



Make the World a Better Place by Recognizing Each Other as Kin, Pope Says

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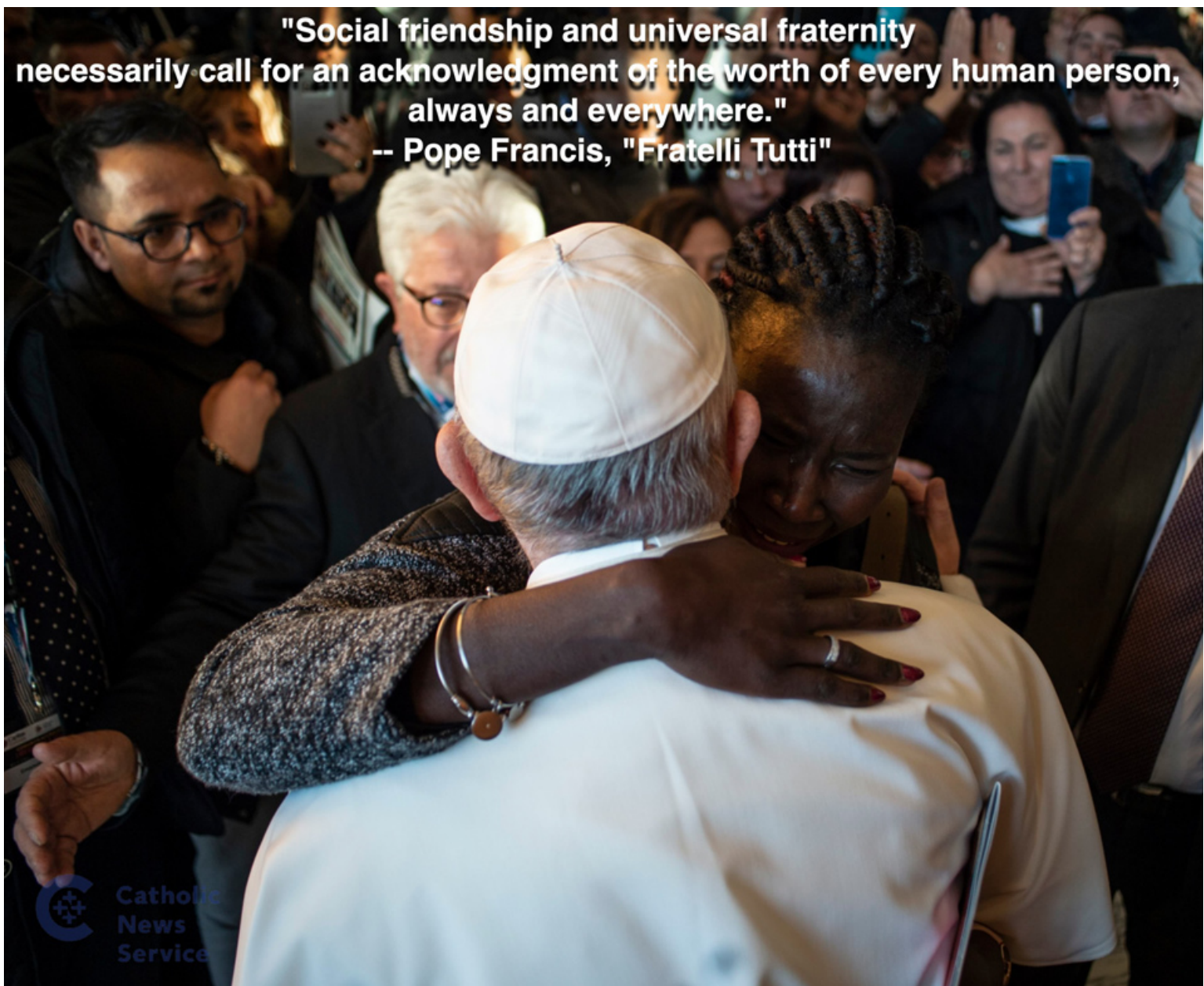
VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Calling all people of goodwill to care for one another as brothers and sisters, Pope Francis urged people not to despair of making the world a better place, but to start creating the world they want through personal action and political lobbying.

Pope Francis signed his new social encyclical, “Fratelli Tutti, on Fraternity and Social Friendship,” at the end of Mass Oct. 3 in Assisi. The Vatican released the text the following day.

“A worldwide tragedy like the COVID-19 pandemic momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, where one person’s problems are the problems of all,” the pope said. “Once more we realized that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together.”

At the same time, he said, responses to the pandemic, and especially to its economic devastation, shined a light on the inequalities existing within nations and among nations.

“For all our hyperconnectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all,” he said. “Anyone who thinks that the only lesson to be learned was the need to improve what we were already doing, or to refine



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This is a quote from Pope Francis’ new encyclical, “Fratelli Tutti, on Fraternity and Social Friendship.”

existing systems and regulations, is denying reality.”
“Fratelli Tutti,” which literally means “all

brothers and sisters” or “all brothers,” are the words with which St. Francis “addressed his brothers and

sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavor of the Gospel,” the pope wrote.

That flavor, explained throughout the document, involves welcoming the
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Obituary — Donald R. Rice

Donald R. Rice, with family at his bedside, passed peacefully from this life on March 31, 2020 in Parkersburg, following an extended illness. He was 83 years old. Rite of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church on Saturday, October 10 at 11am, with interment at Penn Lincoln Memorial Park in Irwin, Pennsylvania on Monday, October 12 at 1pm. The Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan and Reverend John A. Rice will concelebrate the Mass. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Don, Donald, Dad, Pop-pop...there were many names by which he was known. He leaves behind a legacy of humble, faithful service to his church and family. Don was the fifth of six children, born to John and Marie Rice in Larimer, Pennsylvania on April 28, 1936. His childlike curiosity was insatiable and he was eager to share the fruits of his knowledge with friend and stranger alike. It was that curiosity that led him to a career in industrial electrical design, mostly in metallurgical plants, where his drafting table and pencils gave way to computer screens and keyboards through the early years of computer-aided design. Don's private life was much simpler, devoting his spare time in service to the Church.

