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Bishop Brennan Forgives More Than \$9.3 Million of Catholic Schools' Debt

By Colleen Rowan

WEST VIRGINIA—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston announced that Bishop Mark Brennan has forgiven more than \$9.3 million of Catholic schools' debt in an effort to set them on a solid financial foundation for the future. This latest action follows his cancellation of \$7.9 million in parish debt earlier this summer bringing the total to more than \$17 million in debt wiped clean.

As an initiative of the current Holy Year, Bishop Brennan wanted to remove the "burden of worry," said diocesan Chief Financial Officer Patrick Henry.

"In his generosity, the bishop

said let's go ahead and clean the slate with the Year of Hope," Henry said.

That clean slate applies to debt Catholic schools owed to the diocese and incurred prior to July 1, 2020, the majority of which, Henry said, is from health insurance, some past benefits not paid, and loans the schools needed for various reasons such as payroll and construction.

"We are extremely grateful for Bishop Brennan's announcement," said Jennifer Hornyak, superintendent of the diocese's Department of Catholic Schools. "Our individual schools work hard to apply the principle of subsidiarity during these often-challenging financial times.

For us, this debt forgiveness is a weight lifted from our shoulders. Many of our principals and current school pastors had inherited the debt that has now been forgiven."

Henry added that the move elevates schools to a much better position as they reap other opportunities such as the Hope Scholarship.

"They're getting to the point where they can stand on their own which is what the bishop wants," he said.

But this doesn't mean they are on their own. Henry pointed to many individuals at the diocese who are happy to help schools with their budgeting and financial

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A Journey of Faith and Perseverance

Celebrating Our 175 Years

By Joyce Bibey, courtesy of FaithInWV

On July 19, 1850, the Diocese of Wheeling was established by Pope Pius IX, marking the adventurous beginning of our present Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

This year marks our 175th anniversary. As our celebration continues through July of 2026, we will reflect on how we began and how we've prevailed — giving praise and honor to God. From our pioneering founding bishop, Bishop Richard V. Whelan, to our present shepherd, Bishop Mark E. Brennan, our diocese has persevered to share the Gospel by word and deed in our families, parishes, schools, hospitals, and organizations.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's clergy, religious, laity, and staff strive to exemplify the resilience, faith, and courage of our ancestors. The hard-working souls who built the Church in these mountains.

As we unfold our story throughout the year, take a moment to look back at how we got here.

Staking Claim – Blessed Land

In 1749, as an expedition lead by French explorer Pierre Joseph Celoron de Blainville of New France (Canada) unfolded to claim land along the Ohio River, Masses were celebrated by Jesuit priest, Fr. Joseph Pierre de Bonnecamp, who served as de Blainville's chaplain, navigator, and secretary documenting the trip and ultimately creating the first official map of the Ohio Valley.

Father Bonnecamp journaled that six "Celoron Lead Plates" were buried during the celebrations on the shoreline at the various points where the tributaries met the Ohio River. One was found in Point Pleasant, WV, in 1846, measuring 11 by 7.5 inches, and the inscription claiming the land for France. (Both France and Great Britain laid claim to the Ohio River Valley, and the French and Indian War ultimately resulted in a decisive victory for Great Britain.)

Few And Far Between

It was more than 200 years ago when Jesuit and Redemptorist missionaries braved the mountainous terrain of western Virginia to serve the few Catholic families who had settled in the region. These visits, however, were infrequent. Like the Apostles and first disciples, these missionary priests relied on the hospitality of those they encountered, sleeping where

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Diocese Announces New Seminarians



Colleen Rowan photo

Bishop Mark Brennan is pictured with the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's seminarians. In the front row, from left, are Nathan Schmidt, Reece Lopatka, Bryan Tedeschi, Bishop Brennan, Dominick Beckman, Andrew Dean, and Michael Aiello. In the second row, from left, are Timothy Kawash, Joseph Derico, Daniel Long, Christopher Nelson, Sebastian Lasko, and Clifton Mastran. In the back row, from left, are Michael J. Tupta, Donvito Cortese, Dominic Re, Thomas Lough, David Hensler, and Father John Soplinski, director of Vocations for the diocese. Learn about the diocese's three new seminarians — Beckman, Long, and Lough — on Page 3 of this issue.

