Faith IN WV
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DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

Celebrating Our 300th Issue!

The *FaithInWV* e-bulletin has reached a major milestone! Our 300th issue is here! It's been our pleasure to click "send" 300 times!

What began as a lifeline in the early days of a national emergency—when churches were closed and we were all searching for connection—has grown into a weekly companion for thousands across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Our very first issue was created to keep us praying, learning, and growing together when the world felt anything but certain.

As Bishop Mark Brennan promised in that inaugural edition, *"We pledge to you to do our very best to provide you spiritual resources and the assurance of our prayers."* That promise still guides every issue we create.

Back then the e-bulletin reached about 8,000 Catholics. Today, more than 15,000 faithful open *FaithInWV* in their inbox each week.

The publication was named after the #FaithInWV profile features showcased on our FaithInWV.org website and published in The Catholic Spirit.

Like its namesake, the e-bulletin gives hope, helps us focus on our faith, and encourages each of us to lead by the example. Shared weekly on the diocesan website (dwc.org) and our social media (Facebook and Instagram) pages, your *FaithInWV* brings creative Catholic Content to you to reflect on and share with your friends, family, and followers.

Whether it's photos and feature stories from across the state, national and international stories with WV faithful's insight, or snippets of saints and holy lives written to inspire our lives today, *FaithInWV* is written and designed especially with you in mind.

Serving as both a worship aid and a tool for evangelization, *FaithInWV* invites us to recognize the good around us and to share Christ's light—even in moments of challenge or uncertainty. It's one more way we live and celebrate our faith together.

From the marketing and communications team who brings this publication to you – Editor Tim Bishop, Designer Amber Chambers, and Writer Joyce Bibey – **THANK YOU FOR BEING A FAITHFUL READER.**

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MAKE IT A GREAT DAY, WV!

MARY CONCEIVED WITHOUT SIN, FULL OF GRACE

December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is the day we honor the moment Ss. Joachim and Anne's prayers were answered - they would conceive a child, a child they would consecrate to God. Today as a Church, we praise the Lord, because His great plan was for her to be - from the moment of her conception - without original sin.

Mary was preserved by God and the Holy Spirit to be "immune from all stain of original sin," making her pure and full of grace – innocent and holy. All humanity was harmed by the sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve.

God's plan was for Mary to be the Mother of Christ, and he chose her parents, Ss. Joachim and Anne, to be blessed with the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The couple was childless but longed desperately to be parents. They are mentioned in writings that complement the bible - the Proto-Evangelium of James the Less.

A story handed down from generation to generation recalls that while Joachim went into the wilderness to fast and pray for 40 days, St. Anne, deep in the throes of infertility, watched out her window as a family of sparrows build a nest. How she hoped to build her own nest to raise a happy family. Lamenting her inability to bear a child cried out in desperation to the Lord, "Why was I born?" Shortly after, the angel Gabriel appeared to announce that she would soon become the mother of Mary.

Joachim and Anne vowed to consecrate their child to the Lord. Therefore, when Mary was three the holy couple presented her to the priests at the temple. The priest at her reception said, "The Lord God has magnified your name for all generations; through you the Lord will reveal deliverance to the children of Israel in the last days."

Researching the Hebrew meaning of the name Joachim you will discover it means God prepares. In Hebrew, Anne means God has given grace.

PAPAL COAT OF ARMS

Pope Leo XIV has a great devotion to Mary and specifically to the Immaculate Conception. This is evident on his coat of arms. According to Vatican News, the Episcopal Coat of Arms of Pope Leo features a silver fleur-de-lis on a blue background. The fleur-de-lis is a lily – the symbol specifically chosen to represent the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception – pure and sinless. The blue field evokes "the heights of the heavens."