Don is survived by four siblings (Irene, Jacqueline, Ray, and Edward), six children (John, Don, Ken, Karen, Bonnie, and Russel), nine grandchildren (Matthew, Elizabeth, Daniel, Zackary, Gwynaeth, Noah, Gabriel, Lillian, and Amelia), and six great-grandchildren (Jennifer, Emily, Adeline, Kaidan, Kinsley, and Mason). He is preceded in death by his wife of 39 years (Carol) and one sister (Eleanor).

The Rice family thanks its friends and family for the bountiful outpouring of love and prayers. Special thanks go to the medical professionals at Marietta Memorial Hospital, Camden Clark Medical Center, and The Willows, whose thoughtful care helped to sustain Dad and his family in their times of most urgent need.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made to the Poor Fund at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church.

Leavitt Funeral Home, Parkersburg is assisting the family with arrangements.

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stranger, feeding the hungry, listening to and giving a hand up to the poor, defending the rights of all and ensuring that each person, at every stage of life, is valued and invited to contribute to the community, he said. It also means supporting public policies that do so on a larger scale.

At the heart of the new encyclical's appeal to Catholics is a meditation on Jesus' parable of the good Samaritan and particularly on how Jesus takes a legal scholar's question, "Who is my neighbor," and turns it into a lesson on being called not to identify one's neighbors but to become a neighbor to all, especially those most in need of aid.

"The parable eloquently presents the basic decision we need to make in order to rebuild our wounded world. In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the good Samaritan," he said. "Any other decision would make us either

one of the robbers or one of those who walked by without showing compassion for the sufferings of the man on the roadside."

"The parable," he continued, "shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbors, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good."

Doing that, he said, would mean recognizing and taking concrete action against "certain trends in our world that hinder the development of universal fraternity" and acting as a neighbor to one another, including racism, extremism, "aggressive nationalism," closing borders to migrants and refugees, polarization, politics as a power grab rather than a service to the common good, mistreatment of women, modern slavery and economic policies that allow the rich to get richer but do not create jobs and do not help the poor.

To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children

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

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: Sr. Ellen Dunn, O.P., ext. 264; 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, 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, 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, Internet Crimes Against Children

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

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Goal of Violence is Control, Bishop Says at Vigil Mass for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Colleen Rowan

WHEELING—Violence comes in many forms, but its goal is always control, Bishop Mark Brennan said beginning his homily for the Fourth Annual National Catholic Vigil Mass in Observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Brennan at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Oct. 3, and was co-hosted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Laity, Marriage, Family Life, and Youth. The Mass was livestreamed on the diocese's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Violence in the home, Bishop Brennan said, is common not sporadic like epidemics. Whether it is physical, verbal, emotional, economic, or even spiritual, he said, it seeks to tightly control the life of another. While some men are its victims, he said, it is overwhelmingly women who are the victims of domestic violence by men who usually have an intimate relationship with them usually their wives or girlfriends.

"We don't like to talk about it," the bishop said, "but the code of silence lets it, like a virus, go unchallenged to keep doing harm to the victim."

The bishop then recalled that as a young priest, a woman tried to get across to him in subtle language that her husband was hurting her.

"I was too naive to grasp what she was saying, or to wonder why she was wearing a long sleeve blouse on a warm summer day," Bishop Brennan said. "So I was of no help to her."

Some years later, the bishop said, he was doing sidewalk counseling outside of an abortion facility and managed, with others, to convince a young woman not to go in for an abortion.

"Her boyfriend was forcing her to get it, she said, and she was afraid of him," Bishop Brennan said. "Did she want to leave him? I asked. Yes, she said, but she wasn't sure how. She needed help. I drove her to their apartment, helped her load her things into my car, and took her to the home of some friends."

In her case, the violence was obvious enough to recognize it, Bishop Brennan said, indicating that it was the man's desire to control her by insisting that she abort her child against her own good judgement. Bishop Brennan said he later took a seminar on domestic violence and learned that violence might be physical, but could also be psychological. He then told the story of a man who while at work would call his wife, not once a day, but every hour questioning her on what she was doing, who she was with. "She was afraid to do anything lest he grow angry with her," Bishop Brennan said, noting that an abuser will isolate his victim from family and friends to increase dependency on him. He also said that abusers will stalk victims to instill fear.

In a family suffering domestic violence, the bishop said, children are victims as well.

"Children suffer from seeing their mother treated as a thing, not a woman deserving of respect," Bishop Brennan said. "Boys may assume that this is how you treat women, and girls might grow fearful of men. If a child tries to stop the violence toward his or her mother, the man often beats the child."

There is a high correlation between violence toward women, and violence toward children, the bishop said, stressing that domestic violence hurts the whole family.

"Our American bishops have said, we state as clearly and strongly as we can, that violence against women inside or outside the home is never justified. It is sinful, and often a crime as well. The person

being assaulted needs to know that acting to end the abuse does not violate the marriage promises."

Many ask, why women stay in these violent homes, the bishop said.

"Some feel pressured to keep the family together and all costs," he said. "Some belong to ethnic groups that frown on revealing a family problem to outsiders. Women of color may distrust the legal system, immigrants may not know how to use it, while women in rural communities—we have many in West Virginia—may find themselves more isolated and with fewer resources. And there's always that fear that the violence could get worse if the man suspects the woman is planning to leave."

Some men resort to murder to assert their absolute control over a woman, the bishop said.

"No wonder some women stay out of fear," he said. "I pray for any woman suffering domestic violence will come to understand that it is always wrong, never justified by God's Commandments; and that there is a way out, if it is carefully planned."

Bishop Brennan then noted the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233, which he said was being flashed on the screen in the livestream of the Mass. Victims can approach a priest or other minister of her religion for help, he said. They need to know about domestic violence and how to help, said Bishop Brennan, who organized workshops on domestic violence for staff of his last parish. "And I intend to do the same for clergy and parish staffs in this diocese," Bishop Brennan said. "We must know what the scourge is, and what helps and what doesn't."

Men who use violence to control women come from every race, religion, and socioeconomic status, Bishop Brennan said. For men who accept it, he said, help is available as some may benefit from therapy or anger management courses. For a Christian, his priest or minister can guide him to embrace sincerely the Gospel commandment to love his neighbor, in this case his wife and children without having to have an iron grip on their lives, he said.

"Men who hurt women can change," Bishop Brennan said. "Our faith believes in conversion, that God's grace can help us to change for the better, to love others as God loves us. But no woman has to stay with a man who refuses to stop being violent. All of us can pray for those who suffer from this rejection of true love, and can offer them our support."

