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A Word From Bishop Medley

My dear brothers and sisters,

In 1775 the first band of Catholic families uprooted their lives in southern Maryland to travel to the Kentucky frontier to establish new homes in the area of Pottinger's Creek in what is today Nelson County. Within 10 years they had organized the first Catholic parish in the state at Holy Cross in 1785. They were most intentional in their plans, for their Catholic faith was core to their lives. By settling together they had hopes that a priest might be assigned to them. Of course it must be remembered that in 1775, the 13 colonies that would become the United States of America had yet to be recognized by the Church at Rome with the establishment of even one diocese in this vast area. That would not happen un-

til 1792 when Baltimore was established as the primate diocesan see in the fledgling nation.

Other bands of Catholic settlers made the trek across the Allegheny Mountains to central Kentucky, establishing settlements and parishes on Hardin Creek (St. Charles), on the rolling Fork River (Holy Name of Mary), on the Beech Fork River (St. Thomas), and on Cartwright Creek (St. Rose). And within another generation, settlements and churches were established in the area that would become the Diocese of Owensboro.

From humble and challenging beginnings the Catholic families sustained the faith through the first couple of generations with only an occasional

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BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR AUGUST 2019

- AUG 1** Seminarian Gathering at Rough River
- AUG 3** St. Jerome Parish Picnic – Fancy Farm
 8:30 a.m. | Installation of Fr. Jegin Puthenpurackal as Pastor – St. Sebastian Parish, Calhoun
- AUG 4** 1 p.m. | Deacon Promises for Spanish-Speaking Deacon Candidates – Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson
- AUG 10** 4 p.m. | Confirmation – Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson
- AUG 11** 3:30 p.m. | Blessing of Renovated Church – St. Paul Parish, Princeton
- AUG 15** 8 a.m. | School Mass – John Paul II Catholic School, Morganfield
- AUG 17** 5 p.m. | Confirmation – St. Michael Parish, Sebree
- AUG 18** 3 p.m. | Bicentennial Celebration – Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral, Bardstown
- AUG 19** 10 a.m. | Priest Personnel Meeting
 1:30 p.m. | Priest Council Meeting
- AUG 20-21** CCK Meeting & Meeting of the Bishops of the Province
- AUG 24** 9 a.m. | Mass for the Women's Retreat – Kentucky Dam Village
 11:30 a.m. | Confirmation – Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green
- AUG 25** 4 p.m. | Adoration & Benediction for Family Day – Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center
- AUG 27** Paducah Office
- AUG 28** 8:30 p.m. | Presentation to Deacons – St. Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology

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visit from a priest passing through the area. Yet their resoluteness was acknowledged in 1808 when Pope Pius VII established a new diocese on the frontier at Bardstown on April 8, 1808. On this same date, dioceses were created at New York, Philadelphia, and Boston. The Diocese of Bardstown encompassed what would come to be divided into 13 states from the Allegheny Mountains to the Mississippi River and from the southern border of Tennessee to the Great Lakes.

Benedict Joseph Flaget, a Sulpician priest and missionary, was appointed the first bishop of Bardstown. With genuine humility he frankly did not want the job. He spent three years imploring his superiors and the pope to appoint someone else and allow him to continue his life as a teacher and missionary. But finally in 1811 he arrived in Kentucky with a vision of building up a community of education, ser-

vice and worship. The education and service goals were greatly enhanced when young women on the frontier worked with him to establish two religious orders of women: the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and the Sisters of Loretto. To rally the community to worship, he set out to construct a cathedral, the mother church of any diocese. Working with meager resources, eager architect plans evolved to build St. Joseph Cathedral in Bardstown as the first cathedral west of the mountains. The cornerstone was laid on July 16, 1816.

This month (August 2019) the Catholic Church in Kentucky and the whole Midwest will celebrate the bicentennial of the dedication of our first cathedral. It is recorded that the Reverend Robert Abel, the first native of the Kentucky frontier to be ordained a priest, gave the homily at the dedication and that the homily ran for more than three hours.

When I was pastor at that cathedral in between 1993 and 2005, I often told the people that this was a record just begging to be broken. But I never accomplished that feat.

When we recount the stories of Kentucky's first Catholics and their immense accomplishments in but a few decades, we might ask ourselves if we who are the heirs of these faithful and determined Catholics have so bold a vision of Catholic life in our day. In 200 years, will our descendants be celebrating our faithfulness? ■

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

Catechetical leaders participate in summer institute

BY JEFF ANDRINI, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The PCL (Parish Catechetical Leader) Summer Institute is a three-year summer program held at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Ind. The program was initiated seven years ago and continues to grow and flourish. It is an excellent program for those working in parishes in either paid or volunteer positions and offers formation, community and a time of retreat from the ordinary busyness of life. The diocese supports this local formation opportunity and helps by paying half of the summer tuition. Some parishes will pick up the balance in part or full for the catechetical leader.

Contact the Office of Faith Formation (270) 852-8324 or donna.biggs@pastoral.org for more details about summer 2020.



COURTESY OF JEFF ANDRINI

(Left to right) Diocese of Owensboro catechetical leaders Kim Brumfield, Deacon Mike Marsili, Ben Teer, Jeff Andrini, Elaine Robertson, Lisa Reed, Carrie Howard, Patty Brown, Deacon Bob Higbee, Shirley Higbee, Glynn Smith, Ging Smith, and Deacon Wayne Boudreaux (not pictured) participated in the PCL.

Bible characters come to life during VBS

Two women with a passion for catechesis find a way to immerse Catholic kids in the Bible



COURTESY OF CRISSY STEVENSON

St. Stephen Cathedral volunteer Aaron Carrico plays the Bible character of Nimrod and shares the story of the Tower of Babel during the cathedral's summer 2019 VBS.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD,
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Debi Hopkins knew something was seriously wrong the year that a little boy at Vacation Bible School said, “You mean these are true stories? These actually happened?”

Stunned, Hopkins realized that this current generation had not learned Bible stories as she had when growing up: “They didn’t know Noah’s ark from Joan of Arc.”

At the time working at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Sorgho, she discussed the dilemma with par-

ish youth minister, Crissy Stevenson.

Stevenson and Hopkins reflected on the common VBS programs that featured themes like what Hopkins referred to as “Jesus on a spaceship.” For kids who didn’t even know the Bible was factual, adding on kitschy layers just further muddied the waters, they determined.

“We didn’t want to downplay other VBS programs, but our kids needed something basic,” said Hopkins. “We needed meat and potatoes.”

Stevenson recalled her own VBS experience as a child growing up at St. Paul Parish in Princeton. There, the parish was part of a uniquely ecumenical collaboration among the area’s Christian churches to help kids learn about the Bible.

Rather than calling it Vacation Bible School, the collaboration was called Marketplace. It took place in a Bible-times “marketplace” where participants could “meet” and interact with actual Bible characters – portrayed by volunteers.

Stevenson said the program was intended to “immerse you in Bible times,” and credited the method for helping her understand the Bible as a child.

Following this program’s framework, the two women began to research and construct a VBS to truly immerse Catholic children in the Bible. Stevenson created the “infrastructure” of the program; while Hopkins wrote the scripts for the Bible characters.

Hopkins researched the history behind the char-

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COURTESY OF CRISSY STEVENSON

In Debi Hopkins' and Crissy Stevenson's VBS program, the small groups, called "tribes" gather at the end of each evening to make bread to have as part of their meal. In this picture, a tribe at St. Stephen Cathedral's summer 2019 VBS displays their homemade bread.

acters, and then studied children's religious publishers to see how difficult biblical themes – such as the Fall of Adam and Eve, or the Tower of Babel – were typically presented for little ones.

A key aspect was to form small groups – called "tribes" – of no more than five children each, based on the 12 tribes of Israel.

Unlike VBS programs that separate kids by age, the tribes had a mix of ages in order to help them

feel like tiny family units. An adult or teen volunteer assigned to that tribe guided the children through their activities.

Due to the availability of volunteers, St. Mary Magdalene's program was held from 6-8:15 p.m. each day. Stevenson and Hopkins chose to offer the program for only four days – Monday through Thursday – to avoid crankiness on the part of the young participants, and burnout on the part of the volunteers.

It was critical that the children could interact with the Bible characters and understand that these were real people.

"The characters talk about their lives, and then have time for questions," said Hopkins.

One of the characters who has made an appearance is Eve – after the Fall. Hopkins said the kids talked to "Eve" and learned about her difficult life after she and Adam ate the fruit and had to leave the Garden of Eden.

Besides highlighting primary characters like Adam, Eve and Noah, they also incorporated minor characters, such as Nimrod, the architect for the ill-fated Tower of Babel.

"They get to see that not everyone in the Bible's wearing a halo," said Hopkins.

Hopkins said she hopes that in the future, when these children hear the name of a Bible character, "there's a familiarity there – that these are true stories and they're alive in our Catholic tradition."

Another unique aspect of this curriculum is that the program stretches for a seven-year cycle. The goal is that in the end, children attending every year will have met numerous Bible characters and covered a significant portion of the scriptures.

Hopkins and Stevenson suspect the original marketplace model grew out of a 1950s-era VBS-style

program that involved immersing kids in Bible stories, but they have never known for certain.

Regardless, the women emphasized that this was not their original idea: they drew inspiration from many sources.

Stevenson said this type of VBS doesn't have a theme – apart from "the Bible," but what they hope the children take away is "You were created by a God who loves you, and that God takes care of us."

Stevenson now serves as the youth minister at St. Stephen Cathedral, where she introduced the immersive VBS program this summer. Stevenson said the program was a great success and even heard from a mom whose four-year-old was still singing the songs and talking about the stories she learned, weeks after VBS had ended.

