

OLQP MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church is dedicated to witnessing the teachings of Jesus Christ, especially the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Chapter 25:31-46. Our mission is to nurture the spirit and to encourage the potential of those we serve through liturgical celebration, educational endeavors and social ministries. The parish will continue to identify with its origin as a Black parish. As a multi-ethnic congregation we will seek to promote racial harmony and social justice. While our primary focus is within the immediate community, we will also work to provide for the well-being of the downtrodden everywhere. In this we strive for our parish community to be a caring, sharing, and loving family.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHURCH

April 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome to OLQP Catholic Church!
¡Bienvenidos a OLQP Iglesia Católica!

Contact / Contacto:

2700 19th St S, Arlington VA 22204
703-979-5580, office@olqpva.org

Office Hours

Horas de oficina

Monday-Friday — 8:30am to 4:30pm
Lunes a viernes — 8:30am a 4:30pm

Website / sitioweb:

www.ourladyqueenofpeace.org

Live Stream Mass Schedule:

Horario de Misas de transmisión en directo:

April 20-21 — 11:15am and 1pm Spanish
20-21 abril — 11:15am y 1pm en español

Masses / Misas:

Weekdays / Días laborables:

Mon-Fri. 12pm / lunes a viernes 12pm

Weekend Mass Schedule /

Horario de misas de fin de semana:

Saturday Vigil — 5:30pm

Misa de vigilia sábados - 5:30 pm

Sundays — 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:15am,

1:00pm (Spanish) & 6:00pm (Young Adult)

Domingos — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am,

1:00 pm (español) y 6:00 pm (Misa de jóvenes adultos)

I am the Good Shepherd.

John 10:11



Yo soy el buen pastor.

Juan 10,11

DECLARACIÓN DE MISIÓN DE OLQP

La parroquia de la iglesia católica Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz se dedica a dar testimonio de las enseñanzas de Jesucristo, especialmente el Evangelio de San Mateo, Capítulo 25:21-46. Nuestra misión es nutrir el espíritu y alentar el potencial de aquellos a quienes servimos a través de la celebración litúrgica, labores educativas y ministerios sociales. La parroquia continuará identificándose con su origen como una comunidad afro-americana, pero reflejando una congregación multi-étnica y continuará promoviendo la armonía racial y la justicia social. Si bien es cierto que nuestro enfoque principal es la vecindad comunitaria, continuaremos trabajando para proveer por el bienestar de los más necesitados en general. Es así como nos esforzamos para hacer de nuestra comunidad parroquial una familia que comparte y se preocupa por sus miembros.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION:

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA PRÓXIMO:

MISIONES CATÓLICAS DEL INTERIOR



NUESTRA SEÑORA REINA DE LA PAZ

21 de abril de 2024

Cuarto Domingo de Pascua

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION / PREPARACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Baptism / Bautizo:

Please email Baptism Coordinator Mary Ann Suhocki, baptism@olqpva.org.

Por favor mande un correo electrónico a la coordinadora de los bautizos, Mary Ann Suhocki, baptism@olqpva.org.

Marriage Preparation/ Preparación para el matrimonio:

Please contact the parish office at least six months before your wedding date to complete requirements.

Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia seis meses antes de su matrimonio para completar todos los requisitos.

Reconciliation / Reconciliación—Confesión:

Fr. Ray Hall Library

Biblioteca Fr. Ray Hall

Sat, 4:45-5:15 pm, & by appointment.

Los sábados: 4:45-5:15 pm y por cita previa.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS / COLECTAS DEL DOMINGO

