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Wheeling Hospital to Join WVU Medicine



Wheeling Hospital

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MORGANTOWN—Wheeling Hospital, a 223-bed, acute-care, not-for-profit hospital affiliated with the Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston since its founding in 1850 by the first Bishop and a local physician, will become a full member of the West Virginia University Health System (WVUHS) under a Letter of In-

tent (LOI) that the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and WVUHS signed. The announcement was made Sept. 11.

Wheeling Hospital WVUHS has been managing Wheeling Hospital through a management services agreement since June 2019, with WVU Medicine senior executive Douglass E. Harrison

serving as the Hospital's Chief Executive Officer. Under the LOI, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will enter into a 50-year long-term lease of Wheeling Hospital and its related facilities. The agreement also ensures Wheeling Hospital will maintain its Catholic identity as it

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becomes a full member of WVUHS.

As a full member of the health system, Wheeling Hospital will be part of a broad, integrated network of doctors, hospitals, clinics, and specialized institutes across West Virginia, Southwestern Pennsylvania, Western Maryland, and Ohio. Today, the WVU Health System, which operates under the brand "WVU Medicine," has more than 20,000 employees; 2,815 providers; 22 member, managed, and affiliate hospitals; and more than 2.5 million patient visits annually.

The WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute, WVU Medicine Children's, and WVU Emergency Medicine already operate programs at Wheeling Hospital. The WVU Heart and Vascular Institute will open a clinic at the hospital in the next few weeks. Upon joining WVUHS, Wheeling Hospital will become WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital and be branded as part of the WVU Medicine family of hospitals and clinics.

"We are honored that Bishop Mark Brennan trusts us to continue Wheeling Hospital's legacy and tradition of

caring for the Wheeling and Upper Ohio Valley communities," said Albert L. Wright, Jr., President and CEO of WVU Health System. "As a full member of our health system, Wheeling Hospital will remain true to its mission, traditions, Catholic identity, and practice of medicine, while benefitting from being part of a larger, integrated network. Together we will offer excellent healthcare to the people of the greater Wheeling area."

Over the next several months, WVUHS, Wheeling Hospital and the Diocese will work through a variety of business and operational matters related to the transaction and Wheeling Hospital's transition to WVUHS, including moving to the health system's integrated electronic medical record and developing plans to transition Wheeling Hospital employees to the WVUHS benefits plan.

"I believe that this strengthened partnership between the Diocese and the WVU Health System will ensure the long-term viability of Wheeling Hospital and enable it to provide even better care to the sick and injured who come through its doors," said Bishop Mark E. Brennan. "I am also pleased

that the full Catholic identity of the Hospital will be maintained. The Catholic Church has centuries of experience and wisdom about how to conduct good health care. It is encouraging that WVUHS recognizes that reality. I am confident that Mr. Wright, Mr. Harrison and the entire WVU Medicine team will be faithful stewards of this cherished community asset and will operate it in a manner that honors and continues its ministry of providing critical healthcare services to our community in the name of Jesus Christ, the Divine Physician. I trust that this partnership will ensure that Wheeling Hospital thrives for generations to come."

The Diocese and WVUHS expect the Hospital to join WVUHS as a full member in March 2021, subject to all applicable board and governmental approvals.

The West Virginia University Health System, the state's largest health system and largest private employer, is comprised of 12 hospitals – its flagship hospital, J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown and Fairmont Medical Center in Fairmont;

Berkeley Medical Center in Martinsburg; Braxton County Memorial Hospital in Gassaway; Camden Clark Medical Center in Parkersburg; Jackson General Hospital in Ripley; Jefferson Medical Center in Ranson; Potomac Valley Hospital in Keyser; Reynolds Memorial Hospital in Glen Dale; St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon; Summersville Regional Medical Center in Summersville; United Hospital Center in Bridgeport; and Wetzel County Hospital in New Martinsville. It also provides management services to Barnesville Hospital in Barnesville, Ohio; Garrett Regional Medical Center in Oakland, Maryland; Harrison Community Hospital in Cadiz, Ohio; Highland-Clarksburg Hospital in Clarksburg; Uniontown Hospital in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and Wheeling Hospital in Wheeling. The WVU Health System also includes five institutes – the WVU Cancer Institute, the WVU Critical Care and Trauma Institute, the WVU Eye Institute, the WVU Heart and Vascular Institute, and the WVU Rockefeller Neuroscience Institute. For more information, visit WVUMedicine.org.

