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At the National Catholic Youth Conference, (held in Indianapolis from Nov. 21-23), Fr. Daniel Dillard wears a silly shark hat as he and two youth talk with Bishop William F. Medley. Trading items, such as hats or pins, with other participants they meet is an NCYC tradition. **Page 24**

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A Word From Bishop Medley

Canon law (the law of the Roman Catholic Church) requires that every five years a diocesan bishop is bound to make a written report to the Holy Father on the state of the diocese entrusted to him. Canon 400 stipulates that the bishop is to go to Rome to present this report and while there to venerate in person the tombs of St. Peter and St. Paul, who by history and tradition are recognized for having brought the Church to Rome. It is also the bishop's privilege and obligation to present himself to the Pope.

This obligation and tradition is commonly referred to as the ad limina Apostolorum, which literally means "to the threshold of the apostles." It will be my privilege to fulfill this obligation for the second time when I travel to Rome from Dec. 1-8, 2019. During this visit, bishops seek a strengthening of their own responsibilities as successors of the Apostles and their communion with the Successor of Peter.

I will travel with the bishops of Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, who comprise Region V of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The focal element of our pilgrimage will be an opportunity to meet as a group with Pope Francis on Thursday, Dec. 5. In this meeting we will have an opportunity to speak with Pope Francis on the activity of the Church in our dioceses and more importantly to receive his counsel and encouragement.

Also key to our visit will be our opportunity to concelebrate the Holy Mass at the tomb of St. Peter in St. Peter's Basilica and at the tomb of St. Paul at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Along

with the visit with the Holy Father these two occasions are constitutive of the ad limina visit.

During the week we will also concelebrate Masses at the Basilicas of St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran.

While the time with Pope Francis will be both ceremonial and substantive, I will also fulfill my obligation to report on the work of the Diocese of Owensboro. This has been accomplished with the submittal of a 170-page report to the Holy See several months ago. This was prepared by the directors of the various offices and agencies of the diocese, such as administration and finance, Catholic education and formation, Catholic Charities, youth and young adult ministry, and the Tribunal. Corresponding offices of the Vatican receive and review these reports.

This is my second opportunity to participate in an ad limina visit. In 2012 I traveled to Rome and met Pope Benedict XVI. You will note that this means it has been almost eight years since the last ad limina visit and that is because when there is a transition to a new papacy – such as happened in 2013 – the bureaucratic schedule of all of the Vatican is set back.

Though I did have an opportunity to greet Pope Francis in 2015 when he visited the United States, having concelebrated in his public Masses in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, I look forward to meeting him more personally. I hope to be able to voice to him my gratitude for his generous and prophetic ministry of mercy and compassion and most especially his challenge to the Church and the world to serve the least among us. I will tell him of the fervent prayers for him from the Catholics of western


BISHOP MEDLEY'S DECEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

DEC 1-12	Ad Limina Visit to Rome
DEC 14	6 p.m. Meeting with L3 Students from Brescia – Mount Saint Joseph
DEC 16	10 a.m. Priest Personnel Meeting – McRaith Catholic Center
DEC 19	5 p.m. Talk on Advent & Christmas – Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Center

Kentucky.

Please pray for Pope Francis. Pray for all the bishops of the United States who will make their way to the "threshold of the Apostles" over these next few months. ■

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

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For diocesan music director, proudest moment is when assembly is singing ‘praise and thanks’ to God

Editor’s note: The following is the second in a two-part series about the diocese’s Office of Worship and Office of Music, which assist the bishop in coordinating and overseeing diocesan liturgies and other functions. For this second installment, we spoke with Mike Bogdan, the director of the Office of Music. A story about the Office of Worship ran in our November 2019 issue.



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

Mike Bogdan, diocesan director of music, practices with the choir before the ordination Mass for Fr. Basilio Az Cuc and Fr. Jamie Dennis at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro on May 28, 2016.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

How long have you worked for the diocese?

I’ve worked for the McRaith Catholic Center (pastoral center) for 21 years, but for three years

before that I served at St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah. Working for one of our parishes was good preparation and fine formation for what I do now.

What is the largest diocesan liturgy and/or function that you’ve been involved with? The smallest?

Bishop Medley’s episcopal ordination in 2010 was the largest. The smallest are probably the liturgies at the pastoral center.

If you asked me which liturgies are the most important ones for which I provide music, I’d answer, “The last one I attended.” Whether there are a thousand people or two or three gathered in Christ’s name, they are all significant and should receive the care and reverence required when approaching great mystery.

How much do you coordinate with the Office of Worship?

We work very closely on the primary diocesan liturgies of the diocese: Chrism Mass, ordinations and the Rite of Election. It’s a delight working with Lauren Johnson, the new co-coordinator of the Office of Worship. She brings many gifts and talents to our work together.

How far in advance do you begin working on the music for a liturgy?

I begin about 30 seconds after I’m informed we’re having one. I’m an introvert and need lots of time to think things through.

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What goes into selecting music for liturgies? Do you typically consider demographics like culture, age, etc. among the people who'll be participating?

Certainly the most important consideration for me is the people. Who is celebrating, and what would they like to express? Who is available to contribute their time and musical talents for that liturgy, and what kinds of sounds can we produce? What scriptures are being proclaimed, what theology is being communicated in the proper prayers, and what are the elements of the rite?

Does the bishop ever make special requests for music?

Bishop Medley hasn't yet, and Bishop McRaith never did.

When you're not planning the music for diocesan liturgies, what other types of projects do you work on?

There are essentially five components to the work of the Office of Music.

The most important (and Bishop McRaith made this quite clear when I came and I'm sure Bishop Medley would agree) is that we serve and support the parishes. The first tool in that work is answering the phone and email and trying to provide what the musician or other person is requesting. We also provide occasional workshops and retreat experiences for musicians, and I forward information to them that might be helpful.

As mentioned above, I collaborate with the Office of Worship on the three major diocesan celebrations: Chrism Mass, ordinations and Rite of



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

Mike Bogdan plays the piano during Mass at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center on May 21, 2015. At that liturgy, Bishop Medley would consecrate a new altar for the camp.

Election.

I also assist other diocesan offices with music for their events, e.g., Sophia Awards, Marriage Anniversary Celebration, White Mass, National Migration Week, etc.

The fourth component of the office is in my budget under "Priest and Deacon Events." Examples of this would include Presbyteral Convocation, priests' funerals (they're all different), Presbyteral Days, priests' retreats and celebrations of rites leading up to diaconal and presbyteral ordinations.

The final element is ensuring compliance with intellectual property laws (copyright) for our diocesan offices and our youth camp at Gasper River.

What's your favorite part about your role?

Working with our talented parish musicians is a thrill.

What's been your proudest moment as director of music?

I am always proudest when the assembly is singing. At any given liturgy, everyone around me is offering praise and thanks to the One who made them, singing about what matters most to them. What a cool job. ■

To contact the Office of Music, email mike.bogdan@pastoral.org or call (270) 683-1545.

Love for Latin – and science – led to OCHS alumnus' membership with Vatican Observatory



COURTESY OF CHRISTOPHER GRANEY

(Left) Christopher Graney and (right) Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, director of the Vatican Observatory, at a small astronomical observatory in Indiana. This photo was taken in December 2015 when Br. Guy was in the Louisville area.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

As a teenager taking Latin classes for fun at Owensboro Catholic High School in the 1980s, Christopher Graney did not expect to one day become a member of the Vatican's own astronomical institute.

"It was a bit of a surprise," said Graney, who graduated from OCHS in 1984 and today is a professor

of physics and astronomy at Jefferson Community and Technical College in Louisville.

In summer 2019, the OCHS alumnus was made an adjunct scholar of the Vatican Observatory (shortened to the VO). The VO is a scientific research institute of the Holy See and is one of the oldest astronomical institutes in the world.

Graney said Br. Guy Consolmagno, SJ, the ob-

servatory's director, had nominated him during the summer and the nomination was approved in August by the Vatican's Secretariat of State.

