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Sixty-seven years That's how many years Joe and Mazie Mastromarino will celebrate on their anniversary this December. On Sept. 29, they were honored and applauded at the diocese's annual Marriage Celebration Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville. **Page 11**



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Highlights from Bishop Medley's pilgrimage to Italy



Bishop Medley is seen here at the tomb of St. Angela Merici in Brescia, Italy. St. Angela Merici founded the Ursuline Sisters.

Editor's note: From Oct. 6-16, 2019, Bishop William F. Medley served as the spiritual director for a diocesan pilgrimage to Italy.

The trip included visits to Rome, Assisi, Florence, Pisa, Lucca, Brescia, Venice and Padua.

Bishop Medley shared with the WKC the above photos from his trip.



In Lucca, Italy, Bishop Medley visits with Mother Catherine Marie Schuhmann, CP, the mother president of the Congregation of the Nuns of the Passion of Jesus Christ, also known as the Passionists. Mother Catherine Marie formerly served as the superior of the Passionist nuns monastery in Whitesville, and was elected mother president in January 2019.

Did you know Bishop Medley is on Twitter? Follow him @BishopMedley1



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Pope St John XXIII, whose feast we celebrate today, convened Vatican II in 1962. In his apostolic exhortation "Sacrae Laudis" he described the council as "a real and new Epiphany." He also famously remarked when asked how many people work in the Vatican, "Oh, about half of them."

**BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR
NOVEMBER 2019**

- NOV 1** 10:35 a.m. | Mass – Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro
- 11 a.m. | Mass in Memory of Fr. Paul Volk – Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount
- NOV 2** 1 p.m. | Meeting with Deacon Candidates – Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount
- 6 p.m. | St. Mary High School Benefit Dinner – St. Mary School System, Paducah
- NOV 3** 2 p.m. | White Mass – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
- NOV 4** 8 a.m. | Mass – St. Paul School, Leitchfield
- NOV 6** 2 p.m. | Dedication of St. Benedict Cathedral – Evansville
- NOV 7** 9 a.m. | Mass – Owensboro Catholic Middle School, Owensboro
- NOV 10-14** U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Meeting
- NOV 16** 4 p.m. | Mass for Central Deanery Gathering – St. Ann Parish, Morganfield
- NOV 18** 10 a.m. | Priest Personnel Meeting – MCC
1:30 p.m. | Priest Council Meeting – MCC
- NOV 19** 9 a.m. | Mass – St. Joseph School, Bowling Green
6 p.m. | Confirmation – St. Anthony Parish, Axtel
- NOV 20** 8:30 a.m. | Diocesan Finance Council Meeting
- NOV 21-23** National Catholic Youth Conference – Indianapolis
- NOV 26** Presbyteral Day – McRaith Catholic Center, Owensboro

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A Word From Bishop Medley

My dear brothers and sisters,

In our Catholic tradition we observe the month of November as a special time of remembrance and prayer for the dead. The month begins with the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1, followed by a Feast of All Souls on November 2. This month I would like to reflect a bit on our Catholic rituals associated with the event of death, our prayer for the deceased and our comfort to those mourn.

The Church calls the community to age-old rituals upon the death of a faithful one. While there may be many components and variations, the Church affords three profound “moments” of prayer and comfort. Typically sometime between the death and the actual funeral the family and community gather for a Vigil for the Deceased, then there is the Funeral Liturgy, and finally the Rite of Committal.

Before these ritually prescribed moments, there is the less predictable time and place of death. This may come after hours and perhaps days of the loving waiting of a family for one grown weak by advanced years or long illness. It might also come suddenly and tragically. This may happen in a hospital or an emergency room. So often friends who gather in this latter situation struggle to find words and we might often find ourselves striving to fill the silence or break the grieving. A well-meaning person often offers a cliché, “He (she) is in a better place.” Well, while theologically that is true, those are not comforting words to parents whose teenage child has just died in an accident, or one whose spouse has died suddenly and unexpectedly.

Often we speak because we are uncomfortable in the presence of such strong emotion. But perhaps the proper response to another’s uncontrollable grief is to simply be silent. If they are crying, a simple touch or perhaps just quiet presence is the very best we can offer. When Jesus came to Martha and Mary at the death of their brother Lazarus, Jesus initially just wept with them. (John 11: 17-27)

The Vigil for the Deceased is most commonly observed in U.S. culture in the funeral home. If for some reason there is not going to be funeral home visitation, this can happen in the home, particularly if the funeral will be delayed or perhaps is to be observed in a different locale. At the vigil, the Christian community keeps watch (thus the word, “wake”) with the family in prayer to the God of mercy and finds strength in Christ’s presence. It likely will be the first occasion for the solemn reading of the word of God. In this time of loss the family and community turn to God’s word as the source of faith and hope. The assembly in this moment calls upon the Father of mercy to receive the deceased into the kingdom of light and peace.

The Funeral Liturgy is the central liturgical celebration of the Christian community for the deceased. In this liturgy, the community gathers with the family and friends to give praise and thanks to God for Christ’s victory over sin and death, to commend the one who passed to God’s tender mercy and compassion, and to offer strength and comfort to those who mourn.

The funeral Mass or a liturgy outside of Mass may include the reception of the body or the cremated

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remains, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and the final commendation and farewell. Naturally this celebration is both somber and joyful and should include proper religious hymns in which the whole congregation can participate.

Some will ask, "When is the eulogy, the sharing of memories of the life of the deceased?" While any part of the Church's rites can include personalized anecdotes or warm stories about the deceased, it bears emphasizing that a Christian funeral is focused on the benevolent action of God in Jesus Christ. There is certainly a proper time and place to note funny stories or to list accomplishments. Unfortunately, too often the aspect of faith, salvation and mystery can take second place to these.

Celebrating the Eucharist and affording mourners the chance to receive Holy Communion can emphasize the everlasting nature of the Lord's Supper, our Mass. Often a favorite remembrance might be Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want ... he spreads before me a banquet ..." We are reminded that heaven and earth are joined at the Lord's table, the altar.

The funeral Mass concludes with a commendation, referenced as the "last farewell." In song we call upon the saints of God to come to meet them, for angels to hasten to meet them.

The Church celebrates the Rite of Committal, prayers at the burial place. In our prayers we recall that Jesus, by his own three days in the tomb, made holy the graves of all who believe in him. A common tradition is that the crucifix that may have been displayed in the casket is blessed and given to a family

member as a reminder of Jesus' own suffering and the promise that death and suffering are not the final word for Christians.

The movement of the body and the movement of the mourners are important acts in our ritual. Such movement may rightly be called processions. We might take funeral processions for granted, just a pragmatic matter of moving from one place to another. But the reverent movement speaks of the dignity of life. I recall vividly the funeral cortege (procession) taking President John F. Kennedy's body from the White House to the Capitol on a horse drawn catafalque as his widow and children walked behind. When Bishop John McRaith died in 2017 his body was brought to St. Stephen Cathedral through the streets of Owensboro on a hay wagon drawn by a John Deere tractor, reminiscent of his great love for creation and the land.

In critical life moments, like birth, marriage, sickness and death, we reveal our faith in the most ordinary of actions.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ■

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

Q&A Tribunal Explains

A Declaration of Invalidity (Annulment) can take years to be decided.

Currently it is taking approximately one year to decide a case from the time it is received in the Tribunal to a final decision. If there are delays in a case it is most often because of the lack of quick, detailed testimony of witnesses.