Learning about domestic violence can help all to sympathize with its victims and recognize the signs of its presence, and to reach out and help, the bishop said.

"That deeper knowledge helped me," Bishop Brennan said. "We can also challenge abusive behavior if we see it. A good friend speaks the truth to his friend."

The church's long-term goal in speaking of domestic violence is to foster good marriages and



Colleen Rowan Photo
Bishop Mark Brennan offers his homily at the Vigil Mass in Observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Oct. 3.

happy families, Bishop Brennan said. He called to mind the words of St. Paul in the second reading for the Mass that day applied, in a particular way, to marriage and family life: "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, think about these things."

"We want marriages and families filled with light not with darkness; to sail on calm seas," the bishop said, "not through endless storms."

Bishop Brennan thanked God that there are many good husbands and fathers who love their wives and their children. "I have known a great host of them," he said. "My prayer is that there will be even more. A good husband will give his family the benefit of his energy and wisdom and will rejoice to see his wife and children grow in healthy exercise of freedom, the freedom to do good. Then the Lord's vineyard, the family which is the domestic church, will produce good grapes, not bitter grapes, and will give God a rich harvest."

The USCCB's Pastoral Statement "When I Call for Help" (2002) encourages pastors to dedicate at least one weekend of October to inform people how they can recognize and respond to the signs of abuse.

Those experiencing any form of abuse or know someone experiencing abuse, should know there is hope, help, and healing. In an emergency, it is recommended they call 911. For information on local resources, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233; TTY: 800-787-3224.

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Finance Measures Meant to Expel 'Merchants' from the Temple, Pope Says

By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The latest financial transparency measures enacted at the Vatican are meant to restore order, ensuring money serves its purpose and does not become an object of idolatry, Pope Francis told European finance experts. "Jesus drove merchants from the temple precincts and stated: 'You cannot serve both God and money,'" Pope Francis said. "Once the economy loses its human face, then we are no longer served by money, but ourselves become servants of money."

The pope made the comments Oct. 8 when he met with experts from Moneyval — the Council of Europe's Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism.

The experts began a two-week on-site inspection of the Holy See and Vatican City State in late September; the visit originally was scheduled for April but was postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"The measures that you are evaluating are meant to promote a 'clean finance,' in which the 'merchants' are prevented from speculating in that sacred 'temple,' which, in accordance with the Creator's plan of love, is humanity," he said.

According to the Moneyval website, the program is designed to "assess its members' compliance with all relevant international standards in the legal, financial and law enforcement sectors through a peer review process of mutual evaluations, including assessment of effectiveness of the implemented measures in practice" and to "formulate recommendations on ways to improve the effectiveness of domestic regimes to combat money laundering and terrorist financing and states' capacities to co-operate internationally in these areas." Pope Francis, who enacted new transparency laws in June covering contracts for the purchase of goods, property and services for both the Roman Curia and Vatican City State offices, welcomed the experts and said their work "is particularly dear to my heart."

The pope has sought to further centralize control over the Vatican's finances as Italian media continued to report on alleged financial malfeasance by Cardinal Angelo Becciu, former prefect of the Congregation for Saints' Causes.

Cardinal Becciu, who was forced

to retire Sept. 24, previously served as "sostituto," a position similar to chief-of-staff in the Vatican Secretariat of State, from 2011 to 2018.

The cardinal said he was accused of embezzling an estimated 100,000 euros (\$116,361) of Vatican funds and redirecting them to Spes, a Caritas organization run by his brother, Tonino Becciu, in his home Diocese of Ozieri, Sardinia. However, even after the cardinal was forced to resign, Italian media continued reporting on questionable financial transactions that the Italian cardinal allegedly made with Vatican funds during his tenure at the Secretariat of State.

In his address to Moneyval, the pope said that preventing the use of money for terrorism and other illegal activities relates to the "protection of life, the peaceful coexistence of the human race on earth, and a financial system that does not oppress those who are weakest and in greatest need."

"It seems that in many places, the supremacy of money over human beings is taken for granted," he said. "Sometimes, in the effort to amass wealth, there is little concern for where it comes from, the more or less legitimate activities that may have produced it, and the mechanisms of exploitation that may be behind it."

As a result, he added, in using money obtained through shady practices, "we get blood on our hands, the blood of our brothers and sisters."

Echoing St. Paul VI's proposal to divert military spending into a global fund for the poor, the pope suggested that "instead of investing in fear or nuclear, chemical and biological threats, we use those resources finally to put an end to hunger and favor development in the most impoverished countries, so that their citizens will not resort to violent or illusory solutions, or have to leave their countries in order to seek a more dignified life."

Pope Francis highlighted the need for morality in economic matters at a time when financial exploitation "fundamentally aimed at quick profit continues to wreak havoc."

"In light of the present circumstances, it would seem that the worship of the ancient golden calf has returned in a new and ruthless guise in the idolatry of money and the dictatorship of an impersonal economy lacking a truly human purpose," he said.

Bishops Offer Good Wishes, Prayers for Trumps, All Suffering from COVID-19

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops said he was praying for President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump, adding, "May God grant them full healing and may he keep their family safe and healthy." "Let us keep praying for all who are suffering because of the novel coronavirus, especially the sick and dying and their families, and all those who have lost loved ones," he said in a statement late Oct. 4. "May God give them hope and comfort, and may he bring an end to this pandemic." In a tweet just before 1 a.m. Oct. 2, the president announced he and the first lady had tested positive for COVID-19. Late Oct. 2, President Trump was flown by helicopter to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center just outside Washington in Bethesda, Maryland, for a few days out of "an abundance of caution," the White House said, adding the 74-year-old president was experiencing "mild symptoms." He has been discharged and returned to the White House.

El Paso Bishop Tests Positive for COVID-19, Quarantines Self

By Catholic News Service

EL PASO, Texas (CNS) — Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso is self-quarantining at his home after a test taken Oct. 3 indicated he had tested positive for COVID-19. He will remain quarantined until a subsequent test is negative. Bishop Seitz developed a low-grade fever, also Oct. 3, leading to the test. His doctors advised the result may be due to an unrelated sinus infection, which can lead to false-positives for the coronavirus. An undated statement issued by the diocese and posted on its website said Bishop Seitz had not shown any other symptoms and had no fever. "I am grateful that my fever is gone and have no other symptoms. I am now joining the thousands of other El Pasoans under quarantine and working remotely from home," Bishop Seitz said in a statement.

