

## What is God's will for you?

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*Open your hearts to life!*



## Open Your Hearts To Life!

“Those who love need no other reward beyond the happiness they feel in knowing they have brought comfort to another person.

“Through prayer and through the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments, we can know and love God better. With his help, we can be more aware of the needs of those around us and open our hearts to all human life. After all, the focus of the New Evangelization isn't on memorizing doctrines. It's about learning to live our Christian life fully and bringing Christ's love, alive within us, to all we meet.”

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## Catholic Church Tradition Knows October as The Month of the Rosary



**Most Reverend  
William F.  
Medley, Bishop  
of Owensboro**

Dear sisters and brothers,  
October is a busy month in Catholic tradition. In recent decades, in the United States, it is observed as Respect Life month. Through prayer and education we are called to reflect upon the many ways our culture devalues

life. Instantly, we all think of abortion, and that is a dreadful stain on our national conscience. But many other things demean the sanctity of life, like capital punishment, pornography, terrorism, human torture and child abuse.

Long before we highlighted Respect Life issues during the month of October, Catholics have recognized it as the month of the Rosary. The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is marked on October 7. This feast was established by Pope Pius V in thanksgiving for victory in the Battle of Lepanto.

The Rosary is a prayer with which Catholics are familiar, even if its popularity has slipped in recent decades. The Rosary also refers to the string of prayer beads used to count the prayers. I find that often young Catholics acknowledge that they do not know how to pray the Rosary. I will ask them if they can make the Sign of the Cross and recite the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Hail Mary. Usually they will know these prayers, though they may well admit to needing a text to recite the Apostles' Creed. So, if they know these prayers, they can pray the Rosary. Yes, it is most beneficial to have a blessed Rosary on hand, but I bet I am not the only one to have prayed the Rosary on my fingers.

At first blush some might find praying the Rosary tediously repetitive. After all, the same prayers are repeated again and again. But the repetition of the familiar prayers is quite intentional. The well-worn repetition frees the mind to reflect upon the Mysteries of the Rosary, four sets of five themes on the life of Jesus, stories from the gospel and traditions of the Church. As the Hail Mary is the most often repeated prayer, we speak of the exercise as being a part of the Marian tradition of prayer. It is certainly that in the best sense of the tradition. The Rosary represents the

Catholic emphasis on participation in the life of Mary, whose focus was always on her Son, Jesus Christ.

The word "Rosary" comes from the Latin and means a garland of roses, the rose being one of the flowers used to symbolize the Virgin Mary. It remains one of the most emblematic symbols of Catholicism.

During this October, let us combine an old tradition with a new one. Pray the Rosary that there may be a greater respect for life in our culture. Pray for peace in our troubled times, pray for the unborn, pray for victims of exploitation and abuse. Pray for the success of the ministry of Pope Francis whose heart is moved for the poor in our midst.

May God bless you all.

+Most Reverend William F. Medley,  
Bishop of Owensboro

## Bringing Together Descendants Of Maryland To Kentucky Pioneers

Maryland To Kentucky And Beyond, Inc. is planning a reunion for June, 27-29, 2014 in Springfield, Ky. to bring together descendants of pioneers who travelled from Maryland to Kentucky beginning in the late 18th century, when the Commonwealth of Kentucky was being settled.

Many of these settlers were Catholics seeking religious freedom, but this reunion is open to people of all faiths who want to trace their genealogy.

**For more information**, contact Sr. George Mary Hagan, O.S.U., 229-4103 ext. 731, and Maryland To Kentucky And Beyond, Inc. Co-Chair Eddie Cecil of Owensboro. Bishop Medley will celebrate a closing Mass on June 29. Also, look online at <https://sites.google.com/site/mdtoky3>. The website also has genealogy resources.



### RESPONSES DUE

The training for Small Group Leaders in preparation for SEASON 3 of ARISE begin on September 26. Responses regarding HOW MANY ARE ATTENDING AND WHERE THEY WILL ATTEND are due by

**SEPTEMBER 18.**



### The Theme of SEASON 3

"Following in the Footsteps of Jesus" is the theme of Season 3. The Scripture passages of each session will be coupled with the Teachings of the Catholic Church on Social Justice.

Small Group Leaders will benefit greatly from the background training on this important topic.

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### NEW TRAINER



**ANNE SCANLON**

Anne will be with us for the SEASON 3 training. She comes to us with a long history with RENEW International.

**Come and Welcome her!**  
She will have some materials for sale at the training sessions.

### NEW COORDINATORS

We have some new parish coordinators this season. If any past coordinator has been succeeded by someone else, please let me know the name, email, phone information about the new person.

THANKS SO MUCH

### Preparing a Place

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
As part of ARISE, we will have a speaker, provided by RENEW International, to help parishes become more welcoming to YOUNG ADULTS.

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JANUARY 23, 2014**

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&

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FLOOR 1

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## Bishop Medley's Calendar for October 2013:

October 1	9:00 a.m.	CPC Staff Mass and Meeting
October 2-12	9:00 a.m.	Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
October 15	9:00 a.m.	CPC Staff Mass and Meeting
October 16	8:30 a.m.	Diocesan Finance Council Meeting
October 17	9:00 a.m.	School Mass, Owensboro Catholic Middle School
	6:00 p.m.	Right to Life of Owensboro Banquet, Hines Center
October 18	9:00 a.m.	School Mass, St. Ann, Morganfield
October 19	1:30 p.m.	Final Profession, Sr. Mary Andrea Niehaus, Passionist Monastery, Whitesville
October 21	9:30 a.m.	Priests' Personnel Board Meeting, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council Meeting, CPC
October 23	8:30 a.m.	School Mass, Mary Carrico, Knottsville
	2:00 p.m.	Anointing at the Villa, Mount St. Joseph
October 24	2:00 p.m.	Brescia Board Meeting
October 25	9:00 a.m.	Brescia Board Meeting
October 26	9:00 a.m.	Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center
October 27	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Thomas More, Paducah
October 28	6:30 p.m.	Theology on Tap, Young Adult Group
October 29	10:00 a.m.	School Mass, St. Mary Elementary School, Paducah
	12-3:00 p.m.	Paducah Office Hours, Lourdes Hospital



**Submitted by Deacon Terry Larbes**

PADUCAH, Ky. - St Thomas More held Centering Prayer Workshops on September 13th and 14th. The Centering Prayer Workshops were scheduled to coincide with the one year anniversary of Perpetual Adoration in St Thomas More's Works of Mercy Chapel. Perpetual Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament started on August 2, 2012. During the year the Adorers, those who regularly participate in Perpetual Adoration, requested help concerning "how to pray" and "what to pray" during their weekly adoration hour. The opportunity to experience and learn about Centering Prayer was open to all; however Centering Prayer was offered so that the Adorers would have an additional form of prayer to enhance their weekly commitment to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Centering Prayer is a form of contemplative prayer. Contemplative prayer is ... the pre-eminently intense time of prayer. In it the Father strengthens our inner being with power through his Spirit "that Christ may dwell in [our] hearts through faith" and we may be "grounded in love." (CCC 2714)

On Friday evening, September 13th and Saturday morning, September 14th Sr Mary Otho Ballard, OP, a certified presenter by Contemplative Outreach Ltd presented Centering Prayer Workshops at Saint Thomas More, Paducah. The Friday and Saturday workshops were the same so that the participants could choose the session that best fit their schedule; 40 people participated in the workshops. Sr. Mary Otho described Centering Prayer as "becoming aware of the presence of God". God is with us at all times but our lives do not allow us to be "aware" of God's presence. We need to get past our thoughts, schedules and plans. We need to "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10) Centering Prayer provides us a path to follow from the busyness of daily life to the stillness of God's presence. Sr. Mary Otho presented the Workshop in several ses-


*Saturday morning Centering Prayer Workshops participants*

sions or conferences. The presentation portion was held in the Parish Activity Center; the initiation and practice of Centering Prayer was held in the Works of Mercy Chapel in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

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## The entire Church honors our Mother Mary

By Fr. Ed Bradley, OCHS Campus Minister



Shortly after his election, Pope Francis made a visit to the Roman Basilica of St. Mary Major to pay homage to Mary, the Mother of Jesus. He placed a bouquet of flowers before her statue and prayed for several minutes.

During the month of May (and October), the entire Church honors Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. A human being, like us, Mary was no stranger to the difficulties and sufferings of life. Yet, in all things, she accepted God's will and made it her own. OCHS teaches our students to honor Mary and pray for the grace to accept her as a role model, striving to do God's will in their lives. The most popular way we do this is by teaching and praying the Rosary with the students. We do this especially in the months of October and May.

Our final school liturgy this school year included the May Crowning. Before the Mass began, Stephanie Wall, chosen by her classmates as the senior superlative, Most Christian, placed the crown of roses on the statue of Mary's head while the students sang "Hail Mary."

Pope Paul VI felt a need to point out "certain deviations" in Marian prayer and practices. However, he showed himself emphatically to be a champion of our Lady of the Rosary. In the document, "On Devotion to the Blessed Virgin," He devoted some six or seven of the document's pages to praising the Rosary and explained its place in the life of the followers of Christ.

Pope John Paul II was also a frequent and staunch advocate of the Rosary. In June of 1987--by way of a remarkable, live satellite telecast, he celebrated the opening of the Marian year by praying the Rosary with the faithful from around the world. This event, in which millions participated, showed that the Rosary is still a popular Catholic devotion with worldwide appeal. Through the miracle of television, the Pope linked five continents together in one global prayer for world peace. The telecast carried mass audiences live to places like Bombay, Manila, Rio de Janeiro, Mexico city, Fatima, Lourdes, Frankfurt, and Washington, D.C.

When the same Pope survived an assassin's bullet in 1981, he credited his safety to the protection of Mary and expressed his gratitude by way of the Rosary. The assassination attempt had taken place in St. Peter's Square on May 13, the anniversary of the first appearance of our Lady to the children at Fatima sixty-four years earlier in 1917. On the day he resumed his public appearances, October 7, the feast of the Holy Rosary, he pointed out the connection with Fatima, saying he was "indebted to the Blessed Virgin," adding: "In everything that happened to me on that very day, I felt the extraordinary motherly protection and care, which tuned out to be stronger than the deadly bullet."

"Today," he continued, "is the memorial of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary. The whole month of October is the month of the Rosary. ... I want these first words to be words of gratitude, love and deep trust, just as the holy Rosary is and always remains a prayer of gratitude, love and trustful request, I invite you all to this prayer." A bit later, the Pope added: "The Rosary is my favorite prayer, a marvelous prayer, marvelous in its simplicity and depth. In the last few weeks I have had numerous proofs of kindness on the part of people all over the world. I want to express my gratitude in decades of the Rosary, in the prayer, so simple and so rich, that I cordially exhort everyone to recite it."

The term "Rosary" initially referred to a circular enclosed garden, and later to a garland of roses. Since Mary is invoked as Mystical Rose in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Catholics find it easy to associate this beautiful, sweet-smelling and wonderfully enfolded flower with the woman we call Mother. When Mary appeared as Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego, she filled his tilma with roses in the cold winter month of December. So the association seems to be as appealing to Mary as it is to those who honor her.

As we hold in our hands the strung roses of wood, glass, marble or plastic, the scent of peace arises. Like children caressing a smooth shell or a brilliant marble, we feel the quiet stirring of contentment. John Paul II reminded us, "The Rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace, since it consists in the contemplation of Christ, the Prince of Peace, the one who is 'our peace.'" The Pope corrects those who would label the Rosary as an escape from the world's harsh realities.

"Instead," he says, "by focusing our awareness on Christ, the Rosary opens our eyes to the necessity of being peacemakers and justice-doers according to his example."

It is the prayer of the faculty of OCHS that all our graduates leave here to go into the world as peacemakers and justice-doers.

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## Brescia University Invites All to Live Between Stories, Explore the Questions



Michael Morwood

By Abigail Riney, Glenn Cox, and Will McKenzie

OWensboro, KY.

- On October 29, 2013, the Contemporary Woman Program of Brescia University will

host Michael Morwood, internationally renowned speaker and author. Mr. Morwood will speak on "Living Between Stories: Exploring the Questions." He has been heavily involved in retreats and educational development ministries for over forty years and is well known in the United States as well as internationally for his work with the Progressive Christian movement. He is currently living in Bangor, Pennsylvania where he is a resident theologian at Kirkridge Retreat Center.

When Mr. Morwood visits Brescia University, he will speak about the relationship between God and science and help people examine their own belief systems. "It is time we Christians in particular should stop seeing science as the enemy of religion and rather see it as presenting us with an extraordinary window to the Divine active all around us," Morwood explains.

All proceeds from the event will go toward the Endowed Chair of the Contemporary Woman Program. The pro-

gram is funded entirely by donations and proceeds from events such as this. The Contemporary Woman Program, which is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary, offers programs for both men and women for "the sheer joy of learning," according to Sr. Rose Marita O'Bryan, director of the program. It is her hope that Mr. Morwood's presentation will further the mission of the Contemporary Woman Program, which is "to work toward a future in which the equality of men and women will be realized and respected so that the gifts of all people will be utilized and integrated to create a just and peaceful society."

"Living Between Stories: Exploring the Questions" will take place on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 from 7:00-8:30 in the Taylor Lecture Hall of the Science Building at Brescia University. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. The program is open to men and women of all ages. Door prizes will be given out at the event.

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**Learn about women Doctors of the Church.** The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand are offering a program, "*A Feast of Four: Being Fed by Women Doctors of the Church*," on Saturday, October 12, at Kordes Center in Ferdinand, Indiana. Presented by Sisters Mary Ann Verkamp, Kathryn Huber, Traci Stutz, and Jenny Miller. Program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time. Cost \$65, including lunch. Registration due October 9. For more information or to register, call 800-880-2777, or 812-367-1411, ext. 2915, or visit [www.thedome.org/programs](http://www.thedome.org/programs).

## Support Life Chain on October 6, 2013

The Gospel of Life Committee invites you to support the National Life Chain efforts, Sunday, October 6, 2013 from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. Prayer and unity will bring about change. This is an opportunity to have concentrated prayer in over 1700 cities at the same time for an end to abortion.

The designated location is Frederica Street from 9th Street to the Hwy 60 Bypass.

Signs will be available at the Right to Life office on Tamarack Road. For more information contact Jennifer Hamilton at 270-903-6322.



## Respect Life

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### 40 Days for Life: Help Your Parish Become a Prayer Partner

Are you being called to act on behalf of the unborn, but don't know exactly how?

The Diocesan Office of Social Concerns with the Gospel of Life Committee would like to suggest for you a simple, yet powerful witness that your parish, school or organization can provide during 40 Days for LIFE (September 25 through November 3).

Everything you need can be found at [www.DesignsbyBirgit.blogspot.com/2013/09/40-days-for-life-help-your-parish.html](http://www.DesignsbyBirgit.blogspot.com/2013/09/40-days-for-life-help-your-parish.html) or email a materials request to [designsbybirgit@me.com](mailto:designsbybirgit@me.com)

In addition to Pro-life posters, you will find a Pro-Life Fact Sheet as well as a Prayer Commitment form to fill out. Check out how easy it can be to do something tangible for the Unborn. Please also encourage others to participate, as a way to do your part. Thank you, on behalf of our littlest brothers and sisters!

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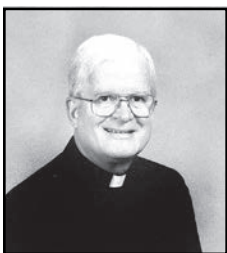


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## Monte Cassino pilgrimages to be held in October

Saint Meinrad Archabbey's pilgrimages to honor the Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine have been scheduled for the Sundays in October.

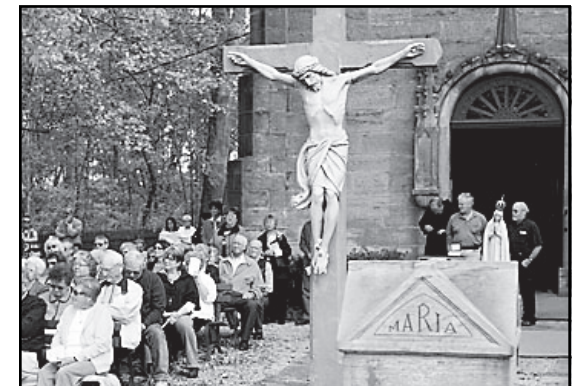
The pilgrimages begin with an opening hymn and a short sermon, followed by a rosary procession. The service ends with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn. Speakers and topics for the pilgrimages are:

**October 6 – Br. Luke Waugh, OSB**  
"Mary, Mother of Healing"

**October 13 – Fr. Barnabas Gillespie, OSB**  
"And Mary Waited Outside"

**October 20 – Fr. Jeremy King, OSB**  
"Believer in the Promise"

**October 27 – Archabbot Justin DuVall, OSB**  
"Mary, Mother of the Light"



Services begin at 2 p.m. Central Daylight Time. The public is invited. The Monte Cassino Shrine is located one mile east of the Archabbey on State Road 62 in St. Meinrad, IN.