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.

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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Colleen Rowan Photos
Bishop Mark Brennan and priests and deacons are pictured at the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling Sept. 14.

Chrism Masses Celebrated in Wheeling and Charleston

By Colleen Rowan

The coronavirus pandemic has caused many celebrations of the church to be cancelled or postponed. The Chrism Masses of Holy Week were among them. These beautiful Masses were finally celebrated earlier this week gathering the clergy of the diocese with Bishop Mark Brennan in Wheeling and Charleston for the blessing of the oils and the consecration of the sacred chrism.

Bishop Brennan celebrated Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling on the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross Sept. 14, and at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston the next day.

These were his first Chrism Masses as bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Gathering with him at the cathedral were priests and deacons of the Northern and Eastern panhandles and the north central region of the state, while priests and deacons of the southern and central regions gathered with the bishop for the Mass at the basilica.

During the Chrism Masses, the bishop blessed the oil of the sick for anointing those

who are suffering from illness, and the oil of catechumens for baptisms at Easter. He also consecrated the sacred chrism for baptism, confirmation, and ordination to the priesthood.

The gathered priests at both of the Masses

also renewed their priestly promises, which they made on the day of their ordination.

Following the Masses, the oils were distributed to the priests to take back to their parishes.



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Bishop Mark Brennan and priests and deacons are pictured at the Chrism Mass at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston Sept. 15.

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Remembering Victims of 9/11 Terrorist Attacks



Bishop Mark Brennan offered a prayer at the 9/11 Memorial Service held at the Firefighters Memorial in Wheeling on the 19th anniversary of the terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 people in New York City, in a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon in Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington.

Wheeling Mayor Glenn Elliott, Vice Mayor Chad Thalmann, Rev. Darrell Cummings, and Rabbi Joshua Lief, as well as other community and religious leaders paused and prayed for peace.

Also attending the service were members of the Wheeling Police and Fire departments, the Ohio County Sheriff Department, and the West Virginia State Police.

Bishop Mark Brennan offers a prayer at the 9/11 Memorial Service at the Firefighters Memorial in Wheeling on the 19th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

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Blue Mass Honors Police, Firefighters, EMS, Military; Remembers Victims of 9/11 Terrorist Attacks

By Colleen Rowan

WEIRTON—On Sept. 11, the Catholic community of Weirton gathered for the celebration of the annual Blue Mass honoring police, firefighters, emergency service personnel (EMS), men and women serving in the military and their families. The Mass also offered prayers for those killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks 19 years ago.

The Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Weirton by Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., pastor of the parish. The Mass was sponsored by the parish and Catholic schools of Weirton—Madonna High School, St. Joseph the Worker Grade School and St. Paul School.

In his homily, Father Schuelkens said: “We thank the Lord for these community leaders who step forward and say, ‘I’m willing to serve... even at the risk of my own life.’”

See full coverage of the Blue Mass in the Oct. 2 print edition of The Catholic Spirit.



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Members of the Fire Department of Weirton are pictured at the Blue Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Weirton Sept. 11

Special Collection for Disaster Relief to be Held in Diocese's Churches and Missions Sept. 19-20

WEST VIRGINIA—Bishop Mark Brennan has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of September 19-20 in all parishes and missions throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to support recovery efforts related to the recent natural disasters that have occurred across the country (US Gulf hurricanes and the western wildfires) as well as the devastating explosion that occurred in Beirut, Lebanon.

Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services and will provide pastoral support and rebuilding assistance to impacted dioceses through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

"As we hold the victims and first responders in our prayers during these critical days, let us also spend time in prayer and discernment as we prepare for this upcoming collection," diocesan officials said. "Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering this horrible loss. Please remember in prayer those who have lost their lives as a result of these disasters, as well as all those who are injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, access to food and water and to those who remain without electricity or are stranded."

For donations, checks must be made out to Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston with the memo Disaster Relief.



A neighborhood in Phoenix, Ore., is seen Sept. 9 after the Almeda fire swept through the area.

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Virtual Event Will Bring Support to CCWVa's Elkins Food Pantry

ELKINS—Elkins-area residents have the opportunity to get great exercise while helping to support the Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) Elkins Office Food Pantry. The office's staff is hoping for participants for its Virtual Run For It Team to raise \$5,000 to fill a gap in the food pantry budget.

Run For It, presented through the Tucker Community Foundation, may be virtual this year, program officials said, but the purpose

is still the same—to raise awareness and support for non-profits, civic organizations and other charities.

The Tucker Community Foundation challenges participants to raise team support for the community cause of their choice during the Virtual Run For It 2020 campaign and then run or walk for that cause in a 2k/5k event during the month of September.

Virtual Run For It is a 2k (1.2M) walk and USATF-certified 5k (3.1M)

race. This year, participants pick the route, set the pace, and run or walk on their own schedule anywhere they want. "Whether it's your treadmill, your favorite trail or your neighborhood, the most important thing is to be safe, have fun, and raise money for a great cause," program officials said,

Virtual Run For It began Sept. 1 and runs through Sept. 30. So there is still plenty of time to run for the CCWVa Elkins Office. "Have fun

walking or running and raising money for your charity!" program officials said.

Those interested can join the team and or donate directly by following this link: [https:// race-roster.com/events/2020/31389/2020-run-for-it/pledge/team/268554](https://race-roster.com/events/2020/31389/2020-run-for-it/pledge/team/268554).

Those who prefer to write a check rather than donate online or for any questions, contact Dee Oldaker at (304) 636-4875 or e-mail doldaker@ccwva.org.

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Creation Must be Protected, Not Exploited, Pope Says at Audience

By Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Human beings must change their relationship with nature and view it not as an “object for unscrupulous use and abuse” but as a gift they are charged by God to care for and protect, Pope Francis said.

People are called to contemplate creation as a reflection of “God’s infinite wisdom and goodness” and not act as if people are the “center of everything” and the “absolute rulers of all other creatures,” the pope said Sept. 16 during his weekly general audience.

“Exploiting creation — this is sin,” he said. “We believe that we are at the center, claiming to occupy God’s place and thus we ruin the harmony of creation, the harmony of God’s design. We become predators, forgetting our vocation as guardians of life.”

The audience was held in

the San Damaso courtyard of the Apostolic Palace. While the pope maintained his distance when greeting most of the faithful, he approached several pilgrims to sign autographs, speak directly to them or briefly swap his signature zucchetto for one brought as a gift. Continuing his series of talks on “healing the world,” the pope reflected on the theme of “caring for the common home and contemplative attitude.”

Contemplation, he said, is the best “antidote against the disease of not taking care of the common home” and falling “into an unbalanced and arrogant anthropocentrism,” in which humans place themselves and their needs “at the center of everything.”

“It is important to recover the contemplative dimension, that is, to look at the earth, at creation as a gift, not as something to be exploited for profit,” the pope said. “When



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Pope Francis greets the crowd as he arrives for his general audience in the San Damaso courtyard at the Vatican Sept. 16.

we contemplate, we discover in others and in nature something much greater than their usefulness.”

Departing from his prepared remarks, the pope warned that those who are incapable of contemplating nature

and creation, are often incapable of contemplating their fellow human beings.

“Those who live to exploit nature, end up exploiting people and treating them like slaves,” the pope said. “This is a universal law: if you do not

know how to contemplate nature, it will be very difficult for you to contemplate people, the beauty of people, your brother, your sister.”

