action and a final year as a sabbatical year "to praise and thank God," he said May 25 at a Vatican news conference, unveiling the new projects.

The strategy, he said, is to create a snowball effect by enrolling increasingly larger numbers of groups each year "to create the critical mass needed" for achieving real change in the world.

"The good news is that the critical mass is not a very big number. Sociologists tell us that if you reach 3.5% of a group" or community, "we have the critical mass. That's what Mahatma Gandhi did, that's what Nelson Mandela did," Father Kureethadam said.

Cardinal Peter Turkson, the dicastery's prefect, said at the news conference that "we must look at the world we are leaving to our children, to future generations."

"We no longer have time to wait

or postpone action," he said, underlining the need to listen to and partner with science, young people and the poor.

"Pope Francis has invited all of us to join forces, to dream and prepare the future" by creating economic models for a world built on social equity and ecological sustainability, the cardinal wrote in his prepared remarks.

"It is time to embrace new opportunities. There is no sustainability without fairness, without justice and without involving everyone," he wrote.

"There is hope," the pope said in his video message.

"We can all collaborate, each one with his own culture and experience, each one with her own initiatives and capacities, so that our mother Earth may be restored to her original beauty and creation may once again shine according to God's plan," the pope said.

USCCB President, Committee Chair Decry Anti-Semitic Attacks in U.S.

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and the prelate who chairs the USCCB's Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs decried a recent rise in anti-Semitic attacks in the United States as "contrary to who we are called to be as the people of God."

"We cannot remain silent when we witness our brothers and sisters suffering on account of being Jewish, and we will never tire of our commitment to decry every form of hatred, especially those formed in contempt of faith," said a May 26 statement by

Archbishop Gomez and Bishop David P. Talley of Memphis, Tennessee.

"The recent rise in anti-Semitic attacks across the nation is deeply troubling," they added. "Any attack on a community or individual on the basis of faith or otherwise is contrary to who we are called to be as the people of God."

Citing the pope's 2020 encyclical "Fratelli Tutti," the two bishops said: "Pope Francis continually reminds us of our duty to build a culture of encounter by building bridges that transcend differences and divisions. In doing so, we must denounce violence unconditionally and take up dialogue."

Archbishop Gomez and Bishop

Talley said, "We remain steadfast in the promise of the Second Vatican Council to decry 'all hatred, persecutions and manifestations of anti-Semitism directed against the Jews at any time by anyone,'" quoting from the Vatican II document "Nostra Aetate," the Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions.

"This is integral to the irrevocable friendship we have cultivated and continue to build with our Jewish brothers and sisters," they said.

The attacks in the United States appear to be tied to the latest round of Israeli-Palestinian violence. Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the

Anti-Defamation League, told the "PBS NewsHour" May 24 that attacks during the two weeks of the conflict were up 63% over the two weeks prior. The attacks include harassment, physical violence, vandalism and hate speech on social media.

NBC News reported May 21 that some U.S. mosques also have been vandalized during the Middle East fighting.

"Our prayers are with those who have been harmed," said Archbishop Gomez and Bishop Talley. "May all people of goodwill unite in fostering a culture that rejects all forms of hatred, most especially antisemitism."

Video Series Highlights Marian Devotions, Customs in U.S. Mission Dioceses

By Catholic News Service

CHICAGO (CNS) — A special video series developed by Catholic Extension for the "Month of Mary" has highlighted throughout May the many ways Catholics of the Americas honor Mary in their native languages and culture customs.

The videos share Marian traditions popular in the faith communities that receive support from the Chicago-based organization that has been supporting the work and ministries of the nation's mission dioceses since its founding in 1905.

"Everywhere we visit, the Blessed Mother is a constant symbol of hope and comfort," Father Jack Wall, president of Catholic Extension, said in a statement. "The beautiful ways in which people of different cultures express their devotion to Mary is inspiring, and we invite all Catholics to share in this celebration."

The videos have been released each Sunday of May. The fourth in the series, scheduled for May 30, is about the devotion to Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre (Nuestra Señora de la Caridad del Cobre), the patroness of Cuba. It features the National Shrine Basilica of Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, near Santiago, Cuba, in the village of El

Cobre.