Bishops to Vote for Religious Liberty Chair, Seven Committee Chairmen-Elect

By Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The U.S. Catholic bishops will vote for the chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty and a chairman-elect for each of seven other standing committees before the USCCB convenes its annual fall general assembly, which is being held virtually Nov. 16-17. In August, after consultation with the Vatican, the USCCB's bishop-members voted to approve the convocation of this year's November meeting in a virtual format in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The bishop-members voted to suspend the bylaws of the conference to allow for paper, mail-in ballots for the committee chairmen before the November meeting, with the results of the election to be announced during the meeting. Since June, the Committee for Religious Liberty has had an acting chairman following the death of Bishop George V. Murry of Youngstown, Ohio, who had been serving as chairman. At the conclusion of the bishops' meeting, the bishop elected to the Committee for Religious Liberty will assume the post of chairman. The nominees are Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York and Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami.

Brooklyn Diocese Files Federal Lawsuit over Violation of Religious Freedom

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (CNS) — The Diocese of Brooklyn filed a lawsuit in federal court Oct. 8 against the state of New York, charging that Gov. Andrew Cuomo's new orders reducing church capacity violates the First Amendment's guarantee of the free exercise of religion. "The executive orders this week have left us with no other option than to go to court," Brooklyn Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio said in a statement. "We vehemently disagree with the capacity limits being placed on us. They are disrespectful to Catholics who have only been abiding by the rules," he added. "We do not agree with such limitations because they completely disregard the fact that our safety protocols have worked." On Oct. 6, Cuomo announced new restrictions on houses of worship in response to a spike in COVID-19 cases in densely populated ZIP codes he has identified as "hot zones." He said the state has created three zones — red, orange and yellow — each with different restrictions, including on the size of congregations. Some Catholic parishes in the Brooklyn Diocese are in the "red zone," meaning their churches are being forced to reduce capacity to a maximum of 10 people inside at one time, and some are in the "orange zone," where only 25 people at one time can attend Mass. A "yellow zone" designation means a 50% capacity.

‘The Rosary is a Powerful Tool for Bringing Souls, Including Our Own, to Christ’

By **Father Martin J. Smay**

October is the month of the Rosary. The Rosary is among the most noble prayers that the Church has. The origins of the Rosary are somewhat obscure, but in the first centuries of the Church illiterate hermits would recite an Our Father and a shorter version of the Hail Mary in place of reciting the 150 Psalms. They would make use of beads or seeds or stones to keep track of their prayers.

About the year 1200, St. Dominic, who would go on to found the Order of Preachers (commonly called Dominicans), was entrusted by the Pope with the task of converting persons who held to a certain theological error. He at first had very little success in converting anyone and so he sought out the aid of the Blessed Mother. She subsequently appeared to him and asked him to promote the Rosary and by this means he would convert many souls. He began promoting the use of the Rosary and after a short time over 100,000 heretics were converted to the Catholic Faith. Soon, this devotion spread wide among the Christian faithful.

The form of the Rosary has evolved over the years. When St. Dominic spread the devotion, it consisted of a single Our Father

followed by 10 Hail Marys while meditating upon one of the 15 mysteries. Later, at the end of each decade was added a Glory Be. The most recent addition to this most venerable devotion came about in the early 20th century. At Fátima in Portugal our Lady appeared to three

Certainly our Lady’s call to the children at Fátima over 100 years ago is all the more urgent today.

young children. She told the children that very many souls were falling into hell because nobody was praying or making sacrifices for them. Our Lady urged these young children to pray the Rosary daily and do penance for sinners, an admonition which they took very seriously. She also taught them a prayer and instructed them to say it at the end of each decade of the Rosary:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

The Rosary is a powerful tool for bringing

souls including our own to Christ. It is recommended universally by the Saints of the last 500 years and innumerable miracles have been obtained by its devout recitation. So important is this devotion that in Church Law it is the only devotional prayer specifically mandated for those preparing to be priests and those in religious life. Certainly our Lady’s call to the children at Fátima over 100 years ago is all the more urgent today. There is no reason for believing that the iniquity on earth today is any less than it was then; in fact many sins which were formerly considered shameful have come to be celebrated and openly practiced. This month of the Rosary is a good opportunity for us to commit (or, recommit) ourselves to the daily recitation of the Rosary for the conversion of sinners and our own sanctification. Many of us can do this by the small sacrifice of turning the radio off in the car and praying the Rosary on our daily commute; others of us may have to make some other comparatively small sacrifice, like turning the television off for 15 minutes, in order to do so. Whatever sacrifice we might have to make, from the standpoint of eternity there are few things which can occupy our time more profitably.

God love you and keep the Faith!

Hurricane Parishioners Pray the Rosary for Police and First Responders



Jim Corsaro Photo

Members of Ascension Parish in Hurricane pray the rosary in front of the Hurricane City Building Sept. 26 for the safety of the police and other first responders.

Shepherdstown Knights of Columbus and Parishioners Reach out to Migrant Workers

SHEPHERDSTOWN—“Migrant workers form a critical element in harvesting the agricultural bounty of this region,” said officials of St. Agnes Parish in Shepherdstown. “It’s gratifying to be able to supply some of their needs in this land of plenty.”

The St. Agnes Council #13887 of the Knights of Columbus in Shepherdstown once again donated hygiene kits to support an outreach program of Shenandoah Commu-

nity Health that provides services to migrant workers and the homeless. To quote their website, “Shenandoah Community Health’s Special Populations Department has over 45 years of combined experience coordinating visits to migrant camps and sites where the homeless gather. [their] outreach team consists of nurses, bilingual outreach workers, and drivers who support this high risk and under served population.”

The organization ensures access to health care at 28 migrant camps located throughout Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan counties in West Virginia, as well as other places in this region.

As part of their outreach they provide hygiene kits. These contain essential toiletries such as toothpaste and brush, razors and shaving soap, bath soap, bath towel and wash cloth, and deodorant. This year, bandannas and masks were

included.

Through the generosity of the parishioners at St. Agnes Parish in Shepherdstown, and the efforts of members of the St. Agnes Council, 100 kits were assembled and delivered to Shenandoah Community Health. These kits contained materials valued in excess of \$1,000. The parish and council thank Martin’s Food Store in Charles Town for supplying 100 durable, reusable shopping bags that contain the kits.

