McCarrick Report Summary Cites Lack of Serious Investigations of Rumors

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Although dogged for years by rumors of sexual impropriety, Theodore E. McCarrick was able to rise up the Catholic hierarchical structure based on personal contacts, protestations of his innocence and a lack of church officials reporting and investigating accusations, according to the Vatican summary of its report on the matter.

In choosing then-Archbishop Theodore E. McCarrick of Newark in 2000 to be archbishop of Washington and later a cardinal, St. John Paul II likely overlooked rumors and allegations about McCarrick’s sexual misconduct because of a long relationship with him, McCarrick’s own strong denial and the pope’s experience with communist authorities in Poland making accusations to discredit the church, the summary said.

But, in fact, rumors of McCarrick’s conduct, especially knowledge that he had young adult men and seminarians sleep in the same bed with him when he was bishop of Metuchen, New Jersey, led the Vatican to decide it would be “imprudent” to promote him when looking for candidates to become archbishop of Chicago in 1997, New York in 1999-2000 and, initially, of Washington in July 2000, the report said.

One hour before the release Nov. 10 of the “Report on the Holy See’s Institutional Knowledge and Decision-Making Related to Former Cardinal Theodore Edgar McCarrick,” journalists were given the document’s 14-page introduction, which described the two-year investigation that led to the report.

St. Mary Central Students Honor, Pray for Veterans

By Colleen Rowan

It is an important day to show appreciation for the members of our military both past and present,” Principal Nicole Folio said to the St. Mary Central School community in Clarksburg. Students and teachers were gathered outside of the school for a Veterans Day Prayer Service to honor the brave men and women of their community who have served their country.

For the ceremony, sixth-graders unraveled and held a huge American flag, while younger students proudly waved little American flags. The children and teachers wore masks and were social distancing during the service.

The school held its Veterans Day Prayer Service on Nov. 10, the day before Veterans Day. Folio began the service by telling the children that this was the feast of St. Martin of Tours, patron saint of soldiers. “He served in the Italian army, and later declared himself a soldier of Christ,” she said.

There are many ways to honor our veterans. See “Veterans” on Page 6

St. Mary Central School in Clarksburg hold its Veterans Day Prayer Service.

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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: 1. 888.434.6227 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tito 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.

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The United States, called on Pope Francis to resign after claiming that he had informed Pope Francis of McCarrick’s abuse in 2013 and that top Vatican officials knew of McCarrick’s abusive behavior for years.

That claim led Pope Francis to initiate an investigation into how McCarrick was able to continue to rise through church ranks despite allegations of sexual misconduct. McCarrick resigned from the College of Cardinals in January 2019, after a canonical process found McCarrick guilty of “solicitation in the sacrament of confession and sins against the Sixth Commandment with minors and with adults, with the aggravating factor of the abuse of power,” Pope Francis dismissed him from the priesthood.

In August 2018, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, former nuncio to the United States, called on Pope Francis to resign after claiming that he had informed Pope Francis of McCarrick’s abuse in 2013 and that top Vatican officials knew of McCarrick’s abusive behavior for years.

Believing that the allegations had already been reviewed and rejected by Pope John Paul II, and well aware that McCarrick was active during the papacy of Benedict XVI, Pope Francis did not believe that the approach that had been adopted in prior years, the summary said.

The introduction to the report said it is based on documents found at the Vatican and the apostolic nunciature in the United States as well as interviews — “ranging in length from one to 30 hours” — with more than 90 witnesses in the United States, Italy and elsewhere. They included survivors, cardinals, bishops and former seminarians.

In a statement issued with the report, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, said the contributions of the commission were “fundamental.” The introduction of the report cautions survivors of abuse that certain sections “could prove traumatizing” and warns that some portions of the document are “inappropriate for minors.”

He also said that over the course of the two years it took to complete the investigation and compile the report, “we have taken significant steps forward to ensure greater protection to the protection of minors and more effective interventions to avoid” repeating errors of the past.

Among those steps, he highlighted “Vos Estis Lux Mundi” (“You are the Light of the World”), Pope Francis’ 2019 document on promoting bishops’ accountability and setting out procedures for handling accusations of abuse against bishops.

According to the summary, St. John Paul’s decisions to name McCarrick to the College of Cardinals in July, 1981, and to name him as archbishop of Newark in 1986 were based on “his background, skills and achievements.” During the appointment process, McCarrick was widely lauded as a pastoral, intelligent and zealous bishop.

The summary also said that, at the time, “no credible information emerged suggesting that he had engaged in any misconduct.”

But in October 1999 Cardinal John J. O’Connor of New York wrote to Arch- bishop Gabriel Montalvo, then nuncio in the United States, summarizing allegations about McCarrick, then-archbishop of Newark. The letter was given to St. John Paul, who asked Archbishop Montalvo to investigate.

The nuncio did not proceed to writing to four New Jersey bishops, the summary said without naming the bishops. The bishops, named in the full report, were Bishops James T. McHugh of Camden, 1989-1999; Vincent D. Breen of Metuchen, 1997-2000; Edward T. Hughes of Metuchen, 1987-1997; and John M. Smith of Trenton, 1997-2010.

“What is now known, through investigation undertaken for preparation of the report, is that three of the four American bishops provided inaccurate and incomplete information to the Holy See regarding McCarrick’s sexual conduct with young adults,” the summary said.

