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# Communion Statement Aims to ‘Retrieve and Revive’ Understanding



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A monstrance holding the Blessed Sacrament for eucharistic adoration is seen at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington March 11.

**By Carol Zimmermann, Catholic News Service**

**BALTIMORE (CNS)** — The U.S. bishops approved their statement on the Eucharist with 222 “yes” votes Nov. 17, the second of two days of public sessions during their Nov. 15-18 fall general assembly. Their OK came a day after

their discussion of the document — a discussion that took a drastically different tone than their previous debate about what the document could potentially contain during their virtual assembly five months ago.

At that June gathering, a major focus highlighted whether it would

address denying Communion to Catholic politicians who support abortion.

Some bishops said a strong rebuke of President Joe Biden, the nation’s second Catholic president, should be included in it because of Biden’s recent actions protecting and expanding abortion access,

while others warned that this would portray the bishops as a partisan force during a time of bitter political divisions across the country.

The document the bishops discussed and approved does not specifically call out Catholic political

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# Thanksgiving Interfaith Service Set for Nov. 24 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph

**WHEELING**—Bishop Mark Brennan will host this year’s Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 24 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.

Rabbi Joshua Lief, of Temple Shalom in Wheeling, will join Bishop Brennan in leading this year’s service in celebration of the special holiday. The evening will also feature clergy from other denominations in the area that share the common focus of gratitude for our many blessings.

The event is free and open to the public. Everyone who attends the service is encouraged to bring a non-perishable item that will be donated to the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center in Wheeling.

For those unable to attend the event it will be livestreamed on the diocese’s Facebook page.

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leaders, but it does more generally point out the seriousness of the sacrament.

The discussion, just prior to the vote, focused on some of the statement’s wording. Specific amendments were approved and additional comments about wording changes, that were raised on the floor, did not.

One of the bishops, for example, wanted to add the word “etcetera” after a list of vulnerable people the church was responsible for in order to show its broad inclusion, but the bishops, who had already added to the list to include the unborn, chose not to add the additional descriptor.

As points of discussion, Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, outgoing chairman of the U.S. bishops’ pro-life committee, stressed the prelates must not forget the responsibility they have to “take care of the souls” of Catholic politicians who do not publicly support

church teaching on abortion.

And Bishop Donald E. DeGrood of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, noted that there is a healthy tension for the bishops, to call out what isn’t right but to do so in love and to be united as they find ways to apply this new document in their dioceses.

The document on the Eucharist states: “One should not celebrate Mass or receive holy Communion in the state of mortal sin without having sought the sacrament of reconciliation and received absolution.”

It also says that if a Catholic in his or her personal life has “knowingly and obstinately” rejected the doctrines of the church or its teaching on moral issues, that person should refrain from receiving Communion because it is “likely to cause scandal for others.”

Back in June, at the end of the bishops’ discussion of the document, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, chairman of the bishops’ doctrine committee, said the draft

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

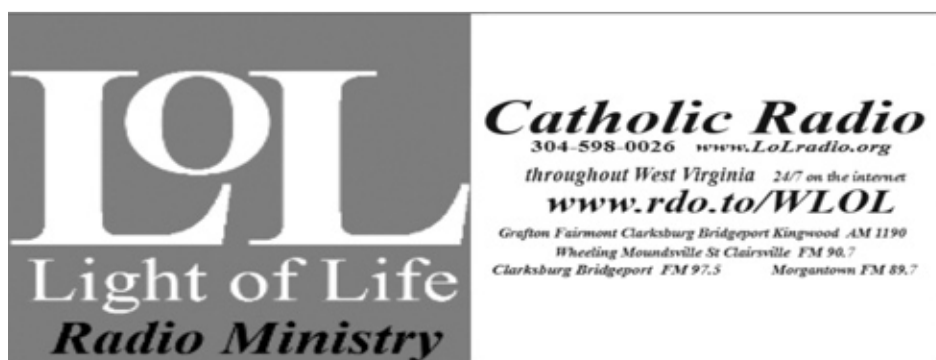
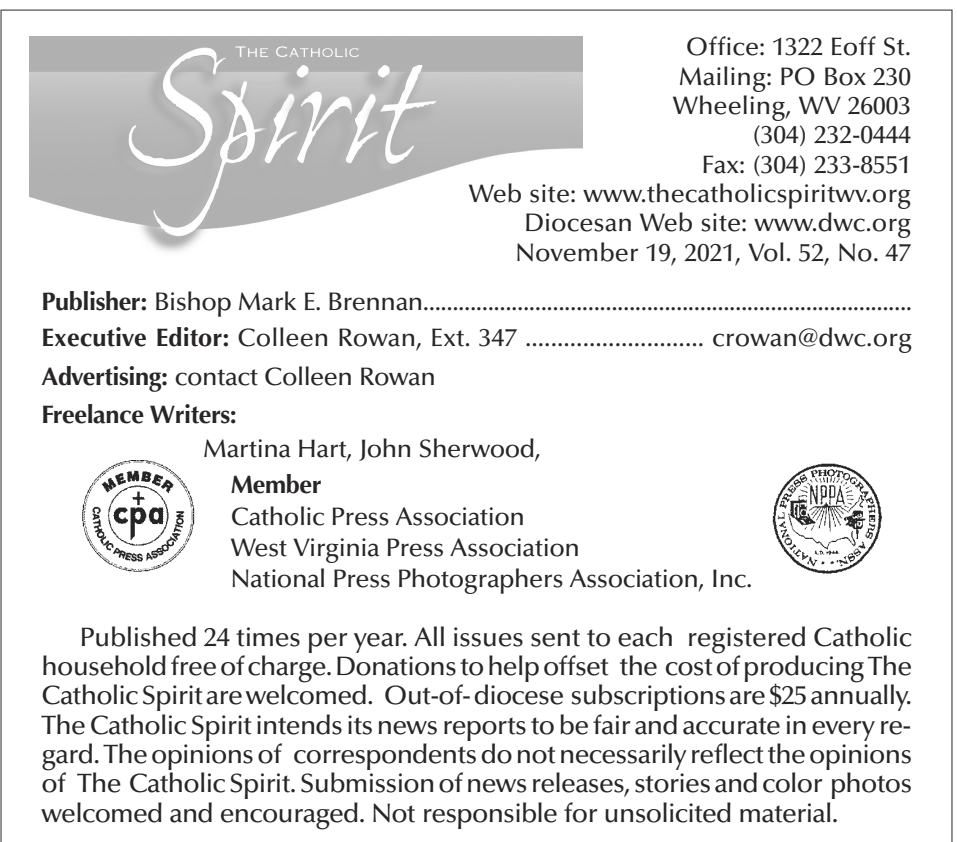
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In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the EthicsPoint platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct 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](http://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

