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## Indiana Youth Reflect on 'Life-Changing' Experience in Lisbon



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World Youth Day pilgrims Selia Nunez of Plymouth, left, and Nic Mickley of Huntington, right, smile during a catechesis at the Church of Our Lady of the Incarnation in Lisbon, Portugal, on Wednesday, August 2.

BY PAULINA GUZIK

LISBON, Portugal (OSV News) – Selia Nunez celebrated her 16th birthday two weeks ago, and now she is in Lisbon, enjoying her first World Youth Day. “I just made the cut,” she said. It was her grandparents who wanted

her to come to WYD, and she traveled with six other people from her parish, St. Michael Catholic Church, in Plymouth.

“Just seeing the whole world come together to celebrate one thing is almost overwhelming, but in a good way,” she said.

Nunez is keeping a log of the trip, and she already has a

notebook full of notes to share with her youth community back home.

“I’ve been writing down everything that happens,” she told OSV News. “So I don’t miss anything.”

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is one of the largest diocesan groups from the United

States traveling to WYD, bringing 272 pilgrims, including two dozen priests, and led by Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades.

“They are excited, they are joyful, and they’re spending time (in) prayer and also meeting young people from around the

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## Bishop Celebrates Feast of St. Clare Mass with Seminarians

BY DENISE FEDOROW

More than a dozen seminarians participated in Eucharistic Adoration followed by Mass celebrated with Bishop Rhoades on Friday, August 11, at St. Martin de Porres Church in Syracuse.

Bishop Rhoades told the seminarians that he was glad to be with them on the Feast of St. Clare's memorial and welcomed the seminarians back from World Youth Day, the Institute of Priestly Formation, and other venues.

"Today the Church celebrates St. Clare – a beautiful model of holiness and evangelical poverty," he said.

He told the seminarians that like St. Clare, their own lives of prayer and the contemplative life helps them grow closer to Christ.

During his homily, Bishop Rhoades shared a little about his trip to Assisi and to the tomb of the Blessed Carlo Acutis and also his participating in the City of Assisi's celebration on Thursday, June 22, the date of the Eucharistic Miracle of St. Clare's turning away the army of Saracens who were going to attack the city by bringing out the ciborium containing the Eucharist. Every year they re-enact this event, which the bishop called "very moving" as we are in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival and shared that he asked the blessing of St. Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis upon the revival.

He also said, "Today we celebrate a beloved saint of the Church, St. Clare. It was on this day, August 11 in the year 1253, that Clare died. She was able to die in peace and joy because the day before, while on her deathbed, she and her sisters, the Poor Clares, received word that Pope Innocent IV approved their Rule of Life. Clare was able to leave this world in peace because the ideals she had lived and held so closely to her heart (especially radical poverty) had been accepted and ratified by the Church."

"We prayed in the Collect that, through St. Clare's intercession, we, following Christ in poverty of spirit, may merit to contemplate God one day in the heavenly Kingdom. There is a relationship between material poverty and poverty of spirit," he said. "Without poverty of spirit, without humility, material poverty as an evangelical counsel loses its value and purpose. A proud Franciscan or proud Poor Clare is living a contradiction. At the same time, it seems to me that for us, diocesan priests who don't embrace the radical poverty of St. Francis and St. Clare, it is very difficult to be poor in spirit if we have a



Denise Federow

Bishop Kevin Rhoades celebrates Mass with the seminarians at St. Martin de Porres Church in Syracuse on Friday, August 11. Pictured with Bishop Rhoades are (front row from left) Michael Hickey, Andy Barnes, Greenan Sullivan, Sam Martinez, Paul Cline, and Nicholas Monnin. Also pictured are (back row from left) John Paul Adizvo, John Hickey, Noah Isch, Mason Bailey, Stanley Amuchaka, Father Matt Coonan, Father Johnathan Norton, Deacon Oscar Duarte, Thomas Bundy, and Deacon Caleb Kruse.

lot of material things and do not try to live in simplicity of life."

Bishop Rhoades continued, "When we are attached to our 'things,' material comforts and possessions, we tend to be less attached to God and less devoted to the things of God. Compare the amount of time spent on your computer or TV versus time in prayer, for example. To be good priests we must be 'men of God' and serve Him and not mammon. 'You cannot serve both God and mammon' Jesus said."

"So, we must strive to be detached from material things so as to find in our hearts that God is our treasure. St. Clare knew and fixed in her heart that the Lord is God. Though she came from a wealthy, aristocratic family, she was not fascinated (like so many people were then and still are today) by money, material riches, or earthly delights. She was fascinated by Christ, the beauty of His Divine Person, and the beauty of His Gospel."

"Similarly, you are following the call of the priesthood because of your fascination with Christ, your love for Him and your desire to serve Him. You have heard Jesus' challenging call to discipleship, like St. Francis and St. Clare heard, the call to self-denial, to take up His cross. Whether one is called to the active or contemplative life, Our Lord's strong words apply. 'Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.'"

Concluding his homily, Bishop Rhoades said, "If at times we find ourselves becoming too worldly or materialistic, it is good to remember Jesus' words in today's Gospel - 'What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?' It took a lot for Francis and Clare to leave behind their noble and wealthy families and for St. Francis in particular to

leave behind his selfish pursuits of pleasure and earthly glory."

"Think about what's most difficult for you to leave behind - marriage and children? Money and possessions? Your autonomy? Celibacy, voluntary poverty, obedience? Then remember Our Lord's promise - 'Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.'"

"Though not called to be medicants like Francis or cloistered contemplatives like Clare, we can learn from them and be inspired by them to take up Christ's cross in our priestly vocation, to be detached from money and things and to have fixed in our hearts 'that the Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other.'"

## Seminarians Share Thoughts

After Mass, a couple of seminarians shared their thoughts with *Today's Catholic*. Greenan Sullivan, second year Theology, whose home parish is St. Anthony of Padua, South Bend, said he had a "fruitful summer at Institute of Priestly Formation - a nine-week program - and I was able to delve into my prayer life and relationship with God and strengthen that, especially with everyday circumstances of life."

When asked what he was looking forward to most once he's ordained as a priest he responded, "Sacramental ministry is up there, but also deepening my relationship with the Lord. When you're a priest, you're sustained by Him in everything you do so that's going to be at the heart of the ministry, leading into other things."

Sullivan was asked to share why someone should consider the priesthood and he simply said, "Because God is good.

He's calling young men to the priesthood, and He's never stopped calling young men. The life is full of love and blessings and if you give God a chance, He's going to reward you. As we heard in today's Gospel, you're only going to find life if you give it up for Him."

Sullivan added, "This is the best vocation for finding life. If you're looking for a good life, priesthood is up there."

Mason Bailey's home parish is Most Precious Blood in Fort Wayne and he said he'd be going into First Philosophy at St. Meinard's in southern Indiana. He shared that he just completed a pastoral year - he was assigned to St. Pius X in Granger from July of 2022 until recently, learning from Monsignor Bill Schooler.

"He taught me a lot. It was wonderful being connected with the parish and seeing what the day-to-day work of what a priest's life is like. I only knew what they did on weekends," Bailey laughed. "I didn't know what they did Monday through Friday. It's full of love for the people of God. It's been amazing to be there learning from his almost 50 years of priestly ministry."

When asked what he was most looking forward to when he's ordained as a priest, Bailey responded, "The Sacrament of Reconciliation. To be able to reconcile people with the Lord and for people to know of God's mercy and take advantage of that sacrament that played a huge role in my discernment, so to be able to offer that for other people, especially young men, is huge."

When asked why someone should consider the priesthood, Bailey said, "Because it's a radical and beautiful life. I think that the priesthood fixes us to Christ in a profound way and what better thing to do than give Jesus to His people?"



# Serra Club of South Bend Celebrates 75 Years

BY CLAIRE KENNEY

Chartered in 1948, this year marks the Serra Club of South Bend's 75th anniversary. A chapter of the larger organization Serra International, their mission is to pray, promote, and foster vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and religious life.

The organization is named after St. Junipero Serra, founder of the missions of California. Members are referred to as Serrans.

"Serrans pray daily for the priests and religious in our diocese," Serra Club of South Bend President Debby Blum said, "Each Serran is assigned specific priests, seminarians, and religious to pray for by name."

Former president and current member, Susan Vales, originally joined the organization in Dallas. She and her husband Ray Vales, who is also a past Serra Club of South Bend president and a former secretary for Serra International, joined the South Bend chapter in 2009 after moving to the area. Both really believe in Serra's mission. "It's just so vital that we realize how important it is," Susan said. "We need to pray for our priests."

One of the club's initia-



tives is issuing Altar Server Certificates to 8th grade and graduating high school students to help encourage religious vocations. The Club also raises funds for seminarian education. Funds are raised through the sale of Father's Day cards at different South Bend area parishes on a rotating basis.

The success of these and other initiatives as well as the general vibrancy of the club stems from the hard work and dedication of the club's Serrans.

"It is a tribute to the men and women who, over the years, have carried forth the mission which is to pray, foster, and support vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and the holiness of its members," Ray said.

This year, seven men were ordained to the priesthood in the diocese, an answer to the club prayer. "Our prayers have born great fruit with seven

priests ordained to the priesthood in our diocese this year," Blum reflected.

Both Ray and Susan really enjoy the fellowship that comes with being active in Serra. "It is great to be in fellowship with over 7,500 Serrans in the United States," Ray said. "I enjoy the fellowship with the other Serrans," Susan added.

To officially celebrate this 75th anniversary milestone, several members gathered in June to share a meal. "Fifteen of the members of the Serra Club of South Bend gathered to celebrate our 75th anniversary of the club's inception with a meal at Papa Vino's and a brief talk by our chaplain," said Debby.

As part of fellowship, the club meets twice a month. They meet on the third Wednesday of each month at St. Therese, Little Flower in South Bend to listen to a speaker, discuss, and pray. On the first Friday of each month, the group gathers for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration at the Divine Mercy Life Center. During the Holy Hour, they pray for the bishop and pray for priests, religious, and seminarians of the diocese.

With 75 years of work that has seen many fruits, the Serra Club of South Bend has much good work ahead of them as they continue to pray for vocations to religious and consecrated life.



## Public schedule of Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades

Monday, Aug. 21: 8 a.m. – Mass and Pastoral Visit, St. John the Baptist Catholic School, New Haven  
 Saturday, Aug. 26: 10 a.m. – Confirmation Mass, St. Joseph Church, LaGrange  
 Sunday, Aug. 27: 10 a.m. – Ordination of Deacons of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, Moreau Seminary Chapel, Notre Dame  
 Monday, Aug. 28: Noon – Meeting of Delegates to Synod of Bishops, Mundelein Seminary, Chicago  
 Tuesday, Aug. 29: 11:30 a.m. – Meeting with New Pastors, Archbishop Noll Center, Fort Wayne  
 Wednesday, Aug. 30: 11 a.m. – Mass of the Holy Spirit, University of St. Francis North Campus Auditorium, Fort Wayne  
 Saturday, Sep. 2: 9:30 a.m. – Mass, Alumni Hall Chapel, University of Notre Dame  
 Sunday, Sep. 3: 11 a.m. – Wedding Anniversary Mass, St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend



## Forty Hours Devotion



## Parishes are Listed in Order by Date

### AUGUST

St. John the Baptist, New Haven: Aug. 20-22  
 Queen of Peace, Mishawaka: Aug. 20-22  
 St. Bernard, Wabash: Aug. 20-22  
 St. Monica, Mishawaka: Aug. 27-29  
 St. John the Baptist, Fort Wayne: Aug. 27-29  
 St. Vincent de Paul, Elkhart: Aug. 27-29

### SEPTEMBER

Corpus Christi, South Bend: Sept. 8-10  
 St. Michael the Archangel, Waterloo: Sept. 10-12  
 Immaculate Conception, Kendallville: Sept. 10-12  
 St. Mary of the Lake, Culver: Sept. 10-12  
 St. Patrick, Fort Wayne: Sept. 10-12  
 St. Patrick, Arcola: Sept. 17-19  
 St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend: Sept. 17-19  
 St. Michael, Plymouth: Sept. 17-19

### OCTOBER

Sacred Heart, Warsaw: Oct. 1-3  
 St. Louis, Besancon, New Haven: Oct. 1-3  
 St. Therese, Little Flower, South Bend: Oct. 1-3  
 St. Therese, Fort Wayne: Oct. 8-10  
 St. Jude, Fort Wayne: Oct. 15-17  
 Holy Cross, South Bend: Oct. 15-17  
 St. Joseph-Hessen Cassel, Fort Wayne: Oct. 15-17  
 St. Paul of the Cross, Columbia City: Oct. 22-24

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# Immigration Services of Catholic Charities of Fort Wayne-South Bend Receives Local Grant

BY NICOLE KURUT

Thanks to a generous grant from the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation for \$75,000, Immigration Services at Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend (CCFWSB) will grow to accommodate the needs of migrants in northern Indiana. This support comes at a vital time, as the war in Ukraine and civil unrest in Cuba, Haiti, Venezuela, and Nicaragua continue to unfold and the Department of Homeland Security has rolled out new humanitarian programs for individuals seeking temporary protections. As a result, immigration agencies across the country are expected to see an increase in demand for services.

