



WORLD DAY ~ CARE OF CREATION

Celebrate World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on September 1st as a springboard to the Season of Creation - September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the environment and animals.

During this time, we all are invited to “hope and act with creation”.

Pope Francis said the theme “hope and act with creation” is “drawn from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans (8:19-25), where the Apostle explains what it means for us to live according to the Spirit and focuses on the sure hope of salvation that is born of faith, namely, newness of life in Christ.”



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The Season of Creation is an ecumenical celebration for the World Council of Churches. “To hope and act with creation, then, means above all to join forces and to walk together with all men and women of good will.

“To hope and act with creation, then, means to live an incarnational faith, one that can enter into the suffering and hope-filled “flesh” of others, by sharing in the expectation of the bodily resurrection to which believers are predestined in Christ the Lord. In Jesus, the eternal Son who took on human flesh, we are truly children of the Father. Through faith and baptism, our life in the Spirit begins (cf. Rom 8:2), a holy life, lived as children of the Father, like Jesus (cf. Rom 8:14-17), since by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in us (cf. Gal 2:20). In this way, our lives can become a song of love for God, for humanity, with and for creation, and find their fullness in holiness.”

Psalm 148 - A Resounding Hymn Praising God Creator of All

As we focus on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation recite and reflect on Psalm 148 the Hymn of All Creation to the Almighty Creator, calling all in heaven and on earth to sing praise be to God!

Hallelujah!

*Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.*

*Praise him, all you his angels;
give praise, all you his hosts.*

*Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all shining stars.*

*Praise him, highest heavens,
you waters above the heavens.*

*Let them all praise the LORD’s name;
for he commanded and they were created,*

*Assigned them their station forever,
set an order that will never change.*

*Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all the deeps of the sea;*

*Lightning and hail, snow and thick clouds,
storm wind that fulfills his command;*

*Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;*

*Animals wild and tame,
creatures that crawl and birds that fly;*

*Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all who govern on earth;*

*Young men and women too,
old and young alike.*

*Let them all praise the LORD’s name,
for his name alone is exalted,*

*His majesty above earth and heaven.
He has lifted high the horn of his people;*

*to the praise of all his faithful,
the Israelites, the people near to him.*

Hallelujah!

POPE SAINT GREGORY'S HOMILY FROM 6TH CENTURY CAN BE FOOD FOR OUR JOURNEY TO WALK WITH ONE

Honor the Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great on Sept. 3. This Pope and Doctor of the Church is the patron saint for guitarists, musicians, students, and teachers.

Listen to the wisdom of this inspiring saint as we approach our call to Walk with One in the National Eucharistic Revival's Year of Mission. Lead by love and joy.

Born in the year 540, he was pope from 590 to his death in 604. He authored *Dialogues*, a book on the Lives of the Saints, which is considered one of his greatest accomplishments and features his favorite mentor St. Benedict.

He founded several monasteries, one of which was dedicated to training church musicians. He is associated with the soulful melodies and simple chants in the Church known to this day as Gregorian Chant. He considered himself even while pope as a "servant of the servants of God."

His feast day is not the day he died, but rather it is the day he became pope.

He brought order to the life of the Church by organizing the liturgy and liturgical calendar.

Straightforward and forward thinking, Pope Saint Gregory the Great thoughtfully and lovingly challenged the faithful as a good shepherd should.

In one of his homilies on Christ the Good Shepherd (Homily 14 in the published document *Forty Gospel Homilies of Gregory the Great*) he said, "Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.

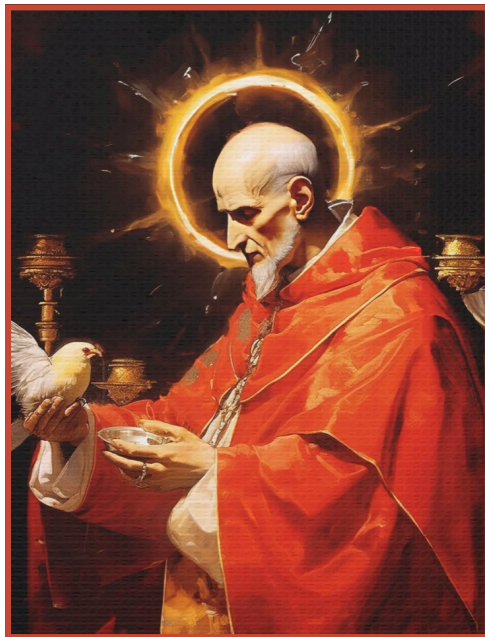
"Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: 'As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep'. Clearly, he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly

he loves his Father. Again he says: 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life'. Shortly before this he had declared: 'If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture. He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life'.

"So our Lord's sheep will finally reach, their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more. Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought

of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way.

"No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveler who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going."



Walk with One



The art accompanying this article is by Jessica Huber, mixed media artist, wife, and mother of Dallas Texas. It is available via Etsy at her online shop Sanctified Souls: WWW.ETSY.COM/SHOP/SANCTIFIEDSOULS



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The Lord Was Present in 50,000 Walking Tabernacles

By Joel John, of St. Anthony Parish, Follansbee

I don't know if it's possible to sum up one single profound memory from the entire experience! However, I purposely attended this conference with all plans to travel alone.

After arrival, and the three-hour wait in the registration line, the days continued; I met dozens of people, from all different walks of life, ministries, ages, and nationalities. During the Eucharistic procession I was surrounded by these thousands of individuals. Some were praying the Rosary, some singing hymns, others praying the chaplet of Divine Mercy or reciting a litany. But through all of this I could hear something foreign, but familiar: a Polish hymn I knew by heart.

It was at that moment I realized I was not on this trip alone. It was surrounded by faith. All these individuals came together to praise, honor and adore our Eucharistic Lord!

While the Lord was present in the monstrance, He was also present in the 50,000 walking tabernacles along the streets.

He was present in the poor along the streets that I saw many members of the congress treating with humility and respect. Christ is present in the poor, not just in the priests.

So, the times you feel the most alone, remember that the best place to put your troubles is at the foot of the cross with the Lord, who sacrificed His life for you!

Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, the first Eucharistic missionary, may we answer the call to spread the message of Salvation!

Editor's note: as we shared personal experiences from the National Eucharistic Congress each week written by our fellow WV faithful, the purpose is to share the Light of Christ and how His Presence - this moment in our Church - has been and can be life changing for each of one of us.





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Year of Mission = YOUR Year of Mission, WV

You. Yes, you!

Will YOU Answer the Call?

The National Eucharistic Revival is to energize each one of us!

Be an Instrument of the Good Shepherd

Jesus showed us just how deeply he cherishes every soul when he shared the parable of the Good Shepherd, who left the ninety-nine to seek out the one lost sheep. During this Year of Mission, he is inviting each of us to be his hands and feet in a special way, reaching out to those who are lost or have wandered away from his Church and accompanying them on their journey home. We call this initiative Walk with One.

Let's go, WV! The Year of Mission is really YOUR Year of Mission!

This isn't just a communal call—it's a personal one.

YOU are invited to be God's instrument in the life of one other person.

Here's how you can respond:

1. Identify Someone in a Spirit of Humility

Spend a little time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to show you whom he wants you to accompany. It may be someone you already know needs your support, or the answer might surprise you!

2. Intercede for That Person

Lift them up in your prayers, asking God to prepare their heart for whatever he has in store. Stay attuned to the voice of the Holy Spirit and ask him to guide you in being a vessel of his grace.

3. Connect in Eucharistic Friendship

Just as Jesus tenderly carries the lost sheep back to the fold, we are called to build relationships rooted in compassion. Listen to their story. Share your own. This is not a one-time conversation. Walk alongside them, offering the support they need.

4. Invite That Person to Take a Concrete Step

Whether it's inviting them to join you for Mass, a

small group, or a service opportunity, the Holy Spirit will lead you in guiding the person he wants to call home to Christ and his Church.

Revival Walk with One

If every active Catholic brings just one person into an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist, it will be a remarkable revival for our time! Not only will this journey change the person you are walking with, it will change your life as well.

Take a moment right now to quiet your heart and listen for Jesus. If you feel a nudge to commit to Walk with One, click below to let us know! We promise to support you with prayers, resources, and encouragement every step of the way.

GET STARTED

Keep following our diocesan social media, read your FaithInWV e-bulletin, and watch for the Catholic Spirit. In other words- let's all take ownership of our faith and lifelong growth to be closer to God!

START HERE: WWW.DWC.ORG and click our National Eucharistic Revival button.

Make it a great Year of Mission WV!



20/20 VISION SERIES

A YEAR WITH THE SAINTS

Join us as we journey throughout the year focusing on various Saints and their legacies, presented by those among us who live out these legacies in their lives and in their communities.

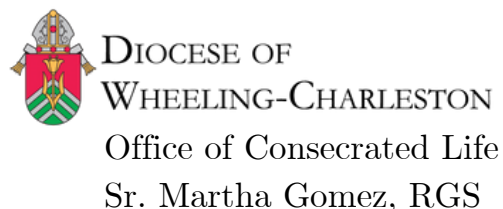
Note: Each session will begin at 7 pm and will be presented via Zoom.

January 29	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – Sr. Mary Clark, SC
February 26	St. Brigid of Kildare – Sr. Karen Kirby, CSJ
March 18	St. Joseph – Sr. Kathleen Durkin, CSJ
April 29	St. Mary Euphrasia – Sr. Martha Gomez, R.G.S.
May 20	Blessed Virgin Mary – TBD
June 24	Marcellin Champagnat – Brother John Byrd, FMS
July 29	St. Ignatius of Loyola – Lou Volpe
August 26	St. Dominic – Sr. Ellen Dunn, OP
September 30	St. Lorenzo Ruiz – Fr. Carlos Melocoton
October 28	Jesuit Martyrs – TBD
November 18	Servant of God Dorothy Day – Kate Marshall
December 16	St. Stephan – Deacon John Yaquinta

(Series originated by Ms. Shirley Carter, B.A., M.A.A.T.)

