



CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK ~ MARCH 8-14



Sisters of Child Jesus (SJI), Sr. Ida Chikara and Sr. Placcedece Mugore, happily shared their gift of song in their native Zimbabwe language from the sanctuary of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston on the parish's Facebook page last Easter, when our churches were closed. in their home language of Zimbabwe. Watch it at: [HTTPS://FB.WATCH/3Z4UHV9h3/](https://fb.watch/3Z4UHV9h3/).

Their selfless devotion to Christ and the mission of the church are immeasurable. This week is the perfect time to show our Catholic sisters across West Virginia our appreciation.

Catholic Sisters Week is one week of the year, when we are asked to recognize the religious sisters who have

influenced our lives with their love, compassion, service, and example. From March 8-14, let us honor the catholic religious sisters in our communities through prayer and acts of gratitude.

In the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston we have 18 religious communities of sisters, located in each of the six vicariates of the diocese – Beckley, Charleston, Parkersburg, Martinsburg, Clarksburg, and Wheeling.

“The work these strong women do in West Virginia is impressive,” said Sr. Martha Gomez, R.G.S, director of consecrated life in the diocese. “Much of what they do is unseen, but so important to our communities. I am so proud to be one of them.”

She said as we take this time to salute them, we need to keep them close in prayer.

“These women have truly been on the front lines of this terrible crisis this year, helping in ways we cannot imagine, to keep people going,” she said.

Whether in our prisons, parishes, or neighborhood centers our religious sisters are working hard to keep the people – Catholics and non-Catholics – alive and well physically, mentally, and spiritually.

“God made each one of them special,” Sr. Gomez said. “I pray they are encouraged to keep doing God’s work. The world needs our good sisters! They touch so many aspects of life from the unborn to the elderly they bring hope through their love of God.”



Sister Terrence Wall, of the Pallottine Missionary Sisters (SAC), test drives a new tractor for the property of Sacred Heart Parish, Huntington.

Many of them left their homelands to serve in the Mountain State, including Sr. Gomez, who was born and raised in Mexico. It is a joy to work with our international sisters, Ian McAra said. McAra serves as the advancement director at both Notre Dame High School and St. Mary’s Grade School. He has a significant bond with Sister Beritha Mashu and Sr. Maria Rukwishuro of the Sisters of Child Jesus congregation, serving the Clarksburg community at Immaculate Conception Parish.

“I became a U.S. citizen at the same ceremony as both of them in 2017,” McAra said. The sisters are native of Zimbabwe. McAra is native of Derby, England.

“They are great assets to Immaculate Conception Church,” he said. “It’s an honor to be part of the same Parish in which they do so much, and it made the citizenship ceremony extra special to be there with them.”

So, what can we do to honor the religious sisters significant to us? Sister Gomez said, “they don’t expect anything. A simple, hello is good, and praying for their continued ministry is the best we can all do.”

As we acknowledge your local congregations and sisters with acts of kindness; let us also pray:

Oh, loving and merciful God,

May the lives of our religious sisters inspire others to join them in membership and mission.

Bless all women religious, that they might be faithful in their call to make our world a better place with their gifts and talents you have given them.

Show grace for all who are discerning a call to vowed religious life, and all those who support women religious and their good works so that their lives and ministries continue to be a source of hope to all of your creation.

Also bless all those served by women religious, whose lives are more hopeful, more peaceful, and more loving, because of the work of the religious sisters in their lives. Amen

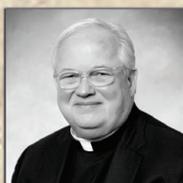
For more information about the religious serving in your area contact the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston’s Office of Consecrated Life at 304-233-0880 ext. 264 or email Karen Muenze at KMUENZE@DWC.ORG.



Sister Maria Rukwishuro, of the Sisters of Child Jesus (SJI) congregation of Zimbabwe, distributes ashes to students at Notre Dame High School on Ash Wednesday 2020 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarksburg.



