



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013



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**ARISE SEASON 2 SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING**  
JANUARY 27 - 30, 2013

DATE	TIME	PLACE
SUNDAY January 27	6:30 - 8:30 PM	St. Joseph BOWLING GREEN
MONDAY January 28	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Christ the King MADISONVILLE
TUESDAY January 29	10:00 AM - NOON	St. Joseph LEITCHFIELD
TUESDAY January 29	6:30 - 8:30 PM	Immaculate Parish OWENSBORO
WEDNESDAY January 30	6:30 - 8:30 PM	St. Thomas More PADUCAH

## Bishops Urge Catholics To Pray For Life, Marriage, Religious Liberty

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Catholic bishops have launched a pastoral strategy addressing critical life, marriage and religious liberty concerns. The five-part strategy or call to prayer was approved by the bishops in November and is set to begin after Christmas. The overall focus is to invite Catholics to pray for rebuilding a culture favorable to life and marriage and for increased protections of religious liberty.

Campaign components include monthly Eucharistic holy hours in cathedrals and parishes, daily family rosary, special Prayers of the Faithful at all Masses, fasting and abstinence on Fridays, and the second observance of a Fortnight for Freedom.

"The pastoral strategy is essentially a call and encouragement to prayer and sacrifice—it's meant to be simple," said Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco, chairman of the bishops' Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage. "It's not meant to be another program but rather part of a movement for Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty, which engages the New Evangelization and can be incorporated into the Year of Faith. Life, Marriage, and Religious Liberty are not only foundational to Catholic social teaching but also fundamental to the good of society," he said.

For details of the strategy, a website with resources from the USCCB is available at: [www.usccb.org/life-marriage-liberty](http://www.usccb.org/life-marriage-liberty).



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## Cardinal Dolan Offers Prayers For Families, Victims Of Connecticut School Shooting

Violence shatters peace of all  
Prays that peace that passes  
understanding is with them  
All called to work for peace in homes,  
streets, world

WASHINGTON—Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, offered prayers and sympathy for the victims of the shooting in the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, Dec. 14.

His statement follows. "The shooting tragedy at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut wrenches the hearts of all people. The tragedy of innocent people dying through violence shatters the peace of all.

"At this time, we pledge especially our prayerful support to the Diocese of Bridgeport and the community of Newtown as they cope with this almost unbearable sorrow. We pray that the peace that passes understanding be with them as they deal with the injuries they have sustained and with the deaths of their beautiful children.

"Once again we speak against the culture of violence infecting our country even as we prepare to welcome the Prince of Peace at Christmas. All of us are called to work for peace in our homes, our streets and our world, now more than ever.

"In the shadow of this shooting, may we know that God's sacrificial love sustains us and may those pained so deeply by this tragedy experience that care in their own hearts."

Blessed are the pure in heart



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Matthew 5:8

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## New Year's Resolutions!



Most Reverend  
William F.  
Medley, Bishop  
of Owensboro

My Dear Friends,  
New Year's Resolutions! I have no idea where the idea of New Year's Resolutions might have originated, but my guess would be that the concept may have been a part of human consciousness before the advent of modern calendars. After all, it is a constitutive dimension of being human that we want to improve ourselves. Birthdays and anniversaries often trigger a few resolutions for us.

Now we know that many of us make the same or at least similar resolutions year after year, because the human inclination to backslide is at least as strong as the instinct to improve. We can beat ourselves up over this, or celebrate the optimism that we will try again.

Allow me to offer a few suggestions for resolutions for 2013.

**Pray.** Pray more. Pray better. Whatever your prayer scorecard might show, I would bet that it could be improved. If formal prayer is just not something you do very often, set a goal of just a few minutes a day, or even a few minutes a week. If you do have habits of prayer, how might these habits be improved? Pray specifically for a special intention: for an increase in priestly and religious vocations, for greater respect for life in our nation; for the monthly intention of the Holy Father. ([www.apostleshipofprayer.net](http://www.apostleshipofprayer.net))

Find your rosary and commit to praying it frequently.

**An act of charity.** Our lives are busy but someone is waiting to experience an act of kindness. Many of us certainly have opportunities to perform these acts of charity with family and friends but perhaps our resolution can point us to someone beyond our personal circle of friends and acquaintances. Visit someone in a hospital or nursing home, write a card or letter to someone in prison.

**Reconciliation.** Many Catholics have gone years since their last confession. Maybe in this year of faith some can rediscover the grace and power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Beyond the sacramental, consider reaching out to be reconciled with someone from whom you have been distanced.

**Invest in your faith.** Join a scripture study or prayer group, or read the Bible alone. If you did not participate in your parish's ARISE program last year, join this spring. If you did participate, invite someone to go with you this year.

The list of ideas can go on and on. If February or March comes around and the resolutions are not holding, declare another New Year's Day and try again.

May God bless you all.  
Yours in Christ,

+Most Reverend William F. Medley,  
Bishop of Owensboro

## Be a Part of the History Making 40th March for Life 1-25-13

The Diocesan Gospel of Life Committee is sponsoring a trip to the 40th March for Life in Washington D.C in late January 2013. The Toby Tours bus trip will feature a departure from the Catholic Pastoral Center at 8:00pm on Jan. 23, a two night stay at the Washington D. C. Hyatt Regency Hotel near Capitol Hill, attendance at the Mass for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in the evening of Jan 24th, and participation in the March for Life Rally and the March itself on Jan. 25th. Return home will be late on Jan. 26th or early morning Jan. 27th.

The cost of the trip is \$250 for those youth 18 or younger, or \$300 for adults. Payment is due January 10, 2013, payable to the Diocese of Owensboro. For more information, please call Richard Murphy at 270/683-1545, or email him at [richard.murphy@pastoral.org](mailto:richard.murphy@pastoral.org).

## USSCB Communications Joins Call For Updates To Kids' Online Privacy Protections

WASHINGTON—A broad coalition of child advocacy, health, parents, privacy, and consumer organizations—including the Communications Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Heart Association, and the American Psychological Association and Consumers Union—has released a letter to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to express strong support for proposed updates to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA).

COPPA was passed by Congress in 1998 and is designed to enable parents to decide how and whether Internet com-

panies and operators can collect and use personal information from their children under the age of 13.

The FTC is considering the first updates to the COPPA rules, which were established in 2000. The December 13 letter says that "rapid expansion of digital media during the last decade, data collection and marketing practices have become increasingly sophisticated and much less transparent, undermining the ability of parents to make meaningful decisions for protecting their children's privacy and safety." The letter describes the proposed updates to the COPPA rules as "not only essential, but also urgent."

## Commemorative Mass For Life Tuesday January 22, 2013

12:00 Noon St Stephen Cathedral



Come join us as we mark the 40th year since the U.S. Supreme Court decision took away all legal protection for the life of the unborn child. Now over 55 million children have died. All are invited to remember these children as we pray for their mothers, fathers, families and our nation.  
- Gospel of Life Committee, Diocese of Owensboro

### Prayer to Christ Unborn

Dear Lord Jesus, in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, before your birth, you filled the unborn John the Baptist with the joy of the Holy Spirit. Inspire us to see you in every unborn child. Grant us the perseverance to defend vulnerable human life from abortion, abandonment, experimentation, and all violations. Fill us with the reverence for the moment of your Incarnation in Nazareth when the Word became flesh. Amen.

## Bishop Medley's Calendar for January 2013:

January 2	11-2:00 p.m.	Seminarian Luncheon/Gathering, St. Margaret Chapel, Henderson
January 4	9:00 a.m.	Catholics at the Capital Regional Meeting, Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
January 6 - 10		Region V Bishops Retreat, New Orleans, LA
January 12	9:00 a.m.	Catholics at the Capital, Regional Meeting, Sts Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville
	5:00 p.m.	Dinner with the NET team
January 14 - 17		Priest Convocation, Lake Barkley
January 19	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation, Sacred Heart, Russellville
January 21 - 26		Episcopal Leadership Workshop, Orlando, FL
January 27	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation, Sts Joseph and Paul, Owensboro
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Mary Magdalene, Owensboro
January 28	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Schools Week Mass, Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
January 29	10:00 a.m.	Catholic Schools Week Mass, St. Mary School System, Paducah
January 30	8:00 a.m.	Catholic Schools Week Mass, St. Mary of the Woods & Trinity High School, Whitesville
	6:00 p.m.	Owensboro East Deanery Faith Formation Mass/Gathering, Blessed Mother, Owensboro

## Father Leonard Alvey's Lifelong Practice of Virtue Kept Him Vigilant To Meet The Bridegroom

Many times a priest's homily for a Mass not only opens up the Scriptures, but many homilies are excellent oratory, enlightening listeners about the topic and being delivered with a gracious style and imparting such a positive response among listeners that they ask for a copy of the priest's homily. This is why *The Western Kentucky Catholic* has asked Father Larry Hostetter to grant permission to print his homily for the funeral Mass for Father Leonard Alvey. Thank you, Father Larry, for your uplifting words.

**Homily, Fr. Leonard Alvey, funeral—  
November 28, 2012**

**By Father Larry Hostetter**

I know of few people who are as prepared to meet the Bridegroom as Fr. Leonard Alvey was. As I mentioned last night, Fr. Leonard was a man who, in his priestly ministry, touched the lives of countless people as witnessed by the many messages we've received at Brescia, the friends and family who came by the Brescia chapel yesterday and by all of you who are gathered here today to say goodbye. To his family, his nieces and nephews, his brother-in-law and most especially his sister Pauline, please accept our deepest sympathy and our promise of solidarity in prayer. To his friends, in the laity and among the priests, but notably the sisters at Brescia who worked with him, prayed with him, and shared meals with him, especially Sr. Vivian Bowles, Sr. Helena Fischer and Sr. Rose Jean Powers, we all know that this is a great loss to you, a loss keenly felt by all of us at Brescia. Fr. Leonard embodied what we call the Brescia Difference and the University will not be the same without him.

Right about now, I can hear Fr. Leonard reminding me that the homily at his funeral mass is not only supposed to be about him, but about Jesus and the Good News he preached. He would want us to break open God's word and preach the message of Jesus as he had faithfully done since his ordination in 1958. For his life was dedicated to the truth, the study of truth and the proclamation of truth,

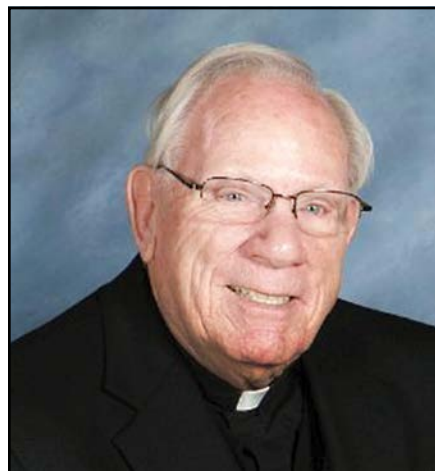
especially in the person of Jesus Christ. And so let's turn to the gospel.

In the reading from Matthew we hear again the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins. Their job was to meet the bridegroom who apparently was on his way to pick up his bride and then begin the wedding festivities. Their task included being prepared with lamps lit with oil. The wise ones brought extra oil while the foolish only the oil that was in their lamps. So, when the bridegroom was delayed the foolish virgins ran out of oil, while the wise ones had plenty and were prepared to meet the bridegroom when he finally arrived. We all know the story; the wise virgins were admitted into the wedding feast, while the foolish ones were denied entry. This parable has been used many times to remind Christians of the importance of being ready for the coming of the Lord, especially in our death.

As the key to being ready seems to be the oil that was in such short supply, it makes sense that we should ask, what does this oil represent? In a broad way, of course, the oil represents our readiness for Jesus. But in our parable, the oil is fuel for fire or light, and so more specifically we can say that the oil represents the spiritual fuel that generates the internal fire or light of the Christian. But what is the nature of this spiritual oil that fuels the light of Christ in the Christian. Our tradition would say that this oil is a combination of God's grace and moral virtue. Now God's grace is freely given, but virtue is something we have to work at. We do have to be open to receiving God's grace, but we really can't do anything to earn it. Virtues, however, are those good habits of the Christian character, which, when combined with grace keep the light of Christ burning brightly and ready us to receive the Lord when he comes.

If you remember, I said earlier that I know of few people who are as prepared to meet the Bridegroom as was Fr. Leonard Alvey, and even though I don't think he would want to be the central topic of the homily, I do think, given his own readiness to meet the Lord, it only seems right that we take a look at his life and the

## Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Rev. Leonard Alvey, 79, Who Died Nov. 24, 2012



**Father Leonard Alvey**

Rev. Leonard Leslie Alvey of Owensboro, Ky., 79, died at the Brescia University campus on Saturday, November 24, 2012. He attended seminary at St. Meinrad, Ind., before receiving his B.A. in Philosophy from St. Mary's in Baltimore, Md. He pursued additional studies at St. Maur's in South Union, Ky. He earned an M.A. in Philosophy and completed doctoral studies except for the dissertation from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He also earned an Ed.S. in Counselor Education and Student Personnel Services from Western Kentucky University.

Fr. Alvey served as assistant pastor at St. Stephen's Cathedral (Owensboro) and St. Thomas More (Paducah, where he was also chaplain of Lourdes Hospital); he was pastor of Sacred Heart (Hickman) and St. Edward (Fulton). Over the years he was also in residence at several Owensboro/Daviess County parishes: Our Lady of Lourdes, Blessed Mother, Precious Blood, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. Martin. However, he devoted most of his life to education, serving at Owensboro Catholic High School from 1966-68 and at Brescia College/University from 1971 until the present, where he was Associate Professor of Philosophy and Co-Director of the University Counseling Center until his retirement in 2009. He continued part-time ministry at Brescia as Professor Emeritus until his death. An avid reader, Fr. Alvey donated so many books to the

University library over the years that in 2003 the library was renamed in his honor. He also served as University chaplain and a spiritual advisor to many students.

In addition to his teaching and counseling duties at Brescia, Fr. Alvey was active in numerous other church and professional groups. For many years he served as spiritual director for Cursillo; he was an active member of the Marriage Tribunals in the Dioceses of Owensboro (1983-2012), Covington, and the Archdiocese of Louisville. He was a member of the Ethics Committees of Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, and Mercy Hospital and Owensboro Medical Health System in Owensboro. He served as president of the Owensboro Diocesan Priests' Council and a member of the Committee for the Continuing Education of Clergy. He was also active in the College Theology Society, the Kentucky Association of Counseling, and the Kentucky Philosophical Society.

Fr. Alvey was a lifetime Associate of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, with whom he shared his passion for education and for Brescia. He served the Ursulines for many years as a wise and faithful confessor as well as a devoted friend.

Fr. Alvey is preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Martine Weaver Alvey; brother William Joseph Alvey (Tell City, Ind.); and sister Irene Hildenbrand (Jasper, Ind.). He is survived by his sister Pauline Barton of Pierceton, Ind.; brother-in-law Jerome Hildenbrand; nine nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews.

Services were held on Nov. 28, 2012 at St. Stephen's Cathedral, with Bishop William Medley, Bishop Emeritus John McRaith, and priests of the Diocese of Owensboro officiating. Burial followed in Mount St. Joseph Ursuline Convent Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to Brescia University, 717 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301, or the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

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virtues he practiced to see how we might be better prepared and ready to receive the Lord. Four virtues stand out in Fr. Leonard's life.

First, Humility. Humility is a basic attitude of recognizing that before God we are absolutely poor and only in God do we have the fullness of being. Personally I can't think of many who have a more powerful intellect than Fr. Leonard. His knowledge was vast; he was adept with languages, and could speak intelligently on nearly every topic. Yet the predominant impression that Fr. Leonard left on others was not that of being in the presence of an intellectual giant, but of someone who was interested in what you had to say. In fact, Fr. Leonard believed that he could always learn more and that learning could come from anyone. His favorite theologian was St. Thomas Aquinas and he understood well Aquinas's desire, near the end of his life and after a mystical vision, to burn all his work

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because what he had seen in that vision made his own work and knowledge seem as only straw. Fr. Leonard's humility was rooted in his belief that his own learning was just a tiny scratch on the surface of God's eternal mystery.

Second, Generosity. In his long career as a priest and as a professor, another virtue lived by Fr. Leonard was generosity. This virtue is perhaps most evident in his donations to the library. Sr. Judy, our librarian, estimates that he easily donated 10,000 books to the library named in his honor. This generosity, however, wasn't limited to material things, but was also evident in how he lived his life. Fr. Leonard was always available to anyone who needed him, whether it was with a student who needed additional help, someone who needed him as a counselor, or a fellow priest who needed a substitute in his parish. And he was generous in his intellectual life. As you know, Fr. Leonard was a voracious reader and pursued



**Offertory of the Funeral Liturgy for Father Leonard Alvey. Gift-Bearers were Fr. Alvey's nieces and nieces-in-law. Mel Howard Photo**

knowledge with energy and passion. But this quest for knowledge was never for its sake. It was always meant to be shared, with his students first, and then with anyone who would listen.

Third, faithfulness. A priest since 1958 and a professor at Brescia since 1971, Fr. Leonard's life was guided by the virtue of faithfulness. In a world in which distraction and constant change is common, to have someone who remains constant in their commitments is inspiring and almost counter-cultural. Fr. Leonard was faithful to his priesthood, his academic profession, and to his work as a counselor, but more importantly he was faithful to people especially his students, family and friends

And the fourth virtue. Learning. Fr. Leonard will be remembered as a man of learning. I imagine he pursued truth with the same fervor that the Bridegroom in our parable had in his pursuit of his bride. While a Catholic theologian and philosopher, Fr. Leonard never limited himself to only reading Catholic authors. He read everyone from every conceivable subject all in a quest to learn as much as possible. If you ever need proof of the immortal nature of the human soul, then you only need look at the collection of Fr. Leonard's library. The knowledge in those books far exceeds the capacity of one man to learn, but there was still a desire

to learn even though it came with a recognition that this desire would never be fulfilled in this life. I suspect, for Fr. Leonard, the fulfillment of that desire will be one of the joys of heaven. I can see him now sitting with the great doctors of the Church, Augustine, Aquinas, Hildegard and Teresa, and I'm sure Angela Merici, chatting them up and wearing them out with his questions

The gospel of today reminds us that that all of us are called to be ready for the coming of Christ, specifically by making sure that our light is burning brightly to welcome the Bridegroom when he comes. To make sure that light is burning we need to be open to God's grace and we need to lead virtuous lives.

In Father Leonard it's easy to see that he was someone who was open to God's grace and someone who lived a life of virtue, especially humility, generosity, faithfulness and learning. Because of that, Christian hope gives us the consolation of believing that Fr. Leonard's light is now joined to the eternal light of God's glory. And we can be sure to speed him along with our own prayers.

So, it would not be a bad idea to model our own lives after those same virtues. And in doing so, we too stand a good chance, with grace, of being ready for the day when the Lord calls us to our own eternal destiny.



**The Brescia University Moore Scholars were Honorary Pallbearers for the Funeral Liturgy of Father Leonard Alvey. Pictured here, the group got together in the Cathedral Narthex awaiting the Mass's processional. They are : Megan Baize, Kristin Miller,**

**Chase Carrico, Glenn Cox, Abigail Riney, Evan Bickerstaff, Mary Kathryn McClure, Alexxis Ross-Logan, Marketa Kreuzingerova, Julianna Whitfill. Not pictured: Allison Tucker. Mel Howard Photo**



### Christ the King, Scottsville

The first Mass in Allen County, KY was celebrated in 1964 by Fr. Ray Berthiaume, Glenmary priest, in the “Scottsville Chapel,” a mobile home. Religious education classes were held in a parishioner’s home and the trailer was placed on our current location in January 1965. In 1967 a new church building was constructed and Christ the King Catholic Church began.

In 2004, Christ the King parish had over 50 families and had reached near capacity in the existing worship space. A three year plan was set in motion to replace the old facility with a new combined chapel and fellowship hall – two years to raise needed funds and one year for construction.

Construction began in April 2008 and completed in time to celebrate the dedication on November 23, 2008 – Christ the King Sunday. The old worship space was converted into five classrooms for religious education. A steeple on the new church was added in November 2009.

Christ the King began as a Glenmary Mission church and remains a Glenmary Mission church today. As the parish looks to the future, it sees much to be hopeful for in the parish community. The seeds planted long ago have taken root and continue to grow.

**Christ the King Parish**  
 298 Bluegrass Drive, Scottsville, KY  
 42164-0463 270-237-440  
<http://www.scottsvilleky.catholicweb.com/>  
**Mass Schedule**  
**Sunday: 11 a.m.**



### Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam

On the first Sunday of Lent in 1958, Father Hancock started offering Mass every Sunday at a parishioner’s home at the southern edge of Beaver Dam. In the fall of that year a house on Main Street in Beaver Dam was purchased by the Diocese for the purpose of establishing some permanent church residence. At this time there were about 10 practicing Catholics. When the coal industry came into the county the number of Catholics began to increase due to families moving in for work.

In 1961, Bishop Soenneker asked the Glenmary Home Missioners if they would assume pastoral responsibility for Ohio County. In 1963, Bishop Soenneker arranged for the purchase of what is now the permanent location of Holy Redeemer Church. On September 11, 1966, Holy Redeemer was formally dedicated by

Bishop Soenneker. The number of Catholics in the county began to slowly increase and now has about 200 members that come to the weekend Masses that are now offered on Saturday and Sunday.

This parish has never had a Catholic school but it does have outstanding teachers to bring an understanding of the Catholic Faith to the children every Sunday except in the summer when school is out. Holy Redeemer also have a large Vacation Bible School every year during the summer and it has increased each year.

**Holy Redeemer Parish**  
 13th & Madison Streets  
 Beaver Dam, KY 42320  
 270-274-3414

[http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish\\_id=94](http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=94)

**Mass Schedule**  
**Saturday: 4 p.m. - English; 5 p.m. - Spanish**  
**Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - English**

## Proclamation Of The Date Of Easter

This proclamation is to be sung on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. After the singing of the Gospel, the deacon or cantor may chant the following. For chant notation, please see the Roman Missal, Appendix, pages 1448-1449.

### The Announcement Of Easter And The Movable Feasts

Know, dear brethren, [brothers and sisters], that as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God’s mercy we announce to you also the joy of his resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the thirteenth day of February, will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the thirty-first day of March, you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twelfth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the nineteenth day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the second day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the first day of December, the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.



*St. Stephen, pray for us.*

**Correction:** A nephew of Father Richard Madden Clements called in to say that his uncle’s name was incorrectly listed in the November, 2012 article about Blessed Mother Parish. The second pastor of Blessed Mother Parish was Father Richard Madden Clements, not Fr. Richard Payne Clements.

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**Call: 270-683-1545 ext.346.**



## Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

About 250 families enlisted from the core of St. Joseph Church set forth under the 1967 decree of Bishop Henry Soeneker to establish the second parish in Bowling Green. Dedicated to the Holy Spirit, the first Mass in a new facility was celebrated on Thanksgiving Day three years later.

Growth was so pronounced through the years that efforts were undertaken to expand the original facility. With the blessing of Bishop McRaith and Sister Joseph Angela Boone (Chancellor), property was purchased in 2004 and groundbreaking and construction initiated in 2008.

At the moment the sun broke through a blinding snowstorm on December 12, 2010, over 1,500 of the faithful and visitors celebrated as the new Church was dedicated by Bishop William Medley. Unique in the new Church are three symbols of the Holy Trinity: a large, bronze

Transcendent Christ crucifix behind the Altar with symbolic flames of the Holy Spirit descending to take Christ to the Father, and a Risen Christ above the entrance into the narthex. Many items of art and liturgy so generously given by parishioners were incorporated with gratitude into the new facility. The Spirit of God is directing the parish every step of our faith journey!

**Holy Spirit Parish**  
4754 Smallhouse Road  
Bowling Green, KY 42104  
270-842-7777

<http://www.holyspiritcatholic.org/>

**Mass Schedule**  
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m.



*St. Stephen, pray for us.*



## Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

The first Mass celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes was on September 6, 1959. Bishop Francis Cotton appointed Father Victor Boarman as the first pastor who laid the foundation of the parish and saw it thrive. With his spiritual leadership, Father Boarman encouraged the participation of all in the activities of the parish. Lourdes quickly became one of the largest parishes in Owensboro.

The original church was the west side of the school. The rectory was built next and the school responded to its growth with a new wing and convent for the Sisters of Charity. A social hall was built behind the school in 1964 and is now used by the school. The present church was completed in 1966, and the old church was immediately renovated into classrooms for the school.

