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[00:00:14] **Lauren Chen:** This is Walk Humbly. We're glad you're here.

[00:00:18] **Mary Brodeur:** Podcasting from WorkCamp 2026 in Quicksburg, Virginia.

Welcome to Walk Humbly. I am Mary Brodeur, Director of Content and Marketing Strategy for the Diocese and your co-host for today's podcast. We are recording on location at home base, where close to 800 youth from our diocese are gathered for a week of faith and service to those most in need. And without further ado, I'd like to welcome our host, Bishop Burbidge. Bishop, how are you?

[00:00:44] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Thank you, Mary. I'm doing well. It's great to be here in WorkCamp with Mr. Kevin Bohli and our youth office team, but most especially to be here with all our wonderful young people. As you mentioned, close to 800 young people from our diocese, and I was here last night with them we had a wonderful evening.

We had a holy hour, we had confessions, music, and the opportunity to engage, and just so inspired by all they're accomplishing this week. And I'm so glad that a number of our young people are guests on this podcast too, which will make it very special.

[00:01:15] **Mary Brodeur:** Yeah, it's good to be back here at WorkCamp

It's hard to believe it's been an action-packed month, Bishop.

[00:01:19] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Yes. We keep going, right? We keep going.

[00:01:21] **Mary Brodeur:** Yeah. Keep going. We're-- We keep going. And I'm happy to also introduce here Mr. Kevin Bohli who is our Executive Director for Youth Campus and Young Adult Ministries in the diocese. Kevin, welcome to the podcast.

[00:01:32] **Kevin Bohli:** Thank you, Mary. Thank you, Bishop. Great to have you back here again. It's always great to have you here on site. And you bring out the energy and the excitement of the young people by being here, and then so many priests come and support the event, so thank you for both for being here. Yeah. What was it?

[00:01:43] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** We had 40 priests, 40-plus priests last night hearing confessions ... hearing confessions. So it shows our young people how much my brother priests and I love you and appreciate you and want to serve you and help you in any way to grow closer to in your relationship with the Lord. So I was so happy to see so many of the priests here last night.

[00:01:58] **Kevin Bohli:** It was wonderful. Yeah, so Bishop, just a quick overview of WorkCamp for our listeners who haven't heard before about Work- what WorkCamp is. So WorkCamp is really there's two parts to it. There's certainly the main reason we do it is because we want to help young people to grow closer to the Lord, and it's through service.

That's a great way to do that. But then also, WorkCamp is doing an amazing amount of work here in the area, so we're going to be out there working on over 160 homes. It's 142 crews working on 160 different projects. But all told, you're talking about 1,500 people. We have about 800 kids and then 200 adult leaders and 200 contractors, and then all the support staff and security.

So all told, it's a city of about 1,500 people here at Quicksburg that are all focused on we gather each morning for Mass and prayer then we go out, and we serve in the community. They go out in crews of five, and then they are each given a project. Each project has a contractor that's teaching them how to do the work.

And we're doing some pretty significant work. It's not just simply painting and raking and cleaning. We're trying to make homes warmer, safer, and drier. And so we do a lot of roofs, we do a lot of wheelchair ramps do- replace a whole lot of windows because there's a lot of folks out there whose windows are either s- stuck open or stuck shut, and there's no...

So it's a safety problem for them to not be able to open their windows. So all of our projects are really focused on helping these folks to, to truly have a better lifestyle after we- after relief.

[00:03:16] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** And do the students get to engage with the people that... With whom they're working, their homes they're working at and all?

[00:03:22] **Kevin Bohli:** Absolutely. We have no means test. When we go around the community trying to find residents, we don't look at tax documents or anything like that. We simply w- ask them, "Will you be home that week?" Because we want the residents a- and the young people to interact because so much of what happens at WorkCamp is that relationship that's built.

Our young people get to see people who are out there, dealing with life in the way they can. And a lot of them discover that Christ is fully alive in these homes as well. It's not like we have to come out here and bring Jesus. Jesus is alive and well in these residences. But then so it's a great gift to the residents, but it's also a great gift to these young people, that these residents are willing to open up their door and share their lives and give these young people this experience.

