



# Catholic Families Raise More Than \$370,000 for Disaster Relief in West Virginia and Kentucky

**By Joyce Bibey**

**WHEELING**—Catholic parishes in West Virginia raised more than \$370,000 in one weekend special collection to support recovery efforts related to the series of natural disasters in southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky from May to August.

Bishop Mark Brennan said

\$369,557 was collected at Masses on Aug. 13-14 throughout the state and an additional \$695 was given directly to Catholic Charities West Virginia. This support goes directly to the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities as well as their partner agencies in both states.

Noting the generous gifts of

prayer and funds of West Virginia Catholics, Bishop Brennan said, "They have shown the spirit of St. Paul's words: 'Bear one another's burdens and so you will fulfill the law of Christ' (Galatians 6:2), the law being the Lord's command: 'Love one another as I love you' (John 15:12)."

Catholic Charities West Virginia

and Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lexington are providing long-term recovery efforts, assisting families long after other organizations have moved out. The role of Catholic Charities will last months and years as they help families and individuals in the rebuilding process to restore safe,

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# Catholic Schools Welcome Bishop Brennan



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Fairmont Catholic School students and faculty along with area priests and religious are pictured at an assembly with Bishop Mark Brennan and Superintendent of Catholic Schools Mary Ann Deschaine, seated in the center of the front row, following the school's first Mass of the new school year Aug. 30 which was celebrated by the bishop.

**By Colleen Rowan**

Students and teachers are welcoming Bishop Mark Brennan as he begins his visits to the diocese's Catholic schools to kick off the start of the new academic year. In addition to dropping by classes and talking with students, his visits also include celebrating Masses for school communities.

His first stop was at Fairmont Catholic

School on Aug. 30, where he was met with the joyful, smiling faces of kids in pre-kindergarten to eighth grade. The day began with his celebration of Mass at St. Peter the Fisherman Church in Fairmont with area priests concelebrating.

"Fairmont Catholic School was honored to have our first schoolwide Mass celebrated by Bishop Brennan," said Principal Diane Burn-

side. "Faculty, staff, and students enjoyed his visit to the classrooms after Mass. He discussed welcoming our new students with kindness and how Catholic schools provide a strong academic and faith-based education."

Following the Mass an assembly was held at the school to welcome the bishop and other special guests that included Superintendent of

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secure, and sanitary living conditions.

"Catholic Charities is grateful to generous West Virginians who have supported flood relief for our struggling families in West Virginia and our neighbors in Kentucky," said Beth Zarate, Catholic Charities West Virginia president and chief executive officer.

"Families face immense emotional stress as they watch water destroy their homes and can't imagine their future. Immediately they lose food, medications, memories..." she said,

and paused. "It is a long road back.

"Flooding is overwhelming, every home is an individual story and has its own history, we work to keep families stable, sometimes years, as they literally put their lives back together. At Catholic Charities it is a privilege to be in the position to help others, it is a reality that only comes from the many many West Virginians who live their Gospel call to love their neighbor," she said.

With a strong WV VOAD

(Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) and Catholic Charities USA, CCWVa will be working with more than 60 families in our state who have major damage to their homes, Zarate noted.

According to the West Virginia Emergency Management Division, between May 6 and Aug. 15 there were 858 reports of flood damage due in eight counties of the state (Cabell, Mingo, Fayette, McDowell, Wyoming, Jackson, Doddridge, and Kanawha).

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**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.

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**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: 304-293-6400.

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# Schools...

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Catholic Schools Mary Ann Deschaine. Students sang the song "Building a Community" and presented the bishop with a thank you card designed by art teacher, Marci Cochran.

Also at the assembly were Father Romeo Bacalso, pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Fairmont and Holy Spirit Parish in Monongah; Father Kishore Varaparla, administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Fairmont; Father Joseph Konikattil, pastor of St. Peter the Fisherman Parish in Fairmont and designated school pastor; and Father Binu Emmanuel, administrator of St. Patrick Parish in Mannington and St. Peter Parish in Farmington. They also celebrated the Mass.

Bishop Brennan's next visit will be to Notre Dame High School and St. Mary Central School in Clarksburg.

The 24 Catholic schools of the diocese opened their doors to the new school year in late August. In her Aug. 22 letter to West Virginia's Catholic school community, Deschaine shared her joy for a new academic year and spoke of the students' success.

"Our Catholic school students in West Virginia have again scored above national averages on the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) for their state-aligned, online Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments. Not only do these test results chart that our students are scoring significantly higher than their counterparts, this



Courtesy Photo

Bishop Mark Brennan visits Fairmont Catholic School eighth-graders (from left) Maddie Mikeo, Conchetta Cook, Madison Burdette, Katelyn Jochum, Taner Woodman, Maximas Fortier, Sophia Burnside, Andrew Hardesty, and Camdyn Staron.

specific NWEA assessment also tracks they are on the fast track for college and career readiness.

"While we celebrate these accomplishments," she continued, "we are always looking to set our goals higher and empower our students to exceed their own expectations.

"The diocese's Catholic schools en-

thusiastically accept the responsibility to inspire them to be the peacemakers, problem solvers, builders, lawmakers, researchers, advocates, and genuine care givers that our world needs, Deschaine wrote.

"As our children grow so does their faith. We are unapologetically Catholic and that identity shapes how we look

at the world — with hope, peace, kindness, responsibility, dignity, empathy, and opportunity," she said in her letter. "As we welcome our new families and staff members, we celebrate our growth. Each member is not just a student, parent, or educator, but a significant and valued part of our impressive Catholic school family."



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Throughout this Diocesan Year of the National Eucharistic Revival, each print edition of *The Catholic Spirit* (published on the First Friday of each month) will feature a guest article on the Eucharist.

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

## By Beth Zarate, President & CEO of Catholic Charities West Virginia

As an Army Brat, I was raised in the military and lived all over the country, moving every three years. I can remember showing up to a new military base and the first thing my Mom would ask was, “Where is the Catholic church?” Every military base meant a new church and the undeniable comfort and familiarity of the Catholic liturgy. Everything in my life would be in upheaval, but I could count on Sunday morning, going to Mass, and feeling I was at home, at the dining table of my Lord. “Blessed is the one who will dine in the kingdom of God.” (14:15) Then there was Sunday brunch with all my favorite foods: homemade hot rolls with ham and eggs, followed by the weekly splurge at the ice cream truck! My mom invited many to our Sunday table; the army soldier with no family in the area, the missionary priest visiting our military base, and the lonely mom with 5 children whose husband was deployed. (My mom understood it is the guest list, not the menu, that matters.)

I was taught the Eucharist was the real presence of Jesus Christ, the memorial of Christ’s passion and resurrection, the breaking of the bread from the last supper, holy sacrifice, and Holy Communion – it was a gospel event. For me, a reminder to love all and put my love into action. Mother Teresa said it beautifully: “Love is a one-way street – it always moves away from self in the direction of the others.”

“I was hungry, you gave me to eat, I was naked, you clothed me, I was homeless, you took me in.” Hunger is not only for a meal, hunger is for love, to be loved, to be wanted. Clothing not only for comfort but for dignity and acceptance. Home not only for shelter but to be welcomed and valued.

I remember being at a busy Macy’s department store on Christmas Eve. Bad plan, I know! I had put off getting a gift for my father-in-law and was in the fragrance area looking for a cologne to buy him. It was crazy busy, people everywhere frantic to make last mi-

minutes purchases. The young man behind the counter, was maybe 17, and he was sweating profusely trying to handle the mania. I recall the moment I saw the young man stop what he was doing, straighten up, and look at a customer laboriously approaching the counter. She was elderly, walking with a limp, and her face drooped on one side as if she had had a stroke. That compassionate young man treated her as if she was the “only” person in the store, speaking with her slowly and kindly walking her through her purchase. I remember at the time thinking, “WOW, now that is what ‘fully present’ looks like”.

As Jesus is fully present to us in the Eucharist, we must be fully present to others.