This status means Graney is now an official member of the Vatican Observatory, with all of the rights and privileges of one of the researchers.

Latin and learning

Graney told The Western Kentucky Catholic that his involvement with the VO "came through science but also through Latin," having taken several years of high school Latin at OCHS with Fr. Peter Lauzon. (Sadly, Fr. Lauzon died of cancer in 1995.)

Graney believes these Latin classes were what proved to be his "ace in the hole" for this connection.

"This came directly out of stuff I learned at Catholic High," said Graney. "I still have my old high school Latin book – and I still use it," he said, adding that he has never taken another formal Latin class after OCHS, having self-taught the rest that he needed.

Sure, he might like Latin – but why is that so important for a scientist?

"Because today, scientists do not know Latin," said Graney. "But not that long ago, most science communication was done in Latin. It was the international language."

Graney gave the example of Isaac Newton's great work, the "Principia," pointing out that it is in Latin.

"If you really want to know what Newton said, as he wrote it, you must know Latin," said Graney.

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He added that learning what scientists have done in the past, in their own words – especially when looking into “where things went wrong” – Latin is crucial.

Road to the observatory

Graney’s relationship with the VO began when the first research paper he wrote in the area of astronomical history was published in a Lithuanian astronomical journal. He connected with Fr. Richard Boyle, SJ, who was a fellow American and frequent contributor to the journal.

“Absent those Latin classes at OCHS, my research, my papers, my books, would not exist.”

It turned out that Fr. Boyle was an astronomer with the VO, and Graney soon was corresponding with him and Br. Consolmagno. The rest, as they say, was history.

Graney has most recently served as the editor for the Vatican Observatory Foundation website’s Faith and Science pages, which contain hundreds of resources for Catholic educators and Catholics seeking to learn more about science. (The Vatican Observatory Foundation is the fundraising arm of the Vatican Observatory.)

Graney said his privileges with the VO include using their telescopes at Castel Gandolfo south of Rome, and on Mount Graham in Arizona, selected for the location’s dark skies.

Due to light pollution around Rome, the Arizona telescope (named the Vatican Advanced Technology

Telescope or VATT) is newer and the main instrument of the VO.

“As an adjunct with the VO I have access to the facilities in either Castel Gandolfo or Arizona, which is very cool,” he said. “I’ve been to Castel Gandolfo before, but not to the VATT.”

Graney looks forward to working with the VO, and expects to travel to Rome in the near future to do some research.

High school memories

Graney said he was interested in science before high school, “but it took off at OCHS.”

“As time’s gone by, especially as my kids have gone through high school and beyond... I realize (OCHS) was a really good environment,” said Graney. “I always thought it was good, but I appreciate it more now.”

He also grew to love learning in general, thanks to the “fairly energetic” teaching style of Fr. Lauzon.

He recalled a particularly memorable project during his junior year Latin class, when students participated in OCHS’s foreign language fair.

Graney and his classmates “researched what Romans ate, how they ate, how they set a table... then we prepared the meal, dressed up in ‘Roman’ fashion, and ate the ‘Roman’ meal right there at the language fair – in front of everyone,” he said.

“As I recall, Fr. Pete was half amused and half annoyed with our unorthodox interpretation of a language project assignment,” said Graney.

Graney said he took Latin never thinking it would be useful: “I took it because I thought it would be fun,” adding that, “we had fun in Latin class!”

But in the end, Graney said his knowledge of Latin has been “central” to “pretty much all of my research.”



COURTESY OF OWENSBORO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
This Owensboro Catholic High School 1983 yearbook photo depicts juniors Chris Payne, Christopher Graney, Richard Medley and Terry Ward with their Roman meal project as part of the school’s foreign language fair.

His most recent area of research has been the astronomer Johannes Kepler, and his ideas about the nature of the universe of stars, and how he opposed the ideas of Giordano Bruno.

“Of course this work involved reading and translating portions of Kepler’s work in his original Latin, as much of it has never been translated,” said Graney.

“Absent those Latin classes at OCHS, my research, my papers, my books, would not exist,” he said. ■

To learn more, visit
vofoundation.org.
Educators and others interested in the connection between faith and science can visit the VO’s Faith and Science pages at vofoundation.org/faith-and-science.

Preserving history by sharing history: Ursuline Sisters' archives help fill in missing pieces of Louisville's Catholic past



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

Tim Tomes peruses an old bound volume of *The Record* in the archives of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph on Nov. 4, 2019.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On the windy but sunny morning of Nov. 4, 2019, several figures could be seen carefully carrying boxes from the archives office of the Ursuline Sisters

of Mount Saint Joseph, into a truck parked outside.

The boxes were full of collections of old newspapers, some of which dated back to 1843.

Up until now, the newspapers had been stored in the Ursuline Sisters' archives, but today, after sever-

al years of correspondence and planning, they were being taken to a new home: the archives of the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Heidi Taylor-Caudill, archivist for the Ursuline Sisters and the Diocese of Owensboro, told *The Western Kentucky Catholic* that the newspaper collections comprised old issues of *The Record* – the newspaper of the Louisville archdiocese – as well as *The Guardian* and *The Catholic Advocate*, both Catholic newspapers from early Catholicism in Kentucky.

These collections included copies of *The Record* dating from 1890-1893; 1900-1941; 1946-1954; 1973-1975; and April 7, 1977-August 11, 1977. The copies of *The Guardian* dated from July 1858-May 1861, and the copies of *The Catholic Advocate* included Volumes 8-10, February 1843-1846; and Volumes 11-14, January 1846-July 1849.

“It was a conversation that originally started between Sarah Patterson (the archivist before me) and Fr. Dale Cieslik,” Taylor-Caudill told the WKC. Fr. Cieslik formerly served as the archdiocese’s archivist and today is the archdiocesan historian.

Recently, after receiving the green light from Sr. Amelia Stenger, OSU – the Ursuline Sisters’ congregational leader – Taylor-Caudill had followed up with the archdiocese’s current archivist, Tim Tomes, to see if his office was still interested in receiving the newspapers.

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(Left) Heidi Taylor-Caudill, Sr. Amelia Stenger, OSU, and Tim Tomes place boxes of newspapers in Tomes' truck for his journey back to Louisville. (Right) Tim Tomes holds a Sept. 24, 1949 copy of *The Record*, which includes a headline "Father Lombardi Tells Of Pope's Wish That Nuns Increase Apostolic Works." The pope referenced is Pope Pius XII, and the article includes the statement that "This renewal has need of Sisters."

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Louisville's archives had some of these copies themselves, but others they did not. Some of the copies they did have were fragile and crumbling.

Needless to say, Tomes readily agreed to accept these newspapers from the Mount.

"It really has been interesting to come to the realization that the Ursuline Sisters have so much of the history of our diocese – before it was even a diocese," said Sr. Stenger in an interview with the WKC. "Having so much of that history makes it really important for us to share it."

Sr. Stenger and Taylor-Caudill said it is likely that these newspapers were saved by Ursulines as they went on mission to the many small, rural parishes and schools established for the early Catholic settlers of Kentucky.

Before the days of fast-paced social media, these

newspapers had helped the sisters stay connected to each other, and also inform others about their various missions.

"We taught in all those little parishes and brought back to the Mount the information about all that was happening," said Sr. Stenger.

But the newspapers pertained more to the history of the Louisville area than the Owensboro area, which meant Louisville's archives were missing significant pieces of their history.

"We decided that we would share with the Louisville archdiocese this history that our sisters had saved," said Sr. Stenger.

Sr. Stenger pointed out that the Ursuline Sisters' foundress, St. Angela Merici, "was an educator from the beginning," and that sharing this preserved history with Louisville continues the mission that St. Angela began.

When Tomes arrived at the Mount on Nov. 4, Taylor-Caudill had packed up the newspapers into plastic tubs for their safety. Sr. Stenger was also present to meet Tomes and to help with the transfer.

"It's nice to have another complete set for the (copies) that we don't have, and for the ones that have deteriorated," said Tomes.

