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USCCB Offers 'Election Novena' as Way to Prepare for Nov. 3, Pray for Nation

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — As it did in 2016, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is encouraging people of faith to take part in an election novena beginning Oct. 26 and ending Nov. 3, Election Day.

A closing prayer for elected leaders will be offered Nov. 4, the day after the election.

"Bearing in mind our nation's challenges and the need for wise, moral, civic leadership, four years ago our conference offered an electronic 'Election Novena' to help Catholics prepare for the 2016 election," the USCCB said.

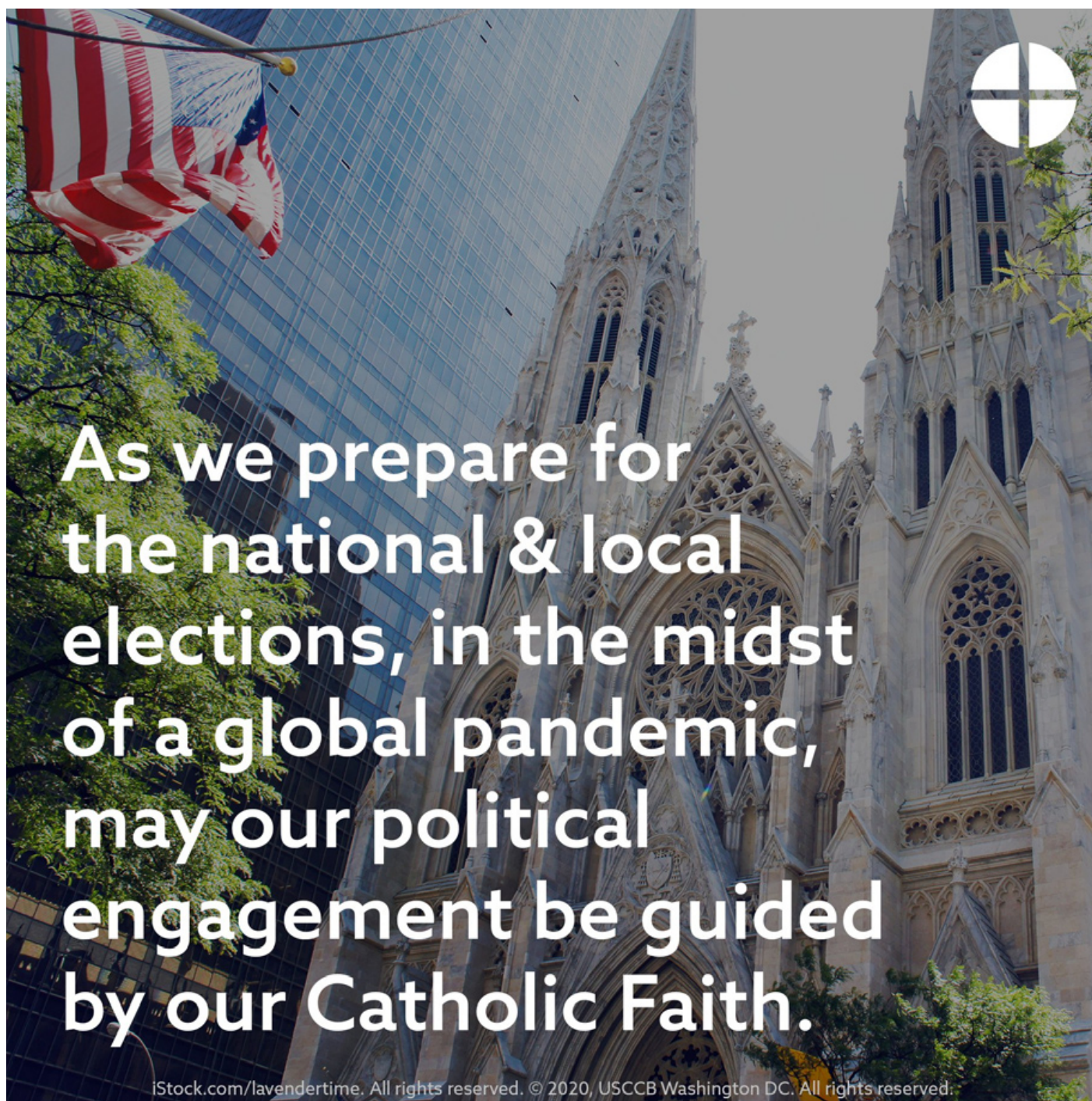
"Shared through social media and various email lists, the prayer effort was widely popular with the laity and very much appreciated by clergy, who are often asked to promote more partisan or issue-specific prayer campaigns," it added in a letter sent by about a dozen USCCB committee chairmen to all U.S. bishops.