For decades, CCFWSB has worked hard to provide accurate, safe, and affordable legal

care for immigrants in the region. This spring, CCFWSB Immigration Director, Luz Ostrognai, was approved to renew her status as a fully accredited representative with the Department of Justice. This designation ensures that the organization remains qualified to provide immigration legal services through non-attorney staff members or volunteers in accordance with federal regulations. The Department of Justice, through the Office of Legal Access Programs (OLAP), confirms that Ostrognai possesses the character and fitness, broad knowledge, and adequate experience in immigration law and procedure, as well as the necessary skills for effective litigation, and the training related to trial and appellate advocacy that are required to practice before the Immigration Courts, Board of Immigration Appeals, and Department of Homeland

Security.

"For 22 years, our agency has provided immigration legal services to immigrants and refugees needing to adjust their legal status," said Ostrognai. "This grant will help us maintain the quality of our legal services, as well as keep up with the demand."

CCFWSB is proud to continue to provide this much needed service to the community, and is grateful for the generosity and support of St. Joseph Community Health Foundation. This gift will provide at-risk migrants with access to their legal rights and aid them in finding safety and security in their new home. Agency officials expect to see an increase of migrants in northeast Indiana, and remain committed to providing immigration services, including family-based petitions, naturalization, and humanitarian aid applications.

## SUMMER PRINT SCHEDULE

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# Scouting Impacts All Aspects of Life for Eagle Scout

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

An eagle is a rare creature, known to be bold and fearless. In the world of scouting, the eagle stands for strength of character and knowledge for all phases of scouting, representing an understanding and deep respect for the community and nation. Recently, Claire Capdevielle, parishioner and cantor at St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest honor for youth members of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

"I joined my troop (Troop 3105, Lasalle Council) when I was 16," noted Capdevielle. "I had been trying to find options to get into scouting since I was very little, long before girls were accepted into the BSA program. I tried out some other types of scouting, but it never quite fulfilled my dream of becoming proficient in outdoor skills and participating in great adventures like my older brothers."

Becoming an Eagle Scout requires deep commitment, extensive work, and a completion of a total of 325 requirements.

"First, you must earn the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life. To do this, you com-

plete various requirements including outdoor survival skills, first aid, camping trips, cooking, fitness, and service. You also learn about citizenship and good communication. For the last three ranks, you also have to hold a position of leadership in your troop and earn merit badges. There are hundreds of merit badges covering pretty much every topic from computer science to aviation, but there are 14 required ones for Eagle. This includes physical activity-based badges like swimming and climbing, and community-focused ones like citizenship in the nation, society, and world. Additionally, you must complete a service project. The Eagle candidate plans and leads a team to complete a project benefiting the community in some way. There is a lot of creative freedom allowed in what kind of project is done," shared Capdevielle.

Her family, specifically her older brothers who were also scouts, gave her the drive to tackle the rank of Eagle Scout.

"They both earned the rank of Life scout, the one right below Eagle," said Capdevielle, noting she always looked up to her brothers. "When I joined scouting, I knew I had only two years, and I wanted to pack in as many experiences as possible into that time. The road



Lisa Kochanowski

**Claire Capdevielle stands proud after being presented the Eagle Badge at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on Wednesday, July 26, in Osceola. She earned the rank of Eagle Scout with Troop 3105, Lasalle Council.**

to Eagle Scout definitely helped me have more adventures than I would have without aiming for this goal. Without the possibility of Eagle driving me, I might have said no to experiences that changed my life."

She did various projects during her quest including service hours at Our Lady of the Road in South Bend serving breakfast. It is a place where anyone can take showers, do laundry,

have breakfast, rest, and enjoy conversation with guests.

"It's always great to get to sit down with the guests and talk to them after the serving is done. It can be easy to forget about these members of our community, but this experience always helps me to feel connected to those who are struggling, and feeling connected inspires me to want to do more for them," said Capdevielle.

Her Eagle Scout project was planting a row of bushes in front of the Our Lady of the Road center to serve as a green fence. Capdevielle's most memorable moment of the project was seeing it when it was complete.

"It was November and very cold. My dad and I were finishing off the project by ourselves. We had an awesome work crew for our first day, but we decided to add mulch for the bushes, which meant a second day of work. I remember kneeling in the cold spreading the mulch around the newly planted bushes with my hands. It was hard work, but it was incredibly rewarding to step back and look at my work," recalled Capdevielle.

Capdevielle said scouting has impacted most areas of her life.

"I've formed new bonds with people I would never have met, in my troop and com-

munity, and at the two scout camps I attended and staffed. I've become closer to my family, especially my parents who were with me every step of the trail to Eagle. I've been tested physically, have led even when I felt no more experienced than the people I had to lead, and have learned and grown so much over the past few years," said Capdevielle. "I think I will be much more confident as I take on the next challenges life brings because of this experience."

Capdevielle will continue her life in scouting by staying with her troop as an adult leader, hopefully going on a caving trip this fall. She also plans on working as staff for Camp Tamarack and Trail to Eagle. Professionally, she strives to become a film director and possibly an actor.

"I will be studying film at the University of Notre Dame this fall. I hope I can one day make films for young people that can spread a message of hope. It's important to reflect on the reality of the problems in the world, but I want to tell stories that emphasize the ways we can overcome those problems. I think we need more heroes who understand honor, integrity, and dignity. I'd like to bring those heroes to the world through film," said Capdevielle.

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# Holy Water Has a Place in All Areas of Our Lives

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

Globally, water is a symbol of life and hope. For the Catholic Church, blessed water reminds us of baptism and is a symbol of purification.

According to Brian MacMichael, Director of the Office of Worship with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, water has a rich history of being used for ritual cleansing in Judaism, and the Church also employs it in certain liturgical contexts beyond baptism, such as during the offertory at Mass, the blessing of churches or objects, and the renewal of baptismal promises at Easter.

Catholics will find blessed water at a parish placed in holy water stoups at the entrances or in a large dispenser.

MacMichael shared that the placement of holy water stoups at entrances to a church helps emphasize the transition into a sacred place, the Domus Dei (House of God), by encouraging visitors to trace the sign of the cross while recalling how baptism made us a part of the Body of Christ. Also, when a baptismal font is placed at the entrance of a church, it symbolizes our Christian life's journey from the font of rebirth to the altar and the things of heaven.

"Water in the actual baptismal font of a church is distinct from other holy water in that it receives a special blessing related to its baptismal purpose (though the water therein can also serve as a place for churchgoers to dip their fingers and recall their own baptisms)," noted MacMichael.

Some faithful will take holy water from large dispensers for use at home. There is a long tradition of lay people keeping a holy water font in their homes, reinforcing a reminder of baptism for the domestic Church.

Theresa Delgado has kept a bottle of holy water in her home for years and purchased a holy water font as an anniversary gift for her husband a few years ago. She keeps them in her home as a way of spiritual protection.

"When our children were small, as we would conclude our nightly prayers, I would often bless them and ask their guardian angels to watch over them," said Delgado. "I would encourage families to use holy water to bless each other and their homes. Away from home, it is good to have holy water with you, in case of an emergency. There are stories of people who have had opportunities to baptize as they are dying or in an accident, so I like to be prepared."

Carl Loesch keeps holy water in his home and uses it to bless



Lisa Kochanowski

There is a long tradition of lay people keeping holy water in their homes, reinforcing a reminder of baptism for the domestic Church.

rooms in the house by making signs of the cross with holy water on the doors. He feels there are many temptations and evil influences attacking families, and we need all the help we can get to build homes as places of refuge and holiness.

Janice Martin keeps holy water and a holy water font in her home, gifts from a beloved relative. "My holy water font and my first of many bottles of holy water was given to me by my Aunt Janice when I was 10 years old, 19 years before I was blessed by the waters of baptism into full communion with the Catholic Church at the 1997 Easter Vigil. I had seen my younger cousin prepare for her First Communion and wondered why we didn't have a holy water font in our home. My Aunt Janice gave me my own for my room," recalled Martin.

Martin kept holy water in her home because her younger cousin and aunt's family had it. Over time, she realized it was something she also wanted and to gain a better understanding of the "why" behind it.

"It was Christmas before my Aunt Janice passed away from breast cancer. She gave me her rosary and told me, 'One day you will understand what to do with this and it will lead you home.' From 1986, I prayed my aunt's beloved rosary because she had taught me how to, along with my younger cousin, and my aunt was correct. In 1997, her beloved rosary, the holy water font, and years of getting holy water from her when I would need some did indeed lead me home," said Martin. "My younger cousin left the Catholic Church after my aunt passed and could never understand why I ran towards the Church. When my cousin passed a few years ago, I placed

my aunt's beloved rosary under her hands, said a prayer, and said under my breath, 'Now they can lead you home.'"

What started out as a desire to have what her aunt's family had, came full circle for Martin with daily prayer, the rosary, and blessing herself with holy water before she understood that she was being called home.

"I have a constant reminder of my baptism each time that I bless myself with holy water either coming in or going out. God is always present in a small way. I am reminded of the blessing and gift that I received in the waters that washed away my sins. Recently I became aware of the Jewish mezuzah that holds a scroll on the door post that is kissed at the coming and going. Knowing that the Jewish people are, like St. Pope John Paul II said, our older brothers and sisters in the faith tie me to our early roots of Christianity. I'm not saying that the holy water font and holy water are the same as the mezuzah; however, what comfort can be found in traditions that go back to the time of Jesus among us," noted Martin.

MacMichael said that having holy water in the home is acceptable, but lay people cannot formally bless objects or people in the same way clergy can. The faithful can keep a quantity of holy water to refill fountains in the home or to bring while traveling.

"We must also keep in mind that holy water should not be consumed or poured down a regular drain, etc. The reverent way to dispose of old holy water is either to pour it down a church's sacrarium (a drain that goes straight into the earth) or to pour it into the ground in a decent place outside (such as a garden area)," said MacMichael.