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

Sisters honored at 2019 celebration for women religious



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD|WKC

(Left photo) Five of the sisters honored at the Oct. 19, 2019 Diocesan Jubilee for Women Religious have a picture taken with Bishop Medley after the prayer service. Left to right: Sr. Mary McDermott, OSU, 40 years; Sr. Clara Reid, OSU, 60 years; Bishop Medley; Sr. Cecelia Joseph Olinger, OSU, 60 years; Sr. Rebecca White, OSU, 40 years; and Sr. Alicia Coomes, OSU, 40 years. Unable to attend that day was Sr. Marie Montgomery, OSU, 75 years. (Right photo) Two members of the Sisters of the Lamb of God sing during the Oct. 19, 2019 Diocesan Jubilee for Women Religious.



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BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019, women religious from around the Diocese of Owensboro gathered with Bishop William F. Medley at St. Martin Parish in Rome to honor several of their own who were celebrating jubilees of religious life.

Those honored that day were Sr. Cecelia Joseph Olinger, OSU, and Sr. Clara Reid, OSU, both of whom were celebrating 60 years of religious life, as well as Sr. Alicia Coomes, OSU; Sr. Mary McDermott, OSU; and Sr. Rebecca White, OSU, all of whom celebrated 40 years. Sr. Marie Montgomery, OSU, was also honored that day for her 75 years of religious life, but was unable to attend the celebration.

The celebration, which took place in the form of a prayer service, included several scripture readings and hymns, including “Here I Am Lord” by Dan Schutte. Bishop Medley offered a homily after a reading of the Gospel of Matthew 28:16-20.

“It is a privilege and a joy to be here and celebrate with the religious of our diocese,” said Bishop Medley.

The bishop said that it was appropriate for the celebration to take place that day, which coincided with the feast of Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, and Companions, Jesuit missionaries who were martyred in North America in the 1600s.

Bishop Medley connected the feast day with the mission given to all members of religious life: “Go to the ends of the earth.” ■



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Bishop Medley congratulates Sr. Clara Reid, OSU, on 60 years of religious life on Oct. 19, 2019.

Worship office plans liturgies, supports parishes

Editor's note: The following is the first in a two-part series about the diocese's Office of Worship and Office of Music, which assist the bishop in coordinating and overseeing diocesan liturgies and other functions. For this first installment, we spoke with Lauren Johnson, who with Fr. Brandon Williams is the co-coordinator of the diocese's Office of Worship. A story about the Office of Music will appear in the WKC's December 2019 issue.



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Chrism Mass, held in the Diocese of Owensboro on the Tuesday before Easter, is one of the liturgies that the Office of Worship plans and coordinates. Pictured is Chrism Mass 2019 at the Owensboro Sportscenter.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

What are the biggest diocesan liturgies that your office helps plan?

Chrism Mass is the largest liturgy for the Office of Worship. This is because not only are we planning a Mass at the Owensboro Sportscenter, but it

involves coordinating the preparation of the blessed oils to be ready to be distributed to the parish representatives by the end of Chrism Mass. That involves buying 16 3-liter containers of olive oil, preparing more than 300 glass bottles for the oil to be separated into, setting up stations for bottling of the newly blessed oil during Chrism Mass, and getting at least 12 volunteers to bottle the newly blessed oil behind the scenes at Chrism Mass.

Other larger liturgies include ordinations to the priesthood or diaconate, Rite of Election (there is one in Paducah and one in Owensboro), the Office of Catholic Schools' Rainbow Mass (every other year) and priests' funerals.

What are smaller events that people might not realize you also plan?

Before men are ordained, there are other rituals that must be planned which include rite of admission to candidacy, institution into ministries of acolyte and lector, and the profession of faith and oath of fidelity. The Office of Worship also helps with the Women's Religious Jubilee, National Migration Mass, provides support to other diocesan office liturgies when requested, prepares blessings for the bishop when he goes to parishes to bless parish halls, altars, and more.

What does your office do besides plan liturgies?

We promote the implementation of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) by offering education, training resources and consultation. We also provide information/education concerning liturgical updates coming from the USCCB and others, and order materials for parishes at a discount. We also offer consultation and continuing education on liturgical matters, such as art and environment.

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What is your favorite part about this role?

My favorite part about this role is preparing the various liturgies. I feel incredibly blessed that I get to spend so much time with the different prayers and rituals. As I continue to gain experience in this office, the more I learn, and the better I am able to enter into the liturgy myself. I'm very grateful to be working with Fr. Brandon Williams who has taught me so much about preparing all the little details of the liturgy so that the people can be prayerful and better disposed to the transformative work of the Holy Spirit in the liturgy.

Do you have any top stories of a time in which you felt incredibly blessed while working in this role?

Definitely! The first ordination I helped to prepare was for Deacon Stephen Van Lal Than, and that was a significant experience for me. I was able to become well-acquainted with the ritual and prayers, so that when I heard them on the day of Deacon Stephen's ordination, I was better equipped to witness the reality of what was happening. To see the efficacy of those spoken prayers and gestures (laying on of hands by Bishop Medley) in action, whereas before they were only words on a page, yet now with the action of the Holy Spirit, has the real effect of conferring Holy Orders! It was exceptionally heartwarming to see the joy in Deacon Stephen after his ordination. ■

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FILE PHOTO
Lauren Johnson is the co-coordinator of the diocese's Office of Worship.



COURTESY OF RUBY THOMAS, THE RECORD
Chelsea Pickett posed for a photo with her children Alizah Pickett, left, and Braylon Pickett Sept. 25. Pickett chose to have her son two years ago and is now encouraging other mothers to do the same.

Young mother chose life with another mom's help

BY RUBY THOMAS, RECORD STAFF WRITER

Chelsea Pickett was scared and desperate on the cold December day two years ago when a taxi left her and her four-year-old daughter in front of the EMW Women's Surgical Center in downtown Louisville.

They were about to enter the clinic, where Pickett would have an abortion, when Laura Grijalba — who was praying nearby — approached her.

"She told me that I could make a different choice," Pickett said during a recent interview in her Middletown apartment.

She had found out on Christmas Eve that she was pregnant. The baby's father didn't want a child

and she had no family to turn to.

"I felt like if I went through with it that it would be me by myself. That's how I started thinking about an abortion," she said.

As she recounted her story late last month — and all the painful details of that day — Pickett's two-year-old son Braylon played nearby.

"Laura offered to go with me to a center where I could get an ultrasound," Pickett recalled.

Pickett's daughter took Grijalba's hand and together all three walked to BesideU For Life Pregnancy Center, where Pickett saw her unborn child and heard his heartbeat for the first time, she said.

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Pickett said Grijalba promised to be there “every step of the way” if she decided to choose life for her child.

Pickett chose life.

“It was the ultrasound. Once I saw the baby and heard the heartbeat I felt like I should keep him,” said the young mother. “I realized he was human, though he was a little, little seed at the moment.”

A report released in September by the Guttmacher Institute stated that the rate of abortion has fallen in recent years, though the reason isn’t clear.

The Guttmacher Institute – which researches information on abortions and abortion-related legislation – reported that abortions fell to a historic low in 2017. The institute reported there were 13.5 abortions per 1,000 women ages 15-44 in 2017 compared to 14.6 abortions per 1,000 women in 2014.

In Kentucky, the institute reported a decline in abortions, as well. There was a nine percent decline between 2014 and 2017. EMW Women’s Surgical Center is the only operating abortion clinic in Kentucky.

Pickett is encouraging other women to choose life, despite their circumstances.

Women in a crisis pregnancy, she said, may feel like they don’t know what lies ahead, but there’s hope.

