



HEAR THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S CALL

ENTER THE GATE WELCOMING YOU TO ETERNAL LIFE



This Fourth Sunday of Easter we hear John's Gospel (10:1-10), declaring Christ is the gate that welcomes us into peace and eternal life. Imagine Him with His arms outstretched, waiting to embrace you. The gate is open.

Be disciplined enough to heed the shepherd and turn away from

temptation, instant gratification, entitlement, and lies promising an easier way.

Recognize the voice of Christ and follow Him. He calls us by name. "He calls his own sheep by name and leads them . . ."

On this Good Shepherd Sunday as a Church family, we are called to prayer for vocations.

As a member of the Church, we all have been called since baptism to foster strong Catholic vocations – the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, missionary life, single life, and married life.

Whatever our vocation we are called by Jesus to abide in the compassion, patience, and love He taught us – see the good in others, forgive, serve without wanting something in return, and be the light of Christ in your actions and your words.

Trust God, His plan, and His timing.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston call to mind all those who have

strengthened our faith throughout our lives, as well as those who are shepherding us today.

Together let us thank God for our bishop, our priests, deacons, seminarians, consecrated men and women, missionaries, and lay faithful who are servant leaders for Christ's Church.

Individually let us dedicate ourselves to our own faith filled discernment and also continually encourage young men and women to open their hearts and minds to the priesthood and religious life.

As a member of His Church, it is a serious responsibility. At baptism we are called to holiness - to serve God and others. Strong marriages, where couples grow in faith and receive the Eucharist together; and the commitment to a single life without marriage and children (CCC 1658) and focused on living in the spirit of the Beatitudes - are all important vocations to the Church.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston we keep Deacon Clifton Mastran close in prayer as he prepares for his ordination to the priesthood; and Seminarian Michael Aiello, who will be ordained to the transitional diaconate. Both will take place together on May 30th at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, Wheeling.



God is calling young men and women to the priesthood and religious life every day. Countless prayers are offered for an increase of laborers to the Church – laborers with Christ. The Church's foremost action in promoting vocations is prayer. So let us be obedient to

Christ's command (Matthew 9:38), "Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest."

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, let us be completely present as we unite our voices in prayer with the faithful from across the globe and here at home in the Mountain State.

May Christ the Good Shepherd bring us, His flock, into His peace, and may many answer His call with generous hearts (CCC 1658).



Sunday Mass can't be our only touchpoint with God. Beyond Sunday is a guide to living the Catholic faith more fully each day through Catholic media, podcasts, art, gifts, and trusted voices from the church to help nourish our own prayer, reflection, and mission.

RESOURCES FOR YOU THIS WEEK



NEWS - National Catholic Reporter - Founded in 1964, the National Catholic Reporter is a nonprofit, lay-led and independent publication. NCR readers look to NCR to investigate and report on the whole story, without fear or favor, even when it involves telling the truth to and about power.

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WWW.ELIZABETHCLAREBLOG.COM



PODCAST - Godsplaining - a Catholic podcast hosted by four Dominican friars of the Province of St. Joseph, created to help you to deepen your faith, pray with confidence, and tackle today's difficult issues.

GODSPLAINING.ORG

Cathedral Celebrates 100 Years as a Living Sign of God's Presence and Mission



The Cathedral of St. Joseph stands as a lasting tribute to the faithful of West Virginia, majestic outside and breathtaking within, mirroring the dedicated souls who have called and continue to call the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston home. Packed pews, overflow crowds, and a spirit of heartfelt gratitude marked the Cathedral's 100th anniversary Mass, where His Eminence Cardinal Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, served as principal celebrant and homilist, joined by our Bishop Mark Brennan and Bishop Earl Fernandes, of the Diocese of Columbus (Ohio).



As the Nuncio expressed his awe of the church, he inspired all present to ponder what God is continuing to build in and through this cathedral.

For one hundred the cathedral has remained a visible sign of faith, standing strong for a people shaped by hard work, sacrifice, and an abiding trust in God's goodness, mercy, hope, and love.

"We give thanks for the faith of those who built this church," Cardinal Pierre said in his homily, with an acknowledging nod to four special guests at the Mass, the descendants of the cathedral's architect Edward J. Weber. (It was Bishop John J.



Edward Joseph Weber
Architect

Swint who hired the young Catholic architect from Pittsburgh. Weber was designed Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bluefield.)