Pope Benedict XVI said, “Jesus’ hour is the hour in which love triumphs and we share his hour if we allow ourselves, through the celebration of the Eucharist, to be drawn into that process of transformation that the Lord intends to bring about” to adopt his attitude of love. This is an extreme love, free and unconditional, a concern for others, especially those in need.

At Catholic Charities every day we serve people who are struggling and in need of care. Our desire is to be the support that keeps their foundation from crumbling... providing help and hope. We offer food, utility/rent payments, education, transportation, childcare etc., often hearing “I was so grateful to have someone show they cared for me.” Frequently neighbors express more gratitude to us for how they felt than for what they received. It is true; many of our neighbors across our state feel anxious, alone, not cared for.

How do we take our Eucharistic call to love and put it into action?

I am a follower of Mother Teresa who said, “Do small things, with great love.” Of Jesus when he told Peter to get out of the boat – we too are called to “get out of the boat!” The media messages call us to independence and self-reliance, but the reality is as a faith community we all share the role in protecting, supporting and encouraging one



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In this 1963 photo from her childhood, Catholic Charities West Virginia President & CEO Beth Zarate (right) and (from left) her brother Mark and sisters Karen, Laura, and Lisa attend Sunday Mass.

another. Imagine the family who once a month on their grocery trip has each child pick out one toiletry to be donated, or the young couple who delivers a meal to their elderly neighbor. The congregation that intentionally identifies foster families within their parish and connects them with families who can help with sports fees and/or birthday parties. The college student who volunteers his time to read with/tutor struggling students or the senior who commits one hour a week to volunteer at a Catholic Charities office. The man who helps his refugee neighbors learn how to drive. The neighbor who mucks and cleans houses ravaged by flooding. The shut-in who prays for and sends cards of encouragement to those in recovery from addiction. The business woman who regularly pays for the meals of the family behind her in the drive thru, leaves a generous tip for her

hotel maid or donates at the dentist office for someone behind on payment. Across the state our teams make “Mathew 25 bags” for people who are homeless or struggling — a simple but powerful ministry, always seeking hands and donations.

Receiving the Eucharist on Sunday is a gift from a loving God; it is “the source and summit of the Christian Life.” Our Eucharistic call is to serve, to listen to our hearts and give where we are led to give. We are called to break bread with the stranger on the journey, whoever that stranger may be. To bring the church with us everywhere we go.

Looking for ways to serve? Please contact:

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Parents are encouraged to attend as well.

# Instructional Masses Planned for the Faithful

*First Two Will be Held in Wheeling, Martinsburg Vicariates*

**By Joyce Bibey**

**WEST VIRGINIA**—As Catholics, it is easy to fall into a dull routine and take for granted what is happening in the Holy Mass. We know we have an obligation to go. We sit. We stand. We kneel. We recite the same phrases over and over. We go through a lot of motions, but do we truly grasp what is being celebrated... and why?

As part of our participation in the National Eucharistic Revival, the diocese is sponsoring an Instructional Mass, or sometimes referred to as a Teaching Mass. It is the complete Liturgy given with commentary so we can understand the significance of events happening before us and our role in them. Each movement and response during the Mass has a significant meaning. Understanding them will not only enrich your experience but empower you to be fully

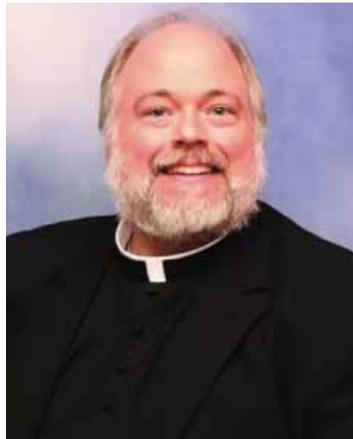
alive in the love and joy of Christ and His Church.

The Instructional Masses will fulfill your Sunday obligation and teach why we do what we do as Catholics, so we can fully participate. Bernadette McMasters Kime, D. Min., said it is in the Mass we are given the gift of the Eucharist and then sends us out into the world as disciples of Christ.

Whether you are a cradle Catholic, convert, considering becoming Catholic, enrolled in RCIA, confirmation candidate, marrying a Catholic, etc., an Instructional Mass is designed for you. All are welcome to the Holy Mass.

The first in the series of Instructional Masses will be held in September with one in the Northern Panhandle and the other in the Eastern Panhandle.

At 4 p.m., Sept. 18, St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling will welcome



**Father Jim Gretz**

Father Jim Gretz, D. Min., to celebrate the Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Father Gretz, a priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh is the pastor of St. Matthew Parish, a congregation combining four parishes serving the Pittsburgh communities of Etna, Millvale, Reserve Township, and Glenshaw. He is the former director of the office of Liturgy and Worship for the Diocese of Pittsburgh.



**Msgr. Rick Hilgartner**

At 4 p.m., Sept. 25, St. Leo Parish in Inwood will welcome Msgr. Rick Hilgartner. He is the former secretariat for Divine Worship for the USCCB, associate director of the National Liturgy Office, and president of National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM).

Please, continue to watch The FaithInWV e-bulletin, The Catholic Spirit, and social media for

the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for announcements of additional Instructional Masses to be held throughout the state.

The National Eucharistic Revival began on June 19, the Feast of Corpus Christi. This three-year focus begins with a diocesan year, inviting diocesan staff, bishops, and priests to celebrate Jesus's true presence in the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ with events, celebrations, and enrichment programs.

"The Eucharist is nothing less than Jesus Christ in person," Bishop Mark Brennan has repeatedly said in the last year and a half in interviews specifically about the US Bishops revival plan, and also letters to the faithful of West Virginia. "A genuine belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is essential to Catholic faith and to receiving the benefits of our Holy Communion."

## 'The Holy Eucharist' is Theme of Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague at the Cathedral

**By Colleen Rowan**

**WHEELING** — This year's Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling will center on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Coinciding with the celebration of the National Eucharistic Revival, launched by the U.S. bishops earlier this summer, the novena's theme is "The Holy Eucharist."

For the next nine Mondays, from Sept. 5 through Oct. 31, faithful from all over the area will gather at 7 p.m. at the cathedral for the novena which includes Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a homily given by a guest priest, music, and prayers to the Infant of Prague.

Tyler J. Greenwood, pastoral assistant and associate organist at the cathedral, plans the Novena to the Infant Jesus of Prague for the cathedral each year. "The Holy Eucharist" was selected as the theme for this year, he said, not only to join in the celebration of the na-

tional revival but also in light of recent studies that have shown a disbelief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist among Catholics. This is also the reason the bishops wanted to have the national revival.

"One of the main things that makes us Catholic is our belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist," Greenwood said. "At a time when studies have shown that there seems to be a decreasing belief in the Real Presence, it is a most opportune time for all of us to pray for the success of the National Eucharistic Revival. We have been blessed to offer the Infant of Prague Novena at the Cathedral since 2012 and it continually draws people from all over the area. Since Eucharistic Exposition already forms the outline of the novena, it provides a wonderful occasion to take these nine weeks as a deepened time of prayer and reflection on the gift of Jesus himself in the Holy Eu-

charist — the greatest treasure of our Catholic Faith."

Bishop Mark Brennan will celebrate the opening of the novena (Sept. 5, at 7 p.m.). The bishop discussed the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist in an article he wrote for the Aug. 2 issue (Page 1) of The Catholic Spirit in which he said: "In a mysterious way which we can describe but not truly explain, the risen Lord gives himself to us, transforming bread and wine in their deepest reality into his own Body and Blood. Because he said, holding bread, This is my Body, and has the power as the Son of God to make it happen, we join the Christians of the first and all subsequent generations in saying, 'Amen, yes, it is Jesus whom I receive in Holy Communion.'"

