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## ‘If You Want Peace, Pray the Rosary’

By Colleen Rowan

**WEIRTON**—It was a message on a sign by the side of the road that caught Bishop Mark Brennan’s attention in his travels. “If you want peace, pray the rosary,” the sign said. In his homily for the Mass he celebrated on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct. 7) at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Weirton, the bishop recalled seeing this sign which implored travelers to ask Our Lady for her intercession.

This was a school Mass he celebrated that day, where he gathered with the students and their families, teachers and staff from Madonna High School and St. Joseph the Worker Grade School. And it was the 11th Mass he celebrated for Catholic school communities in West Virginia since the start of the new academic year.

The Mass that morning, Bishop Brennan said, also marked the first anniversary of the Hamas terrorist attack in Israel.

“Let us pray the rosary for peace in that area of the world,” he said.

The bishop also shared the history of the rosary and of the feast day, noting the Battle of Lepanto in 1571 as Pope Pius V called for Christians to pray the rosary for victory against the Ottoman Empire. After the victory, Pope Pius instituted Oct. 7 as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory, which was later changed to Our Lady of the Rosary.

The “Hail Mary,” the basis of the rosary, Bishop Brennan **See “Rosary” on Page 3**



## Praying in Witness for the Unborn on Respect Life Sunday

**A** group of 45 people gathered on the streets of Martinsburg praying in witness for the unborn on Respect Life Sunday (Oct. 6). Participating in this Life Chain were members of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg, St. Leo Parish in Inwood, and St. Bernadette Parish in Hedgesville. They were joined by members of other Christian churches in the town. In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. October is also the Month of the Rosary. For more information as well as resources for parishes, visit [www.respectlife.org](http://www.respectlife.org). *Courtesy photo*

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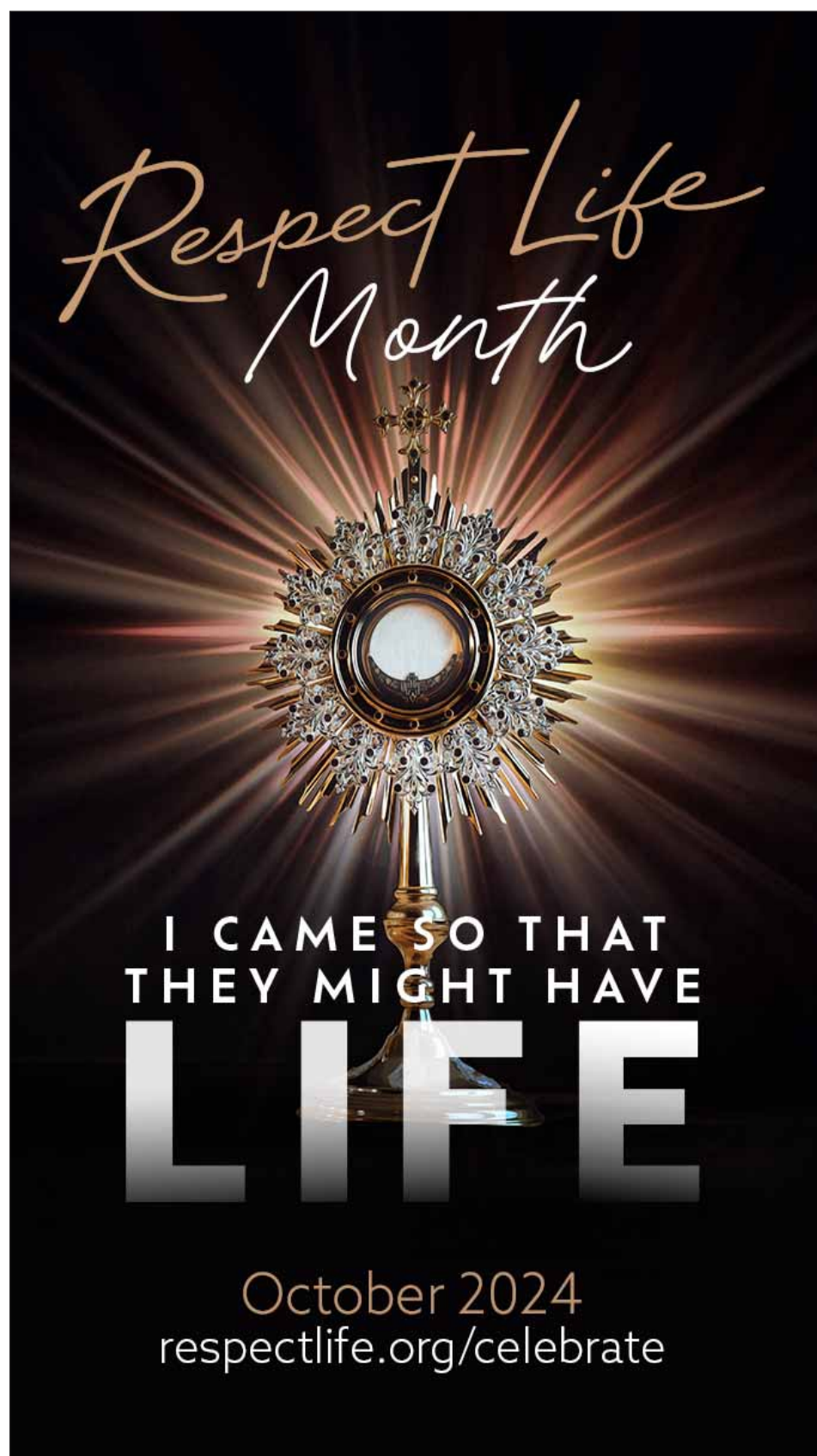
## Diocesan Official Appointment

Bishop Mark Brennan has made public the following appointment:

**Very Rev. Donald X. Higgs, Assoc. V.E., V.F.**, is appointed to a five-year term as a member of the College of Consultors. His term began on October 2, 2024, and will expire on October 2, 2029. This appointment is in addition to his current assignments as Associate Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, Vicar Forane of the Charleston Vicariate, and rector of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston.

## 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](http://www.dwc.org), click "Diocese", then "Offices," then "Office of Safe Environment."



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# As Wider War Threatens Middle East, Pope Asks Mary to Intercede

By **Cindy Wooden,**  
Catholic News Service

**ROME (CNS)** — As fighting in the Middle East intensified and spread, Pope Francis turned to Mary, begging her to “intercede for our world in danger.”