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would not focus on denying Communion to people but would emphasize the importance of the sacrament.

And in his Nov. 16 presentation of the 26-page statement titled "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church," Bishop Rhoades said it "addresses the fundamental doctrine about the Eucharist that the church needs to retrieve and revive."

In his short presentation to U.S. bishops, followed by just a handful of comments from the floor, the bishop said the document is addressed to all Catholics in the United States and "endeavors to explain the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the church."

He also said it is intended to be a theological contribution to the bishops' strategic plan and to the bishops' planned eucharistic revival "by providing a doctrinal resource for parishes, catechists and the

faithful."

Discussion from the floor included a request from Bishop Peter Balacchino of Las Cruces, New Mexico, that the document include more about the paschal mystery, or the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Bishop Richard F. Stika of Knoxville, Tennessee, wondered how the document would be understood by college students, high schoolers or children, noting that "a lot of it's over their heads" and they would have to have some kind of theological foundation to grasp it.

"We have these beautiful, beautiful documents that sometimes are just ignored," he said, suggesting that it should be made "more readable and understandable."

In response, Bishop Rhoades said the document "as it stands is really meant for adults," but he could see it being used in high schools with a teacher who would explain it better. He also said it could be developed by publishers as a re-

source for catechesis for grade school students.

Bishop Timothy L. Dohererty of Lafayette, Indiana, said the work put in "laboring over texts should not discourage us," pointing out that often language falls short but that the church has many other means at its disposal to express the faith such as music, dance, poetry and visuals.

The draft of the document explains the importance of Communion, often calling it a gift, and uses references from Scripture, prayers of the church and Second Vatican Council documents to back this up. It also explains, citing words of the saints, how Communion is not just a symbol but the real presence of Christ.

This transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, the document says, is "one of the central mysteries of the Catholic faith" which is a "doorway through which we, like the saints and mystics before us, may enter into a deeper perception"

of God's presence.

It notes, almost halfway through, that the Vatican II document "Lumen Gentium" (The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church) describes the Eucharist as "the source and summit of the Christian life." It also says that as Catholics understand what the Eucharist means, they should more fully participate in Mass and also reach out to serve those in need, citing the Catechism of the Catholic Church, which says: "The Eucharist commits us to the poor."

It concludes with examples of saints who were transformed by their reception of the Eucharist and their deep understanding of what it means.

This heavily footnoted statement also has a pastoral message urging those who have left the church to come back. It ties this return back to the Eucharist quoting St. Teresa of Kolkata, who said: "Once you understand the Eucharist, you can never leave the church. Not because the church won't let you but

because your heart won't let you."

What this document might say and how it could specifically call out Biden and other Catholic politicians has been disputed for months and has not just been a topic for the U.S. bishops and Catholics across the country, but also involved the Vatican.

Prior to the bishops' initial discussion of this document, Cardinal Luis Ladaria, prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, urged the bishops in a letter to proceed with caution in developing a national policy "to address the situation of Catholics in public office who support legislation allowing abortion, euthanasia or other moral evils."

And Pope Francis said on a Sept. 15 flight back from Bratislava, Slovakia, that he preferred not to comment directly on the issue of denying Communion, but he urged U.S. bishops to take a pastoral approach rather than wade into the political sphere.



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# U.S. Bishops Spotlight Programs on Eucharist, Young People, Moms in Need

By Catholic News Service

**BALTIMORE (CNS)** — The U.S. bishops spotlighted two major initiatives focused on the central role of the Eucharist Nov. 17, the second of two days of public sessions of their fall general assembly.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a 26-page statement, "The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church," with 222 "yes" votes, and also OK'd plans for a three-year National Eucharistic Revival that will culminate with the National Eucharistic Congress 2024 in Indianapolis.

On other matters, they were invited to take a multicultural journey with young Catholics to Chicago next June; were urged to implement a framework for marriage and family ministry that they had approved at their spring assembly in June; agreed to begin review of the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" earlier than planned; and heard how the pandemic may have slowed but not stopped a pro-life initiative called "Walking With Moms in Need."