"You were created by a God who loves you, and that God takes care of us."

Hopkins now works at St. Martin Parish in Rome, as the director of religious education, but she was happy to help out at St. Mary Magdalene's VBS in July.

Looking at the diocese's ongoing "Living as Missionary Disciples" evangelization initiative, Stevenson has reflected on how this matches up with their focus helping children have personal encounters with scriptural characters.

"We'd been doing evangelization without even knowing it," she said. ■

Being Christ's hands and feet in the world

New director of faith formation looks forward to serving parishes, catechists, in evangelization mission



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC
Jeff Andrini stands in his office at the McRaith Catholic Center on July 11, 2019.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Faith formation is just as much “Christian living as Christian believing” for Jeff Andrini, the Diocese of Owensboro’s new director of the Office of Faith Formation.

Andrini told the WKC in a July 11 interview that he was raised in a “good Catholic family,” with youth ministry opportunities and parents who were “really involved” in the Church.

But in college, he “ran from God and questioned my faith,” said Andrini. God never stopped pursuing

him, however.

After having “an awesome conversion experience” near the end of college, which Andrini compared to the story of St. Paul’s dramatic conversion in the New Testament, “it really changed my trajectory.”

Andrini joined the National Evangelization Team (NET), which sends teams of young adult missionaries to share the faith with high school students across the country.

He followed that with a job in youth ministry, and later continued in the ministry of evangelization with Cultivation Ministries in Illinois, and then nearly 20 years of experience as the director of faith formation at a parish in Michigan.

Andrini, who arrived at the diocese in March, looks forward to carrying everything he’s learned over the years into his role with the Catholic Church of western Kentucky.

Andrini holds a doctor of ministry degree from Catholic Theological Union, a master of art degree in pastoral theology from St. Joseph College, a master of art degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University and a bachelor of art degree in sociology and theology from Marquette University – but emphasized that “being a disciple means more than book knowledge.”

Rather, it is “modeling your life after the One you call Lord,” he said.

He said that one of the greatest challenges to

Catholic faith formation today is the “hypocrisy of the Church.”

Though the Church has overcome numerous struggles in the past 2,000 years, he pointed out that the current abuse crisis has shaken peoples’ trust in a particular way.

“We have some trust to regain,” said Andrini, and this can be done by “getting back to our critical mission – being Christ’s hands and feet in the world.”

He said he is glad that the diocese has embarked on its four-year “Living as Missionary Disciples”

“Being a disciple means more than book knowledge.”

evangelization plan of Encounter, Accompany, Community, and Send: “Nothing is more important than evangelization.”

Andrini anticipates helping parish catechetical leaders “inspire a lifelong journey of transformation” in the people they serve, especially through practical means like programs and certification opportunities to “help people grow as individuals in their relationship with God.”

But most of all, he said he looks forward to “people seeing that the focus of our faith is being God’s presence in the world.” ■

AUGUST 2019 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.

Be Salt! Be Light! Be Fully Alive! Aug. 10

"Be Salt! Be Light! Be Fully Alive!" is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 10, at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Discover in Christ's Sermon on the Mount how being "salt" and "light" and "fully alive" can change the world around us and make us truly Christian. The retreat takes place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. It will be led by Sr. Karen Joseph, OSB, a Sister of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Ind., who has given retreats and workshops in Benedictine spirituality throughout North America. The \$25 fee includes lunch. This retreat day is ideal for Ursuline Associates or for anyone who wishes to grow in the grace of God and the spirit of St. Angela Merici. Please register: call 270-229-0206, email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online: ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs.

17th Annual Rural Life Celebration

Sunday, Aug. 11, 2019, 5 p.m. @ Owensboro Convention Center. You are invited to a celebration of rural life in the air conditioned comfort of the Owensboro Convention Center on West Second St. and Locust St. A free meal will be served start at 5 p.m. with a short program. This year, special recognition will be given to the lives of service of Mr. Mike Horn with the second "Be Like Rick" Award, Mr. Charles Krampe with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Come help us honor their contributions to our community. Event sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro Rural Life Committee.

Twilight Retreat Aug. 14: Trust

Deacon John Cecil will present a talk about "Trust" on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The struggle is real. We carry emotional baggage because it is difficult to trust in an invisible God. We find it easy to trust in a world that tells us who we are and affirms our brokenness. We must learn to trust God unconditionally. The event time is 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The \$20 fee includes dinner in the Center dining room. To register: 270-229-0206, retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online at ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs. These Twilight retreats take place on the second Wednesday of each month. Mark your calendar for Sept. 11 when Dr. Raymond Curry will present "Healing."

Immaculate Parish offers adult formation classes

This fall, Immaculate Parish in Owensboro will be offering several opportunities for adults to get formed in their faith. Monday mornings from 10-12 starting Sept. 9, Fulfilled 2 will be offered which shows how the tradition of the Old Testament is fulfilled in Jesus Christ in the New Testament. On Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 starting Sept. 9, Walking Toward Eternity will help participants look at seven virtues using Scripture and how to live them. All men are called to That Man Is You beginning Sept. 18 from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Men will discuss in small groups topics which will help them become more faith-filled men, husbands, fathers and grandfathers. Every Wednesday morning at 7:45 a.m. and every Thursday at 9:30 a.m., small groups break open the readings for the upcoming Sunday and look for the deeper meanings that Christ is teaching us. All are welcomed to any of these studies. For more information, contact Diane Willis at Immaculate (270) 683-0689 or dwillis@immaculateparish.org.

Bishop Shelton Fabre presents 'Against Racism'

A presentation on the U.S. Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter "Open Wide Our Hearts – The Enduring Call to Love." Presented by Bishop Shelton Fabre of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, LA, on Thursday, Sept. 19, at St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro. 7 p.m. presentation in the church, followed by Q&A. At 8:15 p.m. there will be a meet & greet in the lower level community room (refreshments will be served). All are welcome for an evening of inspiration!

Ireland Pilgrimage

Pentecost Tours, with Fr. Tony Stevenson as chaplain, invite you to join us on pilgrimage to Ireland. We will visit: Belfast, Cliffs of Moher, Cork, Dingle, Dublin, Gateway, Giants Causeway, Knock and much more. Flying United Airlines from Nashville, Tn., we will depart on Oct. 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and return to Nashville on Nov. 8, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. For more information and a brochure please contact: Fr. Tony Stevenson, St. Anthony Church, 1654 South Highway 79, Hardinsburg, KY, 40143.

A Scout is Reverent

The upcoming Religious Emblems Mass with Bishop Medley will be March 8, 2020, 2 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro. At this Mass Bishop Medley confers the religious emblems that the youth have earned through the programs offered by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and by the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers. Now is the time to begin working toward earning these emblems. They

include for Cub Scouts: Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei, and for Boy Scouts: Ad altare Dei and Pope Pius XII and Light is Life (Eastern Catholic) and for Girl Scouts and others: God is Love, Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary the First Disciple, The Spirit Alive, and Missio. For an introduction to these and a presentation by the Catholic Committee on Scouting at your next meeting, visit owensborodiocese.org/scouting.

You're invited to join Knights on Bikes

There is an organization specifically geared toward Knights of Columbus members that ride motorcycles. It is called "Knights on Bikes." This organization is in several states and in Canada. The only requirements to join are that you be a Knight of Columbus, and that you ride a motorcycle. The Kentucky Knights on Bikes is very active in the Lexington and Covington Dioceses. Right now, the Diocese of Owensboro is the "Tail End Charlie" when it comes to membership. There currently are no dues. You just have to go to the Kentucky Knights on Bikes Website, or send an email to: knightsonbikesky@gmail.com, indicating a desire to join. You CAN order a riding vest, but that is strictly optional. Come on Knights, if you ride, then join a "club" that consists of Catholic gentlemen. If you have a spouse that rides (or a girlfriend if you are single), they are welcome at events or rides too. There will be an International Convention of the Knights on Bikes near Lansing, Michigan in August.

Sisters of Charity of Nazareth memorial being donated to OCHS

To all readers of the WKC, greetings from north of the Ohio river, Mt Vernon, IN. Don't judge me too harshly, as Owensboro is home, and you know we all have fond memories of home. We all get way too many requests for money, and many are good causes. Cancer research, Red Cross, rescue mission, and Heart Association just to name a few. We have another one, but this one is a real winner. A fundraiser is underway to collect money for a monument to be erected on the ground at Owensboro Catholic High School in recognition of the 30+ years the Sisters of Charity taught and managed the school. Those of us fortunate enough to have been taught by these Sisters recognize the great foundation we received and are happy to make a donation toward this monument. Please consider sending a check made out to OCHS. Send to OCHS, 1524 W Parrish Ave., Owensboro, KY 42301. Att: Tracy Miller. Only Tracy will know the amount you contribute. Any amount, \$25, \$50, \$100 you are comfortable with will be much appreciated. Thank you. -Gene Moore

2019 Parish Picnic Schedule in the Diocese of Owensboro

Editor's note: Parish picnics and cooking teams are a longstanding tradition in the Diocese of Owensboro. Parishioners and non-parishioners alike gather to celebrate with food, games and fellowship during the warmest months of the year. All questions about the individual picnics may be directed to the parishes.

