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A Word From Bishop Medley

In the 1970s Flip Wilson was a popular comedian who appeared on a variety of television shows and even hosted his own variety show. Flip Wilson developed a character called Geraldine, who had a catchphrase “The devil made me do it.” The phrase was picked up humorously by many. Maybe even on occasion it brought someone to pause and consider the reality of temptation and sin.

People of our day are fascinated by the idea of the devil and exorcisms. An exorcism is a specific form of prayer that the Catholic Church uses against the power of evil, personified by the devil. The fascination – among Catholics, Protestants, and even some non-Christians – is fueled by the representations of Hollywood, television, and now of course the ubiquitous social media.

Most Catholics would be surprised to know that they have witnessed exorcisms and, in fact, been the subject of an exorcism. In the Rite of Infant Baptism we call upon God to “cast out the power of Satan, spirit of evil, to rescue man from the kingdom of darkness.” This is an exorcism.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults also incorporates exorcisms for those candidates preparing to be baptized: “We pray for our brothers and sisters who present themselves

as catechumens. Keep far from them every evil spirit and all falsehood and sin ...” This, too, is an exorcism.

Now it may well be that the priest or deacon celebrating these rites avoided the word exorcism. He may have done that so as to sidestep questions about the dramatic portrayals of exorcisms in movies or the over-the-top discussions in social media. This may be unfortunate for then we allow the rare and exceptional to define this form of prayer rather than what is regular and ordinary in the prayer of the Church.

What is likely made sensational for entertainment are references to what is called a major exorcism – when there is a case of genuine demonic possession, that is, when it is determined that the presence of the devil is in the body of the possessed and the devil is able to

exercise dominion over that body. Historically, the Church has demonstrated great prudence and caution in making such a determination.

Yes, we can all say when we sin and fail, “The devil made me do it.” True enough. We are tempted and we sin and generally understand that we have understood our actions to be a serious matter to which we have given sufficient reflection and then offered

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BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR MARCH 2019

MARCH 3	2 p.m. Rite of Election – St. Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah
MARCH 5	9 a.m. Senior Conversations – Owensboro Catholic High School
MARCH 7	Visit to Saint Meinrad Seminary 10:45 a.m. Closing Mass for Youth 2000 – Brescia University
MARCH 10	2 p.m. Rite of Election – St. Stephen Cathedral 6 p.m. Rite of Election – St. Stephen Cathedral
MARCH 13	10 a.m. Mass with Relic of St. John Vianney – St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah
MARCH 14	11 a.m. Mass at Maximilian Montessori Academy – Owensboro
MARCH 16	4 p.m. Confirmation – St. Ann Parish, Morganfield
MARCH 17	10:15 a.m. Confirmation – St. Benedict Parish, Wax
MARCH 18	10 a.m. Priest Personnel Meeting 1:30 p.m. Priests' Council Meeting
MARCH 19	8 a.m. Mass – SS. Peter & Paul School, Hopkinsville
MARCH 20	8:30 a.m. Diocesan Finance Council Meeting
MARCH 21	9 a.m. Mass – St. Romuald School, Hardinsburg
MARCH 23	6 p.m. Owensboro Catholic Schools Dinner & Auction – Brescia University
MARCH 24	2 p.m. Scout Mass – St. Stephen Cathedral 10 a.m. Mass – St. Mary Middle School, Paducah Paducah Office
MARCH 26	6:30 p.m. Confirmation – SS. Joseph & Paul Parish, Owensboro
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the full consent of the will. In the case of demonic possession, genuine evil may be manifest when the person has lost the ability to really give consent.

In considering a major exorcism, the Church advances with extreme caution. A major exorcism may only be performed by a priest appointed by the bishop and with the bishop's consent. Also, the Church would expect to fully explore medical and mental and emotional health issues. Many in the grip of addiction or living with someone in the grip of addiction feel powerless and indeed such a declaration is part of a 12-step program. But the success of such programs demonstrates other avenues to which we can turn. The Church is cautious, even in such dire cases, so as not to give the devil credit that is not due. It should be clear that a person does not make a determination about demonic possession by their own self-diagnosis or psychosis.

The major exorcism should never be seen as a magical or superstitious activity. This is the danger of media representations of an extraordinary ritual. In our day, we want quick fixes. Exorcisms are a form of prayer and must demand the good faith and genuine participation of those involved. They are not and should not be practiced like regular confession and reception of Holy Communion.

The Church does offer Prayers Against the Powers of Darkness for any who feel challenged to address the everyday sin and temptations of their lives. These include invocations to Mary and the saints. To Mary: "We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions but deliver us from all danger." To St. Michael: "...defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil May God rebuke him we humbly pray ...and by the power of God

cast down to hell Satan and other evil spirits..."

Yes, the devil makes us do many things. But Jesus Christ, through his holy Church, provides sinners with abundant remedies and graces to withstand the great and small temptations of our lives. Daily prayer, works of charity and mercy, regular confession, and frequent reception of Holy Communion are a formula for resisting evil and seeking holiness.

Perhaps our first line of defense against temptation is simply the prayer that Jesus taught us, the Our Father: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." ■

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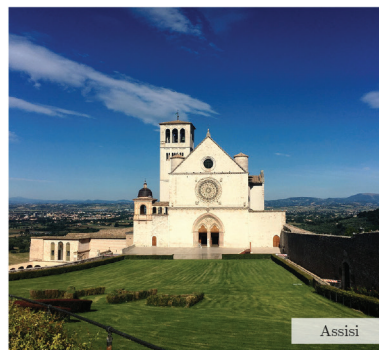
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A miracle for Myanmar

A 'prayer-warrior' friendship leads to beating cancer and building new school



COURTESY OF ROSEMARY TROWBRIDGE

(Left photo) Fr. Timothy Khui Shing Ling and RoseMary Trowbridge at the Dec. 6, 2018 dedication of St. Paul Montessori Little Home. (Right photo) The school exterior.



BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

It is October 2002. RoseMary Trowbridge of Morganfield attends Mass celebrated by Pope John Paul II at St. Peter's Square in Rome, believing it will be her last visit to Italy before breast cancer takes her life.

Trowbridge befriends a Burmese priest sitting in the row in front of her. His name is Fr. Timothy Khui Shing Ling, she learns that the priest is study-

ing in Rome to receive his Licentiate and Doctorate in Missiology.

After Mass, Fr. Shing Ling says, "I will see you again."

Trowbridge responds: "Unless you're going to Heaven..." and tells him about the cancer, which has spread through other parts of her body.

But the Burmese priest insists they will meet again.

Fast-forward to December 2018: a cancer-free

Trowbridge arrives in a remote town in Myanmar (formerly known as Burma) – and is greeted by crowds of joyful people thanking her for her work in establishing a new school.

How did one woman journey from utter fear and despair to such hope and joy?

As Trowbridge told The Western Kentucky Catholic on Jan. 9, 2019, "You don't know what can happen when you meet someone."

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COURTESY OF ROSEMARY TROWBRIDGE
Burmese girls perform a traditional dance during the Dec. 6, 2018 dedication of St. Paul Montessori Little Home.

Long-distance friendship

After the first meeting in Rome in 2002, Trowbridge and her husband, Kenny, kept up a correspondence with Fr. Shing Ling.

“We became each other’s prayer warriors,” Trowbridge told the WKC.

Fr. Shing Ling prayed for Trowbridge’s battle with cancer. Trowbridge prayed for the people Fr. Shing Ling was serving in Myanmar – a country beset with civil unrest, poverty and religious persecutions.

(Fr. Shing Ling’s particular ministry was to a town called Mindat in Chin State – an especially impoverished part of the already-struggling country.)

In February 2003, Trowbridge wrote to the priest that her doctors had only given her 18 months to live.

Fr. Shing Ling did not give up hope, and offered 30 Masses for Trowbridge throughout that month, certain that his friend would be healed.

He continued praying through a series of novena Masses over the course of the following nine months “with full hope and trust of miraculous healing,” Fr. Shing Ling told the WKC in a Jan. 29, 2019 email.

Trowbridge continued praying for the people of Myanmar, offering up her suffering for them through her three-year chemotherapy regime.

“Every poke, every chemo, every radiation I offered up for Myanmar,” said Trowbridge.

A turning point came in 2005 when Trowbridge needed a tumor cut from her lung. But something went wrong, and during the surgery Trowbridge woke up from the anesthesia while still being completely paralyzed. Unable to communicate with the doctors, she felt the entire surgery.

“The crucifix came to me during that surgery; I united my suffering to His,” she told the WKC.

Miraculously, she has had no sign of cancer since that surgery.

Burmese ministry

Now cancer-free, Trowbridge wanted to do something tangible to assist the people her priest friend was serving in Myanmar.

In 2008, she and Fr. Shing Ling established the Mindat Charity Association, a non-profit that fundraised for Mindat. Through this organization, donors sent money for Fr. Shing Ling to buy urgently-needed supplies for his people.

“However, we always had a long-term goal to build a Montessori school to give the children a good base education,” Trowbridge told the WKC.

Meanwhile, more and more Burmese refugees were starting new lives in western Kentucky thanks to the International Center of Kentucky in Bowling Green.

With permission from his bishop and from Bishop William F. Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro, Fr. Shing Ling arrived in Kentucky in 2013 to serve the Burmese refugees for a set period of time. He was assigned to Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green, which has a large number of Burmese parishioners.

Fr. Shing Ling’s ministry changed from serving his community in Myanmar to serving his community in Kentucky, but he and Trowbridge hoped that a new school in Mindat could still happen.

The people of Holy Spirit came to know and love their new priest, Fr. Shing Ling. In 2016, after pastor Fr. John Thomas shared about the dream for a school in Mindat, the parishioners raised a large donation for that purpose.

Little by little, funds were raised and word spread. And in February 2018 the groundbreaking for St. Paul Montessori Little Home took place.