Because State Road 62 is closed for repairs, visitors traveling from the east on Interstate 64 should take Exit 63, drive south on State Road 162 and then drive east on State Road 62 into St. Meinrad. The road is open to Monte Cassino Shrine.

6 October, 2013

## St Mary Of The Woods Parish Hosts Convocation Sunday August 25, 2013

By Mel Howard

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - Over 300 St. Mary of the Woods parishioners came to the Parish Center on August 25 for "Our Vision, Our Values, Our Purpose for Christ," a parish convocation for discussions and voting on 49 challenges in seven areas of parish life: Worship and Prayer, Community Outreach, Administration and Finance, Stewardship and Development, Education and Faith Formation, Parish Family Life, and Vocations. 25 challenges were to be chosen, and from these the top seven would serve as the starting points for implementing the parish's long range plan.

The day was historic for St. Mary's parish and for the Catholic Church across America since St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Whitesville, Ky. was the only Catholic parish in America that day conducting a convocation bringing over 320 of the 2,212 registered parishioners together in one place to discuss plans and vote on challenges to implement a long range plan. Childcare was provided by students of Trinity High School, and refreshments were offered for the afternoon convocation.

After a prayer and a state of the parish address by Pastor Father Gerald Baker, Mr. Bernard DuMond with The Institute of School and Parish Development (ISPD) in New Orleans, led the participants in understanding the planning process at the parish, and detailed the planning areas of the parish's long-range pastoral plan which has been months in the writing. He shared the parish's mission statement, then looked at the planning area challenges.

Next, the participants broke into small groups of about 15 members each to review the mission statement and solve the 49 challenges with strategic solutions, or action items. Each small group member selected 25 challenges for action and a count was taken to see how many of the 49 challenges received votes. Participants were asked to fill out an input sheet, but did not have to sign it or volunteer for committee work. Many did though, indicating they would help out by signing their input sheet.

Then, the small groups re-convened in the parish center for a large



**In the photo above right, Owen Mills was counting the votes for one of the 49 challenges which the St. Mary of the Woods Parish considered August 25. At top right, pastor Father Gerald Baker explained some of the facts of parish finances in his state of the parish talk. At right, Trinity HS students provided Child care in the Parish Activities Room of the Parish Hall. From left to right are: Silva Stauffer, Daniel Hardesty, Lauren Beyke, Bri Murphy, Alanna Wathen, Morgan Porter, Chassity Roberts, Ariel Aud, Savannah Barnett, Kelly Gilmore. Photos by Kim Rydecki**

group multi-vote process of the challenges. Mr. DuMond called out the challenge number, participants who voted for a particular challenge raised their hand, small group leaders counted the votes, and called their group's tally in order. After all the tallies were called and recorded, the top seven challenges receiving votes were announced. Following a prayer, convocation participants were thanked for attending a convocation on a beautiful August Sunday afternoon and the convocation ended.

Receiving the most votes (248) was the challenge, "How do we increase and sustain enrollment at our Catholic Schools?" St. Mary's parish supports St. Mary Elementary School and Trinity High School, both located just east of the church building. Next



with 239 votes was the challenge, "How do we establish a Master Plan for Facilities with a Feasibility Study - Gym/Activity Center?" Third with 212 votes was the challenge "How do we get more youth involved in the parish?" The fourth place challenge with 203 votes was, "How do we improve finances?" St Mary of the Woods parish's projected 2013-2014 budget shows income of \$1,355,436, and expenses of \$1,378,746, resulting in a net deficit of \$23,310. St. Mary of the Woods Parish also has a million dol-

lars in the bank donated for the purpose of a new gymnasium.

St. Mary of the Woods Pastor Father Gerald Baker was asked after the convocation how he felt about the afternoon. He said, "There is a great Spirit at St. Mary of the Woods! There was great enthusiasm on Sunday afternoon during our convocation. The people of this parish truly love God and the church. I am so happy to be the pastor here!"

## From The Owensboro Diocesan Archives

History is an integral part of the life of any family, parish, or community. Through memories we create a sense of continuity between the past and the present. They instruct the youth and reawaken past experiences in the young at heart. As a diocese, our ecclesial memory is greatly vested in the parish through records created and preserved.

The Diocese of Owensboro Archives has a responsibility is to preserve this history. It is the mission of the Archives to collect, preserve, and make available for research the official and historically valuable records of the diocese, as well as those ancillary records which document the development and works of the Catholic Church within the Diocese of Owensboro.

These historical records are collected from the offices within the Chancery, but they may also be received from parishes. Each parish has a unique history that contributes to our collective memory. There are many facets through which we know our church histories: the location of the church, its architecture, artwork, interior design, worship materials, pastors, mission work, ministries within the parish and to the community, among many others. By reflecting on these histories we are able to direct our future with purpose



and also look back on our heritage with pride.

The Diocese of Owensboro Archives holds not only paper records but audio visual materials, such as photographs, reels, cassette tapes, DVDs and CDs of parish and diocesan events. Included in the archives



Above: Records in the Archives are grouped by creator or function and stored in acid free boxes.

At left: The Archives includes artifacts and vestments, such as this fiddle back chasuble used pre-Vatican II. Diocesan Archives Photos

are also artifacts, such as priest vestments, chalices, the shoes of our former bishops, commemorative coins and hats from events, bricks from demolished churches and banners.

Many items in the Archives have been acquired through donations of local Catholics. The Archives still welcomes donations of local Catholic life, such as photographs and memorabilia. These items will enrich the ability of the Archives to share the history of our diocese with future generations. Any questions about donations can be directed to the Archives at 683-1545.

## Benedictine Hills youth pilgrimage planned for October 19

The men's and women's Benedictine communities of Saint Meinrad Archabbey and Monastery Immaculate Conception are co-sponsoring a youth pilgrimage to take place the afternoon of Saturday, October 19, 2013.

The day's events will begin at noon (CDT) at the Archabbey Church of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in St. Meinrad, IN. Following a brief prayer for pilgrims, the group will walk the six miles along country roads to Monastery Immaculate Conception.

Pilgrims will arrive at the Monastery Church at Ferdinand for Vespers at 5 p.m. (EDT), followed by a cookout with members of both monastic communities.

The Benedictine Hills pilgrimage is open to parish youth groups, campus ministry groups and Newman Center communities, as well as individuals who wish to join the walk. Groups are encouraged to bring a banner or standard to walk with and to use in the procession into the Monastery Church.

The cost is \$7 per pilgrim (to be collected upon arrival) to cover the cost of supper (lunch is not provided).

Participants are reminded to bring comfortable walking shoes, snacks or bottled water, sunglasses, sunscreen, and warm or cool clothes, depending on the weather.

Pilgrims are asked to register at [www.saintmeinrad.org/youth-pilgrimage/](http://www.saintmeinrad.org/youth-pilgrimage/) and to check the website in case of rain.



## Fun Games At Mount Saint Joseph Picnic

Megan tries to hit the frog into the bucket as Sister Alicia Coomes, seated in the center, and Sister Martha Keller, seated at right, encourage her. Froggie in the Bucket was a new children's game at this year's Picnic. MSJ Photo

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
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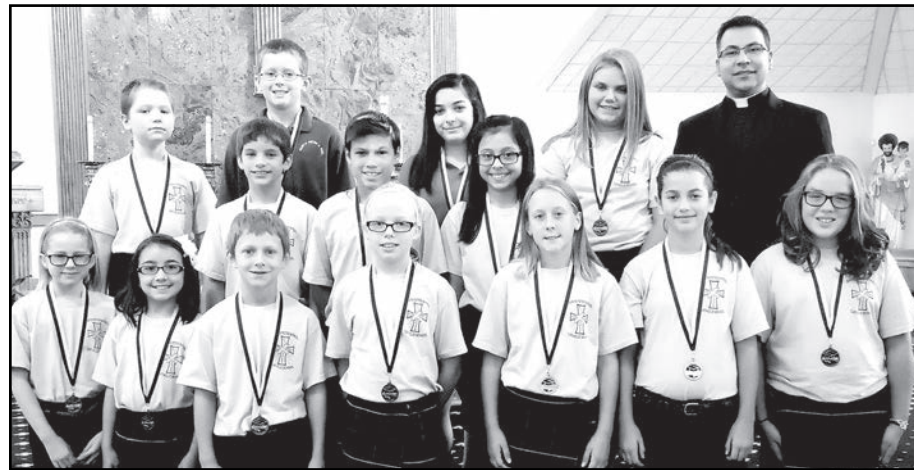
2nd Sunday of the month

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph invite you to join us for Eucharistic Adoration on the second Sunday of the month to pray for vocations. Our next date is **Sunday, Oct. 13.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the **Motherhouse Chapel** (located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Adoration will conclude with evening prayer. Those unable to attend are asked to pray for new members to hear the call to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph or a vocation within the church.



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Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic School, Hopkinsville, recently inducted new members into the National Jr. Beta Club. In the first row from left to right are: Alexis Mowen, Sara Whitman, Preston Chaudoin, Karena Chaudoin, Grace Pape, Molly Bennett, Kyle Spurr. In the back row are: Ben Adcock, James Folz, Taylor Johnson, Katelyn Steger, and Fr. Julio Barrera. Beta is sponsored by Rochelle Dickerson and Chris Westfall. *The National Beta Club is committed to recognizing and promoting high academic achievement, rewarding and nurturing worthy character, fostering leadership skills and encouraging service to others.* Photos submitted by Sarah Kranz, principal, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School.



Bishop William Medley receives hugs from the 3rd grade students at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School when he recently celebrated Mass with the students and visited classes.

## Diocesan Review Board Members Ready to Respond to Calls

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Brandon Harley - Chair, Mr. Mike Flaherty - Vice Chair, Mr. Ken Bennett; Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Fr. Mike Clark, Dr. Michael Farina, Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Ms. Teresa Henry, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, Kelly Roe, Sr. Ethel-Marie Biri, SSND (Bishop's liaison). To report abuse, contact Rita Heinz (Victim Assistance Coordinator)

Any person who wishes to communicate with the Diocesan Review Board is asked to call the Catholic Pastoral Center at 1-270-683-1545 and ask to speak with a member of the Review Board. To speak with a particular member of this Board, tell the receptionist. In either case, the receptionist at the Catholic Pastoral Center will give the caller's information to a member of the Diocesan Review Board for follow-up.

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Los miembros del Comité que responden a las alegaciones de abuso sexual en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Sr. Ken Bennett, Sr. Mike Boone, Sra. Kay Castlen, Pbro. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Sr. Mike Flaherty, Vice Chair, Sra. Rhonda Gillham, Sr. Nicholas Goetz, Sr. Brandon Harley, Chair, Sra. Teresa Henry, Sra. Mary Beth Hurley, y Sra. Kelly Roe. Hna. Ethel Marie Biri, SSND, sirve como el enlace entre el Obispo y el Comité Examinador.

Cualquier persona que desea comunicarse con el Comité Examinador Diocesano debe llamar al Centro Pastoral Católico a 1-270-683-1545 y pedir hablar con un miembro del Comité Examinador. Para hablar con un miembro particular de este Comité, dígame a la recepcionista. En cualquier caso la recepcionista en el Centro Pastoral Católico le dará la información de la persona que llama a un miembro del Comité Examinador Diocesano para seguimiento.

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## St. Benedict School in Wax Reunion

St. Benedict School Reunion will be Oct. 20, 2013 in the basement of St. Benedict Church, Wax, Ky. It will start after the 10:00 Mass. Everyone welcome. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship. Call LaMont Miller, 270-259-3303, if you need more information.

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Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Owensboro.  
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# Owensboro Catholic Students Attend Prestigious Music Camp

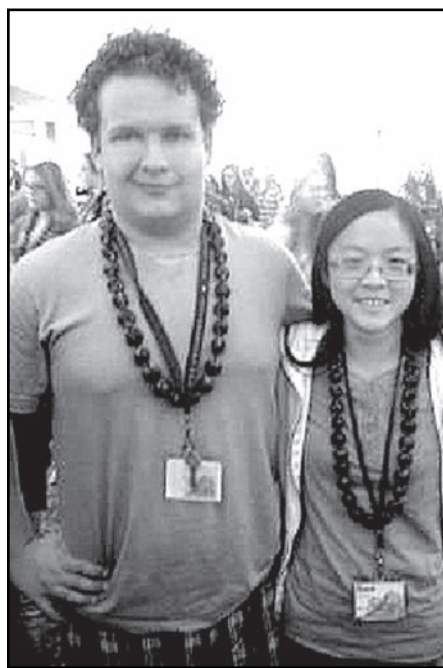
Submitted by Nicole Gray

Music Ministry Alive! is for musically gifted student leaders entering 10th, 11th and 12th grade or their first two years of college and for adult music directors, teachers, religious educators, youth ministers, priests and all who mentor youth in ministry leadership roles. To attend a student must audition and be accepted. This year two Owensboro Catholic High Students were accepted: Nicholas Gray and Hannah Hagan along with Owensboro High School student, Cary Aud. This year's theme was 'Dream the Vision' and was led by a group of nationally acclaimed liturgical musicians and teachers including David Haas, Sr. Anne Bryan Smolin, SCSJ, Jaime Cortez, Fr. Ray East, Marty Haugen, Fr. Fran O'Brien and many more! Also in attendance was Matt Gray Director of Music Ministry at the Parish of the Immaculate.

Music Ministry Alive! Mission statement is "To Engage And Empower Young People To Serve As Liturgical Music Leaders In The Church.

The centerpiece of Music Ministry Alive! is an annual five-day summer institute held each summer at St. Catherine University in St. Paul Minnesota, for talented youth and adult leaders who have a passion for liturgical music and for the desire to serve as ministers in their parishes and schools. This experience is open to any young person who will be entering the 10th, 11th, 12th grade or their first two years of college in the following fall. Applicants should be presently involved in music ministry in their parishes and schools, and have a desire to deepen that commitment. An adult track is also offered for adult leaders who are involved with mentoring young people in leadership roles in the church, including parish music directors, liturgy coordinators, youth ministers, pastors, catechists, teachers and volunteers. Each summer about 150 youth and 50 some adult leaders come and celebrate their gifts, their love of liturgical music, and the power of their faith!

Founded in 1999, Music Ministry Alive! has touched the lives of close to 1700 young people and 500 adult lead-



**OCHS students Nicholas Gray and Hannah Hagan taking a break at MMA**

ers representing 44 states, 3 provinces of Canada, England, Ireland, Africa, Australia and Germany. Many of these young people have gone on to become music and youth ministers, published liturgical composers, and members of choirs and ensembles, leading the assembly in the sung praise of their God. MMA was founded and is led by internationally known composer, author, teacher and liturgical musician David Haas, along with Associate Director Lori True, composer, cantor and Campus Minister for Liturgy and Music at St. Catherine University. Team members and guest artists over the years have included Fr. Ray East, Tim Westerhaus, Kate Cuddy, Tony Alonso, Stephen Petrunak, Bobby Fisher, Leisa Anslinger, Fr. Michael Joncas, Bonnie Faber, David Dreher, Rob Glover, Marty Haugen, Bob Hurd, Joe Camacho, Tom Franzak, Rob Strusinski, George Miller, Jesse Manibusan, Bill Huebsch, Steve Angrisano, Robin Medrud, and many more leaders in the areas of liturgy, music, and youth ministry. For more information on Music Ministry Alive go to [www.musicministryalive.com](http://www.musicministryalive.com).

## Precious Blood Bus Trip

A bus trip is being planned to go to Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois and see The Way of Lights at the National Shrine. The 1.5 mile drive-through is lined with more than a million lights. We will leave on Friday, December 13th after the 7:00 a.m. Mass from Precious Blood and return on Saturday, December 14th. Cost is \$155 per person/double or \$146 per person/triple (includes bus transportation, one over night stay, lunch at the Shrine, visit to St. Louis Gateway Arch, Way of Lights Dinner and continental breakfast). Lunch on Saturday is on your own. If interested, please call Penny or Sr. Rosanne at the Parish Office at 684-6888. Registration deadline is October 15th.

## Ask the questions about life as a Sister of Providence October 18-20

A woman considering the counter-cultural lifestyle of a Catholic sister can find herself facing lots of emotions and just as many questions. The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods hope to offer some support. Single, Catholic women ages 18-42 are invited to a discernment weekend October 18-20 at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., located just northwest of Terre Haute, Ind.