They approved guidelines governing the USCCB's financial investments that include wider limits on where money would be invested. The guidelines advance a policy of engagement on corporate practices that impact human dignity.

The prelates, meeting in person for a national gathering for the first time since 2019, also approved guidelines for the exposition of the Eucharist and Benediction, affirmed sainthood causes for three U.S. laypeople, approve revisions of statutes for the catechuminate and voted for revised English- and Spanish-language editions of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The bishops assigned a feast date to St. Teresa of Kolkata — Sept. 5, the death date in 1997 for the founder of the Missionaries of Charity. It will be an optional memorial on the U.S. liturgical calendar.

Their vote on the Eucharist statement came a day after their discussion of the document — a discussion that was markedly different than their debate in June about what it could potentially contain, namely a call for President Joe Biden and Catholic politicians who support abortion to be denied Communion. But the final document had nothing like that and is addressed to all Catholics in the United States.

It "endeavors to explain the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the church," said Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, chairman of the bishops' doctrine committee, in a short presentation on the statement Nov. 16. It "addresses

the fundamental doctrine about the Eucharist that the church needs to retrieve and revive."

Even bigger than the statement is the plan for the three-year eucharistic revival, ending with the National Eucharistic Congress 2024 in Indianapolis. The bishops approved it 201-17, with five abstentions.

The revival will officially start on the feast of Corpus Christi, June 16, 2022, with a diocesan focus that will include eucharistic processions and other events of adoration and prayer around the country. In 2023, the emphasis will be on parishes and resources aimed at increasing Catholics' understanding of what the Eucharist really means.

As chairman of the bishops' Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, Auxiliary Bishop Andrew H. Cozzens of St. Paul and Minneapolis, who was recently named bishop of Crookston, Minnesota, gave the bishops details about this planned revival just before they voted on it.

The revival could be a time of healing for the entire church, he said, as well as a movement of evangelization and a reawakening of understanding of the sacrament of the Eucharist for Catholics across the country.

Philadelphia Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez invited fellow bishops to a national gathering in Chicago in June to participate with young Catholics in a dialogue about issues of culture, racism and inclusion through the prism of faith.

"Perhaps it was the Holy Spirit's way of telling us bishops that we really needed to take time to listen to young people, those who minister to them and, especially, those who are in the peripheries, feeling unimportant and unloved, and often alienated from the church," Archbishop Pérez said Nov. 17. He is chairman of the bishops' Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church.

He detailed the opportunity the coronavirus pandemic has provided in facilitating virtual gatherings between young Catholics and bishops over the last year and a half. More than 60 bishops have joined virtual gatherings as part of a process called "Journeying Together," he said.

The gatherings have taken place online in the midst of a pandemic, under "social unrest, racial reckoning, and the polarization affecting U.S. society," he said. The process created "an opportunity for bishops, young adults, youth ministers and campus ministers, and leaders of various other ministries with young people, to engage in respectful yet honest dialogue in matters of faith, culture, racism, inclusion and the issues that affect them as young



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**Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, gestures alongside Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, vice president, during a Nov. 17 session of the bishops' fall general assembly in Baltimore. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the first in-person bishops' meeting since 2019.**

people," he explained.

The chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth called on his fellow bishops to work "in every way possible" to implement the national pastoral framework for marriage and family ministry that they approved in June.

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of San Francisco said that addressing marriage and family life is vital in a time when families are under increasing threats from "sweeping ideological currents that destroy and undermine our sexual identity as man and woman and God-given vocations as father and mother, son or daughter." Bolstering marriage and family ministry is an appropriate undertaking to start during the "Amoris Laetitia Family Year," declared by Pope Francis, the archbishop said.

Titled "Called to the Joy of Love: A Pastoral Framework for Marriage and Family Life Ministry," the document can serve as a practical guidebook to serve couples and families because it offers an adaptable set of principles and strategies for pastoral care, he said.

Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, told his fellow bishops that the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities' "Walking with Moms in Need" initiative may have been slowed by the coronavirus pandemic, but it has by no means stopped helping expectant mothers from any walk of life. It was launched March 25, 2020, just as the pandemic began to take hold.

This initiative "has the capacity to

take what is often seen as a partisan divide and transform it into pastoral unity, bridging the divide between Catholics who describe themselves using the labels of 'pro-life' or 'social justice,'" he said. "The vision of WWMIN is that a pregnant or parenting mother in need can turn to any local Catholic parish and be connected with the life-affirming assistance and accompaniment that she needs."

The initiative's website is [Walking-WithMoms.com](http://Walking-WithMoms.com).

The U.S. bishops also voted to approve budgets for 2022 that were crafted with upheavals wrought by the coronavirus pandemic fresh in mind. "The anomaly of 2020 made challenges for predicting 2022," said Bishop Gregory L. Parkes of St. Petersburg, Florida, treasurer of the USCCB and chairman of its Committee on Budget and Finance, in an introductory message to his fellow bishops.

Due to illness, Bishop Parkes was not present in Baltimore, where the bishops' Nov. 15-18 fall general meeting was held. Despite the uncertainties, the overall budget carries a revenue surplus of \$527,080, Bishop Parkes noted. Part of that is driven by investment income averaging of the past three years. "In this case," he said, "while 2018 was a loss, both 2019 and 2020 experienced double-digit gains." The vote was 223-4 to approve the budgets, with five abstentions. Approval required a majority of bishops present and voting.

