

THE CATHOLIC
Spirit

Only Love Will Save Humanity, Pope Says in Encyclical on Sacred Heart

By Carol Glatz, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — A world that has become “heartless” and indifferent to greed and war, and a Catholic Church in need of revitalizing its missionary joy need to open themselves up to Christ’s infinite love, Pope Francis wrote.

By contemplating Jesus’ Sacred Heart, the faithful can be filled with the “living water that can heal the hurt we have caused, strengthen our ability to love and serve others, and inspire us to journey together toward a just, solidary and fraternal world,” the pope wrote in his encyclical, “*Dilexit nos*” (‘He loved us’): on the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ.”

The Vatican released the 28,000-word text Oct. 24.

While it is the pope’s fourth encyclical, he wrote that it is meant to be understood in tandem with his previous two encyclicals, “*Laudato Si*,” on Care for Our Common Home” and “*Fratelli Tutti*, on Fraternity and Social Friendship.”

“The present document can help us see that the teaching of the social encyclicals ... is not unrelated to our encounter with the love of Jesus Christ,” he wrote. “For it is by drinking of that same love that we become capable of forging bonds of fraternity, of recognizing the dignity of each human being, and of working together to care for our common home.”

The pope had said in June, the month the church traditionally dedicates to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, that he was going to release a document in the fall on the devotion to “illuminate the path of ecclesial renewal, See “**Encyclical**” on Page 3



A painting by Pompeo Batoni of the Sacred Heart of Jesus from 1767 is displayed in an ornate frame inside the Jesuit Church of the Gesù in Rome, Oct. 22.

CNS photo/Lola Gomez

Ouija Board is Not Innocent Fun

By George P. Matysek Jr., OSV News

BALTIMORE (OSV News) — As a part of his ministry as rector of the Baltimore Basilica, Father James Boric made a point of periodically walking two blocks up Charles Street to pray outside an old building right near the Washington Monument.

Wearing a black cassock, white surplice and stole, the priest offered blessings at the site using holy water and salt — traditional tools for combatting the spiritual forces of darkness.

This wasn’t just any building.

The former boarding house, which today is the site of a 7-Eleven in the heart of the city’s cultural district, is where the Ouija board “received” its name in 1890.

According to a commemorative plaque installed by the city of Baltimore inside the building, Charles Kennard, the Ouija’s first manufacturer, and a woman friend asked the board to propose a name for itself. It allegedly spelled out “O-U-I-J-A” over an alphabet and said the name meant “good luck.”

The Ouija exploded in popularity in the decades that followed, with Baltimore becoming a national center of Ouija manufacturing. From 1890 to 1966, 13 different city factories churned out untold numbers of an otherworldly implement used to try to contact other spiritual realms.

Some might shrug.

Why make a fuss over an “innocent” party game that’s so deeply ingrained in the See “**Board**” on Page 4

