



# Enlarge the Tent: Synod Document Sees Desire for Greater Inclusion

**By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — Around the world, listening sessions for the Synod of Bishops gave many participants a sense of finally being listened to, but they also raised questions about how to promote greater inclusion in the

Catholic Church while staying true to church teaching.

Two of the issues raised most often in reports sent to the Vatican were the need to respect and value the contributions women make to the church and the need to face “the impact of a lack of trust and credibility resulting from

the abuse crisis,” according to the working document for the synod’s continental stage.

Titled “Enlarge the Space of Your Tent” — the Lord’s command to the people of Israel in the Book of Isaiah — the document said, “This is how many reports envision the church: an expansive, but not homo-

geneous dwelling, capable of sheltering all, but open, letting in and out, and moving toward embracing the Father and all of humanity.”

The document released Oct. 27 is the result of a group reflection on the syntheses of synod discussions submitted by 112 of the world’s 114

bishops’ conference, all 15 Eastern churches, 17 of the 23 dicasteries of the Roman Curia, the men’s and women’s international unions of superiors general, dozens of Catholic associations and more than 1,000 individuals, it said.

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# WVU Medicine to Build New Regional Cancer Center in Center Wheeling



Courtesy Photo

An artist’s rendering of the new cancer center

**WHEELING**—Residents of Wheeling, the Northern Panhandle, and the West Virginia-Pennsylvania-Ohio tristate region will benefit from a new, comprehensive, regional cancer center that the WVU Health System and the WVU Cancer Institute plan to build on the site of the former Ohio Valley Medical Center in Center

Wheeling. The project, made possible by a partnership among the Health System, the City of Wheeling, and the Ohio County Commission, will take up to five years to complete and is subject to certain government approvals.

“Our mission is to ensure people have convenient access to our network of care, especially cancer care,

and the specialists and subspecialists who are the backbone of that network,” Albert L. Wright, Jr., president and CEO of the West Virginia University Health System, said. “This project will enhance that access while also serving as a major catalyst for further economic growth and development in the City of Wheeling.”

With the second highest cancer mortality rate in the United States, West Virginia’s most common cancer diagnoses are female breast cancer, prostate cancer, lung and bronchus cancer, and colon and rectum cancer. The WVU Cancer Institute typically diagnoses approximately 1,200 cancer cases

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# Catholic Conference of W.Va. Discusses Amendment 3 on the Ballot in the Upcoming Election

West Virginia voters will consider Amendment 3 when they go to the polls next month. Amendment 3 proposes to amend Section 47 of Article VI of the West Virginia Constitution. Currently §47 states that “no charter of incorporation shall be granted to any church or religious denomination” and Amendment 3 would change the language to read as follows: “Provisions may [] be made by general laws for the incorporation of churches or religious denominations.”

Section 47 of the West Virginia constitution was born of the Virginia constitution where it was once likely a well-intentioned effort to keep the legislature from deciding which churches deserved corporate forms and which were to be left out. However, since the days of Thomas Jefferson and James Madison incorporation has evolved from a specific grant of privileges bestowed by the legislature to a ministerial act available to anyone

who can complete a short form and pay the \$100 filing fee.

Section 47’s sister section in the Virginia constitution was struck down as unconstitutional by the Federal trial court in 2001, leaving Section 47 of our constitution as the only remaining constitutional prohibition on religious incorporation in the United States. Like that section in the Virginia constitution, Section 47 of the West Virginia Constitution, if enforced, denies religious organizations the protections of the law available to all other non-profit organizations, solely because of their religious character.

In a free society, people of faith should be free to gather, organize, and share their faith and to avail themselves of the equal protection of the law in so doing. This is not a radical statement and Amendment 3 is not a radical amendment.

## Synod...

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the synod chose an international group of laity, religious, priests and bishops to read the submissions, pray about them and then draft a document that would help participants in the next phase reflect on the faith, hopes and concerns witnessed to in the reports. The document was approved by the cardinals and bishops belonging to the synod’s general council.

What emerged from the reports, it said, “is a profound re-appropriation of the common dignity of all the baptized. This is the authentic pillar of a synodal church and the theological foundation of a unity which is capable of resisting the push toward homogenization. This enables us to continue to promote and make good use of the variety of charisms that the Spirit with unpredictable abundance pours out on the faithful.” Those who most often feel unwelcome in the church or undervalued, it said, include: women, young people, people with disabilities, the poor, those who are divorced and civilly remarried, single parents, those in polygamous marriages and members of the LGBTQ communities.

Responding to experiences of exclusion and discrimination shared by Catholic with disabilities, the document said that “in spite of its own teachings, the church is in danger of imitating the way society casts them aside.”

Reflecting the central place of the Eucharist in the life of the church, it said most submissions included a call for greater participation by all Catholics in the liturgy, working to ensure that it is less “concentrated on the celebrant,” involves more young people and women, including in preaching, and is more reflective of local cultures.

At the same time, the document also noted that in several reports, including that from the United States, some participants in the local listen-

ing sessions “lamented” Pope Francis’ decision to limit celebrations of the Latin-rite Mass according to the rite used before the Second Vatican Council. “The quality of homilies is almost unanimously reported as a problem,” it said. But the document also highlighted a common desire to find solutions to various forms of “sacramental deprivation,” including for people in remote towns and villages without a priest, as well as for civilly remarried Catholics and those in polygamous marriages.

