



The Ascension of the Lord

Christ's Promise of the Holy Spirit

What were Christ's last words on earth before the Ascension?

Wait for "The promise of the Father... you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.... You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."

Just as Jesus said to the Apostles and first disciples, have faith in Christ's promises and teachings. If we have a relationship with and love for Jesus we are prepared for our mission to teach others about God through our words and actions.

We don't have to complicate things or be experts in theology and Church doctrine. Jesus said, "I will be with you."

In an interview with his Augustinian Order, Cardinal Robert Prevost now Pope Leo XIV emphasized the Church's mission - our mission:

"The mission of the Church has been the same for 2000 years, when Jesus Christ said: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...' We have to announce the good news of the Kingdom of God at the same time that we understand what the Church is in its universal reality."

The Apostle Luke wrote our Gospel for today. Christ said, "It is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead... and repentance for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations... And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

The National Eucharistic Revival has reminded us of our clarion call - bring others to Christ. Who has God put before you? Let it start with our own families and our friends.

Saint Augustine inspires us with this quote from his sermon on the Ascension referencing St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:1-4:



"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; **SEEK THE THINGS THAT ARE ABOVE, NOT THE THINGS THAT ARE ON EARTH.** For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies."

It was Pope St. John Paul II's 1979 homily on the Ascension, that reminds us:

"Because of Christ's merits, because of his intercession with the Father, we are able to attain justice and holiness of life, in him. **THE CHURCH MAY INDEED EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES, THE GOSPEL**

MAY SUFFER SETBACKS, BUT BECAUSE JESUS IS AT THE RIGHT-HAND OF THE FATHER THE CHURCH WILL NEVER KNOW DEFEAT. Christ's victory is ours."

May we all celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord and have confidence in Christ's word - that the Holy Spirit will give us strength and clarity to understand and live out the Word of God.



Praise God

AS THE DIOCESE PREPARES TO CELEBRATE
THE PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF

DEACON TRAVIS MOGER

AT 5PM, FRIDAY, MAY 30
ST. JOSEPH PARISH, MARTINSBURG

READY TO SERVE, LEAD, SUPPORT, AND WALK WITH YOU!

As the Church celebrates the ordination to the priesthood of Travis Moger this weekend at St. Joseph Church Martinsburg, we pray for him, his family, and praise God for all those discerning the priesthood and religious life.



We are blessed in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to have such an impressive number of seminarians opening their minds and hearts to religious life. While some have just finished their first year of college, let alone seminary, Seminarian Clifton Mastran is a proud Class of

2025 graduate of the Pope St. John Paul XXIII National Seminary.

Mastran's seminary shared a reflection he wrote about the impact of his formation and pastoral assignments. As featured in the seminary's newsletter *Sparks of Light*:

It was the unplanned, unscripted moments that were impactful for me, where you are able to be an instrument of the Lord to the people of God "out in the field." For example, saying or doing the right thing at the right time for exactly what that person or the situation called for, be it in providing spiritual counseling, prayers, a loving presence, etc., in which it is clear that what unfolded was under the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is so wonderful and exciting to be allowed to participate as an agent of God's grace! Additionally, I am so grateful for the private Adoration Chapel and the ability to do all of my Holy Hours in Adoration of the Lord! I am also grateful for the relationships with the wonderful people (faculty, staff, and seminarians) that have been a part of my time here, and I look forward to maintaining those relations down the road, even if that will mostly be done remotely!

I cannot wait to be allowed to participate as a minister of

God's grace through the Sacrament of Holy Orders as his priest within his priesthood. I look forward to bringing the Sacraments to the people in an intimate encounter with Christ and helping everyone I meet to grow closer in understanding and love for our Lord and each other, united in Christ! I will strive to be a good shepherd and one who brings the love and mercy of our Lord out to our wounded world!

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary has had taught seminarians from more than 150 dioceses and 25 religious communities. More than 750 alumni serve in dioceses and religious communities throughout the world.

NEW VOCATION DIRECTOR

Earlier this week, Bishop Mark Brennan announced the official appointment Fr. John Soplinski as Vocations Director in addition to his assignments as vice rector of St. Joseph in Wheeling and parochial vicar of St. Alphonsus Parish in Wheeling. Father was ordained to the priesthood on May 31, 2024.

