Faith IN WV
NOVEMBER 30, 2025
DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

As we enter this Advent season of waiting and preparation, take advantage of moments throughout the day to thank God for sending Christ to us as a sign of his love and mercy.

This is a blessed time to revitalize your faith. As you light the first candle on your Advent wreath, celebrate St. Nicholas Day, begin your Jesse tree tradition, honor the Immaculate Conception, and welcome feasts of St. Lucy, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and San Juan Diego, Advent reminds us of the fullness of our Catholic faith.

Let your faith be fully alive. Embrace these moments of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Lighting the Way to Christ:

The Advent Wreath a Message of Hope, Peace, Joy, & Love

As we begin this holy season, the Advent wreath reminds us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Its candles and colors have developed across cultures, but the meaning remains beautifully the same: hope, peace, joy, and love as we wait for the birth of Jesus.

Traditionally, the wreath holds three purple candles for prayer, penance, and works of mercy, and one pink candle for joy, lit on the third Sunday—Gaudete Sunday—the moment we "rejoice" that Christmas is near.

Many families also know the candles by name:

- *Prophet's Candle (Hope) – recalls Isaiah's prophecy of the Messiah.*
- *Bethlehem Candle (Peace) – reminds us God works through the humble and unseen.*
- *Shepherd's Candle (Joy) – for the shepherds who first heard the Good News.*
- *Angel's Candle (Love) – echos the angels' song: "Glory to God in the highest…"*

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Whatever your wreath looks like, its purpose is the same: to pause in prayer, remember Scripture, reflect on Mary's yes, and renew our gratitude for Christ—God-with-us—who brings light and peace to our lives.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER

Dear Jesus, as we light the candle(s) on this Advent wreath, may your light bring joy to our hearts. Bless our family and friends and be with all who are in need this season. Amen.

WEEK 1 – HOPE

Lord, strengthen our hearts so we may welcome Christ with joy. Amen.

WEEK 2 – PEACE

Jesus, Prince of Peace, fill us with your peace and help us share it with others. Amen.

WEEK 3 – JOY

Jesus, help us find joy in you each day and come to Christmas with grateful hearts. Amen.

WEEK 4 – LOVE

Lord, open our hearts to your Spirit as we await the coming of Christ. Amen.

Bishop Mark Brennan at the age of six (pictured at far right), visits Santa with his brother Paul at a Massachusetts department store. "I had no idea then that Santa Claus was St. Nicholas, a Catholic bishop. I just thought he brought kids toys."

THE BISHOP OF JOY - SAINT NICHOLAS

Saint Nicholas Day, December 6, is a beautiful chance to rediscover the joy that comes from surprising others with kindness.

All around the world, St. Nicholas is cherished as a gentle and generous bishop—someone who let the love of Christ shine through everything he did.

Nicholas was born in 270 AD in the Greek village of Patara, near the waters of the Mediterranean. When he was still young, he lost both of his parents and inherited their wealth. Instead of keeping it for himself, he quietly shared it with the poor and the sick, choosing to live as a humble servant of God. Many say he honored his parents best by giving so generously in their memory.

As a bishop, Nicholas helped shape the faith we treasure today. At the Council of Nicaea around 325 AD, he defended the truth of the Holy Trinity—words that echo even now in the Nicene Creed we pray each Sunday. He returned to God on December 6, 343 AD, and Christians have celebrated his kindness ever since.

On St. Nicholas Day, follow his example in small but meaningful ways—donate food to a pantry, give warm shoes to a local shelter, or call a children's hospital to see what little gifts might brighten a child's Christmas.

For the little ones, the night before the feast is full of sweet anticipation. Tell them the story of St. Nicholas, then tuck a few simple treats into their shoes—coins, chocolates, clementines, tiny ornaments, candy canes, a Nativity figure, or a prayer card. These small surprises mirror the quiet, thoughtful love St. Nicholas became famous for as early as 800 AD.

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

As we begin the Advent season take a moment for yourself, spending time with Christ in the Gospel of Luke. Consider it a countdown to Christmas challenge!

Luke's Gospel has 24 Chapters, fittingly if we begin our journey walking with St. Luke on Dec. 1, reading one chapter a day, we will complete the Gospel on Christmas Eve. This countdown to Christmas with St. Luke's Gospel has popped up on Christian blog and social media posts the last couple years.

Before we begin this challenge, let's get to know St. Luke.