(Contributing to this story were Carol Zimmermann, Dennis Sadowski, Rhina Guidos and Mark Pattison.)

# Church Cannot Repair What it Does Not Recognize, Cardinal Says on Abuse

**By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — Gathering information and statistics on the sexual abuse of minors is an important tool for assessing established responses and for crafting recommendations to fix a failed system, said U.S. Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley of Boston, president of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors.

"We cannot repair what we do not recognize. We cannot restore a broken trust if we do not address the heart of the matter. This requires honest investigation, independent inquiry and informed action," the cardinal said in a written message.

The message, published Nov. 18, was sent to a conference marking the European Day on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse — held every Nov. 18 and promoted by the Council of Europe. The Nov. 18 conference in Rome was sponsored by the "Telefono Azzurro" abuse help line in Italy, whose founder and president is Ernesto Caffo, an Italian professor of child and adolescent psychiatry and a member of the papal commission.

For the majority — 70% to 85% — of known cases, the sexual exploitation and abuse of children is perpetrated by someone the child knows, that is, someone "in their circle of trust," said

the council, which promotes human rights through international conventions.

And, "in 90% of the cases, the sexual violence acts are not reported to the police," it said on its website, [coe.int](http://coe.int).

The theme for the observance in 2021 focused on "Making the circle of trust truly safe for children."

The World Health Organization estimates that one in five women and one in 13 men experience sexual abuse before their 18th birthday and that at least 60% of child sexual abuse victims/survivors never disclose their abuse, Cardinal O'Malley said in his message.

"The most recent data that we have received on the scope of child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church is no less grim," he said, citing recent findings by the Independent Commission on Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church in France. That report said an estimated 216,000 children were abused by priests since 1950, and more than 100,000 others were abused by lay employees of church institutions.

"In Australia, 40% of the child sexual abuse that took place in the period under review of the Royal Commission of Inquiry occurred in an area related to the Catholic Church," the cardinal added.

"These are astounding statistics. But we cannot allow our reaction to them

to obscure their purpose: To assess the measures taken by the church to treat this scourge and to make all useful recommendations for the transformation of a failed system based on a quantitative and qualitative analysis," he wrote.

The church must be open to learning from civil society and academia "in terms of scientific models of research for a more informed approach to our prevention strategies and protection policies, on the ground and online," he said.

The church must also work with victims and survivors of child sexual abuse, he said, saying both the commission and Pope Francis believe these men and women "hold the key to helping us implement meaningful and effective policies and procedures."

Nov. 18 also marked the Catholic Church in Italy's first National Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors. Responding to a proposal by the commission based on a survivor's request, Pope Francis asked in 2016 that each episcopal conference around the world choose an appropriate day to hold a "day of prayer" for the victims/survivors of sexual abuse.

Pope Francis highlighted the new national day during his general audience Nov. 17, saying he hoped the initiative would be "an opportunity for reflection, awareness and prayer to sup-

port the paths of human and spiritual recovery of the victims."

He also emphasized the importance and "the inescapable duty of those who have educational responsibilities in the family, the parish, the school, in recreational and athletic environments, to protect and respect the adolescents and young people entrusted to them," since most abuse happens in these places.

Cardinal O'Malley also mentioned that, "in solidarity with the Holy Father's initiative," he would be "walking in silent communion of prayer with adult survivors of child sexual abuse, their advocates, brother bishops, faith leaders of many denominations and representatives of civil society" Nov. 18 in Baltimore, on the sidelines of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' fall assembly.

The "Sunrise Walk" is led by the Global Collaborative, a survivor-led network calling on the international community to establish an annual day of observance for child sexual exploitation and abuse prevention, healing and justice.

The cardinal said the different walk events being held across the United States Nov. 18 were aimed at raising awareness about "the role faith leaders can play in safeguarding children and advocating for survivor and family healing."

## Catholic Advocates Express Optimism on Future of Immigration Reform

**By Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service**

**BALTIMORE (CNS)** — Catholic immigration advocates sent a positive message to U.S. prelates at end of the Nov. 17 public session of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' fall general assembly, saying 3 million to 11 million people in the U.S. could soon benefit from some type of immigration reform.

Anna Gallagher, executive director of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, told the bishops in Baltimore that they should be proud of a program started by U.S. prelates.

"I'm proud to say that we have grown from an organization of a handful of affiliates started by Bishop (Nicholas) DiMarzio in the 1980s, during

the first amnesty, to now over 400 affiliates and we are prepared for the second amnesty," she said. "The Catholic Church created what I call the largest poor people's immigration law firm in the country."

Affiliates of the agency, known as CLINIC, have over the years helped one of the most vulnerable of the country's populations, she said.

At the same time, advocates are seeing increasing numbers of migrants in need, including many seeking safety who are being deported.

"This is a time of particular challenge and opportunity," said Gallagher. "Thousands of men, women and children are living in misery at our southern border, waiting for access to justice. Thousands of Hai-

tians have been deported from the United States and continued to be deported without access to justice.

"Millions of our brothers and sisters, our immigrant brothers and sisters, are in the United States without status, caring for our children, working in our hospitals, cleaning our homes and providing essential services, without (legal) status." And yet there's hope that soon there may be some legislation to help some of them, she said.