READINGS FOR THE SOLEMNITY RAISE CONFUSION THOUGH ILLUSTRATE GOD'S GRACE & PREPARATION

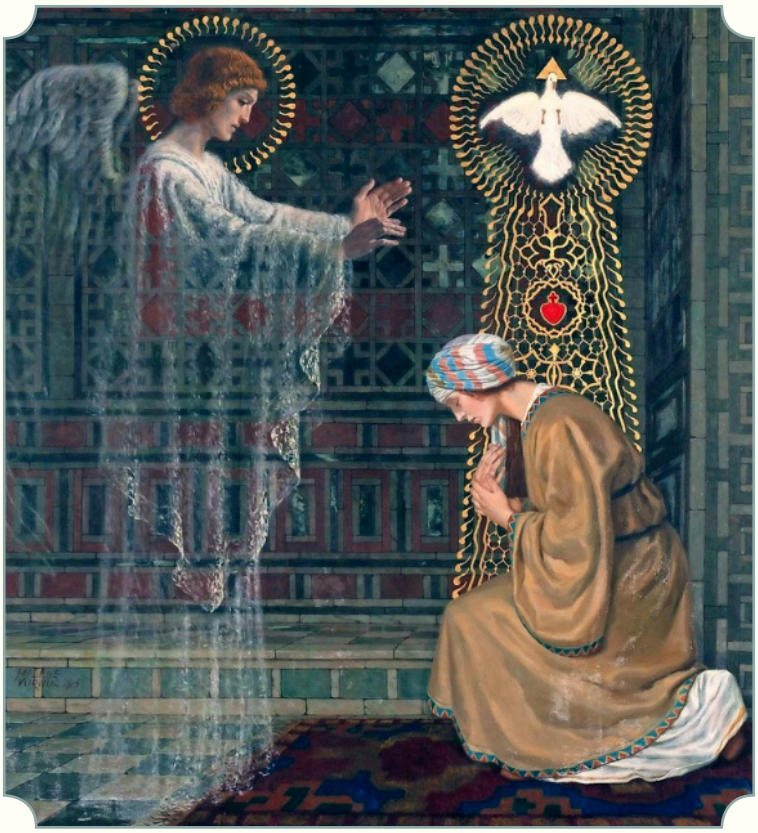
As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our readings include the story of the Annunciation, because it highlights Mary's role as the chosen vessel for God's plan along with her purity and readiness to become the Mother of Jesus. This emphasizes Church doctrine of her Immaculate Conception. Remember nine months from Dec. 8 – the Immaculate Conception – is her birthday, September 8th – the Nativity of Mary.

In the Gospel on this solemnity, we hear Angel Gabriel announcing her (Luke 1:28-42) as "full of

grace; the Lord is with you. . . Of all women you are the most blessed. . .."

Mary, unlike Eve, obeyed God with her response to Gabriel, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done unto me according to thy word."

Many outside the Church mistakenly believe Catholics worship the Blessed Mother. It is true we do honor her lovingly - deservedly so.



We pray for her intercession through the Hail Mary, the Rosary, novenas, and litanies among others. The Church considers her the greatest teacher and perfect example of true and loving discipleship.

Everything we believe about Mary is in the bible, just as the Hail Mary prayer is contained in the bible.

"Hail, full of grace; the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28).

Blessed art thou among women (Luke 41-48),

and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus (Luke 42b).

Holy Mary, Mother of God (Luke 1:43),

pray for us sinners (James 5:16),

now and at the hour of our death (James 5: 16-20).

Amen.

Editor's note: The digital art of Ss Joachim and Anne with infant Mary is by Catholic artists from Alabama through Saints Alive Art Studio, available at: www.etsy.com/shop/SaintsAliveArtStudio

The sacred art of The Annunciation is by Helena Kottler Vurnik circa 1915.

DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

Join Us for Mass of the Nativity of the Lord

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 • 12:00AM

BISHOP MARK BRENNAN - CELEBRANT

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SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

DECEMBER 8, 2025

First Reading: GENESIS 3:9-15, 20
Adam and Eve chose to disobey God, forever separating the human race from grace and instead obtaining original sin.

Responsorial: Psalm 98
Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous deeds.

Second Reading: EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 11-12
God blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens. . ..

