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Pope Confirms ‘Second Laudato Si’ Will be an Apostolic Exhortation

By **Justin McLellan**

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis confirmed plans to publish a “second Laudato Si’,” which is expected to update and expand on his 2015 encyclical on the environment.

Greeting visitors in the Paul VI audience hall after his weekly general audience Aug. 30, the pope drew attention to the World Day of Prayer for the

Care of Creation Sept. 1, the beginning of the Season of Creation, a month-long ecumenical period for prayer and action to promote ecological principles. The Season of Creation ends Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis Assisi.

“On that date I intend to publish an exhortation, a second Laudato Si’,” Pope Francis said. The document will be the sixth apostolic exhortation of

his pontificate and the first since his February 2020 post-synodal exhortation on the Amazon.

To conclude his weekly audience, the pope asked Catholics to join with “our Christian brothers and sisters in the commitment to caring for creation as a sacred gift of the Creator.”

“It is necessary to side with the victims of environmental and climate in-

justices, striving to end the senseless war on our common home, which is a global, terrible war,” he said.

The pope had mentioned the upcoming document Aug. 21 when he met with a group of lawyers; he said he was preparing the document as a “second part to Laudato Si’ to update it on current problems.”

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Diocese’s Deacon Candidates at St. Meinrad’s

Last month, 17 of the permanent deacon candidates from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston spent the week at St. Meinrad’s Seminary and School of Theology focusing on Homiletics. In the front row, from left, are EJ Brucal, Bryce Timberlake, Michael Brumley, Jason Miller, and John Basile. In the second row, from left, are James McCullough, Tony O’Leary, William Klug, Patrick Michel, Tom McFadden, and Michael Kawash. In the third row, from left, are Ron Piaskowski, Rob Krall, Jacob Manning, Dave Torlone, Victor Cwynar, and John Butler.

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Obituary—MaryAnn Pachuta Wise

MaryAnn Pachuta Wise, 93, passed away Saturday, August 26, 2023 in her home town of Beckley, West Virginia.

MaryAnn was born January 11, 1930, the daughter of John J. and Elizabeth Pachuta. She was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Deacon William Donald "Don" Wise; daughter, Marcie Wise; parents; and siblings, Elizabeth Peplowski, Billie Jo Franko, Janie Moore, and John Pachuta.

MaryAnn is survived by three children, Sandra (Les) Rush, Don (Tina) Wise, Jr. and Theresa (Tony) O'Leary. She had 10 grandchildren: Donnie (Misha), Stephen (Candace), Lachelle, Gabe (Casey), and Desi Wise, Samantha Goins, Alexis (Hunter) Brown, and Patrick (Shelby), David, and Colleen O'Leary.

MaryAnn had six great-grandchildren, Ellie, Elsie, and Jude Wise; Isabelle and Hunter Goins; and Amara Brown. She is also survived by her

sister, Margaret Reinhardt, sister-in-law Ann Pachuta and many nieces and nephews.

MaryAnn was married to Don in 1949 and their years together were spent serving the Catholic community of Beckley. They helped establish St. Francis de Sales School, where MaryAnn served in the PTO and as a homeroom mother. When Don became a Permanent Deacon in 1988, MaryAnn also assumed her role in ministry to the Church.

MaryAnn graduated from Beckley Woodrow Wilson High School in 1949, where she was a proud member of the flag team and was an attendant to Ms. Flying Eagle. She worked as a payroll clerk for the New River Company. Her civic duties included volunteer work with Beckley Little League and was a member of Catholic Daughters of America.

MaryAnn volunteered at Raleigh General Hospital for 44 years (12,276 hours). She deliv-

ered newspapers to countless patients and served in her role proudly. MaryAnn also enjoyed listening to the Cincinnati Reds on the radio every night, even if the team was "getting clobbered." She also listened faithfully to the Beckley Flying Eagles on the radio.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated by Father Leonard Smith and other diocesan priests at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30 at St. Francis de Sales Church in Beckley. Rite of Committal followed in Mt. Calvary Cemetery at Sunset Memorial Park in Beckley. In lieu of flowers, the family requests for donations to be made to St. Francis de Sales Catholic School.