In a separate presentation about immigration, Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville of Washington, chairman of the USCCB's migration committee, said the public has expressed overwhelming support for recipients of Deferred

Action for Childhood Arrivals — minors brought into the U.S. illegally as children — as well as farmworkers.

"People want reform for these groups," he said, adding that the migrants aren't asking for a house or for material goods, but simply the chance to make a new life in the U.S.

He asked the bishops to advocate, pray and walk with immigrants in their respective dioceses.

Gallagher asked bishops to visit CLINIC affiliates in their localities. "As we wait, we are hopeful that legalization will happen, and it will be (for) anywhere between 3 million to 11 million. Our great hope is that it will be 11 million," Gallagher said.

Bishop Dorsonville said the

bishops would receive a document detailing statistics about immigration as well as stories behind the human faces and human tragedy in immigration stories.

He asked that bishops not only accompany migrants in their dioceses but also inform themselves about those in their communities. "Advocacy cannot be done without facts," he said. He also asked them to seek the intercession of Mary to help migrants as they accompany them in prayer.

"Pray so Mary can be the intercessor for these communities," he said. "Our hope is that everyone may be embracing this sense of prayer with immigrant communities ... sheep that God in his love entrusted in our care."

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# Gomez: Church Must Proclaim Christ 'Boldly' in Response to 'Woke' Movements

By Catholic News Service

**LOS ANGELES (CNS)** — The Catholic Church must proclaim Jesus Christ "boldly" and "creatively" in the face of new secular movements that promote "social justice," "wokeness" and "intersectionality," among other beliefs, as the answer to all of society's ills, Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez said Nov. 4.

"We need to tell our story of salvation in a new way, with charity and confidence, without fear," he said. "This is the church's mission in every age and every cultural moment."

Archbishop Gomez made the comments in a videotaped address for the upcoming 23rd Catholic and Public Life Congress in Madrid, which organizers said will focus on political correctness and "the dangers of this mega-ideology," such as preventing debate and limiting freedoms.

He spoke on "the rise of new secular ideologies and movements for social change in the United States and the implications for the Catholic Church."

The church needs to understand these movements "as pseudo-religions, and even replacements and rivals to traditional Christian beliefs," he said, because "they claim to offer what religion provides."

"With the breakdown of the Judeo-Christian worldview and the rise of secularism, political belief systems based on social justice or personal identity have come to fill the space that Christian belief and practice once occupied," he said.

"We all know that while there are unique conditions in the United States, similar broad patterns of aggressive secularization have long been at work in Spain and elsewhere in Europe," he said.

"An elite leadership class has risen in our countries that has little interest in religion and no real attachments to the nations they live in or to local traditions or cultures," said Archbishop Gomez, who is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"This group, which is in charge in corporations, governments, universities, the media, and in the cultural and professional establishments," he said, "wants to establish what we might call a global civilization, built on a consumer economy and guided by science, technology, humanitarian values and

technocratic ideas about organizing society."

"There is no need for old-fashioned belief systems and religions," he added. "In fact, as they see it, religion, especially Christianity, only gets in the way of the society they hope to build."

Secularization means "de-Christianization," as many popes have pointed out, he said. "For years now, there has been a deliberate effort in Europe and America to erase the Christian roots of society and to suppress any remaining Christian influences."

Archbishop Gomez noted the congress' program alluded to "cancel culture" along with political correctness.

"We recognize that often what is being canceled and corrected are perspectives rooted in Christian beliefs — about human life and the human person, about marriage, the family and more. ... The 'space' that the church and believing Christians are permitted to occupy is shrinking," he said.

Amid the pandemic and government response to it, everyone noticed "dramatic social changes," he said, but these changes were already at work and were just "accelerated" by the pandemic.

"The new social movements and ideologies that we are talking about today were being seeded and prepared for many years in our universities and cultural institutions," he explained.

In the U.S., amid the tension and fear created by the pandemic and social isolation, "these movements were fully unleashed in our society" with the killing of George Floyd, an unarmed Black man, by a white policeman and the protests that followed in many cities, Archbishop Gomez said.

"For many people in my country, myself included, (Floyd's) tragedy became a stark reminder that racial and economic inequality are still deeply

embedded in our society," he said.

These new movements are part of a wider "absolutely essential" discussion "about how to build an American society that expands opportunities for everyone, no matter what color their skin is or where they came from, or their economic status," Archbishop Gomez added.

But people are increasingly turning to these "woke" movements, rather than religion, for "an explanation for events and conditions in the world," he said. "They offer a sense of meaning, a purpose for living, and the feeling of belonging to a community. ... Like Christianity, these new movements tell their own 'story of salvation.'"

"Now more than ever," he said, "the church and every Catholic needs to know" the Christian story, "and proclaim it in all its beauty and truth."

Because, he said, there is another story out there — "a rival 'salvation' narrative that we hear being told in the media and in our institutions by the new social justice movements."

Catholics and other Christians, he said, believe "we are created in the image of God ... and we are saved through the dying and rising of Jesus Christ ... (who) calls us to follow him in faith, loving God and our neighbor, working to build his kingdom on earth, all in confident hope that we will have eternal life with him in the world to come."

The "woke" story, he explained, says that "we cannot know where we came from, but we are aware that we have interests in common with those who share our skin color or our position in society. ... We are liberated and find redemption through our constant struggle against our oppressors, by waging a battle for political and cultural power in the name of creating a society of equity."