While the reports were not “against priests or the ministerial priesthood,” the document said, many of them cited “clericalism” as an obstacle to being a “synodal church,” one where all the baptized share responsibility for the life of the community and for its mission of spreading the Gospel. “Clericalism is seen as a form of spiritual impoverishment, a deprivation of the true goods of ordained ministry, and a culture that isolates clergy and harms the laity,” it said. Clericalism produces “rigidity, attachment to legalistic power and an exercise of authority that is power rather than service.” In synod listening sessions around the

world, participants noted that women are the majority of Catholics regularly attending the liturgy and staffing most paid and volunteer parish activities, yet it is mostly men who make the decisions in the church.

“Many reports ask that the church continue its discernment in relation to a range of specific questions: the active role of women in the governing structures of church bodies, the possibility for women with adequate training to preach in parish settings, and a female diaconate,” the document said. “Much greater diversity of opinion was expressed on the subject of priestly ordination for women, which some reports call for, while others consider a closed issue.”

Between January and March, smaller groups of church representatives are to meet on a continental or regional level; organized by bishops’ conferences, the groups are to include bishops, priests, religious and laypeople to read the document, pray about it and discuss which issues raised it in are most important and urgent for Catholics in their region to address in order to increase participation, a sense of communion and a commitment to missionary outreach.

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

**To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforcement:** numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families’ Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. You may report anonymously to this hotline if you prefer.

**To Report to Diocesan Authorities:** The diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. The diocese also encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also call the Diocese’s sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5656. Complaint forms are available online at [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), click “Diocese” on the menu bar, then “Offices,” then “Safe Environment,” then “Download Files and Forms.” The form is titled “Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor.” The form may be returned via U.S. mail to: Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

**To Report to the Diocese’s Victim Assistance Coordinator:** please call Dr. Patricia Bailey at 304.242.6988. In addition to the methods listed above for reporting sexual abuse, the Diocese also has partnered with Navex Global to offer the EthicsPoint platform to report other, additional concerns, such as suspected financial, professional, and personal misconduct of a priest, deacon, religious, or lay employee of the Diocese or any Catholic parish or school in West Virginia. The EthicsPoint platform can be accessed via [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), under “Accountability,” then “Report Misconduct” or by calling 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint is a third-party reporting system that reports to civil authorities where applicable and Diocesan authorities, and the identity of the person reporting is protected. Links and information: WV Department of Health and Human Resources: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp>. West Virginia State Police, Crimes Against Children Unit: 304-293-6400.

## Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Dioceses/Eparchies have in place a Safe Environment Program for the protection of children and young people. In accordance with these requirements, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston’s Safe Environment Program consists of the following components for persons seeking employment or to volunteer—directly or indirectly—with children: background check; receipt of the Diocese’s Policy Relating to Sexual Abuse of Children; and sexual abuse awareness training for adults. Sexual abuse awareness training may be completed online or via live workshop. For more information on the Office of Safe Environment, please go to [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), click “Diocese,” then “Offices,” then “Office of Safe Environment.”



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# Center...

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each year in the Wheeling region. "The needs are legendary," Hannah Hazard-Jenkins, M.D., surgical oncologist and director of the WVU Cancer Institute, said. "This new center will become a critical part of the WVU Cancer Institute's integrated network of cancer care across the state and region and will be connected to a broader team of cancer specialists and subspecialists for consultations and expert opinions."

With cancer-specific tumor boards, the WVU Cancer Institute takes a multi-disciplinary team approach to each cancer case that a team of experts reviews. Although still very early in the planning stages, the center will likely offer medical oncology, radiation oncology, and mammography services; a melanoma center; a specialty pharmacy; telemedicine capabilities; multi-disciplinary tumor boards; and academic research facilities.

"This new center will be a game-changer for the region and the city of Wheeling both in terms of the delivery of cancer care and economic development," Douglass E. Harrison, president and CEO of WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital and Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Glen Dale, said. "This is more than a new cancer center; it is a commitment to the city and the surround-

ing region that WVU Medicine and the WVU Cancer Institute will be around for many years to be your healthcare partners."

Wright, Harrison, and Hazard-Jenkins envision a four-story facility that is somewhere between 75,000 and 90,000 square feet in Wheeling. With an expected workforce of 150 employees, the new center will employ cancer doctors, advanced practice providers, nurses, medical assistants, schedulers, dietitians, social workers, and facility professionals. It is estimated that the facility will generate 40,000 patient visits per year.

The City of Wheeling, the owner of the former Ohio Valley Medical Center (OVMC), will be a critical partner in the project. The WVU Health System will raze the buildings at the OVMC site, and the City will donate all of the shovel-ready parcels to the System.

Both the City of Wheeling and Ohio County will fund the majority of the former hospital's demolition.

"This project is going to be transformational: not only will it transform the delivery of cancer care in our region, but it will also change the economic landscape of the Centre Market area, downtown Wheeling, and the city as a whole," Robert Herron, the City of Wheeling's city manager, said. "I would like to thank the leadership of WVU Medicine for their vision and commitment to the well-being of our cit-

izens and for initiating such a worthwhile endeavor."

The Ohio County Commissioners are pleased to be a part of the project.

"The construction of a state-of-the-art cancer center at the former OVMC location will not only transform that part of town but will positively impact patient care for residents in Ohio County and in the region," Commission President Randy Wharton said. "In addition, the facility will bring many employment opportunities to our area and will have a very significant economic impact. It has been a pleasure working with the City of Wheeling and WVU Medicine on this project. This is a great example of what can occur when entities in the community share vision and commitment."

Members of Wheeling City Council are thankful for the partnership of the three entities.