The signers' committees represent the broad range of issues reflected in the novena intentions: cultural diversity, migration, international and domestic justice and peace, pro-life activities, racism, Catholic education, catechesis and evangelization, the promotion and defense of marriage, religious liberty, and family life and youth.

The website <https://www.usccb.org/2020-election-novena> has the daily intentions, a link to sign up to receive the intentions daily by email as well as links to PDFs of the intentions in English and Spanish and to other resources including the bishops' quadrennial statement: "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship."

Participants are encouraged to pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be after each day's intention.

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CNS Photo/courtesy USCCB
 This is a graphic for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' "Election Novena." The bishops are encouraging people of faith to participate in a novena to prepare for Election Day and pray for the nation for nine days, beginning Oct. 26 and ending Nov. 3. A closing prayer for elected leaders will be offered on Day 10, Nov. 4, the day after the election.

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The daily intentions are as follows:

— Day One, Oct. 26: As we prepare for the national, state and local elections, in the midst of a global pandemic, may our political engagement be guided by our Catholic faith.

— Day Two, Oct. 27: In this month of the Holy Rosary, may Our Blessed Mother guide us in confronting racial inequalities and restoring peace in our communities.

— Day Three, Oct. 28: May all Americans recall the necessity of dialogue, civility and humility in this election season.

— Day Four, Oct. 29: May all people understand the moral and ethical dimensions of political decisions and decide accordingly.

— Day Five, Oct. 30: May voters and elected leaders uphold the dignity of every human life in their political engagement.

— Day Six, Oct. 31: May Catholics recall all aspects of Catholic social teaching as they consider their votes.

— Day Seven, Nov. 1: May there be a transformation of politics to focus on the dignity of the human person and the common good.

— Day Eight, Nov. 2: May we keep in mind the gift of religious freedom and our duty to defend and exercise it as faithful citizens.

— Day Nine, Nov. 3: Today, as we approach the polls, may we understand and embrace the principles of our faith that should guide our political engagement.

The closing prayer for Nov. 4 is: May the leaders elected this week be guided by the Holy Spirit as they fulfill their positions.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Dioceses/Eparchies have in place a Safe Environment Program for the protection of children and young people. In accordance with these requirements, 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; and sexual abuse awareness training for adults. Sexual abuse awareness training may be completed online or via live workshop. For more information on the Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, click "Diocese", then "Offices," then "Office of Safe Environment."

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To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children: The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing www.reportbishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct or has interfered with an investigation into sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit www.reportbishopabuse.org.

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Pope, Religious Leaders Pray for Peace, Greater Care for One Another

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

ROME (CNS) — The only way to end war and ensure humanity's survival is "through encounter and negotiation, setting aside our conflicts and pursuing reconciliation, moderating the language of politics and propaganda, and developing true paths of peace," Pope Francis said.

The pope, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and an international array of other Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Sikh and Buddhist leaders gathered on Rome's Capitoline Hill Oct. 20 to affirm their community's commitment to peace, dialogue, fraternity and assistance to the poor and needy.

Before coming together to make their peace pledge, the religious leaders gathered with members of their own faith families to pray, focusing on the theme, "No one is saved alone: Peace and fraternity."

Pope Francis, Patriarch Bartholomew and other Christians prayed in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Ara Coeli; Jewish participants prayed in Rome's main synagogue a few blocks away, while Muslims, Buddhists, Sikhs and members of other religions used rooms in the Rome City Hall and in the Franciscan convent attached to the basilica.

Gathered in the Piazza del Campidoglio, designed by Michelangelo, the religious leaders observed a moment of silence for the victims of the coronavirus pandemic and of all wars and civil conflicts.

In the face of uncertainty and, especially, the threat of violence, people naturally are tempted to think only of themselves and their loved ones, but that is not a Christian response, Pope Francis said at the prayer service in the basilica.

"Save yourself" — the words the crowd and the chief priests said to Jesus as he was about to die — "is a very human instinct, but wrong," the pope said.

"The 'gospel' of save yourself is not the Gospel of salvation," he said. "The true Gospel bids us to take up the cross of others."

The meeting was organized

by the Rome-based Community of Sant'Egidio. Since St. John Paul II's interreligious prayer for peace in Assisi in 1986, the community each year has invited religious, political and cultural leaders from around the world to gather to continue the dialogue and to pray for peace.

The community's international meetings usually last several days and include panel discussions and workshops on various themes related to peacemaking, interreligious dialogue and service to the poor. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 meeting was just an evening event.

Lutheran Bishop Heinrich Bedford-Strohm, president of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany, gave a reflection at the Christian prayer service. With everyone, including the pope and patriarch, wearing masks and sitting three feet apart, Bishop Bedford-Strohm told the congregation, "Our souls are confused. All the physical signs of connectedness—hands reaching out to each other, speaking closely face to face unmasked, embracing each other, giving each other hugs — all these physical signs, which so far have been expressions of love, have now become the enemy of love, have become a danger to the other, have become a potential source of suffering."

