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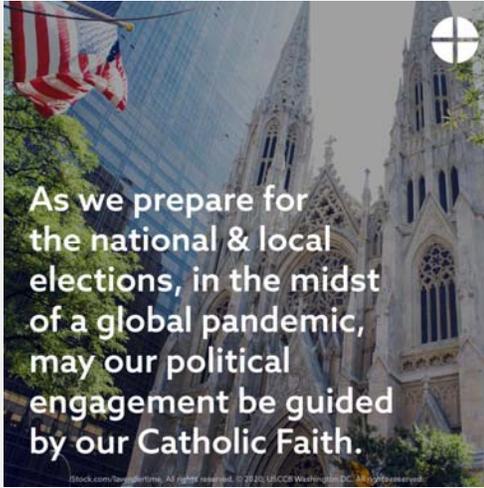
Pope has history of defending marriage, but being open to some civil unions



Pope Francis often has expressed openness to the idea of laws recognizing civil unions, including for gay couples, to protect their rights. The pope's comments in a brief passage in the documentary film, "Francesco," are similar to the position he took while archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina, and echo remarks he has made in several interviews during his pontificate: "Marriage" is only between a man and

a woman, but civil union laws could provide legal protection for couples in long-term, committed relationships.

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As it did in 2016, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is encouraging people of faith to take part in an election novena beginning Oct. 26 and ending Nov. 3, Election Day. A closing prayer for elected leaders will be offered Nov. 4, the day after the election.

[For More Information](#)



Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish in Pittston is currently hosting its 63rd Annual Novena to Saint Jude, patron saint of hopeless cases and things despaired of, at Saint Mary, Help of Christians Church. The Novena began on Monday and will conclude on the Feast of Saint Jude, Oct. 28, when Bishop Joseph C. Bambera will celebrate the Novena's closing Mass at noon.

[For More Information on the Saint Jude Novena](#)

Arby's supports Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen

Arby's restaurant locations in the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Co-Op proudly provided Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen in Scranton with an \$18,800 grant from the Arby's Foundation. The grant will be used to continue the mission of Saint Francis of Assisi Kitchen.



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Diocese of Scranton Statement Regarding David Haas

In recent weeks, multiple allegations of sexual misconduct have been made against liturgical composer and musician David Haas. While Haas has denied any wrongdoing, out of respect for any possible victims, the use of music composed by David Haas has been suspended in the Diocese of Scranton, beginning immediately, while the allegations against him are investigated.

[Read the Full Statement of the Diocese of Scranton](#)

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