Melton Mortuary and Cremation Center has been entrusted with arrangements and are honored to serve the family. Expressions of sympathy and condolences may be sent to the family by visiting MaryAnn's website tribute page at www.meltonmortuary.com.

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: 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 Erin McFarland, M.Ed., LPC, at 304.559.6742. 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 Re-

sources: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/> Crimes Against Children Unit: 304-report.asp. West Virginia State Police, 293-6400.

Sexual Abuse Awareness Training

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



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Transforming Hearts, Lifestyles, Public Policies will Bring about 'Ecological Conversion,' Bishops Say

WASHINGTON (OSV News) — For the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Sept. 1 and the Season of Creation that follows, Pope Francis “invites us to reflect on the relationship between justice and creation,” said the chairmen of the U.S. bishops’ domestic and international policy committees.

“Pope Francis invites us to ‘transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies (to) contribute to the mighty river of justice and peace in this Season of Creation,’” the two bishops said in a reflection released Aug. 29. The joint message was issued by Archbishop Borys Gudziak of the Ukrainian Archeparchy of Philadelphia, who is chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee

on Domestic Justice and Human Development, and Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, Illinois, who is chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on International Justice and Peace.

“Let Justice and Peace Flow” is the theme of the day of prayer and the Season of Creation that follows. The season is a month-long ecumenical period for prayer and action to promote ecological principles. It ends Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis Assisi. The Holy Spirit can guide people to transform “hearts, lifestyles, and public policies” that will bring about “ecological conversion,” the prelates said, calling for “greater discernment and action to address both ‘the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.’”

Pope...

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Pope Francis also mentioned the letter July 26 when he spent an hour responding to questions from young people from the Archdiocese of Melbourne, Australia, according to Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli. “We decided to keep mum about it, to let Pope Francis share the news when he wanted,” the archbishop posted on X, formerly Twitter.

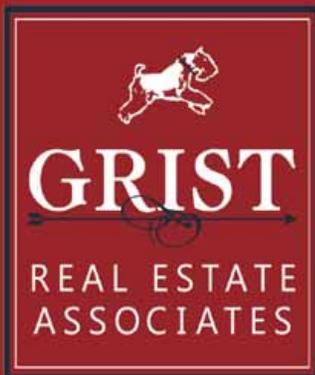
The Season of Creation grew out of the observance of the day of prayer, which originated in the Orthodox Church and was added to the Catholic Church’s calendar by Pope Francis in 2015. In his message for this year’s celebration, the pope called on world leaders attending the U.N. climate summit in Dubai Nov. 30 to Dec. 12 to “institute a rapid and equitable transition to end the era of fossil fuel.”

In an article published on the British Jesuits’ Thinking Faith website Aug. 29, Cardinal Michael Czerny, prefect of the Dicastery for

Promoting Integral Human Development, encouraged people to ask themselves, “What issues have emerged as significantly more dangerous and urgent today than their treatment in the 2015 encyclical suggests? What is our role in each one? What can and must we do about each one?”

“No matter how the encyclical is updated our obligation to the future is incontestable,” he wrote and then quoted “Laudato Si’”: “We must never forget that the younger generations have the right to receive a beautiful and livable world from us, and that this implies that we have a grave responsibility towards creation which we have received from the generous hands of God.”

Eight years after the publication of “Laudato Si’,” the cardinal urged people to ask: “What impact did the encyclical have? What changes or developments should we be grateful for? What areas did it not reach? How can we help both parts of Laudato Si’ to reach more widely and more deeply?”



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Parishes Hosting Days of Reflection on the Eucharist



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Daniel Maul, director of the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, leads Days of Reflection on the Eucharist at St. Anthony Parish in Follansbee.

St. Anthony Parish in Follansbee was the site of the first in a series of Days of Reflection on the Eucharist. The purpose of the Eucharistic Revival, parish officials said, is to reflect upon the Eucharistic nature of the faith and the church, so as to deepen the faithful's understanding of it and strengthen their ability to live it.