Before loading the boxes into his vehicle, Tomes, Sr. Stenger and Taylor-Caudill spent some time perusing the pages. For his part, Tomes had never before seen an actual issue of *The Guardian*.

"I can't thank you enough," said Tomes. "This is a wonderful gift from one diocese to another." ■

Editor's note: As of this story's publication, Heidi Taylor-Caudill has since moved on to take a position as curator of the John James Audubon Society Museum in Henderson, KY. The role of diocesan archivist has been filled by Edward Wilson as of Nov. 18, 2019.

Pope Francis adds feast of Our Lady of Loreto to Roman Calendar



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Pope Francis addresses pilgrims outside the Shrine of the Holy House of Loreto on March 25, 2019.

BY COURTNEY MARES, CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

Vatican City (CNA) - Pope Francis has decreed that the feast of Our Lady of Loreto be included in the Roman Calendar as an optional memorial to be celebrated on Dec. 10.

“This celebration will help all people, especially families, youth and religious to imitate the virtues of that perfect disciple of the Gospel, the Virgin Mother, who, in conceiving the Head of the Church also accepted us as her own,” Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship, stated in the decree published Oct. 31.

With the decree, the optional memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto must appear in all calendars and liturgical books for the celebration of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours.

Catholic pilgrims travel to the small Italian town

of Loreto to stand inside the Holy House of Mary, preserved in a basilica, in which tradition holds the Virgin Mary was born, raised, and greeted by the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation.

“This shrine recalls the mystery of the Incarnation, leading all those who visit it to consider ‘the fullness of time,’ when God sent his Son, born of a woman, as well as to meditate both on the words of the Angel announcing the Good News and on the words of the Virgin in response to the divine call,” states the decree signed on Oct. 7, the feast of the Holy Rosary.

The Holy House of Mary in Loreto, Italy, has been a popular pilgrimage site since the Middle Ages with Galileo, Mozart, Descartes, Cervantes, St. Therese of Lisieux, and many popes and saints visiting throughout history.

Historic documentation shows that the Holy

House of Mary was brought from Palestine to Italy in the 13th century.

“In the Holy House, before the image of the Mother of the Redeemer and of the Church, saints and blessed have responded to their vocation, the sick have invoked consolation in suffering, the people of God have begun to praise and plead with Mary using the Litany of Loreto, which is known throughout the world,” it states.

With the decree, the Vatican released the readings and prayers for the annual Dec. 10 celebration of Our Lady of Loreto. The reading for the Liturgy of the Hours comes from St. John Paul II.

Pope Francis visited the Holy House in Loreto earlier this year on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, during which he called Loreto “a privileged place where young people can come in search of their vocation.”

“It is necessary to rediscover the plan drawn by God for the family, to reaffirm its greatness and irreplaceability in the service of life and society,” Pope Francis said in Loreto March 25.

“The Holy House of Mary is the ‘home of the family,’” he said during his visit, noting that “in the delicate situation of today’s world, the family founded on marriage between a man and a woman takes on an importance and an essential mission.”

In a homily in 1995, St. Pope John Paul II called the Holy House of Loreto, “the house of all God’s adopted children.”

He continued: “The threads of the history of the whole of humankind are tied anew in that house. It is the Shrine of the House of Nazareth, to which the Church that is in Italy is tied by providence, that the latter rediscovers a quickening reminder of the mystery of the Incarnation, thanks to which each man is called to the dignity of the Son of God.” ■

Appeal helps religious communities care for aging members

BY BETH KENNEDY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held Dec. 7-8 in the Diocese of Owensboro. The parish-based appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), and proceeds help hundreds of U.S. religious communities to care for aging members. Some 30,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests benefit.

Last year, the Diocese of Owensboro donated \$30,076.62 to the collection. In 2019, the Home Mission Sisters of America and the Sisters of the Lamb of God received financial support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious.

The 2018 appeal raised \$27.7 million, and 360 religious congregations across the nation received funding. Distributions are sent to each eligible congregation's central house. Communities combine this assistance with their own income and savings and apply it toward various retirement expenses, such as medications and nursing care.

"We are humbled and profoundly grateful for the countless Catholics who honor the service and witness of senior religious through their prayers and generosity," said Presentation Sr. Stephanie Still, the NRRO's executive director.

Catholic bishops of the United States initiated the Retirement Fund for Religious in 1988 to help

address the profound lack of retirement savings among U.S. religious communities. Since the collection's launch, U.S. Catholics have donated \$872 million to the annual appeal.

Despite this generosity, many congregations still struggle to provide for aging members. Most older religious served for low wages that did not include retirement benefits. Today, numerous communities face a critical shortage in retirement savings. Moreover, retired religious now outnumber wage-earning members, resulting in declining income and a rising cost of care.

Proceeds from the annual collection allow the NRRO to offer assessment tools, educational programming, services and resources that enable communities to evaluate and prepare for long-term retirement needs. The NRRO also coordinates an extensive network of volunteer consultants, including experts in eldercare and financial planning, to help congregations lower costs while enhancing care.

"Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious enable our office to provide financial assistance for an array of direct needs," said Sister Still. "They also underwrite education and resources that help religious communities stretch retirement dollars and plan for the future."

Visit retiredreligious.org to learn more. ■

Beth Kennedy is the campaign director for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Seminarian takes next step toward becoming a priest



COURTESY OF COREY BRUNS

Seminarian Corey Bruns stands before Bishop William F. Medley on Nov. 16, 2019 at his Rite of Admission to Candidacy at St. Ann Parish in Morganfield.

On Nov. 16, seminarian Corey Bruns participated in the Rite of Admission to Candidacy at his home parish of St. Ann in Morganfield. Bishop William F. Medley presided at the celebration of the rite, which is a seminarian's next step toward becoming a transitional deacon, and then, ultimately be ordained a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro. ■



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

Sr. Nancy Murphy, OSU (right), and Sr. Mary Timothy Bland, OSU, (left), present the gifts to Bishop William Fr. Medley during the Mass commemorating the death of Fr. Paul Joseph Volk, who requested that the Ursuline Sisters come to Maple Mount in 1874.

Fr. Volk and all the departed souls remembered at Mass at Mount Saint Joseph

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF

The 100th anniversary of the death of legendary priest Fr. Paul Joseph Volk brought Ursuline Sisters and guests to Maple Mount on Nov. 2, 2019, to join Bishop William F. Medley for a Mass to celebrate a Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. The All Souls Day Mass, in which the Church prays for all who have died, was made extra special this year as those gathered remembered Fr. Volk, the priest who welcomed the Ursuline Sisters to Mount Saint Joseph from Louisville in 1874. He oversaw construction of Mount Saint Joseph Academy, and though his travels took him as far as South America, Maple Mount was where he felt at home. He died on Nov. 2, 1919 and is buried in the Mount Cemetery. Following the Mass, the sisters were encouraged to light a candle at Father Volk's grave, where they would be allowed to burn until sunset. ■

The power of one community to make a difference in Paducah

BY GING SMITH, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The students and adult volunteers of Paducah Faith Formation recently came together to make a difference in their community on two different projects.

On Oct. 26, Ben Teer, Larry Roussin, Matthew and Donna Henderson, Zach and Kyle Poat, Erica, Abby and Matt Wurth, Marian Puertallano, and Therese Smith served at the local St. Vincent de Paul store. They helped arrange items on shelves, sorted out clothes and other donated materials, bagged items, and took out hangers from display racks. SVdP is always in need of help; students and parents are strongly encouraged to go and assist more so now that the holidays are fast approaching. SVdP store manager, Norma Cox, was full of thanks for the assistance.

