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A child smiles as her family stands before an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Michael Parish in Sebree on Dec. 11, 2019, the evening before the feast day. **Page 14**



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A Word From Bishop Medley

My dear brothers and sisters,

Though the Diocese of Owensboro was established by a decree of Pope Pius XI in 1937, it was not until 1985 that a diocesan newspaper was created. The first edition of *The Western Kentucky Catholic* was published in January 1985. It was Bishop John J. McRaith, then just over two years the third Bishop of Owensboro, who founded the diocesan newspaper as a monthly publication. Assessing the needs of the local Church, he realized that communication was a vital obligation of the Church. In the 1980s, newspapers, television, and radio were the prime means of communicating.

Bishop McRaith chose as the editor of this venture Mel Howard, then a teacher at Trinity High School in Whitesville. Mel went on to serve as editor for 30 years until he retired in 2015. During that time he was often a staff of one: reporter, photographer, and editor.

Since the 1980s the modes by which people receive their news and entertainment have evolved greatly. The internet was born as part of the digital age. We know from studies that most people under the age of 50 never look at a newspaper or magazine. All of their media exposure comes from computers and cellphones. Many dioceses in the last decade have ceased publishing a newspaper. We explored this option and sought some advice from national studies. We came to realize that the people most likely to actively follow our diocese's communications are still people who appreciate a print edition. In the meantime we have expanded our communications to include extensive online materials and *The*

Western Kentucky Catholic is available online every month.

Mel Howard was succeeded at the newspaper by Elizabeth Barnstead and she makes up a communications team with Tina Kasey and Laura Rigsby. Among their monthly products is a brief video produced every month called *Across the Diocese* seeking to highlight events and initiatives.

Last month I made my *ad limina* visit to Rome. This is required of each bishop every five years when he goes with other bishops to meet with the pope and to pray at the tombs of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Among our many meetings during that week was one with the Dicastery for Communications. This is memorable because this department of the Holy See is not headed by a cardinal, or bishop, or even a priest. The prefect of this office and the staff are young, talented lay men and women with expertise in modern communications. But more than their expertise, they are people of faith taking rightful and appropriate places in service to the Gospel and the Church.

Men and women in communications today stand in a long line of tradition dating back to the Old Testament of writers who seek to communicate God's revelation. These include King David, the great prophets, and unnamed writers who recorded the stories of God's Chosen People. The tradition continues with St. Paul and the evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John of the New Testament.

In our discussions with the Dicastery for Communications we asked for suggestions for counteracting the secular (and sometimes even religious) media who seem intent on tearing the Church down rather

BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR

JANUARY 2020

JAN 4	11:00 AM Opening Mass for National Migration Week – St. Stephen Cathedral
JAN 5-9	Region V Bishops' Retreat – New Orleans Retreat Center
JAN 12	10:00 AM Confirmation – Immaculate Parish, Owensboro
JAN 13	10:00 am Priest Personnel Board Meeting – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC) 3:00 PM Priests' Council Meeting – St. Meinrad, Indiana
JAN 13-16	Priests' Convocation – St. Meinrad, Indiana
JAN 21	8:15 AM Mass – Christ the King School, Madisonville 6:00 PM Diocesan Review Board Meeting – MCC
JAN 22	12:05 PM Respect Life Mass – St. Stephen Cathedral 6:00 PM Diocesan Finance Council Meeting – MCC
JAN 24 - FEB 13	Pilgrimage to India & Myanmar

than building up the Body of Christ. They reminded us to preach the Gospel, to "tell the Good News."

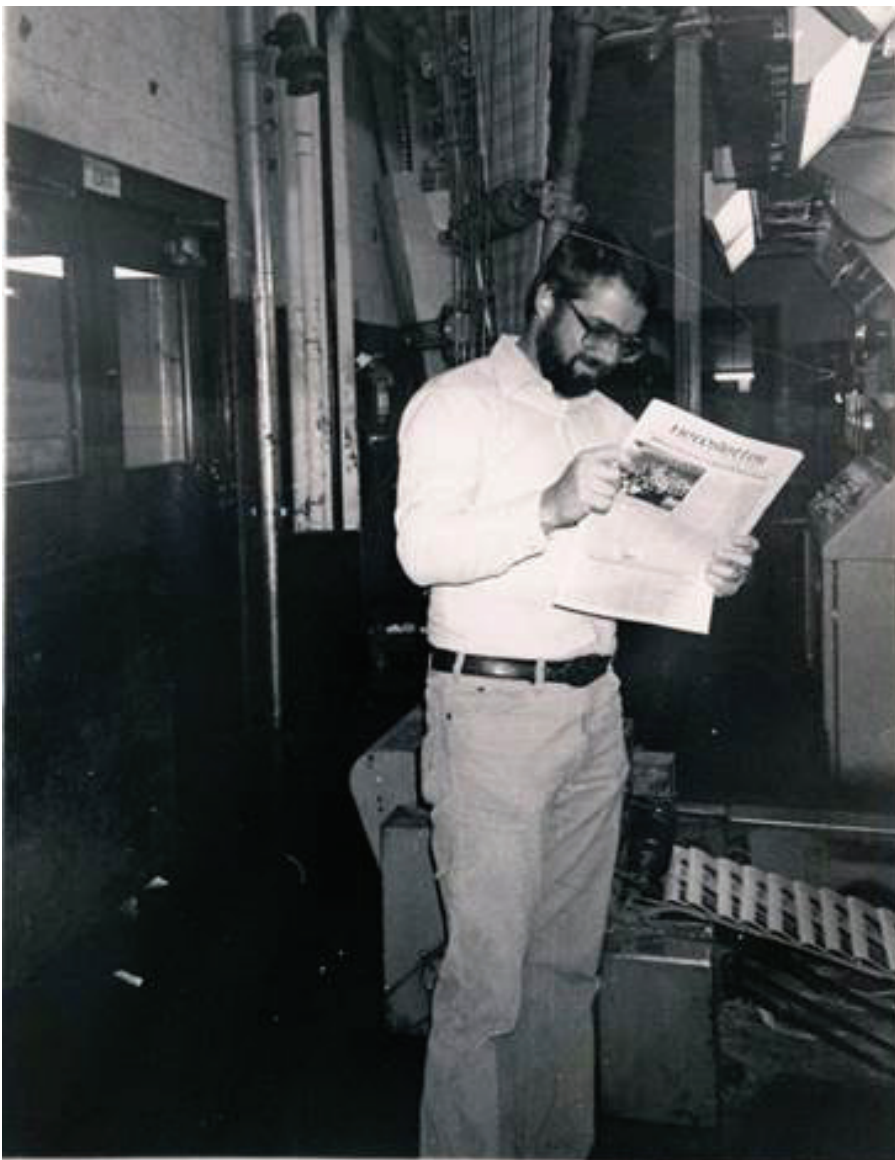
Thanks to all who have contributed to the 35-year success of *The Western Kentucky Catholic*. You have heralded the Good News and the proclamation of the Gospel has prospered. ■

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

Celebrating 35 years of The Western Kentucky Catholic, continuing the legacy of diocesan communications in 2020



NORMA TIPSON | ARCHIVES PHOTO

Mel Howard, editor, holds a copy of the October 1984 edition of the Diocese of Owensboro's newsletter, the precursor of The Western Kentucky Catholic. This edition is the first to be printed on a web press (typically used for high-volume printing of magazines and newspapers).

In January 1985, the Diocese of Owensboro published the inaugural issue of the newspaper you are reading right now. While a newsletter had been printed since 1974, founding editor, Mel Howard, and Bishop John J. McRaith, determined that the diocese needed to take the next step and have its own newspaper. On page 2 of that first issue, Mel wrote an editorial titled “Does Owensboro Diocese need its own newspaper?” in which he introduced the WKC to the diocese and laid out the paper’s goals and objectives. That article is reprinted on the next page.

Much has changed since 1985. Mel retired in 2015, and I assumed the role of editor. The Office of Communications has since expanded to include director of communications, Tina Kasey, and digital media specialist, Laura Rigsby. The communications office now films a monthly video series with Bishop William F. Medley called *Across the Diocese*; has an active social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter; publishes a monthly email newsletter; does graphic design projects for diocesan offices; releases social media videos periodically about happenings in the diocese; and offers support and consultation for our parishes and schools seeking to better evangelize the culture through graphic design and social media.