Those attending will have opportunity to talk with other women considering religious life and with those who have recently joined. They can participate in prayer, personal sharing, fun and faith in action. The weekend's theme is "How do I know what God wants me to do?" There is no charge for the event and housing and meals are provided.

Sister Arrianne Whittaker, 26, will be participating in the weekend. She recalls her feelings leading up to entering the Congregation in 2011.

"Some days I was excited and thought this was the best thing I could do. At other times I was overwhelmed. Another day I would think this is the most ridiculous thing, what am I even thinking? The mood swings could be quick. I had to sort out a lot of information, and I was not sure how to sort it all out. Most days I just had to sit with it," she said.

"Along the way I learned about myself, and I learned to ask 'where am I finding peace,' because if I found peace than I needed to go with it," she said.

Many things attracted Sister Arrianne to the Sisters of Providence. "Definitely their evolving sense of Providence revealed through a dedication to works of social and eco-justice. And their understanding of God as connected to all creation," she said. She also felt called to the mission of love, mercy and justice, to the Congregation's foundress Saint Mother Theodore Guerin and to their strong sense of home. "I wanted to do this in community, to be with like-minded individuals who challenge me," she said. Along the way she came to feel like she fit.

Sister Arrianne encourages other women to consider this life dedicated to serving others. "Don't be afraid to take the risk if you think it's what you're called to," she said. "You would not be alone in the process. I can guarantee that you would be surrounded by people who support you and genuinely care about you," she said.

For more information about the discernment weekend or life as a Sister of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, contact Sister Nancy Nolan at [nnolan@spsmw.org](mailto:nnolan@spsmw.org) or 812-535-2895, or Sister Editha Ben at [eben@spsmw.org](mailto:eben@spsmw.org) or 1-800-860-1840, ext. 2895. Or visit the Congregations' website at [SistersofProvidence.org](http://SistersofProvidence.org).



**Sister Arrianne Whittaker will be among the Sisters of Providence answering questions women considering life as a woman religious might have during a weekend event Oct. 18-20 at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind. relations associate, at 812-535-2812, or by email at [amiranda@spsmw.org](mailto:amiranda@spsmw.org).**



### Father Chrispin Receives Memorial Chalice

Theresa McCarty, second from left, presented a memorial chalice to Fr. Chrispin Oneko, pastor at Immaculate Conception in Hawesville, on August 18 in memory of her late husband, Mike McCarty, who died in April, 2013. Mike was a member of the Fourth Degree Owensboro Assembly 2074. When a Fourth Degree Knight dies, his KC Council gives his wife a Memorial Chalice. Here the McCarty family, from left, Mary Raley, Theresa McCarty, John McCarty presented the chalice to Fr. Chrispin. At right is KC Council #817 Grand Knight Charles Hagman. Photo by Margaret Whitehouse.

## Advent Prayer Retreat Day

### Thursday, Dec. 12

9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)



The season of Advent is more than just trimming a tree and buying presents. The true nature of Christmas calls us to prayer and celebration at the Lord's coming and our own salvation. This will be a day to reflect on the meaning of Advent and Christmas through prayer. Reconciliation will also be offered. Join us in celebrating God's wonderful love for us all in the best gift of all – GOD'S SON.

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## St. Ann School Begins Year's Drive for the Cure

St. Ann School in Morganfield, Ky. kicked off their annual trash bag fundraiser the week of August 26. This school year, pink trash bags are added to the line of products along with all of the original trash bags offered each year. A portion of the proceeds from the pink bags will go to breast cancer awareness.

Stephanie Hagedorn, parent and chairperson of the trash bag sales, visited classrooms dressed in a sample of the pink trash bag encouraging all students to participate in the annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the fundraiser allows the PTO to provide many programs to the school and students throughout the school year. To order your yearly supply of trash bags visit or call the school office. Chris and Dena Davis donated their Farmall tractor, painted pink in honor of breast cancer awareness, to assist in the kick-off. Photo submitted by Beth Hendrickson



# Respect Life

## The Fierce Urgency of Now: A Nation's Need to Protect Its Youth

*Editor's Note: According to new research from SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and Liberty Mutual Insurance, 23 percent of teens admit to driving under the influence of alcohol, marijuana or other drugs. With 13 million driving-aged teenagers, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, that means as many as 3 million impaired adolescents may be taking to the road. Ironically, most teens (91 percent) consider themselves to be safe, cautious drivers.*

*With a new school year well in progress, we share this opinion article with you, especially because parents play such an important role in communicating expectations to their teen drivers. This timely piece was authored by Stephen Gray Wallace, SADD's senior advisor for policy, research and education.*

The alcohol-fueled alleged serial rape of a sixteen-year-old Ohio girl by two of her similarly impaired classmates - not to mention the drunken videotaped commentary of others - points yet again to the imperative that adult America renews its commitment to address as a true national community those issues that most threaten the health, safety, and forward development of youth.

It is a priority that carries with it, in Dr. Martin Luther King's words, the fierce urgency of now. Indeed, is there a task more pressing than protecting the generation that will follow us as custodians of the future? Probably not.

Among the key threats facing our kids are ones often overlooked, underplayed, or enabled by adults: alcohol use and its many negative ramifications, including impaired driving.

Over the past decade, our government has laid out a blueprint for reducing "demand" among adolescents and children, beginning with the National Academies report, "Reducing Underage Drinking - A Collective Responsibility." As the title suggests, it is imperative that all members of adult America make it their business to join the legions of agencies, organizations, schools, and families in combating underage drinking and the driving that often follows.

But new research reveals we have a long way to go. According to a recently released study of teens by SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and

Liberty Mutual Insurance, the number of sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds reporting that their parents allow them to drink at home, host alcohol-included parties, and drink at parties away from home is on the rise.

For example, 37 percent of the teens revealed that their parents allow them to drink with them, up 10 percent from 2010. Some believe that "de-mystifying" alcohol use by allowing kids to drink at home will make it less likely their teens will drink elsewhere. But other research tells a different story. According to a 2005

SADD Teens Today study:

- Among high school teens, those who tend to avoid alcohol are more than twice as likely as those who repeatedly use alcohol to say their parents never let them drink at home (84 percent vs. 40 percent).
- More than half (57 percent) of high school teens who report their parents allow them to drink at home, even once in a while, say they drink with their friends, as compared to just 14 percent of teens who say their parents don't let them drink at home.

Similarly, between 2010 and this year,

those stating that they are allowed to drink without their parents present or to attend alcohol-included parties rose from 21 to 29 percent and from 36 to 47 percent, respectively.

Finally, those teens reporting that they are permitted to host parties with alcohol increased slightly over prior years to 15 percent. Given the known - and deleterious - effects of alcohol on evolving teen brains and the link between early alcohol use and life-long problems, this trend represents a significant concern to prevention specialists and educators. Maybe even more alarming is the percentage of teens that admit to driving after drinking (15 percent) or using marijuana (16 percent). Hence the urgency. Fortunately, not all the news is bad. A combination of policy, parents, and peers holds some hope.

**Policy:** An increasing number of states are enacting - and enforcing - social host liability laws, holding adults accountable if they provide alcohol to minors or allow alcohol-included parties to take place in their homes.


**Parents:** Mom and Dad remain the most powerful force in their teen's decision-making. Conversations about safe driving and saying no to alcohol can start with them.

**Peers:** Friends hold a lot of power, too. Eighty-seven percent of surveyed teens will ask a peer under the influence of alcohol to refrain from driving ... and 92 percent of those peers would agree.

And other help is on the way. A new media campaign from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Talk. They Hear You, highlights the power and responsibility of parents when it comes to youth alcohol use.

Thus, let's make a resolution in our courts, our homes, and our cars to address the scourge of youth substance use and the crash deaths and injuries from car crashes that often result.

That is the fierce urgency of now. *Editor's Note: The Owensboro Catholic High School SCRUBS group took the lead with help from area high schools to have enacted a social host ordinance for Daviess County in 2010 after three years of polling youth, adults, advertising on radio, and testifying in Daviess County Fiscal Court sessions.*




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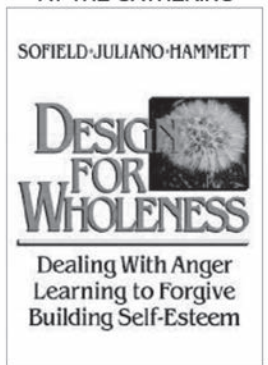
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# A Celebration of Two Women And Consecrated Religious Life

By Anne Hagan

WHITESVILLE, Ky. August 25, 2013 - Every great sentence needs a great punctuation mark!

And this weekend was the perfect example of just that. Mother Catherine Marie Schuhmann of the Passionist nuns of Saint Joseph Monastery celebrated 50 years as a consecrated religious.

I have only known Mother Catherine for about 7 years, but that's long enough to realize what a blessing she has been to me personally, my families, and our community. She is warm and loving, an incredible teacher, and caring about the smallest details, yet wise and strong enough to "parent" many. I cannot imagine what our world would be like without her guidance, prayers, and examples.

On August 24, we were able to meet most of her family. I had not really thought of what she had left behind, or how her 8 siblings and parents must have felt as she walked out of their physical lives and into a cloistered monastery. How much did she give up? How much did her family lose? And did they fully understand or support her decision to rip a hole in their family fabric to "hide behind some walls and pray for strangers?" Couldn't she do that in Louisville in between chores and after possibly putting babies to bed? The answers to my questions came while reading the



**Mother Catherine Marie Schuhmann, C.P. celebrated her 50 years of consecrated religious life Aug. 24 at Saint Joseph Monastery, Whitesville. Larena Lawson Photos this page.**

program given at the beginning of the celebration along with the pictures of a beautiful young woman growing up with great friends and in a large family. It was difficult for her to leave and there were times of sadness and a lack of trust. But eventually the family was able to give thanks to God for choosing one of their own. Their generosity in giving Him their daughter was not to be outdone! And their family was blessed and strengthened. Their joy and pride was palpable in that chapel yesterday.

Today, I attended another celebration. One quite different, yet the same. A dear friend, Megan Rhodes, is leaving in a few days to join the Sisters of Life in New York. She will not be cloistered, but will not be able to return home often, visits and communication will be sparse and she will give up much including her long beautiful hair along with most earthly possessions. And at times she will encounter hostility just because of Who and what she represents. A huge gathering

of friends and family came out and spent the majority of the day eating, laughing, singing, dancing and celebrating her life up to this point and what is to come.

I watched as her siblings clung to her, and turned away when others drew near. Tears began to flow easier as the day began to wind down. It was hard to hold my own in check. However, the pure joy in Megan's eyes and the determination not to keep her future Spouse waiting long told my heart to be still.

Someday, maybe 50 years from now, we, family and friends, will gather with the many people whose lives she will have touched and possibly even saved, and thank God for choosing her to be His bride. I have no doubt that our lives will be richer, stronger and blessed because of the love and sacrifices we will share.

I can't think of a better punctuation mark than that! Praising God for giving me the honor of knowing and loving both women and praying for continued strength and blessings on their families.

**"Don't worry, Megan," Mother Catherine Marie seems to say in the picture at left, "God will be with you, and so will all our prayers."**



**Mother Catherine Marie's mother, Cassie Schuhmann of Louisville, Ky., came to celebrate her daughter's Golden Anniversary of Religious Profession as a Passionist Nun.**



**Mother Catherine Marie in Prayer during her August 24 Golden Jubilee celebration.**

## God is Still Calling; the Chosen Still Answer

By Larena Lawson

On August 31st, 2013, an inspiring, spirit-filled, young lady entered the Sisters of Life in New York City. Megan Rhodes discerned that God might be calling her to religious life. Megan and her family are parishioners at St. Lawrence Parish in eastern Daviess County. The Whitesville native is the oldest daughter and one of the nine children of Russell and Monica Rhodes. Megan's brothers and sisters are Travis, Jarrod, Kateri, Molly, Katrina, Ethan, Tommy and Samuel. Most of the family piled up in two vehicles and headed northeast toward the Big Apple to travel with Megan as she made her way to the first leg of her new spiritual journey. She'll spend the first nine months with the Sisters of Life to discern further whether or not this is where God is calling her to be. After that period, if she continues, she'll be a member of the novitiate for two more years before ful-



**Megan Rhodes with a gift from her cousin, Larena Lawson. The bottom part is a cake which has a doll pick in the top and is decorated with fondant. Megan loved it.**

ly entering the religious community and making vows. She is striving to be open to what God might be calling her to do, thus the reason for her departure.

Megan has always been a zealous advocate for the unborn, a fighter for the protection of the unborn against abortion. As a student at Ohio County High School, she participated in days of silence and prayer, all to show respect for the dignity of life. When she went off to attend college at Murray State University, she wasted no time in helping to form the Students for Life group on campus. They actively participated in the March for Life in Washington D.C. each year and held various activities to promote the sanctity of all human life. Though working toward medical school, Megan decided to take time off from school after college to work as an intern with the EMC Pregnancy Crisis Center in New York City for several months. She prayed in front of abortion clinics and worked with expectant mothers considering abortion. This is where Megan met the Sisters of Life and was able to witness their charism of life. They have made a profound and powerful impact on the city that has the highest abortion rate in the country. Their work is much needed and life-changing.

After her time in NY, Megan returned to Kentucky and accepted a job at Owensboro Catholic High School for a year teaching Chemistry. At the end of the school year she took that summer to walk the entire The Way of St. James (El Camino de Santiago) using the time for prayer and continued discernment. The ancient pilgrimage walk goes to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia in northwestern Spain, where tradition has it



**Samuel Rhodes, Megan's brother and God-son, was just a little sad about leaving her. Photo by Molly Rhodes**



**On August 25, Megan Rhodes, along with her siblings, Ethan, Kateri, Katrina, and Molly, led the congregation in song during Mass at her home parish of St. Lawrence Church on her last Sunday before leaving for the Sisters of Life. In show of support and to wish her well, her parish, family and friends all celebrated with her at a "Going Away Shindig" held at the parish hall and picnic grounds that afternoon. Parish music minister Laura Payne, at left, accompanied on organ .**

**Megan's sister, Kateri and brother, Ethan, accompanying the assembly at Mass in Saint Lawrence Church on August 25. The Rhodes family has grown up with a tradition of serving the church in ministries, saying "Yes" when the church asks them to share their time, talents, and treasure. Larena Lawson Photos**



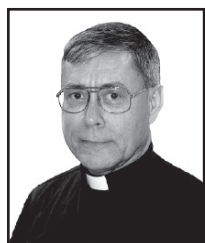
the remains of the apostle Saint James are buried. After returning home, Megan did not return to OCHS, but took more time to discern, visiting several religious communities before deciding that the Sisters of Life was where she might be called.

The Sisters of Life is a contemplative/active religious community of women founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor for the protection and enhancement of the sacredness of every human life. Like all religious communities, they take the three traditional vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. They also are consecrated under a special, fourth vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. So, it is no surprise that Megan would be attracted to this kind of religious order. She has the same desire in her heart to defend the sanctity of life.

Let's keep Megan in our prayers as she continues to discern her calling in life and pray also for all other men and women who are discerning what God is calling them to do. God still calls women and men to religious life and the priesthood. Though it is countercultural in today's society, they remain beautiful vocations of love given to them by God for the glory of His Kingdom. Some, the chosen, still answer His call.

14 October, 2013

## Marriage In Christ



Father Richard Meredith

*Editor's Note: Father Richard Meredith, pastor of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Hopkinsville, Ky., contributed this fourth article in a series about Christian Marriage's role in the New Evangelization.*

*He wrote this about the*

*series, "I tell people that I personally believe the "New Evangelization" will be borne by spouses upholding the truth of Christian Marriage, or it will not occur at all. I teach that Catholics need to know and be able to speak our doctrine on the Sacrament of Marriage. I believe that if I(we) do not teach loudly and clearly, the cultural tidal wave to sweep the sacrament away will be nigh overwhelming.*

*"In every respect my ideal is to speak the truth with love."*

The Bible proclaims from start to finish the fidelity of God to us and to creation. Making humanity male and female in the divine image and likeness, God places in this world a sign of divine creativity and fidelity. The relationship between God and humanity is always presented as a covenant, a promised bond of interpersonal relationship. Marriage is the first sacrament of creation. Redeemed in the Paschal Mystery, it is, furthermore, a sacrament of the New Covenant in Jesus Christ. The significance and weight of a promise made in love lies at perhaps the deepest level of our consciousness. An aspect of our imaging of God, we are designed for the bond of fidelity in human relationships at many levels. The bond of the one flesh union of man and woman in marriage is the Scriptural epitome of this imaging. Uniquely in this bond, entrusted to and found only in this union, is the divine gift and commission of procreation. This bond and its procreative commission offer and invite the total gift of self on the part of the spouses to each other out of which issue children, parenting, home, family, community, and society.