Diocesan Official Appointment

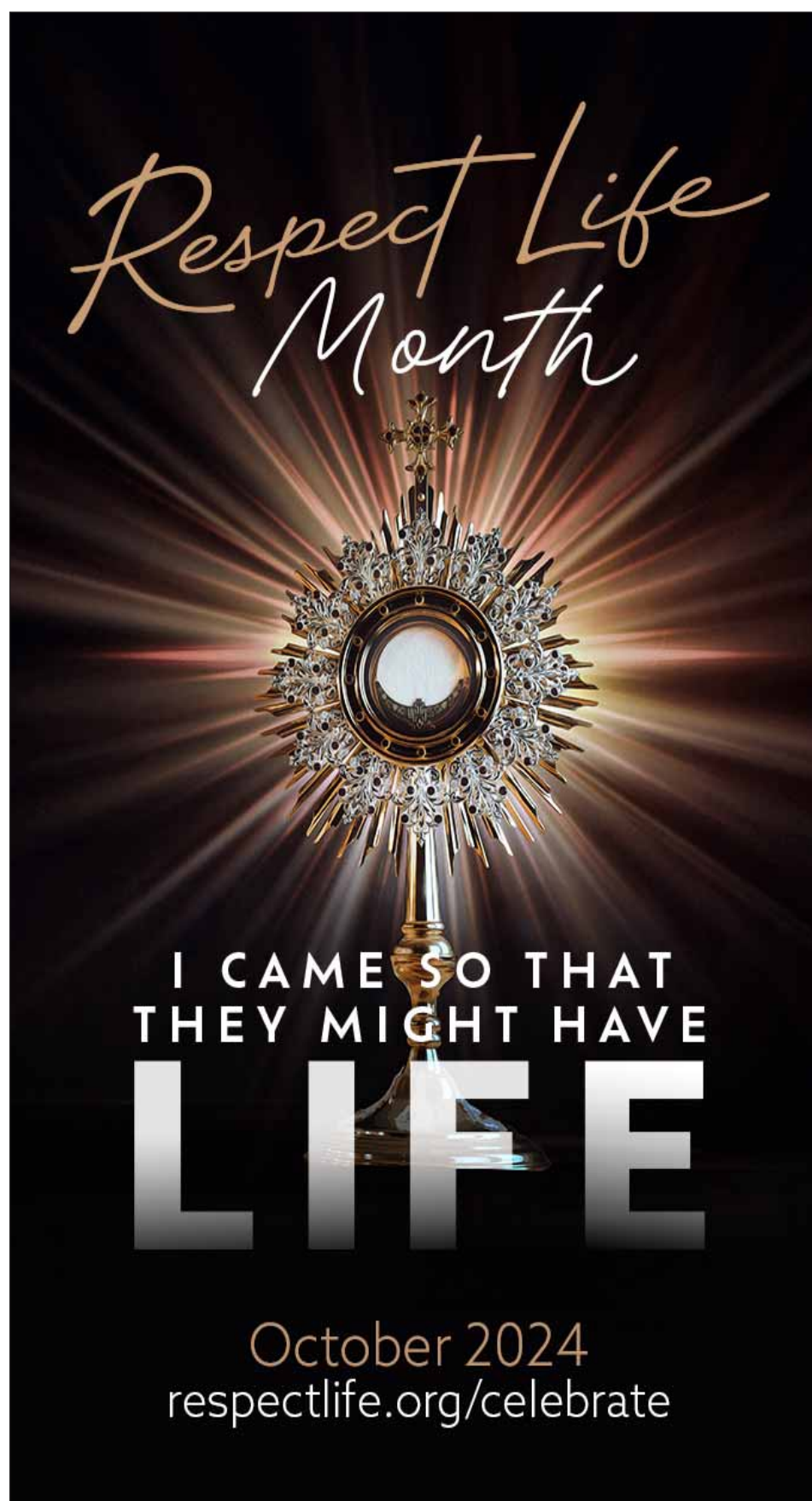
Bishop Mark Brennan has made public the following appointment:

In consultation with Very Rev. Adam Oleszczuk, S.V.D., provincial superior of the Society of the Divine Word Chicago Province, **Father Bao T. Nguyen, S.V.D.**, is appointed administrator of St. Patrick Parish in Hinton and Sacred Heart Mission in Rainelle, with residence at the parish rectory, effective Nov. 1, 2024.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

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

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Encyclical...

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but also to say something significant to a world that seems to have lost its heart."

The encyclical includes numerous reflections from the Bible, previous magisterial texts and the writings of saints and his fellow Jesuits, to re-propose to the whole church the centuries-old devotion. Since 1899, there have been four papal encyclicals and numerous papal texts dedicated to the Sacred Heart — a symbol of Jesus' infinite love, which moves the faithful to love one another.

"In the deepest fiber of our being, we were made to love and to be loved," the pope wrote.

However, he wrote, "when we witness the outbreak of new wars, with the complicity, tolerance or indifference of other countries, or petty power struggles over partisan interests, we may be tempted to conclude that our world is losing its heart."

"It is heartbreaking," he wrote, to see elderly women, who should be enjoying their golden years, experiencing the anguish, fear and outrage of war. "To see these elderly women weep, and not feel that this is something intolerable, is a sign of a world that has grown heartless."

"The most decisive question we can ask is, 'Do I have a heart?'" the pope wrote.

The human being is more than an instrument, a material body and a carrier of intelligence and reason, the pope wrote.

The human person also embodies spiritual, emotional, creative and affective dimensions that are often undervalued, neglected or squelched in today's world, he wrote. It is the heart that integrates all these dimensions that are so often fragmented or neglected.

The most precious treasures that animate and dwell in the human heart are often the simple and poignant moments in life: "How we first used a fork to seal the edges of the pies that we helped our mothers or grandmothers to make at home"; "a smile we elicited by telling a joke"; "the worms we collected in a shoebox"; and "a wish we made in plucking a daisy."

"All these little things, ordinary in themselves yet extraordinary for us, can never be captured by algorithms" and artificial intelligence, he wrote, and, in fact, "poetry and love are necessary to save our humanity," not just reason and technology.

At a Vatican news conference presenting the encyclical Oct. 24, Archbishop Bruno Forte of Chieti-Vasto, Italy, said the document is a "compendium" and the "key" to understanding Pope Francis' pontificate.

Some commentators criticize the pope for focusing too narrowly on "social" issues, the archbishop said. This encyclical explicitly presents the spiritual and theological foundation underlying the pope's message to the church and the world for the past 12 years — that everything "springs from Christ and his love for all humanity."

Many saints and religious congregations have a special devotion to the Sacred Heart, including St. Ignatius of Loyola and the Society of Jesus, the religious order the saint co-founded and to which Pope Francis belonged.