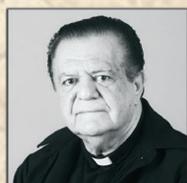
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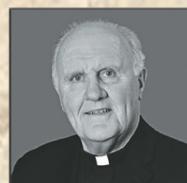
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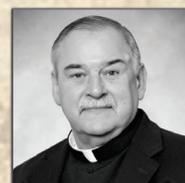
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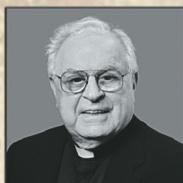
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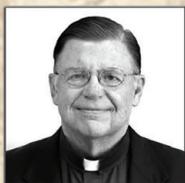
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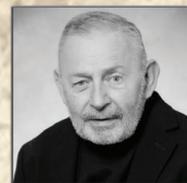
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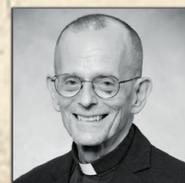
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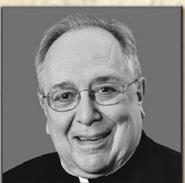
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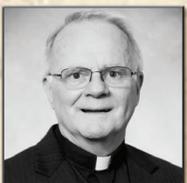
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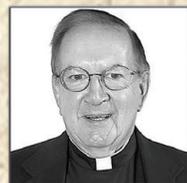
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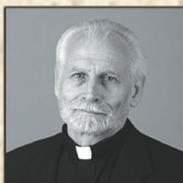
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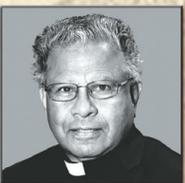
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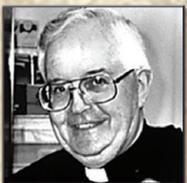
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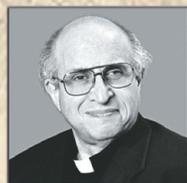
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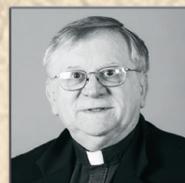
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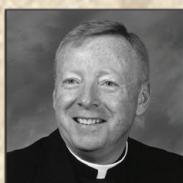
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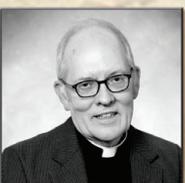
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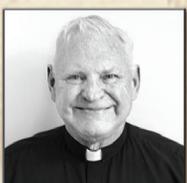
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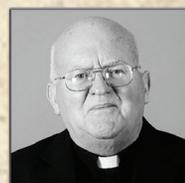
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RETIREMENT FUND FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

COLLECTION DATE: March 7, 2021



RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS' COLLECTION

MARCH 6-7, 2021



In the generous spirit of
SAINT JOSEPH,
our Diocesan Patron, we
give thanks for our priests
who serve the People of God
in West Virginia.

This weekend Catholics from across West Virginia will have the opportunity to thank more than 25 retired priests who have served in the diocese.

A special collection is scheduled for Masses this weekend, March 6-7, to support the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA), a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Jesus said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." That is what our

diocesan priests do for us – blessing our lives with their love and service.

Every dollar donated will go directly to the priests' retirement fund. This special collection is our way to give back to our Catholic priests who have served us so faithfully. Our gifts to this fund are truly a thank you for their years of devotion to God and our communities.

Please take a moment to prayerfully reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to tangibly thank them with a gift to the PHRA collection.

In the generous spirit of St. Joseph, our Diocesan Patron, we give thanks for our priests who serve the People of God in WV. Please, keep our retired priests close in prayer.

If you are unable to attend Mass donations can be made out to Priests' Health & Retirement Association and mailed to your parish.

HONOR BLESSED ANGELA SALAWA THIS WEEK

Remember Blessed Angela (Aniela) Salawa on March 12th, the anniversary of her death.

At her beatification, Pope Saint John Paul II, said, "Aniela Salawa can serve as an example of strong faith, a perfect conformity with God's will amid an exceptional piety."

Just as we are called to look to the saints for inspiration, Bl. Angela Salawa found great inspiration in the writings and lives of St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, and St. Francis of Assisi. At the age of 12 she went to work as a maid. At the age of 19 she joined a religious group of women, who worked as maids and dedicated their free time to prayer and religious activities. She later served as a nurse in Krakow hospitals during World War I to help injured soldiers and used her own money to give them "decent food."

Her life was tangled with suffering due to illnesses, false accusations that lead to job loss, and evil spirited character attacks that resulted in being shunned by her own mother.