"We all want to build a society that provides equality, freedom, and dignity for every person," Archbishop Gomez said. "But we can only build a just society on the foundation of the truth about God and human nature. ... Unless we believe that God is our Father, there is no reason for us to treat others as our brothers and sisters."

"Today's critical theories and ideologies are profoundly atheistic," he continued. "They deny the soul, the spiritual, transcendent dimension of human nature; or they think that it is irrelevant to human happiness. They reduce what it means to be human to essentially physical qualities — the color of our skin, our sex, our notions of gender, our ethnic background or our position in society."

"No doubt," he added, "we can recognize in these movements certain elements of liberation theology. They seem to be coming from the same Marxist cultural vision. Also, these movements resemble some of the heresies that we find in church history."

The Catholic Church must "understand and engage" these movements as "dangerous substitutes for true religion."

"These new movements have lost the truth about the human person" because they deny God, he said. "No matter how well-intentioned they are, they cannot promote authentic human flourishing."

In the United States, "these strictly secular movements are causing new forms of social division, discrimination, intolerance and injustice," he added.

## Confirmation Schedule

Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant

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## Bishop Brennan Visits Catholic Schools, Celebrates Mass for Students

Photo by Ben Queen of Ben Queen Photography  
 Bishop Mark E. Brennan bestows the final blessing at the Mass he celebrated at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg Nov. 2 for students of Notre Dame High School and St. Mary Central School. Before the Mass, the bishop toured both of the schools. Since August, Bishop Brennan has been making visits to the diocese's Catholic schools around the state and celebrating Masses for students. He began the visits in Beckley Aug. 30 at St. Francis de Sales School. His latest visit was to Corpus Christi School in Wheeling Nov. 8.



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Years ago, St. Paul School's Parent Teacher Organization initiated a "Pay It Forward" series that coincides with the holiday season. Students and families support local organizations such as Kelsey's Christmas, Weirton United Way, The Salvation Army, and the Weirton Community Bread Basket.

To support their community for the Thanksgiving holiday, students collected and donated 460 pounds of non-perishable food to the Weirton Community Bread Basket. Students collected Thanksgiving favorites such as peas & carrots, mashed potatoes, stuffing, noodles, and gravy! The donation was made on Nov. 16—just in time for Thanksgiving dinner!

The St. Paul School "Pay It Forward" series will continue through Christmas. Be on the lookout for St. Paul School students ringing the Salvation Army Christmas bells at your local stores.



Students at St. Paul School in Weirton hold provisions collected through the school's "Pay it Forward" Series. Courtesy Photo



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## Advent Evening of Reflection to be Held at Cathedral

**WHEELING**—The Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling invites all to attend “Prepare the Way of the Lord: Longing for a Savior” — an Advent Evening of Reflection on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. Led by Father Adam Potter, a young priest and vibrant speaker from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, this special evening of prayer, music, and reflection is a perfect opportunity to take time out of the busy holiday season and focus on the real meaning of Advent. Everyone is invited!

## Sister Mary Irene Sorber to Facilitate Advent Discussion at Basilica Co-Cathedral

**CHARLESTON**—Sister Mary Irene Sorber, SCC, from the West Virginia Institute for Spirituality in Charleston will facilitate an Advent Biblical Discussion group Dec. 8, 15, and 22 in the Gathering Space of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

All who attend can then stay for the celebration of Mass at noon.

“Advent Light” by Stephen

Binz (Twenty-Third Publications) will be provided to participants.

“The book provides opportunity for a new understanding of God’s revelation which is applied to our lives, and our world,” organizers of the series said. “Mary will be our model of how to discover God daily in a new and enriching way.”

To register, contact Sister Mary Irene by e-mail to [wvismaryirene@aol.com](mailto:wvismaryirene@aol.com) or by calling (201) 230-2362 or (304) 345-0926.

## Follansbee’s St. Anthony Parish will Host Advent Candle Sale

**FOLLANSBEE**—Advent candles will be on sale for \$10 a set after both Sunday Masses on Nov. 21 and 28. This sale is a fundraiser for the St. Thomas Aquinas Homeschool Speech and Debate Club. The Macdonald Family appreciates the support, and the parish prays these candles help to deepen preparation for Christmas.

## Parish Gift Shop in Huntington Has New Items in Time for Christmas

**HUNTINGTON**—The perfect “religious” gifts are at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Gift Shop in Huntington, parish officials said. With a holiday flair and a first ever Fatima motif, a new high end line of religious candles awaits the prudent Christmas season shopper. These candles are made with the finest grade liturgical waxes, shop officials said. Stop by for all holiday religious shopping needs.

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# SJS Dad Runs NYC Marathon

By Meg Partington

Wearing shoes designed by his 6-year-old daughter and a shirt bearing the name of his home state, Jarred Spataro crossed the finish line of the New York City Marathon after almost 4 ½ straight hours of running.

"Everything lined up perfectly," including the weather, the 36-year-old Martinsburg resident said.

His aqua sneakers with orange-pink swooshes and matching laces led him through many training runs and helped him complete the 26.2-mile event on Nov. 7 in 4:29:02. He averaged 10:16 per mile, placing 12,237th out of 24,940 runners.

He shaved more than 30 minutes off his time from the 2019 marathon in the Big Apple and more than an hour off his debut marathon — the Marine Corps Marathon in the fall of 2018 in the Washington, D.C., area.