St. Ignatius' spiritual exercises encourage people to "enter into the heart of Christ" to "enlarge our own hearts" and train them to "sense and savor" the Gospel message and "converse about it with the Lord," the pope wrote.

Christ's heart is aflame with infinite love, and Christ desires to be loved and consoled in return, the pope said, especially by loving and serving one's neighbors and those who are most marginalized.

Jesus associated with "the lowest ranks of society," he wrote, introducing the "great novelty of rec-

ognizing the dignity of every person, especially those who were considered 'unworthy.'"

"In union with Christ, amid the ruins we have left in this world by our sins, we are called to build a new civilization of love," the pope wrote. "That is what it means to make reparation as the heart of Christ would have us do."

"Amid the devastation wrought by evil, the heart of Christ desires that we cooperate with him in restoring goodness and beauty to our world," Pope Francis wrote.

The encyclical was published as members of the Synod of Bishops were wrapping up a multiyear process focused on fostering "a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission."

In his encyclical, the pope emphasized how only a deep and abiding love in the Lord can inspire and fuel Catholics to share the Gospel and God's love with the world.

Mission requires missionaries who are "enthralled by Christ" and are "impatient when time is wasted discussing secondary questions or concentrating on truths and rules because their greatest concern is to share what they have experienced," he wrote.

"They want others to perceive the goodness and beauty of the Beloved through their efforts, however inadequate they may be," he wrote.

The heart of Christ also frees Catholics from the

problem of communities and pastors who are "excessively caught up in external activities, structural reforms that have little to do with the Gospel, obsessive reorganization plans, worldly projects, secular ways of thinking and mandatory programs," he wrote.

"The result is often a Christianity stripped of the tender consolations of faith, the joy of serving others, the fervor of personal commitment to mission, the beauty of knowing Christ and the profound gratitude born of the friendship he offers and the ultimate meaning he gives to our lives," he added.

Pope Francis invited Catholics to rediscover or strengthen their devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the practices connected with it, particularly Eucharistic adoration and receiving the Eucharist on the first Friday of each month.

This practice once served to remind the faithful that Communion was not a reward for the perfect, he wrote, but to renew people's confidence in the "merciful and ever-present love" of Christ in the Eucharist and his invitation "to union with him."

Today the First Fridays devotion, he wrote, can help counter "the frenetic pace of today's world and our obsession with free time, consumption and diversion, cell phones and social media (and) we forget to nourish our lives with the strength of the Eucharist."



Time with Our Lord

Father James Conyers spends time with our Lord in adoration during the priest retreat at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. A total of 27 priests attended the retreat with Father Donald Raila, OSB, as the presenter. (Courtesy photo)

Board...

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culture that even Mr. Americana — Norman Rockwell — once painted a picture of a couple “having fun” with it?

“The spiritual world is real,” said Father Boric, who now serves as pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Hagerstown, Md. “When you use a Ouija board, you’re really opening yourself up to something very dangerous. You’re opening yourself up to the devil and his lesser angels — and they can really do harm, just as the good angels really do a tremendous amount of good.”

Father Brian Nolan, pastor of St. Ignatius in Ijamsville, has seen the consequences of using Ouija boards. When he was chaplain of a Maryland university, some students approached him about strange occurrences in a dormitory. People witnessed dark figures and there was a general sense of foreboding. It turned out that students had been using a Ouija board, Father Nolan remembered.

He offered a blessing and the ominous activities ceased.

“Sacramentals such as holy water and house blessings have great power because Jesus Christ is more powerful than Satan,” Father Nolan said, “and honoring him invites the peace of God in our home.”

In interviews with the Catholic Review, Baltimore’s archdiocesan news outlet, Father Boric and Father Nolan both emphasized that the sacraments are the best way for people to break free from involvement with Ouija boards or other occult practices. Good, thorough confessions are especially important, they said.

“The two effects of sin are darkening the intellect and weakening the will,” Father Nolan said. “But confession reverses that, where we humbly bring sins to light and humbly ask for forgiveness and receive his mercy — and then we have a great clarity about ourselves.”

Placing trust in Ouija boards, fortune tellers, horoscopes and the like means one is breaking the First Commandment of having no other gods besides the one true God, Father Nolan said.

“Seeking knowledge from anything outside of God offends the Lord,” he said.

Many people dabble in Ouija boards because they want to connect with deceased loved ones, Father Nolan said. But he warned that it may not be loved ones who speak with them.

“If you put your spiritual antennae up to contact the dead, the response you receive may claim to be your Uncle Lou or Aunt Sarah, but it really might be fallen spirits,” he said.