Again, much has changed. But we also hope that much has remained the same. As readers will find on the next page, some of the original goals of the WKC included providing “the inspiration of witnessing Christ working through the people,” as well as being an “important channel of communication.”

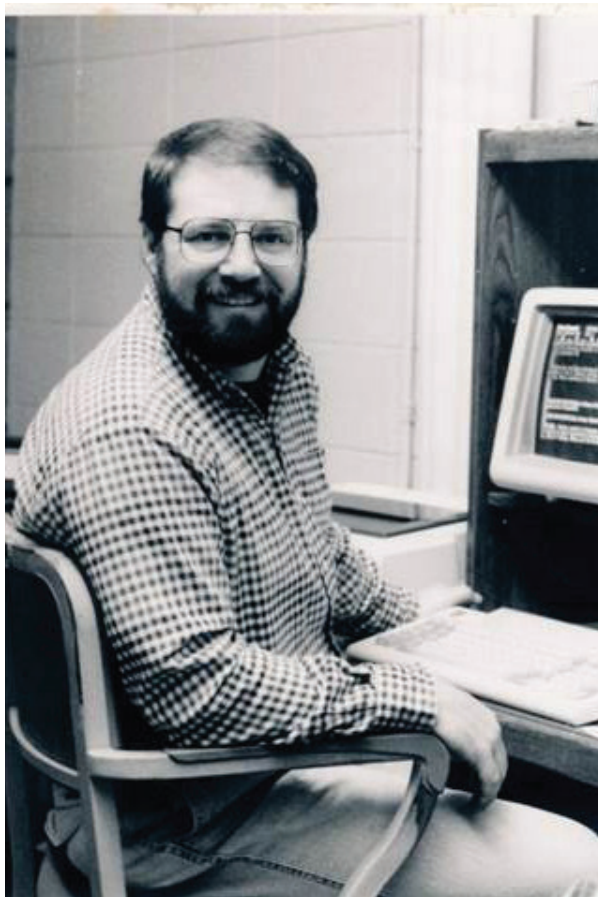
In that editorial in 1985, Mel wrote that these are weighty considerations. As we enter 2020, we in the Office of Communications strive to take these weighty considerations seriously. There is too much at stake, here in the Catholic Church in the 21st century, to do otherwise.

We hope that we are continuing the legacy, begun by Mel and Bishop McRaith, of communicating truth to the local Church.

Learn more at owensborodiocese.org/communications. ■

- Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, editor, *The Western Kentucky Catholic*

‘Does Owensboro Diocese need its own newspaper?’



ARCHIVES PHOTO

In 1991, Mel Howard, editor of *The Western Kentucky Catholic* and director of the Office of Communications, sits in front of the computer used for desktop publishing of diocesan publications.

BY MEL HOWARD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Originally printed in the January 1985 issue of The Western Kentucky Catholic.

The Western Kentucky Catholic is the newspaper of the diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky. It provides information about the people of our local church



ARCHIVES PHOTO

In 1986, Pastoral Center employee Donna Biggs, Sr. Rachel Willett, SCN, and Mel Howard box up stacks of *Western Kentucky Catholic* newspapers for UPS shipping to parishes across the diocese.

in Western Kentucky. This information is essential to the creation of a sense of identity for the diocese. Such information gives us necessary knowledge for our participation and provides the inspiration of witnessing Christ working through the people.

The *Western Kentucky Catholic* can have an important role for the general society of our diocese. This paper offers a means of seeing how news events are

perceived and evaluated within the Catholic community. Such an expression of Catholic perception can be helpful in the efforts at ecumenism and inter-religious understanding. It contributes to the work of evangelization.

The *Western Kentucky Catholic* serves as an instrument within the church by which Catholic agencies, institutions and officials can give an accounting

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to the Catholic community. It *provides a link* by which the many diocesan activities and organizations of the church can be seen as related to one another and can be recognized as elements of a total church life.

The **Western Kentucky Catholic's** editorials, articles and letters from readers provide the community with an important **channel of communication** with the official leadership of the church. It is important for church officials to understand the thinking and the sensitivities of the community if they are to provide effective leadership.

These are weighty considerations. There is another – the finances of this newspaper. The **Western Kentucky Catholic** can make an important contribution to the life of the church in the Owensboro diocese. At a time when economic pressures constitute a real threat to the existence and service of a number of other Catholic publications, this contribution needs to be seen realistically. *Are the five information services listed above needed in the diocese of Owensboro? Will pastors and parish administrators support the Western Kentucky Catholic by contributing parish news, activities and by encouraging the people in parishes to support the paper?*

The argument that we don't need this new expense may be taken by persons who feel the Owensboro diocese did very well without a newspaper. This is a question for debate depending on whether the person be left, right or middle-of-road in philosophy and theology. For a pastor or parish administrator, the side of this issue he takes may depend upon whether he thinks the paper provides what helps him minister to his congregation.

While financial independence is a goal of the **Western Kentucky Catholic**, it will not come quickly. *Do diocesan Catholics think the newspaper can contribute in important ways to the Church in Western Kentucky? Should not the service of a Catholic newspaper be seen as comparable to other services whose subsidy our diocese has taken for granted? No one expects the Catholic schools to be self-supporting; nor Catholic social services; nor the tribunal. They are supported because they are seen as valuable services to the total Catholic community.*

Response to these four questions from parishes, institutions and individuals is important to help determine the information needs of the diocese. Signed letters representing diocesan opinions will be printed. Space considerations and editorial discretion may prevent publication of some letters. But don't let that discourage any one. The priests' council, Bishop McRaith, and the editor need to know what you think. ■



FILE PHOTO
Mel Howard in November 2002, wearing a shirt with the WKC logo on it.

‘It makes you feel more united’ The man who named ‘The Western Kentucky Catholic’ looks back on 35 years of his diocese’s paper

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Thirty-five years after giving The Western Kentucky Catholic its name in 1985, Robert “Bob”

Devine has kept up with the diocesan newspaper, and says “it’s really been good.”

The year was 1984 and Devine was 35 years old when he learned that the Diocese of Owensboro was

holding a contest to name its new newspaper.

“We need a name. The name has to catch attention and has to say something about whose paper this is. The paper is the voice of the Bishop and all

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the Catholics in the Western Kentucky area,” read the message printed in the October 1984 newsletter of the Diocese of Owensboro.

At the time, the eight-page newsletter (begun by Bishop Henry J. Soenneker in 1974) was the only way Bishop John J. McRaith could communicate about events and activities to the people of his diocese.

But Bishop McRaith – and editor at the time, Mel Howard – knew that the diocese needed a larger publication to cover and report on all that was happening in the sprawling Kentucky diocese.

“Well, we’re in western Kentucky and we’re all Catholic.”

Since the paper was truly meant to represent every person of the diocese, Howard decided to ask readers for their input in naming the newspaper.

“The winner will receive \$25, his or her picture in this paper and a smorgasbord dinner at the Executive Inn with Bishop McRaith,” Howard wrote. “Every suggestion will be considered. The final decision will be made by the staff at the Pastoral Center after much prayer and thought about what our diocese’s paper should be called.”

Howard added that, “if you’ve been thinking about a dandy name for a paper but just never could find one to listen to you, this chance is for you.”

Devine, a member of Precious Blood Parish in Owensboro, gave this some thought.

“Well, we’re in western Kentucky and we’re all Catholic,” Devine told the WKC in a Dec. 12, 2019 interview. “I tried to cover the criteria they were asking.”

