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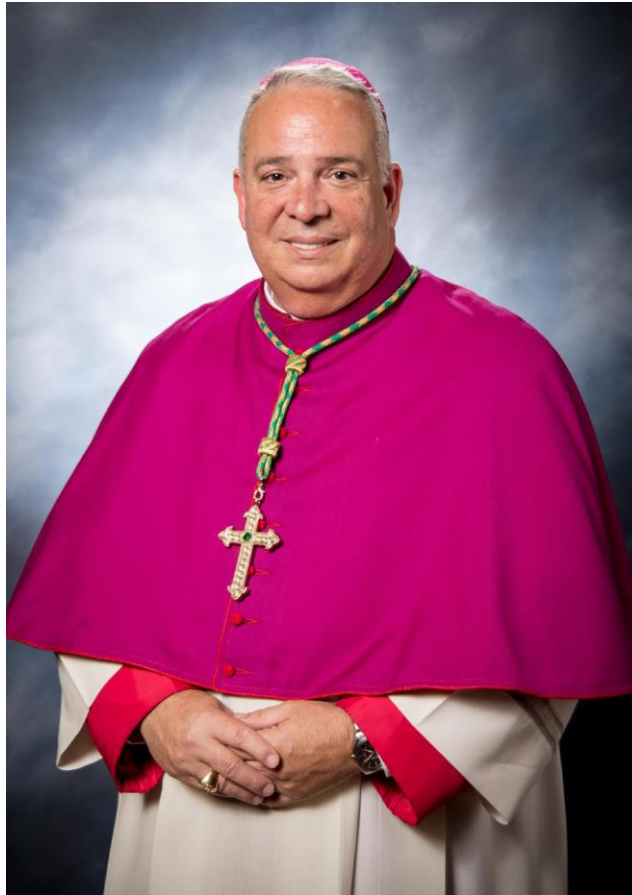
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**ARCHBISHOP CHAPUT RETIRES; POPE NAMES BISHOP  
PEREZ SUCCESSOR**



WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Archbishop Charles J. Chaput of Philadelphia and has appointed Bishop Nelson J. Perez of Cleveland as his successor.

Archbishop Chaput, who has headed the Philadelphia Archdiocese since 2011, turned 75 last September, the age at which canon law requires bishops to turn in their resignation to the pope. Archbishop Perez, 58, was installed as the 11th bishop of Cleveland Sept. 5, 2017.

The resignation and appointment were announced in Washington Jan. 23 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

The new archbishop said he was looking forward to returning to the archdiocese where he was ordained as a priest.

"I am deeply grateful to the Holy Father for this appointment and his confidence in me," Archbishop Perez said in a statement released by the Diocese of Cleveland. "It is with great joy tinged with a sense of sadness that I accept the appointment -- joy that I will be returning to serve the archdiocese in which I was ordained to the priesthood ... and sadness that I will be leaving an area and the incredible people in Northeast Ohio I have come to love deeply."

Archbishop Perez will be installed in ceremonies set for 2 p.m., Feb. 18 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul.

In response to Thursday's announcement, Diocese of Scranton Bishop Joseph C. Bambera released the following statement:

"It is with sincere joy and pleasure that I say 'welcome home' to Archbishop-designate Nelson J. Perez upon Pope Francis' announcement today that he will succeed retiring Archbishop Charles J. Chaput in Philadelphia.

As a former parish priest in the Philadelphia-area, Archbishop-designate Perez has many gifts to share and will certainly be a welcoming presence to all people in the city and beyond.

With the Diocese of Scranton being within the province of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, I look forward to building upon my relationship with him. He has shown himself to be a dedicated leader who loves the church and its people.

On this day, I also offer sincere thanks to Archbishop Chaput for his steadfast leadership and service since 2011.

I encourage everyone to keep Archbishop-designate Perez and Archbishop Chaput in their prayers today."

## GROUPS HEAD TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE



As school students and parishioners from across the Diocese of Scranton begin the process of heading to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life, President Donald Trump announced Wednesday on Twitter that he will speak at the march on the National Mall, becoming the first sitting president in history to do so.

The news of Trump addressing the pro-life crowd came on the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, which legalized abortion on demand across the country. It also was the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

The theme for the 2020 March for Life is "Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman."

In addition to the participating in March for Life, Catholics are invited to take part in the *9 Days for Life*, which is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

To sign up for free emails or text messages through January 29, visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)

The next edition of *The Catholic Light* will have coverage from the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

## **ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION OF THE WORD OF GOD HELD AT CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER**



Bishop Joseph C. Bambera and religious from the Diocese of Scranton came together with members of various Christian congregations and members of the Christian Communities Gathering of Northeastern Pennsylvania for an Ecumenical Celebration of the Word of God on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 in the Cathedral of Saint Peter.