With the Owensboro Catholic Schools consolidation in 1989, Lourdes school became the site of Catherine Spalding Elementary School and is now called

OCS K-3 site. Our Lady of Lourdes Daycare began in 1986. In 1990, the parish bought the former Catholic Pastoral Center from the Diocese to use as a parish hall, offices and daycare center.

In 1997 Father John Meredith developed a summer camp, Power Week, designed to bring sixth and seventh graders closer to Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. In 1998, he started Gideon Productions, televising the parish's Saturday evening liturgy to thousands of viewers. In 2004, the parish had a capital campaign for several remodeling projects, including the addition of stained glass windows in church.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish  
4029 Frederica Street  
Owensboro, KY 42301-7459  
270-684-5369

<http://www.lourdescatholicchurch.com/>

**Mass Schedule**  
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8 a.m., 11 a.m.

## Study the Catechism at Mount Saint Joseph for Year of Faith

All are welcome to attend the monthly "Year of Faith" study sessions which begin on Jan. 10 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Participants will study the United States Catechism for Adults. Sessions will take place on the second Thursday of each month (except July) beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ending after lunch is served at 12:30 p.m. There is a \$10 fee per session. The fee for the first session is \$15, which includes the cost of



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a book. The dates of the sessions are Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, and Dec. 5.

The sessions will be led by Sister Ann McGrew and Sister Marietta Wethington. Sister Marietta has a certificate for participation in the Focus on Leadership program from the Religious

Studies Department from Gonzaga University. Sister Ann has a Master's Degree in Religious Studies from Loyola University in Chicago. To register, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206 or [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org). Find out more at [www.ursulinesmsj.org](http://www.ursulinesmsj.org) under Conference & Retreat Center.



### Precious Blood, Owensboro

Located on the western side of Owensboro, Precious Blood occupies many blocks in a rural community. The church was dedicated by Bishop Francis Cotton on September 5, 1960. The church school was opened the next day, led by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

After Vatican II the parish went through many changes. "Parish Renewal," Sunday liturgy celebration of baptisms, outdoor Masses, and large group social gatherings were characteristic of this period of history. In 1986 Sister Barbara Peterson was the first woman pastoral associate hired at the parish. The Owensboro Catholic School consolidation in 1989 changed the parish school into the Henry J. Soenneker K-6 campus. When the schools consolidated again in 2004, this location was closed.

Many changes have taken place over the years at Precious Blood, but through the wisdom and efforts of its spiritual leadership, the mission given to us by God is always in view.

#### Precious Blood Parish

3306 Fenmore Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 270-684-6888

<http://www.precious-blood.net/>

Mass Schedule: Saturday: 5 p.m.; Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.



*St. Stephen, pray for us.*



### St. Stephen, Cadiz

The first Catholic Church in Trigg County was St. Joseph Church built by German Catholics who migrated from Pennsylvania in 1872. In the area of Golden Pond, St. Joseph flourished as long as the iron mines produced. By 1910, the iron mines gave out and by 1925 St. Joseph church was closed. In 1965 the diocese sold the parish property to the Federal Government. St. Joseph Church's spirit lives on in the vibrant faith community of St. Stephen. The mission of St. Joseph was served by priests from St. Peter and Paul Church in Hopkinsville and from Mayfield, Kentucky.

In response to the increasing number of visitors to the lake region, Bishop Soenneker proposed a mission church for Trigg County in 1966.

Father Carl Glahn was directed to purchase land and to build a church. St. Stephen Church was built in 1966 at the corner of Canton Road and Allen Circle. It was dedicated August 14, 1966. The Extension Society in Chicago donated \$15,000 toward the \$27,000 construction costs. The Extension money came from a bequest of Leslie O'Brian of Chicago in honor of his brother, Stephen. Hence, the mission was placed under the protection St. Stephen, the First Martyr.

Several additions have been made to the church property, including a new vestibule to the main building in 2010 and a new steeple with church bells in 2012. Today, majority of the parishioners have migrated from northern climates to enjoy the peace and serenity of the Land between the Lakes. Many visitors come during the summer months. St. Stephen Catholic Church remains to serve the spiritual needs of many.

#### St. Stephen Parish

1698 Canton Road, Cadiz, KY 42211 270-522-3801

[http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish\\_id=158](http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=158)

Mass Schedule: Saturday: 6:30 p.m.; Sunday: 8 a.m.



## Devotion To Our Mother Mary

At left, Mrs. Gail Thompson's 4th grade class at the Owensboro Catholic Schools Elementary 4-6 Campus presented the Fatima Story as a devotion to Mary during the month of October. They did a wonderful job practicing their roles, making props, and helping with clean-up. They will always remember this story due to their hard work and practice. The picture shows the students in their costumes for the presentation. OCS Photo

## St. Susan, Elkton

St. Susan Catholic Church began with a just a few people sharing their faith together wherever they could. Mass was celebrated for the first time in a 3 ½ room duplex apartment by Father Robert Dalton, a Glenmary Missioner and associate pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Russellville, on January 12, 1964. In March of 1964 Fr. Dalton and Mr. Howard located and purchased 4 ½ acres of land with a three bedroom brick house for \$18,000 from Joyce Simon. The first Mass held on the new property was on May 30, 1964 in the old Simon house, which later became the rectory.



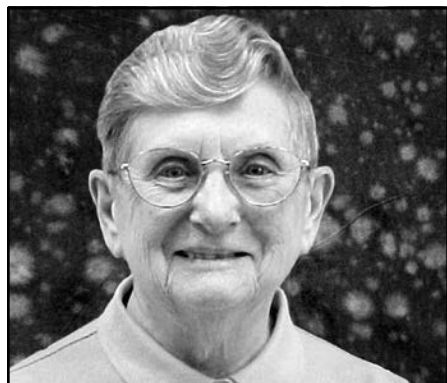
On July 25, 1965, the Glenmary Missioners left Russellville and Elkton became a separate parish along with Sts. Mary and James in Guthrie. In 1965 Fr. Dalton left and Fr. Wuest became the first resident priest ever to live in Todd County. Work on a new church building began soon after Fr. Wuest arrived in Elkton. Over the years with the presence of the Glenmary Priests and Brothers, the Community of Glenmary Sisters and their Lay Missioners, the Parish has been involved with various committees in Elkton: the multicultural Diversity Committee of the Todd County School System, the local chapter of the American Red Cross, the Senior Citizens Committee, the GED Program, the Strategic Planning Committee for the Todd County School System, sponsored the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts units in Elkton, the Ministerial Association of Elkton and the local Rotary Club. The Presence of the Catholic Church in Elkton has had a major influence over the years on the town.

The church has grown a lot over the years. The parishioners of St. Susan have come a long way since 1964, when just a few people gathered in a small duplex apartment, grew to become a large family in Christ. Although modifications have been made to the building the faith is what keeps it standing.

### St. Susan Parish

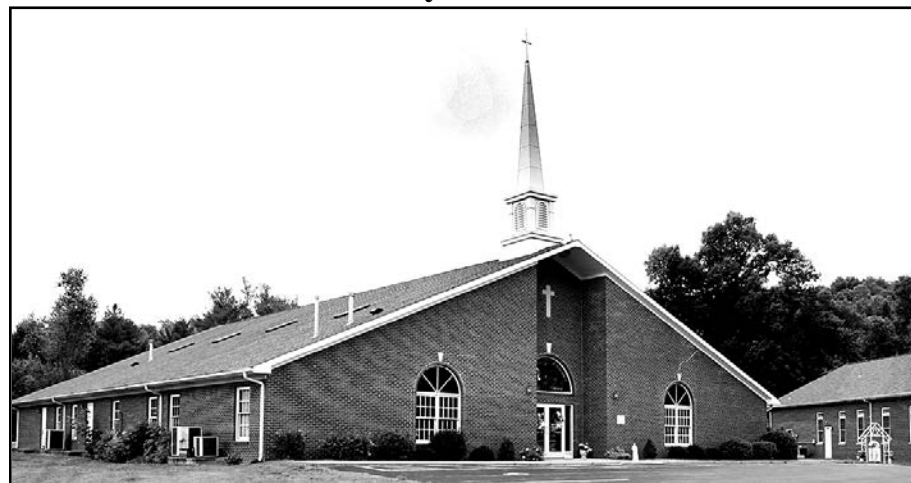
221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220-0788  
270-265-5263 <http://elktonky.catholicweb.com/index.cfm>  
Mass Schedule: Sunday: 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Spanish

## In Your Kindness, Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sister Miriam Medley, OSU,93 Who Died Nov.26



Maple Mount — Sister Miriam Medley, 93, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Nov. 26 at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 73rd year of religious life.

Sister Miriam loved to travel, loved angels and had a heart of gold to all those who knew her. A native of Loretto, she devoted 53 years of her life to education. She was the librarian at Brescia College (now University) in Owensboro from 1987-94.



## St. William of Vercelli, Marion

In the early 1960's, the campaign began to have a Catholic Church built in Marion, Kentucky, even writing a letter to Bishop Cotton inquiring about the possibility of building a Catholic Church. The first Mass was celebrated in the basement of Jim Fred and Martha Mill on August 5, 1962 at 4:00 PM with 33 in attendance. The parish was designated as a mission from St. Ambrose, of Henshaw, with Father Leonard Reisz as the first pastor. The parish was given the name Christ the King.

In June, 1963, the congregation moved to a house on the present property, which was renovated to suit the purpose. In 1966, on the feast of Christ the King, Bishop Henry Soeneker dedicated the new Church. Upon request of Mr. William O'Bryan, a major benefactor through the Catholic Extension Society of America, the name of the church was changed to St. William of Vercelli Catholic Church.

Upon this foundation the community has continued to grow, building a new, larger church in 1996 and renovating the old church into a Parish Hall. The community has grown with 209 members being welcomed through the waters of Baptism, 223 being confirmed with the power of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Seventy couples have stood in the presence of the community and God to profess their love and to enter into the sacred union of Marriage. Eighty-one members have been entrusted into the hands of God as they were laid to rest.



*St. Stephen, pray for us.*

**St. William of Vercelli Parish**  
860 South Main Street, Marion, KY 42064  
270-965-2477 [http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish\\_id=164](http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=164)  
Mass Schedule: Sunday: 11 a.m.

She taught at Cathedral School, Owensboro (1982-86) and St. Anthony School, Peonia (1945-46). She served as principal of Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Maple Mount (1960-66). Sister Miriam was also a principal and teacher for schools in the Archdiocese of Louisville and in Missouri. In addition, she was a pastoral minister at St. Paul Parish in Princeton and Resurrection Parish, Dawson Springs, from 1986-87 and in Aztec, N.M. (1994-98). She retired to the motherhouse in 1998 and was active in prayer ministry.

Survivors include a sister, Kathleen Daugherty of Louisville, nieces and nephews, and the members of her religious community.

The funeral Mass was Nov. 30 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery. Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts for Sister Miriam may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.



## BRECKINRIDGE COUNTY

AXTEL, St. Anthony The Abbot  
Vigil 6:00pm; Sunday 6:30 & 10:00 am  
CLOVERPORT, St. Rose of Lima  
Sunday: Vigil 5:00 pm, 8:00 am  
HARDINSBURG, St. Romuald  
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:00 & 10:00 am

IRVINGTON, Holy Guardian Angels - Vigil 4:00 pm(ET); Sunday 11:00 am (ET)

MCQUADY, St. Mary of the Woods  
Vigil 4:00pm; Sunday: 8:00 am

BARDWELL, St. Charles  
Sunday 10:00 am  
BEAVER DAM, Holy Redeemer  
Vigil 4:00 pm & 5:00 pm (Spanish)  
Sunday 9:30 am  
BOWLING GREEN, Holy Spirit  
Vigil 4:30 pm;  
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:30 am  
BOWLING GREEN, St. Joseph  
Vigil 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish),  
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am,  
12:30 pm (Spanish)  
BROWNS VALLEY, St. Anthony  
Vigil 6:00 pm; Sunday, 9:30 am  
CALHOUN, St. Sebastian  
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00 am  
CENTRAL CITY, St. Joseph  
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am  
CLINTON, St. Jude  
Sunday: 10:30 am  
CURDSVILLE, St. Elizabeth  
Sunday: 9:00 am  
DAWSON SPRINGS, Resurrection  
Sunday: 10:00 am  
EARLINGTON, Immac. Conception  
Sunday: 8:00 am  
ELKTON, St. Susan  
Sunday: 10:00 am, 12:00 pm  
(Spanish)  
FANCY FARM, St. Denis  
Sunday: 8:00 am  
FANCY FARM, St. Jerome  
Saturday, 5:00 pm, and Sunday 8:00  
and 10:30 am.  
FORDSVILLE, St. John the Baptist  
Sunday: 8:00 am  
FRANKLIN, St. Mary  
Vigil 5:00 pm;  
Sunday 9:00 am, 12:00 pm (Spanish)  
FULTON, St. Edward  
Sunday: 8:30 am  
GUTHRIE, Sts. Mary and James  
Vigil 6:00 pm (Spanish); Sunday:  
8:00 am

HARDIN, St. Henry  
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:30 am  
HAWESVILLE, Immac. Conception  
Vigil 5:00 pm (April-September);  
Sunday 6:00 a.m., 10:30 am  
HENDERSON, Holy Name  
Vigil 4:00 pm;  
Sunday 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 am,  
1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:30 pm (Youth)  
HICKMAN, Sacred Heart  
Vigil 5:00 pm Saturday  
HOPKINSVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul  
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,  
10:30 am, 2:00 pm (Spanish),  
10:30 pm (Spanish)  
KNOTTSVILLE, St. William Church  
Vigil 4:00 pm;  
Sunday 6:30 am, 10:00 am

## GRAYSON COUNTY

CLARKSON, ST. ELIZABETH  
Sunday 10:30 am  
GRAYSON SPRINGS.,  
ST. AUGUSTINE, Vigil 5:00 pm  
(summer), 4:00 pm (winter)  
LEITCHFIELD, ST. JOSEPH  
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am  
PEONIA, ST. ANTHONY  
Sunday 8:00 am  
ST. PAUL Saturday 5:00 pm;  
Sunday 8:30 am  
WAX, ST. BENEDICT  
Sunday: 10:00 am

LACENTER, St. Mary of the Fields  
Sunday 8:30 am  
LEWISPORT, St. Columba  
Vigil 5:00 pm (October-March);  
Sunday 8:30 am  
LIVERMORE, St. Charles Borromeo  
Sunday, 10:00 am  
MADISONVILLE, Christ the King  
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,  
10:30 am, 6:00 pm (Spanish)

## OWENSBORO:

BLESSED MOTHER  
Vigil 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:00 am,  
10:00 am, 5:30 pm (LifeTeen)  
BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL  
Sunday: 10:00 am  
The IMMACULATE PARISH  
Vigil 4:30 pm;  
Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am  
OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:00am and  
11:00 am

MARION, St. William of Vercelli  
Sunday: 11:00 am  
MAYFIELD, St. Joseph  
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,  
10:30 am, 2:00 pm (in Spanish)  
MORGANTOWN, Holy Trinity  
Sunday: 11:15 am,  
12:30 pm (Spanish)  
MURRAY, St. Leo  
Vigil 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm (Spanish),  
Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00 am  
(6:00 pm MSU Newman Center  
Mass Fall and Spring semesters)  
OAK GROVE, St. Michael Archangel  
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:30 and  
11:30 am, 2:30 pm (Latin)  
PHILPOT, St. Lawrence Church  
Sunday: 8:00 am  
PRINCETON, St. Paul  
Sunday: 10:00 am  
PROVIDENCE, Holy Cross  
Vigil 5:30 pm Saturday  
REED, St. Augustine  
Vigil 5:30 pm Sunday 8:00 am  
ROME, St. Martin  
Vigil 4:00 pm (Nov-Mar), 5:00 pm  
(Apr-Oct), Sunday 7:00 am, 8:00 pm  
RUSSELVILLE, Sacred Heart  
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 9:30 am  
SCOTTSVILLE, Christ the King  
Sunday: 11:00 am  
SEBREE, St. Michael - Saturday -  
5:00 pm; Sunday: 10:30 am,  
12:00 noon (Spanish)  
SORGHO, St. Mary Magdalene  
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,  
10:30 am  
STANLEY, St. Peter of Alcantara

PRECIOUS BLOOD Vigil 5:00 pm;  
Sunday 7:30 am and 10:30 am  
STS. JOSEPH AND PAUL  
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00  
am, 6:00 pm, 12:00 pm (Spanish),  
and 10:30 pm (Spanish)  
ST. PIUS TENTH  
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,  
11:00 am, 8:00 pm  
ST. STEPHEN CATHEDRAL  
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:00 am,  
9:00 am, 11:00 am

Vigil 4:00 pm  
Sunday 9:30 am  
ST. JOSEPH, St. Alphonsus  
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:30 am  
SUNFISH, St. John the Evangelist  
Sunday: 8:00 am  
WHITESVILLE,  
Passionist Nuns Monastery  
Sunday: 8:00 am  
WHITESVILLE,  
St. Mary of the Woods  
Vigil: 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30  
am, & 10:00 am

## PADUCAH:

ROSARY CHAPEL  
Sunday: 10:30 am  
ST. FRANCIS DE SALES  
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:30 am,  
11:00 am  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:30 am  
and 9:30 am  
ST. THOMAS MORE  
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 9:00 am &  
11:00 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

BOWLING GREEN, St. Thomas Aquinas  
Sunday: 10:00 am  
MURRAY, Newman House  
Sunday: 6:00 pm  
MOUNT ST. JOSEPH CHAPEL  
Monday - Friday 7:15 a.m.  
Sunday 11 a.m.  
OWENSBORO, The Immaculate Heart of  
Mary Chapel, Brescia University  
Sunday: 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Weekday: 7  
a.m. and 12 Noon Daily

## THE LAKES

AURORA, ST. HENRY  
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:30 am  
CADIZ, ST. STEPHEN  
Vigil 6:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am  
CALVERT CITY, ST. PIUS X  
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 10:00 am

EDDYVILLE, ST. MARK - Saturday  
Mass time Summer 6pm Winter 5pm;  
Sunday 8am all year.  
GRAND RIVERS, ST. ANTHONY  
Vigil 6:00 pm (Memorial Day through  
Labor Day) Sunday 8:00 am

## UNION COUNTY

HENSHAW, St. Ambrose  
Vigil 5:30 pm Saturday  
MORGANFIELD, St. Ann  
Vigil 4:00pm; Sunday 8:00 am and  
10:30am  
STURGIS, St. Francis Borgia  
Sunday: 9:00 am

UNIONTOWN, St. Agnes  
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,  
10:00 am  
WAVERLY, Sacred Heart  
Sunday: 8:00 am  
WAVERLY, St. Peter of Antioch  
Saturday - 4 pm, Sunday 10:00 am

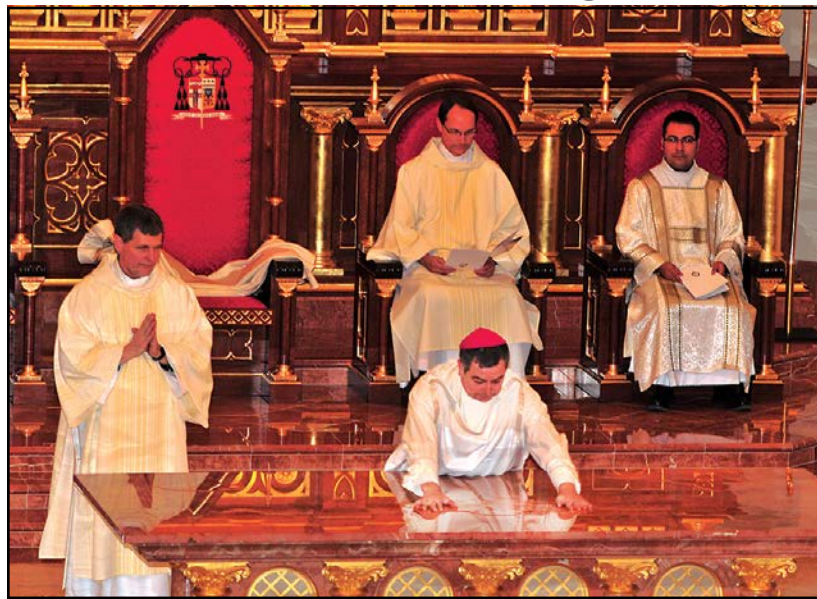
## 10 January, 2013 Cathedral Dedication of Altar and Blessing of the Renovated Church Nov 18, 2012

OWENSBORO, Ky. - After 7 years of work and preparation the day finally came! The newly renovated St Stephen's Cathedral was unveiled the weekend of November 18. Owensboro Catholic Radio broadcast live the Mass of Dedication and Blessing. 107.9 FM invited listeners to join prayers together in thanksgiving for this blessing to The Diocese of Owensboro.

Gideon Productions of Owensboro which produces the Blessed Mother Sunday Mass for TV recorded the Mass from the Cathedral Choir loft.

An overflow assembly was given hospitality in the Cathedral undercroft with seating in front of a large screen TV to share the celebration and Mass.

**Bishop William Medley anointed the altar of St. Stephen Cathedral with Chrism Nov 18, 2012 in a Mass of Dedication of the Altar and Blessing of the Renovated Church. For more**



pictures, look online at [www.rcdok.org/photos](http://www.rcdok.org/photos). Mel Howard Photos

### Stand Forever At The Lord's Table. There Your People Will Find Nourishment And Strength

*Homily Delivered by Bishop William F. Medley during the Dedication of the Altar and Blessing of the Renovated Cathedral, November 18, 2012*

From the most ancient of times and primitives of people, human beings have sought places they deemed holy. Nature and God's bountiful creation afford us our first cathedrals - venues of grandeur and majesty and peace. We still recognize these holy places as we seek out our mountaintop retreats, waterfront oasis; an open desert, or in Kentucky, a field of bluegrass or corn growing in bounty. The splendor of God's creation we naturally take for granted over time, and thus when we strive to encounter Almighty God we rightly seek to magnify that part of the natural world we encounter. We find then in most ancient of cultures the tradition of altars. In the classical and ancient Near East the altar was a place where gifts were offered to gods; it was a symbol of the hidden presence of the divine. In actuality, most primitive altars may simply have been composed of a large pile of rocks - perhaps not unlike a Boy Scout camp fire. But with a meaning rooted in faith. When Abraham sought to observe the Lord's command to sacrifice his son Isaac, it was likely on such a crude altar that he was to offer in place a ram,



**At left, the Cathedra in St. Stephen Cathedral. Above, Bishop Medley's coat of arms embroidered in the upholstery of the Cathedra.**

For Israelites these primitive altars became places of sacrifice where animals, grains and incense were offered ... the sacrifices of Cain and Abel:

Above all - across cultures - the altar was a symbol of divine presence. People built altars to remember that God had intervened in human history at a particular time and place - thus they served as memorials of the divine or to mark that place of encounter with God. Noah,

Abraham, Jacob, and Moses all built altars,

At the altar, new communion with God was achieved. Gifts were removed from the human sphere and transferred to the divine by being placed upon the altar. The gift symbolized the people who offered the gifts. Hence the altar itself and, by extension, the whole church structure, symbolized God. Gifts placed there symbolized the union of the people with God,

In ancient times this union was often explicitly expressed by blood rituals, the sacrifice of animals, and spectacularly in some cultures, even human sacrifice.

For Israelites, the altar was less a utilitarian object than a sacred symbol of the encounter between God and man. Placing such emphasis on their altar they often forgot that the altar was not holy in and of itself; but only because it was a symbol of the living God. They often slipped into pagan practices, and the prophets scolded them for multiplying altars.