Because if nobody opens up their doors and allows kids to come serve them, then these kids don't have this opportunity of WorkCamp.

[00:04:03] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** And then the work crews, that they're not necessarily with friends from their own parish, right? Are they're mixed together?

[00:04:09] **Kevin Bohli:** Correct. Yeah. Yeah, we purposely take each work crew is ideally five to six kids, and then one adult leader and one contractor.

And we purposely try to make them all they don't know each other. They're all from different schools, different parishes, different communities. And that way, when they come here, they can kind of leave their baggage from be- everything from at home the person they are at home, and they can come be a whole new person here and discover that the joy of living for Christ and making new friends all built around that relationship with Christ.

It's an am- amazing experience, and so that's why we purposely, separate them and make sure that they're not just with their friends that they know from back at home.

[00:04:42] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** How wonderful. It's just a great joy to be here this morning. The day always begins with Mass. And from worship to service, which is the rhythm of life for all disciples, right? From worship to

service. A beautiful Mass. And how long have we been doing this in the diocese, Kevin?

[00:04:58] **Kevin Bohli:** Yeah, so WorkCamp started in 1989. It was called Hammer Time the first year. So for those of you from the '80s, you know what that means.

So it's that's what it was called. Pretty quickly it switched over to WorkCamp, and then I came the first time in '94. I was an engineer at that time, but that really began a process of discernment in my own life. And so back in 2001, I ended up leaving my engineering job and was hired to be the director of the Office of Youth Ministry at the diocese, and then so I took over this camp.

And so it's been continuing to grow. When it first started it was about 20 kids, and now here we are with 800 kids, and we're really maxed out at 800. We can't... These schools, it takes so much space to have a city of 1,500 people living here- Oh, yeah ... that we really can't get any bigger at this point.

[00:05:37] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Oh, yeah. We're so grateful. We can't do it without you and your team. So we're so grateful to all of you for your dedicated service, which is a year-long process to get ready for this. And also, of course, as you mentioned our adult contractors and the many volunteers that make this possible to help to give our young people this opportunity.

That's right. So many thanks to you, Kevin for your leadership and to your team as well.

[00:05:59] **Kevin Bohli:** Thanks for giving us the opportunity, and we're all very blessed to be able to keep WorkCamp going, and that's because of your leadership and guidance. That's right. So thank you, Bishop.

[00:06:06] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Thank you. And our, and I would be remiss if I did not say to our listeners that their support of the Bishop's Lenten Appeal is one of the, this is one of the ministries that allow us that support allows us to continue this ministry, so we're so grateful to the faithful in our diocese for their goodness and generosity as well.

Amen. Thank you. So Mary, now we get to talk to some of our young people here, huh? The real workers. That's right.

[00:06:31] **Mary Brodeur:** We'll do a little round robin. I guess we can go around, and if you can just share your first name, your parish, your, the school you currently attend, and maybe how many years of WorkCamp this is for you.

[00:06:43] **Kateri:** Hi, I'm Kateri and I am from St. Andrew's, and I'm homeschooled but go to Aquinas Learning Hybrid.

[00:06:50] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** And Kateri, maybe you all can so tell us what work you're doing. What's your project this week?

[00:06:54] **Kateri:** So our project, we are refurbishing a deck. It's been difficult because of the rain, but it's not overall too hard of a job.

We've been making a lot of progress, and we're working together really well, so- ... it's going well. And today's a great day, so- Yes ... maybe catch up a little bit. Very excited. Okay. Yes. All right. A lot of work today. And this is my first WorkCamp First WorkCamp Awesome. Okay.

[00:07:14] **James:** Hello, my name is James.

I'm from St. James. This is my fourth year of WorkCamp, so I keep coming back, and I recently graduated from the high school. I'll be attending Clemson in the fall,

[00:07:24] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** that's great, James. Congratulations on your graduation. And what do you what project are you doing?

[00:07:29] **James:** Oh we're all on the same project.

[00:07:30] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Oh, you're all on the same crew.

[00:07:31] **James:** Yes. Okay. All right, good. We're together this week. It's-

[00:07:33] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Did you know any of, you know each other before?