Life Chains Call for Protection of Unborn Children from Abortion



John Sherwood Photo

On Respect Life Sunday, West Virginians took their call for the protection of unborn children from abortion to the streets of their communities forming life chains across the state. Pictured above are members of St. James Parish in Charles Town in front of Charles Town’s city hall.

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'Baby Bottle Boomerang' Nets \$4,000 for the Gabriel Project

By Colleen Rowan

WHEELING—Through the generous donations of parishioners from St. Joseph Cathedral, St. Michael Parish and St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling, \$4,000 was raised for the Gabriel Project Northern Programs through the Knights of Columbus, Carroll Council No. 504 of Wheeling's "The Baby Bottle Boomerang."

The presentation was made at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Wheeling Sept. 8. Carroll Council Life Director Mark Basich and Carroll Council Grand Knight Art Bertol presented a \$4,000 check to Faith Hicks, Gabriel Project Northern Programs coordinator. The money was raised through "The Baby Bottle Boomerang," which the Carroll Council started established in 2017. Since then, more than \$21,000 has been raised for the Gabriel Project of West Virginia.

Hicks said the money will be used to assist babies in the Northern Programs Chapter area by meeting specific needs. "Our primary services are to be sure babies have safe space," she said. "We will purchase safe sleep space and safe car space. We purchase our cribs locally at a discounted rate from Boscovs. We purchase pack n plays from Cribs for Kids located in Pittsburgh and we get the best deal on car seats from Walmart.

These items ensure that all babies have a safe place to sleep and safe travels."

Life programs empower Knights to come together in service to the community and to vigorously defend life and the dignity of each human life at every stage of life, Carroll Council officials said.

"The Knights of Columbus is an advocate for Pro-life and the Gabriel Project of West Virginia is a perfect fit for our support," said Art Bertol, Carroll Council Grand Knight. "The Baby Bottle fund raising is such a clear connection to why the money is being raised. Everyone from our generous parishioners to the Knights feel very good about helping and assisting the Gabriel Project because the need is local and the money is so important to women and children in our communities."

The national baby bottle program first started in 2001, and consists of baby bottles being distributed to churches, and informing the people about the ministry and motivating them to help.

The Gabriel Project of West Virginia was incorporated in 1997 by a small group of women in Wheeling, who were concerned for the welfare of low-income women and children in their



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Knights of Columbus Carroll Council #504 Life Director Mark Basich (left) and Carroll Council Grand Knight Art Bertol (right) present a \$4,000 check to Faith Hicks, Gabriel Project Northern Programs coordinator.

community. After 23 years of service, the project has served about 50,000 families and young children with immediate, practical and compassionate assistance.

In 2019, Carroll Council was able to generate \$26,700 in donations to those in need through about 1,800 volunteer

man-hours of service.

"The Knights of Columbus are welcoming new members to our good and great Catholic Men's Fraternity," members said. Learn more about the Knights of Columbus at: <http://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/request-contact.html>

Catholic Daughters Congratulate National Contest Winners from West Virginia

WEST VIRGINIA—The Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) congratulate national winners of the 2020 Education Contest from West Virginia. The theme choices for the contest were "Blessed are the peacemakers" Matthew 5:9 or Living in harmony with others.

Nicolus Palmer took first place in Photography Division 3 sponsored by Court Clarksburg #334. Roxy Vasil, took third place in the Essay Division 3, sponsored by Court St. Ursula #594 of Morgantown. Ben Long took third place in Music Division 3, sponsored by Court Clarksburg #334.

The theme choices for the 2021 Education Contest are "Let all you do be done with love" 1 Cor. 16:14 or "Show love to one another." Each year the contest is sponsored by the local CDA Courts, which submit winners to the West Virginia Catholic Daughters of the Americas (WVCDA). The state court then submits the winners to the national level.

The contest consists of the following categories Division 1 grades 4-5 Essay, Poetry, Art, and Computer Art. Division 2, grades 6-8 Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, and Photography. Division 3, grades 9-12 Essay, Poetry, Art, Computer Art, Music, Photography. Division 4 is for Adult CDA members, Poetry, Art, and Photography. Those interested must contact their local CDA court for the rules for each category.

Currently, Catholic Daughters have courts in Clarksburg, Fairmont, Huntington, Martinsburg, Montgomery, Morgantown, and Weston. Those who do not have a local Catholic Daughters Court in their area, may contact Lisa Ceravalo, West Virginia State Regent, to see about starting a court. Her e-mail address is regentcdawv@aol.com.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality, and the advancement

of human rights and human dignity for all. The integration of spirituality and service is the foundation of the Catholic Daughters. CDA helps women develop their spirituality and provides avenues of service to live out that spirituality. The CDA gives members a unique opportunity to

share their faith with other Catholic women. Helping others through charitable acts in the spirit of Jesus Christ is the heart of the organization. "Spirituality and Service": the heart and soul foundation of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

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SMPS 'Angels' Will Be Walking on Oct. 9

WHEELING — As with everything in the year 2020, the St. Michael Parish School Angel Walk will take on a “new normal.” This annual fundraiser will take place Friday, Oct. 9 at the St. Michael Parish Angelus Center parking lot. While the goals for this year’s walk have not changed from previous years, the event will look a little different. All involved are required to wear masks and to follow social distancing, and only teachers, staff and students will be participating. The students will greatly miss the energy that comes with having parents, grandparents and Central Catholic High School students as their walking buddies, but they are grateful that they are able to carry on the Angel Walk tradition.

SMPS students are asked to obtain sponsorships for walking prior to the event. All St. Michael staff and students in preschool through eighth grade support this fundraising effort. The financial goal for this year’s walk is to raise \$45,000. The proceeds will be directed to the St. Michael Parish School and the Jackie Zavolta Student Scholarship Fund. The monies raised are vital to the school to enrich its strong academic programs and to support its mission to



At St. Michael Parish School in Wheeling, Principal Kimberly Burge and students display the school's Angel Walk banner.

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“challenge students spiritually and academically for the 21st Century.”

Principal Kim Burge says the fundraiser is one of the highlights of the academic year but adds, “Like much of 2020, our Angel Walk will look different this year. However, one thing that remains the same is the generous support from our school families and the community as a whole!”

