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‘Miracles That Never Came To Be’

St. Matthew’s in Ravenswood Joins in Prayer for Babies Lost to Abortion on National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children



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On the grounds of St. Matthew Church in Ravenswood, the new “Baby Unborn” memorial stone sits in front of a sea of little white crosses in memory of unborn babies lost to abortion. The crosses were placed for National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Sept. 12. The parish will hold a 1 p.m. prayer service that day at the church.

By Colleen Rowan

Every September, a sea of little white crosses blankets the spacious grounds of St. Matthew Parish in Ravenswood. There are 1,581 total. They are part of the parish’s message to the community and, really, to the world. These little white crosses sadly represent the precious, irreplaceable

lives lost to abortion.

St. Matthew’s places the crosses every year as part of the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, a joint project of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life, and the Pro-Life Action League. This year’s observance is Sept. 12 and, on this day, St. Matthew’s will host a 1 p.m.

prayer service at the church.

The parish’s commitment to sending a message on this day is made possible through the work and dedication of parishioners, who know that every life must be protected from conception to natural death.

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"The circumstances of our birth such as being born into poverty, potential health issues, lack of wedlock, are inconsequential to the purpose God has for us. Each one of us is a miracle that he wanted to bring into this world," said St. Matthew's parishioner John Butler, who has helped with the project for the last five years. "These memorials represent all of the miracles that never came to be. We must continue to raise awareness and garner support not just to preserve life but more so to celebrate it."

Just a few days before the prayer service was to be held, St. Matthew's received a special gift from the Knights of Columbus Council #12634—a monument stone for

"Baby Unborn." The stone sits in front of the crosses and bears the inscription: "Baby Unborn, In Memory of All Innocent Victims of Abortion. 'Give me your hand, don't take my life.' Our Lady of Life, pray for us."

This year marks the seventh annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, and event officials say the gathering has continued to grow.

Across the country, solemn prayer vigils will be conducted at gravesites of unborn children, of which there are 54 across the United States, as well as dozens of other sites dedicated in memory of aborted children.

According to the event's website, there are no known burial places of aborted children in West Virginia. However, memorial sites

have been established at parishes of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. In addition to the recently placed "Baby Unborn" stone at St. Matthew's, other memorials to children lost to abortion include the Memorial for the Unborn at St. Leo Catholic Cemetery in Inwood, the Memorial to the Unborn at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Romney, and the Memorial of All Unborn Children at St. Michael Parish in Vienna.

On their website, event organizers say, "...while a funeral and burial for an aborted baby may be a relatively rare event, the opportunity to visit the burial places and recall how those children got there does not have to be rare—in fact, it shouldn't be. Pro-lifers should be visiting these gravesites and other memorial sites dedicated

to aborted babies as a regular part of their pro-life witness. That's what the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is all about."

Pictures and videos from past Day of Remembrance memorial services can be found on the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children 2020 Facebook page.

"Pro-lifers," organizers say, "are also encouraged to carry on the spiritual mission of the Day of Remembrance throughout the year by visiting a gravesite of aborted children or other memorial sites to offer prayers of mourning for the victims of abortion."

The Day of Remembrance is normally held on the second Saturday in September. For more information, visit <http://abortionmemorials.com>

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

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) requires that all Dioceses/Epararchies 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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Nineteenth Anniversary of 9/11



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A rose is placed by a victim's name at the National 9/11 Memorial in New York City Sept. 9, 2020, two days before the 19th anniversary of the aviation terrorist attacks on the U.S.

Memories of 9/11 Linger for Fire Department Chaplain

BROOKLYN, N.Y. (CNS) (from September, 2019)—Msgr. John Delendick, a longtime New York Fire Department chaplain who is currently pastor of St. Jude Church in Brooklyn, remembers Sept. 11, 2001, vividly.

At the time of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Msgr. Delendick had just finished celebrating Mass at St. Michael's Church in Brooklyn where he was pastor. He jumped in his car and drove as close as he could get and then walked to the scene.

