City of Buckhannon Declares ‘Feast of Corpus Christi Day’

Parishioners Tracy Murphy, left, and Pat Heitman carry a banner for Holy Rosary Parish in Buckhannon during the Eucharistic procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 11. The banner was created by parishioner Linda Hicks.

By Colleen Rowan

Parishioners of Holy Rosary Parish in Buckhannon received a gift from their city council recently—one that is extra special in this Parish Year of the National Eucharistic Revival. The City of Buckhannon declared June 11, 2023, as the “Feast of Corpus Christi Day.”

“I was full of joy,” said Father Edward Tetteh, SVD, pastor of Holy Rosary. “Our mayor and his city council proclaimed it ‘Feast of Corpus Christi Day’ in a city where Catholics are the minority.”

The proclamation was made ahead of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (the Feast of Corpus Christi) at the May 16 city council meeting. In the proclamation, see “Corpus Christi” on Page 3

One Million Rosaries for Vocations in West Virginia

By Joyce Bibey

WEST VIRGINIA — Can we count you in?

Will you be a part of the movement in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to pray one million rosaries for vocations between the Feast of the Assumption on Aug. 15 to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 2?

While a campaign of such magnitude has never been done by the diocese before in West Virginia with your help we can make it happen.

Supported by Bishop Mark Brennan and originated by Sister Martha Teresa Gomez, Delegate for Consecrated Life in the diocese, the One Million Rosaries for Vocations mission will have a lasting effect on all of us.

“We are the fruit of many prayers for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life,” said Sister Martha Gomez on behalf of the brothers, sisters, priests, deacons, and all in vocation formation in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Those called to these religious vocations are very appreciative of the love given to them through prayers, cards, letters, and recognition, she said and added that, “behind and before every vocation to the priesthood or to the consecrated life there is always the strong and intense prayer of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a faith community…. Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer: and only through prayer can we persevere and bear fruit.”

Sister Gomez further noted the One Million Rosaries for Vocations are to include vocations to the Catholic married or Catholic single

See “Rosaries” on Page 3
By Justin McLellan, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Catholics must place the Eucharist at the center of their lives to transform their relationships with God and their neighbors, Pope Francis said.

“If you are the same at the end of Mass as you were at the beginning, something is wrong,” the pope said in a video message released July 3 for his prayer intention for the month of July: “For a Eucharistic life.”

“The Eucharist is the presence of Jesus, it is deeply transforming. Jesus comes and must transform you,” he said.

The video, different versions of which are released with the pope’s monthly prayer intention, also showed people attending Mass, helping the homeless and visiting the elderly.

By offering himself in the Eucharist, Christ “invites us so that our lives may be nourished by him and may nourish the lives of our brothers and sisters,” the pope said.

“The eucharistic celebration is an encounter with the Risen Jesus,” Pope Francis said. “At the same time, it is a way of opening ourselves to the world as he taught us.”

Each time Catholics participate in the Eucharist, “Jesus comes and gives us the strength to love like he loved,” the pope said, because the Eucharist “gives us the courage to encounter others, to go out of ourselves and to open ourselves to others with love.”

Pope Francis prayed that Catholics may place at the center of their lives the eucharistic celebration “which transforms human relationships and opens up an encounter with God and their brothers and sisters.”

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 800.555.4401.

To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Adults: If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any suspected cases of sexual abuse of adults, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families’ Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.555.4401.

To Report to Diocesan Authorities: The diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. The diocese also encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese’s Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also call the Diocese’s sexual abuse hotline at 833.230.5656. Complaint forms are available online at www.dwc.org, click “Diocese” on the menu bar, then “Offices,” then “Safe Environment”, then “Download Files and Forms.” The form is titled “Complaint Form for Allegations of Sexual Abuse of a Minor.” The form may be returned via U.S. mail to Office of Safe Environment, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, PO Box 230, Wheeling WV 26003. The form may also be returned via the EthicsPoint platform.

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 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.dhhr.wv.gov/report.asp, West Virginia State Police, Crimes Against Children Unit: 304-293-6400.

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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 a live workshop. For more information on the Office of Safe Environment-please go to www.dwc.org, click “Diocese” on the menu bar, then “Offices,” then “Safe Environment”, then “Office of Safe Environment.”
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Mayor Robert Skinner, III, encouraged “all citizens to rejoice and celebrate with their friends and neighbors from Holy Rosary Church.”

Joining Father Tetteh for the proclamation at the meeting were Father Martin Vu Trung, SVD; Deacon Rue Thompson, permanent deacon at Holy Rosary; and his wife Diana Thompson, a member of the parish’s Liturgy Committee and Corpus Christi Procession Committee; John Weber, parish council member; and parishioners Sue Smith and Mary Hendricks.

