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By Listening to Holy Spirit, Synod Can be Process of Healing, Pope Says



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Pope Francis celebrates Mass to open the process that will lead up to the assembly of the world Synod of Bishops in 2023, in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Oct. 10.

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A synod calls on everyone to become experts in “the art of encounter” in a way that is uplifting and transformative, Pope Francis said, formally

opening the process leading up to the assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 2023.

“Celebrating a synod means walking on the same road, together” just like Jesus did — encountering, listening and discern-

ing with all who one meets, the pope said in his homily at the Mass in St. Peter's Basilica Oct. 10.

“Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey? Or are we fearful of the unknown, preferring to take refuge in the usual excuses:

‘It's useless’ or ‘We've always done it this way?’” he asked.

Some 3,000 people attended the Mass, including the 270 people — cardinals, bishops, priests, religious and laypeople — invited to

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Pope to Pharmacists: Do Not Become Accessories to Homicide of Abortion

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — All health care professionals have a right to conscientious objection, just as they have a right to denounce unjust harm inflicted on innocent and defenseless life, Pope Francis said.

When it comes to abortion, “I have been very clear — it is homicide and it is not licit to become complicit,” he told a group of pharmacists and other medical professionals.

The pope’s remarks came during an audience at the Vatican Oct. 14 with about 150 health care professionals attending a national congress sponsored by an Italian association of pharmacists working in hospitals or for the government health service. The Oct. 14-17 congress in Rome was looking at the pharmacist as a “promoter and interpreter of change, emergencies and planning.”

The pope said the congress would be an important occasion to reemphasize the importance of having a nationwide public health care system, calling it “an essential element for guaranteeing the common good and the social growth of a country.”

He encouraged pharmacists and those they work with to continue to serve their patients with “patience, consistency and precision,” especially as their responsibilities are often hidden and their duties “routine.”

The “ethical dimension” of their profession must be supported and protected, he said. As individuals, all pharmacists handle “medicinal products that may, however, turn into

poison.”

They must be vigilant to make sure their goal always is to protect “the life of the patient in all of its aspects,” he said.

“You are always at the service of human life, and this may, in certain cases, lead to conscientious objection, which is not disloyalty, rather the opposite, (it is) loyalty to your profession, if validly motivated,” he said.

The pope said there seems to be a trend in thinking that getting rid of conscientious objection would be a good idea.

However, he said, conscientious objection is an ethical principle for every health care professional, “and this is never negotiable; it is the ultimate responsibility” of each individual as is “the denunciation of injustices committed that harm innocent and defenseless life.”

“It’s a very sensitive issue that requires both great competence and great integrity at the same time,” he added.

Speaking about the church’s clear stance against abortion, the pope told his audience that what they must do “is to be close” to those involved in an unplanned pregnancy, especially the woman, “so that she does not end up thinking abortion as a solution because, in reality, it is not a solution.”

“You get the bill 10, 20, 30 years later,” he said, referring to the very high emotional and psychological costs involved.

“The throwaway culture must never undermine your profession,” he said.

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the day of reflection in the Vatican Synod Hall Oct. 9.

The weekend of events began the "synodal journey," which will explore the theme, "For a synodal church: communion, participation and mission." Bishops around the world were to open the process in their dioceses Oct. 17. The diocesan phase, which runs until April, will focus on listening to and consulting the people of God.

In his homily, the pope said they should begin the synodal process "by asking ourselves — all of us, pope, bishops, priests, religious and laity — whether we, the Christian community, embody this 'style' of God, who travels the paths of history and shares in the life of humanity."

The day's Gospel reading (Mk 10:17-30) of Jesus setting out on a journey and encountering a rich man offers just one example of how Jesus "walks alongside people and listens to the questions and concerns lurking in their hearts," he said. "He shows us that God is not found in neat and orderly places, distant from reality, but walks ever at our side."

Celebrating a synod, he said, means walking on the same road as others and living out the "three verbs" that characterize a synod: to encounter, listen and discern.

"We too are called to become experts in the art of encounter. Not so much by organizing events or theorizing about problems as in taking

time to encounter the Lord and one another," to devote time to prayer and adoration, and to listen to what the Holy Spirit wants to say to the church, the pope said.

Jesus shows that an encounter has the power to change someone's life — "the Gospel is full of such encounters with Christ, encounters that uplift and bring healing," the pope said. In fact, Jesus was never in a hurry, and he would never have looked at a watch to signal it was time to wrap things up. "He was always at the service of people he met in order to listen to them."

Each encounter requires "openness, courage and a willingness to let ourselves be challenged by the presence and the stories of others," the pope said. It means not hiding behind a facade or stiff formalities indicative of a spirit of clericalism or of courtiers, but it means being a father.

To that end, the pope said he would be meeting a group of people who live on the streets later that day. He said they had already started meeting because another group of people had gone to listen to them and from there, "they have been able to begin the journey."

Sincere listening involves the heart, not just the ears, Pope Francis said. The aim is not to be able to answer people's questions, especially with pre-packaged or "artificial and shallow responses," but to provide an opportunity to tell one's story and speak freely.

"Whenever we listen with the heart, people feel that they are being heard, not judged; they feel free to recount their own experiences and

their spiritual journey," he said.