Drawing on key insights found in the writings of Bishop Robert Barron, Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), and the University of Notre Dame theology professor Timothy P. O'Malley, Director of the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Daniel Maul explored Catholic beliefs about the Eucharist, especially along the themes of Eucharist as the sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence at the July 23 event. Participants also explored what it means to become a Eucharistic people; how to live the Eucharist, not only believe in it and receive it.

Through prayer, presentation, silent reflection, and personal sharing, attendees had the opportunity to draw closer to the Eucharistic Lord and to one another.

A dinner followed in the parish hall.

The remaining dates and locations in Days of Reflection on the Eucharist are as follows: Corpus Christi Parish in Wheeling, Sept. 9 and 10; St. Anne Parish in Shinnston, Sept. 16; Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, Oct. 4; and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Stonewood, Dec. 9. Contact the parishes for times. A Eucharistic mission is also being planned for Lent at St. Jude Parish in Glen Dale.

The Days of Reflection in the diocese are part of the parish year for the National Eucharistic Revival which is June 11, 2023 – July 17, 2024.

The following is from the National Eucharistic Revival's website: "This year is about fostering Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through the faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit."



Calling all Cursillistas! Would you like to gather with other past participants in Cursillo weekends for an Ultreya meeting? Well, you can, on Saturday, August 19th, and you have two locations and times to choose from!

The Diocesan Cursillo community will gather, on Saturday, August 19th, first at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, in Charleston, at 10:30 AM. Then, the other Ultreya option will be a gathering at the Parish Center of St. John University Parish, in Morgantown, at 4:30 PM.

What should you expect? At both meetings, we will have our Regional Director for Cursillo, Mr. Dan Kubisiak, as the

rector/moderator, along with the Lay Director for Cursillo in South Carolina, Mr. Tommie Smith, as our main witness speaker.

At both locations, we will gather for about an hour and a half, for fellowship, spiritual enrichment, socializing, refreshments, and a meal. We hope these gatherings will help revive Cursillo in our wonderful state.

If you would like to join us, and we'd love if you would, please let us know either by calling the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, at 304-233-0880, ext. 374, or by emailing Daniel Maul, at dmaul@dwc.org.

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Happy Birthday, Blessed Mother Mary!

Let's be 'Good Kids' and Pray the Rosary

By Joyce Bibey

September 8th is the Nativity of Mary. Take a moment this week to celebrate the birth of Mary to her loving parents, Joachim and Anne.

It would be safe to assume that if we could ask her what she wanted for her birthday, she'd reply like most of our devoted mothers, "Good kids!"

Honor her by being just that. How? Consider what her life taught us.

We learn three great lessons from Mary the Mother of God on how to live life. Pope Francis highlighted those for us:

1. Share the joy of Christ with others.
2. Do not let adversity give you the excuse to give up.
3. Step up and help those in need with the compassion of a gentle mother.

If you feel you are lacking the courage to do what is right, or are struggling with knowing what you can do, trust in the Lord like Mary, to guide your steps, Pope Francis said.

St. Alphonsus Liguori said Mary's love of God and compassion for all is immeasurable. He said we need to look at her as the ul-

Blessed Birthday

"When you say your Rosary,
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imate example of how to love. "Think of what the Saints have done for their neighbor because they loved God. But what Saint's love for God can match Mary's? She loved Him more in the first moment of

her existence than all the Saints and angels ever loved Him or will love Him. "Just as there is not one among all the Blessed who loves God as Mary does, so there is no one, after God, who loves us as much as

this most loving Mother does. Furthermore, if we heaped together all the love that mothers have for their children, all the love of husbands and wives, all the love of all the angels and Saints for their clients, it

could never equal Mary's love for even a single soul."

Gift of the Rosary

Further, take time to pray the treasure she gave us through St. Dominic – the Rosary. The history of the Rosary has evolved from the 12th-15th centuries, but one thing is unchanging – the focus on Christ. No one loved Him more than His Blessed Mother. Call upon her to be a Mother to you.