Recalling a Spanish proverb, the pope also cautioned that exploiting creation brings costly consequences because “God always forgives; we forgive sometimes; (but) nature never forgives.” Citing a recent report that the Pine Island and Thwaites glaciers in Antarctica are collapsing due to global warming, Pope Francis said the consequential rising sea levels “will be terrible,” and he called on people to “guard the inheritance God has entrusted to us so that future generations can enjoy it.”

“Each one of us can and must become a guardian of the common home, capable of praising God for his creatures (by) contemplating them and protecting them,” the pope said.

Cardinal to Bishops: Facilitate Mass in Person as Soon as Conditions Permit

By Carol Glatz Catholic, News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Church services and Mass online cannot compare to or replace the in-person participation of the faithful, the head of the Vatican’s office for divine worship told the world’s bishops.

“As soon as circumstances permit, however, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist,” wrote Cardinal Robert Sarah.

“Once the concrete measures that can be taken to reduce the spread of the virus to a minimum have been identified and adopted, it is necessary that all resume their place in the assembly of brothers and sisters,” he wrote.

The letter by the cardinal, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Sacraments, was sent to the presidents of national bishops’ conferences worldwide.

Pope Francis approved the publication of the letter during an audience with the cardinal Sept. 3, according to Vatican News, which then provided excerpts from the message Sept. 12.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the cardinal wrote, “a great sense of responsibility has emerged.”

“In listening to and collaborating with civil authorities and experts,” he wrote, bishops “were prompt to make difficult and painful decisions, even to the point of suspending the participation of the faithful in the celebration of the Eucharist for a long period.”

God never abandons humanity, he wrote, and “even the hardest trials can bear fruits of grace.”

“We have accepted our distance from the Lord’s altar as a time of Eucharistic fasting, useful for us to re-discover its vital importance, beauty and immeasurable preciousness,” Cardinal Sarah said.

But, as soon as is possible, the cardinal wrote, “we must return to the Eucharist ... with an increased desire to meet the Lord, to be with him, to receive him and to bring him to our brothers and sisters with the witness of a life full of faith, love and hope.”

The cardinal underlined that even though communication outlets have offered “a valued service to the sick and those who are unable to go to church, and have performed a great service in the broadcast of Holy Mass at a time when there was no possibility of community celebrations, no broadcast is comparable to personal participation or can replace it.”

Participating only virtually risks “distancing us from a personal and intimate encounter with the incarnate God” whose presence among his people was not virtual, but real, he added.

“This physical contact with the Lord is vital, indispensable, irreplaceable.”

That means that as soon as measures for reducing the spread of the virus have been adopted, the faithful need to “resume their place in the assembly” and those who have been “discouraged, frightened, absent or uninvolved for too long” need to be invited and encouraged to return, he wrote.

However, needed “attention to hygiene and safety

regulations cannot lead to the sterilization of gestures and rites, to the instilling, even unconsciously, of fear and insecurity in the faithful,” he cautioned.

“It is up to the prudent but firm action of the bishops to ensure that the participation of the faithful in the celebration of the Eucharist is not reduced by public authorities to a ‘gathering’ and is not considered comparable or even subordinate to forms of recreational activities,” he wrote.

Facilitating the participation of the faithful in liturgical celebrations, he said, should be done “without improvised ritual experiments and in full respect of the norms contained in the liturgical books which govern their conduct.”

The faithful have a right to receive the Eucharist and worship the Lord present in the Eucharist “in the manner provided for, without limitations that go even beyond what is provided for by the norms of hygiene issued by public authorities or bishops.”

The best way to avoid error, he wrote, is rooted in “obedience to the norms of the church, obedience to the bishops.” Any provisional norms established by the bishops and bishops’ conferences must be obeyed, but they also should “expire when the situation returns to normal.”