The evenings of the novena that follow will be celebrated by clergy from around the Wheeling area offering homilies on the theme. They are: Sept. 12, Father Jude Perera, TOR, administrator of

St. Anthony Parish in Follansbee; Sept. 19, Father Justin Golna, administrator of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Wellsburg; Sept. 26, Msgr. Samuel Sacus; Oct. 3, Deacon Paul Lim, vice president of Mission Integration, Administration at WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital; Oct. 10, Father Chester Pabin of the Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio; Oct. 17, Deacon Douglas Breiding, director of Cemeteries for the diocese and deacon at the cathedral; Oct. 24, Father Sateesh Narisetti, HGN, J.C.L., vice rector of the cathedral; and on Oct. 31, Bishop Brennan returns for the closing evening.

Members of the Knights of Columbus Carroll Council 504 of Wheeling will also be participating in the opening and closing evenings of the novena.

"Everyone is invited to attend this beautiful devotion," cathedral parish officials said. "God has been astonishingly generous in blessing those who have been devoted to His Infant Son."

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# Cathedral Parishioners Join Vice Rector on Pilgrimage to Grotto of the Sacred Heart and Little Flower



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Father Sateesh Narisetti, HGN, J.C.L., vice rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling (left), and 35 parishioners are pictured on their pilgrimage to the Rhoda Wise Shrine and Grotto of the Sacred Heart and Little Flower in Canton, Ohio, Aug. 28.

## By Colleen Rowan

On Aug. 28, Father Sateesh Narisetti, HGN, J.C.L., led a group of 35 parishioners on a journey they will never forget. Their pilgrimage began that morning at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, where Father Narisetti is vice rector, and led them to the Rhoda Wise Shrine and Grotto of the Sacred Heart and Little Flower in Canton, Ohio.

"The day was filled with a lot of holiness," said Father Narisetti, who celebrated Mass at the grotto.

Wise was a mystic and experienced the stigmata, Father Narisetti said. "She is a servant of God on the road to sainthood," he said.

The Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, granted Father Narisetti permission to celebrate the Mass at the grotto. The sisters there, he said, were very happy for the celebration and because he brought such a large group on the pilgrimage.

Father Narisetti visited the grotto last year and wanted to bring parishioners there when he had the chance.

The Diocese of Youngstown states on its website that Bishop George V. Murry declared Wise a Servant of God in 2017, starting the canonization process. The Vatican's Congregation of Saints is investigating her cause for beatification and sainthood.

In 1939, Wise said that the Lord appeared to her sitting on a chair beside her bed. Father Narisetti said the chair, at the shrine where Jesus sat, has been painted gold.

"They call it the gold chair," he said. "And ev-

eryone (on the pilgrimage) had the opportunity to sit in that chair, and they all prayed."

Everyone in the group enjoyed the journey to Canton and expressed their desire for more pilgrimages in the future, Father Narisetti said. One of the pilgrims told him, "A thousand hugs to you, because you have brought heaven to earth."

## Rhoda Wise

The Diocese of Youngstown states on its website that Rhoda Wise was a woman of faith who became interested in Catholicism and the rosary during a prolonged hospital stay for multiple injuries and cancer. Bishop James Augustine McFadden confirmed her in Mercy Hospital in Canton in March 1939.

"Her devotion to the rosary, the Sacred Heart, and the Little Flower continues to inspire thousands," the site states.

In May 1939, Wise was declared incurable and discharged from the hospital.

"Despite her pain, she took comfort in daily prayer and devotion. Soon after, she began experiencing visions of Jesus and St. Therese (the 'Little Flower'), as well as healing in the midst of her suffering.

"During her life, she accompanied others in their suffering, and many would gather at her house. Since her death in 1948, her home has become a site of prayer and pilgrimage," the site states. "You can support her cause by praying for her beatification while asking God for your own prayer intentions."

The Rhoda Wise Shrine has become so pop-



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Father Sateesh Narisetti, HGN, J.C.L., vice rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling, celebrates Mass at the Grotto of the Sacred Heart and Little Flower in Canton, Ohio, Aug. 28. Seated are a few of the 35 parishioners who joined him on the pilgrimage.

ular that visitors are asked to contact officials to schedule a day and time to visit.

Outside, the Grotto of the Sacred Heart and Little Flower is open for prayer from 8 a.m. to dusk.

# New Social Ministries Director Wants to Help Catholics Put Their Faith into Action

By Colleen Rowan

**WHEELING**—The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's new director of Social Ministries wants to help West Virginia Catholics put their faith into action by reaching out to those most vulnerable.

"Let's roll up our shirt sleeves and be unapologetic about our faith," said Kathy Barton, who officially began in the position Aug. 8. As director, she will serve as a catalyst and resource to the bishop, pastors, and parishes in developing and maintaining services and advocacy on issues concerning local and global justice, respect for all human life, and environmental concerns, she said.

"It is my hope that together, as a church, we can better serve the needs of the vulnerable in West Virginia," she said.

The reason Barton believes this position is important to a diocese is the same reason that attracted her to it.

"There is so much going on in the world at large today," she said. "In coming off of Covid, there are a lot of people who are not attending church. Our pews are not as filled as they once were. And I think people are feeling a little lost, and need a little direction."

Many, she stressed, see issues affecting their communities and ask, "Where is the church?" Her new position is designed to answer that question as she helps guide parishes in creating ministries and outreach initiatives in their communities.

Barton's focus as director of Social Ministries begins with pro-life issues, starting with abortion. Pregnant women who are facing challenges need help not only in choosing life but also support after their babies are born.

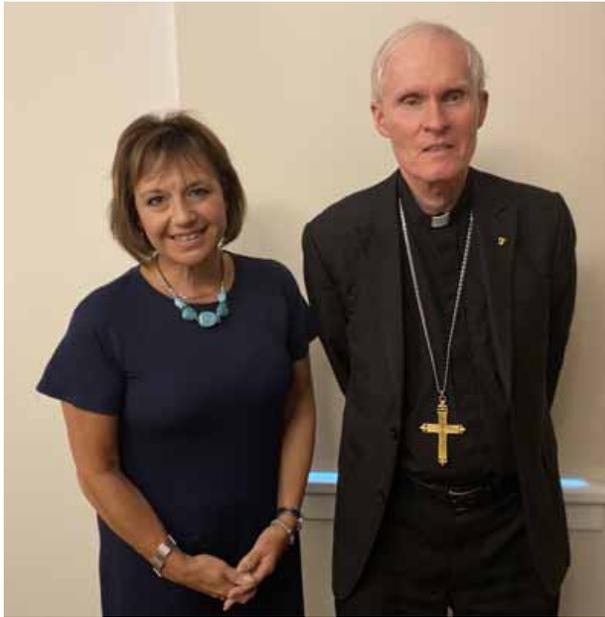
"These women are lost," Barton said. "These women don't know where to turn. So, it is about creating a place, and why can't the church be that place? Where we welcome them lovingly and in a non-judgmental way; that we love mom and child. Because the only way that we can save that child is to save mom's heart first."

Parishes can create ministries to help them both, Barton said, from knitting blankets for the babies, to starting an exercise class for new moms, to offering job training—anything that can help.

Building partnerships with other service organizations in a particular area, Barton said, is a crucial element of this outreach. She encourages parishes to assess what ministries are available in their town or region, connect with them, and form partnerships. Disagreements can arise between organizations, but much can be accomplished when the focus stays in the right place.

"Perhaps we don't agree on everything. But can we agree on this? Can we agree that young woman needs a safe haven? That young woman and her child need medical care? That baby deserves a chance at life?" Barton asked.

By doing so, she said, parishes can help establish avenues and connections women and their newborns need. And if anyone knows just how to do this, it is Barton, who previously served for two years as executive director of Aim Women's Center, a pregnancy care center in Steubenville, Ohio. She encourages the faithful to look into



Colleen Rowan Photo

Bishop Mark Brennan is pictured with Kathy Barton, the new director of Social Ministries for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

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the program Walking with Moms in Need, a nationwide, pastoral effort led by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to encourage increased outreach to pregnant and parenting mothers in need.

And the pregnant women who need someone to walk with them, Barton said, are the ones who won't be getting gender reveal parties or baby showers. These women need to see that there is a community of people to support them in choosing life, so they can concentrate on the precious little life God has gifted them with.

More information about Walking with Moms in Need can be found at [www.walkingwithmoms.com](http://www.walkingwithmoms.com).