Pray the rosary as if you are meditating in prayer with her, calling her to intercede for you and your intentions to Christ Jesus.

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Opportunity for Catechists and Catechetical Leaders at Hurricane Parish

HURRICANE—Ascension Parish in Hurricane is inviting catechists or catechetical leaders to an education opportunity.

A five-week course, Church History 1, is being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). Church History 1 is one of two parts of a basic introduction to the History of the Church. This course covers the period from Pentecost to the beginning of the Reformation. While the course cannot cover in depth all the factors which influenced the development of the early Church, participants will be able to begin the journey here.

The series will be offered in-person at Ascension Parish in Hurricane and is open to all. The course begins Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 7-8:30 p.m. Registration is required and space is limited. The course is being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, which pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of any books associated with the course.

The facilitator is Gerri Wright. For further information or to register, contact Gerri at gwright@dwc.org or (304) 720-8311. Registration deadline is Sept. 8. Church History 2 will be offered after the completion of this course.

University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation Offers Zoom Lectures

Two five-week courses are being offered through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). These courses are hybrid models. They are composed of both weekly live two-hour zoom lectures as well as a rich variety of online course materials and discussion experiences through VLCFF. The courses are being underwritten by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, who pays 100% of the tuition and the cost of any books associated with the courses. The course instructor is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. For further information or to register, please contact Dr. Stoicoiu at rodicastoicoiuphd@gmail.com.

Christology

This course is a deep dive into Jesus and assumes students have some familiarity with scripture already. We will hit the ground running with a look at how the Church has answered the question "Who do you say I am?" through the lens of theology. This course will enable students to learn and

understand the foundations upon which all Christology rests, the theology developed from the apostolic age through the Council of Chalcedon in the fifth century A.D. We will discuss why the Church considers some ideas about Jesus heretical while others are not. We will gain a full understanding of how the Church understands who Jesus is and what he did, and the reasons why the Church holds this understanding.

The class opened the week of Aug. 28 and the first class meeting was Aug. 28.

Images of Jesus

Just starting to look to explore your faith or looking to learn more? This course is set at an introductory/intermediate level and is a good place to start for those seeking to move into adult faith formation.

Have you ever wanted to know more about Jesus? We are presented with many images of Jesus in the Gospels and throughout the New Testament. How have Christians come to understand the person of Jesus over the centuries? How are we to un-

derstand him today? Through this course participants will have the opportunity to examine, from a variety of theological perspectives, what we know and believe about the central figure of the Christian faith and arguably the most influential person who ever walked the earth. After looking at many different resources, the student will be able to form a personal answer to "Who do you say that I am?"

We will look at the images of Jesus in the New Testa-

ment, as understood in theology today, as understood in the Paschal Mystery and as encountered in the liturgical life of the Church. All course materials are online and the class opened the week of Aug. 28 with the first class meeting Aug. 31.

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Five Pro-Life Activists Sent to Federal Prison for Blocking Washington Abortion Clinic

WASHINGTON (OSV News) — After a raucous jury trial, five pro-life activists face as many as 11 years in federal prison for convictions to conspire to blockade a Washington abortion clinic in 2020.

Convicted Aug. 29 in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia of conspiracy against rights and violation of the federal Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, or FACE Act — both are felonies — were Lauren Handy, 28, of Alexandria, Virginia; John Hinshaw, 67, of Levittown, New York; Heather Idoni, 61, of Linden, Michigan; William Goodman, 52, of Bronx, New York; and Herb Geraghty, 25, of Pittsburgh. Because Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly ruled that using force to prevent women from entering

the clinic is a violent crime by statute, the five were incarcerated immediately. Attorneys for Handy quickly filed an emergency motion asking for Handy to be released before sentencing. In addition to prison terms, each defendant faces fines of up to \$350,000 and three years of supervised release. A second group of four defendants goes on trial in September, with sentencing for all nine to follow later this year. The activists' abortion clinic blockade, which lasted about three hours and was livestreamed on Facebook, occurred at Washington Surgi-Clinic Oct. 22, 2020. A statement from Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America called the convictions "a shameful day for a nation founded on unalienable rights, first and foremost including life."