Sunday Collection / Colecta del pasado domingo: \$6,745

Faith Direct (March Average / promedio del mes de marzo): \$12,865

WORD & EUCHARIST MISSALETTE/

MISAL PALABRA Y EUCARISTÍA

Today's readings can be found on page 524

Las lecturas de hoy se encuentran en la página 525

BULLETIN DEADLINE / PLAZO PARA EL BOLETÍN

Wednesdays 9am — office@olqpva.org

OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND STRENGTHEN US /

NUESTROS ENFERMOS Y CONFINADOS NOS FORTALECEN

PLEASE PRAY FOR / POR FAVOR OREMOS POR: Suri Barahona, Sheila Betit, Grace Bialecki, Cindy Bianga, Francis Bilgera, Joseph Leopold Bissonnette, Precious Bowens, April Brassard, Dave Brassard, Evie Brown, Lynne Burgh, Brody Carroll, Louise Chambers, Carmen Rosa Claire, Chris Comer, Jeff Cory, Adele Crump, Mary DaLuca, Cheryl Darby, Jim Davis, Adrienne DiCerbo, Patricia "Pat" Dowd, Calista Downey, Tim Felker, Irene Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth (Bunny) Foster, Yvette Francois, Anne Fullerton, Joseph Funk, Iva Futrell, Karen Gammache, Trishann Ganley, Francine Gemmill, Jean Giambalvo, Fred Gladbach, Nancy Gormley, Yolanda Gregorio, Joe Marie Griesgraber, Melanie Guitreaux, Joe Harrington, Harris Family, Sally Hars, Linda Hawkins, Clare Hayden, Dee Hickey, Patrick Hynes, Lillian Jay, Pat Johnson, Sharon Jourdan, William Kahl, Ruth Klarman, Carmen Andrea Lara, Patrick Lawrey, John Lawyer, Kathleen Love, Lidia Montero Lopez, Olga MacKenzie, Wil McBride, Stefan McGuigan, Martha Gladys Medina, Maria Magdalena Medrano de Ventura, Eileen Melia, Frances Mierzwa, Arthur Miller, Mary Miller, Yvonne Mockler, Carmen Montijo, Dorothy Moran, Rosemary Morrissey, Luis R. Muñoz, Chelsea Murray, Connie Murray, Paul Murray, Dorothy Myrtle, Mario Amel Najarro, Julie O'Brien, Peggy O'Brien, Patrick Ogden, Carol Pacello, Roy Paco, Neil Parent, Catherine Parr, Mary Pasquarella, Mark Pazich, Minnie Pazich, Paul Ramirez, Santos Ramirez, Jeanna Reynolds, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, Maritza Roldan, Marco Cristiaan Rufolo-Roger, Josefina Salgado, Carolyn Santos, Jane Shepard, Mary Shookhoff, Donna Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Mary E. Smith, Lora Smolenski, Eva Souza, Grace Starbird, Nina Stewart, Michael Arthur Sweat, Carmelita and Roy Tucker, Nancy Urquizo, Stephen Utley, Alma Reyes Valentin, Carina Vaquez, Robin Vogel, Robert & Maureen Wallace, Jim Webster, Kate Witkowski, Lauren Wolfe, Mary Woods, Claudia Zapata.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY

CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Acts 4:8-12 (50B); 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18
Hechos 4,8-12 (50B); 1 Juan 3,1-2; Juan 10,11-18

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY

QUINTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Acts 9:26-31 (53B); 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8
Hechos 9,26-31 (53B); 1 Juan 3,18-24; Juan 15,1-8

MASS INTENTIONS, APRIL 20-26

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY

INTENCIONES DE LAS MISAS, 20-26 ABRIL

CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA

Saturday, April 20th

5:30 pm María Reyes Zarate (D) by Jazmin Albarran

Sunday, April 21st

8:00 am Beverly Lillian Duffy (D) by Dee Dee Tostanoski

9:30 am for the parish

11:15 am Laurence Larry Magilligan (D) by Cenacle Circle friends

1:00 pm Padre José Nangle (Anniversary) (L) by the parish

6:00 pm Yolanda Edmonds (D) by the Leahy family

Monday, April 22nd

11:00 pm - Russell Williams Memorial Service

Tuesday, April 23rd

12:00 pm Esther Schaart (D) by Luis y Zoe A. Muñoz

Wednesday, April 24th

12:00 pm María Eugenia Jiménez (D) by Carmen Elena Rios & family

Thursday, April 25th

12:00 pm José & Martina Regala (D) by the Francia family

Friday, April 26th

12:00 pm Alberto José Méndez (Birthday) by María Teresa Laguna



MEMORIAL MASS MARGARET J HOWE

Saturday, April 27, 10:30am

Luncheon reception
immediately following
in Fr. Ray Hall.

OLQP PARISH STAFF / PERSONAL DE LA PARROQUIA

Pastor / Párroco: **Fr. Tim Hickey, CSSp**, thickey@olqpva.org

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Cecilia López Oetgen, clopez@olqpva.org

FR. TIM'S JUST A THOUGHT...OR TWO...

The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is one of the oldest images in Christianity. I remember seeing it in the catacombs of Rome...painted on the walls of an ancient cavern by a people from long ago. What is it about this image that has captivated the minds and hearts of Christians for centuries? Surely for the postmodern mostly urban culture of the West, this image may well seem a bit arcane and less accessible than it was to our ancestors in the faith.