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'Lay Ecclesial Ministers Ready, Willing, and Able to Assist in Building up Our Parishes'

By **Daniel Maul, Director of the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis**

On Catechetical Sunday (Sept. 20), when our Church highlights the ministry done by our parish catechists and catechetical leaders, we pray that God might bless them with the requisite strength, optimism, and determination to bring to completion the good work that the Lord has begun in them, namely, that of handing on the Catholic faith and forming people in Christian living.

This weekend, also, affords me, as Director of the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, the opportunity to address an important pastoral issue in our diocese: that of Lay Ecclesial Ministry (LEM). Since the

Second Vatican Council (1962-1965), the Church has realized the great need for the laity to help execute Her ministry to God's people. Though lay people are called to live out their faith, primarily, in their homes, amongst family and friends, in the workplace, and throughout secular society, they are also, throughout the world, being commissioned, by the Church's hierarchy, for positions of professional, ministerial service and leadership. Lay people are doing a wide variety of ministries, as pastoral associates, catechetical leaders, youth ministers, school principals, directors of liturgy and pastoral music, hospital chaplains, campus ministers, ministers to prisoners, and the list

goes on. People are called by God to be Lay Ecclesial Ministers (LEMs), and they undergo formal preparation and formation to do their work.

However, this reality doesn't seem to have taken root here in West Virginia. So much of our parishes' ministries are still led only by part-time, volunteer lay people. But there remains a great need for our parishes to provide more ministry. This is a real problem. From different angles, I hear essentially the same concern, from both the people, as well as from leadership: our parishes – in many places – seem to be "dying." Our leaders say that the people don't want to participate in parish life like they used to, that they don't feel the need to belong to parishes anymore. And the people say that their parishes just don't do as much as they used to, that they don't offer many opportunities for developing and living one's faith anymore. Well,

which one causes the other?

Pastors seem to feel there's just not enough parish work to be done to justify hiring LEMs. However, volunteer catechetical leaders can't possibly create enough ministry to justify hiring LEMs. A parish must first hire a lay minister and then allow that person the time it takes (usually three to five years) to initiate, build, and grow the ministry which the parish ought to maintain. Then, after seeing the fruits of their lay minister's labors, leadership can realize what a great decision it was to allocate parish resources to employ that lay person.

To our parish leadership – especially the ordained – I offer that famous line from the popular Kevin Costner movie, *Field of Dreams*: "If you build it, they will come." Please know that there are many Lay Ecclesial Ministers ready, willing, and able to assist you in building up our parishes. Please give them the opportunity.

U.S. News Ranks Wheeling University Best Regional University in W.Va.

WHEELING—Wheeling University has been named the best regional university in West Virginia by the 2021 U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges Rankings. Also, Wheeling University was named a Best Value School among its peers.

The University was rated 59th in the Best Regional Universities, South Region by U.S. News, making it the highest ranked university in the Mountain State again this year. According to the publication, Wheeling has the highest composite score of regional universities in West Virginia.

"We are proud to once again be recognized for academic excellence by U.S. News & World Report. This ranking validates Wheeling University's commitment to educating men and women to excel in their chosen fields, while remaining true to our mission to prepare our students for lives of leadership and service," said University President Ginny R. Favede.

Wheeling University delivers an education that is both rigorous and grounded in the mission, President Favede added.

"Our students graduate 'on time' and are well-prepared to enter graduate school or the workforce. Regardless of the path they take, our students know they have a responsibility to contribute to their local communities and they are ready to do so," she explained.

Regional universities are defined

by U.S. News as offering a broad scope of undergraduate degree and some master's and doctorate level programs. The ratings are based on 17 indicators that include; undergraduate academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources per student, and alumni giving.

The publication also named Wheeling University as a Best Value School among Regional Universities in the South. To determine which colleges and universities offer the best values for students, U.S. News & World Report factors academic quality and cost after accounting for total expenses and financial aid. According to U.S. News, 54 percent of Wheeling University's students receive need-based aid, while 70 percent of that aid is provided through scholarships or grants.

"In addition to providing an incredible academic experience to the students in this region, Wheeling University is a great value among its peer institutions. We place significant emphasis on offering an affordable education to all students," said Rebecca Pauls, Vice President and Chief Enrollment Officer.