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## Pope Again Prays for Maui Victims, Makes Appeal for Migration Reform

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – After leading the recitation of the Angelus prayer on Sunday, August 13, Pope Francis again assured the people of Hawaii of his prayers. With some 15,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square to pray with him, the pope said he was praying "for the victims of the fires that have devastated the Hawaiian island of Maui." The official death toll from the fires had risen to 96 on Sunday, August 13, and the number was expected to increase as the search through burned out rubble continued. In his public prayers and appeals after reciting the Angelus, Pope Francis also made a strong appeal for serious efforts at immigration reform after 41 migrants were reported to have drowned in the Mediterranean in early August. "Another tragic shipwreck happened a few days ago in the Mediterranean – 41 people lost their lives," the pope said. "I have prayed for them." Four migrants from Africa were rescued by a merchant ship and brought to the Italian island of Lampedusa on Wednesday, August 9. They said they were on a boat carrying 45 people that capsized off the coast of Tunisia.

## Pope Entrusts Prayers for Peace to Mary, Assumed into Heaven

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – On the feast of Mary's assumption into heaven, Pope Francis entrusted to her people's prayers for peace, especially in Ukraine. "The din of weapons drowns out attempts at dialogue," the pope told an estimated 10,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square on Tuesday, August 15, to pray the Angelus with him. "The law of force prevails over the force of law" and respect for human rights, "but we must not be discouraged," the pope said. "Let's continue to hope and pray because it is God, it is He who guides history. May He hear us." While the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Mary's assumption, body and soul, into heaven, the day's Gospel reading focused on the Visitation, Mary's decision to rush to visit her cousin Elizabeth when she heard the older woman was also expecting. The passage also includes the Magnificat, when Mary praises the greatness of God and all He has done for her. "Mary ascends, and the word of God reveals to us what characterized her as she does so: service to her neighbor and praise to God," Pope Francis told people in the square.

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## Poland's Ulma Family to be Beatified



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Wiktorina Ulma is pictured writing at a table with her oldest daughter, Stasia. The Ulma family secretly hid eight Jews for almost two years in German-occupied Poland during the Second World War. The Nazis killed the family and the Jews they were sheltering early in the morning of March 24, 1944. The Vatican declared the Ulma family martyrs on December 17, 2022, and they will be beatified on September 10, 2023.

## 'We Cannot Remain Silent': Ohio Archbishop Urges Catholics to Reject Abortion Amendment

CINCINNATI (OSV News) – Cincinnati Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr has urged Catholics to reject a November 7 ballot initiative on abortion he called an "extraordinary and dangerous attempt to radically reshape Ohio through a constitutional amendment that does nothing to aid women or promote life." He said the initiative "would enshrine the 'right' to take the lives of innocent children in the womb while harming women and families in the process." "An expectant mother of any age can face many challenges, including lack of support from the father, financial strains, concerns about her own health and that of her child, and pressures from family and friends," the archbishop said in a Saturday, August 12, letter to the faithful of the archdiocese. "Every woman, regardless of circumstances, should be able to depend upon a community of support," he continued. "That is why Catholic social service

agencies, in collaboration with many other faith-based and secular organizations, assist pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment, both during pregnancy and after their child is born." Archbishop Schnurr's letter came four days after a Tuesday, August 8, special election when Ohio voters said "no" to a measure that proposed raising the threshold to make changes to the state's constitution. "As Catholics, we are morally obliged to uphold the dignity of life of all vulnerable humans – immigrants, the poor, preborn children," he said. "We cannot remain silent on a direct ballot question like the one in November." Beyond voting "no" on the measure and praying for its defeat, "we must continue our commitment to caring for women, children, and families," he said.

## Syrian People 'Again Forgotten,' say Humanitarian Workers Six Months After Quake

AMMAN, Jordan (OSV News) – Six months after the devastating

earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria, Catholic aid organizations are expressing special concern and providing help particularly for the residents of northwestern Syria who they say face greater isolation from international assistance. Twelve years of civil war have left 5.4 million Syrians as refugees, 6.8 million were internally displaced and 4.3 million are sheltering in the predominantly rebel-held region from various parts of the country in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. The earthquakes exacerbated an already dire economic recession, fuel shortages, prolonged drought, and health crises such as a cholera outbreak, putting even more pressure on public systems in the area. Thomas Weiss of Malteser International told OSV News that these people "depend totally on international support." "Humanitarian access to Syria must be safe, consistent, and especially protected from politicization," he urged. Weiss travels regularly to northwest Syria to meet with beneficiaries and the several local non-government organizations with whom Malteser International partners. Father Tony O'Riordan of the Jesuit Refugee Service serving in the northern city of Aleppo warned

that Syrians are "starving," saying nine in every 10 people in Syria need assistance. "It's six months on and more people are in deeper need of food assistance. We have an explosion of people in need and the international donors are underfunding the response plan," Father O'Riordan told the Cork-based Irish Examiner. In one village alone, Knayeh, almost 80 percent of homes were destroyed, according to Pro Terra Sancta.

## Catholic Leaders, Pro-life Groups Take Positions on PEPFAR Reauthorization

WASHINGTON, D.C. (OSV News) – Looming debate over the reauthorization of PEPFAR has some pro-life advocates raising alarm about the potential for some funding going to abortion, while others say safeguards are in place to prevent such spending. PEPFAR, the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, authorized by Congress and President George W. Bush in 2003, is the U.S. government's global effort to combat HIV/AIDS. PEPFAR is credited with saving 25 million lives and scaling back the epidemic's spread, and is seen as an example of successful bipartisanship, continuing across each presidential administration since. The program, in part, distributes anti-retrovirals in countries where as many as one-third of adults were impacted. Its funding has totaled more than \$110 billion to date; Congress will consider its reauthorization this year. But some pro-lifers have raised alarm about what they argue is potential for funds to go to abortions in this year's potential reauthorization. Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., a Catholic and longtime supporter of PEPFAR, this year expressed concern about reauthorization without adding language prohibiting administrators from funding groups that advocate for abortion access. Some pro-life and conservative groups, including Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, have announced plans to score against a vote in favor of PEPFAR's reauthorization in its current form. The Biden administration however has denied using PEPFAR for that purpose and is seeking a "clean" reauthorization of the program for five years, with no policy changes. A July 14 letter from Catholic Relief Services and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to congressional lawmakers argued in favor of PEPFAR's reauthorization while outlining important principles to guide Congress, including that the "life-saving work of PEPFAR should never be entangled with the promotion of abortion."





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## Finding Joy through Chronic Pain

BY ERIKA BARRON

Joy and pain are not usually words you hear in the same sentence, but for Bryon and Renee Scott, the leaders of the Chronic Joy Support Group at St. Vincent de Paul in Fort Wayne, you cannot have one without the other. The purpose of the group, which meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, is to “provide hope, encouragement, and a safe space for those experiencing the pain, anxiety, and isolation of living with chronic illness, and their caregivers; to connect, share, and support one another.”

No stranger to chronic pain, Bryon Scott has been living with Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, or CRPS for almost a quarter century. CRPS is a rare neurological disorder and has been named one of the top three most painful diseases by medical experts. CRPS is often called the “Suicide Disease” due to the prevalence of those living with it ending their lives from the severe physical and in turn mental suffering it causes.

After a particularly powerful visit to the Oratory of St. Mary Magdalene, he said he began to feel the Holy Spirit putting the pieces into place. While attending a charism workshop, Bryon learned his charism was helping people and Renee discovered hers was encouragement. At this time, they also discovered the need for a support group in the St. Vincent community catering to the needs of the chronically ill and disabled members of the parish and sur-

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– Bryon Scott



rounding areas. After speaking with Father Daniel Scheidt, Pastor of St. Vincent, Dorothy Schuerman, head of St. Vincent Adult Ministries, and Allison Sturm, Ministry Specialist for Persons with Disabilities in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, the idea began to blossom.

Bryon began by helping friends who were experiencing pain in their lives. Meanwhile, Renee was looking for resources online when she came across Chronic Joy, a faith-based Global Ministry, offering

resources for those suffering from chronic physical and mental illness. “If God wasn’t involved in doing this, I mean it was beyond all coincidence. Trying to think of what to do and then boom! finding that website,” Bryon recalled. “It’s just amazing the things that fit together perfectly to facilitate this,” he said.

At a Chronic Joy meeting, a person can expect to encounter hearts and minds ready to listen to them. “People don’t want to listen to people with health problems, even some of the

most well-intentioned people. It can be like, man, you’re dragging me down,” Bryon remarked. He added, “There’s no avenue for people to talk about it, and by talking about it and doing these little things, you can step outside of your pain and know someone else is going through the same thing or something similar.”

The group begins each session with a prayer, thanking God for allowing them to come together. There is ample time in each session for the members to individually share what is going on in their lives, struggles or obstacles they have faced in past weeks, and of course share the positive moments too – the blessings they have encountered. Some weeks the conversation is started through thought-provoking activities or specific questions provided by the Chronic Joy resources. Other weeks it may just be brought on by what is weighing on a member’s heart. Whatever the case may be, the St. Vincent de Paul Chronic Joy participants are ready to listen and provide much needed compassion and camaraderie, which is so important during the ups and downs of life.

“It’s not about telling someone what they need to do,” said Sturm. “By sharing stories

of what oneself may be going through on their personal journey, they may give others the tools they need to identify and articulate their own feelings. It’s creating a safe place for people to gather, to know they are not alone.”

The feeling of safety is extremely important to those gathered, and the members excel in letting each other know whatever pain and obstacles they are going through, they do not need to face them alone. Within community comes strength and despite the often-heavy subject matter of one’s health, laughter and hope abound. Each session ends with a powerful prayer to the Heavenly Father, thanking Him for the promise of joy despite the trials they encounter and asking Him to help carry them through the daily struggles that accompany living with any form of chronic pain.

Chronic Joy is open to anyone facing the battle of mental or physical chronic illness and their caregivers to share and explore the intricate ways in which the Lord works through suffering. “If you haven’t had great suffering, you would never know how happy you can be,” said Bryon. Appropriately Renee likened pain to the feeling of a gloomy day, saying, “We can appreciate when the sun comes out.”

If you or someone you love is experiencing the pain and isolation of chronic physical or mental illness and are interested in attending Chronic Joy, contact Renee and Bryon Scott at [reneebyron@aol.com](mailto:reneebyron@aol.com) for more information.



# Active Communities are Created for Young Catholics at Historic Parishes in South Bend

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

**“Y**oung adults are leaving the Church at astonishing numbers. With less than three percent of parishes in the United States employing a young adult coordinator on staff, more and more young adults find no home or voice in the Church and leave,” said David Murphy, Co-Founder and Board Chair of QuoVadis Catholic (QV).

“Quo Vadis” is Latin for “Where are you going?” which is asked both to the Catholic Church and to Catholic young adults. Murphy said, “With the future of the Church slipping between the cracks, we ask ‘Where are you going?’”

Murphy believes a solution is the creation of QuoVadis Catholic (QV), a young adult Catholic faith formation program. Founded in 2019 in San Diego by Murphy and Nathan Poe, QV provides an opportunity for young adults to live with other Catholics, build friendships, and grow in faith. Living in a community, young adults enjoy a Christ-centered community of service in their city. The founders not only engage young adults, but help revitalize parishes and support Catholic schools at the same time.

Murphy relocated from San Diego to South Bend and started QV at two South Bend locations, St. Casimir Church and Holy

Cross Church. Geared towards young adults in their 20s, each fellow goes through an application and screening process that includes interviews and requires letters of recommendation to make sure they fit with the mission and vision of the experience. QV seeks fellows wanting to invest in the community, not people just looking for a place to crash. “We want this to be a purposeful time,” said Murphy.

Each member of the house pays a monthly payment or rent. Though there is no set time limit on living in the home, agreements are made between the group and the individual on an annual basis.

“Today’s young adults are the loneliest, most debt-burdened, most suicidal, most anxious, and least likely to marry and have kids. Secular society’s anecdotes only deepen these issues, and it is only the Church that offers thousands of years of wisdom to counter the social ills plaguing today’s young adult generation. By being rooted in community and being formed, the future of the Church can gain the social and spiritual support needed to navigate today’s fluid landscape,” noted Murphy.