[00:07:36] **James:** N- not at all. No,

[00:07:36] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** and now you're becoming friends. Yeah. That's a great- That's how it works ... as you mentioned, Kevin, that's a great part of WorkCamp That's good. All right.

Pass the mic down there

[00:07:48] **Matthew:** I'm Matthew and I'm from St. John Neumann and I'm a rising senior at South Lakes High School, and this is my second WorkCamp Great.

[00:07:55] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Great having you here, Matthew.

[00:07:56] **Mary Brodeur:** Welcome.

[00:07:59] **Adriana:** My name is Adriana. I'm from St. Charles, and this is my first year at WorkCamp, and I go to Yorktown High School.

[00:08:06] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Oh, that's great. Okay.

[00:08:08] **Mary Brodeur:** Wonderful.

[00:08:11] **Julia:** My name's Julia. I am a rising senior at Chantilly High School, and I go to St. Timothy's, and this is my second year at WorkCamp Great.

[00:08:22] **Gabby:** I'm Gabby, and I go to St. Anthony of Padua. This... I go to Bishop Ireton High School, and I'm a rising junior, and this is my first WorkCamp Great.

[00:08:35] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** That's wonderful. So maybe just a couple questions we can raise with you and just get your response. But as young adults you have many options of how you will a week in the summer.

But you all decided to give this week to the Lord and to the service. So what, what made you do that? You want to start, James? W- why do you sacrifice and... Or not sacrifice, but why do you devote this week to, to this initiative?

[00:09:03] **James:** Yeah. It's a great question. I think over the course of the school year between all the different activities and even school itself, l- life can get really busy, and your priorities can be everywhere, especially coming into the summer.

So I think, at least for me, the past four years, WorkCamp has been a great opportunity to just recenter what my life really ought to be about. And I think just having Mass every day, having that adoration, having that confession, and

seeing... spending time and seeing the life of the residents, it really shows you what really matters in life.

And I think having that at the start of every summer has just been really meaningful.

[00:09:36] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** That's great, James. It helps reset our priorities, right? Exactly, yeah. Yeah. What were you going to say, Kateri?

[00:09:41] **Kateri:** I was going to actually say something pretty similar, that as busy as WorkCamp is and how as many people there are, it just feels so peaceful like amidst all the chaos and moving from site and place to place.

And it's just been, like, for me at least, just a very calm week just to be here with all these other awesome Catholic youth. So yeah. I feel like that's, It's similar, that it's just... It's a great kind of just break of kind of everyday life that's... It's different, but it's so beautiful, and it's amazing.

[00:10:08] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Thank you for sharing that, Kateri. How about you, Matthew?

[00:10:13] **Matthew:** Similar to what James and Kateri said, I come to WorkCamp to really grow in my faith and also help a lot of people and meet new friends. I really love working. It's actually fun for me. How great. Going on the job site, that's one of my favorite parts- Yeah ... of WorkCamp. And it's really great to connect with new people and grow my faith while I'm at it.

That's great. So you like to work, right? Yeah, I love it. Yeah. Yep. It gets that energy out, right? Yeah. That's excellent. How about over here on this side of the room? What do y'all think?

[00:10:42] **Gabby:** Yeah, I really enjoy coming here since this is my first time here. I really understand my relationship with God more, and I really...

It's like a s- I step out of my comfort zone, meeting new people, meeting new friendships. It's a truly, really wonderful experience, and it's a lot more than just tools, building, and being sweaty all the time. It's more about seeing how residents are and understanding the difficulties they go through and really showing why we are here.

[00:11:12] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Beautiful. Thank you for sharing that. Thank you.

[00:11:15] **Julia:** I think that, so the reason I came to WorkCamp was two of my friends came after we finished our freshman year, and it was just them, and then they came back and told us how great it was, and it made me excited to go the next year. Last year being my first year it was just so great to come in and meet everyone.

I love meeting new people and talking to new people, so being thrown in with five other people that you don't know is something that I actually really enjoyed. And it's just so nice to meet your residents. Just like Gabby said, learning about different people's experiences, even living so close to you, how people can live so different from you and have different livelihoods. It's very interesting.