Judge Dismisses Criminal Abuse Charges against Former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick

DEDHAM, Mass. (OSV News) — The Massachusetts sex abuse case against former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick fell apart Wednesday as all criminal charges were dismissed due to the disgraced former cleric being deemed no longer mentally competent.

Dedham District Court Judge Michael Pomarole ruled McCarrick is unable to stand trial after receiving a medical report from prosecutors which agreed with the earlier defense report that McCarrick, 93, is suffering from dementia.

"The Commonwealth's independent evaluator concurred that he is not competent," said David Traub, spokesman for Norfolk County District Attorney Michael Morrissey. Traub said the state moved to drop all charges after Pomarole's ruling. The substance of the reports on McCarrick's mental capacities were not made public. Mitchell Garabedian, the lawyer who

represented many of the original sex abuse victims in Boston and the attorney for McCarrick's alleged victim, said the judge's Aug. 30 ruling does not change what McCarrick did to his victims, saying for them McCarrick is "the permanent personification of evil within the Catholic Church."

Once one of the most powerful men in the Catholic Church, McCarrick was accused in 2018 of decades of sexual abuse, including allegedly targeting young men in seminaries. He was found guilty of abuse in 2019 by the Congregation (now Dicastery) for the Doctrine of the Faith and removed from the clerical state by Pope Francis.

McCarrick is facing criminal prosecution for sexual abuse alleged to have taken place in 1977 in Wisconsin, although it is now likely his attorneys will move to have that case dismissed on similar grounds.

Parents Ask Appeals Court to Allow an Opt-Out from School Books with LGBTQ+ Themes

WASHINGTON (OSV News) — An interfaith group of Maryland parents has asked a federal appeals court to allow them to opt their children out of classroom instruction pertaining to books containing LGBTQ+ themes to which they object on religious grounds.

Becket, a Washington-based religious liberty law firm, is representing a group of parents, including Muslims, Jews, Catholics and other Christians, as they sue the school board in federal court over a Montgomery County Public Schools policy that does not allow parents to opt out of instruction using some materials containing LGBTQ+ themes. According to court documents, some of the materials

in question include the book "Love, Violet," which a Kirkus Review described as a "sweetly empathetic, child-friendly girl-girl romance."

The parents argued that the school board violated their First Amendment rights when it reversed an earlier policy allowing families to opt out of such instruction. But earlier in August, a federal judge found that Montgomery County Public Schools, Maryland's largest public school system, does not have to give advance notice to parents so that they may opt their children out of classroom discussion and reading of books with LGBTQ themes while they pursue a challenge to the policy.



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Longtime Welty Home Manager Tess Gaudino Will Retire; Assistant Manager Michelle Ruckman Named New Manager

WHEELING — Welty Home, the area’s preferred assisted living community, is celebrating the retirement of longtime Manager Tess Gaudino and the promotion of Assistant Manager Michelle Ruckman to Welty Home manager. The two are skillful and caring administrators who are loved and respected by their colleagues and Welty Home residents.

Mrs. Gaudino has worked at Welty Home for more than two decades. She began as an administrative assistant; her hard work and ability to make all residents feel at home earned her several promotions. Ten years ago, she was named manager, and since then has overseen the care of hundreds of residents and worked with dozens of staff members. The best part of her job, she says, has been the knowledge that she’s making a difference in the lives of Welty Home residents and their families.

Caring for seniors came very naturally to Mrs. Gaudino. As a child growing up in Wheeling, she lived next door to her grandparents, and helped to care for her grandfather, who suffered with emphysema. The experience

gave her a level of comfort with senior citizens and taught her the value of small acts of kindness.

During her years at Welty Home, Mrs. Gaudino modeled the behavior she expected from all her staff. She was never too busy to sit and talk with a resident or spend time with visiting family members. When she retires, she plans to spend more time helping the community as a member of the Wheeling Lions Club and hopes to spend more time with her grandchildren.