His homily on Nov. 3 from the Cathedral of St. Joseph is appropriate to reiterate today.

"Right now, we have 17 men in formation for the priesthood for our Diocese—a windfall, no one around can remember when it was so high. In addition, there are two who are in formation for religious orders, one who is in formation for the Fraternal Society of St. Peter, and two who are in formation for the Byzantine Catholic Church.



"And as a recent graduate of a Seminary, I can speak to the enthusiasm, the joyfulness of the young men who are studying to serve you.



“I credit those young men for helping me along my journey—even if there were times, I wanted to knock their heads together for their enthusiasms...that’s just the age gap.



“We ask you to pray for them, because there is an attrition factor, not all the young men who go to Seminary stay in Seminary. This is not a failure—you don’t really know if God is calling you until you submit to the process of formation.

“The Church cannot discern whether a man or a woman is called to religious life until

they enter into formation. And it takes a number of years, 7 at a minimum, 9 at a maximum, there are no shortcuts to the priesthood.

“Bishop Mark, himself once a vocations director for 10 years in Washington D.C., often ends his vocation talks to the Serra Club or to the various retreats offered for men discerning a vocation by saying: ‘The people of God want priests, good holy, healthy, and happy priests.’

“And we need them, as a new priest I can tell you a few extra hands wouldn’t hurt a bit.

Keep praying, as one of my professors who speaks often nationally tells his audience—‘the cavalry is coming’—the Holy Spirit provides for the Church—especially when you and I play our part.”



VOCATIONS SUMMER 2025 ASSIGNMENTS

DEEPEEN DISCERNMENT FOR DIOCESAN SEMINARIANS

Clifton Mastran

Sts. Peter and Paul (Oak Hill, WV)

Dominic Re

St. Joseph’s (Martinsburg, WV)

Michael Aiello

St. John University Parish (Morgantown, WV)

Bryan Tedeschi

IPF Summer Program

Nathan Schmidt

Our Lady of Fatima (Huntington, WV)

Michael Tupta

Camp Carlo

Timothy Kawash

St. Vincent’s (Berkely Springs, WV)

Peter Russman

St. Joseph’s (Huntington, WV)

Reece Lopatka

Camp Carlo

David Hensler

St. James the Greater (Charles Town, WV)

Andrew Dean

St. Patrick’s (Weston, WV)

Joseph Dericco

St. John’s (Wellsburg, WV)

Donvito Cortese

Guatemala Summer Program

Sebastian Lasko

St. James the Greater (Charles Town, WV)

Christopher Nelson

St. Joseph’s (Weirton, WV)



CAMP CARLO - ADVENTURE AWAITS!

There is still time to register for Blessed Carlo Acutis Youth Camp, fondly referred to as Camp Carlo!

The diocesan Catholic youth adventure camp is for boys and girls in grades 3-12. This year's four camp weeks range from June 29-July 26.

Situated in the picturesque Tygart Valley mountains in Huttonsville, Camp Carlo is dedicated to leading young people to Christ & His Church. Campers and Counselors grow in Christ's love while backpacking up a mountain, horseback riding through hidden trails, sliding down mystic waterfalls, and gathering in front of the true Presence of our Lord during Mass and Adoration.

Camp Dates:

June 29 - July 5 - High School Week

July 6 - July 12 - Catch All Week #1

July 13 - July 19 - Catch All Week #2

July 20 - July 26 - Catch All Week #3

Camp was named in honor of a millennial Catholic on the road to sainthood Blessed Carlos Acutis in 2021. The Italian teen was beatified on Oct. 10, 2020. He is described by his family and friends as a seemingly average teen, who was most commonly dressed in jeans, tennis shoes, and sweatshirt. Acutis loved the outdoors, video games, sports, and computers. He also enjoyed school mainly because it was a chance to hang out with friends. He was actually considered a computer expert for his age, having learned programming in elementary school at a collegiate level. While he was extremely savvy in and enthusiastic about technology, he was also devoted to something else on an extraordinary level - Christ and the Church. His faith has been described as "pure and certain."

He went to Mass every day. When people would ask him what his plans were for the future he would say, "To always be close to Jesus. That's my life plan."