Saint Luke was not one of the original 12 Apostles. However, he is considered one of the most dedicated followers after Christ's ascension. He left his profession as a physician to become an evangelist with the other Apostles, after Saint Paul's preaching inspired him.

He was intelligent and loved being emersed in the life of Christ. His writings make it obvious that he not only enjoyed talking to countless people who knew Jesus and witnessed His miracles, but also that he was in search of the facts – the truth. Saint Luke is referred to as one of the Church's first historians.

He wrote the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, which make up nearly a fourth of the New Testament. Saint Luke is a beautiful writer taking the reader through his messages and stories with such description the reader can envision and imagine themselves within them.

We can read St. Luke's words as if he were speaking personally to us. In fact, the Gospel of Luke (as well as the Acts of the Apostles) were letters written to his friend and Roman dignitary Theophilus, who must have asked the Apostle to detail the facts of the life of Christ.

Even though the world was male-dominated, St. Luke preached and wrote about how Jesus went out of his way to bring God's love to women, the poor, and all who were among the most forgotten and cast-out members of society.

It is believed that the story of our Savior's birth that St. Luke presents, was based on his personal conversations with Our Blessed Mother Mary.

His first lines in Chapter 1 of his gospel notes that he wrote it "after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write and orderly account for you. . . so that you may know the truth. . ." (Luke 1:3-4).

Throughout his writings he relates the teachings of Jesus with the early church as told in Old Testament. Writing as one who presents facts to convince others that we should all know and love Jesus – our God – St. Luke illustrates Christ's mercy, healing, and compassion.

Saint Luke urges us to be Christian disciples and model ourselves after Jesus, and for us to seek salvation and peace through prayer. He even used Jesus as the example in Luke 23:34, when Jesus asked forgiveness of his crucifiers.

So, let's take the countdown to Christmas challenge this Advent to do something for ourselves! Let us all be inspired by St. Luke, seeking to know as much as we can about the life of Christ and want to share that good news with others through our actions and words.

Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle

A Simple Fisherman, A Bold Follower — November 30

When it comes to knowing what St. Andrew, the apostles, was like, we don't have much to go on, but Scripture tells us enough to honor him as a role model.

When Jesus called, Andrew left everything. Along with his brother, St. Peter, he heard Christ shout, a personal invitation to become a "fisher of men" (Matthew 4:18–20) — and he followed and did so with his whole heart.

Andrew walked with Christ, witnessed miracles, preached the Good News, and answered the call to holiness for he believed.

As Advent begins, St. Andrew's feast opens the door to a beloved tradition - the St. Andrew Christmas Novena.

A Beautiful Holy Habit for All Catholics

Starting November 30, **pray the St. Andrew Christmas Anticipation Prayer 15 times daily until Christmas.**

The repetition may seem daunting, but its rhythm gently draws our hearts and minds eye to the true beauty and meaning of the season — the coming of the Christ Child.

Pray it as you get ready for the day, as you exercise, in the car, or during random moments throughout the day.

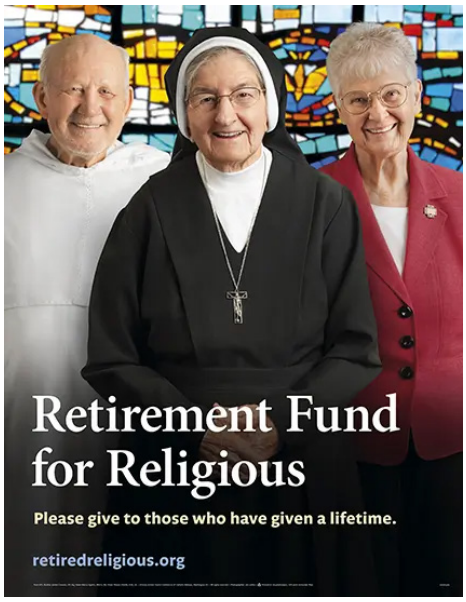
Let it become a holy habit – a simple family ritual that builds peace, hope, and holy anticipation.

St. Andrew Christmas Prayer

(Artwork of St. Andrew reading is by Artus Wolffort, 1600s — the scroll reads: "Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.")

PLAN AHEAD

Special Collection for Retired Religious Dec . 13-14



Bishop Mark Brennan announces all parishes and missions in the diocese will hold the annual collection for retired religious sisters, brothers and priests on the weekend of **DECEMBER 13-14, 2025.**

"For many years the Church in the United States benefitted from the dedicated service of women and men in consecrated life while giving them very little financial support. We do better now with the religious currently serving our people but, as a result of our collective parsimony in the past, many religious congregations have only meager resources to care for their elderly and disabled members. Not only out of mercy but out of justice we must help them. The annual collection on their behalf is a chief way to encourage our people to come to the aid of these needy religious."