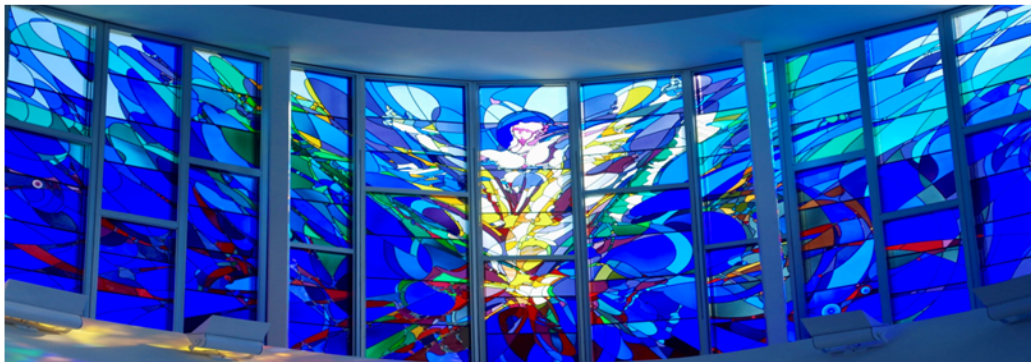
Cost for complete series: \$120.00 Or \$15.00 per session.

RSVP – Anna Marie Troiani: atroiani@csjoseph.org



Praying the Liturgy

The Work of the Baptized



By our baptism we are called: called to gather, called to hear and proclaim, called to give thanks and praise, called to eat and drink in order to more deeply become ... the Body of Christ, the People of God. Through the prayer of the liturgy, we are transformed into this People ever more deeply. Together we will reflect on this most central communal action we, the baptized, pray as deep encounter with the Paschal Mystery.



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DATE: September 21, 2024

TIME: 9:30 a.m.– 2:30 p.m.
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Mount St. Joseph Chapel
Wheeling WV

COST: \$40.00 (includes lunch)
(Partial Scholarship Available)

RSVP: Call Anna Marie - 304-907- 0171
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FACILITATOR:
Rodica Stoicoiu, MS., MA., Ph.D.



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Date: September 27-29, 2024

We will gather for dinner at 5:00 p.m. and end after lunch on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Location: St. Joseph Retreat Center, Wheeling, WV

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES RELOCATES ROMNEY OFFICE TO BETTER SERVE THOSE IN NEED



Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) recently relocated its Romney Office to a space on East Main Street in Romney.

“This new space will allow us to provide services in a more professional manner, respecting the dignity of those we serve,” said Jeremy Wanless, CCWVa Eastern Regional Director.

The CCWVa Romney Office provides emergency financial assistance for those facing an immediate crisis associated with housing or utilities, as well as case management services where individuals and families work one-on-one with a CCWVa case manager to reach their long-term goals and find stability.

The office also offers a personal care pantry with hygiene and cleaning items.

Bishop Mark Brennan blessed the office space as staff,

volunteers and community partners gathered to celebrate the grand opening.

“We’re incredibly grateful to Bishop Brennan and our dedicated volunteers and donors for their ongoing support of our mission,” said Wanless.

The space also provides the opportunity for Catholic Charities to gather community partners to further develop ways all can work together to best meet the needs of the community.

“This office is a testament to our commitment to the Romney and surrounding communities, and we look forward to continuing our work here for many years to come,” said Wanless.

The CCWVa Romney Office serves Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral and Grant Counties.

For more information, visit www.CCWVa.org.

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Theme: Bringing Others to Christ

SEPTEMBER 9 TO NOVEMBER 4, 2024

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7:00 P.M.

“The More You Honor Me, The More I Will Bless You.”



THE Cathedral of St. Joseph



22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Keep the commandments. God is with you. Be confident. His laws are just.

Responsorial: Psalm 15

“The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.”

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

We cannot just sit and listen to the Word of God. We must be doers, putting Christ’s teachings into action.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Jesus condemns the Pharisees for putting their own will and rule above God’s commandments.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that as we enter these final months of Pope Francis’s Year of Prayer that we strengthen our foundation and formation through the commandments, Christ’s teachings, and the liturgy, celebrating and being fully present not taking anything for granted, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That our nation’s leaders, armed services, and law enforcement never tire of working towards peace, justice, and respect for human life and all of God’s creation, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all those who work outside the home, that their hard work and dedication be justly compensated and valued; and those seeking employment have Christ’s light to guide to a job that not only fulfills their sense of pride, but also enables them to be an example of strong Christian morales and respected work ethic, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That we may be doers nourished by our Holy Communion— bringing the Word of God and works of Christ to others as we are all called to be Eucharistic Missionaries, Walking with One and bringing others closer to Jesus, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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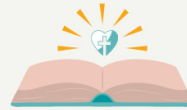
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