It is quite interesting to note that Jesus is depicted, through the use of this image, as a shepherd, one who was, in that time and in that culture, relatively unimportant and certainly not a powerful figure in his culture. The disciples and all those who followed him around experienced Jesus as kind and gentle, like the "good" shepherd who watches over the sheep with great care and concern and even risks his/her own safety for the sake of the sheep.

This image of a kind and gentle god was somewhat unique, but then so was the idea of a god who would be willing to suffer and die for us. I believe that this image of the Good Shepherd has endured precisely because of its radical departure from many common images of deities in general as distant and disinterested, and sometimes even vengeful gods.

This image tells us that our God loves us and cares for us and journeys with us as we travel through the valleys

and hills of our lives. But too, it may well speak to us of what we are called to be...in Christ's image...to be "good shepherds" of the lost and vulnerable, the poor and the forsaken. That we are called to go after them, to reach out to the marginalized and the ones our society dismisses or demeans or outright abuses. Good shepherds actively work for true racial justice and an end to white supremacy. Good shepherds seek to be allies to the oppressed and the marginalized, to the immigrant and the refugee. They seek to build harmony and peace in their families, schools, places of work and their neighborhoods and their nation.

And as we prepare to celebrate Earth Day on Monday, we recognize that truly "good shepherds" also recognize the importance of creation and the environment, for their sheep depend on a healthy ecosystem. So as "good shepherds" we are also called to care for creation -- to be aware of how the way we live impacts the earth and the lives of all other creatures, and the very planet itself.

How am I being called to be a "good shepherd" in my family, in my school, my place of work, in my community, in my nation, in the wider world? What am I willing to do, to risk "as a good shepherd" for the sake of "the flock"...for the sake of creation...for the sake of building up of the Reign of God?

Easter Blessings,

Fr. Tim

CRS RICE BOWL - LAST CALL -- We are completing our Rice Bowl collection but suspect there are still a few bowls out there. Please turn them in as soon as possible. Thank you for your sacrifice and caring for those who are hungry. 25% of the funds raised stay here in our own diocese. A check for your donation can be payable to OLQP with 'CRS Rice Bowl' on the memo line.

PLATO DE ARROZ CRS – ÚLTIMA OPORTUNIDAD – Estamos llegando al final de la recogida de los Platos de arroz, pero todavía hay varios que no tenemos. Por favor entréguenlos tan pronto como sea posible. Gracias por su sacrificio y por preocuparse por las personas que tienen hambre. El 25% de los fondos que se recogen se quedan en nuestra diócesis. Puede hacer un cheque por su donación a nombre de OLQP con "CRS Rice Bowl" en la línea del asunto.

**HAPPY 66th ANNIVERSARY
to the PRIESTHOOD
DEAR FR. JOE NANGLE!
April 25, 2024**



**¡FELIZ 66° ANIVERSARIO
DE SACERDOCIO
QUERIDO P. JOSÉ NANGLE!
25 de abril, 2024**

ARE YOU IN 7-12TH GRADES? Join us for Teen Nights on Sundays after the 6pm Mass at 1915. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMPERS

APRIL MEETINGS:

Thursday, April 25th at 6:00pm for Dinner, then Adoration.

TAU YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY will be having a retreat at Lake Anna, May 31st to June 2nd. The theme is *Feed Your Fire: Faith, Inspiration, Renewal, and Engagement in the Holy Spirit*. Please see the fliers in the back for more information or contact Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.

¿ESTÁS EN LOS GRADOS 7-12? Únete a nosotros para las Noches para adolescentes los domingos después de la Misa de las 6pm en 1915. ¡Únete a nosotros para disfrutar de comida, compañerismo y diversión!

REUNIONES EN ABRIL PARA CAMPISTAS DEL CATHOLIC HEART WORK :

El jueves, 25 de abril a las 6:00pm para una comida y después Adoración.

EL MINISTERIO TAU DE JÓVENES ADULTOS va a tener un retiro en Lake Anna del 31 de mayo al 2 de junio. El tema es *Feed Your Fire: Faith, Inspiration, Renewal, and Engagement in the Holy Spirit*. Por favor busca los volantes en la parte trasera de la iglesia para obtener más información o contacta a Rebecca Grant Jenkins, rgrantjenkins@olqpva.org.