In addition to student sponsorships, there are many generous corporate and community donors. At the Plati-

num Plus level is Matt Jones Preowned Auto. At the Platinum level is Miklas Meat Market. Supporting at the Gold level is the West Virginia Catholic Foundation, Smash Multimedia, Fort Henry Capital, Gold, Khourey and Turak, Joe Jerrome Studio 1352, Lou W. Nau, Inc., Parea Insurance Centers and DeFelice Brothers Pizza. Coming in at the Silver level is the Rebecca L. Bench Law Office, LLC and Teena and Ty Miller. Finally, donating at the Bronze level is Middle Creek Garage, Central Catholic High School, Reis-

beck’s Food Markets, Press’ Snack Bar, Press’ Auto Mart, Press Little Market, and J. & J. Property Services.

Donations to the Angel Walk may be made to SMPS Angel Walk, 1221 National Road, Wheeling, WV 26003 or online at www.smpswv.org.

For more information,

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On the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Father Walter Jagela, pastor of All Saints Parish in Bridgeport, blesses pets in the church parking lot.

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Author Hopes Book on Miscarriages Will Comfort Those Grieving Same Loss

By **Sam Lucero, Catholic News Service**

GREEN BAY, Wis. (CNS) — Cassie Everts remembers the day in 2011 when she mourned in silence after experiencing her third miscarriage.

"I remember sitting at Mass at the Easter Vigil and the priest gave this beautiful homily on how, after every Good Friday — no matter what we are going through in our life — we have Easter Sunday," she said.

His words left her wondering about her own life.

"I just remember gripping my husband's hand and thinking, 'Will we ever see our Easter Sunday? Will we ever have that joy?'" she said. "I just felt like my life is Good Friday after Good Friday."

Everts and her husband, Aaron, suffered through five "Good Fridays," losing five children by miscarriage. Each loss caused her to wonder where God was in her life, she said, yet the torment eventually gave way to healing.

It also led Everts to co-write a book with Patrick O'Hearn, "Nursery of Heaven: Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Infant Loss in the Lives of the Saints and Today's Parents" (Contemplative Heart Press, 2019), available online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

"It is much more than a book," Everts told The Compass, newspaper of the Diocese of Green Bay. It also is "a companion for those grieving, as the process can often be so lonely and isolating," she said. It includes stories of saints and everyday Catholics who have lost babies, and it includes prayers and blessings for pastors, families and friends to help couples who have lost a child.

Cassie and Aaron met in 2006, while both worked at Relevant Radio, and were married in 2007. Cassie served for eight years as producer for "The Drew Mariani Show." Aaron still works there as a database manager.

Everts recalled her first pregnancy and then learning she had miscarried. "I was 12 weeks along, and (miscarriage) had never crossed my mind," she said. "Miscarriage was a word I had heard, but I felt it was a thing in the past."

It was Dec. 23 and she and Aaron were visiting her parents for Christmas. "I started having some of the symptoms of miscarriage and then I came to the realization that this was really happening," she said. "I had to be rushed to the ER and I just begged God, please let them find a heartbeat and they didn't."

"The devastation that overtook me and my husband was just beyond any other," Everts recalled. "We had no idea that this was a possibility. The re-



CNS Photo/Sam Lucero, The Compass
Cassie Everts holds a copy of a book for parents who have lost an unborn or infant children. Five miscarriages led Everts to draw on her faith and co-write the book to help other parents.

ality that we were now living in, that I once was pregnant and now we are not — where do you go from here? It was a struggle and I had nowhere to turn to."

They named their first child Noel. He was followed by Francis (March 2010), Simon (April 2011), Cecilia (June 2012) and Gabriel (December 2012).

After miscarrying Francis, the Everts sought medical help through NaProTechnology, or Natural Procreative Technology, and the St. Paul VI Institute in Omaha, Nebraska, which was founded by Dr. Thomas Hilgers. "Everything is very much in line with Catholic teaching," said Everts.

She underwent surgical procedures and felt confident their next baby, Simon, would be delivered.

"I thought, 'OK, everything is fixed. This isn't going to happen again.' So I ended up miscarrying again."

After losing Simon, Everts struggled with the idea of trying to conceive again. "It took me a long time to find some kind of healing, where I was comfortable enough to become pregnant again, and to just allow myself to heal first emotionally," she said.

Fourteen months after Simon's miscarriage, Everts miscarried her first daughter, Cecilia.

Hilgers then called Everts to offer his sympathy. "He said, 'I'm sorry there is nothing more I can do,'" she recalled. "As a woman, you have this dream of seeing your belly grow ... and picking baby clothes. It was another

what our situation was. One day I sat down with him and said, 'God hears our prayers, maybe we will adopt a baby sister like we adopted you guys.'"

In May 2015, Everts learned she was pregnant again. She said she did not want to tell her sons because of her previous miscarriages. However, in January 2016, she gave birth to Grace, the girl Kolbe had prayed for. Twenty months later, she gave birth to her son Caden and last October she gave birth to another daughter, Briella.

"We went from no kids in almost eight years to five kids in less than four years," said Everts. "The thing is, after we adopted our sons, we haven't miscarried since; not to say that won't happen again, but those three babies I had biologically there were no issues."

Through all the struggles and victories, the highs and lows, Everts said she learned that God is always there.

"Not everybody's story is going to end like ours, but I think the message I want to give women who are grieving is that, in the moment of your grief and your isolation and your sorrow, God is present and working on your heart," she said. "He's there in the silence and he's preparing you for something. Sometimes we may not recognize what it is on this side of the veil."

"It might not be until our time on earth is done that we can see why things happen ... but we can never lose that hope that God is faithful and he's a God who will keep his promises and bring you out of your grief and sorrow."

Just as she wondered when her Good Friday would end, Everts' message is to not lose hope.

"Just believe that God has something for you, even in your grief," she said. "He has that Easter Sunday that will come."

(Lucero is news and information manager for The Compass, newspaper of the Diocese of Green Bay.)

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Catholic Charities
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Mission Moment

Providing Nutrition for West Virginia Children

By Katie Hinerman Klug, Marketing Communications Specialist

Rebecca has been a family child care provider enrolled with Catholic Charities West Virginia's (CCWVa) Child Care Food Program since 2017. Family child care occurs in a home with a family environment and a smaller number of children than a daycare or child care center.