National Religious Retirement Office Announces 2025 Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

WHEELING-CHARLESTON, W.Va., Oct. 30, 2025 — The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) is announcing that the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held in parishes throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston on the weekend of Dec. 13-14.

In 2024, Catholics across the diocese contributed $101,247.22 to the collection, mostly through their home parishes. "The generosity of U.S. Catholics continues to make a profound difference in the lives of aging religious," said John Knutsen, NRRO director. "This year, we invite all Catholics to help provide the care and dignity these women and men of faith so richly deserve."

Rising health-care costs and the absence of traditional retirement plans have placed significant financial strain on many religious communities. The Retirement Fund for Religious helps address this need, supporting more than 21,000 religious over the age of 70. In 2024, the average annual cost of care was about $56,600 per person, with skilled nursing care averaging $96,000.

Since its establishment in 1988, the collection has raised over $1 billion, with nearly $900 million distributed for direct care and over $103.7 million allocated to retirement planning projects.

In 2024, the appeal raised over $28.1 million, providing financial assistance for the retirement needs of 266 U.S. religious communities. Beyond financial aid, the collection supports educational programs, empowering religious communities to plan for their long-term needs.

About the NRRO

The NRRO coordinates the annual national appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious and distributes financial assistance to eligible religious communities. It is sponsored by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more information, visit retiredreligious.org, or contact Robin Cabral, by phone at (508) 685-8899 or by email at campaign@retiredreligious.org.

Electric, Unforgettable, Unmistakably Catholic:

The NCYC Experience, Transforming the Church Now

Something electric happened inside Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis last week—something more powerful than any concerts, louder than the cheers for a winning touchdown, and deeper than the booming bass pulsing through 16,000 young Catholics gathered for the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC).

It was the unmistakable sound of THE CHURCH FULLY ALIVE.

For three unforgettable days, more than 120 youth from WV gathered with 16,000 teens from across the country. They sang, prayed, laughed, danced, asked big questions, and encountered the living God together.

From the outside, NCYC looked like a huge Catholic party (and yes, it absolutely was). But from the inside? It was something far more powerful – it was a world-shifting, heart-transforming encounter with Jesus Christ.

A Historic First: Pope Leo XIV Speaks Directly to NCYC Youth

Making history, the Holy Father joined the teens live in an interactive digital conversation broadcast to millions on EWTN.

Pope Leo XIV didn't deliver a distant speech. He answered their questions, laughed with them, listened to them, and spoke to them as a shepherd speaks to his flock.

His message was clear, personal, and powerful:

"You are the present of the Church. Your voices—your presence—matters. Be active. Say yes to Church opportunities!"

He urged young people to:

- bring Christ's love home,
- pray for one another,
- seek Jesus in the quiet moments,
- talk to Him each morning and night,
- and remember the guiding love of Mary.

And then he gave a line to empower every soul in that the stadium:

"Remember—we weren't made for comfort. We were made for greatness."

The roar that followed the Holy Father's final blessing was only second to the excitement of his live greeting. Both shook the banners in the rafters.

The Greatest Cathedral in America

There were moments when the stadium sounded like a concert—and moments when it became hushed and still as a quaint chapel.

At Mass the thousands became one voice, praising God in unison, uniting with faithful around the world.

During the Eucharistic procession and holy hour, a wave seemed to come over the crowd as

16,000 strong profoundly bowed or fell to their knees on the concrete floor, honoring the Real Presence of Christ. The diocesan, parish, and school leaders from Clarksburg, Bridgeport, Weston, Charleston, South Charleston, Parkersburg, Wheeling and surrounding

areas experienced a true embrace of the Holy Spirit as they watched their students connect with Christ. For in that moment although among a vast crowd it was as if they were alone with the Savior.

So, yes, in these moments, Lucas Oil Stadium became the largest, greatest cathedral in America.

Breathtaking moments continued at breakout sessions, hallways, and the exhibit hall seeing teens waiting in confession lines that stretched and zigzagged around the room and across hallways. Students huddled in prayer randomly everywhere—concourse floors, stairwells, hallways, seats - some prompted others sincere spontaneity.

