

## 7th annual Autumn Gathering to be held October 27th in Charleston

**Charleston**—Catholic Charities West Virginia's (CCWVa) seventh annual Autumn Gathering will be held on Friday, October, 27th at Saint John the XXIII Pastoral Center, 100 Hodges Road in Charleston, W.Va. The evening begins with Mass at 5:30 pm in the chapel at The Pastoral Center, a brief reception begins and 6:30 p.m. and dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. The highlight of the program will be the keynote address from Most Rev. George V. Murry, SJ, D.Phil., bishop of Youngstown, Ohio. Bishop Murry's address is entitled Catholic Charities West Virginia-One Family in Giving and Receiving reflecting on how Catholic Charities serves the poor and marginalized as a family would their own relatives who face challenges. Charities provide people assistance and support through difficult times and offers compassion and understanding those its serves, and in-turn all receive the graces of friendship and community.

The presenting sponsor for the Autumn Gathering is Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, bishop of Wheeling-Charleston who is Chairman of the CCWVa statewide governing Board of Directors. CCWVa Director of Development & Marketing, Patricia Phillips said of the sponsorship, "We are forever grateful for Bishop Bransfield's support of Catholic Charities WV and the Autumn Gathering." She went on to say, "Sponsorships make it possible for us to present engaging events and bring more people together in support of our mission, programs and services." Other sponsors include the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Wesbanco, St. Joseph's Parish in Huntington, Ascension Catholic Church in Hurricane, Highmark-West Virginia and Unicare.

The Autumn Gathering closes of a day of meetings for the statewide governing Board of Directors which includes the annual meeting with the Chairman. New officers will be elected this year and they will be introduced at the Autumn Gathering along with the new Chief Executive Officer for CCWVa, Beth Zarate. Proceeds from the event will support the programs and services Catholic Charities WV provides in its western region and its statewide programs of refugee resettlement and immigration assistance and HomeCare which provides services

to the elderly and adult disabled.

The event is free to attend with confirmed reservation. Seating is limited; to reserve a seat online go to [www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org) or call 304-380-0155. A request for donations to CCWVa will be made at the event.

## Autumn Gathering keynote speaker is Bishop George V. Murry, SJ, D.Phil. of the Diocese of Youngstown



Bishop George V. Murry was ordained a priest in the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1979. He earned a Masters

of Divinity from Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley and a doctorate from George Washington University.

Appointed by Pope John Paul II as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, he was ordained to the episcopacy in 1995. In 1999, he was appointed Bishop of St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Pope Benedict appointed him the fifth Bishop of Youngstown in 2007. Bishop Murry has served on many boards in higher education and on many committees as a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and on Ohio Governor Kasich's Task force on Community-Police Relations. Pope Francis appointed him to the 2015 Synod on the Family. Currently he is chairman of USCCB Committee on Education, chairman of the USCCB ad-hoc committee against racism and of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA).

Catholic Charities West Virginia

Seventh Annual  
*Autumn Gathering*

**October 27, 2017**  
St. John XXIII Pastoral Center  
Charleston, WV

# Catholic Charities West Virginia at Work in its Western Region

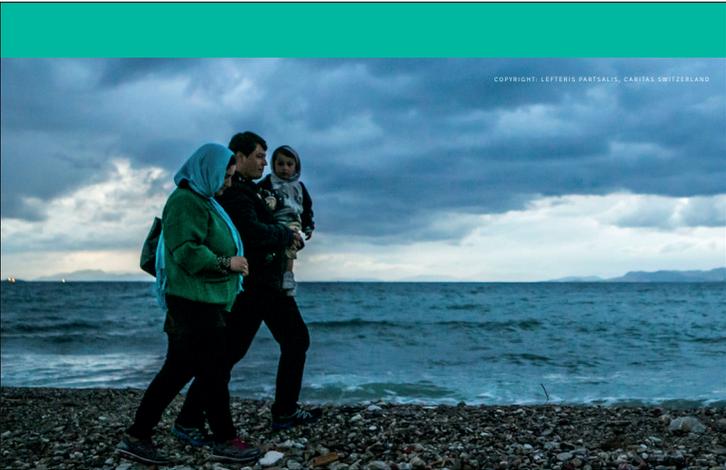
The western region of Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) is a ten county area in the southwestern corner of West Virginia, and there is much work being done in the region. Vital services include food assistance, personal care items and financial assistance with utility termination and rental evictions. More intensive services help people improve their well-being through adult learning and case management where we help a person achieve their goal towards improved well-being. Offices are in Charleston, Huntington and Whitesville, regional counties are Boone, Cabell, Clay, Kanawha, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, Putnam and Wayne.

CCWVa's office in downtown Huntington is the home of our innovative adult learning program, Center for Community Learning and Advancement (CCLA). The Center offers free classes to any adult over age 16 who wants to work toward a high school equivalency, earn

a certification for work, or simply brush up on skills before pursuing a different job or additional education.

Case management services are offered in Charleston. Case managers help individuals/families develop healthy interdependence and stability, and work with them to set goals and action steps to overcome barriers like lack of transportation or child care that stall progress toward improving their well-being.

In addition to the programs described above, CCWVa provides basic needs assistance to the poor and vulnerable throughout the region. Our personal care and food pantries provide much need supplemental food, personal hygiene, and household cleaning products to clients in the Charleston area and in Boone County. Financial assistance is provided to people facing a utility termination or to prevent rental evictions.



COPYRIGHT: LETTERIS PARTIALIS, CARITAS SWITZERLAND

**Caritas invites you to join together in understanding and sharing the plight of refugees and migrants.**

Learn more and take action  
[journey.caritas.org](http://journey.caritas.org)



**Share the Journey**   
#sharejourney

[journey.caritas.org](http://journey.caritas.org)

## Catholic Charities West Virginia Reaches statewide from Charleston

Housing the main program offices for several of Catholic Charities WV's statewide programs in Charleston makes for a good fit. HomeCare, Migration and Refugee Services, SNAP enrollment assistance and Disaster Services call the Kanawha Boulevard office home-base. Besides their scope of service being in common, they share that they provide services to special vulnerable populations; the elderly and/or disabled, migrant, hungry or disaster survivor.

These programs provide specialized services that walk with clients through daily activities or complex processes to ensure their needs are met. Homecare provides in-home assistance to the elderly and/or disabled. Migration and Refugee and Disaster Services help people through the process of establishing a new normal. And, SNAP assistance helps people learn about and apply for vital benefits to combat food insecurity.

Providing these programs is a natural fit for Catholic Charities WV where compassionate care and friendship bring about hope for all people.

Charleston: 304-380-0162 ● Whitesville: 304-854-1043 ● Huntington: 304-650-3514

## Working To Reduce Poverty in West Virginia

Our mission is to alleviate poverty, distress, and injustice by providing comprehensive social services to the poor and vulnerable, advocating for social justice, and calling all people of good will, especially those of the Church, to service.

[www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org)

Newsletters printed and distributed courtesy of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston