

Faith IN WV

DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

JANUARY 21, 2024



A CALL TO EVERY WV PARISH



WV WILL BE REPRESENTED! THANKS, CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL!

LET'S GOOOOOOOOO!

Did you see the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's National Eucharistic Congress flyer or article in your parish bulletin last week? Did you catch it in the FaithInWV e-bulletin (FaithInWV.org), The Catholic Spirit, or the diocesan social media?

Thanks to Bishop Mark Brennan and the Catholic Sharing Appeal each parish and mission in the diocese has an opportunity to be represented at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17-21. Last Fall the Office of Worship and Sacraments worked with our priests and Eucharistic Revival Parish Point Persons to alert them that 250 five-day passes (valued at \$360 each) were purchased for the national congress. Each parish/mission was allotted one to four tickets for a representative(s) of the parish/mission to attend. Only twenty parishes claimed their tickets by the extended deadline, therefore the unclaimed passes are now available to any faithful (registered parishioner) in the diocese - yes, as a gift to you, so **YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE WV DELEGATION!** The complimentary pass ticket is part of the travel package for this life-changing Catholic pilgrimage. For more details go to: DWC.ORG/YEAR-OF-THE-EUCHARIST/

This gift available to the faithful in each of our parishes and missions was thanks to Bishop Mark and \$50,000 from the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA).

The CSA is one of many ways that we are united in God's love as Catholics and as members of our Diocesan Family. It is the CSA that raises funds for our parishes

and missions, but also enables us to bring Christ to others in West Virginia through essential support for ministries and programs, including funding for Camp Carlo, social ministries, tuition assistance, parish food pantry programs, emergency services, and outreach efforts.

"Through the generosity of faithful donors within the diocese we are not only able to carry out the work of Christ and the Church, but also feel the love and joy that comes from being blessed to be a blessing," said Krissie Benson, Director of Stewardship and Development. "As St. Teresa of Calcutta taught us, God knows 'the love we put in the giving.'"

"Knowing each parish and mission would be receiving the opportunity to claim one to four five-day passes to the National Eucharistic Congress, was knowing we were giving back to the heart of the Church - our faithful that work hard to live out Christ's call to love and serve like He taught us," she said.

Bishop Mark is eager to join the faithful of WV in Indianapolis.

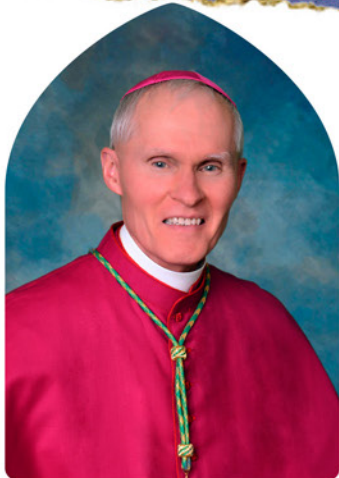
"This is an opportunity the whole parish will benefit from so, I encourage our priests and parishes to work together to find ways to finance the travel package for participants," he said.

Watch for information in your parish on how to support national congress attendee(s) from your parish - fish fries, spaghetti dinners, special collections, and sponsorships from Parish Council, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Guild, Rosary groups, etc.

Pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress

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with Bishop Mark Brennan and
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A message from Bishop Mark Brennan on the National Eucharistic Congress

"It is going to be invigorating to see the faithful of WV at the National Eucharistic Congress representing their local parishes. I'm happy we are partnering with Corporate Travel, a Catholic company that specializes in Catholic pilgrimages, to ease the travel logistics burden for us."

-Bishop Brennan

Tour Inclusions

- NEC Congress Pass (5 Days)
- Four (4) nights' accommodations in or near Indianapolis
- Continental breakfast daily (pending hotel assignment)
- Roundtrip transportation from West Virginia to Indianapolis via deluxe motorcoach
- Daily transportation from hotel to the Indianapolis Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium
- Gratuities payable to motorcoach drivers

Tour Does Not Include

- Meals and beverages not specifically identified
- Items not specifically mentioned above



3 Step Registration Process

1. Scan the QR Code on the cover of the flyer or click [HERE](#) to access our online registration site.
2. Follow the prompts to enter your personal information, select your rooming configuration, enter payment information, and acknowledge our terms and conditions.
3. Upon completion, you will receive a confirmation email with your diocesan code and a video tutorial providing instructions for finalizing your registration on the official National Eucharistic Congress' website.



Payment Schedule:

\$750 per person deposit due upon registration

Remaining balance due April 17, 2024

All payments are non-refundable. By registering for this tour, you understand and agree to CTS Terms and Conditions and accept our CTS Liability Release. All cancellations must be received in writing.