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Retreats for Survivors of Abuse to be Held

As the Church continues to minister to all survivors of abuse, the Archdiocese of Washington is offering retreats for survivors. The archdiocese will offer a women's retreat on Sept. 19-21, 2025 and April 25-26, 2026. In partnership with the Archdiocese of Atlanta, a men's retreat will be held June 12-14, 2026. This retreat is an occasion for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives and for healing through prayer and the sacraments. For more information go to <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>. To register, e-mail mcdonald@adw.org.

To protect the privacy of survivors, the archdiocese will not publicize the location of the retreat.

Frequently Asked Questions Will I have to talk about the details of my abuse in a group setting? Answer: No. There will be times during the retreat where you have the opportunity to talk to others, but you are not required to share about your abuse. The retreat focuses on opportunities for prayer through scripture and the Passion of Christ, God's original plan for you, Reconciliation, and Mass.

I am not a victim of clergy sexual abuse can I still come? Answer: Yes! This day is for anyone who has been abused in any way by anyone. You are not taking a spot from someone else who needs it ... YOU need it ... we are here for you.

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Gomez, ext. 264. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504 or the Diocese's sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5656. Additional methods of reporting are available at www.dwc.org, under "Accountability." 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:** call Erin McFarland, M.Ed., LPC, at 304.559.6742. The Diocese partners with Navex Global to offer EthicsPoint to report other 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 WV. EthicsPoint 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: 304-293-6400.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

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

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Diocese's New Seminarians Hail from Hurricane, Wheeling, and Maryland

WEST VIRGINIA—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has announced three new seminarians: Dominick Beckman from Middletown, Md., Daniel Long of Hurricane, and Thomas Lough of Wheeling. They and the returning 14 seminarians (Michael Aiello, Donvito Cortese, Andrew Dean, Joseph Derico, David Hensler, Timothy Kawash, Sebastian Lasko, Reece Lopatka, Clifton Mastran, Christopher Nelson, Dominic Re, Nathan Schmidt, Bryan Tedeschi, and Michael J. Tupta) were in Wheeling last month for meetings with Bishop Mark Brennan and Father John Sopinski, director of Vocations for the diocese.



Dominick Beckman **Daniel Long** **Thomas Lough**

the parish and in Mountaineer Catholic Campus Ministry. Beckman was blessed to discern his vocation into seminary through altar serving, Bible studies, campus ministry discernment retreats, Melchizedek Discernment series led by Father Brian Crenwelge, and various ministries of the parish.

Beckman will begin his Propaedeutic Year/First College at St. John

Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C.

Long is a member of St. Agnes Parish in Charleston. He attended Brescia University in Owensboro, Ky., where he obtained a degree in social work. He worked in that field for a little while before eventually becoming the campus minister at Marshall University in Huntington and held the position for about two years. During this time, he began discerning his vocation through spiritual direction, personal prayer, and his position as a campus minister. He feels that his role at Marshall played a critical piece in his discernment because of the similarities in service to others and the call to lead others to Christ.

Long will begin his Propaedeutic Year at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

Lough is a member of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. He at-

tended Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio, where he was previously pursuing a degree in philosophy. During this time, he recognized his desire to do something for the church in some way. After some time, he knew he wanted to serve in a priestly manner which led him to spend a semester with the Marians of the Immaculate Conception in Stockbridge, Mass. The time spent with the Marian Fathers really solidified his discernment for the priesthood, especially in the little moments he spent in daily tasks of serving Mass and spending time with the community.

Lough will begin his Propaedeutic Year at St. John Paul II Seminary.

In other Vocations Office news, seminarian Bryan Tedeschi will be taking a year on pastoral assignment at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Berkeley Springs.

West Virginians for Life Launches 'Don't Swallow the Lie!' Campaign

WEST VIRGINIA—West Virginians for Life (WVFL) has launched "Don't Swallow the Lie!" educational campaign in the Mountain State. The effort is designed to help people know the truth about the dangers of abortion pills (a.k.a. chemical abortion). Most mothers and babies are protected from all methods of abortion in West Virginia, WVFL officials said in a press release.

"In every circumstance, it is illegal to prescribe abortion pills over the phone to WV women – whether the doctor is within or outside of the state. Nevertheless, women are being lured into swallowing pills from out-of-state – which only adds more danger to the situation," they said.

Those who live in the Morgantown region, can see "Don't Swallow the Lie" on MicroOutdoor digital boards on 705 near WVU, at the I-79 University Town Center Exit, at the I-68 Pierpont Exit, in Sabraton at the I-68 Exit, and in Whitehall at the Marion County Center.