On Nov. 2, Faith Formation students and volunteers helped clean up the Garden of Angels at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Paducah, in honor of the recent All Saints and All Souls Days. The cleanup was done immediately after a 9 a.m. All Souls Day Mass celebrated by Fr. Al Bremer. Participants included fourth-grader Drew Byrne, eighth-graders Karen Coronado, Estrella Machaen, Gavin Shore and Nathan Covich; and the Hispanic Confirmation Class students at St. Thomas More Parish led by Norma Molina. Other Faith Formation volunteers who were present with Ging Smith were Alma Machaen, Larry Roussin, Flynn Mudd and Kathie Covich. Mount Carmel Cemetery Committee chairman, Howard Grief, expressed his joy and gratitude to all those who came. ■

Ging Smith is the director of Paducah Faith Formation



COURTESY OF GING SMITH

Volunteers from Paducah Faith Formation assisted at the local St. Vincent de Paul store on Oct. 26, 2019.

Fr. John Dear leads retreat at Mount Saint Joseph



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

Fr. John Dear reads from the Beatitudes, also called the Sermon on the Mount, during his Nov. 1-2 retreat at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount. He said Gandhi read these passages every day, and he wasn't even a Christian. Gandhi also considered them to be the teachings of nonviolence.

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF

Fr. John Dear, a renowned peace activist, brought his presentation, "Jesus the Peacemaker: Following Jesus on the Path of Nonviolence" to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. More than 30 people from three states attended the retreat the evening of Nov. 1 and from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Nov. 2, 2019. Fr. Dear focused on the "Sermon on the Mount" and other Gospel readings about Jesus that relate to his teachings on nonviolence. He also highlighted the nonviolent philosophies of several others, including Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Father Daniel Berrigan, Thomas Merton, Thich Nhat Hanh, Henri Nouwen, Dorothy Day and Mother Teresa (St. Teresa of Calcutta). ■

Mass attendance numbers 2019

Editor's note: Numbers are provided by the Chancellor's Office from Mass counts conducted annually in all parishes during all weekends in September.

Parish	City	Registered Parishioners	Weekly Average	2019 Mass Attendance	2018 Mass Attendance	Difference
Blessed Mother	Owensboro	2043	856	42%	43.21%	-1.21%
Blessed Sacrament	Owensboro	92	65.5	71%	65.91%	5.09%
Christ the King	Madisonville	590	330	56%	67.11%	-11.11%
Christ the King	Scottsville	222	110.25	49.70%	55.19%	-5.49%
Holy Cross	Providence	15	13	86%	60.00%	26.00%
Holy Guardian Angels	Irvington	235	224	95%	82.99%	12.01%
Holy Name of Jesus	Henderson	3478	1236.25	35.50%	36.43%	-0.93%
Holy Redeemer	Beaver Dam	129	230	1.78%	124.85%	-123.07%
Holy Spirit	Bowling Green	4250	1491.25	35%	36.04%	-1.04%
Holy Trinity	Morgantown	63	134	2.13%	156.98%	-154.85%
Immaculate	Owensboro	1878	888	47%	49.71%	-2.71%
Immaculate Conception	Earlington	93	110	111%	102.15%	8.85%
Immaculate Conception	Hawesville	348	207	59.50%	41.92%	17.58%
Our Lady of Lourdes	Owensboro	1919	824.25	42.95	44.33%	-1.38%
Precious Blood	Owensboro	767	436	57%	56.54%	0.46%
Resurrection	Dawson Springs	70	62	88%	84.29%	3.71%
Rosary Chapel	Paducah	134	120	90%	86.40%	3.10%
Sacred Heart	Hickman	35	31.75	90%	83.72%	6.28%
Sacred Heart	Russellville	435	207	47%	50.13%	-3.13%
Sacred Heart	Waverly	223	112.5	50%	64.61%	-14.61%
Saint Agnes	Uniontown	690	363	52.60%	49.56%	3.04%
Saint Alphonsus	Saint Joseph	453	203	45%	45.94%	-0.94%
Saint Ambrose	Henshaw	92	55.5	60.00%	78.08%	-18.08%
Saint Ann	Morganfield	760	395	51.97%	46.76%	5.21%
Saint Anthony	Axtel	712	318	44%	51.44%	-7.44%
Saint Anthony	Browns Valley	346	158	45.60%	40.23%	5.37%
Saint Anthony	Peonia	172	73	42%	51.11%	-9.11%
Saint Anthony of Padua	Grand Rivers	76	73.5	96%	138.16%	-42.16%
Saint Augustine	Grayson Springs	96	33	34%	49.48%	-15.48%
Saint Augustine	Reed	73	66	91%	68.06%	22.94%
Saint Benedict	Wax	146	72	49.30%	52.67%	-3.37%
Saint Charles	Bardwell	133	85	64%	68.42%	-4.42%
Saint Charles Borromeo	Livermore	85	53.25	63%	59.55%	3.45%
Saint Columba	Lewisport	246	112	45.50%	51.49%	-5.99%
Saint Denis	Fancy Farm	113	69	61%	53.21%	7.79%
Saint Edward	Fulton	90	66.25	74%	52.00%	22.00%
Saint Elizabeth	Curdsville	150	78	52%	88.24%	-36.24%
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary	Clarkson	160	145	90%	94.51%	-4.51%
Saint Francis Borgia	Sturgis	156	120	76.90%	62.50%	14.40%
Saint Francis de Sales	Paducah	1059	538.25	51%	52.50%	-1.50%
Saint Francis of Assisi	Todd County	325	274	84%	80.00%	4.00%
Saint Henry	Aurora	182	159	87%	93.55%	-6.55%
Saint Jerome	Fancy Farm	1307	750	57%	55.85%	1.15%
Saint John the Baptist	Fordsville	42	41	98%	72.92%	25.08%
Saint John the Evangelist	Paducah	598	330	55%	55.07%	-0.07%
Saint John the Evangelist	Sunfish	85	49	58%	39.26%	18.74%
Saint Joseph	Bowling Green	3030	998	33%	25.55%	7.45%
Saint Joseph	Central City	274	138	51%	63.47%	-12.47%
Saint Joseph	Leitchfield	507	315	62%	56.34%	5.66%
Saint Joseph	Mayfield	1513	956	63%	65.14%	-2.14%
Saints Joseph & Paul	Owensboro	1404	965	68.70%	67.58%	1.12%
Saint Jude	Clinton	40	22.75	57%	75.00%	-18.00%

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Parish	City	Registered Parishioners	Weekly Average	2019 Mass Attendance	2018 Mass Attendance	Difference
Saint Lawrence	St. Lawrence	356	198.75	56%	60.13%	-4.13%
Saint Leo	Murray	818	694	85%	64.65%	20.35%
Saint Mark	Eddyville	122	114	93%	110.08%	-17.08%
Saint Martin	Rome	347	431	124%	150.80%	-26.80%
Saint Mary	Franklin	338	249	73.70%	80.00%	-6.30%
Saint Mary	LaCenter	144	74.25	51%	54.55%	-3.55%
Saint Mary Magdalene	Sorgho	625	354	56%	54.84%	1.16%
Saint Mary of the Woods	McQuady	448	186	41%	63.00%	-22.00%
Saint Mary of the Woods	Whitesville	2534	2067	82%	79.39%	2.61%
Saint Michael	Sebree	400	266.2	66.56%	72.88%	-6.32%
Saint Michael the Archangel	Oak Grove	931	387	41%	41.11%	-0.11%
Saint Paul	Princeton	89	77	86.50%	97.70%	-11.20%
Saint Paul	St. Paul	432	239	55%	59.35%	-4.35%
Saint Peter of Alcantara	Stanley	277	137.25	50%	57.78%	-7.78%
Saint Peter of Antioch	Waverly	484	240.5	50%	50.59%	-0.59%
Saints Peter & Paul	Hopkinsville	1346	711	53%	45.38%	7.62%
Saint Pius X	Calvert City	300	197.7	66%	72.33%	-6.33%
Saint Pius X	Owensboro	1229	548.5	44.60%	48.54%	-3.94%
Saint Romuald	Hardinsburg	1450	638	44%	46.27%	-2.27%
Saint Rose of Lima	Cloverport	256	153	60%	51.52%	8.48%
Saint Sebastian	Calhoun	89	132.25	55%	61.50%	-6.50%
Saint Stephen	Cadiz	274	145.75	53%	64.44%	-11.44%
Saint Stephen Cathedral	Owensboro	1408	638.5	45%	49.52%	-4.52%
Saint Thomas More	Paducah	2383	807	34%	36.35%	-2.35%
Saint William	Knottsville	1096	515	47%	41.70%	5.30%
Saint William of Vercelli	Marion	125	53.75	43%	52.31%	-9.31%
Grand Total:		50,435	26,018.70	51.59%	51.51%	0.08%



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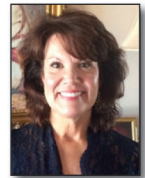


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‘The loss of hope hurts us all in the end’

Kentucky Criminal Justice Forum discusses improvements to criminal justice system



COURTESY OF MIGUEL QUINTANILLA

State Rep. Jim Glenn, State Rep. Jason Petrie, Daviess District Judge Lisa P. Jones and State Rep. Melinda Gibbons-Prunty participate in an Oct. 25, 2019 Kentucky Criminal Justice Forum at the H.L. Neblett Community Center in Owensboro.