This particular video coincides with Pope Francis' call April 21 for a "Prayer Marathon" to be conducted for the entire month of May to end the pandemic, with each day featuring a different Marian shrine and the rosary broadcast from different locations.

"While we respond to the Holy Father's call to join him in prayer for an end to the pandemic, we invite you to see how the Blessed Mother is a constant symbol of hope in the places we visit," said Joe Boland, vice president of Catholic Extension. "It is one more way that we can join together as a Catholic family of faith and connect with one another."

The videos can be viewed by registering for access at catholicextension.org/mary.

The three videos released on the previous Sundays of May feature:

- Our Lady of the Sioux: Oglala-Lakota Native American Community in South Dakota.
- Our Lady of La Vang: Vietnamese Community in Sacramento, California.
- Our Lady of Fatima: Dominican Sisters of Guánica, Puerto Rico.

Thieves Break into Castle, Steal Rosary Used by Mary, Queen of Scots

By Simon Caldwell, Catholic News Service

MANCHESTER, England (CNS) — Burglars have stolen a set of golden rosary beads that once belonged to Mary, Queen of Scots.

The beads are said to have been carried by Mary, the Catholic first cousin once removed of the Protestant Queen Elizabeth I of England, when Mary was sent to her execution at Fotheringhay Castle in 1587.

The beads were taken from Arundel Castle, the ancestral home of the Duke of Norfolk in south England, during a May 21 raid by a gang that climbed through a window and forced open a display cabinet, taking gold and silver items together valued at about 1 million pounds (\$1.4 million).

A May 23 statement issued by Arundel Castle Trustees said: "The stolen items have significant monetary value, but as unique artifacts of the Duke of Norfolk's collection, have immeasurably greater and priceless historical importance."

Mary, the mother of the future King James I of England, was beheaded because she was a threat to the Protestant nobility, as many English Catholics, including the Duke of Norfolk, supported her potential accession following the execution of Elizabeth by St. Pius V in 1570.

Mary spent nearly 19 years in custody before she was finally accused of plotting to assassinate Elizabeth and sentenced to death for high treason.

Most of her possessions, or anything touched by her blood, were burned following her execution so that they could not be revered by Catholics as relics.

Apart from the rosary, those possessions that survived include an illustrated prayer book that she gave to Elizabeth Curle, one of her ladies, on the eve of her execution.

The book was later given to the Society of Jesus, and in July 2020, it was sold at auction at Christie's, London, to an anonymous buyer for 311,250 pounds.

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Say 'Yes' to the Holy Spirit, 'No' to Divisive Ideologies, Pope Says

By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Holy Spirit's gift of comfort and solace is meant to unite all men and women and not take sides with any ideology, Pope Francis said on Pentecost.

Celebrating Mass May 23 at the main altar in St. Peter's Basilica, the pope said those who listen to the Holy Spirit are not "concerned with conservatives and progressives, traditionalists and innovators, right and left."

If adherence to an ideology becomes "our criteria, then the church has forgotten the Spirit," he added.

The Holy Spirit "impels us to unity, to harmony, to the harmony of diversity. He makes us see ourselves as parts of the same body, brothers and sisters of one another," the pope said. "Let us look to the whole! The enemy wants diversity to become opposition and so he makes them become ideologies. Say no to ideologies, yes to the whole."

With pandemic restrictions slowly easing in Rome and across Italy, the Sunday Mass was celebrated in St. Peter's Basilica with an estimated 1,000 people, wearing masks and socially distanced.

Reflecting on the feast of Pentecost, the pope said the use of the word "Paraclete" is not only meant to describe the Holy Spirit as an "advocate" but also as a "comforter," especially in "times of difficulty like those we are presently

experiencing due to the pandemic."

The comforts of the world, he explained, are like a pain reliever that offers only temporary relief but does not "cure the illness we carry deep within."

