



# BASILICA OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART



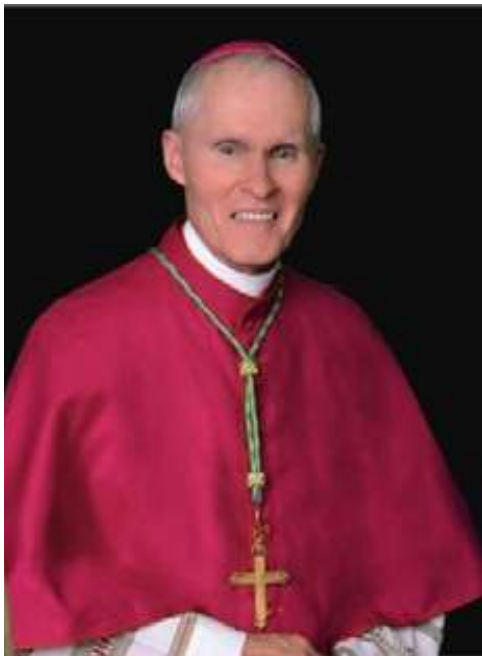
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6th Sunday of Easter – May 10, 2026

Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan  
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*Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan  
Celebrates his 50th Anniversary to the Priesthood  
on May 15th, 2026*

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 8:15 am, Vigil 5:30 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM  
Monday & Friday 8:15 AM  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 12:00 PM

Mass from the Basilica is live streamed on our  
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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**Saturday's 4:00-5:00 PM** or by appointment.  
304-342-8175

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**Saturday's 4:00-5:00 PM.**



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

“We, at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, are a diverse community of the poor, the disadvantaged and hungry, the well-to-do, the youth, elderly, visitors and those seeking refuge.

As a community of many cultures and races, we stand for unity in our diversity by expressing our love of God the Father through prayer and worship, through service to one another, through the ministry of welcoming, through evangelization and ecumenism. With the Bishop, we shall pursue this mission faithfully through the example of Jesus Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.” All are welcome today, especially visitors, guests and those who might be new to the community.

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Social Concerns: \$65 Needy Student: \$360  
Catholic Relief: \$345

Thank you for your faithful generosity.

## The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Basilica

6th Sunday of Easter - May 10, 2026

05/09 Sat. 5:30 pm + Patrick Graney, III  
05/10 Sun. 8:00 am + Msgr. Ed Sadie & Family  
10:30 am + People of the Parish  
5:00 pm + Tom Bossie  
05/11 Mon. 8:15 am + Margaret Krupa  
05/12 Tues. 12:00 pm + Jessica Dunn  
05/13 Wed. 12:00 pm + Joe Williams  
05/14 Thur. 12:00 pm + Michelle Mennini  
05/15 Fri. 8:15 am + Rev. Andrew J. Heaney  
12:00 pm + Adele Bobinger  
05/16 Sat. 8:15 am + Msgr. Ed Sadie & Family  
05/16 Sat. 5:30 pm + Louise Kaltenecker  
05/17 Sun. 8:00 am + People of the Parish  
10:30 am + Ed Klug  
5:00 pm + Alice Riley Family

### Ministry Schedule May 16/17, 2026

#### Lector Schedule

5:30 PM-John Willson

8:00 AM-Jim Olson

10:30 AM-Andrew Workman

5:00 PM-Danny Linton

#### Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

5:30 PM-Sr. Ida Chikara, John Willson, 3 volunteers

8:00 AM-Greg Bolles, Theresa Miller, Joel Weese, 3 volunteers

10:30 AM-Leighann Hamrick, Jack & Annabelle Walsh, 3 volunteers

5:00 PM-Kerri Linton, Agnes Smith, 4 volunteers

**FYI...The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated Saturday, June 6th at the 5:30 pm Mass.**

### Our Parish Seminarians Addresses

Send them a card of encouragement and the promise of prayers.

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## A note from the Rector...

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Risen Lord,

Greeting on this Sixth Sunday of Easter! Happy Mother's Day!

With praise and thanksgiving to God we will celebrate this coming Friday the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of Bishop Mark Brennan. We are very grateful to Bishop Mark in saying yes to the Lord's call. Bishop Mark has been a good and faithful servant of the Lord to our Diocese and to his parish of the Co-Cathedral. Bishop will be with us a few times before July 2nd, so we will have moments to honor him and show our gratitude for his care and service to us. Bishop Mark does plan to live in Charleston and be of service.

Please keep our new Bishop, Bishop Evilio Menjivar in your prayers as he prepares to provide us a shepherd's care. Bishop Menjivar will be installed on July 2nd at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. Please read the articles reprinted from "Faith in WV" in this bulletin.