"The closure of OVMC was a travesty for our community and, since then, the City has worked tirelessly to bring healthcare back to our area. Thankfully, the City has been able to partner with other local and regional leaders in reshaping our healthcare for the betterment of our residents with the creation of a cutting-edge regional cancer center. The construction of a brand-new, state-of-the-art regional cancer center by Wheeling Hospital and the WVU Health Sys-

tem at the shuttered OVMC property is a home run for not only the residents of Wheeling but the entire Ohio Valley," Ward 4 Councilor Jerry Sklavounakis said.

"Executing the Letter of Intent is the first step in the process of revitalizing Center Wheeling and providing much needed cancer treatment for our neighbors, friends, and family. This project is a significant endeavor that cannot happen without the effort, vision, and collaboration of various entities. I would like to extend my gratitude to the Ohio County Commission, the city manager and fellow members of Council, and the WVU Health System for undertaking this exceptional project."

Ward 6 Councilor Dave Palmer said, "I am ecstatic with WVU Medicine for their continued investment in the City of Wheeling. While it saddens me to say goodbye to the 'OV' as we knew it, this will be the dawn of a new era for Center Wheeling. A facility of this kind will improve our healthcare in this area, so our citizens will not have to travel to other regions to get the care they need. I couldn't be more grateful to our city staff and county commissioners for their help in making this project a reality."

For more information on WVU Medicine, visit [WVUMedicine.org](http://WVUMedicine.org). For more information on the WVU Cancer Institute, visit [WVU-Medicine.org/Cancer](http://WVU-Medicine.org/Cancer).

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# Bishops Urge Congress to be in ‘Radical Solidarity’ with Mothers, Children

By Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — Calling upon Congress for “radical solidarity” with mothers and babies — both born and unborn — four bishops advanced an ambitious legislative and policy agenda that prioritizes the well-being of families in a letter to lawmakers.

The measures proposed by the chairmen of four U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ committees detail a “vision for an authentically life-affirming society.”

Dated Oct. 26, the letter explained that following the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in June that reversed the court’s 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion, there is an opportunity to “redouble efforts toward a culture of life that respects and supports the dignity of every person at every stage.”

Describing the court’s decision as “extraordinary,” the bishops said that the work to support families must be widened.

“We are praying and working for changes in hearts and minds, circumstances and policy, that will help everyone to treasure each and

every fellow human being in a society oriented to supporting children and their parents,” the letter said.

“In other words, we hope for the day when abortion is unthinkable because society has successfully reckoned with the challenges of raising children in the modern world and has decided to make the full flourishing of children and their families the highest goal, without anyone being excluded,” it said.

The letter was sent to all members of Congress by Oklahoma City Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development; Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities; San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone of the Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth; and Washington Auxiliary Bishop Mario E. Dorsonville of the Committee on Migration.

Specifically, the bishops outlined 15 measures that they said they have long supported. They include passage of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and the PUMP

for Nursing Mothers Act, extending the child tax credit, support for pregnancy resource centers, and ending marriage penalties in tax policy and social programs.

Other provisions the bishops urged Congress to act upon relate to paid family leave, child care and prekindergarten programs, nutrition, education, maternal and child health, housing, domestic violence and family relationships, adoption support, environmental policies to ensure the health of women and children, and lifting limits on the eligibility of immigrant and mixed-status families in accessing government programs.

“There are serious cultural, social, economic and spiritual challenges that face women, families and children today. These are challenges that concern the common good,” the bishops wrote.

They emphasized that children should not grow up in poverty and that parents should be able to take time away from work to care for them. They also said affordable health care for moms and children is necessary and that workplace po-

licies should respect pregnant and nursing mothers.

The bishops are calling for affordable and high quality day care as well as an end to childhood hunger and homelessness and to toxic chemicals causing defects or cancer. They also said immigrant families need to be “treated in accord with their inviolable dignity.”

“All of these goals require the cooperation of all and the exclusion of none,” they added.

The letter said these goals cannot be achieved by individual efforts and will require collaborative work on the part of government leaders.

The bishops urged members of Congress “to find bipartisan solutions and ensure that these and other similar legislative proposals are given high priority.”

“We hope with a particular concern that we all can agree on coming to the aid of pregnant and single parenting women in need, so that they will have the support, comfort, and hope that they require to build their lives for the better and realize their aspirations,” the bishops wrote.



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# PACE Conference Draws More Than 120 Parish, School, and Chancery Staff

**By Colleen Rowan**

**CHARLESTON**—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's PACE (Pastoral Administration and Collaborative Education) Conference gathered more than 120 staff from parishes and Catholic schools around the state with chancery personnel "to gain valuable insights, collaboration, education, and ideas to take back to their communities," diocesan officials said.

state attended PACE with the largest contingent from the parish cluster of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in New Martinsville, Mater Dolorosa Parish in Paden City, Holy Rosary Mission in Sistersville, and St. Joseph Mission in Proctor with their pastor, Msgr. Kevin Quirk, J.C.D.

Attending her first PACE Conference was Kathy Barton, director of Social Ministries for the diocese, who began in the position in



Rob Wickham Photo

Bishop Mark Brennan shares a meal with participants at the PACE Conference.



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Kathy Barton, director of Social Ministries for the diocese, presents "A Call to Walking with Moms in Need" at the PACE Conference.

The conference was held Oct. 19-20 at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston where participants attended presentations on topics ranging from the Eucharist to the Synod and to payroll to human resources and to the benefits of the Catholic Sharing Appeal and much more.

PACE is organized each year by Chad Carter, chancellor of the diocese.

Bishop Mark Brennan also attended the conference, spent time with participants, and celebrated Mass at the center's chapel. He also joined with attendees for Reflections on the Eucharist in Word and Song which was also held in the chapel.