YOUR CHANCE TO HELP REFUGEE FAMILIES...

Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services seeks your help to secure desperately needed household goods for our new arrivals. Donations directly benefit refugees settling inside our Diocese by outfitting their apartments with basic household necessities. Using our Amazon Gift Registry (<https://a.co/3CwylQ9>), linens, kitchen, bedding, or other household items can easily be purchased.



SU OPORTUNIDAD DE AYUDAR A FAMILIAS DE PERSONAS REFUGIADAS...

Catholic Charities Migration and Refugee Services busca su ayuda para obtener artículos para el hogar que las familias recién llegadas necesitan desesperadamente. Las donaciones benefician directamente a las personas refugiadas que se establecen en nuestra diócesis al habilitar sus apartamentos con necesidades básicas para la casa. Usando nuestro Amazon Gift Registry (<https://a.co/3CwylQ9>), fácilmente puede comprar ropa de cama y toallas, artículos para la cocina u otras cosas para la casa.

OLQP ON-LINE GIVING

Spring is in full bloom – God’s glory is all around us! If you want to help Our Lady Queen of Peace flourish, now is the perfect time to make the switch to eGiving. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift; you’ll be growing our ministries that share the Good News of God’s love. Your recurring gifts will sustain and strengthen our parish. You’ll provide us with consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/VA271. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

Easter Blessings, Fr. Tim and Fr. Martin

EGIVING EN OLQP

La primavera está en flor de arriba abajo – ¡la gloria de Dios está a nuestro alrededor! Si usted quiere ayudar a Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz a prosperar, ahora es el momento perfecto para cambiar a eGiving. Se puede apuntar desde su computadora, teléfono inteligente o tableta y establecer una donación recurrente o hacer una donación sencilla. Hará que nuestros ministerios, que comparten las Buenas Nuevas del amor de Dios, prosperen. Su donación recurrente mantendrá y reforzará nuestra parroquia. Usted nos dará apoyo constante que nos ayuda a siempre estar listos con programas, servicios y ministerios para nuestras familias de la parroquia y para las personas necesitadas por toda la comunidad. Apúntese hoy al visitar faith.direct/VA271. Gracias por su continuo apoyo de nuestra familia parroquial.

Bendiciones de Pascua, Padre Tim y Padre Martin

**REFLECTION ON THE TWINNING between
OLQP and St. Joseph parish in Medor, Haiti**

We, the people at OLQP and St. Joseph parish in Medor, are an Easter people! The people of both parishes may live with countless (but very different) challenges, in a world that feels a lot like Good Friday. But we are an Easter people! Our challenges do not get the last word, God does. Together we celebrate hope and love through our resurrected Savior, who united our two parishes as one family. Thank you to everyone in St. Joseph parish for your love and prayers for us at OLQP. You inspire us. Thank you to everyone at OLQP for your love, prayers, and financial support for our Medor family. Our hearts are full with gratitude as our two parishes love and serve each other. Thank you again and again.

*Programs that are open to the entire community, but offered in English only.
Programas que le dan la bienvenida a toda la comunidad, pero que solo se ofrecen en inglés.*

**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 8
JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**

Come celebrate Freedom Day from 11:00am- 3:00pm at St. John Neumann, Reston. Family fun— food. Entertainment, vendors, games, and more!! Mark your calendar! Sponsored by the St. John Neumann Racial Justice Ministry.

MARRIAGE HELP -- RETROUVAILLE has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. For confidential information about how to register for the program beginning on the weekend of Friday, April 26, please call 703.351.7211 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org

RACIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY ZOOM

PRESENTATION -- Please join the St. John Neumann Racial Justice Ministry and Father Joseph Cheah, OSM, Ph,D, for a Zoom presentation, *Understanding Asian-American & Pacific Islanders' Responses to Anti-Asian Racism Through the Lens of Catholic Social Teaching*, at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 15. To receive the Zoom link, please register [here](#) or use the QR code.



**REFLEXIÓN SOBRE EL HERMANAMIENTO entre OLQP
y la parroquia St. Joseph en Medor**

¡Nosotros, las personas en OLQP y la parroquia St. Joseph en Medor, somos un pueblo de la Pascua! Las personas de ambas parroquias pueden vivir con una multitud de desafíos, pero muy diferentes, en un mundo que parece ser un Viernes Santo. ¡Pero somos un pueblo de la Pascua! Nuestros desafíos no tienen la última palabra, Dios es quien la tiene. Juntos celebramos esperanza y amor por medio de nuestro Salvador resucitado quien unió nuestras dos parroquias como una familia. Gracias a todas las personas en la parroquia OLQP por su cariño, oraciones y apoyo financiero para nuestra familia de Medor. Nuestros corazones están llenos de gratitud al ambas parroquias amarse y servirse. Gracias una y otra vez.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!