WV Youth Represented Joy, Prayer, and Spirit

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's delegation showed up with enthusiasm and heart. They prayed hard, sang louder, and represented you, West Virginia Church, with pride and sincerity.

They carried your prayers with them, and they carried Christ back home.

Let us learn from them.

Let us pray for them.

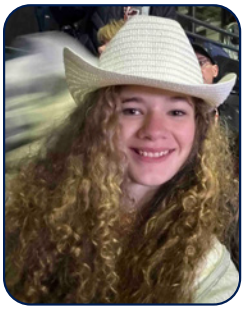
Let us thank God for them.

These young people are the Church. Right now. Today.

Voices From WV Youth
Faith Alive in Their Own Words

Brandon Miller, Senior, Central Catholic HS/Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish (Wheeling)

"I wish my friends could have experienced the community here… the Eucharistic miracles, the Liturgy of the Hours. NCYC has been spiritually moving for me. Our mission as the young Church is to keep the integrity of the Church and ignite the Holy Spirit within our souls."



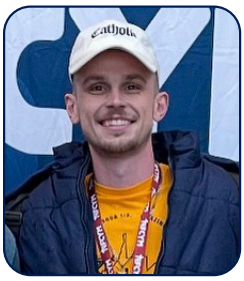
Grace Przybysz, Freshman, Central Catholic HS/St. Michael Parish (Wheeling)

"Meeting new people, deepening my faith, experiencing it alive—it was unforgettable. Pope Leo reminded us we're not too young to matter. Our influence begins now. We have fresh ideas the Church needs. No one is too small to make a difference."

John Brady Jordan, Senior, Notre Dame HS (Clarksburg)/ St. Patrick Parish (Weston)

"After NCYC, 'I AM' reminds me God is always with me. Even when I feel small, my identity is rooted in Him—not what others think."

Witnessing the Movement
Unforgettable Moments



Andrew Myers, Campus Minister Parkersburg Catholic HS/St. Francis Xavier Parish/Hidden Gems Ministry (Parkersburg)

"The next generation of Catholics in WV showed up strong. We were loved, taught, inspired. Now we must bring the fire home. I'm committed to fanning that flame across the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston."

Sr. Maria Rukwishuro, of the Sister of the Infant Jesus (SJI), serving Notre Dame HS/ Immaculate Conception Church (Clarksburg)

NCYC was an "amazing experience" the conference was truly EPIC, and I can tell from (the students') reflections that it had a profound impact on them (see Faith First article on pages 8-10).

"The music was incredible - it spoke directly to the hearts of our young people! The live Zoom with the Pope was a highlight, and I loved seeing the joy on their faces. Most importantly, I pray that my students felt the love and presence of God and realized they're not alone in their struggles. (To all who supported this experience for our parishes, schools, and youth groups to attend) THANK YOU, (you gave) them this unforgettable experience. God bless you."

"Jesus Wants Your Hearts" – Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV urged the teens to trust Jesus with their struggles because Christ longs to walk with them:

"We cannot give our problems to someone we barely know. Build a real relationship with Jesus."

He encouraged them to seek:

- true friends who lead them closer to Christ,
- active engagement in their parishes,
- and opportunities to serve.

"Your voices, your ideas, your faith matter right now."

"God Has Not Changed His Mind About You" - Sr. Miriam James Heidland

Speaker Sr. Miriam James Heidland, of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT), best-selling author, podcaster, national Catholic speaker, and a former Division 1 athlete, pressed deeply into Jesus' healing love: "At baptism you were marked forever as belonging to Christ. Nothing—nothing—can change that."

Her message hit home for thousands:

Jesus is not overwhelmed by your fears.

- He is not disappointed in your struggles.
- He looks at you—and loves you.
- He wants to heal the hidden places of your heart.

NCYC Was More Than a Conference It Was a Call

A call to holiness.

A call to mission.

A call to greatness.

And our young people answered it.

They knelt before their King, stood together as the Church, and left burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Let us celebrate them.

Let us pray for them.

And let us join them.

Because the Church is not someday.

The Church is NOW.

Faith First:

Bus Breakdown Didn't Derail Christ-Centered NCYC Journey

The Clarksburg area delegation began their National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) journey long before they arrived in Indianapolis—gathering at Immaculate Conception Parish at 4:30 a.m. for a 6 a.m. departure. But when their charter bus broke down en route to pick them up, their plans took a disappointing shift, delaying their arrival in Indianapolis with the rest of their peers from around the state from early afternoon to after 5:30 p.m. Despite the rocky start, the group which also included several from Charleston, returned from the National Catholic Youth Conference filled with gratitude, joy, and a renewed sense of faith. Throughout the weekend, students and chaperones shared powerful moments of connection—with God, with one another, and with thousands of young Catholics from across the country.

