



HONOR SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL ADVOCATE FOR SOCIAL AND RACIAL JUSTICE

Strive to Mirror Her Compassion, Persistence, and Courage

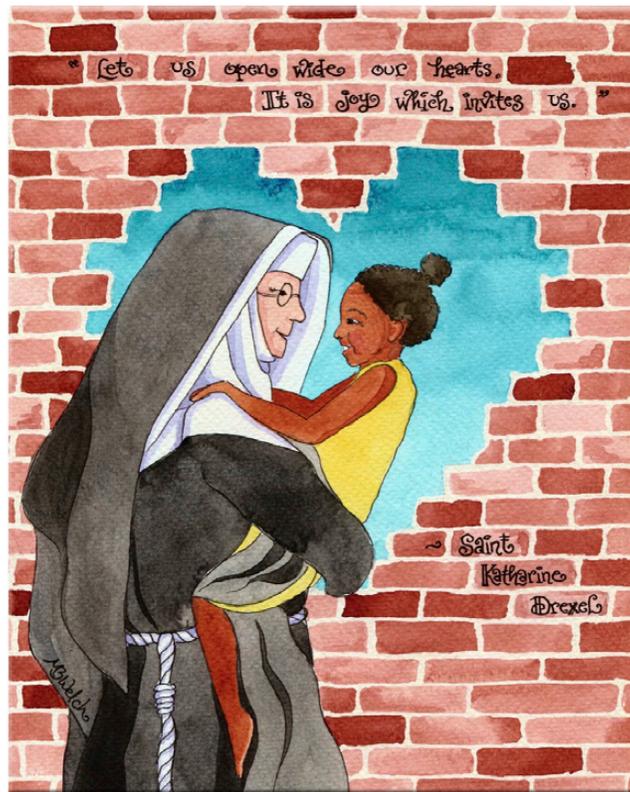
A rainy grey sky loomed over St. Peter's Square on Oct. 1, 2000, but when Pope John Paul II announced the name, "Katharine Drexel" the audience of more than 300,000 people stood in awe as the sky opened, the sun came out, and a rainbow appeared. Katharine Drexel was declared a saint and the heavens rejoiced!

She is a saint for all people – Catholics and non-Catholics. She was an advocate for social justice – faith-filled, compassionate, persistent, determined, and generous.

How can we be more like her? Use our gifts to serve others and value the dignity of human life.

Saint Katharine was courageous in her desire to stop the plight of Native Americans and the unjust treatment of African Americans, who were far from free and being denied a quality education and constitutional rights. In her lifetime she began the congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament and opened 145 missions, 50 schools for African Americans, 12 schools for Native Americans, and Xavier University of Louisiana, the first Catholic college for African Americans in the US. Historians said she spared no expense and made sure students had the best materials available.

It is true that St. Katharine was an heiress of great fortune stemming from her immigrant grandfather, who an artist switched gears and along with his sons became



the most prominent bankers in American history. It is also true that she inherited much more than money from her family, she grew up knowing that their fortune was indeed a blessing to be shared; and to keep God first through prayer, sacraments, and the social teaching of Jesus.

Her family opened the doors of their home several days a week to feed the poor, her older sister Elizabeth began a school for orphaned boys; and younger sister Louise worked to promote the rights of Native and African Americans like St. Katharine.

Her life spanned 96 years. Those years were filled with pivotal historical events that definitely molded her character and motivated her calling – the Civil War, the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, Jim Crow Laws, World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, and the beginning of the Cold War. She died in 1955, the same year Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat in the white section of a bus in Montgomery, Alabama.