In response to Cardinal O’Connor’s accusations, the report said, McCarrick wrote to now-Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, St. John Paul’s secretary, claiming: “In the 70 years of my life, I have never had sexual relations with any person, male or female, young or old, cleric or lay, nor have I ever abused another person or treated them with disrespect.”

“McCarrick’s denial was believed,” the summary said, adding that because of “the limited nature of the Holy See’s own prior investigation, the Holy See had never received a complaint directly from a victim, whether adult or minor, about McCarrick’s conduct.”

“Though there is no direct evidence,” the summary added, “it appears likely from the information obtained that John Paul II’s past See "Report on Page 3"
At Audience, Pope Renews Commitment to Fight Abuse

By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — After the Vatican released its extensive report on Theodore E. McCarrick, Pope Francis renewed the Catholic Church’s pledge to uproot the scourge of sexual abuse.

Before concluding his weekly general audience Nov. 11, the pope bowed his head and closed his eyes in silent prayer.

The 460-page report, which was published by the Vatican Nov. 10, chronicled McCarrick’s rise through the church’s hierarchical ranks despite decades of accusations of sexual abuse and abuse of power.

Before his comment on the report, the pope continued his series of audience talks on prayer, reflecting on the importance of perseverance.

He began by saying he was told by someone that he “speaks too much about prayer” and that it was unnecessary.

However, he said, “It is necessary, because if we do not pray, we will not have the strength to go forward in life. Prayer is like the oxygen of life; prayer draws upon us the Holy Spirit who always carries us forward. That is why I speak so much about prayer.”

Jesus taught people to engage in “constant dialogue” with God not only with the example of his own prayer, but also with parables that highlighted the importance of perseverance in prayer.

Reflecting on Jesus’ parable of the tenacious person who knocks unceasingly at his friend’s door asking for bread, the pope said that unlike the friend who relents after constant insistence, God “is more patient with us and the person who knocks with faith and perseverance on the door of his heart will not be disappointed.”

“Our Father knows well what we need; insistence is necessary not to inform him or to convince him, but it is necessary to nurture the desire and expectation in us,” the pope said.

Jesus’ parable of the widow who persistently sought and eventually obtained justice from an unscrupulous judge, he continued, serves as a reminder that faith “is not a momentary choice but a courageous disposition to call on God, even to ‘argue’ with him, without resigning oneself to evil and injustice.”

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Pope Francis said the Gospel encourages Christians to pray always, “even when everything seems in vain, when God appears to be deaf and mute and it seems we are wasting time.”

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True Christians, the pope added, do not fear anything but instead “entrust themselves to the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us a gift and who prays with us.”

USCCB President Apologizes to Clergy Abuse Victims as Report is Released

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The report “provides us with a ‘map’ of the country, of the United States,” the pope said.

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“Here we are more involved in the presence of young people and in the presence of women,” Francis said.

The Vatican report on its investigation into the knowledge of sexual improprieties of Theodore McCarrick while a clergyman, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles said the findings mark “another tragic chapter in the church’s long struggle to confront the crimes of sexual abuse by clergy.”

“Another day, another scandal,” he said.

The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops also said in a Nov. 10 statement as the report was being released at the Vatican that the findings were being reviewed by U.S. church leaders, and he expressed gratitude for Pope Francis’ effort to address clergy sexual abuse.

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While Cardinal Re’s approach was approved by Pope Benedict XVI, the indications did not carry the pope’s explicit imprimatur, were not based on a factual finding that McCarrick had actually committed misconduct and did not include a prohibition on public ministry.

The summary said that McCarrick’s dipping into the pool of the young and the vulnerable during the 1980s and raised concerns among superiors.

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Pope Francis Calls Biden to Congratulate Him on Winning Presidential Election

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WILMINGTON, Del. (CNS) — Pope Francis called President-elect Joe Biden early Nov. 12 to congratulate him on winning the U.S. presidential election.

The president-elect thanked His Holiness for extending blessings and congratulations and noted his appreciation for His Holiness’s leadership in promoting peace, reconciliation and the common bonds of humanity around the world, said a readout on the call released by Biden’s transition team in Wilmington. It also was all over Twitter.

Biden, it said, “expressed his desire to work together on the basis of a shared belief in the dignity and equality of all humankind on issues such as caring for the marginalized and the poor, addressing the crisis of climate change, and welcoming and integrating immigrants and refugees into our communities.”

Biden will be the nation’s second Catholic president, after John F. Kennedy, who was elected to the nation’s highest office 60 years ago, on Nov. 8, 1960.

On Nov. 7, the media declared Biden the winner of the Nov. 3 election, but President Donald Trump has not conceded, and he and his campaign have filed several lawsuits in key battleground states, like Pennsylvania, disputing the election outcome, claiming voter fraud and irregularities in ballot counting.

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In the meantime, Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris are working with their transition team.

Biden first met Pope Francis in 2013 as vice president, serving with President Barack Obama. In 2015, Biden and Obama welcomed Pope Francis to Washington, where he addressed a joint meeting of Congress Sept. 24 of that year.

Then-Vice President Biden also met Pope Francis’ predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, including a meeting in the pope’s Vatican office June 3, 2011.

