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# The Catholic Light

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

**Weekly E-Newsletter**

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## **Bishop to ordain Mark DeCelles to the Priesthood on Saturday**

*Prior to Ordination, Rev. Mr. Mark Joshua DeCelles discusses his path to the priesthood in program on CTV: Catholic Television*



### **ORDINATION TO THE SACRED PRIESTHOOD**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.**

*Public is invited to attend!*

Mass to be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website and social media.

**Ordination Prayer Vigil**  
**Friday, June 25, 2021 • 6:30 p.m.**  
**Saint Matthew Parish**  
**78 Ridgeway Street, East Stroudsburg**



Rev. Mr. Mark Joshua DeCelles

The Cathedral of Saint Peter in Scranton will be the setting on Saturday, June 26, 2021, as Reverend Mr. Mark Joshua DeCelles, 39, is ordained to the Order of the Priesthood for service in the Diocese of Scranton.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will serve as ordaining prelate for the Mass that will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Ordination Mass.

CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will broadcast the Mass live and provide livestreaming on the Diocese of Scranton's website and social media platforms.

DeCelles completed his preparatory studies for the priesthood at Saint Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Md.

[Watch "Conversations with the Called" Featuring Rev. Mr. Mark DeCelles](#)

## **Dozens of young adults participate in Quo Vadis Days 2021**



Nearly 30 young men from across the Diocese of Scranton spent several days this week deepening their faith and learning more about various vocations as part of Quo Vadis Days 2021 at Marywood University.

Participants got a chance to spend time in prayer, listen to several talks and presentations and participate in games, sports and other activities.

The young men also got the opportunity to meet Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, along with several priests and seminarians from the Diocese. While young men could learn more about the process of becoming a priest – they also learned about the vocation of marriage and much more.

Quo Vadis Days began on Sunday, June 20, and ended on the evening of Tuesday, June 22, 2021.

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## **U.S. Catholics asked to pray for bishops as Communion document is drafted**



The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked the nation's Catholics to pray for him and his brother bishops "as we continue our dialogues and reflections" in the process of drafting a document on the "meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the church."

“I pray that this will be a time for all of us in the church to reflect on our own faith and readiness to receive our Lord in the holy Eucharist,” Los Angeles Archbishop José H. Gomez said in a statement released late June 21.

During their virtual spring general assembly June 16-18, the bishops approved in a 168-55 vote, with six abstentions, the drafting of this document. The vote followed a lengthy debate June 17 and the results were announced the following day.

The USCCB’s Committee on Doctrine will draft it and present the document for discussion when the bishops reconvene in person in November for their fall general assembly.

[Read the Full Story from Catholic News Service](#)

[Questions & Answers on the U.S. Bishops' Vote to Draft a document on the meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church](#)

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**Pope to grandparents, all elderly people:  
'You are needed'**





Writing to his peers, Catholics who have reached a venerable age like he has, Pope Francis told older Catholics that God is close to them and still has plans for their lives.

“I was called to become the bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age, and thought I would not be doing anything new,” said the pope, who is 84 now and was elected when he was 76.

“The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement,” the pope wrote in his message for the Catholic Church’s first celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

The message was released at the Vatican June 22 in anticipation of the celebration July 25, the Sunday closest to the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne, Jesus’ grandparents.

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## House GOP leaders, Attorneys General urge Congress to make Hyde permanent



House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., and several other Republican leaders in the House asked their Democratic counterparts June 22 to take up a measure introduced by Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., that would make the long-standing Hyde Amendment permanent.

Smith's bill is called the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2021, or H.R. 18. It has 166 co-sponsors.

The Hyde Amendment, which first became law in 1976, prohibits use of federal Medicaid dollars for abortion except in cases of rape, incest or when the life of the woman would be endangered. Named for the late Rep. Henry Hyde, an Illinois Republican, the amendment is renewed every year as part of spending measures.

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## Parish picnics, bazaars and festivals begin to take place



Several parishes across the Diocese of Scranton are in the process of holding or planning summer events now that COVID-19 guidelines are beginning to ease.

The Diocese of Scranton's Communications Office has a list of all summer bazaars, picnics and festivals that have been submitted thus far. The list will continue to be updated as new events are submitted.

[To View the Full Listing of Parish Bazaars, Picnics and Festivals Received So Far](#)

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