“The goal is to help the Church respond pastorally to the longing of young adults’ hearts. We do this by rooting communities of young adult Catholics in community at underutilized parish properties, forming them,



Lisa Kochanowski

**David Murphy, Co-Founder and Board Chair of QuoVadis (QV) Catholic, and Christopher Van Scoy, QV Fellow, sit outside at the St. Casimir house in South Bend, located next to the church, on Wednesday, July 19. QV is a young adult Catholic faith formation program providing an opportunity for young adults to live with other Catholics, build friendships, and grow in faith.**

and unleashing them to evangelize their peers,” said Murphy.

Corey Williams, a St. Casimir Fellow, said he is grateful for the opportunity to live in a community with friends, practice his faith, and be close to a church.

Christopher Van Scoy, another St. Casimir Fellow, had been living in a single apartment and hated the loneliness that came with his environment. He said living in a community with his friends has given him a chance to grow spiritually, pray with friends, enjoy deep conversations about religion and philosophy, and encounter different

groups of people in the area.

In the fall, he is getting married and will leave the house to begin his new life. He said he is grateful to have this special time in fellowship before he embarks on his marital journey.

Holy Cross fellows have been an impactful asset to the community as well. QV Fellows have been involved in parish ministry including lecturing at Sunday Mass, assisting the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, teaching the catechesis program for older children, and becoming involved in the parish social outreach to the local community, a strong focus within the parish.

“The greatest gift that the Quo Vadis residents provide is the witness of their desire to live as young Catholic adults in an intentional Christian community. Parishioners are pleased to hear that we have these young adults living this Christian lifestyle in our parish center, which was the convent when the Holy Cross Sisters taught at our school. Their presence within the parish community is a sign of hope for our parishioners, a reminder that there are young adults who take seriously their faith and strive to live a serious Christian life. They also serve as a witness to the young adults of our parish,” said Holy Cross Church Pastor Father Jim Fenstermaker. “Perhaps the greatest contribution of Quo Vadis to the participants is the support they offer one another in the joys and challenges of living their Christian faith and their Catholic religion. In their weekly discussions and faith sharing, and in the guests, they sometimes bring in to speak to them, they are learning to navigate the complexities of living their faith in today’s society, strengthened and nourished by their lives of prayer, worship, and reflection, learning how to

evangelize through the witness of their lives. Quo Vadis is preparing them to be leaders in the Church and in society.”

At St. Casimir, QV Fellows assist with adult faith formation classes, and have been coaches in sports for St. Adalbert Grade School, leaders in the Dominic Savio Club for middle school boys as mentors, and involved in the liturgy as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.

“It offers life to St. Casimir. We have young Catholic men living right in the St. Casimir community and they are active in the parish doing ministry. Our parishioners love seeing them and their help in ministry has been great since we sometimes lack enough people to help out in some parts of the parish. The source of income has been a blessing as well since we are able to use that funding for some needed capital projects in the parish,” said Father Ryan Pietrocchio, Pastor at St. Adalbert and St. Casimir Parishes. “My hope is that they receive a joy filled experience of living in a male Catholic community, and to have their faith enriched through prayer, conversation, and community life with the other men in the house. I also hope that they come to grow in their desire to serve Christ and the Church through their ministry in the parish and find joy becoming integral parts of a parish community.”

Being part of a monumental movement creates many memorable moments for leaders and residents. Murphy recalled having the first fellow move into St. Casimir and how the moment made the concept concrete from the idea stage to the implementation stage.

“Renovating St Casimir’s rectory, which has seen a storied history over the last century housing priests, nuns, and women discerning a vocation was another memorable moment,” said Murphy. “In the renovations, we found parish records in Polish, old candid black and white photos of the nuns on adventures, and more that showed the lineage of this place. Being able to breathe new life into this building, and keeping it Catholic, was really exciting.”

Parishes also get a chance to be part of the next generation of faith-filled followers uniquely and memorably.

“The parishes get social, spiritual, and financial capital through participation with QV,” said Murphy. “Young adults living on campus means that they invite their friends and engage with the parish in many ways.”

To learn more about communal Catholic living in service of the Church, visit [qvcatholic.com](http://qvcatholic.com).

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Pope Francis waves to the crowd at the end of the closing Mass for World Youth Day at Tejo Park in Lisbon, Portugal, on Sunday, August 6.

# Don't be Afraid to Change the World, Pope Tells Youths at WYD Closing Mass

BY JUSTIN MCLELLAN

LISBON, Portugal (CNS) – To end “Catholic Woodstock” – as World Youth Day has been called by the Portuguese press – Pope Francis told 1.5 million weary-eyed and sleep-deprived young people in Lisbon not to let their “great dreams” of changing the world be “stopped by fear.”

In his homily for the closing Mass of World Youth Day on Sunday, August 6, the pope asked for “a bit of silence” from the pilgrims who, after staying overnight in Lisbon’s Tejo Park following the previous night’s vigil, at 6 a.m. were already dancing to techno music mixed by a DJ priest before the pope’s arrival.

“Let’s all repeat this phrase in our hearts: ‘Don’t be afraid,’” he told the hushed crowd. “Jesus knows the hearts of each one of you, the successes and the failures,” Pope Francis said. “And today he tells you, here in Lisbon for this World Youth Day: ‘Don’t be afraid.’”

As dawn broke over the riverside park, pilgrims emerged from tents, tarps, and sleeping bags to prepare for Mass. Violeta Marovic, 19, from Chicago, told Catholic News Service that the pilgrims spent the 10 hours between the previous night’s vigil and the papal Mass “sleeping very little,” dancing, playing games, and exchanging gifts with other

young people from around the world; she was wearing bracelets given to her by pilgrims from Italy and Poland.

A theology major at the University of Dallas, Marovic said she normally gets “nervous” when she tells people what she studies, but she has been comforted by seeing the huge amount of people so passionate about their faith, noting that young Catholics often “feel alone” when practicing their religion in the United States.

At the front of the crowd, which extended across both banks of Lisbon’s Trancão River, 30 cardinals, 700 bishops, and 10,000 priests celebrated the Mass with Pope Francis. Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa was seated in the front row.

Cardinal Manuel do Nascimento Clemente of Lisbon thanked the pope for making World Youth Day an opportunity for young people to come together and build a better tomorrow “after a pandemic that has confined them and otherwise distanced them from each other and from the best (version) of themselves.”

Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, the Family, and Life, which organizes World Youth Day, thanked Pope Francis for bringing together in Lisbon young people “who have been pilgrims of peace in times in which many, too many, wars are being fought in so many parts of the world.”

Before revealing the location of the next World Youth Day, Pope Francis invited young people to travel to Rome for a youth celebration during the Holy Year 2025. The next World Youth Day, to take place in 2027, he continued, “will be in South Korea, in Seoul,” he said to cheers from the sizeable groups of Koreans scattered in the crowd.

In remarks after Mass, the pope also recalled the suffering of Ukraine and asked young people if he, “an old man,” could share a dream of his: “the dream of peace, the dream that young people may pray for peace, live in peace, and build a peaceful future.”

Using the Portuguese word for thank you – “obrigado” – the pope thanked the organizers of World Youth Day, the volunteers who made it possible, and the city of Lisbon, which he prayed would “remain in the memory of these young people as a house of fraternity and a city of dreams.”

“And ‘obrigado’ to all of you, dear young people,” he said before praying the Angelus. “God sees all the good you are, and only He knows what He has planted in your heart. Go from here with what God put in your heart.”

The crowd dispersed after Mass, streaming through the streets of Lisbon, filling closed-down highways while waving the flags of the world.

## Pilgrims on a Journey: World Youth Day Day by Day

BY NICOLE HAHN AND  
JOSHUA SCHIPPER

### Days 1 and 2

On Friday, July 28, the nearly 300 pilgrims, priests, seminarians, sisters, deacons, chaperones, and staff gathered at four separate locations for morning Mass (St. Vincent de Paul Church in Fort Wayne, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Fort Wayne, St. Adalbert Church in South Bend, and St. Vincent de Paul Church in Elkhart) before heading off on the buses to Chicago to get on one of three different flights to get to their final destination of Porto, Portugal.

Arriving in Porto in the afternoon on Saturday, July 29, the group went to a private opening Mass at Irmandade de Santo António dos Congregados. Father Ben Landrigan, Parochial Vicar at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Elkhart and the official Chaplain for World Youth Day for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, led the Mass with priests and deacons from the diocese also taking part. Following Mass, the group either got on buses or walked miles through Porto to get to one of four hotels for check-in

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and a welcome dinner.

The small group of diocesan pilgrims who did not travel with the group arrived in Lisbon, Portugal, at different times throughout the day and had their welcome Mass at Oliveira Church before their welcome dinner at a hotel in Lisbon.

**Day 3**

On Sunday, July 30, it was an early start for the pilgrims as they left Porto and headed to Fátima, Portugal, for Mass with Bishop Rhoades in the local religious community. Following Mass, Sister Ângela de Fátima Coelho, the Postulator for the causes for canonization for sister and brother, St. Jacinta and St. Francisco Marto, and the Vice Postulator for the cause for canonization for their cousin, Sister Lúcia de Jesus dos Santos, gave a talk about their lives and her work. As children, the three received apparitions of the Blessed Mother in Fátima, Portugal, in 1917.

The afternoon allowed for free time for everyone to explore the Shrine of Fátima, including the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary and Basilica of the Holy Trinity. Of the many beautiful and spiritual things to do was the opportunity for pilgrims to crawl on their knees as an act of penance 600 feet in the scorching heat around the Chapel of

Apparitions. Many young people did the full crawl. Though their knees were burned and bloody, most of the participants said they were so focused on prayer that they didn't even feel pain until after they were finished and being cleaned and bandaged. Another highlight for many was to light candles at the Shrine of Fátima as a way to express devotion, seek intercession, and offer prayers to God. Pilgrims lit the candles as a tangible way to offer up their own personal intentions to God.

In the late afternoon, pil-



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grims loaded the buses and headed to one of three hotels in Lisbon to check in and then gather in small groups to talk about their experiences, pray together, and prepare for the next day.

**Day 4**

Monday, July 31, was another early morning departure with a packed schedule for the day, including visits to Santarém, Batalha, and Alcobaça. Pilgrims visited churches and monasteries throughout the day. They had Mass with Bishop Rhoades at the site of Santarém's Eucharistic Miracle, the Church of St. Stephen, also known as Igreja do Santíssimo Milagre, or the Church of the Holy Miracle. Other locations visited were Igreja da Graça, Igreja de Santa Maria de Marvila, Praça Sa da Bandeira, Se Catredal, Mosteiro

da Batalha, and Mosteiro da Alcobaça.

Everyone on the World Youth Day pilgrimage then got on buses to check in as a full group in one hotel, Hotel Roma in Lisbon. As was the case most nights, people gathered in their small groups to talk about their experiences, pray together, and prepare for the next day.

**Day 5**

Tuesday, August 1, was the one big opportunity to explore Lisbon in their small groups. People chose to do things like go to the World Youth Day Cidade da Alegria (City of Joy), the Youth Festival, go sightseeing, visit historic churches like Santa Maria Maior (Cathedral or St. Mary Major), Igreja de Santo Antonio de Lisboa (Church of St. Anthony of Lisbon), and more holy places, spend some time on one of the beautiful beaches, visit historic landmarks, explore the streets of Lisbon, and even do some shopping. It was also a time to get some rest before a very big evening.

