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## Attacks on Religious Liberty Increase, Say Cardinal, Papal Foundation

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

**ROME (CNS)** — Religious freedom is not only a fundamental and essential human right, “it is also a pathway to truth and deeper communion with God and neighbor,” said Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state.

However, religious freedom is severely restricted in 62 of the world’s 196 countries, affecting around 5.4 billion people; “in other words, almost two-thirds of the world’s population lives in countries where serious violations of religious freedom take place,” the cardinal said.

Cardinal Parolin was citing information contained in the 2025 Religious Freedom Report compiled by the papal

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## Catholics across the U.S. are Encouraged to Participate in Respect Life Novena

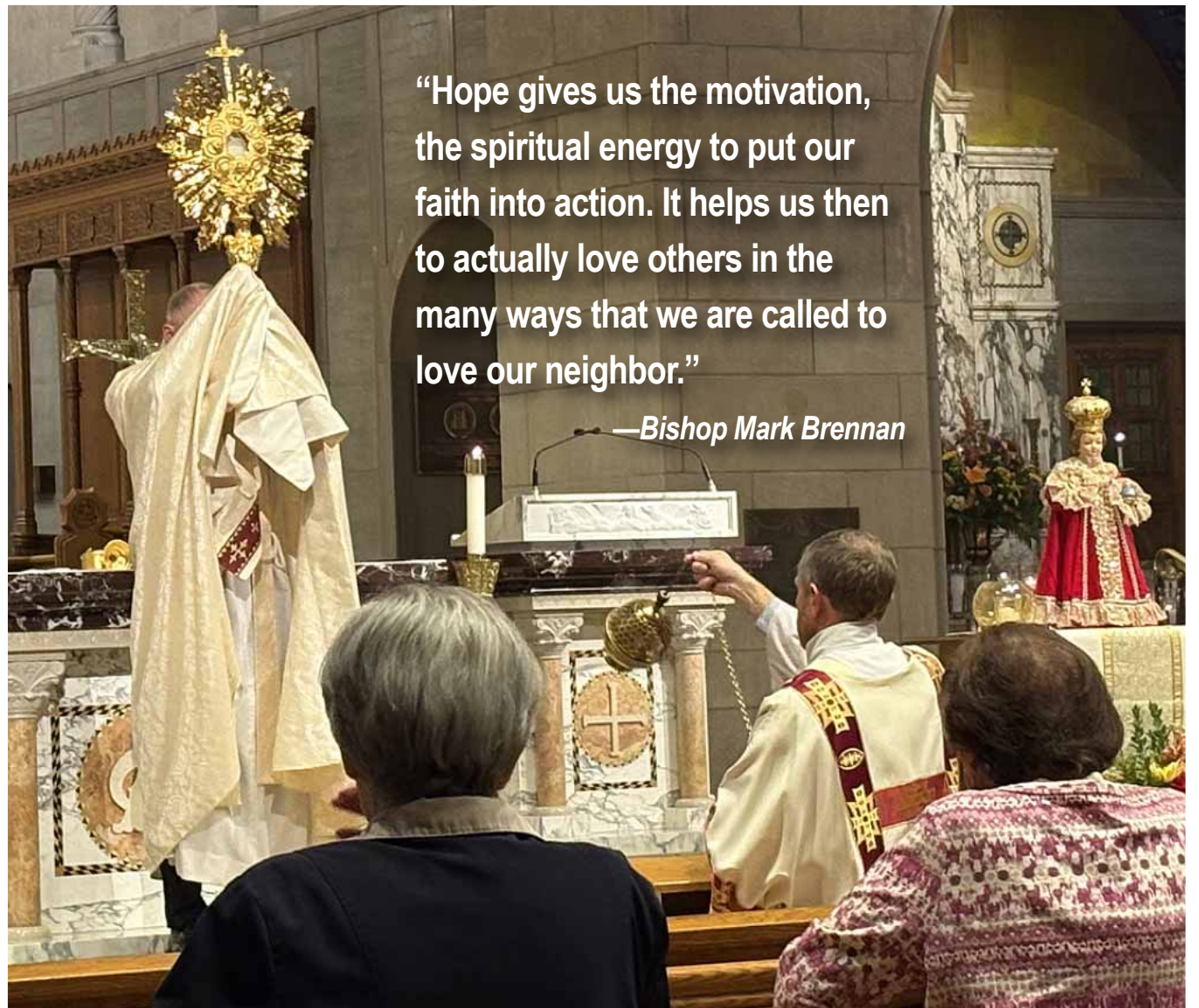
By **Francesca Pollio Fenton, Catholic News Agency**

Catholics across the United States are encouraged to participate in the national Respect Life Novena that began Oct. 22 in an effort to unite in prayer for the protection of the unborn and all those affected by abortion.

The Respect Life Novena is offered annually by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) and consists of nine days of prayers, Scripture

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# Hope is ‘the Tie between Faith and Love,’ Bishop Brennan Says at Infant Jesus of Prague Novena



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Colleen Rowan photo

Bishop Mark Brennan offers the blessing on the eighth night of the Infant Jesus of Prague Novena at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Oct. 20.

By **Colleen Rowan**

**O**n the eighth night of the Infant Jesus of Prague Novena at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Oct. 20, Bishop Mark Brennan said that hope is “the tie between faith and love.”

The theme of this year’s novena is “Hope Does Not Disappoint,” with guest homilists offering reflections on consecutive Monday evenings in recognition of the Jubilee Year of Hope. Bishop Brennan

said that in this holy year, which was a gift of Pope Francis in the last year of his life, it is appropriate to recall that hope is one of the three theological virtues along with faith and charity, infused in us directly by God at our baptism.

“Hope enables us to strive for holiness as something really possible and helps us endure trials and suffering joyfully,” the bishop said. “It makes us

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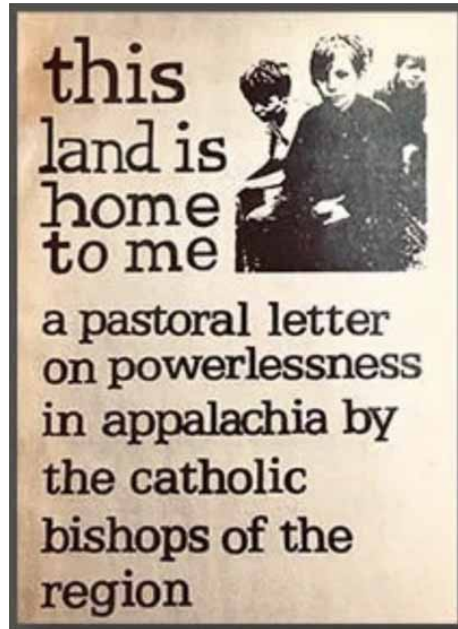
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Home to Me."