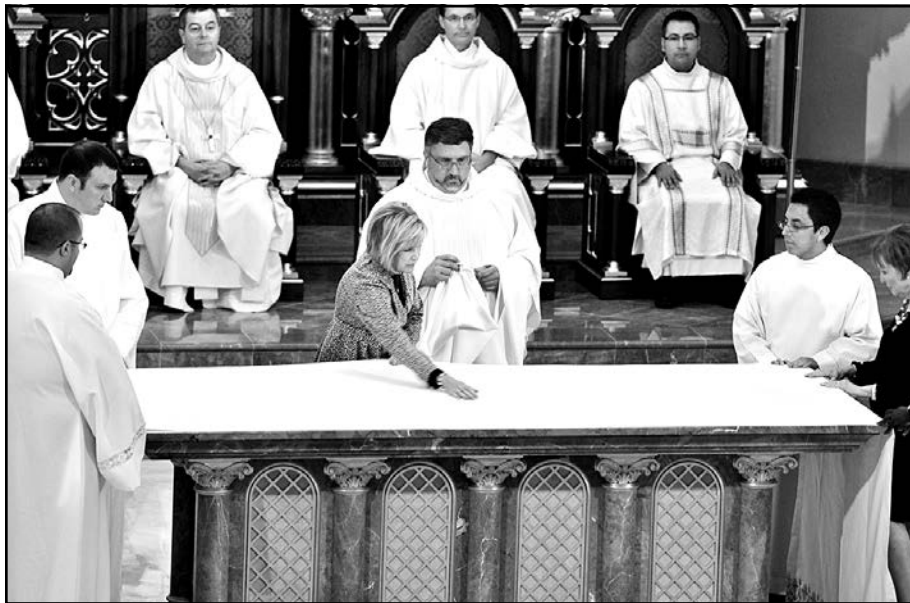
In the New Testament era, it is by altar and God symbolized by the altar that gifts are sanctified. To approach the altar for sacrifice is to draw near to God. If one's worship is to be worthy, this cannot be done with anger in one's heart. Thus the admonition of today's Gospel passage that if we approach the altar without first being reconciled with our brothers and sisters then we must halt and resolve this first. In the liturgy we signify this command by calling for an exchange of the sign of peace before coming to the altar.

Jesus ended the worship of the Israelites. No longer were animal sacrifices sought or desired. Rather, Jesus' own body was and still is the new temple. He himself is our altar. He is the perfect victim offered to God. In Jesus, temple, altar, victim and priest are all one.

Christians replaced the altars of the Israelites with the table of the Lord. The image that Paul sets forth in the first letter to the Corinthians. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. You cannot gather at this table unless your presence here signifies conversion - turning away from vice and wickedness and sin. You cannot partake of this table and not be - conscious of the poor and forsaken,

It is at this table upon which Christ (symbolized by the ordained priest and in union with the whole assembly) prepares the royal wedding feast at which He feeds his guests with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. The Christian altar is the table which bears the Lamb, for upon it the sacrifice of the People of God takes place. The Christian altar is consequently the place of sacrifice upon which the perfect offering of the Lamb of God is made present and given deliverance and reconciliation of all God's people. It is at the

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**After the Anointing of the Altar by Bishop Medley, diocesan Seminarians and women of St. Stephen Cathedral Parish prepared the altar Nov. 18 under the watchful eyes of Father Larry McBride, Director of the Office of Worship. Mel Howard photos For more pictures, look online at [www.rcdok.org/photos](http://www.rcdok.org/photos).**

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Christian altar, the sacrificial table, that the Lord regularly reveals himself to affect the transforming encounter between God and God's people.

Thus the Christian altar, the place of sacrifice and the setting of the holy meal, had a profound symbolic meaning. Because of the sacred actions which are performed upon the table, the altar IS Christ, the great high priest who is the divine mediator bringing reconciliation and peace to all who partake of this holy meal.

The table, the altar is therefore a bearer of memories. To this altar Christian bring their tears and joys, their dying and their rising with Christ. In this holy place how many thousands of babies have been brought to the waters of baptism? How many little girls in white dresses and boys in dark suits have gathered to make their First Communion, thousands confirmed in faith, scores of priests ordained, couples joined in marriage? Many a soldier likely passed through these doors as the last place they called home before going off to war. Tens of thousands of hours have found men and women in prayer as their husbands, sons and daughters sacrificed for freedom in far away lands. Many a prayer has been uttered here that there would be food enough to feed a family one more day. All these dreams, prayers

and emotions find a home at the table of the Lord,

As I have read the stories of the growth and spread of the Catholic Church of western Kentucky from the earliest years of the 19th century even unto today, stories are held sacred of the faithful gathering when a priest was passing through, more often than not in someone's home. And this is not a story that ended with pioneer days. Well into the last half of the 20th century stories are recounted of Monsignor George Hancock, then chancellor of the diocese, traveling every weekend to the Land between the Lakes and pitching his tent on Saturday night to be there to have Mass on Sunday mornings. There is a placard in one of those churches recalling that "he pitched his tent among us." Monsignor Hancock represents the generosity of spirit that has marked the priests and religious who have served this diocese from the circuit riding days of Stephen Badin, Charles Nericrckx and Elisha Durbin.

Well, those who have gone before us pitched a rather fine tent here. And it is altogether fitting and proper that we repair and fortify this tent for our age and ages to come. It is a glorious edifice that has been restored. It is fitting that this blessing and re-dedication should be one of many of our jubilee events as the dio-

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## **A Pastor's Perspective**

*Printed in the Nov. 25, 2012*

*St Stephen Cathedral Parish Bulletin*

Dear Parishioners,

What can I say about last Sunday (Nov. 18, 2012 Dedication of the Altar and Blessing of the Renovated St. Stephen Church)?

I am finding it difficult to express my own feelings, as well as the sentiments of so many of you who saw the Church last Sunday – and especially those of you who participated in the dedication liturgy. In the prayer we have prayed so frequently over the past few years we say, "It is to your greater glory, as parish and Cathedral, as servants and disciples, that we strive to restore and renew this holy place." We did precisely that and did it well! It is my hope that our renovated Church will be an inspiration to all of us to pray better, to grow in our appreciation of the Mass. Invite your friends and family who are not members of the parish to come and enjoy

their Cathedral. This is truly something that we can all be proud of; all done to the greater glory of God.

There are so many people that need to be acknowledged and thanked. First of all, I am mindful of the Steering Committee that has worked for over seven years to accomplish the restoration. Many thanks to all of you who came in last week to clean and help us prepare for the celebration. The reception at the Sportscenter was hosted by our Parish Council, who did a fantastic job and provided us with a delicious meal and tasteful environment.

I should write a whole other "Perspective" acknowledging the many folks who worked tirelessly to refurbish our Undercroft. Garry and Ann Pierce led the crew and spent many a day and night cleaning, painting and decorating. On behalf of everyone in the parish, I thank each of you who devoted your time to this project. Congratulations; well done!

- Fr. John Vaughan



**While a Catholic is at home inside any Catholic Church or Chapel where the Mass is being celebrated, worshiping in one's home parish church has its own special feeling. The Cathedral renovation story includes the many days that St. Stephen Parish Sunday Masses were celebrated in the first floor meeting room of the Catholic Pastoral Center and on weekdays at Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Members of Catholic Communities in Owensboro regularly share worship space. Blessed Sacrament Chapel was exactly like home for St. Stephen parishioners attending daily Mass. In the photo here Father Brandon Williams follows the processional Cross carried by Helen Miles as daily Mass ends on Nov. 14, 2012. Mel Howard Photo**

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cese of Owensboro next month celebrates the 75th anniversary of the creation of the diocese. Now, I dare say, had someone told Bishop John McRaith or Fr. John Vaughan or their restoration committee some eight years ago that this dedication would not come until our jubilee year, they may have ceremoniously processed to the Ohio River and jumped in!

But today their merits are crowned with this beautiful Church and the assembly gathered here to pray, Fr. John, only another pastor can know the blood, the sweat and tears a priest must invest to bring to completion a day such as this, We thank you.

Apart from the altar there are numerous focal points of a cathedral church. One of these is the cathedra - the chair of the bishop. I stand at the end of a line of noble men who have sat in this chair or one like it: Francis Cotton, first bishop of Owensboro; Henry Soenneker, the second bishop of Owensboro; and John Jeremiah McRaith, the third bishop who served this Church for more than 27 years. In fact, next month it will be thirty years since he arrived to serve.

In his 27 years, so far as I know, he never once made any comment about the cathedra. After my first Mass in the Cathedral, but a few days after my ordination and installation at the Sportscenter, I commented to Fr. Vaughan, "That chair is not very comfortable." Twenty-seven years Bishop John sat there humbly.

Twenty-seven minutes and I was complaining.

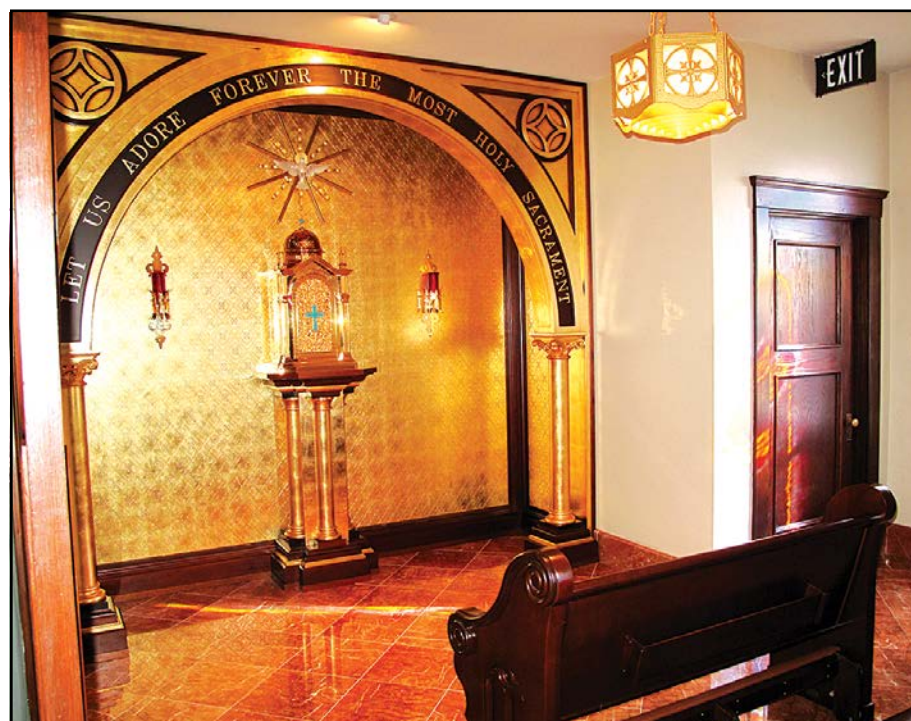
The chair, the cathedra, represents our relationship to the universal church and in particular to the Holy Father, who sits upon the chair of St. Peter. It is a beautiful chair, indeed a work of art and craftsmanship. When you look upon it - and me or any unworthy man who will sit upon it in years and decades to come, know that it signifies that we belong to something far more vast than the thirty-two counties and the seventy-nine parishes of western Kentucky. We belong to a Church universal and a kingdom not of this world,

In our Catholic tradition from most ancient of days, we have reserved the remnants of the Eucharistic banquet, first that it might always be available to take to the sick and the dying, but also for reverent worship. This tabernacle that you see, the chapel behind it - I hope you visit these today and in the future for quiet prayer. It is the holy of holies, a sacred place in a world often too profane. In creating this chapel to the glory of God, the friends of Bishop John McRaith recognize a man of humility, faith and prayer. Dedicating this chapel to Jesus Christ, ever present in the Holy Eucharist, we will mark this holy space as the Bishop John McRaith Chapel as a token of our love and appreciation. Thank you, Bishop John,

Enough talking, let us prepare to profess our faith and bless this worthy altar.  
+ **William R. Medley, November 18, 2012**



Fathers Pat Bittel and Freddy Byrd distributed Communion in the St. Stephen Undercroft Nov. 18, 2012. For more pictures, look online at [www.rcdok.org/photos](http://www.rcdok.org/photos).



The Bishop John McRaith Chapel in St. Stephen Cathedral is a sacred place for quiet prayer and Eucharistic devotion. Mel Howard photos



Diocesan seminarians, glowing in the night lights of Owensboro after the Nov. 18, 2012 Mass of Blessing and Dedication of St. Stephen Cathedral Altar and Church, held their station as altar servers while the concelebrating priests proceeded from the Cathedral.

# Standing At Calvary

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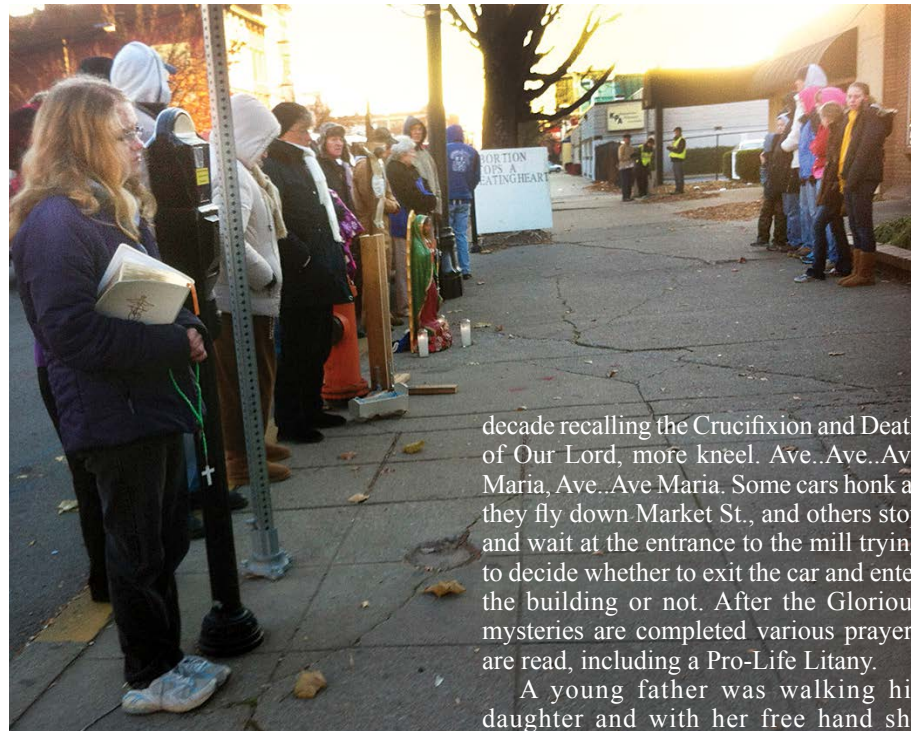


By Dr. Samuel Dunlany

At 7AM each Saturday morning a diverse group of people gather on the sidewalk in front of EMW Clinic near 2nd and Market Sts. in Louisville, KY to pray for a change of hearts about abortion. A man holding a large crucifix begins the Rosary, the first of four mysteries. The crowd grows to 50 people lining each side of the sidewalk, with the escorts huddling at the front door, donning their orange vests. The sidewalk counselors distribute pamphlets to the girls who are surrounded by the escorts as they walk down the center of the sidewalk to enter the clinic.

The prayer warriors are represented by all age groups - small children in strollers, elementary and high-school students, young couples and the elderly. Sometimes an elderly member of the Sisters of Charity sits in a folding chair, wrapped in a blanket. The escorts talk loudly at times or sing themselves, but the chant of the Rosary continues. A song refrain is sung at the end of each decade - "Ave.. Ave.. Ave Maria, Ave..Ave..Maria." The Joyful mysteries end and the Luminous mysteries begin. Often a pro-life reflection is said at the beginning of each decade.

If the girls come from across the street those blocking the sidewalk part, allowing the girl and her friends to pass through. Once an escort thanked me for stepping back voluntarily, and I responded "you're welcome" - a moment of civility in the



midst of chaos. The escorts are more numerous these days, and there are verbal exchanges between the facility workers and those who are praying. A young man stands on a small box he brought, and proceeds to proclaim in a loud voice verses from the Old and New Testaments. The Rosary continues.

At the start of the Sorrowful mysteries some people kneel on the sidewalk. At the

decade recalling the Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord, more kneel. Ave..Ave..Ave Maria, Ave..Ave Maria. Some cars honk as they fly down Market St., and others stop and wait at the entrance to the mill trying to decide whether to exit the car and enter the building or not. After the Glorious mysteries are completed various prayers are read, including a Pro-Life Litany.

A young father was walking his daughter and with her free hand she waved at all the escorts, flashing a huge smile across her face. They all returned the wave and the smile to this little girl who appeared to have Down Syndrome. A touching moment! As I left, a not-so-notice comment was scribbled on the snowy window of my car with it's Pro- Life license plate.

I have been at Ground Zero in the war between the Culture of Death and the

## Vigils in the 'Ville

Dr. Dunlany writes about these pictures he submitted: "There were approximately 35 people praying the rosary on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. In the picture at left, one can see a crucifix in a stand, a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the sidewalk, and sidewalk counselors in the distance, wearing yellow vests. The picture at top left shows the back of a counselor, the entrance to the facility, and the name of the place on the overhang at the entrance. The picture at top right shows some kneeling during the sorrowful mysteries, and in the background the facility name is noted on the window. The persons with the orange vests are the facility escorts who assist the ladies into the facility. The building adjacent to the abortion facility, in the background, is a pregnancy-resource facility, to assist those with problem pregnancies. The gentleman kneeling in the picture at top right, is from the Owensboro diocese, and is there every week. His name is Phillip, and he was recognized by Daviess County Right to Life for his prayer efforts several years ago. Submitted by Dr Sam Dunlany

Culture of Life. I have stood where the innocent die at our modern day Calvary.

*Sam Dunlany, M.D. is a Member of the Diocesan Gospel of Life Committee*

## Project Light Outreach Helps People Handle God's Money God's Way

SAINT PIUS TENTH PARISH, OWENSBORO, Ky. - The Catholics on the hill on East Highway 60 are endeavoring to be a brighter light for one another and surrounding neighbors. We have learned that others as far away as the state of Washington have heard of our efforts and are asking us to share the light with their Catholic parishes.

Saint Pius Tenth Parish has begun Project Light, a parish program to help people handle God's money God's way while reaching out and making an impact on the community. The leaders of Project Light took Dave Ramsey's Momentum classes from September 6 - November 10 and attended a Financial Peace University leadership conference in Nashville from November 14-16. 122 people (a few from outside our parish) "graduated" from the nine-week course by attending a minimum of seven classes. 116 of the "graduates" missed only one class, a good indication of the usefulness of the lessons and the entertaining way it is presented.

At the conference, we learned that Catholics comprise the third largest denomination of those who attend Financial Peace classes in other churches, so some Catholic churches are beginning to see the value in offering the classes in order to help their parishioners become better stewards of God's gifts. We learned that the average American is spending \$1.26 for every dollar he earns and that 45% of credit card holders make only the minimum payments on their credit cards. Sadly, the number one cause of divorce in North America today is money fights and money problems.

The course lays out a step by step plan to make a budget, dump debt, choose which kinds of insurance to buy and which to avoid, how to buy and sell a house, how to finance a house, and save for children's college and retirement. By making good decisions a person frees himself from bondage to lenders and can become the kind of giver that brings him true peace and joy.

St. Pius X is planning another nine-week course beginning in January and will launch a parish-wide program in September. Leaders in other parishes are welcome to join us for the whole nine week session or drop by for the first lesson to see if it's something you'd be interested in offering in your parish. All are welcome to take the lessons.

We feel enlightened and inspired by what we've learned. At "graduation" each person shared how their spending, saving, and giving habits have changed. We feel called to brighten others' lives by continuing this ministry.

For more information, contact Gary Estes 270-314-4419, [gestes@patriotgetaways.com](mailto:gestes@patriotgetaways.com); or Jonathon Estes, 270-313-2111, [jestes@emford.com](mailto:jestes@emford.com).



**Above: Members from St. Pius X Catholic Church and several guests from other churches posed with Fr. Julian Ibemere, Pastor, St. Pius X at St. Pius X Parish Hall on Thursday, November 8, 2012 during the Financial Peace University(FPU) Graduating Class ceremony.**

**Below: Members from St. Pius X Catholic Church and guests from other churches posed with Fr. Ray Clark, Spiritual Director, Passionist Monastery, Whitesville, at St. Pius X Parish Hall on Sunday, November 11, 2012 during the Financial Peace University(FPU) Graduating Class. Photos by Tom Rhodes & Lisa Cecil**



# The Mother of Mercy Reaches Out To Man's Soul From Her Image

By Dr. Mark Ginter,  
President, St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc.

Dear Handmaids and Servants of the Gardener,

Our Lady of Guadalupe heals her children. Let me tell you a story, which you have never heard before but which will sound so familiar to those of you who know the ways of the Star of the New Moral Life.

This story is true about one person, but, in these days of a civilization of deception, the dark side of this story is true about too many other persons.

A man had a flourishing career as well-known educator. He was young and creative. He was cheerful and popular. He had teachers from surrounding states coming to his labs to see the cutting-edge research that he was engaged in. He had the respect of his students and the esteem

of his colleagues. He had the endorsement of the administration.

Unfortunately, though, he also had a secret life. He was deep into pornography and could not maintain his first marriage. He began a public relationship with one of his students right after her graduation, and they began cohabiting. Although he had been married in the Church to begin with, he hardly attended Mass. He had a child from the first marriage who was baptized, but it did not mean much to have her brought up in the faith of Jesus Christ. Now, with this new girlfriend, his Catholic faith really meant very little. They got married, but it lacked the sincerity of a communion of life and love.

They had one child, but he got sterilized because he thought that he controlled his life. He wanted to advance his career, but he began to run into political roadblocks with the school administration. He became increasingly depressed and began using prescription medications to relieve the depression.

All too soon, he found himself reaching out for consolation from another student who was not a legal adult. He began hiding his contacts with her and simultaneously lost his job because of political issues not because of this illegal relationship. So, he landed another job at a bigger school with better pay at a state supposedly far away from mistakes. However, he could not run from what he had done. Law enforcement was looking for him. He was separated from his wife. His depression was deeper, and his conscience had become completely darkened.

One day, early in the morning on

Dec. 12, he walked into the cathedral in this city of the bigger school with better pay at a state supposedly far away from his mistakes. He had not been in a church in a long time, and he had never been in this particular church before. As he was sitting in a pew with his head in his hands, wondering what kind of mess he had gotten himself into, he heard the sound of music. He heard drums and guitars and singing. He saw people dancing and throwing flowers and carrying an image. It was the Virgin of Guadalupe, but he had no idea who she was. All he could see was people celebrating like he had never seen before in a church.

He couldn't understand a word that they said because he didn't speak any Spanish, but he stayed for Mass anyhow. The priest celebrating Mass spoke both Spanish and English and explained in the homily what was taking place. Then, he repeated these words which the Blessed Virgin had spoken to her servant, St. Juan Diego, on Dec. 12, 1531:

"Hear me and understand well, my son the least, that nothing should frighten or grieve you. Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything. Do not be afflicted by the illness of your uncle, who will not die now of it. Be assured that he is now cured."

Just like that, this man's hard heart melted. The words of that Star of the New Moral Life brought this man to conversion. Thank God there was a priest there who could preach, consecrate the gifts, and absolve sins. So, this man went to confession that day - the first day in years - and began a journey, a long journey, back into the Catholic Church of his childhood that continues until this day. He

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returned to the state where he committed his crimes, and he accepted responsibility for his actions. He served time in jail, and he will never be able to get another job doing what he had done so well, teach ... except maybe by the example of this story of repentance.

However, the Mother of mercy reached him in her image on the cactus apron of a Amerindian peasant, and saved his soul from the pit of hell. God gave us this image of His mother so that millions, billions even, may know His mercy and forgiveness and be saved from the hells that they live in now, even on this earth.

Let us pray, in the continuing words of Pope Blessed John Paul II:

Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, we pray to you for all the bishops, that they may lead the faithful along paths of intense Christian life, of love and humble service of God and souls.

Contemplate this immense harvest, and intercede with the Lord that He may instill a hunger for holiness in the whole people of God, and grant abundant vocations of priests and religious, strong in the faith and zealous dispensers of God's mysteries.

Virgen de Guadalupe, Madre de las Américas, te pedimos por todos los obispos, para que conduzcan a los fieles por senderos de intensa vida cristiana, de amor y de humilde servicio a Dios y a las almas.

Contempla esta inmensa mies, e intercede para que el Señor infunda hambre de santidad en todo el Pueblo de Dios, y otorgue abundantes vocaciones de sacerdotes y religiosos, fuertes en la fe y celosos dispensadores de los misterios de Dios.

God's PEACE! By God's grace, may I be mistaken someday as the Gardener's servant (Jn. 20:15).

## Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky

The 2nd annual Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky will be held at Brescia University in Owensboro Kentucky on Saturday 9 February 2013. Please join us in the quest to enrich our faith.

We are sponsoring a Catholic Men's Conference to address such issues as • What does it mean to be a Catholic Man in a secular world?

- How can we become better sons, brothers, fathers, husbands?
- Do we have an obligation to evangelize, and if so, how do we go about it?