Dreams realized

While classes began in November 2018, the for-

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mal dedication for the new school was set to take place on Dec. 6, 2018. Trowbridge was invited to attend, and flew out with her sister, Barbara Lehecka. From the airport, Fr. Shing Ling (who had returned to Myanmar after his allotted five years of service in the U.S.) picked them up and drove through the mountainous region for eight hours to reach Mindat.

Arriving in Mindat, Trowbridge and Lehecka were astonished to see the entire community had come out to welcome them.

“When we got out of the car and started walking up the hill, we were presented with flowers; the music and dancing started,” Trowbridge told the WKC. “We had no idea how large the celebration would be. It was so humbling to see the joy and appreciation on their faces.”

The dedication celebration lasted all day and included a tour of the 32-student school.

Trowbridge told the WKC that the teachers used the Montessori method, and that the families are not charged anything. The property also includes a boarding house for children whose families cannot afford to care for them, as well as an orphanage.

Trowbridge said that before they left Mindat, they also visited Fr. Shing Ling’s 1,500-member parish of St. Theresa, a new nursing home, the old school building, and a new water filter system.

Friendship continues

The chance encounter in 2002 has borne countless fruits even apart from the school.

Though Fr. Shing Ling returned to his parish and community in Myanmar in 2018, his friendship with the Trowbridge family and his connection to western Kentucky continues. Thanks to Fr. Shing Ling’s work, the Burmese community at Holy Spirit



COURTESY OF ROSEMARY TROWBRIDGE
During their visit to Myanmar in December 2018, Rosemary Trowbridge and Barbara Lehecka smile for a picture with several Burmese children.

is flourishing.

After Fr. Timothy returned to Myanmar, another Burmese priest, Fr. John Paul Mang Sein Yaw, was sent to Kentucky to continue serving the local Burmese.

Fr. Shing Ling told the WKC that meeting at the Vatican in 2002 was a “miraculously divine-planned meeting through God’s grace and blessing.”

“We will surely do more in God’s power, miracles and love,” he said. ■

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‘We beg your forgiveness’

Bishop leads Prayer of Lament in response to abuse crisis



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

(Left) The icon of Christ Pantocrator is displayed at the front of St. Stephen Cathedral during the Feb. 5, 2019 Prayer of Lament and Reparation. (Right) At the beginning of the Prayer of Lament, Bishop William F. Medley lies prostrate before the altar of St. Stephen Cathedral.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Silently processing up the aisle of St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro on the rainy evening of Feb. 5, Bishop William F. Medley reached the sanctuary, where he laid prostrate before the altar.

The congregation, which had gathered for that evening’s Prayer of Lament and Reparation, knelt for the several minutes that the bishop laid face-down on the ground.

After Bishop Medley stood back up, several musicians opened the prayer service with the hymn “O

God, When Trust is Shattered,” which shared a melody with the traditional Lenten hymn, “O Sacred Head, Surrounded.”

The prayer service was being held in response to the Catholic Church’s ongoing sexual abuse crisis, as the bishop explained in his opening reflection.

These sins “weigh heavily on our hearts and minds,” said the bishop, encouraging the congregation, “grieved and broken,” to turn to God, “who alone can make all things new.”

The service included a reading from the Book of Lamentations 5:15-21, a responsorial psalm (Psalm

130), and a reading from the Gospel of John 8:31-36.

In his homily that followed, Bishop Medley explained the purpose of the “ancient gesture of prostration” which he had done at the beginning of the service. He explained that Catholics are accustomed to seeing the gesture at the annual Good Friday prayer service, and also at ordinations.

This evening, he said the gesture symbolized an acknowledgment of “our sins before God.”

“We may protest that you and I have never hurt someone,” said the bishop, “but within the community of the Church, people have been harmed and

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carry wounds.”

The bishop encouraged the congregation to pray “that our Church as institution, and each of us, will be instruments of healing, instruments of God – because God is the only source of healing.”

After the homily, a series of intercessions were read by Deacon Richard Murphy of St. Stephen Cathedral.

The intercessions included the plea, “Do not turn your face from us as we beg your forgiveness,” and “We have been duped by the lure of evil; set us on the path of goodness and purity.”

The congregation was then welcomed to process up before the altar and put a pinch of incense in a bowl of burning coals, as a symbol of prayers rising to Heaven.

At the conclusion of the prayer service, the hymn “O God of Life, Your Healing Touch” was sung.

Angie Sorrells and Julie Campbell, representing New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services, had been invited to attend the prayer service and had a table with brochures at the back of the cathedral.

“I thought it was wonderful; something our community needed,” said Sorrells, New Beginnings’ community educator.

Campbell, the assistant director of New Beginnings, agreed: “As a Christian and someone who works in the field, this renewed me in being an instrument of healing. We were very honored to be invited to be here.” ■

Editor’s note: *New Beginnings is currently collaborating with the Diocese of Owensboro to offer a six-week support group for sexual abuse survivors. To learn more, visit owensborodiocese.org/support-group.*

New Beginnings, in collaboration with the Diocese of Owensboro, will offer a 6-week support group for adult primary and secondary survivors of sexual abuse, based upon the overwhelming response from the Listening Sessions hosted by Bishop Medley throughout the Diocese.

WHO: Adults, age 18 and older

WHEN: Thursday February 28, 2019 6:30 – 7:30pm – Coping Skills
 Thursday March 7, 2019 6:30 – 7:30pm - Trust
 Thursday March 14, 2019 6:30 – 7:30pm – Shame and Guilt
 Thursday March 21, 2019 6:30 – 7:30pm – PTSD
 Thursday March 28, 2019 6:30 – 7:30pm – Trauma Responses
 Thursday April 4, 2019 6:30 – 7:30pm - Healing and Self Care

WHERE: New Beginnings – 1716 Scherm Rd, Owensboro KY
 Phone: 270-926-7273 – please call with any questions

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

The purpose of the support group is to provide support to those affected by sexual abuse, offer education on using positive coping skills and other various topics to promote healing. The topics listed above are open to change. Childcare is not available. Please call Jennifer at New Beginnings (270) 926-7273 with any questions.



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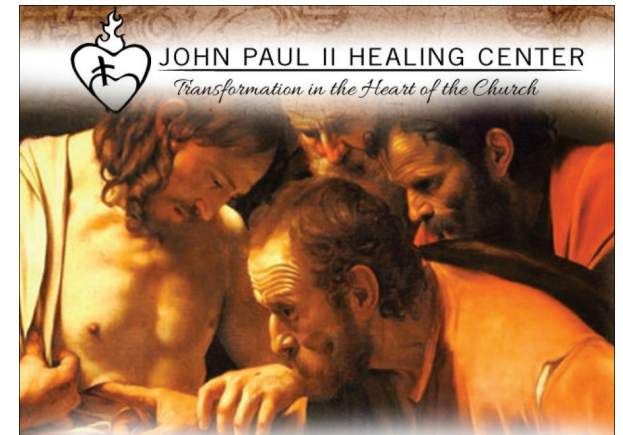
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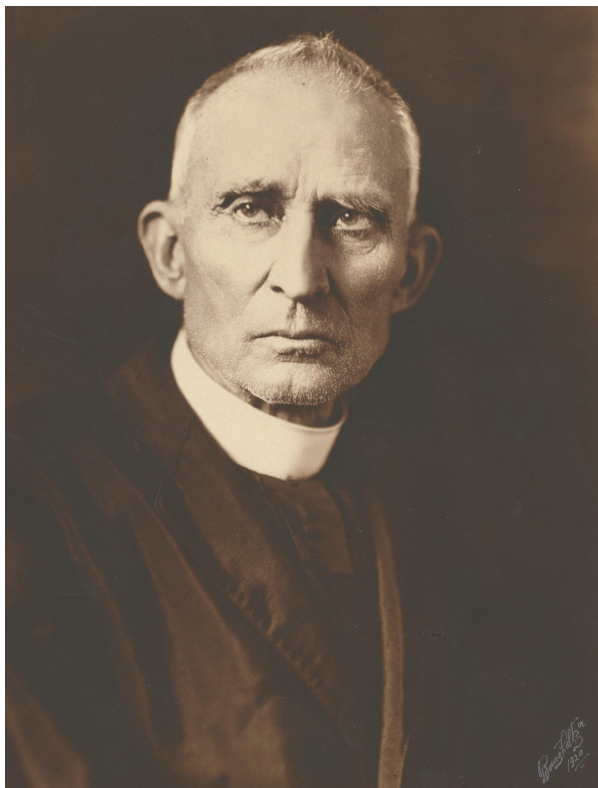
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‘In pursuit of evangelization’

Mount, diocese hosting ‘unique’ concert honoring Fr. Paul Volk



COURTESY OF ARCHIVES
An undated portrait of Fr. Paul Joseph Volk.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The date March 19 holds a unique significance for the Diocese of Owensboro and the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, whose motherhouse is located within the diocese.

For starters, March 19 is the feast day of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary – one of the Ursuline Sisters’ patron saints. March 19 is also the date of the death of Bishop John J. McRaith, the third bishop of Owensboro, who died in 2017.

Additionally, March 19, 1865 was the ordination of a pioneer-missionary priest named Fr. Paul Joseph Volk, who founded Mount Saint Joseph and also played a significant role in the diocese’s early history.

On Tuesday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m., the public is invited to a free concert honoring Fr. Volk, who died 100 years ago this November. The concert will be held at the Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel in Maple Mount.

The concert is titled “In the Footsteps of Paul Volk: A Musical Travelogue on His Writings” and will use the unusual combination of music, performance and archival materials to tell the story of the missionary priest.

“Fr. Volk was an extraordinary person,” said Heidi Taylor-Caudill, archivist for the diocese and the Mount.

Taylor-Caudill said that as she has researched his life, “he almost seems to have been on an odyssey – a journey through trials and tests which he had to overcome through courage, endurance, and moral strength.”

Fr. Volk, who born in Germany and became a missionary in three continents, “always considered his home to be Mount Saint Joseph and his family the Ursuline Sisters,” said Taylor-Caudill.