Gospel: LUKE 1:26-38
The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. . . the Son of the Most High. . .." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, may we follow the example of our Blessed Mother and not hesitate to bring Christ to our brothers and sisters in our world, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all nations, that leaders sincerely work towards unity among all races, creeds, cultures, and traditions, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That those who are considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life may look to St. Joachim, St. Anne, and Mary as models who answered God's call and put all of their trust in Him, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For couples who have not been able to conceive, for those who have suffered a miscarriage, and for mothers-to-be who face difficult cir○cumstances, that they may find hope and courage through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we the faithful make it a priority to come to the aid of mothers in need with unselfish assistance in every which way we can offer, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

“Be Confident in Faith, Worry Not”

~ *Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego*

As we celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, let us take to heart the advice our Blessed Mother gave to Saint Juan Diego, a humble member of his Aztec community. We celebrate his feast day on December 9th, the anniversary of the apparition.

“Be confident in faith, worry not.

Let not your heart be disturbed….

Am I not here, who is your Mother?

Are you not under my protection?

Am I not your health?

Are you not happily within my fold?

What else do you wish?

Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything.”

-Mary to Juan Diego, in December of 1531

We are all faced with anxiety, stress, struggles, and challenges. Saint Juan Diego didn’t think he was worthy of such a vision, but Mary reminded him – reminds us – that we are all under her protection as she happily embraces us with love and peace.

On Dec. 9, 1531, when Our Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Juan, she was adamant that a church be built in her honor on the Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City. The bishop of Mexico, Juan de Zumarraga, didn’t believe St. Juan, when he told him about Mary’s apparition and request. So, Mary had him gather roses in his cloak to give to the bishop. These specific roses were impossible to have grown in that region, let alone that season without a miracle. Saint Juan did as Mary instructed and when he went to the bishop and opened his cloak, the roses fell to the ground and to their surprise the cloak had now taken the beautiful image of Our Lady of Guadalupe appearing on it.

The chapel was built, and the bishop made accommodations for St. Juan to live in a small home near the chapel, where the cloak was displayed for veneration. Saint Juan lived the rest of his life taking care of the church, remaining in prayer and boundless love of God and neighbor. He died in 1548 and was declared a saint in 2002.

The cloak is preserved in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, shows a woman with native features and dress. She is supported by an angel whose wings are reminiscent of one of the major gods of the traditional religion of that area. The moon is beneath her feet and her blue mantle is covered with gold stars. The black girdle about her waist signifies that she is pregnant.

The miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a source of hope and comfort for all who face life’s anxieties and struggles, reminding us that we are all under the Blessed Mother’s loving protection and embrace, forever cherished and at peace in her boundless love - a message that transcends centuries and continues to resonate in the hearts of believers worldwide.

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Our Lady of Loreto

Mystery of the Holy House

On December 10th the Church honors Our Lady of Loreto –and the mystery of the Holy House.

Tradition says Mary's home from the first century was transported from Nazareth to Loreto, Italy in the latter part of the 13th century. There are two theories of how it took place, but first understand these details. The house consisted of three stone walls that were built up against a grotto, which typical for the time, was carved into the mountainside. The grotto in the homes of the period were used for storage. It was the three walls that were transported. How they got to their present location in Loreto, Italy, is a mystery that historians still debate.

While the grotto remains intact in Nazareth, and it is protected within the walls of the Basilica of the Annunciation, the three walls of Mary's home are within the Basilica della Santa Casa (Basilica of the Holy House), in Loreto.

The first theory of how the walls of Mary's home were moved from Nazareth is supernatural. The ancient legend has it that on the night of May 9-10, 1291, the house was moved from Nazareth to Croatia by angels. The walls remained there for three years before the angels moved it again to Italy first by the sea, second through the woods, and third to its spot on a hilltop that was once covered in a field of laurel trees owned by a woman named Loreta. The location is now known as the city of Loreto. The final move took place at night between Dec. 9-10, 1294.

The modern interpretation by Vatican archivist involved documents found dated to coincide with the move. They indicate the walls were actually moved by crusaders during the Christian Crusades, when Judeo-Christians were fleeing from Palestine. It is believed a wealthy family named Angelo (translated to angel) financed the move of the house to a papal state in Italy.

Whichever you are inclined to believe saints, blessed, and popes have said divine intervention must have happened in order for the three walls of the home to safely transported and in the dark of night, disappearing from its original foundation.

Archeologists have confirmed that the carved stones in the Holy House are indeed from Nazareth and the time of Christ. Further the cut of the stone is that of Palestine nature. Markings in the house match markings inside the grotto in Nazareth.

