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Synod Report for U.S. Shows Growth, Tensions and ‘Deep Desire to Rebuild’ the Body of Christ

By **Gina Christian, OSV News**

(OSV News) — Growth, undeniable tensions and “a deep desire to rebuild and strengthen” the body of Christ have emerged as key themes in the latest synod report for the Catholic Church in the U.S.

Released by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops May 28, the “National Synthesis of the People of God in the United States of America for the Interim Stage of the 2021-2024 Synod” summarizes responses from more than 35,000 participants and over 1,000 listening sessions, with 76% of the nation’s dioceses and eparchies submitting reports to the U.S. synod team.

In addition, over 350 people met in some 15 listening sessions that focused on church life, social justice and vocations, while U.S. bishops also met for a synod listening session.

Launched by Pope Francis in October 2021, the **See “Report” on Page 2**

Carlo Acutis’ Canonization News Leaves U.S. Devotees ‘over the Moon’ with Joy

By **Gina Christian, OSV News**

(OSV News) — News that an Italian teen could soon be canonized — the first from the “millennial” generation — has enthralled his devotees in the U.S.

On May 23, Pope Francis formally recognized a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis, clearing the way for him to be formally recognized as a saint of the Catholic Church.

Along with Acutis, the pope also advanced the sainthood causes of a group of Franciscan martyrs, six men and one woman in the same promulgation.

Acutis — who is credited with interceding for the 2022 healing of a head injury in a young Costa Rican woman — died of leukemia in 2006 at age 15, having lived a brief life of extraordinary holiness that was marked by a profound devotion to Christ and the Eucharist. Acutis’ desire to foster awareness of the Blessed Sacrament, along with his formidable computer skills, led him to create a database of eucharistic

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Remembering Our Fallen Heroes

on Memorial Day

Bishop Mark Brennan celebrates the Memorial Day Mass, remembering our fallen heroes, on May 27 at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Wheeling. The bishop celebrated the Mass at the Priests’ Circle Altar in the cemetery with Father Sateesh Narisetti, HGN, J.C.L., concelebrating. Faithful from around the area, pictured below, attended the Mass.

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first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, organized around the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission," was held Oct. 4-29, 2023, in Rome.

Ahead of the concluding session of the synod, which will take place in Rome in Oct. 2-27, dioceses across the U.S. were asked to hold additional listening sessions during Lent 2024, following a request from the Vatican's Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops. Those responses were incorporated into the newly released synthesis.

"We had to be nimble with the Spirit," U.S. synod team member Alexandra Carroll, who serves as the USCCB's communications manager for social mission, told OSV News, adding that even with short notice of the extra sessions, "our diocesan synod leaders took it on and really owned the process."

Fellow synod team members Richard Coll, executive director of the USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, and the USCCB's senior adviser for

the synod Julia McStravog agreed.

Coll said he was "very, very taken by the commitment that was evident" in the responses to the listening sessions.

"The diocesan directors continue to be very devoted to this path," he told OSV News. "It's a wonderful thing to see, because it is now the third year of this process, but it didn't seem ... to me that there was any kind of 'synod fatigue.' People seem to be even more enthusiastic."

"Synodality is really taking root," said McStravog. "People are getting accustomed not only to sharing, but to listening in a deeper way."

In his introduction to the synthesis, Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas — who serves as chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Doctrine, and who has shepherded the synodal process in the U.S. — noted that "while no document could cover the full range of topics on the hearts and minds of Catholics" who took part in the listening sessions, the report showed the synodal journey has made progress in the U.S.

Among their insights, many of which were directly quoted in the report, participants expressed "two ba-

sic hopes for the church" — that it be both a "safe harbor" and a "fiery communion."

As a "safe harbor," the church can be a place "where the faithful are embraced, sustained and loved," said the synthesis, citing one respondent who observed, "People come when they are broken. ... At my parish, I feel I have a family there."