Roughly 70 parishioners, Father Tetteh, and clergy processed with our Lord through the streets of Buckhannon on the Feast of Corpus Christi with a police escort, provided by the city. Parishioner Linda Hicks created a parish banner especially for the procession. The Knights of Columbus carried the canopy for the Most Blessed Sacrament and the parish choir and the congregation processed through the main street in Buckhannon to City Hall, Jawbone Park, and the Upshur County Courthouse.

“Through the Eucharistic procession, we proudly and publicly proclaim our belief, as Catholics, in Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist. The solemnity also marked the opening of the Parish Year of the National Eucharistic Revival.

The goal of this, Father Tetteh said, is to bring all into a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. He added that it is his fervent prayer and hope that all will know, as Bishop Mark Brennan said, “The Eucharist is nothing less than Jesus Christ in person.”

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life, because we are all called to holiness — to join Christ through our Baptism, serving God as we serve others. In West Virginia we have 66,925 Catholics. We have 24 Catholic schools with nearly 5,000 students and staff; 110 priests; 12 religious communities of priests; five religious brothers; three religious communities of brothers; 82 religious women; 21 religious communities of sisters; 50 permanent deacons; 92 parishes; 20 missions; 18 chapels; 7,665 PSR/CCD students; five assisted living/nursing homes; nine Campus Ministries; and a strong community of Catholic organizations like Knights of Columbus, Serra Club, Rosary Altar Societies, etc.

The campaign will release an online portal to pledge the number of rosaries you will say or have said for vocations during the eight-week mission.

In addition to your commitment to the rosaries, faithful of West Virginia are asked to share this endeavor with their family, friends, and organizations outside of the state. If we do that, we will have beautiful souls all over the world praying for increased vocations in our diocese, Sister Gomez said.

Too busy? We all have so many pressing things to do, especially in our lives now where being “busy” is the norm. There never seems to be enough time, but we need to make time for daily prayer and in honor of the Blessed Mother and our plea to awaken among us the honor of the Blessed Mother and the gift of the rosary.

Part of the campaign will bring the faithful a wealth of resources in order for success.

Watch for more information to come through https://dwc.org, The Catholic Spirit, FaithInWV e-bulletins, your parish bulletins, and your Catholic school newsletters.

Left: Father Edward Tetteh, pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Buckhannon, and parishioners walk in the Eucharistic procession June 11. Right: Mayor Robert Skinner, III (center), proclaimed June 11, 2023, as the “Feast of Corpus Christi Day” in Buckhannon. From left are Deacon Rue Thompson, permanent deacon at Holy Rosary; John Weber, parish council member; Father Martin Vu Trung, SVD; Skinner; Father Tetteh; Diana Thompson, a member of the parish’s Liturgy Committee and Corpus Christi Procession Committee and Deacon Thompson’s wife; and parishioner Sue Smith. Not pictured is parishioner Mary Hendricks, who was also present.
The Catholic Spirit is pleased to share Part II of Bishop Mark E. Brennan’s Reflections on the Eucharist. Part I was published in the June 2, 2023 issue of The Catholic Spirit on Pages 4-5.

The Lord promised: I am with you always, until the end of the age [Matthew 28:20]. He said: I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you [John 14:18]. The Eucharist is a way, perhaps we can say the primary way, in which the Lord fulfills this promise to remain with us. We are pilgrims on the way to a blessed eternity and we need to eat to keep up our strength. The Lord makes himself our food and drink. Individually we receive the benefits of the forgiveness of our lesser (venial) sins; grace for growth in charity and justice; and a pledge of eternal life. But the Church, in the Eucharist, is Christ himself, it is true to say: “The Eucharist makes the Church.” The sacrament expresses our unity in faith and love and builds it up. Despite our differences on some matters, we Catholics do have a greater unity than many of our religious and non-religious neighbors — and we must pray hard and show mutual respect and love to keep it that way. The Eucharist also energizes the Church to proclaim the Gospel. I saw evidence of this before Lent this year in the small African country of Togo, where the Church uses Catholic schools to evangelize young people with considerable success. I see it in the FOCUS missionaries who help students at West Virginia University to embrace their faith more fully by forming friendships with them one at a time. The Eucharist moves the Church to service to those in need through hospitals, schools, Catholic Charities soup kitchens, parish pantries, St. Vincent de Paul Conferences and many individual acts of charity.

The Eucharist fosters the unity of faith and good works. Remember St. James’ warning: Faith if it does not have works, is dead [James 2:17]. A beautiful expression of the unity of Eucharistic faith and good works is found in a parish where I served a few years ago. There is a pantry, where people come to get bread and other food items they cannot afford at the store. In the back of the same building is a Eucharistic chapel, where parishioners go to adore the Lord in the Eucharist. Some of the same people who adore the Eucharist or go to daily Mass to receive Christ are volunteers at the pantry. They adore or receive the Bread of Life by which the Lord builds them up to offer bread for the stomach to men, women and children who otherwise would go without.