Proudly presented by the guys at Saint Stephen Cathedral.

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Friday, February 1, 2013

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Proceeds benefit Holy Spirit Catholic Church Building Fund

## College Bound



**Congratulations to the following 7th graders in qualifying to participate in the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP)! What an accomplishment. These students qualify to take their ACT as a 7th grader! Good luck to them if they choose to participate. From left at back, Caleb Goetz (Vocabulary), Dalton Crisp (Math), Sarah Smith (Reading & Math); in front, Lexia Knight (Reading Comp) and Zachary Hardesty (Math) Submitted by Heather Howard, St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School**

## Still Time Left to Join the March for Life 2013 Trip

Forty years ago, on 1-22-73, the infamous Roe v. Wade decision was delivered by the US Supreme Court. Since that decision was made, over 54 million children have died in their mother's womb from legally allowed abortion in this country. Each year since that fateful decision, people that value life as holy and from God, have gathered in Washington to march through the streets to signal all three branches of government, that life is sacred from womb to tomb and needs to be safeguarded. We have a summons from Jesus, Himself to be His hands and feet -- to respond to His challenge to do His work on earth. You can join us this year to deliver this message in person.

Plan for the Trip:

The Gospel of Life Committee is working to set up a bus trip to and lodging in the Washington D.C. area to allow those interested in going to the March for Life to make their voices heard. Arrangements for travel will likely be with Toby Tours Bus Lines that will provide a late model bus or buses with bathroom facilities and with passenger capacity of either 47 or 55 people. Please note that the final balance due should be paid by, January 10, 2013.

The group will depart from the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro on Wednesday night at 8:00 PM on January 23, 2013, and arrive in Washington on Thursday afternoon on the 24th in time to check in at the hotel, freshen up and visit the convention in progress. The group will likely be staying at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington on Capitol Hill where the Convention takes place. On Thursday evening the group will go to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Mass for Life, and then return to the hotel that night.

In the late morning of January 25th, the group will go for a rally and the March begins at 1:00 PM. The group will stay the night of Friday, January 25 at the Hyatt. Some may have an interest in attending the March for Life's fundraising event called the Rose Dinner. Arrangements can be made to attend this event; however it will be at a cost beyond what the trip cost is listed. Please see below for details on the Rose Dinner.

The next morning January 26, 2013, the group will depart for some sightseeing of some of the monuments in the D.C. area at 8:00 AM, and about 10:00 AM will head for home. It is estimated that the group should arrive back in Owensboro in the very early morning of January 27, 2013.

**Consider Making Plans and Getting your Name on the List:** To go on the March this year please register

by January 10, 2013. The total cost per adult is \$300, and for youth age 18 or below, it is \$250. This cost includes round trip bus fare, two nights at the hotel with multiple occupancy. It does not include the cost of other meals and miscellaneous items. The cost for the Congressional Breakfast (\$35) and the Rose Dinner (\$85) are options for those going on the trip also. Please advise the planning team in your correspondence with your registration payment that you are planning to go to the Congressional Breakfast and / or the Rose Dinner so that your ticket may be purchased in advance. If a person plans to go to the Dinner the night of the event without preordering a ticket, then it will cost \$100.

The Gospel of Life Committee may have some scholarship money available. Anyone wishing to go on the March for Life, but is unable to pay the full amount can contact the Diocesan Office at the number below. Those wishing to apply are asked to write a note to explain their circumstances briefly and their Pastor is asked to confirm the need with a note as well to the Diocesan Office list below.

If you believe that you would like to

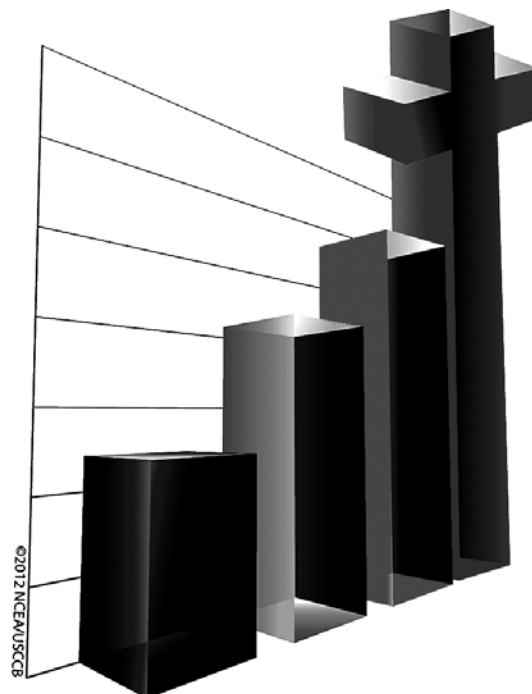
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## National Catholic Schools Week 2013

January 27 - February 2, 2013

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2013 is "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards." The annual observance starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2013 is January 27 to February 2. Schools celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and the community at large.

The 2013 theme supports the recent launch of the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools, that ensure the effective operation and responsible governance Catholic schools across the country, thus promoting high academic standards and Catholic identity. The logo designed for the week illustrates a chart of steady growth culminating in the highest achievement of all, a cross representing the faith that underscores all Catholic education.



**CATHOLIC  
SCHOOLS  
Raise the  
Standards**



# Why Catholic education?

By Father Ed Bradley

At this time of year, parents begin to ask the question: "Where will I send my son/daughter to high school?" I think it is

one of the most important decisions a parent has to make. Unfortunately, many parents let their eighth grade son/daughter make that decision. They need parental guidance.

I want to assume that all parents want the best for their children and they want to send their children to the best school available. So, why, in my opinion, is a Catholic school special and different?

First, Catholic schools offer parents the opportunity to educate their son/daughter in a school which serves as an extended family. The same values taught at home are taught in the school. Moral values are better taught in a Catholic school because there is a common agreement on what is believed and what is vital to the moral decision-making process.

In the Catholic school each student is accepted as a child of God, totally unique in all the world. No matter at what reading or math level they may be, there is a class every day that reinforces the fact that no one before, or no one to come after, will be the same as this particular student. God never repeats himself in the creation of man and woman. Because each student is created uniquely he/she requires individual attention.

At the same time he/she is taught to be a contributing member to a group. Therefore the formation of community is an important part of a Catholic school education.

The Catholic school teacher helps each student come to learn his/her own special uniqueness, and how to best express his/her talents and gifts. Catholic school teachers are paid less than public school teachers, so you know they are dedicated to their profession.

Discipline continues to be a strength of the Catholic school. Discipline that has self-control, harmony, order and a sense of purpose as goals for acceptable behavior describes the code of conduct for a Catholic school. Because of a disciplined environment, in national comparisons of standardized testing, Catholic school students continue to place well above the national average.

In the Catholic school, parents matter! Permeating the Catholic school is a sense of the spiritual, a realization that we depend upon God. Students are taught the value of both personal prayer and prayer as a community of believers. At OCHS, a weekly student body Mass is celebrated. The student learns that it is not the win-loss record of our successful sports competition that gives us school spirit; rather, it is the faith we share when we gather for the Eucharist that gives us spirit. As part of their religious training, students are taught the importance of service to others. Many opportunities are provided for the students to reach out to the poor

and hungry in our community and to anyone experiencing hardship.

Catholic schools welcome parental involvement. Parents are encouraged to keep in close contact with the teachers and to jointly monitor the progress of the student. Parents, by sacrificing to send their sons/daughters to a Catholic school, show them that education is a high priority. Through the cooperative effort of the parent-student-teacher team, students are provided the best available education, built on a firm foundation in Christian values and love for each student. The primary benefit is that parents of Catholic school students are invested in the education of their children's education. This could be because of the religious aspects or just because

of the monetary commitment. Either way, this fosters academic excellence, discipline and personal integrity in the student.

In my experience in Catholic education, there is but one con. Parents can forget about their duty to be aware of the importance of religious education in the home. They can simply assume they are fulfilling their parental duty by sending their children to a Catholic school. That feeling is a trap. As parents, they still have to talk to their children about moral issues and teach them religion at home. At Baptism, parents promise the Church that they will do all in their power to share their faith with the child being baptized. Parents are the first teachers of their children in ways

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of faith. Catholic schools exist to help parents in their duty to share their faith with their children.

I would like to close this article by quoting a student at OCHS who transferred here from a public school: "By far, the best thing I'm getting out of OCHS is the feeling of family, the feeling of belonging to a real community within a community. I really feel like people care about me. When I was in a public school, there were teachers who obviously cared, but the overall feeling was that I really didn't matter."

Your son or daughter will really matter to us at Catholic High.



On 12-12-12, students at Owensboro Catholic High School attended Mass during school time. Catholic schools routinely turn gyms into chapels for Mass. With eyes of faith, Catholic school students, faculty, parents, and friends attending a school Mass know the presence of the Communion of Saints and Jesus at such times during a school day. Above left, Father Mike Clark, pastor of St. Anthony Parish, Browns Valley, talked with servers. Above right, Fr. Ed Bradley lit the Advent Candles. After Mass, the OCHS student body remained for a prayer for those school athletes who would compete that week. Where else but in a Catholic School can a person share these prayer moments during school time? Mel Howard Photos



## Paducah Eagle Scout Project Makes Communication Better For Youth Camp

PADUCAH, Ky. - Ian LaBarge recently completed his Eagle Project in the fall of 2012. Ian envisioned, designed and supervised the construction of an outdoor graffiti board for use at Gasper River Retreat Center and Youth Camp. A graffiti board is essentially a white board that can be used at all Gasper River events to communicate information to all participants, and for campers to share messages and prayers with one another.



When it came time for Ian LaBarge to begin planning for his Eagle Project, he immediately thought of Gasper River Retreat Center. Ian, who is a member of St. Thomas More has been a frequent resident at Camp Life and has fond memories of Gasper River. "I wanted to do a project that gave something back to Gasper River for all the great things that have happened to me while I attended Camp Life," said Ian. His mom had an idea for a graffiti board, and together they came up with the design for an outdoor white board. With some help from fellow scouts from Troop 7 in Paducah, representing St. Thomas More, St. John the Evangelist, and St. Francis DeSales, Ian was able to construct and install the white board in two days. Now anyone who visits Gasper River Retreat Center can use and admire the final product.



At left, Ian standing in front of the completed project, and another with him and his helpers; Houston Babbs (STM), Kyle Johnson (St. Johns), and Parker McCoart (St Francis). Photos submitted by Matt LaBarge.

## Celebrating the World Day for Consecrated Life

February 2/3, 2013

In anticipation of this important day we wish to share with you an article explaining our contemplative life written by our novice Sr. Cecilia Maria. She will make her First Profession of Vows as a Passionist Nun February 2, 2013. Please keep her in your prayers and all those women whom God is calling to Passionist life!

Passionist Nuns, dwelling in the "cloister" of Calvary, find at the foot of the Cross not only their path to contemplative union with God, but also the means of profound interaction with their brothers and sisters on earth. Their very union with the Redeemer spurs them to share in His work of drawing all people to Himself, in practical as well as mystical ways.

Closely joined to their contemplative prayer is a life of intercession for the needs of the world; indeed, their constitutions enjoin them "to know the life of the Church and of society" in which they live, in order to hold in prayer all its varied needs. Nuns keep abreast of the world through a variety of different media and through good and reliable contacts, and can often be better informed about current events and key issues than the average American citizen!

From their very beginnings Passionist Nuns have sought to welcome others to the fountainhead of God's mercy, flowing from the wounds of Christ Crucified. They are called to be witnesses to this merciful love not only by their prayerful presence but also by their words — regularly written and



**Sr. Cecilia Maria**

spoken to family, friends, and visitors — and by their deeds.

Many monasteries have retreat-houses where others are invited to spend time at the foot of the Cross with the nuns, whose privilege and responsibility it is to minister to these retreatants. Thus the clear waters of the "sealed fountain" of Passionist monastic life (cf. Song of Songs 4:12), protected as they are by the restrictions of the cloister, are able to reach and to refresh far more souls than merely those of the nuns who dwell there.

The vocation to be a "dove in the clefts of the rock," the open side of Jesus, is certainly not restricted to any particular sort of personality or skill-set! Like all cloistered nuns, Passionists are as varied and variously gifted as any natural extended family. One finds among the brides of the Crucified extroverts and introverts, doctorates and high-school diplomas, seamstresses and construction workers and artists (and everything in between).

The unique personalities and gifts of each sister simply indicate how the Lord wills to bless the community with a sister's strengths and how the other sisters can support her in her weaknesses. Thus they enable the whole community to live out more fully the life to which they are all called! United by their love of Him who calls them into the intimacy of His love, the nuns rejoice to offer their daily lives as an oblation for the sake of God and His whole world.

To register for a retreat, see photos and learn more about our life check out our website: [www.passionistnuns.org](http://www.passionistnuns.org) and click on the BLOG.

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In 1997, John Paul II called for consecrated life to be promoted throughout the universal Church. He declared Feb-

ruary 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, to be observed as World Day for Consecrated Life (WDCL). In the United States, when February 2 is not on a Sunday, we celebrate on the Sunday after the Presentation. This year WDCL is observed on February 3, 2013 the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life invites all the Church to reflect on the role of Consecrated Life within the Christian community. Those who choose to live a consecrated life do so for the sake of the gospel. This year's WDCL theme is "Here I am, send me!"

Some Christian women and men respond to God's call to become followers of Jesus through profession of vows and a life dedicated to prayer and service. They live out the consecrated life in different ways. Religious sisters, nuns, brothers, religious priests, and monks consecrate their lives through their profession of the evangelical vows and live as part of a community. Single lay people may choose to be consecrated virgins and make private vows to the local bishop as they live out their vocation in various walks of life. Secular institutes are another form of living the consecrated life as single people. Those who become followers of Jesus through the consecrated life bless the Church.

# Saint Mary Schools Make Shoe Boxes for Operation Christmas Child

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By Jackie Hopper

PADUCAH, Ky. - For their November theme of "understanding," St. Mary High, Middle & Elementary School students participated in Operation Christmas Child. Students



"built" shoe boxes filled with items such as personal hygiene, clothing, toys, etc. - anything that they thought would delight a child and that would fit into a shoe box.

Sponsored by Samaritan Purse, Operation Christmas Child organizes churches and schools throughout the country to show God's love in a tangible way to needy children in more than 100 countries.

Classes divided into groups and began by choosing the age of a child they wanted to help, and whether they wanted to build a girl's or boy's box. After collecting all the gifts to include in their box, students added a picture of themselves and included their names and addresses so that the recipient could identify the giver(s) and reply with a thank you.

In 2012, the organization delivered its 100 millionth shoe box! Thank you, St. Mary students, for brightening this year's Christmas season for 70 boys and girls around the world.

**At left, is the van stocked with 70 shoe boxes built by St. Mary students ready to be delivered to Operation Christmas Child. Submitted by Jackie Hopper**

**"The Church's deepest nature** is expressed in her three-fold responsibility: of proclaiming the word of God (kerygma-martyria), celebrating the sacraments (leitourgia) and exercising the ministry of charity (diakonia). These duties presuppose each other and are inseparable" (Deus Caritas Est, 25).

"The service of charity is also a constitutive element of the Church's mission and an indispensable expression of her very being (cf. *ibid.*); all the faithful have the right and duty to devote themselves personally to living the new commandment that Christ left us (cf. Jn 15:12), and to offering our contemporaries not only material assistance, but also refreshment and care for their souls (cf. Deus Caritas Est, 28)."

*From Introduction of Apostolic Letter Issued 'Motu Proprio' Of The Supreme Pontiff Benedict XVI "On The Service Of Charity," Nov. 11, 2012.*

## Why We Do Food Drives

*Matthew 25:35-40  
(New American Bible)*

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.

"Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?'

"When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

"And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'"

## Lourdes Kicks Off Holiday Food Drive with Paducah Power System

PADUCAH, Ky. - For the third year in a row, Lourdes Hospital here will once again partner with Paducah Power System for their annual Stuff-The-Truck holiday food drive on Wednesday, December 5. We'll be collecting non-perishable canned goods, or dry goods, for area food pantries. You can also make a cash donation. The semi trailer will be parked in front of Lourdes from 7 am - 6 pm. All donations go to Family Service Society, Paducah Cooperative Ministry, and the Salvation Army.

**Photos at right, last year's Stuff-The-Truck donations yielded 17,104 pounds of food.**

## JUBLIEE

"For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you. You shall eat its crops out of the field." Leviticus 25:12 New American Bible.

And ... "fields were to remain uncultivated during the seventh year; whatever fruits or grains grew on their own were to be left for the poor." (from the NAB Catholic Youth Bible, p. 145)

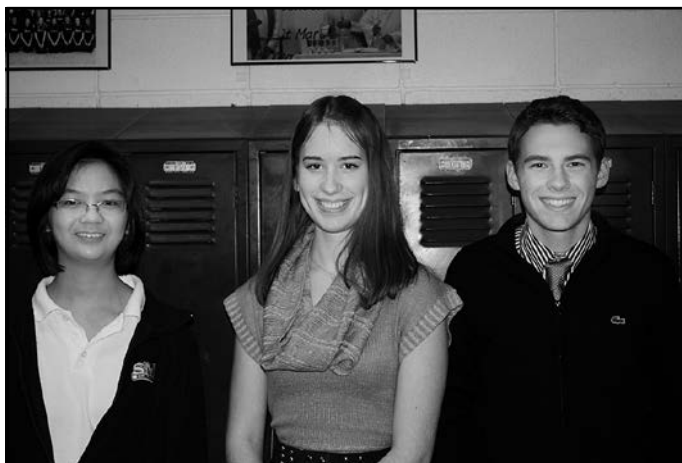


## St Mary High School Musicians Attain All State Honors



### What's Under The Hood?

Sixth Grade students from the Owensboro Catholic 4-6 Campus visited the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green to complete their study of simple and complex machines. Several students wanted to look under a 'Vette's car hood. OCS Photo



Three St. Mary High School students have been accepted for the KMEA (Kentucky Music Educators Association) All State orchestra this year. Those selected are Alyssa de la Rosa for violin, Allison Reed for cello, and James O'Rourke for bass. Auditions demand a very high level of playing with much preparation. This year, 367 high school string students throughout the state auditioned and 140 were chosen. From February 5th-9th, a very competitive seating audition will take place in Louisville, followed by an intense rehearsal, and concert. Photos submitted by Jackie Hopper



St. Mary High School Seniors, Maddie West and Andrew Durham, were chosen to participate in the KY ALL-STATE CHORUS for this year. Students are selected through an audition process by singing in a quartet, and especially sight-reading music. Both Andrew and Maddie scored above the norm in order to be accepted in the chorus. Selection is based not only on singing talents but for musicianship as well. They will participate in a three-day rehearsal and then a performance following the rehearsals in Louisville the first week of February, 2013.



### Saint Ann Saints Win Spirit Award

The St. Ann School Lego League, the Saints, competed on Saturday, December 2nd at the Owensboro Community and Technical College. The team won the Spirit Award. Teams participate in a skit, Robot Field Competition, Robot Design, and Poster Presentation Contest. Team members include: (F) Gray Greenwell, Macy Butler, Benson Greenwell: (B) Jacqueline Davis, Jaeden Rossio, Abe White, Caden Polites, and Aubrey Hancock. Team coaches are Nick Polites and Carla White. Submitted by Beth Hendrickson



### Saint Ann Spelling Bee Champions Ready For Diocesan Spelling Bee

Zedric Greenwell is the winner of the 7 & 8th grade division (left); Jaeden Rossio is the winner of the 4, 5, 6th grade division (right). Zedric represented St. Ann School in the Union County District Spelling Bee at St. Ann Parish Hall on December 10, 2012 He will also represent St. Ann School in the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held at St. Joe Catholic School in Bowling Green KY in January. Jaeden will represent the 4, 5, 6th grade division in the Diocesan Spelling Bee at St. Joseph Catholic School in Bowling Green in January, 2013. Photos submitted by Beth Hendrickson

# Trinity High School Family Prepares School For Christmas Season

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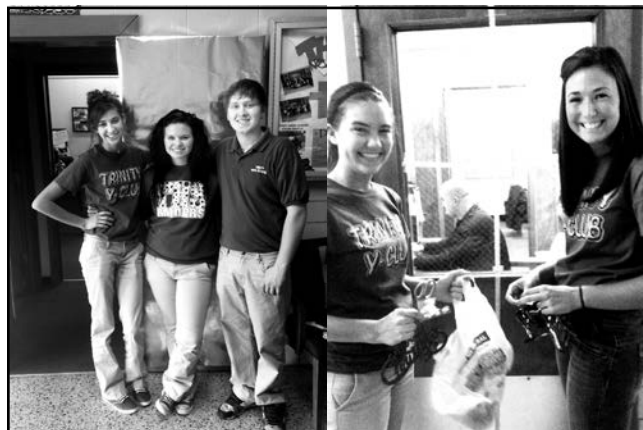
WHITESVILLE, Ky. - Christmas festivities were brewing at Trinity High School the first week of December, 2012. The Y Club "decked the halls" with trees, ribbons, wreaths and bows, and the students were caught caroling down the hall while doing so. It was hard to resist the spirit around the decor, despite the 70 degree days. Approximately 50 students stayed after school Monday, December 3rd to decorate the school. The outcome was lovely, and hopefully a place students will feel a little less stress as the exam weeks approach. The next day, Dec 4, found the Advanced Home Economics class making Christmas candy for the teachers, under the instruction of Mrs. Misty Williams. It was certainly beginning to look, feel and taste a lot like Christmas at Trinity High School.



At left, Freshmen Morgan Porter, Mollie Beatty and Haley Payne; at right, Freshmen Lauren Beyke, Daniel Morris and Blake Booker. Photos submitted by Lisa Armes



At left, Sophomores Jessica Henson, Jessica Payne, Hannah Armes and Shawna Aud; At right, Sophomores Emmie Roberts and Jennifer Haynes



The Y club decorated for Christmas after school on December 3rd. Juniors Madi Perez, and Brianna Johnson pose with senior Cory Smith; At right, Junior Kirsten Beatty and Senior Jamie Mattingly. Photos submitted by Lisa Armes



At left, Seniors Chelsea Howard and Kacey Roby; at right, Dylan Aud, Cory Smith, Nathan Huff, Lexi Aud, Kelsey Armes getting the tree ready.



Pleased with the results of all the decorating, Juniors Liza Howard, left, and Madi Perez, right, pose with Mrs. Armes, right, and Coach Riley.



In center photo above, Mrs. Misty Williams helps Kelsey Armes with the candy as Nathan Huff and Amanda Roby assist in the back.

At left center, Trinity Home Economics High School teacher Misty Williams shows a tray of freshly made Christmas candy for the school's faculty; at near left, Seniors John Morris, Dylan Aud, Max Bickett, Chris Hamilton, with Ms. Hamilton getting Christmas candy ready. Photos submitted by Lisa Armes



This group picture shows participants in the April 27, 2012 REC at the Daviess County Detention Center. Photo submitted by Dr. Bob Cinnamond

## What is REC?

By Dr. Bob Cinnamond

It seems that everywhere I go people ask me about REC. What is it? Where did it come from? Is it Catholic? Do miracles really happen there? How do I get involved?

REC stands for Residents Encounter Christ. Three Franciscan Priests started the REC movement in 1968 in a county jail in Lawrence Mass. It quickly spread to Missouri, Texas, California, and Kentucky and the retreat program is now offered in more than 20 states in the USA. The first REC in Kentucky was offered in the women's facility at Pee Wee Valley in the fall of 1968. My wife, Sharrie Cinnamond, along with the Rev. Spencer Quick, was a team member on that first REC.

REC is an ecumenical movement open to all who are interested in the Christian faith. Catholics may attend and be team members on REC retreats. The National Council of Catholic Bishops approved the movement in the 1970's.

The movement is centered on the Paschal Mystery of Christ (dying, rising, and going forth to love others) and involves a three-day retreat together with follow up grouping. The REC retreat is an adult version of the Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) retreat that several thousand young adults have attended in our diocese.

Miracles do happen on REC retreats. When we break down walls, receive forgiveness, and center on God's love for us, we begin to experience the presence of the Trinity in our lives. The grace of God and the gifts of the Holy Spirit flow into our hearts and minds and we are changed physically, mentally, and spiritually.

We all have addictions that prevent us from being completely open to the Holy Spirit. They may be drugs, alcohol, sex, pride, control, money, or even TV or the Internet. REC retreats offer us a healing from those addictions so that we can be free to love and enjoy life to the fullest.