While he was on the campaign trail for the 2020 presidential race, Biden invoked Pope Francis and quoted his encyclical, “Fratelli Tutti, on Fraternity and Social Friendship,” released Oct. 4 by the Vatican.

“Political life,” the pope wrote, “no longer has to do with healthy debates about long-term plans to improve people’s lives and to advance the common good, but only with slick marketing techniques primarily aimed at discrediting others. In this coven of charges and countercharges, debate degenerates into a permanent state of disagreement and confrontation.”

Pope Francis urged Christians and all people of goodwill to recognize the equal dignity of all people and to work together to build a world where people love and care for one another as brothers and sisters.

Building that world, he said in the encyclical, requires “encounter and dialogue,” processes that allow people to speak from their experiences and culture, to listen to one another, learn from one another and find ways to work together for the common good.

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Pro-Lifers Fear ‘Hard-Core, Pro-Abortion Forces’ in a Biden Administration

By Tom Tracy, Catholic News Service

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (CNS) — With President Donald Trump’s legal efforts to challenge his 2020 reelection results prove unsuccessful and Joe Biden becomes the 46th president of the United States, pro-life advocates are finding no silver linings.

“Biden will be directed by hard-core, pro-abortion forces,” said Mark Harrington, executive director of the Ohio-based Created Equal, a nonsectarian pro-life organization.

He spoke with Catholic News Service a week after the 2020 presidential election, when incumbent Republican Donald Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden.

Although Trump has not yet conceded the race and is filing legal action over potential vote fraud, multiple media outlets have projected Biden to be the winner.

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Harrington said he anticipates that under Biden and his vice president, Kamala Harris, the Department of Justice would screen all pending state legislation to make sure it conforms to Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court’s landmark 1973 decision legalizing abortion on demand nationwide.

The Biden team also has vowed to repeal the long-standing Hyde Amendment, which outlaws federal tax dollars from directly funding abortion except in cases of rape, incest or when the life of the woman would be endangered, he said.

They also “are going to attempt to codify Roe into federal statute in the event that Roe is overruled,” Harrington said.

“Biden has already said he will sign an executive order restoring funding for Planned Parenthood,” he added, noting that Biden, if he wins the presidency, will likely consider New Mexico Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham, a “pro-choice” Democrat, for the position of vice president.

In July, the Little Sisters of the Poor won relief from the U.S. Supreme Court, which sided with them in their nine years of litigation over the Obama-era contraceptive mandate.

Testimony in an argument the same day, Biden said he was disappointed with the ruling and that as president, he would “re-store the Obama-Biden policy” providing “an exemption and accommoda-tion” on the mandate.

“The accommodation,” allowing religious nonprofits to cover contracep-tives through a third-party, is what the Little Sisters have been fighting since 2011, saying it still requires the order to be complicit in providing contraceptives in violation of church teaching.

Mary FioRito, the Cardinal Francis George fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, said the importance of 2020 election can be understood in reports that Planned Parenthood spent $45 million in funding for the election bankroll in the 2016 election.

Biden also would likely reverse the so-called “Mexico City policy,” which blocks U.S. funding of foreign nongovernmental organizations that perform and promote abortion as a form of family planning.

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Two DWC Parishes Receive OCP Grants to Enhance Music and Liturgy

By Colleen Rowan

WEST VIRGINIA—Two parishes of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are the recipients of grants from Oregon Catholic Press (OCP) to enhance liturgy and music. St. James the Apostle Parish in Clarksburg received $4,000 and Our Lady of Grace Parish in Romney received $1,500. They are among the 109 OCP Parish Grant recipients for 2020.

In a letter to OCP Publisher Wade Wisler, Bishop Mark Brennan said that he is grateful to Archbishop Alexander Sample of the Archdiocese of Portland, Ore., and the OCP Board of Directors for awarding the grants to the West Virginia parishes.

"I am impressed with your commitment to assist parishes who stand in need," Bishop Brennan wrote. "It is clear that OCP is not just a witness, but a willing participant in the mission of the church."

Both parishes are grateful to be named recipients of the grants. The music ministry at St. James is led by organists Mary K. Greer, Barbara J. Cale, and April Seamone. "We are about to upgrade our PA system and donate ours to another parish that is under our pastor," Greer said.

On its website, OCP describes its Parish Grants program as a unique program of direct financial grants authorized by the OCP Board of Directors to provide assistance to parishes seeking to enhance the worship experience of their parish community. Grants are awarded annually, and the number and amounts given vary from year to year. It was established as a means of providing Catholic churches with financial support for religious, educational and charitable purposes.

Since its inception in 2001, the OCP Parish Grants program has awarded more than $3.3 million to parishes throughout the United States. This year, OCP donated $200,000 for liturgical and music purposes. OCP will begin accepting 2021 grant applications in mid January.

Mountaineer Catholic Students and Mountaineers for Life Gather in Prayer for Unborn Babies

Members of Mountaineer Catholic and Mountaineers for Life from Morgantown traveled to Pittsburgh to stand together in prayer for unborn babies. Above, the students pray as witnesses to life outside of an abortion clinic in Pittsburgh.

Veterans ... Cont’d from Page 1

honor veterans on this special day, Folio told the children. Attending a memorial service or watching one on TV, she said, or writing a letter to a veteran and sending him or her a prayer, wishing them safety and well-being.

