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A Word From Bishop Medley

My dear brothers and sisters,

October is observed as “Respect Life Month” in the Catholic Church in the United States. When we hear this phrase most of us very readily think of the legalization of abortion in our nation since 1973 (and, actually, most nations now). We might quietly calculate the tens of millions of innocent children destroyed before birth over these nearly five decades. The Catholic Church, the preeminent voice in our nation for the defense of human life, has always seen “Respect Life Month” and multiple prolife initiatives as encompassing a wider consideration than just abortion.

The Catholic Church, in its principles of social teaching, always makes clear that abortion is wrong because it represents the deliberate destruction of human life, life that by biblical and traditional authority we assert is created in the image and likeness of God. In the first chapter of the Book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible, in verse 27 we are told, “God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them.” One could say that much of the rest of the Scriptures then become footnotes to this foundational verse. While all that God created is good and sacred, the Scriptures always magnified the creation of man and woman as the pinnacle of creation. When the Church speaks on human life issues, its teaching flows from the truth that all human beings, without exception, have been created in God’s image. We speak of this as reflecting a consistent ethic of life.

The breadth of the Church’s teaching regarding

human life has at times been likened to a seamless garment, evoking a scriptural passage from John 19:23 where it is noted that the seamless robe of Jesus was not torn because it would have been rendered useless, to tear a part of it was to destroy the whole. Thus the executioners cast lots to see who could claim the garment.

It was the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, then the Archbishop of Chicago, who used the image of the seamless garment, though he did not coin the phrase, to teach the authentic and broad reach of Catholic Social Teaching on the value of life. The seamless garment philosophy holds that issues such as abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, economic injustice, contempt for refugees and migrants, and care for creation all demand a consistent application of moral principles that value the sacredness of human life. Bernardin said, “The spectrum of life cuts across the issues of genetics, abortion, capital punishment, modern warfare and the care of the terminally ill.” Bernardin said that although each of these issues was distinct, nevertheless the issues were linked since the valuing and defending of human life were at the center of the issues. In 2019, and flowing from the extensive writings of St. John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis, we might reasonably add concern for the environment to matters of importance because of how climate change is impacting the health and well-being of the human family.

Early on, the consistent ethic of life, the seamless garment image, came under attack. People who were passionately involved in voicing moral concern

BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR	
OCTOBER 2019	
OCT 6-16	Pilgrimage to Rome
	11 a.m. Jubilee of Religious – St. Martin Parish, Rome
OCT 19	6 p.m. Confirmation – St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Todd County
OCT 21	10 a.m. Priest Personnel Meeting – MCC 1:30 p.m. Priest Council Meeting – MCC
OCT 22	9:30 a.m. School Mass – St. Mary Elementary School, Paducah Paducah Office Hours
OCT 23	6 p.m. Diocesan Review Board
OCT 24-25	Brescia University Board Meeting
OCT 26	Black Catholic Day of Reflection with Bishop Joseph Perry
OCT 27	11 a.m. Mass with Bishop Perry – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
OCT 28	9:30 a.m. Day of Reflection with Diocesan Staff

about one aspect or another of this “garment” feared their particular cause might be overlooked. It is true that there were advocates of ending capital punishment who were, perhaps, not so concerned about abortion. And abortion opponents often protested that grouping concerns together might dilute the proper outrage over destruction of life in the womb. To me they failed to grasp the seamless garment of the sacredness of all life.

As a Catholic priest, preacher, and teacher I always found that this broad image of the value of human life was a helpful one. I have experience in seeing hearts changed: an abortion opponent coming to join voices opposing capital punishment; an advocate of ending the death penalty acknowledging that innocent human life in the womb must be pro-

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Q&A Tribunal Explains

If my marriage is declared invalid by the Church, does it mean that my children are illegitimate?

In addition to it being a sacramental union, a marriage is also a civil, legal reality and children born of that legal union are legitimate. Nothing changes either of those facts. There are no civil effects to a Church declaration of invalidity. Children legitimately born of a relationship remain legitimate.

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.

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tected. Those who so rightly decry the slaughter of millions every year in abortion come to acknowledge that if we say life is sacred even one exception cannot be acceptable. The value of human life is not measured in the worthiness of the person, but in its origin in God. All human life is worthy because God in whose image we are made is worthy.

Is there a place for particular issue advocacy? Certainly. For a myriad of reasons one's sensibilities are more heightened around one issue and we join groups, write letters, challenge officials to help us protect life, witness to that value in our own lives.

"God created man in the image of himself. In the image of God he created him, male and female, he created them." If we believe this we do not destroy nor devalue human life. Life in the womb cannot be discarded under a perverse notion of choice. Adam and Eve had a choice in the Garden of Eden and

they made a bad and sinful choice. We cannot tolerate children locked in cages in the name of our nation. We cannot deny a child of God, young or old, reasonable healthcare, nourishment, housing and dignity. As difficult as it may be we cannot decide who lives and who dies based upon their failures and crimes. And we cannot continue to allow our planet, God's creation, to be destroyed for material profit.

All human life is created by God, in God's image. A seamless garment.. ■

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

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

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

WHO: Adult men, age 18 and older

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

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

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

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



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

Five new permanent deacons have ‘a great heart for service’



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

The five candidates for the permanent diaconate lie prostrate before the altar in St. Stephen Cathedral while the congregation prays for them through the intercession of the saints.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Several years ago, Bishop William F. Medley received what he called a “daring request” – to ordain to the permanent diaconate a group of men exclusively from the Hispanic community.

The bishop acknowledged the importance of this request, due to the growing population of Cath-

olics in the Diocese of Owensboro who are Spanish-speaking, and whom urgently need pastoral care from someone who understands their language.

According to research by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro, nine counties in the diocese have over 2% in their population who are foreign-born, and the foreign-born population is “heavily Catholic, coming from Guatemala and oth-

Diocese makes history with its first ordination of primarily Spanish-speaking deacons



TINA KASEY | WKC

The five candidates for the permanent diaconate stand before the assembly in St. Stephen Cathedral, as the people give their affirmation by applause.

er majority Catholic countries in Central America.”

But, “I said I can’t teach them, I can’t form them – who will? I can love them, but that’s not enough,” said the bishop.

Bishop Medley shared this story while standing before a congregation of Spanish-speaking and non-Spanish-speaking people gathered in St. Stephen Cathedral on Sept. 14, 2019.

The reason for this gathering?

Bishop Medley had just ordained the diocese’s first-ever group of permanent deacons who were primarily Spanish-speaking, and whose ordination was specifically for the purpose of ministering to Latino Catholics in western Kentucky.

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Bishop William F. Medley lays his hands on the head of José Blanco, symbolizing the calling down of the Holy Spirit.

These men were Deacon Rene Amaya of St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green; Deacon José Blanco of St. Joseph Parish in Mayfield, Deacon Baltazar Rafael of St. Michael Parish in Sebree, Deacon Edwin Pacheco of St. Francis of Assisi in Guthrie, and Deacon Trinidad Soriano of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville.

The bishop expressed gratitude to Fr. Julio E. Barrera, Deacon Heriberto Rodriguez, Fr. Ken Mikulcik and Deacon Chris Gutiérrez, who had taken on the formation of the five new permanent deacons.

In his homily earlier in the liturgy, Bishop Medley had told the men that “too many times have I and others stood before assemblies to speak with shame of how you and others have been treated.”

“The Catholic Church is always a place of welcome, a place where all of God’s children will be treated with dignity, respect and kindness,” said the bishop. “Let this affirm we are all God’s children; we are all God’s family.”



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC
Newly-ordained Deacon Trinidad Soriano blesses Fr. Julio E. Barrera after the ordination Mass.

After the Mass Deacon Edwin Pacheco told The Western Kentucky Catholic that he felt “very blessed with all the prayers” from his parish community of St. Francis of Assisi, which supported him throughout his formation process.

“I feel very full with the Holy Spirit and the love God has for us,” said Deacon Pacheco. “He’s showing me how much love and mercy he has for us.”

Deacon Pacheco said that as he stood before the assembly and assisted the bishop during the liturgy, he looked out at the congregation and realized how hungry they all were for the Word of God.

“I don’t know why God chose me, but I know he has a plan for me to answer my calling and to do my ministry the best that I can,” said Deacon Edwin.

Deacon Paul Bachi, an English-speaking permanent deacon who participated in the ordination liturgy, said he finds it “always a blessing to be at the ordination of fellow deacons, understanding all they went through to get to this point.”



TINA KASEY | WKC
After the liturgy, Deacon Rene Amaya processes out of the cathedral with his wife, Sandra.

“And, the beauty that lies ahead,” he added.

Fr. Barrera told the WKC that this ordination signifies “a great sense of accomplishment.”

“I have witnessed their growth, their devotion,” he said of the new deacons, adding that the five men have “a great heart for service.”

“They are humble and eager to serve,” said Fr. Barrera.

Fr. Barrera extended an invitation on behalf of Bishop Medley for other Spanish-speaking men to contact him if they are discerning a call to the permanent diaconate vocation.

The diocese’s first group of permanent deacons was ordained in 2012, followed by a second group in 2017. This group of Latino men ordained on Sept. 14 is the diocese’s third group of deacons to be ordained, but the first group in which all of the candidates primarily speak Spanish. ■

Retiring after 48 years, Fr. Anthony Shonis looks back on the changes in the Church

Editor's note: On Sept. 3, 2019, The Western Kentucky Catholic sat down with Fr. Anthony Shonis, a priest of the diocese who retired in spring 2019. Having been raised in the Catholic Church prior to the Second Vatican Council, attending seminary during the council and being ordained after the council, Fr. Shonis shared with the WKC his reflections on the 50+ years since the world-altering events of Vatican II. The following is edited from a conversation with Fr. Shonis.