"How can we as churches be heralds and agents of God's healing?" he asked. "How can we be signs of peace and brother- and sisterhood?"

The answer, the bishop said, is found in "the trinity of praying, doing justice and becoming one."

Asking oneself if Christ is present in a refugee stuck in a camp or in a child who is starving "is the door opener to a fulfilled life. It is the path to peace and fraternity," he said. "It is the source of healing."

In his homily, Pope Francis said that as Jesus was dying on the cross, "Calvary was the site of a great 'duel' between God who came to save us and man who wants to save only himself; between faith in God and worship of self; between man who accuses and God who excuses."



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Pope Francis and Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople arrive to attend an encounter to pray for peace, in Piazza del Campidoglio in Rome Oct. 20. They were joined by Muslim, Jewish and other religious leaders.

"Jesus' arms, outstretched on the cross, mark the turning point, for God points a finger at no one, but instead embraces all," the pope said. "Love alone extinguishes hatred, love alone can ultimately triumph over injustice. Love alone makes room for others. Love alone is the path toward full communion among us."

At the interreligious gathering after the prayer services, Patriarch Bartholomew, who has long led Christian theological reflections on ecology, insisted that care for the earth is an obligatory response to belief in God the creator of all.

The world is experiencing a difficult period, he said, "but at the same time, a moment favorable for questioning ourselves, meditating, praying and acting to build a better society capable of facing the great challenges of the moment, which don't impact only certain peoples and nations, but

life itself in this marvelous home of ours — the world, a gift of the merciful God."

Recognizing the "divine work" present in the environment and in each person, he said, would help people understand that fraternity and peace are not simply pious words, but lead to "true freedom" and an understanding "in this dark hour that 'no one is saved alone.'"

Mohamed Abdelsalam, secretary-general of the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity, read a message from Sheikh Ahmad el-Tayeb, grand imam of al-Azhar Mosque, who used the occasion to condemn the beheading Oct. 16 of a teacher in a Paris suburb accused of insulting the Prophet Muhammad.

"I declare before Almighty God that I disassociate myself, the rulings of the religion of Islam, and the teachings of the prophet of mercy, Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him,

from such (a) heinous criminal act and from whoever would embrace such deviant, false thought."

The heart of el-Tayeb's message was a reaffirmation of the document on interreligious dialogue and human fraternity he and Pope Francis signed in 2019 and a condemnation of prejudice, racism and forms of globalization that attempt to get people to believe that their cultures or religious traditions are backward or even the cause of violence.

"The time has come for us to adopt a new form of globalization based on human fraternity that treats all human beings as equal in rights and duties and strengthens social coexistence," he said. It also must respect "religious and cultural specificities and identities," he said, and work for a reduction of military spending, instead channeling those funds to education, health care and scientific research.

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Pope Has History of Defending Marriage, but Being Open to Some Civil Unions

By **Cindy Wooden Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis often has expressed openness to the idea of laws recognizing civil unions, including for gay couples, to protect their rights.

The pope's comments in a brief passage in the documentary film, "Francesco," are similar to the position he took while archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and echo remarks he has made in several interviews during his pontificate: "Marriage" is only between a man and a woman, but civil union laws could provide legal protection for couples in long-term, committed relationships.

Speaking in Spanish in the film, Pope Francis says, "Homosexual people have a right to be in a family. They are children of God and have a right to a family. Nobody should be thrown out or be made miserable over it. What we have to create is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered."

The film premiered in Rome Oct. 21.

Pope Francis repeatedly has said publicly that parents should not and must not disown a child who is gay, and, on several occasions, he has spoken about the rights all people have to have a family.

In a 2019 interview on Mexican television, he was asked about his opposition to gay marriage in Argentina and his openness to LGBT people as pope.

"I have always defended doctrine," he said. "It is a contradiction to speak of homosexual mar-

riage."

But he also told the interviewer, "Homosexual persons have a right to be in the family; persons with a homosexual orientation have a right to be in the family and parents have the right to recognize a son or daughter as homosexual; you cannot throw anyone out of the family, nor make life impossible for them."

In "A Future of Faith: The Path of Change in Politics and Society," a book-length series of conversations with the French sociologist Dominique Wolton, the two spoke about gay marriage and civil unions in the context of a discussion about tradition, modernity and truth.

"'Marriage' is a historical word," the pope said, in the book published in French in 2017. "Forever, throughout humanity and not only in the church, it's been between a man and a woman. You can't change it just like that. It's the nature of things. That's how they are. So, let's call them 'civil unions.'"

In a 2014 interview published in the Italian newspaper Corriere della Sera, Pope Francis was asked about moves across Europe to legalize gay marriage or adopt civil union laws.