More information and updates will follow in the coming weeks and months, WVFL officials said. In the meantime, visit DontSwallowTheLie.com to learn more.

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planning — especially Deacon David Galvin, a member of the Diocesan Finance Council, and Krissie Benson, director of Stewardship and Development for the diocese, as he named a few. A consultant has also been brought in to help the schools.

"We have a lot of resources here if they ask for help," Henry said.

Hornyak sees all of this as an extension of Bishop Brennan's unwavering support for Catholic schools. Since his arrival in 2019, she said, he has always been a strong supporter and promoter of Catholic education and its impor-

tance for children of West Virginia.

"We are blessed with the encouragement and ongoing prayers of our bishop as we begin our new school year together — our Year of Hope and our 175th anniversary of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston," she said.

The cancellation of debt is

also central to Bishop Brennan's evangelization efforts. And Henry emphasized, "What better way to evangelize than through our Catholic school system."

For any questions, contact Cindy Prascik in the diocese's Finance Department by e-mail to cprascik@dwc.org.

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Mass to be Celebrated for the 175th Anniversary of the Diocese

By Joyce Bibey, courtesy of FaithInWV

Celebrate! All are invited to Mass at noon, Friday, Aug. 22 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, to celebrate our 175th and also the 6th Anniversary of Bishop Mark Brennan as ninth Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston.

In the last 175 years, 9 bishops have shepherded our diocese.

Our profile now?

We have about 61,000 Catholics, making up for 3.5% of the state's population (1,769,979).

According to our 2024 data, we have 71 diocesan priests (39 active here, 2 active outside the diocese, 30 retired), 28 from other dioceses, 38 from religious communities, 60 deacons, 72 religious women, 2 religious brothers, 92 parishes, 20 mission churches, 17 chapels, and 24 Catholic schools.



Photo courtesy of Diocesan Archives
Bishop Richard V. Whelan

In 1853, the Sisters of St. Joseph (today the Congregation of St. Joseph) arrived in Wheeling to operate a hospital, which continues to thrive today as Wheeling Hospital, the oldest Catholic hospital in WV. The sisters' essential ministries in health care, catechism, evangelization, education, charity, and prayer have continued for more than 170 years, an indelible and living link to the earliest days of our diocese.

Brutal Honesty

While Catholic populations grew, clergy in western Virginia had a nearly impossible task. Priests were given assignments covering a 100-mile radius, traveled by horseback or on foot.

Bishop Whelan was exhausting the hospitality of bordering priests and knew that in order to properly serve and evangelize, he had to at-



Photo courtesy of Diocesan Archives
Old St. Patrick Church, Weston

tract priests and seminarians from outside of Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

So, putting pen to paper, he wrote a seminary in Ireland.

He knew he had to be brutally honest to attract young men who not only embraced a strong relationship with Christ, but also a strong backbone and an adventurous willingness to endure the many hardships required.

Bishop Whelan's recruiting

pitch to All Hallows Seminary in Dublin, Ireland, advised prospective priests:

"Catholics are very few and generally very scattered, requiring a priest sometimes to attend a circuit of 100 miles in diameter." He described the state as "quite unimproved, less so perhaps than many portions of the remote west, exceedingly mountainous, with bad roads, and a very uncultivated population. (Any missionary) must expect a life of great labour and fatigue, much exposure to the cold, heat, and rain, bad roads, very indifferent diet and lodging, but little respect for his dignity, few Catholics, little of society, a compensation barely adequate to support him in the plainest and most economical manner. I wish no one to be taken by surprise. Many of our missions are just such as this; and I want no priest who does not come fully prepared to enter upon such a charge, certain that his recompense is not to be expected here, but hereafter. Make the young men whom you may think of selecting fully aware of this; inform them that there are places much more desirable elsewhere, where they may labour advantageously, and that if they select my Diocese I shall regard their character and honor compromised if afterwards they flinch, and I shall even refuse an exeat where there is no other good controlling motive."

The young priests took Bishop Whelan's warnings to heart. Not only did they travel to labor in these West Virginia mountains, but they also continued an association for more than 180 years.

