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Trump is Reelected



OSV News photo/Carlos Barria, Reuters
Republican President-elect Donald Trump gestures while addressing supporters during his rally at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach, Fla., Nov. 6 after being elected the 47th president of the United States.

By Daniel Payne

(CNA)—The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) is calling for respect and civility after the 2024 U.S. elections concluded with Donald Trump winning a second term as president.

Trump won the race against Vice President Kamala Harris with an Electoral College victory that stood at 306-226 on Wednesday afternoon. The Republican president-elect also held a roughly 5-million-vote lead in the popular vote.

In a statement posted to the USCCB's website, conference president Archbishop Timothy Broglio congratulated Trump on his victory and praised the U.S.'s "ability to transition peacefully from one government to the next."

The archbishop noted that the Catholic Church is "not aligned with any political party, and neither is the bishops' conference."

"No matter who occupies the White House or holds the majority on Capitol Hill, the Church's teachings remain unchanged, and we bishops look forward to working with the people's elected representatives to advance the

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West Virginians Approve Constitutional Amendment to Ban Medically Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

By Gina Christian, OSV News

(OSV News) — West Virginians approved a constitutional amendment to ban medically assisted suicide and euthanasia in the state. Amendment 1 historically passed statewide with 5,878 voters making the difference, according to a release from West Virginians for Life (WVFL).

Amendment 1 states, "No person, physician, or health care provider in the State of West Virginia

shall participate in the practice of medically assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing of a person." The amendment also makes clear that it does not interfere with the provision of pain-relieving medication in palliative care, the voluntary withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment, or the state's ability to inflict capital punishment.

The Catholic Church in West Virginia had urged passage of the constitutional amendment.

"We are grateful that West Virginia voters have chosen to love, care, and comfort their family members rather than toss them aside. Each and every one of us is a gift from God and it is up to us to cherish that gift until we return to him according to his divine will," Bishop Mark E. Brennan of Wheeling-Charleston told OSV News.

"It was the slimmest of victories but it passed nonetheless," said WVFL, an affiliate of the
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Bishop Brennan Blesses and Commissions 43 Altar Servers at Fairmont Catholic



Courtesy photo
Fairmont Catholic School welcomed Bishop Mark Brennan and Jennifer Hornyak, superintendent of Catholic Schools for the diocese, Oct. 30. During their visit, Bishop Brennan blessed and commissioned 43 dedicated altar servers (pictured above), who will begin assisting at Masses. Standing with the servers in the back, from left, are: Diane Burnside, principal of Fairmont Catholic; Hornyak; Father Kishore Babu Varaparla, HGN, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Fairmont; Bishop Brennan; Very Rev. Joseph M. Konikattil, V.F., pastor of the school and St. Peter the Fisherman Parish in Fairmont; and Sister Reeta Lopis, USF, vice principal.

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Obituary—Sister Carole Anne Riley, CDP

Sister Carole Anne Riley, CDP, Executive Director of the WV Institute for Spirituality in Charleston, W.Va., passed away on November 3, 2024, at Allison Park, Pa. In 2024, she celebrated 65 years as a member of the Sisters of Divine Providence, Marie de la Roche Province, where she recently returned due to health reasons.



to serve. Sister Carole was awarded the Emil Penet National Religious Formation Award acknowledging “mentoring model of incorporation and its impact on the international formation process.” She was also a recipient of the Duquesne University’s Presidential Service Award, Century Club and Distinguished

Alumni Awards.

As announced by the Sisters of Divine Province, at the request of Sister Carole’s family, a Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated after the New Year to allow relatives from a distance to participate with the Sisters at Visitation Chapel.

She earned her Ph.D. from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa. Among her teaching assignments were St. Mary’s in Glenshaw, Pa. (1962–66), Marycrest High School (1966-1967) and St. Mary’s High School in McKees Rocks, Pa. (1967–72). Trained in spiritual direction by the Cenacle Sisters and Adrian van Kaam, C.S.S.SP at Duquesne University, she was also a professional musician and associate music therapist. In 1999, Sister Carole founded the West Virginia Institute for Spirituality in Charleston, W.Va. From 1969 to 2017 she was professor of music and spirituality at Duquesne University. In addition, she has authored many tapes/DVDs/CDs for publication through St. Anthony Publications, Alba House Publications and St. Paul Press.

