



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY HONORS OUR EVANGELISTS

Today the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday, a day to show appreciation for all those who teach the faith to children and adults already in the Church or to those wanting to be part of the Catholic family.

“Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and are able to revive it in others,” Pope Francis said.

These men and women don’t have to be experts or degreed theologians. They are from all walks of life but share one common bond – a willingness to share our Catholic teachings, values, and rich traditions. Catechists are called by God, nudged by the Holy Spirit, and inspired by Christ to be like the Apostles and go out to proclaim Christ and His love.

Last Spring, as we printed in our May 23rd FaithInWV e-bulletin, Pope Francis officially acknowledged the role of catechesis as a formal lay ministry, “in our time, when there are so few clerics to preach the Gospel to such great numbers and to exercise the pastoral ministry, the position of catechists is of great importance.” (*AD GENTES*, 17) for “the development of the Christian community.”

Daniel Maul, director of our diocesan office of evangelization and catechesis, called the formal decree from the Holy See a “significant” move, because the Pope is recognizing and lifting up lay people as official ministers in the Church.

“Lay people will not only do catechetical ministry; they will be catechetical ministers,” Maul said. “For so long, lay people have seen themselves as simply ‘helping out’ the Church at the behest of their pastors. But now, they should see themselves as ministerial partners with the clergy, in the evangelizing ministry of catechesis. Their calling and vocation as lay catechists are now going to be acknowledged, respected, and promoted by the Church.”

Pope Francis clarifies and emphasizes this formal designation by no means is not to fill the place of clerics, but acknowledges the activity, involvement, and co-



responsibility of the laity: their presence is genuinely necessary in order for the Church to be both ‘in communion’ and ‘missionary.’

Pope Saint John Paul II said in a message to catechist, “So many times it has fallen to (catechists) to strengthen and build up the young Christian communities, ... It was you, the catechists, who instructed the catechumens, prepared people for the sacraments, taught the faith, and were leaders of the Christian community.... Give thanks to the Lord for the gift of your vocation, through

which Christ has called you from among other men and women to be instruments of his salvation. Respond with generosity to your vocation and your names will be written in heaven (cf. Lk 10:20).”

In this the Year of St. Joseph, let us ask the Guardian of the Redeemer to intercede for us as we ask the Lord to bless all catechists.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR CATECHISTS

St. Joseph, loving educator, protector and guardian of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

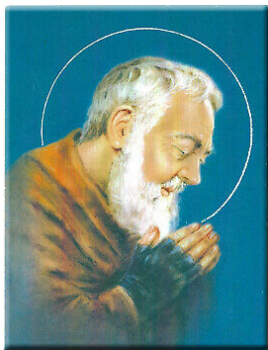
We ask you to intercede for our Catechists.

We thank God for their giving spirits, their compassionate hearts, and their willingness to introduce us and our children to a personal relationship with Christ.

You were chosen to father Jesus on earth. As our spiritual guardian, ask Him to grant our teachers, and all who evangelize, the wisdom to continue to grow in love and understanding of your Word. Call upon the Holy Spirit to come upon them to give them courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with Jesus.

Obtain for us all, good St. Joseph, the ability to hear the voice of God and respond with great love. Amen.

SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, OUR DEAR PADRE PIO, PRAY FOR US!



September 23rd is the memorial of Saint Padre Pio, a man whom countless souls, both Catholic and non-Catholic, sought counsel. His is recognized today as the saint who when kneeling in front of a large crucifix received the visible marks of the crucifixion, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Church. Doctors who examined him could not find any natural cause

for his wounds that would not heal. Upon his death in 1968, they disappeared. Read our full story written for you about Padre Pio printed in our Sept. 20, 2020 edition of FaithInWV by [CLICKING HERE](#).

*For all those seeking to be healed let us pray
the healing prayer written by St. Padre Pio:*

Heavenly Father, I thank you for loving me.

*I thank you for sending your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,
to the world to save and to set me free.*

I trust in your power and grace that sustain and restore me.

*Loving Father, touch me now with your healing hands,
for I believe that your will is for me to be well in mind, body,
soul and spirit.*

*Cover me with the most precious blood of your Son, our Lord
Jesus Christ from the top of my head to the soles of my feet.*

Cast anything that should not be in me.

Root out any unhealthy and abnormal cells.

*Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild and replenish
any damaged areas.*

*Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection by the
power of Jesus' precious blood.*

*Let the fire of your healing love pass through my entire body
to heal and make new any diseased areas so that my body
will function the way you created it to function.*

*Touch also my mind and my emotion, even the deepest
recesses of my heart.*

*Saturate my entire being with your presence, love, joy, and
peace and draw me ever closer to you every moment of my life.*

*And Father, fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to
do your works so that my life will bring glory and honor to
your holy name. I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST SEPT. 21



As we honor St. Matthew on his feast day, Sept. 21st, let us recall the eight beatitudes Jesus gave us at the Sermon on the Mount. St. Matthew recounted these in his Gospel (5:1-10). They reveal Jesus' thinking – how we should all think. He is telling us we should not regard power and prestige as blessings, but instead consider being humble, pure, and merciful as gifts to be embraced. So, let us help those who are in need for in giving we receive.

St. Matthew the Apostle, pray for us!

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

*Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be
comforted.*

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

*Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be satisfied.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown
mercy.*

Blessed are the clean in heart, for they will see God.

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called
children of God.*

*Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of
righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

SISTER JANE HARRINGTON ANNOUNCED AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIRMAN FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA



Sister Jane Harrington has been elected as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa).

“Sister Jane’s love for all West Virginians, as well as her understanding of board governance and the issues around poverty, make her a tremendous asset,” said Beth Zarate, CCWVa President and Chief Executive Officer. “Her sense of humor and warm personality make her a joy to work with. We are beyond excited to welcome her as our next Chairman of our Board of Directors.”

Harrington has served on the CCWVa Board of Directors since September 2013. Her passion to improve health and her dedication to reducing poverty have helped the agency work toward its mission of providing caring and compassionate services to those in need.

Harrington has served as Vice President of the CCWVa Board of Directors since 2017; she has also served on various committees, including the executive committee, finance committee, nominating committee and audit committee.

“I am continually inspired by the staff and board of Catholic Charities West Virginia – their generosity, hard work and genuine compassion manifested in their service to our neighbors,” said Harrington. “As I begin a term as Board Chairman, I am grateful for the opportunity to support them and our mission.”

Harrington is a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph and has significant experience in non-profit leadership and administration. Her expertise comes at an important time as the challenge for nonprofits continues to grow, with the pandemic and devastating weather events elevating needs.

“Sister Jane’s leadership will be instrumental as we discern a new 3-year strategic plan and continue our goals to offer services that provide the greatest impact and reduce poverty across the state,” said Zarate.

The next 3-year strategic plan will see a focus on a new hospital transition program partnership, placing a CCWVa social worker on site at hospitals around the state.

“The collaborative aspect of this project would promote the best utilization of community resources, and also provide an enhanced personal impact on the clients served through a more fluid transition from hospital to home,” said Zarate.

The hospital transition program model will improve the health, wellness and home stability of community members being discharged from the hospital; at the same time, the program will decrease the number of patients being readmitted, saving the hospital time and resources and strain on emergency rooms.

CCWVa’s last strategic plan focused on increasing collaboration and agency services around addiction and recovery. The agency increased adult education services in partnership with recovery homes around the state; additionally, a successful partnership with WV Jobs & Hope has provided over \$310,000 in direct assistance.

“Sister Jane and the CCWVa Board of Directors are clearly focused on CCWV’s mission to best serve the most vulnerable West Virginians,” said Zarate. “We will continue to focus on adapting to changing times and reducing poverty across the state.”

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

The Mission of Catholic Charities West Virginia: Guided by God’s love, Catholic Charities collaborates with community partners, parishes and families to provide caring and compassionate services to people in need and work toward lasting and meaningful change.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading WISDOM 2:12, 17-20

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

Responsorial PSALMS 54:3-4, 5, 6 and 8

R. (6b) The Lord upholds my life.

O God, by your name save me, and by your might defend my cause. O God, hear my prayer; hearken to the words of my mouth.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

For the haughty have risen up against me, the ruthless seek my life; they set not God before their eyes.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life. Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O LORD, for its goodness.

R. The Lord upholds my life.

Second Reading JAMES 3:16—4:3

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy, but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Alleluia Cf. 2 THESSALONIANS 2:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel MARK 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but he did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching his disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

PRAYER INTENTIONS

God calls us together to this holy place, so now we now call upon God to hear our prayers for all those in need, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our Church, and especially those who teach and foster a love of the Church created by Jesus, let us grow in holiness and mercy by God's grace, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For world leaders, that they may cultivate peace inside and outside their nations so that the fruit of righteousness blossoms and flourishes throughout their region, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For those who have been mistreated or oppressed, that they may receive justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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

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A LITTLE CATHOLIC HUMOR

GIVE YOURSELF

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 8:5 NIV

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