He was surprised, as he grew older, that his friends did not have the same devotion and need for Christ in their lives. He frequently told his friends that the "Eucharist is my highway to heaven." He hoped the same for them. He knew the power of the internet and chose to use it as online evangelization. He created a website dedicated to the Eucharistic Miracles of the World - WWW.MIRACOLIEUCARISTICI.ORG. There he presented his research as a virtual museum.

Blessed Carlo died in 2006, at the age of 15, a week after he was diagnosed with leukemia.

His friends and family continue to carry on the website and Acutis' hope that it will bring people to Church and the Eucharist. The site is presented in 17 languages and the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit can be downloaded as posters for free.

The story of Carlo not only provides inspiration and relatability for today's youth, but also provides all the faithful an example of how we can be modern day saints.

Register now at: CAMPCARLOWV.ORG

THE NEW DIRECTORS YOU KNOW THEM ALREADY

Seminarians Michael J. Tupta, of Charleston, and Reece Lopatka, of Morgantown, will be co-directors of camp this summer.

Tupta is in seminary in Rome at the Pontifical North American College. A parishioner of the Basilica of the

Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, he is excited to spend his summer assignment for the diocese serving the youth – the future of the Church.

“I look forward to directing the camps with my brother seminarian Reece and discerning how our Lord Jesus desires to have a profound encounter with all of us this summer, especially through His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist,” Tupta said.

Blessed to be in Rome in this significant year for the Church, Tupta wrote a column for FaithInWV published May 18th. Read it here: FAITHINWV.ORG/E-BULLETTINS

Lopatka is in seminary at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. He is a parishioner of St. John University Parish in Morgantown. A graduate of West Virginia University in 2023, he worked as a K-12 substitute teacher in Monongalia County prior to entering seminary last year.

“I’m excited to work with the team at Camp Carlo this summer,” he said. “I pray and hope this year’s camp will continue to be a place of encounter with our Lord through fellowship, prayer, and adventures in the hills of Huttonsville!”



The Catholic camp was founded 60 years ago in Randolph County as Camp Tygart!

IN THE NEWS

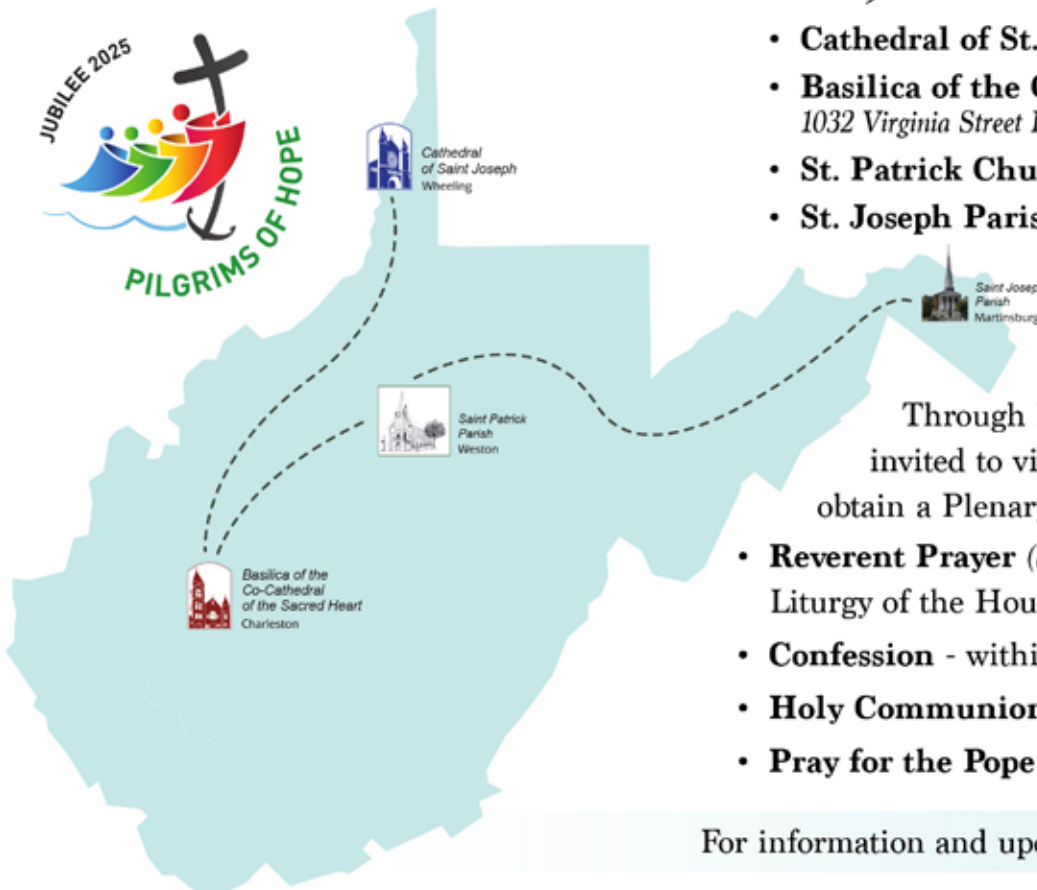
Our Sunday Visitor national newspaper, June 2024 (just after Blessed Carlo Acutis’s canonization confirmation was announced). Article: WWW.FRANCISCANMEDIA.ORG/NEWS-COMMENTARY/CARLO-ACUTIS-YOUTH-CAMP-OFFICIALS-OVERJOYED-ABOUT-NAMESAKES-CANONIZATION/