“If you’re on a train and you don’t know where you are going, you don’t just jump off. You wait until you get to the end of the tunnel and you see the light,” she said. “You may feel your life is over, but it isn’t. There’s more ahead.”

The young mother said she was able to do it with the support of Grijalba, who was there “every step of the way,” personally offering help and connecting



COURTESY OF RUBY THOMAS, THE RECORD
Chelsea Pickett played with her two-year-old son Braylon in their backyard Sept. 25. Pickett chose to have her son two years ago and is now encouraging other mothers to do the same.

her to resources in the community. Grijalba also introduced her to others who have helped her on her journey.

Grijalba recently moved out of state, but Pickett has found support in the wider community.

Ange Popovich, Danna Dandurand and Melissa Vander Woude recently founded the group “Louisville Moms Helping Moms” and are providing support to Pickett and other women facing a crisis pregnancy.

Pickett has spent the past two years rebuilding her life. With the help of Grijalba and the other women, she moved her family to a neighborhood in Middletown. She lived in a high-crime area before, she said.

She’s also learning how to drive, so she can get a driver’s license.

Pickett said Grijalba and others who’ve rallied around and supported her have renewed her faith in people.

“I didn’t know so many loving people until I met Laura and the other women. I’d only seen the selfish side of people.”

Pickett is sharing her story and encouraging other women through her Facebook group “Mom With A Plan.” ■

The story originally ran in the Oct. 3, 2019 issue of The Record. Reprinted with permission. ©2019 The Record | Archdiocese of Louisville

Teen Leadership Conference teaches decision-making, drug/alcohol abstinence, at the Mount



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH
Teens attend the Oct. 2-3, 2019 Teen Leadership Conference at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF

The Green River Regional Teen Leadership Conference (TLC) met at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center in Maple Mount on Oct. 2-3, 2019. Eleven area high schools were represented: Apollo High School, Daviess County High School, Owensboro Catholic High School, Owensboro High School, and Trinity High School from Daviess County; as well as students from Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster Counties. The students learned leadership skills with the focus on improving decision-making and the importance of drug and alcohol abstinence. Programs were presented by RiverValley Behavioral Health, a deputy sheriff, and others in the community. ■



October was a month of appreciation at SSJP

Lavida Mischel of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish writes: “Hallmark and Facebook have designated October as a special time to appreciate our pastors and priests, an appreciation that is highly deserved! This year Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish took their appreciation one step farther, realizing how much our priests and parish families rely on the church staff. From Oct. 21-27, the parish celebrated the week for its staff with balloons, gift cards, lunch, breakfast, notes, letters and cards. Thank you, staff! We appreciate you!” ■

COURTESY OF LAVIDA MISCHEL

Back row, left to right: Parish staff Laura Shoulders, April Dickens, Joe McBride, Aynde Bennett, Ashley Wilkerson. Seated, left to right: pastor Fr. Jean Rene Kalombo and associate pastor Fr. Will Thompson. Not pictured: Kelly Ward and Deacon John Cecil.

Married couples celebrate anniversaries with Bishop Medley



COURTESY OF JIM CREIGHTON

Married couples gather for a photo with Bishop Medley after the Sept. 29, 2019 Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville. The Mass was celebrating marriage anniversary milestones.

BY WKC STAFF

Fifty-five couples attended this year's Marriage Celebration Mass with Bishop William F. Medley on Sept. 29, 2019. Held at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville, a total of 2,715 years of marriage were represented that day.

Danny May, the diocese's director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life, told the WKC that the longest-married couple in attendance was Joe and Mazie Mastromarino, married 67 years this December. The Mastromarinis are members of Resurrection Parish in Dawson Springs.

For marriage and family life resources, visit owensborodiocese.org/office-of-marriage-family-life. ■



COURTESY OF JIM CREIGHTON

Joe and Mazie Mastromarino smile during applause at the Sept. 29, 2019 Marriage Celebration Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville.

IN BRIEF

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Pope Francis institutes day to promote knowledge and love of scripture

Pope Francis on Sept. 30 declared the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time to be the Sunday of the Word of God in order to promote a closer relationship with holy scripture and its dissemination in the world.

“A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord,” the pope wrote in an apostolic letter Sept. 30.

“For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness.”

He said “the Bible is not a collection of history books or a chronicle, but is aimed entirely at the integral salvation of the person.”

Pope Francis instituted the special day for celebrating the Word of God in the Church with the promulgated motu proprio of the apostolic letter “Aperuit Illis,” published Sept. 30, 2019, the 1,600th anniversary of St. Jerome’s death and his feast day.

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, on the Roman calendar, typically falls around the end of January. ■

- Catholic News Agency

Vocations office begins new rosary-focused initiative

Kicking off on Nov. 1, 2019 and coinciding with National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 3-9), the Diocese of Owensboro’s Office of Vocations will begin a new initiative to foster vocations awareness. The goal will be to have someone in each of the diocese’s 78 parishes praying the rosary for vocations every day of the year. Each parish will be invited to maintain their own monthly calendar of who is praying which day. To learn more, visit owensborovocations.com/rosary. ■

-WKC staff

St. Thomas More video honored at international conference



COURTESY OF ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH
Pictured at the Oct. 6-9 conference are (left to right) Brian Niebrugge, chair of the ICSC board of directors; Valeria Vessels, the Diocese of Owensboro’s director of stewardship and development; Melisa Mast, St. Thomas More’s director of stewardship; and Bishop Donald Hanchon of Detroit and the conference’s episcopal moderator.

During the International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC) conference on Oct. 6-9, 2019 in Chicago, St. Thomas More Parish of Paducah re-

ceived an Honorable Mention award in the 2019 Parish Stewardship Video category for their recent stewardship video. Melisa Mast, St. Thomas More’s director of stewardship, had produced the video, and the Diocese of Owensboro’s digital media specialist, Laura Rigsby, had filmed and edited the video. Each year, the conference recognizes member dioceses and parishes that have best promoted the spirituality of stewardship that year. ■

-WKC staff

Hour of witness, sharing and prayer for United States Supreme Court and DACA recipients

On Nov. 12, 2019, the United States Supreme Court will start hearing oral arguments on DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). DACA has been a reprieve from deportation for many within the young immigrant population who came to the United States as children. Efforts to have the program rescinded have taken place and now between November and June, the Supreme Court will hear oral arguments and rule on the issue. Parishes/dioceses across the country are being encouraged to pray for the Supreme Court and the DACA young people.

To begin praying monthly for the outcome of this hearings, the Diocese of Owensboro is hosting a prayer service at Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 3 p.m.

For more information on DACA, visit justiceforimmigrants.org or contact Deacon Chris Gutierrez, Director of Hispanic Ministry for the diocese, at (270) 880-8018 or chris.gutierrez@pastoral.org. ■

-WKC staff

Harvard Divinity School researcher visits Maple Mount

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF

It took a “meet and greet” and tweets for a Women’s Studies in Religion research associate at Harvard Divinity School to discover the former Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Maple Mount, Ky.

Monica Mercado, who is also an assistant professor at Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y., is with the Women’s Studies in Religious Program at Harvard in Cambridge, Mass. She came to visit the former Mount Saint Joseph Academy and the Ursuline Motherhouse in early October.

Mercado met Heidi Taylor-Caudill, director of archives for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph and the Diocese of Owensboro, in June at the Conference on the History of Women Religious at Saint Mary’s College, Notre Dame, Ind. This conference, which is aimed at women religious and those who research their history and handle their archives, happens every three years. Mercado began following Taylor-Caudill’s personal Twitter feed, where she often talks about her work as an archivist of Ursuline history and collections. This piqued Mercado’s interest in visiting Maple Mount to do research for her book.