"We give thanks for those who worship here and for all that God has done in this diocese. But the word of God today invites us to do more than to look backward. It invites us to ask what this cathedral means. What is God showing us here?"

"The readings lead us on a beautiful path. God is making all things new. The Church is a sign of that new

creation. This cathedral exists to serve that mystery and those who are formed here must go forth on mission. "In St. Joseph, whose name this cathedral bears, we see a model of how to live that mission.

The first reading (Revelation 21:1-5) gives us a great horizon - a new heaven and a new earth, restored communion with God and humanity - the fulfillment of his kingdom, eternal life.

"God has come near... by entering our history (as Jesus) He has opened for us, to us, the life of His kingdom. That is why the Church matters so much. The Church established by Christ is meant to be a sign of this new creation. And don't forget we are the Church!

"She is meant to show even now what life can be like when human beings and God live in communion.

"St. Paul explains this simply in the second reading (1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17). You are God's building. And again, do you know you are the temple of God? Do you know the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

"This means that God does not merely gather us into a building. He decides

continue...

to build up, to build us up as His people. He does not merely bring us to the holy place, but desires to make us holy.



“This cathedral in its beauty. . . has been built and rebuilt. It’s beautiful. . . This cathedral in its beauty, its order, its sacred signs is meant to draw people into communion with God. It teaches. It makes visible something of the holiness and beauty of God’s life.

“Amid so much that scatters our attention and lowers our sight, a church like this lifts the heart and reminds us that we are made for more. We are made for God. And here, in God’s house God forms us more deeply as his people. Here we are sanctified by contact with the living God, present in the His Word and in the sacraments.

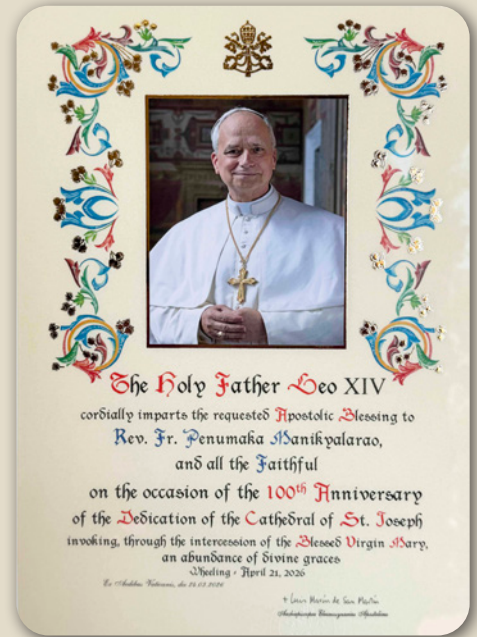
“Today we give thanks for this cathedral of stone and marbles, but even more. . . what God has done and continues to do for it.

“The Christian life cannot, of course, stop here. . . We do not come into the house of God and remain within it. . . We are sent from here. What we receive here is not meant to be kept for ourselves but carried outwards.

“So, as we give thanks today. . . let us ask not only how it was built but (also) what it is building today - a people in whom God dwells, a people who know His presence, a people ready to go forth with the gospel. That is the grace we ask today through the intercession of St. Joseph that this cathedral church be a sign of the new creation begun in Christ, and that all of us formed here. . . may go forth with joy and zeal in the holy spirit. Amen!”



PLENARY INDULGENCE HONORING CENTENNIAL YEAR



Pope Leo XIV has granted a Plenary Indulgence in honor of the Cathedral of St. Joseph’s Centennial Celebration.

What does that mean?

A plenary indulgence is a beautiful gift of grace from the Church, the full remission of the temporal punishment due to sin. In other words, it’s a powerful opportunity for spiritual renewal and a deeper experience of God’s mercy.

During this special year, from now until April 21, 2027, the Catholics can receive this indulgence by:

- Devoutly visiting the Cathedral
- Participating in a sacred liturgy, or at least praying the Our Father and the Creed
- And fulfilling the usual conditions (within 20 days of the visit): Confession, Holy Communion, and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father

The parishioners of the cathedral church welcome and encourage all to celebrate as this is a grace filled moment for all the faithful in WV.

From Vision to Action

“Women of the Way” Council Takes Shape

After months of preparation a Diocesan Pastoral Council of Women: Women of the Way has been established, and last week held its inaugural organizational meeting at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston.