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For more information contact St. Mary's Star City parishioner Nancy Ferrari: nickliz@aol.com.

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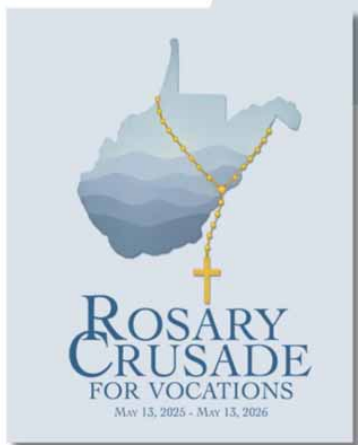
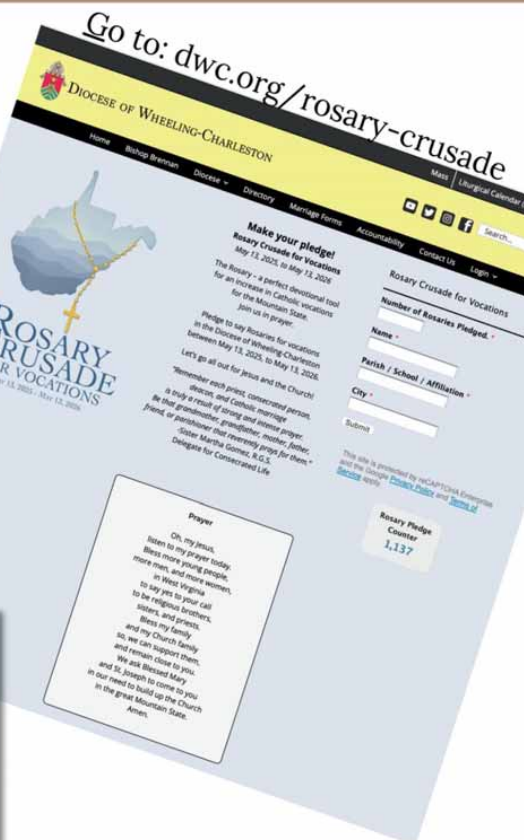
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**2025 Print Issues and Dates:** Advent, November 21; Christmas, December 19

# Liberty ...

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 foundation Aid to the Church in Need and released Oct. 21 during a conference at Rome's Augustinian Patristic Institute.

The fact that the 2025 report runs 1,248 pages, the largest in its 25-year history, "indicates that violations of religious freedom are increasing year on year," the cardinal said.

The report, covering the period of Jan. 1, 2023, to Dec. 31, 2024, found that "grave and systemic violations, including violence, arrest and repression, affect more than 4.1 billion people in nations such as China, India, Nigeria and North Korea."

Speaking to reporters after the event, Cardinal Parolin cautioned against considering all attacks on Christians in Nigeria as signs of religious persecution.

Citing local church sources, the cardinal said much of the violence in Nigeria "is not a religious conflict, it is more of a social conflict, for example between herders and farmers."

And where Muslim extremists are attacking Christians, he said, they also attack Muslims who disagree with them. "These are extremist groups that make no distinctions in pursuing their goals. They use violence against anyone they consider an opponent."

Aid to the Church in Need listed another 38 countries — including Egypt, Ethiopia, Mexico, Turkey and Vietnam — as nations where "religious discrimination" is common. The foundation said

that in those countries "religious groups face systematic restrictions on worship, expression and legal equality. While not subject to violent repression, discrimination often results in marginalization and legal inequality."

In Mexico, as well as in Haiti, the report said, "organized crime is a key driver of persecution or discrimination" with priests and other church workers being kidnapped or murdered and houses of worship and sacred objects being desecrated in "an atmosphere of blatant impunity" as the government fails to stop the drug cartels and criminal gangs.

Speaking at the presentation of the report, Cardinal Parolin focused on the Catholic Church's support for the religious freedom of all people, no matter their faith, and on the upcoming 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on Religious Freedom.

The council's support for religious liberty was "a call to action based on the council's belief that God himself has made known to mankind the way in which men are to serve him and thus be saved in Christ," the cardinal said.

And while all people have a "moral obligation" to seek the truth, Cardinal Parolin said, no one can be compelled to do so.

"One must and can only respond in one way: freely, that is to say, out of love, with love, not by force, because Christianity is love," the cardinal said.

On a personal level, he said, religious freedom "protects the inner sanctuary of the conscience, the God-given compass that

guides ethical and spiritual choices."

And, he said, on a collective level "it fosters vibrant communities where people of different faiths can live together, contribute to society and engage in constructive dialogue without fear of persecution."

The 2025 Religious Freedom report found that "religious nationalism is on the increase, fueling exclusion and repression of minorities. National identity is increasingly shaped by ethno-religious nationalism, eroding minority rights."

"In India and Myanmar," for example, it said, religious nationalism "drives persecution; in Palestine, Israel, Sri Lanka and Nepal, it fuels discrimination."

The report also found that "religious persecution increasingly fuels forced migration and displacement," with victims around the world fleeing "violence, discrimination and the absence of state protection."

Aid to the Church in Need credited the Vatican's 2018 provisional agree-

ment with China's communist government for "signs of improvement" for the country's Christians but noted that improvement applied only to Christians belonging to government-recognized Christian organizations.

Catholic priests and bishops continued to be arrested or detained for not joining the Catholic Patriotic Association, and in many parts of China anyone under the age of 18 is prevented from attending church or a church-sponsored event, the report said.

With the arrest and exile of bishops and priests, the confiscation of church property and the banning of religious processions and other public celebrations, the situation in Nicaragua also is highlighted in the book.

"During the period under review, hostility toward churches intensified, severely violating the fundamental right to religious freedom," it said.

Aid to the Church in Need also called attention

in the report: to "a sharp rise in antisemitic and anti-Muslim hate crimes," including in Europe and North America; arson attacks on churches in Canada; and vandalism or desecration of churches in the United States.

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## Life ...

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readings, and suggested acts of reparation.

Some of the prayer intentions in this year's novena include ones for the protection of life from conception to natural death, for those who have undergone an abortion to experience God's healing and mercy, for those with disabilities to be treated with dignity, and for an end to the death penalty, among others.