The bond of human friendship, itself distinguished as one of the highest of rewarding human experiences, is not, as such, entrusted with the procreative, divine commission. In the bond of mar-

riage, however, analogous to God's solemn creation out of nothing by the Divine Word, the first procreative act of spouses is their bringing an irrevocable bond into existence, by the words of their free consent. Before the words of their free consent to be husband and wife, there is no marriage binding them before God. With their words of consent before God, a marriage is inaugurated, and with their sexual union open to their procreative commission from God it is sealed in the obedience of their one flesh union. From here emerges the new human person of the child brought about by the cooperation of God and the spouses. The marriage is intended to transcend into an eternal union with God in Christ. The newly procreated human being is to exist eternally, offered by God redemption now and eternal union with God in Christ.

Sin, its evils, and its death have horribly disfigured and damaged much of our human experience. Ground Zero of its assault was and remains the male-female interrelationship and marriage. In Christ and in salvation history we see that our created design is damaged, our understanding confused, our desires disordered, and our personalities inclined to self-inversion. But we also see the action of God graciously redeeming and elevating us, freeing us, and restoring the divine image in Christ. As Lamb of God, Jesus Christ is the Divine Bridegroom, restoring the Bond, set on making his created Bride once more immaculate and pristine. Fr. Richard

#### IV. THE EFFECTS OF THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

1638 "From a valid marriage arises a bond between the spouses which by its very nature is perpetual and exclusive; furthermore, in a Christian marriage the spouses are strengthened and, as it were, consecrated for the duties and the dignity of their state by a special sacrament."

The marriage bond

1639 The consent by which the spouses mutually give and receive one another is sealed by God himself. From their covenant arises "an institution, confirmed by the divine law, . . . even in the eyes of society." The covenant between the spouses is integrated into God's covenant with man: "Authentic married love is caught up into divine love."

1640 Thus the marriage bond has been established by God himself in such a way that a marriage concluded and con-

summated between baptized persons can never be dissolved. This bond, which results from the free human act of the spouses and their consummation of the marriage, is a reality, henceforth irrevocable, and gives rise to a covenant guaranteed by God's fidelity. The Church does not have the power to contravene this disposition of divine wisdom.

The grace of the sacrament of Matrimony

1641 "By reason of their state in life and of their order, [Christian spouses] have their own special gifts in the People of God." This grace proper to the sacrament of Matrimony is intended to perfect the couple's love and to strengthen their indissoluble unity. By this grace they "help one another to attain holiness in their married life and in welcoming and educating their children."

1642 Christ is the source of this grace. "Just as of old God encountered his people with a covenant of love and fidelity, so our Savior, the spouse of the Church, now encounters Christian spouses through the sacrament of Matrimony." Christ dwells with them, gives them the

strength to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another's burdens, to "be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ," and to love one another with supernatural, tender, and fruitful love. In the joys of their love and family life he gives them here on earth a foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb:

How can I ever express the happiness of a marriage joined by the Church, strengthened by an offering, sealed by a blessing, announced by angels, and ratified by the Father? . . . How wonderful the bond between two believers, now one in hope, one in desire, one in discipline, one in the same service! They are both children of one Father and servants of the same Master, undivided in spirit and flesh, truly two in one flesh. Where the flesh is one, one also is the spirit. [Tertullian, *Ad uxorem*]

*Next month: The Goods and Requirements of Conjugal Love [1643-1654]*

## Please Pray For The Repose of the Soul of Sister Mary Renee Monaghan, OSU



Maple Mount — Sister Mary Renee Monaghan, 84, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Aug. 30 at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 65th year of religious life. She was born in Central City, the daughter of the late John and Mary Louise Monaghan.

Sister Mary Renee was proud of her Irish heritage and loved to dance, play cards and tell jokes. Her favorite pastime was helping others, especially children with special needs.

She was a teacher at St. Sebastian School, Calhoun (1952-53), St. Peter of Antioch School, Waverly (1953-60) and Immaculate Conception School, Hawesville (1963-64).

Sister Mary Renee was principal at St. Joseph School, Mayfield (1970-74) and St. Pius Tenth School, Owensboro (1979-81). She taught and served as principal in other Kentucky schools, and in Missouri. Sister Mary Renee served as pastoral minister at Saint Peter of Antioch, Waverly (1989-91), as well as in parishes in Missouri and Indiana.

Survivors include three sisters, Ann Boarman of Boonville, Ind., Sister June Monaghan, SCN, Nazareth, and Ursuline Sister Michael Ann Monaghan, Maple Mount; two brothers, Anthony and Donald Monaghan of Central City; nieces and nephews and the members of her religious community.

The funeral Mass was Sept. 4 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery.

Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in memory of Sister Mary Renee may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

# Sister Mary Anthony Whitfill Makes Perpetual Profession of Vows

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By Jamesetta Whitfill

Sister Mary Anthony of the Triumph of the Holy Cross, made her Perpetual Profession of Vows as a Sister Servant of the Eternal Word at the Casa Maria Convent and Retreat House in Birmingham, AL on August 22nd, 2013. Sister Mary Anthony is from the parish of St. Mary of the Woods in McQuady, KY, in the diocese of Owensboro. She was formerly called Katie Whitfill, and is the daughter of Ron and Jamesetta Whitfill of Hardinsburg, KY. She has 8 siblings - Jennifer Roberts, Dennis Whitfill, Angie Bertschman, Andrew Whitfill, Maria Flood, Nora, Mary and Laura Whitfill.

Sister Mary Anthony first began wanting to be a sister around the age of 9. After a while she put that idea on the back burner and began dreaming of becoming a musician, as she had a great love for playing music, singing and clogging. It was during the Eucharistic recessation at Youth 2000 in Owensboro in 2004, that she received a clear call from God that she was to be His. After many tears and much soul searching she began checking out different religious orders. When she visited the Sister Servants in Alabama she felt right at home and she knew at once that this was the order God was calling her to. She entered on July 16, 2005.

Leaving home, not knowing when she would ever return, or under what circumstances, was extremely hard for her. She felt that she was doing God a big favor; giving up everything for Him. After a while it became clear to her that it was God doing her the favor. By giving her a religious vocation He gave her the greatest gift of all - the call to be His bride and to love and serve Him totally, every day for the rest of her life!

Though we, her family, wanted her to follow God's call, we were filled with sorrow as we drove her to the Sister Servants. It was kind of like a funeral procession. WE cried most of the way, reminiscing and thinking how we would miss her. We felt like we were losing our sunshine, because Sr. Mary Anthony was, and is, a very happy and joyful person. She radiates joy wherever she is. Giving her to God meant a lot of dying to oneself, for her, and for the rest of us. For the next several years we would only be allowed a short phone call to her on special occasions. She could write to us once a month. She would return home only in



Above, Sr. Mary Anthony professing her vows to Mather Gabriel.

At right, Sr. Mary Anthony posed with her parents and all her siblings. In the photo above are from left to right, Maria, Angie, Dennis, Ron (Dad), Laura (in front), Mary, Sr. Mary Anthony, Andrew, Jamesetta (Mom), Jennifer and Nora.

the case of a serious illness in the family or the death of an immediate family member. She comforted us by saying, "Just remember when you go to Mass and receive Jesus in Holy Communion, that I will be adoring and receiving the same Jesus where I am. So we will be together in Jesus."

As the years passed we began to realize the blessings that such a sacrifice brings. We did not lose our child, but we gained a Mother and many spiritual sisters. The sisters spend a lot of time in prayer, and we are in their prayers every single day. A great peace and comfort comes with having an order of Sisters as part of your family. They rejoice with you in good times, and they carry you through the bad times with their love and prayers. We are able to go for family visits twice a year, and we can also go there for retreats, which gives us a chance for a nice visit.

So when the day for Sr. Mary Anthony's Perpetual Profession finally came, it was a day of great rejoicing! Bishop Robert Baker was the main celebrant, along with Father Lambert Greenan, who is chaplain for the Sisters; and 19 other priests who concelebrated the Mass with them. Among these were 3 of her former pastors, Fr. Pat Reynolds, Fr. Bruce Fogle and Fr. Ken Mikulcik. There were also 2 deacons assisting at the Mass, one of



Sr. Mary Anthony also posed with three of her former pastors and one deacon who is a very good friend. Left to right: Deacon Mike Weidemer, Fr. Bruce Fogle, Fr. Pat Reynolds, and Fr. Ken Mikulcik. Photos submitted by Nora Whitfill

Bruce Fogle, Fr. Pat Reynolds, Sr. Mary Anthony and Fr. Ken Mikulcik. Photos submitted by Nora Whitfill

which was Deacon Mike Weidemer from St. Romualds in Hardinsburg, Ky.

It was a very beautiful and reverent ceremony. The Profession of vows, and

the lying prostrate before the altar during the Litany of the Saints, were especially moving. The sisters' singing sounded like

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## St. Rose of Lima youth attend World Youth Day in Rio

CLOVERPORT, Ky. - Among the 3.2 million young people gathered in Rio de Janeiro for the 2013 World Youth Day were two young men from Breckinridge County. T. J. Gedling, son Tommy and Cathy Gedling and Cody Roach, son of Mark and Tonja Roach, all of Cloverport, were pilgrims to the weeklong celebration.

Both young men, and their families, are active members of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Cloverport.

The young men were chosen to go because of their active roles in the ministries of the local parish church. Both were surprised to be selected. "I never thought I would get to go to something like World Youth Day," said T. J. Cody echoed that, "I was so surprised to be chosen."

Before leaving for Rio, the young men attended preparatory sessions with St. Rose of Lima pastor Fr. Dan Kreuzer and Fr. David Kennedy who accompanied the young pilgrims to Rio. They were prepared for travel beyond the USA, life in Brazil and their own spiritual formation for the week of prayer and celebration.

World Youth Day was the initiative of the late Pope John Paul II. He wanted to meet with youth of the Catholic faith on a frequent basis. He wanted the youth to gather to reignite their faith to be taken back to their local parishes and dioceses. WYD 2013 was the 28th celebration.

The theme for the WYD 2013 was the injunction of Jesus Christ before he ascended, "Go make disciples of all nations."

During the days of the week of World Youth Day the young people gather for prayer and study. These sessions are led by Catholic bishops, archbishops and cardinals from across the planet. In the evenings all thought gather for liturgical and devotional events.

Most of those events in Rio were held on the vast stretch of sand at Copacabana Beach. It was there that TJ and Cody had their closest encounter with Pope Francis. The Pope's motorcade passed in front of where they were standing and the pope mobile stopped. TJ and Cody were 10 feet away from the Pope. As they described it, "all of a sudden the screaming crowds got suddenly quiet. There he was, right in front of us. Everyone was in awe." They observed the Pope reach out to the youth and touch them. Someone lifted up a baby and the Pope kissed the baby. The two young men's lives were changed. Since they were the only high school pilgrims Rio, they were the first Catholic youth from western Kentucky, the Diocese of Owensboro to see Pope Francis in the flesh. "It was awesome," they both agreed.

On Friday night the 3.2 million young people, along with Pope Francis, walked the 14 stations of the Cross. This highly popular Catholic devotion traces the steps of the crucified Jesus to Golgotha. At each of the 14 stations, or stopping points, the pilgrims are reminded of the agony Jesus went through on the Way of the Cross. It is an emotional event.

On Saturday night, the Pilgrims camped out with the Pope on the beach, keeping a prayer vigil through the night before the Blessed Sacrament. The Blessed Sacrament is the unconsumed Body of Christ



reserved to remind pilgrims of the sacrificial presence of Jesus with each of them and in the world.

On Sunday, the pilgrims, all 3.2 million gathered on the Lord's Day for worship as has been done for 2000 years. Pope Francis presided at the Eucharistic celebration and preached. At the conclusion of the mass, the Pope announced that the next World Youth Day, in 2016, would be in Krakow, Poland, the home place of Blessed John Paul II.

TJ and Cody met hundreds of fellow Catholic youth from across the world. They shared their faith and exchanged text messages, phone numbers, hats, flags and even tee-shirts. Both young men were awed by the size of the Catholic church as evidenced by the size of World Youth Day.

While in Rio they got to the base of the mountain where the iconic image of Christ overlooks the city. The fog was so heavy that all they could really see were Christ's feet.

Having never been out of the USA, these pilgrims had a sharp learning curve. Passports, TSA screenings and US Customs are now familiar to them. Upon their return to Nashville, they both blurted out "we want real American food." They slept most of the way to Cloverport after eating.

Both pilgrims witnessed to their World Youth Day experiences before the two worship services at St. Rose of Lima. When asked how they intended to do as Pope Francis suggested they do, "to go back and shake things up" both young men said they felt better than ever about talking about Jesus to their friends and that it was important for them, as young people, to tell others about the importance of faith in Christ.

St. Rose of Lima Church was the only parish in the Diocese to send pilgrims to Rio. Already they are thinking about Krakow.

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a choir of angels. The love and prayers of the clergy, Mother Gabriel, and the sisters, and all her family and friends, helped make it a perfect wedding day for this beautiful Bride of Christ!

Sister Mary Anthony's 3 younger siblings made these comments about her: Nora says "I am so happy for my beautiful sister who has found her true vocation in life! I am also very impressed by her huge commitment, surrendering her life to God's will. We were really close growing up and she has always been one of my very best friends, and a great role model for me."

Mary says that her thoughts can be summed up by a comment made by Sr. Ave Maria, one of the Sister Servants. She said, "Imagine if your sister had married a very rich man, all the things that he could do for you. Then think about the fact that she has married Jesus Himself, and imag-

ine all that He will do for you, because He is now your brother-in-law!"

Laura, the youngest sister who is 18 and has Downs Syndrome says, "During the ceremony I told God that now Katie is really His and it's an honor for her to have Jesus for her husband, and I hope that Katie will have a happy life because now she is a 'pure nun.'"

In addition to her duties as a Sister Servant, Sr. Mary Anthony still plays guitar and fiddle, sings, writes and composes, both hymns and humorous songs, all for the praise and glory of God!

The apostolate of the Sister Servants of the Eternal Word is prayer, catechesis and retreats. They invite excellent retreat masters to give their retreats. If you would like to learn more about the sisters you can visit their website at [www.sistersevents.org](http://www.sistersevents.org). You can also sign up there to receive their quarterly newsletter.

**Sr. Mary Anthony lying prostrate before the altar during the Litany of the Saints. Photo submitted by Nora Whitfill.**





# KY Bishops 'Raise A Moral Voice To Speak On Behalf Of The 22,000 Retired UMWA-Affiliated Miner'

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On August 28, 2013, the four Roman Catholic Bishops of Kentucky signed a letter of support on behalf of miners whose benefits are in danger of being lost. Other organizations working in support of miners are the Catholic Scholars For Worker Justice, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) who are drafting a letter to support legislation that would keep companies from abandoning their responsibilities to those to whom they made promises. Another organization working hard on this issue is the Catholic Committee of Appalachia.

## A Plea To Protect The Health Benefits Of Retired Miners In The

### Patriot Coal Company Bankruptcy

We are Catholic bishops, priests, Sisters, Brothers and laypeople serving in ministry who view the bankruptcy of Patriot Coal Company as a tragedy for all company stakeholders, particularly

the active miners and retirees. Because of this bankruptcy process, we need to raise a moral voice to speak especially on behalf of the 22,000 retired UMWA-affiliated miners, surviving spouses and dependents in jeopardy of losing their health-care benefits.

Through collective bargaining, Peabody Energy promised in UMWA contracts to give its workers "cradle-to-grave" health benefits. However,

- In 2007 Peabody spun off some of its assets and a large amount of its UMWA benefit liabilities to create Patriot Coal.
- In 2005 Arch Coal used the same pattern and created Magnum Coal.
- In 2008 Patriot Coal bought Magnum and assumed the combined long-term former obligations of both Peabody and Arch.
- With the recession and the collapse of the coal market, Patriot declared Chapter

11 bankruptcy placing all forms of deferred compensation, such as the health benefits of retirees won by UMWA contracts, at the mercy of the court.

We must raise our voices for justice because the social teachings of our Catholic faith tell us every worker is a son and daughter of God, and every person, created in God's image, has a right to health care.

Since 90% of the retirees never worked a day for Patriot, Peabody and Arch remain liable for the "cradle-to-grave" health benefits. We judge that the promised and contracted health care benefits remain a moral obligation for Peabody Energy and Arch Coal, although both companies legally placed much of their liabilities onto Patriot Coal. Catholic social teachings recognize Peabody and Arch Coal still as "indirect employers" (*cf. Laborem Exercens, par. 17*) whose obligations do not cease with the forma-

tion of Patriot, but take up when the first employer, Patriot, can no longer meet its obligations.