That welcome must be more than "superficial," the report said, pointing to parishes with numerous small communities and prayer groups as being "most successful" in reaching and integrating people from diverse backgrounds. With the church in the U.S. comprising "countless cultural and ethnic groups," the report noted a desire "to promote interculturality, so that there is more unity between cultures that share the same church."

At the same time, respondents described the church as a "fiery communion," with the synodal process digging up a number of tensions within the church.

In particular, a lack of clear communication from church hierarchy and from media, both Catholic and secular, creates confusion and division over what it means to be Cath-

olic — and hinders the church's mission, said synod participants.

That uncertainty can be especially evident when trying to balance welcoming LGBTQ and other marginalized persons while making known the truths of the Catholic faith, said synod participants.

Catholic social teaching was "another area where division was keenly experienced," with "conversations 'on social justice and inclusion ... filled with moments of profound pain and generational hurt,'" the report said. "Participants expressed concerns that the church has allowed the ongoing polarization and conflict (in civil society) to lead to a denial of the church's social magisterium in many situations."

The liturgy itself can be a flashpoint for tension, with the celebration of the Mass using the Roman Missal of 1962 (informally known as the "Latin Mass") becoming "a focal point of broader debates about tradition, modernity, and the best ways to nurture faith across the diverse spectrum of Catholic belief and practice," the interim synthesis said.

Another sore spot identified by participants was complacency in

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many parts of the church, which potentially stands to pave the way for “grave institutional sins such as sexual abuse and racism” — both of which remain “enduring wounds” that “continue to inflict pain today,” said the document.

“The trauma and scandal (of the clerical abuse crisis) have had a generational impact,” keeping youth and young adults distrustful and desiring an apology “for abuses that happened not to them, but to their parents, grandparents or further generations,” the interim synthesis said.

Likewise, the sin of racism, and “the sin of enslaving Black people for the betterment of the church,” continue to haunt the church, the report said.

At the same time, the listening sessions revealed a commitment to the importance of evangelization, and the need for catechesis and formation

to sustain such witness. Participants also articulated a desire to actively participate in the church’s mission, seeking greater co-responsibility for the laity (especially women and young adults) in that task through their “baptismal dignity.”

Both clericalism and a lack of vocations to the priesthood and religious life were lamented, as was division among priests, with one priest participant sharing that clergy “need to be better at getting past the bitterness and different theologies and political preferences.”

Bishops who attended the listening session also highlighted polarization among priests, with some shepherds likening themselves to “the episcopal referee” among an increasingly diverse clergy, many of whom hail from other countries. The Ukrainian Catholic bishops of the U.S. expressed their gratitude for the positive relationships they enjoyed with the USCCB and the Roman Catholic Church in the U.S., noting that

“sometimes the Latin Church in other parts of the world (is) not so accepting and supportive.”

The bishops also applauded recent changes in the structure of their biannual meetings, which have facilitated more small group encounters reminding them they are “spiritual brothers and not just ecclesial figures.”

On balance, bishops’ relations with the Holy See were “generally positive,” and although “direct contact with Rome is not very frequent,” the report said that the apostolic nuncio, Cardinal Christophe Pierre, has succeeded in “fostering a spirit of communion” and in “facilitating communication with the Holy See.” At the same time, the bishops “did express some frustration that communication between bishops and the offices of the Holy See could be better,” but described their ad limina visits to Rome — during which they provide the pope with an update on the status of their respective dioceses — as “oc-

casions of fraternity and joy.”

The interim synthesis concluded by noting that “a major theme” articulated by participants was “the deepening awareness of how our trust in God expresses itself in relation to our imperfect institutions within the church.”

“It was noted by many that the faithful ‘should not be embarrassed about recognizing that our church might be a little messy — it’s better not to pretend that we are the perfect institution, but that we belong to the perfect and one, true faith,’” said the report.

Carroll, Coll and McStravog told OSV News that the synodal process of listening and dialogue is essential to healing the church’s wounds — and that dynamic is for all the faithful, they said.

“Synodality isn’t just in Rome or at the USCCB,” said Coll. “It’s right here. It’s with you. It’s with all of us.”

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



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miracles throughout the world.

