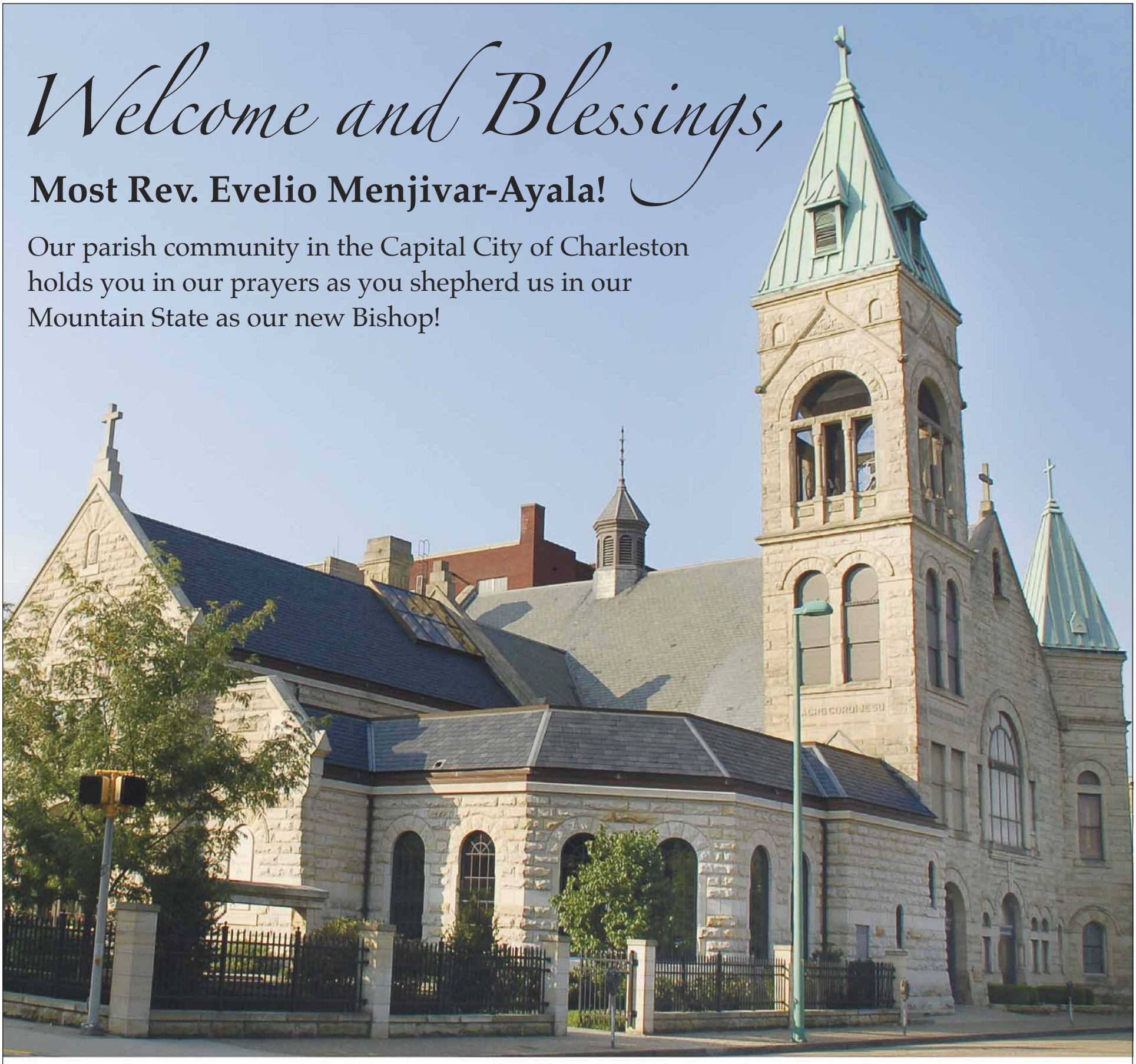
Welcome and Blessings,

Most Rev. Evelio Menjivar-Ayala!

Our parish community in the Capital City of Charleston holds you in our prayers as you shepherd us in our Mountain State as our new Bishop!



The Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Charleston, West Virginia

Welcome

BISHOP MENJIVAR-AYALA

WVU Medicine is proud to welcome and congratulate Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala on his installation as the Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston. As a longtime partner in serving the people of West Virginia, we extend our best wishes as he begins his ministry and leadership within the Diocese. May his service bring hope, faith, and inspiration to communities throughout the Mountain State.