Growing up in Baltimore, Matthew D’Adamo remembered that his father had a Ouija board in the family basement. D’Adamo steered clear of the object, but in his 20s began to have an attraction to the occult. He and his then-girlfriend visited cemeteries to take photographs in hopes of capturing images of spirits.

They even visited the ruins of the old Patapsco Female Institute, a girls’ boarding school in the Baltimore suburb of Ellicott City, where they heard strange, ghostly noises.

Soon after he started pursuing those activities, D’Adamo, now 45, was almost trapped between two trucks on the road. Within that same week, he and his girlfriend witnessed a puppy get crushed by a car in front of them during a walk. Coming home from a drive-in movie theater, the pair was then almost run down by a speeding car that ultimately flipped over a guardrail, D’Adamo said.

Although he wasn’t practicing his Catholic faith, D’Adamo sought the counsel of a priest at St. Ursula in Parkville, who told him to stop messing around with the occult and to return to the sacraments.

D’Adamo, a parishioner of St. Ignatius in Hickory, has been a faithful Catholic ever since and has given local presentations on the spiritual dangers of the occult. A painter, his religious works have also been featured in displays within

the archdiocese.

“Ultimately, this stuff is a play from the devil,” he said. “He wants to interact with you. The things on the other side know an infinite level more than we do, so they can easily just prey on our interests and desires.”

What does the Catholic Church say?

U.S. bishops, gathered at the Second Plenary Council in Baltimore in 1866, warned against the use of “magnetism” to forecast the future. They noted that some of the phenomena of “spiritism” — attempts at communicating with the dead — are the work of Satan.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says all forms of divination are to be rejected, including recourse to Satan or demons, conjuring up the dead, practices meant to predict the future, consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and more.

William Fuld, a Baltimore businessman who patented the Ouija board and promoted it, died in 1927 when he fell from the roof of one of his factories while overseeing the installation of a flagpole. He was rushed to St. Joseph Hospital in Baltimore, ultimately dying of a broken rib that pierced his heart.

According to the official William Fuld website, operated by Robert Murch, Fuld asked his children on his deathbed never to sell Ouija boards. Despite that plea, the family business continued until being sold to Parker Brothers in 1966. Hasbro now owns the trademark for the name “Ouija.”

Today, the “game” remains popular and there are even online versions of “talking boards” that purport to be portals to other worlds.

Don’t be tempted, Father Boric said.

“The spiritual world is real. When you use a Ouija board, you’re really opening yourself up to something very dangerous. You’re opening yourself up to the devil and his lesser angels — and they can really do harm, just as the good angels really do a tremendous amount of good.”

—Father James Boric, pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Hagerstown, Md.

“My encouragement is to never be afraid of the devil,” he said, “but let’s just not open ourselves up to him. Let’s live a life of grace. Stay close to the sacrament of confession. Stay close to the Eucharist, stay close to the Blessed Mother and you’re guaranteed to win this battle.”

And if you have Ouija boards in your home?

“They should be destroyed and disposed of — some may suggest burning them,” Father Nolan said.

(George P. Matysek Jr. is managing editor of the Catholic Review, news outlet of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.)



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The Diocese previously used Constant Contact to distribute emails to our database of more than 30,000 members of the faithful across the state. The Catholic Spirit e-edition, our FaithInWV Bulletin, and important messages/pastoral letters were distributed in this manner.

Beginning this month, we will transition to using Flocknote for these, and other, communications. One of the great tools avail-

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‘Respect Life’ Novena Highlights Gift of Life, Need for Protection

By **Gina Christian, OSV News**

(OSV News) — The nation’s Catholic bishops are inviting the faithful to join in a novena highlighting the gift of human life, while praying for its protection.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ annual Respect Life Novena began Oct. 22 and concludes Oct. 30.

The novena — available in English and Spanish on the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website at www.usccb.org/respect-life-novena and by email — features a dedicated intention for each day along with a reflection that is preceded by the recitation of an Our Father, three Hail Marys and a Glory Be.

Also included are suggested acts of reparation — such as fasting, praying the rosary or undertaking another form of personal sacrifice — along with recommended further readings on the church’s teaching about the sanctity of human life.

The novena begins with a call for the protection and care of human life from conception to natural death, and ends with a plea that “all Catholics (will) help build a culture that cherishes every person as a precious gift from God.”

The intervening days of the novena are devoted to children in the womb, pregnant and



OSV News photo/Tyler Orsburn
A pro-life sign is displayed in a 2019 file photo. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ annual Respect Life Novena is Oct. 22-30. The novena begins with a call for the protection and care of human life from conception to natural death, and ends with a plea that “all Catholics (will) help build a culture that cherishes every person as a precious gift from God.”

parenting mothers, those who have suffered from participating in an abortion, persons with disabilities and those who are ill and nearing

death. Days 7 and 8 of the novena respectively focus on ensuring that health care conforms with God’s design for human life, and ending the death penalty.