In 2013, we will be offering six REC retreats in the Owensboro area, three at Da-

vaiess County Detention Center, two at Blessed Mother Catholic Church, and one at the prison in Central City. If you wish to attend one of these retreats or would like to start one in your area call me at 233-1510 or e-mail me at bobc@brescia.edu, or Fr. Ray Clark, our spiritual director, at 233-5714.



Dr. Bob Cinnamond



Father Ray Clark

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## You are invited to Eucharistic Adoration at Maple Mount.

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph invite you to join them for Eucharistic Adoration on the second Sunday of every month to pray for vocations.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Mother-house Chapel in Maple Mount, 8001 Cummings Road. The adoration will conclude with evening prayer with the Ursuline Sisters.

If you cannot come to the Mount for Eucharistic Adoration, pray during that time for new members to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph.

We hope you will join us!

# St. Thomas More Youth Help Those in Need

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PADUCAH, Ky. - The Lifeteen youth group at St. Thomas More, under the direction of Fr. Ryan Harpole, were looking for a way to help others in need. They had the will and the volunteers, but they needed to raise the funds necessary to help others. They decided to host a pancake breakfast, Sunday, December 2, 2012 from 8 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. to raise funds that would be used to support the annual Giving Tree and other charities they identify that require immediate assistance. Four parents joined 20 youth to serve nearly 200 parishioners to raise \$650 that will go directly to those in the community who are in need this Advent season.

In the picture at right, from left, Parents Jennifer Hodges and Scott Babbs with Lifeteen member Michaela Jones ready the kitchen.



Jordan Hein, Luke Hein, Ben Hopper, and Emily Hodges work to prepare fresh pancakes and sausage for nearly 200 parishioners. Photos and article submitted by St Thomas More Parish.

## A Word from the Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Committee on Scouting

We are committed to building and nurturing our Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing Crew members in morale character through the teaching of the Catholic faith. We further deepen this faith through recognition of those Scouts and Adult Leaders who have completed additional religious study and provided selfless service to others. We ask at this joyous time of the year that Scouts in our Diocese complete their award applications for: Light of Christ (6-7 yrs old), Parvuli Dei (8-10 yrs old), Ad Altare Dei (13-14 yrs old), and Pope Pius XII (15 yrs old to Venturing). We request by January 25, 2013 that you please send your completed applications and evaluation forms (do not send the workbooks at this time) via US Mail to: Ken Keller, 1422 Kent Place, Owensboro, Kentucky 42301.

For those Scouts who are completing their Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII awards, a board of review will be held on February 2, 2013 at the following locations: (Please make sure to bring your completed workbook completely filled out and signed by appropriate individuals and clergy to the board of review as support of your service offered.)

Owensboro Area: Blessed Mother Catholic Church, 601 E. 23rd St., Owensboro, KY 42303

Bowling Green Area: St. Joseph Catholic Church, 434 Church St, Bowling Green, KY 42104

Paducah - St. Thomas More Catholic Church, 5645 Blandville Rd, Paducah, KY 42001

In addition, if you know of an adult Scout Leader that you feel is deserving of the Bronze Pelican Award or the coveted St. George Award, please complete a nomination form and submit it via US Mail by January 18, 2013 to: Dave Ashley, 350 A.G. Daniel Road, Hartford, Kentucky 42347. The Bronze Pelican nomination form can be downloaded through our page on the Diocesan website, [www.rcdok.org](http://www.rcdok.org) and the St. George nomination form can be downloaded from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting website, [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://www.nccs-bsa.org).

The recognition of our Scouts and Adult Leaders will culminate on March 17, 2013 at the Bishop's Awards Mass. More information will be provided on this event as we get closer to the March date.



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## A SWEET CELEBRATION!!

By Melinda Prunty,

**Director, Office for Youth Ministry**  
BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - On November 16 & 17, 2012, the 3rd biennial ODYC (Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference) took place once again at the Sloan Convention Center in Bowling Green. There were a total of 368 youth, 93 adults and 2 college students registered for the event. There were also numerous other volunteers present off and on throughout the conference helping with registration, music, skits, providing for any medical emergencies and first aid and priests hearing confessions.

The theme for this year's conference was "Discipleship: Are You Fully Trained?" based on Luke 6:40: "No disciple is superior to the teacher, but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." Fr. Josh McCarty produced a great promo DVD based on the Rocky movie theme of training for a fight... only we are training for the fight of our lives!

The conference schedule included keynote talks, educational and funny skits with a message, lots of wonderful music provided by the House Band, XLT (Exalt—Adoration, a message from Fr. Steve Hohman, Praise and Worship music and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation), a choice of two workshops, exhibits and a joyful liturgy celebrated with Bishop Medley. Within the liturgy the participants witnessed the formal signing of "Letters of Intent" by Sam Rasp and Corey Bruns, freshmen at Bishop Simon Brute Seminary housed on the campus of Marian University in Indianapolis. Both of these young men promised Bishop Medley to prayerfully discern their potential call to priesthood. It was the first time this has ever been done and was a powerful witness to those present.

The conference was the Office for Youth Ministry's 75th Anniversary Event. The celebration of our diocese's birthday was concluded with a balloon drop and the distribution of ring pops. An invitation was extended to all present to attend the Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations on Saturday, December 8, 2012, beginning with Mass at the Owensboro Sportscenter followed by numerous activities at the River Park Center and tours of the newly renovated Cathedral.



**Bishop William Medley consecrating the blood at the closing Liturgy on Saturday evening after challenging the participants to prayerfully discern whether they are being called to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.**

Sydney Clouse commented, "It was a lot of fun but also a great way to get connected with God." Nicholas Fischer called ODYC 2012 "Life Changing!"

Chrissy Stevenson, Youth Minister at St. Mary Magdalene, emailed these comments: "Gotta love texting! Here's who responded to my text. These thoughts came from those who had immediate responses:

Megan Woodall- "Loved it! Best experience on a Catholic retreat ever!" Jenna Payne- "It was an amazing and moving experience. The speakers were very good and fun, i also loved the confession part. :)" Taylor Wathen- "I loved ODYC, it's a great experience to spend time with your peers, and learn more about your faith!" Caitlin Payne- "It was so amazing. My mind was blown." Georgia McMaster- "Life changing and inspiring." Blake Knott- one of the most enjoyable retreats I've been to." Marissa Elder- "The best experience I have ever experienced in my entire life"



**Cooper Ray from Baton Rouge, LA; one of the keynote speakers sharing a song and motivating participants.**

**Brian Greenfield from "Hard As Nails", one of the keynote speakers, sharing part of his story and speaking to participants about how "to be fully trained."**



**Cooper Ray's volunteers doing motions to a song. Photos by Crissy Stevenson and George Batcheldor and Fr. Joshua McCarty.**



**Raising their hands in prayer and adoration. It's all about Him!!**





Closing the conference with a balloon drop to "Celebrate the Diocese's 75th Anniversary" as a diocese. Celebrating Diocese's birthday, Dr. Terry Ward, OD held his hands up to catch a balloon. Photos by Crissy Stevenson and George Batcheldor and Fr. Joshua McCarty.

## A SWEET CELEBRATION!!

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Prayerful listening during XLT (short for Exalt---Adoration with Praise & Worship Music)



Corey Burns and Sam Rasp, Owensboro seminarians attending Simon Brute Seminary in Indianapolis, made pledges of intent with Bishop Medley to study for the priesthood at ODYC.

**Taylor Wathen- "I loved ODYC, it's a great experience to spend time with your peers, and learn more about your faith!"**

**Nicholas Fischer called ODYC 2012 "Life Changing!"**

## Join us for the Year of Faith

To help us celebrate more fully the Year of Faith, Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center is offering an opportunity to study the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults. Below are the dates.

- Jan. 10 (first session)
- Feb. 14
- March 14
- April 11
- May 9
- June 13
- Aug. 8
- Sept. 12
- Oct. 10
- Nov. 14
- Dec. 5



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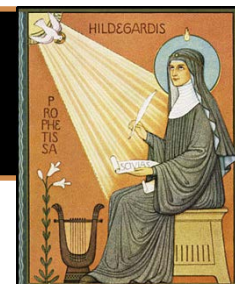
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*Sister Cheryl*

On Oct. 7, Pope Benedict XVI named St. Hildegard of Bingen a new Doctor of the Church. Hildegard joins three other women and 31 men whose life and writings are recognized as worthy teachers ("doctors") for the universal Church. Hildegard, a 12th-century Benedictine nun, was a visionary, philosopher, physician, musician, abbess, preacher, mystic, artist and church reformer. Among the many lenses through which people of faith could examine Hildegard's life and writings, this retreat weekend will focus on how and where she learned to recognize God in her life and in the Church and world as a whole.

Retreat begins at 7 p.m. Friday and ends after lunch Sunday. Fee: \$180 for residents or \$130 for commuters. Deduct 10% if paid in full by Feb. 1, 2013.

A limited number of scholarships are available. Contact Sister Ann McGrew: 270-229-0200.

To register, contact Kathy: (270) 229-0206 • kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org  
Find a brochure online at [www.ursulinesmsj.org](http://www.ursulinesmsj.org) under Conference & Retreat Center



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The St. Mary High School Drama Club presented a skit at the annual St. Thomas More Advent Wreath Making Gathering. Special thanks to SMHS drama teacher, Mrs. Rachel Gavin, for directing the students. Photo Submitted by Jackie Hopper

## Advent Celebration at St. Thomas More

PADUCAH, Ky. - Parishioners at St. Thomas More enjoyed the annual Advent celebration in the Parish Hall on Saturday, December 1, 2012 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Fr. Pat Reynolds opened the evening with a prayer and families enjoyed a light supper, making an Advent wreath, children's activities, and entertainment. This year a skit was provided by the students of St. Mary High School under the direction of Ms. Rachel Gavin. Greenery, wreath forms, and candles were provided so each family participating could mark this Most Holy Season by lighting a candle each week in anticipation of the birth of Christ.



Migueline Sunderland worked with greenery to place around her Advent wreath. Photos submitted by Missy Eckenberg



Granddaughter, Jordan Bufford and Judy Bufford add candles to their completed wreath.

### MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### January 2013

- 5 Yarn Spinners Day
- 10 Year of Faith Study of the Catechism 1st session
- 18 Zion Baptist Retreat Day
- 18-20 Retrouvaille
- 26 Bennett Memorial United Methodist Retreat Day
- 21-27 St. Meinrad Retreat Week

Center-sponsored programs are in **BOLD** type. Please call to register.

To register or to schedule an event, call Kathy McCarty: **270-229-0206**  
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#### February 2013

- 1-3 Come and See Weekend for high school girls with an interest in religious life
- 2 Yarn Spinners Day
- 9-10 Catholic Engaged
- 14 Year of Faith Study of the Catechism 2nd session
- 22-23 Women's Retreat/Chapel Hill
- 24-27 MSJ Quilter Friends

#### March 2013

- 1-3 Women's Retreat with Sister Cheryl Clemons
- 8-10 Yarn Spinners Weekend
- 9 St. Martin Confirmation
- 14 Year of Faith Study of the Catechism 3rd session
- 20 Lenten Day of Prayer
- 22-24 Spirit and Truth Women's Retreat

#### April 2013

- 11 Year of Faith Study of the Catechism 4th session
- 12-14 Secular Carmelites
- 20-21 Catholic Engaged
- 26-28 Christian Women's Retreat

### Monthly Eucharistic Adoration at Maple Mount 2nd Sunday of each month



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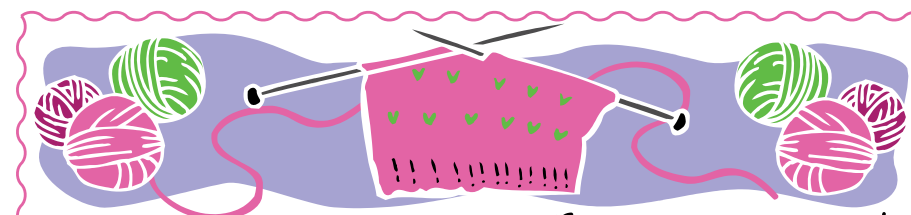
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## Advent Day of Prayer

Monsignor Bernard Powers asks participants at an Advent Day of Prayer where they are in relationship to God and Advent. Monsignor Powers returned to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on Dec. 13, 2012 to lead the Advent Day of Prayer. He has been having the annual prayer day for more than 20 years.

Photo at right:

Monsignor Powers talks to the group shortly after dumping the advertising inserts from Sunday's newspaper on the ground. "This is what Owensboro tells you that you need for Advent," he said as he scattered the ads. About 25 people attended the Advent Day of Prayer on Dec. 13, 2012 in Conference Room A at Mount



## Join us on our next Spinning Day! Saturday, January 5th

Whether you are an experienced spinner, weaver, knitter, crocheter or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the Arts at the Mount spinning gatherings at Mount Saint Joseph (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Highway 56).

Enjoy the fellowship of those who appreciate this traditional skill.

**Sessions are from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • Lunch is \$15**

The group plans to "spin, knit and talk until we're done!"

**2013 DATES: Jan. 5 • Feb. 2 • March 8-10 weekend retreat**

**• May 11 • Aug. 3 • Oct. 19 • Nov. 16**

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Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, along with some Ursuline Sisters from the Motherhouse. MSJ Photos

## “Are You a Catholic?” I proudly answered, “Yes.”

By Eddie Price

*“They wear their babies on beer.”*

*“It’s the church of idols and incense; statues and beads—the church of smells and bells.”*

*“When the Pope says ‘froggy,’ Catholics jump!”*

*“Don’t date a Catholic girl. It’s their ‘membership growth plan.’ They send out their girls to snag you—just like catching flies in molasses. The girl becomes pregnant, forces you to marry; the priest (ever ready to pounce) moves in to convert you to their world of superstitious ritualism, and your kids are raised in the Catholic Church where they grow up like blind sheep, learning to recite phrases they will never know the meaning of!”*

I had heard all of these witticisms and hundreds more: “Mackerel Snappers,” “Catlickers,” “Kneelers,” “Maryolters” and worse. Most of these were spoken in humor. And I admit that I told my share of Catholic jokes. I didn’t believe all of the misconceptions. I knew the statues were not Baptists who had wandered into a Catholic church, “captured and frozen for all eternity!”

A Baptist for over 50 years, I had always looked at the Catholic Church from the outside, even though I had Catholic friends and relatives, had taught at a Catholic school, and performed for years with “God’s Players” in Hancock County. I had sung at Catholic students’ weddings and spoken at their funerals, struck by the formality of the services. It did seem strange. But I had also taught history for 36 years and knew that the Church had exerted a tremendous, positive impact on the development of Western Europe and, ultimately, the rest of the world. Yes, mistakes were made—human errors that drew criticism and disdain, errors that caused people to leave the Church and form new denominations. But the Church reexamined itself and made changes, defining itself as a faith—all the while adhering to the Bible, the Word of God, as the ultimate source of that faith. I had always heard that “Catholics do not allow Bibles in Church!” Yet I proudly held up my own Bible in St. Columba Catholic Church in Lewisport, Kentucky where I had been asked to speak one morning after Mass. No armed guards had ordered me to “check my Bible at the door.” In fact, that Bible had been given to me by the



**Eddie Price standing before a painting of Henry Clay in the Owensboro Museum of Science and History, Dec. 2, 2012, before his talk about the time period of the War of 1812, the battle of New Orleans, and his novel of that same time period *Widder’s Landing*. Though fiction, the novel’s characters “... move along a historical timeline experiencing real events ...and real people who did exist.” These include Father Steven Theodore Badin, the only priest in Kentucky at the time, and the founding families of Saint Romuald Church, Hardinsburg, and Father Charles Nerinckx. Photo by Mel Howard**

parishioners of St. Rose of Lima when I was accepted into the church on a bright Easter morning in 2011. This Bible also contained books that had been “weeded out” by Protestants centuries earlier, books that fill in the gaps of Jewish history and carry messages every bit as profound as those in Proverbs.

How did this happen? A Baptist Sunday School teacher, Song Leader, Youth Director, Vacation Bible School teacher “defecting to the dark side of the force?” Something must have happened to him. The Catholics brainwashed him. He must have had a weak faith, or a weak personality to be so easily swayed. The Catholic ‘membership growth plan’ snagged him! Love must have muddled his mind and given him a prefrontal lobotomy. What was he thinking? How could someone “so Baptist” be “led” into such a “wrong” direction?

My answer is simple...“a Christian is a Christian is a Christian.” I spent six years examining the Catholic faith up close. My fiancée, Mary Mingus, began playing the piano for her home church, St. Rose of Lima. They desperately needed a musician on Saturday nights. She had attended my church and sung in a Christmas cantata; I helped out her choir with their music. I enjoyed the barbeques and Lenten fish suppers. I watched every part of the service, singing the Gloria and reciting the Lord’s Prayer and the Profession of Faith. I listened to the homilies—not unlike Baptist sermons. There was no “invitation” at the end of each service, something I had grown up with all my life—that all-important, life-changing decision to accept Christ as one’s personal Lord and Savior. But when Mary’s nieces and nephews began going through Confirmation, I observed how, after intensive Bible instruction, they publically proclaimed what Baptists and other faiths proclaim. It is a much more formal ceremony, taken very seriously. I had always heard that Catholic youngsters were automatons, programmed from birth to become Catholic. But I watched Mary’s brothers and sisters raising good, wholesome kids, seeing to their religious instruction as Proverbs 22:6 commands, “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

And about that Bible “Catholics do not allow.” I cannot count the mornings I drove up to Mary’s parents’ house to find Richard and Dorothy Carter on the breezeway of their back porch, reading from *The Word Among Us* with Bible close at hand. Every Saturday evening following an after-Mass meal, we worked the crossword puzzle in *Our Sunday Visitor*. Some clues required searching the Bible for the answer. Dorothy always brought out the family Bible—as well-worn as any Baptist Bible I have seen.

My “conversion” was not as dramatic as Paul’s was on the road to Damascus, no blinding lights or deep voices, but I began to feel that I could join this faith. After all, I had been worshipping God right there in St. Rose of Lima for years, offering up silent prayers for my loved ones, reflecting on my own life, and listening to the Word, (which is indeed read aloud from the Bible.) I actually was amazed at how

much scripture was read each week—three passages! And the lead-up to the Gospel reading, the Alleluia, the solemnity and importance of it all, became an almost breath-taking experience! I signed up for RCIA classes, which required a lot of reading, (again from the Bible) a lot of intensive soul-searching, and weekly workbook exercises. In all conscience, I could not go through this experience without making sure all my questions were answered and that I could accept the teachings and doctrines. The teacher and sponsors were great help, sharing their own personal experiences and answering my many questions. One night Father Greg Trawick laid out all the vestments and items used in a Catholic Mass. I learned the terms: ambo, sacramentary, lectionary, monstrance, lunette, patin, purificator, thurible, aspersory, aspergillum, and much more. Father Greg explained what role each item played in the Mass—and more importantly why. First Confession, Chrism Mass, The Rite of Sending, my first Communion, and the acceptance of my Baptist profession of faith and Baptism—all made me feel part of a dynamic and inclusive force.

I had always heard that Catholicism was a dead faith—ritualistic, repetitive, and superstitious. But history tells us a much different story. The early church grew despite horrific persecution in the days of the Roman Empire and in the wild, uncertain times after the fall of Rome. Catholic priests spread God’s word across Barbarian Europe; missionaries carried the faith across oceans to Asia, the New World and beyond. Sometimes the only institution that could provide law and order, charity, education, and stability was the Catholic “universal” church. It took sheer guts to go into a foreign land and preach to pagans with no value for human life. It defies belief how nuns and priests could walk into a village ravaged by the Black Death to bring comfort to the dead and dying. How much more dynamic can a faith get?

Incoming priests from Africa and Latin America have added a new dimension to American Catholicism. Just like some Baptists, Catholics can find fault with various aspects of their services—including the “accented English,” but this situation has existed in Kentucky from

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the very beginning. The missionary priests, Stephen Theodore Badin and Charles Nerinckx, traveled rough roads to bring the word and sacraments to widely-scattered flocks. A new bishop, Benedict Joseph Flaget, arrived in Bardstown, to head the first diocese west of the Appalachians. Father Badin and Bishop Flaget were French; Nerinckx from the Austrian Netherlands, a fugitive forced to hide from Napoleon's troops while carrying on God's work. A dead faith? Hardly! These men helped build a church and bring faith to countless Americans on the frontier. People hungry for the word and a closer relationship with God welcomed them with open arms and held them up.

We need to appreciate this faith today. The Church is under severe attack from a media seemed bent on spreading evil, and from a government that seeks to impose its will on Christian organizations, working to compel them to do things contrary to their core beliefs. We must stand together with each other, especially our new church leaders. We need to draw strength from our universality, that same universality I felt while in a hospital bed 4,000 miles away in Venice, Italy. I had suffered a ruptured intestine during the vacation of a lifetime. I woke from surgery with a very painful incision, a colostomy bag, IV's in both hands and a tube running down my nose into my throat. After several days I really began to feel despair. At my lowest moment a priest came into the room to offer a prayer and a blessing to the patients. I didn't need to understand Italian—I felt



Eddie Price signing copies of his book, *Widder's Landing*, Dec 2, for friends who thought his book a good Christmas present. Mel Howard photo

## HAPPY FOUNDATION DAY! Sisters of Charity of Nazareth



Bishop William Medley joined Archbishop Joseph Kurtz, speaking in photo at right, in celebrating the Sisters of Charity Foundation Day Dec. 2, 2012 in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville.



James Madison was president, the War of 1812 was raging — and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth was founded in Bardstown. The order celebrated their 200th Anniversary Bicentennial Liturgy at the Cathedral of the Assumption on Dec. 1, 2012 two centuries of serving the poor and helpless with a Mass at Louisville's Cathedral of the Assumption that highlighted the work it has done here and abroad. SCN Photos

## Marriage Help

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples who are disillusioned or even experiencing misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend January 18-20 call 270-683-1545 ext 346, or email: sherryvincent@insightbb.com or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org). Find us on Facebook: search Retrouvaille of Owensboro.

God's love reach out through that blessing. When he asked, "Are you a Catholic?" I proudly answered, "Yes." From that moment I began to feel better, spiritually and physically. And I felt the prayers from my church back home as they lifted me up to God. There is no more force powerful on this earth.

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## Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sheila Ann Madden, SCN, Who Died Nov. 19, 2012



Sheila Ann Madden, SCN, 90, a native of Louisville, Ky., died at Nazareth Home on Monday, November 19, 2012. She had been a Sister of Charity of Nazareth for 71 years.

Sister Sheila Ann served in Kentucky and Tennessee in elementary, secondary and collegiate education as teacher, principal, diocesan supervisor and college registrar for 41 years. In the Diocese of Owensboro, Sister served as teacher of grades 6 and 7 at St. Frances Academy from 1943-54, and again as diocesan supervisor from 1961-67.

Survivors include a sister, Dorothy Berger of Notre Dame, Ind., and her religious community. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, November 24, 2012, in St. Vincent Church, Nazareth, Ky., followed by burial in Nazareth Cemetery. Funeral Arrangements were handled by Ratterman Funeral Home, 3800 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Ky. Memorials may be made to SCN Missions, P.O. Box 9, Nazareth, KY 40048.

Congratulations to the following OCHS students who were inducted into the National Honor Society on November 28: Caroline Augenstein, Kendyl Bahnick, Joelle Boarman, Liza Brown, Mary Catherine Carter, Elizabeth Cason, Ryan Clark, Kelsey Conkright, Erin Ford, Sam Hall, Stephanie Hayden, Danielle Hogg, Haley James, Brooke Logsdon, Eric McBride, Sarah McCarthy, Simmie McCormack, Meagan Millay, Emma Miller, Alyssa Ralph, Jenna Ruth, Michael Thompson, Evan Todd, Emily Wills, Kayla Windle. OCS Photo

## From Holy Name School, Henderson, A Few Activities



In the photo at left, each year, The Henderson Rotary Club serves the community by providing new dictionaries to the third graders in Henderson County. Holy Name students Allie Vindhurst, Garrison Crawford, and Hadilynn Eblen are all smiles after receiving their books from the Rotarians this year.

At left, Seventh graders at Holy Name School attend a retreat day at St. Margaret's Chapel each year. Students break into small groups and rotate from session to session participating in planned activities centered on prayer, service, and junior high expectations. Pictured here are Molly Floyd, Emma Gillham, Riley Franks, and Belle Townsend as they await the beginning of an outdoor mass.