She then led the students in the following Prayer for Veterans: “Dear Lord, today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage for all of us. Please bless them abundantly for the hardships they face, the sacrifices they have made, for the contributions they have made for America's victories over tierney and oppression. We respect them, we thank them, and we honor them. We are proud of them. We pray that you watch over them. We pray that you will watch over these special people today and always. We ask this in Jesus’s name. Amen.”

The children then sang You're a Grand Old Flag while proudly waving their American Flags and marching. After the ceremony, students return to their classrooms where they wrote messages and colored postcards for veterans at the VA Hospital in Clarksburg.
Eighth-Grader Outlines Positives That Came out of Pandemic in Winning Essay

MARTINSBURG—St. Joseph School eighth-grader Claire Freeman recently won the Catholic citizenship essay contest sponsored by Monsignor Lackey Council 1169 of the Knights of Columbus in Martinsburg.

Twenty-three students from St. Joseph School participated in the contest, which was judged by Principal Patrick Blanc and Jonathan A. Noyalas, a member of the Knights.

Freeman’s essay discussed the challenges presented to the world by the coronavirus pandemic, but also the positive changes it has caused. On a global scale, those include a decrease in air and water pollution. On a personal level, she said the restrictions in gatherings of large groups expanded the depth of her faith and deepened her connection to her family.

“The quarantine has also given me more time and opportunities to grow in my stride with God,” she wrote. “Since the start of the pandemic, I have been reading my Bible more and spending more of my time in prayer and meditation. I have found God and rest reading His word.”

She said her father reads stories from a daily devotional and the family talks about how they relate to the words he shares.

“We have grown closer because we are more comfortable talking about our experiences as a family and spending more time together,” Freeman wrote.

The pandemic also has given her more time to volunteer in her community. She helps feed the homeless and hungry in Martinsburg, and sewed and donated face masks to youths in Berkeley County for this school year to help keep people safe and healthy.

“I feel God’s presence in these people when I have conversations and connections to hear their stories and life experiences,” she wrote. “Seeing the smiles on these people’s faces makes me very happy to do what I do, and I feel like while serving them, I am serving God.”

Claire’s prize was a $25 Amazon gift card, which was presented to her Nov. 10 by Noyalas.

Diocese Forming TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Leadership Team

WEST VIRGINIA—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is working to form a group of interested adults as an official, diocesan TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) Leadership Team.

The new co-chairs of the team are Ralph Modena and Gina Boggess, both of Princeton.

“We’re looking for adults who will be able to devote some time to developing a robust TEC program throughout the state and building the infrastructure to maintain it,” diocesan officials said. “We will need help identifying other adults who might be able to help, reaching teens who might be interested in attending a retreat, and promoting the retreats to parishes, schools, and ministry centers.”

“Do you enjoy ministering to young people, or might you want to give it a try? Do you have experience with TEC retreats, or might you want to learn more about them?”

For those who might have an interest in joining the efforts, contact Jeanne McKeets in the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, at (304) 233-0880, ext. 374, or send e-mail to jmckeets@dwc.org.
By Colleen Rowan

CHARLESTON—The Knights of Columbus Council #12630 in Charleston have a long history of service in their community. This month, they are holding two events that help those in need in a very tangible way.

The council will again sponsor a Thanksgiving Food Drive and fundraiser to benefit the Risen Lord Food Pantry in Clay County. The pantry is operated by St. Thomas Parish in Gassaway and offers desperately needed food for the less fortunate of the area.

Father Thien Duc Nguyen, SVD, is administrator of St. Thomas Parish and the parish’s Mission of Risen Lord in Maysel. The parish community operates two food pantries, one at St. Thomas and the other at Risen Lord. “About a year ago, the only grocery store (IGA) in Clay County was closed, so it makes it more difficult to people,” Father Thien told The Catholic Spirit earlier this year. This, he said, is another reason why these food pantries are so vital to the communities.

Those who wish to help provide support for the council’s cause in Clay County, are invited to do so with the suggested donations of $17 to purchase a turkey for a family or $30 to purchase a Thanksgiving meal for a family. Checks may be made out to Knights of Columbus #12630 and may be mailed, c/o Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 11578, Charleston, WV 25339. Cash may be accepted if given to a Knight. Those who would like to donate food to the pantry at any time can contact Father Thien, who says his most requested items are: peanut butter, canned tuna fish, canned soup, any canned vegetable and canned fruit.

Knights have been collecting non-perishable food and money after all Masses at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Charleston and will continue to do so Nov. 14 and 15. Food collection points for those Masses will be in the church parking lot or in front of the church, where Knights will receive food and donations and store it until it is taken to Clay County the week after the last donation time.

“Our parishioners have been generous in the past in supporting Father Thien’s good work and we again ask for your consideration of this project,” council officials said.

At the start of the coronavirus pandemic, volunteers at the pantry at Risen Lord packed 1,700 food bags for area children. Risen Lord Church also helps people in emergency situations and needing assistance for utility cut off notice, medical/pharmacy bills, gasoline. The pantry also serves about 100 children in need who are enrolled at Clay Elementary School.

Also sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #12630 this month will be a Red Cross Blood Drive.