"Marriage is between a man and a woman," he said. "Secular states want to validate civil unions to regulate different situations of cohabitation, driven by the need to regulate economic aspects between people, such as ensuring health care. These are cohabitation pacts of various kinds, of which I could not list the different



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A post for the new film, "Francesco," by documentary filmmaker Evgeny Afineevsky, shows Pope Francis walking in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

forms."

"It is necessary to see the different cases and evaluate them in their variety," he said, implying that some forms of civil unions would be acceptable.

According to "The Great Reformer," a biography of Pope Francis by Austen Ivereigh, then-Archbishop Jorge Mario Bergoglio went head-to-head with the government in 2010 when it began a drive to legalize gay marriage.

"He told a Catholic gay activist, a former theology professor named Marcelo Marquez, that he favored gay rights as well as legal recognition for civil unions," Ivereigh wrote. "But he was utterly opposed to any attempt to redefine marriage in law."

The future pope, the book continued, "had not raised strong objections to a 2002 civil unions law that applied only to Buenos Aires and that granted rights to any two people cohabitating for more than two years, independent of their gender or sexual orientation. He regarded it as a purely civic, legal arrangement that left marriage unaffected."

In 2003, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith had issued a document urging Catholics to oppose giving "legal recognition to unions between homosexual persons," particularly when such recognition would equate the unions with marriage and would allow the couple to adopt children.

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Beatification of Father McGivney to Take Place Oct. 31 in Hartford, Conn.

By Catholic News Service

HARTFORD, Conn. (CNS) — Father Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, will be beatified during a special Mass Oct. 31 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford.

On May 27, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis, who met with the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus in February, had signed the decree recognizing a miracle through the intercession of Father McGivney, clearing the way for his beatification. Once he is beatified, he will be given the title "Blessed."

The beatification Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. (ET) by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin of Newark, New Jersey. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, attendance inside the cathedral will be limited but the Mass will be livestreamed by EWTN and on the website of the Knights of Columbus, www.kofc.org.

The miracle recognized by the Vatican for Father McGivney's cause occurred in 2015 and involved an U.S. baby, still in utero, with a life-threatening condition that, under most circumstances, could have led to an abortion.

That baby, Mikey Schachle, is now 5. His parents, Dan and Michelle Schachle, of Dickson, Tennessee, prayed to Father McGivney to intercede with God to save their son, still in his mother's womb, who was given no hope of surviving a life-threatening case of fetal hydrops.

Father McGivney (1852-1890), the son of Irish immigrants, was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, and was ordained a priest in 1877 for what is now the Archdiocese of Hartford. He founded the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882.

He originally started the Knights as a service organization to help widows and orphans. At the time, Father McGivney was an assistant pastor at St. Mary's Parish. He is buried in New Haven.

The fraternal order for Catholic men has become the largest lay Catholic organization in the world with 2 million members and sponsors a wide range of educational, charitable and religious activities.



CNS Photo/Tyler Orsburn
A statue of Father Michael J. McGivney is seen at The Catholic University of America in Washington Oct. 20. The founder of the Knights of Columbus will be beatified Oct. 31 during a Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn.

Father McGivney, who will be the first American parish priest to be beatified and has long been a hero of working-class Catholics, can be viewed as a martyr of a pandemic. When he died of pneumonia complications at age 38 in 1890, it was during an outbreak of influenza known as the Russian flu in Thom-

aston, Connecticut. Some recent evidence, according to the Knights, indicates the outbreak may have been the result of a coronavirus.

"Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "He was decades ahead of his time in giving the laity an important role within the church. Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s."

He added, "Father McGivney also remains an important role model for parish priests around the world and left us a transformative legacy of effective cooperation between the laity and clergy."

After the announcement that the priest would be beatified, Anderson told Catholic News Service in an interview: "We've been praying for years for this to occur, and finally this day has arrived."

The initial work on his sainthood cause began in 1982 on the Knights' centenary. His cause was formally opened in Hartford in 1997, and he was given the title "servant of God." In March 2008, the Catholic Church recognized the priest heroically lived the Christian virtues, so he was given the title "venerable."

Generally, two miracles attributed to the candidate's intercession are required for sainthood — one for beatification and the second for canonization.