"Only someone who makes us feel loved for who we are can give peace to our hearts. The Holy Spirit, the love of God, does precisely that," the pope said. "He is the very love of God, who does not abandon us, for being present to those who are alone is itself a source of comfort."

In turn, Christians are called to "embody the comfort he brings" and to be near to others "not with trite words, but with prayer and closeness," he said.

The Holy Spirit, he added, is telling the church that today is a "time for comforting" and more joyfully proclaiming the Gospel rather than "combatting paganism" or "lamenting the drama of secularization."

"It is the time for pouring out love upon the world, yet not embracing worldliness," the pope said. "It is more the time for testifying to mercy, than for inculcating rules and regulations. It is the time of the Paraclete. It is the time of freedom of heart, in the Paraclete."

Continuing his homily, Pope Francis said that while the spirit of the Evil One deceives all to "yield to the allure and promptings of vice," the Holy Spirit is "the spirit of truth" that brings "thoughts and feelings" without forcing or im-

posing.

The Holy Spirit affirms to Christians "the primacy of today," which means living "in the present" and not being "paralyzed by rancor or memories of the past" nor fearful of the future, the pope said.

In affirming the "primacy of the whole," he continued, the Holy Spirit does not "mold isolated individuals" but rather "shapes us into a church in the wide variety of our charisms, into a unity that is never uniformity."

The apostles, the pope explained, were people who had "contrary political ideas, different visions of the world" and who, upon receiving the Spirit, "learned to give primacy not to their human viewpoints but to the 'whole' that is God's plan."

Lastly, the Holy Spirit affirms "the primacy of grace" and calls on all Christians to "put God before yourself," the pope said.

If the church only concerns itself with "our own projects, our structures, our plans for reform" then it will "bear no fruit," Pope Francis said.

"The church is human, but it is not merely a human organization, it is the temple of the Holy Spirit," he said. "Jesus brought the fire of the Spirit to the earth, and the church is reformed by the anointing of grace, the gratuity of the anointing of grace, the power of prayer, the joy of mission and the disarming beauty of poverty. Let us put God in first place!"

Pope Calls for Prayers for Forgiveness, Coexistence in Holy Land

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis has called on the world's Catholics to pray May 22 for dialogue, forgiveness and peaceful coexistence in the Holy Land.

As local Catholics were set to gather at St. Stephen's Church in

Jerusalem May 22 to "implore the gift of peace" on the vigil of Pentecost, the pope asked "all the pastors and faithful of the Catholic Church to unite themselves spiritually with this prayer."

"May every community pray to the Holy Spirit 'that Israelis and Palestinians may find the path of

dialogue and forgiveness, be patient builders of peace and justice, and be open, step by step, to a common hope, to coexistence among brothers and sisters,'" he said, quoting remarks he made May 16.

The pope's comments came May 21 as he welcomed nine new ambassadors to the Vatican who were presenting their letters of credential.

He told the diplomats that he could not help but think of the events unfolding in the Holy Land.

"I thank God for the decision to

halt the armed conflicts and acts of violence, and I pray for the pursuit of paths of dialogue and peace," he told the diplomats.

The pope's remarks came the same day Israel and Hamas were to begin a cease-fire after days of airstrikes, rocket attacks and fighting that claimed hundreds of lives.

In this most deadly violence since 2014, at least 230 Palestinians — including 65 children — have been reported killed, and thousands injured. Israel reported 12 Israelis, including two children, killed.

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Wheeling University's FNP Program Ranked in Top 10 by Intelligent.com

WHEELING—Wheeling University's Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program was chosen the eighth best graduate level program in the country by Intelligent.com, a trusted resource for online degree rankings and higher education planning.

Intelligent.com's comprehensive research guide is based on an assessment of 203 accredited colleges and universities in the nation. Each program is evaluated based on curriculum quality, graduation rate, reputation, and post-graduate employment. In addition, the ranking service reviewed programs that are offered online, in-person and hybrid formats.

"Wheeling University's Family Nurse Practitioner program prepares nurses to provide primary care in advanced practitioner roles by integrating nursing concepts, science, and family practice into the curriculum," said Ginny R. Favede, president of Wheeling University. "This ranking by Intelligent.com proves our online FNP program provides students a rigorous education in advanced nursing practice."