“We have been informed that the Red Cross is in great need of blood,” council officials said. “Accordingly, we are sponsoring a blood drive...”

The blood drive will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the West Montgomery Room at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 402 2nd Ave. SW in South Charleston. Council officials said the Red Cross has been holding blood drives at this location for some time and has the protocol for Covid-19 precautions in place.

For assistance in registering, call 1-800-733-2767, or contact Richard Fauss at 304-550-0806.

The West Virginia Knights of Columbus has councils all over the state. They assist charities, are Pro-Life advocates, and promote the Catholic faith and patriotism throughout West Virginia.

Their mission is: “To promote the original principles of (Blessed) Father Michael J. McGivney of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism throughout West Virginia, and to serve as an example of Catholic gentlemen dedicated to our Church and its principles and teachings.”

The Knights’ vision is: “To be the leaders of Catholic principles, teachings and values in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and to create a Knights of Columbus organization based on our founding principles and dedicated to God and our families that all Catholic gentlemen in the Diocese aspire to be a part.”

At this time, the Knights of Columbus are encouraging Catholic men 18 and older to join. In honor of the recent beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, free first-year membership is being offered to those who join before Dec. 31.

To join, visit kofc.org/joinus and use promotion code MCGIVNEY2020.
Employment Opportunities

Catholic Charities West Virginia Case Manager, Western Region
Catholic Charities West Virginia is seeking a full-time Case Manager, who will be responsible for the coordination of program services at the Western Region’s Charleston office. This includes assisting and supporting the Regional Director in multiple programs, and performing case management duties that are essential in carrying out the mission and vision of CCWV.

The essential job duties include:
- Conduct face-to-face interviews with clients to assess needs, utilizing agency’s instrument for interviews.
- Assist clients in implementation of long-range plan by exploring all available options, identifying the client’s own resources and available community and governmental resources, making appropriate referrals, and assisting in linking client with available resources serving as facilitator and advocate when necessary.
- Maintain the operation of region’s Emergency Assistance Programs in the Charleston Office by assisting clients with applications and providing follow up as necessary.
- Maintain accurate and timely records for all revenues as budgeted.
- Develop comprehensive service plans with clients that state goals, identify needs, and outline corresponding interventions, responsible agents, and time frames.
- Exhibit professional documentation skills in writing case management progress notes.

Document accurately all client information and contacts in the case file according to protocol.
- Assist the Regional Director in working with regional Catholic parishes to develop and maintain ongoing working relationships, and network these parishes with other community-based groups, churches, and coalitions to meet the larger needs of the community.

Qualifications include: a minimum of a Bachelors Degree in Social Work or related field; experience in working with parish social concerns committees; casework experience working with at-risk populations; excellent computer skills with the ability to track and analyze data; excellent communication and interpersonal skills; willingness to adapt to change in schedule, including evenings and weekends, if necessary; knowledge of federal, state and community resources, case management practices, populations served and their culture and needs; and must have transportation to travel as needed.

Please email resume, cover letter, and three professional references by Monday, November 23, 2020, to: bhagy@ccwva.org. Application materials can also be delivered to: Bill Hagy, Western Region Director, Catholic Charities WV, 1024 Quarrrier Street, Charleston, WV 25301.

Catholic Charities West Virginia HomeCare Marketing & Outreach Coordinator
Medicaid Aged & Disabled Waiver (ADW) Services
Veteran’s Waiver Services
Private Pay Services
Serve as the main contact person for general program questions and referral info for the community
- Development/implementation of a client recruitment plan in both office areas
- Deliver HomeCare program info sessions at community sites/potential referral sites/health fairs (with accommodations during the COVID-19 pandemic) on an ongoing basis
- Work with Advancement Department to create and maintain functional marketing materials for program, craft appeal requests, and market program for maximum coverage through all identified networks (including social media)
- Perform other job-related duties as assigned

Qualifications include: Bachelor's degree preferred; experience working with programs serving people with disabilities and/or seniors preferred; solid interpersonal skills/experience for building a genuine rapport with people and families in need of supportive services; ability to communicate clearly with audiences from various social, cultural, economic, and educational backgrounds; ability to work independently; good customer service skills/experience; and must have a valid driver’s license.

Please email resume, cover letter, and three professional references by December 1, 2020 to: Sara Lindsay at slindsay@ccwva.org. Application materials can also be delivered to: Sara Lindsay, Chief Program Officer, Catholic Charities West Virginia, 2000 Main Street, Wheeling, WV 26003.

Full-time and part-time teacher positions for the Early Learning Center and After-school care programs for the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston. Diocesan benefits and salaries commensurate with experience and education. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, have a high school diploma and clear a background check. WVIT and ACDS helpful but not required. Please contact Sheila Kerekes at the parish office, 304-414-5757 or mail your resume to 1114 Virginia St. E., Charleston, WV 25301.

St. Joseph School in Martinsburg is in need of two full-time, experienced maintenance workers.

Responsibilities include sweeping; mopping; dusting; emptying trash cans; cleaning restrooms, doors and windows; vacuuming; cleaning out flower beds; shampooing carpets; and striping floors. The hours are 3 to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call the school at 304-267-6447 or send an email to pblanc@sjswv.org.
Catholic Charities West Virginia Honors Those with Compassionate Commitment to Humankind

WHEELING—Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) is proud to announce the recipients of its 2020 Charity In Action Award.