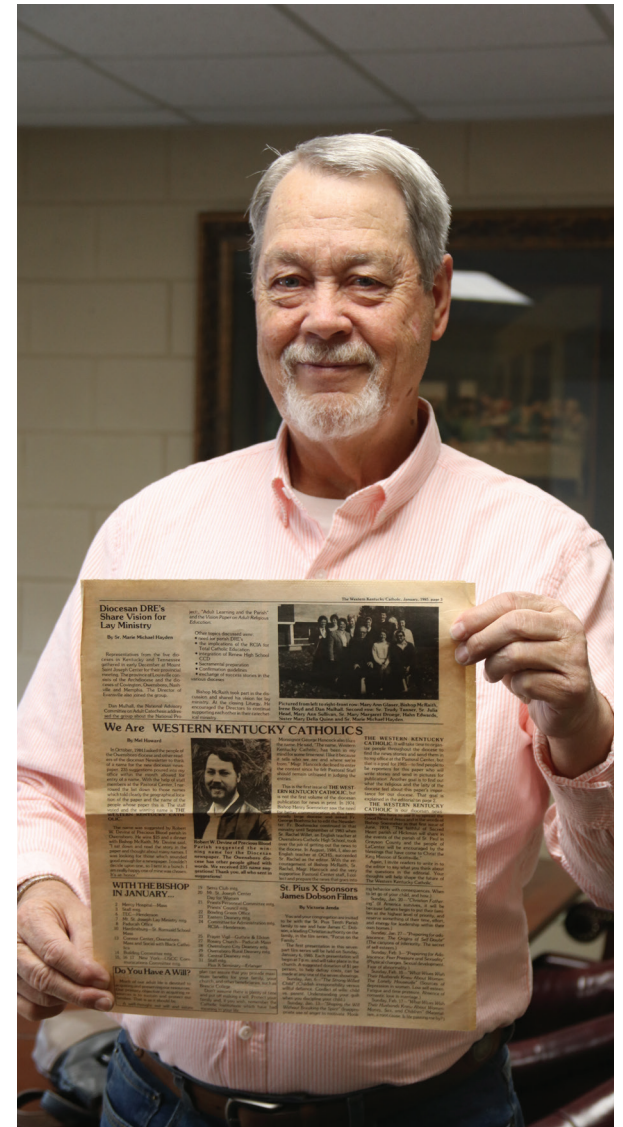


ARCHIVES PHOTO
(Left) Robert “Bob” Devine in 1984, when he named The Western Kentucky Catholic. (Right) On Dec. 12, 2019, Robert “Bob” Devine holds the January 1985 issue of The Western Kentucky Catholic open to the article about his winning the newspaper name contest.

Devine ended up submitting multiple options, one of which was “The Western Kentucky Catholic.”

The staff of the Pastoral Center voted, and the name was chosen.

When Devine found out he had won, “It was neat,” he said. He and his wife, Sandy, went to din-



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC
ner with the bishop – and though Sandy Devine said she was “a nervous wreck,” their conversation ended up being “casual talk.”

Devine said he does not recall all that they talked about at dinner, but he does remember Bishop McRaith clearly being “just one of us,” and wanting

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to keep people involved and sharing input for the young newspaper.

On page 3 of the inaugural issue of The Western Kentucky Catholic - January 1985 - Howard wrote in an article titled “We Are WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLICS” that 235 suggestions had been submitted.

He said the Pastoral Center staff had helped him narrow down the list to those which “told clearly the geographical location of the paper and the name of the people whose paper this is,” Howard wrote.

Howard went on to write that “The Western Kentucky Catholic is our diocesan newspaper. We have to use it to spread the Good News of Jesus and in the words of Bishop Soenneker in that first issue of June, 1974, ‘The faithful of Sacred Heart parish of Hickman will share in the events of the parish of St. Paul in Grayson County and the people of LaCenter will be encouraged by the blessings that have come to Christ the King Mission of Scottsville.’”

Devine, who still belongs to Precious Blood and will turn 70 on his next birthday, said he has certainly experienced trials in his life - including a kidney transplant - but that he feels “truly blessed” today.

He has also kept up with The Western Kentucky Catholic and is pleased with how the newspaper has turned out.

“It keeps you informed about what’s going on,” said Devine. “It makes you feel more united.” ■

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ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

On Dec. 12, 2019, Sandy and Robert “Bob” Devine look through a copy of the first issue of The Western Kentucky Catholic, dated January 1985, which they have kept.

‘We’re all working together in this’

Bishop Medley feels blessed to meet with pope, Vatican offices

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

When Bishop William F. Medley was in Rome for his ad limina Apostolorum visit from Dec. 1-8, his favorite part was getting to be in the presence of Pope Francis – the successor of St. Peter.

The “ad limina,” as it is often called, translates from Latin to mean “to the threshold of the apostles.” It requires (by canon law, the law of the Roman Catholic Church) that every five years a diocesan bishop take a written report on his diocese to the pope.

Canon law also requires that in addition to presenting himself before the pope, the bishop venerate the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Bishop Medley’s first ad limina was in 2012. But as is usual when a new pope is elected, after Pope Benedict XVI resigned and Pope Francis was elected in 2013, the ad limina schedule was set back slightly.

Bishop Medley traveled to Rome with bishops from Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana – comprising Region V of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops – and with them met Pope Francis on Dec. 4.

They had been told ahead of time that the pope would have no prepared remarks. And so, after the pope told them where they could find the restrooms, he sat and listened as the bishops took the opportunity to share what was going on in their local regions.

“He met with us for two hours and 45 minutes,”



COURTESY OF L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

Bishop Medley shakes hands with Pope Francis when meeting the morning of Dec. 4, 2019, during the bishop’s ad limina visit.

Bishop Medley told the WKC on Dec. 16 after he had returned to Kentucky. The bishop said this was a longer period than usual, but they were meeting with the bishops from another region that day as well, totaling 38 bishops.

Bishop Medley said the pope genuinely listened to the input shared by the bishops.

Another aspect of the trip included meeting with the Vatican’s various dicasteries, or offices. Like their meeting with the pope, Bishop Medley said the dicasteries emphasized that “we are here to serve

you, and we are here to answer any questions you may have.”

Bishop Medley explained that while his ad limina in 2012 was a good experience, there was more of a focus on reading a script to the bishops, versus this ad limina’s “what do you want us to hear and what do you want to ask us about.”

He said the heads of the dicasteries were clearly “on the same page as Pope Francis.”

Bishop Medley appreciated that “they were genuinely listening and responding to us, to know that

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COURTESY OF L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO

Bishop Medley was one of the bishops of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana who traveled to Rome in December for their ad limina visits.

we're all working together in all this," he said.

The bishop said it was "especially edifying to go to the dicastery for communications." He said that while a priest was part of the staff, the head of the dicastery was a lay man, and most of the staff were lay men and lay women.

"It was very fascinating to talk to them," said Bishop Medley, explaining that it was previously typical for the heads of dicasteries to be clergy, and for clergy to make up much of the staff.

Bishop Medley said that his group went each day to celebrate Mass at one of the four major basilicas in Rome - St. Peter's Basilica, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls.

"Always when we were at places like that, I stood in the line of tens, maybe millions of people who have stood and prayed there for centuries," said the bishop, reflecting on "those pillars of Roman Catholicism."

But in the end, he was most impacted by meeting Pope Francis, getting to be "in his presence and understanding that he is the successor of St. Peter, and also for the second time in 10 years as a bishop to have met two popes."

"It was a blessing," said Bishop Medley. ■

Bishop Medley visits the Vatican's '100 cribs' exhibit



COURTESY OF BISHOP MEDLEY

This nativity scene was crocheted, and features a crocheted Pope Francis.



COURTESY OF BISHOP MEDLEY

This little town of Bethlehem was made entirely of pasta.

BY WKC STAFF

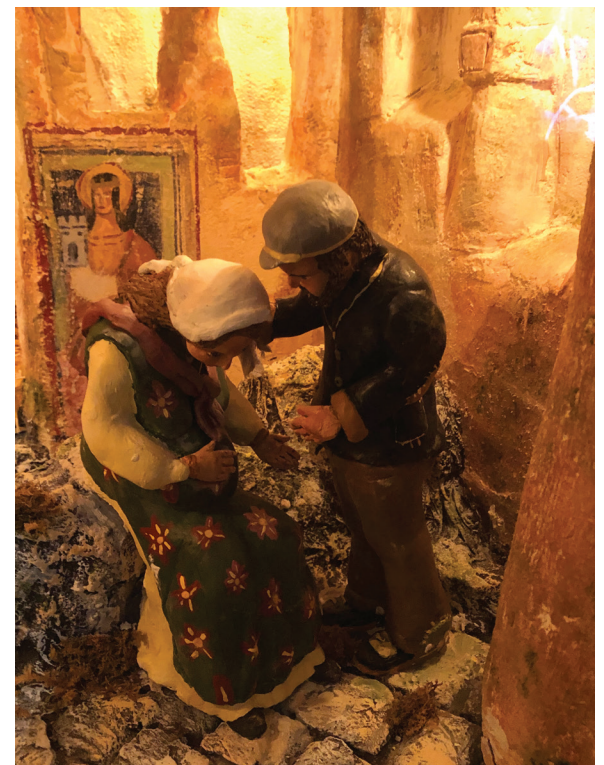
Besides his ad limina obligations, Bishop William F. Medley had the opportunity to visit the Vatican's annual exhibit of nativity scenes, known as the 100 Presepi (or "cribs," translated from Italian). The more than 150 nativity scenes are on display in Pius X Hall in Via del Ospedale near St. Peter's Basilica.