Join the Integrity of Creation ministry for dinner and presentations by two environmental experts. We'll gather in Fr. Ray Hall after the 5:30pm Mass on Saturday, April 20. Authors Gary Gardner and Lawrence MacDonald will provide engaging conversation based on their two recent books, The Earth Cries Out and Am I too Old to Save the Planet: A Boomers Guide to Climate Action. Join us for a complementary dinner and an inspirational evening.

MASS and HEALING PRAYER SERVICE -- Tuesday, April 23, 7:30pm at St. Luke Catholic Church, McLean. Fr. John Melmer of St. John the Beloved Church of McLean will celebrate. Confessions will be available. This liturgy comes through the diocesan Catholic Healing Ministry. For more information, contact Grace Sims, 703-981-4620.

ECO-TIP: Plastic is everywhere. Try alternatives. Instead of plastic cling film to keep items in the fridge fresh, place them in a bowl and cover with a plate. When shopping choose loose fruits and vegetables instead of wrapped. Drink tap water from your reusable bottle and say "no" to single-use plastic ones. Stop using plastic straws.

REV. JOHN DEAR -- BOOK LAUNCH

Rev. John Dear - author, peace activist, and founder of the Beatitudes Center for the Nonviolent Jesus - will present the message of his new book, *The Gospel of Peace: A Commentary on Matthew, Mark, and Luke from the Perspective of Nonviolence* on Wednesday, May 15, 7 pm at Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy Street NE, Washington DC). Don't miss this opportunity to hear John's compelling teaching about the essential message of Jesus about nonviolence, as presented in his new commentary on the synoptic Gospels. An open discussion will follow. The book will be available for purchase for \$30.00 by cash, check, or credit card. RSVP required: Please [RSVP by clicking here](#) or emailing info@franciscanaction.org

This event is cosponsored by the Franciscan Action Network, Pax Christi USA, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, the Order of Friars Minor/Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, Dorothy Day Catholic Worker, and the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection.

ATTACK ON SPIRITAN SCHOOL IN HAITI

A few weeks ago armed gangs targeted the Petit Seminaire College Saint Martial, in Port au Prince, Haiti, invading it and setting fire to several vehicles. The Fathers of the Holy Spirit, the same congregation that serves at OLQP, administers this school, which they founded in 1865. It is one of Haiti's most famous schools educating boys from grades 1 through 12, preparing them for college. Please join the Haitian Conference of Religious in praying to "Our Lady of Perpetual Help to intercede, with her Son Jesus, the resurrected one", to eradicate the "leprosy of violence" that challenges Haiti. <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2024-04/haiti-seminary-violence-open-letter-conferene-of-religious.html>

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Join us on a pilgrimage to Poland! Highlights include Jasna Gora Monastery, home of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and the Divine Mercy Image, the Museum and Chapel of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the cell where he was martyred in Auschwitz, the birthplace and baptismal Church of St. John Paul, Wawel Cathedral where he was ordained a Bishop and so much more! Daily Mass. October 3-12, 2024. \$3695/per person based on double occupancy. \$150 discount if you enter coupon code Bulletin150 on the registration form. For more information, please visit www.QoHTours.com <<http://www.QoHTours.com>> or call us at 1-800-213-4295.

FALLS PREVENTION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Please join us Saturday, April 27, from 10am-12pm at Mount Olive Baptist Church (1601 S. 13th Road, Arlington) to view a documentary presented by Marymount University Center for Optimal Aging on fall prevention. This information is vital for seniors to learn about and be reminded of the issues that can arise from a 'simple' fall. All are welcome. Hosted by St. John's Baptist Church, Arlington, Health & Wellness Ministry.

REGISTER WITH THE PARISH / UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION / LET US KNOW YOU'RE MOVING

If you have never officially registered with the parish, we invite you to do so. It is very helpful to us to have accurate information. Visit the parish website (www.olqpva.org) click on about us >> register >> register with us. If you need to update your record or would like a copy of the information we have on file for your family, please send a message to Jeannette Gantz Daly, jgantz Daly@olqpva.org.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS — April 21, 2024

Papal Messages for World Day of Prayer for Vocations

In this sense, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations has a synodal character: amid the variety of our charisms, we are called to listen to one another and to journey together in order to acknowledge them and to discern where the Spirit is leading us for the benefit of all.