[00:11:52] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Thank you. Thanks for sharing that.

[00:11:56] **Adriana:** I come to WorkCamp cause I wanted to get more closer to God. Also my friend said it was so much fun, and I'm like, I'm not going to do nothing this summer, so I think it's a great idea to go." And I'm loving it.

It's amazing. I get to meet new people, have fun, learn new things, and yeah.

[00:12:14] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** It's... So it sounds like all of you are having a wonderful week and a wonderful experience, and I'm so happy. One of the things I hear, I was telling Mr. Bohli this earlier, is this is one of the events that when I'm out in the parishes and meeting people, they'll-- This is one of the events people say, Bishop, I went to WorkCamp like eight years ago, and I have to tell you that, that changed my life."

[00:12:37] **Adriana:** I hear that repeatedly. So could you talk to me anyone who about how do you think this is changing you? Is there any way that WorkCamp is... You're already seeing that? Maybe it takes years for you to realize how WorkCamp changed you, but maybe you're seeing it now. If there's anything that is transformative happening while you're here.

[00:13:00] **Julia:** Yeah, go ahead. So last year being my first year at WorkCamp on the last day when our residents come in and we get to talk with them, and they can share their testimonies, and we can eat lunch with them, it's a really nice day. Something that Mr. Bohli says, and I'm sure he says it every year, but it's something that really stuck with me, was he says, "Everyone talks about how great WorkCamp is and how what a wonderful week it is."

And you said that, "It doesn't matter that you're here. You can do everything we're doing at WorkCamp right in your own community." Yeah. And the daily

Mass, everyone loves going to daily Mass. Every church has daily Mass. You can go to Mass every day. And serving your community, and you say, "Helping your neighbor," and I remember you were like, "Your literal neighbor right next door to you."

"Not your figurative neighbor, your next-door neighbor." Yeah. "See what they need." And I think it really changed me and changed my perspective because you come into youth group and WorkCamp and things like that, and you think what, "Wow, what a great two hours that was, what a great week that was," but you can really do it any time of the day, whenever.

[00:14:01] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Thank you. They're good points, Julia. Thank you. Thank you. Thanks for sharing that. Kateri?

[00:14:20] **Kateri:** Yeah. So this is my first WorkCamp, so obviously I might not be able to, notice everything yet 'cause I just started. Hopefully there'll be many more. But I'd say the main thing that I feel has already changed me is just being here, you...the sense of community and just how many other... just yesterday at adoration, just looking around, seeing so many other just Catholic teens just here and praying, and it's so beautiful because in the world, I think it's very easy to feel very lonely or just alone, especially just like you're looking around, you're like, "Oh, I'm just I'm just a Catholic kid.

There's not other people really like me." But being here makes me kind of open my eyes to see no, I'm totally not. There are so many other awesome people that can help me on and help each other on our journey to heaven.

[00:14:48] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** That's beautiful, cause that's why we're made, right? We're made to be in communion, yeah with each other and to help each other, right? Yeah. To encourage each other in faith to help each other get to heaven. But to witness that and to experience that, we're part of something bigger, aren't we, Kateri? Yes. Yes, 100%. Yeah. Anyone else about how does this transform you?

[00:15:05] **Matthew:** Adding on to what Julia said, I've really, since going to my first WorkCamp last year, I've done a lot more volunteering in my community, so it really changed my perspective since coming to WorkCamp. Also, on the faith side of things, I've become more involved in church. I joined youth leadership in my church, and I go almost every week when we have youth group, and I really try to recruit people, and I've gotten multiple people to come to youth group and even WorkCamp, and I feel like I've really made a change, like getting more people into Catholicism and, yeah, that's it.

[00:15:42] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** That's great, Matthew. So let me ask you a question, cause sometimes parents will say to me, Bishop, I really think my son, I really think my daughter would benefit from going to WorkCamp, but I just... I can't get him; I can't get her to go." So what do you say that has convinced people to say, "Give this a shot"?