She said that as the concert equips a selection of letters and other writings from Fr. Volk to illustrate his experiences and state of mind at a particular place and time, “we will follow his movement across three continents in pursuit of evangelization.”

Mike Bogdan, the diocese’s director of music, has



COURTESY OF ARCHIVES
Photograph of Fr. Paul Joseph Volk, Panama, circa 1902-1915.

been working with Taylor-Caudill and the Ursuline Sisters to plan the concert. Bogdan said the concert will be a nod to the diocese’s four-year Living as Missionary Disciples initiative, which is currently in Year Two: Accompaniment.

“Certainly at a time when our diocese is concentrating on evangelization, Fr. Volk’s missionary spirit is a powerful witness and model for us,” said Bogdan. “Fr. Volk not only set out from his native Germany to share the lives and serve the people of Kentucky, but those of Ecuador and Panama as well.”

During the concert, the public will also hear the debut of a hymn written for the 100th anniversary of Fr. Volk’s death. Mount Saint Joseph had commissioned Fr. Harry Hagan, OSB, to write a hymn text, and the diocese held a composition competition for musicians in western Kentucky to compose a hymn-tune for the text.

“We hope that the blending of music, singing, and readings, performed in a beautiful space like the Ursuline Motherhouse Chapel on the anniversary of Fr. Volk’s ordination as a priest, creates a connection between past and present,” said Taylor-Caudill. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

Schedule of 2019 fish fries in the Diocese of Owensboro

Editor's note: Canons 1250 and 1251 state that all Fridays are days of penance in the Catholic Church. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops requests that Catholics abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent, and practice some form of penance on the other Fridays throughout the year. Due to fish being a popular Lenten Friday option in this part of the world, the tradition of Friday fish fries has become a common activity for many. Below is information for 2019 fish fries held in the Diocese of Owensboro, provided by the parishes. Questions may be directed to the individual parishes.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro

April 12; 5-7 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro

March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12; all at 5:30 p.m.; \$10/adults all you can eat

Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro

March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12; all at 5:30 p.m. in parish hall

St. Alphonsus Parish, St. Joseph

April 12; 5:30 p.m.; live auction at 6:30 p.m.

St. Ann Parish, Morganfield

March 15, 29; April 12; all at 5 p.m.

St. Anthony, St. Benedict & St. Augustine Parishes, Grayson County (at Knights of Columbus hall across the street from St. Anthony)

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12; all from 4:30-7 p.m.

St. Charles Parish, Bardwell

March 8, 15, 22; all from 5-7 p.m.; carryouts available

St. Columba, Lewisport

March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12; all from 4:30-7 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist Knights of Columbus, Paducah

March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12; all from 4-7 p.m.; all you can eat; drive-thru available; located at St. John Knights of Columbus Hall, 6725 U. S. Highway 45 South, Paducah. For more information: (270)554-0700.

St. Martin Parish, Rome

March 8, 29; all from 5-7 p.m.; \$11/adults, \$5/children ages 4-13; all you can eat

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

March 15, 29; April 12; all at 6 p.m.; \$10/each

St. Pius X Parish, Calvert City

March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12; all from 4:30-7 p.m.

St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12; all from 4-7 p.m.

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

March 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12; all from 5-7 p.m.

St. William, Marion

March 15, 29; both from 4-7 p.m.; \$9/each; all you can eat

Mary Carrico School/St. William and St. Lawrence Parishes, Knottsville

March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12; all from 4:30-6 p.m.; held at Mary Carrico School Gym, Knottsville

Retreat Day for Administrative Professionals



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MARCH 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.

St. Anthony Parish Announces Parish Mission Experience

St. Anthony Parish in Brown's Valley will celebrate a four-day Parish Mission experience from March 17-20. The principal powerful message of the Mission will take place each evening in the parish church at 6:30 p.m. The preacher for the Mission will be Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois, where the Oblates conduct the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. The theme of the Parish Mission will be, "No ifs, ands, or buts, God is with us... Now What?" What does God's presence with us really mean for us? What is its purpose? How are we to respond? How might the Mystery of this presence unfold in the routine of our daily lives? In all of this is it okay just to be me, especially when what is at stake is eternity? All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, please call the parish office at 270-733-4341.

SCN/OCHS Memorial Project

Alumni of Owensboro Catholic High School have begun an effort to establish a permanent memorial honoring the service of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth at OC. The Sisters were the first educators and administrators when OC opened in 1951. The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, founded in 1812 in Bardstown, KY, were among the first orders of American Sisters. They came to the Owensboro area in 1820, and to Owensboro in 1849. Our proximate goal of \$9K is moving along with donations of \$1500 at present. For questions, contact Elizabeth Field (1963) Steering Committee chair, jimliz@oh.rr.com /440-510-8690. Please send your tax deductible donation to Owensboro Catholic, Attn: Tracy Miller, 1524 W. Parrish Ave., Owensboro, KY, 42301.

Save the date for St. Pius X Spring Bazaar

St. Pius X Parish in Calvert City will hold A Spring Bazaar on Saturday, April 27 at the Calvert City Civic Hall on 5th Ave. For more information, contact the parish office at (270) 395-4727.

Seeking Catholic school principal

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish School in Chattanooga, TN, is seeking a qualified, experienced, prac-

ticating Catholic to serve as Principal of its 275-student, PK-8 campus. Interested applicants can send resumes to jmills@dioknox.org.

Young Adult Lenten Retreat April 13

A Young Adult Lenten Retreat will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Passionist Monastery, 8564 Crisp Road, Whitesville, KY. Come and join other Young Adults from across the diocese for a day of prayer, renewal, and rest. Cost is \$25 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register and for more information go to owensborodiocese.org/young-adult-retreat-day or visit Facebook.com/OwensboroYoungAdult.

Rachel's Vineyard upcoming post-abortion healing retreat

Come join us for a weekend of emotional healing and spiritual renewal. Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing retreats for women & men who are suffering from the lingering effects after abortion. Next retreat is April 5th-7th, 2019, Owensboro area
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<http://hopeafterabortionky.com>

Nominations for the 2018-2019 Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award

The Offices of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry are asking for nominations for the Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award. The recipient of this award will be announced at the Appreciation Dinner for Catechetical and Youth Ministers on May 10, 2019 at Christ the King Gym, Madisonville, KY. Anyone from the Diocese of Owensboro may nominate an individual for this award. Nominees should be (or have been) professional ministers working for a minimum of five years in the Diocese of Owensboro in the field of catechetics. Contact charlie.hardesty@pastoral.org or visit owensborodiocese.org/catechetical-leader-award for the digital nomination form. All nomination forms should be mailed to the Religious Education Office, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301-2130 or emailed to charlie.hardesty@pastoral.org by April 22, 2019.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development seeks 2019 applicants

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a national social justice program of the United States Catholic Bishops. Its mission is to ad-

dress the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community controlled, self-help organizations, and through transformative education of the non-poor. Each November, the Diocese of Owensboro participates in the CCHD collection. From that collection, a percentage of monies are retained to provide grant funding to local organizations which meet CCHD criteria. Catholic Charities administers and allocates the grant funding. Those interested in applying for the grant should contact Deacon Richard Murphy at 270/683-1545, by email at richard.murphy@pastoral.org or visit owensborodiocese.org/cchd. Grant applications must be received by May 20, 2019 so the grants can be awarded on or before June 20, 2019.

Join us for a Strong Catholic Marriage workshop

Featuring retreat leaders Greg and Julie Alexander. May 4, 2019, 8 AM-3:30 PM, St. Mary of the Woods Parish Hall, 10534 Main Cross St., Whitesville, KY. Attendees will discover God's plan for marriage, as well as gain practical tools to build a stronger and more joy-filled marriage. After miraculously, returning from the brink of divorce by inviting God back into their relationship, Greg and Julie developed what is now known as The Alexander House, a non-profit apostolate dedicated to proclaiming the beauty, goodness, and truth of marriage. Their revolutionary DateNight Ministry is consistent with Catholic Church teachings, Christian family values, and virtues and has helped hundreds of couples return to live happy and joy-filled marriages. They have been regular guests on EWTN and are one of the most sought after speakers on the vocation of Marriage. For more information contact Fr. Brian Roby: robby042569@gmail.com or Jason Simon: wodslaye@gmail.com. Contact us by phone at 270-233-4196. To register go to www.stmaryofthewoodswhitesville.org and click Marriage Retreat or mail to St. Mary of the Woods Marriage Retreat, PO Box 1, Whitesville, KY, 42378. Cost is \$30 per couple, continental breakfast and lunch are included.

Cathedral Preschool accepting registrations

Cathedral Preschool is accepting registrations. Children who are 3, 4 or 5 years old must celebrate their birthday on or before August 1, 2019 and have a current Kentucky immunization certificate to be eligible to register. The staff is eager to continue their mission in Christ, Creativity, and Curriculum to help children succeed in preparation for kindergarten. Please call the preschool office at (270) 926-1652 for more information or stop by for a visit at 600 Locust Street. Our

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website is: www.cathedralpreschool.com.

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The Alzheimer's Association will be presenting free education classes

Registration required for all classes; please call 1.800.272.3900 or go communityresourcefinder.org to register.

Know the 10 Warning Signs: March 7, 10-11 a.m., Owensboro Health Park, Classroom B.

Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia: March 21, 5-6:30 p.m., Hopkinsville PADD Office. Light dinner provided by Cornell Memory Center.

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research: March 22. 10-11:30 a.m., Hopkins County Extension Office

Continental breakfast provided by an OMHS grant. Donations welcome.

Upcoming events at Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

March 23 and 24 Used Book Sale: Thousands and thousands of gently used books will be on sale for dirt cheap prices in the HNS gym. Proceeds support the school library.

Holy Name Men's Club Fish Fry: Every Friday, March 8- April 12

March 23 Bourbon and Brew: Bourbon tasting, food, music, dancing, and good times. Must be 21 to attend. Tickets on sale in March at the school and church. (270) 826-2096

Twilight Retreat March 13: Word Art

Fr. Brian Johnson will present, "Gerard Manley Hopkins' Word Art: Parables on the Way of Beauty" on March 13 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Come and learn more about this poetic Jesuit priest. The \$20 fee includes dinner. These Twilight retreats take place on the second Wednesday of each month from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. To register: 270-229 0206, retreatcenter@maplemount.org, or online at ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored_programs. Mark your calendar for April 10 when Fr. Tony Shonis will present: "Finding the Gold in the Golden Years: A Reflection on Wisdom Literature."

Women's Retreat: Lord, Teach Us to Pray March 15-17

"Lord Teach us to Pray: The Bible and Prayer" is the theme of a March 15-17 Spring Women's Retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12

miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Various biblical stories teach us many things about prayer. During this weekend, retreatants will reflect on elements of prayer and seek guidance from Scripture and one another. The goal is improving communication with God. The retreat leader is Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU. The \$180 fee includes meals and accommodations. Commuters can attend for \$130. To register: 270-229-0206 or retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online at ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored_programs.

Diane Earle Piano Concert plus Violinists March 23

Dr. Diane Earle is a professor of music and Artist in Residence at Kentucky Wesleyan College in Owensboro. Diane, along with violinists from the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra, will be giving a free concert in the Madonna Room at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 23. Diane has multiple degrees in piano performance and has performed nationwide and abroad. She has been a principal pianist for the Owensboro Symphony. Her favorite book is the Bible. The public is invited. The Center is located at 8001 Cummings Road (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56.)

Rice Bowl 2019

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DASK (Divorced and Separated Koinonia), April 5-7th, 2019

Many people have encountered Jesus during Koinonia retreats in parishes throughout the Diocese of Owensboro. DASK is a Koinonia specifically for those who are divorced or separated. Several members of the Owensboro Koinonia community are collaborating with Springfield, Ill. Koinonia to bring DASK to our diocese for the first time. This will be an overnight, spiritual retreat focused on the resurrection and new life. Participants can register for DASK at owensborodiocese.org/DASK. The cost to attend is \$150, which includes lodging and meals. Scholarships available upon request. If you are involved in your parish Koinonia community and would be interested in serving on the team for DASK, please contact Danny May in the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 270-852-8336 or familylife@pastoral.org.

Holy Land pilgrimage to benefit cause of Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman

Join us on A JOURNEY OF FAITH TO THE HOLY LAND (Benefiting the Cause for Canonization of Sr. Thea Bowman, Oct. 21-Nov. 1, 2019). Come join us as the Bible comes alive and the Spirituals and Hymns are sung in the Holy Land! Mrs. Veronica Downs-Dorsey will be our song-leader. She was Sr. Thea's musician as she traveled the country. Before leaving the Holy Land we will have an anticipated Mass for All Saints at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, the place of Jesus' resurrection, during Mass we will call out the names of our ancestors who have passed on. We will have four-five star hotel accommodations, English speaking tour guides with individual headsets for the tours, air-conditioned coach buses, breakfast and dinners for most days, airfare and all gratuities are included in the price of the trip. \$4,795 per person in a double room from New Orleans and St. Louis. Final payment due on July 24, 2019. For more information:

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COME
DOWN
FROM
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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
MAY 18	Serving at 11 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
MAY 26	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
JUNE 1	Serving at 4 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
JUNE 1	Serving from 4-10 p.m.	St. Joseph, Leitchfield
JUNE 8	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Pius X, Owensboro
JUNE 15	Serving at 3 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
JUNE 15	Serving at 3 p.m.	St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
JUNE 29	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
JULY 6	Serving from 4-8 p.m. at St. Anthony location	St. Anthony, St. Benedict & St. Augustine, Grayson County
JULY 6	Serving from 3-9 p.m.	St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel
JULY 6	Serving 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 5-7:30 p.m.	St. Denis, Fancy Farm
JULY 13	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
JULY 13	Serving at 4 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
JULY 20	Serving 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4:30-7:30 p.m.	St. Charles, Bardwell
JULY 20	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
JULY 27	Serving from 4-9 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
JULY 27	Serving from 3-7 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield
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 at noon	St. Sebastian, Calhoun
SEPT 15	Serving at 11 a.m., Mary Carrico Catholic School Picnic	St. Lawrence Picnic Grounds, Philpot
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

St. Leo breaks open the symbol of light on Candlemas



COURTESY OF HEIDI BARNES

Parishioners of St. Leo gather together to have their candles blessed by Deacon Joe Ohnemus on February 3, 2019.

BY DEANNA SWAGGART, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

St. Leo Parish in Murray explored the symbol of light and its correlation to the Feast of Candlemas with the Come As You Are: Intergenerational Catechesis ministry in February. This ministry provides experiences and discussions that coincide with the liturgical calendar on a monthly basis for all, no matter where they are in their life or on their faith journey. We approach Christ as we are, as Christ welcomes us as we are. Through a series of experiences, encounters, and reflections, we come to renewed commitment to a life that is centered on Christ and the Holy Trinity and our continual conversion to turn towards God. Opening ourselves up to the presence of the signs and symbols around us and connecting them to God and His presence in our everyday, ordinary life. Through this awareness, we rec-

ognize Christ and our hearts begin to burn like the disciples and the Paschal rhythm becomes part of us, as we take up our mission to share the Good News, accompanying our brothers and sisters in Christ as they journey with us.

During this time together, we reflected on the types of light that we experience in our everyday lives and the feelings that arise and then connect the everyday experiences of light with Christ as the Light of the world. For example, as a nightlight comforts a child at bedtime, so too our Father eases our distress. The experience of a nightlight that comforts us during slumber allows us to conceive of a light that will never be extinguished, the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, a salvation that is our gift to receive. Through this exploration of the symbol of light, we discover there is more meaning behind Simon's words, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32).

The St. Leo community, on the Feast of Candlemas, participated in an old tradition of making candles out of beeswax and having them blessed to use at their homes and light in times of storm, literally and figuratively, or during times of prayer. All were entrusted to light their candles at home and to always be reminded to bear witness in the world to Christ, the light that never fades: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). ■

Deanna Swaggart is a candidate for a M.A. in Catechesis at Catholic University of America and is a member of St. Leo Parish in Murray.



COURTESY OF HEIDI BARNES

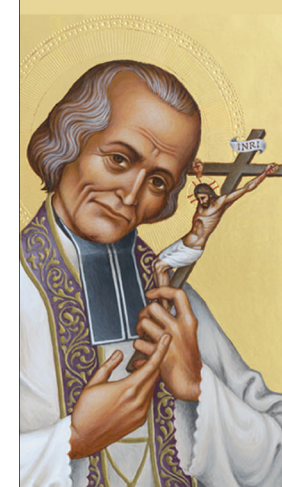
Parishioners of St. Leo form the beeswax into candles on February 3, 2019.

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Annual Encuentro draws 400 total; bishop visits with adults and youth



COURTESY OF CHARLIE HARDESTY

Participants of the Encuentro Youth Retreat at SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville on Jan. 26, 2019.

On Jan. 26, 2019, SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville once again hosted the annual Encuentro gathering for Latino families from across the diocese.

The Encuentro included a holy hour and confes-

sions, plus the opportunity to mingle and share a meal together. The day was led by Fr. Julio Cesar Palarino, who was visiting from Argentina.

“The event was great,” said Deacon Chris Gutiérrez, director of Hispanic/Latino Ministry in the

Diocese of Owensboro. “We estimate around 400 participants, including about 80 Latino youth and another 70 or so children.”

The day also included a special retreat portion for youth, led by the diocese’s Office of Youth Ministry.

“The Encuentro Youth Retreat has become one of the largest annual gatherings of youth in the diocese,” said Charlie Hardesty, the director of youth ministry. “This year we continued to focus our energy on building relationship with the young people through games and engaging activities. We also spent time looking at who each of us are through our own eyes, the eyes of others, but more importantly how God sees us.”

Hardesty said the youth retreat included small groups, and Bishop William F. Medley stopped by to visit with the youth. The bishop also held an hour-long question-and-answer session with the adults. ■

‘Ya’ll means all,’ says Frankfort rally

BY SUSAN MONTALVO-GESSER, CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

Feb. 20, 2019 was the Refugee and Immigrant Day at the Capitol. Approximately 60 people from the diocese made the early morning trip to Frankfort to meet with legislators and attend a rally in the Capitol Rotunda. The group from our diocese was composed of groups from the pastoral center, International Center, Owensboro Human Relations Commission, UFCW 227, Brescia University and high school students. In conjunction with the rally, we met with our legislators. The theme in our meetings was to ask them to “do no harm” to our immigrant brothers and sisters. We tried to impart the following facts to Senator Matt Castlen, Representatives Jim Glenn and Rob Wiederstein: undocumented Kentuckians pay \$37 million dollars yearly in taxes, Kentucky immigrants are 57 percent more likely to work than native-born Kentuckians, and in 2014 immigrant-owned businesses contributed \$315 million to Kentucky. Individuals told their stories and we either prayed with legislators or gave them a prayer composed for our cause. After the meetings with legislators, we joined hundreds from the Commonwealth to rally around the theme of “Y’all means All.” We heard powerful testimony from a number of speakers, including Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz. He emphasized the Gospel message of welcoming the stranger. It was an uplifting day.



COURTESY OF SUSAN MONTALVO-GESSER

Representatives from western Kentucky visit with Senator Matt Castlen in Frankfort as part of Refugee and Immigrant Day at the Capitol.

Three seminarians installed in Ministry of Acolyte



COURTESY OF LARENA LAWSON

(Left photo) Foreground to background: seminarians Martin Ma Na Ling, Christopher Kight and Corey Bruns stand before Bishop Medley during their Feb. 9 Ministry of Acolyte installation. (Right photo) Kneeling before Bishop Medley, seminarian Christopher Kight receives bread and wine as signs of his Ministry of Acolyte.