Representatives from parishes and Catholic schools from all over the

August. She presented "A Call to Walking with Moms in Need" in which she shared in depth information on the Walking with Moms in Need nationwide effort of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"Inspired by St. John Paul's call to assess our efforts in building a culture of life," the PACE breakout session listing notes of the program. "The intention is to increase the church's outreach to pregnant and parenting women in need. Parishes will engage in a yearlong process to assess, expand, and communicate resources, hope, and love to vulnerable pregnant women and families in need."

Barton also shared that, as a new employee of the di-



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Diocesan Website Developer Nick Gulisek offers "One-on-One Help with your Website" at the PACE Conference.

ocese, she appreciated the conference and all it had to offer. At the same time, PACE afforded her the opportunity to introduce the Walking with Moms in Need program that is among the initiatives that are a priority of not only her office but also of Bishop Brennan and the diocese.

"The feedback and sup-

port from those in attendance was not only appreciated but very helpful," she said.

Barton added: "The conference also gave me time to meet and network with fellow staff and diocesan staff at large. I would not be honest if I did not mention the fun, food and fellowship. Thank you for all the effort that went into that

beautiful weekend. See you next year!"

A new offering at the conference this year was "One-on-One Help with your Website" by Diocesan Website Developer Nick Gulisek. He conducted personalized sessions on making updates to websites, editing text, adding pictures, uploading files, posting news, and more.

# At Novena, Father Perera Encourages Faithful to Turn to the Holy Spirit

By Colleen Rowan

**“H**ave you ever heard birds sing?” Father Jude Perera, TOR, asked the faithful gathered at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. “You may hear the chirping song of birds early in the morning. And have you ever thought, why do the birds sing?” Father Perera, who was presider and homilist for the eighth night of the Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague Oct. 24, said the birds have a song to sing.

“That is why every bird is singing every morning,” he said. “Different birds have different songs, different tunes but still they all have a song to sing. That is why they were singing. My brothers and sisters, when it comes to the gospel today (John 20:19-31), the apostles were given a song but they did not know how to begin to sing. That is where they were stuck. They were afraid, and Jesus had to come towards them to begin the song. But they didn’t have the first note to begin. That is why Jesus said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”

Father Perera, who serves as administrator of St. Anthony Parish in Follansbee, wanted to focus the faithful’s attention on the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Spirit.

A crisis in the church today is the lack of turning to the Holy Spirit, he said. “Nobody wants to wait and see, wait and pray like the apostles. That is where the power of the Holy Spirit was given from above. Because there is no other way we can produce the Holy Spirit. It is given from above. It is totally a pure gift. ... We are like the apostles, afraid and cannot begin our song to sing.”

Today, he said, there are so many beautiful words in homilies, so many beautiful thoughts and reflections; but what is lacking in the faithful is putting it all into action.

“Without inspiration, without the power of the spirit we cannot do that,” Father Perera stressed. “That is where we all get stuck. That is where you’ll need to be aware and ask for the power of the spirit.”

Father Perera, who is of the Franciscan Friars Third Order Regular, TOR, (Province of Our Lady of Lanka, Sri Lanka) then shared a story of his homeland. In 1658, the Dutch came to Sri Lanka. They were Calvinists and confiscated all the Catholic churches. They banished the priests and the missionaries and Catholics were under severe persecution, he said. A missionary priest from India, Father Joseph Vaz, came to Sri Lanka and, because of his skin color, he was not recognized by the Dutch as a missionary, Father Perera said.

“He went around the whole island,” Father Perera said. “For the whole island, there was only one priest for more than eight years. And he rekindled the faith.”

Father Vaz celebrated Mass on Christmas Eve in Father Perera’s hometown pointing out that no church was dedicated to the name of the infant Jesus.

“Let this church be renamed forever in the name of the Infant Jesus,” Father Vaz said at the Mass. Father Perera said that the church, which was just a hut at that time, is his home parish.



Colleen Rowan Photo

Father Jude Perera, TOR, blesses the faithful gathered at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Oct. 24, the eighth night of the Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague.

He added that it was “so beautiful” that he was invited to preside over the novena at the cathedral. He ended his homily saying: “We all need, like that missionary (Father Vaz), an action in faith. For that, we need the power of the spirit. For that, we need to wait and pray like the apostles did. My dear brothers and sisters, I want you to do the same with the Eucharistic Lord, with Our Lady, with all the apostles. We all need the power to put into practice what we hear.”

The Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague at the cathedral will culminate on Oct. 31 with Bishop Mark Brennan as the presider and homilist. The novena begins at 7 p.m. and includes Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, music, and prayers to the Infant of Prague. The theme of the novena is “The Holy Eucharist” and is a great prayerful opportunity during the National Eucharistic Revival. All are invited to attend.

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# Fairmont Catholic Students Pray the Rosary for Hurricane Victims



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At St. Peter the Fisherman Church in Fairmont, students in grades five through eight at Fairmont Catholic Grade School pray the rosary for victims of Hurricane Ian in Florida and for peace in the world.

## Special Collection for Hurricane Ian Relief at Masses This Weekend, Oct. 29-30

**WEST VIRGINIA**—In the aftermath of Hurricane Ian, which devastated areas across Florida and other parts of the southeastern U.S., recovery and cleanup efforts continue. Many lives have been lost and thousands of homes, business, and Church properties have been damaged or destroyed.

Throughout the region, Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), in conjunction with other agencies, are already hard at work providing humanitarian aid. Items like food, water, sanitation assistance and clean-up services are al-

ready being provided and the agencies will remain in the area to support repair and rebuild efforts in communities.