FILE PHOTO
Fr. Anthony Shonis.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On the Church before Vatican II

"I have always considered it an advantage, as a priest, that I grew up in the Church before the council.

"All of my sacraments, except for ordination, were celebrated in Latin. And with that Latin came

a sense of the sacred and the transcendent.

"I can honestly say that the people I lived with (in Scranton, Pennsylvania), my family, grandparents – these people were not phonies; they were real Catholics.

"A great deal was placed on devotions. And the churches were packed for devotions – novenas, Stations of the Cross, rosary, 40 Hours, parish missions. The devotions were maybe sentimental, but they were very effective in giving people a sense that God really did care for them personally, and the Blessed Mother was interested in their life. This was where we participated in the life of the Church.

"When you went to Mass in the '50s, it was packed. But you'd be lucky if 10%, 15% of people went to Communion. No one went to Communion.

"That was a serious lack in the life of the Church that people were not receiving the Eucharist. They were 'assisting at Mass,' fulfilling an obligation, but they weren't being fed."

On hints of the changes

"When I was in eighth grade, the sister who was teaching us said we're going to do something very different for Mass this morning. She took us up to the chapel, and the priest was there, and she said this morning we're going to have a dialogue Mass.

"She passed out little booklets with the responses. They were all in Latin still, but we were going to respond to the priest, instead of the altar boy doing that.

"That was the first indication that I think we ever had, and it was the first time we actually participated in the Mass as a community. There was something afoot in the Church."

On seminary during the council

"When I entered the seminary, in 1962, that was the very year that the council began.

"They asked our opinion – 'Do you think the Church should change from Latin?'

"My first reaction was no. Now I think, years later, looking back, the change was sort of seen as maybe a threat to my identity.

"As soon as the council's documents were released the seminary library would have copies. People were devouring these documents. People were finally picking up that major changes were happening in the Church.

"In the Diocese of Scranton, the first change in the Mass might have been Advent 1964; they said 'We're going to do the readings in English.'

"The bishop asked the rector of my seminary to go to an ecumenical service. The rector came back

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COURTESY OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH
Fr. Anthony Shonis as a young priest.

and said ‘I did something that I never imagined I could do. I sang the hymn *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*,’ which was written by Martin Luther.

“Five years before, you could never have imagined this!”

On post-council enthusiasm

“The changes had to come, and they were wonderful. They caused an enthusiasm for ministry among seminarians and young religious sisters.

“That’s why I left the seminary for a year and moved to work in ministry in Kentucky. I still wanted to be a priest but I wanted to do this year of mission work. I did that for a year before returning to seminary.

“This enthusiasm continued, and I think what was happening was the seminary professors were overwhelmed by the changes in the Church. So we were reading books about things that were happening, and so guys were confronting them in class, ‘What about this?’ In other words they were no longer the authority they once were.

“You had to have a certain maturity, otherwise

there were no real guidelines. It was wide open. And basically you tried to find a priest who seemed to be fairly stable and identify with him. That’s where your only sense of ‘how to get through this’ would be.

“Somehow, I came away with the notion that – and only years later can I articulate this – that if I just worked hard enough, I could change the world. And almost as if we could usher in the kingdom of God. That it was really up to us, and that human beings who were committed, could through social planning, that this would be the kingdom of God.

“But that’s really a distortion of Christianity, of Catholicism. Because only Christ can usher in the kingdom of God. Now we could prepare people for it, but this was his work.”

On the Church after the council

“When I entered the seminary – everything was in Latin, nothing had changed – and when I was ordained for the Diocese of Owensboro in 1971, the whole world had turned upside down.

“Next to the changes from Latin to English, no change meant as much that really touched their everyday life as much as the change to the Sacrament of Penance. The name was changing to ‘Sacrament of Reconciliation,’ and they now had the option of going face to face, and the format was in English.

“This was a big change.”

On viewing the abuse crisis through the lens of Vatican II

“Growing up, we were taught that the Church was perfect. You never heard of a scandal in the Church. And people had a very idealized image of the Church. So if what is happening today with the sex abuse scandal and the cover-up would have hap-



COURTESY OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH
The future Fr. Anthony Shonis in his First Communion suit.

pened in the ‘50s, I think it would have broken the Church.

“But when that scandal did break in the 1990s and 2000s, people predicted there was going to be this great exodus. There wasn’t. The Church held.

“And people said, ‘The priests are not the

Church. They’re part of the Church but they’re not the Church, and we’re sticking with this Church and we’re going to change this Church. But it doesn’t mean that God isn’t with the Church.”

On the identity of today’s Church

“The new image that came out of the council was of the ‘People of God.’ That phrase was never, ever heard before Vatican II. And once you say ‘People of God,’ you get a sense that it’s human. And there’s frailty.

“But I think you have to watch that too. Because this is not General Motors. This is also the Body of Christ.

“Every generation sort of sees what the previous generation has done and sort of missed the boat. But the same Holy Spirit, that came upon the apostles at Pentecost, has never left the Church, and will raise up a new generation of leaders, so nothing will be lost.” ■

Ministry leader to present ‘School of Prayer & Holiness’ around diocese

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



COURTESY OF MICHAEL FONSECA
Michael Fonseca is the co-founder of God’s Embrace Ministries, based out of Victoria, Texas.

In November, the Office of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Owensboro will host several Catholic spirituality presentations around western Kentucky, led by Michael Fonseca, president of God’s Embrace Ministries.

The presentations, offered in different parts of the diocese from Nov. 12-16, are called “A School of Prayer & Holiness” and will not only share the Good News, but inspire one’s faith in new ways.

Fonseca, who is also the coordinator for spiritual formation in the permanent diaconate program of the Diocese of Victoria, Texas, founded God’s Em-

brace Ministries with his wife, Cherrie.

Their ministry trains spiritual directors, offers formation classes, and hosts weekend retreats and parish missions focused on Catholic spirituality. Fonseca has also written several books on spirituality.

Fonseca is a laicized priest (in good standing with the Church without priestly faculties). He belonged to the Society of Jesus in India and served as the Provincial Superior of the Ranchi Province in India from 1984 to 1987. Since 1987 he has lived and worked in the United States.

“We all struggle with having enough faith because we have all had failures and been given ‘baggage,’” said Fonseca. “When Jesus says ‘Do you trust me,’ we say ‘yes, but...’”

Fonseca explained that if someone asks God to help their unbelief, “Gradually, he will increase your faith.”

In his presentations Fonseca also emphasizes the importance of community when growing one’s faith.

“We cannot do this in isolation – we must do this in community,” he said, adding that “How is

Attend

All are invited to attend Michael Fonseca’s presentations, titled, “A School of Prayer & Holiness – Transform Your Prayer & Life!”

- Tuesday, Nov. 12- St. Francis de Sales in Paducah, 7-8:30 p.m.*
- Wednesday, Nov. 13- Sts. Peter & Paul in Hopkinsville, 7-8:30 p.m.*
- Thursday, Nov. 14- Holy Spirit, Bowling Green, 7-8:30 p.m.*
- Saturday, Nov. 16- St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Cost for Saturday is \$25/person, includes lunch.

*A freewill offering will be taken at the evening sessions.

Please register for the Saturday event at owensborodiocese.org/school-of-prayer.

Jesus going to be known to the world except in and through you and me?”

He hopes that his visit to Owensboro will help engage others in their “deep longing for God.”

“So then, in their turn, they can evangelize others,” he said. ■

Learn more about Michael Fonseca’s ministry at GodsEmbrace.org.

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Uniontown picnic once again a success



COURTESY OF KATHY HUMPHREY

Men work during the St. Agnes and Uniontown Knights of Columbus picnic on Sept. 7, 2019.

Kathy Humphrey from St. Agnes Parish in Uniontown writes: “On Saturday, Sept. 7, 2019 we had our St. Agnes and Uniontown Knights of Columbus Annual Homecoming Picnic. Lots of work goes into the picnic. 5,600 pounds of mutton and 39 hams were cooked for the picnic. We had live music from Gary, Big 'B' and The Other Guy, our first ever air-conditioned dining as well as five inflatables for the kids, a cornhole tournament, cake walk, bingo, ice cream a raffle, and much more. It is a reunion for many. We had people from all over planning vacations for our homecoming picnic. There was good food, fellowship and fun for the whole family. We were blessed with beautiful weather and plenty of help to make our picnic a success.”

Five years after her death, sister who championed for disability rights remembered with annual award

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Some people work exceptionally hard to make sure everyone is included in parish life – regardless of disability – and the Diocese of Owensboro’s Disabilities Awareness Committee wants to honor these dedicated people.

Annually since 2014, the committee presents an award to one person or group who has outstandingly welcomed the gift of persons with disabilities into church life.

“The Sister Audrey Mary Gold Award” was named for the late Sr. Audrey Mary Gold, who belonged to the Sisters of the Lamb of God and died in 2014.

“Sr. Audrey Gold did not let her two disabilities – poor vision and poor hearing – get in her way of being a Sister of the Lamb of God and an outstanding kindergarten teacher,” said Judy Kapelsohn, chair of the disabilities awareness committee.

Kapelsohn said the sister “studied” each of her students at Mary Carrico Catholic School in Knottsville, and “tried to accommodate their learning style.”