"Home-based programs like family child care provide a consistent caregiver for a child and may offer flexible hours when parents need care in the evenings or weekends," said Jane Rose, CCWVa Child Care Food Program Director. "Families with multiple children also like this type of setting because siblings are cared for together rather than separated into different age groups."

Rebecca has a state issued license to provide care for six children at once, and she has 20 children enrolled in her family child care. These children are in care during different times of the day and on different days of the week.

The CCWVa Child Care Food Program assists in-home child care providers like Rebecca with serving healthy, fulfilling meals to the children in their care. The program also educates and assists caregivers in meal planning and application for meal cost reimbursements through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Child and Adult Care Food Program.

"The Child Care Food Program offers a two-tiered reimbursement for meals and snacks provided to children in care," said Rose. "A child care provider may claim reimbursement for two meals and one snack per child for each day of care."

In order to receive this reimbursement, providers must agree to serve healthy meals and snacks to children in care. These meals have requirements that include whole-grain rich items, more vegetables and fruits, lean meats, low-fat dairy options and less sugar.

Rebecca said that this program has been a blessing to her. It gives her the opportunity to provide a nutritious variety of foods that would be limited if she paid out of pocket to feed the



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Children in a home-based family care program are introduced to new and nutritious foods as they enjoy a healthy meal provided with assistance from the CCWVa Child Care Food Program.

children.

After Rebecca overcame some medical issues of her own, she realized how dietary choices can have a major impact on a person's health. With a renewed focus on serving healthy meals, Rebecca said she feels good knowing that the nutritional meals and education she provides for the children in her care are "sowing the seeds that might save lives someday."

"Research shows providers participating in a

program like ours offer more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean meats than providers who do not," said Rose. "Research also shows that children who receive high quality meals are less likely to be tired and to experience illness."

The CCWVa Child Care Food Program helps share a positive attitude about healthy foods that will leave a lasting impression on child care providers and children in West Virginia.

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

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En Español

Papa Francisco: Crear un mundo mejor reconociéndonos como familia

Por **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)—Al llamar a todas las personas de buena voluntad a cuidarse unos a otros como hermanos y hermanas, el papa Francisco instó a las personas a no desesperarse por hacer del mundo un lugar mejor, sino a comenzar a crear el mundo que desean a través de la acción personal y el cabildeo político.

El papa Francisco firmó su nueva encíclica social, "Fratelli Tutti, sobre la fraternidad y la amistad social", al final de la misa del 3 de octubre en Asís, Italia. El Vaticano publicó el texto al día siguiente.

"Una tragedia mundial como la pandemia del COVID-19 revivió momentáneamente la sensación de que somos una comunidad global, todos en el mismo barco, donde los problemas de una persona son los problemas de todos", expresó el papa. "Una vez más nos dimos cuenta de que nadie se salva solo; solo podemos salvarnos juntos".

Al mismo tiempo, declaró, las respuestas a la pandemia, y especialmente a su devastación económica, sacaron a la luz las desigualdades existentes dentro de las naciones y entre las naciones.

"A pesar de nuestra hiperconectividad, fuimos testigos de una fragmentación que hizo más difícil resolver los problemas que nos afectan a todos", señaló. "Cualquiera que piense que la única lección que aprendimos fue la necesidad de mejorar lo que ya estábamos haciendo, o de refinar los sistemas y regula-

ciones existentes, está negando la realidad".

"Fratelli Tutti", que literalmente significa "todos los hermanos y hermanas" o "todos los hermanos", son las palabras con las que San Francisco "se dirigió a sus hermanos y hermanas y les propuso una forma de vida marcada por el sabor del Evangelio", escribió el papa.

Ese sabor, explicado a lo largo del documento, significa acoger al extraño, alimentar al hambriento, escuchar y dar la mano a los pobres, defender los derechos de todos y hacer que cada persona, en cada etapa de la vida sea valorada e invitada a contribuir a la comunidad, dijo. También significa apoyar políticas públicas que lo hagan a mayor escala.

En el corazón del llamado de la nueva encíclica a los católicos se encuentra una meditación sobre la parábola de Jesús: el buen samaritano. En particular, sobre cómo Jesús toma la pregunta de un erudito legal, "¿Quién es mi prójimo?" y la convierte en una lección para ser llamados a no identificar a un solo prójimo, pero convertirse en vecino de todos, especialmente de los más necesitados de ayuda.

"La parábola presenta elocuentemente la decisión básica que debemos tomar para reconstruir nuestro mundo herido. Ante tanto dolor y sufrimiento, nuestro único camino es imitar al buen samaritano", explicó. "Cualquier otra decisión nos convertiría en uno de los ladrones o en uno de los que pasaron sin mostrar compasión por los sufri-



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Copias gratuitas del periódico vaticano L'Osservatore Romano con la portada sobre la encíclica del Papa Francisco, "Fratelli Tutti, sobre la fraternidad y la amistad social", son distribuidas por voluntarios a los fieles al final del Ángelus en la Plaza de San Pedro en el Vaticano 4 de octubre.

mientos del hombre al borde del camino".

"La parábola", continuó, "nos muestra cómo una comunidad puede ser reconstruida por hombres y mujeres que se identifican con la vulnerabilidad de los demás, que rechazan la creación de una sociedad de exclusión y actúan en cambio como vecinos, levantando y rehabilitando a los caídos por el bien común".

Hacer eso, indicó, significaría reconocer y tomar acciones concretas contra "ciertas tendencias en nues-

tro mundo que obstaculizan el desarrollo de la fraternidad universal" (y actuar como vecinos entre sí), incluyendo el racismo, el extremismo, el "nacionalismo agresivo", el cierre de fronteras a migrantes y refugiados, la polarización, la política como un acaparamiento de poder más que como un servicio al bien común, el maltrato a las mujeres, la esclavitud moderna y las políticas económicas que permiten a los ricos enriquecerse sin crear puestos de trabajo y ayudar a los pobres.