This year, the Respect Life Novena will be available on the free version of the Hallow app and a different U.S. bishop will lead the faithful in prayer each day. The bishops taking part include Bishop Daniel Thomas of Toledo, Ohio; Archbishop Alexander Sample of Portland, Oregon; Bishop Michael Burbidge of Arlington, Virginia; Bishop Robert Brennan of Brooklyn, New York; Bishop Chad Zielinski of New Ulm, Minnesota; Bishop Barry Knestout of Richmond, Virginia; Bishop Thomas Paprocki of Springfield, Illinois; Bishop Elias Zaidan, the Maronite eparch of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles; and Bishop Stephen Parkes of Savannah, Georgia.

Archbishop Samuel Aquila of the Archdiocese of Denver is urging all Catholic Coloradoans to take part in the novena — especially as Colorado continues to expand access to abortion.

On Oct. 25, the fourth day of the novena, Aquila will be leading a Eucharistic procession around Denver's Planned Parenthood facility — the largest abortion provider in the state.

"The Respect Life Office is filled with joy and anticipation for the upcoming Eucharistic procession with Archbishop Aquila," said Jennifer Torres, community engagement coordinator for Respect Life Denver, a ministry of Catholic Charities, in an interview with the Denver Catholic. "This sacred time offers our community a beautiful opportunity to come together in

witness and worship, united in our shared mission to be light in a darkened world."

"As we walk with Christ truly present in the Eucharist, we are reminded that he calls us to be faithful, to carry hope, and to boldly proclaim the dignity of every human life," she added. "We believe that a

deepened devotion to the Eucharist has the power to transform hearts and ultimately renew a culture that too often chooses death over life. We invite all to come as they are, [to] rest and pray with us."

Earlier this year, the Colorado Legislature passed a measure that mandates taxpayer funding for elective

abortions. As part of the new law, an earlier provision in the state constitution that prohibited public funds for abortion has now been repealed; the new law requires abortion coverage for Medicaid patients and Child Health Plan Plus program recipients using state money.

"The allocation of mil-

lions of dollars in taxpayer funds to subsidize the deliberate ending of innocent life and harm of women is a tragedy for Colorado," the Colorado Catholic Conference, which represents the state's bishops, wrote April 24.

The Respect Life Novena can be found by scanning the QR code below.

# respect life month novena



## October 22-30, 2025

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# Hope ...

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yearn for the happiness of heaven and gives us the firm expectation that God will give us his aid while we are still living in this valley of tears."

Hope is not only important to us as individuals, he added, but as a body of believers who form the church.

Referring to the first reading for the night (Acts 2:42-47), the bishop said that St. Luke tells of the earliest Christians' faith and that they devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles who explained Jesus' teaching. Today, the faith is passed on by clergy and those entrusted to the ministry of teaching the faith, he said.

In the first reading, "We also learn that the Christians in Jerusalem were devoted to the breaking of the bread—the earliest description of the Eucharist ... and to prayers," the bishop said. "They expressed their faith in the celebration of the Eucharist and in common prayer. They practiced charity and love toward one another as well."

They would sell their property and possessions and divide them up all according to each one's needs, he said, and this continues in the Catholic Church today particularly in congregations of consecrated religious men and women.

"Faith and charity were hallmarks of the earliest Christian community," Bishop Brennan said. "But where was hope? It's not mentioned in that reading. Although unnamed, it was present. Hope was and remains for us the tie between faith and love. Hope is the tie, the

bond, that joins faith and love. Hope allows us to act on our faith with the expectation that God will bless our actions. Hope gives us the motivation, the spiritual energy to put our faith into action. It helps us then to actually love others in the many ways that we are called to love our neighbor."

One of the things that Bishop Brennan most enjoyed as a parish priest was meeting with engaged couples and helping them prepare for their marriage. He encouraged them to trust that God would uphold them as they sought to love each other without holding anything back.

"Trust in God relieves the anxiety of excessive self-concern that can cripple the relationship," the bishop said. "Trust and reliance on God is hope in action."

The gospel for the evening (Matthew 18:15-20), the bishop said, shows other dimensions of hope—in families which are the domestic church and in parishes and schools. Disagreements and conflicts can sometimes arise, he said, but Jesus (in the gospel passage) outlines a way to resolve such difficulties. "But that plan travels on the air of hope," he said. "The hope that God's assistance is available to us to help us meet the challenges."

This can also be seen in the first reading, he said, with language barriers in that early Christian community hindering efforts to care for Greek-speaking widows. The apostles trusted God to lead them to a solution, "which he did by inspiring the apostles to create the order of deacons," the bishop said.

As a little boy, Bishop Brennan also saw how hope can lead to rec-

onciliation seeing his mother trusting in God to bless her effort to make peace with a woman with whom she had a falling out. "And he did," the bishop recalled. "They reconciled."

The gospel passage, he continued, also teaches all to cherish the hope that prayer in common can obtain. Jesus says, "if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18: 19-20).

At Mass, the bishop said, the congregation has petitions, trusting that God will hear them, praying in union with his will.

"Many West Virginia Catholics responded to our request to pray the rosary for priestly vocations. And in a few years we went from four seminarians to our current 16," the bishop said. "Our hope was rewarded."

He asked those gathered to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood.

Bishop Brennan then spoke of the hope of the Carmelite Monks, who originated the devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague.

The Infant Lord said to Father Cyril, 'The more you honor me, the more I will bless you.' As their devotion grew, the bishop said, the Carmelite Monks received blessings that they hoped for, and their hope was confirmed.

"And that has been the experience of so many of you who have

the same devotion," the bishop said to those gathered. "This is the essential blessing of the devotion to the Infant of Prague. Our hope for God's help will never be in vain if we pray with sincere hearts and trust that God's response—whatever it is—is the best one for our situation. That infant grew up to save us by his death and resurrection. We may cherish with fond hope that his love for us is not grown cold, but rather burns brightly and will provide us with what we need. So, Infant of Prague, have mercy on your people."

The final night of the novena is Monday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. with Auxiliary Bishop William Walter-scheid of Pittsburgh as guest homilist.

The novena began Sept. 8, and each week included Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, a reflection by a guest homilist, music, and prayers to the Infant of Prague.

Other guest homilists were: Father Penumaka Manikyalarao, rector of the cathedral; Father Chester Pabin of the Diocese of Steubenville; Father Dennis Schuelkens, pastor of St. Joseph the Worker and Sacred Heart of Mary parishes in Weirton; Father John Soplinski, vice rector of the cathedral and parochial vicar of St. Alphonsus Parish in Wheeling; Deacon Jacob Manning, permanent deacon at the cathedral and St. Alphonsus; and Father Daniel Heusel, pastor of St. John Parish in Bellaire, Ohio, and St. Mary Parish in Shadyside, Ohio.