“Heidi’s Twitter is amazing, it is getting around,” Mercado said.

Mercado is doing research for a book she is writing focused on Catholic girls’ education prior to 1911. She said she realized the importance of convent academies in education in the U.S. and in the history of the Church.

Mercado said that women’s history can sometimes focus on Protestants, and when it does highlight Catholics, it is usually in areas in the northeast

such as New York, Boston and Philadelphia. She was delighted to learn about other parts of the country such as western Kentucky with a rich Catholic history.

She was given a year off work to conduct research, and she obtained a grant which helped her to visit Maple Mount as well as the Sisters of Loretto in Loretto, Ky., from Oct. 7-10, 2019.

Taylor-Caudill set up a temporary office for Mercado in the Mount Saint Joseph archives on the first floor of Lourdes. Besides Mount Saint Joseph, Mercado also researched and scanned records on the former Ursuline Academy of Paola, Kan. Those records are stored in Kentucky since the Ursulines of Paola merged with Mount Saint Joseph in 2008.

“I am especially interested in things created by the girls when they were in school,” Mercado said. These include essays, annals, bulletins, plays written by students, and even math problems.

She said Academy students received a diverse education, such as reading Shakespeare, making maps of the world, and learning practical applications like bookkeeping. She said some students who were not Catholic also attended the academies in order to receive a good education.

The title of Mercado’s future book is, “The Young Catholic: Girlhood and the Making of American Catholicism.” According to her website, the book “focuses on the vast output of a vibrant American Catholic publishing industry, and the young women readers, writers, and educational institutions that grew up around it during the second half of the nineteenth century.”

Taylor-Caudill said it was fortunate that a sum-

mer intern in archives, Alex Wink, had digitized a great deal of photos and other items before she left for grad school. Taylor-Caudill said she realizes the importance of digitizing information. Not many people can afford the time or money to travel to do research.

“I believe Monica is the first professional historian to visit our archives,” Taylor-Caudill said. She was excited to share some “unexplored information” with her.

Mercado added, “Digital is great, but it’s so amazing to be here and to imagine coming here as a student.” ■

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St. Michael's celebrates feast day with community festival



COURTESY OF JENNY GLENN



(Left) Three girls play in a bouncy castle during the Sept. 29 St. Michael's Festival in Sebree. (Right) The St. Michael's Festival on Sept. 29 includes a procession in honor of St. Michael the Archangel.

BY WKC STAFF

The community of St. Michael Parish in Sebree gathered at Sebree Springs Park on Sept. 29, 2019 for the St. Michael's Festival in celebration of their patron saint's feast day. (Sept. 29 is the Feast of the Archangels, including St. Michael.)

The day-long festival featured live music, food, a raffle and dunk tank. The celebration also included a procession from the church to the park in honor of St. Michael the Archangel, and a bilingual Mass in the park. ■

Mandeville diocese expresses gratitude for playground assistance



COURTESY OF THE DIOCESE OF MANDEVILLE



BY THERESA GIVANS, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, is truly grateful for the three children playgrounds donated to us in 2018 by the Mandeville Sister Diocese Committee, Diocese of Owensboro, obtained from Kids Around the World. They were installed at three of our diocesan Schools: St. Thomas More Prep School, in May Pen; St. Margaret Mary Prep School in Lionel Town; and St. Philomena Prep School in Portland Cottage. The children were thrilled to have access to these play areas, and the teachers and staff are grateful for the addition to the school environment. ■

November is the time to remember legacy of black Catholics

BY F. VERONICA WILHITE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Catholic Church has observed National Black Catholic History Month every November since 1990 when the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States voted to make that designation.

We begin this celebration of the proud heritage of Black Catholics on Nov. 1, All Saints Day, to reflect on the long history and proud heritage of the saints of African descent from the early Church. On Nov. 2, All Souls Day, we can reflect on those souls lost in transport on slave ships and to racial persecution even to this day. Let us remember in prayer all of those who have been victims of gun violence this past year. On Nov. 3 we celebrate the feast of St. Martin de Porres, currently the only American saint of African descent, and on Nov. 13 the birth of St. Augustine, the North African Doctor of the Church.

Today, worldwide there are more than 200 million Roman Catholics of African descent and there are currently six African American candidates for sainthood. In celebration of these holy people we ask that you pray for the causes for their canonization.

The recent diocesan presentation on racism by Bishop Shelton J. Fabre on Sept. 19, 2019 is available for viewing to parishes. Contact the Office of Black Catholic Ministry for details. Rosary Chapel in Paducah will host the first viewing on the feast of St. Martin de Porres on Sunday, Nov. 3, right after 10:30 a.m. Mass. ■

F. Veronica Wilhite is the director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro. Learn more at owensborodiocese.org/black-catholic-ministry.

Please pray for the canonization of:

- Venerable Mother Henriette Delille, the first United States native-born African American whose cause for canonization has been officially opened by the Catholic Church.
- Servant of God Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first known and recognized black priest in the United States.
- Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, the foundress and first superior of the Oblate sisters of Providence.
- Venerable Pierre Toussaint, who helped Haitian refugees, opened a trade school for black orphans, and cared for plague victims in New York.
- Servant of God Julia Greeley, a promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart, daily communicant and member of the Secular Franciscan Order.
- Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman, founding faculty member of the Institute for Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University, New Orleans.



ADVENT EVENING WITH THE BISHOP

**Thursday, December 19
5 p.m.–6:30 p.m.**

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." - Isaiah 7:14

Come and be with us in prayer for the holy season of waiting and preparation, Advent. Join our bishop as he helps us prepare to celebrate the nativity of Jesus and gives us continuing guidance on how we might join Jesus in the resurrection.

Fee: \$20 if paid in advance – includes meal and presentation (\$25 at the door)

Retreat Director Bishop William Medley
Bishop William Medley, a Kentucky native, attended Bellarmine University and Saint Meinrad School of Theology. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1982 and served as a pastor in Louisville and Bardstown in addition to holding a variety of positions in the Archdiocese of Louisville. He was ordained as the fourth bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro in 2010.



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NOVEMBER 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.

Second annual Mass honoring healthcare professionals

The Diocese of Owensboro's Gospel of Life Committee seeks to honor all those in the healing profession and their families at the "White Mass" set for Nov. 3, 2019 at 2 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop William F. Medley at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, with a reception to follow. This Mass recognizes the ministry of those across our diocese to protect life and care for the ill and dying, such as physicians, nurses, compassionate care ministers, ministers of consolation, chaplains, mental health workers, and all in the medical profession and their families. Those that participated in last year's event expressed appreciation for the wonderful liturgy, homily and fellowship with others in the profession. Please join us for this year's event and bring your families. Thank you for all you do in providing care for the ill and dying.

Eucharistic Mission at Carmel Home

Featuring Fr. Ken Geraci, CPM. "Restoring the Faith: The Eucharist." Location: Carmel Home Chapel, 2501 Old Hartford Rd., Owensboro. Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:30 p.m., conference and confession. Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6:30 p.m., conference, Eucharistic healing service, and confession. Questions: (270) 683-0227.

Post-abortion healing retreat in Kentucky

Come join us for a weekend of emotional healing and spiritual renewal. Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing retreats for women and men who are suffering from the lingering effects after abortion. Next retreat is November 8-10, 2019, Owensboro area. Wendy: Cell (707) 287-5911, wendyc@hopeafterabortionky.com, <http://hopeafterabortionky.com>.