Even before Mrs. Ruckman joined the Welty Home staff, she was a skilled caregiver, helping to care for her ailing father. She says she learned a great deal from working with Mrs. Gaudino and expects that the transition to Welty Home manager will be a smooth one. Mrs. Ruckman, also a Wheeling native, started as a personal care assistant at Welty Home 18 years ago. She moved from personal care to Welty’s Activity Department, where she was promoted to director and earned the Certified Activity Director credential.

She plans to continue to lead with the thoughtful-

ness and light touch that Mrs. Gaudino used – encouraging all staff to treat every resident the way they’d want their parents to be treated.

Mrs. Ruckman will assume the position of Welty Home manager on Jan 1; Mrs. Gaudino will continue working at Welty Home until Jan. 18 to ensure a smooth transition.

Welty Home, founded in 1950 through a generous donation from Wheeling resident Clara Welty, is part of a range of senior living options provided by the nonprofit Welty Corporation. Readers of the Wheeling Newspapers Readers’ Choice Awards rate Welty Home as the area’s top retirement home. Other Welty properties include Good Shepherd Nursing Home, the Clara Welty Apartments, the Bertha Welty Apartments, Brad-dock Apartments, and



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Laudato Si' 2.0: El Papa anuncia un nuevo documento antes del 'Tiempo de la Creación'

Por Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS)—Antes de las celebraciones ecuménicas de la Jornada Mundial de Oración por el Cuidado de la Creación del 1 de septiembre y del "Tiempo de la Creación", que durará un mes, el Papa Francisco dijo que está escribiendo un documento de seguimiento de su encíclica de 2015 sobre el medio ambiente.

"Estoy escribiendo una segunda parte de Laudato Si' para actualizarla sobre los problemas actuales", dijo el Papa a un grupo de abogados el 21 de agosto durante una reunión en la biblioteca del Palacio Apostólico. No dio más información.

Pero Matteo Bruni, director de la oficina de prensa del Vaticano, dijo a Vatican News que la carta se centrará especialmente en las recientes crisis climáticas.

El presidente húngaro, Katalin Novák, que pasó 45 minutos a solas con el Papa Francisco en el Vaticano el 25 de agosto, dijo a un periódico italiano que el documento se publicará el 4 de octubre, fiesta de San Francisco de Asís y clausura del Tiempo de la Creación.

"Me dijo que está trabajando en la redacción de una nueva encíclica, una nueva edición de Laudato Si', y que se publicará el 4 de octubre", dijo Novák a Il Messaggero en una

entrevista publicada el 26 de agosto. "La primera encíclica se promulgó en 2015 y, como muchas cosas han cambiado un poco desde entonces, me dijo que era necesario actualizarla. Junto a los temas ya tratados habrá otros, nuevos, pero no entramos en detalles".

El Cardenal canadiense Michael Czerny, prefecto del Dicasterio para el Servicio del Desarrollo Humano Integral, se dirigió a los jóvenes en Lisboa, Portugal, en el Congreso Internacional sobre el Cuidado de la Creación, el 31 de julio, y llamó la atención sobre cómo "la abrumadora evidencia global muestra que los seres humanos han alterado significativamente todos los sistemas de la Tierra: la atmósfera, los océanos, los continentes y los ecosistemas, toda la comunidad de la vida en la Tierra".

Señaló las "preocupantes tendencias concurrentes" de la rápida desaparición del hielo de los glaciares y de los mares Ártico y Antártico, el aumento de la temperatura de los océanos y la mayor frecuencia e intensidad de fenómenos meteorológicos extremos como inundaciones e incendios forestales.

Muriel Fleury, que dirige la sección de comunicación del dicasterio, dijo a Catholic News Service el 24 de agosto que el anuncio del Papa era una buena noticia porque la gente de todo el mundo está preocupada, escucha al Papa

Francisco y cada grupo de obispos que visita el dicasterio plantea preguntas y preocupaciones sobre el medio ambiente y la doctrina católica sobre la ecología.