With members of the Synod of Bishops, pilgrims, ambassadors accredited to the Vatican and Catholics from the Diocese of Rome, the pope led the recitation of the rosary for peace Oct. 6 at Rome’s Basilica of St. Mary Major.

The prayer service took place on the eve of the one-year anniversary of the deadly Hamas attack on Israel and Israel’s massive retaliation in Gaza.

Hezbollah militants in southern Lebanon have joined the fighting, firing rockets and artillery shells at northern Israel. Israel ramped up its response in late September, sending troops across the border and intensifying its targeting of what it said were Hezbollah hideouts. In April and again Oct. 1, Iran fired missiles on Israel in support of its Hezbollah allies. Many feared Israel would strike Iran.

Turning to Mary, Pope Francis prayed that she would intercede with God so that the world would “protect life and reject war, care for the suffering, the poor, the defenseless, the sick and the afflicted, and guard our common home.”

“We beg you to intercede for God’s mercy, O Queen of Peace,” the pope prayed. “Convert the souls of those who fuel hatred, silence the noise of weapons that give rise to death, extinguish the violence that broods in the heart of human beings and inspire projects of peace in the deeds of those who govern nations.”

Pope Francis read his prayer to Mary during the service, but did not give a homily.

The pope led a similar service in May 2022, asking Mary to intercede to end Russia’s war on Ukraine and to bring peace to the world.

As the Middle East conflict escalated, he began his prayer by saying, “O Mary, our mother, once again we stand before you. You know the sorrows and difficulties



Colleen Rowan photo  
The statue of Our Lady that stands outside of Mater Dolorosa Parish in Paden City is shown Oct. 2.

that burden our hearts in this hour. We lift our gaze to you, we focus on your eyes and entrust ourselves to your heart.”

“Hear our cry,” the pope prayed. “We need your loving gaze which invites us to trust in your son Jesus.”

Knowing that Mary is “ready to embrace our sorrows,” he prayed that she would “come to our aid in these times oppressed by injustice and devastated by wars (and) wipe away the tears from the suffering faces of those who mourn the death of their loved ones.”

But Pope Francis also prayed that Mary would rouse all people of goodwill “from indifference which

has darkened our way and disarm our hearts from weapons of violence, so that the prophecy of Isaiah may be fulfilled immediately: ‘They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.’”



Courtesy photo  
Students from Madonna High School and St. Joseph the Worker Grade School present the gifts to Bishop Mark Brennan during Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Weirton Oct. 7.

## Rosary...

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said, is not just for big things like winning a battle. It is also a prayer for people in their time of need.

“So often,” Bishop Brennan said, “I will turn to Mary in my needs as the bishop of the diocese and ask Mary to pray for me, to give me wide wisdom and strength, to ask her son to bless me, to help me to serve the people the right way.”

The bishop continued by sharing with the congregation how special the “Hail Mary” is to his family. The night his mother passed away, he said, she began to pray the rosary but could not finish. “That was the last prayer my mother said,” the bishop said, “and my father helped her to complete the prayer.”

At the end of his homily, Bishop Brennan encouraged all to pray the rosary, especially this month.

“October is a special month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to praying the rosary,” the bishop said. “I encourage you in your homes to pray the rosary. It is a good prayer and brings about God’s help in our lives.”

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# Bishop Martin Surveys Helene Relief Efforts in North Carolina

By Christina Lee Knauss, Amelia Kudela, and Liz Chandler, OSV News

**HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. (OSV News)** — As soon as Bishop Michael T. Martin of Charlotte arrived, he hugged Margaret Beale, the principal of Immaculata Catholic School, and Melissa Stuart, the new principal of nearby Asheville Catholic School. Both burst into tears as soon as they saw the bishop.

“I think broken hearts are crying out,” said Bishop Martin, pausing while handing off items that he and other diocesan staff had brought with them from Charlotte on Oct. 4. They had come to survey the damage from Tropical Storm Helene firsthand and help with aid delivery efforts.

Helene — which made landfall in Florida late in the evening of Sept. 26 as a Category 4 Hurricane and was downgraded the next day — has been reported to be one of the deadliest storms in the U.S., with more than 215 people confirmed dead. The storm has left a path of devastation across six states, with North Carolina being greatly affected. The scope of the disaster in the Diocese of Charlotte is vast, with more than half of the diocese’s counties declared federal disaster areas.

“The only thing I can do here is to be with people, pray with them, and remind them that Jesus never leaves them,” said Bishop Martin. “They’re tired, they’re worried, and they’re just overwhelmed. Jesus steps into that (situation) all the time. My goal was just to get here and be with people.”

Moments later, Stuart described how this week has felt. “This has been a difficult experience, not only as a principal but as a mom,” she said. “I’m from Miami, I’ve been through hurricanes before. This is different.”

“We’re facing weeks, possibly months without water. How do you prepare for that? How do you run a household for months with no water? We’re overwhelmed with the longevity of this crisis.”

“You don’t think of the mountains of North Carolina as the place where this type of misery takes place,” Bishop Martin said. But the church is there to give people hope and “remind them that the Holy Spirit is in their midst. Jesus shows us in the midst of devastation, we can begin seeing God’s healing grace.”

Since Sept. 29, when the widespread extent of the damage from Tropical Storm Helene became apparent, truckloads of emergency supplies have been running multiple times each day from Charlotte to Hendersonville and other western North Carolina communities to help residents who are desperate for water, food and other essentials. Catholic Charities and the diocese have provided a majority of the relief items at Immaculata. Other churches and schools are also

servicing as aid centers.

At Immaculata, Beale and Father David O’Connor, parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, have been on the scene organizing the distribution effort since putting out the call for help Sunday morning to diocesan officials.

“Margaret Beale is our hero,” said Immaculate Conception parishioner Terry Fishleigh, who’s been volunteering all week. “She started this at Mass on Sunday. Father announced, ‘If anyone can help, this is what we’re going to do.’ And everybody showed up.”

Not only has the volunteer turnout been amazing, but so has been the answer to prayer,” Fishleigh told The Catholic News Herald, the newspaper of the Diocese of Charlotte. “We’re just watching God’s work going on here. Every time we are running low on something, someone pulls up with a donation of that item.”