We join with the Catholic Committee of Appalachia in pleading with the bankruptcy court and the boards and executives of Peabody Energy, Arch Coal and Patriot Coal not to disregard the sacrifices miners have endured to their bodies and health to earn corporate profits. In justice, protect the health benefits of retired miners.

+ Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz  
Archbishop of Louisville, Kentucky  
+ Most Reverend Roger J. Foys  
Bishop of Covington, Kentucky  
+ Most Reverend William F. Medley  
Bishop of Owensboro, Kentucky  
+ Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer  
Bishop of Lexington, Kentucky

## Nine Years And Still Going Strong



### Submitted by Mary Hagan

Have you made a Cursillo weekend? Have you joined a Small Group Reunion? Allow us to tell you about our group. We started in late September of 2004. Mary Hagan and Teresa Westerfield and two other ladies had attended The Cursillo School of Leaders meeting in Lewisport, Ky. On the way back home, they were talking about Small Group Reunion where a few women or men get together and follow guidelines for meeting and sharing their faith and life in Cursillo. The other two ladies said their groups were too big for new members. Teresa said, "Let's get our own group going."

The first meeting was at Mary's house at Maceo. We met there several times. Joyce Ballard joined the group and we met at her house for a while until Joyce was unable to meet due to family illnesses. We miss her smile.

At the Closing of the Cursillo in 2006, Teresa went to the podium and announced that if any lady needed a small group to join, they would be welcome in ours. Later at the Grand Ultreya, JoEtta Mayfield came aboard. In 2008, Teresa, again, went to the podium

at the Closing and Karen Murphy joined our group. We met at the Carmel Home, parks and restaurants. The group wrote an article for the Western Ky. Catholic Newspaper welcoming any lady that had made the weekend. In 2010, Linda Hill joined us and this July was married to Tom Glynn of South Carolina. We miss her since she now lives in South Carolina.

Here are some events we attend as a group: Small Group Reunion, Cursillo weekends where we worked, The Arise Weekend Program, The Secretariat, Ultreya, School of Leaders, Region IV Encounters at Mt. St. Joseph Retreat Center and at Indianapolis, In., Holy Hours and Rosary at the Carmel Home, Public Rosary Praying in Hawesville at the Court House Square, Mt. St. Joseph Picnic where we worked in the Coke Booth and we played Bingo, 40th Anniversary of Cursillo, Weddings, Funerals, and went to a Skeet Shoot in memory of Teresa's nephew who had cancer.

Teresa says: I am truly blessed to have my friends, Mary, JoEtta, Karen, and Linda, in my life. When I need prayers I know who to turn to and that is these five ladies. Mary says: In the Cursillo, I found a closer relationship with Jesus and



Pictured from left to right: JoEtta Mayfield, Mary Hagan, Linda Hill Glynn, Teresa Westerfield, and Karen Murphy. Photo submitted by Mary Hagan

learned how much God loves me. I am a beloved daughter to Him and I love my group. Karen says: The group has helped me a lot. I enjoy them and they are special to me. When I am down they are uplifting to me. Linda says: I was involved with the Cursillo movement in South Carolina so coming home to Ky. First to the 40th Anniversary and then joining a weekly Group Reunion was really like "finding" home. The group walked with me through the loss of my parents, one even came with her husband to the funeral home for me on the same day that

her husband lost his mother. That is what friendship of a special group does. It was an honor to have my "group" at my recent wedding. But the best thing is knowing that I can still call any in this group if I need to talk or for support. JoEtta says: My Cursillo group reminds me that God loves me and that I am not alone on this journey. We all bring different life experiences to the table especially our close moments with God. I am very blessed to be a part of Cursillo. We meet at Blessed Mother Parish Hall from 5-6pm on Thurs. Contact Mary Hagan at 270-240-4778.

## New Altar and Ambo Dedicated at Saint Romuald Church

Story submitted by Dolores Mattingly, photos submitted by Kim Brumfield

HARDINSBURG, Ky. - A special Mass was celebrated by Bishop William Medley at St. Romuald Church, on August 15, 2013, when a new altar and ambo were dedicated in memory of Mary Ann Rhodes and Betty Lou Rhodes. Mary Ann and Betty Lou were lifetime members of St. Romuald Church. The altar and ambo were purchased as a result of their generosity given as a bequest to the church they loved, worshipped and served for over seventy years. The consecration of altars is an ancient and biblical practice where oil is poured on the altar and special prayers based on Old Testament scriptures are prayed. This was a historic occasion at St. Romuald as new altars are only purchased when a new church is built or there is a major renovation.

The altar and ambo were designed by Bro. Martin, an artist at St. Meinrad Monastery, in St. Meinrad, Indiana. Bro. Martin took the design of the organ console and incorporated the same design into the new altar and ambo. He also took the old candle stands and reworked them to match the new altar and ambo. These



**Bishop William Medley pours the oil on the altar in St. Romuald Church Aug 15.**

candle stands are very old and have been used in the church for over 75 years. The altar, ambo, and candle stands bring added grandeur to the worship space and will stand in the sanctuary for generations.



**Standing behind the newly dedicated altar are Deacon Mike Wiedemer, Deacon Tony Anthony, Deacon Will Thompson, Bishop William Medley, Fr. Tony Bickett, Seminarian Gary Clark, and servers Evan & Eric Barr.**

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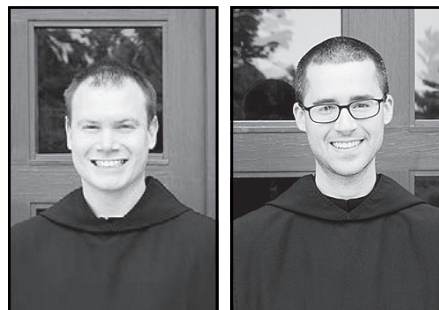
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## Two monks profess first vows at Saint Meinrad Archabbey



**Br. James Jensen, OSB, left, and Br. William Sprauer, OSB.**

Novices Matthew Sprauer and Bradley Jensen, OSB, professed their temporary vows as Benedictine monks in a ceremony on August 6, 2013, at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, IN.

They have completed their novitiate, a year of prayer and study of the Benedictine way of life. As is the custom during the profession of vows, each was assigned a religious name. Novice Matthew will now be known as Br. William. Novice Bradley will be known as Br.

James.

Br. William, 29, is from Piqua, OH. He was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Centerville, OH, and attended Piqua High School. He is a 2006 graduate of Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in computer science. He has more than five years of experience in software development for the defense industry.

Br. James, 30, is a native of Iowa City, IA, where he was a member of St. Mary's Parish and attended Regina Catholic Education Center. He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Iowa and a master's in accounting science from Northern Illinois University. He passed the Certified Public Accountant exam and worked in corporate finance before coming to Saint Meinrad.

Temporary vows are typically for three years. This period offers a continuing opportunity for the monk and the monastic community to determine whether monastic life is, indeed, the right vocation for this individual.

## Novice Joins Benedictine Community At Saint Meinrad

In a brief ceremony at the monastery entrance, Dane DeDecker was clothed in the Benedictine habit at Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, IN, on August 5. He now begins a year of monastic formation, including study of the Rule of St. Benedict and monastic history.

Novice Dane, 36, from Geneseo, IL, attended Geneseo High School and studied for a year at St. Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona. He was a member of St. Anthony Parish in Atkinson, IL.

For the past 12 years, he has been an over-the-road truck driver.

As a novice, he will take a year off from formal studies and trades. The novitiate is a time of prayer and learning intended to help a novice discern his vocation as a monk. At the end of this year, a novice may be permitted to profess temporary vows of obedience, fidelity to the monastic way of life and stability in the community of Saint Meinrad.



## Panelists: “Now is crucial time to stand up for immigration reform”

By Tina Kasey

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Brescia University's Spanish Club hosted a Comprehensive Immigration Reform panel on Tuesday, August 27th. Panelists included Susan Gesser-Montalvo, Owensboro Immigration Lawyer; Cristóbal Gutiérrez, Director of Hispanic Ministry; and Patti Gutiérrez, Parish Life Coordinator at St. Michael's Church in Sebree, Kentucky.

Spanish student, Cynthia Leonardo, introduced the panel and the goals of the evening before handing the microphone over to Patti Gutiérrez. Patti began with the definition of an immigrant, and what can we, as people of faith, bring to the reform issue. She gave enlightening statistics concerning the immigration system and the time frame and steps it takes to go from an immigrant to a United States Citizen. She also discussed the elements for a Just Immigration Reform Proposal in which we as a country, a community, and a church could live up to our values better.

Susan Gesser-Montalvo took some time to discuss Senate Bill 744 that was introduced in June and which will be debated in September in the House of Representatives. She pointed out some flaws in the issue and what must take place in

## Ky Bishops Urge Lawmakers: “Fix The Broken Immigration System!”

By Father Pat Delehanty

FRANKFORT, Ky. - The Catholic Conference of Kentucky, which includes the four bishops who shepherd the Archdiocese of Louisville and the Dioceses of Covington, Owensboro and Lexington, is continuing to push federal lawmakers to fix the broken immigration system that breaks apart families, allows abuse by unscrupulous employers, and forces people into the shadows where they are denied their human dignity. What they have written in the past – Every Man and Woman is the Image of God – is just as valid today as it was when promulgated. Just reform is necessary and morally required.

Our current system, instead of discouraging undocumented migration, makes it inevitable. Work visas for unskilled workers are too few in number compared to the demand. Family unity visas can be even scarcer forcing immi-



**Cristóbal Gutiérrez:** “Ahora es un momento crucial para apoyar la reforma migratoria. Now is a crucial time to stand up for immigration reform.”

order to see the immigration issue properly reformed.

Cristóbal Gutiérrez then discussed how the Catholic Church feels concerning the immigration issue and what we can do for the cause. He encouraged those attending to support the Dream Act; voice your support of a just immigration reform proposal to your legislators; and hold

grants to wait decades to be united with their family members. For migrants desperate to find work or to join their family members, there are few options, none of which are desirable: cross a deadly desert, pay unscrupulous smugglers, or both.

A new statement from Bishop William Medley of Owensboro outlines problems associated with our current law and encourages all, especially Catholics, to contact those who represent Kentucky in Congress and ask them to reform our immigration law in a way that is fair, responsible and just so that families can reunite, native born and immigrant workers are protected, and our immigrant brothers and sisters are brought out of the shadows and their human dignity honored.

Contact your member of Congress by calling 202.224.3121 and ask the operator to transfer you to your member of



**Dr. Iris Moreno-Brown, Brescia student Cynthia Leonardo, Susan Gesser-Montalvo, Carlos Martin Velez, Cristóbal Gutiérrez, and Patti Gutiérrez. Photos by Tina Kasey**

prayer vigils.

The evening concluded with a special video message from Bishop William Medley concerning the Church's stance

on immigration reform.

**See related article  
about immigration on page 29**



**Susan Gesser-Montalvo:** “We All Are blessed to hear from the compelling face of immigrants in our community.”  
Photo by Tina Kasey



**Patti Gutiérrez:** “Immigration reform is a complicated issue but working together we can try to find a humane solution that serves this country well. Keep up the good work!”

the House of Representatives: Reps. Whitfield, or Guthrie, or Yarmuth, or Massie, or Rodgers, or Barr. Let their staff members know you are expecting them to reform our immigration law in a comprehensive and just manner.

For more information, visit the Justice For Immigrants website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## SCNs Celebrate New Leadership Team With International Multimedia Installation

Sept. 3, 2013 - Hundreds of people attended this weekend's Ritual of Installation for the new SCN Central Leadership Team. SCNs Susan Gatz, Sangeeta Ayithamattam, and Brenda Gonzales officially took office. It was a moving multimedia celebration as Sister Sangeeta and our Sisters from India joined those gathered at Nazareth, Kentucky, via Skype. The ceremony carefully wove together a number of elements in order to convey the internationality of the SCN Congregation. Leaders from across the area attended the celebration at Nazareth including Spalding University President Tori Murden McClure, Presentation Academy President Chris Beckett, and Vincentian Collaborative System President & CEO Raymond E. Washburn, as well the leaders of a number of religious congregations. Meanwhile, community leaders and SCN family members in the countries in which we minister, were able to view the celebration live via webcast. At Nazareth, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, DD, congratulated the new leadership team and thanked the members of the outgoing team - SCNs Mary Elizabeth Miller, Susan Gatz, and Teresa Kotturan - for their

leadership. The Archbishop also noted the many ways in which we are able to connect with our SCN family members around the globe and how we embrace technology in order to do so. Words of thanksgiving and encouragement poured in throughout the ceremony via email and Skype.

In Mokama, India, as Sister Sangeeta prepared to officially take office, she found herself surrounded by dozens of Sisters who had travelled from across India to join her for the historic occasion. Anne Marie Thayilchirayil, SCN, shares the following observations. "Sixty three SCNs from our various missions and eighteen novices and candidates gathered in Mokama for the Installation ceremony of our new Central Leadership Team. The Eucharistic celebration with the theme of 'Servant Leadership' was presided over by Father Alwyn D'Souza, Parish Priest of Mokama. Clad in white saris with a red border, the novices and candidates led the priest celebrant, Sister Sangeeta and Sister Basanti Lakra, Provincial of Patna Province, in a beautiful dance procession ... The crowning point of the day was the viewing of the actual Installation Ritual



**Sister Sangeeta Ayithamattam and Sisters from Mokama, India joined the SCN gathering at Nazareth on a large screen TV. via Skype. Sr. Susan Gatz and Sr. Brenda Gonzales are standing on stage at right of the TV screen SCN Photo**



**Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, DD, with the members of the outgoing team in Nazareth, Ky. - SCNs Mary Elizabeth Miller, Susan Gatz, and Teresa Kotturan reacted to comments from Sister Sangeeta Ayithamattam from India on the large screen TV which allowed her participation via Skype. SCN Photos.**

at Nazareth webcast for the entire Congregation. Sitting at the opposite end of the globe we felt as if we were all there physically. The most creative and all-encompassing ceremony was a moving and inspirational experience for all of us. It depicted the multi-cultural and international character of our Congregation so very beautifully..."

There were many powerful moments throughout the Installation Ritual including readings and music in a number of languages that represent our SCN family. Among the highlights - readings from the SCN Constitutions - one of the passages in Setswana, the language of Botswana.

"...Notwithstanding all differences of birth, condition, education, accomplishments and talents, they shall consider themselves as Sisters, loving, helping, compassionating one another as such; thus showing that the bond of Charity, stronger than that of relationship, can make of many hearts, one heart, and of many souls, one soul."

"In spirit of Catherine Spalding, we respond to the needs of society according to the circumstances of our times. Our

response includes discernment in regard to our personal and communal resources. This discernment enable us to let go of the familiar and to take risks in response to the call of God in mission." #24

Following the Blessing of the New Central Leadership Team by members of the outgoing leadership team, words of encouragement and well wishes from around the world were shared with SCN family members gathered at Nazareth. Dozens of ministry sites from the countries in which we minister and live, sent in video clips. The Archbishops of Belize, Botswana, Africa and Patna, India shared words of thanksgiving via video as well. There were few dry eyes when SCN pioneer Ann Roberta Powers, one of the first six Sisters to travel to India in the 1940s, and the last remaining pioneer, relayed her blessings from Ranchi, India. Sister Ann Roberta, a native of Kentucky, has spent the majority of her life in India.

The celebration came to a close with one last video showing SCN family members at dozens of ministry sites in Belize, Botswana, India, Nepal, and the United States singing "We Are Many

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Parts.” The Installation Ritual was indeed a celebration of connectedness! The new leadership team moves into their offices at the SCN Center on Nazareth Campus Monday.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, the new President, Sister Susan, taught at Presentation High School and Assumption High School in Louisville, and Providence High School in New Albany, Indiana. She worked in youth ministry at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Raymondville, Texas; as a pastoral assistant at St. Anne Church in Ruskin, Florida; and in lay ministry development for Sacred Heart Southern Mission in Mississippi. Sister Susan has served in many other ministries: as Southern Regional; Director of Communications; Director of the Office of Congregational Advancement; Provincial of the Western Province; and most recently as the Vice President of the Congregation.

A native of India, our new Vice President, Sangeeta, SCN, has extensive experience both in leadership and in hospital administration. She has been in administration at three hospitals in India



and has served as both a Vice Provincial and as Provincial in the Eastern Province. She spent a number of years in the United States studying both at Spalding University and Xavier University.