Favede added, "Wheeling University was founded with the mission to provide men and women of Appalachia with a quality, Catholic education. Sixty-six years later, this institution remains true to that founding principle and we do so at a great value."



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CONFIRMATION IN MORGANTOWN

Bishop Mark Brennan is pictured with young parishioners for confirmation at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Morgantown Aug. 12.

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CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

**Bishop Mark E. Brennan,
Celebrant**

All Saints Parish, Bridgeport
Sunday, October 11 at 3:00 p.m. and
6:30 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament Parish, South
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Saturday, October 17 at 10:00 a.m.
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Sunday, November 22 at 10:30 a.m.

Dinner, Pick-up Only, to Benefit St. Vincent de Paul Parish School, Wheeling

WHEELING—A dinner of delicious pressure fried, flavor crisp chicken and sides from the popular Neely’s Grocery in Wheeling will be held as a fundraiser for St. Vincent de Paul Parish School in Wheeling. Neely’s owners, the Miller family, are St. Vincent’s graduates.

School and parish families are invited to place an order for a delicious chicken dinner scheduled for curbside pick up on Sept. 24. All proceeds benefit St. Vincent de Paul Parish School.

Dinner options are as follows: the Cluckity Cluck—two prices of white meat, \$9; Two Legs and a Thigh—exactly what the name says, \$8; The SVS special—a mix of white and dark meat, \$8. All orders come with Neely’s famous jojo style potatoes, pasta salad, green beans, rolls, and desert.

Four ways to order by Sept. 21, please. Contact John Yelenic with your order by email to [jyelenic@cchsknights.org](mailto: jyelenic@cchsknights.org); call or text to (304) 650-6298, and leave a message with order, name, phone number, and time of pickup; or visit the school’s website stvincentschool.org to place order and pay online. Leave a time for pick up when you place your order – 3 to 3:30 p.m. for school families only; and 3:30-6 p.m. Pick up is in the school parking lot.

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Father Perseveres to Reach Goals



Courtesy Photo
Pre-COVID-19, Michael Brooks (middle), gives a “thumbs up” along with CCWVa Adult Education Instructors Gwenn Mayhew (left) and Jared Cantrell (right).

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

Michael Brooks began the journey to achieve his High School Equivalency (HSE) diploma at age 58. He sought assistance from the Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) McDowell County Adult Education Instructor, as well as the CCWVa Case Manager.

Michael had no computer skills, which immediately placed him at a disadvantage, as the class work and the HSE exam are computer-based. He did not have a home computer or internet, and depended on the classroom computers to complete his lessons. With assistance from his instructors, Michael was able to overcome these obstacles and gain the skills necessary to navigate the computer.

The Catholic Charities McDowell County Adult Learning Center provides services to help adults pass the HSE exam, learn

basic computer skills, prepare for vocational program testing or conduct a job search.

Michael juggled a full-time job, his class work, and being the primary caregiver for his 5-year-old daughter, while preparing for the HSE exam. An additional barrier was that Michael did not have a driver's license, so he had to either ride the bus or share a ride with friends to attend class. When Michael became discouraged, his case manager, instructors and classmates were there to support and encourage him.

Determined to set a good example for his daughter, Michael secured a good job to provide the income necessary for his family to become self-sufficient. Michael said it took a great deal of self-evaluation and motivation to complete his goal, but that anything is possible with hard work, perseverance, and in his case, a little help from Catholic Charities West Virginia.

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

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: Guided by God's love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.

Se realizará una colecta especial para socorro en casos de desastre

VIRGINIA OCCIDENTAL—El obispo Mark Brennan aprobó una colecta especial que se llevará a cabo el fin de semana del 19 al 20 de septiembre en todas las parroquias y misiones de la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston para apoyar los esfuerzos de recuperación relacionados con los recientes desastres naturales que han ocurrido en todo el país (Los huracanes del Golfo de Estados Unidos y los incendios forestales occidentales), así como la devastadora explosión que ocurrió en Beirut, Líbano.