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

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Además de los métodos enumerados anteriormente para denunciar el abuso sexual, la Diócesis también se ha asociado con Navex Global para ofrecer la plataforma EthicsPoint para informar otras inquietudes adicionales, como sospecha de mala conducta financiera, profesional y personal de un sacerdote, diácono, religioso, o empleado laico de la Diócesis o cualquier parroquia o escuela católica en West Virginia. Se puede acceder a la plataforma EthicsPoint a través de www.dwc.org, en "Rendición de cuentas", luego "Informar mala conducta" o llamando al 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint es un sistema de informes de terceros que informa a las autoridades civiles cuando corresponda y a las autoridades diocesanas, y la identidad de la persona que informa está protegida.

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Employment Opportunities

Catholic Charities West Virginia Case Manager, Hospital Transition Program

Catholic Charities West Virginia is seeking a full-time Case Manager for its newly grant-funded Hospital Transition Program (HTP), located at the Wheeling Hospital Satellite Office of CCWVa's Northern Region. The HTP Case Manager is responsible for the delivery of direct program services, including coordinating certain administrative elements, for the Hospital Transition Program, a partnership between Wheeling Hospital and CCWVa.

Primary responsibilities of the HTP Case Manager include working directly with individuals both before and after hospital discharge to assess their needs and develop and implement a comprehensive service plan based on those needs. Work also includes coordinating an on-site food pantry at Wheeling Hospital and developing parish partnerships and recruiting volunteers to support overall program operations, where applicable. The HTP Case Manager is responsible for documenting all client services and maintaining data according to supervisor guidance provided. Regular office hours are to 4:30 p.m.; must be flexible to work some evenings and weekends as needed to ensure maximum access for clients to services.

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Please email resume, cover letter, and three professional references on or before Monday, October 12, 2020, to: maphillips@ccwva.org. Application materials can also be delivered to: Mark Phillips, Northern Regional Director, Catholic Charities WVa, 2000 Main Street, Wheeling WV 26003.

St. Agnes Parish, Shepherdstown Coordinator of Faith Formation

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Wheeling Hospital Establishes Nursing Scholarships with Wheeling University

WHEELING — Wheeling Hospital is now offering two scholarships annually to nursing students at Wheeling University (WU). The first two scholarships have been awarded to Breanna Antill of Woodsfield, Ohio, and Rosalyn Janiszewski of Martins Ferry, Ohio.

“Nursing is so important,” hospital CEO Douglass Harrison told the students. “My mom was a nurse, and she believes ‘Once a nurse, always a nurse.’ Here at Wheeling Hospital we’re striving to increase the human element in nursing and make it less of a ‘task,’ while still providing excellent care. With the added presence of WVU Medicine, we’re building a new culture based on that human element, both for our patients and our employees, and I’m glad you’re joining us on the journey.”

WU President Ginny Favede said both of her children were born in Wheeling Hospital, and what she has always remembered “was the excellent care they received. Wheeling University and Wheeling Hospital, through our shared Catholic missions, have a commitment to each

other to help others, and this is truly an opportunity to do just that. We are excited about the opportunities available as the hospital and university work together collaboratively to address the health care shortage in Appalachia.’

She told Antill and Janiszewski “the future of our joint relationship begins with you.”

In Antill’s application essay, she wrote, in part, “Helping people has been my passion ever since I was a child. Nursing is a way to combine my career and passion. My main goal is to make a difference in people’s lives.”

Janiszewski said, “I could say that I am following the family tradition by becoming a nurse since my mother and two of my aunts are registered nurses, but nursing is more than that to me. My father passed away in 2016 and I saw how amazing the nurses were with him in his final days. Even though he did pass away, the respect I have for the health care team that took care of him is remarkable. I want to be that person who people rely on when they feel that all hope is gone. I want to be that super hero that my daughter can look up to.”

Gail Nickerson, WU director of Nursing, said, “The scholarships are a wonderful opportunity for Rosalyn and Breanna as they begin their journey towards a career in nursing. Speaking on behalf of the Department of Nursing at Wheeling University, we are grateful for Wheeling Hospital’s generosity and partnership.”

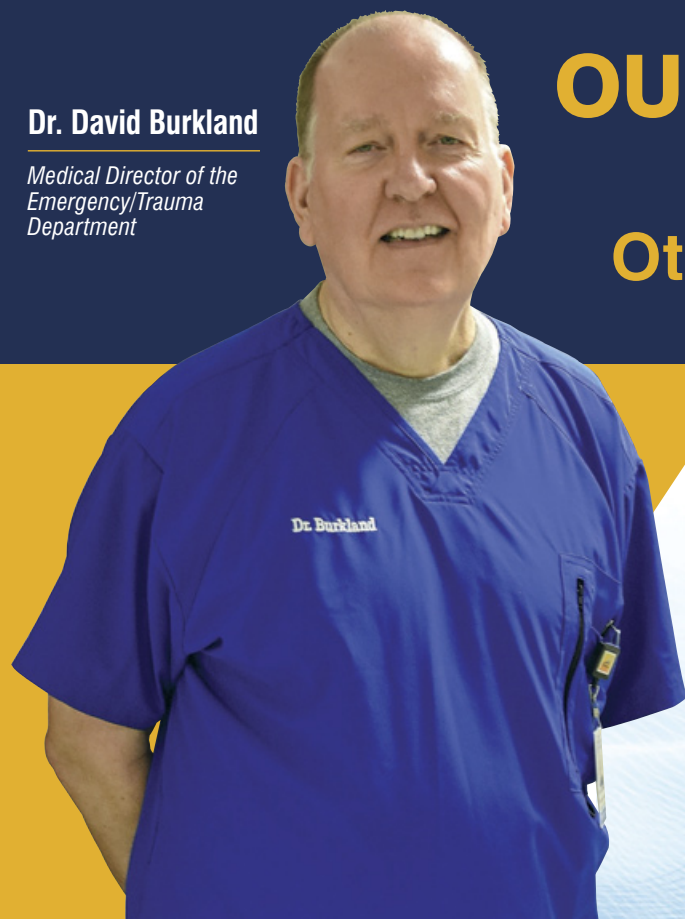
The two-year scholarships are awarded to sophomores to cover full tuition their junior and senior years. After graduation, the students will be hired as Wheeling Hospital nurses and remain there for at least three years.

“There is a clear and demonstrated shortage of nursing personnel across the country, and this will help meet our ongoing needs. At the same time, it’s a wonderful opportunity for deserving nursing students at Wheeling University,” said Karen Simon, Wheeling Hospital executive vice president and chief operating officer.

The scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee that includes representatives of the university and the hospital.

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