The tradition of the 100 Presepi has taken place for 44 years now. This year, it is hosted by the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization.

Bishop Medley said he saw sets that included one made from repurposed vinyl records, one constructed of pasta, and a crocheted set featuring a tiny crocheted Pope Francis.

The bishop said he enjoyed the exhibit so much that he visited it a second time during his stay in Rome.

According to Vatican News, this year's exhibition will run until Jan. 12, 2020.



COURTESY OF BISHOP MEDLEY

This display shows Joseph caring for Mary who is in labor.

Pope's letter on nativity scenes shares the story behind a beloved Christmas tradition

BY COURTNEY MARES, CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

Greccio, Italy (CNA) - Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter Dec. 1 on the meaning and importance of nativity scenes, calling for this “wonderful sign” to be more widely displayed in family homes and public places throughout the world.

“The enchanting image of the Christmas crèche, so dear to the Christian people, never ceases to arouse amazement and wonder. The depiction of Jesus’ birth is itself a simple and joyful proclamation of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God,” Pope Francis wrote in *Admirabile signum*, meaning “A wonderful sign” in Latin.

“With this letter, I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas, but also the custom of setting it up in the workplace, in schools, hospitals, prisons and town squares,” he said.

Pope Francis traveled to the Italian town of Greccio - where St. Francis of Assisi created the first nativity scene in 1223 - where the pope signed the letter on the first day of Advent.

“In front of the crib we discover how important it is for our life, so often frenetic, to find moments of silence and prayer. The silence to behold the beauty of the face of the baby Jesus, the Son of God, born in a lowly stable,” Pope Francis said in *Greccio Dec. 1*.

The letter details the story behind St. Francis’ first nativity scene, or crèche. The saint asked a

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Pope Francis kisses baby Jesus during Christmas Mass in St. Peter's Basilica Dec. 24, 2018.

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friend 15 days before Christmas to help him prepare “to bring to life” the memory of Christ’s birth in Bethlehem.

“When St. Francis arrived, he found a manger full of hay, an ox and a donkey. All those present experienced a new and indescribable joy in the presence of the Christmas scene. The priest then solemnly celebrated the Eucharist over the manger, showing the bond between the Incarnation of the Son of God and the Eucharist. At Greccio there were no statues; the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present,” the letter explains.

The first biographer of St. Francis, Thomas of Celano, wrote that someone present at the Mass had a vision of the baby Jesus himself lying in the manger.

“Setting up the Christmas crèche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem.”

“In a particular way, from the time of its Franciscan origins, the nativity scene has invited us to ‘feel’ and ‘touch’ the poverty that God’s Son took upon himself in the Incarnation. Implicitly, it summons us to follow him along the path of humility, poverty and self-denial that leads from the manger of Bethlehem to the cross,” Pope Francis wrote.

The apostolic letter contains a meditation on the meaning and symbolism of different elements found in a nativity scene, including St. Augustine’s reflection on the significance of Jesus, the bread of life, being laid in a manger where animals feed: “Laid in

a manger, he became our food.”

“Setting up the Christmas crèche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem,” Pope Francis wrote.

“When, at Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take into our arms. Beneath weakness and frailty, he conceals his power that creates and transforms all things,” he said.

Pope Francis encouraged parents to share this nativity tradition with their children, and said that one’s childhood memories of the joy and wonder of the nativity help one to recall the “precious gift” of faith passed down within families.

The pope also gave his approval for children and adults who love to add to the nativity scene other figures that have no apparent connection with the Gospel accounts, as is a common practice in Italy and parts of Latin America.

“From the shepherd to the blacksmith, from the baker to the musicians, from the women carrying jugs of water to the children at play: all this speaks of the everyday holiness, the joy of doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way, born whenever Jesus shares his divine life with us,” he said.

On Dec. 5, the Vatican nativity scene will be revealed and the Christmas tree in St. Peter’s Square will be illuminated.

“As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man in order to encounter every man and woman. We come to realize that so great is his love for us that he became one of us, so that we in turn might become one with him,” Pope Francis said. ■

Q&A Tribunal Explains

The myth: Only my pastor can help me pursue a declaration of invalidity (annulment).

The facts:

All priests and deacons in the diocese are trained to be advocates for those who are seeking a declaration of invalidity. There are also many lay advocates trained throughout the diocese to assist with the process. It is your preference and with whom you would be most comfortable walking this journey towards healing.

The Office of the Diocesan Tribunal is a ministry designed to help individuals in the healing process by seeking clarification with regard to their marriage. If you have questions, please contact the Tribunal at 270-683-1545 or tribunal@pastoral.org.

Mount Saint Joseph celebrates Our Lady of Guadalupe with special Mass

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

A special Spanish celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe took place in Maple Mount, Ky., in 2019. The Dec. 11 Mass occurred the evening before the feast day. Sr. Sara Mara Gomez wanted to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe here in Kentucky. She retired to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse this year after serving almost 30 years in New Mexico as a pastoral minister, director of religious education, and religion teacher. She had help with planning from Sr. Fran Wilhelm, who also ministered with Hispanics for nearly 30 years after founding Centro Latino in Stanley, Ky., (which moved to Owensboro, Ky., in 2000). Sr. Fran retired to the Motherhouse in June 2018. Sr. Sara Marie and Sr. Fran sang Spanish hymns along with visiting Latino singers.

Also participating in the Mass was Sr. Luisa Bickett, who carried up a Guadalupe statue and placed it on the altar. Sr. Luisa was a teacher and principal in New Mexico in the 1950s and 1960s. Her ministry was in Chile from 1965-1983, where she served as a teacher and pastoral minister. When Sr. Luisa provided pastoral outreach in Ohio County, Ky., from 1984-2011, she helped many Latinos from Guatemala and Mexico who had come to work in the chicken processing plant. She accompanied them to court, doctor's offices and other places. They bought her the beautiful statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"I'm grateful for every experience I've had with



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

The choir sings hymns in Spanish during the Dec. 11, 2019 Mass at Mount Saint Joseph. Sr. Ruth Gehres plays the keyboard while the sisters who joined the choir were Sr. Elaine Burke, just to the right of the keyboard, Sr. Fran Wilhelm, seated on the far right, and Sr. Sara Marie Gomez, seated with her back to the camera.

Hispanics," whether they were from Mexico, New Mexico, Chile, etc. "It's something very close to my heart," she said.

Another participant in the Mass with Hispanic ministry connections was Sr. Ruth Gehres, who played the keyboard at the Mass. She ministered as an assistant and was the communications/website manager for Casa Ursulina in Chile from 2007-2013.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patron saint of Mexico. Her feast commemorates the appearance of

Mary to St. Juan Diego in Mexico in 1531.

After the Mass, a meal of Mexican food was served in the dining room to everyone who came to the Mass. A mariachi band provided music. Prior to the meal, Sr. Mary Matthias Ward led everyone in prayer and mentioned many of the locations where the Ursuline Sisters had ministered with Hispanics. From 2003-2009, she was director of the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Gallup, N.M. ■

Parishes, schools honor Our Lady of Guadalupe in December

Editor's note: Every Dec. 12, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who appeared to St. Juan Diego in Mexico in 1531. Miraculously, an image of Our Lady was imprinted on Juan's tunic, which remains intact to this day and which pilgrims venerate at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Latin American traditions for the feast include novenas leading up to the special day, vigil celebrations, and festivities and Masses on the feast day.



COURTESY OF ASHLEY WILKERSON

This statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe is displayed with several other images in the sanctuary area of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro, the evening of Dec. 12, 2019.