During her years in West Virginia, Sister Carole shared her exceptional gifts of leadership and spiritual formation. She offered numerous programs in faith development and prayer and collaborated with many priests, religious, musicians and parish leaders throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Sister Carole was dedicated to training others in the ministry of spiritual direction and offering Spiritual Exercises.

In addition, her extensive travels allowed her to experience spirituality from the people around the world whom she was honored

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.report-bishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct or has interfered with an investigation into sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit www.reportbishopabuse.org. **To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforcement:** numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families’ Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. You may report anonymously to this hotline if you prefer. **To Report to Diocesan Authorities:** The diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. The diocese also encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264. You may also call the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504 or the Diocese’s sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5656. Additional methods of reporting are available at www.dwc.org, under “Accountability.” Complaint forms are available online at www.dwc.org, click “Diocese” on the menu bar, then “Offices,” then “Safe Environment”, then “Download Files and Forms.” The form is titled “Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor.” The form may be returned via U.S. mail to: Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003. **To Report to the Diocese’s Victim Assistance Coordinator:** call Erin McFarland, M.Ed., LPC, at 304.559.6742. The Diocese partners with Navex Global to offer EthicsPoint to report other 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 WV. EthicsPoint can be accessed via www.dwc.org, under “Accountability”, then “Report Misconduct” or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected. Links and information: WV Department of Health and Human Resources: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp>. West Virginia State Police, Crimes Against Children Unit: 304-293-6400.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops requires all Dioceses/Eparchies have a Safe Environment Program for the protection of children and young people. The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston’s Safe Environment Program consists of the following components for persons seeking employment or to volunteer, directly or indirectly, with children: background check; receipt of the Diocese’s Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children; sexual abuse awareness training for adults. Training may be completed online or via live workshop. For information, go to www.dwc.org, click “Diocese”, then “Offices,” then “Office of Safe Environment.”

The Catholic Spirit’s Print Schedule for 2024

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This is the new print publication schedule for The Catholic Spirit. Each print issue is named for a memorial, feast day, or celebration of the Church within the month of publication. The following provides the name of the issue; the date of the memorial, feast day, or celebration; and the publication date of the issue.

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Feast Day, December 25

The Catholic Spirit publication date for this issue is **December 20**

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common good of all," the prelate wrote.

"As Christians, and as Americans, we have the duty to treat each other with charity, respect, and civility, even if we may disagree on how to carry out matters of public policy," he said. "As a nation blessed with many gifts we must also be concerned for those outside our

borders and eager to offer assistance to all."

The archbishop urged Americans to pray for President-elect Trump and all elected officials so that they might "rise to meet the responsibilities entrusted to them as they serve our country and those whom they represent."

"Let us ask for the intercession of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of our nation, that she guide to uphold the common good of all and promote the dignity of the human person, espe-

cially the most vulnerable among us, including the unborn, the poor, the stranger, the elderly and infirm, and migrants," he said.

The 2024 election results capped what was effectively a four-year effort by Trump to retake the White House after he lost his first reelection bid to President Joe Biden in 2020. Trump became the first president in nearly 130 years to win a second presidential term nonconsecutively.

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National Right to Life Committee, in a Nov. 6 Facebook post. The organization said it was "so thankful!" for the apparent win.

In an Oct. 18 message regarding Amendment 1, Bishop Brennan had said medically assisted suicide and euthanasia are unacceptable since "our lives are a gift that we did not earn but which we must cherish.

"Suicide, even if done for altruistic reasons, is a rejection of our place in the human community, because we choose to leave it before we have to," said Bishop Brennan.

He noted that both "the Catholic and Jewish traditions hold that the commandment, 'Thou shall not kill,' applies not only to taking someone else's life but also to taking one's own."

The thin line between euthanasia and medically assisted suicide is defined by who administers a lethal dose of drugs. In euthanasia — currently illegal throughout the United States — medical personnel actively kill the patient under certain criteria; in medically assisted suicide, the physician prescribes the lethal drugs to the patient, but doesn't administer them directly — the patient does.

The teaching of the Catholic Church is quite specific, with the Second Vatican Council condemning "euthanasia or wilful self-destruction" among the moral "infamies" that "poison human society" and are a "supreme dishonor to the Creator."

