



# The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

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## Parishes plan to celebrate Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Through the intercession of “Virgen de Guadalupe,” plans for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe are proceeding with the hopes of providing as much celebration as possible amid a global pandemic and a world of social unrest.

Particularly in the areas of large Latino populations in the Diocese of Scranton, the annual observance commemorates the appearance of the Virgin Mary to a Mexican Indian peasant — now venerated as Saint Juan Diego — in December 1531 in Tepeyac, near present-day Mexico City.

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## **Pope says Catholics can receive Plenary Indulgence for Guadalupe Devotion**

With the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe closed for her feast to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Pope Francis said Catholics still can receive a plenary indulgence Dec. 11 and 12 for their Marian devotion if they follow certain conditions.

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## **Bishop Bambera's Reflection for the Second Week of Advent**



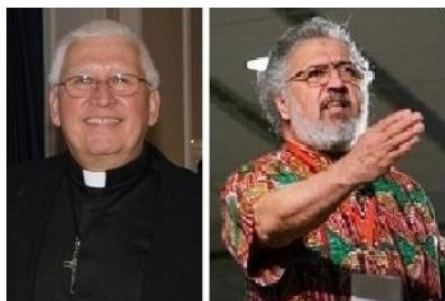
**Pope to celebrate early Mass Dec. 24 because of COVID-19 curfew**



Pope Francis will celebrate the Vatican's traditional Christmas "Mass during the Night" Dec. 24, but will begin the liturgy at 7:30 p.m. local time so that the few people invited to attend can get home in time to observe Italy's 10 p.m. curfew.

The curfew is one of many measures the Italian government has employed in an effort to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

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### **The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the Diocese of Scranton sponsoring Advent Prayer Meeting**

On Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, the Catholic Charismatic



### **Indian American Association of NEPA makes donation to Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen**

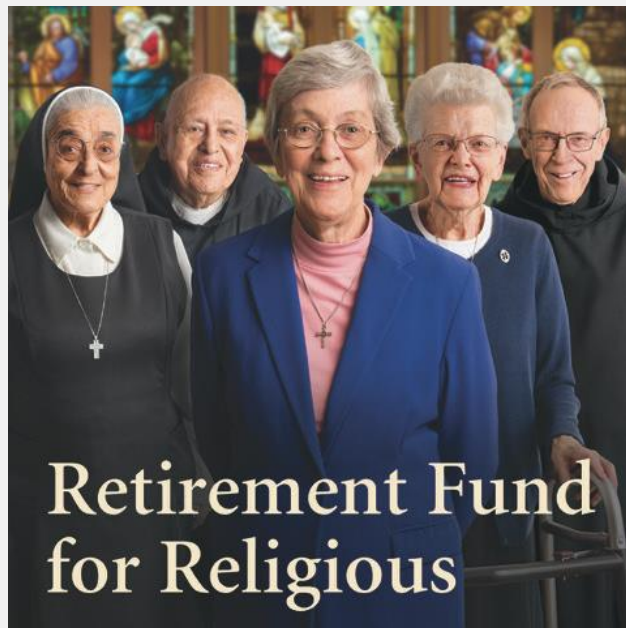
On Friday, Dec. 4, 2020, representatives from

Renewal of the Diocese of Scranton will hold an event in-person and via livestream from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 .m. at Queen of the Apostles Church in Avoca.

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How to Register for the  
Event**

IAANEPA, the Indian American Association of Northeast PA, donated \$500 in support of the work and mission of Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre.

**Make a Gift to the 2020  
Catholic Social Services'  
Campaign**



### **Appeal Assists Elderly Sisters, Brothers, Priests in Religious Orders**

The Diocese of Scranton will hold the Retirement Fund for Religious collection Dec. 12-13. The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) coordinates this annual appeal and distributes the proceeds to assist eligible U.S. religious communities with their retirement needs. Nearly 30,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests benefit.

Last year, the Diocese of Scranton donated \$74,491.78 to the collection. In 2020, the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

received financial support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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