The annual gathering takes place during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which began in 1908, and is celebrated each year throughout the world.

By observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one."

The theme for the 2020 observance is "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness."

The theme and text for each year's observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are chosen and prepared by representatives of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and representatives of the World Council of Churches.

If you would like to view the service, visit:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/ctv-catholic-television/an-ecumenical-celebration-of-the-word-of-god-january-22-2020/>

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK IS QUICKLY APPROACHING!**

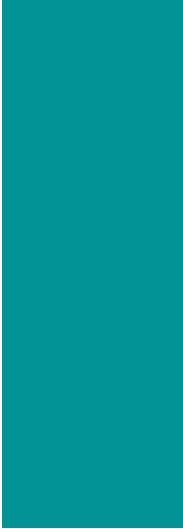


The Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools Office is preparing for the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week 2020!

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week has been the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. This year's week will run from Sunday, January 26 through February 1.

Each of our 20 schools are planning exciting events to celebrate their students, staff, parish, community and much more!

If you are interested in learning more about our Catholic schools, or just as importantly know someone else who might be interested in learning about them, please invite them to attend one of our Open Houses on Sunday,



January 26. They will be able to meet our teachers and staff, tour our buildings and classrooms and learn about the educational and extra-curricular opportunities available to students, including our STREAM-based learning (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math). Tuition assistance is available.

For a full schedule of open house locations and times, visit:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-schools/catholic-schools-week-2020/>

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!  
REGISTRATION FOR ISLI IS NOW UNDERWAY**

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# ISLI

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

A Peer-Facilitated Leadership Retreat  
for High School Students

**February 14-16, 2020**

**@ Holy Transfiguration  
Retreat Center, Dalton**



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**For More Info:**

Applications are  
available online at  
[Dioceseofscranton.org](http://Dioceseofscranton.org)

Call (570)207-2213 x1155

The International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) retreat is designed to provide knowledge and skills necessary to excel in both the leadership and membership roles of task-oriented groups.

During the retreat, participants take part in small group tasks that allow the students to do the following:

- Make decisions
- Examine leadership styles
- Practice leadership behavior
- Learn about positive communication

- Develop self-motivational skills and learn problem solving

For more information on ISLI or an application, visit:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/word/youth-ministry/isli/>

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK MASS TO TAKE PLACE NEXT MONTH**



The Diocese of Scranton will hold its Mass in observance of the World Day of Prayer for the Sick on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton.

Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate a Mass for the Sick at 12:10 p.m. During the Mass, there will be a celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for anyone acutely or chronically ill, anyone suffering a debilitating condition, anyone facing surgery, the elderly, and all who might be a candidate for this sacrament.

CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the Mass live.

The World Day of the Sick offers us an opportunity to draw particularly close to people who are ill, and to those who care for them.

**HAVE YOU SUPPORTED THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL YET? GIFTS ARE STILL NEEDED!**



## CATHOLIC *Social Services*

Army Veteran finds hope and a calling  
serving other veterans at St. Francis Commons



*“St. Francis Commons saved my life in many different ways and has made a difference not only in my life but in many other veterans who are here and for the staff....”*

**Dan Grogan**

**C**atholic Social Services offers a full range of programs for those in need including specialized programs for veterans. Some CSS residential settings offer 24-hour skilled support for men and women in transition after military service. These facilities combine independence with security, safety with socialization for many who face illness, addictions and homelessness. Your Appeal gifts support these programs.

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### Diocesan Ministries assisted by Appeal donations:

- Catholic Social Services
- Care & Education of Clergy
- Catholic Education
- Catholic Media
- Parish Life
- Parish Social Justice Grants
- Parish Faith Formation Grants

Visit **AnnualAppeal.org** and **DioceseofScranton.org/css**

Have you made a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal yet?

Your generous gifts support many important programs and ministries across the 11 county Diocese of Scranton, including:

- Catholic Education
- Catholic Social Services
- Clergy Support and Seminarians
- Catholic Communication and Media
- Office for Parish Life
- Faith Formation Grants
- Social Justice Grants

If you'd like more information about the Diocesan Annual Appeal, visit [www.AnnualAppeal.org](http://www.AnnualAppeal.org)

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[www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton](http://www.facebook.com/DioceseOfScranton)

For a listing of all Diocesan and parish events, visit: **[Calendar](#)**

You are also encouraged to visit the Facebook pages of other Diocesan departments. They are listed on our website at:

<http://www.dioceseofscranton.org/media/social-media/>

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