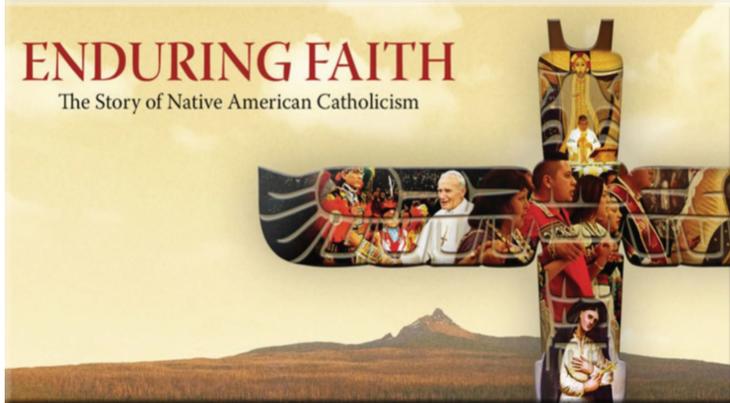




ENDURING FAITH

A FILM TELLING THE STORY OF NATIVE NORTH AMERICAN CATHOLICS



Enduring Faith, a new documentary presenting the story of spirituality, faith, and inspiring perseverance of the Indigenous People of North America has been released by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. It is a true tapestry of Catholicism in North America.



From stories handed down from generation to generation among the native North American peoples to the miracle of St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe, to the significance of

(first canonized Native American saint) St. Kateri Tekakwitha, and to the life of 20th century Lakota healer, Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk this film shows the emotional story of truth, cruelty, suffering, perseverance, healing, and continued need for reconciliation.

As the Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk said, despite who we are, where we are from, and when we are living, “We must live as one.”

The film highlights Indigenous communities across the continent that have a strong Catholic faith, while still honoring what makes them beautifully unique.

“The Lakota people were traditionally spiritual people,” said Deacon Ben Black Bear,



Jr., of St. Francis Mission, Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, in the film. He has been a deacon for more than 40 years. It is important to learn about your own culture, your traditional spirituality, and never stop learning about your faith. “It is what overcomes everything. That’s the answer to life nothing else.”

Also featured in the film is Damian Costello, author of *Black Elk: Colonialism, and the Lakota Catholicism*. FaithInWV talked to the author in May of 2020, about the release of a United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) film *Walking the Red Road* and the cause of sainthood for the Oglala Lakota holy man. Costello recalls the history surrounding Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk and how his life “radiated the healing love of Jesus in a broken world.”



Patrick Mason, Supreme Secretary of the Knights of Columbus, and of the Osage Nation in Gallup, New Mexico, said, the beauty of Native American Catholicism can be illustrated in the history from 1531, and image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. “Her message was not to erase

cultures but respect them.” She appeared as an Indigenous woman, with Native American symbols to a Native North American, Juan, Diego. Her message was to “draw people to peace.” This began the greatest conversion of people, not only the Indigenous of North America, but also the Spanish, Mason said.

Former Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, said the film is just one of many projects of the K of C, honoring the heritage, culture, and history of those native to this land. Embracing our own humility and respecting all communities with faith in action can lead to better understanding and reconciliation rather than ignorance and confrontation, Anderson said.

Learn more about the initiatives of the K of C Supreme Council and watch the hour-long *Enduring Faith* film for free on their website by [CLICKING HERE](#).

THE POPE OF ST. JOSEPH

On Oct. 11, we honor the Memorial of Pope Saint John XXIII - *Pope of St. Joseph!*

Pope St. John XXIII was a pontiff who wanted to be as “ordinary” as possible. He was quite humble, but for the love of the Church he respectfully accepted the traditions called for in the Holy Father’s position.

He was known also for having an appealing sense of humor. Father Greg Friedman, OFM, recalled a story about St. John XXIII, “Once asked how many people work at the Vatican and he answered, ‘Oh, about half of them.’”

Father Friedman also shared the pontiff would also joke about himself, telling people, “God knew from all eternity I was going to be pope. Couldn’t God have made me more handsome?”

The faithful lovingly called him “Good Pope John,” during his papacy, because he was a man who lived confidently by Christ’s teaching - faith over fear. His attitude was, no matter how many times you fail or what challenge you face, don’t let fear rule you, put your trust in God.

Pope Saint John XXIII kept a journal from his young teens until his death. It is available as an autobiography entitled, *Journal of a Soul*. Through his writings and his public addresses, it is clearly evident that the Italian born pope was so fascinated by the life of St. Joseph. He continually praised the Guardian of the Redeemer. He lovingly became known as the Pope of St. Joseph.

He was devoted to teaching and focusing on the human history of the Holy Family, and the fact that no one was closer to Jesus and Mary than St. Joseph.