When he got to the twin towers, he ran into other fire department colleagues, including first deputy commissioner William Feehan, who was later killed in the collapse. He also gave absolution to a police officer who ran to him amid a dark cloud of debris and smoke, asking the priest to hear his confession.

He also recalls learning that his colleague and fellow fire chaplain, Franciscan Father Mychal Judge, was among the first known victims of the South Tower's collapse.

"That day, I don't even know the order of what all happened ... Someone just handed me (Father Judge's) helmet and told me he was killed," he told *The Tablet*, newspaper of the Diocese of Brooklyn.

The hardest thing of that day, he said, was people asking him if he had seen their friends, fathers,

brothers and sons—firefighters and first responders at the scene—and not knowing how to respond. It wasn't until after returning from ground zero that the priest and many families would realize that their friends and loved ones had died.

Msgr. Delendick didn't get back to his parish until 2 a.m. Sept. 12.

As fire department chaplain, in between celebrating memorial Masses for the fallen, Msgr. Delendick would visit "the pile" at ground zero in the months that followed, accompanying families in their search for loved ones.

That first year after 9/11, he doesn't remember how many funerals and memorial Masses he said.

"It's just, you get so many of these funerals, and it just gets to you after a while. ... I love the job, but I also hate it," he said. Every year since the attacks, the New York Fire Department remembers and honors the heroes, especially those who have died years later from illnesses attributed to 9/11.

On Sept. 6 the department added the names of 22 firefighters and recovery workers to the New York Fire Department World Trade Center Memorial Wall inside its Brooklyn headquarters.

One victim of a 9/11 illness honored on the memorial wall was Lt. Timothy O'Neill, a Catholic who

died in April after battling pancreatic cancer for two years. O'Neill worked for several months at ground zero during the cleanup efforts.

"My husband risked his life, and he paid the ultimate sacrifice 18 years later," said his widow, Paula O'Neill. "It was a complete shock because he never had any symptoms, but then one day he went for a CT scan. ... He always thought he would get sick after breathing in everything, sometimes without a mask. He just didn't really talk about it, and we never expected the severity of the cancer."

With the help of the federally funded September 11th Victims Compensation Fund, O'Neill was able to be receive treatment for his cancer from his Florida home. "I still have firemen to this day calling, crying to me," Paula said.

At the Brooklyn ceremony, Father Joseph Hoffman, pastor of St. Barbara in Brooklyn, who also is a New York Fire Department chaplain, read a Bible passage which said: "The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces."

The priest said that working with the fire department is "like serving another parish" and he is honored to work with these men and women.

(Escobar is a reporter for *The Tablet*, newspaper of the Diocese of Brooklyn.)

Settlement Reached in DOJ Case Against Wheeling Hospital

WHEELING — The settlement that has been reached in the Department of Justice (DOJ) lawsuit against Wheeling Hospital paves the way for the hospital to continue providing quality health care to residents of the region.

“The settlement was in the best interest of the long-term viability of the hospital and the community,” said hospital CEO Douglass Harrison. “Prolonging the lawsuit would have paralyzed the ability of the hospital to attract the best physicians and to make the necessary capital improvements to ensure that the highest quality health

care continues to be provided in the Upper Ohio Valley.”

The case began as a 2017 whistleblower lawsuit alleging the hospital violated the Stark Law and Anti-Kickback Statute. The DOJ intervened in March 2019 to join the suit.

Since the suit was filed, the hospital entered into a management agreement with WVU Health System (WVUHS) and named Harrison the new CEO. The hospital also has added a robust corporate compliance program with WVUHS.

In recognition of the significant

leadership changes at the hospital, the DOJ settlement does not require a five-year monitoring agreement normally required for lawsuits of this type. More importantly, the action against the hospital was dismissed with prejudice,

without an admission of wrongdoing.

“The settlement will not impede the hospital’s focus on patient care or its commitment to compliance, ethical conduct and integrity,” Harrison said.

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Common Good, Not Greed, Must Motivate Search for Vaccine, Pope Says

By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The common good — and not political or economic gain — should be at the heart of the race to find a vaccine for COVID-19, Pope Francis said.