A group of women from across the diocese met to create a structured guideline that will help to move Women of the Way from vision – action. Gina Boggess of Sacred Heart in Bluefield, Carol Cofer, of Sacred Heart in Princeton, Sr. Paula Ude a professor at Concord University, and Sr. Martha Gomez of the Chancery make up the executive team under Bishop Mark Brennan with Fr. Sebastian Devasya as the spiritual leader.

Last year, Bishop Mark met with Sister Martha with the goal to develop a diocesan women’s leadership group to empower Catholic women of all backgrounds across the state, while building a united sisterhood grounded in faith and transformed by God.

At last week’s meeting, Bishop Mark encouraged the women gathered by the leadership team to work together to help their peers in every vicariate of the diocese to be leaders, evangelizers, and spiritual companions on the journey of faith.

Whether you are single, married, working, retired, elderly, in a religious community, a caretaker, a mother, or a grandmother Women of the Way aims to connect and inspire through our common bond – Christ.

The name Women of the Way is from Acts 9:2, describing early Christians as “followers of the Way.” Women have a vital role throughout the salvation history from our Blessed Mother to the women who followed Jesus, to our faithful women in the pews today.

- How will it work? Women of the Way will:
- Encourage and strengthen existing women’s groups within parishes
- Assist parishes in establishing a women’s group where none currently exist
- Provide support, resources, and tools for women in need
- Serve as a compassionate voice for the voiceless, bringing women’s concerns and hopes to the attention of diocesan leadership.

Featured presenters for the weekend included Bishop Mark; Mrs. Kathy Barton director of the office of Social Ministries in our Diocese; Sister Rose Ann Hefner, CSJ; Sarah McNeely, Co-Chair Immaculate Conception Women’s Ministry; and Enid Roman-De Jesus, Director of

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
**Diocesan Pastoral
Council of Women**



Women of the Way

the Office of Hispanic Ministry.

Deacons from around the state gathered with the group for prayer, and the weekend concluded with Mass on Sunday with Fr. John H. Finnell as celebrant.

Prayer for Women of the Way:

Gracious and loving God,

We gather at this inaugural meeting of the Women of the Way Diocesan Women’s Council with hearts full of gratitude and hope. We thank you for calling us together in faith, in purpose, and in love.

We give thanks for the faithful women who have gone before us – for the Blessed Mother, whose “yes” changed the world, for Mary Magdalene, first witness to the Resurrection, for the women who followed Jesus with courage and devotion, for the saints who lived lives of bold faith, and for our grandmothers, mother, and mentors who guided us, prayed for us, and showed us the way.

Their witness surrounds us like a great cloud of grace, reminding us that we do not walk this road alone.

Lord, as Woman of the Way, help us to walk together - to support one another, to listen with compassion, to lead with humility, and to serve with joyful hearts.

May we be your hand and feet, doing Your work here on earth-hand of compassion, hands of action, hands of loving touch; feet that move with purpose, feet steady and secure on the path of faith.

Bless each woman here today, and those whom You are calling to join us.

Bless our families and our work - spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

Pour out upon us all the graces we need to carry out the mission entrusted to us.

Strengthen us in times of uncertainty, unite us in our shared mission, and inspire us to be bearers of Your light in our communities.

May our work reflect Your love, our words speak Your truth,

And our lives witness to Your mercy.

Guide this council in wisdom and purpose, so that all we do may honor Your and uplift Your people.

We place this journey in Your Hands, trusting in Your grace every step of the way.

We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen

We ask our Holy Mother. “Come as we journey along our way, Santa Maria come.”

Looking forward to the next zoom meeting where these brave women will step forward to make this dream possible to serve the social concerns affecting Women in West Virginia.

Amen.

Unconditional Love and Fearless Faith

Honor St. Catherine of Siena on April 29th

Her faith, wisdom, and unconditional love of God and His Church make St. Catherine of Siena a beloved guide for personal greatness and holiness. Her feast day is April 29.

We don't need to complicate things if we mirror the attitude and embrace the confidence of St. Catherine. Cling to Christ in the Eucharist and be anchored in the foundational teachings of Christ and the Church. Know without a doubt that God loves you. Build a relationship with Him.

Through her life we should see a person with the attitude and character we should strive to have. Despite misunderstandings, ignorance, conflicts, corruption, and faults, we are loved beyond measure by Christ.