Recent popes also have spoken strongly about the issues at stake. In his 1995 encyclical "Evangelium Vitae" ("The Gospel of Life"), St. John Paul II warned of such procedures, stating, "Here we are faced

with one of the more alarming symptoms of the 'culture of death.'"

The Catholic Church outlines that it is morally acceptable for people to forgo "extraordinary" medical treatment as the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes: "Discontinuing medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to the expected outcome can be legitimate; it is the refusal of 'over-zealous' treatment. Here one does not will to cause death; one's inability to impede it is merely accepted."

Bishop Brennan stressed in his Oct. 18 message that "many of the reasons that lead people to choose the help of medical personnel to end their lives can be met by non-lethal means," such as pain medicine and the support of loved ones.

"Medically assisted suicide corrupts the medical profession" and inverts the medicine's fundamental principle to "do no harm," Bishop Brennan continued, pointing to grave abuses of such as the medical experimentation of Nazi doctors, the punitive psychiatric confinements inflicted by Soviet Union doctors, and the forced sterilizations performed by U.S. doctors on thousands of women during the 20th century as part of the eugenics movement.

Bishop Brennan also warned of the expansion of medically assisted suicide in Oregon, making that state "a favored site for 'suicide tourism,'" as well as in Canada and the Netherlands.

"Where does medically assisted suicide end? In more and more graves," said Bishop Brennan. "Is this what we want in West Virginia?"

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

What does the Catholic Church teach about suicide?

Catholic teaching holds that "suicide contradicts the natural inclination of the human being to preserve and perpetuate his life," and is "gravely contrary to the just love of self" as well as an offense

against "love of neighbor because it unjustly breaks the ties of solidarity" with the human family (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2281).

While certain factors such as "grave psychological disturbances" and "torture" can diminish the responsibility of those who

take their own lives (Catechism, 2282) — and while the Church "does not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives" (CCC, 2283) — Catholic teaching states that "intentional euthanasia, whatever its forms or motives, is murder" (CCC, 2324).



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'Bringing Others to Christ'

By Colleen Rowan

"Bringing Others to Christ," was the theme of this year's Infant Jesus of Prague Novena at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling which concluded Nov. 4 with Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid of Pittsburgh as celebrant and homilist for the final night.

Bishop Waltersheid began the evening saying how happy he was to be in Wheeling once again to celebrate the annual novena, which his parents had a great devotion to as he was growing up. In his homily, he echoed the theme of the novena, focusing on the call to evangelize.

As the faithful knelt for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Waltersheid brought the monstrance with Our Lord throughout the church, stopping almost 40 times in front of the pews to bless the faithful. Returning to the altar, he offered another blessing.

"May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen," the congregation prayed following the Divine Praises.

Each week of the Infant Jesus of Prague Novena featured Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, a reflection by a guest priest, music, and prayers to the Infant of Prague.

Bishop Mark Brennan opened the first night of the devotion on Sept. 9 speaking of God's unfailing love and mercy. Encountering God in the sacrament of reconciliation was the focus of the following week with Father Justin Golna.



Colleen Rowan photo

Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid of Pittsburgh blesses the faithful gathered at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling for the final night of the Infant Jesus of Prague Novena Nov. 4.

On Sept. 23, missionary discipleship was discussed by Father Chester Pabin, while the focus of the following weeks by celebrants and homilists were overcoming barriers to faith with Father Pen Manikyalarao, vocations and ministry with Father Dennis Schuelkens, recognizing Christ in the Eucharist with Father John Soplinski, the universal call to

holiness with Father Ron Prectl, and the power of the Holy Spirit with Father Joseph Augustine.