The National Catholic Register, July 27, 2024: WWW.NCREGISTER.COM/FEATURES/CAMP-CARLO

EWTN News In Depth: Jubilee Year Special, Jan. 3, 2025 (39-minute mark): WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SHARE/V/19A2NAYQ2V/ - (Assistant director of camp for 2025 Joshua Christe is featured in the piece)

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

WHAT'S UP WITH CARLO'S CANONIZATION?

We Will Know on or after June 13



Blessed Carlo Acutis's canonization will be discussed on June 13 as part of a meeting to decide dates for several beatified persons.

The Holy See Press Office said Pope Leo XIV will preside over a gathering of the Ordinary Public Consistory of Cardinals on June 13th when they will vote on several Causes of Canonization and the rescheduling of Blessed Carlo Acutis'.

The canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis was one of the most anticipated worldwide in years in part because

of his youth, being a millennial, and the teen's fascination and online exhibit of Eucharistic miracles from around the globe. Originally, Blessed Carlo's canonization was to take place on Sunday, April 27, during the Jubilee of Adolescents, but was postponed following the death of Pope Francis.

Blessed Carlo Acutis is beloved in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for the same reasons as our brothers and sisters around the world, but also for four other reasons.

1. He was one of our Diocesan Eucharistic Congress Saints in 2023.
2. He is the patron of the National Eucharistic Revival 2022-2025.
3. He was venerated (relics) by the faithful in all six vicariates of WV in the Fall 2022.
4. Most significant - he is the namesake of our Catholic youth adventure camp - Camp Carlo-named in 2021.

Wait! Who was Carlo Acutis?

In 2006, Bl. Carlo Acutis died from leukemia. He was 15. From the time he was 11 he began compiling facts of Eucharistic miracles. Acutis used his love of the computer to share his fascination with the world by creating a website still maintained today by his friends and family (WWW.MIRACOLIEUCARISTICI.ORG/EN/LISTE/LIST.HTML). The site is presented in 17 languages and has downloadable posters for parishes and schools to have. It is truly a virtual museum with facts, images, and maps of the miracles from across the globe.



He believed "the more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."

Other beatified expected to be discussed for canonization at the June 13th meeting include Blessed Bartolo Longo of Italy; Blessed José Gregorio Hernández of Venezuela where he is known as "doctor of the poor;" Blessed Pietro To Rot of Papua New Guinea; Blessed Vincenza Maria Poloi, who founded the Sisters of Mercy in Verona; and Blessed Ignazio Maloyan, a bishop martyred during the Armenian genocide in 1915, according to Catholic News Agency.

SHIRLEY CARTER EXCITED ABOUT POSSIBILITIES AS DIOCESE'S FAITH FORMATION DIRECTOR

By Colleen Rowan, Editor of The Catholic Spirit



WHEELING — Shirley Carter is excited about the possibilities in her new role as director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. She has served as interim director since November.