She would write that God said to her, "I loved you without being loved by you, even before you existed (in fact it was love that moved me to create you in my own image and likeness) . . . But you must give this love to other people, loving them without being loved by them."

Saint Catherine became a voice for peace and order in the Church. As a spiritual director for common people, royals, and governmental leaders, popes even sought her guidance. Her confessor, Blessed Raimondo of Capua, said her words can come across as soft and gentle like a child, but also profound like a great prophet.

The young Dominican lay woman famously convinced Pope Gregory XI and his cardinals to move back to Rome from France despite the extreme turmoil that drove these seats of authority away for nearly 70 years.

In 1970, she was named a Doctor of the Church, for the wisdom she gave us through her life and her word that to this day, strengthens the Church.

Her thoughts and teachings are captured in *The Dialogue* on Saint Catherine of Siena, a book she called, "my book." All of her writings were left in the hands of her confidant Blessed Raymond Capua, who published them in *The Dialogue*. He also wrote *The Life of St. Catherine of Siena*, a biography of her life based on their conversations.

From the age of six, Catherine would have visions of St. Peter,

St. Paul, St. John the Evangelist, angels, and Jesus.

"From this moment Catherine seemed to be no longer a child," Capua wrote. "Her virtues her manners, and her thoughts were superior to her age, and would have done honor to men of mature years. The first of divine love inflamed her heart and enlightened her understanding; her will strengthened, her memory developed, and her every action became conformed to the rules of the Gospel."

Her wisdom and understanding were genuine and kind when she spoke. She was not pompous but confident.

Whether speaking to the hierarchy of the Church or the poorest of poor, her message was clear and certain, "(God) is with us. He is within us. When we cry, he showers love down on us. When we rejoice, he dances too. He created us to desire him. We are restless without him. He knows us better than we know us. He created us with purpose and intent. When we doubt, when we fear, when we do not know what to do, we can call to him, and he will remind us that he never left. A fish pulls oxygen out of water to breathe. God is closer. God is our breath. He sustains us." Don't listen to the noise, brush off fear and doubt, and remember how close God really is to us.



The Pope of the Rosary – St. Pope Pius V



On April 30, the eve of the Marian month, say the Rosary and call upon St. Pius V to intercede for you.

It was in 1569 when Pope Pius V officially named the Rosary as a devotional prayer in the Church.

He is affectionally called “The Pope of the Rosary.”

Saint Pope Pius V also established the Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary (Oct. 7).

Born Antonio Ghislieri in 1504 near Milan, Italy, he was a shepherd boy until he entered the Dominican order at the age of 14, when he took the name Michele. He was ordained a priest in 1528. He would spend long hours each night in meditation and prayer. He would observe strict fasting and mortifications to honor God. As a Dominican friar he was devoted to praying 15 decades of the rosary (joyful, sorrowful, and glorious) as given through St. Dominic.

He was announced as bishop in 1556, and in 1557, when he was elevated even to Cardinal

he refused to live in luxury.

At the age of 62 he was elected pope, taking the name Pius V, in honor of his predecessor.

It is because of St. Pope Pius V that popes wear white.

The tradition came to be after Pope Pius V refused to change out the Dominican white habit after elected pope. His successors acknowledged and honored his holiness by wearing the same garb.

Saint Pope Pius V wholeheartedly gave credit to the Virgin Mary for the Oct. 7, 1571, victory for the Church and Christians of Spain and Venice over Turks, who waged war on all Christianity. The day of the battle at sea was the same day the Rosary Confraternity of Rome gathered to recite the rosary for the Blessed Virgin to intercede and go to Jesus to protect and empower the Christians at battle. Pope Pius V declared the day the Feast of Our Lady of Victory. A year later, his successor, Pope Gregory III, changed the name of the feast to Our Lady of the Rosary to emphasize the power of our Blessed Mother’s intercession.