BY MIGUEL QUINTANILLA, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Kentucky Criminal Justice Forum (KCJF) held the second of three planned forums across Kentucky on Oct. 25, 2019 at the H.L. Neblett Community Center in Owensboro. The KCJF brought together policy makers, criminal justice professionals and those that have been formerly incarcerated and their family members together to discuss how Kentucky’s criminal justice system can be improved.

“We have to stop doing business as usual. We must accept that this business of mass incarceration has failed,” said Daviess District Judge Lisa P. Jones, keynote speaker at the KCJF.

Jones told the 100-plus people that attended the forum that despite having the highest incarceration rate in the world, the U.S. isn’t any safer.

“For those whose crimes we determine merit incarceration, we need to make our jails places where meaningful reflection and self-improvement occur,” Jones said. “The loss of liberty is punishment, the loss of dignity is cruel, the loss of hope hurts us all in the end.”

Susan Montalvo-Gesser, director of Catholic Charities of Owensboro, served as master of ceremonies at the forum. She told those who attended that one of the main objectives of the forum was to allow them the opportunity to have their voices heard on

how Kentucky’s criminal justice system can be improved.

Attendees were given surveys that asked them for their input on four topics concerning Kentucky’s criminal justice system: entry and diversion programs, sentencing reform, access to healthcare, and reentry. They were also given the opportunity to discuss these topics in two breakout sessions that took place during the forum. The conversations that took place in the breakout sessions were documented. All the data collected at the forum will be made available to state and local legislators to inform them in their ongoing work to improve our justice system.

Attendees were also given the opportunity to ask questions directly to panel members at the forum. The panel included state three state legislators: State Rep. Jim Glenn, State Rep. Jason Petrie and State Rep. Melinda Gibbons-Prunty.

The panel also included members of the community that had personally gone through the criminal justice system. Andrea Arthur told attendees that her struggles with drug addiction led to her being convicted of a felony. She said that it’s difficult for those with a criminal record to find good jobs.

Julius Maddox, another panel member at the forum, also struggled to find a good job after becoming a convicted felon: “It seems like we pay our debt to society, and we have to live with it for the rest of our lives.” ■

Miguel Quintanilla serves as a paralegal for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2019 BULLETIN BOARD

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December 12, 2019

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Twilight Retreat Dec. 11: "Awaiting and Welcoming Peace with Thomas Merton"

Fr. Brian Johnson will present, "Awaiting and Welcoming Peace with Thomas Merton: Advent Contemplation in a Seed, a Poem and an Essay" on Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Fr. Brian will focus on the Advent themes of preparing and waiting for the Prince of Peace. He will introduce material about Thomas Merton's diverse writings on contemplation and prayer. He will look at how Merton teaches about prayer with one of his 'seeds,' one of his last monastic retreat talks, and one of his poems. He will also highlight the date, Dec. 10 – the anniversary of Merton's death. The event time is 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The \$20 fee includes dinner. (The retreat cost is \$25 at the door.) To preregister, call 270-229-0206, email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online: ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs.

Focus on Faith new book study begins Jan. 9, 2020

The Focus on Faith class, which meets monthly to study the Catholic faith, will be reading and discussing "The Complete Stories" by Flannery O'Connor in 2020. The first session will be on Jan. 9 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The sessions will be led by Sr. Ann McGrew, OSU. The \$20 fee per class 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: Feb. 13, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

Married Couples Retreat Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2020

"Growing in Love with One Another; Growing in Love with God" is a retreat for married couples that will take place from Jan. 31-Feb. 2. Long-time marriage educators Bridget Brennan and Jerry Shen will bring their gifts in teaching everyday practical skills to equip couples to grow in love and joy with each other and God. A \$325 fee per couple includes meals and accommodations at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). To register, call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online at ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs.

An update on the SCN memorial project

The Owensboro Catholic High School Memorial Project to honor the teaching Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, KY has taken on a new dimension. The initial vision was a standalone bust and plaque, but a newer vision has been developed that will incorporate the story of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth into a historical walkway that will start just inside the breezeway of the school next to a new chapel. It will be the first dedicated space on the historical wall. The new vision has become part of an additional capital project at the high school, and the SCN Steering Committee has been working with school officials to finalize the plan, according to chairperson Elizabeth Field (Corr). Ms. Field said she thought the plan would surpass their original idea and the committee would supply information to the high school alumni association as the capital renovation committee worked out more details. While the actual renovations at Owensboro Catholic are being facilitated by a construction committee, decisions regarding the Sisters of Charity Project will still be made by the current standing committee. The fund has generated \$5,690 and is still on deposit with OCHS.

St. Stephen Parish's float wins award in Cadiz Veterans Parade



COURTESY OF TOM KELL
The St. Stephen Parish float for the 2019 Cadiz Veterans Parade.

BY STEPHEN WASHER, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

St. Stephen Parish in Cadiz entered a float in the Cadiz Veterans Parade. The float was built by parishioners and all on the float were parishioners as well as veterans or schoolchildren. The float had flags from all five military branches as well as a U. S. battle flag in front. The battle flag was flown by the 5th Special Forces Unit in Vietnam in 1969. The base was under siege from Vietcong forces and Special Forces were called in to save the men. After all were evacuated under fire, and as the last helicopter was leaving the pilot noticed the flag was flying at the base. They went back in under fire and cut the flag down so the Vietcong could not capture the flag. Our Knights of Columbus brother, Sir Knight Norman Giest, cut the flag down and stored it. The next time the flag flew free was on our float on Nov. 11, 2019. When the judges learned of the flag's history, they asked Norman and his wife Kelly to come up in front of the people of Cadiz and tell his story. The St. Stephen float won the Judges Award at the parade this year. ■

Q&A Tribunal Explains

The myth: A Declaration of Invalidity (Annulment) is expensive, and the more you pay, the quicker your case will be processed and the better your chances are of getting an affirmation decision.

The facts:

There is no fee for a case to be examined in the Diocese of Owensboro; therefore, money has no effect on how quickly a case is processed or whether it is granted or not.

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.

Tri-parish mission in Owensboro breaks open 'Seasons of Discipleship'

BY JUDY COOMES, SPECIAL TO THE
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Described by their Chicago cardinal as “Our Best,” two young priests maintained their reputation as St. Stephen Cathedral, Blessed Mother Parish, and Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish united in offering a “Seasons of Discipleship” Tri-Parish Mission on Nov. 11-13.

Fr. Matt O'Donnell and Fr. Brad Zamora, creators of ARISE Preaching, were organized, motivated, talented and congenial. Whether preaching or playing the keyboard and singing, both priests drew attendees closer to God's love and our responsibilities as Catholics.

Our presenters reminded us that an important part of discipleship is that it has “seasons of growth,” which need different activities to mature a person's faith as one grows and changes like the seasons. Discipleship is: walking with God (Following), walking with non-Christians/Outsiders (Fishing, as “fishers of men”), and walking with God's people (Fellowship).