To support the efforts of these organizations, Bishop Mark Brennan has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of Oct. 29-30. Bishop Brennan appreciates your generosity this past summer to those affected by the severe storms and flooding in Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia. But he feels impelled once again to ask you to do what you can to help our fellow Americans suffering from Hurricane

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All funds collected in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will become part of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund which provides for the pastoral and reconstruction needs of Catholic Churches in the region as well as the efforts of CCUSA and CRS.

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# Study of Priests Shows Distrust of Bishops, Fear of False Abuse Accusations

By Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — A study of U.S. priests released Oct. 19 details clerics' "crisis of trust" toward their bishops as well as fear that if they were falsely accused of abuse, prelates would immediately throw them "under the bus" and not help them clear their name.

The study "Well-being, Trust and Policy in a Time of Crisis" by The Catholic Project, written by Brandon Vaidyanathan, Christopher Jacobi and Chelsea Rae Kelly, of The Catholic University of America, paints a portrait of a majority of priests who feel abandoned by the men they are supposed to trust at the helm of their dioceses.

And while the study says priests overwhelmingly support measures to combat sex abuse and enhance child safety, the majority, 82%, also said they regularly fear being falsely accused. Were that to happen, they feel they would face a "de facto policy" of guilty until proven innocent.

The study, unveiled at The Catholic University of America in Washington, documents the environment between priests and their bishops in light of the "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People" instituted in 2002 by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Commonly referred to as the Dallas Charter, it sets in place policy about how to proceed when allegations of sexual abuse of children by clergy or church personnel come to light.

"Indeed, many priests feel that the policies introduced since the Dallas Charter have depersonalized their relationship with their bishops; they see bishops more as CEOs, bureaucrats, and legalistic guardians of diocesan finances than as fathers and brothers," the study points out and quotes a diocesan priest saying: "Our archbishop is a remote figure. Not at all personable. Not approachable. He appears to be a busy CEO and religious functionary."

The document reveals that 40% of the priests who responded said they see the zero-tolerance policy as "too harsh" or "harsher than necessary," adding that it's too easy to lodge false claims of abuse against them. They feel bishops would not support a priest in the period necessary to prove his innocence.

"There's this sense ... that the bishops are against a priest who's been accused, rather than doing what the bishop must do but still supporting the priest," said one of the 100 priests that researchers interviewed in-depth.

"Most priests agree with the church's response to the abuse crisis, but also fear that their bishops wouldn't have their backs if they were falsely accused," said Vaidyanathan, one of the study's authors.

Of the 10,000 diocesan and religious priests surveyed, just 24% said they had confidence in U.S. bishops in general. Instead, priests in the study said they predominantly see the prelates as social climbers, careerists and administrators who barely know priests in their diocese by name.

"I don't really trust most of the bishops, to be honest with you. I'll show them all a great amount of respect. And if I was in their diocese, I would really serve them and try," a priest told researchers. "But just looking across the United States and looking across a lot of bishops ... I would say I have an overall negative opinion of bishops in the United States.



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**Priests are seen during a special Mass for vocations at Cure of Ars Church in Merrick, N.Y., Aug. 4, the feast of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests.**

"They're really not leaders or they're just kind of chameleons ... looking to climb up the ladder."

The study says 131 bishops also participated in the study, which analyzed attitudes about priests' well-being, trust and the policy related to the sex abuse crisis.

In response to the study, the USCCB's Public Affairs Office released a statement by Bishop James F. Checchio of Metuchen, New Jersey, chairman of the organization's Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations.

"I am grateful for the insight provided by this study which will assist the bishops in our ministry to our priests. While not surprised, I am heartened that the results report priests have such a high level of vocational fulfillment and that they remain positive about their priestly ministry," Bishop Checchio said in the Oct. 19 statement.

The bishop referred to a figure in the document that showed that 77% of the priests in the study could be categorized as "flourishing" — saying they felt fulfilled and had a sense of meaning and purpose — and 4% reporting that they were thinking of leaving the priesthood.

"Our priests are generous and committed," Bishop Checchio continued. "While acknowledging that circumstances will vary from diocese to diocese, the findings of this study are overall valuable in that they remind us of the importance of being always attentive to the care of our priests with the ever-growing stressors they experience in ministry, while we strive to address any issues that have damaged the unique relationship we enjoy."

The study says that the "erosion of trust between a priest and his bishop" affects the level of well-being of a priest, and those with more trust fare better than others.

It also points out a great disparity of perception

between the two groups, with bishops overwhelmingly seeing their role as more supportive of clerics. The majority of bishops surveyed said that they felt their role was akin to a brother, a father, a shepherd, a co-worker, when it came to dealing with priests.

Priests said strengthening relationships with bishops, having more social interaction with them, have the prelates know their names, communication, transparency about processes, as well as accountability on prelates' part would help alleviate the existing erosion of trust.

"The hope is that if we were to do the same survey five years from now, things would look different," Stephen White, of The Catholic Project, said in a statement released before the presentation.

"Priests are happy in their vocations, but we also want them to feel less anxious and more supported. I know the bishops want that too. Hopefully this data can help in that regard," he said.

Priests in the study also said they felt like cogs in the wheel, seen by bishops as liabilities. Some of the attitudes varied between diocesan priests and those who belong to a religious community, with those who were part of a religious order reporting more support.

The study also said that "at least some" of the mistrust comes from the way priests see "the application of policies created in the wake of the abuse crisis," even as some bishops helped cover up abuses or were accused of being abusers themselves.

"Perhaps some bishops see themselves through rose-colored glasses," a summary of the study said. "Or perhaps priests, in a beleaguered and prolonged state of stress and uncertainty, unfairly characterize their bishops through a lens of cynicism and fear. Or perhaps there is some truth to both perspectives."