The honorees are Danny Vance of Huntington, Margaret O’Neal of Charleston, Jim Hoffman of Huntington, and Elizabeth Hoffman of Huntington.

These individuals have performed meaningful service and demonstrated deep compassion for others. They personify CCWVa’s mission: to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.

“It is with much appreciation and gratitude Catholic Charities celebrates our Charity In Action honorees. God calls us to be brave and to share His love unconditionally with all who cross our paths,” said Beth Zarate, President and CEO of CCWVa. “Our honorees embrace their Gospel call to serve.”

We honor these individuals in a special way:

**Danny Vance, Huntington**

Danny espouses the core values of “charity” at every instance. He gives freely of his time and talent.

“Danny can be seen at the front of the line when things are tough; or in the back of the line when it’s time for accolades or praise,” said Matthew Bowles, Esq. of Charleston.

A member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities West Virginia, Danny serves as the Chairman of its Finance Committee. His introductions, volunteerism, energy and commitment have increased Catholic Charities West Virginia’s footprint in Huntington and his home county of Cabell. His Charity In Action is statewide.

**Margaret O’Neal, Charleston**

Margaret is President and CPO of the United Way of Central West Virginia in Charleston.

She works every day with partners across her region to reduce poverty and provide hope.

“Margaret has given back tremendously to our community and always has a positive attitude and smile on her face. I saw her in action during United Way’s Christmas Bureau bring Christmas to underprivileged children to brighten up their holiday,” said Chris Signorelli, president, Security America.

Her Charity In Action has been demonstrated over and over. Margaret passionately serves the most vulnerable populations in the Mountain State.

**James and Elizabeth Hoffman, Huntington**

Jim and Liz are gifts to humankind in West Virginia!

They try to live their lives according to what St. Peter Claver has stated: “We must speak to them with our hands before we try to speak to them with our lips.”

The Hoffmans’ fundamental goal is to use their resources to assist those less fortunate. They support projects that reinforce the proverb: “Give a man a fish; you have fed him for today. Teach a man to fish; and you have fed him for a lifetime.”

“Every volunteer who walks in the doors of Catholic Charities increases our impact and makes lives better,” said Zarate. “The Hoffmans are certainly a testament to that, and to charity in action.”

The programs and services of Catholic Charities West Virginia provide help for people devastated by the pandemic, Home Care for the elderly, food for the hungry, and assistance for people in poverty or at risk of being in poverty.

The honorees are normally recognized at a Charity In Action Awards Luncheon in Charleston in Autumn. However, that Luncheon has been postponed this year due to coronavirus.

Bishop Mark Brennan will celebrate a Mass of Gratitude

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Building a Better Future

By Katie Hinerman Klug, Catholic Charities West Virginia Marketing Communications Specialist

West Virginia resident Amanda Cowgill had dropped out of high school and started a family at a young age. Although her family was struggling, she refused to be defined by her situation.

“At the lowest point in my life, I asked myself if I wanted to be like this for the rest of my life, and the answer was no,” said Amanda.

Amanda enrolled in Catholic Charities West Virginia’s (CCWVa) case management services.

Case management services at CCWVa empower clients and consider the needs of the person holistically. CCWVa case managers build relationships with clients, empower them, and provide support for them to reach their goals.

At CCWVa, case management is also a vehicle to unite all programs offered throughout the agency, providing a continuum of service and making efficient use of all available resources. Ultimately, case managers assist clients in making lasting changes that lead to greater stability in their lives.

Amanda developed a close relationship with her CCWVa case manager, and she received the guidance, resources and support she needed to achieve her goals. Amanda earned her High School Equivalency diploma, and then went on to secure a job at her local Wal-Mart pharmacy.

Amanda’s success is inspirational, especially for her own teenagers. They are proud of their mother, and have seen how it is possible to make positive changes that can create a better future.

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: Guided by God’s love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit catholiccharitieswv.org.
Informe de McCarrick describe falta de
investigación seria de rumores

Por Cindy Wooden, Catho-
lic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO
(CNS) —Aunque fue perge-
guido durante años por ru-
mores de conducta sexual inap-
ropriada, el arzobispo E. McCar-
rick pudo escalar la estructura
jerárquica católica gracias a
contactos personales, protestas
de su inocencia, y la falta de
funcionarios de la iglesia que
informaran e investigaran las
acusaciones, según el resumen
del Vaticano de su informe
sobre el Papa Francisco.

Al elegir al entonces arzo-
bispo Theodore E. McCarrick
de Newark en el 2000 para ser
arzobispo de Washington y
luego elevarlo a cardenal, San
Juan Pablo II probablemente
no le dio mucha atención a los
rumores y acusaciones sobre la
conducta sexual inapropiada
de McCarrick debido a una
larga relación con él, la fuerte
negación de McCarrick, y la ex-
periencia del papa con las auto-
ridades comunistas en Polonia
haciendo que se gastase para
desacreditar a la iglesia, expone
el resumen.