The 2021 rankings are calculated through a unique scoring system which includes student engagement, potential return on investment and leading third-party evaluations. Of the institutions analyzed, Intelligent.com rated them on a scale of 0 to 100, with only 50 FNP programs making it to the final list. The methodology also uses an algorithm which collects and analyzes multiple rankings into one score to easily compare each school.

"The success of the FNP program is attributed to our dedicated faculty and our affiliation with clinical preceptors who set a strong example for our students to follow. The MSN FNP program can be completed fully online and clinical rotations can be completed in the



Courtesy Photo

Shown above are a few of the students enrolled in Wheeling University's Master of Science in Nursing – Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program.

student's local community. This recognition by Intelligent.com verifies the positive feedback we receive from the graduates of our program," said Dr. Gail Nickerson, director of Nursing at Wheeling University.

Wheeling's FNP program received a score of 93.28 out of a possible 100, with an estimated cost of \$550 per credit hour.

In addition to accessibility and cost, the steady job growth in this market is one of the many reasons Intelligent.com researched and ranked the Top Nurse Practitioner

Programs.

The 2021 rankings are calculated through a unique scoring system which includes student engagement, potential return on investment and leading third-party evaluations. Intelligent.com analyzed 203 schools, on a scale of 0 to 100, with only 50 making it to the final list. The methodology also uses an algorithm which collects and analyzes multiple rankings into one score to easily compare each school.

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First Holy Communion in Monongah



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Children who made their first Holy Communion at Holy Spirit Parish in Monongah are gathered at the church. From left are Noah Keller, Bryant Nicholson, Hudson Boyles, Sofia Merriman, Julian Boyles, Reed Ammons, and Riley Hayes.

West Virginia Institute for Spirituality Offering a Four-Week Guided Prayer Experience Via Zoom

WEST VIRGINIA—The West Virginia Institute for Spirituality (WVIS) is offering a four-week Guided Prayer Experience via zoom. All are invited to participate in this event which will begin on Monday, June 7, and continue weekly for four weeks.

The program will be using the book “The Liturgical Year” by Joan Chittister (available through any bookseller). Each small group will meet for 60 minutes each week and will be led by Tom Octave, M.M., an associate spiritual director

affiliated with the WVIS. This experience will be offered on Mondays at either 8 a.m. or 5 p.m. (both Eastern) via zoom. Participants may choose to join either group.

Sister Joan writes, “The liturgical year...is Jesus with us, for us, and in us as we strive to make His life our own.”

“Our groups will take a journey together through the liturgical year with Jesus and each other as we pray together and reflect how the liturgical year shapes our lives,” program

officials said.

The donation for this program is \$40 (plus the cost of the book).

The registration deadline is June 5.

To register, visit wvis.org, click Training/Programs, and then click: The Liturgical Year: 4-week guided prayer experience. The link for the zoom program will be provided after registration.

For more information about the program, contact Octave at tomoctave@gmail.com.

National Right to Life Convention Set for June 25-26

HERNDON, Va.—The 50th Annual National Right to Life Convention is set for June 25 and 26 at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel in Herndon, Va.

“We will open with a dinner theater on Thursday evening, June 24, featuring the Play, ‘Viable,’” officials said.

Friday morning opens with a Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and continues throughout the day with two general sessions and 30 breakout sessions. Saturday morning opens with a general session at 9 a.m., followed by 24 breakout sessions, another general session and a closing banquet.

“All during which we have the National Teens for Life Convention, pro-life exhibits, childcare and the opportunity to meet and talk with pro-lifers from all around the country. We hope to see you there!” officials said.

Visit nrlc.org for more information and to get the latest on speakers,

Parish Nurse Ministry Offering Skin Screening

CLARKSBURG—The Parish Nurse Ministry of Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarksburg will hold its annual Skin Screening from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 13.

The screenings are by appointment only and are limited to 25 slots. Covid-19 protocols will be followed. For scheduling or questions, call Theresa White at (304) 669-6063.