Volunteers, including entire families, are coming in from all over to help in the relief effort, working from 7 in the morning to 7 each night.

Immaculata students have also been getting involved, writing notes of comfort and encouragement to hand out with the bottles of water and baby formula, plus handing out rosaries. Many people are taking them even if they’re not Catholic.

Immaculata student Williams Schwartzman has volunteered each day this week — unloading trucks, stocking supplies, and handing items to tearful recipients. “It allows me to help people in a time of need,” said the seventh-grader. “Since I don’t need help, I think it’s best to give to others.”

Sixth-grader Samantha Montano added, “Jesus sacrificed His life; I should pay that back by helping people going through hard times.”

On the morning of Oct. 4, two lines of cars snaked efficiently through the school’s large parking lot as volunteers carted out supplies from the school building to put in the trunk or the back seat. The operation was running like “a well-oiled machine,” Catholic News Herald reporter Christina Lee Knauss said from the scene.

Residents from surrounding rural areas where large aid trucks can’t reach are among those coming to Immaculata to load supplies into their cars to bring back up the smaller roads.

Brevard resident and Sacred Heart parishioner Frank Scarduzio escaped the worst damage at his house, with just power loss. He was at Immaculata this morning, filling the back seat of his car with food, wipes and diapers to bring back to people in the towns of Brevard, Rosman and Sapphire. His wife works at Immaculata, and they’ve been making daily supply runs to get donations out to where they’re needed most.

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OSV News photo/Gabriel Swinney for the Catholic News Herald  
Charlotte Bishop Michael Martin prays with people Oct. 4 outside St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Swannanoa, N.C., one of the hardest-hit communities from Tropical Storm Helene in western North Carolina.



OSV News photo/Jonathan Drake, Reuters  
A destroyed car sits amidst debris in front of a damaged home in Barnardsville, N.C., Oct. 2 that was swept several hundred feet down a creek after the remnants of Hurricane Helene hit the town.

**Electricity, drinkable water, food, medical care and cellphone service are in critically short supply in Western North Carolina in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Helene. Monetary donations are the fastest, most flexible and most effective way to support emergency relief efforts — local responders on the ground can use the funds to help people with immediate as well as long-term needs.**

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## Helene...

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"We're taking our load back to Sacred Heart and from there, they're distributing it out," Scarduzio said. "Then for the church in Sapphire, we're meeting halfway and unloading the stuff and they're distributing it up that way."

Fishleigh added, "We have a lot of people coming through. Carloads of people have been coming in saying, 'I'm going to Asheville, what can you give me,' 'I'm going to Swannanoa, what can you give me.' Everything that gets donated here, we're dispersing."

Minutes after Bishop Martin arrived at Immaculata on the morning of Friday, Oct. 4, he got right to work unloading supplies into the school gym and moving furniture into hallways to make space for more aid as it arrived.

He encouraged the volunteers — calling them "rock stars" — and he spoke to residents in the car line, praying over them and asking how they were holding up.

"It's a beautiful thing to see people from Charlotte come and roll up their sleeves," Beale said, adding that everyone there at Immaculata was extremely grateful for the outpouring of support.

"I'm very happy to get this water," said Mickey

Mahaffey, who had driven to Immaculata to pick up bottled water for his family. His house has water, but they've been advised not to drink it.

"One of things I've been most impressed about is all of the volunteer help, plus the government has been on the spot. They have sent so much help to us," he said.

Hendersonville resident Toni Wickersham was also at Immaculata this morning to get a few supplies — not much, she said, as she wanted to leave items for people worse off than her. She and her elderly mother have running water at their house, but no electricity.

Despite the ongoing tragedy, Wickersham said she's seen some good coming out of it all.

"Actually, it's been heartwarming to see the whole community coming together. You see volunteer efforts like this. You see people grilling food out so it doesn't spoil. You see neighbors cutting and clearing trees for each other," she said. "Even though we've had this terrible flood, it's been good to see the local community coming together."

Before leaving Hendersonville, Bishop Martin said the aid distributions would continue as needed, and he and the entire diocese remain "very committed to making whatever relief possible that we can."

The tremendous response from people across

the diocese and the region is inspiring but not surprising to the bishop. That's how most people are, because we are made in the image and likeness of a loving and generous God, he said.

"He's created us to be that loving, that caring, and that responsive because that's who He is — and we reflect that in the way in which we see a need and try and respond to it. We see someone hurting and we try to care for them. I'm glad to see that being made so real here in western North Carolina."

"That's the beauty of the church," he said. People "love the Lord and they love each other, and they want to build the kingdom."

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(The Catholic News Herald is the newspaper of the Diocese of Charlotte. Christina Lee Knauss, Amelia Kudela, and Liz Chandler co-wrote this story. Jay Siltzer contributed to this story.)



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# Disaster Relief Special Collection Oct. 26–27

CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA'S HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF FUND



# Catholic Charities USA Launches Hurricane Milton Relief Fund



OSV News photo/Jose Luis Gonzalez, Reuters  
Members of the Polk County Sheriff's Office pray outside a shelter in Lakeland, Fla., Oct. 9 as Hurricane Milton approached.

**By Gina Christian, OSV News**

**(OSV News)** — As Hurricane Milton took aim at Florida just days after Hurricane Helene, Catholic Charities USA launched a dedicated disaster relief donation campaign.