“I am also humbled about being entrusted with a position that affords such an opportunity to help build the Kingdom of God in a diocese that has blessed me in so many ways,” she said.

Carter brings to the position her 16 years of experience in campus ministry. In announcing that she had accepted the position, Very Rev. John Rice, V.G., V.F., noted that she previously served as campus minister at West Liberty University and Bethany College. She is currently an instructor for Dayton University’s Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation.

That experience will help her in what Bishop Mark Brennan sees as one of the most important focuses of the church right now – evangelization.

Carter emphasized the message of Bishop Brennan’s pastoral letter “Bringing People to Christ,” in which he stresses that all are called to evangelize.

“The real importance lies in each of our responsibility to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in a time that our world sorely needs to hear it,” Carter said. “And since I have been taught, and truly believe, that our church has the

fullness of the truth there is no better time to proclaim it.”

When asked what she most wants to accomplish in this role, she said she has a number of ideas and things she sees as important.

“But after being in ministry for many years, I have learned that my plans are not always the Lord’s plans,” she said. “So, I am praying every day that he will work through me in whatever way is best for the people of the diocese. But the catechist in me knows that passing on the faith is essential, so I am hoping to focus on that with various populations (and) ages and in different settings.”

She is looking forward to her work as director of Faith Formation, but it is bittersweet as she leaves campus ministry.

“It will be difficult leaving the young adult population to and with whom I have ministered. They keep a person young. But I am enjoying my time with wonderful people at the chancery and making new connections around the diocese.”

Carter has a bachelor’s degree from West Liberty and a Master of Applied Theology from Wheeling Jesuit University. In his announcement, Father Rice said she has been involved in various forms of ministry throughout her life including director of parish youth ministry and director of spiritual formation at a local elementary school followed by seven years as the director of Retreats and Leadership programs at Wheeling Jesuit University.

Carter is the mother of four grown daughters and 12 grandchildren. She is a member of Our Lady of Peace Parish in Wheeling.



CNS/Lola Gomez

Mass for Pope Leo XIV
and the intentions of the pope will be celebrated by
Bishop Mark E. Brennan
at 6pm, on June 10th,
at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling.
Simultaneously, Rev. Don Higgs will celebrate a
Mass honoring Pope Leo XIV
at 6pm, June 10,
from the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral in Charleston.
All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

We Are All Called to Be Missionaries

Since his first public remarks, Pope Leo XIV not only calls the faithful to pray for peace, but also to be mindful of how to be “a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges... always open to receive (people)... with open arms – everyone, all those who need our charity, our presence, dialogue, and love.”

Last week in an audience of missionaries representing 120 countries he said, “Our world - wounded by war, violence, and injustice - needs to hear the Gospel message of God’s love and to experience the reconciling power of Christ’s grace.”

He spoke to the four Pontifical Mission Societies, noting that they are “the primary means of awakening missionary responsibility among all the baptized and supporting ecclesial communities in areas where the Church is young.”

Calling all of us to be “pilgrims of hope.”

- The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, “which provides aid for pastoral and catechetical programs, the building of new churches, healthcare, and educational needs in mission territories”
- The Society of the Holy Childhood, which provides support for Christian formation programs for children, in addition to caring for their basic needs and protection.
- The Society of Saint Peter the Apostle to “help cultivate missionary vocations, priestly and religious”
- The Missionary Union “committed to forming priests, religious men and women, and all the people of God for the Church’s missionary work.”

How can we be mindful missionaries?

One Opportunity is Rooted in Martinsburg

The St. John Bosco Children’s Fund (SJBCF) was established in 2013 by Hank and Kate Grimsland, parishioners at St. Joseph’s in Martinsburg. The couple had been doing missionary work since 2007 in the Dominican Republic and also Haiti. They saw the struggles of children and families not only living in poverty, but also not being afforded the opportunity of an education to better their lives, future, and homeland.

The Grimslands’s story was featured in the July 16, 2023 edition of the FaithInWV e-bulletin and republished in The Catholic Spirit.



“Just as we learned from the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta, who gave up everything to care for those who had no hope, we can make a difference like Christ if we just decide to focus and act – not just have good intentions – on helping even just one child,” Hank Grimsland said.