Inside the house is a Latin inscription, "Here the word became Flesh," for it is believed that the incarnation took place within those walls.

Imagine young Mary gazing upon Angel Gabriel as she gave her "yes" to God.

This Marian sanctuary has been a place of prayer and reflection for millions of pilgrims, including many saints and popes throughout the last 731 years - all of them wanting to see the walls of the home Mary was born and lived; and where Jesus and Joseph also called home.

The basilica built around the Holy House is a tremendous masterpiece of Italian Renaissance, a drastic contrast to the simplicity of the dark and aged walls that form the house.

Another element of the house is the ancient altar of the apostles, where the disciples are believed to have gathered with Mary immediately after the Resurrection.

In 2019, Pope Francis made a decree noting that the Shrine of the Holy House of Loreto, "recalls the mystery of the Incarnation, leading all those who visit it to consider 'the fullness of time', when God sent his Son, born of a woman, as well as to meditate both on the words of the Angel announcing the Good News and on the words of the Virgin in response to the divine call."

The Holy Father hopes the celebration of the optional feast of Our Lady of Loreto "will help all people, especially families, youth and religious to imitate the virtues of that perfect disciple of the Gospel, the Virgin Mother, who, in conceiving the Head of the Church also accepted us as her own."

Building the Church

Honor Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ December 12

The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe is the perfect time to pause and reflect how each one of us is helping build the Church - sweet, simple, and genuine evangelization with our invitation and our actions.

A prayer for the feast day:

Mary, wrap me in your mantle, just as you wrapped Juan Diego. May you wrap me in your love, too, so that I might grow in the same courage and hope as Juan Diego to seek Christ and love others in this life, sharing Jesus Christ and His Church by my words and actions. And may you guide me closer to your Son, so that I might more fully love Him as you do. AMEN!

Back in 1531, God chose an unlikely messenger—St. Juan Diego, a humble Indigenous peasant living near what is now Mexico City. Juan Diego had recently embraced Christianity thanks to the work of Franciscan missionaries in a land still rooted in ancient traditions. Quiet, faithful, and sincere, he was exactly the kind of heart that pleased the Blessed Mother.

Mary appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill, not as a distant heavenly figure but as an Aztec princess—with dark skin, native clothing, and visibly expecting Jesus. Speaking Juan's own language, she asked him to tell the bishop that she desired a church built on that very spot.

The bishop, unsure that such a miracle could happen to an ordinary man like Juan, hesitated. But Juan returned to the hill, troubled yet trusting. Mary appeared again and instructed him to gather roses—an impossible task in that cold season on that rocky terrain. Yet he found them blooming. He did as she said. When Juan opened his cloak before the bishop, the roses spilled out, and the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared on the fabric.

A small chapel was built on Tepeyac Hill, and today the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe stands there, visited by millions every year. Beneath it remain the foundations of the original chapel, lovingly preserved as part of this sacred story.

It's believed that nearly nine million people in the Americas converted to Christianity within ten years of the apparition—an incredible wave of faith that still continues.

Sister Martha Gomez, Delegate for Consecrated Life and a native of Mexico, shares that families begin celebrating as early as 4 a.m. Children dress as St. Juan Diego or Indigenous people of the time, carrying roses—symbolic of Mary's miracle—to be placed before statues and images of Our Lady of Guadalupe found in every parish. Pilgrims who travel to the Basilica often arrive on their knees, offering prayers of gratitude, petitions, and heartfelt devotion.

So, on this beautiful Marian feast day, ask yourself:

"How am I helping to build the Church, and how can I share the love of Christ in our world?"

May we follow the example of St. Juan Diego—humble, faithful, and always ready to serve God with a trusting heart.

Courage, Light, and Faith

St. Lucy for Today's Catholic Youth

Saint Lucy was born in Sicily in the year 283 into a noble family, during a time when being Christian was extremely dangerous.

The Roman Empire punished Christians with prison, torture, and even death. Because of this, Lucy kept her Christian faith hidden from non-believers—but she didn't let fear stop her from living like Jesus taught us.

Even as a teenager, Lucy was known for serving others. She helped Christians who were hiding by sneaking food and supplies to them at night. To light her way and keep her hands free for this task, she wore a wreath with candles on her head—literally carrying light into the darkness for people who desperately needed hope.