Las ganancias de esta colección apoyarán los esfuerzos humanitarios y de recuperación de Catholic Charities USA y Catholic Relief Services y brindarán apoyo pastoral y asistencia para la reconstrucción de las diócesis afectadas a través de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos.

“Mientras rezamos a las víctimas ya los socorristas en nuestras oraciones durante estos días críticos, también pasemos tiempo en oración y discernimiento mientras nos preparamos para esta próxima colecta”, dijeron los funcionarios diocesanos. “Unámonos ahora para apoyar a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo que están sufriendo esta horrible pérdida. Por favor recuerde en oración a aquellos que han perdido la vida como resultado de estos desastres, así como a todos aquellos que resultaron heridos y perdieron sus hogares, automóviles, empleo, acceso a alimentos y agua y a aquellos que permanecen sin electricidad o varados.”

Para las donaciones, los cheques deben hacerse a nombre de la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston con el memorando de Ayuda en caso de desastre.

Se Celebran Misas Crismal en Wheeling y Charleston



Foto de Colleen Rowan

El obispo Mark Brennan (centro), el diácono John Yaquina (derecha) y el diácono Doug Breiding son fotografiados en la Misa Crismal en la Catedral de San José en Wheeling el 14 de septiembre. El obispo celebró la Misa Crismal en la Basílica de la Co-Catedral de el Sagrado Corazón en Charleston al día siguiente.

CONFIRMACIÓN CALENDARIO

Obispo Mark E. Brennan, Celebrante

Todos los Santos, Bridgeport
Domingo 11 de octubre a las 3:00 p.m. y 6:30 p.m.

Santísimo Sacramento, South Charleston
Sábado 17 de octubre a las 10:00 a.m. y 1:00 p.m.

San Antonio, Follansbee
Domingo 22 de noviembre a las 10:30 a.m.

Para denunciar presuntos casos de abuso sexual de niños:

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

Para informar a las autoridades civiles: comuníquese con la policía local; los números variarán según su ubicación. Si cree que alguien está en peligro inmediato, llame al 911. Para informar confidencialmente cualquier incidencia de sospecha de abuso o negligencia infantil, incluido el abuso sexual, comuníquese con la Oficina de Servicios de Protección Infantil de Niños y Familias de West Virginia llamando a la línea directa de abuso infantil al 800.352. 6513. Puede informar anónimamente a esta línea directa si lo prefiere.

Para informar a las autoridades diocesanas: La diócesis alienta a informar a las autoridades civiles apropiadas, ante todo, si se ha cometido un delito. La diócesis también alienta a informar a las autoridades eclesásticas apropiadas. Para reportar casos sospechosos de abuso sexual de niños por parte del personal de la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston a la Diócesis, comuníquese con uno de los siguientes designados al 1.888.434.6237 o 304.233.0880: Hna. Ellen Dunn, O.P., ext. 264; Sr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Sr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; o Muy Reverendo Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. También puede llamar a la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro de la Diócesis al 304.230.1504.

También puede llamar a la línea directa de abuso sexual de la Diócesis al 833.230.5656. Los formularios de queja están disponibles en línea en www.dwc.org, haga clic en "Diócesis" en la barra de menú, luego en "Oficinas", luego en "Ambiente seguro", luego "Descargar archivos y formularios". El formulario se titula "Formulario de queja para denuncias de abuso sexual de menores". El formulario se puede devolver por correo de EE. UU. A: Office of Safe Environment, Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003.

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

Obituary—Sister Mary Ella Morrison, OP

Sister Mary Ella Morrison, OP (Sister Margaret Therese) of the Dominican Sisters of Hope died peacefully on September 1, 2020. The daughter of the late Thomas J. and Catherine V. (O’Connell) Morrison, she was born July 11, 1944 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



Sister Mary Ella entered the novitiate of the Dominican Sisters of Newburgh, New York, in September 1962, made her First Profession in June 1964, and Final Profession in June 1969. Sister Mary Ella earned her BA in Elementary Education from Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, and her MA in Religious Studies from Providence College. She also holds a Certificate in Preaching from the Aquinas Summer Institute in St. Louis.