Blessed Angela Salawa, pray for us.



SAINT DOMINIC A CHAMPION FOR CHILDREN

During Lent we are called to remember the lives of the saints as relatable faithful who ultimately put Christ first. One of those saints is an inspiring champion for children – Saint Dominic Savio.

We celebrate his feast day in May, but let's acknowledge his life on Tuesday March 9th the anniversary of his death.

Saint Dominic Savio died a month shy of his 15th birthday. His short life left a remarkable impact on his family, friends, and teachers. Saint John “Don” Bosco, who taught St. Dominic, wrote a book about his beloved pupil– *The Life of Dominic Savio*.

The following article presented on the Salesian John “Don” Bosco website is based on Bosco's biography on the saint and a book by Paul J. Pascucci, SDB – *A Brief Life of St. Dominic* (read the entire article [CLICK HERE](#)):

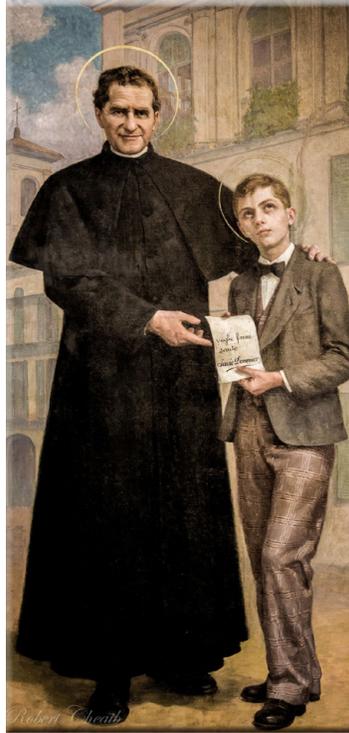
Bosco was preaching to the boys of the Oratory (St. Francis De Sales School and Youth Center). He exclaimed, “Everyone is called to be a saint, and do you know, it is easy to be a saint. Just do this: diligently do the ordinary things of the day in an extra ordinary way.”

Dominic was profoundly impressed. He began to think most seriously about what it meant to be a saint.

He became quiet and looked worried. Don Bosco stopped him one day and asked him if something was bothering him, “Dominic, do you feel all right?”

“I am fine, Don Bosco! I have been thinking about your sermon last Sunday. From now on, I am going to be very serious about becoming a saint.”

“Dominic,” explained Don Bosco, “say your prayers devoutly. Perform all your duties exactly, and above all be cheerful.



The Lord loves a cheerful giver.”

At first Dominic did not really understand what Don Bosco meant. In his eagerness to become holy, Dominic began to do what he understood to be penance. He had heard about saints of the Middle Ages who would go on severe fasts and punish themselves with painful physical penances. Dominic actually put pieces of wood or small stones in his bed so that he could “suffer for Christ.” When the dormitory monitor told Don Bosco about this, he called Dominic aside.

“The way to be a saint, Dominic, is to be always cheerful, do your duties to the best of your ability, and give your classmates good example. Keep in mind that the Lord, Jesus is always with you and wants your happiness,” Bosco said.

About ten months before his death Dominic confided to Don Bosco: “Father, I desire to do something for Mary, but I must do it at once. I want to share my love for the Blessed Mother with my companions. What can I do?” Together they agreed to start a group of students interested in promoting devotion to Mary, the Immaculate Mother of Jesus, and the good of the Oratory.

On December 6, 1876 nineteen years after his death Dominic appeared to Don Bosco. Dominic came to encourage and to advise Don Bosco about the future of his work for youth. In that vision Don Bosco asked his pupil, “Dominic, what gave you the most comfort at the hour of death?”

“What comforted me most at the point of death was the assistance of the powerful and loving Mother of God.”

St. Dominic Savio, pray for us.

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NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

CHARITY IS IN ACTION IN WEST VIRGINIA

By: John Catone, Chief Advancement Officer, Catholic Charities West Virginia

Our friends at the Diocese of La Crosse say that the theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, along with sanctifying grace, are infused in our souls at Baptism. These virtues form the foundation of Christian life, and they bestow on us the capacity to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. We love our neighbor; we show charity because of our love for Christ.