The group gathered as one to walk together while displaying the diocesan flags to Colina do Encontro (Parque Eduardo VII) or Edward VII Park for the World Youth Day Opening Mass, which was hosted by the Patriarch of Lisbon, Archbishop Dom Manuel Clemente. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from all across the world were unified in faith, in Mass, and in the Eucharist in the beautiful park set up just for World Youth Day.

More photos are available at [www.todayscatholic.org](http://www.todayscatholic.org)



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## Day 6

It was early to rise and another packed schedule on Wednesday, August 2. The morning began with the first of three daily sessions of "Rise Up" catechesis at the Igreja de Nossa Senhora da Encarnação (Church of Our Lady of the Incarnation).

While catechesis was taking place inside the church, Bishop Rhoades and several of the youth and young adults from the diocese were outside doing interviews with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and OSV News.

Bishop Rhoades then sat in on some of the catechesis before concelebrating Mass at the church.

Pilgrims again gathered together early in the evening to head out together for the World Youth Day USA event at a park called the Parque da Quinta das Conchas e dos Lilases at Alameda das Linhas de Torres in Lisbon. The event featured a talk by Bishop Robert Barron of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester and Founder of the Catholic ministerial organization Word on Fire. That was followed by a Holy Hour led by Bishop Barron, which ended with him processing with the monstrance through the silent prayer of the crowd.

## Day 7

In the morning, the pilgrims again boarded the metro to arrive at Immaculate Conception Church for catechesis. There, they listened to a Gospel passage while youth and young adults on the "animation team" acted out the reading. After a witness talk from Deacon Caleb Kruse, Bishop Robert Barron addressed the young people gathered in and around the pews. After this, numerous youth – including three from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend – had a panel dis-

cussion with the bishop about social friendship, including the role of social media in the lives of young people. After the discussion, Bishop Barron celebrated Mass for the pilgrims.

In the early afternoon, the pilgrims departed to welcome Pope Francis. The streets of Lisbon were packed with hundreds of thousands of pilgrims bearing the flags of various nations and dioceses. Numerous youth and young adults from the diocese stood within yards of the pontiff as he cruised through the crowd before his opening address, which was broadcast in various languages via handheld radio.



Joshua Schipper



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## Day 8

On the final day of morning catechesis, diocesan pilgrim

Anna Laisure gave a witness talk before Most Reverend Timothy Broglio, Archbishop of Military Services and President of the USCCB, spoke to the pilgrims and then celebrated Mass. After a bit of time for food, the pilgrims returned to Edward VII Park for Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis.

Most of the pilgrims gathered on a shady hill, where they prayed the Stations of the Cross via jumbotron with those gathered, intermittently hearing testimonies about the faith from several Catholics. One of those who shared his testimony was Caleb Perkins, a pilgrim from the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Perkins shared to hundreds of thousands of his fellow pilgrims about his childhood and young adulthood, his struggles, and all of the factors that converged to bring him into the Church. After stations of the Cross, Perkins and his wife, Natali, met Pope Francis, shaking the hand of the pontiff.

## Day 9

Prior to their journey to the papal vigil site, the pilgrims walked to a nearby church for Mass celebrated by Bishop Rhoades. During his homily, he commended Caleb Perkins for sharing his journey to the Catholic faith to the hundreds of thousands gathered for stations of the cross the evening prior.

Following Mass, the pilgrims hydrated and geared up for an hours-long journey to the vigil site. Carrying heavy bags, the pilgrims departed Hotel Roma with temperatures reaching 96.8 degrees in the mid-afternoon. After stopping beneath overpasses for some shade and to rehydrate, the view of an estimated 1.5 million young Catholics awaiting Pope Francis slowly came into view as they passed over bridges to their campsite.

The terrain of the section where they settled consisted of a dusty ground with rocks nearing the size of baseballs. The pilgrims set up camp as the sun beat down on them, with many inflating pool rafts as makeshift beds. As the sun set, Pope Francis addressed the pilgrims. Following his speech, the thousands worshiped the exposed Blessed Sacrament during adoration before attempting to get some sleep before their upcoming journey back to the United States.

## Day 10

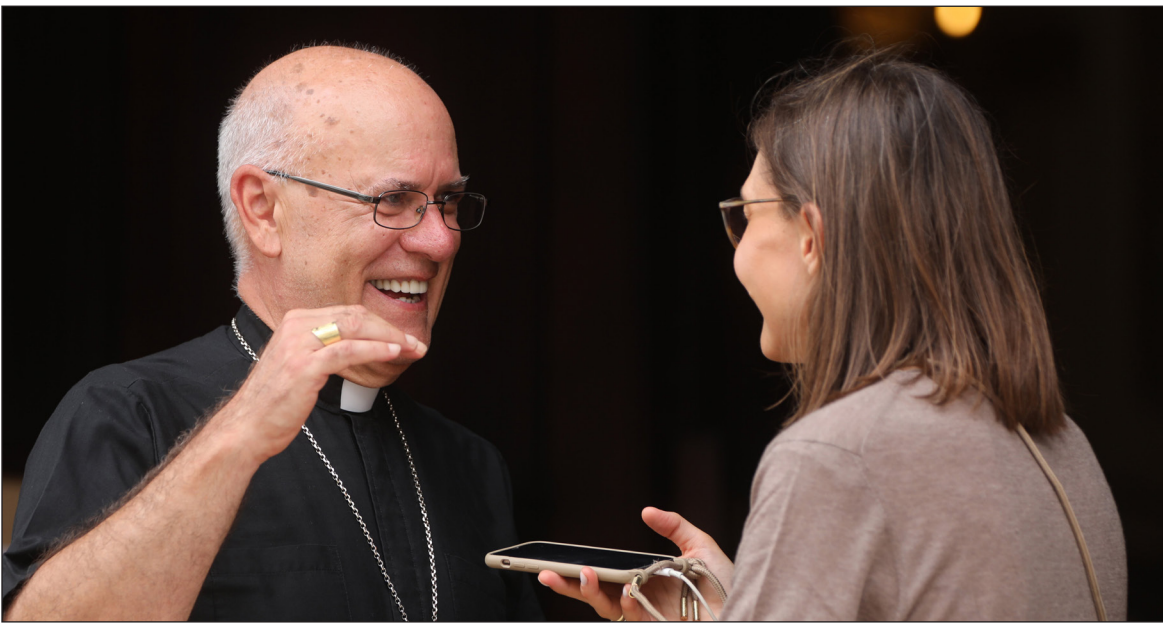
On Sunday, pilgrims awoke to the sun rising over the Tagus Estuary in a field surrounded by around 1.5 million young Catholics from around the world. While they had originally planned to stay at their campsite for Mass with Pope

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Joshua Schipper





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**Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend is interviewed by OSV News international editor Paulina Guzik outside the Church of Our Lady of the Incarnation during World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, on Wednesday, Aug. 2.**

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young people from around the world. So it's really been a wonderful first several days here," Bishops Rhoades told OSV News, standing on top of the steps leading to the Church of Our Lady of the Incarnation in central Lisbon, with the yellow trams pictured in every Lisbon postcard passing by.

It's the fifth WYD for Bishop Rhoades, who attended in Sydney, Madrid, Krakow, and Panama, but this time, the diocesan group hit record-high participation, doubling the number of attendees from previous pilgrimages.

"I was able to provide a significant amount of financial aid because of the generosity of donors," Bishop Rhoades said, underlining that he is promoting the event in the diocese "because I see the fruits."

"It's an experience that they'll remember for the rest of their lives. And I've seen a lot of young peoples' faith really be deepened and strengthened by being here, because they see young Catholics from around the world who are also strong in their faith, and that encourages them," he said.

"And there's such a joyful spirit with the music and beautiful liturgy ... and then just walking together, getting to know each other. I think it is very impactful," Bishop Rhoades added.

The group went to Fatima on Sunday, July 30, to visit the sanctuary where a series of apparitions of the Virgin Mary began on May 13, 1917.

Nunez decided to do a pilgrimage on her knees around the chapel with the famed statue of Our Lady of Fatima, one that carries one of the bullets from St. John Paul II's 1981 assassination attempt in her crown.

"It was amazing ... almost life-changing," she said. "It really brought me closer to my faith. I was almost connected with Jesus in that moment, because I could feel that I was giving that up as a sacrifice to

Him for His sacrifice He gave to us," she said.

Bishop Rhoades added that now, after visiting the famous shrine, he understands the message of Our Lady of Fatima much better.

"The time I spent there being able to be at the chapel of the apparitions, the homes of the children, and just having time to pray and to pray the rosary – which Our Lady asked of us, to pray the rosary every day. All of that combined to make the beginning of this pilgrimage really perfect for me personally," Bishop Rhoades said.

Karen Pantoja, a 19-year-old from Fort Wayne, had heard about Fatima since her childhood years and had always wanted to come, as she was inspired by the three children to whom Mary appeared.

"They were brave enough to stand (for) their faith. And I just thought, that's so beautiful," she told OSV News. "Being in the place where the Virgin Mary appeared was really powerful. I felt a sense of peace."

Bishop Rhoades added with a smile that, when he was traveling to Lisbon, he told the youth he had always felt closer to Our Lady Guadalupe and Our Lady of Lourdes, "and one of the teenage boys said: 'Bishop, it's the same woman!'"

For Nic Mickley, a 20-year-old Purdue University student from Huntington, WYD in Lisbon is an "amazing opportunity" to "see more about the faith and see the pope."

"It's something that you can't really imagine. I mean, you can hardly explain it. All the people and the different cultures, you know – the faith is so strong here," he told OSV News right before entering a catechesis session for his group on Wednesday, August 2.

Mickley is also a fan of Lisbon and its architectural treasures.

"I love all the different styles of churches. They're all so beautiful," he said.

Pantoja also loves the sight-seeing part of WYD, but it's the shared faith experience that really struck her during the opening Mass on Tuesday, August 1.

"It was powerful. It was different. It really brought my faith, seeing how many people believe in the same thing ... and definitely eye opening," she told OSV News.

Bishop Rhoades said that "families that are active and attend Mass, pray together in the home" are the primary source of strong Catholic communities in his diocese, and the fruit of those strong families is what has led to such a large group at WYD.

"That's the seed really for these young people and their growth in the faith. Then I would say next would be the parishes and schools," he said.

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend has 147,996 registered Catholics, 81 parishes and 43 Catholic schools. For Bishop Rhoades, meeting his diocesan youth is a refreshing experience.

"They are fresh in our faith. You know, sometimes as bishops, we deal with a lot of issues and problems, and it can be pretty heavy, the responsibility. So, for me, it's so refreshing to just be here with these young people," he said.

For Mickley, WYD is an experience he'll never forget. "Just amazing stories. I'll definitely be telling these for the rest of my life."

Pantoja hopes to "share my peace and the grace that I've received here with my family and friends. And I hope to pass on the power and the energy that I've received here," she said.

"Something that World Youth Day has taught me is that every day is an adventure and everything is going to be fine at the end of the day because during our pilgrimage of walking, we sometimes get lost," she said. "But at the end of the day, we find the location, and we find our family, brothers and sisters."

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Francis, the estimated temperature pushing 100 degrees saw the pilgrims journey back to their hotel. After a small park was secured for Mass as a group, the nearly 300 pilgrims celebrated Mass under the shade of a few trees.

After grabbing lunch at the hotel, the pilgrims split into several travel groups. Each group shared a parting dinner before boarding buses to their respective airports. During dinner at Hotel Roma, Father Paolo Degasperi made holy water to bless various religious items purchased by the pilgrims during their trip. After blessing and mixing salt and water, he sprinkled the water over numerous rosaries and statues, and then over the people gathered around his table.

#### Day 11

Pilgrims in Travel Group No. 2 traveled nine hours via bus to the Madrid Airport to catch a flight to Munich, Germany. Shortly after arriving, Father Dennis DiBenedetto, Father Paolo Degasperi, and Father Jacob Schneider secured a small hotel chapel to celebrate Mass for the more than 30 pilgrims traveling with them.