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WIT AND WISDOM OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CONTAIN THE TRUTHS OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY

CELEBRATE HIS FEAST DAY ON JANUARY 24 BY LEARNING MORE ABOUT HIM.

“Half an hour’s medication each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed.” – St. Francis de Sales

We can all learn from the wit and wisdom of St. Francis de Sales. He was a writer, bishop, spiritual guide, and declared a Doctor of the Church for his written words that influence and evangelize countless souls. His works include: *The Art of Loving God*; *Roses Among Thorns*; *The Sign of the Cross*; and *Philothea (Lover of God) - An Introduction to the Devout Life*, which is his most famous work.



His teachings center around the belief that sainthood is for all people who love God. Even though the portrait of the saint that accompanies this article makes him appear a bit gloomy and dry, he is actually referred to as the gentleman saint, who preached with great optimism and hope. His sermons repeatedly focused on placing our trust in God, especially when doubt tries to take over our thoughts.

Knowing these very struggles, St. Francis wrote the reflection *Be at Peace* to help calm our minds:

Do not look forward in fear to the changes and chances of this life;

Rather, look to them with full confidence that, as they arise,

God, to whom you belong will in His love enable you to profit by them.

He has guided you thus far in life, and He will lead you safely through all trials;

and when you cannot stand it, God will bury you in His arms.

*Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
the same everlasting Father who cares for you today
will take care of you every day.*

*He will either shield you from suffering
or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.*

*Be at peace, then,
and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.*

Amen.

St. Francis preached caution to those who proclaim to be faithful, but enjoy finding fault in others, judge, and stir trouble. He said, “to be an angel in prayer and a beast in one’s relations with people is to go lame on both legs.”

As we awaken our own soul to be more genuinely faithful in this Eucharistic Revival in our country let us be mindful of St. Francis’ advice as we approach the sanctuary to receive Christ in the Eucharist. The saint said at the same time we receive Him we need to give thanks for all of our blessings received and those we will receive by His Grace.

St. Francis de Sales wrote, “When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible; and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence.”

Remain grateful to Him for saving us from sin and death, receiving eternal life with Him in heaven.

“Be what we are and be that well, in order to bring honor to the Master Craftsman whose handiwork we are.”

Stay positive and don’t let the devil disrupt you. “Worry disturbs reason and good judgment and prevents us from doing well the very things we are worried about.”

Saint Francis de Sales, pray for us!

Editor’s note: the portrait of St. Francis de Sales is dated 1622, the year he died.

LESSONS FROM SAINTS PAUL, TIMOTHY, AND TITUS

THE CHURCH CELEBRATES THESE SAINTS JAN. 25 AND 26



Saint Paul was fanatically anti-Christian, present at the stoning and murder of the first Christian martyr (St. Stephen), and considered all Christians radical troublemakers. His hatred of Christ and those who believed in our Lord, led him to violently persecute and torture Christians. Saul and even the mention of his name stirred great fear.

On January 25, however, the Church brings our attention to the conversion of this horrific soul and how he became one of the most influential Apostles.

The moment Saul became Paul, one of the greatest evangelizing Apostles of Christ: as the story in Chapter 9 of the Acts of the Apostles goes, Saul was sent by the high priests to travel from Jerusalem to Damascus to arrest Christians and take them back to Jerusalem to be punished.

Almost to Damascus a light from the sky, brighter than the sun, blinded and startled Saul and his men. He was abruptly thrown from his horse.

While on the ground he encountered Christ (Acts of the Apostles 9:1-19, Galatians 1: 13-14). Jesus asked, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" He replied, "Who are you, sir?" Jesus responded, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9: 4 - 5). The Risen Lord's presence and words transformed Saul with the Almighty's powerful grace curing Saul of his rage and changed him.

Jesus then sent Saul into Damascus to wait for further instructions. He was shaken and still physically blinded. Ananias, a true and loyal disciple of Christ, was summoned by God to go to Saul and lay his hands on him and heal him. Ananias protested, because he had heard of the heinous and evil things Saul had done. However, Ananias was obedient to God's call and went to the Pharisee. He said, "Saul, my brother, the Lord has sent me, Jesus who appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." His sight was immediately regained.

At his baptism Saul took the name of Paul. He spent the remainder of his life preaching the Word of Jesus, the one true Redeemer, bringing thousands to the faith.

The day after the Church celebrates the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, we honor Saints Timothy and

Titus, two men who were so moved by Paul's missionary preaching they joined St. Paul as missionaries converting souls to fall away from darkness and into the light of love with Jesus.