## Still Time Left to Join the March for Life 2013 Trip

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be part of this pilgrimage of faith, fellowship and exercise of citizenship, then please send a check payable to the Diocese of Owensboro for \$50 per registration and mail it to: Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, Attention: Richard Murphy on or before 12-10-12. All travelers are asked to have their final payments in by January 10, 2013.

If you can not go on the March, but would like to support others going, then please pray for the safety and effective witness of the pilgrims. Should you wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, please make your check payable to the Diocese of Owensboro: March for Life Fund and send it to the address listed above. Your prayerful support helps make a difference and is appreciated.

Let's go make our voices heard for the unborn to recognize their most fundamental right.

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## St. Ann Students Succeed in KYA Legislation Process



Students at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School celebrated St. Nicholas Day by attending Mass and putting their shoes outside the church doors. Since St. Nicholas was a bishop, students made and wore bishop mitres to Mass. Pictured are Fr. Richard Meredith, Fr. Daniel Dillard and 8th

grade students with their kindergarten buddies. St. Nicholas was very generous to the students (and to the adults). Their shoes were filled with sweet treats, a rosary, and a holy card. Submitted by Sarah Kranz, Principal.



Emily Greenwell was named Outstanding Delegate at KY Youth Assembly. Submitted by Beth Hendrickson, Principal

MORGANFIELD, Ky. - Eighteen students from St. Ann's School participated in the annual Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) sponsored by the YMCA of Kentucky. Students proposed bills and debated those bills at the state capitol. Bill authors were Emily Greenwell and Aubrey Hancock, and Lauren Willett, Abby Greenwell, and Taylor Clements.

The bill proposed by Willett, Greenwell, and Clements passed favorably in the Second Committees. Emily Greenwell was selected as an Outstanding Delegate for her speaking and presentation abilities.

Ashley Duckworth ran for Governor for the 2013 KYA conference and finished in the top five.

## Celebrating The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Sts. Peter and Paul School students celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12 by attending a bilingual Mass. This is a picture of our Hispanic students, all of whom attend SPPS, at the altar with a picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe that is surrounded by roses. At 5:00 a.m. that morning, many of these students participated in Las Mañanitas with a mariachi band followed by hot chocolate and sweet breads.

Photo: Front row (l-r): Emilio Acuna Reyes, Marissa Quinonez, Tony Sullivan, Tanya Sullivan, Tobias Duncan, Lucy Wilkins, Melissa Valdez, Athena Wagner, Aaron Onate; 2nd row (l-r): Nico Sullivan, Miguel Magana, Bryan Linares, Rubern Quinonez; 3rd row (l-r): Lupita Vieyra, Alma Valdez, Natalie Linares, Shyana Ethridge, Shane Ethridge. Submitted by Sarah Kranz, Principal.

## Thanksgiving Brings Joy; Two New Candidates for the Priesthood



By Larena Lawson

On the weekend after Thanksgiving, Bishop William F. Medley accepted two Candidates for the Priesthood for the Diocese of Owensboro. The Rite of Candidacy was held on Saturday, November 26, 2012, at the evening Mass at St. Stephen in Cadiz, the home parish of seminarian, Will Thompson. He, his family, and parish celebrated his acceptance as a Candidate for the Priesthood. The following day, Sunday, November 27, at the 10:30 A.M. Mass, the Rite of Candidacy was celebrated again at Precious Blood Parish in Owensboro. Their adopted son of the parish, Emmanuel Udoh, from Nigeria, was also accepted by Bishop Medley as a Candidate for the Priesthood for the diocese. Emmanuel served his pastoral year of internship working in the parish and has come to call it home. He is well loved by the parish family there. It was a great weekend of joy and thanksgiving for these young men as they continue to follow God's call in their lives. They resolved to continue to prepare their minds, hearts and spirits to give faithful and compassionate service to Christ and His Church. It was with great joy then, that Bishop Medley received them and prayed on their behalf, "May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment."



Fr Bruce McCarty, pastor of Precious Blood Church with Emmanuel Udoh.



Precious Blood parishioners greeting Emmanuel Udoh.



Emmanuel Udoh at prayer before the Mass. Larena Lawson Photos



Bishop William Medley presiding at the Nov. 27 Mass in Precious Blood Church, Owensboro. Larena Lawson Photos



Will Thompson posing with Bishop William Medley



At right, Will Thompson posing with Bishop Medley and Father Babu Kulathumkal Joseph, HGN, Pastor of St. Stephen Catholic Church, Cadiz.



Will Thompson standing to announce that he is present for the Rite of Candidacy for the Priesthood for the Diocese of Owensboro on November 26, 2012, at the evening Mass at St. Stephen in Cadiz, his home parish. Larena Lawson Photos



Will Thompson standing before Bishop Medley during the Candidacy Rite Prayers.



# Hispanic Youth Retreat Theme: The Year of Faith

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By Luis J. Aju

The office of Hispanic Youth Ministry was able to conclude the biannual Youth Retreat at Gasper River Youth Retreat Center. There was a total of about 55 youth and young adults accompanied by their Hispanic Ministers and some parents. The office of Hispanic youth ministry has made laid foundations to cultivate and develop a leadership that has different phases just like the challenges that our youth has today. These young individuals also bring with them personal encounters with God as they speak of personal conversions. The youth retreat is a way of helping our youth in their process of growing in faith.

Another key element and purpose of the retreat is to make them aware of their true vocation and to help them in finding out what they are called for and to help them carry it out with prayer and devotion. The special factors in this retreat were its presenters as they were young men and women from our own communities. By doing this we learn a lot from our kids, begin to understand their reality in a bi-cultural world they live in. May God be with the youth in our community that comes from many parts of this world.



**Two directors accompanying young people in their retreat, Spiritual Director of Hispanic Ministry P. Carmelo and the New Director of Youth Ministry in the Diocese Luis J. Aju. Both have shown an ability to foster the youth. The Diocese is covering more over its ministry; youth ministry is making progress in meeting the needs of Hispanic youth. We are in a stage of opening up more to the needs that our community has. Thanks to the Diocese for welcoming everyone. Photos submitted by Luis Aju**



Those who know the facilities within Retreats, remember these special places, because these sites we have found God, in prayer, in meditation amidst Christ always. These young people, hungry to be with Jesus. This group of young people tells us a lot. Young people are the present and the future of the Church in the Diocese of Owensboro. We all have to work hard in order not to lose the young who are the physical and spiritual energy of our communities.



**Marvin Torres, active young man of the parish of St. Joseph of Bowling Green, actively developed the technology theme, "Youth of Today: In your experience how we are to use this communication tool in a healthy and instructive way?"**



**Eligio Juc, of the parish of San Miguel, of Sebree, making his presentation at the retreat, about the miracles of Jesus today. They each expressed their experience.**



**The Mass prayers over the offerings at the Altar. All thoughts are on the celebration.**



**Our Savior's Birth** In the age of downloads, one can watch their favorite Christmas special any time that they want. But there is something special about watching a live performance of the Nativity Pageant. This year the children of St. Denis' Church in Hickman County retold the story of Our Savior's Birth for their parents and other parishioners on Sunday, December 16, 2012. The pageant included actors from the Youth Faith Formation program from preschool to high school. The younger students performed in roles such as angels and shepherds while the older students were the narrators and singers. Submitted by Sr. Ellen Frances Lenihan, SFCC



## Living Rosary

Students at Mary Carrico Catholic preparing the parking lot by drawing a huge rosary with chalk.

Students at Mary Carrico Catholic participating in their annual living rosary held on Oct 5 this year on the school parking lot. Several adults also participated. Photos by Rebecca Horn



## St. Mary Celebrates Its Patriotism with 102 Friends!

PADUCAH, Ky. - Election Day, 2012, was a day where public school students in Paducah were out of school while St. Mary students were in attendance. St. Mary School System capitalized on this opportunity by hosting "Bring a Friend to School Day." Students were encouraged to invite a friend to shadow and attend St. Mary for the day! It was viewed as a unique marketing tool with hopes that they would like it so much that they, too, would consider joining the St. Mary family!

Expectations were well-exceeded with 102 visiting students - quite a surprise when they could have chosen to "sleep in" and enjoy a day out of school. Students were well distributed across the system with 30+ students visiting each school, elementary, middle and high. Students celebrated Election Day with a mock election, and showed their patriotism by wearing Red, White, and Blue. Exit surveys were distributed, and follow-up letters were sent to all participants. Sixteen students indicated they definitely wanted to come to St. Mary; 69 said they were very interested, and 17



St. Mary first grade students showing their patriotism by wearing their Red, White, and Blue

shared that they liked their experience but were not interested in changing schools at this time.

We are hopeful that many of them will consider becoming St. Mary students in the future! It was a very successful and enjoyable day for all. St. Mary was clearly the place to be!

We are so very thankful to our priests for advertising the event, our parents for encouraging their children to participate, to the teachers for helping teach and lead the extra students, the administrators for



SMES 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Debbie Stewart, had a full house on Nov. 6 with ten visitors



St. Mary High School teacher, Laura Lambert, with her social studies class and guests on Election Day.



welcoming and directing our visitors and the entire SMSS family for a successful, collaborative effort! We were truly blessed!

8th grade students enjoyed sharing the day with their friends at St. Mary Middle School

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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**Marriage Celebrations for January 2013  
Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and Over 50  
Years of Marriage**

**Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

Robert & Dena Montgomery, 58  
William & Mary Schrecker, 54

**Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro**

William & Suzanne Blandford, 50

**Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson**

James & Sharon Drury, 51  
Forwood & Ann Hargis, 70

Guy & Frances Hogan, 51

Jerry & Charlotte Hopf, 54

Leonard & Anna Patterson, 57

Roy & Carolyn Rowley, 55

Matt & Jennifer Sauer, 25

James & Elizabeth Thomas, 60

**Holy Spirit, Bowling Green**

Mark & Janice Higdon, 40

Thomas & Evelyn Pettigrew, 40

George & Barbara Powers, 53

Harry & Constance Largen, 53

Basil & Joann Jones, 52

**Immaculate Conception, Earlington**

Bobby & Theresa May, 59

**Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

John R. & Betty Brown, 51

**Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro**

Samuel & Thelma Bell, 52

Melvin & Lois Connor, 56

Charles & Bonnie Gray, 56

Henry & Mary Jean Hodskins, 61

Jack & Wanda Hufnagel, 64

Hal & Eleanor Renshaw, 56

**Precious Blood, Owensboro**

Charles & Ann Connor, 55

James & Shirley Ellis, 55

Doug & Betty Howard, 58

George & WaNell Lanham, 40

James & Evelyn Mattingly, 60

Mike & Cloa Thompson, 53

**Sacred Heart, Waverly**

William T. & Cecilia Buckman, 50

**St. Agnes, Uniontown**

Hamel & Rose Floyd, 60

**St. Ambrose, Henshaw**

Joseph W. & Joanne Sheffer, 55

**St. Ann, Morganfield**

Donald & Peggy French, 62

**St. Anthony, Browns Valley**

Norbert & Helen Rose Smith, 53

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson**

Kerry & Victoria White, 25

**St. Francis de Sales, Paducah**

Keith & Judy Walker, 53

Michael J. & Esther Shoulta, 53

Phil & Tammy Weitlauf, 25

W. J. & Nora Word, 62

**St. Jerome, Fancy Farm**

Norman & Ginny Elliott, 58

Joseph & Alma Stahr, 56

Charles & Shirley Rowe, 55

Conrad & Rozella Spalding, 57

**St. John the Evangelist, Paducah**

Albert & Joyce Wurth, 53

**St. Joseph, Mayfield**

Jose & Felisa Blanco, 25

Denny & Nancy Hargrove, 50

Jackie & Judy Roberts, 53

James & Wanda Warner, 53

**St. Lawrence, Philpot**

James & Frances Payne, 63

Darrell & Donna Barnett, 40

Carl V. & Kay O'Bryan, 40

**St. Leo, Murray**

Paul & Roberta Herman, 50

**St. Martin, Rome**

Tony & Theresa Fischer, 25

Tom & Lucy Hines, 25

Donald & Vivian Fischer, 60

**St. Mary, Franklin**

Dr. A. V. & Kay Wilwayco, 56

Frank & Marie Farmer, 54

**St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho**

Joseph & Margie Merimee, 58

**St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady**

Harold & Jan Clements, 55

Robert & Margie Bland, 55

**St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville**

Tony & Vickie Morris, 40

Bill & Katie Christian, 53

Dan and Sue Howard, 54

Joseph & Jackie Head, 56

Elmer & Marcella Schepers, 57

**St. Peter, Waverly**

George & Rita Gayle Nelson, 54

**St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro**

Parker & Susan Driskill, 25

James & Cheryl Gerteisen, 40

Leon & Cecilia Aud, 50

Francis G. & Betty Haynes, 50

Francis & Mary Howard, 60

Michael & Audrey Clouse, 40

**St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley**

Kenneth & Martha Pendleton, 52

James & Patty Settles, 53

William J. & Lillian Young, 59

James & Mary Keller, 56

**St. Romuald, Hardinsburg**

Jerry & Pamela Raymer, 40

Mack & Dolores Mattingly, 54

Jimmy & Mary Rita Whitworth, 54

**St. Stephen, Cadiz**

Richard & Jane Pauze, 54

William & Maxine Hobbs, 52



## Trinity Seniors Honored By WKU

Four Trinity High School seniors were honored on Dec. 5, 2012 by Western Kentucky University for receiving ACT scores that were above 28. They were offered full tuition to WKU as well as admission into the honors program once paperwork is completed. The seniors are Kelsey Armes, Kayla Barr, Cory Smith and Jessica Beyke. Submitted by Lisa Armes.

**St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro**

Norman & Betty Coomes, 64

James R. & Mary Ann Clouse, 53

**St. Thomas More, Paducah**

Kurt & Staci Averill, 25

Chris & Jennifer Hodges, 25

Robert & Carolyn Murphey, 40

Bernie & Connie Hermann, 60

Douglas & Elizabeth Edwards, 64

Harold & Elizabeth Connor, 67

**St. William, Knottsville**

James & Linda Hamilton, 55

**St. William of Vercelli, Marion**

Allen & Arlene Summers, 55

Mike & Anne Laughlin, 51

**Sts. Joseph & Paul, Hopkinsville**

John & Laura Wells, 25

Thomas & Judy Hamilton, 40

Charles C. & Bonnie Gray, 56

**Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville**

Levi & Margaret Peterson, 54

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## Diocese Celebrates 75th Jubilee

OWENSBORO, Ky. - More than 2,500 members of the 79 parishes of the Diocese of Owensboro came here to participate in the Mass for the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception and to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the diocese. A procession of parish banners entering the Sportscenter started the celebration. Diocesan Chancellor Kevin Kauffeld said of the banners, "... when I was standing in line with Mr. Brooks from Blessed Sacrament parish and he was telling me how honored he felt to process in with his flag ..." All the banner carriers moved forward steadily around the Sportscenter floor, announcing the life and faith of each of the parishes as the Diocese of Owensboro began the first day of its 76th year.

"A jubilee is a time to look forward, to say are we leaving the foundation that the next generation will build their faith upon," said Bishop William Medley. The 75th Jubilee celebration was a time for bringing together people from all 32 counties of the diocese to celebrate as one local church. The presence of the thousands of people, some of whom traveled three hours to get there, showed a sense of unity and a dedication to the diocesan church united with our Bishop William F. Medley.

People seemed happy to be at the Mass and also at the Riverpark Center, sharing the lunch, the music in Woodward Cafe and in Cannon Hall, the photo booth, the carolers' songs, the craft center for children, and the multimedia presentation on a large screen of the dining room entitled, "*Freely You Have Received, Freely Give: 75 Years of the Diocese of Owensboro*, similar to the title of a forthcoming commemorative book produced by Diocesan Archivist Sarah Patterson. Printed by Editions du Signe, *Freely You Have Received, Freely Give* would be sent in late December or January from the printer directly to the parishes which already have taken orders for the books.

Shown here are pictures of the celebration. For more pictures of the Dec. 8, 2012 75th Jubilee Celebration of the Diocese of Owensboro look online at [www.rcdok.org](http://www.rcdok.org).

Following is a text of the homily given by Bishop William F. Medley for the Dec. 8, 2012 Mass in the Sportscenter:

### "Hail, Full of Grace"

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jubilee 75 - Diocese of Owensboro, December 8, 2012**

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

The greeting of the Angel Gabriel to Mary we must remember happened in the most humble, the most unlikely of places. Mary, herself but a young girl, lived in an outpost called Nazareth. Nazareth was so insignificant a village that it did not even appear on the maps of the day.

Yet this greeting stands out as one of the most incredible proclamations to be found in all of scripture; one of the most celebrated salutations of human history.

"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

Understandably Mary was unsettled. Luke's gospel said she was troubled, that she pondered what sort of greeting this might be. But Gabriel, doing God's bidding, was quick to speak on behalf of God: "Do not be afraid, Mary. For you have found favor with God."

For a woman of faith, even a very young woman, to believe that she had found favor with God was not a great leap. Mary would have known the myriad stories of the Old Testament of men and women who had experienced God's favor, who had been sustained through vocations as prophets to be true to God's call.

But Mary was attentive. Gabriel was not announcing any ordinary vocation from God. Mary heard the announcement that she would conceive and bear a child who



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would be called great and would be called Son of the Most High.

So Mary prudently raised questions, "How can this be?" But Gabriel was a powerful messenger and quick to reassure Mary of God's love and concern and that "nothing is impossible for God."

The Annunciation of Mary may indeed be the most wondrous announcement of human history. But it stands amid stories of all ages – even unto our own day.

We are heirs of these profound announcements and blessings. And such graciousness of God did not end in Biblical times. Pioneer men and women came first to the fledgling colonies of North America to find a home where their religious liberty might be assured. These frontier families came over mountains and traversed rivers to a wilderness land — not because it was necessarily a land flowing with milk and honey – but a land where they could worship God and practice their faith. Bands of these hearty Catholic pioneers were es-

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**Glenmay Sisters Bernadette Hengstebeck and Sharon Miller, President, sing during the Dec. 8 Mass in the Sportscenter.**

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establishing Catholic communities decades before there was even a remote assurance that a priest might be available to come and serve in their midst. But their faith thrived because deep down they knew that they, like Mary, had found favor with God.

You know that I would like little more than to take the next hour and teach about those Catholic pioneers and invoke in litany those hallowed names of the families who brought the Catholic faith to western Kentucky, whose descendants we are. But we pick up today with that which was crystalized 75 years ago tomorrow when Pope Pius XI established the thirty-two counties of western Kentucky as the Diocese of Owensboro and named a Kentuckian to be their first bishop. Bardstown-born Francis Cotton surely might have echoed the words of Mary, “But how can this?” It might be that the forty priests of this territory asked the same question. These forty, the first presbyterate of the diocese, famously dubbed themselves the forty holy martyrs, surely with some mirth in their thoughts, but likewise an acknowledgment that it is hard to build church — even one with fine foundation in place. Recall our hymn: “The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

Since 1937 six men have succeeded Pope Pius XI as Bishop of Rome and Holy Pontiff. Only three men have succeeded Bishop Cotton. We might say one of two things: heartier men have become Bishop of Owensboro than Bishop of Rome, or the Catholics of western Kentucky have cared for their bishops extraordinarily well.

Henry Soenneker succeeded Bishop Cotton in 1961 and served for 21 years, answering a call to come from Minnesota. And thirty years ago this month he was succeeded by John Jeremiah McRaith, another Minnesota man. Allow me a bit of Biblical imagery to envision that call.

“Hail, John Jeremiah McRaith, full of grace. The Lord is with you. And just in case you would ever doubt that, you get to live in Kentucky for the rest of your life!” And a most blessed marriage of shepherd and people of more than 26 years was begun. And in that appointment, coming from Blessed John Paul II, the Church of western Kentucky was assured again that we have found favor with God through Bishop McRaith’s gentle kindness and rich wisdom. In fact, next

week on December 15th we celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of Bishop John coming to us and his ordination as bishop.

Scores of priests have been ordained to serve this Church since 1937 and many more priests of religious communities have come to proclaim the Kingdom of God in our midst. It is always dangerous to recognize particular groups or communities, but the Glenmary Missioners have been our coworkers in this vineyard since their founding and are still here today. Without their missionary zeal it is doubtful that today we could boast that there is a Catholic Church in every one of our 32 counties.

Always coworkers in this rich vineyard have been women religious. Those Catholic pioneers who established our first parishes were not disappointed when they called upon the Sisters of Loretto and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, both communities founded on the Kentucky frontier 200 years ago this year. In the early 1800’s the word evangelization probably was not a part of our common English or Catholic lexicon — but that’s what they did. They taught and proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ in remote and hard to reach places.

More than 136 years ago the Ursuline Sisters came from Louisville to set in place another community of courageous women and church. This year the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph celebrate their centennial of independence as a distinct community. Their shared history with our diocese continues as dozens of them live and work in our midst as teachers, pastoral ministers and always as witnesses to God’s favored ones, the poor. And dozens more of them still live among us in lives of prayer and solitude at Mount Saint Joseph. There certainly has not been more faithful workers in the vineyard of our diocese than the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph.

I could speak of Dominican Sisters, Sisters of Mercy, Carmelite Sisters, and all variety of Franciscans and many others. It is hard to imagine what our Church might look like if they had not been here and labored with joy.

Maybe one of the richest legacies of consecrated women, our sisters, is that they opened their hearts and their homes and communities to girls and young women to join them in their beautiful lives. I would not pretend that the debt

is paid — but the hundreds of women of western Kentucky who have become sisters in their communities do represent a tremendous down payment.

In the past decade our local Church has experienced extraordinary blessings as priests and sisters have come to us again as missionaries from far away lands. Priest from India and the nations of the African continent, sisters from Africa and Mexico have come to serve and we are indebted. It is safe to say that if these priests had not come to us that we

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could not celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday in every parish.

We are the descendants of those faith-filled Catholic pioneers who established communities and parishes in Breckinridge, Grayson, Daviess, Union, Henderson, Graves and McCracken counties. But many more came in small settlements and one at a time to make the Catholic Church present in every county.

Immigrants still come to our nation,

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## Come and See

### Feb. 1-3, 2013

### Mount Saint Joseph

**For High School Girls with an interest in learning about the life of a sister**

*You are invited to “Come and See” and become more acquainted with the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph and our founder, Saint Angela Merici.*

The weekend will include opportunities for:

- ✦ Personal prayer and communal prayer
- ✦ Learning more about the life of Saint Angela Merici
- ✦ Hearing and engaging with a panel of Ursuline Sisters
- ✦ Small group conversation on the call to consecrated life
- ✦ Personal reflection time ✦ Questions and open conversation



LOCATION:

*Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse & Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center*

8001 Cummings Road  
Maple Mount, Ky. (12 miles west of Owensboro on Highway 56)

***There is no cost to attend. Meals will be provided.***

For more information or if you plan to attend, please contact Sister Martha Keller, OSU

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**For young adult Catholic women, a chance to “Come and Serve” will be offered May 31-June 6 and a “Come and See” June 28-30.**

a nation extraordinarily blessed by God. In particular sisters and brothers come from Mexico, Central and South America. They bring rich traditions of faith and trust in God. And with the most meager and faltering skill, I want to address them in a particular way: *(Here Bishop Medley spoke in Spanish.)*

Por cierto no es muy frecuentemente que miles de feligreses Católicos de la Diócesis de Owensboro nos reunamos en un solo lugar.

Así que me es importante dirigir unas palabras a nuestras hermanas y hermanos hispanos en su idioma. Bien sé que mi español no es muy bueno --- pero muchos de ustedes entienden muy bien el reto de aprender a hablar un nuevo idioma.

Mientras celebramos este jubileo de setenta y cinco años, los veo a ustedes y a sus familias como un don enorme a nuestra comunidad católica. Entiendo que su llegada a Kentucky ha sido llena de retos y riesgos. Pero sobretodo cada uno ha traído consigo su fe y somos bendecidos por su presencia entre nosotros y en nuestras parroquias.

La Iglesia Católica seguirá como una voz de justicia e igualdad para todos los inmigrantes. En nuestra diócesis han encontrado un hogar y contamos con ustedes a compartir su fe y sus tradiciones. Me emociona pensar como la cara de nuestra Iglesia seguirá cambiando porque ustedes forman parte de nuestra diócesis. En la mesa del Señor Jesucristo, en nuestros altares, siempre son bienvenidos.