CCHS Offering ‘Maroon Knights Basketball Camp’

WHEELING—Central Catholic High School in Wheeling will sponsor a Boys Basketball “Maroon Knights Basketball Camp” July 8-10.

“Come Learn the Game the ‘Knight’ Way!” program officials said. Boys Grades PK4 through Grade 8 (as of the school year 2021-22) July 8 and 9 at the YMCA from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Doors open at 8 a.m. July 10 at CCHS Gymnasium.

The cost is \$75 for registration by June 28 and \$85 after June 28 and at the door. Registration forms are available from CCHS.

Charleston Knights of Columbus Welcome New Members



Martina Hart Photo

Knights of Columbus Council 12630 and extended family convene for a social meeting at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart’s Cordis Center in Charleston May 24. The purpose was to welcome new members, explain what the council does and have time to visit with friends both old and new.

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Volunteer Spotlight: Inkira

By Matthew Atwood, CCWVa Southern Regional Director

Inkira is one of our dedicated volunteers at the Catholic Charities Loaves and Fishes Outreach Center. He has been helping us serve clients in Summers County for the past five months.

Inkira has dedicated himself to helping us carry out our mission. On week-days, Inkira plays a big part in packing up food boxes for our clients and keeping the pantry shelves stocked and organized. On Fridays, he participates in distributing the boxes at our drive-thru pantry pickups.

In addition to all of his work with the food pantry, Inkira also helps in the thrift store by sorting donations and organizing items on the sales floor. His friendly personality and strong work ethic have quickly made him a valuable asset to the agency.

“Volunteering brings myself and the people I provide support for closer to God,” said Inkira. “I try to stay as close to God as I am able through volunteering.”

The Loaves and Fishes Outreach Center is located at 207 Temple Street in Hinton. For information about our food pantry, thrift store, or other services, call (304) 466-2110.

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

The Mission of Catholic



From left: CCWVa Outreach Coordinator Kevin Richmond, volunteer Inkira, CCWVa Outreach Worker Angela Meadows, and volunteer Sonia Galloway.

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St. Bernadette, Hedgesville –
Sunday, May 30 at 11:00 a.m.

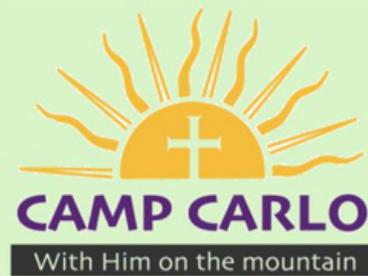
St. Joseph, Martinsburg – Sun-
day, May 30 at 4:00 p.m. & 6:00
p.m.

St. Patrick, Weston – Wednesday,
June 2 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi, Logan –
Thursday, June 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Mary, Weirton –
Wednesday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m.

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Papa: Dile 'sí' al Espíritu Santo, 'no' a las ideologías divisivas

Por Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)—El don de consuelo y la consolación del Espíritu Santo están destinados a unir a todos los hombres y mujeres, llevándolos a no tomar el lado de ninguna ideología, dijo el papa Francisco en Pentecostés.

Al celebrar la misa del 23 de mayo en el altar mayor de la Basílica de San Pedro, el papa dijo que quienes escuchan al Espíritu Santo "no nos centraremos en conservadores y progresistas, tradicionalistas e innovadores, derecha e izquierda".

Si centrarse en una ideología se convierte en el criterio "quiere decir que en la Iglesia se olvida el Espíritu", agregó.

El Espíritu Santo "impulsa a la unidad, a la concordia, a la armonía en la diversidad. Nos hace ver como partes del mismo cuerpo, hermanos y hermanas entre nosotros. ¡Busquemos el todo! El enemigo quiere que la diversidad se transforme en oposición, y por eso la convierte en ideologías. Hay que decir 'no' a las ideologías y 'sí' al todo", dijo.

Con las restricciones debido a la pandemia disminuyendo lentamente en Roma y en toda Italia, la misa dominical se celebró en la Basílica de San Pedro con unas 1,000 personas que llevaban mascarillas y quienes se distanciaban.