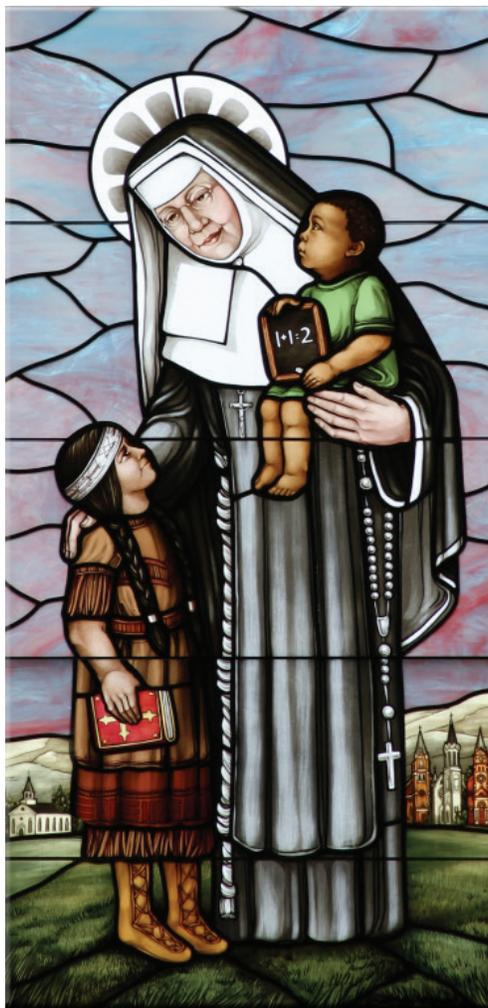
She was always a social activist, but at the age of 31 became a nun. Without hesitation she lovingly accepted the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, adding a fourth vow of service to the "Indian and Black Races," she declared. Her congregation's purpose was to serve the Native American and African American people, nurturing them in the Catholic faith. Her entire worth,

an estimated \$20 million was spent on building her missions, schools, and even Catholic churches for Native Americans and African Americans.

Despite ridicule, threats and attacks from anti-desegregation groups, anti-Catholics, the Ku Klux Klan, and even within the Church and other faith communities, Drexel and her congregation forged ahead with their plans and convictions. continue...

“If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing,” she said.

In 1934, St. Katharine partnered with the NAACP for anti-lynching legislation. She did not waiver on her stance against bigotry and



ignorance that lead to unthinkable and unfair treatment of humankind. Instead, she did her best to practice patience in her resolve.

“Often in my desire to work for others I find my hands tied, something hinders my charitable designs, some hostile influence renders me powerless. My prayers seem to avail nothing, my kind acts are rejected, I seem to do wrong things when I am trying to do my best. In such cases I must not grieve. I am only treading in my Master’s steps,” she said.

On this Feast Day of St. Katherine Drexel, take a moment and learn about and support the congregation of religious sisters she founded Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saint Katherine Drexel, pray for us!

WWW.KATHARINEDREXEL.ORG

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NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival



Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

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WV Eucharistic Congresses - Spring 2023

It is time to make plans to gather together as the faithful of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to celebrate Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. Registration for the Regional Eucharistic Congresses for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will begin March 1st at dwc.org.

The three regional congresses will feature a dynamic national speaker, engaging breakout session presenters, Adoration, inspiring prayer services, celebratory music, Blessed Carlo Acutis' Eucharistic miracles display, all culminating in Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Brennan, and much more. The Eucharistic Congresses are for the faithful of all ages from school age on up. The whole family is encouraged to attend along with our clergy, religious, Catholic organizations, and schools.

Faithful across the state will have three locations to choose from - Charles Town, Wheeling, and Charleston - or may attend all three - each featuring a different keynote speaker.

These homegrown events are part of the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year renewal of "the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist."

WHEN, WHERE, AND WHO WILL BE SPEAKING?

In **Charles Town, April 21-22**, will be **Father Luke Spannagel**, of the Diocese of Peoria.

Fr. Luke is a member of the team of National Eucharistic Preachers which is part of the National Eucharistic Revival of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Fr. Luke currently serves at the Cathedral and Heart of Peoria Parishes in Peoria, IL. After his undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois, he went on to seminary at Mt.

St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD. He was ordained for the Diocese of Peoria in 2003 and has enjoyed assignments in campus ministry and parishes of all sizes. Fr. Luke has shared that his time each day in celebrating the Mass and praying during Eucharistic Adoration are the best parts of his day.