COURTESY OF ASHLEY WILKERSON

A little boy dressed as St. Juan Diego – to whom Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared – attends the evening Mass in honor of the feast day on Dec. 12, 2019 at Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro.

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COURTESY OF EMMA BRIDGES

In Henderson, Holy Name of Jesus School students smile as they carry roses to present to an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12, 2019.



COURTESY OF JENNY GLENN

A parishioner of St. Michael in Sebree holds a framed image of Our Lady of Guadalupe as Fr. Lustein Blanco Grajales, parochial vicar, blesses it.



COURTESY OF GINA SIMS

At St. Paul School in Grayson County, students depict the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego.



COURTESY OF JENNY GLENN

Complete with fresh flowers and plants, a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe is displayed next to the sanctuary at St. Michael Parish in Sebree the evening of Dec. 11, 2019, prior to the midnight Mass welcoming in the feast day.

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COURTESY OF ST. MARY PARISH

On Dec. 12, 2019, St. Mary Parish in Franklin hosted a celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The celebration included prayer, fellowship and a meal together.



COURTESY OF GINA HOLMES

Before the midnight celebrations to welcome in the feast day, the sanctuary and interior of the church is adorned with roses in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green on Dec. 11, 2019.

Sr. Cheryl Clemons retires from Brescia University

On Dec. 3, a gathering was held at the Moore Center at Brescia University in Owensboro for Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU, who was retiring after serving for nine years as academic dean and vice president of Academic Affairs. Sr. Clemons plans to visit Brescia, Italy, and walk in the footsteps of St. Angela Merici, who founded the order of Ursuline Sisters, to which Sr. Clemons belongs. She also plans to go on a 30-day silent retreat, finish the last installment of the Ursuline Book of Prayer, and then begin looking for her next ministry.



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU, stands with Brescia president Fr. Larry Hostetter.

Seminarian leads pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament



COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHER KIGHT

Parishioners from St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green pose in front of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Ala., on Nov. 16, 2019.

On Nov. 16, 2019, 30 pilgrims from St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green and various other locations around Kentucky participated in a pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Ala. The day was centered around Psalm 122, "Let us go up to the house of the Lord." The pilgrims had the opportunity for Mass, confessions, Anointing of the Sick, a tour of the shrine, a tour of the John Paul II Eucharistic Center, Liturgy of the Hours, a spiritual talk and various other opportunities for prayer. Fr. Jamie Dennis, parochial vicar of Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro, served as the sacramental minister. Christopher Kight, a seminarian serving a pastoral internship year at St. Joseph in Bowling Green, led the pilgrimage.

Advent and Christmas 2019 around the diocese

This Advent and Christmas, the WKC asked parishes to send in favorite photos from celebrations. These are featured below.



COURTESY OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Of their parish's Advent wreath, parish life coordinator Kathleen Baumgarten at St. Joseph in Bowling Green writes, "It's a simple pic but for some reason I really like this one of our Advent wreath. Perhaps it is its simplicity that is its appeal."



COURTESY OF CAROL SHOULTA

In this photo from Carol Shoulta, nine-year-old Cole Shoulta (Carol Shoulta's grandson) kneels in prayer during the Advent penance service at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah.



COURTESY OF BLESSED MOTHER PARISH

Norm Hayden, director of religious education at Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro writes, "Blessed Mother Parish begins the Season of Advent on the first Sunday with the annual Catch the Spirit Party. Parishioners prepared soups, sandwiches and dessert to enjoy fellowship with each other to prepare for the season. Craft activities were available for the children and adults which included coloring sheets, build your own Advent wreath, a 'chain' of Scripture verses for each day in Advent, and make your own candy cane a 'J' for 'Jesus.' Santa Claus even showed up to hand out candy and meet the children."



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

An Advent Day of Prayer was offered on Dec. 7, 2019, at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center in Maple Mount. The focus was on Advent's blessed gifts – illuminations symbolized in the Advent candles that can guide us the whole year. The presenter was Charlie Martin, a pastoral counselor with St. Mary and John Parish in Evansville, Ind. Seated, from left to right: Maryann Joyce, Charlie Martin, Elizabeth Berneking, Cathy Circie, Angela Vowells, Ellen Browning, Julie Mader and Denise Peyronnin.

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Bruce Sullivan

is an author of two books, one of which shares his journey from being raised Southern Baptist to being a Church of Christ minister to becoming a Catholic Christian.

For more information and tickets, please visit <http://kycatholic.com/>

‘I have enjoyed Tribunal work from day one,’ says Mary Ann Kurz, retiring after 36 years

Editor’s note: On Dec. 17, 2019, the Diocese of Owensboro said farewell to Mary Ann Kurz, who was retiring from her position as notary with the diocesan Tribunal – a position she had held for more than 36 years. Bishop Medley celebrated a farewell Mass for her in the McRaith Catholic Center’s chapel, and a luncheon took place afterward. Below is a reflection she read to the diocesan staff during the luncheon.

BY MARY ANN KURZ, SPECIAL TO THE
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

I have been thinking a lot about retirement and looking back on how I got here. I can certainly see God's hand in it. I worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance when Tommy and I got married. Two years later when Kevin, our first child was born, I had to quit my job as there wasn't any such thing as maternity leave. I would be hired back when they had an opening. (Women's lib was just starting at that time.) We decided I would stay home with our children which I am so thankful for those years.

In November 1982, Martha Mills, Fr. Joe Mill's sister-in-law, who worked for Metropolitan Life, called me and asked if I would consider working six weeks for someone on maternity leave so I did. At this time Mark, our youngest was in second grade and I wanted to go back to work part-time. The Daviess County Public Library had a part-time position open. I went for the interview which included a typing test. I was typing on a manual typewriter – no electric ones at that time – and when I returned the carriage to the next line, the handle came off in my hand. Needless to say I didn't get the job. Two or three weeks later, Fr. Joe Mills called me and said he needed a secretary in the Tribunal and I had been recommended by his sister-in-law, Martha. Fr. Joe taught me and Tommy at Brescia and he blessed our engagement. He asked



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Mary Ann Kurz holds an image of the Madonna and Child, gifted to her by the staff of the McRaith Catholic Center, during her retirement luncheon on Dec. 17, 2019.

me to come in for an interview and I started to work on April 11, 1983. Looking back I think maybe God had a hand in the typewriter malfunction.

I have enjoyed Tribunal work from day one. It is a very interesting ministry. No two days are alike. I don't think there was ever a day I didn't want to

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come to work. It is good (rewarding) to help someone who has been through a lot of pain and hurt in their life, to find healing and become free to marry in Catholic Church and receive the sacraments again.

I am so thankful for these 36-and-a-half years serving the people of the Diocese of Owensboro. I have also gotten to know and work with so many wonderful people through these years especially Fr. Joe, Fr. Pat Reynolds, Fr. John Vaughan, Fr. Mike Clark, Fr. Patrick Cooney, Fr. Will Thompson, Fr. Greg Trawick, Louanne Payne, Sandy Morris and Jenny Shelton as well as Bishop Bill and all of you. It is great place to work. Thanks to all of you for making my retirement so beautiful. Thank you so much. ■



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC
Mary Ann Kurz is pictured here with two long-time friends and Tribunal co-workers, Louanne Payne on the left and Sandy Morris on the right.

12 Keys to Spiritual Vitality



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 - March 4 • March 11 • March 18
- 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

Fee: \$90 includes Educational Faith Assessment profile by Dr. Richard Johnson, plus all sessions.
Or \$10 per class plus \$25 for Faith Assessment
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PROGRAM FACILITATOR

Maryann Joyce is the new director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Her passion for accompanying others on the spiritual journey has led her work as a spiritual director, hospice chaplain and retreat facilitator. She brings her recent studies in spiritual gerontology to Mount Saint Joseph with this special program.



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JANUARY 2020 BULLETIN BOARD

To have your events listed in our Bulletin Board, email information of no more than 200 words to wkc.editor@pastoral.org by the 15th of the month prior to the publishing month.