Ahead of Respect Life Month, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Virginia, the pro-life committee chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, urged “a revival of prayer and action” to end abortion and uphold the sanctity of human life.

The USCCB’s Respect Life Month initiative traces its origins to 1972, just prior to the U.S. Supreme Court rulings on *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, the two 1973 decisions that legalized abortion nationwide.

In a Sept. 19 statement for the October observance, Bishop Burbidge stressed that “Jesus, truly present in the Eucharist, gives us the fullness of life,” and “calls each of us to respect that gift of life in every human person.”

Prayers and intentions for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Respect Life Month Novena can be found in English at <https://www.usccb.org/respect-life-novena> and in Spanish at <https://www.usccb.org/es/respect-life-novena>.

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

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NOVEMBER 7, 2024


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Court Martinsburg Celebrates Catholic Daughter Sunday



Courtesy photo

Meta Foster, sitting third from left in the front row, is 94 and a 66-year member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. She was a special guest at a Catholic Daughter Sunday celebration hosted by Court Martinsburg #392 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Oct. 20. Members of Court Martinsburg, pictured above, were also honored.

MARTINSBURG — Catholic Daughter Sunday was celebrated by Court Martinsburg #392 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Oct. 20.

The Catholic Daughters are one of the oldest and largest organizations of Catholic women in the Americas. Catholic Daughter women enjoy each other's company at meetings, share Catholic spirituality, give generously to local and national charities and work hard for their parishes and communities.

Members attended the 10:30 a.m. Mass as a group at St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg with Father Thomas Gallagher, pastor of the parish and court chaplain, as the celebrant. Father Gallagher read the proclamation that he signed proclaiming Sunday, Oct. 20, as CDA Sunday. After the celebration of Mass, members and guests made their way to Lackey Hall for a light lunch and Presentation of Year of Service Pins.

Recognized were: one-year members Linda Abrahamian, Teresa Fellers, Peggy Mills, Sarah Opseth, Teresa Ratledge, Kim Saladini, and

Robin Warren; five-year members Brenda Mason and Monica Straley; 15-year members Mary Beth Cornell, Kendra Merceruio, and Sonja Osbourn; 20-year members Madeline Barney and Dottie Ware; 25-year member Linda Brown; 30-year member Judy Risdon; 45-year member Connie Frick; and 55-year member Anna Albright. The special guest in attendance was Meta Foster, a 66-year member. Meta, a young 94-year-old, spoke about how Catholic Daughters strengthened her faith.

The local court supports St. Joseph School, monthly purchases the coffee and supplies at the Rescue Mission, leads bingo monthly at Martinsburg Health Care, and recently began leading the rosary on Tuesdays at Harmony Assisted Living. The court continues to support Mary's Refuge, St. Joseph's Angles, Faith Feeding Freedom, and Meals on Wheels. The members assemble over 125 gift bags for nursing home residents for Christmas. In June, the court is the West Virginia state sponsor of the Annual Global Rosary Relay for the Sanctification of Priests.

National charities supported by the court are The Disaster Relief Fund, Habitat for Humanity, Holy Cross, Smile Train, and SOAR!

Court Martinsburg was formed in 1919. It has 88 members. In addition to St. Joseph's, the court is affiliated with the Parishes of St. Agnes in Sheperdstown, St. Bernadette's in Hedgesville, St. James the Greater in Charles Town, and St. Leo's in Inwood—all located in the Eastern Panhandle. Court Martinsburg meets once per month at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Stephen Street, 6:15 p.m. for the rosary, with the meeting held after to discuss business, pray, share spirituality, plan charitable endeavors and enjoy "Catholic women time" together.

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South Charleston's Blessed Sacrament Parish Breaks Ground on Community Garden

South Charleston's Blessed Sacrament Parish announced it is breaking ground on its Community Garden. Parish officials said the project will unfold in three phases with the aim of creating a welcoming environment for everyone.

Blessed Sacrament parishioner Monica Patton is managing the project. She told *The Catholic Spirit* that the idea for the garden emerged over the years as various buildings on the property fell into disrepair and were eventually demolished.

"Some parishioners, particularly members of the youth group, expressed interest in creating garden beds to grow vegetables that could be shared within the parish and with Heart and Hand Outreach Ministries," she said. "Once the last building was removed, the concept of utilizing the entire lot for a garden space began to take shape. Inspired by a garden in Ohio that served as a tranquil refuge for appreciating nature, one committee member hopes that a garden in our community will help to cultivate similar experiences for future generations."

The garden will be located on a vacant property to the north of the church along Fourth Avenue. It will include walking paths, a grass field for playing, meditation areas, raised garden beds, as well as a gazebo and fire pit area.