Listening to one another "is a slow and perhaps tiring exercise" but it must be done, including listening to "the questions, concerns and hopes of every church, people and nation," and to the "challenges and changes" that world presents, he added.

Encountering and listening "are not ends in themselves" where everything stays the same, but must lead to discernment, he said.

"Whenever we enter into dialogue, we allow ourselves to be challenged, to advance on a journey. And in the end, we are no longer the same; we are changed," he said.

The synod is "a journey of spiritual discernment that takes place in adoration, in prayer and in dialogue with the word of God," the pope said.

Discernment is what lights the way and guides the synod, "preventing it from becoming a church convention, a study group or a political congress, but rather a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Holy Spirit," Pope Francis said.

Like he asked the rich man in the Gospel reading, Jesus is asking everyone "to empty ourselves, to free ourselves from all that is worldly, including our inward-looking and outworn pastoral models, and to ask ourselves what it is that God wants to say to us in this time and the direction in which he wants to lead us," he said.

Pope Francis wished everyone "a good journey together! May we be pilgrims in love with the Gospel and open to the surprises of the Spirit."

Opening of the World Synod in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Bishop Mark E. Brennan will officially open the World Synod in the diocese with the celebration of Mass at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston at 10 a.m. Oct. 17.



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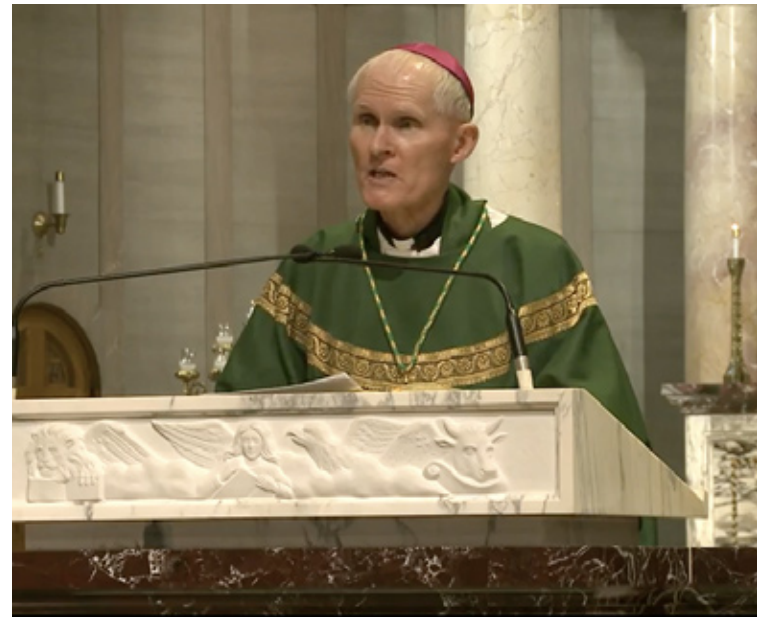
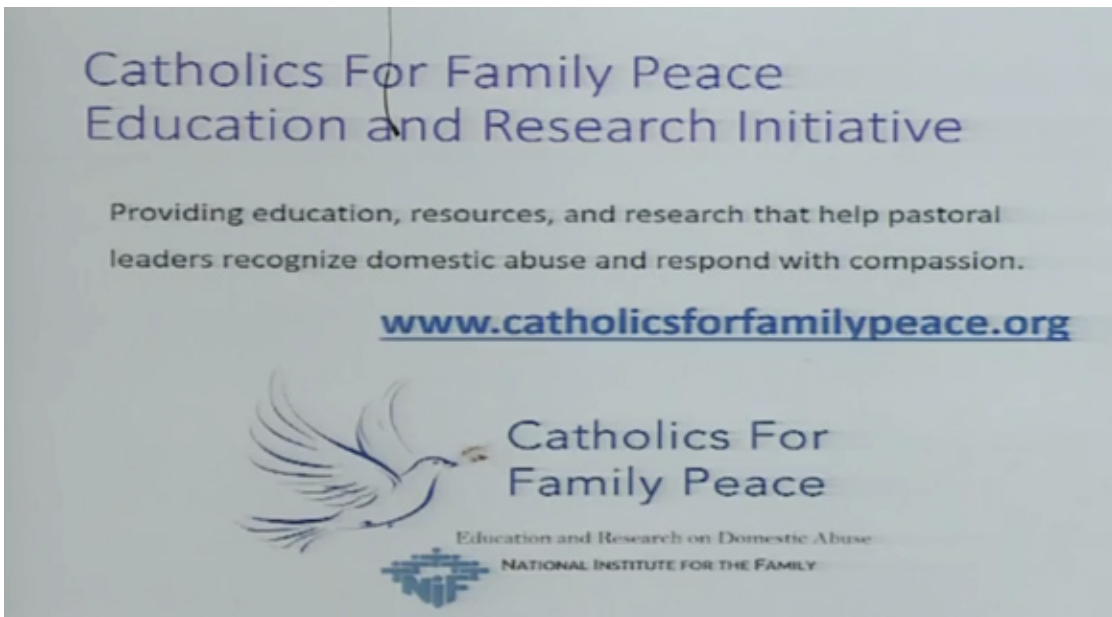
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Cathedral Fosters Awareness and Education on Domestic Violence



At left is part of the video presentation from Catholics For Family Peace Education and Research on Domestic Abuse at the Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop at Central Catholic High School's Great Hall in Wheeling Oct. 10. At right, Bishop Mark E. Brennan shares his homily at the Mass he celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling prior to the workshop.