At this point in time, then, our common journey is bringing us to the Jubilee Year of 2025. Let us travel as *pilgrims of hope* towards the Holy Year, for by discovering our own vocation and its place amid the different gifts bestowed by the Spirit, we can become for our world messengers and witnesses of Jesus' dream of a single human family, united in God's love and in the bond of charity, cooperation and fraternity.

This is, in the end, the goal of every vocation: to become men and women of hope. As individuals and as communities, amid the variety of charisms and ministries, all of us are called to embody and communicate the Gospel message of hope in a world marked by epochal challenges.

-Pope Francis, *World Day of Prayer for Vocations, 2024*

<https://nrvc.net/292/publication/11357/article/15674-world-day-of-prayer-for-vocations>





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The call to speak with the heart radically challenges the times in which we are living.

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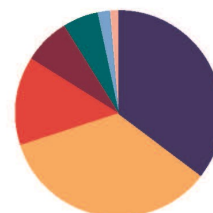
—Pope Francis, World Communications Day, 2023

Reading and meditating on the Word of God is a devotion that opens our hearts to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and draws us closer into communion with the whole Church, especially when we mediate on the Scripture passages used in the Mass. For more than 15 years, thousands of people across the United States have viewed the daily reflection videos found on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Presented by a diverse group of clergy, consecrated religious, and lay volunteers, this popular feature helps viewers grow in faith each day by engaging with the texts of the daily Mass readings. These treasured, high-quality videos are among the faith-enriching programs made possible with your support of the Catholic Communication Campaign.

La lectura y la meditación sobre la Palabra de Dios es una devoción que abre nuestro corazón a los llamados del Espíritu Santo y nos acerca más a una comunión con toda la Iglesia, especialmente, cuando meditamos sobre los pasajes bíblicos utilizados en la Misa. Por más de 15 años, miles de personas en los Estados Unidos han visto videos de las reflexiones diarias en el sitio web de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. Estos populares videos, presentados por un diverso grupo del clero, religiosos consagrados y voluntarios laicos, ayudan diariamente a las personas a crecer en su fe al conectarlas con los textos de las lecturas diarias de la Misa. Estos preciados videos de alta calidad forman parte de programas que enriquecen nuestra fe y que se han realizado gracias al apoyo de ustedes a la Campaña Católica de la Comunicación.

2022 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS:

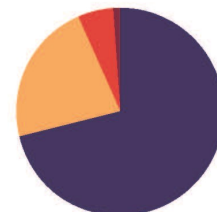
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Media Evangelization*	\$1,282,282	35.40%
News & Information Services**	\$1,253,159	34.60%
Web-Based Communications Resources	\$507,400	14.01%
Developing Nations Grants	\$258,700	7.14%
Preserving Church History	\$202,094	5.58%
Media Training	\$75,000	2.07%
Building Media Capacity Grants	\$43,597	1.20%

EXPENSES

Allocations-USCCB Communications Projects***	71.36%
Grants and Donations	22.20%
Promotion and Fundraising Expenses	5.40%
Program Costs	1.03%
Total Expenses	\$3,892,764



WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

Half of the collected funds remain in your diocese to support local communications projects. The other half provide grants that support the collective communication work of the bishops of the United States as well as other national projects in the United States and around the world.

¿A DÓNDE VAN SUS DONATIVOS?

La mitad de los fondos recaudados permanecen en su diócesis para apoyar proyectos locales en el área de las comunicaciones. La otra mitad apoya la labor conjunta de los obispos de Estados Unidos en las comunicaciones y otros proyectos nacionales en los Estados Unidos y alrededor del mundo.

To learn more about the CCC and the projects it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

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Panel at St. Mary's College in Indiana considers how to fight food waste

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Though most college campus conversations about food are often students griping about dining hall meals, an April 9 panel discussion at St. Mary's College carefully explored the issues of food waste and how the future of food could be different.

"Urban Food Waste: Environmental, Social and Spiritual Dimensions" brought input from four people working closely and locally with food.