One Mission One Day To Make a Difference

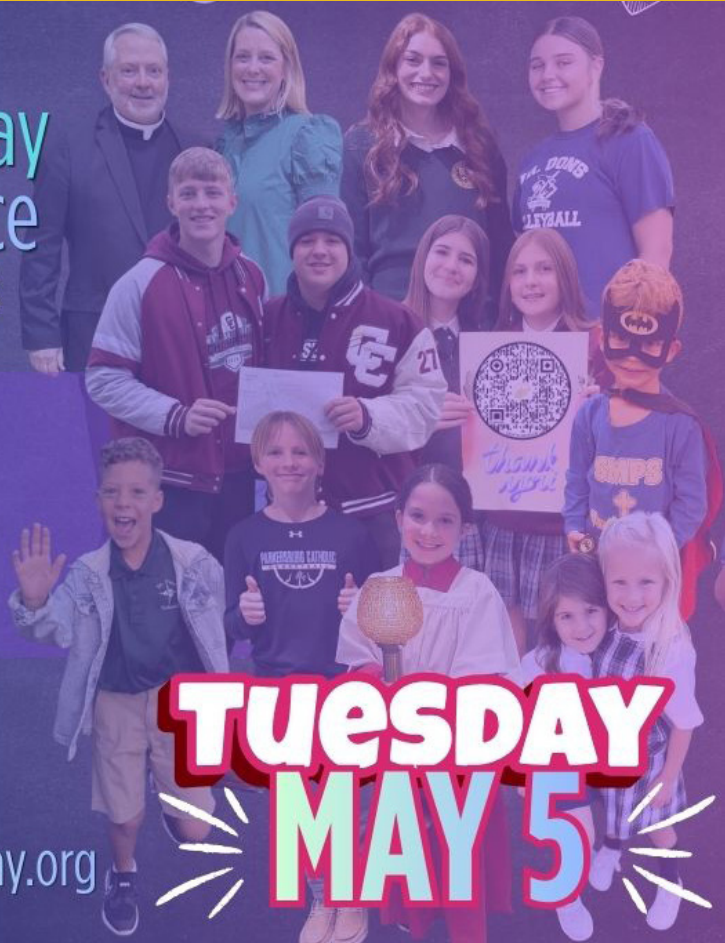
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**TUESDAY
MAY 5**



An Ordinary Man for an Extraordinary Plan

St. Joseph the Worker – Pray for Us!

Honor the Guardian of the Redeemer, St. Joseph the Worker on this feast May 1.

While we know May is a Marian month, honoring the Guardian of the Redeemer on this day was a significant and intentional move by the Church.

The first of May, known as “May Day” in the mid-19th Century, honored laborers around the World. A century later though there was a movement to rename it and change the distinction to “Communist Worker’s Day,” as a way to influence communism on society.

Upset, but putting his concerns before God, Venerable Pope Pius XII made the bold decision to call upon the faithful to pray for St. Joseph’s intercession.

He said there is “no better protector” than the Terror of Demons, to guard the world from evil and specifically to denounce communism.

“Go to Joseph!”

That is the direction of Venerable Pope Pius XII, to the faithful on May 1, 1955, when he declared the day as the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. He said the Guardian of the Redeemer will go directly to Christ with our prayers.

Look to St. Joseph and let him teach all of us how to work for God, family, and community.

As the patron of the universal Church and our diocese, he watches over and protects us.

Prayer to St. Joseph the worker by Pope John XXIII:

O glorious Joseph!

Who concealed your incomparable and regal dignity of custodian of Jesus and of the Virgin Mary under the humble appearance of a craftsman and provided for them with your work, protect with loving power your sons, especially entrusted to you.

You know their anxieties and sufferings, because you yourself experienced them at the side of Jesus and of His Mother.

Do not allow them, oppressed by so many worries, to forget the purpose for which they were created by God.

Do not allow the seeds of distrust to take hold of their immortal souls.

Remind all the workers that in the fields, in factories, in mines, and in scientific laboratories, they are not working, rejoicing, or suffering alone, but at their side is Jesus, with Mary, His Mother and ours, to sustain them, to dry the sweat of their brow, giving value to their toil.

Teach them to turn work into a very high instrument of sanctification as you did.

Amen.



Standing Tall Against All Odds for the Creed



“There (were) two things which the Savior did for us by becoming Man. He banished death from us and made us anew; and, invisible and imperceptible as in Himself He is, He became visible through His works and revealed Himself as the Word of the Father, the Ruler and King of the whole creation.” – St. Athanasius (293-373 AD), Doctor of the Church.

Honor St. Athanasius on his feast day, May 2, taking a moment to learn about his significance.

He grew up in a well-educated family in Alexandria, Egypt. He knew his Christian faith and was proud of it. A story handed down for centuries tells of him as a young boy at the seashore baptizing his peers. The bishop observed him and encouraged Athanasius to become a priest. He did and was eventually bishop.