In **Wheeling, April 28-29**, will be **Fr. Timothy Anastos**, of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Tim was ordained a priest in 2017. He is currently the associate chaplain of the St. John Paul II Newman Center at the University of Illinois-Chicago in addition to being a Eucharistic Preacher of the USCCB. He is also the host of Reel Homilies - minute-long YouTube, Instagram and TikTok reflections on the Sunday Gospel readings where he speaks through the lenses of Church tradition, pop culture, and self-improvement. Check out Reel Homilies for yourself at: WWW.SPIRITJUICE.ORG/REELHOMILIES/.

In **Charleston, June 2-3**, will be **Fr. Joe Freedy**. Father Joe grew up in Pittsburgh. He was the starting quarterback for the University at Buffalo for 3 years. After college he entered the seminary and was assigned to study in Rome at the Gregorian University and the John Paul II Institute. He was ordained a Priest in 2008. Fr. Joe served as the vocation director for 8 years and is currently the Assistant Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Senior Assistant at Divine Mercy Parish. He is president of Dry Bones Ministries, a grassroots evangelization ministry in the Pittsburgh diocese that re-evangelizes God's people with an emphasis on the treasures of the Church like Holy Mass, the Holy Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and prayers for healing (WWW.DRYBONESPGH.ORG).

At all three events - the keynote will not only address the

entire congress with an uplifting talk about the Eucharist, but will also take part in a Q&A conversation during the weekend. The keynote along with a panel of breakout session presenters will bring the message to life, reviving our spirits, energizing our hearts, and give us confidence share Christ with others as a Eucharistic people.

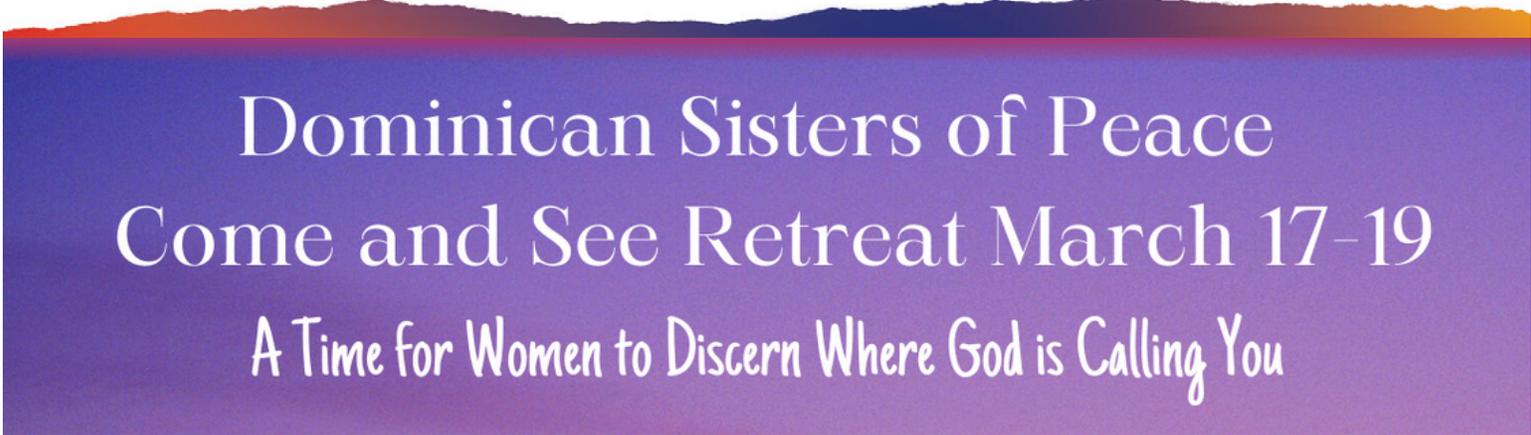
IS MY PARISH, SCHOOL, OR ORGANIZATION INVOLVED?