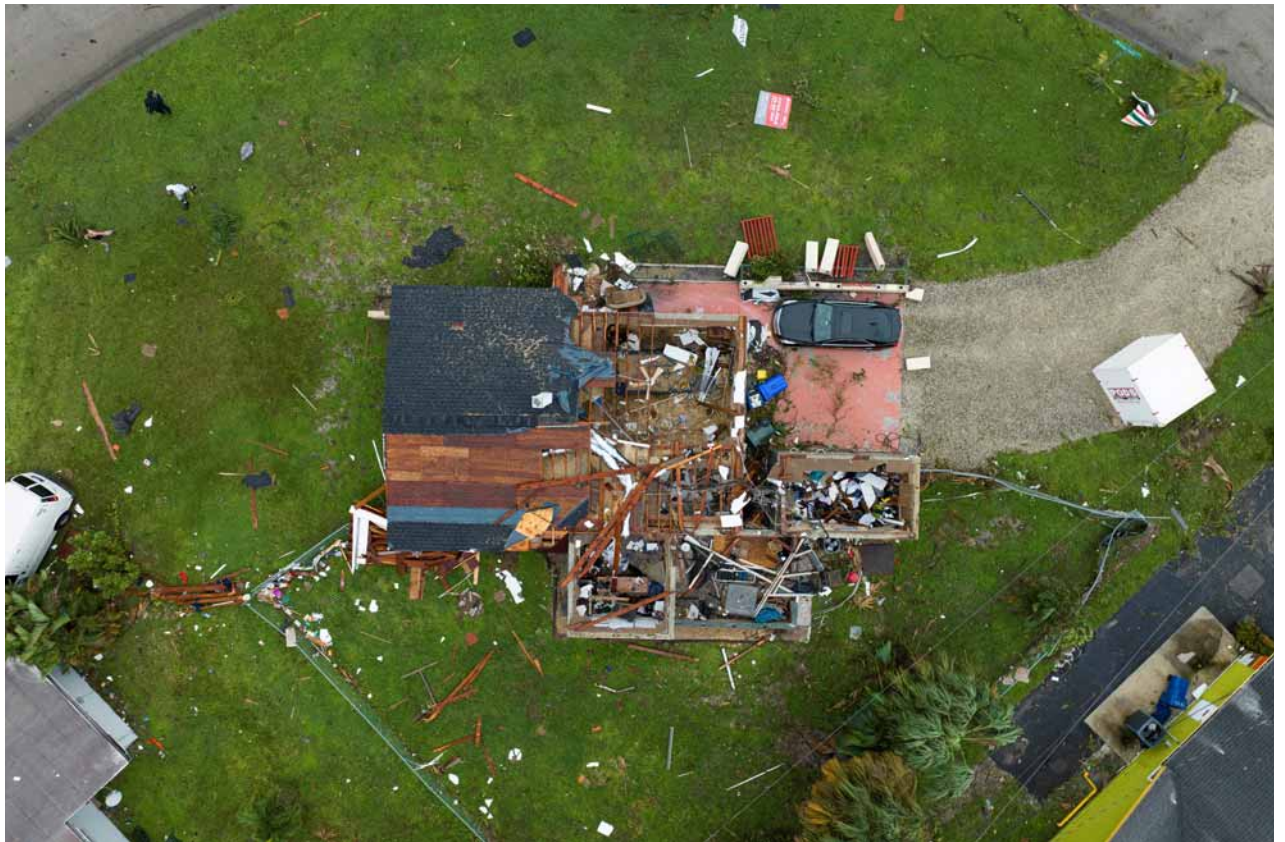
CCUSA — the official domestic relief agency of the Catholic Church in the U.S. and a member of Caritas Internationalis, the church's global network of humanitarian outreaches — announced the fund Oct. 9, as Milton churned across the Gulf of Mexico toward Florida with maximum sustained winds of 130 miles per hour.

The hurricane fluctuated in intensity and was a Category 4 by midday Oct. 9, but it made landfall as a powerful Category 3 storm at 8:30 p.m. (EST) Oct. 10 near Siesta Key, Florida, a barrier island next to Sarasota, bringing heavy rain, strong winds and powerful storm surges.

Milton flooded neighborhoods, destroyed homes and ripped the roof off Tropicana Field, home stadium for the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team. The field had been set up to shelter first responders. More than 3.3 million in the state were without power early Oct. 10, and early reports said at least four people had died.

AP reported that ahead of Milton's landfall, more than 130 tornado warnings associated with the storm were issued by National Weather Services offices in Florida.

Donations to the CCUSA relief fund can be made on the agency's website at [ccusa.online/milton](http://ccusa.online/milton); by texting MILTON to 20406; or by mailing checks to CCUSA at



OSV News photo/Ricardo Arduengo, Reuters  
A drone view shows a home destroyed by a tornado as Hurricane Milton approached Fort Myers, Fla., Oct. 9.

2050 Ballenger Ave, Suite 400, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314. Information about additional ways to give can be obtained by contacting CCUSA at (800) 919-9338 or [donations@catholiccharitiesusa.org](mailto:donations@catholiccharitiesusa.org).

"What we can say is the storm was significant, but thankfully, this was not the worst case scenario," Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said early Oct. 10 during a news briefing at the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee. "The storm did weaken before landfall, and the storm surge, as initially reported, has not been as significant overall as what was observed for Hurricane Helene."

Milton hit Florida as the region is still struggling to recover from Hurricane Helene, which killed at least 227 across six states in September.

The National Hurricane Center reported that Milton weakened to a Category 1 storm as it swept through the state "and moved offshore."

President Joe Biden — who approved requests for federal emergency declarations from DeSantis and Marcellus W. Osceola Jr., chair of the Seminole Tribe of Florida — canceled his up-

coming trips to Germany and Angola due to the expected impact of the hurricane.

In its Oct. 9 announcement, CCUSA said that "one hundred percent of all funds raised will be allocated to local Catholic Charities agencies, which will provide critical relief — including shelter, food and other humanitarian aid — to displaced and suffering members of their communities."

"Our brothers and sisters urgently need our prayers and our support as Hurricane Milton brings life-threatening conditions to Florida communities, some of which are still reeling from Hurricane Helene," CCUSA president and CEO Kerry Alys Robinson said.

So far, CCUSA has distributed more than \$1.9 million to Catholic Charities agencies in states affected by Hurricane Helene, and the agency said it "will stand by these communities through the long-term recovery."

The agency said it responds to more than 60 disasters every year, ranging from hurricanes and tornadoes to fires and floods.

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

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# At Midway Point, Synod to Discuss Accountability, Walking the Talk

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — Members of the Synod of Bishops must ask, listen to and prayerfully reflect on difficult questions, not dismiss or avoid them, the spiritual adviser to the synod on synodality told them.

“Many people want this synod to give an immediate ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ on various issues,” said Cardinal-designate Timothy Radcliffe in his reflection in the Vatican’s Paul VI Audience Hall Oct. 10.

“But that is not how the church advances into the deep mystery of the Divine Love. We must not run away from the difficult questions,” he said. Instead, like Jesus, “we dwell with these questions in the silence of prayer and mutual listening.”