Saint Athanasius opposed the teaching of Arianism, a strong movement claiming Christ Jesus existed as mere mortal not God. Arius, who was a priest in Alexandria, preached against the foundational teaching that Jesus was indeed God. This heresy led Church leaders to come together for the Council of Nicaea. Saint Athanasius was a deacon for Bishop Alexander at that time, 325 AD. The Nicene Creed was written clearly stating the doctrine of the Trinity, declaring specifically against Arianism that Jesus is “true God from true God consubstantial with the Father.”

While the creed we say today in the Church has stood the test of time these 1700 years later, the initial decades following the creation of the declaration weathered a lot of turmoil.

As bishop, St. Athanasius was exiled five times because the Roman emperors refused to believe the divinity of Christ.

This didn't defeat St. Athanasius. It made him stronger and backfired on Arianism. Because of these turbulent times we were given the gift of his apologetics – *Against*

the Heathen and *The Incarnation of the Word of God* – and his *Letters on the Divinity of the Holy Spirit*, *The Life of St. Anthony*, and more.

He was stubborn and no matter who stood before him or where he was banished to he adamantly stood steadfast “against the world” so be it, because he was sure Christ is true God. He earned himself many nicknames – the Black Dwarf, alluding to his short stature; the Father of Orthodoxy, the Hammer, and the Pillar of the Church.

Wisdom from St. Athanasius to strengthen our faith:

“The answer is this. The Lord did not come to make a display. He came to heal and to teach suffering men. For one who wanted to make a display the thing would have been just to appear and dazzle the beholders. But for Him who came to heal and to teach the way was not merely to dwell here, but to put Himself at the disposal of those who needed Him, and to be manifested according as they could bear it, not vitiating the value of the Divine appearing by exceeding their capacity to receive it.”

“Even on the cross He did not hide Himself from sight; rather, He made all creation witness to the presence of its Maker.”

“Surely it would have been better never to have been created at all than, having been created, to be neglected and perish; and, besides that, such indifference to the ruin of His own work before His very eyes would argue not goodness in God but limitation, and that far more than if He had never created men at all. It was impossible, therefore, that God should leave man to be carried off by corruption, because it would be unfitting and unworthy of Himself.”





From Prayer to Priesthood Encourage Vocations in WV



The 2026 CARA Report highlights strong connections to the Eucharist and Rosary among those being ordained to the priesthood this year.



In West Virginia, Deacon Clifton Mastran, will be ordained on May 30 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Deacon attended the National Eucharistic Congress in 2024 with the diocesan delegation of more than 200 laity, clergy, religious, and seminarians from WV.

In conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations released the Ordination Class of 2026 Study conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University.

In the US there are 428 men scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood this year. Of those 334 completed the survey.

Some of the most impressive findings noted that 93% of these men are cradle Catholics, baptized as an infant. The average age of those who converted to Catholicism as 20.

Prior to entering discernment at a seminary, the super majority of these men cherished Eucharistic Adoration and prayed the Rosary routinely.

As for Catholic education in grades K-12, 65% said they graduated from or attended Catholic school at some point in their career, 63% said they participated in the parish school of religion (PSR) programs (the average was for six years).

They also noted that they listened and responded to God's call to the priesthood after being encouraged by priests, family members, and friends.

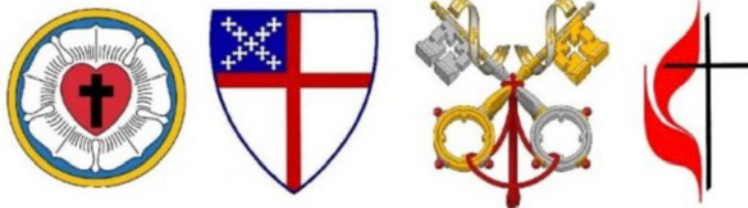
As a Church, we are reminded that vocations are fostered in community. Faithful in the diocese are encouraged to join the Rosary Crusade and pledge Rosaries for vocations here in WV. For information and to commit to a pledge go to: [DWC.ORG/ROSARY-CRUSADE/](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/ordination-classes)

A few of the major findings of the report are:

- Regarding prayer practices before entering the seminary, ordinands participated in Eucharistic Adoration (81%) on a regular basis, praying the Rosary (79%), participated in a prayer/Bible group (52%), and prayed Lectio Divina (48%).
- Nine in ten responding ordinands (92%) reported being encouraged to consider the priesthood by someone in their life, most frequently by a parish priest (70%), friend (49%), or parishioner (44%).
- Most respondents (93%) were baptized Catholic as an infant and raised primarily by their biological parents (97%) and a married couple living together (88%).