Like many young people today, Lucy faced pressure from her family and culture about her future. She was promised in marriage to a man who wasn't Christian, but she refused. She said she was already promised to God. Her courage angered the groom and his family and drew attention to her secret faith.

Because she was Christian, she was tortured.

One recorded story says that her persecutors gouged out her eyes and tried to burn her, but the fire kept going out. Finally, they killed her by thrusting a sword into her neck.

Even though she died young, Lucy's faith and bravery spread far beyond her lifetime. Today, people around the world celebrate St. Lucy's Feast Day on December 13th with songs, novenas, and traditions where little girls dress in white like the innocent saint who refused to hide her devotion to Christ.

Lucy is known as a model of purity and chastity, and she is the patron saint of the blind and those with sight problems.

Her life invites every Catholic to learn from her courage, her commitment to God, and her compassion for people in need.

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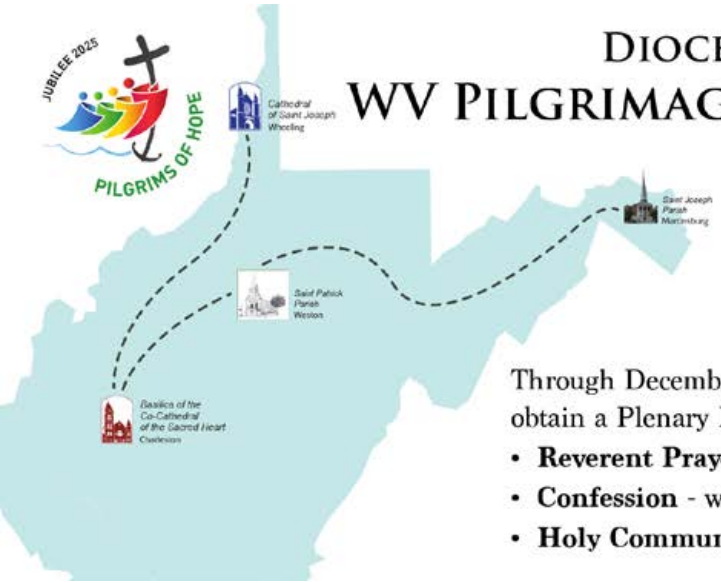


Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

WV Pilgrimage Sites for Jubilee Year of Hope

- **Cathedral of St. Joseph** *1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling*
- **Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart** *1032 Virginia Street East, Charleston*
- **St. Patrick Church** *210 Center Avenue, Weston*
- **St. Joseph Parish** *225 S. Queen Street, Martinsburg*

Through December 28, 2025, Catholics are invited to visit any and all of these locations to obtain a Plenary Indulgence by completing:

- **Reverent Prayer** *(at site)*: Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Liturgy of the Hours, or Mass.
- **Confession** - within 20 days before or after pilgrimage.
- **Holy Communion**
- **Pray for the Pope**

For information and updates go to: dwc.org/jubilee-year-2025

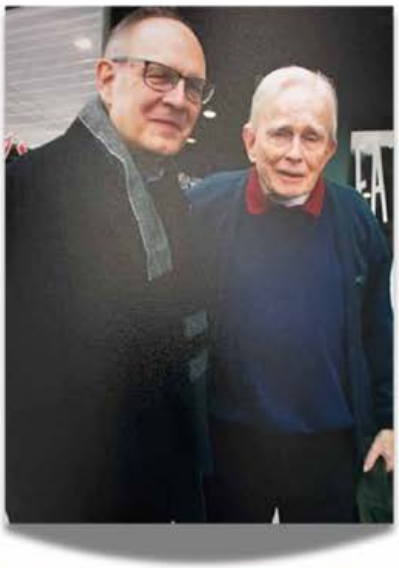
FROM THE DESK OF SR. MARTHA GOMEZ RGS

DELEGATE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

A TRIBUTE TO A RETIRED RELIGIOUS

SWEET FAREWELL TO BROTHER JOHN MCDONAGH, FMS

Farewell dinner (clockwise): Peg Brennan, Brother John McDonagh, Frother John Byrd, and Sr. Martha



Brother John Byrd (left) and Brother John McDonagh (right) on the eve of his full retirement

This week, we said our "Goodbyes" to our dear brother John McDonagh, FMS who spent almost 20 years serving the people of God for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and has chosen to fully retire and move to his community's retirement/assisted living facility.