Listening does not mean having to reply, he said. Listening is also for learning, stretching one’s imagination “to new ways of being the household of God which has room for everyone.”

“Otherwise, as we say in England, we shall just be rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic,” said the 79-year-old British theologian, who will be elevated to the College of Cardinals Dec. 8.

The Dominican theologian’s reflection opened the third phase of the monthlong assembly.

Discussions by the more than 360 voting members began Oct. 2 on the foundations of synodality in the church, followed by looking at ways to make relationships within the Catholic Church “more transparent and more harmonious, so that our witness may become more credible.”

Over the following days, the members were to

discuss the “pathways” or processes that make sure relationships are healthy and strengthened, and that the actions and behaviors of members of the church are consistent with what the church professes, Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich of Luxembourg, relator general of the synod, said in his presentation opening the next round of small group discussions.

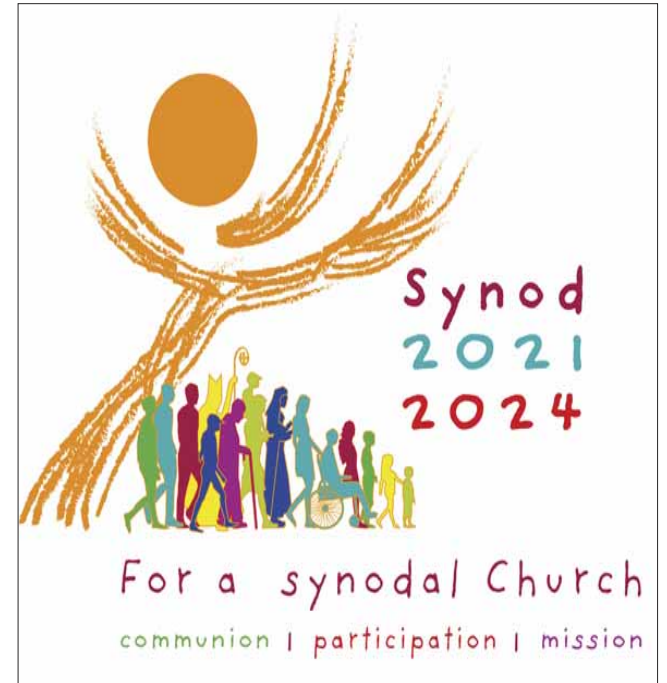
“We know very well what relationships that make us grow look like,” the cardinal said in Italian. Yet, actions speak louder than words.

Day-to-day practices “need to be consistent with our statements, otherwise, people will listen to our words, but they will believe our practices, and this will make our patrimony meaningless and slowly erode it,” he said.

Therefore, “care and consistency” are the two avenues members will use to approach the next section of the working document, he said. They will also discuss more in-depth: integral formation; authentic discernment geared toward mission; more inclusive decision-making processes within a hierarchy; and transparency, accountability and evaluation.

The working document stressed the importance of prioritizing pathways for ongoing formation for all its members to promote a culture of dialogue, transparency and mutual respect at the service of the church’s evangelizing mission. It also underlined the importance of accountability on all levels and in all aspects of church life, not just regarding finances and child protection.

And the document emphasized how the church must involve all its members and even those on the margins in these processes to maintain credibility.



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In his reflection on the Canaanite woman’s faith (Mt 15:21-28), Cardinal-designate Radcliffe said, “Despite the hostile reception of the disciples, the woman stays” and keeps begging and questioning Jesus, who silently reflects before he answers her plea for help.

The woman “does not give up and go away,” the theologian said. “Please stay, whatever your frustrations with the church. Go on questioning! Together we shall discover the Lord’s will.”

## Pope Will Create 21 New Cardinals in December

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — Pope Francis announced he would create 21 new cardinals Dec. 8, including a 99-year-old former nuncio and the 44-year-old Ukrainian bishop who heads his church’s eparchy in Melbourne, Australia.

The 21 cardinals-designate named by the pope Oct. 6 hail from 18 nations. Eight of the cardinals come from Europe, five from Latin America, five from Asia, two from Africa and just one from North America — Archbishop Francis Leo of Toronto.

“Their origin expresses the universality of the church, which continues to proclaim God’s merciful love to all people on earth,” the pope said after reciting the Angelus prayer at midday with visitors in St. Peter’s Square.

Creating them cardinals and formally making them part of the Diocese of Rome, he said, “manifests the inseparable bond between the See of Peter and the particular churches spread throughout the world.”

Within his announcement of

the new cardinals, Pope Francis also announced that as of Oct. 6 his new vicar for the Diocese of Rome would be Cardinal-designate Baldassare Reina, a Rome auxiliary bishop who had been serving as vice regent of the diocese, which the pope heads.

Pope Francis included on the list of new cardinals Dominican Father Timothy Radcliffe, a theologian and former master of the Dominican order, who has been serving as spiritual adviser to the Synod of Bishops on synodality.

Indian Msgr. George Jacob Koovakad, an official of the Vatican Secretariat of State who is responsible for organizing papal trips, was also among those named.

The oldest on the list is Italian Archbishop Angelo Acerbi, 99, a career Vatican diplomat who served in New Zealand, Colombia, Hungary, Moldova and the Netherlands before retiring in 2001.

The youngest is 44-year-old Ukraine-born Bishop Mykola Bychok, who was named head of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Sts. Peter and Paul of Melbourne, Australia, in 2020.

Here is the complete list in the order named by the pope:

— Italian Archbishop Angelo Acerbi, former nuncio, 99.

— Archbishop Carlos Gustavo Castillo Mattasoglio of Lima, Peru, 74.

— Archbishop Vicente Bokalic Igljic of Santiago del Estero, Argentina, 72.

— Archbishop Luis Gerardo Cabrera Herrera of Guayaquil, Ecuador, who will be 69 Oct. 11.

— Archbishop Fernando Natalio Chomalí Garib of Santiago, Chile, 67.

— Archbishop Tarcisio Isao Kikuchi of Tokyo, who will be 66 Nov. 1.

— Bishop Pablo Virgilio Siongco David of Kalookan, Philippines, 65.

— Archbishop Ladislav Nemet of Belgrade of Belgrade, Serbia, 68.

— Archbishop Jaime Spengler of Porto Alegre, Brazil, 64.

— Archbishop Ignace Bessi Dogbo of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, 63.