“Serve as Christ served... pray for us, as we continue to pray for you!” Bishop William F. Medley told seminarians Corey Bruns, Martin Ma Na Ling and Christopher Kight on Feb. 9, 2019 at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.

That morning at 9 a.m. Mass, Bishop Medley installed the three seminarians in the Ministry of Acolyte, which is their next step on their journeys toward being ordained priests for the Diocese of Owensboro.

Bruns is a parishioner of St. Ann in Morganfield; Ling is a parishioner of Holy Spirit in Bowling Green, and Kight is a parishioner of St. Thomas More in Paducah. ■

Sisters enjoy a Gratitude High Tea on Valentine's Day

On Feb. 14, the Ursuline Sisters at the Motherhouse in Maple Mount enjoyed the ninth annual Gratitude High Tea.

The yearly event in the Motherhouse dining room is a way of saying “thank you” for all the efforts the sisters at the Motherhouse do throughout the year that aren’t part of their ministry.

The food service staff made a variety of treats, and several other staff members served and cleaned up. ■



COURTESY OF HEIDI BARNES

Sr. Joyce Marie Cecil, right, balances her sherbet with a scone as Sr. George Mary Hagan and Sr. Rose Jean Powers make just the right selections during the Valentine's Day Gratitude Tea at Mount Saint Joseph.

Parishioners take a ‘journey of the heart’ on mission trip from Owensboro to Haiti



COURTESY OF LAVIDA MISCHEL

Back, left to right: Haitian pastor Fr. Maxime; SS. Joseph and Paul pastor, Fr. Jean Rene Kolombo; Haitian Dr. Clonell; Marty Clouse; Denise Whittington; Lee Faney; Wilma Baird; Haitian translator, Garry. Front, left to right: Riley Whittington, Melvin Fleischmann, Lavidia Mischel.

BY LAVIDA MISCHEL, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On a cold February morning, seven parishioners joined Fr. Jean Rene Kalombo in the parking lot of SS. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro and began their journey to Lomas, Haiti... a journey of the heart.

Connected through the Nashville-born “Parish Twinning Program of the Americas” SS. Joseph and Paul Parish has had a growing relationship with St. Joseph Parish in the mountain region of Lomas, Haiti for six years. Many churches and organizations visit Haiti building houses, setting up temporary

medical clinics or repairing churches, but the foundation of Twinning Program is a mission of relationship and hope: a long-term relationship with one parish community. This would be our 10th trip to visit people who have now become family.

It took more than three hours to travel the rugged 70-mile route up the mountain. Nine adults, 18 backpacks and 11 large suitcases weighed down our Haitian host’s sturdy Toyota 4Runner. Every mission has a different goal and this trip had several: introducing our new pastor, Fr. Kalombo, to the people of the community; visiting the school and teachers that SS. Joseph and Paul parishioners support; and growing the “Water With Blessings” program which provides water filters to families.

The mission team was a diverse group: Lee Franey and Lavidia “Vida” Mischel were making their 10th trip; Wilma Baird, founding member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro, was making her third trip; and Marty Clouse of St. Alphonsus Parish in St. Joseph was returning for a second mission. New missionaries included choir director, Denise Whittington, and daughter, Riley; 90-year-old Melvin Fleischmann; and Fr. Kalombo, who is not a stranger to the missionary life.

Faith without works is dead. James 2:14

On our first day each missionary was busy working alongside our Haitian brothers and sisters in several ministries. There was a small clinic, which consisted of Dr. Clonell, a young Haitian doctor

from the nearby city who accompanies us on every trip; Gregory, a Haitian male nurse; Denise and Riley; and three wobbly benches. Dr. Clonell and his assistants ministered to more than 50 patients that morning.

Next to the makeshift clinic could be heard laughing and singing as the “water women” began their training. Since 2013, the mission teams have provided Sawyer water filters to mothers in the Lomas area. Each mother signs a covenant agreeing to provide clean water to four of her neighbors in exchange for the filter. To date there are more than 400 filters providing clean water to more than 1,500 families. Families may travel miles by foot to the river to obtain water in a bucket that is carried on their heads.

In a first for our missionaries, a dental clinic was set up in the rectory yard. It was not as fancy as the medical clinic, as we utilized only one wobbly bench that was tilted up on a stair step for the patient to lie on. With a solution in hand that stops continued cavity decay, Lee Franey and Marty Clouse began the task of seeing 35 patients.

Fr. Max, the newly-appointed priest at St. Joseph Church in Haiti, ministers to the main church and nine chapels. With no form of transportation for most families, small chapels, (some that resemble a dilapidated park shelter and some that are simply under a beautifully formed umbrella tree), are used as a worship space. It is easier for Fr. Max to travel to the distant areas and celebrate Mass than for parishioners to walk miles to attend Mass at the main

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COURTESY OF LAVIDA MISCHEL
Melvin Fleischmann gives clean water to his new friend. Three-year-old Jimsee has been blind from birth.

church building. In the instance of heavy rain, Mass is canceled, as the roads are impassable.

I was hungry, you gave me to eat; I was thirsty, you gave me to drink. Matthew 25

The main focus of our mission with St. Joseph Parish is to assist with the education of the children, creating hope for a brighter future. Upon our first visit in 2012, small children could be seen crying, for fear of the white missionaries. This is now not the case.

Neither the Catholic school nor the government schools can afford to provide meals for the children during the school day. With the assistance from other parishes, the children on the mountain eat only two or three times per week or shall we say... they also do not eat two or three times per week. I have witnessed children saving part of their lunches to take home to other family members.

Yet they have joy. Their dependency is on God

and one another. They save nothing for themselves, because their neighbor is in need. The people on the mountain have ministered to this missionary team, in ways they may never know. ■

Lavida Mischel is a member of SS. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro.

Learn More

Learn more at parishprogram.org.

SS. Joseph and Paul Parish sends a shipment to Haiti every spring. They are accepting donations of: treadle sewing machines, school supplies, medical supplies, and shoes (no clothing). Child sponsorships are \$20 per month/ \$240.00 per year. Sawyer water filters are \$60 each. One large bag of school rice is \$50.

Permanent deacon class of 2021 installed in Ministry of Lector



COURTESY OF ADA RHODES
The deacon candidates newly-installed in the Ministry of Lector stand in St. Stephen Cathedral. They are (left to right) John Knight, Gayle Rhodes, Bill Clark, T. J. Dennison, Frank Bosh, Tony Carmona, Brandon Swaggart, and Hal Jones.

BY WKC STAFF

On Feb. 2, 2019, at 9 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral, eight men were installed in the Ministry of Lector in the next step of becoming permanent deacons for the Diocese of Owensboro.

These men are in formation in the English-speaking permanent diaconate program under the direction of Deacon Heriberto Rodriguez, and will be ordained permanent deacons in 2021.

As part of the liturgy, the deacon candidates received Bibles from Bishop William F. Medley as a sign of their roles in proclaiming the Word of God.

The candidates received into the Ministry of Lector are: **Frank Bosh**, St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah; **Tony Carmona**, Fort Campbell Catholic Community; **Bill Clark**, St. John Parish in Lone

Oak; **T. J. Dennison**, St. Joseph Parish in Leitchfield; **Hal Jones**, St. Jude Parish in Clinton; **John Knight**, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson; **Gayle Rhodes**, St. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro; and **Brandon Swaggart**, St. Leo Parish, Murray. ■



COURTESY OF LARENA LAWSON
The eight men in the English-speaking permanent diaconate program for the diocese are installed into the Ministry of Lector.

March Wedding Anniversaries

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

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

R. C. & Margaret Keith, 62
Mike & Jill Tanner, 25
Donald L. & Charlotte Cecil, 40
Michael & Maria Overton, 51
Christ the King, Scottsville
Jerry & Lisa Walker, 10

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Jackie & Rose Marie Combest, 5
Paul & Nina Drury, 60
William & Charlotte Faulkner, 63
Lonnie & Dee Kennedy, 50
Charles & Karen Nunley, 55
Ronald & Rhonda Raymer, 25
Robert & Liz Shea, 65
Paul & Mary Wilder, 50
Jerry & Jewel Marie Williams, 60

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Lian Pau & Ciin Mang, 51
Harold & Joan Neighbors, 50
Timothy & Emily Sweat, 10

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Brendan & Haley Adams, 5
Ken & Helen Bennett, 10
Brent & Judy Ebelhar, 40
William, Jr. & Sarah Kemper, 57
Dennis & Gloria Ramage, 57
James & Marilyn Young, 51

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Paul & Doris Westerfield, 62

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Johnny & Lauretta Hollis, 53

Sacred Heart, Russellville

James & Ruth Dauley, 50
Donald & Lillian Riley, 40
Paul & Mackinsey Williams, 5

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Gary & Elaine Strain, 50
Charles & Andrea Hamilton, 54

St. Anthony, Peonia

Jimmy & Heather Winchell, 10

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Antonio & Estela Molina, 25
Dan & Gail Dailey, 50

St. Benedict, Wax

Danon & Reva Stasel, 52

St. Columba, Lewisport

Jimmie & Carol Harper, 57
William F. & Peggy Meriwether, 40

St. Denis, Fancy Farm

Jerry & Barbara Hayden, 53
Jack & Rose Riggs, 62

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson

Raymond & Carol Hill, 57

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Lance & Ali Davis, 5
Tony & Lita Pfingston, 52

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Charles & Marie Riggs, 71
Pat & Betty Robinson, 54
John D. & Lynda Oldham, 54

St. Henry, Aurora

David & Claire Dean, 5

St. John the Baptist, Fordsville

Jim & Mary Jane Nelson, 54

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Thomas & Helen Ellington, 66

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Paul & Emily Correa, 5
William & Jami Hughes, 25
Joseph & Debbie O'Daniel, 40

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Leonard & Barbara Webb, 57

St. Mark, Eddyville

Terence & Susan Carlin, 51

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Jim & Barbara Pinkston, 57
Kenny & Marcia Clouse, 40
Johnathan & Colleen Brey, 10

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Chris & Taliftha McKinley, 25
Travis & Kaye O'Bryan, 25
Dale & GERALYN Boyle, 40
Frederick & Mony Morris, 40
Paul & Barbara Brown, 57

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Mike A. & Yesenia Rodriguez, 5
Roy M. & Dana Walters, 25

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Walter & Wanda Hart, 50

St. Paul, Princeton

Dean & Anna Ray, 40

St. Pius X, Calvert City

Tom & Nancy Forsythe, 25

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Jerome & Gail Hoesli, 62

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Gerald & Maxine Corbey, 60

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Marcus & Opal Cooper, 62

St. William, Knottsville

Robert & Doris Payne, 52

SS. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

John & Krissy Hutchason, 10

SS. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Pedro & Natalie Rodriguez, 10
William "Joe" Sr. & Jennifer Chaudoin, 50
Richard & Betti Block, 57

Editor's note: In the February 2019 issue of the WKC, we incorrectly stated that Robert & Rose Coplen from St. Joseph in Mayfield had been married for 58 years. They have actually been married for 68 years. The WKC regrets this error."