During his weekly general audience Sept. 9, the pope said that “we see partisan interests emerging” in the search for a vaccine, and some people “are taking advantage of the situation to instigate divisions: by seeking economic or political advantages, generating or exacerbating conflicts.”

“Others simply are not interesting themselves in the suffering of others; they pass by and go their own way. They are devotees of Pontius Pilate: they wash their hands,” he said.

The general audience was in the San

Damaso courtyard of the Apostolic Palace, a small space with seats for about 500 people. While attendees were required to wear masks, they bunched up at the railings to try to get closer to Pope Francis, prompting him to urge them to return to their seats and stay a safe distance from one another.

“Please move back so that you aren’t crowded here. Each one (return) to your seats so we can avoid infections,” he said at the start of the audience.

After the audience, the pope put on a mask before getting in his car to leave the courtyard.

Continuing his series of talks on “healing the world,” highlighting Catholic social teaching, the pope reflected on the importance of love and the common good, especially in a time of crisis.

The Christian response to the pandemic, he said, “is based on love,” which is difficult, especially when it means “loving the enemy,” which is “the highest summit of holiness.”

“Many times, a caress does more good than so many arguments — a caress of forgiveness and not many arguments to defend ourselves. It is inclusive love that heals,” the pope said, departing from his prepared remarks.

Love, he continued, not only makes families and friendships flourish, but also “social, cultural, economic and political relationships,” thus allowing for the growth of a “civilization of love.”

“Without this inspiration, an egotistical, indifferent, throwaway culture (that) casts out those who we don’t love, prevails,” he said.

Pope Francis said the coronavirus

pandemic highlights how “each person’s true good is a common good” and that “a virus that does not recognize barriers, borders or cultural or political distinctions must be faced with a love without barriers, borders or distinction.”

“If the solutions for the pandemic bear the imprint of selfishness, whether it be by people, businesses or nations, we may perhaps emerge from the coronavirus crisis, but certainly not from the human and social crisis that the virus has brought to light and accentuated,” the pope said.

“Therefore, we must be careful not to build on sand! To build a healthy, inclusive, just and peaceful society we must do so on the rock of the common good,” he said. “Common good is a rock.”

Pope Will Sign New Encyclical Oct. 3

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS)—Pope Francis will travel to Assisi Oct. 3 to sign an encyclical on the social, political and economic obligations that flow from a belief that all people are children of God and therefore brothers and sisters to one another.

The Vatican press office, confirming the pope’s trip, said the document will be titled “Fratelli Tutti” in Italian. In English, the phrase could be translated as “Brothers and Sisters All,” but apparently it is inspired by what is known as St. Francis of Assisi’s “sixth admonition” to the friars, all of whom were men.

Conventual Franciscan Father Mauro Gambetti, custodian of the Assisi convent, said the document “will indicate to the world a style for the future and will give the church and people of goodwill the responsibility for building it together.”

“The pope is clearly inspired by Francis of Assisi who, in following Jesus, recognized in fraternity, lived under the sign of mutual

and loving service, the horizon of a fulfilled and happy humanity,” Father Gambetti added.

Pope Francis is scheduled to arrive at the Assisi convent at 3 p.m. to celebrate Mass at the tomb of St. Francis and sign the document.

Because of ongoing concerns and restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mass and the rest of the pope’s visit will be private, the Vatican press office said.

The encyclical is expected to echo many of the themes Pope Francis has been discussing in his general audience talks on Catholic social teaching in light of the pandemic: human fraternity, the equal dignity of all people, the preferential option for the poor, the universal destination of goods and the obligation of solidarity. Care for the environment and the virtue of peacemaking also are expected to be part of the encyclical.

After Pope Francis signs the document on the eve of the feast of St. Francis, the text is expected to be published in a variety of languages the first week of October.