Also elected to assume the role of Vice President, Sister Brenda, a native of Washington, D.C. She has ministered in a number of capacities as Diocesan Director of Campus and Young Adult Ministry in Brownsville, Texas; Chair of Catholic Campus Ministry Association for the United States; SCN Vocation/Formation Director, SCN Center in Belize, Central America; Program Director for Jesuit Volunteers International and most recently as the Vice Provincial of the Western Province.

The new leadership team was elected with Sisters mindful of the Directives recently affirmed during the General Assembly and the desire to select leadership that would be able to help move the Congregation forward in light of the four Directives:

- Deepen our spirituality through contemplation, dialogue and theological development across cultures and from different perspectives.
- Create vibrant community life and deepen relationships to further the mission.
- Promote the leadership and equality of all in the Church, especially women, through education, dialogue, networking, advocacy and the use of inclusive language.
- Focus on bringing about systemic change as we are present to people in all aspects of our mission.

**The new Central Leadership Team, of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, from left, are Sangeeta Ayithamattam, Susan Gatz, and Brenda Gonzales. Photo by Daine Curtis**

## OCS Kindergarten Students Use Technology to Enhance Learning In Reading And Math



Owensboro Catholic Schools Kindergarten got off to a good start this fall at the K-3. students in Mrs. Neal's Kindergarten class use iPads to reinforce reading, and using manipulatives to learn math! OCS Photo



## Just Say Yes, Mary



**Mary Reding**

Mary Reding who recently served as campus minister at St. Thomas Aquinas in Bowling Green is joining a religious order, The Daughters of Merciful Love in Spain.

Mary commented, "I heard about the sisters through a college friend at Murray State. She is related to one of the sisters, and was invited to come visit them in the summer of 2010. So she, Megan Rhodes, and I all went to Spain and participated in a retreat the sisters host. The relationship has continued since then."

A lot of young people whom we may not even be discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. *The Western Kentucky Catholic* asked Mary to tell us some of her vocation journey.

"When did the Lord ask me? That is what most folks want to know. I think He has always been asking. If you are called to a consecrated vocation, you have already been set aside from birth as a brother or sister. Because there is no sacramental change involved, a person has only to recognize and grow into their vocation. So really, has He ever not been calling me? He's basically been blowing up the phone.

"He dropped a hint in my homeschooling years (Thanks, Mom and Dad!). Later on, He gave me wonderful friends who were keenly interested in this business of 'discerning God's will.' After a while, I caught on to His scheme, and like most people, I promptly ignored Him.

"God sometimes seems like a competitor, trying to take over 'your' life. In some ways, that is reality. Jesus is trying to take over your life. However, I mistook His persistence for insistence, and His Love for second rate affections. Again, like most people, I thought that doing it His way meant captivity and discontentment, so I deferred His invitations until I could prove that my way was superior.

"Even the best defenses have a weak spot; so did the walls around my heart. All women desire strong, committed relationships with others. Not only did I deeply long for best friends, but I've always had my eye out for Mr. Right. You won't believe this, but I've met Mr. Right



**Mary Reding: "My first encounter with the Spanish sisters was while on retreat. In the back row (L to R) is myself, Michelle Smith, and Megan Rhodes. We were led by three of the sisters, and accompanied by other Spanish participants." Submitted Photo; Mary's portrait photo at top left by Father Joshua McCarty.**

about five times during my college and professional years. He was different every time, but I always fell for him. Amid the quest for my prince, I am grateful to God for two things: 1. I have good taste, and only ever fell for gentlemen. 2. Good friends have always cleared my vision and helped me let go of him who had become "Mr. Not-Quite-Right."

"Post-college, the Lord showed me a new way of thinking. Through the help of some very insightful mentors, I found myself strangely content with the thought of never getting married. This being a singular occasion, the Lord made His big move.

"I was at World Youth Day in Madrid (of all places), packed into a toasty church with hundreds of other pilgrims. We were celebrating the most wonderful Mass. Everyone was singing from the heart during Communion time, and my eyes were drawn to a huge painting of the Annunciation behind the altar. During that time, the Lord seemed to tell me, 'Just say yes'. Here He was, surrounding me with everything I loved: an adventure, sincere worship, beautiful music. What was my response? I hastily said, 'No'.

"After that close call, I spent the next year dodging Him. I was able to manage all the practical matters such

as my job and social calendar, but there was a friction between my will and my soul that left me irritated. Satisfaction was brief, especially with my prayer life. Also, an unfamiliar sadness would crop up without warning. Had I not been under the care of good spiritual direction, I might have mistaken this for 'the real world'. I have since learned that when you willfully remove yourself from God's will, you suffer. The Lord doesn't smite you, but can He help that His plan is always better? When you turn down the ultimate joy of His will, you naturally suffer the loss.

"My suffering was an instrument,

### From The Sisters of Saint Benedict

Women of the Rule, a philanthropy circle affiliated with the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana, awarded its annual grants recently to these proposals:

- \$13,626 for a walk-in hydrotherapy tub for sisters needing assistance with bathing;
- \$7,000 for continuing support of the Family Scholar House;
- \$6,000 for lift chairs/recliners for Hildegard Health Center at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand;
- \$6,000 for headsets for the hearing impaired among the sisters and laity, to be used in the monastery's church, dining room, and St. Gertrude Hall;
- \$3,049 for Hope @ the Dome, a high school youth rally to be held on monastery grounds, focusing on prayer, service, and fun for youth from the dioceses of Evansville, Owensboro, Louisville, and Indianapolis.

Women of the Rule is dedicated to making a difference in the world by supporting the mission and ministries of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand. Members provide financial support for strategic initiatives of the sisters. For a \$1,000 membership, women can cast a vote on the award proposals. Look online at <http://www.thedome.org/>, website of the Ferdinand Benedictine Sisters

and my spiritual directors taught me to read the signs God offered through it. Eventually, I returned to His invitation, 'Just say yes.' When I did say yes, there were no fireworks or waves of happiness. That time comes and goes when He wills. That time was offered to me in that stuffy Madrid church, and that time will come again, perhaps when I return to Madrid.

"I will join Las Hijas del Amor Misericordioso (The Daughters of Merciful Love), a community that was introduced to me by a wonderful college friend. Yes, they are in Madrid, and I have visited them several times. Their spirituality thrives by completely abandoning themselves to God's providential care. He provides their food, home, monetary needs, and obviously, their new vocations. When they teach the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, they always emphasize the reality of God's will, already prepared for each of us.

"What is His will for you? Here are some concrete actions the sisters offer to enable true discernment: 1. Frequent the sacraments; daily Mass if at all possible. 2. Pray daily, including 30 minutes of silent prayer. 3. Meet with a spiritual director regularly. 4. When you don't have a clear sign, continue to strive for a life of virtue. That is the surest way to stay close to His will.

"For now, I am living out the tangible unfolding of my 'yes'. That includes moving back home, leaving a great job, saying goodbye to dear friends, and practicing my limited Spanish. It seems as though I have come to the end of a long journey (and a long newspaper article), but really, the Lord has only just begun to direct a path which will lead to full union with His Heart."

# Ecumenism, A Conversation in Christ

By Deacon Terry Larbes

In the book *The Human Condition* Father Thomas Keating states:

• “In the coming millennium, religious leaders and spiritual leaders might consider their responsibility ... to create communion – harmony, understanding, and respect for everyone in the human family, especially the members of other religions.”

• “In the world that lies ahead, religious pluralism is going to penetrate all cultures. How we live together with different points of view is going to become more and more important.”

In a “White Paper” from the U.S. Secretary of State’s Department the following three viewpoints were expressed:

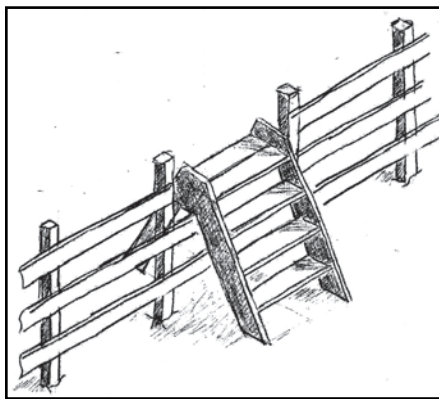
1. “Religious faith and adherence is often a source of conflict that contributes to global instability and undermines long term U.S. interests. However, those same forces of faith contribute much good to civil society, and when properly engaged can promote human progress...”

2. “The culture of the State Department is not always conducive to serious engagement with matters involving religion. While there are legitimate concerns about violating the 1st Amendment, there seems to be a cultural view that religion is anachronistic (writer’s definition of religion is anachronistic: religion does not fit in the 21st century), and that it is a source of conflict and division.”

3. “We continue to live in a world in which 80 percent of people believe in something greater than themselves, 75 percent of those believers are restricted in their capacity to freely practice their faith. This issue is not going away, and indeed this is a time of opportunity for the United States to be strategically involved in engaging civil society in this important matter.”

Because of these viewpoints and other concerns listed in the “White Paper” on August 7th the State Department announced the creation of the Office for Faith-Based Community Initiatives. The Office will focus on engagement with faith-based organizations and religious institutions around the world to strengthen U.S. development and diplomacy and advance America’s interests and values.

Whether religious faith and adherence is the cause or a contributing factor to conflict and war I will leave to others to debate and analyze. However, as long as



In his poem, “Mending Wall,” Robert Frost asked “Why do good fences make good neighbors?” A ladder over a property boundary fence allows conversation between persons. The ladder over a fence can be seen as a symbol of ecumenism. WKC readers are asked to submit their photos or sketches of a symbol of ecumenism to Deacon Terry at [deacon@stmore.org](mailto:deacon@stmore.org).

there is the perception that religious faith and adherence to the faith causes conflict and war we need to deal with the perception. Through better ecumenical relations and interfaith relations the truth behind the perceptions can be addressed. By cooperatively addressing issues together it is possible for the leaders of the various religions to remove or minimize the religious issues that arise in civil conflict. Ecumenism can counter balance religious intolerance whether the intolerance is national or local in scope.

While we will probably never be involved in the international arena of conflict and ecumenism there is still much that we can learn concerning other faiths and religions. “Civil Dialogue” with the people of other faiths in western Kentucky is important.

A “Civil Dialogue” workshop and conference based upon Eph 4: 15 “Instead, speak the truth in love” will be held at Kentucky Dam Village State Park on October 24th and 25th. This is the Annual Assembly for the Kentucky Council of Churches. The keynote speakers will be Ms. Renee Shaw of Kentucky Educational Television, and Dr. Kathryn Johnson of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. The workshops will cover a range of important topics such as skills for dialogue, ecumenical dialogue, conversations with Muslims, the role of social media, the experience of “The Moral Side

of the News,” and the restorative justice movement’s use of dialogue in situations between victims and offenders. The worship services will feature leaders who serve Western Kentucky churches.

Additional information concerning the Annual Assembly – Civil Dialogue is in the Western Kentucky Catholic, on the Diocese of Owensboro website un-

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der Current Events, and on the Kentucky Council of Churches website (<http://www.kycouncilofchurches.org/>).

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## Holy Name School Scholars Excel

Holy Name School 3rd grader, Shaurya Jadhav, son of Dr. and Mrs. Pushkaraj Jadhav, earned first place in Math and Science at the North South Foundation (NSF) Regional competition, Evansville Chapter. Based on his scores in math, he was selected for national finals. Shaurya then competed in the Junior Math Bee competition conducted by NSF, which was held at Duke University on Sunday, August 18th. NSF is a volunteer driven non-profit organization established in 1989 and is involved in implementing educational programs for children in North America and India. One hundred twenty-five contestants from all over the US competed in the finals in the junior math category. The top ten contestants were recognized, and Shaurya earned 5th place nationally. Shaurya’s sister, Jyotirmayi, is a 7th grader at HNS.



Holy Name School 8th Grader, Tyler Durham, enjoyed a day with Henderson Fiscal Court magistrates as a Judge’s Scholar. The scholar program, under the direction of County Judge/Executive Hugh McCormick, honors students in Henderson County for outstanding achievement and leadership. The magistrates proclaimed September 3 as “Tyler Durham Day,” allowed Tyler to preside over a meeting, presented Tyler with a plaque, and treated Tyler, his father, and grandmother to lunch. Tyler is the son of Austin and Megan Durham and his brother, Nolan, is a sixth grader at Holy Name School. Photos submitted by Kamille Stich for Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School.

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## Meet Our Seminarians Studying for the Diocese of Owensboro

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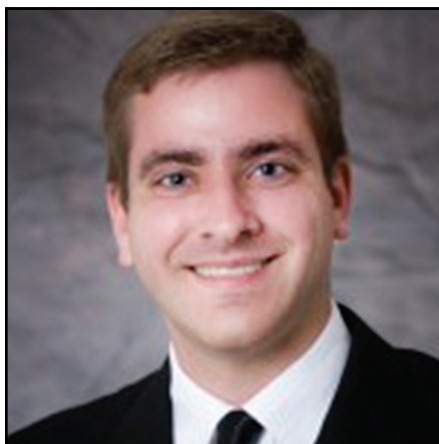
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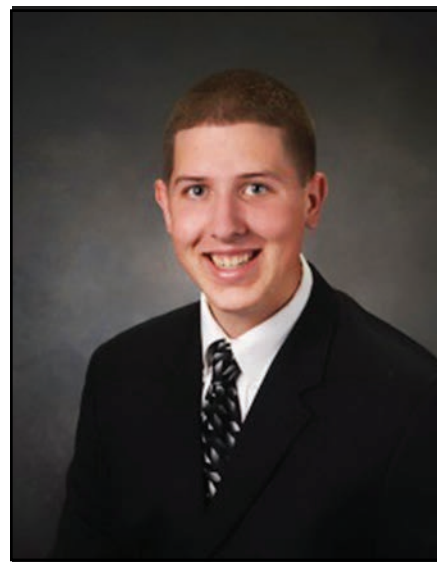
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## National Vocation Awareness Week Date Released:

An annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations has been given a new date. NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Beginning in 2014, NVAW will be moved to the first full week of November.

## National Vocation Dates To Remember:

February 2, 2014 - World Day for Consecrated Life

May 12, 2014 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

November 2-9, 2014 - National Vocation Awareness Week

Source: Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Vocation News, September, 2013

## Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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## Catholic Community Comes Together to Build a Habitat for Humanity Home

By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Catholic Community of Paducah and McCracken County is sponsoring a Habitat for Humanity home build to honor the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro. The Catholic Parishes including St. Thomas More, St. Johns, St. Francis de Sales, and Rosary Chapel are joining together with Lourdes Hospital, the St. Mary School System, local Catholic organizations, and the Paducah-McCracken County Habitat for Humanity to provide a new home for a special family.

Executive Director of the Paducah-McCracken County Habitat for Humanity Angie Wilke and Board chair Bobby Koehler are excited to announce the new build which is number 68 for Paducah. "The Catholic Community of Paducah is sponsoring the construction of a new home. All of Habitat for Humanity feel so blessed by their support and are overjoyed to announce this wonderful news to the public." Wilke notes Regi-

na L. Morton, a single mom with 2 children living at home has been selected to receive the house and is "overjoyed with this news and so excited."

The home is being built at 1109 Monroe Street under the leadership of St. Thomas More parishioner, Rick Schipp who recently retired from the Army Corps of Engineers and serves on the Habitat for Humanity Board. Volunteers from all the parishes and organizations are generously giving their time and talent, as well as donations, to make this a very special home for the Morton family with the goal of completing it before Christmas.

A short blessing and prayer service was held Monday, September 9, 2013 from 9:00am - 9:30am at the building site. Fr. Brandon Williams, Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas More led those gathered in a special prayer service. All in attendance had an opportunity to sign the corner post that will be incorporated into the house and a ceremonial nail driving by parish, hospital, school, and organization leadership officially began the build.



St. Mary High School Students L to R – Jonathan Darnell, Rick Schipp, Michaela Jones, Haley Eck, Ian LaBarge, and Ross Whittaker join Rick Schipp and a Habitat Board Member Michelle Anderson in the second Round of the Ceremonial Nail Driving.



### Life Growing In A Showbox

In the photo above and at right, Owensboro Catholic Schools 3rd grade students were given live mealworms. They took the mealworm home in a shoebox to see it turn into a black beetle. This activity was done to go along with the Science chapter on animals. They discussed stages of mealworms, habitats, needs, etc. OCS Photo



In the picture above, from left, Fr. Brandon Williams of St. Thomas More, Fr. Brian Roby of St. Francis de Sales, Habitat Chair Bobby Koehler, Habitat Executive Director Angie Wilke, homeowner Regina Morton, St. Mary School Director Eleanor Spry, and Fr. Pat Reynolds of St. Thomas More drive the first set of nails to begin the home build.