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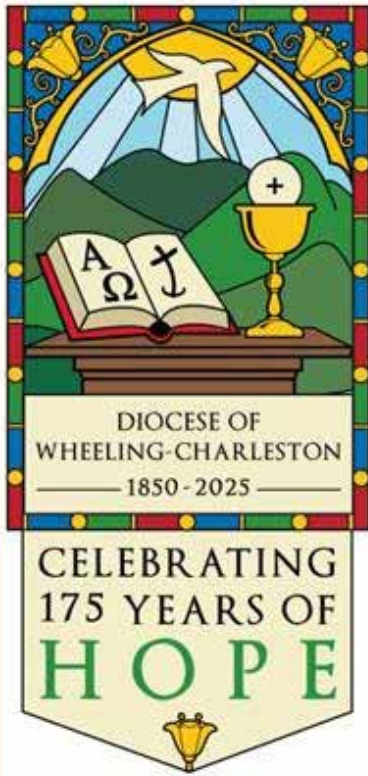
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# Trump Administration Expands IVF and Other Fertility Treatment Coverage

## U.S. Bishops ‘Strongly Reject’ IVF; Support Ethical Efforts to Address Infertility that will be Included

By **Kate Scanlon, OSV News**

**WASHINGTON (OSV News)**

— President Donald Trump announced a policy proposal Oct. 16 to increase access to in vitro fertilization, including issuing guidance urging employers to offer fertility benefits directly to their employees. However, the U.S. bishops expressed concern the following day, saying that while they support ethical efforts to address infertility, they “strongly reject” the effort to promote IVF.

Trump previously campaigned on requiring the government or insurance companies to pay for IVF, which is a form of fertility treatment opposed by the Catholic Church on the grounds that it often involves the destruction of human embryos, among other moral and ethical concerns.

“In the Trump administration, we want to make it easier for all couples to have babies, raise children and start the families they always dreamed about,” Trump said in comments at the White House.

Trump also announced what he called a deal to lower the cost of Gonal-F, a fertility medication used in IVF cycles.

As a candidate for president in 2024, Trump pledged his administration would protect access to IVF but would have either the government or insurance companies cover the costly treatment. His pledge came after a ruling by the Alabama Supreme Court that found that frozen embryos qualified as children under the state law’s wrongful death law. The legal ruling, while limited in scope, aligned more with the position the Catholic Church has staked out against the legalization of IVF. Alabama lawmakers later enacted legal protections for IVF.

“I’m asking all employers to make these new fertility benefit options available to their employees immediately,” Trump said. “The initiatives I’ve just announced are the boldest and most significant actions ever taken by any president to bring the miracle of life into more American homes.”

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops released a joint bishops’ statement Oct. 17, which ex-

pressed gratitude for “aspects” of the president’s policies that intend to include ethical forms of “restorative reproductive medicine” the church can support. But the bishops also made clear they “strongly reject the promotion of procedures like IVF,” pointing out the artificial fertility procedure involves the freezing and the destruction of excess embryos — human beings at the embryonic stage of their development — in the effort to bring about a live birth.

“Though we are grateful that aspects of the Administration’s policies announced Thursday intend to include comprehensive and holistic restorative reproductive medicine, which can help ethically to address infertility and its underlying causes, we strongly reject the promotion of procedures like IVF that instead freeze or destroy precious human beings and treat them like property,” said Bishop Robert E. Barron, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth; Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty; and Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities. “Every human life, born and preborn, is sacred and loved by God. Without diminishing the dignity of people born through IVF, we must recognize that children have a right to be born of a natural and exclusive act of married love, rather than a business’s technological intervention. And harmful government action to expand access to IVF must not also push people of faith to be complicit in its evils.

“We will continue to review these new policies, and look forward to engaging further with the Administration and Congress, always proclaiming the sanctity of life and of marriage.”

Doug Wilson, CEO of the Catholic Benefits Association, told OSV News Oct. 16 the group “is grateful that President Trump has decided not to mandate coverage of IVF, given the concerns that Catholic employers have about the destruction of unborn children in the IVF process and its removal of concep-

tion from the union of spouses.”

“We will remain vigilant in monitoring this effort, as similar proposed initiatives have failed to uphold the rights of religious employers,” he said.

Both the USCCB and CBA previously fought long-running battles with the federal government for Catholic employers’ exemptions to an Affordable Care Act mandate requiring employers to provide coverage for contraception, sterilization or abortifacient drugs in their employee health plans.

In February, Trump signed an executive order that aimed “to ensure reliable access to IVF treatment, including by easing unnecessary statutory or regulatory burdens to make IVF treatment drastically more affordable.” That order sought policy recommendations

within 90 days, a deadline that passed months prior to Trump’s Oct. 16 announcement, previously raising questions about whether he would follow through on his campaign pledge.

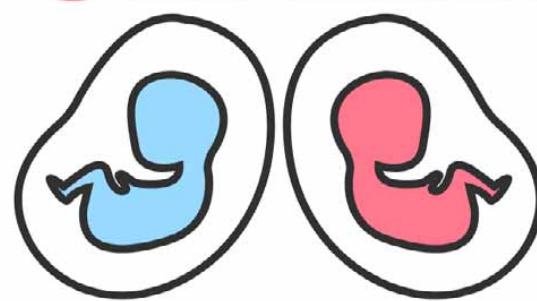
In a statement, the March for Life said the organization “appreciates that President Trump has heard and is responding to so many Americans who dream of becoming parents.”

“The desire for parenthood is natural and good. Children are a blessing. Life is a gift. The White House’s announcement today is rooted in these core truths,” the statement said. “Here’s what else we know to be true: every human life is precious — no matter the circumstances. We continue to encourage any federal government policymaking surrounding IVF to

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**Cont'd from Page 7** prioritize protecting human life in its earliest stages and to fully align with basic standards of medical ethics."

It added, "We welcome the Administration's commitment to making groundbreaking advancements in restorative reproductive medicine more accessible and available to American women."

Catholic institutes such as the Saint Paul VI Institute have pioneered a form of restorative reproductive medicine called NaProTechnology. "Naprotech" aims to discover and address the root cause of fertility issues via treatment and surgery if necessary. Some conditions that can affect fertility include endometriosis — which affects nearly 1 in 10 women — and polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS), the leading cause of infertility.