El Papa Francisco también mencionó el nuevo documento el 26 de julio cuando pasó una hora respondiendo a las preguntas de los jóvenes de la archidiócesis de Melbourne, Australia, según el arzobispo Peter A. Comensoli. "Decidimos guardar silencio al respecto, para dejar que el Papa Francisco compartiera las noticias cuando quisiera", publicó el arzobispo en X, antes conocido como Twitter.

El arzobispo dijo a CNS que el anuncio papal se produjo en respuesta a una pregunta de uno de los jóvenes y su respuesta les mostró "su profunda preocupación por que el cuidado de nuestra casa común necesita una atención aún mayor. Se podía sentir la urgencia en su respuesta".

"Laudato Si', sobre el cuidado de la casa común" era el título de la carta encíclica del Papa Francisco de 2015 sobre la necesidad de una "ecología integral" que respete la dignidad y el valor de la persona humana, ayude a los pobres y salvaguarde el planeta.

Pocos meses después de la publicación de la encíclica, el Papa Francisco instituyó la celebración por parte de la Iglesia católica de la Jornada Mundial de Oración por el

Cuidado de la Creación, uniéndose así al Patriarcado Ecuménico Ortodoxo de Constantinopla, que ha celebrado la jornada de oración el 1 de septiembre desde 1989.

A tiempo para la celebración de 2023, la Oficina Filatélica y Numismática del Vaticano publicó los diseños que ha elegido para los sellos que llaman la atención sobre el Decenio de las Naciones Unidas para la Restauración de los Ecosistemas. Son muy "Laudato Si'", que es la frase inicial del Cántico de las Criaturas de San Francisco de Asís.

Los nuevos sellos llevan una pintura acuarela del padre franciscano Giuseppe Mordaca, párroco de la Iglesia de San Francisco de Asís en Reggio Calabria, Italia.

Las palabras "Laudato il Signore Opere Sue" ("Alabado sea el Señor, todas sus obras") aparecen en el centro de la pintura, rodeadas de agua, una paloma, el sol, la luna y un cordero que camina sobre campos verdes.

La colocación de las figuras alrededor de las palabras pretende ser "un signo del abrazo de Dios, que se complació en crear las condiciones necesarias para la vida humana", dijo la Oficina Filatélica y Numismática en un comunicado de prensa. "Su mensaje llama a la humanidad a la conversión ecológica".

Una premisa central tanto del Decenio para la Restaura-

ción de los Ecosistemas como del mensaje del Papa Francisco para el Tiempo de la Creación es que no es demasiado tarde para actuar y, en palabras del Papa, convertirse.

El cardenal Czerny dijo a los jóvenes de Lisboa que el mensaje del Papa es teológico y espiritual.

"El cambio necesario es mucho más que simples soluciones políticas o tecnológicas", dijo el cardenal. "El clima, junto con la atmósfera, la tierra y las aguas de nuestro planeta, constituyen un bien común, que pertenece a todos y está destinado a todos. Debemos ser más conscientes de nuestro origen común, nuestra pertenencia mutua y nuestro futuro compartido. Este conocimiento básico permitiría desarrollar nuevas convicciones, nuevas conexiones y vínculos, nuevos estilos de vida".

En el mensaje del Papa para la Temporada de la Creación, publicado en mayo, el Papa Francisco pidió "poner fin a esta insensata guerra contra la creación".

Los cristianos, dijo, deben comenzar con "esa 'conversión ecológica' que San Juan Pablo II nos instó a realizar: la renovación de nuestra relación con la creación, de modo que no la consideremos ya como un objeto del que aprovecharnos, sino por el contrario, la custodiamos como un don sagrado del Creador".

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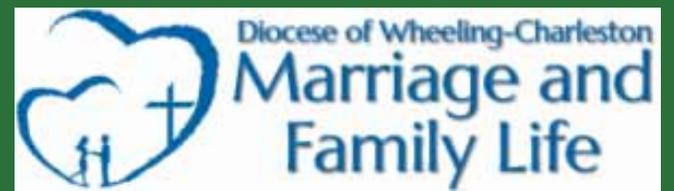
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