[00:15:59] **Matthew:** Oh, I think it's really a life-changing experience. You get to help other people. You get to meet a lot new, a lot of new people, and you can really grow as a person and grow in your faith. It's just a great experience.

[00:16:12] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** That's good. Have any of you else had any success in trying to tell people why it might be worth them trying to do this?

James?

[00:16:24] **James:** I think I rely more on the fact that I think my friends would trust me, especially- Yeah ... cause I've gone to- Yeah ... it's my fourth year. I've, we've had to raise money every year to, to come here. And I think just they can tell that when people talk about WorkCamp, there's definitely a different sort of joy and hope that you walk away with after seeing- as like Katrina mentioned, all of like just the community here and all of the different residents and projects that y- get accomplished over the course of the week. And it really does... you can tell it changes people. Yeah, you c-

[00:16:50] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** And it helps when we talk from experience. Yeah. That's good. Yeah, exactly. That's, that is wonderful. Julia, have you had any chance in telling, sharing with others why it might be important?

[00:17:00] **Julia:** Something that when I was coming to WorkCamp I was nervous about was just the concept of sleepaway camp. That was never really my thing. And just hearing from my two friends about how great it was, they were able to convince me.

And I will say that once you get here, they keep you busy in the best way possible. You really don't have time to sit and miss home. And it's just, it's such a great experience just being able to start your morning with the Lord and all of your friends and people that you've known from your church and people that you just met. And it's a really nice rewarding week.

[00:17:33] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Yeah. So Gabby, this is your, first WorkCamp So what's been your biggest surprise?

[00:17:38] **Gabby:** My biggest surprise is I'd say how much people really connect with each other. I didn't think that complete strangers in the room would become such close friends. I cl- I've been really close with these people here, and I think it's a wonderful experience because I would never do this out in the open.

I could not go up to a stranger and just talk to them. But here it was like God was really connecting to us. It was like, "Just do it." It was really sweet.

[00:18:04] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** That is really, that's beautiful. Mary, do you have any questions for these wonderful WorkCampers?

[00:18:09] **Mary Brodeur:** I do actually. If you, has anyone thought of a resolution that they might bring back to their parish and their school communities from this WorkCamp experience?

[00:18:19] **Gabby:** Definitely go to adoration a lot more- ... because adoration last night was really beautiful, and like growing with God really shows me how I can be myself more and how I can just show up a lot more to other people and help my community.

[00:18:35] **Mary Brodeur:** That's beautiful.

[00:18:36] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** That is excellent. Now one of the things about WorkCamp too is there's no social media, right?

So you give up even the telephone for the week, right? You give up the phone and there's no social media, is there? Yes. How's that? How's that go?

[00:18:52] **James:** I think it's an amazing part of WorkCamp. I think that really helps reset, just to be able to step out of the world and all the busyness and enter into, I think, a new type of business.

But it really it just is a really good break from all of that, and you learn that you really don't need to be attached- ... at all,

[00:19:08] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Do you sense a freedom, some freedom- Yeah ... that comes with that, right?

[00:19:12] **James:** Yeah, it's hard to tell what's the peace of leaving social media and the peace of Christ- Right

and being at Mass every day. Yeah. But there's definitely a peace.

[00:19:18] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** And that we actually can do it. Exactly. We can actually put it away. It's amazing, right? How about you, Kateri? Is that, was it difficult for you?

[00:19:27] **Kateri:** So I don't have a phone. So for me- Yeah ... it's just normal. Okay. It's fun to see other people cause I do have several friends that, they're, they're just on their phone sometimes, and it's fine.

But it is really exciting, to see the same way James said you really don't need it. And I'm not allowed to get a phone until I can drive. So it's kind of just, I don't know reassuring, to see, like, all these other people. Once I do actually have my own phone and my own, everything to take care of online it's just really good to know that it's fine to put it away time to time.

You're going to survive. There's nothing wrong with giving a break.