This is why the Second Vatican Council called the Eucharist the “source and sum of the Christian life” [Lumen Gentium, 11]. The Lord gives us strength through the gift of himself to imitate him, who proclaimed Good News to the people and, as St. Peter recalls, went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him [Acts of the Apostles 10:38]. We bear the wounds of our battles against selfishness, just as Jesus’ risen body still shows the signs of his crucifixion, but we triumph over them because the Lord sustains us by his grace, especially as we share in his risen life through the Eucharist.

It is necessary, then, that we firmly believe that the Lord is truly present in the Eucharist, precisely in order for the sacrament to achieve its purpose in us. Our “Amen” to the minister of Holy Communion’s “Body of Christ” should be our conscious recognition of whom we are receiving. It is our union with Christ in the sacrament that serves as the foundation for the good that we are meant to do in his name.

It is also necessary that we be in union with the Lord in the way we live. If we are conscious of serious (mortal) sin, then before approaching Holy Communion, we should first reconcile with the Lord and with his Church (which we also offend by our sins) in the Sacrament of Penance. If you bring your gift to the altar and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother and then come and offer your gift [Matthew 5:23-24]. As we bring the gift of ourselves to the Lord, who wishes to give us the gift of himself, we must also be open to the gift of the other, for whom Christ died and rose. Whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen [1 John 4:20]. Receiving the Lord in Holy Communion is a matter of personal and Eucharistic integrity.

It is also necessary that we be faithful to the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday and on major feasts, called “holy days of obligation.” We are a people, not isolated individuals. We are supposed to gather as a people so that the Lord can form us in the truth (the Liturgy of the Word) and then feed us for our journey of faith (the Liturgy of the Eucharist). God Himself gave the commandment: Remember to keep holy the sabbath day [Exodus 20:8]. For us Christians, the sabbath day is Sunday, the day of Christ’s resurrection from the dead. As the Church has experienced from the beginning, there is no better day to observe as the Lord’s Day. Going to daily Mass is wonderful and school Masses during the week have great value but they are not the gathering of the whole people of God on the Lord’s Day. With the Coronavirus pandemic winding down, it is time to get over fears and, in some cases, a preference for watching Mass at home. There are homebound parishioners who simply cannot go to Mass; the parish should not love God whom he has not seen and for whom Christ died and rose. He finally contracted polio and died of it at age 24. At his funeral procession, his family was astounded that thousands of Torinos lined the streets to pay their respects to their son: they were the poor whom their son had served.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati mystically perceived the physical body of Christ behind bread that became the sacrament he received and he imitated the sacrificial love he saw in his Master. He became what he ate: Eucharist that fed others. May we find in the Lord, truly present in the Eucharist, the strength to do the same.

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Reflections on the Eucharist

By Bishop Mark E. Brennan
July 7, 2023

Father Rodrigo Becomes a U.S. Citizen

By Joyce Bibey

Independence Day was extra special this year for Father B.K. Akila Rodrigo, TOR, pastor of St. James the Apostle Parish in Clarksburg, St. Ann Parish in Shinnston, and Sacred Heart Mission in Salem. He is one of our newest U.S. citizens!

Father Rodrigo was one of 31 men and women who became American citizens as part of the naturalization ceremony on June 9 at the United States Northern District Court of West Virginia in Clarksburg. The group was from 23 countries with the Harrison County pastor hailing from Sri Lanka, an island country of South Asia. More than 30 parishioners and friends packed the courtroom for their beloved priest.

He applied for citizenship in 2019.

“I love my diocese as well as America,” Father Rodrigo said. “I wanted to continue my service and see ‘Citizen’ on Page 6.”

Knights Honor Veterans in Their Final Rest for Fourth of July

For the Fourth of July, members of the Knights of Columbus Hurricane Council and their families placed American Flags on veterans’ graves at St. Patrick’s Cemetery in Scott Depot. At left are Ryan Cicenas and his daughters Vivian, Elle, and Nadia (picture from left). At right are Will Dempsey and his son Kaz.
Pope Institutes Commission to Share the Stories of New Martyrs

By Justin McLellan, Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — The Vatican will establish a new commission to identify and catalogue Christians who have died for their faith in the last 25 years, Pope Francis said.

Looking to the Holy Year 2025, the pope instituted the "Commission of New Martyrs" within the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints to "create a catalogue of all those who have shed their blood to confess Christ and witness the Gospel," he wrote in a letter announcing the commission's establishment and published by the Vatican July 5.

The pope said the commission will continue research that began ahead of Holy Year 2000 to "individuate the witnessing of the faith in this first quarter century and to continue in the future."

Martyrs have accompanied the church through every age, he wrote in the letter signed July 3, noting that martyrs "are more numerous in our time than in the first centuries."

"They are bishops, priests, consecrated persons, laypeople and families that in different countries of the world, with the gift of their lives, have offered the supreme test of charity," he wrote.

The pope said that the initiative does not seek to establish new criteria for canonically determining the requirements of martyrdom, but "to continue the initiated survey of those who, to this day, continue to be killed simply because they are Christians."