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
AUG 3	Drive-thru starting at 11 a.m.; serving from noon-3 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
AUG 3	Serving at 10 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
AUG 6	Serving at 4 p.m.; drive-thru BBQ	St. Martin, Rome
AUG 10	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
AUG 26	Serving at 3 p.m. (EST)	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
SEPT 7	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
SEPT 14	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
SEPT 14	Serving from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
SEPT 14	Drive-thru from 4-5 p.m.	St. Sebastian, Calhoun
SEPT 15	Serving at 11 a.m., Mary Carrico Catholic School Picnic	St. Lawrence Picnic Grounds, Philpot
SEPT 15	Serving from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.	St. Joseph, Central City
SEPT 21	Serving at 4 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPT 21	Serving from 4-8 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
SEPT 28	Serving from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Drive-thru, Raffle & BBQ	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPT 28	Serving from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Honeyfest Dinner, Silent Auction & Raffle	St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
SEPT 29	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

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Disgraced ex-cardinal ‘Mr. McCarrick’ remains at Kansas friary, one year later

BY KEVIN JONES | CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

Denver, Colo., June 20, 2019 (CNA) - One year after credible allegations of sex abuse of a minor led to his public disgrace, the 88-year-old Theodore McCarrick is no longer a cardinal of the Catholic Church, no longer an archbishop, and no longer a cleric. He continues to reside at a Franciscan friary in Kansas, perhaps indefinitely.

“Mr. McCarrick continues to reside at St. Fidelis Friary in Victoria, Kansas. He is in poor health and remains under a supervision plan,” Father Joseph Mary Elder, O.F.M. Cap., communications director for the Capuchin Franciscans’ Province of St. Conrad, told CNA June 18.

“At this point, the length of his stay is indeterminate, but he is looking for lodgings closer to his family. There is no timetable for when or if that might happen,” said Elder.

“Mr. McCarrick follows the everyday life and routine of a friar with the exception of public ministry; he lives in the same type of room as the friars, joins in the community prayers and the celebration of the Mass, and participates in community meals and interactions,” he continued.

McCarrick will turn 89 years old on July 7. He has been at the friary since September 2018, when then-Archbishop of Washington Cardinal Donald Wuerl asked Bishop Gerald L. Vincke of Salina, Kansas and Father Christopher Popravak, the Denver-based Capuchin provincial,

to make arrangements to house McCarrick.

“Regarding payment for his lodgings, the Archdiocese of Washington was paying room and board for him until the time of his laicization,” said Elder. “While Mr. McCarrick has offered to pay out of pocket, the Capuchins have declined the offer.”

In January 2019 he was removed from the clerical state, one of the most extreme sanctions for a clergyman, and which deprives him of the right to financial support normally guaranteed to clerics under church law. Without this punishment, McCarrick’s former archdiocese would still be required to support him financially.

The decision to host McCarrick in the Salina diocese was not taken lightly, Vincke said in a Sept. 13, 2018 letter to the diocese’s faithful.

Vincke, who had only taken office in August 2018, said he believes in both justice and mercy. In saying “yes” to hosting McCarrick, he said, “I had to reconcile my own feelings of disappointment, anger and even resentment toward Archbishop McCarrick,” he explained, stressing reliance upon Jesus Christ for guidance, mercy and forgiveness.

Vincke said he was “deeply sorry” for all victims of abuse, adding “This purification of the Church by God is painful, but much needed. We need the eyes of faith as we suffer through this.”

The Salina diocese did not provide additional comment in response to inquiries. McCarrick’s civil attorney, Barry Coburn of the Washington, D.C.-based firm Coburn & Greenbaum,

on June 18 confirmed that he is still the ex-cardinal’s attorney but declined further comment.

In February, sources close to the former cardinal told CNA that he has private means of support in place. While McCarrick reportedly did not draw a salary or a pension from any of the three dioceses he led, he does have a private income from savings and monthly annuities.

“While he is not without resources, they are modest, in keeping with what one might expect of a parish priest,” a source close to McCarrick said.

One source speculated that the annuities could have come from “friends or benefactors” of the archbishop before his fall from grace.

McCarrick was well-known for giving envelopes of money to different bishops and cardinals, ostensibly to thank them for their work. Such practices have come under scrutiny as a possible source of corruption and unwarranted influence.

McCarrick was a co-founder and the longtime head of the Papal Foundation, which since 1990 has given over \$100 million to support projects and proposals recommended by the Holy See. After a 2018 controversy over a \$25 million grant from the foundation to a legally and financially troubled Italian hospital, questions have been raised about whether McCarrick attempted to use foundation influence and assets to forestall investigations against him.

As CNA reported in August 2018, McCarrick sat on the boards of two family foundations which helped funnel \$500,000 to his personal

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archbishop's fund over about a decade's time.

McCarrick was a paid consultant for Thomas Donohue, president and chief executive of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Wall Street Journal reported June 6. Over the period 2011 to early 2018, Donohue paid him over \$200,000 for advice on global development and other matters.

The day McCarrick was first accused of sexual misconduct, he contacted Donohue for help returning to Washington from the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Donohue dispatched a private jet and later compensated the Chamber more than \$23,000 for the flight.

The Chamber of Commerce spends the most on lobbying of any interest group in Washington. Donohue is also president of the board of the Chamber's affiliate the Center for International Private Enterprise, which is part of the globally influential U.S. nonprofit the National Endowment for Democracy.

One year ago, on June 20, 2018, the Archdiocese of New York announced that its investigation found "credible and substantiated" allegations that McCarrick had committed sexual abuse of a teenager. It also came to light that the Archdiocese of Newark and the Diocese of Metuchen had previously reached out-of-court settlements with several adult men who alleged they were sexually abused by McCarrick during their time as seminarians.

In July 2018 McCarrick was sentenced to a life of prayer and penance by Pope Francis pending the completion of a canonical process against him. That same day, the pope accepted McCarrick's resignation from the College of Cardinals.

That July another victim, James Grein of Virginia came forward to say McCarrick had begun sexually abusing him in 1969, when Grein was 11 and McCarrick was a 39-year-old priest. Some of the abuse took place in the context of the sacrament of rec-

onciliation, further compounding McCarrick's offenses. McCarrick was reportedly a friend to Grein's Swiss-American family and Grein was the first baby he baptized as a priest, the New York Times reported.

Grein has said his family provided early financial support for McCarrick and trips to Switzerland with family members, which could have provided a key boost to McCarrick's ability to network internationally and to rise in the Church.

While McCarrick's fall shocked many, some said they had long heard rumors of questionable behavior towards adult seminarians. McCarrick's fall brought scrutiny for U.S. bishops who had served under him, with many denying they knew of any misbehavior.

Pope Francis himself has faced questions. Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, the former apostolic nuncio to the U.S., has charged that Pope Francis knew of sanctions placed on McCarrick. He said

that McCarrick's alleged sexual misconduct had been known to some Vatican officials for years, eventually leading to a restriction on the archbishop's ministry by Pope Benedict XVI in the late 2000s, and a subsequent restoration of McCarrick's place as a papal advisor by Pope Francis.

Since the charges first emerged, Pope Francis has maintained that he will not respond to the content of the Vigano letters, and instead has encouraged journalists to investigate their allegations. Some aspects of the former nuncio's testimonial seem to have been verified, while other aspects remain controversial or unproven, and some have proven to have been exaggerated, overstated, or unlikely.

Msgr. Anthony Figueiredo, a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark and a former secretary to McCarrick, last month released apparent ex-

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New Beginnings, in collaboration with the Diocese of Owensboro, will offer a 6-week group focused on the healing of the trauma of adult men survivors of sexual abuse by clergy.

This group is occurring based upon recommendations from the spring 2019 support group for survivors of sexual abuse.

WHO: Adult men, age 18 and older

WHEN: Tuesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., beginning October 15, 2019

WHERE: New Beginnings – 1716 Scherm Rd, Owensboro, KY

FACILITATOR: Jennifer Francis-Gehring, LCSW – Social worker for 20 years, clinical therapist at New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services

Childcare is not available. Please call Jennifer at New Beginnings (270) 926-7273 to register.



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A 6-week group focused on the healing of the trauma of adult women survivors of sexual abuse by clergy will occur in the spring of 2020. More details to follow.

New Ursuline Associates read their commitments



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

From right, Sister Michele Morek is with new Associate Renee Schultz of Prairie Village, Kan.; Associate Pauline Goebel of Louisville is with new Associate Marian Pusey of Louisville; and new Associate Lori Haynes of Whitesville is joined by Associate Debbie Lanham of Hawesville. Sister Amelia Stenger, congregational leader, is at left.

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

Ursuline Associates and Sisters Day 2019 brought a wonderful amount of sharing and reflection about ministering to others and how we share “love in action.” The all-day event on June 22 at Mount Saint Joseph included welcoming three new Ursuline Associates who made their commitments. The three new Ursuline Associates read their commitments, while being joined by their contact companions, in the Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel. ■

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cerpts from private correspondence between McCarrick, the priest, and various other Church officials. In his view, these show high-ranking Vatican churchmen “likely had knowledge of McCarrick’s actions and of restrictions imposed upon him during the pontificate of Benedict XVI.”

The excerpts seem to contain admissions of wrongdoing from McCarrick, and to confirm subsequent reports about the Vatican’s response to the former cardinal’s behavior. But some Vatican officials have said Figueiredo’s report did not fully explain the ways in which McCarrick operated in the Vatican. They painted a picture of a man expert at exploiting a curial culture and creating an appearance of conflicting instructions that allowed him to justify his travels.

The excerpts from Figueiredo’s correspondence also appear to confirm reports that McCarrick played an ongoing, though sometimes unofficial, role in Vatican diplomatic efforts, especially in China, during the pontificates of both Benedict XVI and Francis.

McCarrick’s long career began, perhaps, with his ordination as a priest by the deeply influential Cardinal Francis Spellman of New York. He later served as an auxiliary bishop of New York before becoming Bishop of Metuchen, Archbishop of Newark and then Archbishop of Washington.