Timothy was the son of a Jewish Christian woman married to a Greek pagan man. His mother was forbidden to immerse their son in the lessons and hopes of Christ. It was when Saint Paul preached to the Gentiles in Lystra (now Turkey) where Timothy lived, when he was

about 20 years old, that the young man became intrigued. Timothy knew his mother and maternal grandmother were Christian by faith and virtue, but it was St. Paul who changed the course of his life. Timothy began not only following and practicing the faith openly, but he also began sharing it with others.

When St. Paul returned to the region a second time, Timothy met the great Apostle and became a missionary with him in Greece, Turkey, and Israel (Corinth, Thessalonica, and Philippi). Saint Paul referred to Timothy as his "loyal son in the faith (1 Timothy 1:2)."

We don't know a lot of details of where Saint Titus was born or lived before he became a missionary with St. Paul, but we do know from the Letter to Titus in the New Testament that Titus was a Gentile Christian. He traveled to Jerusalem with St. Paul, then sent to preach in Corinth. He further trusted St. Titus to build the Church in Crete and put a stop to false preaching and abuses. He was assigned to find men of strong faith and character to serve as bishops and presbyters (Titus chapters 1-3). Good works would be the evidence of their faith in God (Titus 3:8).



Let us all listen to Christ's call, show mercy, defend the Word of God, and spread the message and love of the Gospel like Saints Paul, Timothy, and Titus.

Editor's note: The portraits of Saints Paul, Timothy, and Titus are by Tracy Christianson of Portraits of Saints.



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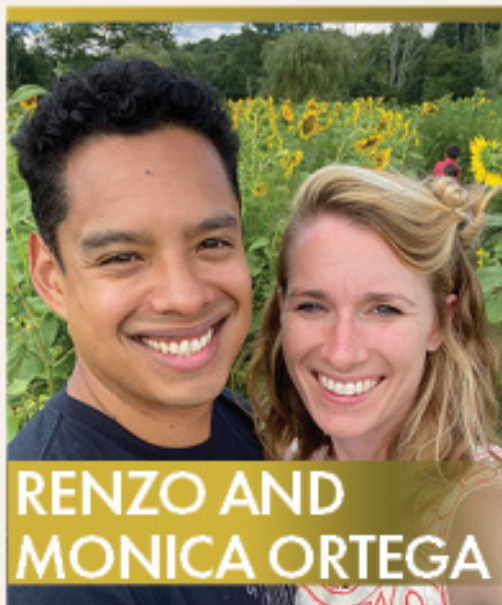
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

When God sends Jonah to the big city – Nineveh – he warns the people there of God’s wrath, urging them to turn from their evil ways and repent. God teaches Jonah that God’s mercy is great and trumps His anger. We just have to follow God’s call.

Responsorial: Psalm 25

“Teach me your ways, O Lord.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

St. Paul gives us a confusing reading, but his last line tells us the focus – “The world in its present form is passing away.” Focus on Christ. He died for us. Followers will have eternal life with Him in Heaven.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

When Jesus goes to Galilee, He calls for the people to repent. He also calls the first disciples -Simon, Andrew, James, and John, who immediately turn to him and follow him.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL SCRIPTURE TEXT
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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, Pope Francis, Bishop Mark Brennan, and our priests - that each never tire of keeping the love, mercy, and Word of God alive through their words, witness, and encouragement of the faithful, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That those in power exercise mercy, ensuring that justice is given in every case and evil ways are banished, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all those serving Christ in a ministry of His Church, especially those who share the Word of God as lectors, deacons, catechists, psalmists, and cantors - like the first disciples, let them be fishers bringing other souls to Heaven, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all those who are suffering from physical and mental hardships, may God bless them from the top of their head to the tips of their toes, filling them with joy, peace, love, and hope while inspiring them to share God’s mercy and graces to those who don’t know Him, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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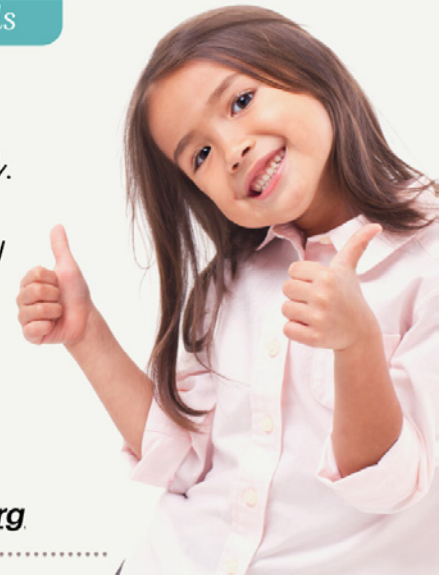
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