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¡Bienvenido y Felicitaciones,

Monseñor Evelio Menjívar Ayala!

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10th Bishop of
the Diocese of
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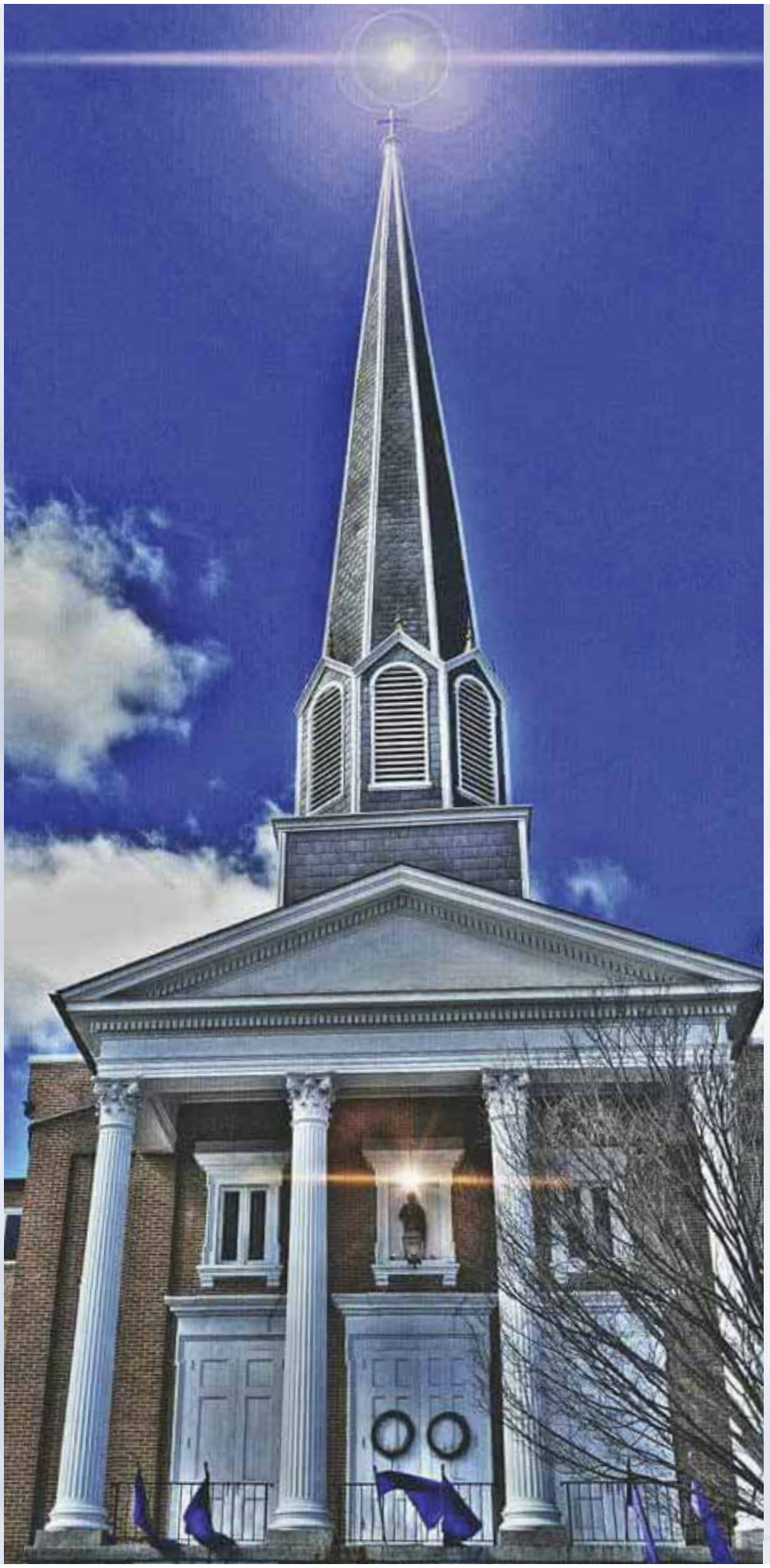
From the Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, Martinsburg, W.Va.



St. Matthew Parish
in Ravenswood and
Sacred Heart Mission
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send a big West Virginia
welcome to you,

Bishop Evelio!

Welcome to our new Bishop,
Most Rev. Evelio Menjivar-Ayala!

Thank you for coming to serve
the people of our Diocese with
a shepherd's heart.

— St. Stephen Catholic Church, Ona —

Welcoming our new Shepherd,

Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala

From the Catholic Church
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Welcome, Bishop Evelio!