The sunny-faced teen — who was born in London in 1991 and grew up in Milan, Italy — displayed an early attraction to the spiritual life, reciting the rosary and attending Mass daily, serving as a catechist, volunteering at a church soup kitchen and tutoring children with their homework. At the same time, Acutis was known for his enthusiasm for typical teenage interests, such as video games, pets, soccer and music.

"Blessed Carlo Acutis is an inspiration and intercessor for all young people, but especially for those who are drifting away or alienated from the church or who are skeptical about religion," Bishop Robert E. Barron of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, chair of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, told OSV News. "He demonstrates that having a clear reference point in Jesus Christ opens up the possibilities of a joy-filled and creative mission, but also and most importantly imparts a holiness through which the meaning and purpose of life is revealed."

"Carlo really was a regular kid," said Michael Norton, president of the Malvern Retreat Center in Malvern, Pennsylvania, which is home to the Blessed Carlo Acutis Shrine and Center for Eucharistic Encounter.

The center, which is seeking to attain diocesan shrine status, contains a permanent exhibit featuring 100 Eucharistic miracles as well as a Blessed Carlo Reading Room and a permanent altar for group Eucharistic adoration during scheduled events.

In October 2023, the center hosted the teen's mother, Antonia Acutis, who shared her reflections on being the mother of a saint who speaks especially to the younger generation.

Norton told OSV News he is "over the moon" about Acutis' pending canonization — as is Malvern board member Mary Bea Damico, who was what Norton called the "visionary" for the Acutis center at Malvern.

Damico told OSV News that the evening prior to the Vatican's announcement, she and religious directors of education from



OSV News Photo/courtesy Saint-hood Cause of Carlo Acutis
Pope Francis formally recognized a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15-year-old Italian teenager whose birth in 1991 will make him the first "millennial" to become a saint. He is pictured in an undated photo.

the Archdiocese of Philadelphia had gathered at the Acutis shrine for "a very joyful night" that proved to be "prophetic."

"And then I got a message in my inbox before 6:30 a.m. this morning (about the canonization)," she said. "I can't even tell you the joy."

Both Norton and Damico said that Acutis models how holiness is attainable, even in a world where it can seem more impossible than ever.

"If you look at some of the pictures with him and his friends, he looks like any other normal teenage kid. ... He's in blue jeans with sneakers on and with a backpack and a computer," said Norton. "These kids are saying, 'Wait a minute, I'm just like him. ... The kids can just look at him and say, 'I can be strong in my faith and I can lead a normal lifestyle. ... I can do this.'"

Acutis inspires kids and teens "to live in hope," said Damico, helping them to "understand that we were all created to be saints, and sainthood isn't just something that's for other people. It's for each and every one of them. I talk to (teen visitors to) the shrine, and it really brings me to tears, because you should just see how they're so open to that. They're so hungry for a message of hope."

The announcement of Acutis' impending sainthood also has thrilled Catholic schools named in his honor.

"We prayed this day would come, but never dreamed it would arrive less than two years after open-

ing Blessed Carlo Acutis Academy, an online, Catholic school for students in grades 5-12" located in the Diocese of Madison, Wisconsin, said Michael Lancaster, diocesan superintendent of Catholic schools, in a statement to OSV News.

The diocese's assistant superintendent, Therese Milbrath, said she is "looking forward to changing the name of our online high school to St. Carlo Acutis Academy upon his canonization."

"His life of faith and his devotion to the Eucharist are incredible examples for teens," she told OSV News in a statement. "We have a first-class relic of Blessed Carlo in our Catholic schools office to remind us that, no matter a person's age, we are all called to holiness."

Lancaster noted that the diocese had named the school for Acutis (who beat out St. Isidore of Seville, patron of the internet) as "a natural fit" and "someone

to whom our students could more easily relate."

He added that it is "no coincidence" the school's opening and the advancement of Acutis' sainthood have occurred within the three-year span of the National Eucharistic Revival.

"The Holy Spirit is at work!" said Lancaster.