[00:19:58] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Yeah. One of the positive developments I've seen about it is I've actually seen cameras again. Yes. I never see... I- I haven't seen cameras. Yeah, exactly. Same thing. Everyone's taking pictures with their phone. But since you don't have phones- Yeah

people say, "Bishop, can I have a picture?" I'm like, "How are you going to take a picture? You don't have a phone." They go, "I have a camera." An old-fashioned camera. And I was like-

[00:20:15] **Kateri:** I got a disposable camera just for this weekend. Yeah. It was great.

[00:20:17] **Mary Brodeur:** Oh, that's awesome.

[00:20:18] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** One student was someone gave him the camera to take the picture, said, "Can you take the picture?"

And he looks at it like he's never seen it before. He goes, "How do I get it to start?" I'm like, "What?" So it is, there is freedom, and just the reminders. And, but actually, it's what Pope Leo just spoke about in his first major document, his first encyclical is he says for us to know, as you said, James, peace and joy in

our lives- our companionships have to be with those things that are real- Yes ... not artificial. That sadly, we know that even in this day and age, people are going to AI and things like that for companionship. It's artificial. But everything about WorkCamp is real, right? Yes. You and see the friendships that are growing and how you're helping each other is just absolutely marvelous.

Is there anything... You have a chance now to speak to Mr. Bohli. Is there anything that you would suggest to enhance the experience here at WorkCamp? There, that's a good question, Mr. Bohli. Great. Pressure's on.

[00:21:23] **Gabby:** It's already such a great experience that it's hard to think of something you can add.

[00:21:26] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** That's great.

[00:21:26] **Gabby:** I feel like every single little bit of time is filled with something that's very meaningful. You can tell it's been very well thought out, every little aspect, so I really appreciate it. Thank you.

[00:21:34] **Kevin Bohli:** Thank you so much.

[00:21:36] **Gabby:** You're welcome.

[00:21:37] **Kevin Bohli:** That's wonderful. Bishop, it is funny that, we take away their cell phones but then I had some adults help me cause we keep a pretty tight ship around here in terms of the clock.

And so I tell them, "All right, you have to start getting re- ready for bed at 9:30 PM." And the adult comes up and says they don't have any clocks. They have no idea what time it is." So we gotta start giving them watches because they don't know what time it is- ... 'cause they're so used to just looking at their phones.

But I will say that it's beautiful when you walk into a cafeteria and you have, hundreds of young people just talking to each other and just hanging out. And not a single person ignoring everybody and sitting there looking at the phone, and the adults as well. And so it's just, it's beautiful that we are, as you said, we're meant to be in community.

And a real community, not an artificial community. So that's a big part of what makes WorkCamp such a beautiful experience for all of us.

[00:22:18] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Yeah, I, I- that's what I would say. I think I said to you last evening, I said the one word that came to my mind last night being here with all of you was joy, right?

And I, I think some people, maybe many of your peers, might even say, "Joy? You're up at 6:00 in the morning." "You're out in the sun working all day," right? "All day. You're without your phone. You're without your social media. How can you find joy?" And you answer the question, don't you, by saying, "I find joy by being with God, giving him some quality time, reflecting with him, and serving others," and that will always bring us joy.

So I think, Julia, as you said earlier, these are some of the things that we apply to daily life, not just while we're at WorkCamp, right? So what would you say, in your relationship with the Lord, how, what does WorkCamp do to enhance that relationship? I know, we talked about adoration and confessions, but how about like on a, like a more intimate level?

How has WorkCamp deepened your relationship with the Lord?

[00:23:29] **Julia:** I think coming here and being able to go to adoration and stand in line for confession and go to daily Mass with some of my best friends every single morning, I think that's something really special, and something that I'm blessed with, to have a good group of friends that are all... w- who all love Jesus as much as I do.

And also come in, just like Kateri was saying earlier, with 800 new people that you've never met before, and it feels like you're not alone, and it makes you know that the youth does love Jesus- ... as much as you do, even though, especially me going to public school, it might not feel like that sometimes.

It might feel like a minority. But I think it's a really good experience. And that adoration, everyone says it, and I... When I was telling some of the people on our crew it's their first year of WorkCamp, I was... They were asking questions about adoration last night, and I was like, "You really can't explain it.

It's just so amazing, and honestly one of the best nights of the year every single year."