Lessons from Zacchaeus

BY DEACON CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ, SPECIAL
TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

I want you to take a moment and consider what images and thoughts come to mind when I say, there was a young man from Mexico who crossed the border illegally and then he worked as a dishwasher in Los Angeles. Does it conjure up images of faceless, nameless crowds of migrants that you see on the news? Do you automatically have some perceptions and assumptions about this young man?

Many of you may recall from the Gospel of Luke Chapter 19, the story about Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector, short in stature but also wealthy. He had heard about this guy Jesus who was coming to his town, he knew some things about him and had some assumptions, but had never met him. He was curious about Jesus and so he goes out to join the crowd to see Jesus and climbs a tree to get a better view. From that tree he has an Encounter with Jesus, an encounter that would prove to change his life. Once he met Jesus and came to know him, it changed his way of seeing things.

What if I told you the situation of the young man I was telling you about happened in 1970 and he was a 15-year-old boy growing up on a very impoverished farm in the state of Jalisco in central Mexico. He was the oldest of eight kids in total. The family lived in a small house of dirt floors, with no power, no running water, with not enough space or beds but even worse, not enough food. Saying that life was difficult is an understatement. His mother and father did all they could to keep all eight children fed and alive by planting and harvesting some corn and

beans, but more often by relying on the generosity of neighbors. The boy knew in his heart that there was no opportunity of getting ahead, no possibility of helping himself or his family unless he, being the oldest kid of all eight, decided to migrate to the United States.

And so like many families before him; the family would go through the heart-wrenching decision of splitting and of letting their eldest son depart for “los Estados Unidos,” “el norte.” En route, with his dream set for California, and after days on the journey through Mexico, he finally arrived at the border where still the most dangerous and difficult part of the journey was ahead. After resting some hours and motivated by the prayers of his mother and remembering the struggle for survival of his family back home, he would cross the treacherous southwest desert attempting to get to his destination. After several attempts, he was finally successful. Days later and after settling in Los Angeles he was able to find a job as a dishwasher and start sending a little bit of money back home.

That man was my father.

He worked hard for the next four decades to help support his family and during that time he has become a U.S. Citizen and has helped 6 of his 7 siblings to come to the U.S. After this small “encounter” with my father through my story, have your perceptions and assumptions about him changed?

Going back to the story Zacchaeus in the scriptures, we see that he was curious, then he listens attentively to the voice of Jesus that calls out to him, “Zacchaeus hurry, come down; for I must stay in

Editor’s note: On Jan. 25, 2019, Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson hosted an ecumenical service to celebrate the international Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25). Deacon Chris Gutiérrez, the diocesan director of Hispanic/Latino Ministry, offered a reflection. An excerpt from his reflection is below.

your house today.” Despite the murmuring going around, Zacchaeus will allow himself to be touched and transformed by the presence of the Lord coming to his house. And more than just interpreting this as a simple ‘entering his house-of brick and mortar’; it is about entering his heart. But it doesn’t stop there; the scripture tells us that right after this encounter Zacchaeus will make amends to those he had harmed and he takes action.

I believe each one of us as Christians could benefit from a Zacchaeus moment when it comes to immigrants. I believe that my father’s story and the story of so many other immigrants and refugees in our communities and country are stories pleading for justice. In my more than 15 years of direct ministry with Latinos, I have noticed that the more we encounter one another, and listen to each other’s stories; perceptions, quick judgment and assumptions change. Walls of suspicion and misinformation are torn down. Most importantly, like for Zacchaeus, hearts are changed.

Why does this happen? It happens because we truly allow ourselves to see the face of Jesus in one another. We take to heart and seriously that line of the Gospel of Mathew, “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Each one of us has a role in encouraging our congregations to see beyond what the media and other voices portray. Each one of us as disciples of Christ must listen primarily to God’s voice and no one else’s. In order for our hearts to be molded as Jesus’s heart, we must sit along with the stranger and listen to his or her story. ■

Evangelization through a celebration of marriage



COURTESY OF TERRI DUNCAN
Franklin and Agnes Clements Hancock cut the first slice of the marriage cake at St. Ann's Celebration of Marriage on Feb. 9, 2019.

BY ST. ANN PARISH STAFF, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

St. Ann Parish in Morganfield held a Celebration of Marriage on Feb. 9, 2019 with 38 couples in attendance. The Saturday evening Mass included a blessing for married couples followed by a reception

at the parish hall. The honorees were Agnes and Franklin Hancock - notably married for 71 years. Their marriage was consecrated at St. Ann's on Feb. 7, 1948. Fr. Freddie Byrd wanted to acknowledge examples of married evangelization. Tommy and Rose Danhauer will celebrate their 70th anniversary in May and more than 20 couples have celebrated 50th anniversaries. Newer married couples have admirable examples in this parish.

From Fr. Byrd's homily:

"A ring on the third finger of the left hand, says something to people. It says, 'He is married' or 'she is married.' The (couple give each other) a ring that becomes a visible sign of their love; their commitment to be there in good times and bad, in sickness and health, until death.

"The gold or silver wedding band signifies truth. It speaks to all; this man loves this woman - this woman loves this man. Their lives together will be a more powerful witness than the rings. The giving and receiving of the rings is a symbol that God has joined these special people and witnessed the sacra-

ment - the sign of love.

"For the man, this woman becomes one of a kind. He brings home flowers on Valentine's Day, takes her out to eat on her birthday, changes the baby's diapers, helps with the dishes or cooks her a special dinner. The woman may bake his favorite pie, have a job to provide extra dollars for the family, act as taxi driver to games and practices, and of course be the family nurse.

"Married couples do these acts equally lovingly, equally taxing; never anticipating a return on their investment. For the married couple, there is hope, loyalty, faith, trust and above all love. The apostle Paul says of love, that it bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things, and that love never fails.

"The giving-relationship is what God is all about. The wedding ring is that sign... a sign of vows, of mutual love, of giving and receiving. It is a sign when the couple says: 'Take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'" ■

Local Cursillo to celebrate 50th anniversary in April

BY KELLEY WHEATLEY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

DeColores times 50! Being involved in the Cursillo over the last 16 years has been one of the most important experiences of my life. To only imagine that 34 years prior this movement was brought into the Diocese of Owensboro. If you have not experienced

a Cursillo you should definitely consider it. Men and women in the Diocese of Owensboro have been experiencing it for the last 50 years. Just ask around in your parish; you may be surprised who has made it. We will be celebrating our 50th anniversary coming up in April.

DeColores, Cursillistas and families! Let's cele-

brate 50 years of Cursillo in the Diocese of Owensboro with Grand Ultreya. Join the Most Reverend Bishop William F. Medley, D.D. as he begins our celebration at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at the undercroft of St. Stephen's Cathedral, 610 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY, 42301. Contact information: Teresa Westerfield, 270-256-8864. ■

Make time for silence this Lent

BY DAN HECKEL, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

“In a world of noise, confusion and conflict it is necessary that there be places of silence, inner discipline and peace. In such places love can blossom.”
- Thomas Merton

As Catholics consider what sacrifices to make during the Lenten season, consider the importance of silence.

Silence has been a way to draw closer to God since before the time of Jesus. Psalm 46:11 urges us to “Be still and know that I am God.” Fr. Thomas Keating, the late Trappist monk who popularized centering prayer, was best known for his favorite saying: “Silence is God’s first language. Everything else is a poor translation.”

Americans don’t find much time for silence. In a world that values being constantly connected, silence is seen as a waste of time. Yet often those people who are so connected are the same ones grasping for peace.

Consider these words from Sr. Barbara Smith, an Adorer of the Blood of Christ in Wichita, Kansas, who wrote this in the Dec. 18, 2018, Global Sisters Report:

“Our lives are so tied to our mobile devices, to the ‘dings’ announcing the arrival of another piece

of ‘breaking news’ or a text demanding our attention... Yet, when and how can we carve out that silence, attentiveness to and awareness of life that is not tethered to our electronics? When we are able to do this, we reconnect with our own heart, spirit, soul. We welcome an openness to capture our heart, to leave an imprint upon our lives, to stir us out of complacency.

“This silence can bring us to that deep inner space where we find our God already waiting. It is a space of quiet, where our hearts are tuned to the gentle whisper of God, to simply be still and know the God of our encounter.”

Consider finding time for God in the silence this Lent. If you need to get away from your normal surroundings to find that silence, the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center is offering a Lenten Day of Quiet on March 29 and April 12.

From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on those days, come enjoy a day of prayer and silence. The chapel will be open, lunch will be served in silence, and the peace of the grounds is available. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. Register online at ursulines.org or contact the Retreat Center at 270-229-0206 or retreatcenter@maplemount.org. ■

Dan Heckel is the director of Mission Advancement for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph and is an Ursuline Associate.