"It is a matter of continuing the historical investigation to collect the testimonies of life, up to the shedding of blood, of these our sisters and brothers, so that their memory stands out as a treasure cherished by the Christian community," Pope Francis wrote. The commission's research into martyrs will not be limited within the Catholic Church but will extend to all Christian confessions, he said.

Even today "Christians continue to show, in contexts of high risk, the vitality of the baptism that brings us together," the pope wrote. "Indeed, it is not a few that, even aware of the risks they run, show their faith or participate in the Sunday Eucharist."

The pope recalled that during the Jubilee year 2000 an ecumenical celebration was held at the Colosseum in Rome that gathered representatives of different churches to evoke what he called an "ecumenism of blood."

He said a similar event will take place in the upcoming Jubilee year.

The Vatican announced July 5 that the commission will be led by Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints. Its vice-president will be Andrea Riccardi, founder of the Community of Sant’Egidio.

Its 10 members include Jesuit Father Arturo Sosa, superior general of the Jesuits; Sister Nadia Coppa, president of the International Union of Superiors General; political scientists and church historians.

Pope Francis said that the work of the commission will allow the testimonies of new martyrs "to be placed alongside the martyrs officially recognized by the church."

"The martyrs of the church are the witnesses of the hope that derives from faith in Christ and incites true charity," he wrote in his letter. "We owe a great debt to them and we cannot forget them."

Baltimore Archbishop Asks for Prayers for Victims of Mass Shooting

Baltimore (OSV News) — Following a mass shooting in which two people were killed and another 28 injured at a block party July 2 in the South Baltimore community of Brooklyn, Baltimore Archbishop William E. Lori asked for prayers for the victims and the city.

"Many of us woke up this morning to the devastating news of the mass shooting in Baltimore's Brooklyn community," Archbishop Lori said. "Today, I invite you to pause and to pray with me. Pray for the two people whose lives have been ended in an act of rage and violence. Pray for the 28 people who are recovering from injuries, some still fighting for their lives."

Three of the shooting victims remained in critical condition as of press time. Baltimore Mayor Brandon M. Scott said the investigation into who was responsible for the shootings was ongoing. "We will not rest until the people responsible are held accountable," he said in a July 2 statement issued jointly with the Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement and the Baltimore Police Department.

"My heart is with those who lost their lives, all those who are now battling injuries, and their loved ones. This community should also know that they have our wholehearted support during this unimaginably difficult time," the mayor said.

Archbishop Lori urged people as they pray to "consider ways that we might be called to act."

"Consider how all of us can support neighborhood and community efforts that work to end violence in our streets," he said. He said the Archdiocese of Baltimore, like the Catholic Church has done in New York, Chicago and elsewhere, recognizes "the pain caused by gun violence."

The archdiocese is working with the city of Baltimore to offer a gun buyback Aug. 5 in Baltimore’s Edmondson Village neighborhood. Archbishop Lori urged people to share news of the event and encourage participation in it.

"Together, with the grace of God, we can work to create a future where no one wakes up to the news of another mass shooting," he said.

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mission in our diocese for the people of God."

The Franciscan priest came to the United States on Aug. 18, 2014. He was named the associate pastor at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston on Sept. 24 of that year. In October a year later, his diocesan assignment sent him to his current parish in Clarksburg and Sacred Heart Mission in Salem. In 2018, he was also named pastor of St. Ann’s and pastor of Salem University.

The four-year journey that culminated with the patriotic ceremony in Clarksburg included writing an essay, being interviewed, and completing a rigorous 100 question written test.

Courtesy Photo

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Parishioners had the opportunity to sponsor the statues and benches stationed throughout the garden and dedicate them to anything or anyone they wanted to memorialize or celebrate such as the memory of lost loved ones, in honor of a wedding anniversary, celebrating the birth of a child, or in thanksgiving of God’s blessings, Boggess said.

“This garden represents the entire cycle of life and commemorates those who we love, while honoring and thanking our good and gracious God,” she said. “It truly was a parish effort where a large amount of our parishioners contributed on some level.”

Inscribed on the granite wall at the entrance of the garden are these words: “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.” Also at the entrance is a free little Catholic library, which will be filled with prayer books and rosaries that people may use during their visit. The garden also houses a large pavilion for outdoor functions. There is also a naming wall listing sponsors.

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The construction of the garden garnered much attention from the community as many people would drive by to see how the project was progressing. People changed their daily walking route just to see it, Boggess said, noting that the parish had received messages on Facebook and phone calls asking if the garden was open.

This interest from the wider Princeton community is exactly what Father Devasya was hoping for, because the parish wants the garden to also be a place to foster ecumenism.

“We also would like to be more ecumenical and invite the community to a beautiful sacred place where they can take a break from the hustle and bustle of the world and connect with God, no matter what denomination,” he said.

Boggess added that the garden would be an excellent way to bring the community together through open prayer services or candlelight vigils. “Nothing brings people together in a more meaningful way than shared prayer,” she said.