(It is certainly not often that we draw together thousands of our Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Owensboro in one time and place.

Thus it is important to me to say a few words to our Latino (Hispanic?) brothers and sisters in your language. I know well that my Spanish is meager and poor --- but many of you know well the challenge of learning to speak a new language.

As we celebrate this jubilee of 75 years I see you and your families as a tremendous gift to our Catholic community. I know that your journey to Kentucky has involved challenge

and risks aplenty. But above all it has involved faith and we are blessed to have you in our midst and in our parishes.

The Catholic Church will continue to be a voice for justice and fairness for all immigrants. In our diocese, you have found a home and we count on you to share your faith and traditions. I am excited to think of how the face of our Church will continue to change because you are part of us. At the table of the Lord Jesus, at our altars you are always welcome.)

It is by providence that our jubilee year coincides with a Year of Faith decreed by Pope Benedict XVI. Our universal shepherd has called upon the Church to reflect upon what has been termed the New Evangelization. As we gather here today representing hundreds of families and all of our parishes, every one of us is surely aware of a son or daughter, a brother or sister or cherished friend who is not here because their unity and life in the Catholic Church has waned. Pope Benedict is calling upon all of us to ask if we might proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in new and bold ways. He asks if we have sufficiently come to know Jesus Christ ourselves so as to introduce him to others with truth and conviction.

This is a hunger that each of us know is not satisfied. Just this year, as our diocese inaugurated the Arise program of small faith-sharing groups, seven thousand joined across our 79 parishes. As we continue this celebration of faith, do not be reluctant to invite others to come and to come home. There may indeed be many reasons that a Catholic has found himself or herself distanced from the church and we must work on these matters. But one of these is most simple, let no one be separated from the church because of lack of hospitality or the absence of genuine, deep-down joy. “Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God,” is a most oft quoted line of the 20th century theologian Pierre Teilhard de Chardin — but he fashioned that line from the gospels and the saints.

Jubilees are wonderful moments to recall stories of faith and marvel at the foundations upon which we have built our lives. But jubilee for Church must be about the next jubilee as well, for there will only be another jubilee if we keep the



**Bishop William F. Medley delivering his homily, “Hail, Full of Grace” for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jubilee 75 - Diocese of Owensboro, December 8, 2012. Mel Howard Photo**

flame of faith alive and continue to transform a world too easily forgetting from where we have come.

Project this gathering out 10, 20, 25 or more years. Boys and girls, young men and women, you may be here with your own children. Parents, you may be here with your children and grandchildren. Friends, some of us, if we are blessed to be here, may need assistance getting here, may need assistance coming to communion. And some of us will observe the next jubilee with the saints and angels in heaven — but one still with us in the Communion of Saints.

Boys and young men, girls and

young women, some of you, when this church gathers in the year 2037 to celebrate Jubilee 100 will be sitting up here, vested as priests and deacons, some of you will be here as witnesses to the enduring gift that God gives the Church in sisters and brothers living in consecrated life. I say this as invitation, but also with confidence. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will always call workers to care for the flock, workers to tend the vineyard.

Where do all of us find the grace and courage to do the work of the New Evangelization? Well, let us return to that startled young girl of Nazareth. “Hail, full of grace. The Lord is with you.”

This feast of the Immaculate Conception recalls for us that Mary found favor with God — in fact she was conceived without sin to prepare her for God’s extraordinary call. But let us recall that what God has done for Mary he has done for each and every one of us. For at the moment of our Baptism we were freed from all sin. Time and again we are invited to be reconciled with God in the sacrament of Confession and can like Mary be sinless again. Every time we come to the table of the Lord, we pray, “Lord, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof — but only say the Word and my soul shall be healed.”

Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you. Let us sing with Mary: “Holy is God’s name, through all generations. Everlasting is His mercy to the people he has chosen. And Holy is God’s name!”

**+ W. F. Medley, 75th Jubilee Celebration of the Diocese of Owensboro, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, 2012.**

## Marriage Retreat Day Set at Immaculate

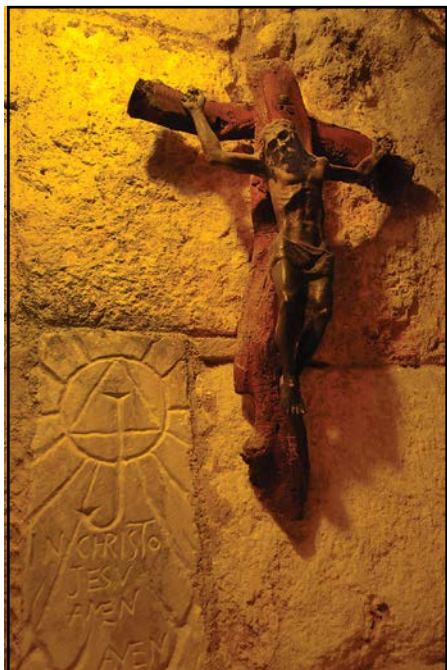


OWENSBORO, Ky. - A Marriage Retreat Day has been set for Saturday, January 26, 2013 at Immaculate Parish. The day will feature guest speaker Jennifer Degler who will facilitate the retreat for married couples. A noted psychologist, author and speaker, Jennifer Degler comes to Owensboro from Lexington, KY. The day will begin at 9:15 with registration and welcome. Ms. Degler will give three talks throughout the day: The 4 Communication Secrets of Happy Couples, 5 Key Steps to Resolving Your Couple Conflicts, and Passionate Intimacy. After each talk, couples will be given private time to discuss and share with each other. Couples will also be given the opportunity to celebrate Mass at 4:30pm. The fee for the day is \$25 per couple which includes lunch and dinner.

The Marriage Retreat Day is sponsored by Immaculate Parish and Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky. For more information or registration form, please call Immaculate Parish 683-0689 or go visit the website, [www.immaculateparish.org](http://www.immaculateparish.org).

## Join Us in Prayer

As Catholics, we recognize that prayer is of the utmost importance, an invaluable contribution to helping the poor overseas. We invite you to join us in bringing to Our Lord the following intentions and thanks.



Crucifix from the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Photo by David Snyder for Catholic Relief Services

### Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem,

As you were born a refugee to parents who first fled to Bethlehem and then to Egypt, help us grow in solidarity with refugees everywhere, to know we are all refugees, until our hearts find refuge in you.

As you were born under an oppressive regime, let us grow in solidarity with those whose governments deny them their rights and try to undermine their dignity. Help us work for just governance everywhere.

As it was workers, the shepherds, who first came to know you, the Carpenter's Son, let us remember the dignity of human labor—that you share a special love for those who work hard for their subsistence, and toil beside them. Let us honor you, in work and in prayer, that their livelihood be secure, and that they not be exploited.

As you were adored by the Magi who came from far-off nations to honor you, let us bring to all nations the great good news that is your love.

As your coming was joyfully sung by angels, let us with joy celebrate the gift of life every time a child of God is born, and honor that gift with our care.

As you were denied any birthplace but a stable, help us to open our homes, our lives, our hearts to the coming of God and his presence in your people.

Be born this time into our hearts, dear Lord.

Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem, through the cradle of our hearts, be born into our world. Amen.

**“Christian iconography expresses in images the same Gospel message that Scripture communicates by words. Image and word illuminate each other.”**  
Catechism of the Catholic Church. 1160.



## Image of Holy Family Featured in Murray, Ky. Christmas Parade

The Knights of Columbus Council #6897 along with St. Leo's in Murray Ky, were in the Christmas Parade December 1st, 2012. The theme was "Keep Christ in Christmas" & "Pro-Life". Submitted by Grand Knight Kevin D'Angelo

## Immaculate Parish Advent Parish Mission: Waiting For God Our Hope



Immaculate Parish had an Advent Parish Mission December 2-3-4 with presenter Fr. Jim Marchionda, OP. Fr. Jim is a Dominican priest, song writer and performer. The event schedule



was as follows: December 2-God is Waiting for You, December 3-Waiting for God our Hope and December 4-Waiting: From Advent to Christmas and Beyond (Prayer Concert).



All three nights the Immaculate church was full with not only with followers but with the Holy Spirit. On the last night the Immaculate Choir, led by Matt Gray and Fr. Jim, performed

many songs that were written by Fr. Jim. At right, Fr. Jim with Matt Gray, Immaculate Parish Musician. Submitted by Nicole Gray

## God's Loving Arms

### My Response On Seeing Others' Courage in Suffering - Praying For Grace

By Julie Ward Murphy

We see examples of great strength and courage every day. At church, the grocery store, going for a leisurely walk or dining out with family and friends. Just about any circumstance on any given day we can witness someone's talents or we can witness a hardship through a physical disability, or hearing about the loss of life in the news, or a death of someone that we know.

I could easily have chosen the word trials in place of courage, which would be accurate on all accounts but it takes courage to keep a positive attitude and to make that decision in life when we decide, "I can get through this because God will give me the graces needed." As God so eloquently put it in scripture 2 Corinthians 12:9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness!"

I will describe some instances of courage that have moved me to the point of increasing my faith to practice one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, "Charity" and how it has shaped my life, opened my eyes, realizing that I can do more!

I'm sitting in the pew at church and I hear a commotion and then a grunt, the kind of sound that resembles someone who is lifting weights. I don't want to turn around and stare so I slightly tilt my head and through the corner of my eye I see a young woman with her family. One of her children is confined to a wheelchair. It was pretty obvious that this sweet little girl was totally dependent on her parents for all of her needs. I didn't need a whole day, I didn't need 10 minutes, and it only took me seconds to witness the sacrificial love between this child and her loving parents. I witnessed unconditional love at church and believe I can say with no pretense this family didn't even know that they made me a better person for it.

There is a commercial that is on TV about donating to the Wounded Warrior project for those who served our country and were tragically wounded. As I watch these brave men and women without an arm or a leg or both limbs detached from their body, my heart was aching for them and I was tearing up and so was my husband. Near the end of the commercial I see these men and women with their ba-

bies on their laps or playing basketball with other veterans in wheelchairs and laughing as they compete to win a game. Let me tell what that commercial did for me! It made become more aware of my blessings and opened my eyes to the sacrifice they made. I was moved by their faith; I was touched deeply that they were just happy to be alive, to be with their loved ones to celebrate life. They gave all so we could be free.

Oh, I am not so naïve to think that it didn't take a lot of tears and very painful realities of what their future will hold for them. Again, they were a witness for me of how a very difficult hardship can be beaten with practicing, Faith, Hope, and Love. Faith that God will give you the graces needed to get through something of that magnitude. And we need Hope, hoping that their faith will get them through such a trial. And last, but not least, Love, and the greatest of these is Love. It will be Love that ultimately will get anyone through the obstacles of what they will have to face when tragedy such as these impact our lives.

I can only speak for myself, but I believe everything happens for a reason, because everything is ordained by God. We have our free will but God knows all. It was just a couple of months ago I was following a blog on Facebook of a woman journaling about her son's battle with cancer: "Prayers for Lane." Because of her witness and her pain, and the bravery of her beautiful little boy, they have brought awareness and freshness of the battle that faces young children who have to fight against cancer. It moved me to tears and it also inspired me to pray for those who have cancer. I was stepping outside of the box, and praying for others I didn't know and I like how that made me feel.

Oh, how God works in mysterious ways!

+JMJ+ Julie Ward Murphy

*Editor's Note: God's Loving Arms is written especially for Western Kentucky Catholic readers about times of suffering which people known to the author share. This is the first article in this column series. Julie Murphy encourages people to contact her at [love4ben81192@hotmail.com](mailto:love4ben81192@hotmail.com) to communicate about her articles.*

## Contemporary Woman Program Announces Programs for Winter/Spring 2013

Brescia University's Contemporary Woman Program, directed by Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Rose Marita O'Bryan, enters the winter/spring semester with a variety of programs in celebration of its 50th year.



The brochure lists new and continuing programs available to both women and men:

- **Spirituality of Beauty**, exploring the theme of beauty and its important role in spirituality, is presented on three Thursday afternoons, beginning on March 7 from 1:30-2:20.
- **The Canticle Group**, examining materials that develop issues of spirituality, peace, and justice, meets on six Friday mornings from 10 till noon, beginning on April 5. This semester the group will be exploring the fascinating life and early writings of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.
- **The Partnership Group**, in its 24th year, meets on the second Wednesday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m., beginning January 9 and continuing through May. The book chosen for dialogue is "Field of Compassion" by Judy Cannato. Registration for this program is closed.
- **Soul Gardening with Julian of Norwich**, a special opportunity for four Tuesday afternoons in November from 1:30-2:30, consists of guided reflections on the life and writings of Julian of Norwich, English mystic of the fourteenth century.
- **Learning to See as the Mystics See**, a program based on a book written by Richard Rohr, is offered on three Thursday evenings on April 11, 18 and 25 from 6:30-7:20.
- **Tolerant Oppression**, a program of three Tuesday morning sessions which begins on February 5 from 10:30 -11:20, is based on the insights of Dr. Scott Hampton, author of the book "Tolerant Oppression."
- **Hilgard of Bingen: Sybil of the Rhine**, which begins on February 27 from 10:30-11:20, continues for four Wednesday mornings through March 20.
- **Spirituality and the Journey of the Universe**, beginning February 8 from 10:30-11:20, continues for four Friday mornings through March 1.
- AND on **Thursday evening, April 4**, the Contemporary Woman Program will welcome Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, **Michele Morek**, to Taylor Lecture Hall at Brescia University. Her presentation "**It's a Woman's World -- ?**" will explore the status of women across the globe.

For a brochure and/or more information regarding programs, dates, and costs, contact Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan, OSU, at Brescia University, 717 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301; 270-686-4275; [rosemarita.obryan@brescia.edu](mailto:rosemarita.obryan@brescia.edu). Participants are asked to pre-register at least two weeks in advance for each program.

## Environmental/ Social Justice/Spiritual Symposium Jan. 26

"Awakening the Dreamer – Changing the Dream" is a symposium that will take place Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013 at Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The focus will be on environmental sustainability, social justice, and spiritual fulfillment. These three facets will be explored in an inspiring way as a new dream for humanity and planet Earth. The symposium combines presentations, current information, video clips, and group interaction. Presenters are Diza Velasco, Jan Stocking, RSM (Sisters of Mercy of the Americas), and Maco Casetta, CND (Congregation De Notre-Dame), all of the Rockhaven Ecozoic Center in House Springs, Mo. There is no fee for the symposium, but donations will be accepted. Participants are asked to bring their own sack lunch. Reservations are required by calling Sister Rebecca White, OSU, at 502-460-6294 or emailing [rebecca.white@maplemount.org](mailto:rebecca.white@maplemount.org)



## Celebration of the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe. Dec. 2012.

By Luis Aju

In our parishes as a Hispanic community, we have started the celebrations of the Novena to prepare for the grand celebration of the 12th of December.

The "Morena" Virgin of Guadalupe, is the image of every inhabitant of the American continent, it is marked, the simplicity, the tenderness of God for His children. For all of us Latin Americans since the Virgin of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego our brother, we feel her presence in each of the inhabitants of the American continent. The characteristics of a Latino or Latina are humility, simplicity, strength to be strong at work and in the treatment we received around us that as Latinos we often are not liked or welcomed by everyone.

The Virgin is in each of our sisters who suffer discrimination, marginalization because of their color, their language and their origin. This is the reality of women today in all societies; not only in the United States but also in the entire world there is discrimination against women and that is the problem. We do not value what women mean to our community.

In our Novenas we pray, asking our Mother for, faith, hope and love to be able to recognize women struggling for their daily bread to give to their children. Many moms make mom and dad, caring for their children day and night because Dad is absent.

We know we are very devoted to the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe, we ask the Miracle, for the respect of the lives of women worldwide. Recall that we must ask not only for ourselves but also for others who need God and need to feel God as our Father and Mary as Mother.

### CHRISTMAS

Traditions for this time of Advent in Latin America are "Las Posadas". This tradition has been around for many years, as part of the preparation we do for Christmas Eve.

In the Posada as is well known, we ask for a place for the Birth of Jesus, as the Son of God made man among us. Jesus inspires us to live our lives more simple, imitating Him, poor among the poor. Today we are in need of that same story, because materialism has consumed the human being. The celebration of Christmas today is more about purchasing than of the faith in the coming of our savior. Jesus today is asking for room in our hearts, so we must free ourselves from many material things and pick up on what Christmas means to us. At the present time materialism has dehumanized society. Jesus' Birthday Celebration arrives as the coming of the Son of God (Emmanuel = God with us). The season of Advent is to prepare us for the coming, saying that God comes to us, means that God loves us so much that he comes down to us in human

form for us to see him and follow his teachings. We thank God for giving us salvation, hopefully this Christmas will leave us a teaching to improve our human relationships on earth and become closer to God for the good of humanity. Conclusion: That everyone becomes in a simple way, but with a high degree of Faith, ready for the coming of Baby Jesus in our hearts. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.

## "En Nombre de Dios"

Por Luis Aju



En nuestras parroquias como comunidad Hispana, se han iniciado las celebraciones de la Novena para prepararnos y llegar a la gran celebración del día 12 de Diciembre.

La Virgen Morena de Guadalupe, es la Imagen, de todo habitante del continente americano, en ella se refleja, la sencillez, la ternura de Dios para con sus hijos. Para todos nosotros los Latinoamericanos desde que apareció la Virgen de Guadalupe a nuestro hermano San Juan Diego, sentimos la presencia de ella en cada uno de los habitantes del continente americano. Las características de un Latino o Latina, es la humildad, la sencillez, la firmeza de ser fuerte

en el trabajo y en el trato que recibimos alrededor nuestro que como Latinos muchas veces no caemos bien a todos. La Virgen esta en cada una de nuestras hermanas que sufren la discriminación, la marginación por su color, por su lengua y por su origen. Esta es la realidad de la mujer el día de hoy en todas las sociedades, no solo en Estados Unidos se discrimina a la mujer sino en todas partes del mundo, existe el problema. No valoramos lo que la mujer significa para nuestra comunidad.

En las Novenas que rezamos, todos pedimos a ella como nuestra Madre, mucha Fe, esperanza y mucho amor para reconocer a las mujeres que luchan por el pan de cada día para sus hijos. Muchas mamás hacen de Papá y Mamá, cuidando a sus hijos día y noche porque papá esta ausente. Sabemos que somos muy devotos a la Virgen María de Guadalupe, le pedimos el Milagro, por el respeto a la vida de tantas mujeres en todo el mundo. Recordemos que debemos de pedir no solo por nosotros mismos sino por otros que necesitan de Dios y sentir a Dios como nuestro Padre y la Virgen como Madre.

### NAVIDAD

Una tradición para este tiempo de adviento en América Latina son "Las Posadas". Tradición que ha venido por varios años, como parte de la preparación que hacemos para la Noche Buena.

En la posada como bien se sabe, pedimos posada para el Nacimiento de Jesús, como Hijo de Dios Hecho hombre entre nosotros. El nos inspira a vivir nuestras vidas mas sencillas, imitando lo a El, pobre entre los pobres. Hoy día se necesita esa misma historia, porque el materialismo ha consumido al ser humano, la celebración de la Navidad de hoy es mas comercio que la fe en la venida de nuestro salvador. Jesús hoy día esta pidiendo lugar en nuestro corazón, por lo tanto debemos de liberarnos de tantas cosas materiales y

retomar lo que significa para nosotros la Navidad. En el tiempo presente el materialismo ha deshumanizado a la sociedad. Llega la celebración del cumpleaños del Hijo de Dios (Emmanuel = Dios entre nosotros). El tiempo de Adviento es para prepararnos para ese recibimiento, al decir que Dios viene a nosotros significa que Dios nos ama tanto que baja a nosotros en forma humana para poder verlo y seguir sus enseñanzas. A Dios le damos las Gracias por darnos la Salvación, esperamos que esta Navidad nos deje una enseñanza para mejorar nuestras relaciones humanas en la tierra y acercarnos mas a Dios para el bien de la humanidad. Conclusión: Que todos logremos en una forma sencilla, pero con un alto grado de Fe estar preparados para recibir al Niño Jesús otra vez en nuestro corazón. Feliz Navidad y Año Nuevo a usted y a su familia.

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## The Immaculate Conception

God loves you and me, in fact all his human children, with the same love the Father has for his Eternal Son. This love is expressed in God the Holy Spirit. God made each of us from the heart of this eternal love. Our creation is the very first grace we have from our Creator. God has known us from before the beginning of time, and whether we accept his love or not, God will know us with love for all eternity. God loves even the fallen angels, and because of their pride-filled hatred of God's goodness, God's love is like hell fire for them. God is only love. Even God's hatred of evil is God's fierce love of goodness.

Every grace, from the grace of being created, the grace of being offered help each day, to the grace of being offered a full sharing in the Holy Spirit and God's own life [we call this Sanctifying Grace], is offered us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Every grace is in view of and through the Redeeming Cross and Resurrection of God's Only, Incarnate Son. All grace is the gift of God's one Holy Spirit, who effects unique gifts in each person. Grace then shapes each one of us uniquely and distinctly. Each of us has a unique place in God's plan and in God's heart. Jesus Christ has prepared for each of us a home in the Father's heart. If I choose not to love God and refuse to go home to him, there will be no one to take that place. That, then, would be my own hell and loss. God desires my eternal happiness in him, but will at the end accept my refusal. That would be eternal sadness for me, but one which cannot diminish God's absolute joy in having made me or you or any of his creatures. I cannot diminish God by my rebellion. I can share God's bliss with you, however, if we accept his mercy and serve his Glory.

Every hero and saint of the Old and the New Testaments were prepared in the graces of creation and of holiness through the redemption accomplished in the Cross and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Abraham and Sarah, Moses, David and Bathsheba, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Judith: every grace and every victory of grace leading up to the Messiah was also from the Messiah. For the Messiah came from God's timelessness into our history. His redemption works in all the directions of our history. Our Past, Present, and Future are all present before God. All our time and history is directly connected by God's eternity to the mystery of the Messiah's Cross and Resurrection, to the Redemption in Jesus Christ and in view of it.

Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, was also uniquely shaped and prepared for by Grace. Her grace in its every aspect, was in view of our redemption by her Son, the

Son of God. Like Eve, she came into this world without any stain or effect of sin. She was created in the perfection of God's gift. Unlike Eve, Mary stayed true to this gift. In the freedom which God gave her by grace, she was never tainted by sin, though she, like us, grew up in a world of sin. The victory of God's grace in her was even greater than it would have been in Eve, if she had never sinned. For Eve fell from grace in Paradise and Mary remained true to grace in a horribly fallen world. The humble maiden of Nazareth shows God's power in our human weakness. For God conquers the Devil, Death, and Evil not through the weapons of human strength or through the weapons of this broken world. God conquers through love, through mercy, through truth, faithfulness, and meekness. The Blessed Mother, after the Cross of Jesus Christ, her Son, our Lord, is God's most formidable created instrument for foiling the forces of Hell and all the snares and tricks of the Devil.

May our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, the Daughter of Zion, the Blessed Virgin Mother, sustain us in her prayer and grace from God, so that in her Son, God's Eternal Son, our Redeemer and Lord, we come at last in the Holy Spirit to the home prepared for us in the heart of our Eternal Father.

AMEN.

[Fr.  
Richard  
Meredith,  
December 8,  
2012]

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## La Inmaculada Concepción

Dios te ama a ti y a mí, de hecho Él ama a todos sus hijos con el mismo amor de Padre por su Hijo Eterno. Este amor es expresado en Dios Espíritu Santo. Dios nos hizo a cada uno de nosotros desde su corazón en ese amor eterno. Nuestra creación es la primera gracia que obtuvimos de nuestro Creador. Dios nos conoce desde antes del principio de los tiempos, y si aceptamos su amor o no, Dios nos conoce con amor por toda la eternidad. Dios incluso ama a los ángeles caídos, y debido a que sus corazones orgullosos llenos de odio por la bondad de Dios, para ellos el amor de Dios es como el fuego del infierno. Dios es sólo amor. Incluso, el aborrecimiento que Dios tiene hacia el mal, es el amor feroz de bondad.