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- Mar. 19** Free concert in Motherhouse Chapel to honor **Father Paul Joseph Volk**
- Mar. 22-24** **Yarn Spinners Retreat** Weekend
- Mar. 23** **Confirmation Retreat Day**
- Mar. 23** **Free Diane Earle piano concert** with violinists in Madonna Room
- Mar. 29** **Lenten Day of Quiet, includes lunch**
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- April 10** **Twilight Retreat** with Father Tony Shonis. Dinner begins at 6 p.m.
- April 12** **Lenten Day of Quiet, includes lunch**
- April 24** **Administrative Professionals Day** 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. includes lunch
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- May 8** **Twilight Retreat** with Deacon Hal Bennett. Dinner at 6 p.m.
- May 9** **Focus on Faith: DVD The Mass**
- May 11** **Contemplative Photography Retreat** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. includes lunch
- May 24-26** **Gennesaret Retreat** Weekend

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Holy Name of Jesus School celebrates Catholic Schools Week 2019



COURTESY OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL
Eighth-grade students prepare to play the teachers in the student vs. teacher basketball game at Holy Name of Jesus School in Henderson during Catholic Schools Week 2019.

BY JULIE EADENS, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

In celebration of National Catholic Schools Week students and teachers at Holy Name of Jesus School in Henderson participated in Mass with Bishop William F. Medley, competed in a student-teacher basketball game, provided service to their school and church and collected items for non-profit organizations within their community, performed individual and group acts in the HNS Got Talent show, and collaborated within their HoUSE to complete a STREAM project! National Catholic Schools Week provides an opportunity to celebrate and showcase the wonderful qualities and traditions of Catholic education in Henderson, KY, which has been present since 1872. ■

Julie Eadens is the president of Holy Name of Jesus School in Henderson.

Mary Carrico kids entertain sisters



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH
Mary Carrico students gather to sing "Reach Out," a Carey Landry song that reminds them to be missionary disciples.

Ursuline Sr. Mary Celine Weidenbenner, OSU, brought the students from Mary Carrico Catholic School in Knottsville to Maple Mount on Jan. 29, 2019, for their annual day of square dancing. Each year the students dance for the Ursuline Sisters in Saint Joseph Villa to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. The students also sang songs for the sisters.

St. Mary High School student wins national grand prize

BY ASHLEY WRIGHT, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

St. Mary junior, Madeline Kerr, has been selected as one of only 12 students to receive the National Grand Prize award in the PAYBACK Challenge. Students from across the nation competed in the second annual PAYBACK Challenge that is sponsored by the Next Gen Personal Finance, a non-profit committed to ensuring that all students leave high school with the skills needed to thrive.

Students were asked to submit an essay regarding the cost of higher education. In Madeline's award winning essay she wrote, "To go to college is to walk a tightrope with one's studies in the left hand, social life in the right hand, family responsibilities strapped to the back, and finances firmly attached to the head."

Madeline will be awarded \$5,000 for educational purposes as one of the grand prize winners. ■

Ashley Wright is the director of advancement at St. Mary School System in Paducah.



COURTESY OF ST. MARY SCHOOL SYSTEM
Madeline Kerr is a junior at St. Mary High School in Paducah.

Missionary priest from India hopes to 'give my best' to serve local Catholics

Editor's note: The following continues an ongoing WKC series introducing priests from the Diocese of Owensboro who will share their stories and why they love their vocations.



COURTESY OF FR. SINOJ PYNADATH
Fr. Sinoj Pynadath (seventh from left) with his mother, brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces in India.

BY FR. SINOJ PYNADATH, HGN, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

“Thank you Lord for this ineffable gift!” This is the part of a prayer in the Holy Mass in the Syro-Malabar Rite. That is what I always pray when I think of my priesthood. It is always a humbling experience for me to be a priest, being made worthy to be a minister of the Celebration of Eucharist; being called to do the best to give Christ’s mercy and love through different spheres of ministries as a missionary; without being rooted in any place moving around spreading the Good News. Because this life is God’s gift and I find it the best way for me to give to God thanks and service; thus making my priesthood as an oblation

to God my Lord.

I am Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN, a missionary for the St. Paul Province of Heralds of Good News. As a Catholic I belong to Syro-Malabar Rite, one of the 24 particular Rites of the Catholic Church, which originated and is largely found in Kerala, India. I deem it a blessing to be born into a Christian community that traces its origin to one of the apostles, St. Thomas, who reached India and formed a Christian Community in 52 AD. This particular community, known as Nazranis (followers of the Nazarene) or St. Thomas Christians, is known for providing missionaries to the rest of India and world at large. My community has helped me preserve my faith,

identify my call and nurture it during my childhood. Vocation is always nurtured by the support of the family and the community.

The desire to be a priest sprouted in my mind as I was a child of 10, when I began serving at the altar. I owe very much to my parents, brothers and sisters for their encouragement that kept this desire in me burning. When I was almost completing my school studies my pastor refueled the fire of vocation in me and thus I decided to join the seminary. As the time came near I realized my call was to be a missionary. So I decided to join a missionary congregation. Now the choice of the congregation was the next step. Honestly, I had very little idea about the differences of charisms of different religious congregations. I consider it as a providence of God to be introduced to Heralds of Good News and chosen to be admitted as a seminarian in it.

Heralds of Good News is a Clerical Missionary Society of Apostolic Life, founded by Rev. Dr. Jose Kaimlett in the Diocese of Eluru, India, on Oct. 14 1984; it became an Institute of Pontifical Right on May 5, 1999. The specific aim of the Society is, promotion of vocations to priesthood, training of seminarians, and supply of zealous and hardworking missionaries to dioceses in India and abroad which experience a shortage of priests. I feel proud of the uniqueness of this Missionary Society that its members are called to be and become a minister of Christ according to the need of the place and time. Heralds, functioning through five provinces, are involved in ministries of parishes, schools, colleges, destitute

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COURTESY OF FR. SINOJ PYNADATH
Fr. Sinoj Pynadath baptizes a baby at Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Owensboro.

homes, retreat centers, rehabilitation centers, prisons, social work, mass media, etc. The presence of HGN is spread in over 130 dioceses in 12 nations. The Society has 478 priests and 250 seminarians at present.

I began my formation in 1998 and was ordained on Jan. 6, 2008, on the day of Epiphany. Most of my life as priest, I served as a staff in both in major and minor seminaries in the roles of Rector, vice-rector, and vocation promoter. Meanwhile I completed my Licentiate in Philosophy and Masters in Social Work (Counseling). In my experience with the seminarians and the vocation promotion, I have been saddened not by the decline of interest from the part of youth, but by the discouragement from the part of parents and relatives. Even if the boys or girls show interest to dedicate their lives for a special service and consecration to Jesus, parents do not support them. My

humble request to parents is that they shall not be stumbling blocks when God calls and chooses ministers for Himself.

After 10 years of service in India, I was assigned to the diocese of Owensboro by my superiors. At present I am very happy to serve as the parochial vicar of St. Stephen Cathedral and Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The welcoming community of Catholics in Owensboro has helped me to get along easily to the new culture and system. As a missionary, I am confident that with the help of God I will be able to give my best to serve the Church in western Kentucky. I request your prayers. ■

Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN, is priest in the Heralds of Good News currently serving as parochial vicar of St. Stephen Cathedral and Blessed Sacrament Chapel, both in Owensboro.



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Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

En la década de 1970, Flip Wilson fue un comediante popular que apareció en una variedad de programas de televisión e incluso presentó su propio programa de variedades. Flip Wilson desarrolló un personaje llamado Geraldine, que tenía un dicho "The devil made me do it." [El diablo me obligó a hacerlo]. La frase fue usada con humor por mucha gente. Tal vez incluso en ocasiones ha suscitado a alguien a tomar una pausa y considerar la realidad de la tentación y el pecado.

La gente de nuestro tiempo está fascinada por la idea del diablo y los exorcismos. Un exorcismo es una forma específica de oración que la Iglesia Católica usa contra el poder del mal, personificado por el diablo. La fascinación, entre los católicos, los protestantes e incluso algunos no cristianos, es alimentada por las representaciones de Hollywood, la televisión y ahora, por supuesto, las omnipresentes redes sociales.

A la mayoría de los católicos les sorprendería saber que han sido testigos de exorcismos y, de hecho, han sido objeto de un exorcismo. En el Rito del Bautismo de los Niños, recordamos que Dios mandó su hijo al mundo "para que nos librara del dominio de Satanás, el espíritu del mal, y una vez arrancados de las tinieblas, nos llevara al reino admirable de tu luz" y pedimos a Dios que libre el niño del pecado original. Esto es un exorcismo.

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos también incorpora exorcismos para aquellos candidatos que se preparan para ser bautizados: "Te rogamos humildemente por estos catecúmenos, que se ofrecen a ti: aparta de ellos todo espíritu maligno y toda

acción errónea y pecaminosa..." Esto también es un exorcismo.

Ahora bien, puede ser que el sacerdote o diácono que celebra estos ritos evite la palabra exorcismo. Él pudo haber hecho eso para evitar preguntas acerca de los dramáticos retratos de los exorcismos en las películas o las discusiones extremas en las redes sociales. Esto puede ser desafortunado porque entonces permitimos que lo raro y excepcional definan esta forma de oración en lugar de lo que es regular y ordinario en la oración de la Iglesia.

Lo que probablemente se hace sensacional para el entretenimiento son referencias a lo que se llama un exorcismo solemne, cuando hay un caso de posesión demoníaca genuina, es decir, cuando se determina que la presencia del diablo está en el cuerpo del poseído y el diablo es capaz de ejercer dominio sobre ese cuerpo. Históricamente, la Iglesia ha demostrado una gran prudencia y precaución al hacer tal determinación.