— Archbishop Jean-Paul Vesco of Algiers, Algeria, 62.

— Bishop Paskalis Bruno Syukur of Bogor, Indonesia, 62.

— Archbishop Dominique Jo-

seph Mathieu of Tehran and Isfahan, Iran, 61.

— Archbishop Roberto Repole of Turin, Italy, 57.

— Auxiliary Bishop Baldassare Reina of Rome, who will turn 54 Nov. 26 and whom the pope named Oct. 6 as his vicar for the Diocese of Rome.

— Archbishop Francis Leo of Toronto, 53.

— Lithuanian Archbishop Rolandas Makrickas, coadjutor archpriest of Rome’s Basilica of St. Mary Major, 52.

— Bishop Mykola Bychok of the Ukrainian Eparchy of Sts. Peter and Paul of Melbourne, Australia, 44.

— English Dominican Father Timothy Radcliffe, theologian, 79.

— Italian Scalabrinian Father Fabio Baggio, undersecretary and head of the section for migrants and refugees at the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, 59.

— Indian Msgr. George Jacob Koovakad, 51, an official of the Vatican Secretariat of State who is responsible for organizing papal trips.





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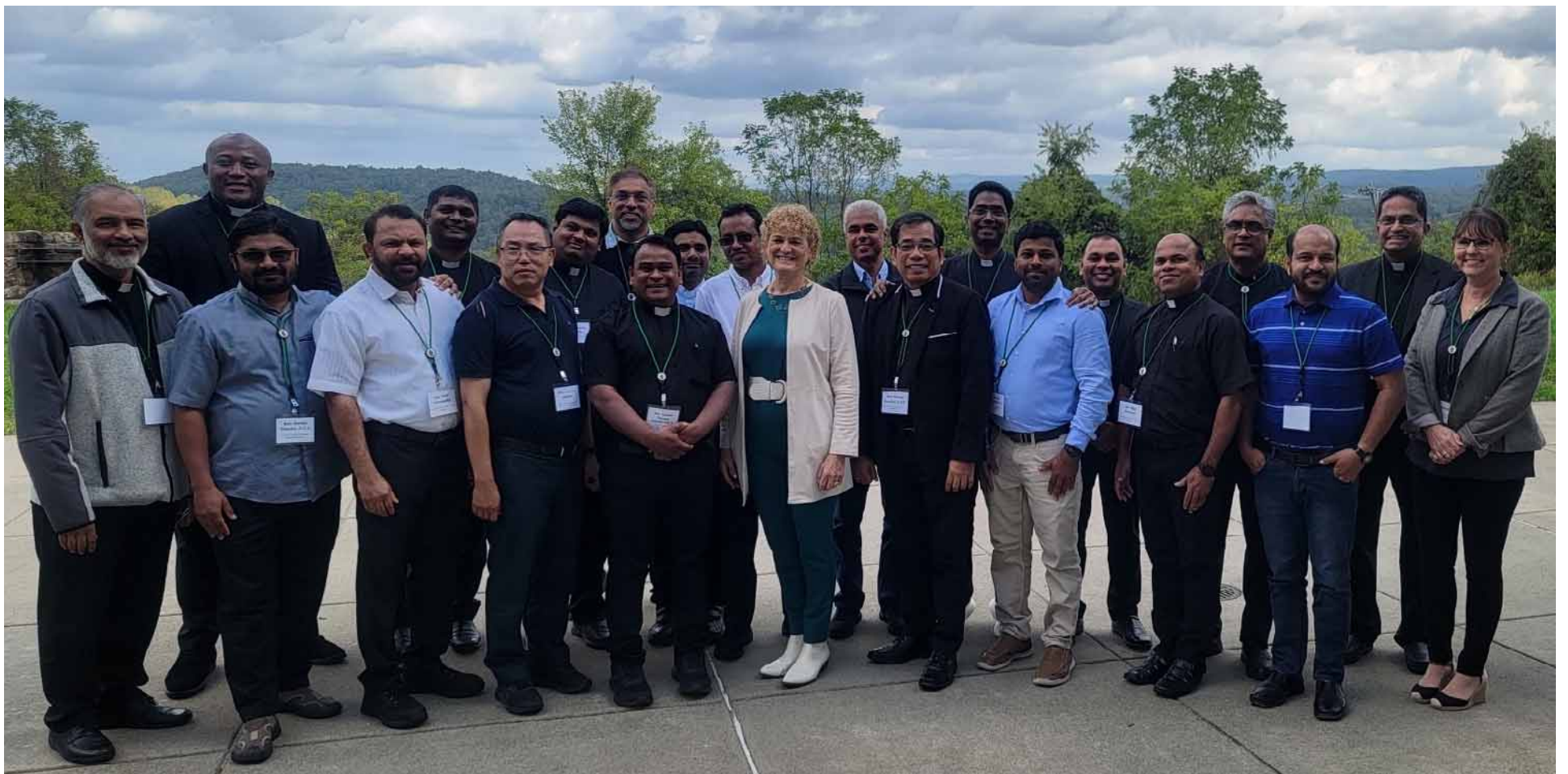


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# Workshop for International Clergy Held at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Morgantown