"RRM aims to resolve rather than ignore underlying medical issues, increasing health and wellness while also restoring fertility, and responding to the beautiful desire for children while avoiding any collateral loss of human life," March for Life stated.

In comments at the White House event, Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a Catholic and member of the Kennedy political family, said Trump was "doing God's work" by "giving millions of Americans a chance to have babies."

IVF is among the fertility treatments to which the Catholic Church objects in its teaching on the sanctity of human life.

The 1987 document from the Congregation (now Dicastery) for the Doctrine of the Faith known as "Donum Vitae" or "The Gift of Life," states the church opposes IVF and related practices, including gestational surrogacy, in part because "the connection between in vitro fertilization and the voluntary destruction of human embryos occurs too often."

According to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 238,126 patients underwent IVF treatment in 2021, resulting in 112,088 clinical pregnancies and

91,906 live births.

Multiple embryos are typically created for use in an IVF cycle. The number of human embryos currently created each year by IVF in the U.S. runs into the hundreds of thousands with the majority typically lost through what fertility clinics call "IVF attrition."

CDC data shows 45% of embryo transfers on average result in a single live birth

for women under 35, and the average diminishes to 23% for women under 40.

Issued by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the future Pope Benedict XVI, "Donum Vitae" named the "right to life and physical integrity from the moment of conception until death" and "the child's right to be conceived, brought into the world and brought up by his parents" as behind the

church's moral objections to those practices.

It emphasized, "The political authority consequently cannot give approval to the calling of human beings into existence through procedures which would expose them to those very grave risks noted previously."

"The possible recognition by positive law and the political authorities of

techniques of artificial transmission of life and the experimentation connected with it would widen the breach already opened by the legalization of abortion," it added.

(Kate Scanlon is a national reporter for OSV News covering Washington. Contributing to this story was Kate Quiñones, is a staff writer for Catholic News Agency.)

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# Pope to Issue Document on Catholic Education, Name St. Newman Co-Patron

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — Pope Leo XIV will issue a document on Catholic education Oct. 28, marking the 60th anniversary of the Second Vatican Council's declaration on education, a top Vatican official said.

Cardinal José Tolentino de Mendonça, prefect of the Dicastery for Culture and Education, also told reporters Oct. 22 that in the document Pope Leo will name St. John Henry Newman "co-patron" of Catholic education.

St. Newman, whom Pope Leo will declare a "doctor of the church"

Nov. 1, will join the current patron, St. Thomas Aquinas.

Cardinal Tolentino de Mendonça shared the news during a presentation about the Jubilee of the World of Education, which is scheduled for Oct. 27-Nov. 1. More than 20,000 people from 124 nations have signed up for the event celebrating the Catholic commitment to education from primary school through university, he said.

The Jubilee, the cardinal said, was planned to coincide with the anniversary of the Vatican II Declaration on Christian Education, often referred to by its Latin title, "Gravissimum Educationis."

Promulgated Oct. 28, 1965, the declaration affirmed the right of parents to choose the type of education they want for their children, upheld the importance of Catholic schools and defended freedom of inquiry in Catholic colleges and universities.

The cardinal said the document affirmed "the universal right to education" and marked "a change in language — that is, in mentality — in speaking about schools not so much in terms of 'institutions' but rather as 'educational communities.'"

Pope Leo's document marking the anniversary, he said, insists the

value of the Vatican II declaration "is not frozen in time: it is a compass that continues to point the way."

"Rapid and profound changes are exposing children, adolescents and young people to unprecedented vulnerabilities," the cardinal said, quoting the new document. "It is not enough to preserve; we must re-launch."

In the new document, the cardinal said, Pope Leo asks "all educational institutions to inaugurate a new season that speaks to the hearts of the new generations, reconnecting knowledge and meaning, competence and responsibility, faith and life."

# U.S. Army Says Religious Support Contracts to be 'Reexamined' after Archbishop Objects

By **Kate Scanlon, OSV News**

**WASHINGTON (OSV News)** — The U.S. Army said religious support contracts for Army chapels would be "reexamined" after Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, head of the U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services, raised an alarm about their cancellation.

"The Army remains deeply committed to providing for the religious needs of all personnel, regardless of their faith background," a U.S. Army spokesperson said in a statement provided to OSV News Oct. 21.

"We recognize the importance of religious support in maintaining morale, fostering resilience, and promoting the overall well-being of our force," the statement said. "To mitigate any potential impact during this period, contract support for Directors of Religious Education (DREs) and Religious Affairs Specialists (RAS) will be reexamined. These roles are vital in supporting the spiritual well-being of our

community."

"The Army is committed to ensuring the continued provision of comprehensive religious support for all our service members and their families," it added.

On Oct. 17, Archbishop Broglio said the cancellation of all religious support contracts for Army chapels, "including those for religious educators, administrators, and musicians," placed on Catholics "an insurmountable restriction on the free exercise of religion."

The U.S. Archdiocese for the Military Services did not immediately respond to a request for comment from OSV News on the Army's new statement pledging to reexamine the contracts.

In his previous statement, Archbishop Broglio cited a RAND report that found "there are approximately six Protestant chaplains for every 1,000 Protestant soldiers, and approximately one Catholic chaplain for every 1,000 Catholic soldiers."

He argued the cancellation of religious support

contracts would "disproportionately" harm Catholics as a result.

"First, because Catholic chaplains are already so low density and in such

high demand, and second because the Catholic faith requires continuing religious education and sacramental preparation that can only be accomplished

through competent support," he said.

(Kate Scanlon is a national reporter for OSV News covering Washington.)

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# Pope Leo Meets with Coalition of Survivors of Clergy Abuse

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — Pope Leo XIV met with a coalition of survivors of abuse and victims' advocates for the first time at the Vatican Oct. 20.

Members of the board of Ending Clergy Abuse met with the pope for about an hour in a closed-door meeting that was later confirmed by the Vatican.

"This was a deeply meaningful conversation," Gemma Hickey, ECA board president and survivor of clergy abuse in Canada, said in a press release. "It reflects a shared commitment to justice, healing and real change."

"Survivors have long sought a seat at the table, and today we felt heard," Hickey said in the statement.

"Pope Leo is very warm, he listened," Hickey said at a news conference, according to Reuters. "We told him that we come as bridge-builders, ready to walk together toward truth, justice and healing."

While the group of six people representing ECA met with the pope, video clips from the Vatican also showed a separate meeting between Pope Leo and Pedro Salinas, a Peruvian journalist and abuse survivor.