Reflecting on World Youth Day, Alfonso Ruiz-Cataño, a senior at North Manchester and a parishioner at St. Robert Bellermine Parish in North Manchester, said that the pilgrimage was "eye-opening," and that it provided a lot of perspective about his own personal experiences. Despite his own struggles, he says that this helped him see his situation in a new light.

"It really made me appreciate and value what I have at home."



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**South Korean pilgrims wave their country flag as Pope Francis celebrates the closing Mass during World Youth Day at Campo da Graça in Park Tejo in Lisbon, Portugal, on Sunday, August 6.**

#### World Youth Day 2027: Seoul, South Korea

LISBON, Portugal (CNS) – World Youth Day is returning to Asia in 2027 and will be hosted in Seoul, South Korea. Pope Francis announced the location on Sunday, August 6, to some 1.5 million pilgrims who attended the closing Mass of World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon. "The next World Youth Day will take place in Asia. It will be in South Korea, in Seoul," he said to cheers from the estimated 1,000 South Korean pilgrims, many of them proudly waving their country's flag. Pope Francis prefaced his announcement by urging young people to travel to Rome in 2025 to participate in youth celebrations during the jubilee year, when Vatican officials expect more than 30 million pilgrims to flock to the Eternal City.





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Portuguese Cardinal Manuel Clemente of Lisbon prays before the monstrance during a prayer vigil at World Youth Day at Campo da Graça in Park Tejo in Lisbon on Saturday, August 5.

# Long After Pope Leaves Vigil, Pilgrims Carry His Message and Energy Into the Night

BY JAMES RAMOS

LISBON, Portugal (OSV News) – After spending the evening with Pope Francis in a solemn time of Eucharistic adoration and listening to his message during the outdoor vigil, the energy continued to vibrate long into the nighttime at Tejo Park in the Portuguese capital.

A push notification sent at 1 a.m. from the official World Youth Day app politely encouraged pilgrims to “rest and avoid noise. Take time for yourself.”

Tens of thousands of young people then also politely swiped away the notification as they continued to dance and sing underneath the cloudless night sky. The mid-70s temperatures were welcomed after record high 100-degree heat scorched the region.

Divided into sections, 84 in total, Tejo Park was transformed into “Campo da Graça,” or Camp Thanksgiving, becoming an overnight home for 1.5 million pilgrims.

Some young people kicked around a soccer ball, while others eagerly careened between groups to meet other pilgrims and exchange pins, prayer cards, rosaries and medals. Flags were a popular trading item, often signed and passed along to another pilgrim, then another.

In a corner, underneath a set of white canopies, a group of Croatian pilgrims and clergy quietly unveiled a small chapel with the Blessed Sacrament. People of all ages and all vocations were drawn to the chapel, many kneeling in prayer or standing nearby while simply gazing toward the True Presence.

One woman, standing just off to the side, wiped her tears and smiled.

Not far from the chapel, a

group of Irish pilgrims from Galway prepared to sleep, or at least try to. Also joining the young people on the particularly rocky ground was Bishop Michael Duignan.

The Irish prelate had been accompanying the youth during their trip to World Youth Day in Lisbon and chose to be the symbolic shepherd amongst the sheep in an actual field.

Wearing a blue shirt with Ireland emblazoned on the back, Sarah Tighe said she enjoyed being in the presence of the Argentinian pontiff. Using a radio headset, she listened to the pope speak. “Coming here (to the park) is such a trek, but after having that experience, it only made the pope’s message more clear,” the 32-year-old said. “Everything leading up to tonight has had a small part in helping us understand how we are to continue helping each other as pilgrims, especially when we see another’s needs and can help lift them up.”

Earlier in the day, pilgrims made their way to their designated sections to await the pope’s arrival. As crowds met other crowds and intersections became increasingly congested, Father Joseph Dután eventually made it to his new home alongside his fellow pilgrims from St. Brigid Parish in Brooklyn, New York.

Father Dután said he felt the pope’s message was very impactful, especially the pontiff’s call for pilgrims to meditate about who it was that brought each pilgrim to Christ and His Church.

“It led many into tears in our group,” he said. “For me it was my parents. So many memories came up in my mind of my parents of praying together, they taught me to love Jesus and know who God is and the importance of having Our Lord as the first place in our lives.”

Father Dután felt the message “that the Lord loves us no matter what, that He looks straight to our heart,” was consistently heard by pilgrims at World Youth Day, and especially at the vigil.

As Father Dután laid down to hopefully fall asleep, he could undoubtedly hear the consistent drumbeat that reverberated all throughout the park. In what seemed to be nearly every corner of every other section, a loud drumbeat seemed to compete with another set of drums, cheers, and songs. Groups shifted between the popular Spanish song, “Resucito,” to a singsong Alleluia, and the unofficial World Youth Day theme song, “Esta es la juventud del Papa!” (“This is the youth of the pope!”), and into nearly every other language present, or that could be heard.

Many formed a circle, with pilgrims slowly making their way around in sync with each other, stepping into a long history of the “danza,” or dance, a well-known part of the Neocatechumenal Way.

For Debbie Pedroza, a recent high school graduate and pilgrim from a Neocatechumenal Way community from Santa Ana, California, she said the six-hour trek felt like a very long dance: one step forward, two steps backward.

Eventually they made it, and after praying during adoration and hearing the pope, Pedroza took a long-desired nap. Then, after waking up to that same familiar drumbeat just after midnight, she was up ready to join the other pilgrims who opted out of sleeping and stepped into the circle.

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# Camps Offer a Chance to Enjoy Farm and Faith Life

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

*Young Miss Rita has a farm  
E-i-e-i-o  
And on her farm, she has  
some horses, chickens, cats, a  
dog, and a donkey  
E-i-e-i-o*

What makes Miss Rita's farm, Oak Top Hill Horse Farm unique, is that this year they began offering Catholic Summer Farm Camps. Youth ages 6-14 enjoyed a few days on the farm where they practiced their faith life, made new friends, explored nature, participated in crafts and games, interacted with horses, and so much more. The activities had a retro theme like using sidewalk chalk, relay races, and several rounds of foursquare.

"It's just four hours in the morning, so 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.," said Rita Lyden, Farm Owner and Camp Organizer. "We want to fill that time with good camaraderie socializing with other good, fun-loving kids. We want to expose them to the animals because a lot of kids don't get that, and to be on a farm since a lot of these kids are coming from the city, and just to be in an open space like this and see animals in their environment is already new to them. Then they have a chance to kind of romp around and interact with them (the animals) and we include learning some of the basic chores. We include games with the animals, games with each other, we have playtime together, and we have prayer time together," said Lyden.

Youth also have group activities, arts and crafts, and moments where they come together and talk about the day's activities and make plans for the next day.

Each week included a theme linked to a feast around the time of the camp. The first week was in June and themed Sacred Heart Camp and the second camp in July was themed St. Benedict Camp.

"We want to incorporate our faith because that's essential to everything we do, and I feel the notion of giving glory to God in everything we do is important," noted Lyden. "When I look at the nature around us, I see His glory in all of it. So, when I'm interacting and just doing my chores, I feel like I can kind of participate in that. Yes, I'm mucking a stall, but I'm giving glory to God through mucking my stall or attending to the horses or mowing pastures. I want that notion to be present in the camp as well, that even through our play, like playing together or anything that we're doing, we incorporate prayer because we're thinking about how we can give glory to God



Photos by Lisa Kochanowski

**Rita Lyden enjoys some snuggle time with this beautiful pony at the Oak Top Hill Horse Farm in South Bend, where she holds a Catholic Summer Farm Camp for youth ages 6-14 to enjoy nature, learn more about farm life, and practice their faith with new friends.**

and that's really beautiful."

Oak Top Hill Horse Farm is guided by living, learning, and loving. Nestled on 30 acres in South Bend, visitors are offered the opportunity of a life-changing experience. Wellness through equine-assisted learning offers a chance to heal, revitalize, challenge, enlighten, and love. Experiences include corporate retreats, youth development experiences, personal growth workshops, and mindfulness sessions. People can take horseback riding lessons or use available boarding services. They added personalized events including farm tours, summer camps, and birthday parties.

"My family has been so truly blessed to be here and I see the fruit of it on a regular basis. And then we have people who are here riding horses, and we have a community and I see the fruit happening there," said Lyden. The summer camp is a new way to share their blessings with the next generation.

A unique aspect of this camp is the interaction with horses the children are exposed to during their time on the grounds.

"We're assuming people have zero experience with horses. They're fascinated but they've actually never even been this close, so we start with gentle grooming and just kind of an introduction to a horse, what things to look for, and what to watch out for," said Lyden.

Once a child has learned extensive details about being around horses, they advance to having the opportunity for a pony ride and being put on a horse. Being certified in equine-assisted learning has helped Lyden structure her curriculum for the camps.

Participating in a faith-based camp allows for many memorable and impactful moments for everyone.

During one of the camps,

the group participated in a Eucharistic procession. It was a beautiful moment of praying together and giving glory to God together in a very casual setting.

"Everyone helped. Part of our arts and crafts was to make a frame that they all decorated, and they decorated it throughout the week. We did a background and then had the kids think of a word that describes your special talent, like something special, a special aspect of you that you bring to the Body of Christ. And so, we would talk about that in various games, in examples of stuff, like I see so and so is so courageous. I would notice stuff for them and have them keep thinking about what you think is your special gift that God is giving you that you bring to the Body of Christ. On the final day, they chose their word and put it inside the frame and then we offered that in our little prayer corner. Then they also all made flowers that went on their banner and put all their banners together and then we did a little procession together," shared Lyden. Many kids noted this moment as a highlight of the camp experience.

Lyden loves to see how camp offers physical play along with personal growth.

Families bringing multiple children are welcomed, which is a benefit for families knowing they can drop all children off in one place, that they have someone they know with them, and they can all be picked up at the same time. At the beginning of camp, siblings could be grouped for activities and once they felt comfortable, they were paired with new friends.

Lyden recalls one young man who was a younger camper and smaller in stature who seemed apprehensive at first, even struggling to make eye contact with campers. Each day, children had the chance during wrap-up time to share something they liked most



**This friendly rooster is one of many animals that campers meet at the Oak Top Hill Horse Farm in South Bend.**



**Rita Lyden, Owner of Oak Top Hill Horse Farm in South Bend, holds a Catholic Summer Farm Camp where youth ages 6-14 enjoy nature, learn more about farm life, and practice their faith with new friends.**

about their day at camp.

"I forgot to do it on the second day of camp because we ran out of time," Lyden said about this one particular week, so she posed the question in the morning of the next day. "After morning prayer, I was asking what do you guys remember from yesterday's camp. He was the first one to raise his hand and I was excited and a little shocked. I said his name and called on him and he said, 'Well just actually basically everything.' It was the cutest thing and one of those moments where I just wanted to giggle and laugh because I was very happy that we were reaching all ages. That was a highlight for me to see that even the ones coming in a little bit nervous were really enjoying it."

The group is always trying to fine-tune logistics and keep the flow of the activities going. They are challenged by not being sure about how to grow, how to have enough spots, and not over-commit. They don't want to get too big and lose the hands-on, personalization of the program. The four-hour morning program was successful, and, in the future, they

may consider longer days and possibly increase the equine interaction with the addition of horse-riding lessons.

"I want them to leave with that phrase that I think a lot of teachers use with a sense of wonder and appreciation for nature, that it's something that draws them and they know that they need that from time to time just to feel more refreshed. I would like them to feel exuberant joy. That's a very high standard, but that's what I want. I want them to come here, have at some point or another during those four days, a time where they just felt exuberant joy like the happy-go lucky, carefree kind with friends, new friends, and family. And if we hit that mark, I think that's my top goal," said Lyden. "We want to incorporate our faith because that's essential to everything we do. And I feel as if, you know that notion, give glory to God in everything we do. When I look at the nature around us, I see His glory in all of it."