Reflections from the Group

Many participants described a deep spiritual closeness they had never experienced before. *"Over two days I felt the closest to God I've ever been,"* said **Angelina Policano**, grateful for the opportunity to join the parish pilgrimage. **Logan Heslep** shared a similar transformation, noting, *"I was asked to open up to God… I released myself from the captivity of doubt and came face to face with His love."* Others echoed how the environment strengthened their sense of belonging. As **Caroline Lewis** put it, *"It was such a beautiful experience knowing that all 16,000 of us were there for the same reason: to love and serve our Lord."*

A major theme across reflections was how NCYC showcased the unity of young Catholics. **Mariella Policano** emphasized the *"feeling of unity"* among so many young believers, while Josh Beale highlighted the *"incredible sense of community."* **Piper Fryer** said the weekend helped her realize *"how many people hold the same beliefs as me and to not be afraid to be open about your faith."* Seeing peers from around the country helped many feel understood—**Kaden Lehasky** shared that being surrounded by others

with the same beliefs *"made it feel like I already knew them."*

For countless teens, the most unforgettable moment was Mass with thousands of their peers. **Parker Ziecina** described the final Mass, remembering *"singing, dancing, praying, and worship"* with 16,000 other teens. **Josef Ricketts** said, *"Seeing 16,000 people attending Mass… singing all together was the best part of my experience."* **Brady Jordan** added that it showed him *"how strong and alive our faith really is."* For **Perla Cortez**, the stadium Mass *"made me feel closer to God,"* while **Adrián Salazar** especially loved the multilingual liturgy and seeing *"many bishops and priests."*

Breakout sessions and speakers made a tremendous impact as well. **Emma Yates** found the sessions insightful, saying they offered *"options and perspectives"* that deepened her connection to the Lord. **Caroline Arnold** appreciated sessions focused on real teen struggles, sharing how helpful it was to hear *"a sound Catholic standpoint on a lot of our problems."* **Zac Lane** said the sessions were *"focused on what we go through,"* and were among the best parts of his weekend. **Colton Wright** was especially touched by one message: *"God has a plan for all of us and he will guide us on what we need to do."*

For some, keynote speakers were a standout highlight. **Araceli Bland** said, *"They didn't sugarcoat anything… all 16,000 people cared about you personally through our faith."* Meanwhile, Nolan Power was moved by a session with Pope Leo, especially the reminder of the youth's role in the Church's future. **Maxwell Wagner** also cited Pope Leo as a highlight, saying it was *"truly amazing to see so many people… express your faith and adoration for the love of Christ."*

The sense of friendship—new and old—was another blessing of the trip. **Katie Moodspaugh** said she cherished *"the time I got to spend with my friends… and hearing about other Catholics' experiences."* **Aubrey Morrison** and **Jordan King** echoed these feelings, with Jordan reflecting, *"I felt like I got so much closer to God and my friends… I hope to go back soon."* **Favian Salazar** said the experience was *"incredible… I was able to make more friends, meet more people and see Pope Leo."*

Some favorite memories were surprisingly simple moments of connection. **Brandon Bartlett** appreciated how *"everyone in that stadium just talked like friends,"* while **Isaiah Garnek** said the kindness of everyone—even the speakers—made him feel at ease. **Damian Zacarias** admitted he was unsure about attending at first, but left feeling grateful, saying, *"I'm so glad… it was such a fun and unforgettable experience."*

Even the fun traditions of NCYC carried deeper meaning. **Molly Parrish**, a chaperone, shared that the hat-trading culture helped youth *"step out of their comfort zone… risk rejection, and experience real joy."* **Olivia Wagner** said trading hats was one of the best parts of the trip, helping everyone come together in faith.

Chaperones also witnessed how transformative the weekend was. **Mark Ziecina** reflected, *"These kids are not the future, they're the present."* He was moved seeing thousands of young Catholics *"completely invested and making their mark."*

Many teens also described profound spiritual moments during adoration and confession. **Madeline Palmer** shared that during her penance, she began listing everything she was grateful for and *"suddenly had pages."* **Aubrey Morrison** said confession felt *"cleansing and freeing,"* and **Annagrace Lewis** described the entire experience as *"refreshing,"* helping her feel less alone in her faith journey. **Lexi Shaffer** said she learned to trust that *"God has a path for me,"* and grew more confident speaking about her faith.