By Colleen Rowan

WHEELING—Domestic violence awareness and education were fostered by the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Oct. 10 with Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark E. Brennan and a workshop that followed at Central Catholic High School's Great Hall next door.

In his homily for the Mass, Bishop Brennan noted that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, coinciding with Respect Life Month.

"As we rightly decry the violence committed against unborn babies in the womb, so we have to stand also against the violence that born persons, overwhelmingly women, experience at the hands of ... husbands or boyfriends or their ex-husbands or ex-boyfriends," Bishop Brennan said. "Violence of any kind has no place in human relations and certainly not among Christ's followers."

The bishop then shared a passage from "When I Cry for Help, a Pastoral Response to Violence against Women," by the U.S. bishops in which they state: "As pastors of the Catholic Church in the United States, we state as clearly and strongly as we can that

violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified. Violence in any form '—physical, sexual, psychological, or verbal'—is sinful; often, it is a crime as well. We have called for a moral revolution to replace a culture of violence."

The workshop that followed the Mass began with a video presentation from Catholics For Family Peace Education and Research on Domestic Abuse by the organization's co-founders Sharon O'Brien, Ph.D., who also serves as director, and Lauri Przybysz, who is also the education director. Their focus was on what Catholics believe about "intimate partner" abuse and how to respond to the issue.

"In our experience," O'Brien said, "women of faith, Catholic or otherwise, often times believe that they must stay, they must tolerate the abuse and stay in an abusive marriage, that separation and divorce are unacceptable."

Emphasizing that this is not the case, Przybysz pointed to more words by the U.S. bishops in "When I Cry for Help, a Pastoral Response to Violence against Women" which she said makes

Catholic teaching on the issue clear. In the statement, the bishops say: "Acting to end the abuse does not violate the marriage promises." "Finally, we emphasize that no person is expected to stay in an abusive marriage."

Przybysz also pointed to the Code of Canon Law 1153: "If either of the spouses causes grave mental or physical danger to the other spouse or to the offspring or otherwise renders common life too difficult, that spouse gives the other a legitimate cause for leaving, either by decree of the local ordinary or even on his or her own authority if there is danger in delay."

Safety, Przybysz said, is the primary concern.

Pope Francis has addressed the issue of domestic violence in his encyclicals and has talked about how the issue is not only affecting families but society as well, Przybysz said. She went on to say that faith leaders are called to be first responders in this issue as many victims of abuse turn to clergy.

"They feel that they are safe, trustworthy" Przybysz said, seeing them as people they can talk to. In addition to clergy, she said that all

people of faith are called to be leaders on this front as well.

When a victim of abuse reaches out to a person, Przybysz said to listen and believe them, respect their choice of what they want to do, realize they may not see themselves as a victim, and refer them to a professional who can help them. It is also important to let the victim know this is not God's will for him or her, and that he or she does not deserve to be abused.

The Catholic response to domestic violence is through raising awareness and providing education, which O'Brien noted was being accomplished that day in Wheeling through the workshop. Responding to the issue, she said, also includes providing services and help in recovery for victims.

"Faith is a resource not a roadblock in addressing domestic abuse," O'Brien said.

Catholics For Family Peace is an initiative of the National Institute for the Family providing education, resources, and research that help Catholics promote peace within families and to recognize and respond with compassion to

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domestic abuse. The organization's website offers prayer resources and has a daily recitation of the rosary at 3 p.m. praying



The Catholic Spirit Screenshot Photo Andrew Han of West Virginia Legal Aid answers a question during the Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop at Central Catholic High School's Great Hall in Wheeling Oct. 10.

for victims of domestic abuse. For more information about Catholics For Family Peace, visit <http://www.catholicsforfamilypeace.org>.

Also speaking at the workshop was YMCA Wheeling Executive Director Lori Jones who shared that "20 women a minute are abused in the United States and 137 across the United States are killed a day."

Those who attended the workshop also heard presentations by Andrew Han of West Virginia Legal Aid; Ohio County Assistant Prosecutor Gail Kahle; Shelly Earnest, victim/witness coordinator for the Ohio County Prosecutor's Office; B.L. Edmundson, a licensed outpatient mental health therapist; and Rev. Erica L. Harley, pastor of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church in Wheeling. All of the presenters engaged in a question and answer session near the end of the workshop.

Bishop Brennan noted that later this month, presentations on domestic violence will be offered at gatherings in Charleston and Morgantown for clergy. The presentations will offer awareness and education, including signs of abuse. This will also be shared with Catholic school and parish personnel.

Classic signs of abuse include injuries that are explained with bad explanations, Kahle said. He also said the need for a victim to constantly check in with the abuser is a sign.

"Because it's all about power and control," Kahle said.

"The victim's life becomes narrower, smaller," said Edmundson, because the abuser begins to isolate the victim from family and friends.