McCarrick’s career included time as a university leader and service on diplomatic missions and advisory roles for both the U.S. State Department and the Holy See. He has served on pontifical councils for Promoting Christian Unity, Justice and Peace, Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples and for Latin America. Similarly, he served in the office of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Holy See and as chair of multiple U.S. bishops’ conference committees. ■

After years of study and discernment, six Spanish-speaking men to be ordained to permanent diaconate

BY FR. JULIO E. BARRERA, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Right after I was ordained a priest in 2013, I was first assigned as the associate pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville and the former parishes of St. Mary and James in Guthrie and St. Susan in Elkton (today combined as St. Francis of Assisi in Todd County). I had the opportunity to work with Deacon Heriberto Rodriguez. He was back then already the director of the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Owensboro. He invited me to help him “just to organize” the recently-created Permanent Diaconate Program in Spanish. To my surprise Bishop Medley named me the director of formation for the Permanent Diaconate Program in Spanish.

When I joined this great ministry, we had 13 participants from different parishes that offer Spanish ministry as part of the parish life. The program we have followed, for their formation, was the one offered at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology adapted to our particular diocese. This program consists to a five-year study, including the four pillars or areas: Academic, Human, Spiritual, and Pastoral, mentioned in the Directory for the Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons from the Vatican. Also, they have participated in psychological and medical tests to reassure, not only their good will, but their whole being for this commitment to serve.

Another important aspect in their formation process is the support of their families, especially their wives. As the National Directory for the For-

mation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States mentions: “their wives not only consent, but also have the Christian moral character and attributes which will neither hinder their husbands' ministry nor be out of keeping with it”(37).

Bishop Medley wanted to offer this opportunity to men in the Spanish-speaking communities so that through their ministry as deacons, the Good News offered in the Gospel may be proclaimed to our brothers and sisters who have migrated from their countries. But also, to help pastors in their own parish in the Spanish ministry. Even though this whole process has been somehow quiet, I think it has been a success. We are now getting ready for their ordination to the permanent diaconate. They concluded their study program in June. They just had an awesome experience in their canonical retreat at the Passionist Monastery in Whitesville, KY. I had the honor to invite Bishop John Stowe of the Diocese of Lexington to direct the five-day retreat.

After five years of studies, retreats, discernment and challenges, only six men will be ordained as permanent deacons. Five parishes will be blessed when these men are ordained on Sept. 14 at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro. I want to ask you for your prayer for our candidates as they move towards their final preparation for ordination.

Their names are: Rene Amaya from St. Joseph, Bowling Green; José Blanco from St. Joseph, Mayfield; Edwin Pacheco from St. Francis of Assisi, Guthrie; Baltazar Rafael from St. Michael, Sebree;

Mario Reséndiz from St. Francis of Assisi, Guthrie; and Trinidad Soriano from Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville. I have witnessed their growth in every aspect of their lives from the time I joined them until today. May the Lord Jesus Christ continue to blessing us with holy vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, religious life and holy matrimony. ■

Fr. Julio E. Barrera is the pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish in Beaver Dam and Holy Trinity Parish in Morgantown, and is the director of formation for the Permanent Diaconate Program in Spanish.

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**Weekend of
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Diocese's 47th March for Life trip in the planning stage

BY DEACON RICHARD MURPHY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Diocese of Owensboro is in the planning stages of offering an adult and family-oriented trip to the 47th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 24, 2020 to be the voices for the voiceless unborn and advocate for the sanctity of human life. You are invited to be part of this trip.

A bus trip is planned to depart from Owensboro on the evening of Jan. 22, 2020 and travel through the night to Washington, D.C. The group will arrive there in the early afternoon of Jan. 23 at the Renaissance Downtown Hotel in D.C., the site of the national March for Life Conference, to check in for a two-night stay. That evening, the group will travel to the Basil-

ica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for Mass the before the March the next day.

On the morning of Jan. 24, the day of the March, the group will gather to celebrate Mass, and then travel to the National Mall, the site of the rally and the site for the beginning of the March. At the National Mall, a pre-rally concert will take place, followed by the rally, and the beginning of the March around 1 p.m. After the March, travelers will be on their own to explore Washington for the balance of the day. After spending a night at the hotel, the group will take part in about two hours of sightseeing in Washington and then board the bus for the return trip to Owensboro. The group will return back to Owensboro either late that night of January

25 or in the early morning hours of Jan. 26, 2020.

Trip costs will include the cost of a passenger seat on the bus, the price of two nights at the hotel and their meals. Persons who may wish to be a part of the trip are asked to respond to Deacon Richard Murphy by mail, email or call. His address is Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301. Deacon Murphy can be reached by phone at (270) 683-1545. His email address is: richard.murphy@pastoral.org. A \$50 deposit to register is required for the trip on or before Oct. 25, 2019. More details on costs and trip plans will be made available as soon as they are known. ■

Deacon Richard Murphy is the director of the diocese's Office of Social Concerns.

Friends, Faith & Flip Flops

Catholic Women's Retreat

August 23-24, 2019
 Kentucky Dam Village Resort
 Cost: \$50 + lodging

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owensborodiocese.org/womens-retreat/



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Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019
 4 p.m.–7 p.m.

Enjoy snacks, drinks, beer, wine.
 \$25 per person
 Teams: 4-10 players, Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place

Don't forget your raffle tickets!
 Get your \$5 Mount raffle tickets for a chance to win \$10,000, a quilt, and other cash prizes! Drawing Sunday at 3 p.m.

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For more information, contact Carol Braden-Clarke: 270-229-2008 • carol.braden-clark@maplemount.org



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 Enjoy lunch and drinks.
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 Buy extra Bingo cards for \$1 each.
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Divorced, separated Catholics attend first-ever specialized retreat in diocese

BY DEACON PAUL BACHI, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

“For the spirit of God has made me, the breath of the Almighty keeps me alive.” - Job 33:4

The Spirit of God acts in its own time. We can grow impatient and despair but we should never lose hope, and continue to pray – pray always.

This past April 5-7, 2019 at the Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Center, 11 souls wounded by the pains of divorce entrusted their fragile hearts and some of their life stories to the Spirit of God at the first Divorced and Separated Koinonia (DASK) ever to be held in our diocese.

(Koinonia refers to a fellowship of Christians coming together to share the Gospel and to encounter Jesus in a deeper way with the goal of incorporating this communion into their daily lives.)

Twenty-five team members, most of whom had also experienced divorce, prayed and trusted that the Spirit of God would use them to show God’s love and mercy as light in the darkness. They were led by a local person who wanted to bring DASK to this diocese and several gracious members of DASK teams from Springfield, Ill. and St. Louis, Miss.

Three local priests volunteered their services for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And there was love, and prayer, and peace, and singing, and beauty, and laughter.

Here are several testimonials from participants:

“When I signed up I didn’t know what to expect.

What I experienced was far beyond and more extraordinary than anything I had conjured up in my mind. I thought I was suffering alone but now it’s clear I’m not and I never have been nor will be.”

“It has decreased my sense of loneliness and isolation caused by my divorce and given me hope and examples of God’s healing power at work in situations not very different from my own.”

“It met my needs for going forward to a new life. It is a natural process, filled with gentleness, encouragement, love.”

“Continue offering DASK – many divorced Catholics need to know about this!!”

Did everyone go home and live happily ever after? More loved and happy, yes, but all problems resolved...no.

But knowing God cares, newfound friends care, and the Church cares... yes! Equipped with a renewed spirit, resources for journeying closer to God, and a call to holiness and evangelization...yes! The desire to help others in similar situations and the question of when will the next DASK be held in our diocese...yes!

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” - John 12:24 ■

Deacon Paul Bachi serves at St. Mark Parish in Edyville.



The next DASK retreat will be held Oct. 25-27, 2019.

For more information on ministry to the divorced and separated, contact Danny May, Office of Marriage and Family Life, at: (270) 683-1545 ext. 336, familylife@pastoral.org or owensborodiocese.org/divorce.

As a divorced person, how can the Church help me?

Divorce is unique among life experiences. There is no precedent that can prepare someone for it. Divorce is a process, not an event, and the Catholic Church is aware of the pain and stress caused by divorce. While supporting the permanence of marriage, the Church bears in mind the needs of divorced individuals. One of the ways the Church addresses this need is through the ministry offered by the Diocesan Tribunal. 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.

IN BRIEF

COMPILED BY WKC STAFF

Venerable Fulton Sheen to be beatified

Vatican City (CNA) - Pope Francis approved the miracle attributed to Archbishop Fulton Sheen Friday, making possible the American television catechist's beatification. The Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints promulgated the decree approving Sheen's miracle on July 6. The miracle involves the unexplained recovery of James Fulton Engstrom, a boy born apparently stillborn in September 2010 to Bonnie and Travis Engstrom of the Peoria-area town of Goodfield. He showed no signs of life as medical professionals tried to revive him. The child's mother and father prayed to Archbishop Sheen to heal their son. A seven-member panel of medical experts advising the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints gave unanimous approval of the miracle attributed to the famous television personality and evangelist in March 2014.

- Catholic News Agency

WKC receives first-place award for immigration coverage

In June, Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, editor of The Western Kentucky Catholic, and Laura Rigby (formerly Clarke), digital media specialist for the diocese, won first place in the "Best Coverage - Immigration" (Newspaper Division) in the 2019 Catholic Press Association Awards. For this contest, they submitted three entries plus an accompanying video. The winning stories are: 'Catholic faith

makes us "family," says Burmese refugee' (Jan. 2018 issue); 'Futures in jeopardy: They arrived in U.S. as children; DACA recipients now fear changes' (Feb. 2018 issue) with accompanying video; and 'Different cultures, one in Christ: Maya Catholic speaker coming to western Kentucky' (April 2018 issue). In the award description, the judges wrote, "The feature stories in the Western Kentucky Catholic were compelling and provided a human side to the issue of immigration. This paper focused on refugees and immigrants from a variety of backgrounds and that made the coverage feel fresh and stand out from the competition. Excellent overall."