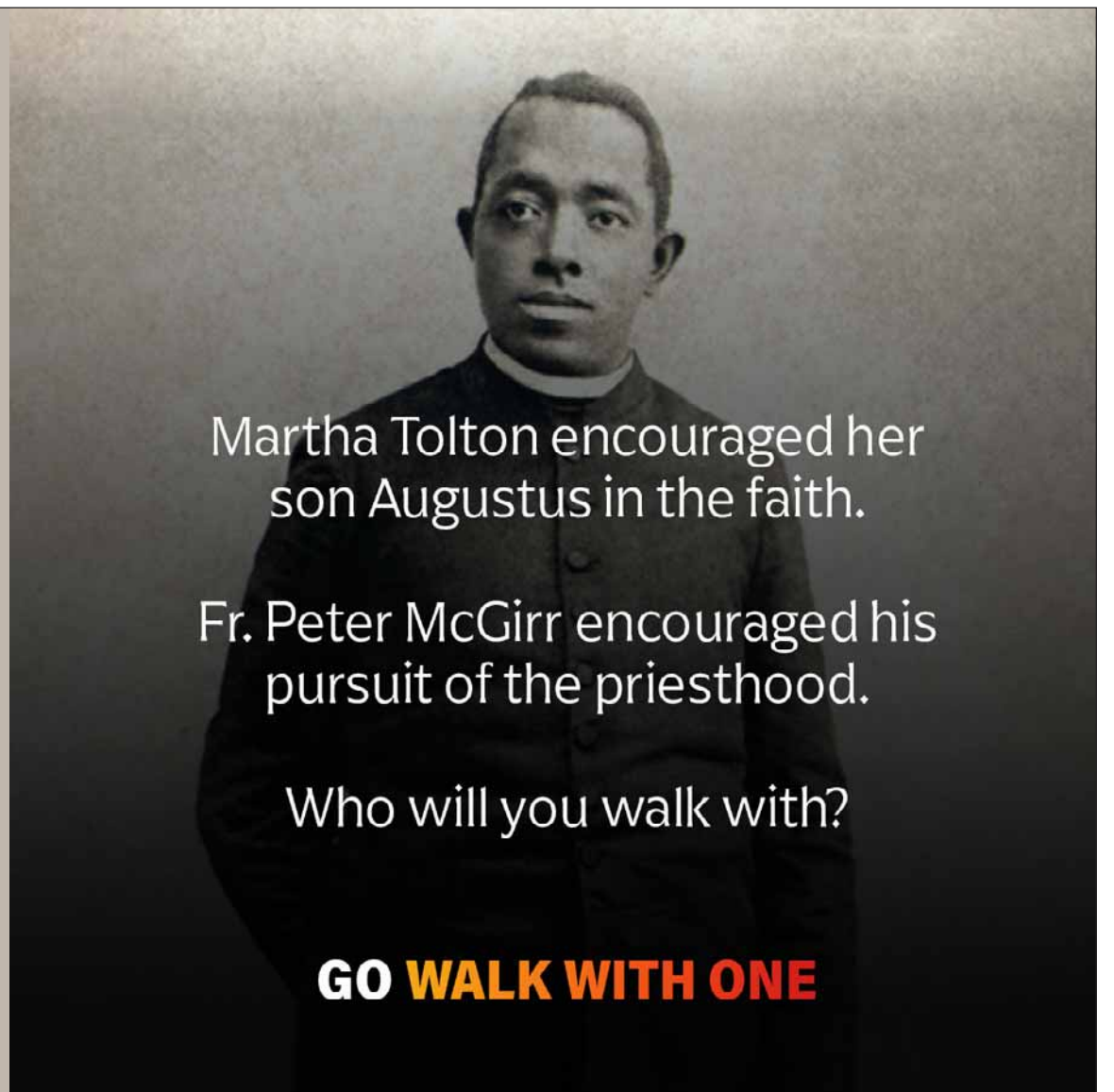
In inviting all to the novena before it began, cathedral parish officials said that this year's novena is especially significant as the Catholic faithful embark on the Year of Mission for the National Eucharistic Revival.

Everyone Can Evangelize

We are all called to evangelize, and thanks to the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are well-equipped for this mission. It may not mean spreading the Gospel in a foreign land or going door-to-door with the Good News—and it may require overcoming some fears—but the Lord is asking each of us to step out of our comfort zone and evangelize one-on-one.

There is someone in your life right now whom Jesus longs to call to himself. He wants to spark a relationship with them and bless them with his sacraments. In this Year of Mission, Catholics across the U.S. are saying "yes" to a special form of heart-to-heart accompaniment called the Walk With One initiative. This is your opportunity to be God's instrument in the life of another person. Imagine how our families, neighborhoods, and country will be transformed if every active Catholic answers this call!

[Click here to learn more](#)



Martha Tolton encouraged her son Augustus in the faith.

Fr. Peter McGirr encouraged his pursuit of the priesthood.

Who will you walk with?