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Renee Kinkaide, Marie Simmons, and Claire Hartman, members of the Rosary Makers group at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Elkhart, make rosary kits on Tuesday, July 11. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month to construct the kits that volunteers then take home and assemble.

## Rosary Makers Ministry Inspires Fellowship and Faith Formation

BY LISA KOCHANOWSKI

A rosary, or chain of roses according to its meaning, is an opportunity for prayer and reflection on the life of Jesus and His mother, Mary. According to St. John Paul II, "To pray the rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful hearts of Christ and His mother." As a way to honor this beautiful opportunity for meditation and prayer, St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Elkhart has a Rosary Makers group that meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. The group constructs rosary kits that volunteers can then take home and assemble at their leisure.

"We buy the materials from Our Lady Rosary Makers. We assemble rosary kits, which are all the parts needed to make one rosary. Each kit includes 60 beads, 60 pins, four jump rings, 14 pieces of chain (each chain is four links together), one crucifix, and one center. All the items are placed in a bag and then at the end of the meeting, whoever will be assembling the rosary takes the kit home. Putting the kits together takes five to 10 minutes each, and assembling each rosary takes about 30 to 40 minutes," said Claire Hartman, who has been part of the group for 10 years. "We also accept donations of beads and accessories, or old rosaries which may need a quick fix, or we repurpose what we can."

The rosaries range in a variety of colors, including dark blue, light blue, salmon, or black beading, along with a silver crucifix.

"The rosaries are donated to



Rita Harley, a member of the Rosary Makers group at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Elkhart, consults the instructions to make rosary kits.

the St. Thomas religious program for the First Communicants, the RCIA program, and for participants in different programs," noted Hartman. "They have also been sent to missionary programs in the United States and overseas."

Renee Kinkaide has been part of the group for more than six years and takes several kits home after each meeting to assemble.

"I can contribute to something with the church and forward it to someone just learning or someone new to the church, or maybe a grandparent. Maybe it will be a gift for someone. It's a way to give back," said Kinkaide. "It's a way of evangelizing by making them and putting them together."

Marie Simmons has been part of the group for several years and, due to diminishing eyesight, is unable to construct the rosaries anymore, but she still joins the group each month

to help count out beads and other pieces to make the kits.

"The rosaries go to so many different places, so you never know who you might reach and make an impact on," noted Simmons.

Rita Harley has been part of the group for more than five years and delights in knowing she is giving back in such an impactful way.

"It's a nice way to do something for the church and meet other people in the church," said Harley. "I hope it makes them think that someone else thought about them. This might be the only rosary they have."

Participation in the ministry inspires fellowship and faith formation for members.

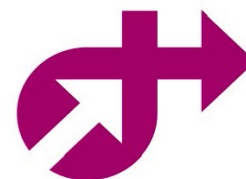
"I hope they get a sense of fellowship as we meet and are happy that their volunteering spreads joy to those who receive the rosaries," said Hartman.

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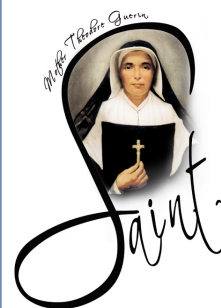
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# Listening? Catechizing? The Balancing Act of Accompaniment

The Catholic Church is facing a crisis of faith among young people. In recent years, there has been a steady decline in the number of young people who identify as Catholic, and those who do remain often have a weak understanding of their faith. If we want the Church to thrive in the years to come, we need to find ways to reach out to young people, help them to cultivate a better understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, and give them the tools for how to do it.

Undoubtedly the conversation that we as a Church need to have with young people begins with listening to them. According to the Springtide Research Institute report, *The State of Religion & Young People* (2021), during the COVID-19 pandemic, only six percent of young Catholics ages 13 to 25 report that a faith leader personally reached out to them. As that same age group reported extremely high levels of suicidal thoughts and loneliness (with suicide rates reaching a 20-year high among youths ages 10-24 in 2020-2021), we can see clearly how we failed to meet them in a distinct hour of need.

Pope Francis repeatedly has called for the Church to listen to young people. "Too often we talk about young people without asking what they think," the pope said on the eve of the 2018 Synod of Bishops on the

theme "youth, faith, and vocational discernment." We need to hear the concerns of young people and their questions, and we need to be willing to engage them authentically, where they actually are.

## What it Means to Listen

Listening to young people will mean many things. First, it means that older generations have to be willing to set aside rather than hand on the weight of their experience with the Church. One generation might be attached to a mode of preaching, particular hymns, or retreat models that don't attract another. Similarly, aspects of Catholic social teaching resonate more or less easily depending on the day. Young people experience the Church as she is now, bearing today's wounds and glories. The experience of previous generations is not the experience of young people today.

Second, it means taking seriously the desires young people actually have, not the desires we project upon them. It means we have to connect them with the traditions, teachings, and truths of the Church, for which they often yearn. Pope Francis has advised us to take full advantage of "various manifestations of popular piety, especially pilgrimages," which "attract young people

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who do not readily feel at home in ecclesial structures, and represent a concrete sign of their trust in God." We must help them worship the Lord in reverent, beautiful liturgies, taking full advantage of the joy many young people find in Eucharistic adoration and confession.

Listening to young people is a vital first step in nurturing their faith. However, the Catholic Church must go beyond listening to young people and embrace the responsibility to instruct and evangelize them. Listening opens a dialogue; that dialogue cannot terminate in a vague sense of affirmation or in relativizing the truth. Listening must grow to conversation, which, in turn, must lead to a genuine revealing of the truths of the Catholic faith.

## Authentic Accompaniment

This is the authentic accompaniment young people need: conversation that leads to the discovery of eternal principles. Those eternal principles will

help young people discover the joy of faith, allowing them to flourish and build a lasting personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Young people need clear guidance to navigate the complexities of today's world while remaining rooted in their Catholic identity. We must provide them with a solid foundation in Catholic moral thought. By offering instruction that addresses their unique challenges, we equip them to face societal pressures, temptations, and moral dilemmas with confidence and wisdom.

We must not shy away from raw conversations about difficult topics, like human sexuality or abortion, which they readily discuss in any number of other forums. We owe them the full breadth and depth of Catholic teaching, including and especially on controversial topics, responding directly to their needs, curiosities, and desires.

But catechesis reaches much deeper than instruction in Christian morality. Education in the faith must be an ongoing process, engaging both the mind and the heart. It should incorporate the broad range of teachings of the Church, the lives of the saints, and an exploration of sacred Scripture. Encouraging young people to actively study and engage with these aspects of their faith leads them to encounter Christ and empower them to embrace

the faith as their own. That's how they will become effective ambassadors of Christ's message in the world.

With World Youth Day in Portugal and the Synod of Bishops to meet in Rome in October, the Church must listen to young people, but that is only the beginning. The Church must also accompany young people by handing on, with humility and love, the faith that has been handed down to us. As Pope Francis told young people, "The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith." But that faith must be formed, shaped by authentic catechesis and instruction that takes seriously the heartfelt desires of young people today.

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### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 15:21-28

The third section of the Book of Isaiah provides this weekend's liturgy with its first reading.

Understanding this part of Isaiah requires some knowledge of the cultural context of the time. It was not good. Life for the Jews had changed very much from what it was when David or Solomon was king. Long gone were the prosperity, peace, and tranquility known under these kings.

Invading neighboring states had swept into, and across, the two Hebrew kingdoms that composed the political struc-

tures of the Holy Land after Solomon's death. These invasions extinguished Hebrew independence. They were brutal.

Untold numbers of Jews died in the process. Others had been taken to Babylon, the capital of the great Babylonian empire.

At last, Babylonia itself was overtaken. The descendants of the first Jews taken to Babylon returned home, but desolation and hopelessness, not abundance, awaited them.

Living was much more pluralistic than it had been centuries earlier. The Jews at the time this section of Isaiah was written indeed lived amid religious and ethnic diversity. "Foreigners" were in many places, and they were "foreign" in several respects.

Apparently from this reading, some of these "foreigners" embraced the ancient Hebrew religion. They were accepted, but they were expected, by the prophets and therefore by God, to observe all that the Hebrew religion required.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans provides the second

reading. Throughout Christian history, the great Apostle, St. Paul, has been remembered especially for his outreach to Gentiles, to persons not of Jewish birth or religion. His efforts in this regard, and surely similar efforts by his disciples, and by others, resulted in the fact that by the time of the last third of the First Century AD, arguably the major portion of the Christian population was not Jewish in origin. (Although it cannot be forgotten that Christianity sprang from Judaism, was built upon Judaic themes, and contained within its ranks many, many Jews, including Paul, the Blessed Virgin, and the other Apostles.)

Paul, nevertheless, in this letter, re-committed himself to evangelizing the Jews. Why? Because God promised salvation to the Jews, and Paul, as an Apostle, was the agent of God.

St. Matthew's Gospel furnishes the last reading. In this story, Jesus is in an area populated by as many Gentiles as Jews, if not by more Gentiles than Jews. Not surprisingly, the Lord encounters a "Canaanite"

woman. The Evangelist's use of this term to describe the woman underscores that she is an outsider. "Canaanite" figures prominently in the Old Testament to indicate persons not of the revealed religion, and even persons of great sin.

Jesus says that the Messiah's mission is to bring salvation to God's people. The woman persists. She believes in Jesus. She wants, and needs, God's mercy. Jesus responds to this need.

The reading closes by establishing the common denominator among all humans. All humans sin. All need God's mercy. Jesus mercifully bestows it.

## Reflection

Note the references in these readings to ethnicity and cultural conventions. In hearing this Gospel passage, note the fact that the woman was female. Additionally, she was not a Jew, not of God's Chosen People. Finally, in the etiquette of the time, a woman's approach to a male stranger was unacceptable. She would have been regarded as brazen, at best.

Did sin set her apart? Perhaps. Still, she went to Jesus. She knew her true needs. She knew that she needed God's mercy. He was her hope. Generously, the Lord provided it.

Jesus reaches out to all, appeals to all, invites all, as magnificently shown in the recent World Youth Day in Lisbon. Youth, of every nationality, went to Portugal, happily declaring their faith. The Lord awaited them, in, and through, the Church.

## READINGS

**Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19 Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44 Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a Ps 85:9, 11-14 Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15 Ps 21:2-7 Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22 Ps 146:5-10 Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 23:1-12



# When it Comes to Homilies, We Can Do Better

I suffered through another mission homily recently. Like almost all the mission and aid appeals I've heard over the past several years, it did not slay.

This despite the fact that the priest was foreign born and presumably knew a thing or two about the mission territories he was seeking funds for. He shared not a single story, not an anecdote, not a word picture of what our aid could impact. "The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest," the psalm refrain told us that Sunday. It looked to me like a missed opportunity to bear some fruit.

Preaching in general seems to be in a state of crisis right now. While no one homiletic style will please all Catholics, an awful lot of us pew warmers are complaining about the quality, or lack thereof, of the sermons we hear.

Some tell me they go home after Mass and listen to Bishop Robert Barron each Sunday. Or they dial up Father Mike Schmitz on YouTube. There is a hunger for substance, something that sticks in the mind, something to be mulled over, something to inspire, something to exhort.

That preaching is in a state of crisis has not been lost on the Lilly Endowment. The grant-making behemoth with a special interest in matters of faith is dedicating \$75 million to its Compelling Preaching Initiative, an effort to improve preaching in the United States across denominations.