Reflexionando sobre la fiesta de Pentecostés, el papa dijo que el uso de la palabra "paráclito" no solo tiene la intención de describir al Espíritu Santo como un "abogado" sino también como un "consolador", especialmente durante "los momentos difíciles como el que estamos atravesando, debido a la pandemia".

Las comodidades del mundo, explicó, son como un analgésico que solo ofrece un alivio momentáneo, pero no curan el mal profundo que llevamos dentro, dijo.

"Solo quien nos hace sentir amados tal y como somos da paz al corazón. El Espíritu Santo, el amor de Dios actúa así", dijo el papa. "Es la ternura misma de Dios, que no nos deja solos; porque estar con quien está solo es ya consolar".

A su vez, los cristianos están llamados a encarnar el consuelo que él brinda y estar cerca de los demás no con discursos, "sino con oración y cercanía", dijo.

El Espíritu Santo, agregó, le está diciendo a la iglesia que hoy es un "tiempo para consolar" y llevar la alegría del Resucitado, no de lamentarnos por el drama de la secularización.

"Es el tiempo para derramar amor sobre el mundo, sin amoldarse a la mundanidad", dijo el papa. "Es el tiempo de testimoniar la misericordia más que de inculcar reglas y normas. ¡Es el tiempo del Paráclito! Es el tiempo de la libertad del corazón, en el Paráclito".

Continuando con su homilía, el papa Francisco dijo que mientras el espíritu del Maligno engaña a todos para "ceder a las sugerencias malignas y a las pulsiones de los vicios", el Espíritu Santo es "el espíritu de la verdad" que trae "pensamientos y sentimientos" sin forzar ni imponer.

El Espíritu Santo afirma a los cristianos "la primacía del hoy", que significa vivir "en el presente" y no estar paralizados por el rencor o los recuerdos del pasado, ni temerosos del futuro, dijo el papa.

Al afirmar la primacía del todo, continuó, el Espíritu Santo no "plasma individuos cerrados", sino más bien "nos constituye como Iglesia en la multiforme variedad de carismas, en una unidad que no es nunca uniformidad".

Entre los apóstoles, explicó el papa, "había ideas políticas opuestas, visiones del mundo muy diferentes", no obstante, al recibir el Espíritu, "aprendieron a no dar la primacía a sus puntos de vista humanos, sino al todo de Dios".

Por último, el Espíritu Santo afirma "el primado de la gracia" y pide a todos los cristianos que "pongan a Dios antes que a ustedes mismos", dijo el papa.

"Si (como iglesia) ponemos en primer lugar nuestros proyectos, nuestras estructuras y nuestros planes de reforma caeremos en el pragmatismo, en el eficientismo, en el horizontalismo, y no daremos fruto", dijo el papa Francisco.

"La Iglesia no es una organización humana

?es humana, pero no es sólo una organización humana?, la Iglesia es el templo del Espíritu Santo", dijo. "Jesús ha traído el fuego del Espíritu a la tierra y la Iglesia se reforma con la unción, con la gratuidad de la unción de la gracia, con la fuerza de la oración, con la alegría de la misión, con la belleza cautivadora de la pobreza. ¡Pongamos a Dios en el primer lugar!"

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San Patricio, Weston - Miércoles 2 de junio a las 6:00 p.m.

San Francisco de Asís, Logan - Jueves 3 de junio a las 5:00 p.m.

Sagrado Corazón de María, Weirton - Miércoles 9 de junio a las 6:30 p.m.

San Antonio, Fairmont - Viernes 11 de junio a las 6:00 p.m.

