



Celebrate Five with 5



As we honor the fifth anniversary of the installation of Most Reverend Mark Brennan next week as the Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we call upon the faithful to *Celebrate Five with 5!*

Celebrate Five with 5 is an opportunity for us to commemorate Bishop Mark's milestone year with the gifts Christ

taught us are the greatest to give – prayer and works of mercy. Throughout the year faithful will be able to go online to dwc.org/celebrate-five/.

WILL YOU COMMIT TO FIVE?

To honor Bishop Mark will you commit your word and deed in five acts of faith and works of mercy?

As we learned on his installation day on August 22, 2019, the motto Bishop Mark chose for his Coat of Arms, "*Living the Truth in Love*," emphasizes that it is in the love of Jesus Christ that we receive the strength to live as God called and Jesus instilled in us.

Let us show our thanksgiving through prayer and our love by our deeds. As is written in James 2:18 - **Demonstrate your faith through your works.**

GIVE THE GIFT

FIVE WITH 5 PRAYERS AND DEEDS

Gift of Prayer:

Choose to mirror the prayers of Bishop Mark. His daily prayerful habits include:

- **Pray the Rosary during a road trip.** Every time Bishop Mark travels across the diocese for parish and school visits or to celebrate Confirmation, he prays the rosary while driving (just remember to keep both hands on the wheel!).
- **Pray for pregnant women as well as the husband/father.** Each night, Bishop Mark says special prayers for women who are pregnant as well as the fathers. He prays for them by name, and encourages faithful to email him prayer requests for mothers if they are able.
- **Pray for engaged/newly married couples.** Bishop Mark regularly prays for engaged couples or newly wed couples, that they may live their lives in the faith, be strengthened by the Holy Family, and open to God's will in their lives.
- **Pray for the intentions of the faithful of the Diocese.** Bishop Mark has a rather large binder of prayer intentions given to him through the CSA prayer list as well as handwritten notes and emails from faithful across the state asking for his prayers.
- **Pray for Vocations.** Bishop Mark prays daily for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life so that the faithful of the diocese can continue to have good, loving priests and religious to minister to them in the future.

Gift of Deed and Service:

Prayerfully consider the Corporal Works of Mercy in the Catholic Church.

1. *Feed the hungry*
2. *Give Drink to the thirsty*
3. *Shelter the homeless*
4. *Visit the sick – the present of your presence with the sick physically, mentally, and spiritually.*
5. *Visit the prisoners – if not in person do it through ministry of cards/prayers/mass intentions*
6. *Bury the dead – Respect for life God created through prayer, in mass intentions, or by visiting a cemetery.*
7. *Give alms to the poor – gifts of treasure in a way that is pleasing to God.*



Catholic Charities West Virginia presents us with a suggested Five Acts of Service to honor Bishop Mark Brennan - a true servant, reflecting the example of Jesus who served others freely and impartially. Inspired by Bishop Brennan's example, we have compiled 5 acts of service you can perform to celebrate and honor Bishop Brennan's time in our Diocese. Pledge to put your faith into action:

- **Volunteer in Your Community** – The Church encourages communities to come together to support the vulnerable. Charity is not only an individual endeavor, but also a communal one, where groups and communities work together to address human needs. This collective action is vital for building a culture of solidarity and support. Volunteer 5 hours of service in your community. To volunteer with Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit www.ccwva.org/get-involved/volunteer/.

- **Listen and Encounter Others** – Engaging with others involves listening to their stories and recognizing their struggles. Listening is an act of love, and entering into dialogue with those in need can transform communities and build a more just society.

Spend an extra 5 minutes in conversation with someone you encounter throughout your day, learning more about his or her story and seeing Christ in that person.

- **Serve the Vulnerable** – The call to serve is particularly directed toward the most vulnerable members of society. True service involves caring for those who are suffering or marginalized, promoting their dignity, and ensuring that their needs are met. Access to healthy food, shelter, clothing, and personal hygiene items helps vulnerable individuals stay healthy and maintain a sense of dignity and self-worth.

Contact Catholic Charities West Virginia or another local nonprofit agency to learn of unmet needs in your community. Donate 5 needed items or host a drive to collect them.

- **Provide Spiritual and Emotional Support** – Beyond material assistance, providing spiritual and emotional support is crucial. Engaging with individuals through listening, companionship, and encouragement helps to foster a sense of belonging and dignity among those who are vulnerable.

Write a note to a person experiencing adversity, and Catholic Charities will give it to someone we serve. Share your support and encouragement in your note, letting the person know they are seen and they matter. Mail your notes to: Catholic Charities West Virginia | 2000 Main St. | Wheeling, WV 26003

- **Advocate for Justice** – Serving the vulnerable also means advocating for their rights and dignity. The Church teaches that Christians are called to fight against social injustices and to promote a culture of solidarity. This includes addressing systemic issues that contribute to poverty and marginalization.