# Holy Name School Helping to Build Henderson's Habitat House #51

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The photo above includes all of the Holy Name School 7th and 8th graders who attended the ceremony. In the picture at right, with shovels from L to R: Don Stapleton (homeowner), Arin Wagner and Todd Blackburn, both of Habitat for Humanity; Fr. Larry McBride, Pastor of Holy Name Church; and Frank Lucician, Executive Director of Habitat. photo above of the HNS students is by Kamille Stich; the photo at right is by Mike Lawrence, who works for the Gleaner in Henderson.



**Submitted by Kamille Stich**  
 HENDERSON, Ky. - Holy Name School's theme this year is "build," as in building God's Kingdom or building friendships or building faith; however, on August 9, that theme took on a very literal meaning when Holy Name 7th and 8th grade students attended a groundbreaking ceremony on Habitat House #51 sponsored by Holy Name Church. The house, Henderson Habitat's largest undertaking to date, has 1,800 square feet and five bedrooms and will be built for the Stapleton family. Don and Debbie Stapleton adopted five children ranging from 9 to 15 years of age and Debbie's mother also lives with the family.

"Our Diocese celebrated its 75th anniversary last year, and our bishop called us to give something back to the community," pastor Father Larry McBride said, adding that a Habitat house was chosen as a project. "We're glad to get this going," Father McBride said. The family hopes to be in the house by Christmas. Holy Name students are fundraising for the house this year and praying for its successful completion.



## Being of Service

Holy Name Kindergartner, Sophie Preston, sold lemonade recently to benefit the Holy Name Habitat house currently being built. Her teacher, Judy Jenkins, is teaching our mission of service to others as a way of life by means of this building project. Sophie's parents are Kent and Jennifer Preston of Henderson. Photo by Jennifer Preston

## "MARY AND PRAYER" Annual Marian Retreat Weekend

*Rediscover this great "art of prayer"*

**Oct. 26-27**

**Retreat Director: Msgr. Bernard Powers**



Pope John Paul II frequently spoke of the need to pray. He called the faithful to "rediscover the art of prayer," thus he took us to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The annual Marian Retreat includes opportunities for solitude, communal prayer, recitation of the rosary, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Liturgy.

The \$125 fee includes retreat, meals and accommodations. Commuters can attend for \$85. Retreat begins Saturday at 9 a.m. and ends Sunday at 1 p.m.

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**10 Study of the Catholic Catechism for Adults**  
11-13 Yoga & Meditation Retreat  
12-13 Catholic Engaged  
**14-18 Spiritual Direction Training Program - Week 1**  
18-19 First United Methodist Women's Retreat  
18-19 Fall Women's Retreat  
19 Private Wedding Reception  
25-27 Diocese of Owensboro Permanent Diaconate Program  
**26-27 Marian Retreat with Msgr. Bernard Powers**  
28-31 Quilt Club of Cadiz

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**NOVEMBER**

- 1-2 Owensboro Christian Elders  
2 Bereavement Day  
8-9 Teen Leadership Conference  
9 Deacons and Spouses Retreat Day  
**14 Study of the Catholic Catechism for Adults**  
15-17 Diocese of Owensboro Permanent Diaconate Program  
**16 Yarn Spinning Day**  
**16 Thomas Merton Retreat**

**DECEMBER**

- 5 Study of the Catholic Catechism for Adults**  
**12 Advent Day of Prayer with Msgr. Bernard Powers**  
15-17 Diocese of Owensboro Permanent Diaconate Program



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Photo top left: From left, Pastor Fr. Anthoni Ottagan, Donna Bassett, Wayne & George Bradshaw, Jessie & Paul Frey; Photo above center: From left, Roy McFadden, Bob Lang, Ernest & Sonia Ayo, Henel & Steve Krivan; Photo above right: From left, cooks Mike Drury, Joe Merfeld and D.G. Fehrenbacher; Photo at lower right: from left, Sr. Rosemary, Don & Barb Shipley, Marlene & Al Romero, Rose May.

## Photos and story submitted by Helen Krivan

GRAND RIVERS, Ky. - Parishioners at St. Anthony of Padua Parish here took advantage of a perfect sunny Sunday afternoon on August 4, 2013 to enjoy their picnic at Little Lake Park in Grand Rivers.

In addition to the many delicious dishes brought to the shelter by the lady parishioners, many pounds of catfish, taken from the near-by

Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake, were fried by cooks D.G. Ferenbacher and Joe Merfeld with serving by Mike Drury, as shown in the photograph.

Following the blessing by Pastor Father Anthoni Ottagan, the parishioners enjoyed the feast and the companionship provided by the occasion.



## Bishop William Medley Met With Representative Brett Guthrie



Bishop Medley, Congressman Brett Guthrie, Patti Gutierrez, Richard Murphy. Photo courtesy of Suzanne Miles, Congressman Guthrie's Office.

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On Sept. 5, 2013, KY-2 Representative Brett Guthrie met with Bishop William Medley, Diocesan Social Concerns Director Dick Murphy and Patti Gutiérrez; immigration was one of the topics discussed.

Catholic dioceses across the country are holding events about the need for immigration reform. The events are meant to highlight the urgency of the issue and to show Congress the broad support in the Catholic community for immigration reform with a path to citizenship.

Bishop Medley urged Congressman Guthrie to support a comprehensive reform of our broken immigration system. The Catholic Church supports an approach that would strive to keep immigrant families intact, provide a legal path for immigrant workers that protects both US and immigrant workers, reduce waiting times for visas and provide a workable, humane solution for those undocumented immigrants already contributing to our communities to come out of the shadows and earn citizenship. Later that evening advocates of a comprehensive immigration reform participated in Rep. Guthrie's Town Hall Meet-

ing in Owensboro. Rep. Guthrie expressed his support for a plan to get control of the border which must include a legal pathway for skilled and unskilled workers. He also spoke of the need to bring undocumented immigrants out of the shadows and end the fear they face daily with some sort of earned legalization program "Now is the time for Catholics to let their elected officials know that they support immigration reform," said Archbishop José Gomez, archbishop of Los Angeles and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration. "We are an immigrant Church and an immigrant nation. The Church has grown with the nation and since the beginning has helped integrate immigrants into our culture and economy."

Archbishop Gomez added, "Right now, our immigration system is broken. As a result, families are being broken apart and millions of people, including children, are being hurt. We need immigration reform to help our nation live up to its beautiful promise of equality and dignity for all people."

See related article about immigration on page 19

## Saving A Life Can be Up To You



Al Wathen is instructing students how to correctly place the electric pads of the AED. Hannah Bland, Blake Ward, Dallas Tomblinson and Hannah Armes can be seen following directions of Al Wathen.

Mrs. Lisa Armes Sociology Class (mainly juniors) were covering health related social issues during Chapter 2 of their Sociology Class. Al Wathen came to issue a CPR training and certification for the students in this course. All students in this class will get lifesaver cards at the completion of the course.

## Trinity High School Welcomes New Faculty



From left to right in back row - Jeremy Goebel, Brock Rydecki, John Kirkpatrick, and Ron Williams; From left to right in front row - Kimberly Rydecki and Elizabeth Brey

Trinity High School in Whitesville, Kentucky has made several additions and changes to the faculty and staff for the 2013-2014 school year.

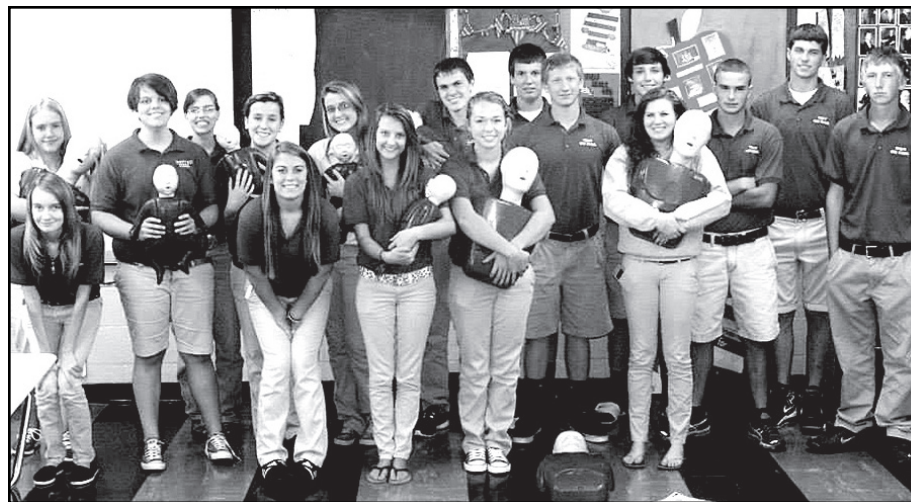
Ron Williams is the principal for Trinity High School, as well as the Boys' Basketball Coach. He served as the Resource Teacher for St. Mary of the Woods Grade School this past school year. He received his Masters in Physical Education from Georgetown College and his Rank I in Learning Behavior Disorders from the University of the Cumberland. According to Ron, "being a part of the Trinity family this past year was a blessing. Everyone has been so supportive and encouraging. The thought of serving as Principal this coming year is very hum-

bling."

Brock Rydecki serves as the Athletic Director, Disciplinarian, and Baseball Coach. He has a Masters in Human Development and Leadership with an emphasis in Sports Administration from Murray State University. Brock was a Murray State University Football Four Year Letterman. He served as the Administrative Intern for Murray State Department of Athletics. Brock "looks forward to the opportunity to be a part of the Trinity family and to assist in taking the athletic program and school to the next level."

Kimberly Rydecki has been hired as School Counselor and Director of Marketing and Enrollment for Trinity High School and St. Mary of the Woods

Photos and articles this page by Kim Rydecki



Group picture of Lisa Armes' Sociology class.

Grade School. She has her Specialist Degree in Education (Rank I) and her Masters in School Guidance Counseling from Murray State University. Kimberly feels "blest to receive this opportunity and looks forward to growing with the students, family and community that encompass Trinity and St. Mary of the Woods."

Jeremy Goebel is the new Theology teacher and Wrestling Coach. Jeremy received his Master of Arts in Theology from Saint Meinrad School of Theology. He was previously employed at St. Wendel School in Southern Indiana. Jeremy is "humbled and excited to have the great opportunity to lead others to Christ both in and out of the classroom."



Benjamin Morris teaches Science at Trinity High School. He attained his Master of Arts in Teaching Life Science from Oakland City University. Ben previously taught at Owensboro Catholic High School. He is a graduate of Trinity High School and looks forward to "helping young people develop the knowledge and skills they need to have successful careers and to become leaders in their community."

John Kirkpatrick has been hired as the Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. He has a BS in Communication Arts from Kentucky Wesleyan College and is working toward his Master of Arts in Teaching in Special Education from the University of the Cumberland. He previously served as the Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Muhlenberg County High School. John looks forward to "being able to implement the Catholic faith into every aspect

of his positions."

Eric O'Nan teaches Spanish I, Spanish II, Advanced Physical Education. His other THS Organizations & Responsibilities: Freshman Class Sponsor

Education: University of Kentucky - BA in Spanish and Geography

Eric's favorite quote about teaching: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." -Nelson Mandela

Finally, Elizabeth Brey will serve as the Fastpitch Softball Coach for Trinity High School. She has her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Brescia University. Elizabeth has served as the Assistant Varsity Softball Coach at Owensboro Catholic High School. She has been a pitching instructor since 2005. She feels that she "has a calling to take this position and is excited about taking the Trinity Softball players to the next level."

Trinity High School is an interparochial school for children of the Whitesville and Knottsville areas in East Daviess County. The school is an integral part of east Daviess County and often the focal point of community activities. Over the past five years, Trinity boasts a 99.8 percent graduation rate. The staff looks forward to offering a faith-filled academic education to the youth of Eastern Daviess, Southern Hancock, and Western Ohio counties for many years to come. If you would like to enroll or seek more information about our schools, contact Kimberly Rydecki at kimberly.rydecki@trinityhs.com or (270) 233-5184.

## St. Francis de Sales of Paducah Proudly Says, “Batter Up!”

October, 2013 31

In the spirit of fellowship, good sportsmanship, increased physical activity, and just plain old-fashioned fun, Jamie Rolens, and her husband Nick, decided to try to put together a St. Francis de Sales’ co-ed softball team.

When asked how the idea came about and was developed, Jamie said, “My husband and I just decided it would be something fun that would get parishioners together. We had signups for each mass. We all have had fun at practices getting to know each other. We have really just got started with it! Our games last week (August 7th, 2013) got cancelled due to rain so this Wednesday (August 14th, 2013) should be our first games.”

Upon follow up of the games on August 14th, Jamie said, “We played a team called Fouls Balls and a team called Ice Cold Pitchers. We lost both. Had fun though! Wasn't bad for our first games together!”

Win, loose, or draw, St. Francis de Sales is very proud of our guys and gals out on the field!



In the above picture, shown Left to Right are: Back Row: John Lamb, Daniel Parker, Brenden Grant, Mark Vannater, Nick Rolens, Anthony Rupp, Zach Ault, David Wells; Front Row: Sherri DiCicco, Jeff

Nichols, Jamie Rolens, Anne Ault, Chelle Keplinger, Janet Vannater, Pam Thigpen, Allison Thigpen, Meghan Clark, Pat Clark. Photo and article submitted by Meshea Crysup

## Lady Raiders Win Volleyball All A Kentucky State Champions



WHITESVILLE, Ky. - On September 7th, Trinity High School’s Lady Raiders Volleyball team won the All A Regional Competition. Team photo, at right, taken by Lisa Armes.

In the picture at left, three of Trinity’s Lady Raiders made the All A Regional Team – Liza Howard, Madi Perez, and Hannah Armes. Photo taken by Lisa Armes.



## Ever dreamed of going to Italy?

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## St. Mary High School Students Champion Walk To Cure Diabetes

St. Mary High School, Paducah, student, Paige Kortz, suffers from diabetes. To help in the research and cure of this disease, Paige committed to participate in the Walk to Cure Diabetes event to be held on Saturday, September 14 in Paducah. She set a personal goal of \$150.00. St. Mary Middle and High School students

showed their support of this effort by sponsoring a SM Logo Day on August 30. They raised \$336.00 to sponsor Paige in the Walk, helping her to well-exceed her goal. Pictured above are St. Mary High School freshmen presenting the check to Paige: Karina Romero, Nicole Shelton, Paige Kortz, Brian Thompson, and Amy Truong. Photo by Jackie Hopper

## Scripture Study Impacts People's Lives



Scripture study deepens faith life. Submitted Photo

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Over 50 Catholics from six area churches in the Owensboro area are taking part in a study of the book of Exodus offered by Immaculate Parish. Parishioners from Immaculate, Blessed Mother, Precious Blood, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Mary Magdalene (Sorgho), and St. Stephen are taking part in this 11 weeks course. Participants read several chapters of Exodus a week, answer questions individually, and return for group discussion and a DVD presentation by Dr. Tim Gray of Ascension Press.

One of the facilitators, Sharon Harts says, "The feedback from past groups has been so positive. People have said that Bible Study changes the way



## Make It A Great Day, Catholic High!

With the help of Head Coach George Randolph and other members of the Lady Aces Softball team, Jessica Carmen (left) and Brittany Murphy present the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Softball Tournament Runner-up trophy to Principal Gates Settle after Opening Mass. Photo courtesy of OCHS Parentlines, Sept. 10, 2013

## Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, OSU, celebrates 60

Immaculate Parish Church was filled August 18th as many Ursuline sisters, friends, former co-workers, and parishioners came to honor Sr. Margaret Ann Aull on her 60th Anniversary of being an Ursuline Sister of Mount St. Joseph. The day of celebration began with the 10am Liturgy celebrated by Fr. Tony Jones, concelebrated by Fr. Edward Bradley and Bishop John J. McRaith. During the Liturgy, Sister Margaret Ann along with 12 Ursuline sisters renewed their vows. Father Tony Jones gave the homily which included several stories of some of Sister's most memorable events of her 60 years in the Religious Community. Sister was presented with a gift from the parish of a trip to New York, along with a photo album.



**Pals:** Sr Julia Head, OSU, Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, OSU, and Sr. Judith Nell Riney, OSU posed for a friendship picture. Story and Photo by Nicole Gray.