“She was a mover and a shaker,” said Kapelsohn. “She encouraged many others with disabilities that with hard work they could accomplish their dreams as she did.”

Deacon Richard Murphy, director of the diocese’s social concerns office, said people with disabilities can also be “people who do extraordinary things.”

“Sr. Audrey never let anything get in her way or drown her determination,” Kapelsohn added. “She always recognized the abilities of others and helped them reach their goals.”

The award recipient should work to eliminate barriers that would hinder participation in parish life due to disability, and should inspire others to do the same. Examples include assisting children with disabilities in attending religious education classes, and helping individuals with disabilities receive the sacraments and participate in church stewardship.

If you know of someone who fits the criteria, please send an email to nominate the person, or group, on or before Nov. 25, 2019 to Deacon Richard Murphy at richard.murphy@pastoral.org. The 2019 Sister Audrey Mary Gold Award will be given to the recipient on Dec. 19. ■

Second annual Catholic women's retreat held at Kentucky Dam Village



COURTESY OF KELLY GROVES

Bishop William F. Medley celebrated Mass for the Faith, Friends & Flip Flops Women's Retreat in August 2019. Here he is pictured with women from the Paducah Deanery parishes (St. Thomas More, St. Francis de Sales, St. John the Evangelist and Rosary Chapel).

BY WKC STAFF

From Aug. 23-24, approximately 167 women from around and even outside of the Diocese of Owensboro gathered for community and spiritual renewal at a women's retreat held at Kentucky Dam Village.

The retreat, called "Friends, Faith & Flip Flops," was the second annual diocesan women's retreat held at that location, and was back by popular demand after the previous year's successful experience.

The retreat was a coordinated effort between the women of St. Jerome Parish in Fancy Farm, who organized and hosted the retreat, and the diocese's Office of Evangelization, which sponsored the retreat.

Kelly Groves, the family life coordinator at St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah, who attended the retreat with a group from the Paducah Deanery, said they were inspired by the keynote speaker Kelly Wahlquist.

"It was wonderful time be reminded by Kelly Wahlquist of how we can be true disciples of Jesus Christ!" said Groves. She said they learned "three steps" - first, "Follow," second, "Listen," and third, "Serve."

In addition, the women learned to have "JOY" every day in keeping the correct order of who you serve: J (Jesus), O (Others), and Y (Yourself).

"Thank you to the fabulous ladies of St. Jerome Catholic Church for organizing and hosting this wonderful event open to all women in our diocese," said Groves. ■



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Office of Spiritual Life for the Diocese of Owensboro

Upcoming Events Open to All

- Oct. 9 **Twilight Retreat: Cultural Diversity** with Deacon Chris Gutierrez
Dinner at 6 p.m.
- Oct. 10 Focus on Faith: "**Reasons to Believe**" book by Scott Hahn
- Oct. 11-13 **Spiritual Directors Gathering: Living a Life of Joy**
- Oct. 18-20 "**Following Jesus: God Loves Us In Spite Of**" new Co-ed Retreat led by Sister Cheryl Clemons
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- Nov. 1-2 "**Jesus as Peacemaker**"
Nonviolence Retreat with Father John Dear
- Nov. 2 **Special Father Volk Mass with Bishop William Medley** - 11 a.m.
- Nov. 3 **Alumnae Memorial Mass** - 11 a.m.
- Nov. 9 **Diane Earle Piano Concert** 6 p.m.
- Nov. 13 **Twilight Retreat: Holiday Spiritual Fruits with Deacon Richard Murphy.** Dinner at 6 p.m.
- Nov. 14 Focus on Faith: "**Reasons to Believe**" book by Scott Hahn
- Nov. 15-17 **Yarn Spinners Weekend**

Only Center-sponsored (not hosted) programs are listed.
Please call to register or to schedule an event for your group or organization.

270-229-0206

retreatcenter@maplemount.org
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St. Paul Parish celebrates past, looks to future as Bishop Medley blesses renovations



COURTESY OF GEORGE BARBER
Fr. Jojo Joseph assists Bishop Medley during Mass.

BY GEORGE BARBER, SPECIAL TO THE
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

At 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 11, Bishop William F. Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro offered Mass at St. Paul Parish in Princeton and blessed the new renovations.

Mass was attended by parishioners and guests from Russellville, Eddyville and Murray.

In addition to St. Paul's pastor, Fr. Jojo Joseph, HGN, five priests from the Diocese of Owensboro attended and concelebrated the Mass with the bishop. Fr. Philip K.T. (Assistant Superior for the Priestly Order of the Heralds of Good News) visiting from India was also in attendance.

Guest priests in attendance:

Fr. Brandon Williams: pastor, St. Leo Parish, Murray; Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, CSsR: parochial vicar, St. Leo Parish and Newman Center, Murray;

Fr. Greg Trawick: pastor, St. Stephen Parish, Cadiz; Fr. Jerry Riney: rector, St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro; and Fr. Sinoj Pynadath, HGN: parochial vicar, St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

The bishop's homily focused on the table in our homes being a gathering place for nourishment and gathering of the family. He likened the altar to that same table where the parish family gathers for spiritual nourishment when we eat the bread and drink the wine which is Christ's body and blood. He noted how the family's history is shared at the table as the parish's history lives in the altar top which was not replaced but updated with new legs and base.

The bishop also blessed the newly renovated Serenity Garden devoted to the Virgin Mary Blessed Mother of God.

St. Paul Parish was first established as a mission church of the Diocese of Louisville supported by circuit riding priests of western Kentucky. When the Diocese of Owensboro was established, St. Paul Parish fell under the Owensboro jurisdiction but remained a mission parish until 1963 when it was assigned its first dedicated pastor. During that time, St. Paul Parish membership was made up of parishioners from not only Caldwell County but Dawson Springs, and parts of Trigg, Crittenden, Lyon and Webster counties. Dawson Springs and each of the above counties have their own parish churches now.

St. Paul Parish dates back to 1874 when the first parish church was built in downtown Princeton. The first church property was bought by the federal



COURTESY OF GEORGE BARBER
Bishop Medley blesses the Marian Garden outside of St. Paul Parish in Princeton.

government to provide space to build a post office. The second church was built in 1936 next door and was bought by the U.S. government to enable expansion of the post office. The current church was built in 1973 on the south side of town. A narthex was added and the interior was renovated thanks to a generous contribution from the estates of James R. Kevil and his sister Mary Anne (Sr. Robert Claire) Kevil in 2019.

Following Mass, parishioners and guests participated in an afternoon of celebration and fellowship with a potluck dinner at the Parish Center. Bishop Medley shared in the meal and had the honor of cutting the cake which was baked and decorated by one of the ladies from St. Mark Parish in Eddyville. ■

Seventy parishes represented at Sophia Awards Mass



TINA KASEY | WKC

BY WKC STAFF

Every year, the Diocese of Owensboro hosts a special Mass honoring the recipients of the annual Sophia Awards – individuals at least 65 years old, who received the highest number of nominations in their parish for this recognition, and who embrace and lead lives of stewardship by giving of their time, talent and treasure. This year, on Sept. 8, 2019 at St. Stephen Cathedral, the Sophia Awards Mass celebrated its 21th anniversary as a beloved tradition in the diocese. The awards were presented by Bishop William F. Medley to recipients from 70 parishes in western Kentucky. For more photos from the day, visit owensborodiocese.org/sophia. ■

Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro

Judith Kapelsohn

Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Owensboro

Sondra Hibbs

Christ the King Parish, Madisonville

Mark R. Missig

Holy Cross Parish, Providence

Hannalore Williams

Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Irvington

Veronica Compton

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson

Mildred L. Stribling

Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam

Robert Edward Ling

Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green

Joseph and Betty Kunkel

Holy Trinity Parish, Morgantown

Barbara Blanton

Immaculate Parish, Owensboro

Bill and Sally Buford

Immaculate Conception Parish, Earlington

William and Karol Welch

Immaculate Conception Parish, Hawesville

John and Marlene Wheatley

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro

Charlotte Mischel

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James Hillerich

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Charles E. Davis

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Kenneth and Karen Brown

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Marion and Sue Berry, Jr.

Saint Agnes Parish, Uniontown

Edna M. Messamore

Saint Alphonsus Parish, Saint Joseph

Charles Ray Dant

Saint Ambrose Parish, Henshaw

Wick E. Collins

Saint Ann Parish, Morganfield

Mike and Cathy Greenwell

Saint Anthony Parish, Browns Valley

Charles and Ann Hamilton

Saint Anthony Parish, Peonia

Bonnie Braun

Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Grand Rivers

Stephen C. Wilkes

Saint Augustine Parish, Grayson Springs

Steve and Karen Meredith

Saint Augustine Parish, Reed

Jerry and Sheila Ralph

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Saint Benedict Parish, Wax
Richard Grant

Saint Charles Parish, Bardwell
Betty Steinbeck

Saint Charles Borromeo Parish, Livermore
John "Sonny" Renfrow

Saint Columba Parish, Lewisport
Ron Spalding

Saint Denis Parish, Fancy Farm
Troy Ellegood

Saint Elizabeth Parish, Curdsville
Don Clements

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Clarkson
Jerry and Mary Jackey

Saint Francis Borgia Parish, Sturgis
Don Edd and Miki Wright

Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah
Rose Marie Smith

St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Elkton
Mary Jo Hall

Saint Henry Parish, Aurora
John and Carol York

Saint Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm
Richard and Elaine Hayden

Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah
James Anthony O'Nan

Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Sunfish
Jim Sims

Saint Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
John and Christine Desmarais

Saint Joseph Parish, Central City
Valentino Sombiro Simpao, M.D.