# Cardinal Gregory Stresses Need for Believers to Fight Against Racism

By **Richard Szczepanowski, Catholic News Service**

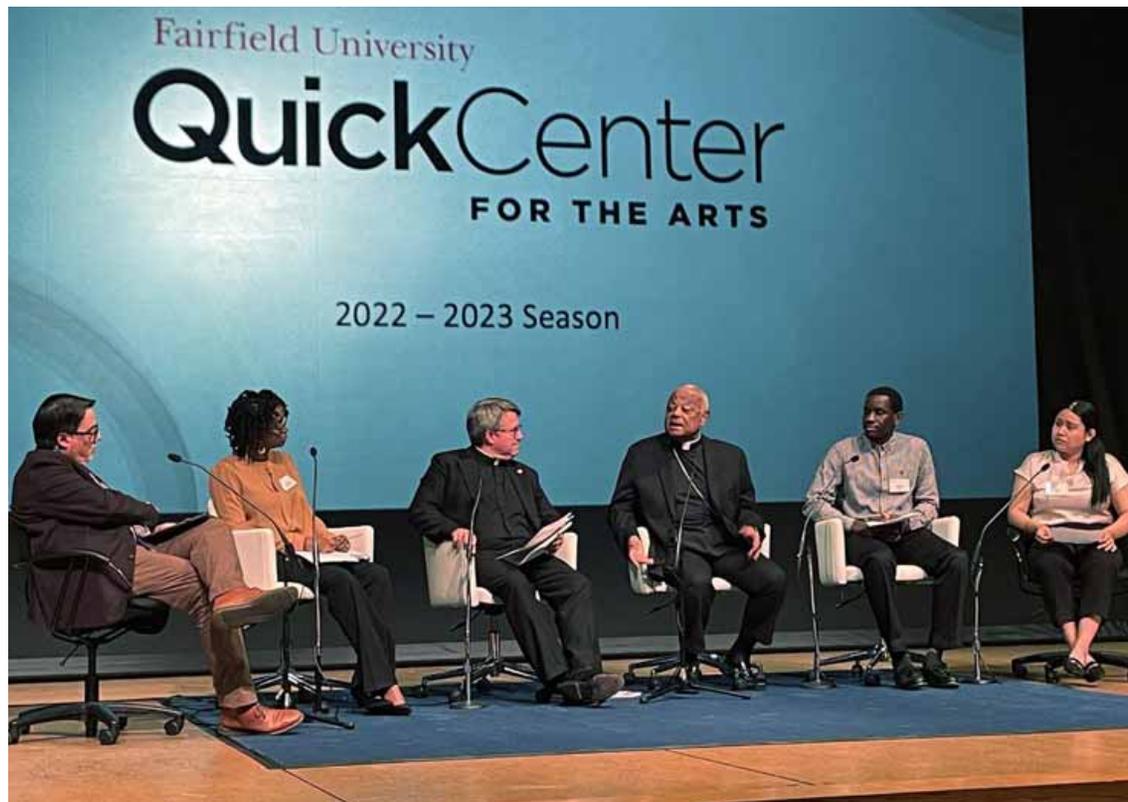
**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — Catholics, and all people of faith, must engage in the “critically important work” of fighting injustice, racism and other societal ills that prevent people from living in peace, Washington Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory said in an Oct. 13 address at Fairfield University in Connecticut.

In his lecture — as the inaugural speaker in the Jesuit-run university’s “Faith Leaders for Racial Justice” series — the cardinal pointed out that while the Catholic Church “has been at the forefront of racial reconciliation and racial justice for many years ... we have not overcome all obstacles of injustice even within the church herself.”

He also said it is “fitting that we, as a church, discuss the important topic of racism within the context of our faith” and stressed that to overcome the sin of racism, parishes and ministries must be places of genuine hospitality and welcome.

The cardinal said the faithful “are called to model Christ in our society in every way we can,” and can be guided to do so by following Catholic social teaching, which he called “an incredibly valuable part of our faith.”

He lamented what he called “a unique and tense time in our history,” adding: “We are bombarded



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Washington Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory, third from right, speaks during the “Faith Leaders for Racial Justice” lecture series at Fairfield University in Connecticut Oct. 13.

with the negative heaviness of it all as it becomes painfully clear that we are not caring for our neighbor ... We see these things happening all around us and know that we cannot sit by and just let them continue.”

He also criticized what he called a “breakdown in civility and respect (that) is threatening our unity and hampering our ability to address the myriad of issues we are facing — such as institutional racism, police brutality, gun violence and respect for the dignity of every human life, espe-

cially the most vulnerable.”

“Our ability to communicate and speak honestly with one another to engage in meaningful and healthy conversation is diminishing, and it is costing us our well-being,” he said. “As people of faith and faith leaders, it is our responsibility to address ... all inequalities we see — as we pray, work and always promote peace in a world full of hostility and conflict.”

Cardinal Gregory urged the faithful to familiarize themselves with Pope Francis’ encyclical letter, “Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity

and Social Friendship,” issued in 2020 as a call for the world to reject racism and war and strive toward global fraternity and solidarity.

He also suggested a careful review of the U.S. bishops’ pastoral letter, “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love,” against racism. He stressed that racism can be defeated if believers “experience ongoing conversion to live the Gospel message and work for justice. When our brothers and sisters are treated unjustly because of their country of

origin or subjected to structural racism due to the color of their skin or discriminated against because of a disability or anything else — we are called to proclaim the Gospel message,” he said.