"One of the best tools abusers use is isolation," Han said. "Isolate the person from their familiar relationships, friendships,



The Catholic Spirit Screenshot Photo Ohio County Assistant Prosecutor Gail Kahle speaks during the Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop at Central Catholic High School's Great Hall in Wheeling Oct. 10. With him is Shelly Earnest, victim/witness coordinator for the Ohio County Prosecutor's Office.

their jobs, financial isolation, so all of that person's dependence is toward the abuser."

Han said these types of

changes in a victim's life can be detected in places like faith communities where the victim is well known.

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Mountaineer Catholic Brings Christ to WVU's Campus and Downtown Morgantown



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The Eucharistic procession by Mountaineer Catholic at St. John University Parish in Morgantown moves through WVU's campus Oct. 5 with Father Phillip Szabo, parochial vicar of St. John's, carrying the monstrance holding the Most Blessed Sacrament.

By Colleen Rowan

Mountaineer Catholic at St. John University Parish in Morgantown brought Christ to West Virginia University's campus and through the streets of city's downtown. Participating in the Oct. 5 Eucharistic procession were parishioners, WVU students, and 35 seminarians (including diocesan seminarians) from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md.

Joining them were Father Brian Crenwelge, pastor, and Father Phillip Szabo, parochial vicar.

"The students walked around with the seminarians and talked to people on campus, inviting them to learn more about the Catholic faith," said Father Crenwelge, who is also director of Campus Ministry at WVU. "We set up a tent in the center of campus and had Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament happening throughout each day. Then, we had a big Eucharistic procession all throughout campus and down 'frat row' to demonstrate our Catholic faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist."

The procession, he said, lasted for about an hour.

"It was beautiful to see the students reacting as we walked by," Father Crenwelge said. "I could tell those who were Catholic because they would either genuflect or make the Sign of the Cross as we passed them. Many people took out their phones and recorded us as we were walking by. We ended up on several WVU social media accounts."

The Seminarian Evangelization Trip to WVU was held Oct. 3-5. The seminarians have a tradition of spending the first part of their spring and fall breaks at a different university in the U.S., Father Szabo said.

"Their goal is to help the Newman Center there with student outreach and general evangelization," he said. "They always choose universities that have an active Newman Center and FOCUS missionaries so that the students they meet will have the support that they need to grow in their faith."

During their visit, the seminarians went out two by two to encounter students on campus and to personally invite them to the sacraments and to Mountaineer Catholic student activities, said Colleen Criste, director of Programs and

All are invited to Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at St. John University Parish's new St. Philomena Adoration Chapel in Morgantown from 8 p.m. Oct. 22 - 8 a.m. Oct. 23

Development for Campus Ministry at WVU.

"It was incredible to witness their courageous faith and genuine love for each person," she said.

"It was an incredible event that impacted the lives of many students here at WVU that we may never have had the chance to speak with otherwise," Father Szabo said. "I am certain that we will be reaping the fruits of this trip for many months to come!"

Mass was celebrated later that day at St. John Church and was followed by a gathering

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with the visiting seminarians at the parish center.

"Students and seminarians shared their testimonies and offered talks on God, Jesus, and the Catholic Church," Father Szabo said.

The evangelization trip by the seminarians as well as the Eucharistic procession was part of the parish's plan to increase Eucharistic devotion in a time when, according to research, most Catholics no longer believe in the Real Presence, Father Crenwelge said.

"Devotions increase faith," he said, "so we try to have as many devotions as we can here, particularly Eucharistic devotions."

The parish will be hosting Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 8 p.m. Oct. 22 to 8 a.m. Oct. 23 as a way to continue to foster

Eucharistic piety in the parish's new St. Philomena Adoration Chapel. The chapel is located in the Newman Center next to the church.

"I firmly believe that if we have more adoration in our parishes, there will be an increase in the faith of our people as well as more vocations to the priesthood," said Father Crenwelge, who also is director of Vocations for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. "My own vocation was nurtured in adoration here at St. John's when I was a college freshman."

Work on the new adoration chapel has been ongoing for the past year. To help fund or support the project, contact Father Crenwelge by e-mail to: bcrenwelge@dwc.org.

"We still have a long way to go in finishing our adoration chapel," Father Crenwelge said, "and need all the help we can get!"

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—Father Brian Crenwelge, pastor of St. John University Parish in Morgantown and director of Vocations for the diocese



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Clockwise, from top: Father Brian Crenwelge, pastor of St. John University Parish in Morgantown and director of Campus Ministry at WVU, carries the monstrance holding the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Oct. 5 Eucharistic procession in Morgantown; the procession moves through a Morgantown neighborhood; a seminarian from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., talks to WVU students on campus; WVU students attend adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on campus; and the Eucharistic procession moves through campus.

Recognizing Miracle, Pope Clears Way for Beatification of John Paul I

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis has signed a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Pope John Paul I, clearing the way for his beatification.

The Italian pope served only 33 days as pontiff; he died in the papal apartments Sept. 28, 1978, at the age of 65, shocking the world and a church that had just mourned the death of St. Paul VI.

The Vatican announced Pope Francis' decision along with a number of other sainthood decrees Oct. 13.