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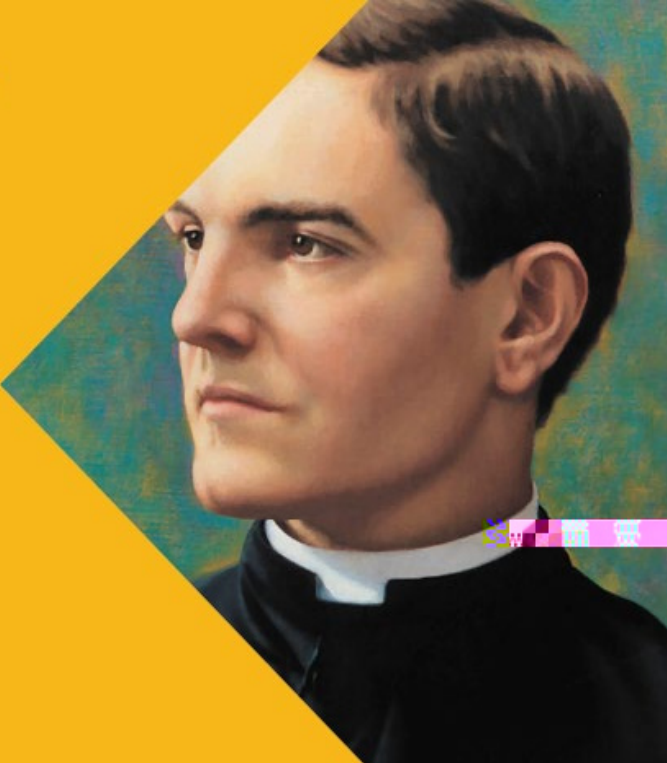
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Bishop Brennan Celebrates Mass of Holy Spirit at Wheeling University



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Bishop Mark Brennan celebrates the Mass of the Holy Spirit at the Chapel of Mary and Joseph at Wheeling University Oct. 12. The Mass was also livestreamed for students, faculty, and employees around campus.

By Colleen Rowan

In the Chapel of Mary and Joseph at Wheeling University, Bishop Mark Brennan gathered with the school community to celebrate the annual Mass of the Holy Spirit Oct. 12. The celebration is a tradition that marks the beginning of a new academic year.

Seating in the chapel was limited because of the COVID-19 pandemic, so Mass was also livestreamed to different locations on campus so that so students, faculty, and employees could view and participate in the celebration.

Ginny Favede, president of Wheeling University, said in a recent letter to the school community that it was a blessing to have the bishop there to celebrate the Mass.

"We are grateful to the bishop and the members of the Jesuit Community for celebrating such a special Mass with our community," Favede said in her letter. "The Mass of the Holy Spirit is a Jesuit school tradition, in which the community gathers to thank God for the gifts of creation and salvation and to seek the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit during the academic year."

During his homily for the Mass, Bishop Bren-

nan said to the students gathered in the chapel and watching from different campus locations that they all face the same challenge, "How to grow in knowledge and skills during a time when a disease has put restrictions on your modes of learning and your accustomed freedoms. I asked a few of you how you are managing things during the pandemic. Most of you said you prayed, and God gave you strength."

The bishop said that in the second reading for the Mass, St. Paul says the Holy Spirit helps all to pray in times of weakness. He also noted the prophet Joel in the first reading, when God said: "I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions."

By opening up to the Holy Spirit, Bishop Brennan said, the faithful become capable of things that surpass mortal nature.

"You are capable of those great things," Bishop Brennan said to the students, "prophesying; speaking the truth, even when it's unpopular; dreaming about your future, one in which you use your talents to do good; and seeing visions of a more just and peaceful world. You will

be capable of them if you stay connected to God and let the Holy Spirit guide you and give you courage. You will be able to rejoice, even in the midst of a pandemic and in the stress, occasional, of studies."

The pandemic, Bishop Brennan said, has reinforced a basic lesson of human nature—"We need each other."

People want to relate to one another, he said, and God respects that need by forming us as a people. God strengthens everyone not only in private prayer, but in coming together in worship and mutual encouragement of living the faith.

Bishop Brennan also told the university community that in praying to God, they receive the strength and reassurance to go on.

"You are experiencing God keeping his word to you," he said. "When someone challenges you with a theory that denies God or urges you to act against your faith, you will have the conviction from personal experience that God is real and helps those who trust in him. You will have the courage to stand on that truth that you have lived and that will show love for God. As

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A Joyful Return to School Mass for Sacred Heart Students in Charleston



Courtesy Photo

After seven months away, Sacred Heart Grade School students in Charleston were able to gather together for school Mass Oct. 16 at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston. Fifth-graders are pictured above (masked and socially distant) in the basilica while students in grades one through four watched a livestream of the Mass in their classrooms. Each grade will take turns gathering in the basilica for the school Masses. The school community is grateful and joyful to be together!

Mass ...

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Jesus said, 'Whoever loves me, will keep my word.' Even if it's a hard word, it is spoken by one who loves you, and refuses to hide the truth from you, and he will give you strength to deal with whatever comes."

The bishop told those gathered that their faithfulness to God will show their love for him.