Saint Joseph Parish, Leitchfield
Joseph T. Heaverin

Saint Joseph Parish, Mayfield
Charles and Gay Willett

Saints Joseph & Paul Parish, Owensboro
Alan and Charlotte Sims

Saint Lawrence Parish, St. Lawrence
Larry and Betty Johnson

Saint Leo Parish, Murray
John and Connie Heuser

Saint Mark Parish, Eddyville
Marilyn Terry

Saint Martin Parish, Rome
James Dale Blandford

Saint Mary Parish, Franklin
Mary L. Barnes

Saint Mary Parish, LaCenter
Sylvio and Rita Mayolo

Saint Mary Magdalene Parish, Sorgho
Danny and Sharon Ebelhar

Saint Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville
Larry E. O'Bryan

Saint Michael Parish, Sebree
Gregory Allen Sugg

Saint Paul Parish, Princeton
Mary Jane Igleheart

Saint Paul Parish, St. Paul
Deacon Dale and Mrs. Yvonne DePoyster

Saint Peter of Alcantara Parish, Stanley
Denny and Sarona Grant

Saint Peter of Antioch Parish, Waverly
Theresa Hillsman

Saints Peter & Paul Parish, Hopkinsville

Gertrude S. Flood

Saint Pius X Parish, Calvert City
Dolores M. Bardsley

Saint Pius X Parish, Owensboro
Agnes Powers

Saint Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg
Larry and Mary Edward Henning

Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Cloverport
Cathy Roach

Saint Sebastian Parish, Calhoun
Gates Tichenor

Saint Stephen Parish, Cadiz
Theresa Froeliger

Saint Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Ed and Gloria Janiak Cecil

Saint Thomas More Parish, Paducah
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Holy Redeemer begins new nursing home ministry in Beaver Dam

BY PAMELA HAYES, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

A significant “first” occurred in Ohio County on Aug. 2, 2019: a Catholic Mass was celebrated for the first time at the Beaver Dam Nursing & Rehab Center. Fr. Julio Barrera, pastor at Holy Redeemer and Holy Trinity Parishes, celebrated Mass with 11 residents, with parishioners assisting. Some of the residents said it was the first time they have been able to attend the Mass in several months, since they moved here from the Bishop Soenneker Home when it closed. For other residents, this was the first Mass in many years. Bringing the Church to the people means so much to those who are not able to come to church. The second Mass was held on Sept. 6 with similar enthusiastic attendance.

Fr. Barrera has committed Holy Redeemer Parish to celebrating Mass on the first Friday of each month at 10:15 a.m. In addition, Fr. Barrera and four parish volunteers are now visiting the residents on a regular basis between monthly Masses, bringing Communion, rosaries, prayer books and fellowship.

We welcome visitors and families to join us each month at the First Friday Mass, at 10:15 a.m., at: Beaver Dam Nursing & Rehab Center, 1595 US Highway 231 South, Beaver Dam, KY 42320.

Future 2019 Dates: Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, and beginning again in 2020 on Jan. 3.

For more information, call Holy Redeemer Catholic Church at (270) 274-3414, or Bernie and Pam Hayes at (270) 929-6970. ■

Pamela Hayes belongs to Holy Redeemer Parish in Beaver Dam.



COURTESY OF PAMELA HAYES
Residents listen to Fr. Julio Barrera’s explanation of the scriptures during Mass at Beaver Dam Nursing & Rehab Center.

Strides made against racism; more work to be done, says visiting bishop

BY TINA KASEY, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Diocese of Owensboro was pleased to have Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, La., speak to the public in a presentation entitled, “Against Racism” on Thursday, Oct. 19 at St. Stephen Cathedral. Bishop Fabre, chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, was one of the writers for the USCCB’s pastoral letter, “Open Wide Our Hearts – The Enduring Call to Love.” Earlier on Thursday, Bishop Fabre had presented a similar message to the diocesan priests during their Presbyteral Day.

That evening Bishop Fabre said that while great strides have been made in terms of civil equality, “civil law on its own will not eradicate racism.” He went on to say that racism is “a human, pastoral and spiritual problem.” Later he shared that “laws have a role to play, but laws alone will not change the human heart.”

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Bishop Fabre spoke to a crowd of nearly 200 at St. Stephen Cathedral, outlining the USCCB’s pastoral letter, “Open Wide Our Hearts – The Enduring Call to Love.”

First annual Escape to the Mount features trivia, food, bingo, handmade quilts



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

(Left photo) Sister Susan Mary Mudd, Sister Mary Henning, and Ursuline Associate Sherry Newton help at the raffle ticket booth. (Right photo) Left to right, Sr. George Mary Hagan, Sr. Julia Head, Sr. Mary Timothy Bland and Sr. Ann Patrice Cecil are ready to help during the Escape Weekend.

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF

There were rave reviews after the first-ever “Escape to the Mount” weekend Sept. 7-8 in the Mount Saint Joseph gym at Maple Mount. The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph held a trivia game night on Saturday, complete with food and drinks. Ten teams answered questions on various topics to compete for prizes. On Sunday, attendees had the chance to win quilts whenever they won a game of bingo (one winner per game). Several happy winners were able to pick

out and take home beautiful handmade quilts. Lunch was also served on Sunday. There were additional items for sale such as crafts, jams and jellies. All of the quilts were individually priced in case anyone wished to purchase one. There was a half pot drawing, and raffle tickets were also drawn for the six lucky winners of cash prizes and a special quilt. Mark your calendars for the next Escape to the Mount Weekend Sept. 12-13, 2020! ■

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He asked that people listen “to the stories of the victimized so we can promote an end to racism.” He also encouraged parents to find ways to expose their children to different races and cultures.

Following the presentation, which included songs

from the Men’s Mass Community Choir of Owensboro, presentations by Owensboro’s Mayor Pro Tem, a county commissioner, and Rhondalynn Randolph with the Owensboro branch of the NAACP, a question and answer session occurred before everyone

gathered in the Fr. John Vaughan Community Center for a reception. The diocese’s Offices for Black Catholic Ministry and Faith Formation sponsored this public event. ■

Ursuline Sisters, diocese, to remember Fr. Paul Volk in All Souls Day Mass

BY HEIDI TAYLOR-CAUDILL, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On July 23, 1919, an Ursuline sister wrote in the Mount Saint Joseph community diary: “Golden was the West beyond the pines, as the sun sank to rest - emblematic of the golden deeds of the golden life of the great apostle, now returning from the active life of a missionary to rest and prepare for the Eternal home-going.” Fr. Paul Joseph Volk, the founder of Mount Saint Joseph Academy and friend of the Ursuline Sisters, had come home to the Mount after 35 years spent as a missionary in Kentucky and Latin America. He was suffering from stomach and liver cancer, and wanted to spend his last days with the community of women he considered as his family. Fr. Volk had asked for this in his annual petition to

St. Joseph on March 12, 1916: “St. Joseph I call for help...That when I die I may be at St. Joseph’s, Daviess Co. That I may have a happy death.” On Sunday, Nov. 2, 1919, Fr. Volk died in the Guesthouse at Mount Saint Joseph surrounded by friends.

Fr. Volk’s body lay in repose in the chapel at Mount Saint Joseph from the afternoon of Nov. 3 until Thursday, Nov. 6. Watchers kept vigil beside it, day and night, until the funeral on Nov. 6. That morning, members of the clergy chanted the Office of the Dead in the chapel before Father Volk’s body was carried to St. Alphonsus Church. Following the body was a large procession of priests, Ursuline sisters, academy students, children, and members of St. Alphonsus Parish. In the church every seat was taken and outside, the church yard was crowded with peo-

ple. Rev. James Whelan celebrated the Mass with assistance from Rev. Daniel McQuire, C.P., deacon, and Rev. F.J. Timoney, subdeacon. Afterwards, Fr. Volk’s body was carried back to Mount Saint Joseph to be buried in the convent cemetery.

100 years later, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph and the Diocese of Owensboro will mark this historical event with a Commemoration Mass at the Motherhouse Chapel on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019 at 11 a.m. The Mass - which takes place on All Souls Day - will be celebrated by Bishop William F. Medley in remembrance of Fr. Volk and all the Faithful Departed. We invite you to join us that day at Mount Saint Joseph, located at 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, Kentucky. ■

Heidi Taylor-Caudill is the archivist for the Diocese of Owensboro and for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. Learn more at owensborodiocese.org/archives.

Fancy Farm community welcomes bishop to celebrate school’s 110th anniversary

BY JOHN CARRICO, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Approximately 100 people joined in the celebration of the 110th Anniversary of St. Jerome School on Sunday, Sept. 22. A ceremony took place in the reference library room, with Bishop William F. Medley, Fr. Darrell Venters, John Carrico, and Andy Elliott making remarks. Bishop Medley and Fr. Venters were presented with framed pictures of the school, painted by Gayla Elliott, a local artist and member of the St. Jerome School 1909 Renovation Commit-

tee. A program of the ceremony was provided to all present as a memento of the celebration. A wooden time capsule was available for items and note cards to be dropped in; the capsule will be opened in September 2044. Refreshments were served in the social room and the museum and classroom, as well as two classrooms on the second floor, were open for guests to browse and reminisce about their days at the school. ■

John Carrico belongs to St. Jerome Parish in Fancy Farm.