The idea of creating the prayer garden began more than three years ago with the intention of having a quiet place for people to be with God when the church was not open. The few empty lots around the church were the best option, and with careful planning and fundraising, the parish worked to bring the idea to fruition.

“Our parish watched this dream slowly evolve through fall, winter, and spring,” Boggess said. “To see the completion, especially in the summer when the trees and flowers were in bloom, finally brought the garden to life. To see our loved ones’ names written on the benches and the naming wall was very emotional for our families.”

Father Devasya hopes parishioners and the people in the community will make good use of the prayer garden. All are invited to stop by and visit and spend time in prayer, while enjoying God’s creation. “Go during the week and let the sunshine upon their face, listen to the birds, say the rosary, have ministry meetings there, or meet a friend for lunch and pray together,” Father Devasya said. “Gaze at the face of Jesus, sit with Mary, or pray for the intercession of someone’s guardian angel. If they have no words, just sit in silence, and let God do the rest.”

He went on to say that he is grateful, as a pastor, to see how parishioners worked together to make this dream a reality, to all who contributed, and to the diocese. “When you look at the naming wall and see the names of all those who participated in honor of loved ones,” he said, “it is uplifting and encouraging to have something bring our people together while glorifying God.”

The theme of Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Sacred Heart Parish in Bluefield was Monumental, Celebrating God’s Greatness. Above, seminarian Michael Tupta visits with the VBS children after they made their bracelet craft.
A 20-Year Commitment to Outreach in Whitesville by DOT Ministries

By Colleen Rowan

WHITESVILLE — DOT Ministries is a Catholic, nonprofit organization that brings teens and adults to discipleship by serving others. For more than two decades, the organization has been bringing groups of young people from Georgia to West Virginia annually to help residents in the small town of Whitesville with home repairs they cannot afford on their own.

“It’s really something,” said Sheila Combs, a lifelong resident of Whitesville. “They started coming here about 23 years ago and they fell in love with West Virginia and the area and people. And thank goodness for our area they keep coming back, because there are so many people that receive help and assistance while they’re here.”

The organization’s most recent service trip to the town was the week of June 18 with 52 high school and college students along with 33 adults who made repairs and improvements to the homes of eight families in need. Combs, who has been a member of St. Joseph the Worker Church in Whitesville for 30 years, helps DOT Ministries identify needs in the area. She and others at St. Joseph’s distribute applications for DOT assistance in the community.

“I’m a very small cog in this effort,” she said. “They have done this so long they are a well-oiled machine. When they arrive, I just step back and let them go at it.”

Many of the individuals who receive help from DOT are on very low, fixed incomes, Combs said. “Some of them have health issues that limit them and what they can do. They (the DOT volunteers) greatly impact so many people here,” she said.

DOT Ministries President Ed Gallagher has been bringing groups to Whitesville for more than 20 years. He was in Whitesville again last month with this year’s group and said that those who they helped this year include an elderly woman with a disability. The group replaced the rotting wooden floor in her living room with a new floor. Another elderly lady has to use a walker now and the carpet in her house made mobility difficult.

“So we took the carpet out and put in a hardwood floor,” Gallagher said, adding that they also removed her bathtub and replaced it with a shower.

The group went on to construct a second exit and a porch on a family’s trailer.

“There are all kinds of projects,” Gallagher said, “with all different types of needs.”

The group received 30 requests for help this year, but there is only so much that can be done within a week.

“We’re doing the best we can, but we’re limited in that we can only accomplish what we can between Monday and Friday,” he said.

During their trips, DOT Ministries volunteers stay at Whitesville Elementary School and have their meals at St. Joseph’s, where they also attend Sunday Mass. They also attend daily Mass or a Communion service and engage in daily discussions about their experiences.

Combs said the group always patronizes local business for their needs to help support the community.

On the last day of their trip, the DOT volunteers shared dinner with parishioners and the families they worked with during the week.

Each time the group comes to Whitesville, they always find the people very welcoming, Gallagher said. “And very appreciative of what we can do, and wanting to give back with whatever limited means they have,” he said.

For more information about DOT Ministries, visit www.dotministries.org.
Catholic Schools Celebrate Their Golden Horseshoe Winners

WEST VIRGINIA—On June 13 the West Virginia Department of Education recognized 226 eighth-grade students from middle schools across the state as Knights of the Golden Horseshoe. Thirteen winners are students in our diocesan Catholic schools. They are listed with their West Virginia Studies teachers: Charleston Catholic High School—Katelyn Hentschel, Patrick Kirby, Isabelle Paulson (Jennifer Cline); Madonna High School, Weirton—Jake Goddard, Mitra Jasko, Sophia Soly, (Caitlin McClain); St. Joseph Grade School, Martinsburg—Jackson Allen, Tran Dinh, Freyja Dreflak, Karissa Sood (Kathleen Landry); St. Michael Parish School, Wheeling—Annabella Blatt (Thomas Olivier); St. Patrick Grade School, Weston—Samantha Blake, Camryn Lambert, (Sydney Bush).