Faith Fest in Owensboro Nov. 8-24

The 9th annual Faith Fest will take place in Owensboro from Nov. 8-24, 2019. This is an opportunity to meet and learn about the many faith communities of our area. Hosted by Owensboro Area Faith Communities and the Owensboro-Daviess County Ministerial

Association. Details at faithfest.org.

Twilight Retreat on Nov. 13: "Holiday Spiritual Fruits"

Deacon Richard Murphy will present, "Holiday Spiritual Fruits: Gratitude and Peace" on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas, come join Deacon Richard in some reflections on growing in the wonderful fruits of gratitude and peace. They make just the right gifts to give and receive in the holiday season. The event time is 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The \$20 fee includes dinner. (The retreat cost is \$25 at the door.) To preregister, call 270-229-0206, email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online: ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs. These Twilight retreats take place on the second Wednesday of each month. Mark your calendar for Dec. 11 at 6 p.m. when Fr. Brian Johnson will present "Awaiting and Welcoming Peace with Thomas Merton: Advent Contemplation in a Seed, a Poem and an Essay."

St. Henry Holiday Bazaar

St. Henry Parish, 16097 U.S. Hwy. 68E in Aurora, will be having a Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale on Nov. 16 and 17. The times are Saturday, Nov. 16, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-6 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 17 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be a variety of vendors, arts and crafts, decorations, gift items and treasures from "Mrs. Santa's Attic" as well as a silent auction and delicious homemade baked items. All are welcome to begin their Christmas shopping! For more information, contact the parish at (270) 474-8058.

Benedictine Directed Retreat for Oblates and Others

When: November 18-21, 2019. Registration is Monday at 7:00 p.m. (EDT), the retreat begins at 7:30 p.m. and ends Thursday at 10:00 a.m. Where: Sisters of St. Benedict - Monastery Immaculate Conception, Benedictine Hospitality Center. 802 E. 10th St., Ferdinand, IN 47532 Cost: \$325.00 includes meals, private room, and spiritual direction sessions Retreat Information: This silent directed retreat provides you with an opportunity to focus on your relationship with God in prayer and your life's events especially in the context

of our Benedictine atmosphere, prayers, and values. You will have an opportunity for spiritual directions. For more information or to register: Visit www.the-dome.org/events/ or call 812-367-1411, ext. 7345.

Brescia's Holiday Concert

Brescia University in Owensboro will present its Happy Thanksgiving, Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas Concert on Monday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m., Taylor Lecture Hall on Brescia's campus. Brescia's band and choir will present music for fall, winter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The concert is free and open to the community. Questions: Brett Ballard, (270) 686-4226.

A Coming Christ at Advent presented by Fr. Anthony Shonis

I. How to Read the Infancy Narratives: Monday, Dec. 2
II. The Annunciation to Mary: Monday, Dec. 9
III. The Annunciation to Joseph: Monday, Dec. 16
Each presentation will be in the Precious Blood Parish Hall from 6-7:30 p.m. Each session begins with the lighting of the Advent wreath and song. Light refreshments will be served. Childcare will be available. It is not necessary to come to all the sessions; you may attend when your schedule allows. We encourage you to bring your Bible. This is the ideal way to prepare for Christmas by studying the scriptures that you will be hearing at Mass during Advent. Learn more or sign up: Precious Blood at (270) 684-6888. Fr. Shonis has been a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro since 1971. Fr. Shonis has taught at Owensboro Catholic High School, the Pontifical College Josephinum and Brescia University. In 2006, he became the associate pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson. For the last 20 years Fr. Shonis has traveled throughout the diocese conducting retreats and teaching scripture. Retired in June 2019, he lives in Henderson with the expectation of continuing educating adults about their faith.

Focus on Faith new book study begins Jan. 9

The Focus on Faith class, which meets monthly to study the Catholic faith, will be reading and discussing "The Complete Stories" by Flannery O'Connor in 2020. The first session will be on Jan. 9 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The sessions will be led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU. The \$20 fee per class includes lunch.

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The group meets at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or register online at ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs. Future dates: Feb. 13, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, Aug. 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

You're invited to join the National Council of Catholic Women

The National Council of Catholic Women was formed in 1920 at the request of the U.S. Catholic bishops to provide all Catholic women a common voice and an instrument of unified action. In August 2020 we will celebrate our 100th anniversary at our convention meeting in Arlington, Virginia. We would like to invite you to become a part of NCCW. Our mission is to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. There are two forms of membership: parish and individual. Does your parish have a women's group that helps with projects and activities within your parish? If not, would you like to form a group? For more information about NCCW and how you or your parish can become involved, please contact Pat Ryan, NCCW director for the Province of Louisville, at paryan6540@yahoo.com or (865) 687-0050 and/or visit our web site at nccw.org.

Kindness Campaign: Sign up to share kindness with monthly cards

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph offer a unique fundraiser to support their ministries and spread a little kindness in the world. The Kindness campaign will provide 12 personalized inspirational cards to be sent to the person of the donor's choice. You may know someone who is homebound or ill, or you may wish to be kind to a local or government official, a teacher, a friend or a neighbor. You may even wish to send a card to someone "just because!" This service will be provided for a contribution of \$50 to the Ursuline Sisters. You are both spreading kindness and helping the Ursuline Sisters continue their ministries. The cards will begin the month following receipt of your contribution. To request an order form, contact Carol Braden-Clarke at 270-229-2008, carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org or visit this page on our website: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/kindness-campaign/>.

Advent Day of Prayer...

Saturday, December 7
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Advent is that special spiritual season that sneaks in between Thanksgiving and Christmas, a time when we might be very busy with many other things.

Yet, if we can pause just a little, we discover Advent's blessed gifts ... illuminations symbolized in the Advent candles that can guide us for the whole year. The program will be a prayerful reflection on these gifts and how we can integrate them into our ongoing spiritual journey.

Fee: \$40 includes meal and program

Presenter: Charlie Martin is a marriage and family therapist/pastoral counselor who has worked at St. Mary and John Parish in Evansville, Ind., for 34 years. He will bring gratitude for the spiritual gifts of Advent that he sees as blessings that flow from the wonder of God's creation.

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Kentucky Catholic Charities collaborate on postcard campaign to support migrants, refugees

BY SUSAN MONTALVO-GESSER, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Pope Francis named Sept. 29, 2019 the celebration day for the universal Church of World Day of Migrants and Refugees. In anticipation of the World Day for Migrants and Refugees and witnessing the hostility faced by migrants in the recent political landscape, the four Catholic Charities organizations across Kentucky – Owensboro, Louisville, Lexington and Covington – got together to have a united vision for celebrating migrants and refugees in Kentucky.

The four Catholic Charities directors made a plan for education on Catholic Social Teaching, facts on migration, and action that people in the pew could take to make their conscience heard by elected officials.

Inserts for bulletins were created to give information on immigration. This included that the percentage of immigrants in the U.S. now is in-line with historical norms; most refugees in Kentucky have a job in 96 days after arrival; four of five individuals deported from the U.S. have no criminal record; 80% of people deported are parents of U.S.-citizen children; and most new unauthorized immigrants did not illegally cross a border but instead overstayed their visa.

Then, information from Pope Francis and Bishop Joe Vasquez of the Diocese of Austin, Texas, was

provided on the Church's teaching on welcoming the stranger.

Armed with this information, parishioners were invited to join with Catholics around Kentucky to communicate our Gospel values and send the message that immigrants are welcome and should be treated with dignity. Postcards were made available for parishioners to sign so they could ask elected offi-



COURTESY OF ANNALISA VANDELLI/AICS

cialists to treat migrants as human beings who deserve to be treated with dignity and respect at all times, and in every situation. The postcards included a reminder from Deuteronomy, “For the Lord your God... loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

We have received over 1,500 postcards back thus far and more are coming in each day.