GO WALK WITH ONE

'The Cavalry is Coming'

Keep Praying for Vocations

By Father John Soplinski (An excerpt of his homily from Nov. 3, 2024, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph)

We pray for an increase in vocations at every Mass, following our Lord's instruction to pray to the Master of the harvest for laborers for His harvest.

This is a challenge in our Diocese and has been since the beginning, in July of 1850—when Bishop Whelan inherited less than 10 priests.

We have been, are, and will likely remain a Mission Diocese. Less than 5% of the 2.1 million people that call West Virginia home are Catholic. This is an improvement upon where we started, though not our high-water mark that would have been seen in the years 1910 through 1970.

Bishop Whelan, in order to recruit priests, wrote to a Seminary in Ireland, where his recruiting pitch was the following:

"Catholicism is looked upon poorly by the majority of the population, you will get little to no respect for your person, much less your office. The roads are difficult to pass, food is scarce."

Those zealous souls who came and served our Diocese!

And that has not changed.

Priests like our Pastor/Rector (of the Cathedral of St. Joseph) Fr. Pen (Penumaka Manikyalarao), and the many priests from India, Indonesia, Vietnam, South America, Africa—who leave their families, their homes, their native tongue, behind and come to ensure that we, the faithful of West Virginia have access to the Sacraments!

We owe these men our gratitude and our respect.

If the situation were reversed, and I was

asked to go to India, learn a new language... I can't honestly say I'd be so eager.

And so, we pray for more vocations from our homegrown young men and women—and the prayers we offer at Mass, through Sr. Martha's (Gomez, the diocesan delegate for consecrated life) One Million Rosaries for Vocations, through Bishop Mark's travels, where, if he finds a young man or woman, he thinks may have a vocation, he takes their name and prays for them every day. (That list is up to 200 folks.)

It is the work of Fr. (Brian) Crenwelge, and his predecessors Fr. (Dennis) Schuelkens and Msgr. (Paul) Hudock, tireless service in traveling the state. We priests and deacons and sisters and brothers are asked to play our part—to encourage vocations and to live our vocations in such a way that it is attractive to young men and women.

And we ask you, the lay faithful, to play your part, not only in praying for more vocations, but to encourage your children and grandchildren, your nieces and nephews.

In my own vocation story, my mother would've loved seeing this, one of my grandmother's, not so much.

It's easy to look at the sacrifices that are asked—celibacy, a life of service and scrutiny, perhaps a life of poverty and suffering, and think—I don't want that for my son or daughter, or for my grandchild.

I would implore you, don't let that fear be a discouragement. Is it a difficult life? Sure, but what vocation doesn't bring its challenges and hardships? I can't think of one to be frank with you.

Right now, we have 17 men in formation for the priesthood for our Diocese—a windfall, no one around can remember when it

was so high. In addition, there are two who are in formation for religious orders, one who is in formation for the Fraternal Society of St. Peter, and two who are in formation for the Byzantine Catholic Church.

And as a recent graduate of a Seminary, I can speak to the enthusiasm, the joyfulness of the young men who are studying to serve you.

I credit those young men for helping me along my journey—even if there were times, I wanted to knock their heads together for their enthusiasms...that's just the age gap.

We ask you to pray for them, because there is an attrition factor, not all the young men who go to Seminary stay in Seminary. This is not a failure—you don't really know if God is calling you until you submit to the process of formation.

The Church cannot discern whether a man or a woman is called to religious life until they enter into formation. And it takes a number of years, 7 at a minimum, 9 at a maximum, there are no shortcuts to the priesthood.

Bishop Mark, himself once a vocations director for 10 years in Washington D.C., often ends his vocation talks to the Serra Club or to the various retreats offered for men discerning a vocation by saying: "The people of God want priests, good holy, healthy, and happy priests."

And we need them, as a new priest I can tell you a few extra hands wouldn't hurt a bit.

Keep praying, as one of my professors who speaks often nationally tells his audience—the cavalry is coming—the Holy Spirit provides for the Church—especially when you and I play our part.

(Father John was ordained May 31, 2024).



"THE CAVALRY IS COMING"

Keep Praying
for Vocations



Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources she needs. Volunteers walk with moms throughout the motherhood journey, offering them authentic Christian friendship and ongoing support.