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By Joyce Bibey

It was time! Time to do something.

Hank Grimsland of Martinsburg believes we all have the hands of Christ to reach out to those in need, and the love of God to bring hope to the hopeless. He is a man who cannot sit idly by—a man who wholeheartedly believes we need to stop ignoring the voice of the Holy Spirit, calling us to strengthen our faith and make a difference.

He was born in Norway and baptized Lutheran. In 1955 his father, a merchant seaman, had to leave the country to find work in the United States, because the Scandinavian economy was so bad. The family decided it would be best to move to a Norwegian community in Brooklyn in 1957.

He met Kate when he was living in New Paltz, N.Y. She was a cradle Catholic, but had stopped going to Mass as a young adult. Hank was drawn to the Catholic faith after the couple started dating and specifically when he had enrolled in Bible courses that looked at the first 1,500 years of Christianity. “It was all right there,” he said. “The Church Jesus created is documented in history. The facts defend the faith. The Liturgy and the Sacraments celebrate Christ and His teachings. I truly wanted to receive Christ—Body and Blood—in the blessed Sacrament. It was like lightbulbs turned on for me.

“I have always been pro-life, but I could see my denomination tolerating and even defending abortion... that was the last straw,” he said. In February of 1998, he contacted the St. Joseph Parish in New Paltz, and began taking RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes with Kate at his side, and he entered the Church at the Easter Vigil in 1999.

“I was so eager to become part of the Church that Jesus and the Apostles began for us,” he said. “It was a test of my patience and determination really. I didn’t want to have to wait so long, but then I thought, ‘This is smart. Nothing good or of great importance and value is just given to you, you have to wait, prepare, and then nurture it.’”

In 2001, he became the Catholic Campus Minister at State University in New Paltz. In that role he became even more in touch with his faith fully alive, evangelizing others through RCIA and also wanting to make a difference on a grand scale. He developed a friendship with Marina and Rafael Delgado, a family living in New York from the Dominican Republic, and learned about the great needs in the country—poverty, the need for neighborhood chapels, and lack of quality education for children.

“That’s when the Holy Spirit moved me to do something and not just sit idly by,” he said. “In my wildest dreams I could not have imagined the difference that we would make.”

In 2007, with the help of the Delgados and a parish in the Dominican Republic, the mission teams have held faith and fun events for the children in the communities.

The chapels are a great benefit of the entire community, as in the St. Maria Goretti Chapel in Los Calabozos, Dominican Republic constructed in 2017-2018. In addition to being a place of worship and religious education, the chapel is also used as an elementary school.

It was during these mission trips, when children from the neighborhoods would flock to the missionary group to watch and interact. “We looked forward to them coming around,” he said. “These little relationships we formed became the tangible and emotional reason we would go back each year.”

The mission team and the Grimslands recognized that these kids were not going to school. The main reason they were given was due to poverty, accessibility, and safety reasons.

“I couldn’t stop thinking about their situations, but the need was so overwhelming what was I to do?” He said he kept thinking about a quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta, “I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”

In 2010, Kate and Hank decided they would personally sponsor the education of one child at a time. HANK AND KATE GRIMSLAND FOUNDER OF THE ST. JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN’S FUND
Faith...

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child – to attend a Salesian missionary school in the DR. The Delgados introduced them to Haitian immigrant child in the DR, Josianne Bap-

tiste.

“This was one of the great-
est and most rewarding things we ever did,” he said. Each year the Grimslands made sure Josi-
anne had what she needed to attend school. The families kept in touch, visiting in the DR each year. Today Josianne is a school psychologist and a great role model for children who are just like her.

In 2013, the Grimslands of-


ficially founded the non-profit St. John Bosco Children’s Fund, “helping to break the cycle of poverty, one child at a time,” and opening the door for others to have the opportu-
nity to sponsor children like Josianne.

The organization today not only helps children in the DR, but also Haiti.

“Poverty is one of the major factors that will determine whether a child in the Dominici-

can Republic and Haiti will finish his/her education,” he noted.

The SJBCF works in part-

ership with Catholic educa-
tional institutions whose goal it is to provide quality education while developing the concept of the whole person: body, mind, and spirit. The cost for sponsoring a student to attend school for one year is $300 which covers tuition, uniforms, school supplies, field trips, and meals.

The Grimslands are happy to share that SJBCF donors and sponsors are providing educational support for 51 students: 17 that are in grades K – 12 in the Dominican Republic; 21 students in Haiti; and 13 col-
lege students.

Hank retired from his job as campus minister in 2021, and the couple moved to Martins-
burg in 2022 to be closer to their adult children Ryan, Erik, Kevin, and Kristen and their families.