Tom Lilly accepts role of chancellor

The Diocese of Owensboro announced Tom Lilly as the chancellor and chief administrative officer effective June 1, 2019. Lilly replaced Kevin Kauffeld who announced in early May his resignation from the diocese and his acceptance of a position at Independence Bank in Paducah. Lilly, served as the president of Owensboro Catholic Schools since June 11, 2018, formerly worked for the diocese for 15 years as the executive director of the Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky and was the diocesan coordinator of staff.

Archbishop Kurtz announces cancer diagnosis, asks for prayers

Louisville, Ky. (CNA) - Archbishop Joseph Kurtz requested prayers July 10 as he announced that he has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and will soon undergo treatment. The Archbishop of Louisville announced he will be out of the archdiocese for three months while he receives treatment.

"I have been diagnosed with urothelial carcino-

ma in my bladder and prostate and will take part in a treatment plan that includes immunotherapy and chemotherapy for at least 12 weeks," said Kurtz in a statement posted on the Archdiocese of Louisville website July 9.

After undergoing chemotherapy, Kurtz said that he will have his bladder and prostate surgically removed. His diagnosis came after several months of health problems and medical tests.

Kurtz, who served as president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2013 to 2016, said that he is "very grateful" to his oncologist Dr. Dan George and the rest of his team at the Duke University Cancer Institute, and that he has "good cause for optimism."

"I feel well, and with the encouragement of Dr. George, I have remained active during this time," said the archbishop said. He will be staying in North Carolina throughout his treatment, but will be in contact with officials from the archdiocese while he is away.

Kurtz said that Archbishop Christoph Pierre, the apostolic nuncio to the United States, is aware of his illness and imminent absence from his archdiocese, and is "supportive of the plan I have developed."

"Needless to say, I will miss the many opportunities I have to visit parishes and talk with so many of you at upcoming events this summer and fall," he said. "You will be in my prayers. Please keep me in yours."

According to the American Cancer Society, urothelial carcinoma is the most common form of bladder cancer. The five-year relative survival rates for all stages of bladder cancer is 77 percent.

- Catholic News Agency

August Wedding Anniversaries

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

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Marvin & Martha Faye Hayden, 51
 Steve & Brenda Hagan, 50
 David & Ann Blanford, 40
 Laura & Brian Cecil, 25
 Drew & Jeannette Ward, 51
 David & Beverly Enders, 25
 Raymond & Theresa Payne, 59
 David & Martha Lashbrook, 58
 Tom & Anita Mischel, 40

Christ the King, Madisonville

David & Ellen Waters, 60
 Tommy & Carol Richardson, 53
 Doug & Patricia Pilson, 51
 James & Judy Donley, 51
 Frank & Barbara Schnapf, 51
 Ron & Marsha Segebarth, 51

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Cory & Emily Bridges, 5
 Thomas & Mary Duncan, 53
 David & Jo Ettensohn, 56
 Jeffrey & Janice Haile, 40
 Danny & Janie Jacobs, 55
 Jesse & Teresia Johnston, 40
 Thomas & Marie Keen, 51
 John & Judith McClellan, 56
 Bobby & Donna Nally, 59
 Matthew & Michelle Nobles, 5
 Robert & Gayle Paff, 51
 William & Holly Sauer, 25
 John Shelman & Susana Solorza, 5
 James & Terri Stanley, 40
 Keith & Diane Utley, 50
 Kevin & Jessica Williams, 10

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

James & Sylvia Weis, 63

Delbert & Ellen Hayden, 55
 William & Darlene Sims, 55
 John & Jocelyn Knepler, 50
 Matthew & Lisa Ryan, 40
 Stephen & Judith Edlinger, 40
 Eric & Laura Smith, 25
 Jaime & Iveth Hinojoza-Zavala, 10
 Jerome & Michelle Fable, 5

Holy Trinity, Morgantown

Larry & Mary Martin, 57

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Johnny & Elizabeth Wix, 51

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Dan & Shirley Hagman, 59
 J. Michael & Jean Mattingly, 51

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

John & Margaret Thompson, 10
 Kevin & Cassie Stelmach, 25
 Fred & Jeanette Dillingham, 40
 Roberto, Sr. & Alda Montalvo, 40
 Michael & Ann Flaherty, 40
 Paul & Betty Melton, 40
 Michael & Linda Todd, 51
 John & Margaret Kutsork, 57
 Kenneth & Johanna Boarman, 57
 James & Barbara Sanders, 56

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Adam & Daile Hancock, 10
 Sean & Morgan Hayden, 10
 Matt & Julie Warren, 25
 Hershel & Tamara Morgan II, 40
 Alan Wayne & Lynn Jones, 40
 Leslie & Patsy Van Meter II, 54
 John & Margie Wathen, 64

Gary & Bonnie Roberts, 52
 Billie & Sue Helen Hill, 64
 Joseph A. Jr. & Rose Clark, 63
 James E. & Sharon Murphy, 54
 William J. & Hattie L. Potts, 61

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Paul & Tancy Payne, 51
 Gary & Theresa Skaggs, 40
 Bill & Rita Elder, 59
 Jeremy & Ashley Stewart, 10
 Bill & June Johnson, 59
 Paul Jr. & Nelda Bickwermert, 40

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Mike & Julia Ward, 50
 Jack & Fran Pullen, 51

Sacred Heart, Hickman

Gerald & Mary Harris, 52
 Jimmy & Pat Cooley, 59
 Jimmie & Barb Blanton, 54

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Frank & Mary Jane Kondracki, 52

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Anthony & Virginia Livers, 57

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Kevin & Renee French, 25
 Bill & Lora Lee Duncan, 50
 Kevin & Kristin Baird, 5
 Bobby Dale & Irene Jennings, 63
 Damon & Cathy Dayberry, 52

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Charles Ray & Sarah Dant, 53

St. Ann, Morganfield

Billy Joe & Jeanie Collins, 25
 Keith & Beth Hendrickson, 40
 William & Shelly Adelman, 40

James E. & Dorothy Buckman, 62
 Kenny & Judy Willett, 52
 John T. & Yvonne Davis, 53
 Fred & Bonnie Hooper, 52
 H. E. & Marilyn Ervin, 63
 David & Elizabeth Acker, 52

St. Anthony, Peonia

Joe & Ann Reuther, 52

St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel

Shannon & Jennifer Lasley, 10

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Paul & Diane Quayle, 52
 Joseph & Alice McCabe, 62
 Steve & Helen Krivan, 59

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

David & Mary Doris Simon, 61

St. Augustine, Reed

Ben & Stanette Blair, 51

St. Columba, Lewisport

Bobby & Alice Fallin, 54
 Paul & Ruth Madden, 58
 Joe & Jeanette Taylor, 59

St. Denis, Fancy Farm

Gene & Brenda Toon, 10
 James & Carolyn Morgan, 52
 Richard & Pat Green, 50

St. Edward, Fulton

Jerry & Mary Ann Hobbs, 59
 Ben & Joy Davis, 61

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson

Jerry & Mary Jackey, 54
 Stephen & Sherry Vincent, 40
 Robert & Virginia Jackey, 56

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Bob & Faye Greenwell, 61

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

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 William T. & Judith Hayden, 60
 James & Frances Harbison, 56

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J. Michael & Penny Toon, 5
Brent & Whitney Smith, 10
Grant & Claudette Mills, 51
Raymond & Carole Ballard, 61

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

William & Heidi Ballard, 56
Del & Debbie Durbin, 40
Wayne & Mary Sanders, 10
Steve & Cindy Kneer, 40
David & Elizabeth Goewert, 51
Frank & Kay Kern, 56

St. John the Evangelist, Sunfish

Danny & Glenda Kiernan, 55

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Drew & Stacey Heston, 5
Adam & Elizabeth Updegraff, 5
Russ & Catherine Heltsley, 25
William & Marilyn Feldkamp, 54
Wallace & Bonnie Gibson, 53
Dan & Mary Murphy, 52
Thomas & Margaret Cahill, 59

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Tim & Jackie Pierce, 25
Bill & Carolyn Thomason, 54
James & Mary Ann Dennis, 40
Mike & Pat Boone, 60

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Domingo & Alma Orania, 5
James & Judy Hobbs, 51
Christian & Liliana Mercado, 10
Gerald & Pam Brooks, 51

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Joe & Jeanie Wedding, 40
John Daniel & Dorothy Edge, 50

St. Leo, Murray

James & Ethel Cantrell, 64
Eldridge & Carolyn Haas, 62
Tom & Debbie Oliverio, 40

St. Mark, Eddyville

Robert & Patricia Dybel, 52

St. Martin, Rome

Kenneth & Alice Drochter, 65

St. Mary, Franklin

Dean & Sharon Henderson, 53
John & Paula Herrmann, 51
Basil, Jr. & Karen Trouten, 25

St. Mary, LaCenter

Richard & Cindy Liner, 40
Jerry & Julie Owsley, 51

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Bill & Judi Head, 52
J. L. & Joan Byrne, 55

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Matthew & Mallory Brant, 5
Austin & Samantha Leonard, 5
Keith & Amy Pickerill, 10
Chris & Ruth Bickwermert, 40
Bill & Ann Greer, 40
Stephen & Patricia Ling, 40
Steve & Carla Morris, 40
Lewis & Regina Jean, 50
Gerald & Nancy Barr, 53
Donald & Shirley Edge, 57

St. Michael, Sebree

Robert & Susie Blanford, 56

St. Michael the Archangel, Oakgrove

Robert, Sr. & Maria Evans, 10
Jonathan & Heidi Wheeler, 10

St. Paul, Leitchfield

John & Bonnie Lampton, 40

St. Paul, Princeton

Thomas & Kay Cotton, 51

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

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A summer of growth

Seminarian learns, prays during Spanish immersion



COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHER KIGHT

On June 30, 2019, Christopher Kight has the opportunity to carry the monstrance for a portion of time during a Eucharistic Procession in Antigua, Guatemala.