Toda la gracia, desde la gracia de haber sido creado, la gracia de que se nos haya ofrecido ayuda cada día, hasta la gracia de que se nos haya ofrecido participación plena en el Espíritu Santo y de la vida misma de Dios [lo que llamamos gracia santificante], es ofrecida por medio de Jesucristo nuestro Señor. Toda la gracia está unida ya través de la cruz redentora y la resurrección del único Hijo de Dios, encarnado. Toda gracia es un don del mismo Espíritu Santo de Dios, el cual efectúa peculiares dones en cada persona. Entonces la Gracia forma a cada uno de nosotros exclusiva y distintivamente. Cada uno de nosotros tiene un lugar único en el plan de Dios y en el corazón de Dios. Jesucristo ha preparado para cada uno de nosotros una habitación en el corazón del Padre. Si opto por no amar a Dios y se me niega a

ir a casa con él, no habrá nadie para tomar ese lugar. Esto sería, entonces, mi propio infierno y pérdida. Dios desea mi felicidad eterna en él, pero al final aceptará mi rechazo. Eso sería eterna tristeza por mí, pero que no podría disminuir la alegría absoluta de Dios en haberme hecho o a ti, o a cualquiera de sus criaturas. No puedo reducir a Dios con mi rebelión. Puedo, sin embargo, compartir la felicidad de Dios contigo si aceptamos su misericordia y servimos a su gloria.

Todo héroe y santo del Antiguo y Nuevo Testamento fue preparado en la gracia de la creación y en santidad a través de la redención realizada en la

cruz y la resurrección de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Abraham y Sara, Moisés, David y Betsabé, Elías, Isaías, Jeremías, Judith: toda gracia y toda victoria de la gracia previa al Mesías era también del Mesías. Ya que el Mesías vino de la eternidad de Dios a nuestra historia. Su redención funciona en todos los sentidos de nuestra historia. Nuestro pasado, presente y futuro están presentes ante Dios. Todo nuestro tiempo e historia está conectada directamente por la eternidad de Dios al misterio de la Cruz y Resurrección de Mesías, a la Redención de Jesucristo y en consideración a esta.

María, la madre de Jesucristo, también fue peculiarmente formada y preparada por la Gracia. Su gracia, en todos sus aspectos, era en consideración a nuestra redención por su Hijo, el Hijo de Dios. Al igual que Eva, ella vino al mundo sin ninguna mancha o efectos del pecado. Ella fue creada en la perfección del don de Dios. A diferencia de Eva, María permaneció fiel a este don. En la libertad que por la gracia Dios le dio, ella nunca se manchó de pecado, a pesar de que al igual que nosotros, se crió en un mundo de pecado. La victoria de la gracia de Dios en ella fue aun más de los que fue en Eva. Eso si ella hubiese habido pecado alguna vez. Al Eva caer en desgracia en el paraíso y María permaneció fiel a la gracia en un mundo caído horriblemente. La humilde doncella de Nazaret muestra el poder de Dios en nuestra debilidad humana. Porque Dios vence al diablo, la muerte y el mal; no mediante las armas de la fuerza humana o por medio de las armas de este mundo roto. Dios conquista a través del amor, a través de la misericordia, a través de la verdad, la fidelidad y la mansedumbre. La Santísima Virgen, después de la cruz de su Hijo Jesucristo, nuestro Señor, es el más formidable instrumento creado por Dios para frustrar las fuerzas del infierno y todas las trampas y trucos del diablo.

Que Nuestra Señora, la Inmaculada Concepción, la Hija de Zión, la Santísima Virgen Madre, nos mantenga en su oración y gracia de Dios, para que su Hijo, el Hijo Eterno de Dios, Nuestro Redentor y Señor, por fin lleguemos en el Espíritu Santo al hogar que nos ha preparado en el corazón del Padre Eterno. AMEN.

[Fr. Richard Meredith,  
December 8, 2012]

## Fiestas Guadalupanas en la Diocesis de Owensboro *(Viene de la página 1)*

desde donde empieza el continente americano hasta el final, no solo es un país sino debe ser la presencia de los varios países que habitamos en el continente Americano, Norte, Centro, Sur y las Antillas parte del continente Americano. Estos países tienen una gran trayectoria histórica, por tal razón estas fiestas Guadalupanas y de otros Santos importantes así como la Virgen de Concepción, han venido arraigándose no solo en la Fe, sino parte de la cultura, una aceptación que nos hace sentir como hijos de un solo Dios e hijos de una Madre, exclamado Reina de las Américas por su Santidad el Papa Juan Pablo II. De hecho por siglos la Virgen de Guadalupe, ha sido nuestra Madre, por la historia su aparición a la gente como ella, sencillos y se identificó con las personas humildes pero cercanos a Dios por su Fe y forma de vida. Gente sencilla, pura sin mucha tendencia a ser importantes, sino ser auténticos en su fe y cultura. Dios bendiga a todas las familias latinas en este continente, que la Reina nos cubra bajo su manto santo. Virgen de Guadalupe, bendiga a su pueblo peregrino, así sea Amén.



El Rostro de la Señora, con la imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe, después de recibir la bendición del Obispo sobre sus imágenes. Dios bendiga esta familia. F.Luis Aju

En esta foto a la izquierda, se puede apreciar, el amor, el cuidado que cada familia hispana tiene para Dios. Ella con la imagen de la Virgen, junto a Cristo, lleva como una bendición para toda la familia. Dios la bendiga. Esta familia es miembro de la Parroquia de Stos. Jose y Pablo. Owensboro, KY. F. Luis Aju



Varias familias de la comunidad de Stos. Jose y Pablo acudieron a la Santa Misa, ofrecida en Honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe como la Reina de las Américas, el Obispo en su oración y reflexión dijo, que no es solo pensar en América del Norte, sino toda la América Latina. de donde somos la población Latina. Gracias Sr. Obispo por sus palabras dirigidas a la comunidad Hispánica de la Diócesis F. Luis Aju



Festividades Guadalupanas, Navideñas, son los momentos muy marcados para celebrar en comunidad. En las celebraciones se comparte comida, de diferentes sabores y provenientes de varias familias que forman la comunidad parroquial. F.Luis Aju



Muchas familias han llevado a la Santa Misa muchas imágenes de la Virgen como de otros Santos, para ser bendecidos y luego ser llevados a los hogares donde la Fe a la Virgen es de todos los días y solo es el día 12 de Dic. Dios bendiga a todas nuestras familias. F.Luis Aju



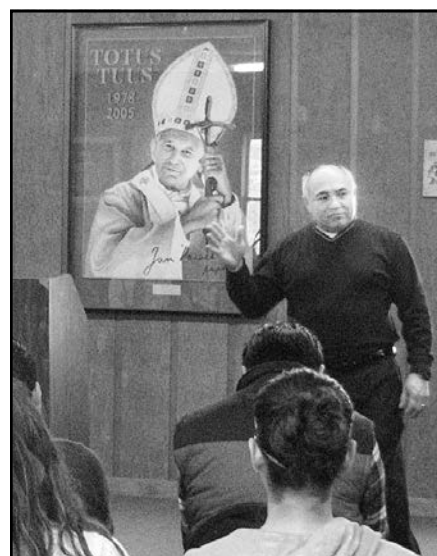
En esta foto, vemos a la Hermana Eloisa, jugando con los jovenes Baloncesto como parte del programa del retiro.



La juventud durante su tiempo libre, se dedica tambien al deporte, juegan como parte de la alegría de ser joven. Admiramos lo sano y atractivo de la vida que nos comparten los jovenes. A todos los que participaron en el retiro, les damos las gracias y que Dios siempre los acompañe. F.Luis Aju



Eligio Juc, de la parroquia de San Miguel, de Sebree, inicia su presentacion durante el retiro, hicieron su presentacion urante el retiro, acerca de los milagros de Jesus hoy dia. Cada uno de llos expreso su experiencia.



Hna. Eloisa de la Comunidad de la Parroquia de San Jose de Mayfield, tambien ha traído jovenes para este evento tan importante en nuestra diocesis. Luis Jr. Aju, atento a las ponencias de los ministros en este caso a la Hna.

El Diacono Heriberto, antes de su exposicion, saludo a todos los jovenes y agradece la presencia de cada uno y que compartiria lo mejor de experiencia como Diacono siguiendo los pasos de os primeros diaconos que nos cita la Biblia, servidor de las mesas, no es una posicion de jefe sino de servidor.



A la derecha, Marvin Torres, joven activo de la parroquia de San Jose de Bowling Greene, activamente, ha desarrollado el tema de la Tecnologia para los jovenes del dia de hoy. En su experiencia como debemos de usar este instrumento de comunicacion en forma sana e instructivo.



Los que conocemos las instalaciones del Dentro de Retiros, recordaremos estos lugares especiales, porque en estos sitios hemos encontrado a Dios, en la oracion, en la meditacion siempre Cristo en medio. Estos jovenes, con ambre de estar con Jesus. Este grupo de jovenes nos debe de decir mucho. Los jovenes son el presente y el futuro de la Iglesia en la Diocesis de Owensboro. Todos tenems que trabajar para no perder los jovenes que son la energia fisica y espiritual de nuestras comunidades.



A la izquierda, Al finalizar el Reiro para los jovenes del Ministerio Hispano, como es de esperar, se culmina con la celebracion de la Santa Misa, los jovenes con sus guitarras, celebramos la nializacion del retiro semestral. Una misa conmovedor. F.Luis Aju



A la izquierda, Este momento, es cuando nos damos y compartimos la Paz, entre todos. Dios bendiga a todos por su participacion. F. Luis Aju

A la derecha, Aclamacion Eucaristica. momento cuando decimos Si. cuando nos aclaman que por El, para El y en El, estamos preentes para celebrar su presencia. Esta celebracion fue en las orillas del Rio Gasper (Gasper River). Hemos convivio con la naturaleza con nuestra oracion y nuestra vivencia. F.Luis Aju



Jovenes y grandes, ponen atencion a la exposicion de los jovenes, esto debe de decir mucho a muchos, que no todo lo que dicen los mayores es viable. la voz de los jovenes es importante, solo debemos de hacer tiempo para escucharlos. Just !Listen Up!



Gina Holmes, uno de los Ministros laicos, da la Sta. Comunion a los presentes. La Comunion como parte integral de la Celebracion Eucaristica. Los jovenes han expresado su agradecimiento.



En esta fotografia podemos apreciar la exposicion del Diacono Heriberto, de la parroquia de Santa Susana, Santiago y Santa Maria Gutere KY. El Diacono dio una exposicion sobre el descubrimiento de la Vocacion como un llamado de Dios a todos como Cristianos Catolicos y un llamado a cada uno, como vocacion especifico, como se expresa en la diversidad de dones. Gracias D.Erriberto por la ponencia. F.LuisAju



Integrantes del grupo juvenil, atentos a todas las actividades que vienen. bienvenidos jovenesy siempre son bienvenidos. F.Luis Aju



El Joven Luis P. en su momento de presentacion a los mismos jovenes, acerca de los Milagros de Jesus, como vemos en la historia como podemos ver hoy dia, nos pidio abrir nuestros coraon y ojos para ver los milagros en nuestras vidaas. Bien hecho. F.Luis Aju

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# Retiro Juvenil, Nov.30. Dic. 1, 2012 Gasper River

Enero, 2013 3

Por Luis Aju

Tema: Importancia del Año de la Fe. La oficina del Ministerio Juvenil Hispano de la Diócesis, tuvo lugar el Retiro Semestral, en el Centro de Retiros de la Diócesis, Gasper River, asistieron alrededor de 50 jóvenes adultos y algunos jóvenes grandes, acompañados de sus Ministros Hispanos y algunos de sus padres, han traído a sus hijos para estar en el retiro. El Ministerio Juvenil Hispano ahora se ha puesto las bases para cultivar y desarrollar un liderazgo que tiene muchas facetas, así como los retos que el joven hoy día enfrenta, en varias situaciones pero que también experimenta momentos personales con Dios, y hablan de una conversión personal, pero que los retiros influyen en los cambios.

El retiro Juvenil, ha sido una de las maneras como acompañar a los jóvenes varones y señoritas en su proceso de crecimiento en la Fe.

La pastoral juvenil de la diócesis, ha venido teniendo varias experiencias en los retiros, la recién pasada han sido los líderes jóvenes que condujeron las pláticas juntamente con su nuevo director, han venido preparándose para exponer sus temas de la Fe. Estas experiencias han sido muy positivas en el sentido de que hemos aprendido mucho de los mismos jóvenes.

Lo interesante es que entre los jóvenes existe un entendimiento y una añera de decir las cosas, mientras un adulto, lo ve siempre desde el punto de vista de un papa, pero muchas veces la edad tiene que ver mucho en cuanto a comprensión entre uno y otro, a veces el mensaje dicho por un joven es aun más impactante que un adulto. En el retiro comprendimos que los grandes aprendemos de los jóvenes. Aunque es difícil para los grandes creer, pero es una realidad.

Uno de los motivos del retiro para los jóvenes, es para insentivarles la vocación a la que ellos fueron llamados, es su tarea descubrirlo con la ayuda de sus padres y de sus ministros hispanos. La diócesis ha abierto la oficina específicamente para el joven hispano para sentirse acogido en cualquier área que se acerca. Los jóvenes son el presente y el futuro de la Iglesia, en eso cree la diócesis por eso nombra personas idóneas y capacitadas para llevar a cabo un ministerio específico para la juventud. Animos a la Oficina del Ministerio Juvenil Hispano y a todos los jóvenes



**Marvin Torres, joven activo de la parroquia de San Jose de Bowling Greene, activamente, ha desarrollado el tema de la Tecnología para los jóvenes del día de hoy. En su experiencia como debemos de usar este instrumento de comunicación en forma sana e instructivo.**

que ya saben de la existencia de una oficina para ellos. Esta nueva era, requiere una nueva evangelización que nos pide el Papa Benedicto XVI, a la par una innovación en nuestra pastoral en nuestras comunidades. Adelante Jóvenes. Ustedes son la energía de nuestras comunidades, comparte con todos sus alegrías y solo así saldremos adelante. Veliz Año Nuevo.



**En el Retiro para Jóvenes Hispanos, en el Centro de Retiros de Gasper River de la Diócesis el día 31 de Nov. varios en su mayoría los ministros Hispanos de la Diócesis, han llegado para acompañar a los jóvenes provenientes de sus parishes. Gina, quien amablemente dirigió las comidas del retiro en los dos días. Mil Gracias por su presencia, todos estamos agradecidos por su colaboración y liderazgo.**

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**Integrantes del grupo juvenil de la parroquia de San Jose de Bowling Greene, en forma de drama, presentan como han sido tratadas en las escuelas y otros ámbitos. Ellas expusieron su experiencia a los demás. El tema fue acerca del trato que reciben en las escuelas, siendo afectadas como grupo racial, aun estos días. F.Luis Aju**



**La Familia Madera, Sr. Sra. hijos e hijas han traído a sus niños y niñas, para participar en el Retiro. Son de la Parroquia de San Jose de Mayfield, lo grande en ellos es, traer y acompañar a sus hijos. Gracias por el ejemplo!**



**Dos directores acompañando a los jóvenes en su retiro, Director Espiritual del Ministerio Hispano P. Carmelo y el Nuevo Director de la Pastoral Juvenil de la Diócesis Luis J. Aju. Ambos han mostrado acogimiento a todos los jóvenes. La Diócesis está abarcando más su ministerio, la Pastoral Juvenil es uno de sus avances en atender las necesidades de los jóvenes Hispanos.**

**Estamos en una etapa de abrirnos más a las necesidades que nuestra comunidad tiene. Gracias a la Diócesis por dar la bienvenida a todos. F.Luis Aju**

**Diferentes jóvenes, de diferentes países y de parroquias rezando juntos. Esto es una muestra de la Unidad en la Diversidad. Los hispanos siempre mostramos a los otros, una bienvenida y acogida a todos, sin ver de que país viene, de color o lengua es, siempre los adultos y jóvenes damos el amor y bienvenida a todos. F.Luis Aju**



## ¡Resoluciones de Año Nuevo!



+Monseñor  
William Medley,  
Obispo de la  
Diócesis de  
Owensboro

Mis queridos amigos,  
¡Resoluciones de Año Nuevo!

No tengo idea de dónde originó la idea de las Resoluciones de Año Nuevo, pero yo supongo que el concepto ha sido parte de las conciencias humanas desde antes de la llegada de calendarios modernos. Después de todo, es una dimensión esencial del ser humano querer mejorarnos. Los cumpleaños y aniversarios con frecuencia nos provocan algunas resoluciones.

Sabemos bien que muchos de nosotros hacemos las mismas o por lo menos resoluciones parecidas año tras año, porque la inclinación humana de recaer es igual de fuerte que el instinto de mejorar. Podríamos reprocharnos a nosotros mismos o celebrar el optimismo que intentaremos de nuevo.

Permítame ofrecer algunas sugerencias de resoluciones para 2013.

**Rezar.** Rezar con más frecuencia. Rezar mejor. Sea lo que sea su forma de rezar ahora, apostaría que se puede mejorar. Si la oración formal no es algo que usted hace con frecuencia, haga una meta de orar unos minutos al día o aún unos minutos a la semana. Si usted ya tiene hábitos de rezar, ¿cómo los podría mejorar? Ruega por una intención específica: el aumento de vocaciones sacerdotales y religiosas, un respeto mayor a la vida en nuestro país; por la intención mensual del Santo Padre. ([www.apostfleshiofprayer.com](http://www.apostfleshiofprayer.com))

net) Busque su rosario y haga el compromiso de rezarlo con frecuencia.

**Un acto de caridad.** Nuestras vidas son muy ocupadas pero alguien está esperando experimentar un acto de bondad. Muchos de nosotros ciertamente tenemos oportunidades de hacer estos actos de caridad con nuestros familiares o amigos pero tal vez nuestra resolución nos podría dirigir a alguien más allá de nuestro círculo de amigos y conocidos. Visitar a alguien en el hospital u hogar de ancianos, escribir una carta a alguien en la cárcel.

**Reconciliación.** Muchos Católicos han dejado pasar años desde su última confesión. Tal vez en este año de fe algunos pueden redescubrir la gracia y el poder del Sacramento de la Reconciliación. Más allá del sacramental, considere llegar a ser reconciliado con alguien de quien ha sido distanciado.

**Invertir en su fe.** Júntese a un estudio bíblico o grupo de oración o leer la Biblia a solas. Si usted no participó en el programa de LEVANTATE en su parroquia el año pasado, júntese en la primavera. Si ya participó, invite a alguien que vaya con usted.

La lista de ideas podría seguir y seguir. Si llega febrero o marzo y usted no ha podido cumplir las resoluciones, declara otro Año Nuevo e intente otra vez.

Suyos en Cristo,

+Monseñor William F. Medley  
Obispo de Owensboro

## Misa conmemorativa por la Vida

Martes 22 de enero 2013 12:00 PM Catedral de San Esteban

Ven y únete a nosotros para celebrar el 40 aniversario desde la U: S. Decisión de la Suprema Corte le quitó toda la protección legal de la vida del niño por nacer. Ahora, más de 55 millones de niños han muerto. Todos están invitados a recordar a estos niños al orar por sus madres, padres, familias y nuestra nación. - Gospel of Life Comité, Diócesis de Owensboro

### Oración a Cristo por nacer



Querido Señor Jesús, en el seno de la Santísima Virgen María, antes de su nacimiento, se llenó el nonato Juan el Bautista con el gozo del Espíritu Santo. Inspíranos verte en cada niño por nacer. Concédenos la perseverancia para defender la vida humana vulnerable desde el aborto, el abandono, la experimentación y violaciones todos. Llénanos con la reverencia para el momento de su encarnación en Nazaret, cuando el Verbo se hizo carne. Amen.

## Calendario del Sr. Obispo Medley para Enero 2013:

- 2 de Enero 11-2:00 p.m. Almuerzo/Convivio con los Seminaristas, Capilla de Santa Margarita, Henderson
- 4 de Enero 9:00 a.m. Reunión Regional de Católicos en el Capitolio Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, Owensboro
- 6-10 de Enero Retiro de los Obispos de la Región V, New Orleans, LA
- 12 de Enero 9:00 a.m. Reunión Regional de Católicos en el Capitolio San Pedro y San Pablo, Hopkinsville
- 5:00 p.m. Cena con el Equipo de NET
- 14-17 de Enero Convocación Sacerdotal, Lake Barkley
- 19 de Enero 5:00 p.m. Confirmación, Sagrado Corazón, Russellville
- 21-26 de Enero Taller de Liderazgo Episcopal, Orlando, FL
- 27 de Enero 10:00 a.m. Confirmación, Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmación, Santa María Magdalena, Owensboro
- 28 de Enero 9:00 a.m. Misa de la Semana de Escuelas Católicas, Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
- 29 de Enero 10:00 a.m. Misa de la Semana de Escuelas Católicas, Sistema Escolar de Santa María, Paducah
- 30 de Enero 8:00 a.m. Misa de la Semana de Escuelas Católicas, Escuelas Preparatorias de Santa María del Bosque y la Trinidad, Whitesville
- 6:00 p.m. Misa/Convivio de Formación de la Fe del Decanato de Owensboro Este, Madre Santísima, Owensboro

## “Alégrate, llena de gracia”

Obispo William Medley dirigida católicos hispanos en español en esta parte de la homilía de la misa en celebración de la Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción, 8 de diciembre de 2012, en el Sportscenter Owensboro:

“Por cierto no es muy frecuentemente que miles de feligreses Católicos de la Diócesis de Owensboro nos reunamos en un solo lugar.

“Así que me es importante dirigir unas palabras a nuestras hermanas y hermanos hispanos en su idioma. Bien sé que mi español no es muy bueno --- pero muchos de ustedes entienden muy bien el reto de aprender a hablar un nuevo idioma.

“Mientras celebramos este jubileo de setenta y cinco años, los veo a ustedes y a sus familias como un don enorme a nuestra comunidad católica. Entiendo que su llegada a Kentucky ha sido llena de retos y riesgos. Pero sobretodo cada uno ha traído consigo su fe y somos bendecidos por su presencia entre nosotros y en nuestras parroquias.



Obispo William F. Medley pronunciar su homilía: “Alégrate, llena de gracia” para la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen, Jubilee 75 - Diócesis de Owensboro, 8 de diciembre de 2012. F. Mel Howard.

“La Iglesia Católica seguirá como una voz de justicia e igualdad para todos los inmigrantes. En nuestra diócesis han encontrado un hogar y contamos con ustedes a compartir su fe y sus tradiciones. Me emociona pensar como la cara de nuestra Iglesia seguirá cambiando porque ustedes forman parte de nuestra diócesis. En la mesa del Señor Jesucristo, en nuestros altares, siempre son bienvenidos.”

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Unámonos en Cristo

## Retiro Juvenil, Nov.30-Dic. 1, 2012 Gasper River



En los momentos en que los jóvenes hispanos han hecho su presentación, los demás con el respeto de siempre, atentos en silencio escuchan la presentación de los jóvenes. Gracias jóvenes por su trabajo y presentación. F. Luis Aju

Para obtener más información sobre el Retiro Juvenil, consulte la páginas 3-5.



Durante nuestro Retiro Juvenil, hemos tenido la Hora Santa, con cantos, lecturas y meditaciones. acerca de que lugar le hemos dado al Señor en nuestras vidas. sin olvidar que servimos a Dios y no a nosotros mismos. La Eucaristía es y debe de ser el Centro y fin de nuestros retiros. F.Luis Aju



## Fiestas Guadalupeanas en la Diócesis de Owensboro

Por Luis Aju

En los 17 Parroquias con Comunidad Hispánica, se han llevado a cabo varias Celebraciones en Honor a la Virgen de Guadalupe como Reina y Emperatriz de las Américas. Bien lo dijo el Papa Juan Pablo II, Las Américas comprende

A la izquierda, Obispo Medley con el Diacono Julio Barrera, El Obispo bendice a las imágenes de la Virgen y de Cristo, a fin llevarlos en la casa así tener un altar familiar en casa donde se puede rezar en familia. F.Luis Aju



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### TAMBIEN:

El sábado, de 26 de enero, 2013	1:00 - 3:30	San Leo MURRAY
<b>Levántate Training Sesión 2</b> 25-27 de enero, 2013		
FECHA	HORA	LUGAR
El viernes, de 25 de enero, 2013	6:00- 8:30 PM	San José y Pablo OWENSBORO
El sábado, de 26 de enero, 2013	6:00 - 8:30 PM	Ss. Pedro & Pablo HOPKINSVILLE
El domingo, de 27 de enero, 2013	6:00 - 8:30 PM	San José BOWLING GREEN
<b>FORMA POR RESPONDIENDO</b> <b>RESPONDIR ANTES 15 de enero, 2013</b> Sister Ethel-Marie Biri, SSND Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St, Owensboro, KY 42301 sr.ethel-marie.biri@pastoral.org • 270-852-8367		