COURTESY OF MORGAN CASH

On Sept. 22, Dolores Hobbs Toon stands in front of a three-panel picture depicting a scene in the cafeteria in the basement of St. Jerome School from 1947. Dolores is seen in the middle panel as a senior at St. Jerome High School. The panels were painted from a photo by local artist Gayla Elliott, who is a member of the St. Jerome School 1909 Renovation Committee. The panels hang in the social room of the school.

OCTOBER 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.

October is Respect Life Month

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities is happy to provide resources for families, parishes and educators to build awareness for a culture of life during Respect Life Month (October). Resources may be found at respectlife.org/catholic-education and respectlife.org/media-kit.

"Cultural Diversity" retreat with dinner Oct. 9

Deacon Chris Gutiérrez will present, "Cultural Diversity and Immigration" on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). He will reflect on current challenges regarding ecclesial integration, plus obstacles and myths affecting Catholic Latino immigrants in our diocese. The event time is 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The \$20 fee includes dinner in the Center dining room. (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 Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. when Deacon Richard Murphy will present "Holiday Spiritual Fruits: Gratitude and Peace," just in time to prepare us for Advent.

Spiritual Directors Gathering Oct. 11-13

"Living a Life of Joy in an Uncertain World" is the theme of an Oct. 11-13 retreat for spiritual directors. Most of us live our lives with instant communication and fast-track activity. During this retreat, participants will explore ways to journey through life in a more joyful and healthy way. The retreat leader is Sr. Barbara Schmitz, a Sister of Saint Benedict in Ferdinand, Ind. She holds master's degrees in education and pastoral ministry. The event begins at 7 p.m. on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. The fee is \$190 which includes meals and accommodations, or \$90 for commuters which includes meals. To register: 270-229-0206, retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online: ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs/

Bluegrass on Beshear Pro-Life Music Festival on Saturday, Oct. 12

The Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council invites you to attend "Bluegrass on Beshear - Pickin' Life", a one-day music festival on the shore of Lake Beshear, between Dawson Springs and Princeton. The event, in its 6th year, is on Saturday, Oct. 12 from noon to 6 p.m., rain or shine. Admission is free to see five great bluegrass, country and rock bands. It's family friendly. Bring lawn chairs and coolers. You can purchase food, drinks, t-shirts, hats, and rent canoes. We'll raffle more than \$2,000 in prizes. Grand Prize is a two-night stay in a luxury condo at Green Turtle Bay Resort in Grand Rivers. All proceeds and donations go to pro-life pregnancy care centers in Madisonville, Hopkinsville, Benton and Eddyville. Check us out at www.bluegrassbeshear.com or on Facebook/bluegrassbeshear. Call Jeff or Laura Smith at 270-797-0072 for more info. Come, join us. Together, we're Pickin' Life!

Right to Life Banquet

Oct. 17, 2019 at the Owensboro Convention Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner served at 6 p.m. Tickets \$50/person; table of 8 \$400. Reserve at (270) 685-4922. Keynote speaker: Former abortionist Dr. Anthony Levatino shares his unique perspective about why a physician who has been trained to give life would take it away. The story of his conversion to pro-life has educated and motivated audiences worldwide. From selfish motives to true understanding, Dr. Levatino discusses what it was like to perform abortions and the toll it took on their family until a personal tragedy occurred.

Saint Benedict School Reunion

Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019. Basement of St. Benedict Church, Wax, KY. Potluck lunch will start after 10:15 a.m. Mass. For more info, you may call LaMont Miller, (270) 259-3303.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Mission 2019

October 20-22, 2019. Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 4029 Frederica Street, Owensboro. Mission takes place inside church followed by refreshments in Parish Hall. Sunday begins with rosary, then a presentation by Joe Bland on

"Evangelization in the Family." Monday begins with Evening Prayer, then a presentation by Deacon Mike Marsili on "Evangelization in the Parish." Tuesday we will celebrate Mass with Fr. Jason McClure, who will give a homily on "Evangelization within the community."

Register now for March for Life trip

The Diocese of Owensboro is in the planning stages of offering an adult and family oriented trip to the 47th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 24, 2020 to be the voices for the voiceless unborn and advocate for the sanctity of human life. You are invited to be part of this trip. We depart from Owensboro on 1-22-20 at 8 p.m., spend two days in Washington, D.C. at the hotel where the convention is to be held. While there we plan to go to the vigil Mass for Life at the National Basilica the night before the March, attend the March on 1-24-20, and depart for home on 1-25-20. The estimate for the price per person is \$325. A \$50 deposit to register is required for the trip on or before Oct. 25, 2019. For more information please contact Deacon Richard Murphy at the diocese at 270.683.1545 or richard.murphy@pastoral.org.

Kentucky Criminal Justice Forum on Oct. 25 at the H.L. Neblett Community Center

Kentucky Criminal Justice Forum (KCJF) in collaboration with The Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet would like to invite the community to a forum on criminal justice. The forum will bring together legislators, criminal justice professionals, community members and formerly-incarcerated individuals. The purpose of the forum is to have a dialogue on criminal justice reform, gather everyone's input on the subject and make that data available to state and local legislators to inform ongoing work to improve our justice system. Guests will include state Rep. Jim Glenn and state Sen. Whitney Westerfield. For more information contact Miguel Quintanilla at miguel.quintanilla@pastoral.org.

SVdP hosts "Women Helping Women"

St. Vincent de Paul Diocesan Council of Owensboro hosts 1st annual Power of the Purse "Women Helping Women" Silent Auction and Gala, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. at The Bluegrass Museum in Owensboro. This

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is St. Vincent de Paul's signature fundraiser. Make a measurable difference in the lives of women within the Diocese of Owensboro. Tickets are \$50 each. Contact nancygharris@yahoo.com or (270) 315-5747 to purchase tickets or for more information.

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.

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@hopeafter-abortionky.com, <http://hopeafter-abortionky.com>.

Yarn Spinning Retreat Nov. 15-17

If you enjoy yarn spinning, weaving, rug hooking, knitting or crocheting, you are welcome to attend the Nov. 15-17 spinners weekend at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). All skill levels are welcome. Experience the fun and fellowship of working on your projects with other yarn enthusiasts. The fee is \$164 for two nights; \$82 for one night, or \$25 for commuters. To register, call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online: ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs/.

Jesus the Peacemaker: Following Jesus on the Path of Nonviolence

Nov. 1-2, 2019

Retreat Director: Father John Dear



Join us for a special retreat on Jesus, peacemaking and Gospel nonviolence with Father John Dear – long-time peace activist, author and Nobel Peace Prize nominee. He will reflect on the life of Jesus from the unique perspective of active nonviolence – in the tradition of Gandhi, Dorothy Day, Dr. Martin Luther King, and Oscar Romero.

He will invite us to ponder our own nonviolence; lead us in a study of Jesus' basic teachings of nonviolence, and conclude with stories of how Jesus sent people out to be peacemakers.

Fee: \$130 single or \$225 double occupancy or \$70 commuter

Begins 6:30 p.m. Friday and ends 4:30 p.m. Saturday

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John & Sylvia Morton, 53
Kris & Laren McCrary, 10
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Ethan & Katie Blandford, 5
Joseph A. & Mary Lu Payne, 5
Ernie & Loueva Davis, 58
Jerry & Jennifer Vanover, 25

Christ the King, Madisonville

Jud & Karen Caldwell, 52

Holy Guardian Angel, Irvington

Bradley & Whitney Mattingly, 5
James & Janet Stith, 50

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Larry & Phyllis Bumpus, 52
Dwight & Diana Emerson, 55
Thomas & Jeanne Marie Gadiant, 40
Lee & Sally Jordan, 10
Dean & Mary Ann Jorgensen, 54

Nicholas & Lyndsey Seaver, 5
Buddy & Christina Shires, 25
Ray & Evelyn Shoemaker, 72
Jacob & Taylor Tabor, 5
Herman & Mary Ruth Thomas, 66
Joseph & Mary Ann Thomas, 52

Ronald & Dretha Weddell, 52
Soap & Sandy Wilson, 50

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Robert & Georgia Zoellner, 56
Leon & Sherry Volkert, 51
Charles & Mary Ann Wolfram, 50

Bruce & Barbara Powell, 25
Harold & Staci Simpson, 25
Sean & Haley Danehy, 10
Tiffany & Brian Keeney, 10
John & Jennifer Hammack, 5

Holy Trinity, Morgantown

Melvin & Mary Ann Bowles, 51

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Garrett & Jessica Fortner, 5
Greg & Kim Bell, 25
Jerry & Virginia Harper, 53
Charles & Linda Kamuf, 51
David & Patricia Hamilton, 67
Jerry & Vickie Kennedy, 56
Joseph & Mary Jane Clark, 57

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Lester & Helen Schaick, 70
Joe & Ann Roth, 55
J. C. & Mildred Higdon, 65
George L., Jr. & Anna Weldon, 63

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Joe & Andrea Finley, 10
Gerald & Lucy Goetz, 51
Larry & Patricia Murphy, 55
Andrew & Leslie Clark, 10
Steve & Kathy Phillips, 40
Sacred Heart, Russellville
Kerry & Sharlet Beauregard, 56
Ryan & Sharon Fuller, 51
William & Sarah Moore, 25

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Donald & Ellen Buckman, 65

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Robbie & Sammie Baird, 5

Keith & Julia Gough, 10
John & Scherrie Nally, 10

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Bob & Janette Warren, 62

St. Ann, Morganfield

Michael Harold & Rebecca Greenwell, 51

Bobby & Mary Jane Watson, 51

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Randall & Deborah Goatee, 50