For Blessed Carlo Acutis Catholic High School in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, the canonization's timing is especially ideal, since construction has only just begun and the name can be easily updated from "Blessed" to "Saint."

"We chose Blessed Carlo Acutis as the namesake for this school so that our students could easily see themselves living out their faith in this modern world," said Sandra Palazzo, board chair of Edmonton Catholic Schools, a publicly funded school division in Edmonton. "He was a shining example of sharing the love of God. We look forward to having the students of Edmonton Catholic Schools

journey alongside Carlo Acutis on the path to sainthood."

But inviting more young people on that journey "depends on us," said Father Francesco Maria D'Amico, pastor of St. William Parish in Philadelphia and a friend of Antonia Acutis, whose 2023 U.S. speaking tour he coordinated.

Father D'Amico, a native of Assisi, Italy — where Acutis' body lies in entombment in the Church of St. Mary Major — told OSV News "it's important" to make the teen's life and legacy known in order "to show the world" that sainthood is attainable.

He added that he'd had "no doubt" that Acutis would one day be declared a saint.

Asked if she plans to travel to the Vatican for Acutis' canonization, Damico said, "One hundred percent. I'm going; there's nothing that will stop me."

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

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Pope Apologizes for Using ‘Homophobic’ Slang

By Cindy Wooden , Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis “never intended to offend or express himself in homophobic terms, and he extends his apologies to those who were offended by the use of a term, reported by others,” that is considered vulgar in Italian, the Vatican press office said.

Six days after Pope Francis had a closed-door meeting with members of the Italian bishops’ conference, a notorious Italian gossip website reported that the pope used a derogatory slang term in Italian to describe some seminaries as being marked by a gay culture.

The website, Dagospia, said the pope used the term May 20 when responding to a bishop’s question about admitting gay men to seminaries as candidates for priesthood.

Leading Italian newspapers La Repubblica and Corriere della Sera said May 27 they confirmed with unnamed Italian bishops that Pope Francis had used the vulgar slang, although Corriere also noted that the pope “sometimes stumbles over somewhat creative Italian without being aware of the nuances.”

Matteo Bruni, director of the Vatican press office, responded late

May 28 to repeated requests for comment.

“Pope Francis is aware of articles that recently came out about a conversation he had, behind closed doors, with the bishops of the CEI,” he said, using the Italian acronym for the Italian bishops’ conference.

“As he has had the opportunity to state on several occasions, ‘In the Church there is room for everyone, for everyone! No one is useless, no one is superfluous, there is room for everyone. Just as we are, everyone,’” Bruni said.

La Repubblica had reported that the word the pope used in Italian “made more than one bishop flinch. The man (Pope Francis) is no stranger to verbal intemperance; the meeting was behind closed doors, the conversation informal, but when Pope Francis used that word” there was tension in the room.

While Pope Francis insisted to the bishops that LGBTQ+ Catholics must be accepted in the church and treated with respect, he reportedly said at the meeting that it is better not to accept gay men as candidates for the priesthood. Bruni did not comment on that report.

During a similar closed-door

meeting with Italian bishops in 2018, La Repubblica reported, the pope told them if they had “even the slightest doubt” about a gay candidate being able to live a life of celibacy in the seminary and as a priest, “it is better not to let them in.”

In a book-length interview in 2018, Pope Francis had said superiors must be able to help gay candidates prepare for a life of celibacy or encourage them to leave the seminary.

“Homosexuality is a very serious matter, which must be discerned adequately from the beginning with candidates, if it is the case. We must be demanding,” the pope had told Claretian Father Fernando Prado in the book-interview, “The Strength of Vocation: Consecrated Life Today.”

Pope Francis made it clear in the interview that he was talking about homosexual activity among priests and religious who make vows of chastity and celibacy.

“In consecrated life or that of the priesthood, there is no place for this type of affection,” the pope said. “For that reason, the church recommends that persons with this deep-seated tendency not be accepted for ministry or consecrated life.”