The SJBCF partners with Catholic educational institutions and provides education support in Haiti and the Dominican Republic for children in grades K-12, college, and even medical school.

From a recent medical school graduate in Haiti, shared on the SJBCF Facebook page:

“I am happy to share with you how the St. John Bosco Children’s Fund supported me during my medical studies. After my father’s death, life became increasingly complicated. I was in my first year of medical school when my father passed away. I considered dropping out because I could no longer afford the cost of tuition. It was at that time that reached out to the St John Bosco Children’s Fund for help. The organization was wonderful and helped to continue my medical studies.

Today, I am a registered physician in Haiti. I would like to thank the St. John Bosco Children’s Fund for helping me to continue my studies despite the difficult situation in Haiti and with my family.

I give all the glory to God and will always be grateful to the Children’s Fund for helping me fulfill my calling.”

The SJBCF is currently supporting 58 students to attend Catholic schools in the Dominican Republic and Haiti: 14 primary and secondary school students in the DR, 24 primary and secondary school students in Haiti, and 10 college students in each country.



“We are so thankful to God for the privilege of helping these students escape the cycle of poverty,” Hank Grimsland said. “We are also thankful for the support of our generous donors. Without their support we could not do this work.”

“In October 2024, I traveled to the DR to meet

with many of the elementary, high school and college students that we support. The highlight of the trip was attending the college graduation ceremony of three of our sponsored students. These graduates now have the opportunity to fulfill their God-given purpose and make a positive impact on their families and community.”

Tragically it is too dangerous for him to travel to Haiti.

“The situation in Haiti is horrible,” he said. “According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, ‘Haiti faces a multidimensional crisis with continuing gang violence, mass displacement and severe humanitarian needs. Despite efforts toward stability, the situation remains dire, demanding urgent international solidarity.’ My hope and prayer is that God will use our new ‘missionary Pope’ along with leaders from other countries, in responding to the cry of the poor in Haiti.”



Last week, the Vatican News world news desk shared an article about the growing gang violence and poverty in Haiti. While Haiti has experienced a multidimensional crisis for decades, at the end of February 2024, gang violence in the country escalated and many are unable to leave their homes safely let alone attend school.

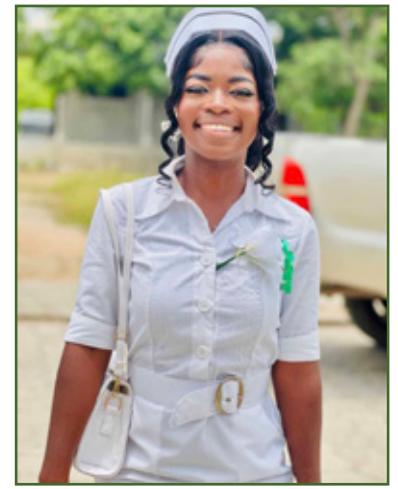
Vatican news on Haiti gangs and children article: WWW.VATICANNEWS.VA/EN/WORLD.HTML

Upon the naming of Pope Leo XIV, the Grimlands were excited to see the Holy Spirit call and the world embrace a missionary as our Holy Father.

“We are delighted that God chose a missionary Pope,” he said. “Beginning with the commissioning of the disciples to ‘go into all the world’, our Church has been a missionary church. I like to think that the St. John Bosco Children’s Fund is, in a small way, fulfilling the great commission by helping disadvantaged children and young adults to be educated and catechized in the Catholic faith.”

To find out more about the SJBCF go to go to: SJBCF.ORG or email Hank at HANKGRIMSLAND@GMAIL.COM.

As Pope Leo XIV posted on his Instagram account, “Let us explore together how to be a missionary Church and serve communion and unity in charity and truth. Each of us contributes by carrying out our daily work with dedication and faith, for faith and prayer are like salt for food—they give it flavor.”