Spataro's blue and gold tank top reading "West Virginia" caused many shouts of "Let's Go, Mountaineers" and "Go Dub-V," as well as some singing of "Country Roads" by spectators along the course, which winds through Staten Island, Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx and Manhattan.

"It is really, really, really packed," Spataro said of the streets along the course. "It's basically a 26-mile party," including bands and DJs. "It's crazy that total strangers are out there cheering you on."

There also were people dear to him there to encourage him as the span of miles sprawled before him. His wife, Kristin; daughter Kelsey, who is in Mrs. Stedman's kindergarten class at St. Joseph School in Martinsburg; and his parents, John and Valerie Spataro, made their presence known at miles 8 and 17 ½, and right before the finish line. His father waved a 9-foot yellow flag to get the attention of the man wearing bib No. 25948.

"For me, it was just getting from point to point," said Jarred, who attended St. Joseph School from kindergarten to second grade.

A 60-year-old man from New Hampshire was a pacer for those aiming to finish in about 4:30, and was with him the whole way.

"He was a machine," Spataro said. "He was great."

There were some tough times along the course. At around the 14-mile mark, one of his shoes got splashed after a nearby runner stepped on a cup on the ground that had water in it, but his steady stride helped it dry in about a mile. And the hill from mile 22 ½ to 23 ½

"basically took everything out of me. The last 2 ½ miles was pure misery."

A few days after the race, he said the sore quadricep muscles he was still nursing were worth it, even if they caused him to have to walk backward down steps for a few more days.

"It was a lot of fun, relatively speaking," he said of pushing himself past a physical breaking point.

He trained for about 16 weeks to prepare for the event, doing long runs on Mondays (his longest was 21 miles), as well as interval training and hill workouts. He also did strength training and stretching with friend and SJS alumni Nate Sowers.

"I just felt like I was in a better position this time," Spataro said.

He hopes to set an example for his daughter, "to work for something you want to do."

"I just hope one day she understands if you put your mind to something," you can achieve it, he said.

Once he has fully recovered, he hopes not to lose the fit base he has built. Spataro is not a fan of running in the cold and treadmills don't hold his interest, but he hopes to log some miles on a stationary bike at home.

He already signed up for the Bank of America Chicago Marathon in 2023, for which he might prepare with the fall 2022 half-marathon event in the Baltimore Running Festival or perhaps a second go at the Marine Corps Marathon.

Spataro didn't start running until 2017, after wanting to shed



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Jarred Spataro of Martinsburg is pictured with his family after the New York City Marathon. With him are his wife Kristin; daughter Kelsey, who is in kindergarten at St. Joseph School in Martinsburg; and his parents, John and Valerie Spataro.

some pounds after a beach vacation.

While new to pounding the pavement for recreation, Spataro is a lifelong athlete, his first sport being baseball. "As soon as I could pick up a bat, my dad was pitching to me," Spataro said. A 2004 gradu-

ate of Martinsburg High School, he was a wide receiver and kicker for the Bulldogs' football team and a catcher in baseball.

"I missed competing," he said, though not so much against others, but himself. "I wish I'd done this a long time ago."

## The Great Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated in Martinsburg

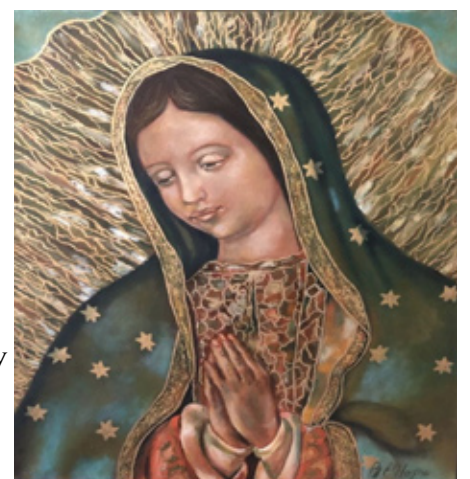
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On Desembre 12th, we will gather in "Lackey Hall" at the St. Joseph Church at 5:00 AM to sing "Las Mañanitas" to the Virgin, followed by the 6:00 a.m. Mass in her honor.

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## Holy Rosary Parish in Buckhannon Will Honor St. Joseph

**BUCKHANNON**—For the Year of St. Joseph, Holy Rosary Parish in Buckhannon had a rock garden planted to honor this beloved saint next to the front outdoor entrance to Marist Hall.

“We invite every family to place a large stone in the rock garden,” parish officials said. “You may have one on your property. If you don’t have one, ask your neighbor or just bring a medium sized one.”

Parishioners are encouraged do this before Dec. 8 as the parish hopes

to have a special dedication and blessing near that time. The parish also plans to place a memorial stone in front of the scarlet maple. The inscription on the memorial will read: “ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF FATHERS, PRAY FOR US.”

“St. Joseph is the patron of many people and institutions. We will honor the many fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers of our parish with our wording,” parish officials said. “We hope you will participate.”

## Notre Dame and St. Mary Central in Clarksburg Invite All to Holiday Open House

**CLARKSBURG**—Norte Dame High School and St. Mary Central School in Clarksburg invite all to join the #TwoSchoolsOne-Family for Holiday Open House on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 1noon to 4p.m.

“The holly and the jolly will be spread throughout both buildings!” officials of the schools said.