Please pray for our former bishop, Michael J. Bransfield who died on May 7th. We pray for the repose of his soul, asking God's mercy upon him. His funeral and burial will not take place in our Diocese, but we pray for his family and friends.

On this Mother's Day, let us give praise and thanksgiving to God for their life, love and sacrifice. May the Blessed Mother Mary intercede for them. May you have a Blessed and Joyous week, I remain,

In Christ,  
Fr. Don



We are pleased to reactivate the St. Monica Prayer group. Our new administrators are Mary Williams and Ann Knebel. Whenever you have a prayer request, send an email to both email addresses, and they will distribute the request to the rest of the St. Monica's prayer group. Their email addresses are: [mewills15@gmail.com](mailto:mewills15@gmail.com) and [annmknebel@gmail.com](mailto:annmknebel@gmail.com).

If you would like to receive notices of prayer intentions and pray as part of the prayer group, you can email Mary and Ann and they can add you to the list.



With joy we announce that Titus Coon, Rigbi Forget, Alex Galbraith, Josie Herrick, Finn Hitt, Lee Coen, Adrian Marshall, Samantha Ravelo, Madeline Tallarico and Cecelia Wallis received their 1st Eucharist last Sunday, May 3rd.

May they always feast on the Lord's Holy Sacrament

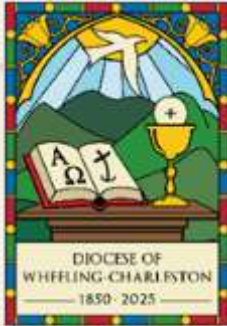


**Priest Jubilee Mass on May 6th.**



Blessings and Congratulations to Coen Michael Lee, child of John M. and Tamra J. Lee, Baptized on April 30th.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026**  
**FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**  
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**17 Sunday**  
**May 11:45-12:30**  
*in the sacristy*

Informational meeting for  
 students and parents with  
 pizza and singing!



Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of  
*Reverend Mr. Clifton Mastran*  
*and*  
 Ordination to the Sacred Diaconate of  
*Mr. Michael Aiello*  
 Saturday, May 30 at 10:00am  
 Cathedral of St. Joseph  
 1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003



**FAMILY LIFE CENTER PANTRY**  
**MAY—MONTHLY DONATION REQUEST**  
**Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce, Saltine Crackers**  
**Open Wednesday-2:00 to 4:00pm**

**This week on Formed**



St. Damien of Molokai | Catholic Saints St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life and witness of this great saint. To view the video go to <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/2663023/>

The Sanctuary Youth Series The Sanctuary Youth Series is centered on the pressing questions that young people are asking about faith and mental health. It provides space to engage these questions and start important conversations in youth ministries and church communities. Drawing on insights from mental health professionals, theologians, and evidence-based research, this educational and interactive course is designed to reduce stigma, increase awareness, and prepare students for a faith journey that includes seasons of flourishing and languishing. To view the video go to <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/3737534/>

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics | Trailer This eight-session course—designed for use in small groups—explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists. To view the video go to <https://app.formed.org/app/videos/1258626/>

**A Pilgrimage to Catholic Italy with Fr. Donald X. Higgs**  
 Fr. Higgs invites you to join him on a spiritually enriching 12-Day pilgrimage to Catholic Italy October 11-22, 2026. Highlights include: Florence, La Verna, Assisi, Orvieto, Naples, Isle of Ischia, Sorrento, Rome, and The Vatican with an audience with Pope Leo XIV.

The cost of \$6,499 includes flights to and from Charleston WV, breakfasts and dinners, tours, hotels, motor coach, a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome and memories to cherish forever. Early bird discount for those who register before May 13th.

For the itinerary, more details and the option to register online, go to: <https://bit.ly/HiggsItaly> or call Fr. Higgs at 304-685-2367.

**HELP WANTED—Summer maintenance job for students beginning June 8th, 2026. 35-40 hours per week. General maintenance and physical work moving school furniture, lifting 50+ pounds. \$12 per hour. Call John Blake 304-342-8175.**

**Rosary to be Prayed before Weekend Masses in May** In Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In keeping with this tradition, we will pray the Rosary before each of the weekend masses in May, starting 30 minutes before each Mass. Please come and join us as we honor our Blessed Mother.