A 2005 instruction from the then-Congregation for Catholic Education, approved by Pope Benedict XVI, said the church “cannot admit to the seminary or to holy orders those who practice homosexuality, present deep-seated homosexual tendencies or support the so-called ‘gay culture.’”

Bishops and superiors of religious orders, who are responsible for the final decision about admitting candidates to the priesthood and religious life, have continued to discuss and debate the meaning of “deep-seated homosexual tendencies,” which apparently was what prompted the question to the pope during his meeting with the Italian bishops’ conference.

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Martinsburg's St. Joseph Parish, Catholic Daughters Will Lead Effort to 'Encircle the World in Prayer'

By Colleen Rowan

St. Joseph Church in Martinsburg has been selected as a lead site in an effort to "encircle the world in prayer." The church is West Virginia's designated location for the Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests on June 7, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

"This is something that every parish in West Virginia can support—praying with the entire world for priests" said Lisa Ceravalo, newly elected regent of Court Martinsburg #392 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

According to Rosary Relay organizers, each of the participating prayer location countries prays a particular mystery of the rosary at a specific allocated time on the day "in thanksgiving to God for our priests and to implore the protection and loving care of Our Lady, Mother of all priests, for all her priestly sons. With the coming of midnight on 7 June, the entire world will by then have been encircled yet again in prayer on this, the Worldpriest Annual Rosary Relay, day."

Court Martinsburg #392 will be leading the Sorrowful Mysteries of the rosary. Ceravalo invites all to St. Joseph's to join in this prayerful gathering.

"As this is the First Friday," she said, "come out for adoration, the rosary, then benediction."

The rosary will be prayed during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which begins at 7 p.m. The Catholic Daughters will provide light refreshments after benediction.

St. Joseph was selected as a designated church for the Rosary Relay in 2021 when Ceravalo was contacted by representatives of the Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary. At that time, she was serving as state regent of the West Virginia Catholic Daughters of the Americas and approached her home court about the opportunity.

"They were looking for a location in West Virginia for the rosary to be said," Ceravalo recalled. "I brought it up to the local court in Martinsburg, and they agreed to participate."

For more information, visit www.worldpriest.com.

Corpus Christi Sunday Declared Once Again in Buckhannon



Courtesy Photo

Buckhannon Mayor Robbie Skinner signed a proclamation on May 2 dedicating June 2, 2024, as Corpus Christi Sunday in the town of Buckhannon. This is the second year the mayor has declared Corpus Christi Sunday in the town. Holy Rosary Parish in Buckhannon has asked for permission to hold a procession and prayer service that day on Main Street in the town. Pictured, from left, are Jerry Moore, Sal Carmona, Xavier Scott, Mayor Skinner, John Weber, Jalna Jones, Skip Gjolberg, Deacon Rue Thompson (permanent deacon at Holy Rosary), Diana Thompson, Virginia Carmona, Father Ed Tetteh (pastor of Holy Rosary), and Rachel Weber.

Worldpriest Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests Friday 7 June 2024

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Mysteries: Sorrowful

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Huntington's Sacred Heart Parish will Celebrate 90th Anniversary and Farewell to Father Thomas

HUNTINGTON— Sacred Heart Church, located in the west-end of Huntington, will host 90th anniversary events the weekend of June 7-9.

Sacred Heart was established in 1934 under the guidance of the Father W. M. Burke when a commercial garage was converted into the church with the assistance of architects and craftsmen. Sacred Heart was dedicated the same year by Archbishop John Swint.

Celebrations for the anniversary weekend will kick-off on Friday, June 7, which coincides with the Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. There will be a Mass at 5:30 p.m. celebrated by Father Christopher Turner, parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish in Huntington. A reception will follow the Mass in the parish hall. The reception will include time to peruse old photos and mingle with current and former members of the church.

The reception will also provide a time to say a fond farewell to beloved pastor, Father Shaji Thomas Chen-nathu. Parishioners may take this opportunity to wish father well on his next assignment as pastor of Ascension Parish in Hurricane.