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She Planted a Garden for God

By Joyce Bibey

She lived her life by planting seeds, to grow a garden to glorify God.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, Sister Carole Riley, a Sister of Divine Providence congregation and Spiritual Director of the WV Institute of Spirituality, passed away.

She wrote many books, led many retreats, presented at many conferences, and sang to and with anyone who was open to learning and loving God. Catholics and non-Catholics sought her guidance.

She was featured in July 2021 for FaithInWV, that described her as “a petite, perfectly groomed white-haired religious sister with a heart-warming smile... at first glance may seem like an ordinary sweet servant of God, but spend an hour with her and one will walk away with a sense of being in the presence of a dynamic fisher of souls – someone who genuinely wants to bring out the best in everyone with a little humor lovingly woven into the process – good luck keeping up with her.”

Sister Carole held several degrees in music education and piano performance from Duquesne University including a Bachelor’s, Master’s, and Doctorate. She was also a licensed professional counselor and an AAPC-Fellow.

Bishop Joseph Hodges encouraged Sister Carole to take on the journey to help the WV diocese specifically the central part of the state several decades ago. She told FaithInWV that it was not because of her expertise in scripture, theology, or Church teachings, it was because she could drive a truck, she

shared with a laugh.

She and two other religious sisters went to work in Charleston for the Catholic schools there and eventually help with a spiritual direction retreat center that may have otherwise closed its doors. Sister Carole was happy to go on the adventure. She was going to get to teach music – her love and area of expertise – at Charleston Catholic High School.

The retreat center became her main focus. She called it her greatest joy to bring people of all faiths into a conversation about God as a means to hope and peace.

“We nurture the mind, body, and soul through scripture and reflection to obtain personal peace, healing, and mindfulness,” she said to FaithInWV.

As a young novice Sister Carole set a goal for herself “to work and be a saint who made a difference in people’s lives, bringing them closer to Christ and heaven.”

Many of her handbooks are published and available on Audible. One such recording is from “Prayer in the Fallow Years”.

It is written for religious in their later years after many years of service – those who have planted and spread many seeds. She wrote it to remind her sisters and brothers that they should have “a new awareness of humility, courage, and trusting God.

“Let breathing become prayer, breathing in the Holy Spirit and breathing out blessings.”

Sister Martha Gomez, delegate for consecrated life in the diocese said Sister Carole shared her gifts of music, song, prayer, and counsel to build up the Church and bless

souls.

“She offered numerous programs in faith development, vocation discernment, and prayer,” Sister Martha said. “She was dedicated to training others in the ministry of spiritual direction and truly lived ‘The Good News’ beautifully reflecting Christ’s light to all those she lovingly served.”

David Lake, interim director of the WV Institute of Spirituality, in a letter to friends of WVIS said, “Over the years she has been a ‘Mighty Oak’ – standing proudly in her calling to be one

of Almighty God’s faithful servants.

“Let us remember that this ‘Mighty Oak’ has dropped and planted many acorn seeds along her pathway of life. The work and ministry of Jesus Christ will continue due to these seeds she has planted!”

At the request of Sister Carole’s family, a Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated after the New Year to allow relatives from distance to participate with the Sisters of Divine Providence at their Visitation Chapel, Allison Park, PA.



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Floriani Sacred Music Concert to be Held Nov. 19

STEBENVILLE, OHIO—The male vocal ensemble Floriani will perform a sacred music concert on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 425 North 4th Street, Steubenville, Ohio. The event is co-sponsored by St. Peter's Catholic Church and Franciscan University of Steubenville's Sacred Music Department and Fine Arts Society.

Floriani is a world-class men's ensemble dedicated to serving the Catholic Church and saving the culture through the beauty of sacred music. The concert "In Paradisum: O Death,

Where Is Thy Sting?" draws inspiration from a Requiem Mass traditionally offered for the deceased. It will feature traditional chanted pieces from the liturgy such as "Requiem in aeternum" and "Pie Jesu," as well as more devotional pieces including "Wayfaring Stranger" and "Nearer My God to Thee."

The concert is free, with free-will donations accepted.

Recently, Thomas Quackenbush, a member of Floriani, joined the ranks of Franciscan University's sacred music faculty. In the spring se-

mester, a new course on chant also will be available for students to learn more about this ancient and beautiful form of music.