“We are on a journey as a human family, and I have great hope that we will experience racial reconciliation in our ongoing conversion through honest and respectful dialogue,” he added. “With this and our rededicated commitment to progress, led by our devotion to prayer and active work to end racism and division, we will get there.”

(Szczepanowski is managing editor of the Catholic Standard, archdiocesan newspaper of Washington.)

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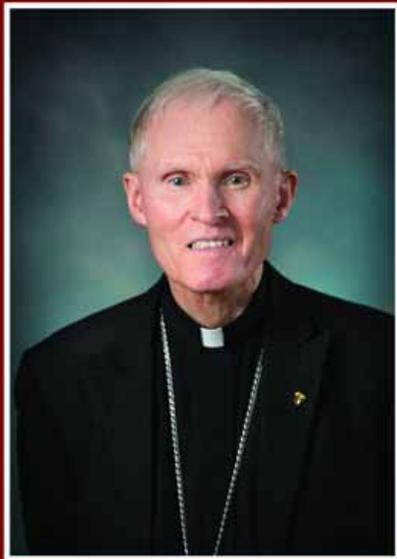
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**By Beth Zarate, CCWVa President and Chief Executive Officer**

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8:00 a.m. – Nick and Jessica and their three children welcome volunteers to their home in Greenbrier County to repair damages sustained from recent flooding

8:30 a.m. – Brittany works with Heather, a single mother approved for child care assistance in Ohio County, so she can return to school to better her life for her children

9:00 a.m. – A case manager helps Asha with rent money and a new car battery so she has transportation to look for a job

9:30 a.m. – Jane shares with a new day care provider the benefits of the Child Care Food Program and how to introduce healthy food choices to the children she cares for

10:00 a.m. – Keith brainstorms with the IT team the purchase of 15 laptops for clients

10:30 a.m. – Chad celebrates with Debra, an adult learner in Huntington who passed her Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) exam to pursue a career in nursing

11:00 a.m. – Renée helps a new refugee family in Morgantown begin an English as a Second Language course

11:30 a.m. – Danielle and the finance team meet to review monthly financials

12:00 p.m. – Jeanne finishes up a community meeting in Romney to discern gaps in

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12:30 p.m. – Beth and Sara have lunch with a donor to discuss our new Hospital Transition program

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1:30 p.m. – Wendy celebrates with a new mom as they review her child's progress upon receiving Birth to Three services for speech issues

2:00 p.m. – The board of directors meet to review agency materials and discuss strategic goals

2:30 p.m. – John and the Advancement team meet to discuss the events calendar

3:00 p.m. – Matt and his team provide a food distribution at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Princeton

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# Encuesta de sacerdotes en EE. UU. muestra desconfianza en obispos

Por Rhina Guidos, Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Una encuesta de sacerdotes de EE. UU. publicada el 19 de octubre detalla la "crisis de confianza" de los clérigos hacia sus obispos, así como el temor de que si fueran acusados falsamente de abuso, los prelados no les ayudarían a defenderse.

El estudio "Bienestar, confianza y política en tiempos de crisis" de The Catholic Project, escrito por Brandon Vaidyanathan, Christopher Jacobi y Chelsea Rae Kelly, de la Universidad Católica de América, pinta un retrato de una mayoría de sacerdotes que se sienten abandonados por los hombres en los que se supone que deben confiar al frente de sus diócesis.

Y aunque el estudio dice que los sacerdotes apoyan abrumadoramente las medidas para combatir el abuso sexual y mejorar la seguridad de los niños, la mayoría, el 82 %, también dijo que regularmente temen ser acusados falsamente. Si eso sucediera, sienten que se enfrentarían a una "política de facto" de culpabilidad hasta que se pruebe su inocencia.

La encuesta, presentada en la Universidad Católica de América en Washington, documenta el entorno entre los sacerdotes y sus obispos a la luz de la "Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes" instituida en 2002 por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE. UU.

Comúnmente conocida como la Carta de Dallas, establece una política sobre cómo proceder cuando salen a la luz denuncias de abuso sexual de niños por parte del clero o el personal de la iglesia. "De hecho, muchos sacerdotes sienten que las políticas introducidas desde la Carta de Dallas han despersonalizado su relación con sus obispos; ven a los obispos más como directores ejecutivos, burócratas y guardianes legalistas de las finanzas diocesanas que como padres o hermanos", señala el estudio y cita un sacerdote diocesano que dijo: "Nuestro arzobispo es una figura lejana. Nada agradable. No es accesible. Parece

ser un director general ocupado y un funcionario religioso".

El documento revela que el 40% de los sacerdotes que respondieron dijeron que ven la política de tolerancia cero en acusaciones de abuso como "demasiado dura" o "más dura de lo necesario", y agregaron que es demasiado fácil presentar denuncias falsas de abuso contra ellos. Sienten que los obispos no apoyarían a un sacerdote en el período necesario para probar su inocencia.

"Existe esta percepción... de que los obispos están en contra de un sacerdote que ha sido acusado, en lugar de hacer lo que el obispo debe hacer pero seguir apoyando al sacerdote", dijo uno de los 100 sacerdotes que los investigadores entrevistaron en profundidad.

"La mayoría de los sacerdotes están de acuerdo con la respuesta de la iglesia a la crisis de abuso, pero también temen que sus obispos no los respalden si son acusados falsamente", dijo Vaidyanathan, uno de los autores del estudio.

De los 10,000 sacerdotes diocesanos y religiosos encuestados, solo el 24% dijo que tenía confianza en los obispos estadounidenses en general. En cambio, los sacerdotes del estudio dijeron que ven predominantemente a los prelados como personas buscando elevar su estatus social, administradores que apenas conocen los nombres de los sacerdotes en la diócesis.