Anniversary events continue Sunday, June 9, with an outdoor Mass celebrated at noon by Father Thomas. Following Mass, there will be live music provided by the 1937 Flood Band, corn hole games, a doughnut eating contest, and children's games. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the church. In case of rain all activities will be moved indoors.

The church has a long history in the community. Early in its history, the 1937 floodwaters reached the new church. The men of the parish worked hard to save what they could. Statues were carried upstairs to the old rectory next door. Pews were used




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Sacred Heart Church, Huntington

as scaffolds to raise the remaining church artifacts into the choir loft. The women of the church held festivals and bake sales to raise money to restore what had been destroyed during

the flood. During the next 10 years, the church continued to grow, and a school was opened in 1948. The school closed in 1978 and was converted into the parish hall which is still in

use. Sacred Heart Church is located at 2015 Adams Avenue. All current and former members of Sacred Heart are invited to attend.



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Children Who Received First Communion Honor Our Lady



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Anaiah Garcia and Robert Howard, who received their First Communion at Holy Rosary Parish in Buckhannon, crowned the parish's Blessed Mother statue with fresh flowers following Mass May 5 (shown above and at right). The congregation was led in one decade of the rosary by Father Ed Tetteh, pastor, as the children crowned the statue of Mary and placed yellow roses at her feet. A reception was held in the church hall for the children and their families.

Franciscan University to Host Conference on the Nature of Man and Woman

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio — Franciscan University of Steubenville will host a conference on Man, Woman, and the Order of Creation on October 24-26. Cosponsored by Franciscan University and the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC) in Washington, D.C., this event will explore the nature of the human person, created male and female.

The conference will seek to bring clarity to a widely contested question today: Who is man, and who is woman? To do so, it will address the scientific, philosophical, and theological foundations that allow for a coherent understanding of man and woman. Participants will also benefit from a thorough discussion about the implications of this reality—man and woman's identities, their differences, and their distinct God-given missions in the world.

"We are excited to host the conference on Man, Woman, and the Order of Creation," said Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, president of Franciscan University. "At a time in our culture when

the very idea of what makes a male and a female is being debated, our conference will offer a conversation illuminated by beauty and reason. All who participate will come to a deeper appreciation of the dignity of the human person."

"This conference will bring together a stellar lineup of Catholic experts to consider the question of our time: What does it mean to be a human person or, more specifically, what does it mean to be a man or a woman?" said Mary Rice Hasson, the Kate O'Beirne Senior Fellow and co-founder and director of the Person and Identity Project at the EPPC and visiting fellow for Franciscan University's Veritas Center. "Whether student or professor, mother or father, pastor or ministry leader, Catholics today need more than a quick answer or sound bite to bring clarity to a deeply confused world. We need a deep exploration of what's true and why it matters, and that's exactly what this conference will deliver."

"The question of man and woman, both who they

are as persons of equal dignity and who they are in relation to one another, is perhaps the question of our era," said Dr. Deborah Savage, conference organizer and professor of theology at Franciscan University. "Without a full response to this question, our culture will continue to lose its grip on what is at the foundation of human civilization—the understanding of the human person created male and female."

Esteemed speakers and panelists will include Francis X. Maier, senior fellow of the EPPC's Catholic Studies Program; Dr. Aaron Kheriaty, fellow and director of the EPPC's Bioethics and American Democracy Program; Dr. Paul Vitz, senior scholar emeritus at Divine Mercy University and professor of psychology emeritus at New York University; Dr. Angela Franks, professor of theology at St. John's Seminary and senior fellow at the Abigail Adams Institute; Father Christian Raab, OSB, professor of systematic theology at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology; Dr. Greg Bottaro, psychologist

and founder of the CatholicPsych Institute; Dr. Hilary Towers, licensed professional counselor; Noelle Mering, author and EPPC fellow; Dr. Maria Fedoryka, professor of philosophy at Ave Maria University; and others.

The conference is made possible by the generosity of the Henkels Family.

For more information and to register, visit franciscan.edu/man-woman-and-the-order-of-creation.