Prison ministry is another area of concern for Barton. She has been in contact with Father Bill Kuchinsky, supervisor of the Prison Ministry Office for the diocese, and from him she learned that outreach has been hindered because of Covid shutdowns and that access to prisons has not been easy. Many of the prisons are still on code red because of Covid, she said.

Addiction and recovery is another area that Barton is prioritizing. She is currently looking into recovery programs with a Catholic foundation.

Communities around the state are dealing with numerous issues and the list of ministries a parish or parishes could undertake is limitless, Barton said.

"Anything that is a social justice issue," she said, "we'd like to have the church front and center and present."

In the few weeks she has been in her new position, Barton has been reaching out to all six vicariates of the diocese, scheduling meetings to introduce herself and visits to assess how she can assist parishes. She wants to learn about the challenges towns and regions are facing and how the people of the parishes there would like to respond, or what gaps she can help fill in already established ministries of these faith communities?

"That's first and foremost," she said, "because this really is about support coming from the parish level out into the entire state of West Virginia. And we will do this one vicariate at a time, one parish at a time."

"This is a position that is all about sharing your faith and putting faith into action," she said. "I believe there are people in the pews and people who have left the pews that do want to serve."

Barton wants the faithful to know that she is available and that anyone can reach out to her for advice and assistance in instituting ministries and outreach.

Barton also said, "I am very honored to be serving Bishop Mark Brennan. It has been an honor getting to know him."

Barton is a member of St. Michael Parish in Wheeling. In addition to her previous work at Aim Women's Center, she also worked in development for St. Michael's, admissions and development at Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, and served as associate vice president of advancement at Wheeling Jesuit University (now Wheeling University).

Barton can be reached at the diocese by calling (304) 233-0880, Ext. 289, or by e-mail to: [kbarton@dwc.org](mailto:kbarton@dwc.org).



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# USCCB's Labor Day Statement Touts Bills to Help Children, Women, Families

By Mark Pattison, Catholic News Service

**WASHINGTON (CNS)** — This year's annual Labor Day statement from the U.S. bishops touts two bills awaiting action in Congress as being helpful to children, women and families: the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and an expansion of the federal child tax credit.

"Even before current economic uncertainties, women — especially women of African descent and Latina women — earned less than their male counterparts, including when doing the same work with the same qualifications," said Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the bishops' Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, in the statement.

"They filled the majority of direct care jobs, experiencing increased risk of injury, high stress, and exposure to illness while earning low wages. They were the majority of caretakers for their loved ones, yet many lacked adequate family and medical leave policies. These and other economic challenges continue to affect working families and children," Archbishop Coakley said.

The statement, "Building a Just Economy for Women and Families," dated Sept. 5 — Labor Day — was released Aug. 31.

Noting that this was the first Labor Day since the Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade*, Archbishop Coakley said: "This unique moment

necessitates a society and an economy that supports marriages, families and women; it demands that all of us reach across political aisles and work diligently to reframe social policies in ways that are pro-woman, pro-family, pro-worker and, thus, authentically pro-life."

He suggested that both the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act and the child tax credit expansion fulfill that goal, calling the former one of the bishops' "policy priorities."

"There is currently no federal law requiring employers to provide short-term, reasonable accommodations to pregnant women in the workplace and the PWFA would do so. Common requests include being able to carry a bottle of water, a stool for jobs that involve long periods of standing, or lighter duty for jobs that entail heavy lifting," he said.

"Women in low-wage and physically demanding jobs, disproportionately held by women of color, are regularly denied these simple accommodations and terminated or forced to take leave without pay. A number of states already have laws like this in place; however, pregnant women in every state should be protected by these standards."

The bill has passed the House, but awaits action in a Senate running out of days on its calendar. "No woman should be forced to risk her or her child's health, miscarriage, preterm birth, economic security or losing insurance benefits just because she

requests a short-term, reasonable, pregnancy-related accommodation," Archbishop Coakley said.

The archbishop used the statement to press for passage of an expanded child tax credit.

"In 2021, the CTC provided financial relief for families who were having difficulty making ends meet. Families largely spent this money on food, energy bills, housing payments and other basic needs. With rising inflation, continuing to expand this tax credit would be critically helpful to families forced to choose between buying food and filling up their gas tanks," Archbishop Coakley said.

"Congress should move forward with a CTC proposal that has no minimum income requirement, includes families with mixed immigration status, is available for the year before birth, and is offered to every child — regardless of the size of the family," he added. "The CTC was enormously effective at reducing child poverty in 2021 and we should not regress from this progress."

Passing both bills, Archbishop Coakley said, "would have a profound impact on family stability, especially for families who are financially vulnerable."

He also voiced themes common in the annual Labor Day statement, among them federal paid leave policy, just wages and the right to organize. "We have long called for a system in which the whole of society enjoys fundamental human needs including nu-

trition, affordable housing, education, and health care," the archbishop said.

"The efforts of labor unions have helped union workers fare better during the pandemic than nonunion workers, as they were more likely to maintain their pay and their jobs," he added.

He also lauded the efforts of organizations funded through the Catholic Campaign for Human Development that "work on low-wage workers' rights and training, in an effort to eliminate labor trafficking and related workplace abuses such as wage theft."

Archbishop Coakley took note of the death 20 years ago of Msgr. George G. Higgins, head of what was then known as the bishops' Social Action Department and who either wrote or consulted on multiple decades worth of Labor Day statements.

"He was a fervent advocate of economic justice for all, working closely with unions and union organizers, including Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers, and received many awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom," Archbishop Coakley said.

"May the spirit and example of Msgr. Higgins inspire us," he said, "that we might have the wisdom to build up justice and improve the lives of workers and their families as he did throughout his life."

The statement can be viewed here: [https://www.usccb.org/resources/Labor%20Day%20Statement%202022\\_0.pdf](https://www.usccb.org/resources/Labor%20Day%20Statement%202022_0.pdf)

## Moundsville Parish Marks Opening of Season of Creation

**MOUNDSVILLE**—Sister Theresa Metz from the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph recently helped parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Church in Moundsville appreciate this year's Season of Creation theme "Listen to The Voice of Creation" by sharing her insights and reverence for nature.

Sister Theresa spoke at an Aug. 30 workshop presented by the parish on Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home."

Sister Theresa sprinkled her hourlong talk with observations and insights from her 85 years of experience living as a young farm girl, as an aunt, as an educator, and as a sister. She discussed the grace and humanity offered by the celebration to renew relationship with the creator and with creation.

Sister Theresa grew up on a farm and has great reverence for nature. She believes nature creates a space for silence in us and teaches us how to listen deeply. It is a season of prayer and action for our common home.

Christians annually celebrate the Season of Creation all over the globe for five weeks between the World Day of Prayer



Courtesy Photo

From left, are Father That Son Nguyen, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Moundsville; Congregation of St. Joseph Sister Theresa Metz; and Sister Agatha Munyanyi, a member of the Sisters of the Child Jesus. They are shown before the parish's workshop on *Laudato Si'* Aug. 30.

for the Care of Creation on Sept. 1 and the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4.

Along participating in the workshop were Father That Son Nguyen, pastor of the parish, and parish staffer Sister Agatha Munyanyi, a member of the Sisters of the Child Jesus. The workshop was the parish's opening of the Season of Creation.

Father Nguyen believes as a priest he has a responsibility to protect all life from harm.

"To be able to sit down and listen, that's very important," the Vietnam native told Catholic News Service.

Father Nguyen said he takes every opportunity he can to bring awareness to his parishioners to tie together the needs of people with the needs of the earth.

He can be found addressing the concept of integral ecology as expressed by Pope Francis in his *Laudato Si'*. Such efforts are important, he said, because people must realize that all life on earth is connected and that humans are called to actively protect what God has created.

(Contributing to this story was Dennis Sadowski, of Catholic News Service.)