In an apostolic letter from the pontiff in 1961, he proclaimed the world needs an increased devotion to St. Joseph, Spouse of the Mother of God. He said, “In the Holy Church’s worship, right from the beginning, Jesus, the Word of God made man, has enjoyed the adoration that belongs to him, incommunicable as the splendor of the substance of his Father, a splendor reflected in the glory of his saints. From the earliest times, Mary,



his mother, was close behind him, in the pictures in the catacombs and the basilicas, where she was devoutly venerated as “Holy Mother of God.” But Joseph, except for some slight sprinkling of references to him here and there in the writings of the Fathers [of the Church], for long centuries remained in the background, in his characteristic concealment, almost as a decorative figure in the overall picture of the Savior’s life. It took time for devotion to him to go beyond those passing glances and take root in the hearts of the faithful, and then surge forth in the form of special prayers and of a profound sense of trusting abandonment. The fervent joy of pouring forth these deepest feelings of the heart in so many impressive ways has been saved for modern times!”

He referred to St. Joseph as “a most powerful intercessor,” and “next to the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph possesses a just title to a more sweet, more intimate and penetrating place in our hearts....”

So today, on this Feast Day of Pope Saint John XXIII and in the year of St. Joseph, let us pray the prayer written by our good “Pope of St. Joseph,” and shared on a radio broadcast from 1960:

Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labor, and weariness. But amid the worries of material life, your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with

God’s Son entrusted to you, and, with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done. Obtain for us that in every family, every office, every laboratory—wherever a Christian works—everything may be sanctified in charity, in patience, in justice, and in seeking to do good, so that the gifts of heavenly predilection may come down on us in abundance. Amen.

CHRIST OUR HOPE CHURCH HARRISVILLE, WV



The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is very saddened to hear of the fire that ravaged Christ Our Hope Church in Harrisville. We give thanks to God that no one was injured in the fire as well as for the brave men and women who worked to extinguish it.

Christ Our Hope Church has served as a beacon of hope for the community for four decades and was the center of the Catholic faith for those in Harrisville. Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, said, “I ask those in the community and the faithful throughout the state to join us in prayer for the Catholic community of Christ Our Hope Parish.”



ST. MARGARET MARY AND THE SACRED HEART



When you read the autobiography of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, you may furl your brow and scratch your head a few times. She journals quite a lot about how she looks down at herself, how she is undeserving, and pretty much makes a reader assume she doesn't like who she is. Despite how much she puts herself down, Jesus chose to appear to her. He chose her to share the gift, message, and mercy of his Sacred Heart.

What's the lesson here? Many theologians may offer a profound explanation, but know this - no matter how broken we are, no matter how unworthy we tell ourselves we are, God loves us unconditionally. Never lose sight of his Passion,

suffering, death, and Resurrection. Never lose sight of the Sacred Heart of Jesus - His love for us!

Saint Margaret Mary's early life story is actually heartbreaking. To say she had it rough as a young child is an understatement. Her father and sister died when she was eight or nine years old. Because of the extreme financial hardship this caused, the young saint and her mother had to move in with her father's family, who treated them like unwelcomed servants, beat her, and prevented them from attending church. Historians note that she became ill and was bedridden for several years with a painful rheumatic disease. She was convinced she deserved the horrible circumstances that surrounded her.

When she recovered, her mother urged her to marry in order to escape their misery, but she was determined to enter religious life. She became a nun in the order founded by St. Francis de Sales - the Order of the Visitation.

She would spend long hours in prayerful meditation, kneeling before the tabernacle in the order's chapel. It was there when she received a vision of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesus said to her, "My Divine Heart is so inflamed with love for men, and for you in particular that, being unable any longer to contain within itself the flames of Its burning Charity, It must needs spread them abroad by thy means, and manifest Itself to them (mankind) in order to enrich them with the precious treasures which I discover to you, and which contain graces of sanctification and salvation necessary to withdraw them from the abyss of perdition."

Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary several times between 1673-1675. Sharing his love and revealing His Sacred Heart. When she told her congregation and religious of her visions, she was met with a lot of doubt, annoyance, and opposition. However, her testimony was believed and supported by St. Claude la Columbiere, her spiritual director and rector. She described him how Jesus described him to her, as the "faithful servant and perfect friend" that Jesus promised her.

There are many resources to learn more about St. Margaret Mary and the promises of the Sacred Heart, one you may enjoy is through Our Sunday Visitor - Lifelong Catechesis, you can access by [CLICKING HERE](#).



THE 12 PROMISES OF JESUS

In His appearances to St. Margaret Mary, Jesus made the following promises for those devoted to His Sacred Heart:

1. All the graces necessary for their state of life.
2. Peace in their families.
3. Consoling them in all their troubles.
4. They shall find in My Heart an assured refuge during life and at the hour of their death.
5. Abundant blessings on all their undertakings.
6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source of an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection.
9. Homes where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored will be blessed.
10. Priests will receive the power of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Their names written in My Heart, never to be effaced.
12. The all-powerful love of My Heart will grant to all those who shall receive Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving their Sacraments; My heart shall be their assured refuge at that last hour.



NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA TO HONOR PALLOTTINE MISSIONARY SISTERS

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) is proud to announce the recipient of the agency's 2021 Charity in Action Award: the Pallottine Missionary Sisters.

"It is with much appreciation and gratitude Catholic Charities celebrates the Pallottine Missionary Sisters as our Charity in Action Award recipient. God calls us to be bold and to share His love unconditionally with all who cross our paths," said Beth Zarate, President and Chief Executive Officer of CCWVa. "Our honorees embrace their Gospel call to serve."

The Pallottine Missionary Sisters came to America in 1912, inspired by the motto of their founder, St. Vincent Pallotti: "The love of Christ impels us."

After studying English in New York, the Sisters came to West Virginia to serve at the request of the Bishop of Wheeling. Their first community was in Richwood where they opened a parish school and, a year later, established Sacred Heart Hospital. In 1921, they moved to Buckhannon, opening St. Joseph's Hospital and teaching at the local parish. The Sisters also established St. Vincent Pallotti Hospital in Morgantown before coming to Huntington in 1924 to open St. Mary's Hospital (now St. Mary's Medical Center).

Their values of compassion, hospitality, reverence, interdependence, stewardship and trust are evident in all they do. The Pallottine Missionary Sisters have served, and continue to serve, as hospital, school, and parish administrators and



teachers, with their values guiding their work. Their ministries include health clinics, hospital, schools, retreat centers, and foundations.

The Pallottine Missionary Sisters leadership and management of St. Mary's Medical Center in Huntington and St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon led to an unrivaled reputation for excellence in healthcare in a compassionate and caring manner with a committed focus on the dignity of each individual patient and staff member.

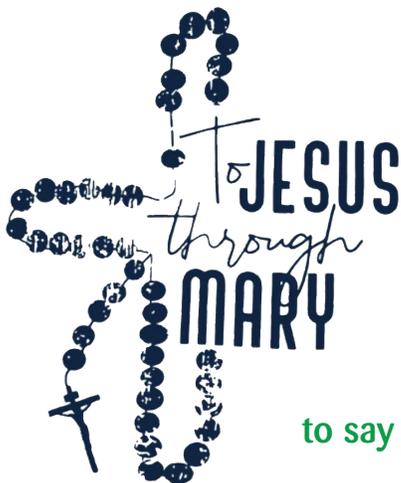
Additionally, the Pallottine Missionary Sisters' creation of two health conversion foundations, the Pallottine Foundation of Huntington and the Pallottine Foundation of Buckhannon, demonstrate the Sisters' continuing commitment to health and wellness in communities across the state of West Virginia.

"At Catholic Charities, we are on a mission of love to end poverty, one family at a time," said Beth Zarate, CCWVa Chief Executive Officer. "We are blessed and inspired by many partners who walk this journey with us, and we're honored to recognize the Pallottine Missionary Sisters for their extraordinary work."

The Pallottine Missionary Sisters will be honored at the CCWVa Charity in Action Awards Luncheon on Oct. 22, 2021. Out of concern for the safety of all during COVID-19, tickets are limited, and the event will be live streamed.

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading WISDOM 7:7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

Responsorial PSALMS 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil.

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children; and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Second Reading HEBREWS 4:12-13

Brothers and sisters:

Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

Alleluia MATTHEW 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MARK 10:17-30 (or 10:17-27)

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: *You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.*"

He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that the spirit of wisdom may take root in us, enabling us to follow Christ and make us His hands and feet as we put our selfish ways aside and make time to help those who need us, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That the commandments that God gave us may guide all nations in the way they treat their people and their neighbors, respecting life, honesty, and goodness, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That during this Respect Life Month our resolve will be strengthened to cherish and protect the gift of every human life, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That the word of God may penetrate our very being, burrowing between our joints and marrow, so that we may live in accordance with the gospel each and every day, 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

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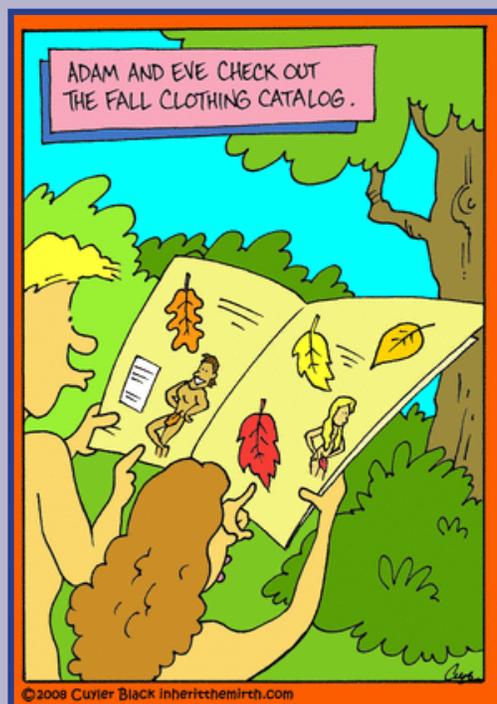
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MASS ONLINE

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/)