To learn more about Franciscan University's Sacred Music Program, please visit franciscan.edu/sacredmusic. To learn more about Floriani, please visit floriani.org.

One of only 17 faithfully Catholic universities endorsed by the Cardinal Newman Society, Franciscan University of Steubenville continues to lead the renaissance of Catholic higher education called for in *Ex corde Ecclesiae*.

Good Shepherd Nursing Home Plans Employment Open House

WHEELING—Good Shepherd Nursing Home will hold open job interviews at an Employment Open House from noon – 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13. The Wheeling nursing home is interviewing for full-time and part-time registered nurses, certified nursing assistants, cooks, and housekeepers.

Human Resources Director Kelly Rayl said Good Shepherd offers a competitive benefit package that includes Tuition Reimbursement for staff pursuing a nursing degree. It also offers a competitive salary with consideration of experience, along with shift differential and short pay.

Licensed nurses will receive a sign-on bonus of \$15,000 for full-time employment, and Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA) a sign-on bonus of \$10,000 for full-time employment. "Our employees will tell you that this is a wonderful place to work," she said. "Staff take good care of our residents, but also take care of one another."

Good Shepherd offers Certified Nursing Assistant classes at no cost to employees. Rayl said several employees who were recently hired as housekeepers or unit assistants have taken the classes and have become certified nursing assistants. These employees are paid while they study to become CNAs.

The Nov. 13 open house will give candidates a chance to meet the Good Shepherd staff, tour the warm and welcoming workplace, and interview for open positions right on the spot.

For information, contact Kelly Rayl at krayl@weltyhome.org, or call (304) 242-1093. The interviews will take place at Good Shepherd, 159 Edgington Lane, Wheeling.

Good Shepherd Nursing Home is part of a continuum of senior living options offered by the non-profit Welty Corporation to deliver the features that discerning seniors need and want. In addition to Good Shepherd, the Welty Corporation operates the assisted living program at Welty Home and independent living at the Clara & Bertha Welty Apartments, Braddock Apartments and Welty TownHomes. For information call (304) 242-1093 or visit www.weltyhome.org.

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On All Souls, Pope Prays at Graves of Children, Miscarried Infants

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

ROME (CNS) — Pope Francis prayed at the graves of children and of miscarried babies on the feast of All Souls before concelebrating Mass with several hundred mourners.

The pope traveled Nov. 2 to Rome's Laurentino cemetery, which has a special section for children who have died and, nearby, a section called the "Garden of the Angels" where parents who have experienced a miscarriage can opt to have their children buried rather than having a hospital dispose of the remains.

A father who had lost a son greeted the pope, kneeling to kiss the pope's hand, and then pointing to his son's grave.

Pope Francis left a bouquet of white roses at the entrance to the garden where stuffed animals, toys, pinwheels and pots of white chrysanthemums in the shape of a heart stand in contrast to the candles and flowers on other graves. The grave markers have only one date on them.

Rather than giving a homily during the Mass, the pope led the congregation in a long moment silent reflection.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of November is for parents who have lost a child. In his

video message asking people to join him in the prayer, he began by saying, "What can we say to parents who have lost a child? How can we console them? There are no words."

At the end of the Mass, the pope prayed that by visiting the graves of their beloved deceased, people would renew their faith in Jesus, who died, was buried and rose again to save humanity.

The bodies of those who have died will rise again on the last day, he said, and those who have fallen asleep in the Lord will join him in the triumph over death.

He prayed that God would hear people's prayers for their beloved dead and would "open your arms of mercy" and receive them into the heavenly host.

"Comfort those who are suffering the pain of separation with the certainty that the dead live in you," he prayed, "and that even the bodies entrusted to the earth will one day participate in the paschal victory of your son."



CNS photo/Vatican Media
Pope Francis pauses to pray at the graves of infants who were miscarried during his visit to Rome's Laurentino cemetery to celebrate Mass on the feast of All Souls, Nov. 2.

The main celebrant at the Mass was Archbishop Diego Ravelli, the master of papal liturgical ceremonies. However, unlike at most public Masses in the last few years where the

pope presides, but does not concelebrate, Pope Francis

prayer and concelebrated the Mass.

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Returning home to see the destruction, Will's heart sank. "There was this big tree with three more trees on my house," he recalls, the reality hitting hard. With no homeowners insurance, his initial anger

quickly turned to a deep sense of helplessness. Yet, amidst the chaos, Will found a reason to believe that everything happens for a reason.