Pero, de hecho, los rumores
sobre la conducta de McCar-
rick, especialmente el conoci-
miento de que había hombres
jóvenes y seminaristas durmi-
endo en la misma cama con él
cuando era obispo de Me-
tuchen, Nueva Jersey, llevaron
al Vaticano a decidir que sería
"imprudente" promoverlo
cuando se estaba buscando
candidatos para el cargo de ar-
zobispo de Chicago en 1997,
Nueva York en 1999-2000 e,
initialmente, de Washington en
julio de 2000, según el in-
forme.

Una hora antes de la publi-
cación el 10 de noviembre del
"Informe sobre el conocimiento
ingesto e investigaciones de la
Santísima Virgen de Nueva York
en algunos años" de sus hallaz-
gos.

En junio de 2018, el Vati-
cano suspendió a McCarrick del
ministerio después de que una
investigación de la Arquidióce-
sis de Nueva York encontró
crédible una carga de que abusó
sexualmente de un adoles-
cente. McCarrick renunció al
Colegio Cardenalicio en julio,
y en febrero de 2019, tras un
proceso canónico declarara
culpable a McCarrick de "solic-
itudes indebidas" a menores
y confesados con pecados
contando con el Sexto Mandamien-
to de la Iglesia, señaló el
papa Francisco.

En agosto de 2018, el arzo-
bispo Carlo María Viganò, ex
nuncio en Estados Unidos,
pidió al papa Francisco que
renunciara, después de afirmar
que había informado al Santo
Padre sobre el abuso de McCar-
rick en 2010, que luego de dos
responsables del Vaticano sabían
comportamiento abusivo de
McCarrick durante años.

Esa afirmación llevó al papa
Francisco a iniciar una investi-
gación sobre cómo McCarrick
pudo continuar ascendiendo
en las filas de la Iglesia a pesar
de los repetidos rumores, cartas
anónimas, acusaciones e in-
cuso acuerdos con presuntas
víctimas.

El resumen del informe
externó: "No hay registros
que apoyen el relato de Viganò"
sobre su reunión con el
papa Francisco "y la evidencia
de lo que dijo es muy disputa-
tada".

Hasta que se presentaron las
acusaciones sobre abuso sexual
de menores a la Arquidiócesis
de Nueva York en 2017, "Fran-
cisco solo había escuchado que
había existido acusaciones y
rumores relacionados con la
conducta inmoral con adultos
previo al nombramiento de
McCarrick en Washington",
señaló.

Y, siendo que las acusa-
ciones ya habían sido revisadas
y rechazadas por el papa Juan
Pablo II, y muy consciente de
que McCarrick estuvo activo
durante el papado de Benedicto
XVI, el papa Francisco no vio
la necesidad de alterar el enfoque
que se había adoptado en años
anteriores", explicaba el
resumen.

La introducción al informe
indicaba que se basa en doc-
umentos encontrados en el Va-
tican y la nunciatura apostó-
lica, así como entrevistas, "que
duraban de una a tres horas", con
más de 90 testigos en Estados
Unidos, Italia, y otros lugares. Las
entrevistas incluyen sobrevivien-
tes, cardenales, obispos, y ex semi-
aristas.

En un comunicado emitido
con el informe, el cardenal Pie-
tro Parolin, secretario de estado
del Vaticano, expresó que las
contribuciones de los sobrevivi-
tes eran "fundamentales". La
introducción del informe
advirtieron a sobrevivientes de
abuso que ciertas secciones
podrían resultar traumáticas" y
advirtió que algunas partes
del documento son "inaapropia-
das para menores".

También dijo que en el
transcurso de los dos años que
se tardaron en completar la in-
vestigación y compilar el in-
forme, "hemos dado pasos im-
portantes para asegurar una
mayor atención a la protección
de menores e intervenciones
más efectivas para evitar" la
repetición de errores del pasado.

Entre esos pasos, destacó
"Vos Estis Lux Mundi" ("U스-
edes son la luz del mundo"), el
documento realizado por el
papa Francisco en 2019 sobre
la promoción de la responsabili-
dad de los obispos y el estable-
cimiento de procedimientos
para manejar las acusaciones de
abuso contra los obispos.

Según el resumen, las deci-
aciones de San Juan Pablo de
nombrar a McCarrick obispo de
Metuchen en 1981 y arzobispo de
Newark en 1986 se basaron en
"sus antecedentes, habilidades
y logros. Durante el proceso
de nombramiento, McCarrick fue ampliamente
presentado como un obispo in-
teligente y entusiasta".

El resumen también decía
que, en ese momento, "no surgió información creíble
que sugeriera que hubiera in-
currido en alguna mala con-
ducta".

Sin embargo, en octubre de
1999, el cardenal John J.
O'Connor de Nueva York escri-
brió al arzobispo Gabriel Monta-
vallo, entonces nuncio en Esta-
dos Unidos, resumiendo las
acusaciones sobre McCarrick,
in el aquel tiempo arzobispo de
Newark. La carta fue entregada
e San Juan Pablo, quien le pidió
to arzobispo Montalvo que in-
vistigara.

El nuncio lo hizo escri-
biendo a cuatro obispos de
Nueva Jersey, apuntaba el
resumen sin nombrar a los obi-
spos. Los obispos nombrados
en el informe completo, fueron
los obispos James T. McHugh de
Camden, 1989-1998; Vincent
D. Breen de Metuchen, 1997-
2000; Edward T. Hughes de
Metuchen, 1987-1997; y John
Smith de Trenton, 1997-
2010.