## Sacred Heart Financial Summary

|   | July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 |                    | July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 |                    |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
|   | Church                     | SHGS/ELC           | Parish                     | SHGS/ELC           |
| <b>Revenues</b>                             |                            |                    |                            |                    |
| Tuition and fees                            | \$                         | \$3,777,820        | \$                         | \$3,220,397        |
| Offerings, contributions, and other support | 1,036,929                  | 46,040             | 849,620                    | 36,532             |
| Fundraising income                          |                            | 74,786             | -                          | 164,287            |
| Parking income                              | 97,211                     | -                  | 93,521                     | -                  |
| Investment income                           | 12,864                     | 12,087             | 16,214                     | 7,016              |
| Rental income                               | 399,788                    | -                  | 376,276                    | -                  |
| Cemetery income                             | 27,110                     | -                  | 12,850                     | -                  |
| Other income                                | 142,884                    | 9,150              | 82,164                     | 38,485             |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                       | <b>1,716,786</b>           | <b>3,919,883</b>   | <b>1,430,645</b>           | <b>3,466,717</b>   |
| <b>Expenses</b>                             |                            |                    |                            |                    |
| Salaries, wages, and benefits               | 425,247                    | 2,314,521          | 442,688                    | 2,171,233          |
| Supplies and minor equipment                | 66,500                     | 42,189             | 60,147                     | 32,642             |
| Utilities                                   | 194,620                    | 211,449            | 186,058                    | 190,899            |
| Insurance                                   | 146,165                    | 76,676             | 131,040                    | 67,693             |
| Repairs and maintenance                     | 151,387                    | 188,170            | 160,585                    | 194,898            |
| Interest                                    | 37,240                     | 69,587             | 34,524                     | 72,214             |
| Information technology                      | 40,262                     | 130,049            | 41,756                     | 124,635            |
| Taxes and assessments                       | 90,910                     | -                  | 98,416                     | -                  |
| School-related expense                      | 6,013                      | 244,147            | 10,763                     | 187,030            |
| Depreciation expense                        | 438,278                    | 316,208            | 472,760                    | 310,326            |
| All other expenses                          | 102,225                    | 128,124            | 75,974                     | 146,204            |
| <b>Total Cash Expenses</b>                  | <b>\$1,698,847</b>         | <b>\$3,721,120</b> | <b>\$1,714,711</b>         | <b>\$3,497,774</b> |
| <b>Revenues over expenses</b>               | <b>\$17,939</b>            | <b>\$198,763</b>   | <b>\$(284,066)</b>         | <b>\$(31,057)</b>  |

### FYE 6-30-2025 Notes

1. Depreciation is a non-cash expense.
2. Cash and Cash Equivalents at June 30, 2025 was \$161,640 for the Church and \$2,118,569 for Sacred Heart Grade School.
3. Principal remaining on long-term debt at June 30, 2025 was \$1,002,311 for the Church and \$2,486,023 for Sacred Heart Grade School.

### FYE 6-30-2024 Notes

1. Depreciation is a non-cash expense.
2. Cash and Cash Equivalents at June 30, 2024 was \$67,667 for the Church and \$1,640,677 for Sacred Heart Grade School.
3. Principal remaining on long-term debt at June 30, 2024 was \$1,105,246 for the Church and \$2,575,400 for Sacred Heart Grade School.

### Sacred Heart Parish and Sacred Heart Grade School-Update on Capital Campaign Endowment Funds

As part of our Renewing our Present, Securing our Future Campaign three endowed funds were established at the West Virginia Catholic Foundation for the benefit of Sacred Heart Parish and Sacred Heart Grade School to provide a stream of income to support the needs of the parish and the school in the future.

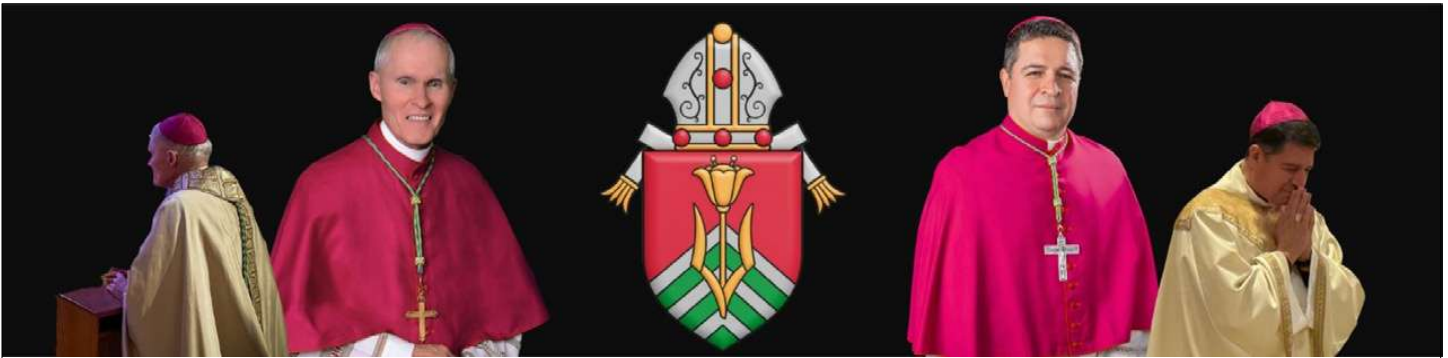
As of December 31, 2025 the Sacred Heart Parish General Endowment Fund had a balance of \$929,033.19. Distributions from the fund for 2026 are calculated at 4.5% of the December 31, 2025 balance. Distributions to the parish for 2026 will be \$41,806.48.