Major focuses of the garden are sustainable practices, enhancing local biodiversity, and fostering community engagement. Patton explained that to increase the variety and variability of life forms within the local ecosystem, several key actions will be implemented through the project beginning with plant-native species.

"We will prioritize the use of native plants in landscaping projects, which will support local pollinators and wildlife, creating a thriving habitat," she said.

The lawn area will be reduced and replaced with diverse plantings, she said. This will not only provide habitat for various species, she said, but also contribute to a more sustainable and visually appealing environment.

Another key action of the project is to establish "Pollinator Gardens," to attract bees, butterflies, and other pollinators, Patton said.

"By selecting a variety of flowering plants that bloom at different times, we aim to create a continuous food source for these vital creatures," she said.

Lastly, the use of pesticides will be avoided to ensure a safer environment for pollinators and other wildlife, she said.

Community engagement will play a crucial role in these efforts, Patton went on to say. Local residents will be encouraged to participate in community gardening initiatives, including the maintenance of raised garden beds.

"By involving the neighborhood in these activities," Patton said, "we can foster a sense of ownership and awareness about the importance of biodiversity and sustainable practices in our urban environment."

Parishioners will be caring for the garden as well.

"We already have a committee in place," Patton said. "They have put forward numerous excellent ideas to ensure its successful growth."

Patton sees volunteer involvement as one of the greatest benefits of the garden, "Not only within the parish but also in the surrounding neighborhood. During the initial foundation phase, we've noticed that nearly every time we are on the property, someone approaches us with questions and expresses a desire to assist once the garden is established. Perhaps instill in the younger parishioners an appreciation for gardening and nature."

The parish hopes that a small part of the new garden will serve as a peaceful space where individuals can sit quietly, reflect, and meditate, Patton said. "It will provide a serene environment for people to take a moment for themselves and relax."

Phase one of the project continues this month with the grading of the property, parish officials said, adding that upcoming steps include the installation of water hydrants, electrical outlets, a shed, and a fence.

Funding for the project has come through a \$50,000 grant the parish received and \$31,000 from six parish households.

Information on how to donate time and treasure for the Community Garden will be shared.



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Kathleen Barton, Director of Social Ministry for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

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

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Synod is Lesson in Moving at ‘Pace of the Holy Spirit,’ Archbishop Says

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Change in the Catholic Church, including a commitment to recognizing women’s leadership gifts and being more welcoming of all people, happens slowly and deliberately, which is a good thing in a rapidly changing world, said the archbishop of Seattle.

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne of Seattle, a papally-appointed member of the Synod of Bishops, said that as the second synod assembly nears its conclusion Oct. 27, people might not see what they hoped for in the synod’s final document, but the gathering heard them and took their input seriously.

“The topic of the synod is synodality. That’s the first step,” the archbishop told Catholic News Service Oct. 24. “The very simple fact that people have been able to express their hurts, their frustrations (and) their desires to the highest level of the church, the broadest level of the church, that’s the first step.”

“And it is no secret that the church moves slowly when it comes to decision taking,” he said.

After last year’s synod assembly, Pope Francis established study groups to explore some of the more

complicated and controversial issues raised at the synod, including women’s ministry, inclusion of LGBTQ Catholics, seminary training, and the appointment and ministry of bishops.

Having specialized study groups focus on each subject “is not going to bring about rapid change,” at least not as rapid as one sees in society, the archbishop said, “but that’s a part of the beauty of the church.”

“The synod operates within the guardrails of tradition and sacred Scripture,” he said, and that ensures that decisions reflect the Catholic faith and not simply a given culture.

The prayer, discussion and discernment built into the synod’s structure also acknowledge that “the church in different cultures and different parts of the world and on different topics moves at different paces,” Archbishop Etienne said. “And I’ve experienced that in the conversations I’ve had with people from around the world this month.”

Catholics in the Seattle Archdiocese would like to see “the voices of women being heard,” and some “even want to see women being ordained deacons,” he said, and they “certainly want a greater receptivity of the LGBTQ community.”

Many people probably will be disappointed that concrete action is not being taken on those issues immediately, the archbishop said, but he hopes they also will understand that one goal of synodality is to help the church learn to move at “the pace of the Holy Spirit.”

The key question, he said, is “how do we become a church that is living its faith in all of the different cultures and contexts of the world and doing it in a manner that invites all of the baptized into a deeper life in the risen Christ and into a deeper participation in his mission, which is the mission of the church?”

Synodality asks all baptized Catholics to live their faith deeply and actively in the world, breaking down barriers, recognizing their neighbors, “rebuilding torn relationships, bridging divisions and healing the wounds of humanity,” he said. “So, it’s very practical.”

Archbishop Etienne said he hopes synodality will be a clear feature of “Partners in the Gospel,” an ongoing process in the Archdiocese of Seattle that superficially could be described as reducing the number of parishes by half. But it was a process that involved reflection and consultation with parishioners and calls for further consultation as the pro-

cess continues.