USCCB Urges Congress, White House to Reach COVID-19 Relief Deal

WASHINGTON (CNS) — A leader with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has urged Congress and the White House Sept. 8 to reach a deal on the next COVID-19 relief package that meets the urgent needs of the nation. “Earlier this year, the leaders of our government reached a bipartisan deal that provided significant relief to those suffering from the health and economic crises that we continue to experience. Many of the good relief measures in that previous package are running out,” said Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development. In a statement, the archbishop stressed that “families and individuals are having trouble affording food, housing and health care, and hunger-related crises grow internationally.” He also pointed out that many private schools must choose between reopening and permanent closure and require additional assistance to safely reopen. “Hospitals are bracing for a spike of cases in the fall and continue to experience fewer preventative and elective health visits,” he said, while coronavirus cases are “spiking in detention centers, prisons and jails.”



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Catholic School Students Happy to Begin 2020-2021 Academic Year



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Students of the diocese's Catholic schools are happy to begin the 2020-2021 academic year. Clockwise from, top left, are students at St. Francis de Sales School in Beckley; students going into St. Joseph School in Martinsburg; Central Catholic High School students with Bishop Mark Brennan, who greeted them on their first day; and a little girl at St. Paul School in Weirton.

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Shepherdstown Parish's Music Director Receives Jubilate Deo Award



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Pictured is Dr. Elaine Rendler-McQueeney, music director St. Agnes Parish in Shepherdstown, who received the Jubilate Deo Award.

SHEPHERDSTOWN—The National Association of Pastoral Musicians has bestowed upon St. Agnes Parish's music director, Dr. Elaine Rendler-McQueeney, the prestigious Jubilate Deo Award.

"The Jubilate Deo Award is given in recognition of a substantial contribution to the development of pastoral liturgy in the United States," association officials said. "Elaine Rendler-Queeney is a nationally recognized musician, teacher, author, composer, pastoral liturgist and speaker."

A native of Philadelphia, she graduated from Immaculata University in Music Education and studied organ under Dr. Alexander McCurdy while serving as organist at the Cathedral/Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul. She earned a master's and doctorate (DMA) in organ from The Catholic University of America under Conrad Bernier and Daniel Roth (San Sulpice). During that time, she also served in music ministry at the U.S. Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis, Md., and St. Mary's Seminary, Catonsville, Md. Upon graduation, she accepted a position on the faculty of Georgetown University in

Fine Arts and Campus Ministry. Currently she is a collegiate full professor of Music Theory at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. She is the founding director of the Georgetown Chorale in Washington, a non-profit music organization whose members offer community service through music throughout the D.C. area.

She is perhaps best known as the editor of Today's Liturgy, the quarterly journal for liturgy preparation from OCP. She has been writing the weekly columns and music suggestions in Today's Liturgy for more than 35 years, offering practical wisdom to generations of pastoral musicians.

Board chair Jeremy Helmes remarked: "Elaine's lifelong contributions as an author, teacher, liturgical minister, and pastoral musician have profoundly shaped the musical worship of the church. We give thanks for Elaine and celebrate this award with her."

St. Agnes Parish offered: "Congratulations, Elaine, from the people of St. Agnes, and thank you for sharing your many talents with us!"

Wheeling Knights of Columbus Invite Faithful, Catholic Men to Join State's Oldest Council

WHEELING—The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization founded for men in 1882 with the purpose to put their faith into action. The council for St. Michael, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, 'The 504,' was founded in 1900 and is the oldest council in the state of West Virginia.

"As a council in the last 12 months we were responsible for accumulating over 3,700 man-hours of volunteer work and about \$35,500 of donations and contributions," 504 members say.

The council describes its modest accomplishments and efforts to include: the Leap for Hunger Project, the Baby Bottle Project, the Tootsie Roll Drive, Special Olympics, the Russell Nesbit Program, Support for Seminarians, and assisting with the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center Spaghetti Dinner.

The council also has a rosary program, a Family of the Month, Catholic Citizenship, Leave No Neighbor Behind, an essay contest, a

free throw contest, and Coats for Kids. The council also supports the American Red Cross blood drives, and has a golf club that gathers at Oglebay's Crispin Course every Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

"We are looking for faithful Catholic men, good citizens committed to the common good of all, to join us," 504 members said. "We are dedicated to fraternal charity and fra-

ternal unity."

The council meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m.