Invite an expert from Catholic Charities to speak to your group or parish about poverty, the issues affecting the poor and marginalized in West Virginia, and what you can do. Contact advancement@ccwva.org.

Lastly, consider honoring Bishop Mark Brennan's installation anniversary with a donation to support the ministries at Catholic Charities West Virginia. The link to donate is at: dwc.org/celebrate-five/.

WALK WITH 270 LEADS TO WALK WITH ONE

Guess which will be more challenging?

So many stories and photos have sprung up since the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis last month – all testimonies of an almost heaven – where pride, mission, unity, and graces flowed freely from every heart and soul. I was blessed to have a bird’s eye view from start to finish – making a way to walk with 270 faithful from all over West Virginia to now being charged to Walk with One – an even greater challenge.

The journey to the Congress began for me more than two years ago getting to work with the National Eucharistic Revival initiatives in our diocese. The ordinary people in our parishes - just like you reading this; the Catholic influencers I follow for my lifelong catechesis; and the spiritual guides in my life who strengthen my faith daily (many of them don’t even know the impact they have) became my “why” – the motivation to carry our precious cargo to a “new Pentecost.”

What did I take to the Congress? I had with me one energized and fully engaged bishop; two years of plans printed and tucked in my messenger bag; three large groups of eager pilgrims on busses from Martinsburg, Charleston, and Wheeling – plus more than 100 more traveling on their own; and enough stamina to sprint through the five days and four nights with a combined 20 hours of sleep. It is safe to say I will never be the same.

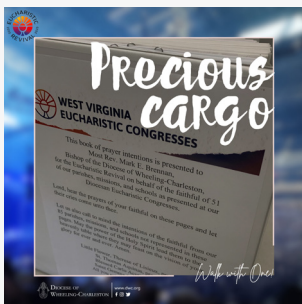
Arrived



We arrived at Lucas Oil Stadium fittingly just as the opening Eucharistic Procession entered the vast facility. More than 50,000 people from all over the US and 17 countries were in reverent awe of this significant moment - many on their knees, others waving their arms or holding their hearts, and some with tears of joy (or maybe for some it was relieved accomplishment) rolling down their faces. Count me in on the latter. We made it! Despite years of roadblocks, snafus, and daunting circumstances, here we were ready to be enlightened and determined to be difference makers - not just complainers.

Now what?

Precious Cargo



As our delegation descended on the city that became a Catholic-utopia, we became a speck among a sea of massive crowds. We all co-existed like nowhere on earth I’d ever witnessed. The negativity and cynicism of the outside world was silenced and replaced with excitement, compassion, and the healthy energy we pray our Church would always be. Among the precious cargo in tow on this adventure were prayers from the people back home – literally.

I had privilege to pray on behalf of our diocesan staff for the thousands of prayers submitted to Bishop Mark Brennan by faithful all over the state during our three Diocesan Congresses in the Diocesan Year of the Revival. He had kept them in the Bishop’s Chapel at the Chancery and prayed over this special book of intentions during the Parish Year of the Revival. Now those prayers - written in crayon by little hands in our preschools and in ink by shaky arthritic hands of the elders in our parish families – would be brought to our loving God through me during a holy hour at before the Real Presence of Christ in Adoration – I could not think of a better place or moment, because Lord knows I’m not a polished presenter.

Untied



On the evening of the first full day of the Congress, Gerri Wright, the director of St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, who became my co-pilot at the Congress, jogged ahead of the crowd to try to secure seats for our gang. Winded from rushing and a little disheveled after the 8.25 miles that I zigged and zagged around the Congress venues, press conferences, and local Catholic church campus all day, Gerri stopped me and said, “Hey, be careful. Your shoe came untied.”

Looking down I laughed a little louder than I should have and replied, “Oh, no! It didn’t come untied. I forgot to tie it this morning!” Yep, for 14 solid hours I was so busy and on such a high surrounded by so many uplifting opportunities I didn’t even stop to look down or notice my shoe was untied.

Yep – He’s all that!



Soul enriching opportunities were endless at the Congress. Needless to say, my list of Catholic influencers for my own lifelong catechesis grew tenfold. I will now be touting Chris Stefanick, Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, and Sister Josephine Garrett among others (all of which we shared on the Eucharistic Revival page on our diocesan website dwc.org/year-of-the-eucharist).

