



POPE FRANCIS FOCUSES ON *"The Beauty of Marriage"*

LET THE MARRIAGE OF JOSEPH AND MARY INSPIRE YOU

As Pope Francis has dedicated his prayer intention for the month of June to pray for those preparing for marriage, which is "a vocation born from the heart," let us look to the love and commitment of Joseph and Mary to inspire us.

The Sacrament of Marriage, and its significance in the life of the Church and fulfillment of God's desire for a husband and wife to "grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience."

Pope Francis acknowledges marriage as a "demanding journey" which can be complicated, but beautiful. Not only is God Almighty with a married couple on their life-long journey, but so too are the examples of Joseph and Mary.

Venerable Fulton J. Sheen wrote, "No husband and wife ever loved one another so much as Joseph and Mary."

Mystics in Church have recorded accounts of lives of the holiest couple that ever lived. One of the most well-known is from St. Anne Catherine Emmerich. Her name is in Vatican records as Anna Katharina Emmerick. Published in *The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary: From the Visions of St. Anne Catherine Emmerich* is her description of the wedding day of St. Joseph to the Blessed Virgin Mary, including their ornate clothing.

"The wedding was very ceremonious and elaborate. Many lambs were slaughtered and sacrificed. The Blessed Virgin's wedding garments were so remarkably beautiful and splendid that the women who were present used to enjoy speaking about them even in their old age.

"I saw Mary in her wedding-dress very distinctly. She wore a white woolen undergarment without sleeves: her arms were wrapped round with strips of the same stuff, for at that time these took the place of closed sleeves. Next she put on a collar reaching from above the breast to her throat.



It was encrusted with pearls and white embroidery, and was shaped like the under-collar worn by Archos the Essene, the pattern of which I cut out not long ago. Over this she wore an ample robe, open in front. It fell to her feet and was as full as a mantle and had wide sleeves. This robe had a blue ground covered with an embroidered or woven pattern of red, white, and yellow roses interspersed with green leaves, like rich and ancient chasubles. The lower hem ended in fringes and tassels, while the upper edge joined the white neck-covering.

"The adornment of her hair was indescribably beautiful. It was parted in the middle of her head and divided into a number of little plaits. These, interwoven with white silk and pearls, formed a great net falling over her shoulders and ending in a point half-way down her back.

"Joseph wore a long full coat of pale blue, fastened down the front from breast to hem with laces and bosses or buttons. His wide sleeves were also fastened at the sides with laces; they were much turned up and seemed to have pockets inside. Round his neck he wore a kind of brown collar or rather a broad stole, and two white strips hung over his breast, like the bands worn by our priests, only much longer."

It is amazing to imagine St. Anne Catherine's vision of the holy couple. We know based on biblical accounts that the holy couple were loyal, nurturing, devoted, and humble – four characteristics that make up a strong foundation for marriage.

St. Joseph, and Blessed Mary ever virgin, pray for us.

Resources: Watch Pope Francis's sincere remarks about the beauty of marriage [HERE](#). Read more about St. Anne Catherine's visions by [CLICKING HERE](#).

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA CELEBRATES THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CCHD

By Kate Kosydar, CCWVa Parish Social Ministry Coordinator



The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has been giving voice to the voiceless, supporting low-income groups, and changing lives for 50 years. CCHD provides grant funding so that grassroots organizations can make meaningful change from the ground up. Catholic Charities West Virginia is committed to working toward lasting and meaningful change, and we're

honored to coordinate this program in West Virginia.

As the Diocesan Director, Susan Hollis oversees the national Campaign's mission locally. "CCHD has a huge impact on vulnerable people in our state. In the last year alone, West Virginia organizations received \$110,000 from the national office," said Hollis. "That money empowers low-income people to participate in decisions that affect their lives, their families, and communities."

Eileen Dooley is a member of the local advisory committee. She has supported CCHD since the 1980's, when she was a Diocesan Director in another diocese. "CCHD literally transforms the world by enabling people on the margins to improve their neighborhoods, their housing, and their work lives. On a fundamental level, CCHD promotes human dignity," said Dooley.

Tina Stodola and Donna Becher are also members of the local advisory committee. For her part, Stodola is excited to be putting her faith into action through this ministry. "It is a pleasure to meet individuals at organizations who believe in Catholic Social Teaching and carry it out with their missions," said Stodola.

Becher whole-heartedly agrees. "I have been thrilled to help the Church minister to the poor and most vulnerable through CCHD. It's been an honor to meet the phenomenal, dedicated people who are working to make a better life for themselves and those around them."

Just as Catholic Charities West Virginia serves people of all faiths, CCHD provides funding regardless of an organization's religious affiliation. All applicants are required to effectively address the root causes of poverty, and all of their activities must adhere to Catholic moral teachings.

CCHD grants are possible because Catholics across the U.S. generously support a second collection each November. All grants are screened, awarded, and monitored in close partnership with local Catholic dioceses.

Since 2016, West Virginia parishes have contributed about \$190,600 to the national collection. West Virginia organizations have received about \$399,500 in CCHD grants.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, 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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading ZEKIEL 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

Responsorial PSALMS 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

R. (cf. 2a) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you..

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Second Reading 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters:

We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MARK 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds:

“This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come.” He said, “To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For God's holy people, that the witness we provide to the world may enable the kingdom of God to flourish and grow so that all living things may dwell in peace and harmony in its shelter, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For leaders of nations, that they champion those who toil for justice and nurture peace so that the seeds of justice and peace may bloom and ripen the world over, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For teachers, catechists, parents, and all who teach our children the Catholic faith, that the seeds they plant and tend may blossom and grow long beyond the time we spend with them, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all of us, that the Holy Spirit will lead us to recognize the value of life and guide us in upholding the dignity of every human life, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer



LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122

UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at www.dwc.org.

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Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

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Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at DWC.ORG.

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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