BY CHRISTOPHER KIGHT, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

This summer I had the opportunity to travel to Guatemala for 10 weeks for a Spanish immersion. The idea of the immersion is for seminarians and priests to totally immerse themselves in the language and culture of Central America. Each day, seminarians, priests, and religious study one-on-one with a teacher for anywhere between four to seven hours a day. Students have the opportunity to do ministry at various places such as hospitals and nursing homes. Seminarians and priests in the program also have the opportunity to travel to different pilgrimage sites in Guatemala. What I thought was going

to be a summer of much difficulty turned out to be a time of many blessings beyond what I could have imagined.

The people in Guatemala welcomed me with open arms. Despite my not knowing Spanish, the people took me in as one of their own and made me feel as if I were one of them. My teacher in particular was someone with whom I came particularly close. She constantly worked with me in my difficulties in learning the language and exuberated patience with me as I continued to learn.

Some of the highlights of my time in Guatemala were climbing the volcano “Pacaya.” This volcano is located just south of Guatemala City and is very active. From the volcano one can see the Capital City in the distance as well as other beautiful sites. I had the opportunity to climb the lava with brother seminarians and roast marshmallows on the lava. It was one of the most beautiful places I have ever visited. I couldn’t help but think about and pray Psalm 8 which expresses wonder and awe at the beauty of God’s creation.

Another highlight of my time in Guatemala was a pilgrimage to Santiago Atitlán. This is the city where Blessed Stanley Rother worked and was martyred. Our group had Mass in the room where he was martyred. I received the Holy Eucharist and prayed in the exact spot where Blessed Stanley was shot and killed. This experience was particularly edifying because it served as a reminder that we as Christians are called to live out the Gospel message even if that



COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHER KIGHT

Probigua, Christopher Kight’s school in Guatemala, hosted a 4th of July party while he was there. In this picture Kight stands with his teacher, Soledad Trujillo.

means giving your life for the greater glory of God. Blessed Stanley serves as the example that amid persecution, the Gospel message will always prevail in every time and place.

“...Christ is the center of everything that the Church does.”

The last experience I wish to write on is the Eucharistic Procession of the parish I attended, “La Marced.” The pastor invited me to assist in the procession around the north end of Antigua (the city where I lived and studied). I was able to assist at Sunday Mass as an acolyte and then accompany Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of the city. Thousands of people attended the procession that lasted three and a half hours. I had the opportunity to carry the monstrance for a good portion of the procession. This experience was humbling

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because it served for me as a reminder that Christ is the center of everything that the Church does. I couldn't help but admire the beautiful faith of the people. The people of Guatemala don't have much, but they do possess a strong and beautiful faith. The faith of the people in Guatemala is something I wish all people could experience. It is truly remarkable!

I could say much more about my experience this summer in Guatemala. It was a summer of growth both intellectually and spiritually. I will always cherish my time in Guatemala; which to put it simply was simply life-changing. I know many people across the diocese kept me in prayer during my immersion and for that I thank you. I ask you to continue to pray for me and the other seminarians as we embark on a new formation year. Thank you and God bless. ■


Christopher Kight is a seminarian for the Diocese of Owensboro, and this fall will begin his pastoral year at St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green.



COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHER KIGHT

On June 29, 2019, seminarian Christopher Kight stands on the dock of Lake Atitlán; behind him is Volcan San Pedro. This picture was taken in the city where Blessed Stanley Rother was martyred.

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Characteristics of a missionary disciple

We as a diocese are walking through the phases of our four-year plan on evangelization, titled “Living as Missionary Disciples,” (with the four years dedicated to Encounter, Accompany, Community, Send; this year is focused on Accompany). I would like to look at what I believe in my own experience and journey of faith are the characteristics of a missionary disciple. This will not be your usual list from a theological or academic lens. This comes from my own experience of walking with the Lord and accompanying people on this journey of faith. This by no means is an exhaustive list. You may have your own characteristics to add to it; please do.

A missionary disciple...

...knows that they are loved as a daughter or son of God through Divine Adoption. (Romans 8: 14-17) What Jesus is by nature we are by Grace. This makes us brothers and sisters of Jesus.

...knows there is nothing they have done nor can do to earn God’s love. God’s love is freely given, it is his nature. He doesn’t know how not to love. That’s what he is. We can only love others because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

...knows that they are chosen. (John 15:16)

...knows that salvation is sheer gift and there is nothing they did or can do to earn it. (Romans 4:16)

...has a love and acceptance of themselves. They know that in order to truly love others they first have to love themselves.

...is someone who lives out of a freedom

that this love brings.

...is constantly mindful of their own shortcomings and is open to the love of God and his ability to remove these shortcomings.

...does not live out of fear but acts with courage, integrity and dignity.

...knows that the greatest and most insane travesty in history was the crucifixion, but they also know that only God could sub-

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BY JOE BLAND,
OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION

mit to the insanity of this world to restore us to sanity and to redeem the world.

...knows from this that they must turn their whole will over to the care of God. It is through surrender that the disciple receives strength.

...is a person that is always growing, learning and deepening their relationship with God; that their prayer life is not just about reciting prayers and being “good” but is an intimate relationship with a Person.

...knows that their sense of worth and dignity comes from God alone and they know they are a unique and precious creation made in the image and likeness of God.

...believes and trusts in God when he says

that they will do great things for the kingdom, even greater than Him. (John 14:12)

...is a forgiving and compassionate person. They know that they have hurt others and thus are ready to forgive and release those who have hurt them. They are compassionate because they have been in the other person’s shoes and have experienced their pain. (Luke 9:33) They see themselves in the wounded person. They have become the wounded healer.

The previous characteristics are those of a disciple but this next one is the one that sets the missionary disciple apart. Jesus told us to “Go, Make Disciples” – not just to be a disciple. A missionary disciple is not just being formed but forming others, not just being disciple but discipling others. The missionary disciple knows that all this is a gift and after having had an encounter with the risen Jesus, they must carry this message of love to others and introduce others to the person of Jesus. ■

Joe Bland is the director of the Office of Evangelization in the Diocese of Owensboro. To learn more, visit owensborodiocese.org/evangelization.



New pro-life billboards installed in Owensboro



COURTESY OF DEACON NICK NICHOLS
The newly-installed Billboard for Life on the property of Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro.



COURTESY OF DEACON NICK NICHOLS
The newly-installed Billboard for Life on the property of Resurrection Cemetery in Owensboro.

BY DEACON NICK NICHOLS, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On June 1, a team of parishioners from the Owensboro parishes of Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Lourdes, Immaculate, and St. Pius X installed two new private billboards: one on Blessed Mother's property; the other on Resurrection Cemetery's property. In that these are Catholic-owned properties, there is no monthly rental associated. Further, each billboard is double-sided allowing two billboard faces to be posted on each private billboard. The installation of these two private billboards raises the total number of billboards to 20, meaning we have 40 billboard faces displayed year-round at no cost.

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Deacon Nick Nichols serves at St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro.

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Recipients of 2019 SLIM awards and certificates announced

BY WKC STAFF

This summer the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Youth Ministry recognized the recipients of the 2019 Servant Leaders in Ministry (SLIM) awards. Based on nominations from the parishes, the youth ministry office selects up to 18 youth from around the diocese who have made outstanding contributions to their parishes, communities and the diocese.

"These young people have gone above and beyond in service to the Church and their communities," said Charlie Hardesty, diocesan director of youth ministry. "As a diocese we join in celebrating their achievements."

The 18 winners received a plaque, and all nominated youth receive a certificate of recognition. This year's winners and certificate of recognition recipients are listed below.

Award Winners:

- Jolee Hayden** – Blessed Mother, Owensboro
- Elizabeth Ford** – Blessed Mother, Owensboro
- Javon Williams** – Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
- Jonathan Hauke** – Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
- Alex Wheeler** – Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
- Lucy Evans** – Immaculate, Owensboro
- Josafina Garcia** – Immaculate, Owensboro
- Caleb Wimsatt** – Precious Blood, Owensboro
- Noah Watson** – St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
- Conor Washburn** – St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
- Ryan Gillituk** – St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
- Stephanie Hayden** – St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
- Paul Warrell** – St. Joseph, Bowling Green
- Mary Hardesty** – St. Mary of the Woods,

Whitesville

- Abby Isbill** – St. Pius X, Owensboro
- Lucas Zoglmann** – St. Pius X, Owensboro
- Katelyn Hurst** – St. Pius X, Calvert City
- Jade Flaherty** – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Certificate of Recognition Winners:

- Grace Brocato** – Blessed Mother, Owensboro
- Hayden Dant** – St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
- Sabastian Lattus** – St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
- Noah Todd** – St. Martin, Rome
- Samuel Self** – St. Martin, Rome
- Blaise Morris** – St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
- Rosi Lopez** – St. Michael, Sebree
- Claire Johnson** – St. Pius X, Owensboro
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Kids grow closer to God through parishes' VBS



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(Above two photos) Paducah Deanery's 2019 VBS had approximately 130 kids in rising Pre-K through rising 6th grade, 60 student helpers, and 30 adult helpers. Their VBS theme this year was Roar. Tracy Courtney and Maria Korte oversaw the program planning and implementation this year. The adventurers had rotating stations including Kid Vid Cinema, Stampede Sports, Imagination Station (STEM Science), Wild Bible Adventures, Exploration Station, Safari Celebration, Little Paws, Hungry Herd Café (free breakfast and lunch from the Federal Food Program), and Sing and Play stations. Groups rotated according to their schedules and on Friday everyone attended Mass together. The adventure began each day with a Jeep and safari scene, with adults acting out skits and the kids looking for Jesus on a safari celebration. Korte said adventurers "definitely saw Jesus in the Mass and on each of the volunteers' and kids' faces through the entire week!" ■



COURTESY OF ST. LEO PARISH

(Above) St. Leo Parish in Murray had approximately 70 children participate in their 2019 Vacation Bible School. The theme was "ROAR! Life is Wild – God is Good!"