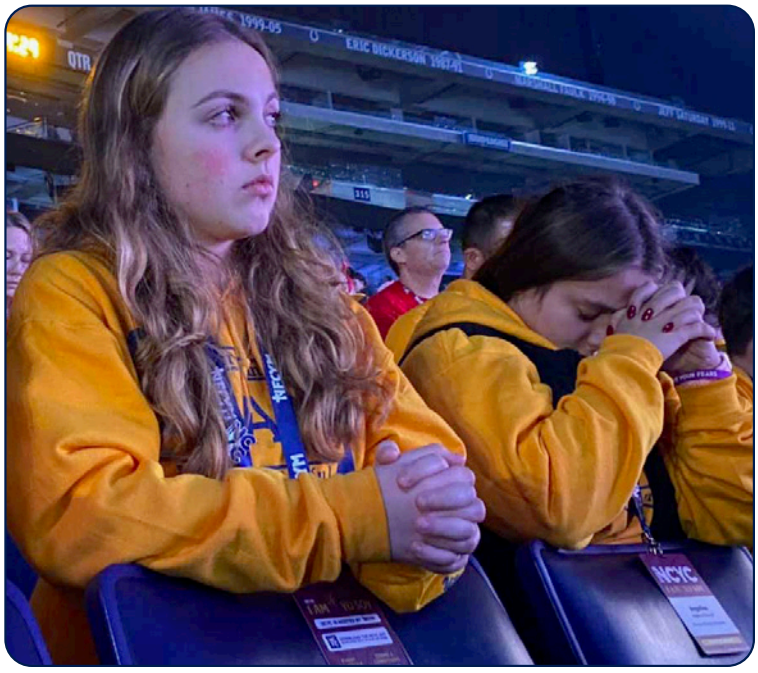
Several students noted how NCYC helped them understand the Church more deeply. **Kimberly Hernandez** valued learning about *"how the sacraments represent salvation and God's presence with us."* **Leno Reyes** said the trip *"changed the way of thinking about my religion"* and made him feel part of something truly important. **Tristan Korn** shared that the people and the Masses were what

brought him closest to Christ.

Again and again, the group expressed awe at being surrounded by thousands of peers who love God. **Alexa Romo** appreciated seeing how *"you can unite with them in our faith and love for Christ."* **Izzy Fittro** said hearing others' stories strengthened her own faith, noting, *"I hope to experience it again one day."* **Kaden Lehasky** and **Maxwell Wagner** echoed how inspiring it was to see Christ at work in so many lives.

And for many, that shared faith is what they will take home the most. **Adrián Salazar** loved the beauty of the liturgy, **Perla Cortez** felt deeply connected to God, and **Damian Zacarias** said he will never forget the experience. **Leno Reyes** summarized it well, calling it *"something really special and important… as I learned more about my religion."*

Each teen's reflection reveals a unique journey, yet all point to the same truth: NCYC was a powerful reminder that God is alive in the hearts of young people, and that the Church is vibrant, joyful, and growing—right here and now.



La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH, WHEELING
Bishop Mark Brennan - Celebrant
Friday, December 12
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish
Reception to Follow

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, MOOREFIELD
Friday, December 12
5:30 p.m. Holy Rosary | 6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish
Reception to Follow

HOLY FAMILY, RICHWOOD
Thursday, December 11
6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass in Spanish

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BECKLEY
Friday, December 12
11:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CLARKSBURG
Friday, December 12
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ST. MARY, MORGANTOWN
Friday, December 12
6:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish | Party in the church hall after Mass.

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First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The Chosen People will once more "walk in the light of the LORD."

Responsorial: Psalm 122

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Now is the hour to awake. Salvation is near. Put on the armor of light.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

The Son of Man will come at an hour you least expect.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we see and be the Lord's presence in the world, strengthening the faith of believers and giving hope to those who do not yet, know Christ, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For government leaders, that they lead with their servant heart and mind, ruling in such a way the heavens will shower them with every blessing to do so, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That militias and terrorists stop their horrific ways, put down their swords, and seek God's mercy as they work to prepare the way for Christ, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That this Advent we may prepare our hearts for our Savior's coming, reconciling with those we have hurt and turning away from sin, so that we may walk in the light of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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