St. Anthony, Peonia

Ervin & Coreen Moore, 55
Randolph & Judy White, 55

St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel

Charles & Patricia Bissinger, 54
Francis & Sue Henning, 58
Ed & Nancy Tate, 5

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

Chris & Michelle Jacobs, 10

St. Augustine, Reed

Jimmy & Judy Beasley, 55

St. Columba, Lewisport

Clyde & Anita Cambron, 51

St. Francis, Borgia

Derek & Malorey Gray, 10

St. Francis of Assisi, Elkton

Bob & Barbara Arms, 56

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Stuart & Lois Stephany, 59
James & Mary Scott, 54

Jon & Andrea Turley, 10

Dent & Nancy Doyle, 51

Raymond & Rose Marie Smith, 55

John & Rita Kuebrich, 10
Siro & Marcella Pandolfi, 71
Kenneth & Rita Turner, 50
Paul & Catherine Floyd, 58

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Raymond & Arlena Walker, 5
Justin & Alaina Magee, 5
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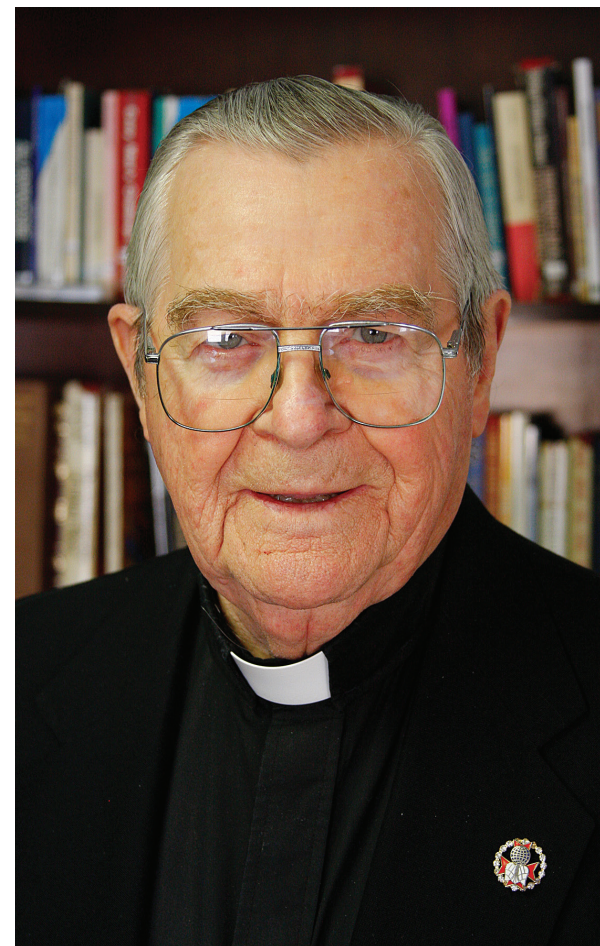
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Fr. Aloysius Powers preached the Gospel in an ‘everyday way of living’



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Fr. Aloysius Powers celebrates Mass at the Carmel Home in this undated photo.



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Fr. Aloysius Powers.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Fr. Aloysius Francis Powers, a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro, passed away on Sept. 4, 2019 at age 98. He was born in Daviess County on Jan. 4, 1921 to the late Joseph H. Powers, Sr., and Teresa M.

McCarthy Powers.

Fr. Powers was raised in a large Catholic family of 12 children – seven girls and five boys – in a farming community in west Daviess County. Fr. Powers was the second-to-eldest boy, and the first of three of the Powers family’s sons to answer the call to the

priesthood. (His brothers Msgr. Bernard Powers and Fr. Richard Powers were also ordained priests for the Diocese of Owensboro.)

Fr. Powers received his primary education at St. Elizabeth in Curdsville and entered St. Meinrad Seminary to study for the priesthood in 1935. He

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was ordained a priest for the diocese on April 5, 1948.

Sr. Jacinta Powers, OSU, was a niece of Fr. Powers. She said her uncle found “ways of preaching the Gospel not only in church but in an everyday way of living.”

“I remember him being a good man,” said Sr. Powers. “Joy was a part of his personality.”

Fr. Powers was one of nine priests and two religious sisters to come from the Powers and McCarthy families. Sr. Powers said she credits that to how the families raised their children.

“If you love your parents and they love you, you love what your parents love,” said Sr. Powers.

Fr. Powers’ first appointment was as an associate pastor at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, and then served as associate pastor of Sts. Joseph and Paul. He was then appointed pastor of St. Augustine in Reed and St. Mary Magdalene in Sorgho. Over the 71 years of his priesthood, Fr. Powers also served as pastor of St. Joseph in Mayfield, Sts. Joseph and Paul in Owensboro, St. Thomas More in Paducah, St. Ann in Morganfield, St. Pius X in Calvert City, St. Anthony in Grand Rivers and St. Elizabeth in Curdsville.

Msgr. Bernard Powers was ordained four years after his older brother Aloysius. For a number of years, Msgr. Powers was the associate pastor at Sts. Joseph and Paul when Fr. Powers was the pastor.

“He helped me, inspired me, challenged me,” said Msgr. Powers. He described his older brother as “a man of prayer, and had a great love for his people. He was very generous in helping those in need.”

Fr. Powers’ youngest sister, Maddalena Leach, was born when he was already in the seminary.

She recalled growing up and remembering her brother coming home for visits from the seminary.

Leach said he would always visit their cousins – who lived across the field – and she would hear him walking home across the field, whistling.

“He was a very good person,” said Leach, who had kept for him a chasuble that their mother had made for him, complete with a picture of the Sacred Heart on the back. “We’ll sure miss him.”

Margaret O’Bryan, one of Fr. Powers’ other nieces, fondly recalled her uncle’s love of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, which she would often pray with him.

“His devotion to it was quite outstanding,” said O’Bryan, adding that to her, Divine Mercy and her uncle “went hand-in-hand.”

*He was “a man of prayer,
and had a great love
for his people.”*

Fr. Powers’ nephew, Tony Powers, said his uncle was “quite the historian” and could remember “any event in our family history.”

“You could ask him anything about life on the farm, family members, aunts, uncles and relatives near and far,” said Powers. “He would tell you about World War II, the 1937 flood that hit Owensboro and the surrounding area... Fr. Aloysius’ memory of his past 71 years as a priest, his parish assignments, the people he served – the man never forgot a face or a name. It was amazing.”

Powers said Fr. Powers came from a line of Knights of Columbus and was himself a fourth degree knight, having joined the knights in 1969 at Sorgho Council No. 6101. Fr. Powers then served as chaplain for Sorgho Council No. 6101, Paducah Council No. 1055 and Morganfield Council No. 1004. He

served as state chaplain from 1978 to 1990.

A few years ago, Fr. Powers asked his nephew, Fr. Mike Clark of Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro, if he could preach the homily at Fr. Powers’ funeral Mass.

“And I was floored,” said Fr. Clark in his homily at the Sept. 9, 2019 funeral liturgy at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro. He remembered saying to his uncle, “What am I supposed to say, Fr. Al?”

“Preach the Gospel,” Fr. Powers had responded.

Fr. Clark asked Fr. Powers what specifically he wanted his nephew to remember about him when preaching his funeral homily. His uncle responded that the small details of his life did not matter.

“Fr. Mike, preach the Resurrection,” Fr. Powers had said.

Along with his parents, Fr. Powers was preceded in death by his sisters, Mary Agnes Powers, Patricia Garvin, Elizabeth M. Lattus, Celine M. Kahalle; and his brothers, Joseph H. Powers, Jr. and Robert A. Powers.

Fr. Powers is survived by his siblings, Msgr. Bernard A. Powers, Fr. Richard M. Powers, Martha M. Taylor (George), Mary T. Hayden (Don), and Maddalena Leach.

Following the Sept. 9, 2019 funeral liturgy, Fr. Powers was buried in the cemetery of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph in Maple Mount.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the Carmel Home, 2501 Old Hartford Rd., Owensboro, KY 42303 and the Knights of Columbus Owensboro Assembly #2074, 3540 E. 10th St., Owensboro, KY 42303. ■

Vocare speaker: Vocations are about ‘all of us becoming disciples’



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

(Left) Msgr. Scott Friend, vocations director for the Diocese of Little Rock, Ark., speaks on Sept. 20, 2019 at the Diocese of Owensboro’s annual Vocare event. (Right) During the social hour, Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, OSU; Charlie Hardesty (diocesan director of youth and young adult ministry); and Sr. Rosanne Spalding, OSU, pose for a reunion photograph.



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BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

According to Msgr. Scott Friend, vocations director for the Diocese of Little Rock, Ark., fundamental to fostering vocations in any diocese is that “all of us have to believe.”

Msgr. Friend spoke to the 450 people gathered for the Diocese of Owensboro’s sixth annual Vocare gala and fundraiser on Sept. 20, 2019, held at the Owensboro Convention Center. He was filling in for Bishop Anthony B. Taylor of Little Rock, who was the originally scheduled speaker but who had to cancel due to a family emergency.

Vocare is one of the ways the diocese promotes

and supports vocations. Funds raised at Vocare – which is Latin for “to call” – contribute to the education and formation of diocesan seminarians, which the diocese covers. The funds may also be used to support any person from the diocese seeking to enter consecrated life. As of this story’s printing, Vocare 2019 had raised more than \$70,000.