Sí, todos podemos decir cuando pecamos y fallamos: "El diablo me obligó a hacerlo". Es bastante cierto. Somos tentados y pecamos y generalmente sabemos que hemos entendido que nuestras acciones son un asunto serio en el que hemos reflexionado lo suficiente y luego hemos ofrecido el pleno consentimiento de la voluntad. En el caso de posesión demoníaca, el mal genuino puede mani-



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EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA MARZO 2019:

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| MARZO 3 | 2 p.m. Rito de Elección – Parroquia San Francisco de Sales, Paducah |
| MARZO 4 | 8:45 a.m. Reunión del Personal – Centro Católico McRaith (MCC) |
| MARZO 5 | 9 a.m. Conversaciones con los "Seniors" – Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro |
| MARZO 7 | Visita al Seminario de San Meinrad |
| MARZO 10 | 10:45 a.m. Misa de Clausura de Youth 2000 – Universidad de Brescia
2 p.m. Rito de Elección – Catedral San Esteban
6 p.m. Rito de Elección – Catedral San Esteban |
| MARZO 13 | 10 a.m. Misa con la Reliquia de San Juan Vianney – Parroquia San Juan Evangelista, Paducah |
| MARZO 14 | 11 a.m. Misa en la Academia Montessori Maximiliano – Owensboro |
| MARZO 16 | 4 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia Santa Ana, Morganfield |
| MARZO 17 | 10:15 a.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Benito, Wax |
| MARZO 18 | 10 a.m. Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC
1:30 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC |
| MARZO 19 | 8 a.m. Misa – Escuela San Pedro & San Pablo, Hopkinsville |
| MARZO 20 | 8:30 a.m. Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas |
| MARZO 21 | 9 a.m. Misa – Escuela San Romualdo, Hardinsburg |
| MARZO 23 | 6 p.m. Cena & Subasta de las Escuelas Católicas de Owensboro – Universidad de Brescia |
| MARZO 24 | 2 p.m. Misa con los Scouts – Catedral San Esteban |

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festarse cuando la persona ha perdido la capacidad de dar su consentimiento.

Al considerar un exorcismo solemne, también llamado “gran exorcismo”, la Iglesia avanza con extrema precaución. Un exorcismo solemne solo puede ser realizado por un sacerdote designado por el obispo y con el consentimiento del obispo. Además, la Iglesia espera explorar completamente los problemas de salud médica, mental y emocional. Muchos de los que están luchando con la adicción o viviendo con alguien que está en la adicción se sienten impotentes y de hecho tal declaración es parte de un programa de 12 pasos. Pero el éxito de tales programas demuestra otras vías a las que podemos recurrir. La Iglesia es cuidadosa, incluso en casos tan terribles, para no dar crédito al demonio que no es debido. Debe quedar claro que una persona no toma una determinación acerca de la posesión demoníaca por su propio auto-diagnóstico o psicosis.

El exorcismo solemne nunca debe ser visto como una actividad mágica o supersticiosa. Este es el peligro de las representaciones en los medios de comunicación de un ritual extraordinario. En nuestros días, queremos soluciones rápidas. Los exorcismos son una forma de oración y deben exigir la buena fe y la participación genuina de los involucrados. No son y no deben ser practicados como confesión regular y recepción de la Sagrada Comunión.

Además, la Iglesia ofrece Las Súplicas Contra el Poder de las Tinieblas para cualquiera que se sien-

ta desafiado a enfrentar el pecado y las tentaciones cotidianas de sus vidas. Estos incluyen invocaciones a María y los santos. A María: “Bajo tu amparo nos acogemos, santa Madre de Dios; no deseches las súplicas que te dirigimos en nuestras necesidades, antes bien, líbranos de todo peligro, ¡oh siempre Virgen, gloriosa y bendita!” A San Miguel: “...defiéndenos en la lucha. Sé nuestro amparo contra la perversidad y asechanzas del demonio. Que Dios manifieste sobre él su poder, es nuestra humilde súplica... arroja al infierno a Satanás, y a los demás espíritus malignos que vagan por el mundo...”

Sí, el diablo nos obliga a hacer muchas cosas. Pero Jesucristo, a través de su santa Iglesia, proporciona a los pecadores abundantes remedios y gracias para resistir las grandes y pequeñas tentaciones de nuestras vidas. La oración diaria, las obras de caridad y misericordia, la confesión regular y la recepción frecuente de la Sagrada Comunión son una fórmula para resistir el mal y buscar la santidad.

Quizás nuestra primera línea de defensa contra la tentación es simplemente la oración que Jesús nos enseñó, el Padre Nuestro: “No nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del mal”. ■

+ William F. Medley

Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

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Parroquias con Misas en Español

Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

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107 13th Street, Beaver Dam, KY 42320
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (270) 903-8070 o parroquia (270) 274-3414

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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

Parroquia de San José, Central City

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

113 South 3rd Street, Central City, KY 42330
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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

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: Padre Michael Charles Abiero (270) 885-8522 o 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

Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066
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Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (270) 526-3723 o parroquia (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 Basilio Az Cuc o Padre Jean Rene Kalombo (270) 683-5641

Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001
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Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

296 West 6th Street, Russellville, KY 42276
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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 (270) 881-7737

Picnic Parroquiales del 2019

1 Junio | Sirviendo a las 4 p.m. - San José, Leitchfield

8 Junio | Sirviendo a las 4 p.m. - San Pío X, Owensboro

13 Julio | Sirviendo a las 4 p.m. - San Alfonso, San José

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

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MARZO 26	10 a.m. Misa – Escuela Secundaria Santa María, Paducah Horas de Oficina en Paducah
MARZO 28	6:30 p.m. Confirmación – Parroquia Santos José & Pablo, Owensboro
MARZO 31	10 a.m. Confirmación – Parroquia San Inéz, Uniontown

Tres seminaristas fueron instalados en el Ministerio de Acólito



"Sirvan como Cristo sirvió ... ¡rueguen por nosotros, mientras seguimos rezando por ustedes!" El Obispo William F. Medley les dijo a los seminaristas Martin Ma Na Ling, Christopher Kight y Corey Bruns el 9 de febrero de 2019 en la Catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro. Esa mañana, el Obispo Medley instaló a los tres seminaristas en el Ministerio de Acólito, que es su próximo paso en sus caminos hacia ser ordenados sacerdotes para la Diócesis de Owensboro.

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Oración de Lamento en respuesta a la crisis de abuso

El 5 de febrero, el Obispo William F. Medley presidió la Oración de Lamento y Reparación en la Catedral de San Esteban. El servicio de oración se llevó a cabo en respuesta a la crisis de abuso sexual que enfrenta la Iglesia Católica. El obispo pidió a los feligreses a orar "para que nuestra Iglesia como institución, y cada uno de nosotros, seamos instrumentos de sanación, instrumentos de Dios, porque Dios es la única fuente de sanación".

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Retiro de Matrimonios en español: “Banquete de Bodas”

El P. Lustein Blanco Grajales tiene años de experiencia acompañando movimientos familiares y de matrimonios en México. Él presenta para las parejas de la Diócesis de Owensboro el retiro “Banquete de Bodas: Misión de Amor al Servicio de la Familia”. Se llevará a cabo el sábado, 16 de marzo, 9:30am a 6:00pm en el Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper cerca a Bowling Green.

Es un día para el enriquecimiento matrimonial y para ayudar a las parejas a profundizar en el sacramento del matrimonio de una manera muy dinámica. Habrá momentos de interacción entre las parejas para compartir sus retos, de crecimiento personal, de dinámicas y actividades, de oración, reconciliación y la Misa.

¡Pero hay que inscribirse pronto! Solamente hay cupo para 50 parejas. No es obligatorio estar casa-

dos por la Iglesia para participar. Comunícate con el ministro hispano de tu parroquia para obtener tu formulario de inscripción. Hay que llenarla y ponerla en el correo antes del 8 de Marzo a: Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St, Owensboro, KY 42301. La colaboración es de \$15 por pareja. Pueden mandar un cheque a nombre de: “Diocese of Owensboro” o bien pueden pagar en efectivo cuando llegan al retiro. Se pide a las parejas hacer el esfuerzo en buscar quien cuide a sus niños, pero si de veras no tienen con quién dejarlos hay cuidado de niños limitado, así que apúntense pronto.

Para más información pueden hablar con el Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez, Director de la Oficina de Ministerio Hispano/Latino a (270) 880-8018. Puedes encontrar un volante aquí. ■



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400 asisten al Encuentro 2019



El 26 de enero de 2019, La Parroquia San Pedro y San Pablo en Hopkinsville una vez más fue el anfitrión del evento anual del Encuentro para familias latinas de toda la diócesis.

El Encuentro incluyó una hora santa y confesiones, además de la oportunidad de convivir y compartir una comida. El día fue dirigido por el P. Julio César Palarino, quien estaba de visita desde Argentina.

"El evento fue excelente", dijo el Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez, director del Ministerio Hispano/Latino de la Diócesis de Owensboro. "Calculamos que había alrededor de 400 participantes, incluidos unos 80 jóvenes latinos y otros 70 niños más o menos".

El día también incluyó una parte especial de retiro juvenil, dirigido por la Oficina del Ministerio Juvenil de la diócesis. El Obispo William F. Medley pasó a visitar a los jóvenes. El Obispo también tuvo una sesión de preguntas y respuestas de una hora de duración con los adultos. ■

P. Sinoj se siente acogido por Owensboro



P. Sinoj Pynadath es un sacerdote de la comunidad religiosa Heralds of Good News [Heraldos de la Buena Nueva], que tiene su sede en la India. Su comunidad promueve vocaciones, capacita a seminaristas, envía misioneros en todo el mundo y proporciona sacerdotes para las regiones con escasez de sacerdotes. Hoy sirve en la Catedral de San Esteban y en la Capilla de la Santísima, y dice: "La acogedora comunidad de católicos en Owensboro me ha ayudado a relacionarme fácilmente con la nueva cultura y el nuevo sistema. Como misionero, confío en que, con la ayuda de Dios, podré dar lo mejor de mí para servir a la Iglesia occidental de Kentucky. Les pido sus oraciones". ■