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**MORGANTOWN**—A Workshop for International Clergy was held at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Morgantown with Lynda Katz Wilner from Successfully Speaking. In the first row, from left, are Father Abraham Puthiaparampil Schariah, MSFS, administrator of St. Margaret Mary Parish in Parkersburg; Father Doney Chacko, RCJ, parochial vicar of St. James Parish in McMechen and St. John Parish in Benwood; Father Paul Vazhappilly, administrator of St. Peter Claver Parish and Sacred Heart Parish in Huntington; Father Dominic Athishu, pastor of St. Sebastian Parish in Kingwood, St. Edward the Confessor Mission in Terra Alta, and St. Zita Mission in Masontown; Father Kotaiah (Thomas) Dharelli, HGN, administrator of St. Anthony Parish in Charleston and Our Lady of the Hills Parish in Elkview; Lynda Katz Wilner; Father Romeo Bacalso, SVD, pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Fairmont and Holy Spirit Parish in Monongah; Father Binu Emmanuel, CST, pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Mannington and St. Peter Parish in Farmington; Father Biju Paul Parampil, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Williamson, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Logan, and St. Edmund Chapel in Man; Father Shinu Lukose, CST, parochial vicar of St. James Parish in Charles Town and St. Peter Chapel in Harpers Ferry; and Tina High, executive assistant to the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy. In the second row, from left, are Father Gerald Muoka, administrator of St. Anthony Parish in Follansbee; Father Kishore Babu Varaparla, HGN, pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Fairmont; Father Rayappa Kurakula, associate rector of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston; Father Jojan Joseph, CST, pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Oak Hill; Father Ramababu Dakkamadugula, HGN, administrator of Holy Redeemer Parish in Spencer and St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mission in Elizabeth; Father Shinto Mathew, pastor of St. John Parish in St. Marys, Christ Our Hope Mission in Harrisville, and St. Joseph Chapel in Pennsboro; Father Thomas A. Sebastian, CST, pastor of Assumption Parish in Keyser and Our Lady of Grace Parish in Romney; Father Joseph Kutty K. Sebastian, administrator of St. Boniface Parish in Camden and Good Shepherd Mission in Glenville; Father Joyson Puthussery Varghese, parochial vicar of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg; Father Sojan Xavier, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in St. Albans; and Father Sebastian E. Devasya, V.E., pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Bluefield and Sacred Heart Parish in Princeton.

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# Knights of Columbus Donate \$26,875 to Assist Mothers and Children in West Virginia



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Left: Council 504 Grand Knight Rex Lasure presents a check for \$9,300 to representatives of the Gabriel Project of West Virginia. Right: Council 12195 Grand Knight Ed Yahn and State Treasurer Tom Burke (right) present a check for \$4,100 to a representative of the Gabriel Project of West Virginia.

**WEST VIRGINIA**—Recently, several local Knights of Columbus councils across West Virginia held Baby Bottle Drives or other fundraisers collecting money to aid pregnant women, mothers, and their children in the state as part of the Knight’s Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program.

Altogether, \$21,500 was collected by the local councils, and through the West Virginia State Council ASAP project that utilized donations from councils and individuals received during the State Convention. The State Council was able to receive a 25% match of \$5,375 from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council to bring the

total donation to \$26,875.

These funds will help many mothers provide the equipment, food, formula, diapers, and other items needed to help raise their children. Other local Knights councils making local donations:

- Council 603 in Elkins donated \$3,300 to Central West Virginia Pregnancy Center.
- Council 875 in Clarksburg donated \$2,300 to Choice Woman’s Center.
- Council 1169 in Martinsburg donated \$1,500 to Mary’s Refuge Maternity Home.
- Council 10756 donated \$500 to New Eve Maternity Home.
- Council 13887 in Shepherd-

stown donated \$500 to Birthright of Jefferson County.

The West Virginia State Council

and each local council thank all who helped in any way with this project.

## Immaculate Conception’s Parish Nurse Ministry Will Hold Health Fair in Clarksburg

**CLARKSBURG**—The Parish Nurse Ministry at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarksburg will hold a Health Fair on Saturday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the parish center located at 150 S Maple St. The fair is free and open to the public.

Hearing, vision, dental, and blood pressure screenings will be held. Additional topics will be Car Seat Safety; Save a Life Program; Medicare Options; as well as information on diabetes, nutrition, cancer, and heart disease, etc.; vaccines (Flu, Covid, RSV, & Pneumonia). Insurance cards are accepted. Information on nursing homes and home health care will be available. Chair massages, Tai Chi and line dancing demos, exercise physiology, and more to be highlighted.

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# We need all Catholic Christians to vote!!!

“As Americans, we have a great civic responsibility to vote in our upcoming elections. As Catholics, we are called to form our conscience based on the Gospel teachings before visiting the voting booth. In order to assist us in discernment, The United States Catholic Bishops have created a document, <https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-and-peace/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship> to remind us of Catholic social teachings on the issues of War, Abortion, Racism, Immoral Lifestyles, Immigration Conflict, Unemployment, Health Care, Homelessness, and the Environment. We encourage everyone to read the document and spend time in prayer and discernment of all candidates before exercising our right to vote on November 5<sup>th</sup>.”

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# New Portal/Mobile App Streamlines Wheeling University Student/Employee Access

**WHEELING**—Wheeling University's new portal is providing students and employees personalized, easy access to email, class schedules, grades, campus events and internal applications.

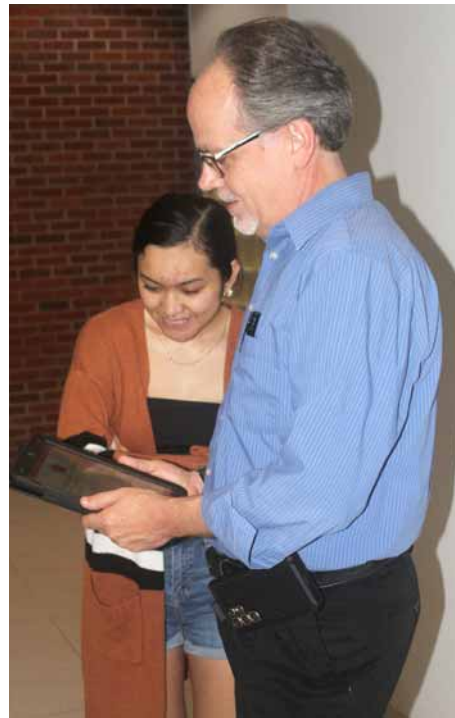
The portal provides members of the campus instant access to information through a mobile app, WheelingU, giving members of the campus the ability to login to the site from anywhere.

"The new Wheeling University portal gives our students, faculty and staff a place where they can login to a variety of campus operations, such as email, news, the grading system, class information and much more," said Ron Magers, director of Information Technology. "Once a person logs in, they can personalize their landing site to include the internal apps and information they use the most."

The personalized dashboard, he noted, can provide users with such items as class schedules, grades, campus events, the Self-Service link and online bill payment.

The WheelingU portal and mobile app is designed to enhance the users' experience at Wheeling by streamlining access to important information and university links, Magers added.

"The portal allows members of



Courtesy photo  
**Director of IT, Ron Magers, shows a Wheeling University student how to navigate the new campus portal/mobile app.**

the campus to manage tasks and stay connected from anywhere," Magers explained.

The WheelingU mobile app is available at no charge on the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store.