Men who are interested in joining 'The 504' and getting involved with these and other projects, should contact Council #504 members Art Bertol at artbertol@hotmail.com or Jermac McGlumphy at jermacjermac@gmail.com.

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A JOYFUL DAY IN VIENNA



Father John Gallagher, pastor of St. Michael Parish in Vienna, is pictured with little parishioners who made their first Holy Communion.

Courtesy Photo

Six-Week Bereavement Program Resumes in Clarksburg

CLARKSBURG—The Parish Nurse Ministry from Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarksburg will present a continuation of the bereavement program. The Seasons of Hope Program, will resume on Saturday, Sept. 12, and will be held on Saturdays for six-weeks total from 10 a.m. to noon.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic and to ensure compliance with social distancing guidelines,

the sessions will be held at the Freedom Shelter at the VA Park as long as weather permits. Masks will be required.

"We are blessed to have Judy Labdik, a licensed social worker, who has facilitated this program before to help us," ministry officials said.

For more information or to register, call Theresa White at (304) 623-1302 or Mary Jo Flaherty at (304) 622-4147 to register.

Drive Thru, Takeout Only, Baked Fish Dinner at St. Peter's in Fairmont

FAIRMONT—St. Peter the Fisherman will be hosting a baked fish dinner Sept. 11 from 4-7 p.m.

The traditional Lenten menu of baked cod, potatoes, green beans, mac and cheese, slaw and brownies will be offered.

"We will be doing this from our Knights of Columbus Hall due to the COVID restrictions still in place in Lambert Hall," parish officials said. "We will offer drive thru and takeout only."

Price will remain \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.



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Child Care Resource Center Hosts Personal Protective Equipment Distributions

By Katie Hinerman Klug, Catholic Charities West Virginia Marketing Communications Specialist

To support child care providers operating during the coronavirus pandemic, the Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Child Care Resource Center has hosted multiple Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Drive-Through distributions for child care providers.

“In response to COVID-19, the Child Care Resource Center decided to assist the child care providers in our region by purchasing PPE and cleaning supplies for them to use in their programs,” said Brittany Lucci, CCWVa Child Care Resource Center Director, Region 1.

Child Care Resource Center is a state funded program that assists families who are working or going to school with the cost of child care.

“Child care is an enormous need for working families. Without child care, businesses could not operate, hospitals could not function, and we would face economic downfalls,” said Lucci. The CCWVa Child Care Resource Center Region 1 serves eight counties: Hancock, Brooke, Ohio, Marshall, Tyler, Wetzell, Monongalia, and Marion Counties.

The recent contact-less drive-through events distributed PPE to providers in these counties. Child care providers received a kit including disposable face masks, disposable nitrile gloves, bottles of Clorox, Green Clean cleaning tablets, a spray bottle, a touchless thermometer, Purell hand wipes and other items.

“The Child Care Resource Center recognizes the immense need for high quality child care, especially in these unprecedented times facing a pandemic. Parents need to be able to take their children to a safe environment while at work. They trust that these programs will follow health precautions to ensure the children and staff in their care cut down on the spread of the virus,” said Lucci.

Funding for the supplies was provided by a state funded annual grant from the Division of Early Care and Education. “Supplying these programs with gloves, masks, face shields, touchless thermometers, Clorox, and other cleaning supplies will assist them in keeping the children and staff safe while in operation,” said Lucci.



Courtesy Photos
Catholic Charities Child Care Resource Center distributed over 8,000 gloves, 4,000 face masks and numerous other items to child care providers during PPE distribution events throughout northern West Virginia. Distribution is pictured at top in Wheeling and above in Morgantown.

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

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El Papa firmará una nueva encíclica en Asís el 3 de octubre

By **Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service**

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — El papa Francisco viajará a Asís el 3 de octubre para firmar una encíclica sobre las obligaciones sociales políticas y económicas enraizadas en la creencia que todos los seres humanos son hijos de Dios y, por tanto, hermanos y hermanas entre sí.