# Gala to Benefit Mary's Refuge Maternity Home to be Held Nov. 11

By Colleen Rowan

**INWOOD**—Organizers say it will be an amazing event in celebration of life, mother and child. Surround with Love: a benefit gala to support Mary's Refuge in Martinsburg will be held Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at St. Leo Parish Hall in Inwood.

A ministry of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg, Mary's Refuge is a 100 percent pro-life maternity home welcoming mothers-to-be who are in a situation which is causing them fear and anxiety. The home provides them with a safe haven.

"The gala is our main fundraiser for the year," said Kimberley Roche, executive director of Mary's Refuge. "It is essential to our success for the coming year."

Two keynote speakers will be featured: a sister from the Sisters of Life (to be determined), and Kathleen Wilson, renowned director of Mary's Shelter in Virginia. She recently appeared on Tucker Carlson, CBS.

Bishop Mark Brennan will be in attendance as well. Deacon Dave Galvin of St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town will be the MC.

Especially at this time, Mary's Refuge is a vital ministry in the community, Roche said.

"We give new mothers a chance to stabilize their lives and safely have their babies, offering the tools to an independent life," she said. "With the shift in the pro-life movement to a culture of life, we are part of the solution."

Roche said moms have an op-

portunity to stay at the home for up to two years.

Donations for the gala will go directly to assisting the families Mary's Refuge will be helping. The dinner is free but partners are being sought to sponsor tables. Those who cannot attend, can donate at [marysrefuge.org](http://marysrefuge.org). Scan the QR code at the top of the page or scroll down to donate. The Mary's Refuge Facebook page also offers the QR code which will take visitors directly to the donation page.

Table sponsorships are available and are as follows: \$200, two seats and name in the program as a sponsor; \$500, four seats and name and business information in the program; and \$1,000, eight seats and a half page ad in the program.

Progress on the home has been

delayed due to labor shortages and supply chain issues, but Roche is looking at a late October opening.

At Mary's Refuge, the home's website states, mothers-to-be can find a loving, structured place to live, offering support, encouragement, and real resources and solutions.

"We walk alongside our mothers-to-be," the site states, "to support them in making good, independent choices and set them on a path to a fruitful and happy future with their child, ready and equipped for life's challenges and successes."

For more information about the gala or the home, e-mail Roche at [kimroche.marysrefuge@gmail.com](mailto:kimroche.marysrefuge@gmail.com) or call (304) 261-3664.

## Parish Establishes Ministry to Assist Those Displaced by War in Ukraine

**MARTINSBURG**—St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg is embarking on a new ministry to assist those displaced by the war in Ukraine.

Under the leadership of the parish's pastor, Father Tom Gallagher, the Committee for Ukraine will be providing information so that the people of the Catholic community of the Eastern Panhandle can provide support for their brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

"Our goal is to send supplies and to offer refuge for Ukrainians who wish to emigrate to the United States as refugees through Uniting for Ukraine," parish officials stated in announcing the program.

The ministry is led by Anne McCorkle and Joe Guttman. McCorkle moved to Martinsburg from Warner Robins, Ga. last year.

"She has felt a connection to Eastern Europe since serving as a Russian linguist for the U.S. Army in the mid 1980s," parish officials said.

In addition to acting as a point of contact between St. Joseph Parish and Uniting for Ukraine, McCorkle is active in the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 392 of Martinsburg and Serving Stitches.

Guttman has been a parishioner at St. Bernadette for over 35 years. He is a geographer who has taught at Marshall University, Clemson University, and the University of Tennessee.

More information about the initiative and ways to participate will be forthcoming soon, parish officials said.

They asked all to, "Please continue to pray for this ministry and for all refugees."

Contact the parish office at (304) 267-4893 if interested in helping with this ministry.

## CDU Offering Online Apologetics Seminar and Sacred Architecture Course

Catholic Distance University (CDU) is offering The Art of Evangelization through Apologetics Oct. 3-24 free to all parish volunteers and educators in the diocese. Participants will learn to share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in a natural and engaging way, as Jesus did, and why being a credible believer is the most effective apologetic tool.

The online seminar will be taught by Allan F. Wright, an author, professor, speaker, and Catholic radio show host who has a passion for scripture and the Catholic faith. He will cover current trends in the church, models for evangelization, parish structures that support effective evangelization, and the role of apologetics in making disciples of all nations.

Professor Wright says, "While articulating the truth of the Gospel, we need the relational tools to start a conversation, build trust, serve, and then propose who Jesus Christ is. To quote St. Bernadette, 'Our job is to inform, not convince.'" The course fulfills 1 continu-

ing education unit.

To register, visit <https://www.pathlms.com/cdu/courses/38096>. Be sure to use the diocesan access code, CDU20DIOCESEWC, when setting up an account to receive the free tuition.

Faculty member Erik Bootsma, licensed architect, lecturer, and commentator, will teach Theology of Sacred Architecture in CDU's Fall II term. Classes begin on Oct. 24, and registration is underway.

THEO 290/590, which is offered for both undergraduate and graduate credit, introduces students to the history, theology, and symbolism of Catholic sacred architecture and focuses on how its development has affected the shape, configuration, and use of the Catholic Church throughout various architectural styles and eras.

Professor Bootsma will trace the Church's development from Pagan and Old Testament ideas of sacred architecture through the Middle Ages, Renaissance, Counter-Reformation,

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# Pope Creates 20 New Cardinals, Including San Diego Bishop

By Junno Arocho Esteves,  
Catholic News Service

**VATICAN CITY (CNS)** — In a ceremony to create 20 new cardinals, Pope Francis encouraged the College of Cardinals to have the same spiritual zeal for all people, whether they are in positions of power or ordinary Christians.

“A cardinal loves the church, always with that same spiritual fire, whether dealing with great questions or handling everyday problems, with the powerful of this world or those ordinary people who are great in God’s eyes,” the pope said Aug. 20 during the consistory, a prayer service during which he personally welcomed 20 churchmen into the College of Cardinals.

Those who have this apostolic zeal are compelled “by the fire of the Spirit to be concerned, courageously, with things great and small,” he said.

During the ceremony, each of the new cardinals, including Cardinal Robert W. McElroy of San Diego, California, professed their faith by reciting the Creed and formally swore fidelity and obedience to the pope and his successors.

They then approached Pope Francis, one by one, to receive their biretta, their cardinal’s ring and the assignment of a “titular” church in Rome, which makes them part of the Roman clergy.

In his homily, Pope Francis reflected on Jesus’ words to his disciples, in which he declared, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled.”

Focusing on the image of fire, Pope Francis said that the “flame of the spirit of God” represents his love “that purifies, regenerates and transfigures all things.” It also evokes the charcoal fire made by the risen Christ for his disciples

along the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

“That charcoal fire is quiet and gentle, yet it lasts longer and is used for cooking. There on the shore of the sea, it creates a familiar setting where the disciples, amazed and moved, savor their closeness to their Lord,” he said.

Jesus’ words, he continued, are also emblematic of the “fiery mission” entrusted to the newly created cardinals.

For those “who in the church have been chosen from among the people for a ministry of particular service, it is as if Jesus is handing us a lighted torch and telling us: ‘Take this; as the Father has sent me, so I now send you,’” the pope said.

The fire of God’s divine love is what also inspires countless missionaries who “have come to know the exhausting yet sweet joy of evangelizing, and whose lives themselves became a gospel, for they were before all else witnesses.”

Recalling the life of St. Charles de Foucauld, the pope praised those Christians, both consecrated and lay, who live in secular environments, yet still are true Christian witnesses who keep the flame of God’s love alive through their lives and actions.

The pope also recalled the example of Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, a full-time Vatican diplomat for decades who served as Vatican secretary of state from 1979 to 1990.

Despite his responsibilities, the pope said the late cardinal would find time to visit young inmates at a juvenile prison in Rome.

Concluding his homily, Pope Francis called on Christians to contemplate on “the secret of the fire of God, which descends from heaven, brightening the sky from one end to the other, and slowly cooking the food of poor families, migrant and homeless persons.”

“Today too, Jesus wants to bring this fire to the earth. He wants to light it anew on the shores of our daily lives. Jesus calls us by name; he looks us in the eye and he asks: ‘Can I count on you?’” the pope said.