“Unless we all believe, we’re not going to have vocations,” said Msgr. Friend in his keynote address, adding that “it says a lot about our faith life if you and I don’t believe.”

Msgr. Friend explained that vocations are not just about “us getting priests and religious – it’s about all of us becoming disciples.”

He credited seminarians for their witness as they discern God’s call in their lives, since it is a reminder that “the Lord speaks not just to them, but also to us.”

Msgr. Friend thanked the Vocare guests for coming to the event and supporting vocations, despite the scandals that have plagued the Catholic Church in recent years: “As a priest, after all that’s happened, you’re willing to show up here – as a priest it fills me with joy because you’re still here.”

“The world thought that we were done,” said Msgr. Friend. “But the world doesn’t know the Catholic person – man or woman – who believes.” ■

Catholic schools gather for Mass with bishop at Owensboro Sportscenter



TINA KASEY | WKC
Students carry banners representing their respective schools prior to the start of Rainbow Mass 2019.



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC
(Left) The first reading is proclaimed by Catholic school students in both Spanish and in English.



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC
Assisted by Deacon Ken Bennett and Deacon Chris Gutiérrez, Bishop Medley celebrates Rainbow Mass on Sept. 25, 2019.

BY WKC STAFF

Every other year, all of the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Owensboro gather at Owensboro Sportscenter to have Mass with Bishop William F. Medley. Since the schools' uniforms are different colors, when they are brought together it forms a rainbow - traditionally a sign of God's promises to his people. That is why this biennial Mass has traditionally been called the "Rainbow Mass."

On Sept. 25, 2019, the schools gathered once again to celebrate the Rainbow Mass with Bishop Medley.

In his homily, Bishop Medley reminded the students, faculty, staff and parents gathered that "God loves you!"

"Every person here has been created in the image and likeness of God," said the bishop. "Each of us has unimaginable worth. In the eyes of God, we are all worthy." ■

St. Edward in Fulton presents ‘No Child Left Behind’

BY DANNY MAY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Balloon animals, face painting, bubbles blowing in the wind, hot dogs sizzling on the grill, the sound of conversation mixed with the sound of children playing on the playground, kids trying on brand-new backpacks filled with school supplies, and families picking up grocery bags filled with household items. That’s what was happening at the “No Child Left Behind” event presented by St. Edward Parish in Fulton on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Fulton City Park.

It was a group effort. Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro sent a request to parishes across the diocese for donations of new school supplies, household cleaning products, paper products and other necessities.

St. Edward’s pastor, Fr. Robert Drury, said the parish was “overwhelmed” with the response as supplies poured in from Holy Name of Jesus in Henderson, St. Thomas More in Paducah, St. Mary in Franklin, as well as donations from St. Jerome in Fancy Farm.

St. Edward volunteers sent letters to every pastor in Fulton County and South Fulton, Tenn., to extend an invitation to the event. Fliers were left at each register at the local grocery store, and the local paper, *The Current*, ran a nice article the day before the event.

On Friday evening, eight volunteers from Owensboro and Henderson joined around 15 volunteers from St. Edward for a “stuffing party” to fill the backpacks and grocery bags with supplies in preparation for the giveaway. On Saturday, people began



COURTESY OF DANNY MAY

People join hands in prayer during the Sept. 14 “No Child Left Behind” event presented by St. Edward Parish in Fulton.

showing up almost an hour before the official start of the event and never stopped coming until all 200 backpacks, 40 bibles, and 240 grocery bags were gone.

Pastor Webb, a friend of Fr. Drury’s from the ecumenical council in Fulton, opened the event with a prayer as everyone gathered in a circle and joined hands to bless the day. The family resource coordinator from Fulton Elementary School was on hand, as well as a representative from the Regional Prevention Center who had a table with brochures

and more resources for parents.

There were lots of smiles and friendly conversation in a day of “accompaniment” and community building.

St. Edward parishioners are already making plans for next year. Thanks again to all parishes who contributed to the success of No Child Left Behind. ■

Danny May is the director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life in the Diocese of Owensboro. To learn more, visit owensborodiocese.org/office-of-marriage-family-life.

Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

Durante el mes de octubre se observa el "Mes del Respeto a la Vida" en la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos. Cuando escuchamos esta frase, la mayoría de nosotros pensamos muy fácilmente en la legalización del aborto en nuestra nación comenzando en 1973 (y, en realidad, actualmente en la mayoría de las naciones). Podríamos calcular las decenas de millones de niños inocentes destruidos antes del nacimiento durante estas casi cinco décadas. La Iglesia Católica, la voz predominante en nuestra nación en defensa de la vida humana, siempre ha visto el "Mes del Respeto a la Vida" y las múltiples iniciativas Pro-Vidas como algo que abarcan una consideración más amplia que simplemente el aborto.

La Iglesia Católica, en sus principios de su doctrina social, siempre deja en claro que el aborto está mal porque representa la destrucción deliberada de la vida humana, vida que, por la autoridad bíblica y de la tradición, afirmamos que fue creada a imagen y semejanza de Dios. En el primer capítulo del libro del Génesis, el primer libro de la Biblia, en el versículo 27 dice: "Creó Dios al hombre a su imagen. A imagen de Dios lo creó. Varón y mujer los creó". Se podría decir que gran parte del resto de las Escrituras se convierten en notas al pie de este versículo fundamental. Si bien todo lo que Dios creó es bueno y sagrado, las Escrituras siempre reafirman la creación del hombre y la mujer como la cumbre de la creación. Cuando la Iglesia habla sobre temas de la vida humana, su enseñanza fluye de la verdad de que todos los seres humanos, sin excepción, han sido creados a imagen de Dios. Hablamos de esto como reflejo de una ética coherente de vida.

La amplitud de la enseñanza de la Iglesia con re-

specto a la vida humana a veces se ha comparado con una prenda sin costuras, evocando un pasaje de las Escrituras de Juan 19,23 donde se observa que la túnica sin costuras de Jesús no se rasgó porque se habría vuelto inútil; rasgar una parte hubiera destruido todo. Así, los soldados echaron suertes para ver con quién quedaría la prenda.

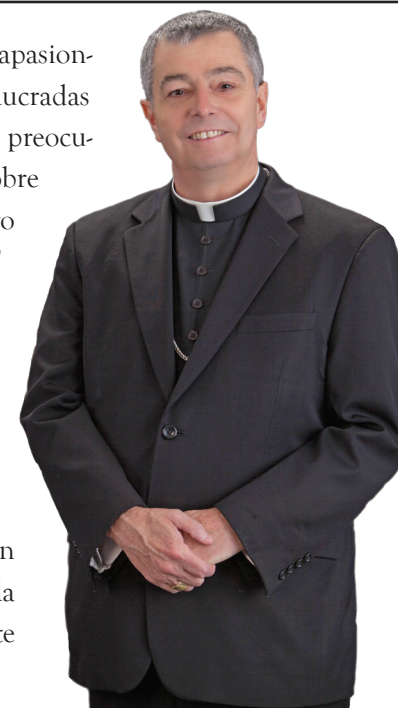
Fue el difunto Cardenal Joseph Bernardin, entonces arzobispo de Chicago, quien utilizó la imagen de la prenda sin costuras, aunque no acuñó la frase, para enseñar el alcance auténtico y amplio de la doctrina social católica sobre el valor de la vida. La filosofía de la prenda sin costuras mantiene que cuestiones como el aborto, la pena de muerte, la eutanasia, la injusticia económica, el desprecio por los refugiados y los migrantes y el cuidado de la creación exigen una aplicación coherente de los principios morales que valoran lo sagrado de la vida humana. Bernardin dijo: "La gama de cuestiones sobre la vida incluye los problemas de la genética, el aborto, la pena de muerte, la guerra moderna y el cuidado de los enfermos terminales". Bernardin dijo que, aunque cada uno de estos problemas es distinto, sin embargo, están vinculados porque la valoración y la defensa de la vida humana está en el centro de los problemas. Ahora en 2019, y siguiendo los extensos escritos de San Juan Pablo II, el Papa Emérito Benedicto XVI y el Papa Francisco, podríamos agregar razonablemente la preocupación por el medio ambiente a cuestiones importantes debido al impacto del cambio climático en la salud y el bienestar de la familia humana.

Desde su inicio, la ética coherente de vida, la imagen de la prenda sin costuras, fue atacada. Las perso-

EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA OCTUBRE 2019:

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23 DE OCT.	6 p.m. Junta de Revisión Diocesana
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27 DE OCT.	11 a.m. Misa con el Obispo Perry - Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro
28 DE OCT.	9:30 a.m. Día de reflexión con el personal diocesano

nas que estaban apasionadamente involucradas en expresar su preocupación moral sobre un aspecto u otro de esta "prenda" temían que su causa particular pudiera pasarse por alto. Es cierto que hubo personas que abogaban por poner fin a la pena de muerte



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y que, tal vez, no estaban tan preocupados por el aborto. Y personas que se oponen al aborto a menudo se quejaban porque agrupar distintas preocupaciones podría diluir la indignación adecuada por la destrucción de la vida en el útero. En mi opinión, no pudieron comprender la prenda sin costuras de lo sagrado de toda la vida.

Como sacerdote católico, predicador y maestro, siempre me parecía útil esta amplia imagen del valor de la vida humana. Tengo experiencia en ver cambiar los corazones: un oponente del aborto que viene a unirse a voces que se oponen a la pena de muerte; uno que aboga por poner fin a la pena de muerte reconociendo que la vida humana inocente en el útero debe ser protegida. Quienes con tanta razón denuncian la matanza de millones de personas cada año en el aborto llegan a reconocer que, si decimos que la vida es sagrada, ni siquiera una excepción

puede ser aceptable. El valor de la vida humana no se mide en la dignidad de la persona, sino en su origen en Dios. Toda vida humana es digna porque Dios es digno y estamos hechos en su imagen.