La oficina de prensa del Vaticano dijo que el documento llevará por título "Fratelli Tutti" en italiano. En español, la frase se podría traducir como "Hermanos y hermanas todos", pero aparentemente está inspirada en lo que se conoce como la "sexta admonición" a los frailes, todos los cuales eran varones.

El padre franciscano conventual Mauro Gambetti, custodio del convento de Asís, dijo que el documento "indicará al mundo un estilo para el futuro y cargará la responsabilidad de construirlo juntos sobre la iglesia y la gente de buena voluntad".

"Claramente, el papa se inspira en Francisco de Asís quien reconocía el seguimiento de Cristo en la fraternidad vivida bajo el signo del servicio mutuo, el horizonte de una humanidad realizada y

feliz", añadió el padre Gambetti.

Se planea que el papa llegue al convento de Asís a las 3 de la tarde para celebrar la Misa en la tumba de san Francisco y firmar el documento.

Dadas las preocupaciones presentes y las restricciones debidas a la pandemia de COVID-19, la Misa y el resto de la visita del papa serán privados, dijo la oficina de prensa del Vaticano.

Se espera que en la encíclica resuenen muchos de los temas que el papa Francisco ha estado comentando en sus charlas de audiencias generales sobre la doctrina social de la iglesia a la luz de la pandemia: la fraternidad humana, la igualdad en dignidad de todos, la opción preferencial por los pobres, el destino universal de los bienes y la obligación de la solidaridad. El cuidado del medio ambiente y la virtud de la construcción de la paz también se espera que sean parte de la encíclica.

Después de que el papa Francisco firme el documento en la vigilia de la fiesta de san Francisco, se espera que el texto se publique en diversos idiomas en la primera semana de octubre.



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Para aquellos interesados, envíe un correo electrónico a Caitlyn Kinsey a ckinsey@ccwva.org para completar el proceso de registro.

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

Además de los métodos enumerados anteriormente para denunciar el abuso sexual, la Diócesis también se ha asociado con Navex Global para ofrecer la plataforma EthicsPoint para informar otras inquietudes adicionales, como sospecha de mala conducta financiera, profesional y personal de un sacerdote, diácono, religioso, o empleado laico de la Diócesis o cualquier parroquia o escuela católica en West Virginia. Se puede acceder a la plataforma EthicsPoint a través de www.dwc.org, 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.

Enlaces e información: Departamento de Salud y Recursos Humanos de WV: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp> Policía del Estado de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Delitos contra los Niños, Crímenes de Internet contra los Niños

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All Saints Parish, Bridgeport
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St. Joseph School, Martinsburg—Third-Grade and Substitute Teachers

1) St. Joseph School is seeking a certified elementary school teacher to lead one of its third-grade classes. We are blessed to have a high volume of students in that grade, so hiring another teacher will allow us to keep our class sizes small and ensure our students are safely spread apart. If you are interested, please email a résumé and cover letter to Principal Pat Blanc at pblanc@sjswv.org.

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Catholic Charities West Virginia—Case Manager, Eastern Region

Catholic Charities West Virginia is seeking a full-time Case Manager, who will be responsible for the coordination of program services at the Eastern Region's Romney office, which serves Grant, Hampshire, Hardy and Mineral counties. This includes programs which have the goal of helping families and individuals become more self-reliant and improve their overall circumstances.

The essential job duties include: oversee and manage client assistance programs; develop and maintain ongoing working relationships with agency partners, community social service agencies, faith-based organizations, schools, and coalitions to meet the larger needs of the community; coordinate and manage special projects; participate in organization, community, and social service/interagency meetings, including, but not limited to advisory council, vicariate and disaster meetings; help promote the organization and its services through speaking engagements, news articles, etc.; participate in resource development and fundraisers; and recruit, train and oversee volunteers.

Qualifications include: a minimum of a Bachelors Degree in Social Work or related field; experience working with at-risk and vulnerable populations; excellent computer skills; knowledge of federal, state and community resources, case management practices and populations served, and their culture and needs; excellent communication and interpersonal skills; ability to work collaboratively in a team environment; willingness to adapt to change in schedule, including evenings and weekends, if necessary; and must have transportation to travel as needed.