Bishop Medley of Owensboro, Bishop Stowe of Lexington, Archbishop Kurtz of Louisville and Bishop Foys of Covington will sign onto a joint letter that will accompany the post cards to the U.S. representatives, senators and the governor of Kentucky. Representatives of Catholic Charities agencies statewide will deliver the postcards to the local offices of Senator McConnell, Senator Paul, each of the U.S. representatives in Kentucky, and Governor Bevin.

In his homily for the celebration Mass of World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis said, “Loving our neighbor means feeling compassion for the sufferings of our brothers and sisters, drawing close to them, touching their sores and sharing their stories, and thus manifesting concretely God’s tender love for them.”

We at Catholic Charities feel uniquely qualified to answer the pope’s plea to share the stories of the migrants we serve, and, with the help of the people in the pew, de-

liver that story to those in power who may have trouble “hearing the cry” of the poor. ■

Susan Montalvo-Gesser is the director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro. Learn more at owensborodiocese.org/catholic-charities.

Sts. Joseph and Paul's 18th annual block party a free event for neighbors in need



COURTESY OF ASHLEY WILKERSON
Members of the local community attend Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish's block party on Sept. 28, 2019.

BY DONNA GOETZ, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Our Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish's 18th annual block party was held Sept. 28, from 9 a.m.-noon in our parish hall parking lot. The block party is a free event for all of our church neighbors in need. Our parish collected food and hygiene items from June 16-Sept. 22 to fill 400+ grocery bags to distribute at the block party. Parishioners also donated bicycles, shoes, household items and bedding throughout the year.

Two weeks before the block party, 50 of our parishioners gathered to walk the streets of our parish boundaries distributing fliers inviting people to attend.

We were blessed with a beautiful sunny day with more than 1,000 people in attendance. Bikes; shoes; toys; books; blankets; towels; groceries; paper products; cleaning supplies; coats; clothes for infants, children and adults; and homemade laundry detergent were distributed at no cost. We also had a Country Store with lots of household items. Vision screening, flu shots, face painting, an inflatable slide, and games for the children were available. One thousand lunches were served.

Sept. 28 was a day filled with lots of smiles from the children and adults who attended and our parishioners who made the day possible. ■

Donna Goetz belongs to Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro.



COURTESY OF ASHLEY WILKERSON
Bryson Payne (Catholic Basketball shirt) and Ashton Tignor (behind Bryson), students of Owensboro Catholic High School, assist at Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish's annual block party on Sept. 28, 2019.

Saving the world with social studies in Catholic schools – one class at a time

BY JO ANN MATHIESON, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Social studies class was not my best subject in school. Maybe I was into philosophy because I kept asking myself why social studies class even existed and what purpose did it have? I am still not very good with names and dates, but I am now a strong believer that social studies class in Catholic schools can affect great positive change in society and the Church.

My first task as the new assistant superintendent for Catholic schools in the Diocese of Owensboro was to integrate the faith into the Social Studies Standards under review that year. Studying the content from grades K-12, it became clear to me (finally) that each level offered the opportunity to confirm the practice of viewing all within the Catholic World View.

The Catholic World View is the freeing perspective of putting on the mind of Christ, “our GODgles,” so to speak. Social studies ultimately shows us that historical man has a free will, reason, a desire for good, to love and be loved, a need for relationship, an instinct for survival, religion, virtue, and purpose. The Catholic schools are blessed to be able to entertain the “why’s” the students naturally ask with the eternal realities of a loving God who made and redeemed us, and the plethora of other questions that stem from this. The ability to teach these historical concepts within the Catholic World View in social studies, showing that God man with deliberation to find Him, His love and in this rela-

tionship place full trust in His grace and Providence – can then more easily transfer to daily life in the cafeteria line or the need to follow directions.

This perspective has been outlined well for us by the bishops in what we call Catholic Social Teaching (CST). As I studied the Social Studies Standards I found it easy (and fun) to propose CST questions for each standard and cite a reference in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

When teachers in our Catholic schools are given these Social Studies Standards, it is our hope that they will encourage the asking of these big questions, be pointed to the answers provided in CST and that they know where to look to find what the Church teaches. It is also our hope that they will share the questions and Catechism references with parents, not only because parents are primary educators, but also because adults always have room to grow as well.

Having Catholic Social Teaching as a main vocabulary in social studies class (K-12) should also help students navigate current events. The approach in our Social Studies Standards of asking big questions and researching what the Church actually says, makes for responsible citizens with well-formed consciences. As discussions take place surrounding current events, it is our hope that all will learn to reference the principles learned in social studies. After all, our faith is not limited to religion class and Mass on Sunday and is integrated into every subject and choice we make. Teaching social studies in a Catholic school is a prime opportunity to bring this home.

All my previous social studies teachers would faint

to hear me say it, but I believe social studies classes in Catholic schools are a way to save the world! But, realistically, this year we are just beginning to integrate CST specifically and it will take time to be fully developed. Our first draft can be seen on owensborodiocese.org/academic-standards. We ask for prayers as we work on this project of lessons for students who were like myself, not really caring at the moment but will come to realize the beauty of our faith as seen throughout history – if you know how to look for it. ■

Jo Ann Mathieson is the assistant superintendent for the Office of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Owensboro.

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 Gene & Linda Howard, 55
 Donnie & Brenda Whittaker, 40
 Albert & Courtney Ward, 25
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 Seth & Andrea Lawson, 10
 Joseph & Beverly Carrico, 50

Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro

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Leroy & Jean Jansen, 50

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Claude & Sherry Melton, 55

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‘Everything I do is to glorify Christ,’ says new seminarian Conrad Jaconette

Editor’s note: Conrad Jaconette entered seminary to discern a call to the priesthood in the Diocese of Owensboro in fall 2019. He is currently in first-year philosophy at St. Meinrad Seminary in Indiana. Please pray for him and all of our seminarians as they discern God’s calling for their lives.



COURTESY OF CONRAD JACONETTE
Seminarians Matt Millay and Conrad Jaconette at Jaconette’s first Vocare (vocations fundraising event) on Sept. 20, 2019. Millay was Jaconette’s sponsor in RCIA and was also part of Jaconette’s fraternity at Western Kentucky University.



COURTESY OF CONRAD JACONETTE
Conrad Jaconette with his mother and father at the 2017 Easter Vigil at St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel in Bowling Green, when Jaconette entered the Catholic Church.

BY CONRAD JACONETTE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

What is the life of a seminarian like?

My life as a seminarian is focused on Christ through spiritual, academic, pastoral, and human

formation. As a seminarian I get the privilege to learn about Christ and his Church while at the same time seeing if God is calling me to be a priest.

Have you always wanted to become a priest?

No. I always wanted to become a medical doc-

tor. I received a biochemistry degree from Western Kentucky University and was in the process of applying to medical school before I listened to my call to priesthood.

Have you always been Catholic?

No. I was a practicing Baptist for 20 years until I

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came into the Catholic Church on Easter Sunday of 2017. I will never forget that amazing day!

Do you ever regret joining seminary?

Absolutely not. Seminary is very challenging, but everything I do is to glorify Christ and His Church. My relationship with Christ is deepening and that makes it all worthwhile.

What would you say to someone who is thinking about discerning the priesthood?