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MARTINSBURG—Mary's Refuge in Martinsburg is inviting men of all trades with a heart for making a difference to a men's cookout: "Miracles in the Making! BBQ, Baby Bumps, and Building Community for Mary's Refuge." The cookout will be held Sunday, July 28, at 4 p.m. in the backyard of Mary's Refuge. RSVP is required and must be sent by e-mail to life@marysrefuge.com.

"It's an opportunity for the men in our community to come together, fellowship, and learn about Mary's Refuge," organization officials said. Attendees will have the opportunity to sign up and join in the effort to maintain and improve sanctuary for young mothers-to-be and their babies.

Food and drinks will be provided.

"All we need is your enthusiasm and willingness to hear about Mary's Refuge!" organization officials said. "...feel

free to bring along any friends or family members who might be interested in getting involved.

"Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of those in need," organization officials said.

Mary's Refuge is a sanctuary for young expectant mothers who need a hand up. The community-building program provides a stable, safe place to live during pregnancy, access to resources for prenatal care and counseling, along with career and educational opportunities.

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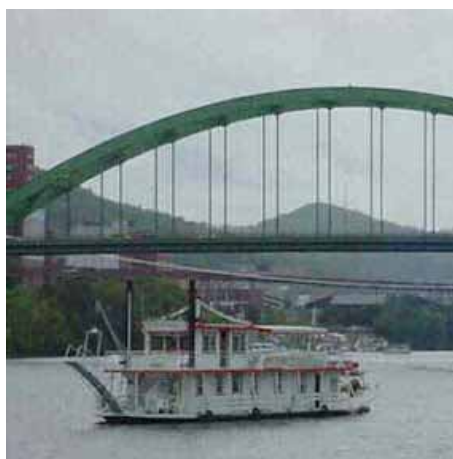
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Pilgrimage Events

Thursday, June 20, National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Kickoff in Weirton

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

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

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

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

Friday, June 21

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

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

Sunday, June 23

"Put Out into the Deep" on the Ohio River!"

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

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

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

Monday, June 24

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

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

For more information, visit:

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For Memorial Day, Will and Elyse Dempsey and their children—Conor, age 4; Daniel, age 3; and Ryan, age 1—placed American flags on the graves of veterans at St. Patrick’s Cemetery in Scott Depot. Will and the boys are shown above placing the flags. The family belongs to Ascension Parish in Hurricane and Will is an active member of the Knights of Columbus Council # 9483. *Courtesy Photo*



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Confirmation at St. James the Greater Parish, Charles Town



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Young parishioners at St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town are pictured following their confirmation with Bishop Mark Brennan May 25.

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

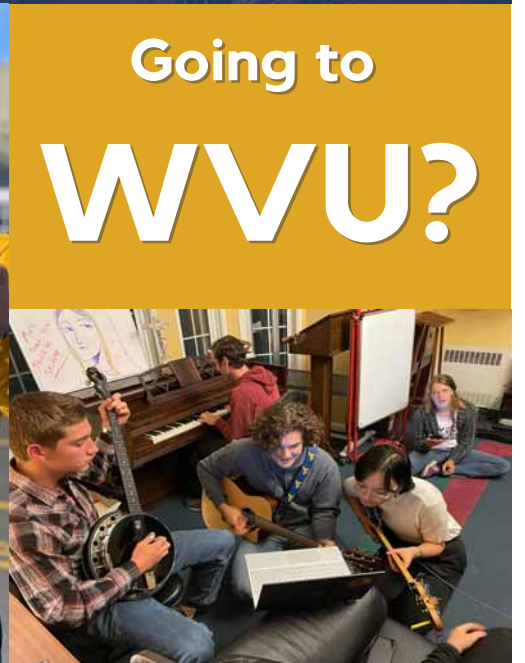
Saturday, June 1: St. Francis Xavier, Moundsville; 4:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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El Papa se disculpa por usar un término 'homofóbico'

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — El Papa Francisco "nunca ha querido ofender ni expresarse en términos homofóbicos, y dirige sus disculpas a aquellos que se han sentido ofendidos por el uso de un término divulgado por otros" que es considerado vulgar en italiano, dijo la oficina de prensa del Vaticano.