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304.230.1504. También puede llamar a la línea directa de abuso sexual de la Diócesis al 833.230.5656. Los formularios de queja están disponibles en línea en www.dwc.org, haga clic en "Diócesis" en la barra de menú, luego en "Oficinas", luego en "Ambiente seguro", luego "Descargar archivos y formularios". El formulario se titula "Formulario de queja para denuncias de abuso sexual de menores". El formulario se puede devolver por correo de EE. UU. A: Office of Safe Environment, Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

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

Además de los métodos enumerados anteriormente para denunciar el abuso sexual, la Diócesis también se ha asociado con Navex Global para ofrecer la plataforma EthicsPoint para informar otras inquietudes adicionales, como sospecha de mala conducta financiera, profesional y personal de un sacerdote, diácono, religioso, o empleado laico de la Diócesis o cualquier parroquia o escuela católica en West Virginia. Se puede acceder a la plataforma EthicsPoint a través de www.dwc.org, en "Rendición de cuentas", luego "Informar mala conducta" o llamando al 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint es un sistema de informes de terceros que informa a las autoridades civiles cuando corresponda y a las autoridades diocesanas, y la identidad de la persona que informa esta protegida.

Enlaces e información: Departamento de Salud y Recursos Humanos de WV: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp>. Policía Estatal de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Crímenes contra Niños: 304-293-6400.

Executive Director of Department of Social Ministry Opening

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is seeking to hire an Executive Director of Department of Social Ministry.

The Executive Director is responsible for serving as a catalyst and on-going resource to the Bishop, diocesan staff, pastors and parishes in developing and maintaining effort which link direct service, advocacy, action and empowerment toward concerns of local and global justice, respect for all human life and environmental concerns.

This person also provides leadership, vision and advocacy for the development and implementation of a strategic plan for Prison, Hispanic ministries and other immigrant groups.

Qualification requirements include a Bachelor's degree (Master's preferred), 2-5 years experience in parish Social Ministry, extensive knowledge of Catholic Social Teachings, working knowledge of the operation of the Catholic Church, self-motivated, ability to work in a team environment.

Please submit resume, references and cover letter to: Human Resources Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, 1311 Byron Street, PO Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003

Position will stay open until filled

Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry (DRE/YM)

St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling, WV seeks a full-time Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry (DRE/YM) to build and administer a total parish catechetical and youth ministry program for a parish of 1,000 + parishioners. The DRE/YM will oversee the recruitment and training of parishioners to lead various aspects of faith formation including preparation for the sacraments of initiation, adult RCIA, our Sunday Parish School of Religion and an annual Summer Camp for middle school and high school youth. Experience in Catholic schools or parish ministry required. Bachelor's or Master's in theology or Catechetics. Salary based upon education and experience. Benefits offered. Submit resume to Rev. Msgr. Paul Hudock, pastor, St. Vincent de Paul Parish 2244 Marshall Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003, (304) 242-0406

Campus Minister Opening Fairmont State University and Pierpont College

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston seeks a highly energetic and faith filled individual devoted to bringing young adults to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ to apply for the position of Campus Minister at the Fairmont State University and Pierpont College. The Campus Minister will work to plan and implement a broad program of campus ministry for the Catholic community of students, faculty, and staff at the Universities. This person will manage the day-to-day operation of the campus ministry facility located on each Campus. This individual will plan and facilitate events at the Centers as well as develop and implement catechetical opportunities and pastoral services appropriate to the needs and concerns of the Catholic community at the university.

Persons applying for this position must be able to give evidence of personal commitment and witness to and a sound knowledge of the teachings, life and traditions of the Catholic church. Master's Degree in Theology or related field is preferred. C.C.M.A. certification or willing to pursue certification is also preferred. Person must have experience and knowledge of Campus life of young adult Catholics needs and concerns. Effective interpersonal, communication, organizational and planning skills are essential. Must be able to organize retreats, faith sharing groups, formational events and meetings.

Persons desiring to apply, please provide a Resume' with references and cover letter to: Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Human Resources Office, 1311 Byron Street, Wheeling, WV 26003 (304) 233-0880

Asst. Principal Needed

St. Mary's Central School, Clarksburg is seeking an (elementary) Asst. School Principal.