Taking the leap to join seminary is a very scary thought, I will not deny that. Pope John Paul II states: "There is no place for selfishness - and no place for fear! Do not be afraid, then, when love makes de-

mands. Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice." If God is tugging at your heart to discern priesthood, find His love and do not be afraid.

What is your favorite Bible story?

My favorite Bible story is the call of Matthew. Christ meets Matthew at the tax collector table and commands him to drop everything and follow Him. Matthew immediately dropped everything and followed Christ.

What is your favorite food?

My favorite foods, in no particular order are: Owensboro's barbeque, Great American Donuts, and sweet tea. ■



FILE PHOTO
Conrad Jaconette.

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Holy Toledo, and much more: Trinity students visit Spain and Portugal for Traveling Classroom 2019



COURTESY OF DEEANNA WATHEN

On Oct. 5, 2019, Trinity High School senior, Brenden Wathen, and his mom, DeeAnna Wathen, (who is also Trinity's humanities and art teacher, as well as one of the Traveling Classroom coordinators), take a picture together in Madrid, Spain.



COURTESY OF DEEANNA WATHEN

The 2019 Trinity High School Traveling Classroom group stands in front of Santa Iglesia Catedral Primada de Toledo (Primate Cathedral of Saint Mary of Toledo) in Toledo, Spain on Oct. 6, 2019.



COURTESY OF DEEANNA WATHEN

On Oct. 10, 2019, the Trinity High School Traveling Classroom group visited Fatima, Portugal, where Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in 1917 to ask them to pray for world peace and the conversion of sinners.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

From Oct. 3-12, 2019, 12 students and three teachers from Trinity High School in Whitesville traveled to Spain and Portugal as part of the school's Traveling Classroom program, which takes a select number of students to countries outside of the United States every other fall break.

The Traveling Classroom program was established in 2010 as a way to teach students about other countries and cultures. The program is coordinated by Trinity teachers Christina Rhodes and DeeAnna Wathen. Prior to the trip, the students spend a year studying the countries they will visit and learning about international topics.

Previous Traveling Classroom trips have included Italy, London, Paris and the British Isles. ■



COURTESY OF DEEANNA WATHEN

While visiting Porto, Portugal, on Oct. 9, the Traveling Classroom group had the opportunity to make a quick visit to the beach.

Union County youth build community with hayride, fellowship



COURTESY OF KATHY HUMPHREY

It's fall, ya'll! Union County youth enjoy a day of autumn activities with their peers as they roast hotdogs over a bonfire and go on a hayride on Oct. 20, 2019.

Kathy Humphrey of St. Agnes Parish in Uniontown writes: "The Union County Catholic Youth Group had a bonfire, hayride, food, fellowship, fun, growing in community and prayer. It was held at Moffitt Lake Recreational Area in Morganfield on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019. A good time was had by all." ■

New Gasper camp for children with disabilities to be held in 2020

BY DEACON RICHARD MURPHY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Announcing: Joy Camp – Fellowship, Faith & Fun! It is a camping experience for children from 5th-12th grade with intellectual disabilities, mild physical disabilities or both, to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Warren County near Bowling Green.

The event is cosponsored by the Gasper River, the Diocesan Disabilities Awareness Committee, and the diocese's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. The cost of the camp is \$30, but no child will be turned away for lack of funds thanks to some generous donors that have made some scholarships available.

If you are unsure about the ability of a child to be able to attend this event, please apply anyway and let the committee decide if it can meet the child's needs at this camp or to plan for another camp to meet their needs in the future. Every child needs to be accompanied for the whole day by a responsible adult, 18 years or older, preferably a parent, guardian or dedicated caregiver for the child. Because it is a first-time experience for the sponsors, they have set a limit on registrations at 20. Registration deadline is March 31, 2020.

Registration will be available soon on gasperriverretreatcenter.org. ■

Deacon Richard Murphy is the director of the diocese's Office of Social Concerns. Learn more at owensborodiocese.org/social-concerns or email richard.murphy@pastoral.org.

Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

En nuestra tradición católica, el mes de noviembre se guarda como un momento especial de recuerdo y oración por los muertos. El mes comienza con la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos el 1 de noviembre, seguida de la Conmemoración de Todos los Fieles Difuntos el 2 de noviembre. Este mes me gustaría reflexionar un poco sobre nuestros ritos católicos asociados con el evento de la muerte, nuestra oración por los difuntos y nuestro consuelo para los que están de luto.

La Iglesia invita a la comunidad a ritos antiguos en cuanto muere un fiel. Si bien puede haber muchos componentes y variaciones, la Iglesia ofrece tres "momentos" profundos de oración y consuelo. Por lo general, en algún momento entre la muerte y el funeral, la familia y la comunidad se reúnen para una Vigilia por un Difunto (también conocido como el velorio), luego se celebra la Liturgia Exequial y, finalmente, el Rito de Sepelio.

Antes de estos momentos de ritos prescritos, hay el tiempo y el lugar de muerte menos predecibles. Esto puede ocurrir después de horas y quizás días de la espera amorosa de una familia por una persona debilitada por años avanzados o enfermedades prolongadas. También puede llegar de forma repentina y trágica. Esto puede suceder en un hospital o en una sala de emergencias. Muy a menudo, los amigos que se reúnen en esta última situación luchan por encontrar palabras y a menudo nos esforzamos por llenar el silencio o romper el duelo. Una persona bien intencionada a menudo ofrece una frase trillada: "Él (ella) está en un lugar mejor". Bueno, aunque teológicamente eso es cierto, esas no son palabras de consuelo para los padres cuyo hijo adolescente acaba

de morir en un accidente, o para uno cuyo cónyuge falleció repentina e inesperadamente.

A menudo hablamos porque nos sentimos incómodos en presencia de una emoción tan fuerte. Pero quizás la respuesta adecuada al dolor incontrolable de otro es simplemente estar en silencio. Si están llorando, simplemente tocarlos o tal vez nuestra presencia tranquila es lo mejor que podemos ofrecer. Cuando Jesús llegó con Marta y María al morir su hermano Lázaro, Jesús inicialmente lloró con ellas. (Juan 11, 17-27)

La Vigilia por un Difunto se observa con mayor frecuencia en la cultura estadounidense en la funeraria. Si por alguna razón no va a haber tiempo para visitas en la funeraria, esto puede suceder en la casa, particularmente si la Liturgia Exequial se retrasará o tal vez se observe en un lugar distinto. En la vigilia, la comunidad cristiana vigila con la familia en oración al Dios de la misericordia y encuentra fuerza en la presencia de Cristo. Es probable que sea la primera ocasión para la lectura solemne de la Palabra de Dios. En este momento de pérdida, la familia y la comunidad recurren a la palabra de Dios como fuente de fe y esperanza. La asamblea en este momento pide al Padre de la misericordia recibir al difunto en el reino de la luz y la paz.

La Liturgia Exequial es la celebración litúrgica central de la comunidad cristiana para los difuntos. En esta liturgia, la comunidad se reúne con la familia y los amigos para alabar y agradecer a Dios por la victoria de Cristo sobre el pecado y la muerte, para encomendar al que pasó a la tierna misericordia y compasión de Dios, y para ofrecer fortaleza y consuelo a quienes están de luto.