Seis días después de que el Papa Francisco mantuviera una reunión a puerta cerrada con miembros de la Conferencia Episcopal Italiana, un conocido sitio web italiano de chismes informó de que el Papa había utilizado un término despectivo en italiano para describir algunos seminarios como lugares marcados por una cultura gay.

El sitio web, Dagospia, dijo que el Papa utilizó el término el 20 de mayo al responder a la pregunta de un obispo sobre la admisión de hombres homosexuales en los seminarios como candidatos al sacerdocio.

Los principales periódicos italianos La Repubblica y Corriere della Sera dijeron el 27 de mayo que confirmaron con obispos italianos no identificados que el Papa Francisco había utilizado una jerga vulgar, aunque Corriere también señaló que el Papa "a veces tropieza con un italiano algo creativo sin ser consciente de los matices".

Matteo Bruni, director de la oficina de prensa del Vaticano, respondió a última hora del 28 de mayo a repetidas peticiones de comentarios.

"El Papa Francisco está al corriente de los artículos que han salido recientemente sobre una conversación, a puerta cerrada, con los obispos

de la CEI", dijo, utilizando el acrónimo italiano de la conferencia episcopal italiana.

"Como ha tenido ocasión de afirmar en varias ocasiones: 'En la Iglesia hay sitio para todos, ¡para todos! Nadie es inútil, nadie es superfluo, hay sitio para todos. Tal como somos, todos', dijo Bruni.

La Repubblica había informado de que la palabra que el Papa utilizó en italiano "hizo estremecerse a más de un obispo. El hombre (el Papa Francisco) no es ajeno a la intemperancia verbal; la reunión era a puerta cerrada, la conversación informal, pero cuando el Papa Francisco utilizó esa palabra" hubo tensión en la sala.

Aunque el Papa Francisco insistió ante los obispos en que los católicos LGBTQ+ deben ser aceptados en la Iglesia y tratados con respeto, al parecer dijo en la reunión que es mejor no aceptar a hombres homosexuales como candidatos al sacerdocio. Bruni no hizo comentarios al respecto.

Durante una reunión similar a puerta cerrada con obispos italianos en 2018, informó La Repubblica, el Papa les dijo que si tenían "la más mínima duda" de que un candidato gay pudiera vivir una vida de celibato en el seminario y como sacerdote, "es mejor no dejarlos entrar".

En una entrevista publicada en un libro en 2018, el Papa Francisco había dicho que los superiores deben ser capaces de ayudar a los candidatos homosexuales a prepararse para una vida de celibato o animarlos a abandonar el seminario.

"La homosexualidad es un asunto muy serio que tiene que discernirse adecuadamente desde el principio con los candidatos si este es el caso. Tenemos que ser exigentes", había dicho el Papa al padre claretiano Fernando Prado en el libro-entrevista "La fuerza de la vocación. La vida consagrada hoy".

El Papa Francisco dejó claro en la entrevista que se refería a la actividad homosexual entre sacerdotes y religiosos que hacen votos de castidad y celibato.

"En la vida consagrada o en la del sacerdocio, no hay lugar para este tipo de afecto", dijo el Papa. "Por eso, la Iglesia recomienda que las personas que tengan esta tendencia tan arraigada no sean aceptadas para el ministerio o la vida consagrada".

Una instrucción de 2005 de la entonces Congregación para la Educación Católica, aprobada por el Papa Benedicto XVI, decía que la Iglesia "no puede admitir al seminario o a las órdenes sagradas a quienes practiquen la homosexualidad, presenten tendencias homosexuales profundamente arraigadas o sostenga la así llamada 'cultura gay'".

Los obispos y los superiores de las órdenes religiosas, responsables de la decisión final sobre la admisión de candidatos al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa, han seguido discutiendo y debatiendo el significado de "tendencias homosexuales profundamente arraigadas", que al parecer fue lo que motivó la pregunta al Papa durante su reunión con la Conferencia Episcopal Italiana.

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