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

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

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

Applications may be emailed with all attachments to jkonikattil@dwc.org or smkonikattil@gmail.com

Job Openings at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center, Wheeling

Part-Time Dishwasher: Catholic Charities West Virginia is seeking a Part-time Dishwasher in its Neighborhood Center in Wheeling, for 14 hours per week. This position is responsible for performing duties assisting in the kitchen and in other parts of the Neighborhood Center, as assigned by the Kitchen Manager and/or the Neighborhood Center Coordinator. Duties include dishwashing, cleaning, donation weighing and recording, and pantry set-up.

Qualifications include: must possess or be able to obtain a food handler's card as issued by the state of West Virginia; ability to follow directions and supervision; ability to communicate and work with others; must be able to frequently lift heavy packages and other items; work on his/her feet for the majority of the day; ability to operate various types of food service equipment; willingness to adapt to changes in scheduling; and ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.

Please send cover letter, resume and three references to Diana Bell, Neighborhood Center Coordinator, CCWVa, at 125 18th Street, Wheeling, WV 26003 or email to dbell@ccwva.org

Maintenance Worker: Catholic Charities West Virginia is seeking a Full-time Maintenance Worker for its Neighborhood Center in Wheeling. This position is responsible for tasks related to general janitorial and maintenance (interior and exterior) of all Catholic Charities buildings and properties, and is also responsible for donation pickups.

Qualifications include: Must have valid driver's license, and a minimum of one year of related work experience. Must have general knowledge of building maintenance, minor repairs, and cleaning, including basic mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and carpentry skills. Must possess and maintain a neat, clean appearance and a positive and professional demeanor. Must be able to lift heavy packages and other items, unpack, and document deliveries and donations. Willingness to adapt to changes in scheduling. Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment

Please send cover letter, resume and three references to Diana Bell, Neighborhood Center Coordinator, CCWVa, at 125 18th Street, Wheeling, WV 26003 or email to dbell@ccwva.org.

Principal Needed

St. Patrick Church of Weston, West Virginia is seeking a Principal for St. Patrick Catholic School, pre-school through eighth grades.

- 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 requirements; or hold a valid Educational Leadership certification from the state of West Virginia or be eligible for such certification.

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

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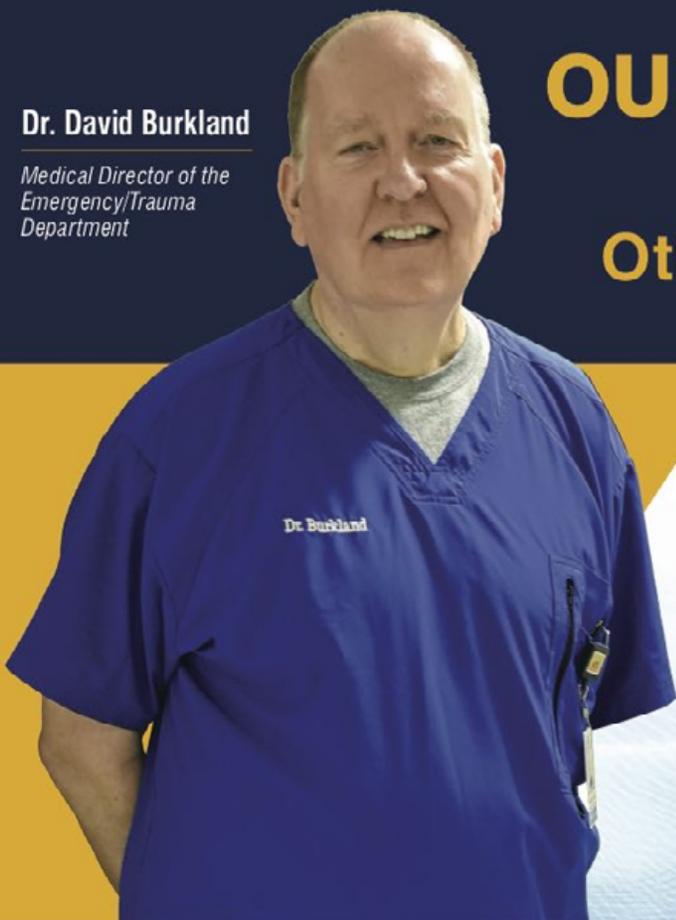
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