He Had a Reputation – Tough As Nails

When the original St. James Church in Wheeling had fallen in disrepair, Bishop Whelan led the campaign for a new church to be constructed. A site was secured, and in 1847, a cornerstone laid for the parish that later became the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

But it wasn't just his determination and administration that was so impressive, it was also his strength. It was Bishop Whelan that climbed more than 200 feet in the air to place a cross on top of the new spire at St. James's after construction workers refused the dangerous task. In 1872, Bishop Whelan successfully appealed to Pope Pius IX to change the patronage of St. James to St. Joseph, reasoning that Joseph, the Terror of Demons and Guardian of the Redeemer, patron of the entire church, would further protect and strengthen the



Photo courtesy of Diocesan Archives
Early St. James Cathedral, Wheeling

faithful of the Diocese of Wheeling.

Becoming Our Own

In 1849, Bishop Whelan convinced the Church hierarchy in the Archdiocese of Baltimore to divide the Diocese of Richmond by the natural barriers of the Allegheny Mountains.

On July 19, 1850, the Holy See established the Diocese of Wheeling. The diocese included all of what is now West Virginia except for the eastern panhandle and Potomac highlands, and included several counties in southwestern Virginia, all the way to the Tennessee border.

Four days later, on July 23, 1850, Blessed Pope Pius IX named Bishop Richard Whelan as the first bishop for the diocese.

According to Bishop Whelan's diocesan records from 1850, churches completed or nearing completion were in Martinsburg, Harpers Ferry, Bath (Berkeley Springs), Union (Monroe Co.), Sweet Springs, Tazewell Court House (VA), Wytheville (VA), Wheeling, Parkersburg, Howesville, Fairmont, Morgantown, Weston, Braxton Court House, Summersville, Charleston, and Grafton.

Bishop Whelan died at the age of 65 in 1874.

It took another 100 years, in 1974, for the Holy See to redraw the boundaries of the diocese to correspond with the state, and further renaming us as the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Watch the Diocesan Website, FaithInWV e-bulletin, The Catholic Spirit, and parish bulletins for more stories, events, and cause to celebrate. <https://dwc.org/175th/>

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they could – a barn, a cave, under the shade of a tree, or if blessed enough in the humble home of a kind soul. They ate what they could, packing staples for their journey, but when those ran out their mission and well-being depended on the people who lived in the hills and valleys of this land.

Their efforts though were not in vain. By 1818 more Catholic families settled in western Virginia following the completion of National Road.

The first Masses in Virginia were celebrated in homes, on farmland, along creeks, and tops of mountains. A growing Catholic population resulted in the need to establish the Richmond diocese, encompassing the entire state of Virginia, in 1820.

By 1821, Wheeling had its first Catholic church constructed – St. James Parish – on land donated by Noah Zane at the corner of 11th and Chapline Streets in Wheeling. However, the church was not assigned a resident priest – Fr. Francis Rolof – until 1828.

Eastern Panhandle – Tracks to Expansion

St. John Parish (later known as St. Joseph's) in Martinsburg was established in 1825, and was served by Rev. John B. Gildea.

By the 1830s, growth and expansion of the railways westward lead German and Irish immigrants to settle in this region of western Virginia.

For the communities of Harpers Ferry and Martinsburg this meant an expanding Catholic community. The Martinsburg Catholics had purchased the land for their church building in 1802, but waited 34 years to see it completed.

Bishop Whelan Enters Our History

In Harpers Ferry, Saint Peter's Church was constructed in 1833 on a rocky hilltop near the Maryland border. In 1834, a young priest, Fr. Richard V. Whelan was assigned to what would become the iconic Harpers Ferry church, taking residence there. Father Whelan, a Maryland native, also served the Martinsburg mission. When the church at Martinsburg was completed, Father Whelan moved his residence to Martinsburg.

Five years later, in 1841, Father Whelan was named the second bishop of the Diocese of Richmond.

Growing Pains

In 1846, Bishop Whelan moved to Wheeling in the northwestern corner of the Diocese of Richmond. He took charge of St. James Parish and opened a small school for German Catholic children.

Within two years, women religious from the Visitation Sisters came to Wheeling to open the Wheeling Female Academy (later known as Mount de Chantal Academy).

Also in 1848, St. Patrick Parish in Weston was established to serve an increasing Catholic community of Irish immigrants who had labored on the Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike. Father Austin Grogan purchased property at a corner of High Street for \$100 to build a two-story church. Because of the generosity of both Catholics and non-Catholics, the church was opened in 1848 without debt.