The aftermath of the storm has been a daily struggle. Currently living with his sister-in-law, Will faces the painful task of packing up his belongings from the wrecked house. "The hardest thing after this happened is going back there and trying to pack stuff... It is very heartbreaking," he shares, the emotional toll evident in his voice. Despite the support from FEMA, the aid is not enough to rebuild his home, leaving him in a precarious situation.

In this dark time, Catholic Charities West Virginia's Disaster Services team stepped in, offering a ray of

hope. Volunteers helped move his furniture and household items to a storage unit, providing much-needed relief. "Family and love. There is somebody there going through it with you. You aren't going through it by yourself," Will says, drawing strength from the support around him.

Will's journey is far from over. He waits to see what can be done with his damaged house, uncertain of what the future holds. But his resolve is unwavering. "I'm thankful I am still here, it's something worth fighting for, plus my nieces and nephews, I am doing it for them too," he declares, his voice filled with determination.

Through the love of his family and the kindness of strangers, Will

finds the courage to push forward. "As long as you have it in your heart, you have to keep going. It's going to be hard but I have my brain set on the future and I can't let this stop me in my tracks," he says, a testament to his resilience and hope.

In Will's story, we see the profound impact of community and compassion, reminding us all that even in the face of overwhelming adversity, we can find the strength to rebuild and move forward. Catholic Charities West Virginia remains committed to supporting individuals like Will, embodying the limitless love of God and the enduring spirit of humanity.

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El Papa reza ante las tumbas de niños y de bebés no nacidos en el día de los fieles difuntos

Por Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

ROMA (CNS) — El Papa Francisco rezó ante las tumbas de niños fallecidos y de los bebés que murieron a causa de un aborto involuntario durante el día que la Iglesia dedica a la conmemoración de los fieles difuntos antes de concelebrar la Misa con varios cientos de dolientes.

El Papa viajó el 2 de noviembre al cementerio Laurentino de Roma, que tiene una sección especial para los niños que han fallecido y, cerca, una sección llamada el "Jardín de los Ángeles", donde los padres

que han sufrido un aborto involuntario pueden optar por enterrar a sus hijos en lugar de que un hospital se deshaga de los restos.

Un padre que había perdido a su hijo saludó al Papa, arrodillándose para besarle la mano y señalando la tumba de su hijo.

El Papa Francisco dejó un ramo de rosas blancas a la entrada del jardín, donde los peluches, los juguetes, los molinetes y las macetas de crisantemos blancos en forma de corazón contrastan con las velas y las flores de otras tumbas. Las lápidas sólo tienen una fecha.

En lugar de pronunciar una homilía durante la Misa, el Papa dirigió a la congregación en un largo momento de reflexión en silencio.

La intención de oración del Papa Francisco para el mes de noviembre es por los padres que han perdido un hijo. En su videomensaje en el que pedía a la gente que se uniera a él en la oración, comenzó diciendo: "¿Qué se puede decir a unos padres que han perdido a un hijo? ¿Cómo consolarlos? No hay palabras".

Al final de la Misa, el Santo Padre rezó para que,

al visitar las tumbas de sus queridos difuntos, la gente renueve su fe en Jesús, que murió, fue enterrado y resucitó para salvar a la humanidad.

Los cuerpos de los que han muerto resucitarán en el último día, dijo, y los que se han dormido en el Señor se unirán a él en el triunfo sobre la muerte.

Rezó para que Dios escuchara las plegarias de la gente por sus seres queridos que han dejado este mundo: "Abre los brazos de tu misericordia y recíbelos en la asamblea gloriosa de la santa Jerusalén".

"Consuela a los que su-

fren el dolor de la despedida con la certeza de que los muertos viven en ti", rezó, "y de que incluso los cuerpos confiados a la tierra serán un día partícipes de la victoria pascual de tu Hijo".

El celebrante principal de la Misa fue el arzobispo Diego Ravelli, maestro de ceremonias litúrgicas papales. Sin embargo, a diferencia de la mayoría de las Misas públicas de los últimos años, en las que el Papa preside, pero no concelebra, el Papa Francisco se puso de pie para la plegaria eucarística y concelebró la Misa.

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