Salinas, a former member of Sodalitium Christianae Vitae who suffered physical and psychological abuse by the movement's founder, Luis Fernando Figari, is seen in the footage giving the pope a copy of his new book, "The Truth Sets Us Free," in Spanish.

The book recounts his attempts to bring to light the truth about the movement, which was eventually suppressed.

The international coalition of survivors and human rights advocates works to end clergy abuse, enforce accountability and promote justice and truth, according to its website, [ecaglobal.org](http://ecaglobal.org).

The group's major initiative is a "zero tolerance" policy that would mandate: church personnel to report abuse to civil authorities; immediately remove accused clergy pending investigations and provide victims with access to information and files related to their cases.

ECA members shared the Zero Tolerance Initiative with the pope during the meeting, "emphasizing the importance of consistent global standards, survivor-centered policies," the

press release said.

Tim Law, ECA co-founder and a board member from the United States, said during a news conference after the meeting that Pope Leo acknowledged "there was great resistance" to the idea of a universal zero-tolerance law, according to The Associated Press.

However, Law said he told the pope the coalition wanted to work with him and the Vatican to help the idea gain traction, the AP reported.

"Our goal is not confrontation, but accountability, transparency, and a willingness to walk together toward solutions," Law said in the press release. "The Church has a moral responsibility to support survivors and prevent future harm."

Janet Aguti, ECA board vice president, said in a statement, "We came not only to raise our concerns, but also to explore how we might work together to ensure the protection of children and vulnerable adults around the world," adding that collaboration is possible "and necessary."

"I left the meeting with hope," Aguti, a Ugandan survivor, said at the news conference, according to Reuters. "It is a big step for us."

Matthias Katsch, a co-founder and board member from Germany, said at the news conference that the pope seems to still be "in a phase where he is trying to find out how to best address these issues," Reuters reported. "The times where a pope is saying one sentence and everything is settled is over."

The meeting came after the ECA sent a letter to Pope Leo after his election in early May. "In a gesture of openness, Pope Leo XIV responded positively, welcoming the opportunity for a direct and respectful conversation about the path forward," the group said in its press release.

The six board members attending the meeting also noted "the emotional significance of the dialogue," the statement said.

"The board concluded the meeting by emphasizing the urgent need for continued dialogue, compassion, and collaborative action to build a future where safety, accountability, and dignity are not only upheld but where the voices of survivors lead the way," it said.

When he served as bishop of Chiclayo in Peru, Pope Leo, who is a canon lawyer, had set up a com-



CNS photo/Vatican Media  
Pope Leo XIV welcomes Pedro Salinas, a Peruvian journalist and abuse survivor, to the library of the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican Oct. 20. Salinas is a former member of Sodalitium Christianae Vitae who suffered physical and psychological abuse by the movement's founder, Luis Fernando Figari.

mission to deal with abuse cases in his diocese.

He had told the Peruvian newspaper, *La República*, in 2019 that, "We reject cover-ups and secrecy" because they "cause a lot of harm."

"We have to help people who have suffered due to wrongdoing," he had told the paper.

Pope Francis and Pope Benedict XVI had also met with abuse victims during their pontificates.

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# Pope, British King Share Historic Prayer in Sistine Chapel

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — Pope Leo XIV welcomed Britain's King Charles III and Queen Camilla to the Vatican for a unique visit combining ceremonial flourishes and a historic moment of prayer in the Sistine Chapel.

According to Buckingham Palace, it was the first time since the Reformation in the early 16th century that the pope and a British monarch prayed together at an ecumenical service at the Vatican.

From the moment the royal couple arrived Oct. 23 in the San Damaso Courtyard of the Apostolic Palace, the high formality of the official visit was clear as a larger-than-usual contingent of Swiss Guards welcomed the king and queen, and the Vatican police band played the Vatican anthem and "God Save the King," which is the British national anthem.

After a private meeting, Pope Leo and King Charles exchanged gifts: a mosaic of Christ for the king and an icon of St. Edward the Confessor for the pope. They also gave each other framed, autographed photos of themselves.

But the two also exchanged top honors. The king conferred on the pope the "Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath," which traditionally is given to heads of state, and the pope conferred on the king the "Knight Grand Cross with Collar of the Vatican Order of Pope Pius IX." Pope Leo made Queen Camilla a dame of the same order.

Their majesties originally had planned to make the visit in April in conjunction with a formal state visit to Italy. While the Italian portion of their trip went ahead as scheduled, they only went to the Vatican briefly to greet Pope Francis, who died a few weeks later. After the private meeting and exchange of gifts, Pope Leo and Anglican Archbishop Stephen Cottrell of York, the ranking prelate of the Church of England, led midday prayer in the Sistine Chapel with a focus on "care for creation."

Pope Leo and Archbishop Cottrell sat in front of the altar under Michelangelo's Last Judgment during the prayer service, while the king and queen sat slightly to one side.

Cantors from the Sistine Chapel choir were joined by adults from the choir of St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle and children from the choir of the Chapel Royal of St. James' Palace in London.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster, president of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and Archbishop Leo Cushley of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, representing the Catholic bishops of Scotland, and the Rev. Rosie Frew, moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Scotland, joined the king and queen for the prayer service.

Briefing reporters about the visit, Archbishop Flavio Pace, secretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity, said the moments of prayer and the exchange of honors were clear signs of the progress made in Catholic-Anglican relations since the 1960s.

Pope Leo and King Charles left the Sistine Chapel together and went into the adjoining Sala Regia to meet business leaders and activists committed to fighting climate change and promoting sustainability. The pope personally accompanied the king back to the San Damaso Courtyard where his "Bentley State



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**Pope Leo XIV and Britain's King Charles III leave the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican after midday prayer Oct. 23.**

Limousine," an armored car used for formal visits, was waiting for him and the queen.

As is customary, the Vatican press office provided no information about the pope and king's private discussion. However, in a meeting with Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Vatican secretary of state, and Archbishop Paul R. Gallagher, foreign minister, the press office said, "matters of common interest were discussed, such as environmental protection and the fight against poverty."

"Particular attention was given to the shared commitment to promoting peace and security in the face of global challenges," the statement said. And "recalling the history of the church in the United Kingdom, there was a shared reflection on the need to continue promoting ecumenical dialogue."