"It is my prayer that this academic year, begun in unusual circumstances, may proceed safely and productively and finish triumphantly," Bishop Brennan said. "I pray that God may pour out his Spirit upon you and lead you to all truth. So pray, stay connected to God and to your fellow believers, and never deny what God has done for you and then as St. Paul says elsewhere, 'The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.'"

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Dolores Yoke, a member of the Sacred Heart Children's Center Board (right), presents a check to St. Mary Central School Principal Nicole Folio.

CLARKSBURG—The Sacred Heart Children's Center in Clarksburg recently awarded \$26,250 to St. Mary's Central Grade School, also in Clarksburg, to purchase iPads for grades three through six.

"Access to devices has become crucial for remote learning during the uncertainty of COVID-19," said St. Mary's Principa Nicole Folio. "They will also be used for classroom instruction, livestreaming of morning prayer, core subjects, enrichment courses and our newly implemented Mental Health Awareness

Program."

The Sacred Heart Children's Center began as a Catholic orphanage in the early 20th century before evolving into a public day care center in the 1970s. In the 1980s the organization became a volunteer directed private foundation accepting funds and granting requests to benefit the children of Harrison County.

"St. Mary's is looking to the future and we want to be part of that," said Sacred Heart Board Member Dolores Yoke. "They are teaching the whole child."

Huntington Life Chain Moved to Sunday, Nov. 1

HUNTINGTON—The Life Chain was moved from the first Sunday in October to the First Sunday in November. The Life Chain will begin at 1:30 p.m. Pick up signs on the corner of 5th Avenue and 13th Street. There will be no registration this year.

For more information, Contact Cathy Weiss by e-mail to cfweiss@gmail.com.

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Charles Town Parishioner Named Leonine Fellow

Emily Davis, a Charles Town native, is a PhD Candidate in American History and Public History at Loyola University of Chicago where she also teaches undergraduate history courses.

Her research examines how American shrines form a national Catholic memory. Emily has worked in museums across the country and is passionate about their ability to teach religious literacy to the general public.

Davis credits her intellectual pursuit of faith with the formation received from her home parish of St. James the Greater in Charles Town.



Emily Davis

All Saints Day Mass to be Held at Historic Pennsboro Chapel



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St. Joseph Chapel in Pennsboro

PENNSBORO—There will be a Mass for All Saints Day at St. Joseph Chapel in Pennsboro on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 11 a.m. in place of the Mass at Christ our Hope Mission in

Harrisville.

A blessing of the cemetery will follow the Mass as well. All are invited to attend this wonderful celebration the chapel.

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Providing Food Amid a Pandemic

By Tina Cogar, Catholic Charities West Virginia Outreach Coordinator

During these difficult times and throughout the pandemic, our Catholic Charities West Virginia Webster Springs Outreach Office has been partnering with Mountaineer Food Bank (MFB), St. James Catholic Church in Charles Town, and First Fruit Farms in order to ensure that no one in Webster County suffers from food insecurity.

Modifications have been made as we continue to offer our services in the safest way possible. Since March, we have partnered with MFB to provide drive-up mobile pantries. Three of those distributions were in different rural areas in Webster County. Thanks to our partnership with St. James Catholic Church, we have been able to add fresh milk and produce to the food being given away by the local schools, and we have begun partnering with First Fruit Farms to offer fresh produce to the community.

Barbara Kopanko, a resident of rural Hacker Valley, stated that our distribution at the local elementary school helped numerous families in their area.

“We have a large population of elderly people in Hacker Valley”, Kopanko said. “Most of these people don’t drive and rely on neighbors, like us, to take them the 40-minute drive to Buckhannon for food. During the last mobile pantry, my husband and I were able to pick up for an elderly man who is caretaker for his wife, who cannot be left alone.”

Barbara went on to say that not only did it help the elderly in the area but also even saved them money on the gas it takes



Courtesy Photo

Pictured is a recent drive-up mobile food pantry in Webster County offered through a partnership between Catholic Charities West Virginia Webster Springs Outreach Office, Mountaineer Food Bank, St. James Catholic Church in Charles Town, and First Fruit Farms.

to get to the nearest grocery store.

During this time, we have

helped distribute over 70,000 pounds of food. The impact we’ve made in Webster County

is undeniable. COVID will not stop us from doing the work of Jesus Christ!

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

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

USCCB ofrece 'novena electoral' para prepararse para el 3 de noviembre

Por Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Como lo hizo en el 2016, la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE. UU. está animando a las personas de fe a participar en una novena electoral que comienza el 26 de octubre y termina el 3 de noviembre, el día de las elecciones.

Se ofrecerá una oración de clausura para los líderes electos el 4 de noviembre, el día después de la elección.