The year 1849, saw the establishment of St. John Church in Summersville, and a newly constructed St. James Church in Wheeling – moved from its Chapline Street location to 13th and Eoff Street in Wheeling.

Inaugural Gathering of Mountain State Catholic Men to be Held in Wheeling

By Colleen Rowan

“We want to build a stronger community of Catholic men in the diocese,” Michael Tupta of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston told The Catholic Spirit recently. He was just about to get on a Zoom planning meeting for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston’s inaugural Gathering of Mountain State Catholic Men which is set for Friday, Sept. 12, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. This event, he said, is the first step in building that community for West Virginia’s Catholic men.

It will be a day set aside, free to attendees with a dinner, focusing on prayer, planning, faith-sharing, and networking—all of which is vital in the modern day.

“Faith-filled, Catholic men are the bedrock of families, the bedrock of building our parishes, building our communities,” Tupta said. “And when you have a Catholic parish that has a very active men’s group, where the men are praying, where the men are serving, where the men are active in discipleship, active in evangelization, you have a thriving parish, you have thriving families, you have thriving vocations.”

Bringing members of these parish groups together to connect is the whole aim of the gathering. Planning everything along with Tupta are Deacon Jacob Manning and Tyler Greenwood of the cathedral, Deacon Michael Kawash at the basilica, and others.

The gathering begins at 5:30 p.m. with exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and vespers and will be followed by a 6:30 p.m. informal dinner and roundtable discussion.

“Deacon John Basil (of St. Joseph the Worker and Sacred Heart of Mary parishes in Weirton) is going to preach a little bit on Catholic men’s spirituality,” Tupta said, noting the strong men’s group from these parishes and St. Paul Parish in Weirton whose members meet every Sunday morning. This group is guided by “That

Man is You,” a program for parish men’s groups exploring what God is calling them to be. Tupta also pointed to the “Heroic Men” app and website (heroicmen.org) that offers Catholic media for men and connects Catholic men’s groups across the country.

Another men’s group Tupta spoke of was started two years ago by Deacon Mike Brumley at St. Patrick Parish in Weston. The group now has about 12 to 18 members who go to Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Mass together on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Deacon Brumley then invites the guys over to his house for dinner. They also read Scripture, have Bible study, and read and discuss church documents.

In addition to the goal of connecting these parish men’s groups, the Gathering of Mountain State Catholic Men was inspired by Pittsburgh men’s Catholic fellowship, Tupta said, which has strong groups and presents a conference every year. And that will be part two of West Virginia’s event.

On Saturday, Sept. 13, men who attended the West Virginia conference the night before are invited to continue on to the 17th Gathering of Catholic Men’s Conference at Duquesne University (a little over an hour from Wheeling). That conference has five speakers and a closing Mass to be celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Tupta shared that he received a call from Andy Noak, a member of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Cheat Lake who assured him that he and men from his parish will be attending. Noak’s group went to the Pittsburgh conference eight years ago and told Tupta, “We came back so on fire. We decided to start a men’s group. We meet every Saturday morning. We pray, pray the rosary, study, read Scripture. We support one another.”

Organizers are hoping for a good turnout for the Gathering of Mountain State Catholic Men. The event is open to men of all ages, Tupta said, but especially important for younger men from age 20 to 45 to help them

get more involved with men’s groups in their parishes and to be more active in their faith.

Catholic men need to be committed totally to Christ, Tupta said.

“And we need each other’s support,” he said. “We need to lean on each other and help each other through difficult times in our life.”


That is accomplished through men’s parish groups which allow for fellowship; sharing of faith; sharing heartaches, sorrows, and joys; and discussing struggles with raising families. “And we share the load with our faith-filled men, who pray for us, who give us guidance, who give us wisdom, who give us inspiration,” Tupta said.

“Having active, faith-filled men in a parish, in a diocese, is very critical to the mission of the church.”

Catholic men are called to be imitators of Christ, Tupta said, “for our wives, our families, our children, our community...”

All of this will be encouraged at the Gathering of Mountain State Catholic Men. The event is free, but organizers ask that men RSVP (for a count for dinner) to Tupta by e-mail to mjtdds@cisinternet.net or by calling (304) 541-5177 or Tyler Greenwood by e-mail to tgreenwood@dwc.org or by calling (304) 233-4121. See ad below. Free will donations will be accepted.

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