Praying to Our Lady and entrusting
you to her care as you begin your
Episcopacy here, in our beautiful
Mountain State.

Immaculate Conception Church
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Divine Providence: A Story of Faith, Mentorship, and Apostolic Mission

By Joyce Bibey, courtesy of FaithInWV

When looking at the journey that led Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston through the theological lens, it can be described as nothing less than Divine Providence.

"The human heart plans the way, but the Lord directs the steps." – Proverbs 16:9

On the day of the press conference when Bishop Evelio was announced to become the successor of Bishop Mark Brennan, the auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington thanked Bishop Mark for "Opening the door" not only to the diocese per se, but "many years ago you opened the door of the Archdiocese of Washington while you were the vocations director. You welcomed me to the priestly formation program. Little did we know what the lord had in store for both of us. Thank you for being part of this journey from the very beginning. I hope you will continue mentoring me as I learn and adjust in this new mission."

Both Gospels of Matthew (7:7) and Luke (11:9), put it eloquently: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

During Bishop Mark's time as the director of priestly vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington from 1988-1991, he encouraged and shepherded young Evelio Menjivar-Ayala's discernment and early priesthood.

"He was a youth minister in a parish (in Maryland) and had showed a real interest in the priesthood," he said. "So, I worked with him and we got him into seminary. We thought this guy has real potential, so we sent him over to Rome for theology. Did well there. Came back and I was still a priest in the Archdiocese of Washington, so we served as brother priests for a while. Three years ago, he was chosen to be an auxiliary bishop of Washington and 'the angels rejoiced' as I did too. I thought this is a good one, a good choice."

As brother priests, the two worked together in the archdiocese from the time of Bishop Evelio's priestly ordination in 2004 through 2017, the year Bishop Mark was ordained an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

On Feb. 21, 2023, Bishop Mark joined other bishops and archbishops at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C., to celebrate and pray over Bishop Evelio when he was installed auxiliary bishop for the archdiocese.

The apostolic order and apostolic succession (bishops who hand on the apostolic ministry) is a way the Church continues the mission of the Apostles through ordered hierarchy and communion in truth and grace.

Just as the Church teaches, the Spirit works through us.

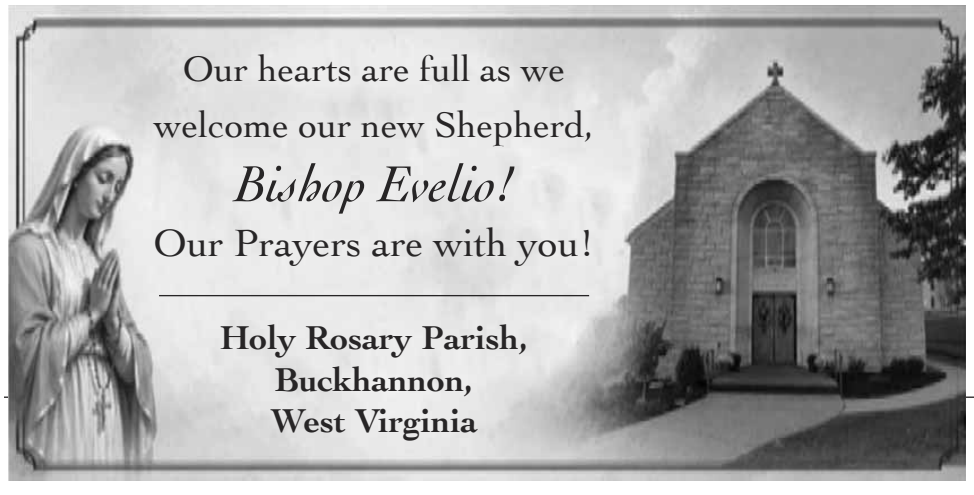
The photo with this article is a screenshot captured by Deacon Michael Kawash from the video of the 2023 ordination illustrating the concrete sign of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and God's providential path to ministry.