Sally Geislar, assistant professor of environmental studies at St. Mary's, introduced the panelists: Abbie Kawalec, a junior environmental studies major working at the college's sustainable farm; Karim Tinoco, a kitchen program manager from the nearby University of Notre Dame; Jim Conklin, executive director of Cultivate Food Rescue, a local food rescue organization; and Franciscan Fr. [Daniel Horan](#), director of St. Mary's Center for the Study of Spirituality.

Geislar also offered a brief overview of growing global concerns about food waste. "We see," she said, "that 40% of all food grown around the world for human consumption is wasted. In the developed world, the majority of this waste occurs at the point of retail and in the home. In fact, most households in the U.S. waste between 15 and 20% of the food that they take home from the grocery store, consequently losing thousands of dollars each year."

"This high level of food waste is occurring alongside high levels of food insecurity," she added. "In 2022, nearly 13% of people living in the U.S. were suffering from food insecurity and more than 7 million children were living in food insecure households. Unfortunately, these troubles are exacerbated for communities of color."

Geislar told the audience that speakers would share what they have learned about food, but would also comment on selected film clips being shown from "Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story." The film is a 75-minute 2014 documentary about a Canadian couple who decided to eat only discarded food for six months. Geislar recommended that everyone later view the entire documentary, available [on YouTube](#).

Some clips focused on the plight of farmers forced to leave as much as 70% of their produce in fields because it was slightly

blemished or didn't meet retail standards for grocery chains. Other clips explored food scarcity solutions and the environmental impact of food waste, especially greenhouse gas emissions from landfills.

"Something that's not talked about enough in the food waste conversation is the responsibility that retail stores have," said Tinoco, referring to a clip about slightly blemished produce left to rot.

"We should hold these companies accountable for these decisions that contribute to discarded and wasted food," he added.

"But we haven't done that. We focus a lot on food waste in large institutions and restaurants, but there's a lot of waste beforehand that trickles down from the standards of retail grocery chains."

Conklin agreed with Tinoco. But he pointed out that American consumers must share the blame with retail chains.

"As American consumers," Conklin pointed out, "we create the standards. We don't shop at grocery stores where the produce doesn't look like it's the highest quality. Nonetheless, we can change those attitudes and can lobby grocery stores to be more responsible with food."

Conklin then said that consumers should ask their congressional representatives to support federal legislation around food date labeling. Many people are confused about what it means when they see a "best by" or "use by" or "discard by" date on canned or boxed food items, he said.

"There's a bill in Congress now which is called the Food Date Labeling Act of 2023 (H.R. 3159). It directs [the Department of Health and Human Services] to use two dates: a 'best by' date and a 'discard date,'" said Conklin. "This legislation has been before Congress 12 times, but it's not getting passed. We need national food date labels that are clear to the consumers because some states have no regulations, and some states have many. It's confusing for consumers."

Horan, who also teaches religious studies and philosophy at St. Mary's, told the audience that Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, reminded the world that "everything is connected." Horan also mentioned how the pope frequently criticizes "throwaway culture."

"This is more likely to be a problem in afflu-

ent cultures like ours," Horan said of the food waste crisis. "We are so disconnected from the source of the food that we consume."

Kawalec, an environmental studies major, talked about what she and other students have learned at the college's sustainable 5-acre farm at the north end of the campus. The farm produces fresh fruits and vegetables, which are shared with local families who are food insecure, students, staff, and also area homeless shelters.

This St. Mary's farm is also "home" to 160 chickens. They are well-fed, she said, but fed only with dining hall food scraps meticulously rescued by St. Mary's dining hall staff and students.

"We get about 42 dozen eggs a week," Abbie reported, smiling broadly. "We're able to get the eggs to food insecure people in the community through our markets. And students take dozens of the eggs and cook breakfast once a month at Our Lady of the Road, another outreach for the homeless in the city."

Tinoco agreed that there are wonderful lessons to learn from raising food properly. It can help us prepare for a healthier future where food is not wasted, he said.

"The people who created fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides years ago," he pointed out, "were concerned about how growing populations of people needed to be fed. These agricultural supplements were created to produce more food, though they've also created environmental problems."

Nodding his head about the need to do things in a new way, Conklin remarked:

"One of the stats that I grapple with is that in this country, we waste enough food to feed 100 million people. And we have 35 million people who are classified as food insecure. So, it is possible to end hunger in this country three times over!"

"We need to combine sustainable farming practices with mass production to feed the whole population," he said. "We have to redirect that excess food. But it can be done."

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