The consistory brought to 226 the total number of cardinals in the world; 132 cardinals are under the age of 80 and eligible to vote in a conclave.

The 20 prelates who received their red hats from the pope were Cardinals:

— Arthur Roche, 72, prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

— Lazarus You Heung-sik, 70, prefect of the Dicastery for Clergy.

— Fernando Vérgez Alzaga, 77, president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State and president of the Governor’s Office for Vatican City State.

— Jean-Marc Aveline of Marseille, France, 63.

— Peter Ebere Okpaleke of Ekwulobia, Nigeria, 59.

— Leonardo Ulrich Steiner of

Manaus, Brazil, 71.

— Filipe Neri António Sebastião do Rosário Ferrão of Goa, India, 69.

— Robert W. McElroy of San Diego, 68.

— Virgílio do Carmo da Silva of Dili, East Timor, 54.

— Oscar Cantoni of Como, Italy, 71.

— Anthony Poola of Hyderabad, India, 60.

— Paulo Cezar Costa of Brasília, Brazil, 54.

— Richard Kuuia Baawobr of Wa, Ghana, 62.

— William Goh Seng Chye of Singapore, 64.

— Adalberto Martínez Flores of Asunción, Paraguay, 70.

— Giorgio Marengo, apostolic prefect of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 48.

— Jorge Jiménez Carvajal of Cartagena, Colombia, 80.

— Archbishop Arrigo Miglio of Cagliari, Italy, 80.

— Gianfranco Ghirlanda, professor of canon law, 80.

— Fortunato Frezza, canon of St. Peter’s Basilica, 80.

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and Vatican II.

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He is also the author of numerous articles on sacred and classical architecture, and he has lectured at the Catholic Art Guild, the Hillsdale College Kirby Center, and at the University of Notre Dame, Franciscan University of Steubenville, and The Catholic University of America.

To enroll in this course or to learn more about CDU, visit [cdu.edu](http://cdu.edu) or contact the admissions director at [admissions@cdu.edu](mailto:admissions@cdu.edu); 1-888-254-4CDU, ext. 700.

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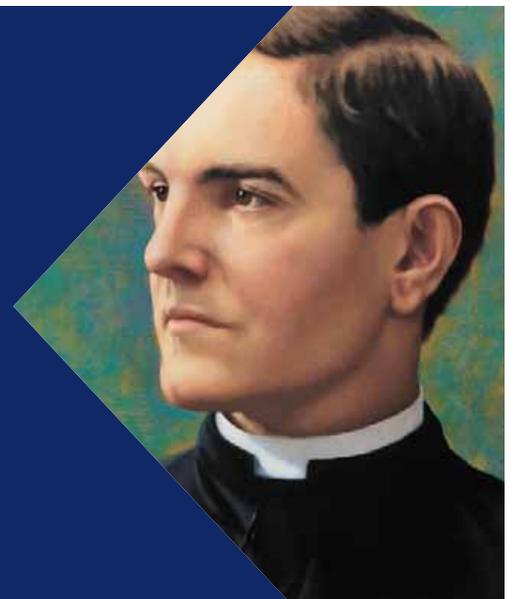
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# Packing a School Bag with Coping Skills

At Catholic Charities West Virginia, we have a number of childhood development experts on staff through our Child Care Resource Center and Birth to Three programs.

Our Child Care Resource Center provides families with resources on selecting the best quality child care, offers training to child care providers, and administers the state's child care subsidy. Our Birth to Three program provides supports and services for families of children ages birth to three who have or may be at risk for a delay.

Wendy Miller, the director of our West Virginia Birth to Three RAU-1 program, shares the following reflection as we enter a new school year:

I planned my very first camping trip this year. Wild horses and an island three states away were involved. I was nervous. Quite a few questions and worst-case scenarios ran through my head. How do I get there? How do I put up a tent? What if it rains? How do I make my morning coffee? Do wild horses attack people? Since I had no past experience from which to draw, I researched what to eat, how to avoid attack by wild horses and bugs, and how to survive a storm in a tent. I practiced setting the tent up in the living room, which was much too small for the mansion I purchased, so I set it up in the backyard. I gave myself pep talks, saying "If Girl Scouts can do it, so can I" and "I bought a standard transmission car not knowing how to drive it and did just fine." I was ready.

My maiden camping experience is much like a situation many children will soon face: the first day of school.

For some, this may be going to school for the first time ever, and for others it may be a new school or a new classroom. This journey is not a vacation to a warm, sandy island with beautiful creatures, and it is probably not his or her choice to go, yet they will find themselves with a new experience and unfamiliarity to face. If I felt so much trepidation with something as unimposing as a camping trip, consider how a young child might feel with something as grandiose as school. Surely they will have concerns: Will I have friends? What are the rules? Will there be toys I like? What will happen if I get sick? While I drew from my long history of coping mechanisms to prepare and calm myself, young children's bags are not yet packed with a rich repertoire of self-calming techniques. How, then, will they sort through a sticky web of feelings to lessen their fears and build excitement?

Since young children don't have many memories to lean on or a pocketful of coping skills, let them lean on us. This is a rich opportunity to share coping skills that will last a lifetime. We can anticipate their questions and explore solutions together. We can talk about what to expect and how he feels — his hopes, dreams, and concerns. We may reminisce about a positive change — how she felt beforehand, her concerns, and how things turned out great. Maybe we can visit the classroom in advance to meet the teacher. And when the day comes, perhaps we can hint at the hope of a fun task or something to look forward to such as, "try to find a friend who owns a bunny" or "see if

there is a book in the reading area that you have at home." Let her know that she is not alone in this new adventure and her friends are most likely feeling the same way. Remind him that when he gets home, you will be available to talk about all the fun things he learned as well as the worries he has. A little supportive investment now will go a long way.

My investment in preparations paid off. I wasn't eaten by a horse, I learned that cold brew coffee from a can is almost as satisfying as it is fresh and hot, and mosquitos laugh at dryer sheets. Next year I will be a little more prepared with a deluxe air mattress and extra batteries, because now I do know what to expect.

May God bless all of our children, educators and staff this school year!

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## Parishes Welcome New Pastor

Courtesy Photo

Parishioners of St. Anthony Parish in Fairmont and Holy Spirit Parish in Monongah were delighted to welcome their new pastor, Father Romeo "Meo" Bacalso, SVD, center. He is pictured with them after his installation as pastor Aug. 17 by Very Rev. Casey B. Mahone, V.F.

## Employment Opportunity—Director of Catholic Schools Religious Education & Evangelization

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston Catholic Schools, in West Virginia, is accepting letters of interest from qualified and highly motivated candidates for the position of Director of Catholic Schools Religious Education and Evangelization.

**Ideal Candidate:** A skilled instructor and administrator with passion both for your field of content expertise and for leading students, staff and faculty in learning and growing in our Catholic Faith. Demonstrates an extraordinary commitment to ensuring that every student learns in a Faith-based environment based in Gospel values. You are motivated to provide learning that is rich with motivation, active engagement in cognitively challenging tasks, regular assessment and feedback, as well as modeling and providing differentiated forms of re-engagement and support for administrators, staff, faculty and students. You value experiential learning, that is rooted in a community of Catholic heritage and culture inspired by the rich educational tradition in our Catholic schools. You see relationships of mutual respect and rapport as foundational to learning. You value professional growth through collaboration with other educators both at the school level and in partnership with others. You collaborate well in various collegial structures for professional and ministerial growth.

### Core Competencies

- Assists in the development and implementation of goals and objectives for the Department of Catholic Schools.
- Confers regularly with the Superintendent, School/ Designated principal and religious education chairperson of each school to assess the school religion program.
- Observes teachers of religious education in the schools as part of the on going program assessment.
- Provides opportunities for professional and spiritual development of religion teachers in schools.
- Works collaboratively with the Superintendent of Schools to provide leadership and support to school administrators.
- Assists school administrators as needed in recruiting and selecting qualified religion teachers.