Several Catholic entities have won grants to see what

they can do to make preaching better. Dr. Timothy O'Malley is the Academic Director of the Center for Liturgy at Notre Dame's McGrath Institute, one of Lilly's Catholic grant recipients. In an interview, O'Malley told me the program is just getting started, but that their research and listening sessions have identified two sides of the same problem.

On the one hand, it is a clergy problem. There is a lack of time spent contemplating the Scripture. There are too few hours in the day, and often the corners that are cut involve prayer, reflection, and homiletics.

On the other hand, the laity often haven't prepared themselves well either. If they haven't prayed over the readings beforehand, they may be coming for a personal anecdote or a little joke, but not necessarily words that will touch their hearts and deepen their engagement with the faith.

O'Malley's message is that it takes two: A good preacher and a receptive audience.

Given that those 15 or 20 minutes (Pope Francis says it should be eight minutes) are likely to be the only preaching most Catholics will hear for the next six days, this is often a golden opportunity wasted if both priest and people are poorly prepared.

The irony is that our model for powerful preaching is Jesus Himself, who masterfully wove story and Scripture together. We read how frequently He would go off to pray, and the fruits of that contemplation were often the parables. How



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many stories He told that resonate to this day: The Sower. The Prodigal Son. The Good Samaritan.

And the Gospels themselves are filled with stories: Jesus and the woman at the well. The 10 lepers. The raising of Lazarus.

The stories are vivid: the subject of two millennia worth of art, and the stuff of homilies for generations of saints. To make this rich material boring and irrelevant now seems more than a shame. It seems a sin.

The Lilly project is ambitious. It is also long term. O'Malley, whose program is working with both laity and clerics, sees it as a 10-to-15-year project.

But instead of waiting for change from above, maybe we the laity can start with ourselves. Subscribe to a daily devotional. Go online to find the Scripture readings before Mass. Take time to reflect on the Word. Complaining about poor preaching doesn't get us far. Better contemplation and listening may.

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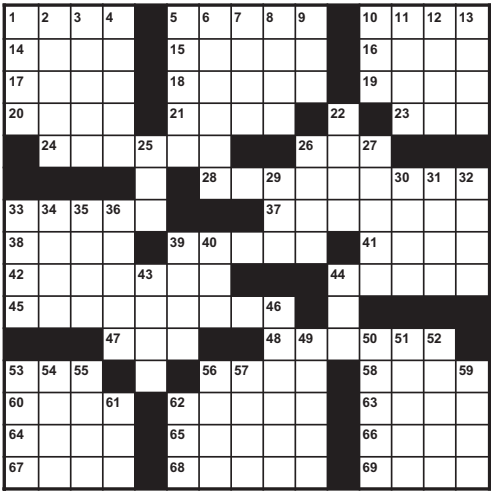
Gospel for August 20, 2023  
Matthew 15:21-28

Following is a word search based on the Gospel reading for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A: the request of the Canaanite woman. The words can be found in all directions in the puzzle.

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| TYRE         | SIDON       | LORD      |
| SON OF DAVID | DAUGHTER    | TORMENTED |
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- 1 NT book  
5 St. John of the \_\_\_\_\_  
10 Site of Xavier University, briefly  
14 Rake  
15 Not clergy  
16 Native Americans  
17 Differ ending  
18 Maple Leaf rival  
19 Near  
20 Harbor  
21 Former "evil empire"  
23 Vane reading  
24 Live  
26 Steal from  
28 Member of a certain religious order  
33 Salt deposits  
37 Express support  
38 Yellow cheese coated with red wax  
39 Uneasily  
41 Floor coverings  
42 City in central Israel  
44 Negative cash flow  
45 Violation of anything sacred  
47 Archeological mound (var.)
- 48 \_\_\_\_\_ on of hands  
53 "\_\_\_\_\_ company corrupts good morals." (1 Cor 15:33)  
56 Cut of meat  
58 Lather  
60 Job owned five hundred yoke of these  
62 Christ the King, for one  
63 Intentions  
64 On sheltered side  
65 Vows  
66 Egyptian goddess of fertility  
67 Nothing  
68 Short literary composition  
69 Depression in a surface
- DOWN**
- 1 Get ready  
2 This belongs to your parents, according to the Commandments  
3 Money  
4 Confronts  
5 Spiritual classic, *The \_\_\_\_\_ of Unknowing*  
6 "If Christ has not been \_\_\_\_\_, then empty is our preaching" (1 Cor 15:14)

- 7 Lubricates  
8 Mob follower?  
9 Leb. neighbor  
10 She takes vows  
11 Frequent Mayberry jail occupant  
12 Limbs  
13 Tennis great  
22 Affectionate  
25 Christian insignia  
26 Outer covering  
27 Ecological community  
29 Sea, to Sartre  
30 Cancer sign  
31 \_\_\_\_\_ Spumanti  
32 Make a home  
33 Permits  
34 Notion  
35 Coll. course  
36 Sears subsidiary  
39 "Thy \_\_\_\_\_ be done..."  
40 First woman  
43 Competed  
44 In creation, God calls the light this  
46 He cured Naaman of leprosy in 2 Kings  
49 Restless  
50 "Let me repeat..."  
51 Racket  
52 Urchin  
53 Husband of Ruth  
54 Wheel shaft  
55 Cervine animal  
56 Meadows  
57 Cereal food  
59 "Hey, buddy"  
61 New prefix  
62 Enemy

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From his birthplace in Connaught, Ireland, Kieran traveled at age 15 to study under St. Finnian at Clonard. According to legend, he took along a cow for milk. He became the most learned monk there, then spent seven years with St. Enda in the Aran Islands, where he was ordained. He moved on to Isel, but soon left because other monks complained of his generosity to the poor. About 545, with eight companions, he founded the monastery at Clonmacnoise, on the River Shannon, which became a famous religious center for its manuscripts and metal liturgical objects. Kieran died at Clonmacnoise and is counted among the Twelve Apostles of Ireland.



# Sister Josephine Garrett Shares 'Hope Stories' of Black Catholics in Podcast

BY KATIE YODER

(OSV News) – A podcast production by Catholic publishing company OSV (the parent company of OSV News) with a nationally-recognized religious sister is featuring “Hope Stories with Black Catholics” this summer.

“A hope story is a time in someone’s life when he or she was called to hope in a deep way,” Sister Josephine Garrett, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, told OSV News of the ongoing series. “Hope (especially hope that is deep and profound and connected to the deepest desires of our hearts) takes courage, and as we wait for what is longed for, we can experience grief, loss, joy, fear, expectancy – all sorts of feelings.”

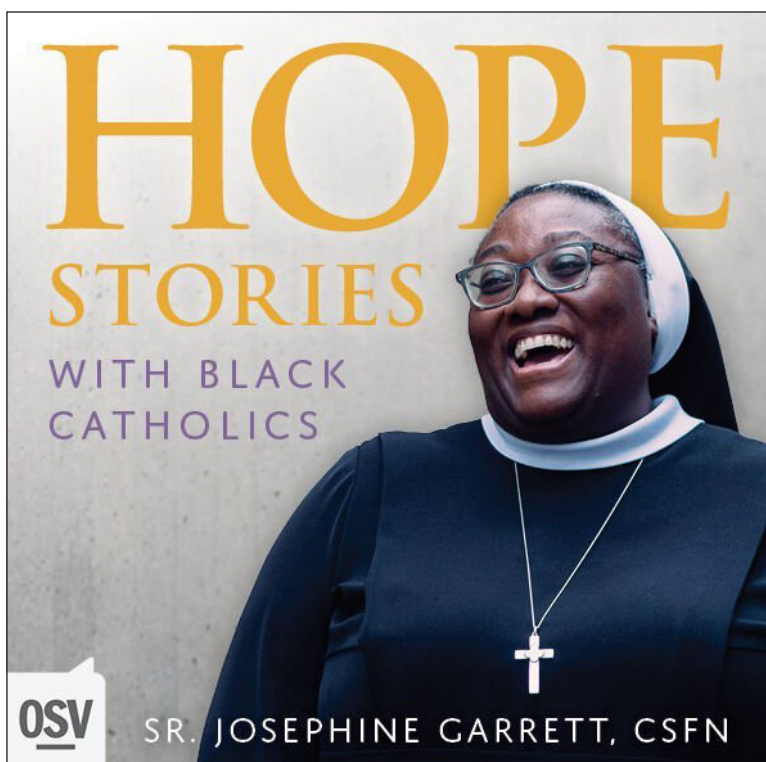
“Hope isn’t the easiest experience to enter into,” she added, saying that “in each episode the guests share times in their life when they were brought to the thresholds of hope.”

In total, the podcast will consist of 15 episodes lasting around 30 minutes each while highlighting the stories of U.S. Black Catholics from all walks of life.

Sister Garrett, a writer, speaker, and mental health counselor based in Tyler, Texas, has experience talking about hope. A relevant voice on social media, where thousands of people follow her on platforms such as Twitter and Instagram, Sister Garrett became Catholic in 2005 before professing vows in 2020.

While Sister Garrett’s podcast about hope stories will cover the same topic in each episode, each story is unique because each guest is unique, she stressed.

“We discuss the guest’s faith



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The new podcast called “Hope Stories,” hosted by Sister Josephine Garrett, a member of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth launched on Monday, June 26, and is available at [osvpodcasts.com](https://osvpodcasts.com).

journey, their definition of hope, their hope story that they chose to share in the episode, and each guest also shares their views on the place of Black culture in the life of the Church,” Sister Garrett said.

As one of the guests, Father Robert Boxie, Chaplain at Howard University and Priest-in-Residence at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Washington, told OSV News he “absolutely enjoyed” being a part of the podcast and sharing his hope story. He was grateful to share his work as the Catholic chaplain at one of the U.S.’s pre-eminent historically Black institutions of higher education ministering to young Black Catholics and students at Howard.

“I believe we are bringing hope in a real way because our Catholic faith has something to offer on campuses like Howard,” he said. “And more importantly, we are encouraging and forming a generation of Black Catholic leaders with the message that their faith, their gifts, their contributions, and their presence in the Church matter.”

Father Boxie also shared his advice for listeners seeking hope.

“We all have a story of hope to tell and all of us have a reason for our hope, that is, Jesus Christ,” he said. “My prayer is that listeners will be inspired by the stories of Black Catholics, appreciate the unique witness that we bring to the Catholic

Church, and realize how it’s necessary for these stories to be told.”

She said the podcast began after OSV decided to enter the podcasting space and invited her to host one that they hoped to launch.

“We knew the podcast would line up with my book that comes out in the fall and we zeroed in on highlighting Black Catholics before we zeroed in on telling stories of hope,” she said, referencing her upcoming book that will be released by OSV called “Hope: An Invitation.”

“It wasn’t a private inspiration, it was the fruit of my own prayer, my editor’s prayer, and the prayer of other members of the OSV team,” she added.

If listeners take away one thing from the podcast, Sister Garrett hopes it is the realiza-

tion “that every member of the body of Christ is a gift and brings something to the Church that only he or she can bring.”

“While our stories are unique and our various hopes are unique, at the same time all of our stories and all of our hopes are rooted in Christ, and the hope of the resurrection won for us in Christ,” she said.

“I also want listeners to enter into the joy,” she added. “There is so much laughter and joy throughout this podcast and so I hope listeners take away the joy as well.”

Listeners can already tune in to the first several episodes of the production from OSV podcasts on a variety of platforms.

A link to “Hope Stories with Black Catholics” is here: [hopestories.osvpodcasts.com/](https://hopestories.osvpodcasts.com/)



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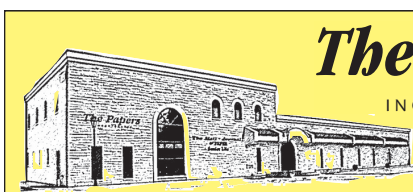
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