The five days in Indy afforded me so many rubbing elbows - bucket list moments! A meeting with award winning Catholic writer and photographer Jeffrey Bruno; a quick “jog” with well-known author and Catholic speaker Dr. Edward Sri, as he made his way from our impact session to his book signing while he was asking me to sum up my favorite parts of his talk and me telling him to like our DWC social media -LOL; plus, a huge perk was getting to be in the front row at the daily NEC press conferences and in arms reach of contemporary Christian recording artist and songwriter Matt Maher; NEC Chairman Bishop Andrew Cozzens; NEC CEO Tim Glemkowski; and a priest I’ve been following on social media for more than five years now – you may have heard of him – Fr. Mike Schmitz. Oh, and yes, he is all that! Genuine, sincere, thought-provoking, real, and dynamic.

The View



Orchestrating the daily choreography at the Congress for our travelers was a task that I couldn’t do alone. Having Gerri Wright there with me was a God send. In order to successfully juggle our assignments, logistics, and itinerary Gerri became my “boss” while we were in Indy. Because I had media privileges, I could access restricted floor areas and even the press box overlooking the impressive NFL football stadium – so of course I was able to get the boss access along with me. All shenanigans aside, it was high up in the box when our eyes left the eight-foot table of our paperwork, spreadsheets, and schedules that we could see a view unlike any other – the stadium filled with 60,000 plus filed into neat rows and squared off sections all there to cheer on our faith, ready to get the next play call! This was our Church!

This is Our Church, AMEN!



Our Church is boring, because it’s the same old same old? Bologna! “What are you feeding yourself and your loved ones then,” asked Fr. Leo Patalinghug, founder of Plating Grace and award-winning chef. Father was one of our breakout session speakers – loud, funny, and boldly passionate about strengthening Catholic families. He like the others who addressed us, put us – the people in the pews - in the driver’s seat for this National Eucharistic Revival. It can’t just be up to our bishops and priests; we have to take ownership.

Our Church in Indy was happy, vibrant, hopeful, inclusive, loving, reverent; we spoke 17 difference languages; we wore street clothes, robes, habits, clerics, collars; we looked like the United Nations; and we were all created by God the Father. We were all together... but not. Too many of us were missing in Indy and are missing in our parishes.

Let’s take accountability – repent, pray, and celebrate our National Eucharistic Revival, our Year of Mission, and Year of Prayer. Let’s share the greatest gift we ever received. Let’s *Walk with One* – invite one back to the Church family. This joy, this love of Christ and His Real Presence only found at Mass, Adoration, Eucharistic Processions, and the tabernacles around the world is too good not to share.

Let all the people say, AMEN!



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ANNOUNCING THE GOOD NEWS ~ GOD'S WAY

Presentation for Catechists, Catholic School Teachers, and Lay Leaders set for Aug. 25th

By Colleen Rowan, editor, *The Catholic Spirit WV*

WHEELING — St. Michael Parish in Wheeling is inviting Catholic school teachers, lay leaders, and catechists to a prayerful and faith-enriching opportunity on the eve of the new school year.

Dr. Petroc Willey, professor of Catechesis at Franciscan University of Steubenville and a consultor for the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization, will give a talk/conference on the importance of catechetical formation of lay faithful in evangelization. The title of Willey's talk will be "Announcing the Good News – God's Way." The event will be held on Sunday, Aug. 25, from 10-11 a.m. followed by the Commissioning of Catechists, Teachers, and Lay Leadership at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.



Father Carlos Melocoton, pastor of St. Michael's, said the goal of the event is to help those who serve so generously in these roles in their ongoing formation.

"Proclaiming the Word of God is a responsibility we embrace as baptized Catholics. Our Universal Church emphasizes the importance of catechesis and evangelization, calling us to bring the Gospel to others," Father Melocoton said. "By deepening our knowledge of the faith, we can inspire and build confidence, enabling us to more effectively share the good news with those we serve."

Willey is an expert in catechesis and evangelization, Father Melocoton said, and his talk will provide valuable insights and examples on how lay leaders, catechists, and teachers can teach and spread the church's teachings to a broader audience. Father Melocoton noted that Willey's role as consultor for both the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization (appointed by Pope Benedict XVI) and the Dicastery for Evangelization (appointed by Pope Francis) underscores his expertise.

Individuals at St. Michael's will register Catholic school teachers, lay leaders, and catechists and call their names during the blessing. If the number to receive the blessing and commissioning is large, then only the names of the parishes and schools represented will be announced.

Reflecting on the blessing and commissioning, Father

Melocoton recalled the words at the end of Mass: "The Mass is ended; go and announce the Gospel of the Lord; go and proclaim the word of God; go and glorify the Lord by your life." These words of commissioning signify Jesus sending his disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God, Father Melocoton said.

"Every baptized person in the Holy Trinity is called to participate in the 'munera' of Jesus as priest, prophet, and king," he said. "We commission our lay faithful with our prayers to help others mature in their faith and increase the number of active disciples of Jesus Christ within His Church.