Sister Mary Ella taught at Sacred Heart School in Newburgh NY, Saint Christopher School in Parsippany, NJ, Mount Saint Mary Academy in Newburgh, NY, Saint Ursula School in Mount Vernon, NY, Immaculate High School in Danbury, CT and Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, NY. From 1985-2002, she was a pastoral associate at Saint Brendan Parish in Elkins. From 2003 until 2011, Sister was a hospice chaplain in Elkins. After she retired, she continued to minister to the communities of St. Brendan and St. Patrick parishes where she was greatly loved.

On June 14, 2020 in recognition of her lifetime service to all people regardless of race or faith, she was awarded the chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award presented by the Knights of Columbus, Council 603. This award is named after the four army chaplains who gave their lives aboard the USA Dorchester on February 3, 1943 during WWII. Her name is permanently inscribed in the record at the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Interfaith Memorial Chapel in the Navy yard in Philadelphia, PA.

Sister Mary Ella will always be remembered by her family and friends, especially the people of West Virginia, as a gentle woman who lived the Gospel with a generous spirit and a listening heart.

Sister Mary Ella is predeceased by her parents, her sister Kathleen Vuk and her brother Thomas Morrison. She is survived by her sister Margaret and her husband Joe Kain, her brother-in-law Bob Vuk and nieces and nephews.

The Mass of Christian Burial was at St. Mary’s Church Gloucester City, New Jersey, September 5. Burial followed St. Joseph’s Cemetery, Swedesboro, New Jersey. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of McCann-Healey Funeral Home, Gloucester, NJ.

Donations in Sister Mary Ella’s memory can be made to the Dominican Sisters of Hope Development Office, 299 N. Highland Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562.

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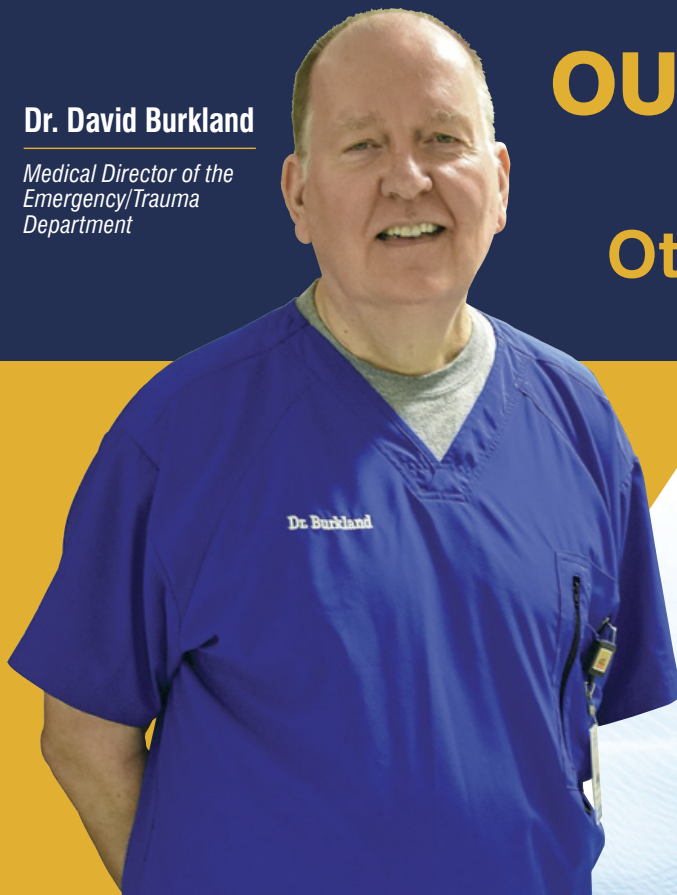

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