"Teniendo en cuenta los desafíos de nuestra nación y la necesidad de un liderazgo sabio, moral y cívico, hace cuatro años nuestra conferencia ofreció una 'novena electoral' electrónica para ayudar a los católicos a prepararse para las elecciones de 2016", dijo la conferencia de obispos, conocida como USCCB por sus siglas en inglés.

"Compartido a través de las redes sociales y varias listas de correo electrónico, el esfuerzo de oración fue muy popular entre los laicos y muy apreciado por el clero, a quienes a menudo se les pide que promuevan campañas de oración partidistas o de temas específicos", agregó la organización en una carta enviada por aproximadamente una docena de presidentes de comités de la USCCB a todos los obispos estadounidenses.

Los firmantes de varias comités representan la amplia gama de temas reflejados en las intenciones de la novenas: diversidad cultural, migración, justicia y paz internacional y nacional, actividades provida, racismo, educación católica, catequesis y evangelización, promoción y defensa del matrimonio, libertad religiosa, vida familiar y juventud.

En el sitio web <https://www.usccb.org/2020-election-novena> se encuentran las intenciones diarias, un enlace para registrarse para recibir las



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Este es un gráfico de la "Novena electoral" de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE. UU. Los obispos están animando a las personas de fe a participar en una novena para prepararse para el día de las elecciones y orar por la nación durante nueve días, comenzando el 26 de octubre y terminando el 3 de noviembre. Se ofrecerá una oración de clausura para los líderes electos el día 10 de noviembre 4, el día siguiente a la elección.

intenciones diariamente por correo electrónico así como enlaces de PDF de las intenciones en inglés y español y otros recursos, incluso la declaración cuatrienal de los obispos: "Formando la conciencia para ser ciudadanos fieles".

Se anima a los participantes a rezar un Padre Nuestro, un Ave María y un Gloria después de la intención de cada día.

Las intenciones diarias son las siguientes:

Primer día, 26 de octubre: Mientras nos preparamos para las elecciones nacionales y locales, en medio de una pandemia global, que nuestra fe católica guíe nuestro compromiso político.

Segundo día, 27 de octubre: En el mes del Santo Rosario, que nuestra Santísima Madre nos guíe para confrontar las desigualdades sociales y para restaurar la paz en nuestras comunidades.

Tercer día, 28 de octubre: Que todos los estadounidenses recuerden la necesidad de diálogo, el civismo y la humildad en este tiempo de elecciones.

Cuarto día, 29 de octubre: Que todas las personas comprendan las dimensiones morales y éticas de las decisiones políticas y escojan en consecuencia.

Quinto día, 30 de octubre: Que los votantes y dirigentes electos defiendan la dignidad de cada vida humana en su compromiso político.

Sexto día, 31 de octubre: Que los católicos respeten todos los aspectos de la Doctrina social católica al considerar su voto.

Séptimo día, 1o de noviembre: Que haya una transformación de la política para que se enfoque en la dignidad de la persona humana y el bien común.

Octavo día, 2 de noviembre: Que tengamos presente el don de la libertad religiosa y nuestro deber de defenderla y ejercerla como ciudadanos fieles.

Noveno día, 3 de noviembre: Hoy, al acercarnos a las urnas, que comprendamos y abracemos los principios de nuestra Fe que deben guiar nuestro compromiso político.

Cierre, 4 de noviembre: Que el Espíritu Santo guíe a los dirigentes electos esta semana mientras desempeñan sus cargos.

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.

Para informar a las autoridades civiles: comuníquese con la policía local; los números variarán según su ubicación. Si cree que alguien está en peligro inminente, 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 anónimamente a esta línea directa si lo prefiere.

Para informar a las autoridades diocesanas: La diócesis alienta a informar a las autoridades civiles apropiadas, ante todo, si se ha cometido un delito. La diócesis también alienta a informar a las autoridades eclesásticas apropiadas. Para reportar casos sospechosos de abuso sexual de niños por parte del personal de la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston a la Diócesis, comuníquese con uno de los siguientes designados al 1.888.434.6237 o 304.233.0880: Hna. Ellen Dunn, O.P., ext. 264; Sr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Sr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; o Muy Reverendo Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. También puede llamar a la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro de la Diócesis al 304.230.1504. También puede llamar a la línea directa de

abuso sexual de la Diócesis al 833.230.5656. Los formularios de queja están disponibles en línea en www.dwc.org, haga clic en "Diócesis" en la barra de menú, luego en "Oficinas", luego en "Ambiente seguro", luego "Descargar archivos y formularios". El formulario se titula "Formulario de queja para denuncias de abuso sexual de menores". El formulario se puede devolver por correo de EE. UU. A: Office of Safe Environment, Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

Para informar al Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Diócesis: llame a la Dra. Patricia Bailey al 304.242.6988.