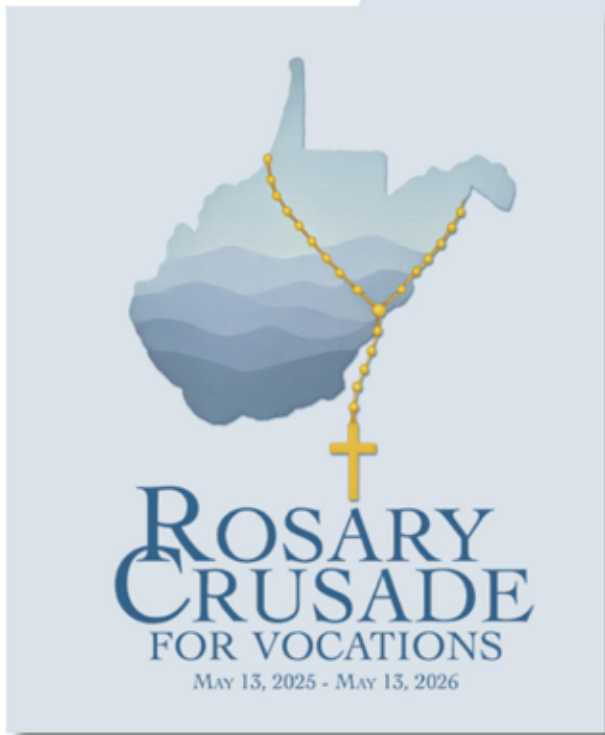


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in word and deed. I
humbly invite you to join
me in this mission.
-Bishop Mark Brennan

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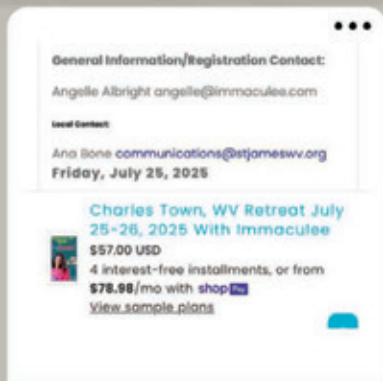
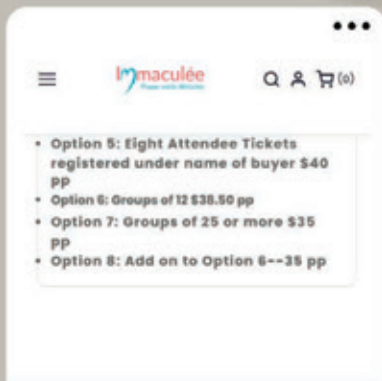
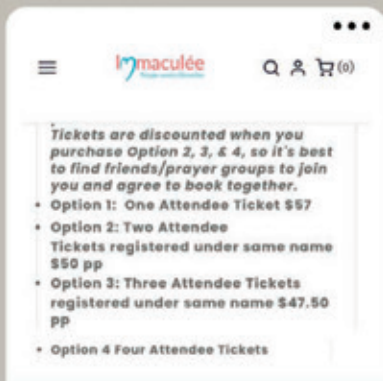
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First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

As the Apostles were looking on, Jesus ascended into the heavens.

Responsorial: Psalm 47

“God mounts His throne with shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.”

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Christ is the head of the Church; where He is we are called to follow.

or **Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23**

Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to the eager who await.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

As Jesus blessed them, He was taken up to Heaven.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL SCRIPTURE TEXT](#)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may reflect all the Jesus taught us - His enduring presence, forgiveness, and love, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That those who exercise civil authority bring unity and peace, consistently upholding the dignity of all, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those attempting to rebuild their lives after tornadoes, storms, floods, and other natural disasters, that they may know God's compassion and not lose hope, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those who celebrated sacraments of initiation this Easter season, that Christ's presence may always animate their lives, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer



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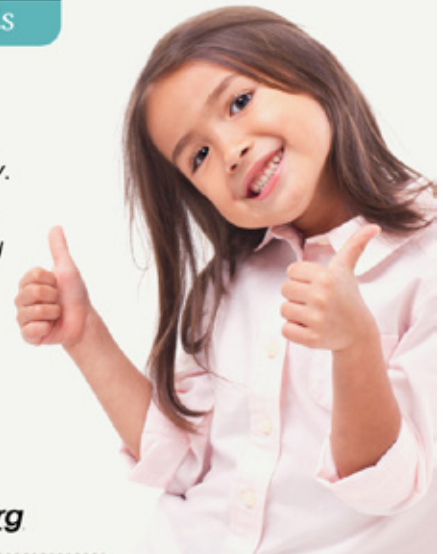
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