In the sainthood cause of Pope John Paul I, the approved miracle involved a young girl in Buenos Aires, Argentina, who developed a severe case of acute encephalitis and uncontrollable and life-threatening brain seizures, and eventually entered septic shock.

After doctors told family members her death was "imminent," the local priest encouraged the family, nurses and others to pray to the late pope for his intercession, according to the website of the Congregation for Saints' Causes. A panel of experts studying the cause determined there was no scientific explanation for her complete recovery in 2011 and that it could be attributed to the late pope's intercession.

The Vatican did not immediately announce a date for the beatification ceremony.

Although his was one of the shortest papacies in his-



CNS Photo/L'Osservatore Romano **Pope John Paul I, who served as pope for 33 days in 1978, is seen in this photo released by the Vatican Dec. 7, 2010, to highlight the restoration of its photo archive. Pope Francis has recognized a miracle attributed to the intercession of Pope John Paul I, clearing the way for his beatification.**

tory, Pope John Paul left a lasting impression on the church that fondly remembers him as "the smiling pope."

His papal motto, "Humilitas" ("Humility") not only emphasized a Christian virtue but also reflected his down-to-earth personality and humble beginnings.

Born Albino Luciani in the small Italian mountain town of Canale D'Agordo Oct. 17, 1912, the future pope and his two brothers and one sister lived in poverty and sometimes went to bed hungry.

Despite his weak health and poverty, his father encouraged him to enter the minor seminary. He did so but would return to his hometown in the summers and often was seen working in the fields in his black cassock.

He was ordained a priest in 1935 and was appointed

bishop of Vittorio Veneto in December 1958 by St. John XXIII. More than 10 years later, he was named patriarch of Venice by St. Paul VI and was created a cardinal in 1973.

During his time as patriarch of Venice, then-Cardinal Luciani was known for his dedication to the poor and the disabled, once calling on priests in his diocese to sell gold and silver objects for a center for people with disabilities. Leading by example, he started the fund drive by putting up for auction a pectoral cross and gold chain — given to him by St. John XXIII — that had once belonged to Pope Pius XII.

His surprise election, after St. Paul VI's death, did not sway him from continuing his humble manner of living, such as rejecting the use of the traditional papal tiara and calling his first Mass as pope the "inauguration" of his papal ministry rather than a coronation.

"Let us try to improve the church by becoming better ourselves," he said Sept. 13, 1978. "Each of us and the whole church could recite the prayer I am accustomed to reciting: 'Lord, take me as I am, with my defects, with my shortcomings, but make me become as you want me to be.'"

Among the other decrees signed Oct. 13, the pope recognized the martyrdom of Argentine Father Pedro Ortiz de Zárate and Italian Jesuit Father Giovanni Antonio Solinas, who were killed Oct. 27,

1683, in Abra de Zenta, Argentina.

They were evangelizing the mountainous area of northern Argentina with 10 laypeople, including local Indigenous people. The two priests were tortured and killed by members of two local Indigenous communities. The recognition of their martyrdom clears the way for their beatification, while the approval of a miracle would be needed for their canonization.

The other decrees approved by Pope Francis recognized:

— A miracle attributed to the intercession of Sister Ana Julia Duque Hencker, the Colombian founder of the Sisters of the Annunciation, who died in 1993. A date for her beatification was not announced.

— The heroic virtues of Spanish Father Diego Hernández González, who survived forced labor during the persecution of the Spanish Civil War and went on to dedicate his life to the sick and to establish a school to teach young women to read and write. He was born in 1915 and died in 1976.

— The heroic virtues of Italian Franciscan Father Giuseppe Spoletini, who was particularly dedicated to showing God's mercy when administering the sacrament of reconciliation. He helped hide people being sought by German Nazis and Italian fascists during the Second World War in Italy. He was born in 1870 and died in 1951.

— The heroic virtues of

French Sister Magdeleine Hutin, who was inspired by the life and writings of Blessed Charles de Foucauld and founded the Little Sisters of Jesus in Algeria. She was born in 1898 and died in 1989.

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Young Philippi Parishioners Give Memorable Gift to the Bishop



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Bishop Mark E. Brennan celebrated Masses at St. Augustine Church in Grafton and St. Elizabeth Church in Philippi Oct. 3. He also blessed the newly renovated sacristy at St. Augustine's. Above, the bishop holds a baseball jersey presented to him by the children at St. Elizabeth's to thank him for his visit.

For Catholic Daughters Sunday, Morgantown Court Invites New Members

MORGANTOWN—This Sunday, Oct. 17, has been designated as “Catholic Daughters of the Americas Sunday.”

The Catholic Daughters is a service organization of Catholic women who generously donate their time, talent, and funding to support their local parishes, local charities, and provide scholarships to Catholic youth. Morgantown Court St. Ursula is very active and is currently recruiting new members.

For more information or to join, contact Angel Conley by e-mail to wvussteacher@hotmail.com or visit: catholicdaughtersoftheamericas.org.

Parish Seeking Donated Computers to Help Homebound Attend Mass Remotely

SOUTH CHARLESTON—The Parish Pastoral Council at Blessed Sacrament Parish in South Charleston is hoping for donations of computers that homebound parishioners can use to attend Mass remotely.

“The council will ensure that any donated computers are fully ‘scrubbed’ of any sensitive information before giving them away,” parish officials said.