[00:24:27] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** That is beautiful. Thanks. Thanks, Julia. Thanks for sharing that. So your crew chiefs are giving me the evil eye over there. They're saying, "We gotta get to work, Bishop. We got a lot of work to do today."

"Let's wrap this up." Is there anything that we haven't talked about that... Just think about people who are listening to this podcast. They're people of all ages many of whom don't know anything about WorkCamp Is there anything you would like them to hear from you about WorkCamp that we haven't mentioned, just as a parting message?

Maybe we could just go around so everyone has a final word here to be able to talk. So how about w- we'll go we'll go over to this side. Adriana?

[00:25:06] **Adriana:** I'll say it's definitely worth coming here. You're gonna have fun. You're gonna feel good after you leave the camp. And that's it.

[00:25:18] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Okay. Thank you.

Julia, what's your parting word for, again, just not l- not just people your age, but people just hearing about WorkCamp for the first time. What else should we tell them about WorkCamp?

[00:25:27] **Julia:** I think WorkCamp is a life-changing experience. If you have the opportunity to come, I think you most definitely should.

Kinda like I was saying earlier, I think the main premise of WorkCamp is you can explain it as much as you can, but you really have to experience it. And I would just 100% come every single time that you can. It's really one of the best weeks, and it's so rewarding.

[00:25:48] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** That's great. Thank you, Julia.

Gabby?

[00:25:51] **Gabby:** Yeah, at first I didn't really think that I would enjoy it this much, but now that I'm here, I really do because you really experience new things that you never thought you would ever do outside of your normal life, and sometimes you might actually really like it. I never thought building a deck would be so fun.

Turns out it was. So yeah, I think everybody should come to WorkCamp if they can, because everything that we experience should be something that everyone experiences.

[00:26:16] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** That is great. So how about on this side of the table we'll talk about to our listeners of the podcast who, through their generosity and support, allow us to have this event every year.

What would you like to thank them for, Kateri?

[00:26:30] **Kateri:** Yes. Thank you so much first of all. Everyone here, as you probably heard, like, all of our answers, we just love it so much. And every single person that I've seen there's no one that's "Oh, I wish this wasn't at WorkCamp anymore." Everyone just enjoys it so deeply.

And so just w- know that we are praying for you, and we thank you so much for your donation to allow us to come.

[00:26:49] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Thank you. That's a beautiful... Thank you for reminding people we're praying for them, too, as well. James?

[00:26:54] **James:** Yeah. Obviously, it takes a lot to get this done. So thank you so much for any contributions that were given, especially it's in good hands.

Kevin Bohli and his team have just done an amazing job, especially, what's, what was it, 1,500 people here? It's the most well-run thing that I've really experienced on this scale. And yeah, it's just thank you for giving us a chance to have this life-changing event, even four times in a row.

[00:27:15] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Grateful to you too, James. Thank you. All right, Matthew, you have the final word.

[00:27:20] **Matthew:** Oh, I just wanna end it off with, if you're unsure, just come to WorkCamp. Even if you're not a kid, you can still go. I got my mom to come, and she loves it. So yeah, just come to WorkCamp. It's great. That's great.

[00:27:33] **Bishop Michael Burbidge:** Thank you, Matthew.

You've all have been such a great delight to have this conversation with. Thank you so much for taking time. Thanks for your crew chiefs for giving us some of your time here today before you get to work. And I hope and pray that the remaining part of this week will continue to bring you and your peers continued blessings.

No doubt you have more work to do still, but the Lord probably has some work to do for y- within you too, so stay open to whatever God is trying to speak to

your heart throughout this week. And thank you. You make us very proud, and we're grateful for this conversation. And we'll keep praying for each other, that we'll stay close to the Lord and always walk humbly with our God.

[00:28:14] **Lauren Chen:** Thank you for joining us on Walk Humbly, where Bishop Burbidge shares the joy of the Gospel through conversations on Catholic culture, faith, and family. Connect with Walk Humbly and Bishop Burbidge by texting WalkHumbly, all one phrase, to 845-76 for occasional alerts and updates. Walk Humbly welcomes listener questions for Bishop Burbidge.

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