"Realmente no confío en la mayoría de los obispos, para ser honesto con usted. Les demuestro a todos un gran respeto. Y si estuviera en su diócesis, realmente les serviría y lo intentaría", dijo un sacerdote entrevistado para la encuesta. "Pero solo mirando a través de los Estados Unidos y mirando a muchos obispos... Diría que tengo una opinión general negativa de los obispos en los Estados Unidos.

"Realmente no son líderes o simplemente son una especie de camaleones... que buscan trepar la escalera (social)".

El estudio dice que 131 obispos tam-

bién participaron en el estudio, que analizó las actitudes sobre el bienestar de los sacerdotes, la confianza y la política relacionada con la crisis de abuso sexual.

En respuesta al estudio, la Oficina de Asuntos Públicos de la USCCB emitió una declaración del obispo James F. Checchio de Metuchen, Nueva Jersey, presidente del Comité de Clero, Vida Consagrada y Vocaciones de la organización.

"Estoy agradecido por la información proporcionada por este estudio que ayudará a los obispos en nuestro ministerio con nuestros sacerdotes. Si bien no me sorprende, me alienta que los resultados informen que los sacerdotes tienen un nivel tan alto de realización vocacional y que se mantienen positivos acerca de su ministerio sacerdotal", dijo Monseñor Checchio en la declaración del 19 de octubre.

El obispo se refirió a una cifra en el documento que mostraba que el 77% de los sacerdotes en el estudio diciendo que se sentían realizados, "prósperos" y tenían un sentido de significado y propósito -- y el 4% reportando que estaban pensando en dejar el sacerdocio.

"Nuestros sacerdotes son generosos y comprometidos", continuó Monseñor Checchio. "Si bien reconocemos que las circunstancias pueden variar de una diócesis a otra, los hallazgos de este estudio son valiosos en general porque nos recuerdan la importancia de estar siempre atentos al cuidado de nuestros sacerdotes con los factores de estrés cada vez mayores que experimentan en el ministerio, mientras nos esforzamos por abordar cualquier problema que haya dañado la relación única que disfrutamos".

El estudio dice que la "erosión de la confianza entre un sacerdote y su obispo" afecta el nivel de bienestar de un sacerdote, y a los que tienen más confianza en su obispo les va mejor que a los demás.

También señala una gran disparidad de percepción entre los dos grupos. La

mayoría de los obispos encuestados dijeron que sentían que su papel era similar al de un hermano, un padre, un pastor, un compañero de trabajo, cuando se trataba de tratar con los sacerdotes.

Los sacerdotes dijeron que fortalecer las relaciones con los obispos, tener una mayor interacción social con ellos, hacer que los prelados les conozcan por nombre, comunicación, transparencia sobre procesos, así como la rendición de cuentas por parte de los prelados ayudaría a aliviar la erosión de la confianza existente.

"La esperanza es que si hiciéramos la misma encuesta dentro de cinco años, las cosas se verían diferentes", dijo Stephen White, de The Catholic Project, en un comunicado emitido antes de la presentación.

"Los sacerdotes están felices en sus vocaciones, pero también queremos que se sientan menos ansiosos y más apoyados. Sé que los obispos también quieren eso. Ojalá estos datos puedan ayudar en ese sentido", dijo.

Los sacerdotes en el estudio también dijeron que se sentían como engranajes en la rueda, vistos por los obispos como cargas. Algunas de las actitudes variaron entre los sacerdotes diocesanos y los que pertenecían a una comunidad religiosa. Los sacerdotes de orden religiosa reportaron sentir más apoyo.

El estudio también dijo que "al menos parte" de la desconfianza proviene de la forma en que los sacerdotes ven "la aplicación de políticas creadas a raíz de la crisis de abuso", incluso cuando algunos obispos ayudaron a encubrir abusos o fueron acusados de ser abusadores ellos mismos.

"Quizás algunos obispos se ven a sí mismos a través de lentes color de rosa", dijo un resumen del estudio. "O tal vez los sacerdotes, en un estado de asedio y prolongado de estrés e incertidumbre, caracterizan injustamente a sus obispos a través de un lente de cinismo y miedo. O tal vez hay algo de verdad en ambas perspectivas".

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

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

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

Diócesis al 304.230.1504. También puede llamar a la línea directa de abuso sexual de la Diócesis al 833.230.5656. Los formularios de queja están disponibles en línea en [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), haga clic en "Diócesis" en la barra de menú, luego en "Oficinas", luego en "Ambiente seguro", luego "Descargar archivos y formularios". El formulario se titula "Formulario de queja para denuncias de abuso sexual de menores". El formulario se puede devolver por correo de EE. UU. A: Office of Safe Environment, Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

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

Además de los métodos enumerados anteriormente para denunciar el abuso sexual, la Diócesis también se ha asociado con Navex Global para ofrecer la plataforma EthicsPoint para informar otras inquietudes adicionales, como sospecha de mala conducta financiera, profesional y personal de un sacerdote, diácono, religioso, o empleado laico de la Diócesis o cualquier parroquia o escuela católica en West Virginia. Se puede acceder a la plataforma EthicsPoint a través de [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org), en "Rendición de cuentas", luego "Informar mala conducta" o llamando al 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint es un sistema de informes de terceros que informa a las autoridades civiles cuando corresponda y a las autoridades diocesanas, y la identidad de la persona que informa esta protegida. Enlaces e información: Departamento de Salud y Recursos Humanos de WV: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp>. Policía Estatal de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Crímenes contra Niños: 304-293-6400.

# DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

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