After leaving the Vatican, King Charles and Queen Camilla went to Rome's Basilica of St. Paul Outside the

Walls and walked through the Holy Door, prayed at the tomb of St. Paul and attended another prayer service. With the approval of Pope Leo, King Charles was recognized as a "royal confrater" of the basilica, a decision made by U.S. Cardinal James M. Harvey, archpriest of the basilica, and Benedictine Abbot Donato Ogliari, head of the monastery of St. Paul Outside the Walls. In return, Buckingham Palace said, "with the approval of the king, the dean and canons of the College of St. George Windsor have offered that Pope Leo XIV become 'Papal Confrater' of St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle and the pope has accepted."

"These mutual gifts of 'confraternity' are recognitions of spiritual fellowship and are deeply symbolic of the journey the Church of England — of which His Majesty is Supreme Governor — and the Roman Catholic Church have traveled over the past 500 years," the palace said in a statement.

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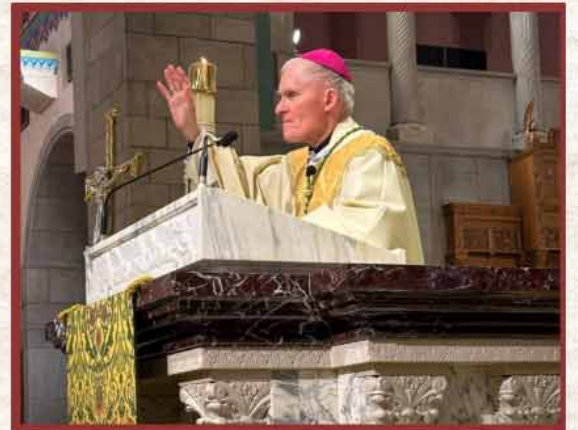
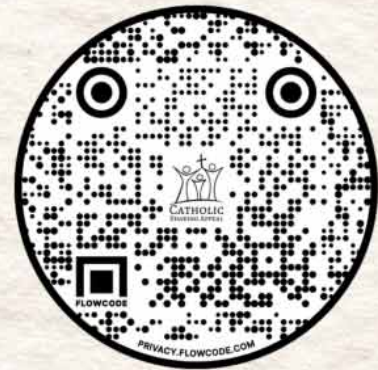
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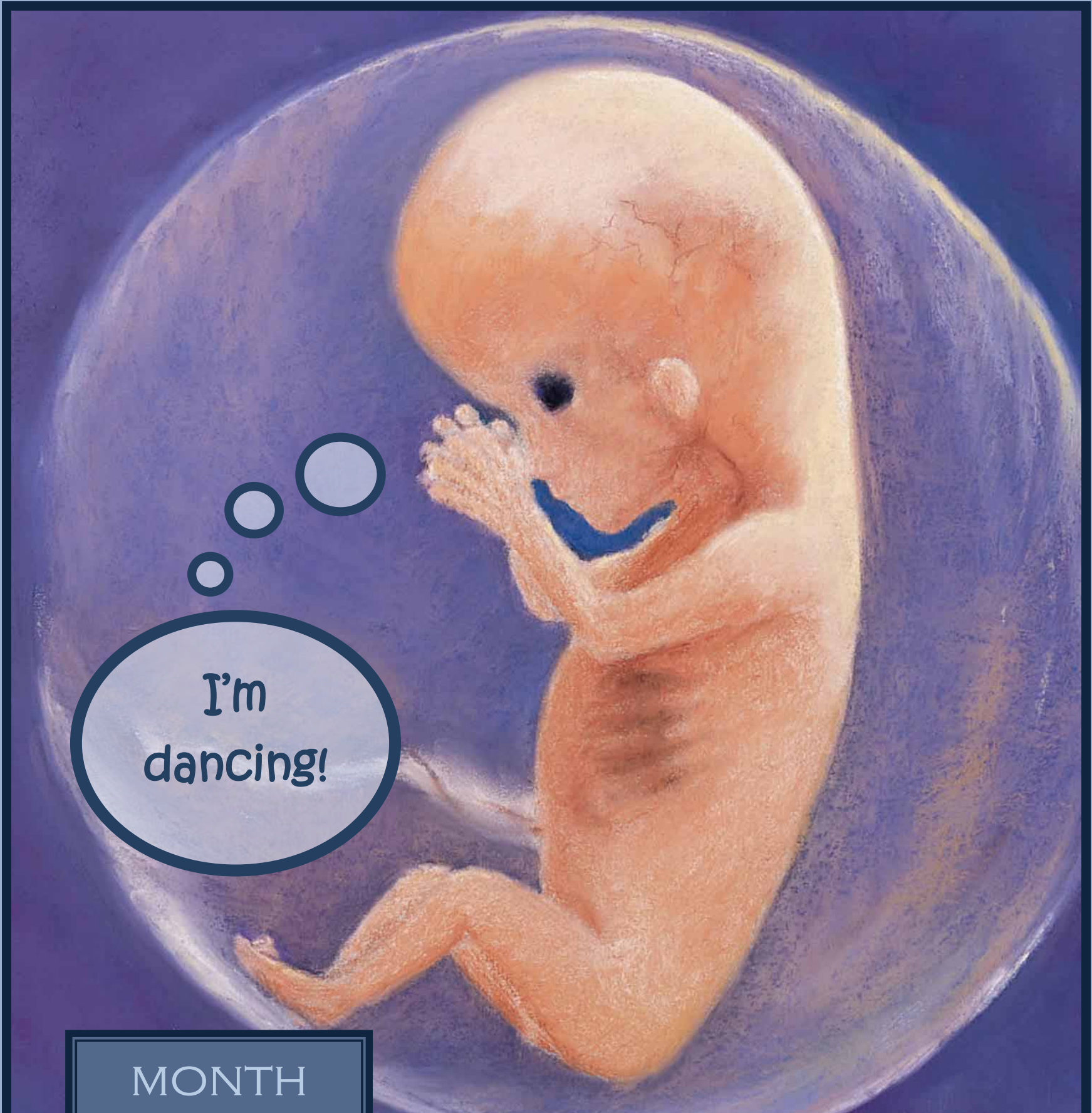
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# El Papa León se reúne con una coalición de sobrevivientes de abusos por parte del clero

Por Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)** — El Papa León XIV se reunió por primera vez con una coalición de sobrevivientes de abusos y defensores de las víctimas en el Vaticano el 20 de octubre.

Los miembros de la junta directiva de Ending Clergy Abuse (Acabar con los abusos del clero o ECA por sus siglas en inglés) se reunieron con el Papa durante aproximadamente una hora en una reunión a puerta cerrada que posteriormente fue confirmada por el Vaticano.