Además de los métodos enumerados anteriormente para denunciar el abuso sexual, la Diócesis también se ha asociado con Navex Global para ofrecer la plataforma EthicsPoint para informar otras inquietudes adicionales, como sospecha de mala conducta financiera, profesional y personal de un sacerdote, diácono, religioso, o empleado laico de la Diócesis o cualquier parroquia o escuela católica en West Virginia. Se puede acceder a la plataforma EthicsPoint a través de www.dwc.org, 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 del Estado de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Delitos contra los Niños, Crímenes de Internet contra los Niños

WVU Heart and Vascular Institute Member Joins Wheeling Hospital

WHEELING—Interventional cardiologist Christopher Allen, M.D., has joined Wheeling Hospital as the chief of Cardiology. He is a member of the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute.

“I am pleased to welcome Dr. Allen to Wheeling Hospital,” hospital CEO Douglass Harrison said. “He brings years of leadership experience with him and will oversee the Wheeling Hospital Heart and Vascular Center transition into the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute.”

Formerly associated with the UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute, Dr. Allen also was director of the Cardiac Catheterization Labs at UPMC Shadyside Hospital.

Allen’s specialties include complex coronary and peripheral vascular procedures, carotid stenting, and structural heart disease. The procedures he performs include:

- Cardiac and peripheral angiography and intervention
- ASD and PFO closures
- Echocardiography, TTE and stress echo
- Nuclear cardiology: cardiac SPECT and PET

After graduating from the University of West Indies, Jamaica, Allen served an internship and residency at Howard University Hospital, Department of Medicine, in Washington, D.C. He also completed a cardiology fellowship in the hospital’s Division of Cardiology and another fellowship in interventional cardiology at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center.

Allen is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Cardiology-Interventional Cardiology and Nuclear Cardiology.



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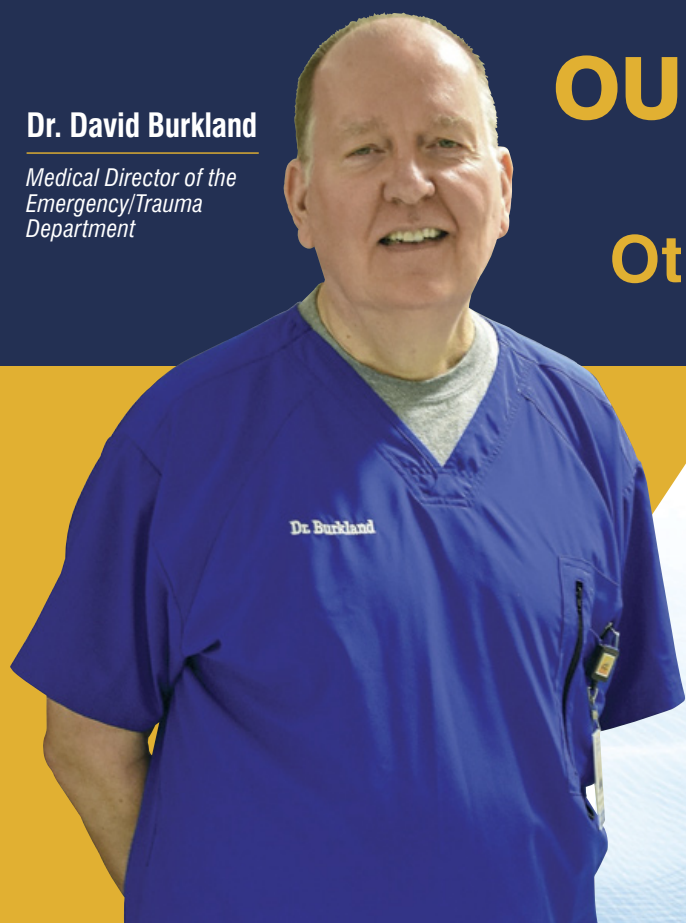


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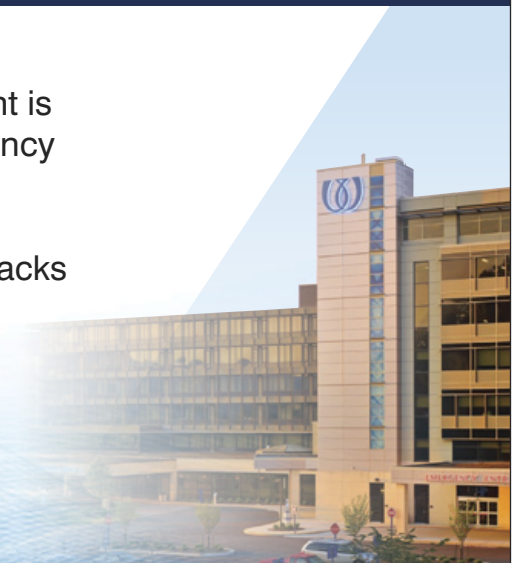
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