- Creates and monitors implementation of Religious Education Guidelines.
- Assist with the creating of Religious Education curriculum mapping.
- Oversees Catholic Schools Religious Education Certification program used by our teachers for professional development.
  - Works to maintain and update list of religion texts recommended for use in the schools and parish programs.
  - Works with principals to ensure that all religion teachers are certified (or working toward certification) according to Diocesan policy.
  - Serves as a resource person for religious education/formation by maintaining a library of texts, manuals, support materials, current literature and media.
  - Meets regularly with the religion teachers of secondary schools to evaluate the program, discuss needed changes and make recommendations.
  - Assist the superintendent by gathering, organizing and correlate information on teacher certification in the Catholic Schools.
  - Travels significantly during the week and on weekends and participates in evening and weekend job related activities.
  - Participates with members of the department in workshops and in-service training sessions.
  - Assists in the orientation of new principals and new teachers.
  - When requested, observes teachers to assist the administrator in guiding them towards improvement in the teaching of religion.
  - Reviews religious education/ formation policies in the school policy handbook and suggests revisions when appropriate.
  - Maintains religious education files and issues certificates as appropriate.
  - Assists superintendent in implementing special programs in the schools; Virtue in Education program
  - Oversees the Assessment of Religious Knowledge (ARK) testing program and works with schools to analyze and utilizing the assessment data.

- Performs other job related duties as collaboratively determined and within the limits of time, energy and priorities.

**Qualifications Base:** Master's degree (MA) in Theology, or Religious Education, or related field. Must adhere to the teachings of the Magisterium of the Church. Experience teaching religion in parochial elementary and secondary schools. Must possess leadership, organizational and interpersonal communication skills. Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment. Preferred: Working experience as school administrator or related administrative, department head or lead teacher responsibility. Worked as a teacher with teacher certification.

Qualified and highly motivated candidates are invited to submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae or résumé to Julie Link at [jlink@dwc.org](mailto:jlink@dwc.org). Candidates who meet the qualifications for this position will be contacted about the interview process and invited to submit a full set of application materials.

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# Papa crea 20 nuevos cardenales, incluyendo obispo de San Diego

**Por Junno Arocho Esteves, Catholic News Service**

**CIUDAD DEL VATICANO** — En una ceremonia para crear 20 nuevos cardenales, el papa Francisco alentó al Colegio Cardenalicio a tener el mismo celo espiritual por todas las personas, ya sean personas que estén en posiciones de poder o cristianos comunes.

"Un cardenal ama a la iglesia, siempre con el mismo fuego espiritual, ya sea tratando las grandes cuestiones como ocupándose de las mas pequeñas; ya sea encontrándose con los grandes de este mundo como con los pequeños, que son grandes delante de Dios", afirmó el papa el 27 de agosto durante el consistorio, un servicio de oración en el que él personalmente dio la bienvenida a 20 eclesiásticos al Colegio Cardenalicio.

Los que tienen este celo apostólico están animados "por el fuego del Espíritu a ocuparse, con valentía, tanto de las cosas grandes como de las pequeñas", expresó.

Durante la ceremonia, cada uno de los nuevos cardenales, incluyendo el cardenal Robert W. McElroy de San Diego, California, profesaron su fe recitando el Credo y juraron formalmente fidelidad y obediencia al papa y a sus sucesores.

Luego se acercaron al Santo Padre, uno por uno, para recibir su birrete, su anillo cardenalicio, y la asignación de una iglesia "titular" en Roma, lo que los convierte en parte del clero romano.

En su homilía, el papa Francisco reflexionó sobre las palabras de Jesús a sus discípulos, en las que declaró: "He venido a echar fuego en la tierra, ¡y cómo quisiera que ya estuviera encendido!"

Centrándose en la imagen del fuego, el papa Francisco manifestó que la "llama del espíritu de Dios" representa su amor, "que purifica, regenera, y transfigura todo". También evoca el fuego de carbón hecho por Cristo resucitado para sus

discípulos a lo largo de la orilla del Mar de Galilea.

"Ese fuego de las brasas es suave, oculto, pero dura más y se utiliza para cocinar. Y allí, en la orilla del lago, se crea un ambiente familiar donde los discípulos disfrutaban, asombrados y conmovidos, de la intimidad con su Señor", acotó.

Las palabras de Jesús, el Sumo Pontífice prologó, son también emblemáticas de la "misión ardiente" encomendada a los cardenales recién creados.

Para aquellos "que en la iglesia han sido escogidos de entre el pueblo para un ministerio de servicio particular, es como si Jesús nos pasara una antorcha encendida y nos dijera: 'Tomen esto; como el Padre me ha enviado, así yo ahora los envío'", dijo el papa.

El fuego del amor divino de Dios es lo que inspira también a innumerables misioneros que "han conocido el gozo agotador y a la vez dulce de evangelizar, y cuyas vidas mismas se han convertido en evangelio, siendo ante todo testigos".

Recordando la vida de San Carlos de Foucauld, el papa elogió a aquellos cristianos, tanto consagrados como laicos, que viven en ambientes seculares, pero que son verdaderos testigos cristianos que mantienen viva la llama del amor de Dios a través de sus vidas y acciones.

El Santo Padre también citó el ejemplo del cardenal Agostino Casaroli, quien fue secretario de Estado del Vaticano de 1979 a 1990.

A pesar de sus responsabilidades, el papa dijo que el difunto cardenal encontraba tiempo para visitar a los jóvenes reclusos en una prisión juvenil en Roma.

Al concluir su homilía, el papa Francisco invitó a los cristianos a contemplar "el secreto del fuego de Dios, que desciende del cielo, iluminándolo de punta a punta, y que cocina lentamente la comida de las familias pobres, de los

emigrantes, o de los sin techo".

"También hoy, Jesús quiere traer este fuego a la tierra. Quiere encenderlo de nuevo en las orillas de nuestra vida cotidiana. Jesús nos llama por nuestro nombre, nos mira a los ojos y nos pregunta: '¿Puedo contar contigo?', dijo el papa.

El consistorio elevó a 226 el número total de cardenales en el mundo; 132 cardenales tienen menos de 80 años y son elegibles para votar en un cónclave.

Los 20 prelados que recibieron sus birretes rojos del papa fueron los cardenales:

— Arthur Roche, 72, prefecto del Dicasterio para el Culto Divino y la Disciplina de los Sacramentos.

— Lazarus You Heung-sik, 70, prefecto del Dicasterio para el Clero.

— Fernando Vérgez Alzaga, 77, presidente de la Comisión Pontificia para el Estado de la Ciudad del Vaticano y presidente de la Oficina del Gobernador del Estado de la Ciudad del Vaticano.

— Jean-Marc Aveline de Marsella, Francia, 63.

— Peter Ebere Okpaleke de Ekwulobia, Nigeria, 59.

— Leonardo Ulrich Steiner de Manaus, Brasil, 71.

— Filipe Neri António Sebastião do Rosário Ferrão de Goa, India, 69.

— Robert W. McElroy de San Diego, 68.

— Virgílio do Carmo da Silva de Dili, Timor Oriental, 54.

— Oscar Cantoni de Como, Italia, 71.

— Anthony Poola de Hyderabad, India, 60.

— Paulo Cezar Costa de Brasilia, Brasil, 54.

— Richard Kuuia Baawobr de Wa, Ghana, 62.

— William Goh Seng Chye de Singapur, 64.

— Adalberto Martínez Flores de Asunción, Paraguay, 70.

## 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](http://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](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org).

**Para informar a las autoridades civiles:** comuníquese con la policía local; los números varían 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 anonimamente 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: 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](http://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](http://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 esta protegida. Enlaces e información: Departamento de Salud y Recursos Humanos de WV: <https://www.wvdhhr.org/report.asp>. Policía Estatal de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Crímenes contra Niños: 304-293-6400.

# DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

**Bishop Mark E. Brennan, Celebrant**

Friday, September 16: Holy Spirit, Monongah, 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 2: St. James the Apostle, Clarksburg, 4 p.m.

