



Happy 4th of July!
Blessed is the nation whose
God is the Lord. Psalm 33:12



Final Diocesan Synod Report Released and Submitted

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston announced today that it has submitted the Final Synthesis Report to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) as part of the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality.

The diocesan synod process began in October, 2021 with Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark Brennan at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, joining Pope Francis' charge to have the faithful to call upon the Holy Spirit to enlighten them as they discern, listen, and discuss how the Church can grow more fruitful in unity. The Holy Father's plans for the global *Synod for a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission* were released in September, 2021.

Ninety-two parish reports from across the diocese were given to the writing team in May of this year. As a model of transparency, the members of the team were not employees of the chancery, but members of the faithful in the diocese. They included Sister Carmella Campione,

a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph; Jacob Manning, parishioner of the Cathedral of St. Joseph; and Dr. Tom Michaud and Dr. Kim Michaud, parishioners of St. Michael Parish in Wheeling. After a thorough review, they compiled a 10-page synthesis reflecting the parish contributions expressed by the faithful across the diocese. A draft report was presented on June 3 to all parish coordinators, giving them the opportunity to provide input and suggest changes.

The writing team thanked the bishop for the opportunity to serve. Sister Carmella Campione added that the synthesis report submitted by the diocese, "records the voice of the people in our diocese, which echoes what we are learning are the same concerns in other dioceses across the country."

Where does the report go from here? Locally, Bishop Brennan has stated that he will use the information contained in the parish reports to develop new

ministries in the diocese as well as make concrete changes to strengthen the Church in West Virginia.

The USCCB will compile all input and feedback to formulate syntheses that reflect the vision of the faithful. The worldwide conferences will submit their summaries by Aug. 15, 2022. The continental phase will take place from September, 2022 to March, 2023. All of this information from around the world that began at the ground level in our parishes will ultimately be used by the Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October of 2023. This Vatican council of bishops, selected from around the world, will counsel and consult the Pontiff on how the People of God with the Holy Spirit as their guide discerned the Church should journey together to carry out her mission and continue the work of Jesus Christ.

You can read the report at: [DWC.ORG/ SYNOD](https://www.dwc.org/synod)

GENUINE LOVE FOR GOD IS THEIR JOY



Two saintly lives stand out this week - one may be the youngest on the road to sainthood and the other the first saint to be canonized by a pope - both are described as loving and joyful.

On July 3, we remember **Venerable Antonietta "Nennolina" Meo**. When the little Italian girl was just five years old, she was diagnosed with bone cancer and had to have one of her legs amputated. Nurses said she embraced the pain as if it were not only a badge of courage, but also as suffering she could get through with the grace of God. Adults were in awe of her will and determination.

She was fitted with a prosthetic leg, but each step caused her great pain to which she admirably said, "May each step I take be a little word of love."

Cancer spread throughout her body, but that did not stop her desire to attend her Catholic school and catechism classes in Rome, where she would go "enthusiastically, because I learn so many beautiful things about You and Your saints," as she wrote in a letter to Jesus. Little Nennolina had written more than 100 letters to Baby Jesus, the Blessed Mother Mary, God the Father, the Holy Spirit, St. Therese of the Child

Jesus, and St. Agnes. In the last letter she was writing to Jesus she wrote about herself, "Your little girl sends you lots of kisses."

In 1937, she died at the age of six. Her relics are in the Basilica Santa Croce, in Rome; the church she attended.

Her letters have been published in a book called *Lamp and Lily*. The name came from a quote in one of her letter's where she wrote, "Dear Jesus, I want to be your lamp, the flame that signifies the love of the heart, and your lily that signifies the purity of the soul."



On July 4, we honor the feast day of **St. Ulrich**, a German bishop who was the first saint to be canonized by a pope, which led to the process that is followed today.

St. Ulrich was born in 890 - some reports note he was born in Germany, while others note he was born in Switzerland. He was a loving bishop who enjoyed visiting parishes and caring for the sick in hospitals. He was ordained The Bishop of Augsburg at the age of 33 and served for 48 years. He died in 973 and 20 years later was declared a saint by Pope John XV. He is the patron for pregnant women and easy labor, after it was reported that pregnant women who drank from his chalice had easy births.

NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

FINDING LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS



Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston staff members pack meals at the Catholic Charities Neighborhood

helped pack meals for our meal delivery service which provides home-delivered meals to those who are homebound or unable to leave their homes."

The Neighborhood Center continued to operate without power to provide uninterrupted services to its clients/neighbors. Area churches, including St. Vincent de Paul Parish, offered their refrigerators for CCNC to store cold food.

"The community came together, as they always do in times of crisis," said Bell. "We are incredibly grateful."

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, including information about taking advantage of HomeCare services, please visit CATHOLICCHARITIESWV.ORG.

Thousands of West Virginians experienced damage to their homes and businesses after a double derecho tore through parts of northern West Virginia on June 14. In Ohio County, more than 60% of residents were without power.

In Wheeling, the buildings that house the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center (CCNC) as well as the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston (DWC) Chancery were effected.

Without power at their offices, DWC employees joined the Catholic Charities team to pack meals by lantern light at our Neighborhood Center.

"We appreciate the support of our friends at the Diocese," said Diana Bell, CCNC Coordinator. "They



CCNC Kitchen Manager Betty Simeth (left) and CCNC Coordinator Diana Bell (right) prepare meals during a

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c

Rejoice! As a mother comforts her child, God will comfort each of us.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 66

"Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Saint Paul tells us that because of the cross we have peace and mercy if we follow the laws of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Jesus sends 72 followers to be disciples among the people – lambs among wolves. For all who welcome you say, "Peace to this household." If you are unwelcomed, do not labor over it, continue on nothing can harm you – followers of the Lord.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, as the USCCB commences the review process of the diocesan synod reports in order to combine them into a representative voice of all the faithful for the Holy Father as we grow more fruitful in unity, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our country, that we heed the words of Jesus – to love one another and bring peace, turning away from Satan who is attacking our hearts and minds, breeding hate, defamation, and greed, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who serve in our military who defend our freedom, liberty, and justice, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For the faithful in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the special intentions we all hold in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

SISTERS GIVE GROW OHIO VALLEY HOUSE OF HOPE

More than 170 years ago the house at 110 15th Street in East Wheeling served as the original Wheeling Hospital, now thanks to the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph, it will remain a house of hope as it will accommodate the offices and operations of Grow Ohio Valley a non-profit urban agricultural initiative.

The Sisters of St. Joseph came to West Virginia in 1853 from St. Louis to staff the hospital and teach and care for orphans. The property has been cherished by the sisters, who were able to purchase the property in 1996. The congregation has been supportive of the mission of Grow Ohio Valley since its inception

On June 24th, the sisters, associates, and friends from the Congregation of St. Joseph gathered at the site with members of Grow Ohio Valley for a prayer service and a blessing of the property by Bishop Mark Brennan.

Grow Ohio Valley noted a portion of the house may also be



used by AmeriCorps volunteers to live in while they are working in Wheeling.

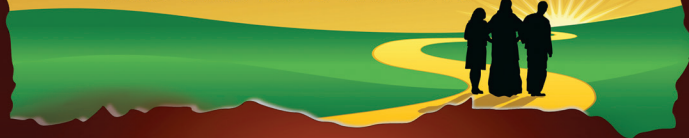
Several of the sisters who have lived in the home attended the ceremony celebrating the transfer of ownership. Sister Kathleen Durkin, a board member and longtime supporter of Grow Ohio Valley, said, "It is wonderful that those who are inheriting this house are young, energetic, creative and loving. We are thrilled that our former home will continue to be a presence in the neighborhood into the future."

"Grow Ohio Valley has been working to build a just and equitable food system in the East Wheeling neighborhood for many years with

the support of the Congregation of St. Joseph," said Glynis Board, Interim Executive Director. "It has long been a dream of ours to be an extension of the sisters' values and work in our community. This house provides us an opportunity to do that. We are extremely grateful to the Congregation of St. Joseph for offering us your beloved house in East Wheeling,"

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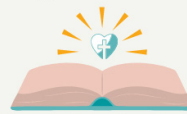
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Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm: [HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
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