# Catholic Women Invited to Deepen Their Faith at Morgantown Magnificat Inspirational Prayer Breakfast

**MORGANTOWN**—"Looking to deepen your faith? Join us at the next Morgantown Magnificat Inspirational Prayer Breakfast," organization officials said. "Magnificat is a ministry to Catholic women aimed at strengthening and sharing our faith."

The prayer breakfast will be Saturday, Oct. 26, at St. John University Parish Hall in Morgantown. The inspirational speaker is Sara Schroedl, a Catholic convert who biked across the country twice in thanksgiving of healing prayers from Our Blessed Mother. Sara will share her story of her spiritual journey bicycling 3,700 miles in her mid-50s from Oregon to New Hampshire after recovering from a serious illness and depression.

Tickets are \$25 per person, \$13 for students, and a buffet breakfast will be served. Must register by Oct. 19. Register online at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/morgantownwvmagnificat>, and click on the Home tab.

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Sunday, October 20: Ascension, Hurricane; 11 a.m.  
 Sunday, October 27: All Saints, Bridgeport; 10 a.m.  
 Saturday, November 9: St. Peter the Fisherman, Fairmont; 10:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, November 16: Sacred Heart, Williamson; 7 p.m.  
 Tuesday, November 19: St. Anthony, Follansbee; 6 p.m.

# John Angotti to Lead Evening of Music & Prayer in Charleston

**CHARLESTON**—Pray Always: An Evening of Music & Prayer featuring John Angotti is set for Wednesday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m. at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center (100 Hodges Rd., Charleston).

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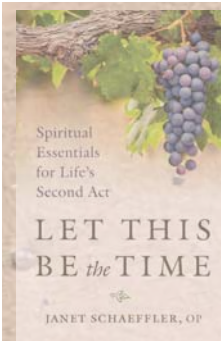
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## En Español

# Ante la amenaza de una guerra más amplia en Oriente Medio, el Papa pide a María que interceda

Por Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

**ROMA (CNS)**—Mientras se intensifican y extienden los combates en Oriente Medio, el Papa Francisco se dirigió a la Virgen María, rogándole que interceda "por nuestro mundo en peligro".

Acompañado por miembros del Sínodo de los Obispos, peregrinos, embajadores acreditados ante el Vaticano y católicos de la diócesis de Roma, el Papa dirigió el rezo del rosario por la paz el 6 de octubre en la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor de Roma.

El servicio de oración tuvo lugar en vísperas del primer aniversario del mortífero ataque de Hamás contra Israel y de las masivas represalias israelíes en Gaza.

Los militantes de Hezbolá en el sur del Líbano se han unido a la lucha, disparando cohetes y proyectiles de artillería contra el norte de Israel. Israel intensificó su respuesta a finales de septiembre, enviando tropas al otro lado de la frontera e intensificando sus ataques contra lo que consideraba escondites de Hezbolá. En abril y de nuevo el 1 de octubre, Irán disparó misiles contra Israel en apoyo de sus aliados de Hezbolá. Muchos temían que Israel atacara a Irán.

Dirigiéndose a María, el Papa Francisco rezó para que intercediera ante Dios para que el mundo "custodie la vida y rechace la guerra; para que cuide a los que sufren, a los pobres, a los indefensos, a los enfermos y a los afligidos, y proteja nuestra casa común".

"A ti imploramos, Madre, la misericordia de Dios, a ti que eres Reina de la paz", rezó el Papa. "Convierte los corazones de quienes alimentan el odio, silencia el ruido de las armas que provocan la muerte, apaga la violencia que habita en el interior del hombre e inspira proyectos de paz en las decisiones de quienes gobiernan las naciones".

El Papa Francisco leyó su oración a la Virgen María durante el servicio, pero no pronunció

ninguna homilía.

El Papa dirigió un servicio de oración similar en mayo de 2022, pidiendo a María que intercediera para poner fin a la guerra de Rusia contra Ucrania y para traer la paz al mundo.

Ante la escalada del conflicto en Oriente Medio, comenzó su oración diciendo: "Oh María, Madre nuestra, estamos de nuevo aquí ante ti. Tú conoces los dolores y las fatigas que en esta hora abruman nuestro corazón. Nosotros elevamos la mirada hacia ti, nos sumergimos en tus ojos y nos encomendamos a tu corazón".

"Escucha nuestro clamor", rezó el Papa. "Necesitamos tu mirada, tu mirada amorosa que nos invita a confiar en tu Hijo Jesús".

Sabiendo que María está "dispuesta a acoger nuestros dolores", rezó para que ella venga "a socorrernos en este tiempo en que estamos oprimidos por las injusticias y devastados por las guerras". Y le pidió: "enjuga las lágrimas sobre los rostros sufridos de cuantos lloran la muerte de sus seres queridos".

Pero el Papa Francisco también rezó para que María despierte a todos los hombres de buena voluntad "del letargo que ha oscurecido nuestro camino y despoja nuestros corazones de las armas de la violencia, para que se cumpla pronto la profecía de Isaías: 'Con sus espadas forjarán arados y podaderas con sus lanzas. No levantará la espada una nación contra otra ni se adiestrarán más para la guerra'".



## Para denunciar presuntos casos de abuso sexual de niños:

La Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston alienta a informar ante las autoridades civiles ante todo si se ha cometido un delito. También alentamos a utilizar [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org) para hacer un informe sobre cualquier obispo en los EE. UU. Si tiene motivos para creer que un obispo ha cometido una conducta sexual inapropiada, comuníquese con las autoridades civiles de la jurisdicción correspondiente y visite [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).

**Para informar a las autoridades civiles:** comuníquese con la policía local; los números variarán según su ubicación. Si cree que alguien está en peligro inmediato, llame al 911. Para informar confidencialmente cualquier incidencia de sospecha de abuso o negligencia infantil, incluido el abuso sexual, comuníquese con la Oficina de Servicios de Protección Infantil de Niños y Familias de West Virginia llamando a la línea directa de abuso infantil al 800.352.6513. Puede informar anonimamente a esta línea directa si lo prefiere.

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304.230.1504. También puede llamar a la línea directa de abuso sexual de la Diócesis al 833.230.5656. Los formularios de queja están disponibles en línea en [www.dwc.org](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 Erin McFarland, M.Ed., LPC, al 304.559.6742.

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 está 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.



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