"Lo que ahora se sabe, a
través de la investigación
realizada para la preparación
del informe, es que tres de los
cuatro obispos estadouni-
denses proporcionaron informa-
ación inexacta e incompleta a
la Santa Sede sobre la conducta
destinidad de McCarrick con adul-
atos jóvenes", expone el re-
sumen.

En respuesta a las acusa-
ciones del cardenal O'Connor,
según el informe, McCarrick
escribió al ahora cardenal Sta-
mislaw Dziwisz, secretario de
San Juan Pablo, afirmando: "En
los 70 años de mi vida, nunca
he tenido relaciones sexuales
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investigación ...

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con ninguna persona, hombre o mujer, joven o viejo, clérigo o laico, ni he abusado de otra per- sona ni la he tratado con falta de respeto”.

“Se creyó en la negación de McCarrick”, indicaba el resumen, agregando que debido a “la naturaleza limitada de la propia in- vestigación previa de la Santa Sede, la Santa Sede nunca había recibido una denuncia directa de una víctima, ya sea adulta o menor, sobre la conducta de McCarrick”.

“Aunque no hay evidencia di- recta”, agrega el resumen, “parece probable, a partir de la información obtenida, que la experiencia pasada de Juan Pablo II en Polonia con respecto al uso de acusaciones falsas contra los obispos para degradar la posición de la iglesia, jugó un papel en su voluntad para creer en las negaciones de McCarrick”.

Además, McCarrick tenía una relación con el papa polaco que probablemente también tuvo un im- pacto en la toma de decisiones del papa”. San Juan Pablo II "tomó person- almente la decisión" de nombrarlo arzobispo de Washington y cardenal, registró.

El informe también concluyó que el ahora retirado papa Bene- dicto XVI no inició un proceso canónico formal contra McCarrick y que ni siquiera le impuso san- ciones porque “no hubo acusa- ciones creíbles de abuso infantil; McCarrick reconoció bajo su ‘jura- mento como obispo’ que las acusa- ciones eran falsas; las acusaciones de mala conducta con adultos eran relacionadas a eventos en la década de 1980; y no había indicios de ninguna mala conducta re- ciente”.

Sin embargo, después de pedirle inicialmente a McCarrick que per- maneciera en Washington durante dos años después de su 75avo cum- pleaños en 2005, según el resumen, surgieron nuevos detalles relaciona- dos con las acusaciones de un sacer- dote sobre la conducta sexual inapropiada de McCarrick y el papa Benedicto XVI le pidió que renun- ciara en 2006.

En ese momento, expresaba el resumen, el cardenal Giovanni Bat- tista Re, entonces prefecto de la Congregación para los Obispos, le dijo a McCarrick que "debería man- tener un perfil más bajo y minimi- zar los viajes por el bien de la igle- sia”.

"Si bien el enfoque del cardenal Re fue aprobado por el papa Bene-

dicto XVI, las indicaciones no llev- aban el imprimatur explícito del papa, no se basaban en un hallazgo fáctico de que McCarrick real- mente había cometido mala con- ducta, y no incluía una prohibición del ministerio público”, expone el resumen.

El arzobispo Viganò, mientras trabajaba en la Secretaría de Estado del Vaticano, escribió memorandos en 2006 y 2008, “trayendo pregun- tas relacionadas con McCarrick a la atención de los superiores”, dice el resumen. Los memorandos se refe- rían a acusaciones y rumores sobre la "mala conducta de McCarrick durante la década de 1980 y plan- tearon preocupaciones de que pu- diera producirse un escándalo dado que la información ya había circu- lado ampliamente”.

El arzobispo, según el informe, señaló que "las acusaciones seguían sin ser probadas", pero sugirió abrir un proceso canónico para investi- gar.

El arzobispo Viganò, quien fue nombrado nuncio en Estados Unidos el 2011, recibió “instruc- ciones” en 2012 para que realizara una investigación sobre las acusaciones de un sacerdote que afirmó haber sido agredido sexual- mente por McCarrick, según el resum- en.

El arzobispo Viganò, continuó el resumen, "no tomó estos pasos y, por lo tanto, nunca se colocó en la posición de verificar la credibili- dad” de las afirmaciones del sacer- dote.

Para denunciar presuntos casos de abuso sexual de niños: La Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston alienta a informar ante las autoridades civiles ante todo si se ha cometido un delito. También alentamos a uti- lizar www.reportbishopbuse.org para hacer un informe sobre cualquier obispo en los EE. UU. Si tiene mo- tivos para creer que un obispo ha com- tido una conducta sexual inapropiada, comuníquese con las autoridades civiles de la jurisdic- ción correspondiente y visite www.reportbishopbuse.org.

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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 adi- cionales, como sospecha de mala conducta financiera, profesional y per- sonal de un sacerdote, diacario, religioso, o empleado laico de la Diócesis o cualquier par- roquia o escuela católica en West Virginia. Se puede ac-ceder a la pla- taforma EthicsPoint a través de www.dwc.org, en "Rendi- cion de cuentas”, luego "Informar malas conductas" 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 autori- dades di- eclesiásticas, y la identidad de la persona que informa esta protegida.


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