Brother John McDonagh is a member of the Marist Brothers of the Schools' U.S. Province. From 1963 until the late 1980s, he served in the education field and a variety of "as needed for the good of the people and the Church" positions, including hospital pastoral care, which is what brought him to Wheeling in 1996. He is known for his love of the Church, serving God's people, and sharing the wisdom he has gained through the years.

Brother John is quite proud of his religious community, sharing that they were "founded in France in 1817 to fill the gap left behind when Napoleon siphoned off the educated from of rural areas. The brothers feared peasants could otherwise be doomed to illiteracy. Then (we) were known by the nickname 'Little Brothers of Mary' – the order took on a permanent educational ministry that is reflected in their modern name, the Marist Brothers of the Schools."

The Marist Brothers came to our diocese in the 1930's to staff and administer Wheeling Centra Catholic High School. There were as many as 14 Marist brothers at one time among the staff and administration of the school.

Bother John McDonagh and Brother John Byrd are the last of the Marist Brothers serving in our diocese.

Until recently, Brother John McDonagh, even though "retired", served as a volunteer in the Pastoral Care Department at WVU Wheeling Hospital and the area hospice.

Brother McDonagh has treasured his vocation but looks forward to being completely retired and spending his days at his community's assisted living facility.

He will cherish his long workdays, the friendships he has made, and the difference he has made through the grace of God in the lives of believers and non-believers, because he did so with the compassion of Christ. He testifies that his energy to do God's work was truly sustained by his fellow religious.

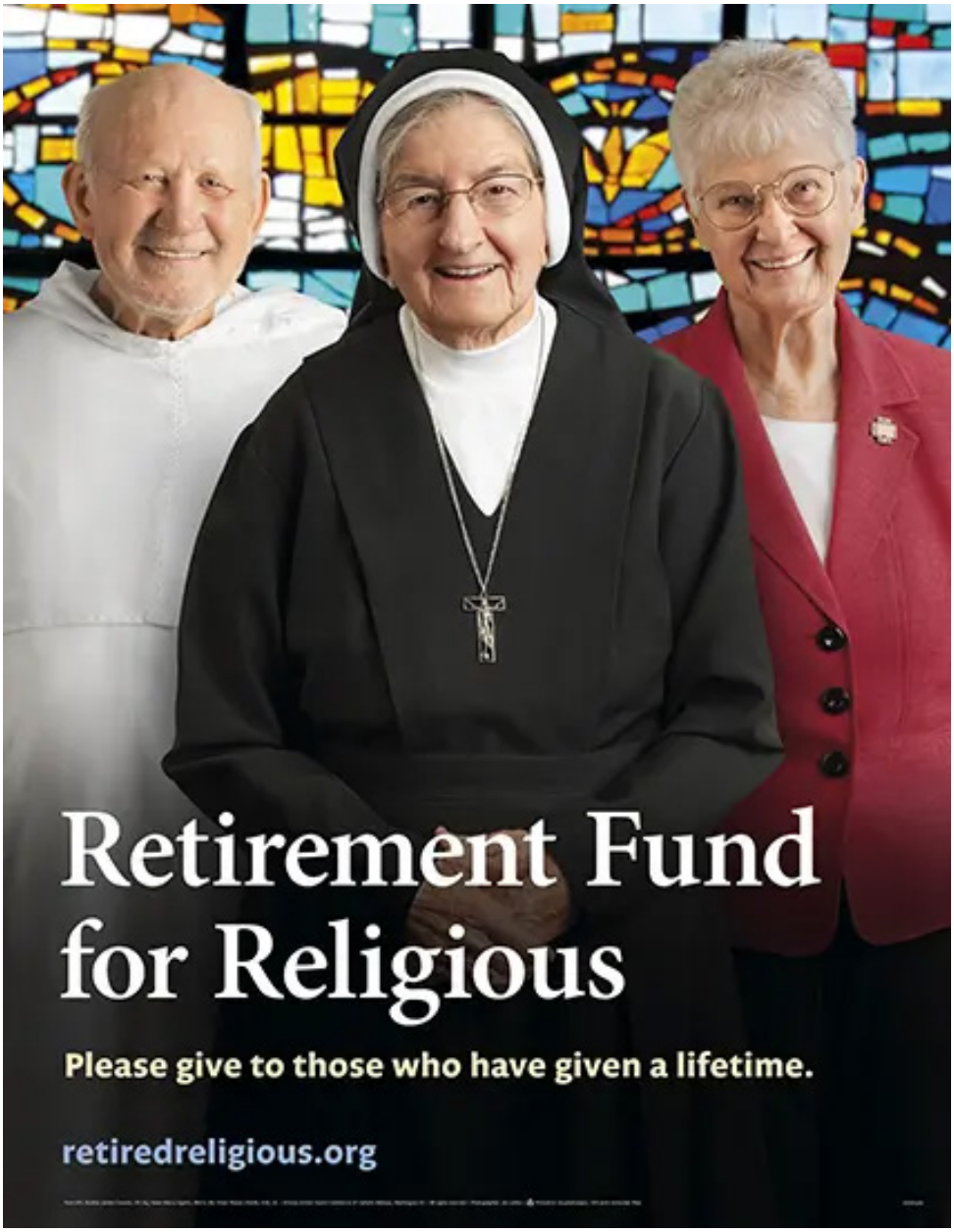
"One hidden joy of community life is the encouragement, the good example and the holiness of men who love and serve Jesus with all their hearts," he said.