Please email resume, cover letter, and three professional references by Wednesday, September 30, 2020, to: tbartlett@ccwva.org Application materials can also be delivered to: Trina Bartlett, Eastern Regional Director, Catholic Charities WV, 224 South Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV 25401.

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center, Wheeling—Part-time Dishwasher

Catholic Charities West Virginia is seeking a Part-time Dishwasher in its Neighborhood Center in Wheeling, for 14 hours per week. The Assistant is responsible for dishwashing, cleaning, weighing and recording donations, and pantry set-up. Other duties include assisting in the kitchen and in other parts of the Center as assigned by the Kitchen Manager and/or the Neighborhood Center Coordinator, and working early mornings, weekends, and holidays as needed.

Qualifications include: must possess or be able to obtain a food handler's card as issued by the state of West Virginia; ability to follow directions and supervision; ability to communicate and work with others; must be able to frequently lift and/or move up to 50 pounds; work on his/her feet for the majority of the day; ability to operate various types of food service equipment; willingness to adapt to changes in scheduling; and ability to work collaboratively in a team environment.

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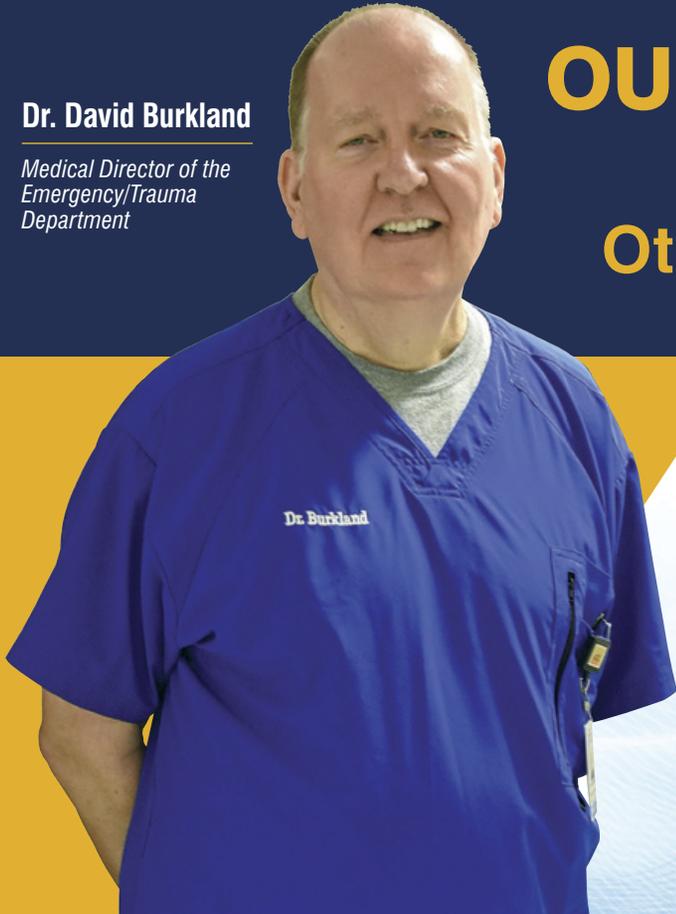
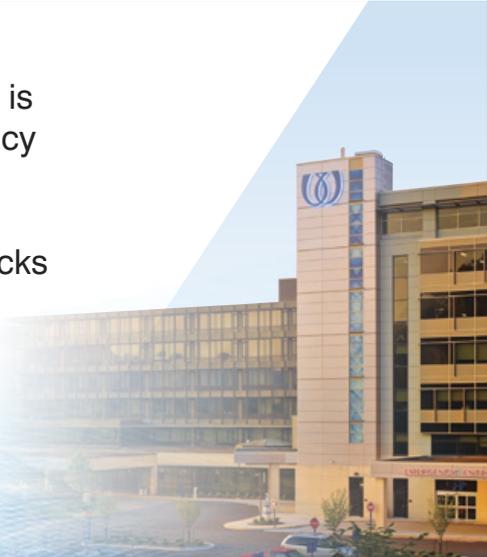
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