COURTESY OF SR. ROSANNE SPALDING, OSU

(Above) In this picture, Precious Blood Parish's children and helpers sing songs for parents and guests on the last day of Vacation Bible School. Their theme was Jesus' Stories (parables).

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF ST. MICHAEL PARISH

(Above two photos) St. Michael Parish in Sebree had a castle theme for their VBS this year, which was called Kingdom of Rock: Living in God's Kingdom; in Spanish, Reino de Roca: Viviendo en el reino de Dios. The children made crowns because everyone is a prince or princess in God's eyes (even pastor Fr. Carmelo Jimenez wore a crown!), learned how to receive Jesus at Mass "because he is our true king," and played games. ■

(Right) The VBS program at Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro took 21 children, 16 youth helpers, six adult catechists and staff through the Liturgical Year. This was a Blessed Mother Parish-inspired curriculum, featuring a daily video lesson from "Kids and the Church Year," music, crafts and outdoor games. Each day in the week, they enjoyed Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent and Easter. The Diocese of Owensboro Summer Feeding Program provided a daily lunch to all under age 18. They were also able to attend both the Thursday and Friday noon Mass as a group. ■



COURTESY OF NORM HAYDEN

Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas,

En 1775, el primer grupo de familias católicas desarraigó sus vidas en el sur de Maryland para viajar a la frontera de Kentucky para establecer nuevos hogares en el área de Pottinger's Creek en lo que hoy es el condado de Nelson. En 10 años organizaron la primera parroquia católica en el estado en Santa Cruz en 1785. Sus planes fueron muy a propósito, ya que su fe católica era fundamental en sus vidas. Al establecerse juntos, tenían la esperanza de que se les asignara un sacerdote. Por supuesto, debe recordarse que, en 1775, las 13 colonias que se convertirían en los Estados Unidos de América aún no habían sido

reconocidas por la Iglesia en Roma con el establecimiento de ni siquiera una sola diócesis en esta vasta área. Eso no sucedería hasta 1792, cuando Baltimore se estableció como la sede de una primaria en la naciente nación.

Otros grupos de colonos

católicos hicieron el viaje a través de las montañas Allegheny hasta el centro de Kentucky, estableciendo asentamientos y parroquias en Hardin Creek (San Carlos), en el ondulado río Fork (Santo Nombre de María), en el río Beech Fork (Santo Tomás), y en Cartwright Creek (Santa Rosa). Y dentro de otra generación, se establecieron asentamientos e iglesias en el área que se convertiría en la Diócesis de Owensboro.

Desde sus humildes y desafiantes comienzos, las familias católicas mantuvieron la fe durante las primeras dos generaciones, con solo una visita ocasional de un sacerdote que pasaba por el área. Sin embargo, su determinación fue reconocida en 1808 cuando el Papa Pío VII estableció una nueva diócesis en la Frontera en Bardstown el 8 de abril de 1808. En esta misma fecha, se crearon diócesis en Nueva York, Filadelfia y Boston. La Diócesis de Bardstown abarcó lo que vendría a dividirse en 13 estados desde las Montañas Allegheny hasta el Río Mississippi y desde la frontera sur de Tennessee hasta los Grandes Lagos en el norte.

Benedict Joseph Flaget, sacerdote y misionero sulpiciano, fue nombrado el primer obispo de Bardstown. Con genuina humildad, francamente no quería el trabajo. Pasó tres años implorando a sus superiores y al Papa que designaran a otra persona y le permitieran continuar su vida como maestro y misionero. Pero finalmente, en 1811, llegó a Kentucky con la visión de construir una comunidad de educación, servicio y culto. Las metas de educación y servicio mejoraron enormemente cuando las mujeres jóvenes en la Frontera trabajaron con él para establecer dos órdenes religiosas de mujeres: las Her-

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EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA AGOSTO 2019:

1 DE AGOSTO	Encuentro de Seminaristas en Rough River
3 DE AGOSTO	Picnic Parroquial de San Jerónimo - Fancy Farm
4 DE AGOSTO	8:30 a.m. Instalación del P. Jegin Puthenpurackal como Párroco - Parroquia de San Sebastián, Calhoun 1 p.m. Promesas Diaconales para los candidatos al diaconado de habla hispana - Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
10 DE AGOSTO	4 p.m. Confirmación - Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
11 DE AGOSTO	3:30 p.m. Bendición de la iglesia renovada - Parroquia de San Pablo, Princeton
15 DE AGOSTO	8 a.m. Misa Escolar - Escuela Católica Juan Pablo II, Morganfield.
17 DE AGOSTO	5 p.m. Confirmación - Parroquia San Miguel, Sebree
18 DE AGOSTO	3 p.m. Celebración Bicentenario - Proto-Catedral Basílica de San José, Bardstown
19 DE AGOSTO	10 a.m. Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal 1:30 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal
20-21 DE AGOSTO	Reunión del CCK y Reunión de los Obispos de la Provincia
24 DE AGOSTO	9 a.m. Misa para el Retiro de Mujeres - Kentucky Dam Village 11:30 a.m. Confirmación - Parroquia Espíritu Santo, Bowling Green
25 DE AGOSTO	4 p.m. Adoración y Bendición para el Día Familiar - Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper
27 DE AGOSTO	Horas de Oficina en Paducah
28 DE AGOSTO	8:30 p.m. Presentación a los Diáconos - Seminario & Escuela de Teología de San Meinrad

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manas de la Caridad de Nazaret y las Hermanas de Loretto. Para reunir a la comunidad para el culto, se dispuso a construir una catedral, la iglesia madre de cualquier diócesis. Trabajando con escasos recursos, los ávidos arquitectos evolucionaron para construir la Catedral de San José en Bardstown como la primera catedral al oeste de las montañas. La piedra angular fue colocada el 16 de julio de 1816.

Este mes (agosto de 2019), la Iglesia Católica en Kentucky y todo el Medio Oeste de los EEUU vamos a celebrar el bicentenario de la dedicación de nuestra primera catedral. Según la historia, el Padre Robert Abel, el primer nativo de la Frontera de Kentucky que fue ordenado sacerdote, dio la homilía en la dedicación y duró más de tres horas. Cuando fui párroco en esa catedral entre 1993 y 2005, a menudo le decía a la gente que este era un récord que simplemente pedía que se rompiera. Pero nunca logré esa hazaña.

Cuando contemos las historias de los primeros católicos de Kentucky y sus inmensos logros en unas pocas décadas, podríamos preguntarnos si los que somos herederos de estos católicos fieles y determinados tenemos una visión tan audaz de la vida católica en nuestro tiempo. En 200 años, ¿nuestros descendientes celebrarán nuestra fidelidad? ■

Atentamente en Cristo,

+ William F. Medley

Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

Seminarista aprende español en Guatemala



Este verano, Christopher Kight, un seminarista de la Diócesis de Owensboro, viajó a Guatemala por 10 semanas para un programa de inmersión en español. Él participó en este programa para poder servir mejor y acompañar a las personas de habla hispana en su ministerio. Chris dice que el pueblo de Guatemala lo recibió con "brazos abiertos", a pesar de que no sabía nada de español. Un punto culminante de su verano fue peregrinar a Santiago Atitlán, donde el Beato Stanley Rother trabajó y fue martirizado.

"Recibí la Sagrada Eucaristía y oré en el lugar exacto donde el Beato Stanley fue asesinado a tiros", dice Chris.

Otra hermosa experiencia fue cuando Chris participó en una Procesión Eucarística en Antigua, donde vivía y estudiaba.

"La fe de la gente en Guatemala es algo que deseo que todas las personas puedan experimentar. ¡Es realmente extraordinario!" dice Chris.

En septiembre, seis hombres recibirán ordenación como diáconos permanentes

Justo después de ser ordenado sacerdote en 2013 y ser asignado a la parroquia de San Pedro y San Pablo, Hopkinsville y a las parroquias de Santa María y Santiago en Guthrie y Santa Susana en Elkton como vicario, tuve la oportunidad de trabajar con el diácono Heriberto Rodríguez. Él era ya en ese entonces, el director del Diaconado Permanente para la diócesis de Owensboro. El me invitó a que lo ayudara a "simplemente organizar" el recientemente creado programa de diaconado permanente en español. Para mi sorpresa, el obispo Medley me nombró director de la Formación para el programa de diaconado permanente en español. Cuando me uní a este gran ministerio, teníamos 13 participantes de diferentes parroquias que ofrecen el ministerio en español como parte de la vida parroquial. El programa que hemos seguido, para su formación, fue el ofrecido en el Seminario de Saint Meinrad y Escuela de Teología adaptada a nuestra diócesis en particular. Este programa consiste en un estudio de cinco años, incluidos los cuatro pilares o áreas: académico, humano, espiritual y pastoral, mencionados en el Directorio para el Ministerio y la Vida de los Diáconos Permanentes del Vaticano. Además, han participado en pruebas psicológicas y médicas para asegurar, no solo de su buena voluntad, sino toda su persona para este compromiso a servir.