As of December 31, 2025 the Sacred Heart Fund for Catechesis and Evangelization Fund had a balance of \$88,092.09. Distributions from the fund for 2026 are calculated at 4.5% of the December 31, 2025 balance. Distributions to the parish for 2026 will be \$3,964.16.

As of December 31, 2025 the Sacred Heart Grade School General Endowment Fund had a balance of \$793,944.18. Distributions from the fund for 2026 are calculated at 4.5% of the December 31, 2025 balance. Distributions to the parish for 2026 will be \$35,727.49.

**RE NEWS-**As we come to the end of the school year, we wish to thank our catechists for their untiring service teaching our children in their faith journey. We are grateful to Mary Rushworth who taught our kindergarten and first graders for so many years, we wish Mary all the best as you start your college studies in the fall. Thank you Justin Southern who picked up donuts every Sunday for our children, we wish your son Sam well as he will join the next confirmation group.

We are asking for volunteers who can teach kindergarten and first grade beginning in September with the new school year and someone that can pick up donuts every Sunday for our RE class. If you are interested in helping with RE in the fall email Sr. Ida Chikara: idachikara@gmail.com



# The Transition Explained

## The Resignation, Appointment, and Installation

*Editor's note: Understanding the Church's process for a bishop transition may be a little confusing. So, to help our readers understand this article is offered as an aid.*

*Contributing to this article: Very Rev. Justin Golna, J.C.L. Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, and Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish, Wellsburg.*

According to Church law, bishops are asked to submit their resignation to the Holy Father when they reach the age of 75. The Pope then decides when to accept the resignation.

That is what has happened here. Bishop Mark Brennan submitted his resignation after reaching the age of 75, and the Holy Father has now accepted it. This is not because something is wrong or unusual. It is simply the normal practice of the Church.

For the past several years, Bishop Brennan has continued to serve the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston faithfully in our parishes, schools, ministries, and communities. We are grateful for his leadership and his presence among us.

### What happens behind the scenes?

Choosing a new bishop is a careful and prayerful process. The Apostolic Nuncio, who represents the Pope in the United States, gathers information and consults with bishops, priests, religious, and lay faithful. This information is then sent to Rome, where the Holy Father makes the final decision.

In our case, the Holy Father has appointed Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala as the next bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

### What is happening right now?

With the acceptance of Bishop Brennan's resignation as diocesan bishop, the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston became vacant. At the same time, the Holy Father appointed Bishop Brennan as Apostolic Administrator of the diocese.

This means that, although he has resigned as diocesan bishop, he continues to lead the diocese temporarily until the new bishop officially takes office.

As Apostolic Administrator, Bishop Brennan continues to govern the diocese in the name of the Holy See and helps ensure stability and continuity in the life of the Church during this transition period.

### When does the new bishop take over?

Bishop Menjivar is already a bishop, but he does not officially begin leading the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston until his installation Mass on July 2nd.

At that Mass, he formally takes possession of the diocese and begins his ministry as the diocesan bishop. At that point, Bishop Brennan's role as Apostolic Administrator concludes, and he then assumes the title Bishop Emeritus of Wheeling-Charleston.

### What does "Bishop Emeritus" mean?

The title "Bishop Emeritus" is given to a retired bishop who has completed his service as diocesan bishop. Although retired from governing the diocese, a bishop emeritus remains a bishop and may continue assisting the Church through confirmations, Masses, ordinations, preaching, and other sacramental ministries as requested.

### What about Bishop Brennan?

After the installation of Bishop Menjivar, Bishop Brennan will continue serving the Church as Bishop Emeritus of Wheeling-Charleston.

We remain deeply grateful for his years of service, his leadership, and his continued presence among the faithful of our diocese.