“Fue una conversación muy significativa”, afirmó Gemma Hickey, presidenta de la junta directiva de ECA y sobreviviente de abusos por parte del clero en Canadá, en un comunicado de prensa. “Refleja un compromiso compartido con la justicia, la sanación y el cambio real”.

“Los sobrevivientes llevamos mucho tiempo buscando un lugar en la mesa y hoy nos hemos sentido escuchados”, afirmó Hickey en el comunicado.

“El Papa Leo es muy cordial, nos escuchó”, declaró Hickey en una rueda de prensa, según Reuters. “Le dijimos que venimos como constructores de puentes, dispuestos a caminar juntos hacia la verdad, la justicia y la sanación”.

Mientras el grupo de seis personas que representaba a la ECA se reunía con el Papa, unos vídeos del Vaticano mostraban también una reunión separada entre el Papa Leo y Pedro Salinas, periodista peruano

y sobreviviente de abusos.

Salinas, antiguo miembro del Sodalitium Christianae Vitae (Sodalitio de Vida Cristiana) que sufrió abusos físicos y psicológicos por parte del fundador del movimiento, Luis Fernando Figari, aparece en las imágenes entregando al Papa un ejemplar de su nuevo

El libro relata sus intentos por sacar a la luz la verdad sobre el movimiento, que finalmente fue reprimido.

La coalición internacional de sobrevivientes y defensores de los derechos humanos trabaja para poner fin a los abusos del clero, exigir responsabilidades y promover la justicia y la verdad, según su sitio web, ecaglobal.org.

La principal iniciativa del grupo es una política de “tolerancia cero” que obligaría al personal de la Iglesia a denunciar los abusos a las autoridades civiles, a destituir inmediatamente al clero acusado en espera de investigación y a proporcionar a las víctimas acceso a la información y los expedientes relacionados con sus casos.

Los miembros de la ECA compartieron la Iniciativa de Tolerancia Cero con el Papa durante la reunión, “enfaticando la importancia de unas normas globales coherentes y de unas políticas centradas en los sobrevivientes”, según el comunicado de prensa.

Tim Law, cofundador de la ECA y miembro de la junta directiva de Estados Unidos, dijo durante una rueda de prensa tras la reunión que el Papa León reconoció que “había

una gran resistencia” a la idea de una ley universal de tolerancia cero, según The Associated Press.

Sin embargo, Law dijo que le había comunicado al Papa que la coalición quería trabajar con él y con el Vaticano para ayudar a que la idea ganara adeptos, informó la AP.

“Nuestro objetivo no es la confrontación, sino la rendición de cuentas, la transparencia y la voluntad de avanzar juntos hacia soluciones”, afirmó Law en el comunicado de prensa. “La Iglesia tiene la responsabilidad moral de apoyar a los sobrevivientes y prevenir daños futuros”.

Janet Aguti, vicepresidenta de la junta directiva de ECA, dijo en un comunicado: “Hemos venido no solo para expresar nuestras preocupaciones, sino también para explorar cómo podríamos colaborar para garantizar la protección de los niños y adultos vulnerables en todo el mundo”, y añadió que la colaboración es posible “y necesaria”.

“Salí de la reunión con esperanza”, dijo Aguti, una sobreviviente ugandesa, en la rueda de prensa, según Reuters. “Es un gran paso para nosotros”.

Matthias Katsch, cofundador y miembro de la junta directiva de Alemania, dijo en la rueda de prensa que el Papa parece estar todavía “en una fase en la que está tratando de averiguar cuál es la mejor manera de abordar estas cuestiones”, informó Reuters. “Los tiempos en los que un Papa decía una frase y todo quedaba resuelto han terminado”.

La reunión se produjo después de que la ECA enviara una carta al Papa Leo tras su elección a principios de mayo. “En un gesto de apertura, el Papa Leo XIV respondió positivamente, acogiendo con satisfacción la oportunidad de mantener una conversación directa y respetuosa sobre el camino a seguir”, afirmó el grupo en su comunicado de prensa.

Los seis miembros de la junta que asistieron a la reunión también señalaron “la importancia emocional del diálogo”, según el comunicado.

“La junta concluyó la reunión haciendo hincapié en la urgente necesidad de continuar con el diálogo, la compasión y la acción colaborativa para construir un futuro en el que no solo se defiendan la seguridad, la responsabilidad y la dignidad, sino en el que las voces de los sobrevivientes marquen el camino”, afirmó.

Cuando era obispo de Chiclayo, en Perú, el Papa León, quien es abogado canónico, creó una comisión para tratar los casos de abusos en su diócesis.

En 2019 declaró al periódico peruano La República que “nosotros rechazamos el encubrimiento y el secreto” porque “eso hace mucho daño”.

“Tenemos que ayudar a las personas que han sufrido por el mal actuar”, declaró al periódico.

El Papa Francisco y el Papa Benedicto XVI también se reunieron con víctimas de abusos durante sus pontificados.

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recta de abuso sexual de la diócesis al 833.230.5656. Los formularios de quejas están disponibles en línea en la página web [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), favor de hacer clic en "Diócesis" en la barra de menú, luego en "Oficinas", en "Ambiente seguro" y en "Descargar archivos y formularios". El formulario se titula "Formulario de queja para denuncias de abuso sexual de menores". El formulario se puede enviar por correo en Estados Unidos a: Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003. **Para informar al Coordinador de Asistencia a Víctimas de la Diócesis:** Favor de llamar a Erin McFarland, M.Ed., LPC, al 304.559.6742. Además de las vías mencionadas anteriormente para denunciar el abuso sexual, la diócesis se ha asociado con la compañía Navex Global que ofrece la plataforma EthicsPoint para informar cualquier inquietud adicional, como sospecha de mala conducta financiera, profesional y personal de un sacerdote, diacono, religioso, o empleado laico de la diócesis o cualquier parroquia o escuela católica en West Virginia. Puede acceder a la plataforma EthicsPoint a través de la página web [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), en "Rendición de cuentas", luego "Informar mala conducta" o llamando al 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint es una herramienta de denuncia confidencial y anónima, ellos se encargarán de transmitir su denuncia directamente a las autoridades civiles y a las autoridades diocesanas correspondientes, y lo más importante al denunciar a través de ellos, la identidad de la persona que denuncia 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 a menores: 304-293-6400.

# Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Confirmation Schedule, Fall 2025 Bishop Mark Brennan, Celebrant

Saturday, Nov. 15: St. Francis Xavier Parish, Parkersburg, 5 p.m.

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- 8:30 WVNS FOX 59 Beckley-Bluefield-Oak Hill (Lewisburg)
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