"Our laity can engage in public prayers, facilitate Bible studies, and apply Jesus's teachings in their daily lives," he continued. "Their participation in these areas is essential for deepening faith and fostering a vibrant, active community."

Father Melocoton also sees the event as an extension of the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis last month.

"We have seen the remarkable influence of lay faithful at the recent National Eucharistic Congress, where they spoke to about 60,000 people," Father Melocoton said. "By offering similar formation within the Wheeling area and our diocese, we aim to empower our people to engage more deeply in their ministry and outreach."

Willey is married to Katherine; and they have four children and many grandchildren. Originally from England, he has lived in Steubenville, Ohio, since 2015 where he is a professor of Theology and Catechetics at Franciscan University. Before his move to the United States, he worked in Catholic education, in Oxford and in Birmingham, for more than 25 years, in seminary and lay institutions, and in both traditional and distance education. He was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI a Consultor for the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization and by Pope Francis as a Consultor to the Dicastery for Evangelization: Section for Fundamental Questions regarding Evangelization in the World.

Willey encourages everyone who attends the talk to have a copy of Luke 1:26-38.

For more information, contact St. Michael Parish at (304) 242-1560.

20/20 VISION SERIES

A YEAR WITH THE SAINTS

Join us as we journey throughout the year focusing on various Saints and their legacies, presented by those among us who live out these legacies in their lives and in their communities.

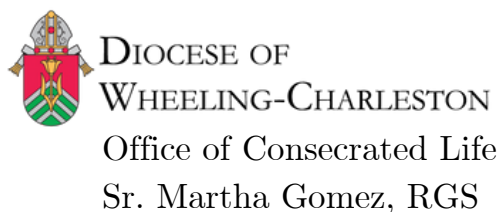
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| February 26 | St. Brigid of Kildare – Sr. Karen Kirby, CSJ |
| March 18 | St. Joseph – Sr. Kathleen Durkin, CSJ |
| April 29 | St. Mary Euphrasia – Sr. Martha Gomez, R.G.S. |
| May 20 | Blessed Virgin Mary – TBD |
| June 24 | Marcellin Champagnat – Brother John Byrd, FMS |
| July 29 | St. Ignatius of Loyola – Lou Volpe |
| August 26 | St. Dominic – Sr. Ellen Dunn, OP |
| September 30 | St. Lorenzo Ruiz – Fr. Carlos Melocoton |
| October 28 | Jesuit Martyrs – TBD |
| November 18 | Servant of God Dorothy Day – Kate Marshall |
| December 16 | St. Stephan – Deacon John Yaquinta |

(Series originated by Ms. Shirley Carter, B.A., M.A.A.T.)

Cost for complete series: \$120.00 Or \$15.00 per session.

RSVP – Anna Marie Troiani: atroiani@csjoseph.org



Finding Hope in Community

**Come join us for a day of reflection and integration.
This will be an opportunity for a time of respite and peace.**

**Saturday, August 24th
10:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

(a simple soup lunch will be served)

Bead Making—in the morning we will create colorful polymer beads to share. Each participant will create enough beads for everyone gathered. These will be used to create bracelets—a remembrance of the gathering and community created.



Contemplative Doodling-- In the afternoon, we will share an experience of mindfully creating unique works of art using simple drawing and coloring materials.

No previous art experience is necessary. These art as prayer experiences are about entering into a process of creative expression for self-discovery.

**Location: St. Joseph
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**Cost: \$50.00
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available)**

**To register, contact:
Anna Marie Troiani**

Phone: 304-907-0171

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Facilitators: Mary Slattery, HM and Carrie Vall, CSJ

Mary is an art therapist and counselor who has a heart for helping others to “discover their artist within.” Mary currently ministers with Humility of Mary Housing sites in Akron, Ohio where she shares the healing gift of art with clients and residents.

Carrie is a board-certified art therapist who works with individuals and groups in a variety of settings. She is a co-director of the Women’s Outreach Center, in Cleveland, Ohio, which serves women who have experienced homelessness.



20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

An invitation to wisdom – joy and closeness to God. “To the one who lacks understanding, come, eat of my food and drink.”

Responsorial: Psalm 34

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Watch carefully how you live – give thanks always and for everything in the name of Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Again, this week we hear Christ say, “My flesh is true food, my blood true drink.” Believe.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, Pope Francis, Bishop Mark Brennan, and all of our clergy that they may welcome all God’s faithful to receive the living bread that sustains us on our shared journey to God’s kingdom, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who hunger spiritually, especially those who struggle to find meaning or value in their lives, that they may find what they need in Christ, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all students and teachers as they return to the classroom may they approach each day as a gift from God to learn, serve, and grow on this journey towards Heaven, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all of our habitual intentions, that as we receive our Eucharistic Lord, we find strength in our trust in Christ and confidence in God’s plan, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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