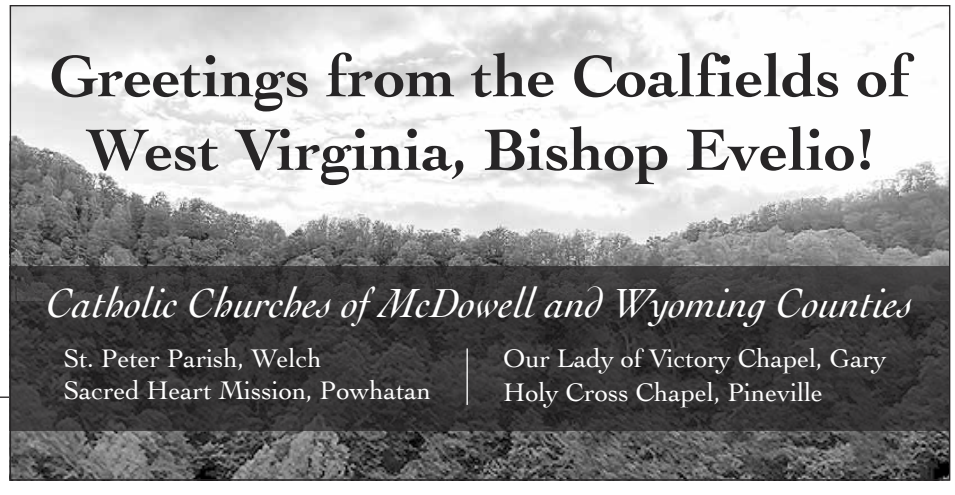
Upon the May 1, 2026, appointment of Bishop Menjivar to the WV diocese, Bishop Brennan said, "Many faithful across the diocese and I have prayed to God for a true shepherd of the people to lead our diocese into the future. I truly believe God has answered our prayers with the appointment of Bishop Evelio Menjivar."

Screenshot

In this screenshot, Bishop Mark Brennan lays his hands on Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala during his consecration on Feb. 21, 2023. The screenshot was provided by Deacon Michael Kawash of Charleston.

Bishop Brennan will continue to serve the diocese as bishop emeritus. So with that, the bond and journey of these two spiritual brothers continue.





Our Students, Teachers, Administration, and Staff welcome

Bishop Evelio!

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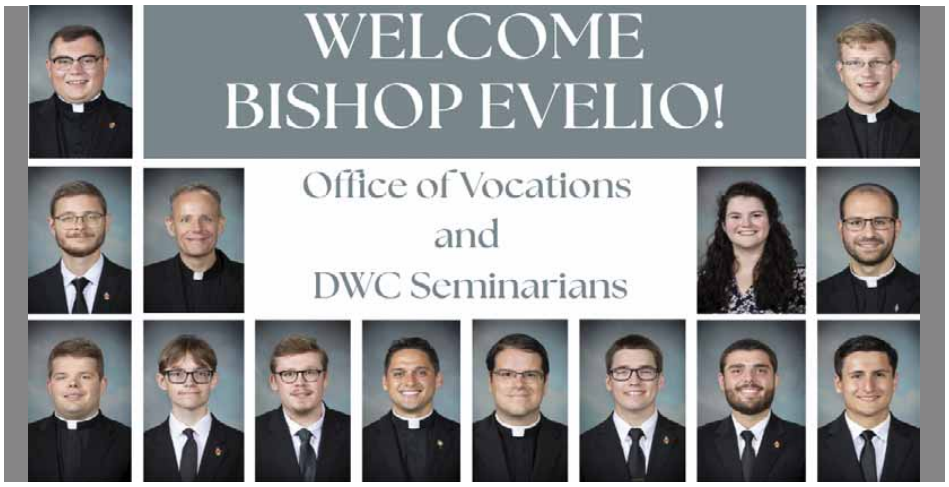

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Bishop Evelio

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Welcome, Bishop Evelio to our Diocese

and many Blessings as you lead us with a Shepherd's heart

to Love, Serve, and Walk with each other!

Bienvenido, Obispo Evelio!

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The Wheeling University administration, faculty, staff, and students congratulate

Most Rev. Evelio Menjivar-Ayala

on his Installation as the 10th Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

With great joy!

The parish family of St. Margaret Mary welcomes Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala to the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. We offer our prayers and heartfelt congratulations as he begins his ministry of shepherding the faithful throughout our beautiful Mountain State.

Bishop Evelio, welcome to West Virginia! May you find in our communities a spirit of faith, hospitality, and love. We look forward to walking together in Christ and supporting you with our prayers as you lead us with wisdom, compassion, and hope.

May God abundantly bless you in your ministry among us.

The Parish Family of

St. Margaret Mary

PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA

Bless you, Bishop Evelio, as you begin your Episcopacy with us! Our Prayers are with you!

St. John Parish, St. Marys

Christ Our Hope Mission, Harrisville

Welcome to Almost Heaven West Virginia, Bishop Evelio!