Call Matt Davis at (304) 290-5851, or send e-mail to jmd4938@gmail.com to arrange a donation.

Vatican Offers Free E-Book for Family Rosary

By **Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life and the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network have a gift for families for the month of October, which is traditionally dedicated to the rosary.

“Rosary for the Family,” a free e-book that can be used with the free Click to Prayer eRosary, features watercolor illustrations of the mysteries of the rosary, quotes from Pope Francis’ 2016 document, “Amoris Laetitia” (“The Joy of Love”), and questions meant to prompt sharing about faith in the family.

“I invite you all to use this rosary so that we do not miss the opportunity to reinforce our love for Jesus and Mary, our heavenly mother,” wrote Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell, prefect of the dicastery. “The meditations are brief, taken from ‘Amoris Laetitia’ and are accompanied by short questions and images that can

help you reflect in faith, even with children.”

The 21-page e-book is available on Amazon Kindle and Google Play Books as well as online from www.laityfamilylife.va in English, Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese.

Many of the questions take an event in the life of the Holy Family and encourage parents to share something of their experience.

For example, after praying the third joyful mystery — the birth of Jesus — parents are asked, “How did you feel when you discovered that you were to become parents? What was it like to welcome children to the world?”

Or, after the third sorrowful mystery — Jesus is crowned with thorns — family members are asked, “How do I treat my family members when they don’t do as I had hoped? Do I accept them? Do I get angry? Do I mock? Am I patient?”

Coat Drive underway in Huntington

HUNTINGTON—Catholic Charities West Virginia in Huntington is having a Coat Drive for those in need.

“We are accepting gently used coats, jackets, hoodies and pullovers for all ages” organizers said. “Our goal is to provide 200 coats this winter for our clients in need!”

Coats can be dropped off at Catholic Charities 2015 Adams Ave. in Huntington. Donors are asked to come to the back of the building and ring the doorbell Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

“We are accepting these items from now until the end of the year,” organizers said. “Receipts will be given for your generous donation. We thank you so much for your help! Thanks for keeping our community in your heart!”

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Fairmont Catholic Thanks Donor for Support in Playground Enhancement



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Fairmont Catholic Grade School thanks Dan Cava Toyota “for contributing to our school as we make our playground safe for all students. We appreciate the support of our community,” said Diane Burnside, principal. Pictured, from left, are Very Rev. Joseph M. Konikattil, Assoc. V.F., designated pastor; Santino Cava, marketing for Dan Cava Toyota; Joyce Evans, director of C&I; and Burnside.

Confirmation Schedule Fall 2021, Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant

Sunday, October 24, 2021: St. Thomas Parish, Gassaway, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 30, 2021: St. Patrick Parish, Mannington, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 7, 2021: Immaculate Conception Parish, Fairmont, 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 10, 2021: Combined Confirmation: Holy Redeemer Parish, Spencer, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mission, Elizabeth; at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mission, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 20, 2021: St. Francis Xavier Parish, Parkersburg, 5:00 p.m.

Employment Opportunities

Executive Director of Department of Social Ministry

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is seeking to hire an Executive Director of 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:

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Assistant Director for Youth and Young-Adult Ministry

The Assistant Director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, as a member of Diocesan Services, is committed to advancing the mission of Jesus Christ, consistent with the core purpose and Gospel values enunciated in the Diocesan Services’ Mission Statement.

The Assistant Director assists the Bishop and the Office Director in advancing the vocation and mission of the lay faithful, particularly with youth and young adults. This position assists in the evangelization, faith formation and public witness of these persons, leading them toward a deeper commitment to Christ and his Church.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: Coordinates the diocesan ministries to, with, and for youth and young adults; directs the sub-office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, within the wider Office of Evangelization and Catechesis\Works with youth and young-adult ministers at the parish level to promote, develop, and execute their ministries; oversees Development for Camp Carlo management and staff; Acts as the diocesan liaison to TEC (Teens Encounter Christ); Oversees Catholic Scouting within the diocese; organizes and executes the diocesan World Youth Day events; organizes and executes the diocesan NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) trip; oversees diocesan involvement in youth sports; Assists the Director in upholding Church teaching within the ministerial programs of the Diocese; incorporates the needs and perspectives of different ethnic groups and the disabled in all programming; makes an ongoing commitment to professional development in areas of responsibilities.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor’s Degree or equivalent in Theology, religious education or related area (Master’s Preferred); three (3) or more years’ experience in Catechetical Formation at the parish, in a Catholic school or at the diocesan level; deep faith and personal commitment to the life of the Church, adherence to the teachings of the Church, and a desire to teach and communicate this to others; in depth knowledge of the Catholic Church, its mission, structures, and ministerial life, and in particular its teachings and principles on family, youth, and young adults; knowledge, ability, and manual dexterity to use diocesan technology effectively; ability to maintain confidentiality; Demonstrated leadership and organizational ability including the prioritization of responsibilities; skills and desire for collaboration, together with ability to take initiative and work independently; ability to communicate effectively and work collaboratively with all members of the organization; ability to work a flexible schedule, including evenings and weekends when necessary; ability to effectively articulate the catechetical vision, mission, and goals of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, to present information effectively, and to respond to questions from a variety of groups; ability to solve practical problems and deal with a variety of concrete variables in situations where only limited standardization exists; ability to do long-range planning and project management; resourcefulness and flexibility to achieve planned objectives in a timely manner, and also to respond effectively and creatively to emerging needs, demands and opportunities; knowledge and skills to do research, writing, and prepare formational materials and programs; ability to organize, conduct, and evaluate formation programs.