View the survey report results at:

[WWW.USCCB.ORG/COMMITTEES/CLERGY-CONSECRATED-LIFE-VOCATIONS/ORDINATION-CLASSES](https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/ordination-classes)



Registration Deadline for LARCUM 2026 is May 3

The annual LARCUM conference will be held May 18-20 at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center, Charleston. The theme this year is “Deliver Us from the Evil One: LARCUM Takes on the Tempter.” Registration closes May 3rd and rooms are selling out.

Attendees will be from four faith traditions which makes up the acronym LARCUM - Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic, and United Methodist. Together with presenters from each community, participants will explore matters related to the combatting satan and evil in today's world.



Adam Blai, a canon lawyer, judge, and peritus of religious demonology and exorcism for the Diocese of Pittsburgh will be a featured presenter.

Blai is an auxiliary member of the International Association of Exorcists based in Rome. He also has a professional background in psychology and brain research. He has worked for twenty years helping train exorcists, nationally and internationally. This has included teaching workshops at seminaries, clergy days, convocations, at the Pope Leo XIII institute in

Chicago (the exorcism school in the USA), and trainings in Singapore, the Philippines, and Trinidad. He has written a number of books for the public, educating on angels and demons, and what spiritual dangers the public should avoid. Much of his professional life has been spent working in the Pennsylvania State prison system as a Psychological Services Specialist, where he did hundreds of psychological evaluations for the parole process and worked with the full range of mental illness and human evil, including serial killers.

LARCUM WV began as ARC (Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue) more than forty years ago. After several years, the Lutheran community was invited to join, and the dialogue was renamed LARC. LARC WV meeting for three decades, was the longest running LARC in the USA. A little over ten years ago, the United Methodist were invited to join, and the name changed to LARCUM.

Each faith group has a member on the planning team. The topic for each LARCUM Conference is selected by the participants of the preceding LARCUM Conference.



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(SESSION THREE)

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ST. MICHAEL PARISH ANGELUS CENTER

All people of any religious denomination or human inclination are invited to St. Michael Parish as we listen to each other, pray together and discern where and how we are called to respond to the immigrants, migrants and refugees in the state of West Virginia, the United States, and around the World.

Part One

Pope Leo and the U.S. Bishops (Videos)

Part Two

Synodal Listening: What are you Hearing?
(Small Group Interaction)

Part Three

The 7 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching plus Examples

Part Four

Moving Forward: Summarizing the Situation and Possible Actions

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April 29 - The Power of Resurrection: A reflection on the reality of the Resurrection and its impact on fear and doubt of the Apostles and disciples.

May 7 - Final Instructions and Empowerment: After the Resurrection, Jesus reorients the disciples to trust in him, in his authority and intercession.

May 14 - Advent and Anticipation: After Jesus' Ascension, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem, spending time in prayer in the upper room while awaiting the Holy Spirit.

May 21 - Pentecost-Empowerment by the Holy Spirit: Emphasizing spiritual growth, bold faith, and the mission of the Church.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Peter calls all to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. About 3,000 did that very day.

Responsorial: Psalm 23

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

Second Reading: 1Peter 2:20b-25

By His wounds we have been healed.

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus said, “I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. . .”

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our Holy Father, Pope Leo, Apostolic Nuncio Cardinal Christophe Pierre, Bishop Mark Brennan, Bishop Earl Fernandes, of the Diocese of Columbus, and all clergy, deacons, religious, and faithful who joined in the celebratory Mass honoring the Cathedral of St. Joseph's 100th anniversary, may they all continue the mission of Christ's Church, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That our country's leaders may follow the example of the Good Shepherd in protecting those entrusted to their care and leading us all to a better future, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all walking through the dark valleys of addiction and for their families, that they may find the courage to place their trust in the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For women and men in our faith community who may hear the voice of the Lord calling them to be shepherds for his flock, that they may discern the kind of ministry they are being called to do, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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