Discipleship is a life journey, meant to be experienced with others. It is interesting that pictures of Jesus rarely show him with only one person. Part of the Master's method was training His disciples in a way that they learned not only from Him, but also from the actions of others. As “God's Disciples,” we are His servants, and He commanded that His Mission continue, especially in these needed times.

The Prodigal Son felt he had to hit rock bottom

before he could change. We must surrender our lives and concerns to God, as we cannot bring healing to others if we are not healed, or hear God when we listen to worldly voices. Baptism gave us an identity and the “cross” is an invitation to come home to God's love, mercy, compassion, peace and forgiveness.

Recently as our “almost two” year old granddaughter and I finished our weekly Holy Hour, she climbed the sanctuary steps and stood before the cross, waving and saying, “Goodbye, Jesus,” and then blew Him a kiss. If only that innocence would

remain throughout our lives, how much better the world would be!

Challenge yourself to see your own beauty and talents and use them. It is often said, “Real estate is about three things: Location, Location, Location.” Discipleship is similar, but with a different word: Relationship, Relationship, Relationship. Mother Teresa said, “Do small things with great love.” What a beginning this gives us! ■

Judy Coomes belongs to Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro.

Quiet Time with God and Self



**Come, be still and know your God!
Weekend of Jan. 3-5, 2020**

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The retreat begins with a social at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 3, and ends after breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 5.

Note: We are also offering a “Quiet Time with God and Self” week from June 7-12, 2020.



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St. Rose of Lima Parish sends 11 missionaries to Rio Grande Valley

BY FR. DAN KREUTZER, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Pope Francis has consistently reminded Catholics and all people of the humanitarian crisis at the borders of many nations. In his very first visit after becoming pope, Francis went to Lampedusa, an Italian island, one of the main European points of entry for migrants and refugees trying to cross the Mediterranean. In 2016, Francis celebrated Mass at the southern United States border. In his homily, the pope commended, among others, “lay people in accompanying migrants and in defending life. They are on the front lines, often risking their own lives. By their very lives they are prophets of mercy; they are the beating heart and the accompanying feet of the Church that opens her arms and sustains.”

Members of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Cloverport listened to the Holy Father, especially his repeated challenge for Catholics to go to margins where the poor are to be found. Ten members of the parish responded to Fr. Dan Kreutzer’s suggestion to accept the pope’s challenge. They decided to travel to McAllen, Texas, home of the Humanitarian Respite Center, to serve the migrants there. The Center is a ministry of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Brownsville. The executive director of Catholic Charities, Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ, stopped by to welcome the St. Rose of Lima parish volunteers (she and Fr. Kreutzer had previously met).

The Humanitarian Respite Center routinely welcomes and processes 700 migrants a day. The Respite Center is not a place to stay but a place for weary migrants to eat, clean up, see a doctor and get

on a bus or a plane to their designated place in the United States. Each migrant must be sponsored by an American citizen.

The migrants helped by the Respite Center and the missionaries from St. Rose of Lima had documentation, meaning they had followed the laws and guidelines established and enforced by the U.S. Border Protection Agency. (Recently, the federal government has reduced the number of migrants who can enter the United States each day.)

The missionaries expected to do their service inside the sprawling Respite Center, helping to serve the people who had just arrived. Instead, with the number of daily migrants at the Center reduced to a dozen or so, the missionaries applied their competencies in other ways.

In addition to helping to sort clothes in the warehouse, the missionaries tackled painting and fixing things in the Center. They painted the walls and installed rubber baseboard in the dining room of the Center. They repaired commodes and urinals in the restrooms. The missionaries funded all these improvements themselves.

Along the way some of the missionaries drove migrants to the airport or bus station. They describe the departures as emotional for them and the people leaving.

One day the missionaries accompanied the Catholic religious sisters and others in vans to distribute water, sandwiches, diapers, baby formula, and milk to migrants waiting on the Mexican side of the border in Brownsville.

Following their day at the border crossing, the

missionaries were eager to debrief. The consensus was that they no longer had to rely on news personalities or even the federal government to tell them what is happening at the border. They saw it for themselves. They are eyewitnesses—people who see the macro picture at a micro level, as disciples of Christ.

Parishioners Tommy and Kathy Gedling were moved by their experiences at the border. They agreed that the actual situation on the ground in Brownsville and McAllen is misunderstood and exaggerated.

“We did not feel threatened or unsafe at any point,” said Kathy Gedling.

Tommy Gedling added, “Some see these migrants as less than human, but we, as Catholics, we see them as children of God, our sisters and brothers. They deserve to have their dignity, conferred by God, respected and promoted.”

“Most of the people we served were women, most with children, traveling alone,” said Kathy Gedling.

All the missionaries have expressed the desire to return.

“We hope next time we will be able to serve more migrants inside the Respite Center,” said Selina Thurman. “That would mean that the federal government has lifted the embargo on their entering.”

Tentative plans are to return to the Rio Grande Valley during spring break in 2020 to continue their work. ■

Fr. Dan Kreutzer is the pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Cloverport.

December Wedding Anniversaries

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Ron & Greta Beals, 64
Louis & Mae Hoskins, 50
Michael & Emily Cissell, 10
Mark & Jan Hubbs, 51

Christ the King, Madisonville

Robert & Floy Daugherty, 66
Sherrell & Jeannie Calhoun, 61

Holy Guardian Angel, Irvington

Timothy & Lisa Turek, 25

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Ian & Ticey Albright, 10
Allen & Terri Allen, 51
Nicholas & Jennifer Gillham, 10
Herbert & Mary Gold, 50
Lucio & Ramona Hernandez, 52
Forrest & Mary Meuth, 58
Robert & Betty Pritchett, 64
Steven & Delores Sauer, 52
Clyde & Janice Sutton, 57
Robert & Carlene Williams, 58

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Larry & Anita Willoughby, 56
H. Leon & Jane Brasher, 54
Allen & Judy Freeland, 51
Frank & Carol Kersting, 50
Donald & Lisa Waid, 25
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Sharing the joy of the priesthood

Two priests to join vocation-promoting team in 'bold new approach' from vocations office

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Pope Francis has spoken frequently on the necessity of Christians to have joy, and two priests from the Diocese of Owensboro are joyfully accepting new roles to promote a greater awareness of vocations.

On Oct. 23, Bishop William F. Medley appointed Fr. Emmanuel Udoh and Fr. Daniel Dillard to the Office of Vocations' new vocations promotion team.

Fr. Jason McClure, diocesan vocations director, said the goal of this initiative is to have "more priests intentionally promoting vocations throughout the diocese."

He described the initiative as "a bold new team approach to advance the diocesan vocation plan" and said that each priest will take responsibility for certain tasks, such as coordinating vocation events.

Additionally, "each priest on the team will make himself available to meet with men discerning a vocation and men who are already in the application process," said Fr. McClure.

The vocations director said the current setup of the Office of Vocations will remain the same – with Fr. McClure as vocations director and Fr. Fred Litke as associate vocations director – but with the addition of Fr. Dillard and Fr. Udoh "to increase the efforts."

Fr. Dillard and Fr. Udoh look forward to serving in these new positions, which they will carry out



FILE PHOTO

Fr. Daniel Dillard is the pastor of St. Mary Parish in Franklin and Christ the King Parish in Scottsville, and is a member of the Office of Vocations' new vocation-promoting team.

while keeping their primary roles as pastors of their respective parishes.

"I love the priesthood because it affords me the opportunity to express my deep love and gratitude to God who chose me in my unworthiness to be his instrument of love and service to humanity," said Fr. Udoh, who was ordained in 2014.

Today Fr. Udoh is the pastor of Rosary Chapel in Paducah and St. Mary Parish in La Center.



FILE PHOTO

Fr. Emmanuel Udoh is the pastor of Holy Rosary Parish in Paducah and St. Mary Parish in La Center, and is a member of the Office of Vocations' new vocation-promoting team.

Fr. Udoh said his parents played a big role in his discernment to the priesthood, which reminded him of the role that Eli played in guiding the future prophet, Samuel, in the Bible.

"My family helped me with their prayers and encouragement to follow where God leads," said Fr. Udoh. "Similarly, my then-pastor was very present to address my fears and concerns."