Otro aspecto importante en su proceso de formación es el apoyo de sus familias, especialmente de sus esposas. Como lo menciona el Directorio Nacional para la Formación, el Ministerio y la Vida de los Diáconos Permanentes en los Estados Unidos: "sus

esposas no solo consenten, sino que también tienen el carácter moral cristiano y los atributos que no obstaculizarán el ministerio de sus maridos ni estarán fuera de la custodia de ella." (37).

El obispo Medley ha querido ofrecer esta oportunidad a los varones en las comunidades de habla hispana para que, a través de su ministerio como diáconos, las Buenas Nuevas ofrecidas en el Evangelio puedan proclamarse a nuestros hermanos y hermanas que han emigrado de sus países. Pero también, para ayudar a los párrocos en su propia misión en el ministerio en español. A pesar de que todo este proceso ha sido de alguna manera muy callado, creo que ha sido un éxito. Ahora nos estamos preparando para su ordenación al diaconado. Los candidatos concluyeron su programa de estudios en junio. Acaban de tener una experiencia increíble en su retiro canónico en el Monasterio Pasionista en Whitesville, KY. Tuve el honor de invitar a Monseñor John Stowe, Obispo de Lexington, KY para dirigir el retiro de cinco días.

Después de cinco años de estudios, retiros, discernimiento y desafíos, solo seis hermanos nuestros recibirán la ordenación como diáconos permanentes. Cinco parroquias serán bendecidas cuando estos candidatos sean ordenados el 14 de septiembre de este año en la catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro. Quiero pedirles su oración por nuestros candidatos a medida que avanzan hacia su preparación final para la ordenación. Sus nombres son: Rene Amaya de San José, Bowling Green, José Blanco de San José, Mayfield, Edwin Pacheco de San Francis-

co de Asís, Guthrie, Baltazar Rafael de San Miguel, Sebree, Mario Reséndiz de San Francisco de Asís, Guthrie, y Trinidad Soriano de los santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville. He sido testigo de su crecimiento en todos los aspectos de sus vidas desde el momento en que me uní a ellos hasta hoy. Que el Señor Jesucristo continúe bendiciéndonos con santas vocaciones al sacerdocio, diaconado permanente, vida religiosa, santo matrimonio. ■

Pbro. Julio E. Barrera
Director de la Formación
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Cada presentación también dará oportunidad a que se den preguntas y respuestas y para consultas breves sobre casos específicos. También se ofrecerá un reporte actualizado de la ley o de cualquier cambio respecto a propuestas de ley actuales y que afectan en el área de inmigración.

¡Gracias!

Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

Para denunciar una sospecha de abuso, llame a la Línea Directa de Protección Infantil de Kentucky: 1-877-KYSAFE1 o 1-877-597-2331 (llamada gratuita) o comuníquese con su Fiscal Local del Commonwealth. Para reportar abuso, actual o pasado, a la diócesis por parte de cualquier persona que actúe en nombre de la Iglesia, llame a Louanne Payne, Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral (inglés) al 270-852-8380, o Nuria Elizondo, Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral (español) al 270-880-8360. También puede visitar la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro (owensborodiocese.org/safe) para obtener más información.

Picnic Parroquiales del 2019

3 Agosto | Sirviendo desde mediodía a 11 a.m.; sirviendo a las 12-3 p.m.

- Santísimo Sacramento, Owensboro

21 Septiembre | Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.

- Santísima Madre, Owensboro

28 Septiembre | Solamente por carros; 1-3 p.m.

- Inmaculada, Owensboro

Parroquias con Misas en Español

Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

107 13th Street, Beaver Dam, KY 42320
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (706) 284-0996, o Padre Julio Barrera (270) 274-3414

Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green

Jueves – 6:30 p.m.
Sábados – 7:00 p.m.
Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101
Contacto: Sra. Gina Holmes (270) 777-5925 o Padre Basilio Az Cuc (270) 842-2525

Parroquia de San José, Central City

Cada Primer Domingo del Mes - 8:00 a.m.

113 South 3rd Street, Central City, KY 42330
Contacto: Padre Josh McCarty (270) 754-1164

Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Guthrie

Sábados – 6:00 p.m.
Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

7600 Russellville Road, P.O. Box 297, Guthrie, KY 42234
Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (270) 265-5263 o (302) 438-7335

Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin

Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134
Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420
Contacto: Abraham Brown (270) 724-2172 o Padre Gary Clark (270) 826-2096

Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.
Jueves – 5:30 p.m.

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

Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville

Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431
Contacto: Padre Carl McCarthy (270) 821-5494 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez Salinas (270) 881-7737

Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

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

Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown

Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (706) 284-0996, o Padre Julio Barrera (270) 274-3414

Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071
Contacto: Hermana Esperanza Rivera (270) 753-3876

Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 8:00 p.m.

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303
Contacto: Padre Will Thompson (270) 683-5641

Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001
Contacto: Hermana Celia Sanchez (423) 883-5757

Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, 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

Delegación diocesana asiste en el ministerio en la frontera este verano



POR CORTESÍA DE SUSAN MONTALVO-GESSER
El Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez y el P. Carmelo Jiménez ayudan a los inmigrantes a hacer llamadas telefónicas a sus familiares.

En mayo de 2019, un grupo formado por Susan Montalvo-Gesser, Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez, P. Carmelo Jiménez y Charlotte Hedges viajaron a Laredo, Texas, para asistir a un albergue para inmigrantes operado por Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Laredo. Unas semanas después, una delegación compuesta por el Diácono Richard Murphy, la Hermana Jacinta Powers, OSU y Michelle Montalvo también fueron a participar en el ministerio en Laredo, y una delegación del Diácono Roberto Cruz y la Hermana Monica Seaton, OSU, fueron a ayudar en Tucson, Arizona. ■



POR CORTESÍA DE SUSAN MONTALVO-GESSER
El Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez habla con una mujer en el albergue de Caridades Católicas para inmigrantes en Laredo, Texas.



POR CORTESÍA DE SUSAN MONTALVO-GESSER
Susan Montalvo-Gesser, directora de Caridades Católicas de la Diócesis de Owensboro, se toma una foto con el Obispo James Anthony Tamayo de la Diócesis de Laredo, Texas.

Próximos eventos en el ministerio hispano/latino

6 de agosto: Reunión de ministros hispanos en la parroquia de San Miguel, Sebree

24 y 31 de agosto: Presentaciones "Conozca sus derechos" (Parroquia San Leo, Murray y Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson)

28 de septiembre: Encuentro Provincial de Jóvenes Católicos Hispanos en Louisville

26 de octubre: Capacitación en español "Primeros auxilios de la salud mental" en Owensboro

23 de noviembre: Pre-Cana en español en Hopkinsville

Para obtener más información o para inscribirse, comuníquese con el Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez, Director del Ministerio Hispano/Latino para la Diócesis de Owensboro, al (270) 880-8018 o envíe un correo electrónico a chris.gutierrez@pastoral.org.

17° Celebración Anual de la Vida Rural

Domingo, 11 de agosto de 2019, a las 5 p.m. en el Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro. Le invitamos a una celebración de la vida rural en la comodidad del aire acondicionado del Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro en la esquina de West Second St. y Locust St. Se servirá una comida gratis a partir de las 5 p.m. con un programa corto. Este año, se otorgará un reconocimiento especial a las vidas de servicio del Sr. Mike Horn con el segundo Premio "Be Like Rick" y del Sr. Charles Krampe con el Premio a la Trayectoria. Venga y ayúdenos a honrar sus contribuciones a nuestra comunidad. Evento patrocinado por el Comité de Vida Rural de la Diócesis de Owensboro.

Momentos evangelizadores

POR JOE BLAND

Jesús nos dijo "Vayan, hagan discípulos", no solo ser discípulos. Un discípulo misionero no es solo ser formado sino formar a otros, no solo ser discípulo sino hacer discípulos a otros. El discípulo misionero sabe que todo esto es un don y después de haber tenido un encuentro con el Jesús resucitado, debe llevar este mensaje de amor a los demás y presentar a los demás a la persona de Jesús.



¡Tu parroquia podría salir en el Católico de Kentucky Occidental!

¿Están pasando cosas emocionantes en tu parroquia? ¿Quieren compartir las buenas noticias con otras personas católicas en Kentucky occidental? Si quieres compartir, favor de mandar las fotos y la información por correo electrónico a la editora, Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, al wkc.editor@pastoral.org.



¿Le interesa el sacerdocio o la vida religiosa?

Póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Vocaciones de la Diócesis de Owensboro a jason.mcclure@pastoral.org o llamando (270) 683-1545 (oficina) o (270) 875-2868 (celular del P. Jason).

Aprenda más en owensborodiocese.org/vocations



La escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones en la Parroquia de San Miguel



POR CORTESÍA DE ALYSSA MATY

Día segundo: aprendimos cómo recibir Jesús durante la misa porque él es nuestro rey verdadero.



POR CORTESÍA DE ALYSSA MATY

Durante los juegos, los niños divertieron coloreando la acera. Un niña chiquilla hizo este arco iris.



POR CORTESÍA DE ALYSSA MATY

Día uno: hicimos coronas porque todos somos princesas y príncipes en los ojos de Dios.