In July, “the 136 parishes in the Archdiocese of Seattle became 60 parish families, with eight stand-alone parishes,” the archdiocesan website explained.

“Is there anxiety? Is there fear? Is there frustration, even anger? All those emotions are a part of it,” the archbishop said. “But I think deep down, people feel they are now being given the opportunity to shape their future.”

Each “parish family” is being asked to spend the next three years looking at their available resources and developing a plan to advance their hopes for the life, activities and outreach of their parishes.

Archbishop Etienne said he wants to ensure “the co-responsibility of all the baptized” is being taken seriously, including by mandating the formation of new pastoral councils that are truly representative of the parishioners.

“It’s not just the pastor having an idea in his head about what needs to take place, coming in and saying, ‘Well, here’s what we need to do,’” the archbishop said, “but rather bringing people together and saying, ‘OK, here are the challenges that we’re facing. Here is the mission that we all share. How are we going to do this?’”

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Lunch will be provided, as well as coffee, tea, water and snacks.

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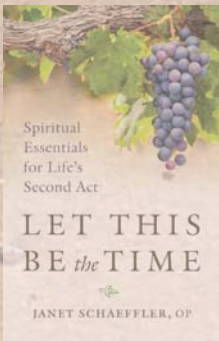
Sister Kathleen is a trained spiritual and retreat director, and a certified dream work facilitator from the Haden Institute. She holds Masters’ degrees in Religious Education from Fordham University and Organization Development from Loyola of Chicago. Currently, she serves on the staff of St. Joseph Retreat Center as a spiritual director and program facilitator.

John completed formation training as a spiritual companion and dream worker through The Haden Institute, a program in the Jungian Mystical Christian tradition. He accompanies journeyers in person, on the telephone, or through an online secure platform, welcoming all who long for a deeper relationship with the Divine. John offers retreats and dream work individually and to groups. He is particularly interested in spiritual symbols and ritual, church wounds, vocational calls, the Celtic Anam Cara and Celtic Spirituality, dream work, journeying with men, and empaths. John is on the faculty of The Haden Institute, and presently serves as a spiritual companion and dream worker in addition to his work as an educator and clinical social worker in Ohio.



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Money Magazine Ranks Wheeling University Best College in West Virginia

WHEELING—Money Magazine analyzed data from nearly 750 four-year colleges across the country and scored Wheeling University as the top institution in West Virginia this year.

According to the magazine, the 745 schools it ranked were chosen from a starting list of more than 2,400 institutions made up of four-year public and private non-profit colleges and universities from across the country. The magazine then analyzed those institutions based on 25 factors in three categories: quality of education, affordability, and outcomes focused on earnings 10 years after college entry.

Wheeling University received four and a half stars, out of a possible five stars by the magazine.

“This university is proud to be recognized as one of the best universities in the country and the top institution in West Virginia. Money Magazine’s rankings recognize Wheeling University’s ability to provide students with a quality, affordable education. The rankings show our graduates are successful in their careers and in their communities when upon graduation,” said Dr. Dianna Vargo, Wheeling’s president.

According to Money, college costs remain one of the primary

reasons students choose not to attend college or struggle to graduate once they do. The magazine believes its rankings offer families the data needed to make informed decisions about where to spend their tuition dollars. The magazine notes, “The Best Colleges’ ratings combine the most accurate pricing estimates available with indicators of alumni financial success, along with an analysis of how much value a college adds when compared to other schools that take in similar students.”

“Our ranking is proof of our faculty and staff’s commitment to providing a high-quality education that is accessible to all

students. Wheeling University is an outstanding option for students looking for an affordable institution that is focused on educating the whole person,” Vargo added.

U.S. News & World Report also ranked Wheeling University as a top institution in the region. In its annual Best College’s Guide, U.S. News scored Wheeling University at 57th among Regional Universities in the South region (tied with four other institutions). Additionally, the university received high marks for Social Mobility ranking 29th among institutions in the South region.

Praying the Rosary for Our Nation



Lisa Baxter photo

Members of Immaculate Conception Parish in New Cumberland prayed the rosary on Saturday, Oct. 12, on behalf of our nation’s upcoming election. Pictured, from left, are Annalise Di Lullo, Jennifer Quarterman, Larry Binkoski, Father Bill Matheny, Jo Ellen Kessel, Dan Robinson, Richard Kaczmarek, Lori Kaczmarek, Donn Warner, Susan Coxen, Larry DeRosa, Matt Burskey, and Donna Burskey.

A New Beginning: *PJ's Journey from Despair to Hope*

Not long ago, a local resident named "PJ" visited our Elkins pantry, bringing with her a story of remarkable transformation.