Focus on Faith new book study begins Jan. 9

The Focus on Faith class meets monthly to study the Catholic faith. The group will read and discuss "The Complete Stories" by Flannery O'Connor in 2020. O'Connor was named one of the "Pivotal Players" in Catholicism by Bishop Robert Barron. The first session will be on Jan. 9 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The program will be led by Sr. Ann McGrew, OSU. The \$20 fee per session includes lunch. The group meets at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or register online at ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs. Future 2020 dates are on the second Thursday of each month except July: Feb. 13, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

Retrouaille Marriage Help

The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Quite a few marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never reach the resolution of the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). For confidential information or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan 31, 2020 call Felicia at 270 929-1524, call the Family Life office at 270-683-1545 or visit the web site at www.retrouaille.org.

Save the date: 'The Catholic Truth about Angels, Demons, Ghosts and Hauntings'

Newman House Catholic Campus Ministry for Murray State University and St. Leo Parish Present: "The

Catholic Truth about Angels, Demons, Ghosts and Hauntings." Please join us for a fascinating talk on what the Church really teaches about angels, demons, ghosts, exorcisms, and hauntings. In this presentation, Dave VanVickle will draw from his extensive experience assisting priests in their ministries of exorcism and deliverance and from his study of Church teaching. Dave clears up the many misunderstandings surrounding this topic during this thorough and dynamic presentation on the world of evil and the unfathomable power of the mercy of God flowing through his priests. After the talk there will be time for questions. Where: St. Leo Parish Church. Time: Feb. 5, 2020; 6-8 p.m. Space is limited so we ask you to register for free. Please visit our website: www.catholicracersmsu.org/events. You will be directed to the St. Leo Facebook link where you can register. Reception to follow in the parish hall. This is a free event, but a collection will be taken at the end for Dave VanVickle's ministry work.

Confirmation Retreat Day March 7

Confirmation candidates will have a chance to explore their spiritual identity as children of God and look deeply into the life and mission of Jesus at this Confirmation retreat day on March 7. It will take place at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Participants will be encouraged to embrace Confirmation as an encounter with the Holy Spirit and be inspired to use the gifts of the spirit in their role as disciples of Christ. The retreat will be led by Karen Muenterman, a Catholic writer, speaker and retreat leader with over 25 years of experience in teaching religion and exploring spirituality. She is Director of Faith Formation at Resurrection Catholic Church in Evansville, Ind. The \$25 fee per student includes lunch. Parish groups of 20 or more receive a discount. The time will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Confirmation sponsors are welcome (lunch fee is \$10). Please register by Feb. 7. Call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online at ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs.

Come, Follow Me Conference for catechists

The Center for Evangelization and Catechesis at Aquinas College announces the bilingual Come, Follow Me Conference to be held on the Dominican Campus in Nashville, March 20-21, 2020 at St. Cecilia Academy. Come, Follow Me is a beautiful catechetical method that helps children ages 7-11 contemplate and pray lessons from scripture and sacraments – similar to lectio divina for children. It was developed by members of Notre Dame de Vie Institute in France and has received the imprimatur for catechetical use. The program has also received the stamp of approval of the French Episcopal Commission for Catechesis and the Catechumenate. The conference will provide the essential training needed for DREs, religion teachers, catechists, faith formation workers, deacons, priests, and parents to use the Come, Follow Me catechetical program. The conference will focus on preparation for using the methodology with children ages 7-11 but with principles that can be applied to children and youth of all ages.

Learn more and register at: www.aquinascollege.edu/calendar-event/come-follow-me-catechetical-conference

Spring Women's Retreat: "Women in Prayer" March 20-22

"Women in Prayer: What the Bible Teaches Us About Deepening Our Relationship with God" is the theme of a March 20-22 spring women's retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). During this weekend of prayer and reflection, retreatants are invited to experience prayer from a biblical perspective. The weekend includes opportunities for silent, meditative, liturgical, sung, and traditional prayer. The recorded prayers of women such as Hannah, Esther, Judith and Mary are explored, and retreatants can pray some of the psalms and other Old and New Testament canticles. Celebrations of the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist are scheduled, along with the opportunity for ab-

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breivated spiritual direction sessions for those who wish. The retreat leader is Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU. The \$190 fee includes meals and accommodations. Commuters can attend for \$90. Take 10 percent off if paid by Feb. 20. To register, call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or register on-line at ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Evansville, Indiana, seeking director

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Evansville, Indiana, seeks a Director of Catholic Charities. The director reports to the Diocesan Chief Operating Officer. Duties include, but are not limited to developing and implementing annual goals and objectives in cooperation with the bishop of Evansville and the chief operating officer; collaborating with governmental and charitable agencies consistent with Catholic Social Teaching, the Code of Ethics of Catholic Charities USA, and the policies and guidelines

of the diocese; and maintaining quality control and work with Catholic Charities' Board of Advisors and staff to develop and monitor annual goals, objectives, and outcomes. The successful candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing and committed to the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church. Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor Degree (Master's Degree preferred) in a business, social service or education field; five years' experience in management and administration; good communications and public relations skills; a valid driver's license; and the ability to travel throughout the diocese's 12 counties. The successful candidate also must complete a full Criminal History Clearance.

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February 14-16, 2020

Gaspar River Catholic Youth Camp

SO THEY TOOK AWAY THE STONE. AND JESUS RAISED HIS EYES AND SAID, "FATHER, I THANK YOU FOR HEARING ME. I KNOW THAT YOU ALWAYS HEAR ME; BUT BECAUSE OF THE CROWD HERE I HAVE SAID THIS, THAT THEY MAY BELIEVE THAT YOU SENT ME. AND WHEN HE HAD SAID THIS, HE CRIED OUT IN A LOUD VOICE, "LAZARUS, COME OUT!" ~JOHN 11: 41-43

WHO: All High School Youth (9th-12th Grades)

WHAT: As we journey through the story of the raising of Lazarus, we truly see what it means to be dead in this world and called to life in Jesus. This retreat is an intentional invitation to life in Christ.

WHERE: Boone Lodge at Gaspar River Camp outside Bowling Green, KY

WHEN: Friday, Feb. 14 arrival begins at 5:30PM, pickup at camp is Sunday, Feb. 16 at 1:00PM

COST: \$50 per youth participant (scholarships are available)

FURTHER DETAILS: We are limited to 20 boys and 20 girls for the retreat. Parishes are limited to sending 5 youth. Deadline to sign up is Monday, January 27, 2020.

TO SIGN UP: Please send your Registration Sheet, as well as, Form A and the Youth Code of Conduct to the Office of Youth Ministry with your \$50 payment before deadline. We will work on a first come, first serve basis. Confirmation of your sign up will arrive in a couple weeks after registration

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John 6:51
"I am the living bread
that has come down
from heaven."



Beaver Dam nursing home ministry thriving

Editor's note: Pamela Hayes first wrote about Holy Redeemer's new nursing home ministry in the October 2019 issue of the WKC. She recently sent this update about the ministry's progress.

BY PAMELA HAYES, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Our ministry to the elderly is growing! Twenty people, both residents of the Beaver Dam Nursing & Rehab Center and members of Holy Redeemer Parish, met to celebrate Catholic Mass on Friday, Dec. 6 at the Center. Fr. Julio Barrera also offered the special sacramental blessing of the "Anointing of the Sick" to anyone who requested it. Church members brought gifts to our new friends at the home as well. We so appreciate the nursing home staff and their support of our visits and ministry. ■



COURTESY OF PAMELA HAYES

(Left) Fr. Julio Barrera offers monthly Mass at Beaver Dam Nursing & Rehab Center.



COURTESY OF PAMELA HAYES

(Right) Fr. Julio anoints Nancy Pate as Francil Higdon and Lisa Whitehouse look on.

'I was overwhelmed with gratitude' SSJP parishioner expresses thanks for stranger's kindness

BY MELVIN FLEISCHMANN, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

I was waiting at the checkout line in Wal-Mart on Highway 54. As I waited in line, a generous man made an offer of kindness that touched my heart. Now, I know I must have looked a little odd sitting in an electric shopping scooter; however, I was not prepared for the goodness that I received. While waiting in line the man behind me proffered to pay for my groceries. I was shocked and all I could simply say was thank you. When I returned home, I reflected upon this blessing that I received. I wish I would

have thought to say more; however, at the time I was overwhelmed with gratitude and could simply say thank you. One hears so much of the tragedies in our world, that we often forget about the good. We often overlook the small simple gestures of kindness that we receive. I am accustomed to paying for my own groceries; however, someone taking the time to offer to generously assist me, especially when I didn't think that I needed assistance, moved me profoundly. This experience with the generous man was something new to me and it made me reflect upon what I am grateful for.