Interested candidates may submit a resume and cover letter to mwash@dwc.org.

Knights of Columbus in Action

University Council Hosts Seminarians

Knights of Columbus St. John University Council 8288 in Morgantown recently hosted seminarians from Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md. The seminarians were assisting campus ministry in an evangelization project on the campus of West Virginia University. At right, Council 8288 serve meals to 37 seminarians. The grill master, Brother Miguel Frisco, prepared BBQ brisket and pulled pork, while members from the council helped prepare the room and then served the meal. Courtesy Photo



Elkins Council 603 Supports 'Backpack for Kids' Program

Knights of Columbus Council 603 in Elkins has been assisting Holy Rosary Parish in Buckhannon with its "Backpack for Kids" program. They recently collected about 400 pounds of snacks and donated \$450 to purchase more snacks for the students of Upshur County School's Washington District School. Pictured with a few of the snacks are, from left: Grand Knight Rob Phillips, Project Chairman Mike Gasper, Community Director Mike Kerns, and Bob Hammer. Courtesy Photo



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Loaves and Fishes Outreach Center Provides Food, Clothing and More

By Katie Hinerman Klug, Marketing Communications Specialist

HINTON—Building on the foundation of feeding the hungry and clothing the naked, food pantries and thrift stores are a natural part of Catholic Charities West Virginia’s (CCWVa) work to fulfill its mission.

The CCWVa Loaves and Fishes Outreach Center, located in Hinton, provides a thrift store, food pantry and additional services to area residents in need.

“Our thrift store runs 100% on donated items,” said Matt Atwood, CCWVa Southern Regional director. “All proceeds from sales support the center.”

The Loaves and Fishes Outreach Center provides a food pantry every Friday. In addition to canned and dry goods, CCWVa is able to provide fresh meat and produce items through strong local partnerships.

CCWVa can also help local residents with emergency assistance, paying toward utility bills in crisis situations.

“We have a great team of staff and volunteers who genuinely care about helping others,” said Atwood. “We’re proud of what we do, and we’re always searching for new ways to serve the community.”

The center accepts referrals from other agencies, such as the Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), so people in need can receive help with clothing or other household



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Kevin Richmond, CCWVa Loaves and Fishes Outreach coordinator, organizes donated children’s clothing.

items. This resource can be especially helpful to foster families.

“Sometimes we’ll see families who have new foster kids but do not have the resources to purchase clothing right away,” said Kevin Richmond, CCWVa Loaves and Fishes Outreach coordinator. “We’re able to provide up to five outfits per referral.”

Local people are welcome to donate clothing, furniture, household items or décor to the Loaves and Fishes Outreach Center.

Through October 31, the Loaves and Fishes Outreach Center is hosting a free coat distribution. Anyone in need of a coat is welcome to choose a coat from the store’s selection at 207 Temple Street in Hinton.



To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.



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Papa dice que sínodo es proceso sanador del Espíritu Santo

Por Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service
CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)—Un sínodo insta a todos a convertirse en expertos en "el arte del encuentro" de modo que sea edificante y transformador, dijo el papa Francisco, abriendo formalmente el proceso que conduce a la asamblea del Sínodo de los Obispos en 2023.

"Celebrar un sínodo significa caminar por el mismo camino, juntos" tal como lo hizo Jesús --encontrando, escuchando y discerniendo con todos los que uno encuentra-- dijo el papa el 10 de octubre en su homilía en la misa en la Basílica de San Pedro.

Preguntó si estamos preparados para la aventura de este viaje o tenemos miedo a lo desconocido, optando por refugiarnos en excusas habituales como "no sirve para nada" o "siempre lo hemos hecho así".

Unas 3,000 personas asistieron a la misa, incluyendo los 270 invitados --cardenales, obispos, sacerdotes, religiosos y laicos-- a la jornada de reflexión en el Salón del Sínodo del Vaticano el 9 de octubre.

El fin de semana de eventos dio inicio al "viaje sinodal", que explorará el tema "Por una iglesia sinodal: comunión, participación y misión". Los obispos en todo el mundo tenían que iniciar el proceso en sus diócesis el 17 de octubre. La fase diocesana, que se prolongará hasta abril, se centrará en la escucha y la consulta al pueblo de Dios.

En su homilía, el papa dijo que debían comenzar el proceso sinodal "preguntándonos -- todos nosotros: papa, obispos, sacerdotes, religiosos y laicos-- si nosotros, la comunidad cristiana, encarnamos este estilo de Dios, que recorre los caminos de la historia y comparte la vida de la humanidad".

La lectura del Evangelio del día (Mc 10, 17-30), en la que Jesús se pone en camino y se encuentra con un hombre rico, ofrece sólo un ejemplo de cómo Jesús "camina junto a la gente

y escucha las preguntas y preocupaciones que acechan a sus corazones", dijo. "Nos muestra que Dios no se encuentra en lugares limpios y ordenados, alejados de la realidad, sino que camina siempre a nuestro lado".