When PJ first arrived late last year, she was in a state of distress. Having recently relocated from another part of West Virginia, she faced an unstable living situation and a potentially dangerous environment. Initially, she barely interacted with our staff, appearing fearful and overwhelmed, with her immediate need for food the only visible concern.

We were able to provide her with the nourishment she needed and began to offer support with housing resources and community referrals as she was ready to accept them. Over the next few visits, PJ slowly started to open up, engaging more with us and the resources we offered. Her visits became more frequent, and she began working with the Randolph County Housing Authority and other partner agencies.

With persistent effort, PJ pur-

sued a Section 8 voucher through our local housing authority. When she was awarded the voucher, she collaborated with our support staff to find a suitable apartment and soon moved into her new home.

Her most recent visit was nothing short of inspiring. The change in PJ was astonishing. As she stood and spoke with us, she radiated a sense of safety and contentment. Her eyes sparkled with gratitude as she described the simple joys of her new home—turning on a light switch and seeing the room illuminate, having both cold and hot water from the faucet.


The joy she expressed for having a place of her own, where she could feel safe and have enough food, was profoundly moving. She repeatedly thanked us, but the truth is, PJ did the hard work herself. We were simply honored to be a part of her journey, offering support and encouragement along the way.


Moments like these are beyond words. Seeing the genuine joy and




gratitude in PJ's eyes for her new life is a priceless reminder of why we do what we do. We are incredibly grateful for the support we

receive, which makes such transformations possible and helps us continue making a difference in people's lives.



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La novena por el 'Respeto por la vida' destaca el don de la vida y la necesidad de rezar por su protección

By Gina Christian, OSV News

(OSV News) — Los obispos católicos del país invitan a los fieles a unirse a una novena que destaca el don de la vida humana, al tiempo que rezan por su protección.

La novena anual para orar por el "Respeto por la vida" de la Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos comienza el 22 de octubre y concluye el 30 de octubre.

La novena — disponible en inglés y español en la página web de la conferencia episcopal www.usccb.org/respect-life-novena y por correo electrónico — incluye una intención específica para cada día junto con una reflexión precedida por el rezo de un Padrenuestro, tres Avemarías y un Gloria.

También se sugieren actos de reparación — como ayunar, rezar el rosario o emprender otra forma de sacrificio personal — junto con otras lecturas recomendadas sobre la doctrina de la Iglesia acerca de la santidad de la vida humana.

La novena comienza con un llamado a la protección y el cuidado de la vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural, y termina con una súplica para que "todos los católicos ayuden a edificar una cultura que valore a cada persona como un don precioso de Dios".

Los días intermedios de la novena están dedicados a los niños en el vientre materno, a las madres embarazadas y a las que están criando a



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Una mujer joven es vista con su hijo durante la manifestación anual de la Marcha por la Vida en Washington el 24 de enero de 2020. La Novena anual del Mes del Respeto por la Vida de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE.UU. tendrá lugar del 22 al 30 de octubre de 2024. La novena comienza con un llamamiento a la protección y el cuidado de la vida humana desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural, y termina con una súplica para que "todos los católicos ayuden a edificar una cultura que valore a cada persona como un don precioso de Dios".

sus hijos, a quienes han sufrido por participar en un aborto, a las personas con discapacidad y a quienes están enfermos y próximos a la

muerte. Los días 7 y 8 de la novena se centran respectivamente en garantizar que la asistencia de salud se ajuste al designio de Dios sobre la vida humana, y en poner fin a la pena de muerte.

En vísperas del Mes del Respeto a la Vida, el obispo de Arlington, Virginia, Michael F. Burbidge, presidente del comité provida de la USCCB, instó a reavivar la oración y la acción para acabar con el aborto y defender la santidad de la vida humana.

La iniciativa del Mes del Respeto a la Vida de la USCCB tiene sus orígenes en 1972, justo antes de las sentencias del Tribunal Supremo de EE.UU. en los casos Roe contra Wade y Doe contra Bolton, las dos decisiones de 1973 que legalizaron el aborto en todo el país.

En una declaración del 19 de septiembre para la celebración de octubre, el obispo Burbidge subrayó que "Jesús, verdaderamente presente en la Eucaristía, nos da la plenitud de la vida", y "nos llama a cada uno de nosotros a respetar ese don de la vida en cada persona humana".

Las oraciones e intenciones para la Novena del Mes del Respeto a la Vida de la USCCB pueden encontrarse en español en <https://www.usccb.org/es/respect-life-novena> y en inglés en <https://www.usccb.org/respect-life-novena>.

(Gina Christian es reportera multimedia de OSV News.)

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304.230.1504. También puede llamar a la línea directa de abuso sexual de la Diócesis al 833.230.5656. Los formularios de queja están disponibles en línea en www.dwc.org, 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.

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- Cost:** Free will donation accepted
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