From all of us at
St. Jude Parish, Glen Dale

Parkersburg-Lubeck

St. Francis Xavier & St Monica

Welcome

Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala to

"Almost Heaven West Virginia"

WELCOME
BISHOP
EVELIO MENJIVAR-AYALA
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Congratulations and Blessings from
the Administration, Students, Faculty & Staff
of Central Catholic High School

A warm welcome to our new shepherd!
The faithful of Welty properties joyfully welcome
the Most Reverend Evelio Menjivar-Ayala,
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Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Huntington, WV would like to extend a warm welcome to

THE MOST REVEREND
EVELIO MENJIVAR-AYALA
Tenth Bishop of the Diocese
of Wheeling-Charleston

Our prayers and support are with you.

Welcome and Prayerful Best Wishes to

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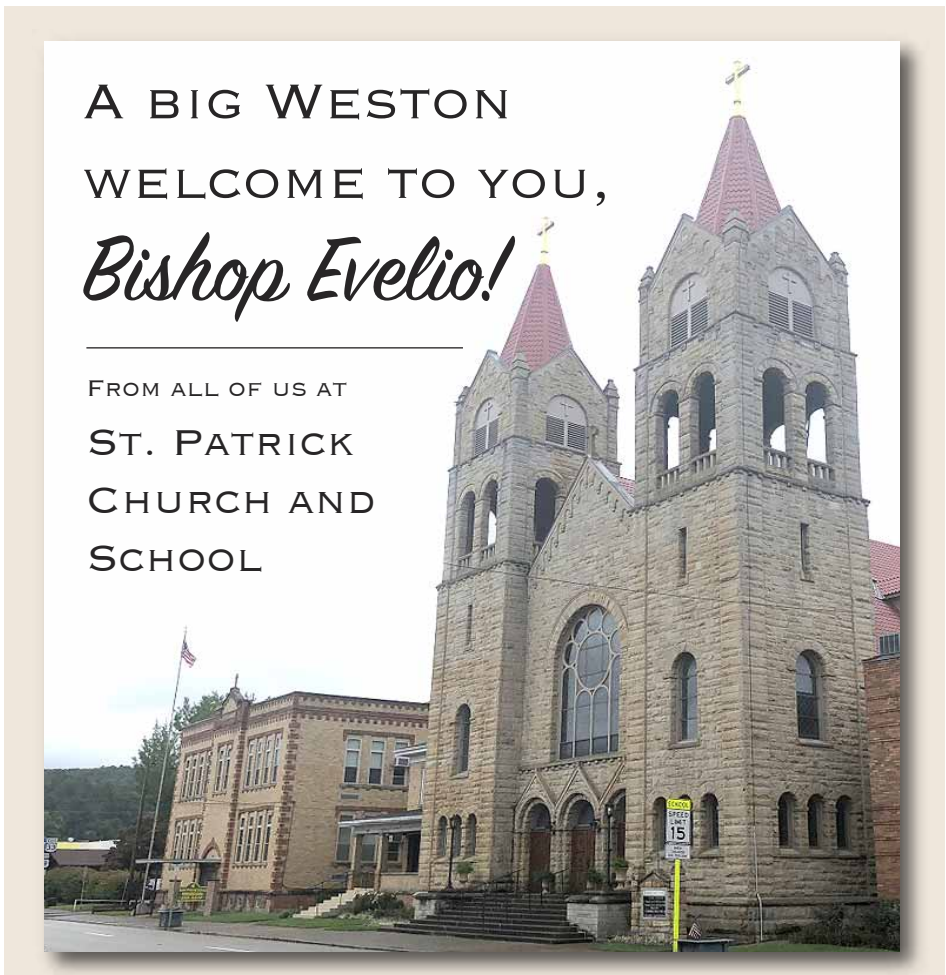

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Congratulations Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala

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Court Holy Rosary #2803
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and

State Court of West Virginia

Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala, our hearts are filled with gratitude to God as we joyfully welcome you on the occasion of your installation as our shepherd and spiritual leader.

St. Michael Parish and School, Wheeling

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Welcome

Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala

The Catholic Schools of Weirton joyfully welcome you as the new shepherd of our diocese! As you begin this new chapter of ministry, we offer our prayers, support, and gratitude for your willingness to answer God's call. May the Holy Spirit guide your ministry and bless you abundantly as you serve the people of God.

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you." — Numbers 6:24-25

With Prayers and Blessings,
St. Joseph the Worker School, St. Paul School, and Madonna High School

Coverage continues in Part 3 of
The Catholic Spirit's
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as the 10th Bishop of the
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