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EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA NOVIEMBRE DE 2019:

1 DE NOV.	10:35 a.m. Misa – Escuela Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro, Owensboro
	11 a.m. Misa en memoria del P. Paul Volk – Monte San José, Maple Mount
2 DE NOV.	1 p.m. Reunión con candidatos diaconales – Monte San José, Maple Mount
	6 p.m. Cena en beneficio de la Escuela Preparatoria Santa María -- Sistema escolar Santa María, Paducah
3 DE NOV.	2 p.m. Misa Blanca – Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro
4 DE NOV.	8 a.m. Misa – Escuela San Pablo, Leitchfield
6 DE NOV.	2 p.m. Dedicación de la Catedral de San Benito – Evansville
7 DE NOV.	9 a.m. Misa – Escuela Secundaria Católica de Owensboro, Owensboro
10-14 DE NOV.	Reunión de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de EE. UU.
16 DE NOV.	4 p.m. Misa para la Convivencia del Decanato Central – Parroquia Santa Ana, Morganfield
18 DE NOV.	10 a.m. Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal
	1:30 p.m. Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal
19 DE NOV.	9 a.m. Misa – Escuela San José, Bowling Green
	6 p.m. Confirmación -- Parroquia San Antonio, Axtel
20 DE NOV.	8:30 a.m. Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas
21 DE NOV.	Conferencia Nacional Católica para Adolescentes -- Indianápolis
26 DE NOV.	Día del Presbiterio – Centro Católico McRaith, Owensboro

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La Misa Exequial o una Liturgia Exequial fuera de la Misa puede incluir la recepción del cuerpo o los restos cremados, la Liturgia de la Palabra, la Liturgia de la Eucaristía y la Última Recomendación y Despedida. Naturalmente, esta celebración es al mismo tiempo sombría y alegre y debe incluir himnos religiosos apropiados en los que pueda participar toda la congregación.

Algunos preguntarán: "¿Cuándo se hace el elogio o el intercambio de recuerdos de la vida del difunto?" Aunque cualquier parte de los ritos de la Iglesia puede incluir anécdotas personalizadas o historias cariñosas sobre el difunto, cabe destacar que un funeral cristiano se centra en la acción benévola de Dios en Jesucristo. Ciertamente hay momentos y lugares adecuados para compartir historias divertidas o para enumerar logros. Lamentablemente, con demasiada frecuencia, los aspectos de la fe, la salvación y el misterio pueden ocupar el segundo lugar.

Celebrar la Eucaristía y brindar a los dolientes la oportunidad de recibir la Sagrada Comunión puede enfatizar la naturaleza eterna de la Cena del Señor, nuestra Misa. A menudo, una conmemoración favorita podría ser el Salmo 23: "El Señor es mi pastor, nada me puede faltar...Tú preparas ante mí una mesa". Se nos recuerda que el cielo y la tierra están unidos en la mesa del Señor, el altar.

La Misa Exequial concluye con una recomendación, a veces llamada la "última despedida". Entonando un canto, pedimos a los santos de Dios que vengan en su ayuda y que los ángeles salgan a su encuentro.

La Iglesia celebra el Rito de Sepelio, oraciones en el lugar del entierro. En nuestras oraciones recordamos que Jesús, por sus propios tres días en la tumba, santificó las tumbas de todos los que creen

en él. Una tradición común es que el crucifijo que pudo haber sido expuesto en el ataúd es bendecido y entregado a un miembro de la familia como un recordatorio del sufrimiento de Jesús y la promesa de que la muerte y el sufrimiento no tienen la última palabra para los cristianos.

El movimiento del cuerpo y el movimiento de los dolientes son actos importantes en nuestro ritual. Tal movimiento puede llamarse correctamente procesiones. Podríamos subestimar las procesiones funerarias, como una cuestión pragmática de moverse de un lugar a otro. Pero el movimiento reverente habla de la dignidad de la vida. Recuerdo vívidamente el cortejo fúnebre (la procesión) que llevaba el cuerpo del presidente John F. Kennedy de la Casa Blanca a la Capitolio en un catafalco llevado por caballos mientras su viuda y sus hijos caminaban detrás. Cuando el Obispo John McRaith murió en 2017, su cuerpo fue llevado a la Catedral de San Esteban por las calles de Owensboro en un vagón para heno llevado por un tractor John Deere, que recuerda su gran amor por la creación y la tierra.

En los momentos críticos de la vida, como el nacimiento, el matrimonio, la enfermedad y la muerte, revelamos nuestra fe en las acciones más comunes.

Concédeles, Señor, el descanso eterno. Y brille para ellos la luz perpetua. Descansen en paz. Sus almas y las almas de todos los fieles difuntos, por la misericordia de Dios, descansen en paz. ■

Atentamente en Cristo,



Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro



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Después de la liturgia, el diácono René Amaya sale de la Catedral con su esposa, Sandra.

Conozca a nuestro nuevo seminarista Conrad Jaconette

Conrad Jaconette está estudiando su primer año de filosofía en el Seminario San Meinrad en Indiana. Su parroquia es San José en Bowling Green. El escribe: "Mi vida como seminarista se enfoca en Cristo a través de la formación espiritual, académica, pastoral y humana. Como seminarista tengo el privilegio de aprender acerca de Cristo y su Iglesia al mismo tiempo que estoy viendo si Dios me está llamando a ser sacerdote." ■



POR CORTESÍA DE JENNY GLENN

Tres niñas juegan en un castillo inflable durante el Festival de San Miguel en Sebree el 29 de septiembre.

La comunidad celebra la fiesta de San Miguel con un festival

POR ALYSSA MATY

El septiembre de 29, nuestra parroquia celebró el festival de San Miguel en Sebree. Era un buen día para todos. Tuvimos una misa bilingüe en el parque. Siempre empezamos con una misa por la celebración de San Miguel porque Jesús está en el centre de nuestras vidas. Sin él, no podemos hacer nada. Caminamos desde la iglesia hasta al parque con muchos cantos y oraciones. ■



POR CORTESÍA DE JENNY GLENN

El Festival de San Miguel el 29 de septiembre incluye una procesión en honor de San Miguel Arcángel.



POR CORTESÍA DE JENNY GLENN

La gente disfruta escuchar música en vivo durante el Festival de San Miguel en Sebree el 29 de septiembre de 2019.

Obispo Medley confirma 11 en Sebree



POR CORTESÍA DE JENNY GLENN
El 17 de agosto, el obispo Medley confirmó a 11 adolescentes en la parroquia San Miguel en Sebree.



POR CORTESÍA DE JENNY GLENN
Obispo Medley da la Sagrada Comunión a un monaguillo en la Parroquia San Miguel durante la Misa de Confirmación del 17 de agosto.



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Jueves – 6:30 p.m.
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113 South 3rd Street, Central City, KY 42330
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Sts. José y Pablo organiza una fiesta de barrio para sus vecinos



POR CORTESÍA DE ASHLEY WILKERSON

La torre de la Parroquia de Sts. José y Pablo arriba de la fiesta de barrio parroquial el 28 de septiembre de 2019.

El 28 de septiembre, la Parroquia de Sts. José y Pablo en Owensboro celebró su 18° fiesta anual en el estacionamiento del salón parroquial. La fiesta de barrio es un evento gratuito para todos los vecinos de la iglesia en necesidad. La parroquia recolectó alimentos y artículos de higiene desde el 16 de junio hasta el 22 de septiembre para llenar más de 400 bolsas de supermercado para distribuir en la fiesta de barrio. Los feligreses también donaron bicicletas, zapatos, artículos para el hogar y ropa de cama durante todo el año. Asistieron más de 1,000 personas y se distribuyeron artículos gratuitamente. Estaban disponibles exámenes de la vista, vacunas contra la influenza, pintura de las caras, un resbaladero inflable y juegos para los niños. Se sirvieron mil almuerzos. El día estuvo lleno de sonrisas de vecinos y feligreses por igual. ■