He hopes to mirror that encouragement that he

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received as a young person, in his new role on the team.

“Firstly, I will continue to offer daily prayers for every person out there who might be battling with decision-making regarding their vocation,” said Fr. Udoh, acknowledging that discerning a vocation can be difficult. He added that he will particularly ask the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

He said he will also continue to witness “the joy of the priesthood” to the youth of the diocese, and will continue preaching about vocations in his homilies so as to encourage parents and grandparents to support young people in discernment.

Fr. Dillard, who was ordained in 2009, said he initially did not want to become a priest, but today his vocation fills him with joy.

“I think that my experience of reluctance to being a priest gives me some insight into where some

guys are in their discernment,” said Fr. Dillard, who was ordained in 2009. Today he is the pastor of St. Mary Parish in Franklin and Christ the King Parish in Scottsville.

Fr. Dillard said he remembers “quite clearly” what it was like to feel the call of God, and yet to have an equally strong desire “not to listen to that call.”

“My journey to acceptance of my vocation will help me help others see that the path to happiness and fulfillment comes from following God's call – not our own will,” said Fr. Dillard.

He believes there are “two keys” to promoting vocations.

“First, we as priests must show the people – young men discerning priesthood, their parents, and the community at large – that the life of a priest is a life of joy and fulfillment,” said Fr. Dillard. “If the only


example of priesthood that a young man sees is a grumpy, unhappy priest, why would they ever choose to follow in those footsteps, and if that is the experience of a family or a community, why would they encourage their sons to pursue that life?”

He intends to take “every opportunity” to set an example of the “positivity in priesthood,” and hopes to encourage his brother priests “to more openly discuss why they love being a priest.”

Fr. Dillard said the second “key” is to have greater involvement of laypeople in vocations promotion.

“Many times it is the laypeople who first really notice the signs of a vocation in a young man,” said Fr. Dillard, “and we need to empower them to say something to that young man and to encourage him to discern what is God's call in his life.” ■

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NCYC 2019 celebrates young people – ‘The now of the Church’



COURTESY OF BLESSED MOTHER PARISH

Complete with silly hats – an NCYC tradition – participants from Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro pose for a picture.

BY WKC STAFF

Referencing Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on young people, "Christus Vivit," the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, proclaimed that young people "are the now of the Church."

"They are its present!" said the archbishop, during the Friday morning general session at the National Catholic Youth Conference (Nov. 21-23, 2019).

NCYC is a gathering of 20,000 Catholic youth and adults from around the United States. Its mission is evangelizing and accompanying young people to an encounter with Jesus Christ and His Church. The Diocese of Owensboro has been participating in the event for nearly 20 years.

Approximately 280 high school youth and adults

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COURTESY OF CHARLIE HARDESTY

Adam Gregory, a youth from Hancock County, introduced Bishop Medley at NCYC on the main stage at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, where NCYC took place.



COURTESY OF PADUCAH FAITH FORMATION

This large group from Paducah was happy to attend NCYC this year.



COURTESY OF STS. JOSEPH AND PAUL PARISH
These participants from Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro and St. Michael Parish in Sebree have their picture taken with their very own Bishop William F. Medley.

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traveled from the Owensboro diocese to Indianapolis - where NCYC is held - for the three-day experience. The group represented nearly every corner of the diocese from 21 different parishes. They were joined at the conference by Bishop William F. Medley.

Charlie Hardesty, the director of the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, said this year's NCYC theme was "Blessed, Broken, and Given."

"Our time was spent listening to keynotes; experiencing intense times of worship and prayer; adoration and Mass; breakout sessions; meals together; laughter and fun," said Hardesty. "The Holy Spirit was present and tangible in a way that stirred hearts and drew participants into the presence of God."

"We are very thankful for all the adults who journeyed with our youth to NCYC and sacrificed time away from work and families (and sleep)," Hardesty added. "We are very blessed in the diocese to have such a supportive bishop who joins us at NCYC, but we are also blessed by incredibly supportive priests and parishes who make these trips possible for our youth."

Hardesty said they are looking forward the Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference (ODYC) on Nov. 20-21, 2020, at the Knicely Center in Bowling Green, and NCYC 2021 in Indianapolis. ■

Save the date

Save the date for ODYC 2020 at the Knicely Center in Bowling Green:
Nov. 20-21, 2019.
More details to follow.



COURTESY OF ST. MARY OF THE WOODS PARISH
The group from St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Whitesville in their hotel for NCYC 2019.

Middle schoolers brought to “intentional encounter” with Jesus through witness, adoration

BY WKC STAFF

On Saturday, Oct. 26, around 80 middle school youth and adults from the Diocese of Owensboro joined 1,600 middle school youth and adults from surrounding dioceses for Holy Fire Nashville 2019. The one-day event is hosted by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and the Diocese of Nashville. According to the NFCYM, the hope of this event is that “young people are invited and challenged to embrace their baptismal call and embrace the relevant and powerful gospel of Jesus.”

According to “Going, Going, Gone: The Dynamics of Disaffiliation in Young Catholics,” a study recently published by St. Mary’s Press in collaboration with the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, “When asked at what age they no longer identified themselves as Catholic, 74 percent of the sample said between the ages of 10 and 20, with the median age being 13 years old.”

The need to invite this middle school age group to a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ and a recommitment to faith is the motivation behind the NFCYM’s efforts with Holy Fire, which has sites in Chicago, Ohio, Texas, and Nashville. Their hope is to serve every region in the United States with events like this for middle school youth.

Aynde Bennet, youth minister at Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro, said, “These 6th graders really got a lot out of Holy Fire. They were really open to the experience and enjoyed worship and adoration in a way that they haven’t before. They loved



COURTESY OF CRISSY STEVENSON

Youth and adults from St. Stephen Cathedral were among the approximately 80 youth who traveled to Holy Fire Nashville 2019, joining 1,600 middle school youth and adults from surrounding dioceses.

both speakers, especially Chris Padgett because he made them laugh so much. The best part of this, for me, was afterward when we were having dinner and we talked about what they saw, heard, and felt.”

Paula Schmidt, coordinator of religious education at St. Pius X Parish in Calvert City, said, “The five boys I was with really enjoyed it. They got the message of being yourself.”

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COURTESY OF AYNDE BENNETT

Several youth from Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro were among the approximately 80 young people from the Diocese of Owensboro attending Holy Fire Nashville 2019 in October.



COURTESY OF SHANDA PURCELL

Youth from St. Jerome Parish in Fancy Farm at Holy Fire Nashville 2019 in October. They were among 1,600 youth and adults gathered for the all-day experience.

“The goal of the event is intentional encounter with Jesus Christ both in witness of faith and prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament,” said Charlie Hardesty, diocesan director of youth and young adult ministry. “The climax of the experience is an invitation to proclaim and renew one’s baptismal promise, sit in Adoration and prayer, and be nourished at the Mass.”

Hardesty added, “We can no longer afford to assume that young people who are raised in the Catholic Church will automatically stay connected as youth and young adults. We must be intentional with an invitation to follow Jesus Christ.”

The Diocese of Owensboro had groups from St. Jerome Parish in Fancy Farm; Owensboro Catholic Middle School; St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro; St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro; Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish Owensboro; St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Sorgho; St. Pius X Parish in Calvert City, and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro. It is expected that Holy Fire Nashville will be an event available every year for middle school youth. ■

Paducah Faith Formation builds a Living Rosary



COURTESY OF GING SMITH
This statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe was used as a spotlighted focal point to help those in attendance to meditate as the Living Rosary was prayed on Oct. 23.



COURTESY OF KATIE HAGAN
Paducah Faith Formation held a Living Rosary on Oct. 23 at St. Mary School System in Paducah.