¿Hay un lugar para abogar por un problema en particular? Ciertamente. Por una infinidad de razones, la sensibilidad de uno se incrementa más en torno a un tema y nos unimos a ciertos grupos, escribimos cartas, desafiamos a legisladores para que nos ayuden a proteger la vida, somos testigos de ese valor en nuestras vidas.

"Creó Dios al hombre a su imagen. A imagen de Dios lo creó. Varón y mujer los creó". Si creemos esto, no destruimos ni devaluamos la vida humana. La vida en el útero no puede descartarse bajo una noción perversa de elección. Adán y Eva tuvieron una opción en el Jardín del Edén y tomaron una decisión mala y pecaminosa. No podemos tolerar a los niños

encerrados en jaulas en nombre de nuestra nación. No podemos negar a un hijo de Dios, sea joven o viejo, atención médica razonable, alimentación, vivienda y dignidad. Por difícil que sea, no podemos decidir quién vive y quién muere debido a sus fracasos y crímenes. Y no podemos continuar permitiendo que nuestro planeta, la creación de Dios, sea destruido para obtener ganancias materiales.

Toda la vida humana es creada por Dios, a imagen de Dios. Una prenda sin costuras. ■

Atentamente en Cristo,



Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

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POR CORTESÍA DE ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD

Los cinco diáconos permanentes recién ordenados y sus esposas se tomaron una foto con el Obispo William F. Medley.

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD

El 14 de septiembre de 2019, el Obispo William F. Medley ordenó el primer grupo de diáconos permanentes de la diócesis que hablan principalmente español y cuya ordenación fue específicamente con el propósito de la pastoral con los católicos latinos en el oeste de Kentucky.

Los hombres son el Diácono René Amaya de la parroquia San José en Bowling Green; el Diácono

José Blanco de la parroquia San José en Mayfield, el Diácono Baltazar Rafael de la parroquia San Miguel en Sebree, el Diácono Edwin Pacheco de la parroquia San Francisco de Asís en Guthrie y el Diácono Trinidad Soriano de la parroquia San Pedro y San Pablo en Hopkinsville.

El Obispo expresó su gratitud al P. Julio E. Barrera, al Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez, al P. Ken Mikulcik y al Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez, quienes



POR CORTESÍA DE TINA KASEY

Los cinco candidatos para el diaconado permanente se presentan ante la asamblea en la Catedral de San Esteban, mientras la gente da su afirmación con aplausos.

se encargaron de la formación de los cinco nuevos diáconos permanentes.

En su homilía en esta liturgia, el Obispo Medley les había dicho a los hombres que "muchas veces yo y otros nos hemos parado ante las asambleas para hablar con vergüenza de cómo ustedes y otros han sido tratados".

"La Iglesia Católica es siempre un lugar de bienvenida, un lugar donde todos los hijos de Dios serán tratados con dignidad, respeto y amabilidad", dijo el Obispo. "Que esto afirme que todos somos hijos de Dios; todos somos la familia de Dios".

Después de la Misa, el diácono Edwin Pacheco dijo que se sintió "muy bendecido con todas las ora-

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POR CORTESÍA DE ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD
El Obispo William F. Medley impone las manos sobre la cabeza de José Blanco, simbolizando la invocación del Espíritu Santo.



POR CORTESÍA DE ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD
Después de ordenar al diácono Edwin Pacheco, el Obispo William F. Medley abraza al nuevo diácono con un saludo fraterno de paz.



POR CORTESÍA DE ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD
El diácono recién ordenado Trinidad Soriano bendice al P. Julio E. Barrera después de la Misa de ordenación.



POR CORTESÍA DE TINA KASEY
Después de la liturgia, el diácono René Amaya sale de la Catedral con su esposa, Sandra.

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ciones" de su comunidad parroquial de San Francisco de Asís, que lo apoyó durante todo el proceso de formación.

"Me siento muy lleno del Espíritu Santo y del amor que Dios tiene por nosotros", dijo el Diácono Pacheco. "Me está mostrando cuánto amor y misericordia tiene por nosotros".

El diácono Pacheco dijo que mientras estaba de pie ante la asamblea y ayudaba al obispo durante la liturgia, miró a la congregación y se dio cuenta de lo hambrientos que estaban todos por la Palabra de Dios.

"No sé por qué Dios me eligió, pero sé que tiene un plan y que debo responder a mi llamado y ejercer mi ministerio lo mejor que pueda", dijo el Diácono Edwin.

El Diácono Paul Bachi, un diácono permanente de habla inglesa que participó en la liturgia de or-

denación, dijo que considera que "siempre es una bendición estar en la ordenación de otros diáconos, porque entiendo todo lo que hicieron para llegar a este punto".

"Y, la belleza que les queda por delante", agregó Bachi.

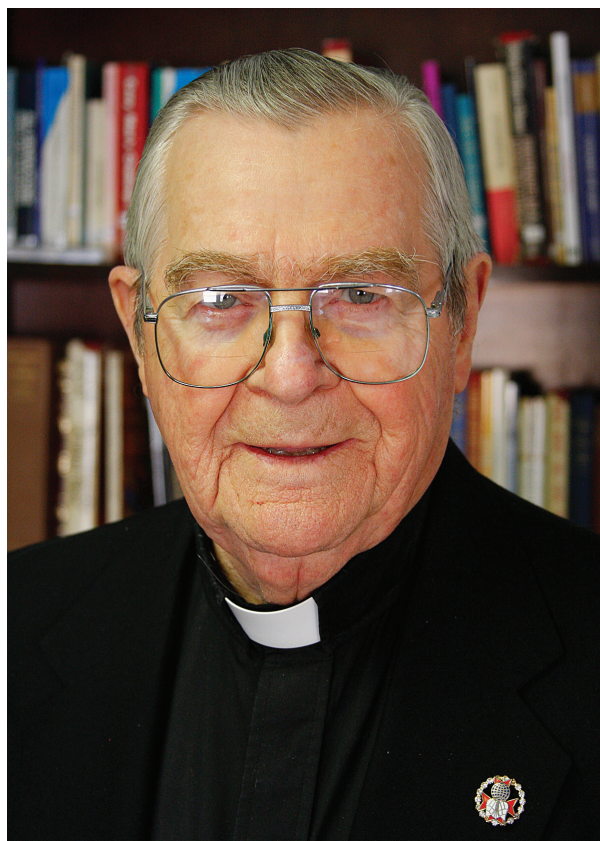
El P. Barrera le comentó al WKC que esta ordenación significa "un gran sentido de logro".

"He sido testigo de su crecimiento, su devoción", dijo sobre los nuevos diáconos, y agregó que los cinco hombres tienen "un gran corazón para el servicio".

"Son humildes y están ansiosos por servir", dijo el P. Barrera.

El P. Barrera extendió una invitación en nombre del Obispo Medley a otros hombres de habla hispana que se pongan en contacto con él si están discerniendo un llamado a la vocación del diacono permanente. ■

En memoria del P. Aloysius Powers, 1921-2019



El P. Aloysius Powers, sacerdote de la Diócesis de Owensboro, falleció el 4 de septiembre de 2019 a los 98 años. El P. Powers, originario del condado de Daviess, fue ordenado sacerdote de la diócesis el 5 de abril de 1948. Durante los 71 años como sacerdote, el P. Powers celebró muchos bautizos, primeras comuniones, confesiones, confirmaciones, bodas y unciones de enfermos. ■

Parroquias con Misas en Español

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

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

Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green

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

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

Parroquia de San José, Central City

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

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

Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Guthrie

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

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

Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin

Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

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

Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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

Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville

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

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

Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville

Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

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

Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

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

Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad,

Morgantown

Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

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

Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

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

Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 8:00 p.m.

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

Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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

Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

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

Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree

Miércoles – 12:00 p.m.

Jueves – 12:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

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

Misa Arcoíris



POR CORTESÍA DE ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD
Asistido por el Diácono Ken Bennett y el Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez, el Obispo Medley celebra la "Misa Arcoíris" el 25 de septiembre.



POR CORTESÍA DE ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD
La primera lectura es proclamada por estudiantes de las escuelas católicas en español e inglés.

Cada dos años, todas las escuelas católicas de la Diócesis de Owensboro se reúnen en el Centro Deportivo de Owensboro [Sportscenter] para celebrar una Misa juntas. Los uniformes de las escuelas son de diferentes colores, y cuando se juntan forman un arcoíris, tradicionalmente un signo de las promesas de Dios a su pueblo, razón por la cual esta Misa bienal se llama la "Misa Arcoíris". El 25 de septiembre de 2019, las escuelas se reunieron una vez más para celebrar la Misa Arcoíris con el Obispo William F. Medley. ■



POR CORTESÍA DE ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD

Mons. Scott Friend, director de vocaciones de la Diócesis de Little Rock, Arkansas, habló el 20 de septiembre de 2019 en el evento anual Vocare de la Diócesis de Owensboro, que recauda fondos para la formación de los seminaristas. En su discurso principal, Mons. Friend dijo que para que las vocaciones crezcan en cualquier diócesis, "todos tenemos que creer". Instó a los invitados a rezar para que los jóvenes escuchen el llamado de Dios en sus vidas. ■