Keeping the SJBCF going is Hank’s mission. He continues to visit the DR, monitoring the success of SJBCF. He noted that unfortunately the situation in Haiti remains too dangerous to visit the sponsored students there.

“It truly is the Holy Spirit working through me,” he said. “I could not do what we do if I wasn’t strengthened by the Blessed Sacrament and the Mass.

“And, just as we learned from the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta, who gave up every-

thing to care for those who had no hope, we can make a differ-
ence like Christ if we just decide to focus and act – not just have good intentions – on helping even just one child,” he said.

To find out more about the SJBCF go to: https://sjbcf.org or email Hank at hankgrims land@gmail.com.

First Holy Communion in Monongah

Children at Holy Spirit Parish in Monongah are pictured following their first Holy Com-
munion. In the front row, from left, are Peyton Fazio, Lyla Ammons, Chloe Fazio, and Maddox Wimbish. In the second row, from left, are Frankie Vandetta, Parker Boyles, and Tristan Barber. With the children is Father Phillip Szabo, parochial vicar at St. John University Parish in Morgantown, celebrant of the Mass.
Faith Formation Director Needed

St. Mary Parish, Star City

A progressive parish of 600 families is seeking a vibrant individual to coordinate formation programs, enable the gifts of the faithful, and to engage our youth to live a life of faith. We are located in Morgantown, WV, home of West Virginia University. Our people have a deep love for celebrating Mass, gathering for fellowship, opportunities for adult formation and growth and for mission, to the least of these. The position is full-time and reports to the Pastor.

Responsibilities & Duties: Coordinates and manages all Faith Formation ministries including, but not limited to Religious Education/Pastoral Ministry/Theology (Preferred), BA/BS + catechetical experience (Qualfied), Diploma + certified catechist (Will Consider)

Preferred Skills: Excellent organizational, supervisory and leadership skills; Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills; Works well in collaborative efforts with other parish ministers; Excellent computer skills including the use of Microsoft Office; Skills in communicating via social media platforms.

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If interested please submit a resume by August 1, 2023. Send letter and resume to Fr. John McDonough by email jmcdonough@dwc.org or via mail to:
Attn: Father John McDonough
St. Mary Parish
3346 University Avenue
Morgantown, WV 26505

St. Mary’s Medical Center, Huntington, WV – This Priest/Chaplain serves as part of an interfath spiritual care team. He provides a compassionate and pastorally caring presence for patients, families and staff through attentive listening and spiritual counseling interventions, making tangible God’s grace and presence amidst their present circumstances and is supportive of the Mission and Values of St. Mary’s Medical Center.

In addition, the priest/chaplain recruits, trains, and serves as a liaison to Eucharistic Ministers who serve the medical center’s catholic patients. The Priest/chaplain will respond to on-call requests and after hour emergencies for chaplain assistance for sacramental ministry to Catholic patients. He is expected to celebrate Mass regularly for the religious community of the Pallotine Missionary Sisters, provide sacramental ministry and pastoral support to patients and their families, staff, and the sisters.

The Priest/Chaplain’s role includes a broader dimension in the areas of formation, education, and leadership that nurtures the mission and values of St. Mary’s by participating in mission integration activities to further the mission and values which gives the health ministry of St. Mary’s Medical Center a foundation which embodies a wholistic approach to the healing of body, mind and spirit, a cornerstone of St. Mary’s Medical Center.

Minimum Requirements: Education: An ordained Roman Catholic priest in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church and with the ecclesiastical endorsement of the Bishop of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese. A Master’s degree in theology, divinity, pastoral ministry, or spirituality. Completed 4 units of Clinical Pastoral Education accredited by ACPE. Certified or eligible for certification within 2 years of hire. Complete Safe Environment program mandated by the Diocese. Work Experience: 1-year clinical training usually through CPE. Competitive Salary and Benefits offered.

For more information or to apply contact: Rev. Greg Creasy, Diocesan Director of Spiritual Care & Mission Integration gay@stm-s.org or call 304.526.1188.
**Un Millón de Rosarios para pedir por Vocaciones en West Virginia**

Por Joyce Bibe

WEST VIRGINIA — ¿Podemos contar contigo?

Te gustaría participar en esta misión que la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston la cual esta promoviendo el rezar un millón de rosarios por las vocaciones se iniciará en la Fiesta de la Asunción el día 15 de Agosto del 2023 y terminando el día 7 de Octubre del 2023 en la festividad de la Virgen del Rosario.

Una promoción de rezar el Rosario de tal magnitud no se ha llevado a cabo en nuestra Diócesis, pero con tu ayuda lo lograremos.

Con el apoyo de Nuestro Señor Obispo y está idea de la hermana Martha Teresa Gómez, RGS, representante de la Vida Consagrada en la Diócesis el millón de rosarios por las vocaciones dará muchos frutos verdaderos en cada uno y en todos en general.