BY GING SMITH, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Paducah Faith Formation held their third annual Living Rosary on Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary School System. Second grade through high school

students each represented a bead by holding an illuminated candle. Students in the Creed formation held blue lights. Those assigned with the Hail Mary held white lights, and for the Our Father, flashing lights of multiple colors. Catechists and Board were

assigned with prayer and reflections for each mystery, and high school students led praying the Hail Marys. Praying the rosary is not only honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary but also heeding the words of many saints and popes in the Church who love praying the rosary. If we desire to continue to grow in holiness, love of the Lord, and love and service for each other, we need to pray the rosary. Pope Pius XI said, “The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin... If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors.” ■

Ging Smith is the director of Paducah Faith Formation.

New altar consecrated at Owensboro Catholic High School



COURTESY OF HALEY HAMILTON
Bishop Medley anoints the new altar with sacred chrism during the Nov. 1, 2019 Mass at Owensboro Catholic High School.



COURTESY OF HALEY HAMILTON
Owensboro Catholic High School students present the gifts to Bishop Medley during the Nov. 1, 2019 All Saints Day Mass at the school.

BY OCHS STAFF

On Friday, Nov. 1, Bishop William F. Medley presided at Mass with Owensboro Catholic High School in celebration of All Saints Day and the consecration of a new altar. Steve Orth, husband of retired religion teacher and department head, Sherry Orth, had built and donated a beautiful new altar for OCHS. During the Mass, Bishop Medley anointed the altar with sacred chrism, a blessed oil made of olive oil and Balsam-scented oil (used for specific occasions such as ordinations, baptisms and altar consecrations). ■

Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

El Derecho Canónico (la ley de la Iglesia Católica latina) requiere que cada cinco años un obispo diocesano haga un informe escrito al Santo Padre sobre el estado de la diócesis que se le ha confiado. El Canon 400 estipula que el obispo debe ir a Roma para presentar este informe y mientras esté allí debe venerar en persona las tumbas de San Pedro y San Pablo, quienes por su historia y tradición son reconocidos por haber llevado la Iglesia a Roma. También es el privilegio y la obligación del obispo presentarse al Papa.

Esta obligación y tradición se conoce comúnmente como ad limina Apostolorum, que literalmente significa "hasta el umbral de los apóstoles". Será un privilegio para mí cumplir con esta obligación por segunda vez cuando viajo a Roma del 1 al 8 de diciembre de 2019. Durante esta visita, los obispos buscan fortalecer sus propias responsabilidades como sucesores de los Apóstoles y su comunión con el Sucesor de Pedro.

Viajaré con los obispos de Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi y Louisiana que componen la Región V de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos. El elemento central de nuestra peregrinación será la oportunidad de reunirnos como grupo con el Papa Francisco el jueves, 5 de diciembre. En esta reunión tendremos la oportunidad de hablar con el Papa Francisco sobre la actividad de la Iglesia en nuestras diócesis y, más importante todavía, recibir su consejo y aliento.

También clave para nuestra visita será nuestra oportunidad de concelebrar la Santa Misa en la tumba de San Pedro en la Basílica de San Pedro y en la tumba de San Pablo en la Basílica de San Pablo Extramuros. Junto con la visita al Santo Padre, estas

dos ocasiones constituyen la visita ad limina.

Durante la semana también concelebraremos Misas en la Basílica de Santa María la Mayor y la Basílica de San Juan de Letrán.

Si bien el tiempo con el Papa Francisco será tanto ceremonial como sustantivo, también cumpliré con mi obligación de informar sobre el trabajo de la Diócesis de Owensboro. Esto se logró con la presentación de un informe de 170 páginas a la Santa Sede hace varios meses. Esto fue preparado por los directores de las diversas oficinas y agencias de la diócesis, tales como la Administración y Finanzas, la Educación y Formación Católica, las Caridades Católicas, el Ministerio de Adolescentes y Jóvenes Adultos, y el Tribunal. Las oficinas correspondientes del Vaticano reciben y revisan estos informes.

Esta es mi segunda oportunidad de participar en una visita ad limina. En 2012 viajé a Roma y conocí al Papa Benedicto XVI. Se darán cuenta que esto significa que han pasado casi ocho años desde la última visita ad limina y eso es porque cuando hay una transición a un nuevo papado, como sucedió en 2013, todo el cronograma burocrático del Vaticano se retrasa.

Aunque tuve la oportunidad de saludar al Papa Francisco en 2015 cuando visitó los Estados Unidos, después de concelebrar en sus Misas públicas en Washington, D.C. y Filadelfia, espero conocerlo más personalmente. Espero poder expresarle mi gratitud por su ministerio generoso y profético de misericordia y compasión y, sobre todo, su desafío a la Iglesia y al mundo a servir a los más pequeños entre nosotros. Le contaré de las fervientes oraciones por él de parte de los católicos de Kentucky occidental.

Por favor oren por el Papa Francisco. Oren por

todos los obispos de los Estados Unidos que emprenderán camino al "umbral de los apóstoles" en los próximos meses. ■

+ William F. Medley

Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA DICIEMBRE DE 2019:

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En el evento Holy Fire 2019, los jóvenes tienen un 'encuentro intencional' con Jesús



POR CORTESÍA DE CRISSY STEVENSON

Los adolescentes y adultos de la Catedral de San Esteban se encontraban entre los aproximadamente 80 adolescentes que viajaron al evento Holy Fire Nashville 2019, uniéndose a 1,600 adolescentes de la escuela secundaria y adultos de las diócesis de los alrededores.

El 26 de octubre, alrededor de 80 adolescentes de la escuela secundaria y adultos de la Diócesis de Owensboro se unieron a otras 1,600 personas de las diócesis de los alrededores para el evento Holy Fire [Fuego Santo] Nashville 2019. El evento de un día ofreció un encuentro con Jesús a través de testimonios y adoración del Santísimo Sacramento. Se espera que el evento Holy Fire Nashville esté disponible cada año para estudiantes de la escuela secundaria. Charlie Hardesty, Director Diocesano del Ministerio con Adolescentes y Jóvenes Adultos, dijo: "Ya no podemos darnos el lujo de suponer que los adolescentes que se crían en la Iglesia Católica se mantendrán conectados automáticamente como adolescentes y jóvenes adultos. Debemos hacer, de manera intencional, la invitación a seguir a Jesucristo". ■



POR CORTESÍA DE COREY BRUNS

Un Seminarista da el siguiente paso hacia el sacerdocio

El 16 de noviembre, el seminarista Corey Bruns participó en el Rito de Admisión a la Candidatura en su parroquia de Santa Ana en Morganfield. El Obispo William F. Medley presidió la celebración del rito, que es el siguiente paso de un seminarista para convertirse en un diácono transitorio, y luego, finalmente, ser ordenado sacerdote de la Diócesis de Owensboro. ■

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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

Dos sacerdotes se unen al equipo de vocaciones



PHOTO DE ARCHIVO
P. Daniel Dillard y el P. Emmanuel Udoh.

El Obispo William F. Medley ha nombrado al P. Daniel Dillard y el P. Emmanuel Udoh al equipo de promoción de vocaciones de la diócesis. El P. Dillard es el párroco de la Parroquia Santa María en Franklin y la Parroquia Cristo Rey en Scottsville. El P. Udoh es el párroco de la Parroquia Santo Rosario en Paducah y la Parroquia Santa María en La Center. Ayudarán a promover las vocaciones en la diócesis y estarán disponibles para caminar con personas que están discerniendo sus vocaciones. ■

Conferencia Nacional Católica de la Juventud 2019



En noviembre, 280 jóvenes y adultos viajaron desde la Diócesis de Owensboro a la Conferencia Nacional de Jóvenes Católicos en Indianápolis. La conferencia se realizó del 21 al 23 de noviembre de 2019 y contó con 20,000 participantes. ■

CORTESÍA DE PARROQUIA SANTOS JOSÉ Y PABLO (A la derecha) Estos participantes de Parroquia de Los Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro y Santo Miguel en Sebree se tomaron una foto con su propio Obispo William F. Medley.



CORTESÍA DE FORMACIÓN DE FE DE PADUCAH
Este gran grupo de Paducah estuvo feliz de asistir a la Conferencia Nacional Juvenil Católica este año.