St. Mary Central will have a holiday market as well as live entertainment from the kindergarten through 12th-grade students from The Performing Arts Conservatory at Notre Dame High School. Notre Dame will be the home for lunch, eat-in and take-home desserts, as well as the Festival of Trees.

“And that’s not all...Santa Claus is coming to town!!!” officials said. “Jolly Old St. Nicholas himself will be on hand for visits and photos throughout the afternoon.”



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**By Susan Hollis, Diocesan Director, Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

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With funding from CCHD, HOH Share is developing an advocacy arm of the organization. In the early stages they are starting by conducting listening sessions to better understand the core struggles that people are dealing with. From this intentional listening, HOH Share is creating a platform from which to fight for institutional and social change for people in our state.

Lauren Kotz, a Peer Recovery Coach with HOH Share, said, "After the first listening ses-



An HOH listening session is conducted.

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sion I already feel more excited, more empowered and like we really can create change in our community. I went home so fulfilled and actually really believing that we are going to do good stuff in our community!"

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# CNEWA lanza nuevo sitio web en español, campaña de oración de noviembre

Por Catholic News Service

**NUEVA YORK (CNS)** — La Asociación Católica de Bienestar del Cercano Oriente ha lanzado un sitio web en español — [cnewa.org/es](http://cnewa.org/es) — que coincide con una campaña de oración durante el mes de noviembre.

Un comunicado de prensa de CNEWA (por sus siglas en inglés) señaló que amigos y benefactores de esta agencia del Vaticano están invitados a compartir los nombres de aquellos seres queridos que murieron, para ser recordados en noviembre en las misas diarias que celebrará Monseñor Peter I. Vaccari, presidente de la agencia.

Los nombres de los fallecidos serán ubicados en el altar de la capilla de CNEWA, en su sede de Estados Unidos en el distrito neoyorquino de Manhattan.

"Nos complace ofrecer esta oportunidad de oración a los católicos latinos y proporcionar un nuevo recurso que será una plataforma en constante evolución, que presentará el mundo de las iglesias orientales a la creciente población latina del país", expresó Monseñor Vaccari en un comunicado.

La campaña de oración de noviembre marca el primer acercamiento de CNEWA a latinos y católicos de habla hispana en Estados Unidos, que constituyen aproximadamente un tercio de los 70 millones de católicos estimados en la nación.

Durante todo el mes de noviembre, los católicos de todo el mundo rezan por los difuntos. Conocido

como el Mes de las Santas Almas, este comienza con el Día de Todos los Santos el 1 de noviembre y el Día de Todas las Almas el 2 de noviembre. Sin embargo, esta costumbre católica no termina al final del mes, ya que es una práctica diaria para muchos.

"Las iglesias orientales, católicas, y ortodoxas no son desconocidas para los centroamericanos y sudamericanos", indicó Monseñor

Vaccari. "Comunidades sustanciales de cristianos orientales han emigrado de Europa del Este y Oriente Medio, a Argentina, Chile, Honduras, México, y Venezuela durante más de un siglo".

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cina de Ambiente Seguro de la Diócesis al 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](http://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](http://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

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

The Executive Director is responsible for serving as a catalyst and ongoing 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  
mw Walsh@dwc.org

Position will stay open until filled.

## Case Manager, Catholic Charities W.Va.

The Case Manager is responsible for assisting and supporting the Regional Director in multiple programs. This employee will also direct case management duties, essential in carrying out the mission and vision of Catholic Charities West Virginia.

This is a full-time position. Essential Job Duties: Conduct face-to-face interviews with clients; assist clients in implementation of long-range plans; Maintain the operation of region's Emergency Assistance Program; develop comprehensive service plan with client; possess excellent writing skills; assist the Regional Director in working with regional Catholic parishes.

Qualifications: Bachelor in Social Work or related field; working knowledge of an ability to articulate Catholic Social Teaching; experience in working with parish social concerns committees; casework experience working with at-risk populations; excellent computer skills with ability to track and analyse data. Must have transportation to travel.

Please email resume, cover letter, and three professional references to: bhagy@ccwva.org

Application materials can also be delivered to:

Bill Hagy, Regional Director, Western Region, 1024 Quarrier Street  
Charleston, WV 25301

## Maintenance/Janitorial Worker at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Wheeling

St. Vincent de Paul Parish is a vibrant Catholic congregation in Wheeling, WV. Our staff works as a team to create a great working environment as we serve the needs of our parish and school communities. We have multiple buildings that require daily maintenance and repair.

Maintenance Worker Responsibilities: Conducting routine inspections of premises and equipment; performing preventative maintenance; handling basic repairs and maintenance; overseeing contractors when professional repairs are necessary; diagnosing mechanical issues and correcting them; repairing machines, equipment, or structures as necessary; lawn care; snow removal; cleaning the church and grounds; cemetery management; collaborates with St. Vincent School Maintenance / Janitorial Worker; and preparing the church for Mass, weddings, and funerals.

Maintenance Worker Requirements: Proven maintenance experience; high school diploma or general education degree (GED); related degree from a technical college (preferred); must have a vehicle with capability of towing 1000 lbs.; must pass a background check and complete Safe Environment training. Hours of work: Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; occasional night and weekend hours required.

Compensation based on experience. Employee benefits offered through the Diocese of Wheeling Charleston. If interested, send resume to St. Vincent de Paul Church c/o Susie Koval 2244 Marshall Ave., Wheeling WV 26003 or to skoval@saintvincentparish.org



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