Celebrar un sínodo, dijo, significa caminar por el mismo camino que los demás y vivir los "tres verbos" que caracterizan a un sínodo: encontrar, escuchar y discernir.

"También nosotros estamos llamados a convertirnos en expertos en el arte del encuentro. No tanto organizando eventos o teorizando sobre los problemas como dedicando tiempo al encuentro con el Señor y entre nosotros", para dedicar tiempo a la oración y adoración, y para escuchar lo que el Espíritu Santo quiere decirle a la Iglesia --dijo el papa.

Jesús nos muestra que un encuentro tiene el poder de cambiar la vida de alguien, dijo el papa. "El Evangelio está lleno de tales encuentros con Cristo, encuentros que elevan y traen la curación". De hecho, Jesús nunca tuvo prisa y nunca habría mirado el reloj para indicar que era hora de terminar. "Siempre estaba al servicio de las personas que encontraba para escucharlas".

Cada encuentro requiere "apertura, valentía y la voluntad de dejarnos retar por la presencia y las historias de los demás", dijo el Santo Padre. No significa esconderse detrás de una fachada o de formalidades rígidas que demuestran un espíritu de clericalismo o de cortesía, sino significa ser un padre.

Para ello, el papa dijo que ese mismo día se reuniría con un grupo de personas que viven en la calle. Dijo que ya habían empezado a reunirse porque otro grupo de gente había ido a escucharles y desde allí "han podido iniciar el camino".

La escucha sincera implica el corazón, no sólo los oídos, dijo el papa Francisco. No se trata de poder responder a las preguntas de la gente, sobre todo con respuestas prefabricadas o "arti-

ficiales y superficiales", sino de dar la oportunidad de contar la propia historia y hablar libremente.

"Cuando escuchamos con el corazón, la gente se siente escuchada, no juzgada. Se siente libre de contar sus propias experiencias y su camino espiritual", dijo.

Escucharse unos a otros es "un ejercicio lento y quizás agotador", pero debe hacerse, inclusive escuchar las preguntas, preocupaciones y esperanzas de cada iglesia, pueblo y nación, así como los retos y cambios que presenta el mundo --añadió.

El encuentro y la escucha "no son fines en sí mismos" en los que todo permanece igual, sino que deben conducir al discernimiento --dijo.

"Siempre que entramos en diálogo, nos dejamos retar, avanzamos en un viaje. Y al final, ya no somos los mismos, hemos cambiado", agregó.

El sínodo es "un viaje de discernimiento espiritual que se realiza en la adoración, en la oración y en el diálogo con la palabra de Dios", según el papa.

El discernimiento es lo que ilumina el camino y guía el sínodo, "evitando que se convierta en una convención de la Iglesia, en un grupo de estudio o en un congreso político, sino en un acontecimiento lleno de gracia, en un proceso de sanación guiado por el Espíritu Santo", dijo el papa Francisco.

Como le pidió al hombre rico en la lectura del Evangelio, Jesús nos pide a todos "que nos vaciemos, que nos liberemos de todo lo mundano, incluidos nuestros modelos pastorales cerrados y caducos, y que nos preguntemos qué es lo que Dios quiere decirnos en este tiempo y la dirección en la que quiere conducirnos", dijo.

El papa Francisco deseó a todos "¡buen viaje juntos! Qué seamos peregrinos enamorados del Evangelio y abiertos a las sorpresas del Espíritu".

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 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.

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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, 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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am honored to serve as your Bishop and am proud of the number of families we served, the ministries we provided, and the progress we made together this past year. We truly united with Christ and shared His gifts with our brothers and sisters in need.

We served the vulnerable through Catholic Charities, encouraged our Seminarians and Deacons in formation preparing for priesthood, provided local families with health programs to care for their children, and helped young people fall deeper in love with Christ in the beautiful hills of West Virginia.

Gifts made to the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) enliven our shared ministries. Through the CSA, we can strengthen families, enrich parish life, and expand our charitable outreach efforts throughout West Virginia. We made much progress last year, but unfortunately, couldn't reach everyone. It's my hope we still can.

Today, I come to you with an open heart and ask you to prayerfully consider supporting the CSA this year. You can visit dwc.org/csa to make a secure gift online. Your generosity will make an immediate impact at your parish, and in our communities now, and in the year to come. If you have already made a gift to the CSA, I thank you for your generosity.

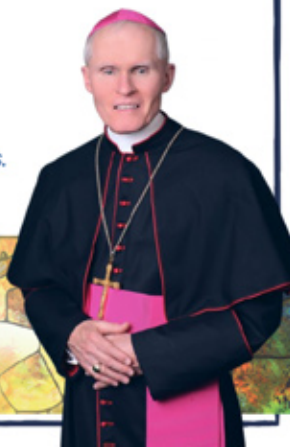
Together, we can serve as a light for all to see and share His gifts with our brothers and sisters in need. May God abundantly bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Mark E. Brennan

Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

P.S. I will be remembering you in my prayers. Please share your prayer intentions with me at dwc.org/csaprayerintentions.



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