Our Brother John spent many years spreading the "Good News of Jesus Christ" through his gentle and humble way of approaching others. He was very much loved by all who had a chance to meet him either in the workplace or in his daily life.

We surely are going to missed him, but we wish him well in his new home where he is going to receive the attention and care like he deserves.

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION

December 13-14



PLAN AHEAD! Parishes and mission churches throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will have a special collection for the National Religious Retirement Fund on the weekend of Dec. 13-14.

From Bishop Mark Brennan:
"For many years the Church in the United States benefitted from the dedicated service of women and men in consecrated life while giving them very little financial support. We do better now with the religious currently serving our people but, as a result of our collective parsimony in the past, many religious congregations have only meager resources to care for their elderly and disabled members. Not only out of mercy but out of justice we must help them. The annual collection on their behalf is a chief way to encourage our people to come to the aid of these needy religious."

Last year, Catholics across our diocese contributed $101,247.22 to the collection as the national appeal in total raised $28.1 million.

Rising health-care costs and the absence of traditional retirement plans have placed significant financial strain on many religious communities. The Retirement Fund for Religious helps address this need, supporting more than 21,000 religious over the age of 70. In 2024, the average annual cost of care was about $56,600 per person, with skilled nursing care averaging $96,000 per person. Beyond financial aid, the collection supports educational programs, empowering religious communities to plan for their long-term needs.

For more information, visit retiredreligious.org

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Saturday, December 20, 2025
10:00 a.m.
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La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH, WHEELING
Bishop Mark Brennan - Celebrant
Friday, December 12
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish
Reception to Follow

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, MOOREFIELD
Friday, December 12
5:30 p.m. Holy Rosary | 6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish
Reception to Follow

HOLY FAMILY, RICHWOOD
Thursday, December 11
6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BECKLEY
Friday, December 12
11:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CLARKSBURG
Friday, December 12
11:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish | Party in the church hall after Mass.

Immaculate Conception would be grateful if you could bring a donation of dried beans and rice for those in need.

ST. MARY, MORGANTOWN
Friday, December 12
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish | Party in the church hall after Mass.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb.

Responsorial: Psalm 72

"Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever."

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9

God, the source of patience, enables us to live in harmony.

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Prepare the way of the Lord!

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we speak up on behalf of those who are persecuted, discriminated against, or prejudged, so that justice and peace prevail, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For leaders of all nations work to resolve differences without violence or anger, hastening an end to hostilities the world over and contributing to fullness of peace forever, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who work to help the mental and emotional wellbeing of others, that their labor is fruitful and they may not grow discouraged, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we may take the time during this busy Christmas season to make room in the inn of our hearts to welcome the Lord in our midst, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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