I am grateful for the generous offer of this kind man. As this offer helped me to reflect upon what I am grateful for this year. I am thankful for my family, for all of my children. I am grateful that I can assist at my home parish, getting to serve at each weekday Mass. I am thankful for the many members of my parish family, who have taught me so much about what it means to love God and neighbor. At this stage in my life, gratitude is an experience that truly describes how I see each day. As each day is a new beginning and an opportunity for me to receive blessings. ■

With a grateful heart,
Melvin Fleischmann

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January Wedding Anniversaries

5, 10, 25, 40, 50 and More Than 50 Years of Marriage

Please send any anniversary updates or corrections to Charlotte Hedges, Office of Marriage & Family Life, at charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org.

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Larry & Becky Franey, 51
Robert & Debbie Newman, 51
Terry & Jan Storm, 52
Robert & Dena Montgomery, 65

Christ the King, Madisonville

Billy & Patty Folk, 51

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

Ted & Barbara Brown, 62

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

John & Sue Allen, 50
Steve & Susan Book, 50
Fred & Cleo Brown, 54
Don & Karen Dossett, 40
James & Sharon Drury, 58
Walter & Elizabeth Goeltz, 5
Fred & Sue Hagan, 53
Guy & Frances Hogan, 58
Jerry & Charlotte Hopf, 61
Robert & Peyton Huston, 5
Wayne & Sondra Mitchell, 52
James & JoAnne Ozee, 40

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Harry & Constance Largent, 60
George & Barbara Powers, 60
Basil & Joann Jones, 59
Tom & Rita Parrott, 52

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Bobby & Theresa May, 66

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

John R. & Betty Brown, 58

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Ken & Charlene Ackerman, 61

William & Suzanne Blandford, 57
James P. & Donnie Hayden, 61
George & Beverly Hendrix, 52
Joseph R. & Frances Millay, 59
Michael & Donna Mitchell, 40
Larry & Charlotte Moore, 50

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

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Philip & June Bell, 59
Melvin & Lois Connor, 63
Gary & Mary Carol Jackson, 56
George & Marsha Ballard, 55
Hal & Eleanor Renshaw, 63

Precious Blood, Owensboro

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James & Evelyn Mattingly, 67
Mike & Cloa Thompson, 60

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

John & Roslin Dumas, 56

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Robb & Amber Hulette, 10

St. Agnes, Uniontown

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Marty & Marilyn Greenwell, 53
Tommy & Joycelyn Hagan, 52

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David & Sharon Thompson, 55

St. Ambrose, Henshaw

Joseph W. & Joanne Sheffer, 62

St. Ann, Morganfield

Bueford & Peggy Rose Dyer, 10
Kenny & Teresa Lee Thomas, 54

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Norbert & Helen Rose Smith, 62

St. Anthony, Peonia

Gene & Lesa Weikel, 10

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson

Bennie & Brenda Sims, 5

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Don Ed & Michelle Wright, 52
Jerry & Brenda Stevens, 54

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

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Paul & Roberta Herman, 57

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Charles & Shirley Rowe, 62

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Leon & Vivian Green, 40
Chris & Trina Nelson, 25

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Denny & Nancy Hargrove, 57
James & Frankie Riley, 63

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Michael & Patricia Wright, 50
Larry & Betty Johnson, 51
Patrick & Rose Meserve, 54
David Joe & Patricia Payne, 51

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St. Martin, Rome

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Normand & Elizabeth Vandel, 62

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Rodric & Earline Brady, 50
Joseph Anthony & Elaine Clark

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

Kenneth & Martha Pendleton
James & Patty Settles, 60
Eddie & Jeanette Smith, 52

Jerome & Bonnie Blair, 53

James & Mary Keller, 63

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F. Lambert & Mary Lee Howard, 67

Wm. Donald & Sylvia Hamilton, 61

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Donald & Carol Ralph, 54
James R. & Mary Ann Clouse, 60

St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

Bill & Bonnie Hawkins, 56
Randell & Geraldine Brown, 52

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Nicolas & Aurora Carmona, 25
Julio & Maria Rodriguez, 25
Craig & Kathy Willett, 25
George & Becky Hanrahan, 53

St. William, Knottsville

Kevin & Yvette Bowlds, 25

Donald R. & Martha Morris, 50

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Peter & Patty Johnson, 51

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Levi & Margaret Peterson, 61
Jeffrey & Lynda Crick, 25

Correction: In the December 2019 issue, William & Sharon McKay, 55 years, of Holy Spirit in Bowling Green, were unintentionally omitted.

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An invitation to pray for vocations

BY FR. JASON MCCLURE, OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

“One of the reasons we have a shortage of vocations is we have stopped believing that priesthood is for real. It’s worth fighting for. It’s worth sacrificing for... I am not a dreamer. I am a man of faith.”

-Msgr. Scott Friend, vocation director for the Diocese of Little Rock, Arkansas, and keynote speaker at the Diocese of Owensboro’s 2019 Vocare celebration.

Greetings and Happy New Year from the vocations office.



Fr. Jason McClure

The vocations office would like to invite you to be a part of the mission. It’s not necessary for me to remind you that the need for priests is dire and critical. As our diocese continues to place its focus on making disciples first and foremost through an encounter with Jesus Christ, we remember that every priest is a sign and instrument that brings others to an encounter with the living God. God uses each of us, with our unique gifts and talents, as well as our shortcomings, to reach people and bring them to Jesus Christ. While there are fewer priests and a decline in the numbers presenting to study for ministry, I am confident that God continues to call men to priesthood. Our world is starved for Jesus Christ and we need more workers in the vineyard to lead people to Him.

As you might recall, the vocation plan for the Diocese of Owensboro consists of four parts: 1) Pray, 2)

Invite, 3) Teach, and 4) Celebrate.

In order to keep the message fresh and effective, we continue to look for new ways to implement the plan. We are working to build a culture of vocations so that God’s call can be more easily heard and answered.

You might recall from last month’s Western Kentucky Catholic that Bishop Medley has established a vocation promotion team, to include two additional priests – Fr. Emmanuel Udoh and Fr. Daniel Dillard – as part of our promotion efforts. This bold new approach will increase our efforts to promote vocations to priesthood throughout the Diocese of Owensboro.

Additionally, this year we are placing a particular emphasis on prayer. To do so, we are adopting a program called the Matthew 9 Mission, which encourages the faithful to pray the rosary specifically for vocations to the priesthood. It is the Church’s response to Christ, who when moved with pity for the crowds because they were like sheep without a shepherd, instructed us to “ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest” (Matthew 9:38).

Here’s how it works:

- The goal is to have at least one person in each of our 78 parishes praying the rosary each day for vocations. Of course, more than one person may pray on a particular day and a person may choose to pray more than one day a month.
- Participants will be asked to pray the rosary on their assigned day each month, with the goal of having someone in each of our 78 parishes praying the rosary each day for vo-

cations to priesthood in the Diocese of Owensboro by May 3, 2020 – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The hope is that we will continue this effort into the future as part of our ongoing effort to pray for and promote vocations to priesthood.

- Each pastor is asked to find one person in their parish to coordinate the effort. Parish vocation representatives would be the perfect coordinator. Prayer groups, Bible study groups, liturgy committees, parish councils looking for agenda items, and other groups within the parish could also very likely be willing to take on this project.

As I travel throughout the diocese, I’m often asked, “What can we do to help promote vocations?” The Matthew 9 Mission accomplishes two things:

1. It heightens the awareness of our need to promote and pray for vocations.
2. It gives people an accessible way of taking some ownership of helping build a culture of vocation awareness in the diocese.

Some might say that we can’t accomplish this goal. Some may think it’s not a good idea. I believe that we can never go wrong with prayer and we all know the intercessory power of the prayers of our Blessed Mother. So I’m asking you to help us achieve this goal.