### In short:

- Bishop Brennan submitted his resignation after reaching age 75, as required by Church law
- Pope Leo accepted the resignation 4 years later
- Bishop Brennan is currently serving as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
- Bishop Menjivar has been appointed as the next bishop
- Bishop Menjivar officially becomes diocesan bishop at his installation Mass on July 2nd
- At that time, Bishop Brennan becomes Bishop Emeritus of Wheeling-Charleston.



## One Bishop's Reflection, Another's Mission

With words that felt both pastoral and strikingly West Virginian, Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala introduced his priorities at the May 1 press conference—beginning with gratitude, and humility, sharing that his mission is simple: to love and serve our Almost Heaven. In welcoming him into the Diocese of Wheeling–Charleston, Bishop Mark Brennan shared the moment he received the news and the confidence he has for his successor—assuring the people that Bishop Evelio will be “a bishop of all the people” as West Virginians welcome others who come seeking to belong.

Bishop Mark began in prayer, “I thank you, lord for giving me the privilege of being the chief shepherd of this Diocese of Wheeling–Charleston for over six and a half years. I welcome the tenth bishop that has been chosen by our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV to serve the people going into the future in this wonderful Mountain State – bless him as he assumes his responsibilities, and open up the hearts and minds of our people to welcome him as West Virginians do welcome others as they come here.” Where was Bishop Mark when he got the news? No surprise, he was heading out, gassing up his car at Chapline and 29th streets in Wheeling preparing to hit the road for Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Stonewood. “I get this phone call from the papal nuncio... he said, ‘I opened this mail this morning and there was a letter from Rome that says you are welcome to step down.... and the new bishop will be, well, he’s already a bishop, a bishop of Washington, Evelio Menjivar.’ (And I thought) well I know him.

“After the conversation and getting to Stonewood for Confirmation, I reflected on my years of association with bishop Evelio Menjivar. It’s actually been more than 30 years... I consider him young... I could be his father.... He was a youth minister in a parish (in Maryland) and had showed a real interest in the priesthood. So, I worked with him and we got him into seminary. We thought this guy has real potential, so we sent him over to Rome for theology. Did well there. Came back and I was still a priest in the Archdiocese of Washington, so we served as brother priests for a while. Three years ago, he was chosen to be an auxiliary bishop of Washington and ‘the angels rejoiced’ as I did too. I thought this is a good one, a good choice. He will love the people.

“And I think you’re going to find that here too. He’s a native of another country, El Salvador. So many of our people of this country are from elsewhere. We are an immigrant church again; our country is built on the backs of immigrants. “He’s not going to be a bishop for just one group. He will be a bishop of all the people. I can assure you of that. I’m just very happy that the Holy Father chose someone with the integrity, the intelligence, the zeal, and the love for God’s people that I know Bishop Evelio possesses.”

Bishop Evelio thanked Bishop Mark for “opening the door” not only to the diocese per se, but “many years ago you opened the door of the Archdiocese of Washington while you were the vocations director. You welcomed me to the priestly formation program. Little did we know what the lord had in store for both of us. Thank you for being part of this journey from the very beginning. I hope you will continue mentoring me as I learn and adjust in this new mission. What does Bishop Evelio see as his mission?

“I want to begin my ministry by getting to know you and the best way to do this is by listening, listening attentively – to the priests, religious... the faithful as members of the Body of Christ you have a voice in the church... the diocesan offices... the young people – the present of the church... the poor.. those in the margins of society.... Matthew 25 says that the way we treat the least is the way we treat Jesus.” He plans to be out among the parishes, schools, and communities.

“I come to you first and foremost as your brother, brother in faith. I hope that you will allow this stranger to walk with you on the journey of faith and together share in our joys and hopes, in our griefs and anxieties, may we discover our common humanity and our shared dignity as children of God.

“Then I come to you as your bishop... your servant. I feel that the lord is sending me here to love you and to serve you. This is the only agenda I bring - to love you and serve you as best I can... in this land of striking beauty....”

“Your faith, your resilience, your creativity that lifts you up and keeps you moving to a better and brighter future - I will be deeply proud and honored (that in) time you accept me as a fellow West Virginian.”

Bishop Evelio is no stranger to WV. Soon after he was ordained a priest, he would fill in to celebrate Mass in Spanish at St. Joseph in Martinsburg. Additionally, in 2020 he bought a small cabin near Lost River in Hardy County, where the Appalachian peaks provide panoramic views of the “beautiful Almost Heaven” river valleys and farmland. There he enjoys his favorite outdoor activity – hiking.

Because of the people he’s come to know there he feels “I already have roots in WV, and I feel very proud and happy about that.”

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