In daily life, we act as God's children. A prominent pronouncement of our being God's children is how we serve our fellow human beings in our daily lives.

It has been said that the greatest of these virtues is "charity," expressed as love for people and life in meaningful daily service to one another in the pursuit and challenge of life.

In the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, Charity in Action is alive and well! And, Mountain Staters, as well as the Mountain State, are better off as a result!

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) celebrates Charity in Action! It affirms, lauds and applauds the outstanding expressions of service to humankind in our state with its "Charity in Action" Award.

"It is with much appreciation and gratitude Catholic Charities celebrates our Charity In Action honorees. God calls us to be brave and to share His love unconditionally with all who cross our paths," said Beth Zarate, President & CEO of CCWVa. "Our honorees embrace their Gospel call to serve."

Catholic Charities West Virginia is grateful to have so many cherished collaborators and supporters in service with us. Together, in spirit and mission of charity, we have changed lives for the better.

The Charity in Action Award honors individuals or groups who share their gifts through charitable works. Awardees are lay people, religious, and groups, such as a school or civic group or congregation.

One awardee is James Richard Lee Ash, of Huntington. Dick is a retired engineer, and he shares his time and talent with others at the Catholic Charities Center for Community Learning and Advancement by helping others increase their literacy, numeracy, and higher-level academic skills.

Another awardee is Riesbeck's Food Markets. Since its founding in 1925 by Margaret Schumacher Riesbeck, Riesbeck's Food Markets has worked to serve its customers and communities with courtesy, helpfulness, and dignity and respect.

Today, almost 100 years later, Riesbeck's strives each day to honor these core values at its 13 store locations in Ohio and West Virginia. As stewards of these core values, based upon service to others, Riesbeck's works to include the less fortunate living in our communities through charitable donations and service to nonprofit organizations.

Margaret O'Neal of Charleston is President and CPO of the United Way of Central West Virginia. Margaret is also one of our awardees. She works every day with partners across her region to reduce poverty and provide hope.

"Margaret has given back tremendously to our community and always has a positive attitude and smile on her face. I saw her in action during United Way's Christmas Bureau bring Christmas to under privileged children to brighten up their holiday," said Chris Signorelli, president, Security America.

Her charity in action has been demonstrated over and over. Margaret passionately serves the most vulnerable populations in the Mountain State.

Catholic Charities West Virginia honors these awardees. But, more profoundly, these people and these entities honor humankind, and they do so in an unselfish manner. They truly demonstrate the importance of charity in their daily pursuits, which reinforces their love of Christ.

CHARITY IN ACTION AWARD HONOREES

2020 Charity in Action Award Honorees (Charleston)

Elizabeth Hoffman • James Hoffman
Margaret O'Neal • Danny Vance

2020 Charity in Action Award Honorees (Wheeling)

Linda Ferns • Ned Sawyers • Riesbeck's Food Markets
St. Michael Parish and School

2019 Charity in Action Award Honorees (Charleston)

Dick Ash • Sandy Koncir • Donna Smith

2019 Charity in Action Award Honorees (Wheeling)

Lisa Werner • The Congregation of St. Joseph
Wheeling Central Catholic High School

2018 Charity in Action Award Honorees (Charleston)

Rev. Msgr. Dean Borgmeyer, V.F. • Matthew Bowles
Rich Stonestreet

Catholic Daughters of America, Court St. Ann #1666
Church of the Ascension, Hurricane
Roane County Long-Term Recovery Committee

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading EXODUS 20:1-17 (or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17)

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

Responsorial PSALMS 9:8, 9, 10, 11

R. (John 6:68c) **Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.**
The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading 1 CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are

called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Verse Before the Gospel JOHN 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

Gospel JOHN 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, led by Pope Francis, that we might cleanse ourselves of corruption and division as we renew our commitment to the mission Jesus left us, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our leaders, that they might work toward the common good of all so that those who live on the margins of society are given assistance and support, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That women around the world might be free from abuse, harassment, and unfair discrimination, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those who will be initiated into the Church this Easter, that they might always find in the Lord the words of everlasting 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.

Liturgy of the Hours

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

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MASS ONLINE

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)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)
- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday: [HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)