Yes! Bishop Mark Brennan is calling all of us together to celebrate Christ's real presence and to see the faithful fully alive. "Believe what Christ said at the Last Supper, 'This is my Body. This is my Blood!'" This has been Bishop Mark Brennan's emboldening message to the faithful during his ministry here in the diocese and as a young parish priest.

Saturday morning will open with a Welcome and Prayer Service that celebrates our six vicariates. Parishes, schools, and other Catholic organizations will bring their prayer intentions in a special Eucharistic Congress Book of Prayer. Each group will be announced as their Book of Prayer is presented to Bishop Brennan to offer them in prayer throughout the Congresses.

STAY TUNED!

Watch for updates in the FaithInWV e-bulletin, The Catholic Spirit, the diocesan website (DWC.ORG), your parish bulletin, and our diocesan social media (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter).



Dominican Sisters of Peace **Come and See Retreat March 17-19** *A Time for Women to Discern Where God is Calling You*

Women between the ages of 18 and 45 are invited to attend a Come and See event March 17-19 at the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 2320 Airport Drive in Columbus, OH.

The retreat is free, and lodging and meals will be provided. The Retreat will begin at 4:00 pm on Friday, March 17, and conclude after Mass and dinner at 1 pm on Sunday, March 19.

The Dominican Sisters of Peace has had a strong presence in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Sister Ellen Dunn, O.P., served West Virginia as the director of the Office of Consecrated Life for 13 years. Sister Ellen retired after her 60th jubilee in 2021. She has returned to the motherhouse in Columbus.

Currently the congregation has eight women in "formation" to become religious Sisters, including scientists, communications professionals, medical professionals and even a former prison guard. All these women share a call to serve God's people as Dominican Sisters.

Women attending this "Come and See" retreat will meet these women and learn more about their journey and choice, as well as spend time with other Sisters, in prayer, study, meals, conversation and (of course) time for fun.

Dominican Sisters of Peace, members of the Order of Preachers, are vowed Catholic women who strive to spread the Gospel of Christ and advance the Kingdom of God through lives of service and peace-making. The Dominican Sisters of Peace are present in 22 states and Nigeria. The Sisters serve God's people in many ways, including education, health care, spirituality, pastoral care, prison ministry, the arts, and care of creation. There are 340 sisters and more than 300 lay associates affiliated with the congregation.

To register, visit the Congregation's website at OPPEACE.ORG, or contact Sr. June Fitzgerald, Vocations Director, at (570) 336-3991, or jfitzgerald@oppeace.org.



St. Joseph

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20/20 Vision Series

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Vision 20/20 series for 2023 will focus on the Eucharist. Pope Francis has called for a worldwide Eucharistic Revival. Journey with us this year from Jan. 23-Dec. 11, as we journey with the Holy Father and his invitation to focus our vision on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist - the Source and Summit of the Church.

Note: Each session will begin at 7 pm and will be presented via Zoom.

- Jan 23 The Transformative Power of the Eucharist - Bishop Mark Brennan
- Feb 27 Let us be Bread - Beth Longo, CSJ Associate
- March 27 The Eucharist as a noun - Bernadette McMasters Kime
- April 24 Eucharist in the early church - Fr. John Di Bacco
- May 22 Lord I am not worthy - Alex Nagem
- June 26 The Eucharist as a verb - Deacon Paul Lim
- July 31 Eucharist IS thanksgiving - Kate Marshall
- August 28 Bread broken and shared - Sr. Jeanne Cmolik, CSJ
- Sept. 25 Eucharistic Reflections through song - Chad Carter
- Oct 30 The Road to Emmaus: Were Not Our Hearts Burning? - Fr. Walt Jagela
- Nov 27 Bread for the journey - Rodica Stoicoiu, Ph.D.
- Dec 11 Do this in remembrance of Me - Deacon Doug Breiding

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

COST FOR COMPLETE SERIES: \$120.00 OR \$15.00 PER SESSION.
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NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

LENTEN REFLECTION

This Lenten Season gives us an extra opportunity to demonstrate our love for God through our care and concern for our brothers and sisters. During this time of fasting, praying, and almsgiving, we invite you to deepen your relationship with God through our ministry. Here are a few ways to get involved:

PRAY WITH US

Every week we assist individuals in crisis - the family evicted from their home, a gentleman without housing struggling with chronic health issues, or the pregnant mom needing shelter. We invite you to join us in prayer for those we serve.