Each parish has received information for forming a Matthew 9 Prayer Team. Contact your pastor or parish vocation representative to find out how you can participate. I hope that you will consider being part of the mission. ■

Four seminarians visit the Holy Land

Four seminarians from the Diocese of Owensboro, Christopher Kight, Christopher Grief, Matthew Millay and Conrad Jaconette, participated in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from Dec. 12-22. This pilgrimage included various sites along the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Mount Tabor, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Christopher Kight said, "The pilgrimage was absolutely amazing. Walking in the steps of Christ was a surreal experience. Not only have we returned spiritually renewed, but we return with a greater understanding of the faith coming out of our Jewish roots. We also come back with a concrete sense of what the life of Jesus would have looked in His eyes. This, I think, will inform our future ministry and preaching." The pilgrimage was led by Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, president-rector of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.




COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHER KIGHT
Chris Kight, Matthew Millay, Christopher Grief, and Conrad Jaconette are seen standing outside the Church of the Visitation in the Hill Country of Judea on December 17, 2019.

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Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

Aunque la Diócesis de Owensboro fue establecida por un decreto del Papa Pío XI en 1937, un periódico diocesano no fue creado hasta 1985. La primera edición del Católico de Kentucky Occidental se publicó en enero de 1985. Fue el Obispo John J. McRaith, quien tenía un poco más de dos años como el tercer obispo de Owensboro, quien fundó al periódico diocesano como una publicación mensual. Al evaluar las necesidades de la Iglesia local, se dio cuenta de que la comunicación era una obligación vital de la Iglesia. En la década de 1980, los periódicos, la televisión y la radio eran los principales medios de comunicación.

El Obispo McRaith eligió a Mel Howard como editor de esta empresa, en aquel entonces maestro en la Escuela Preparatoria Trinidad en Whitesville. Mel sirvió como editor por 30 años hasta que se jubiló en 2015. Durante ese tiempo, muchas veces hacía de todo: reportero, fotógrafo y editor.

Desde la década de 1980, los modos en que las personas reciben sus noticias y entretenimiento han evolucionado enormemente. El Internet nació como parte de la era digital. Sabemos por estudios que la mayoría de las personas menores de 50 años nunca miran un periódico o revista. Solamente están expuestos a los medios a través de computadoras y teléfonos celulares. Muchas diócesis en la última década han dejado de publicar un periódico. Exploramos esta opción y buscamos algunos consejos de los estudios nacionales. Nos dimos cuenta de que las personas con más probabilidades de seguir activamente las comunicaciones de nuestra diócesis siguen siendo personas que aprecian una edición impresa. Mientras tanto, hemos ampliado nuestras comunicaciones para incluir extensos materiales en

línea y el Católico de Kentucky Occidental está disponible en línea todos los meses.

Mel Howard fue sucedido como editor del periódico por Elizabeth Barnstead y ella forma parte de un equipo de comunicación con Tina Kasey y Laura Rigsby. Sus productos mensuales incluyen un breve video producido cada mes llamado "A través de la Diócesis" que busca resaltar eventos e iniciativas.

El mes pasado hice mi visita ad limina a Roma. Esto se requiere de cada obispo cada cinco años cuando viaja con otros obispos para reunirse con el Papa y rezar en las tumbas de los apóstoles Pedro y Pablo. Entre nuestras muchas reuniones durante esa semana, había una con el Dicasterio para la Comunicación. Algo notable es que este departamento de la Santa Sede no está encabezado por un cardenal, un obispo, ni un sacerdote. El prefecto de esta oficina y el personal son hombres y mujeres laicos jóvenes y talentosos con experiencia en comunicaciones modernas. Pero más que personas con experiencia, son personas de fe que están tomando lugares legítimos y apropiados al servicio del Evangelio y la Iglesia.

Los hombres y las mujeres en las comunicaciones hoy en día forman parte de una larga línea de tradición que ha existido desde el Antiguo Testamento de escritores que buscan comunicar la revelación de Dios. Estos incluyen al rey David, los grandes profetas y escritores anónimos que registraron las historias del pueblo elegido de Dios. La tradición continúa con San Pablo y los evangelistas Mateo, Marcos, Lucas y Juan del Nuevo Testamento.

En nuestras conversaciones con el Dicasterio para la Comunicación, pedimos sugerencias para contrarrestar a los medios de comunicación secu-

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12 DE ENERO	10 a.m. Confirmación - Parroquia Inmaculada, Owensboro
13 DE ENERO	10 a.m. Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal - Centro Católico McRaith (MCC) 3 p.m. Reunión del Consejo de Sacerdotal - San Meinrad, Indiana
13-16 DE ENERO	Convocación de Sacerdotes - San Meinrad, Indiana
21 DE ENERO	8:15 a.m. Misa - Escuela Cristo Rey, Madisonville 6 p.m. Reunión de la Junta de Revisión Diocesana - MCC
22 DE ENERO	12:05 p.m. Misa Respetemos la Vida - Catedral San Esteban, Owensboro 6 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas - MCC
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lares (y a veces incluso los religiosos) que parecen tener la intención de derribar a la Iglesia en lugar de construir el Cuerpo de Cristo. Nos recordaron predicar el Evangelio, "anunciar la Buena Nueva".

Gracias a todos los que han contribuido al éxito del Católico de Kentucky Occidental en estos 35 años. Han anunciado la Buena Nueva y la proclamación del Evangelio ha prosperado. ■

Atentamente en Cristo,



Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

El Obispo viaja a Roma, tiene un encuentro con el Papa, durante su visita *ad limina*

Del 1 al 12 de diciembre, el Obispo Medley estuvo en Roma para su visita *ad limina*, durante la cual hizo un informe escrito al Papa Francisco sobre el estado de su diócesis, se reunió con el Papa y veneró las tumbas de San Pedro y San Pablo. La visita llamada "ad limina Apostolorum" significa "hasta el umbral de los apóstoles". ■



POR CORTESÍA DE L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO
El Obispo Medley le da la mano al Papa Francisco cuando se reúnen por la mañana del 3 de diciembre de 2019, durante la visita *ad limina* de los obispos.



POR CORTESÍA DE L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO
El Obispo Medley fue uno de los obispos de Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi y Louisiana que viajaron a Roma en diciembre para sus visitas *ad limina*.



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Celebrando a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



POR CORTESÍA DE EMMA BRIDGES

En Henderson, los estudiantes de la Escuela del Santo Nombre de Jesús sonríen mientras llevan rosas para presentar a una imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el 12 de diciembre de 2019.



POR CORTESÍA DE GINA HOLMES

Antes de las celebraciones de medianoche para dar la bienvenida al día de su fiesta, el santuario y el interior de la iglesia están adornados con rosas en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en la Parroquia San José en Bowling Green el 11 de diciembre de 2019.



POR CORTESÍA DE JENNY GLENN

Una parroquiana de San Miguel en Sebree sostiene una imagen enmarcada de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe mientras el P. Lustein Blanco Grajales, vicario parroquial, la bendice.



POR CORTESÍA DE JENNY GLENN

Adornada con flores y plantas frescas, una estatua de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe fue colocada al lado del santuario en la Parroquia San Miguel en Sebree la noche del 11 de diciembre de 2019, antes de la Misa de medianoche en el día de la fiesta.

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434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101
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Cada Primer Domingo del Mes - 8:00 a.m.

113 South 3rd Street, Central City, KY 42330
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Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

7600 Russellville Road, P.O. Box 297, Guthrie, KY 42234
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Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134
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Hopkinsville
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902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Contacto: Sra. Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

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Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431
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Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066
Contacto: Hermana Maria Luisa Morales Solano (270) 247-2843

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Morgantown
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Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 8:00 p.m.

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5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001
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Russellville
Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

296 West 6th Street, Russellville, KY 42276
Contacto: Padre Ken Mikulcic (270) 726-6963

Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree

Miércoles – 12:00 p.m.
Jueves – 12:00 p.m.
Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455
Contacto: Alyssa Maty (815) 207-3208 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez Salinas (270) 881-7737

Celebrando a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

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POR CORTESÍA DE ASHLEY WILKERSON
Esta estatua de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe fue colocada junto a varias otras imágenes en el área del santuario de la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro, en la noche del 12 de diciembre de 2019.



POR CORTESÍA DE ASHLEY WILKERSON
Un niño vestido como San Juan Diego, a quien se le apareció Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, asiste a la Misa vespertina en honor del día de la fiesta el 12 de diciembre de 2019 en la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro.



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