Sunday, October 9: SS. Peter & Paul, Oak Hill, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 16: St. Agnes, Shepherdstown, 10:30 a.m.

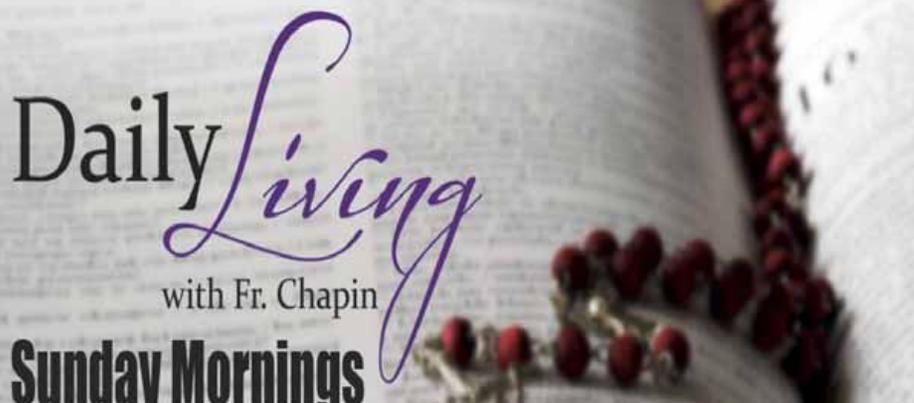
Thursday, October 20: Ascension, Hurricane, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 22: Blessed Sacrament, South Charleston, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 23: Combined Confirmation: Sacred Heart, Huntington, & St. Peter Claver, Huntington, at Sacred Heart Parish, 9 a.m.

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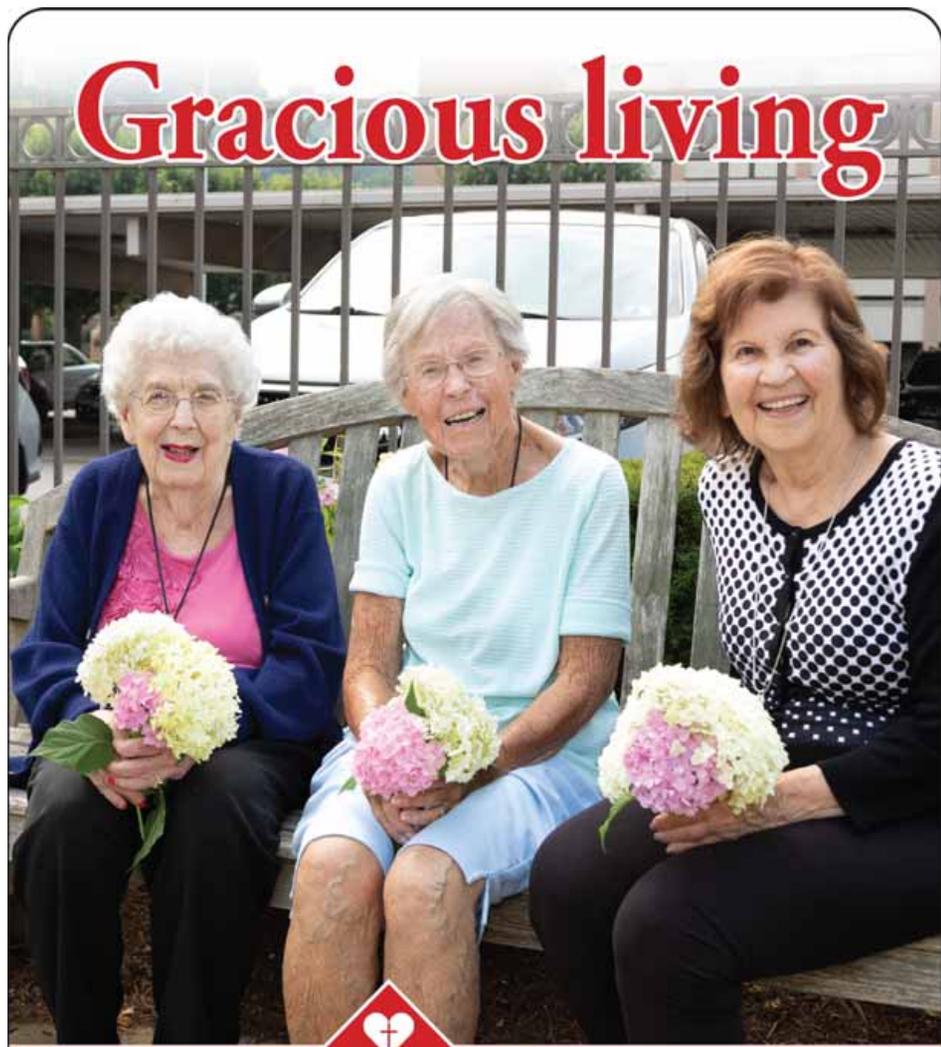
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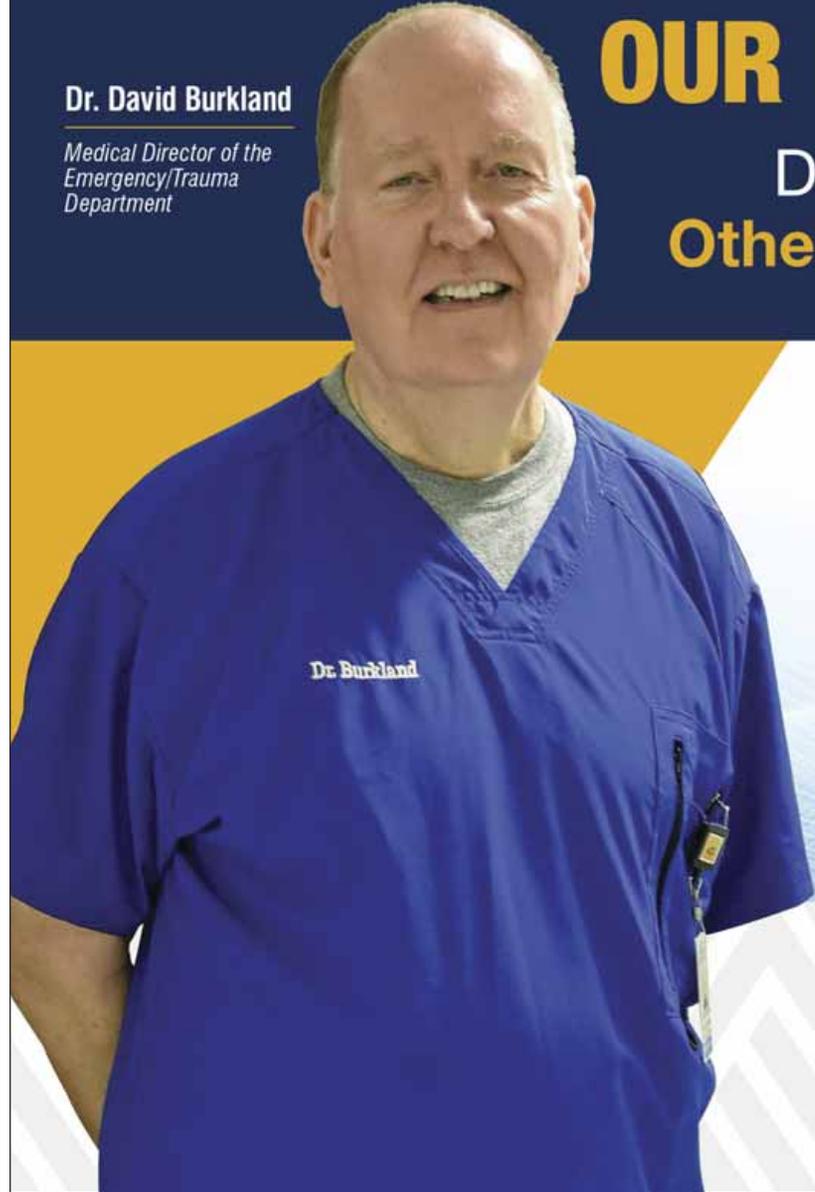
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