VOLUNTEER AT AN OUTREACH CENTER

People come to our outreach centers for a variety of reasons. They might need help to pay a utility bill or make rent one month. Some need support to feed their family, so they turn to one of our food pantries. And others want to set and achieve longer-term goals through case management.

Volunteers provide a safe space and a listening ear for people searching for compassion. If you want to be inspired by the resilience of your neighbors, consider spending some time helping out at one of our outreach centers.

GIVE GENEROUSLY TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY THRIVE

Each one of our successful clients has a Catholic Charities West Virginia community of supporters behind him or her. Without the open hearts of donors, we could not meet the most urgent needs of our neighbors.

Your monetary support makes a true and lasting difference in our community. And we appreciate your generosity. Visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org to make a donation.

These next 40 days will take us through the desert and into the proverbial land of milk and honey. And by working together as we fast, pray, and give, we will create a world where everyone has what they need to be happy, healthy, and reach their full potential.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, please visit WWW.CATHOLICCHARITIESWV.ORG.

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: *Guided by God's love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes, and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.*



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Temptation has always been present. Adam and Eve turned away from God when they chose to give in to temptation. God wants us to stand firm, confident, and resist evil.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51

“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.”

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

Saint Paul tells us that even though we are sinners, Christ has saved us through his death on the cross. Be saved by the obedience of Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights, resisting the temptations of the devil. God showed us His great love of us. Trust God’s love in our trials and temptations.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL SCRIPTURE TEXT
BIBLE.USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/READINGS/021923.CFM](http://BIBLE.USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/READINGS/021923.CFM)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that this Lenten season of repentance, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving be a renewal of spirit and a revival of our minds to honor Christ in the Eucharist – fully alive within us, giving us strength to do all things in His honor, let us pray to the Lord. . .

May all leaders work to serve others with a sincere heart, resisting the temptations of selfish power and evil ways, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who are preparing to enter the Church this Easter, may they find hope and peace in Christ our Savior, and feel His compassion in our support and prayer for them, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who are marginalized and go hungry every day, may they find comfort and strength in our actions to nourish their bodies and spirit, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer



LENTEN SEASON



FEB. 22 ASH WEDNESDAY



FEB. 26 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



APR. 02 PALM SUNDAY



APR. 06 HOLY THURSDAY



APR. 07 GOOD FRIDAY



APR. 08 HOLY SATURDAY



APR. 09 EASTER SUNDAY

Catholic Men of West Virginia, Married or Single, Consider the Vocation of a Deacon



Deacons are ordained to a ministry of service, assisting the bishop and his priests in many areas, especially in the ministry of the liturgy, of the word, and of charity.

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston opened a new Diaconate Formation Program for all Catholic men who will be 35 by June of 2027. Bishop Mark Brennan has made the 2023-2028 Diaconate Formation Program free to the men who apply, and the cost will be covered by the diocese.

Permanent deacons may be married. They must be faithful Catholics. Most work at secular jobs and must be willing to be open to an assignment outside of their parish.



DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

To apply and for more information, click the link below:

<https://dwc.org/directory-listing/permanent-diaconate-formation-office-of/2275/>

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is accepting applications for the next class of permanent deacons. The deadline is April 15.

Applications may also be obtained by contacting Tina High in the Office of the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at (888) 434-6237 or for the Wheeling area at (304) 233-0880, ext. 271. Completed applications must be sent to the Office of the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston: Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr., V.E. Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, P.O. Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003.

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