“Nootros, somos el fruto de muchas oraciones que se hicieron por las vocaciones al sacerdocio, al diaconado, y a la vida consagrada” señala la hermana Martha Teresa en nombre de los hermanos, hermanas, sacerdotes, diáconos, y los que están en formación en la Diócesis de Wheeling-Charleston.

Todos los que hemos sido llamados a la vocación religiosa estamos muy agradecidos del amor que hemos recibido por medio de oraciones, tarjetas, cartas y otras formas de reconocimiento y además agrega la hermana que una vocación al sacerdocio, o vida consagrada está respaldada y fortificada por una fuerte e intensa oración al alguien: una abuelita (o) una madre o un padre y al igual de una comunidad de fe. Las vocaciones nacen y se forman de la oración: y se perseveran por medio de la oración.

La hermana Martha Teresa Gómez también quiere que se incluyan en el millón de rosarios las vocaciones al matrimonio, al celibato que todos unidos atraves de nuestro bautismo sirvamos a Dios y a nuestros hermanos.

En el estado de West Virginia tenemos 66,925 Católicos. 24 escuelas Católicas con más o menos 5,000 alumnos y personal; 110 sacerdotes; 12 comunidades religiosas de sacerdotes, tres hermanos religiosos dos comunidades de hermanos; 82 religiosas; 21 comunidades de religiosas; 50 diáconos; 92 parroquias; 20 misiones; 18 Capillas; 7,665 alumnos participando en la instrucción religiosa tanto en las escuelas como en las parroquias; asilos de de ancianos, nueve ministerios en las universidades; y una fuerte comunidad de organizaciones religiosas como los Caballeros de Colon, El Serra Club; y otras mas.

Esta misión se publicará por línea y habrá un lugar en donde ustedes puedan aportar el número de rosarios que puedan ofrecer por las vocaciones durante esta misión de ocho semanas.

Además de tu promesa de rosarios, también les estamos pidiendo a todos que inviten a todos sus seres queridos y amistades de otros lugares del mundo ha que se unan a esta nuestra (campaña) misión, si todos lo hacemos tendremos muchas personas pidiendo por vocaciones para nuestra diócesis de West Virginia. Díce la hermana Martha Teresa Gómez.

En España

Déjate transformar por la Eucaristía, pide el Papa a los católicos

Por Justin McEllean

Catholic News Service

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (CNS) — Los católicos deben colocar a la Eucaristía en el centro de sus vidas para transformar sus relaciones con Dios y con el prójimo, dijo el papa Francisco.

“Si al salir de Misa estás igual que cuando entraste, algo no funcionó”, dijo el Papa en un mensaje de video publicado el 3 de julio para su instrucción religiosa.

El Papa Francisco rezó para que los católicos pongan el centro de sus vidas la celebración eucarística y que “transforma las relaciones humanas y abre al encuentro con Dios y con los hermanos”.

**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 alentan 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 varían según su ubicación. Si cree que alguien está en peligro, 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 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 Naves 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 en cualquier parroquia o escuela católica. Se puede acceder a la plataforma EthicsPoint a través de www.dwc.org, en “Rendicion de cuentas”, luego “Informe mala conducta” o llamando al 844.723.8381. EthicsPoint es un sistema de informes de terceros que informa a las autoridades civiles cuando corresponde y a las autoridades diocesanas, y la identidad de la persona que informa está protegida. Enlaces e informacion: Departamento de Salud y Recursos Humanos de WV; https://www.wvdhhr.gov/report.asp. Policía Estatal de Virginia Occidental, Unidad de Crímenes contra Niños: 304-293-6400.
St. James Jam Will Raise Funds to Feed the Hungry

CHARLES TOWN — St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town is hosting an energetic, entertaining event on July 28 to feed the hungry in West Virginia and beyond. The St. James Jam will feature a 5K run, 1-mile walk, bounce house competition for youth and a cornhole tournament. The St. Isidore Market will open at 4:30 p.m. and events kick off at 6 p.m. at the church, 49 Crosswinds Drive in Charles Town.

Refreshments, including shrimp tacos, will be provided through the market. The registration fee for each event is $15 per person, per event, with a $40 maximum per family. All fees will go directly to support the church’s mission of nourishing the needy by paying for food from local farmers and markets and fuel for transporting it.

The cost of timing the race, T-shirts, prizes and refreshments is covered by sponsors. Through its Simon of Cyrene trucking, mobile food bank and partnership with Community Markets, St. James has provided more than 600,000 pounds of food to the people of West Virginia. This year, volunteers already delivered potatoes, green beans, lettuce, tomatoes and oranges; hosted three mobile food banks; an Easter giveaway; a St. Martin of Tours food giveaway; and the Mountaineer Food Bank.

Last year, the church helped people in 13 West Virginia counties and this year, the goal is to deliver food to 25 counties.

To register, go to https://www.stjameswv.org/blog/announcements/st-james-jam-july-28th-2023-at-6pm. For more information, email saintjamesjam23@gmail.com or call (304) 995-5539.

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