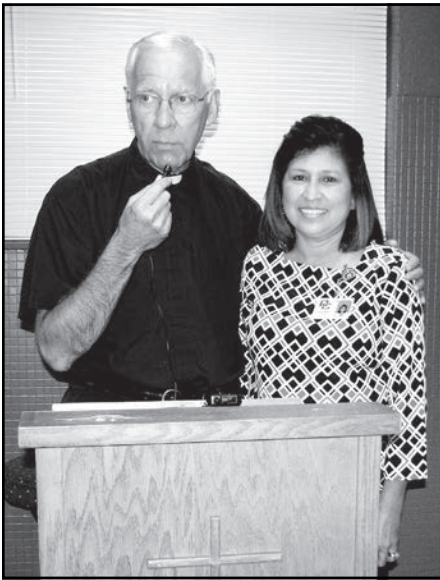
Afterwards, a potluck dinner was served by members of the parish to the 400 guests who stayed to congratulate Sr. Margaret Ann on this milestone.

they live their life, they say it makes Mass more meaningful, we understand the roots of our faith, and it increases our understanding of everything Catholic."

Diane Willis, Director of Faith Formation is excited about the 20% increase in attendance from last year. "It's great for so many people to come together to study scripture and to hear and see the impact it makes on their faith."

There is still time to sign up for the series by calling Willis at Immaculate 683-0689. The next series Immaculate parish is planning is Revelation beginning January 6th through March 10th. Groups meet Mondays during the day from 10-12 or Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30.





On Sept. 12, 2013, Father Tony Shonis, Director of the Office of Ongoing Formation for Priests, recognized Mrs. Lilianett Elida (Lily) Barr at the beginning of a Presbyteral Day dealing with immigrants and immigration. Fr. Shonis wanted to specially recognize Lily Barr for her contributions as a Spanish Teacher at Owensboro Catholic Middle School (OCMS) for 12 years. Mel Howard Photo

Prior to teaching Spanish at OCMS, Lily worked for Daviess county Public Schools as an English as a Second Language (ESL) Assistant through Sr. Fran's Latino Center.

Lily was born in Panama. She is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro, KY Lily is married to Charlie Barr and they have one daughter, Carli, who attended Owensboro Catholic Schools from Kindergarten through 12th grade. She graduated in May of 2013 from OCHS in the top 10% of her class, earned scholarships and is attending Western KY University as a Freshman.

Lily and her daughter, Carli, were active in representing Panama for the Multi-Cultural Festival in Owensboro for several years.

Lily has introduced her Hispanic culture and language to the OCMS community in the following ways:

- Leads a procession on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe every year it falls on a school day. She and the students in her Spanish classes decorate an altar that can be carried and upon which

the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe is place surrounded by flowers. This is carried by some of her students with the rest of her students following. They pray the Hail Mary in Spanish while processing through the school's hallways and stop at each classroom door. They take the procession outside and process around the school property while singing and praying.

- On the Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos), Lily has students bring in pictures of their relatives which she places on an altar along with paper flowers that the students have made. The students also bring in Hispanic food and say prayers for their relatives that have died.

- Lily sets up her classroom as if it is a Hispanic café. Students role play different parts: servers, cooks, patrons, hostess. All interactions are spoken in Spanish.

- Lily's room is decorated with the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a poster of Corazon de Jesus, piñatas, Spanish words attached to all parts of her classroom to identify the names of each part.

- Lily speaks Spanish to her students throughout the class and shares stories of her life in Panama.

- Lily brings in hand made costumes that Panamanians wore for special occasions and teaches the dances that were done in her country on those special occasions.

- On the day that Pope Francis was elected she put up a big poster that stated, Tenemos Papa! She was so very excited about Pope Francis coming from a Latin America country.



**In Appreciation** - Father John Okoro, Parish Priest for St William and St. Lawrence in Knottsville received a certificate of appreciation from Mr. Chris Hamilton's class at Mary Carrico Catholic School for telling them all about his home country of Nigeria. Submitted by Chuck Green, Principal



## Grandparents' Day

Chuck Green, Principal at Mary Carrico Catholic School welcomes a huge crowd to the school's annual Grandparent's Day on Sept. 11. Over 140 parents and grandparents were represented. Everyone attended the school Mass with Father John Okoro at St. William, then moved to the cafeteria for donuts and coffee, milk and juice. Grandparents also enjoyed shopping at the school's Fall Book Fair. Submitted Photo



**Mary Carrico Catholic School Students of the month for August, 2013:**

Front row L to R: Kailee Lanham, Emma Lashbrook, Taylor Lanham, Autumn Fish. Middle row L to R: Shelby Horn, Mallory Lanham, Paige Fish. Back row L to R: Tyler Hawes, Lane Ballard, Nate Cecil. Submitted by Chuck Green, Principal

## 34 October, 2013 **Hispanic Women Hold a High-Impact Retreat at St. Thomas More Church**

By **Miguelina Sunderland**

PADUCAH, Ky. - It is the first Hispanic Women's Retreat to be held at St. Thomas More Parish following the CRSP - Cristo Renueva Su Parroquia program, which translates to, Christ Renews His Parish - CRHP. We were 23 attendees, from ages 23 to loving-the older-life folks.

As far as involvement, Sr. Esther Ordonez was the initiator for this Retreat, which was in preparation for around six months. We had the wonderful team from Atlanta to coach, direct, serve, entertain, pray and give the most heartfelt testimonies and faith renewal, which was overwhelming at times.

I believe the program was chosen because of the energy and spiritual impact it conveys to any group and is much

needed in the world we live in at present. It gave us a better understanding of fellowship, what it really means to be a community of service, undoubtedly it is a renewal of heart, mind and spirit and a complete understanding that we are all God's children.

The outcome was an amazing experience and I think I speak for our group: the time spent together for two complete days, away from the outside world was amazing, two days for and with Jesus.

The team of 15 that came from Atlanta, wore their colors which were orange and pink. Each Retreatant had their own motto and Bible verse.

We wore the Purple t-shirts and our motto is *!Cristo Jesus Te Llama! !Jesus Christ is calling you!*



**!Cristo Jesus Te Llama! Jesus Christ is calling you!** The Hispanic women of St. Thomas More parish in dark purple hosted a Christ Renews His Parish Retreat that featured testimonies by the women from Atlanta in pink shirts. Photo submitted by Mlssy Eckenberg

## **St. Mary Graduate Experiences Parliament in London**

Sarah Hendley, 2011 graduate of St. Mary High School, Paducah, and junior at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. studied in London, England working for Member of Parliament (MP), Gavin Williamson who represents the constituency of South Staffordshire. She completed six hours of coursework with lectures conducted by a member of the House of Lords and worked each day in the office of her MP. She watched history unfold in both the House of Lords and the House of Commons, and was present in meetings at 10 Downing Street, the residence of the Prime Minister of Great Britain



Sarah Hendley stands at 10 Downing Street, the headquarters of Her Majesty's Government and the residence of the Prime Minister in London, England after attending a meeting with MP, Gavin Williamson.



Sarah Hendley stands with Member of Parliament Gavin Williamson at the Palace of Westminster overlooking the River Thames.

## **Ferdinand Sister making final profession!**

Sister Gail Hamilton will make her perpetual monastic profession as a member of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana, on Saturday, October 5, at 1 p.m. (EDT) in Monastery Immaculate Conception Church in Ferdinand. The public is invited to the Mass and a reception. Find out more at <http://www.thedome.org/p-n-publications-and-news/news/ferdinand-benedictine-to-profess-perpetual-vows/>



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Trinity HS Class of 2014 Ring Day, Sept. 4, 2013 Photo by Christina Rhodes



On Wednesday, September 4th, 2013, Trinity High School Class of 2014 Seniors celebrated their Senior Ring Day through their picnic, Mass, and reception. This is a Trinity High School tradition for Seniors to start off their Senior Year right with the blessing of their Senior Class Rings. Photos by Kim Rydecki

## St. Vincent de Paul "Centering on Service" Capital Campaign



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...to the many volunteers who helped in any way to make our 43<sup>rd</sup> annual picnic one of our most successful ever!

The rain held off, and we all had a good time! We sincerely appreciate your support.

More Mount Picnic Photos can be found on the facing page.



## TRAINING:

Catechists and directors of religious education from parishes across the Diocese of Owensboro came to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on Aug. 17 for a day of training. The group was led by Elaine Robertson, director of faith formation for the diocese. Participants filled Conference Room A for the presentation. MSJ Photo



**INSPIRITED:** At right, a Spirit and Truth Conference that attracted 49 women from multiple denominations came to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on Saturday, Aug. 24. The one-day retreat took place in the Auditorium, and featured spiritual dancing and worship. MSJ Photo



## A Pan ... And A Knife

Sister George Mary Hagan, at right in photo at left, shows the way they cut peppers in the army, while Sister Emerentia Wiesner, center, and Sister Mary Matthias Ward take the more artistic route. MSJ Photo



Ursuline Sisters, Associates and members of the youth group at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson, Ky., got together on Tuesday evening, Sept. 3, to wash hundreds of buckets, pans, pitchers and utensils used for the Mount Saint Joseph Picnic, which is this Sunday, Sept. 8. Charlie Hardesty, left, director of youth at Holy Name of Jesus, talks with Sister Margaret Ann Aull, OSU, as one of the youth members dries a ladle. Sister Margaret Ann ministered at Holy Name from 2000-2010 before moving to Immaculate Parish in Owensboro. MSJ Photo



Carolyn Drury McCarty of St. Pius Parish, left, greets Bishop Emeritus John McRaith at the Sept. 8 Mount Saint Joseph Picnic. She is a graduate of the Mount Saint Joseph Academy. MSJ Photo



Sister Grace Simpson smiles as she helps a family who are selecting a household plant to purchase in the Plants booth at the Sept. 8 Mount Saint Joseph Picnic. MSJ Photos



Above and at right, Bishop William Medley visits with attendees at the 43rd annual Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph barbecue picnic.



Sister Mary Gerald Payne, OSU, helps in the Craft Booth on Picnic day. She made several of the crafts that were for sale.

## Owensboro Catholic Young Adult Group

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Mondays October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11

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Join the Owensboro Catholic Young Adult Group for our Fall 2013 series of Theology on Tap! For five consecutive Mondays, we will be meeting at Gambrinus to deepen our faith life and community friendships. Come and bring a friend!

Check our Facebook page for the lineup of speakers.

Any questions can be directed to [youngadult@pastoral.org](mailto:youngadult@pastoral.org) or by calling 270-683-1545. Ask for Robin or Sarah.

Must be 21 to attend.

*The young adult group is open to married couples, singles, and those in religious life between the ages 21-40. Our mission is to bring young adults closer to Christ and each other through faith learning and social activities.*

## Ky Bishops Urge Legislators To Reject Any Effort To Weaken the Food Stamp Safety Net



**By Rev. Pat Delehanty**  
Members of the House of Representatives have a lot on their plate in the coming months. Nothing is more important to the nearly 900,000 Kentuckians who need food stamps than a proposed cut of \$40 billion dollars from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

The Catholic Conference of Kentucky calls upon our members of the House of Representatives to reject any such proposal to weaken the Food Stamp program and reduce benefits to hungry people.

We believe access to food is a basic human right. In the words of Pope Francis at an event in Brazil, “Dear friends, it is certainly necessary to give bread to the hungry – this is an act of justice.”

Though the Senate passed a Farm Bill that included \$4 billion in cuts to the Food Stamp program, the House Farm Bill removed the nutrition portion from its bill without the intention of eliminating the program. Now the House is proposing stand-alone legislation that weakens and restructures the program in spite of the fact that millions of Americans will be harmed.

Hiding behind the political cliché of waste, fraud and abuse, the House proposal removes 4 – 6 million poor, hungry people from the program. To make matters worse, 47 million recipients, including nearly 900,000 Kentuckians, will see benefits reduced November 1 because the 2009 Recovery Act - which provided an increase in SNAP benefits due to the recession - expires.

Writing in the Lexington Herald-Leader Kentucky House members – Reps. Barr, Guthrie, Rogers, and Whitfield – stated: “Reforming the food stamp program is not about being ‘spiteful’ or denying people benefits; it’s about eliminating the waste that prevents Kentucky families who truly need help from getting it.”

Since that letter was published, the inspector general of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has released a report showing the agency spent nearly \$15 million on undue payouts through

the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation while issuing no major overpayments for nutrition assistance, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

The number of participants and the cost of the program have increased, not because of waste and fraud, but because in hard economic times the number of jobless and underemployed persons increased. Indeed, it enjoys one of the lowest rates of fraud and abuse of any federal program. USDA data reveals that the error rate in the distribution of food stamps is at an all-time low.

USDA has also released new data showing why poor and vulnerable persons, many of whom are working, need food stamps. In Kentucky, 15.6 percent of households report serious problems paying for adequate, nutritious food. In Kentucky 285,000 experienced food insecurity; 113,000 experienced very low food insecurity. One or more individuals in those households eat less than nutritionally needed.

Jason Bailey, Director of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, analyzed this data and wrote that these “new numbers today show once again that the House proposal to deeply cut SNAP is incredibly misguided. Whether a person is unemployed and using basic food assistance to feed their children while they look for work, a senior having to choose between buying needed medication or paying for groceries, or a single mother who has a job but doesn’t make enough to put food on the table, SNAP provides a lifeline to people when they need it most.”

An especially harsh component of the proposed legislation adds work requirements in order to receive benefits. There are work requirements now, but state waivers are permitted and forty-five states, including Kentucky, have received waivers due to local employment conditions. This proposal will prohibit any state waiver and will not provide the guarantee of a job or job training. Voting for this would kick people and families off the program with no job.

As a result childless adults aged 18 to 50 who can’t find at least a half-time job would be summarily thrown off the program after 90 days — regardless of how high local unemployment is. The re-

sulting hardship would be extraordinary. Most of these childless adults are already ineligible for any federal cash assistance and, in most states, for any state or local cash assistance either — no matter how poor they are. Or whether they have food needed for life.

To reduce the number of persons who need food stamps, Congress should be spending time and money on creating full-time, living wage jobs so workers can support their families.

Until that is done, the Catholic Conference of Kentucky urges Kentucky’s

delegation to reject any effort to weaken the Food Stamp safety net. Instead, they ought to support the SNAP program because it is one of the most effective and important Federal programs to combat hunger in the nation. No other public or private sector program provides more food assistance for low-income Americans. SNAP lifts up both life and human dignity.

*Fr. Patrick Delehanty is the Executive Director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky (CCK).*

## Bishop Blaire Asks House To Oppose Cuts To Nutrition Assistance For Poor And Hungry



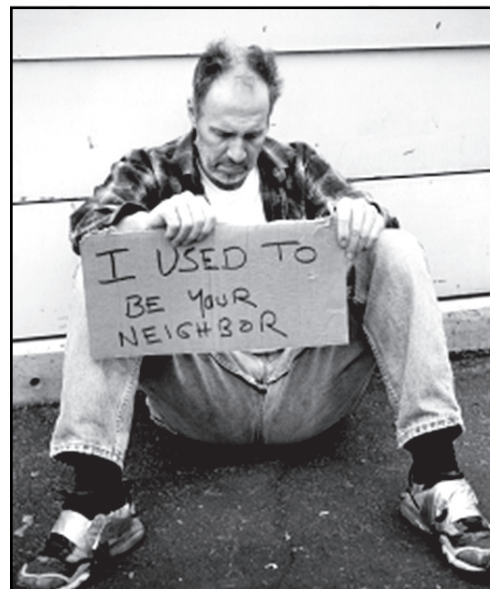
**Bishop Stephen E. Blaire, Stockton, CA**

WASHINGTON—The chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development urged the U.S. House of Representatives not to accept a proposed \$40 billion in cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps. Bishop Stephen E. Blaire of Stockton, California, called the program “one of the most effective and important federal programs to combat hunger in the nation” in his September 11 letter.

“SNAP helps relieve pressure on overwhelmed parishes, charities, food banks, pantries and other emergency food providers across the country that could not begin to meet the need for food assistance if SNAP eligibility or benefits were reduced,” Bishop Blaire wrote. “The faith community and the private sector are vital in the fight to combat hunger. But government has an indispensable role in safeguarding and promoting the common good of all. This includes ensuring that poor and hungry people have access to adequate and nutritious food.”

Bishop Blaire said how the House chooses to address hunger and nutrition programs has “profound moral consequences” and that, in an economy in which 4 million people have been unemployed for over six months, and in which millions more have stopped looking for work altogether, “SNAP remains an essential tool to help struggling individuals and families avoid hunger and stay out of poverty.”

**Photo illustrating article, “Placing Work and Workers at the Center of Economic Life” from California Catholic Conference website, <http://www.cacatholic.org>.**



## Three Catholic School Students Selected as 2014 National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalists



**Marty Crowe**

**Marty Crowe** is the son of Dr. Michael and Julie Crowe of St. Stephen Cathedral Parish, Owensboro, Ky. He is a strong candidate for National Merit Finalist as his leadership skills, community activities and good character are noteworthy. He was the first-ever Kentucky volunteer with the Amigos de las Americas program. He spent five weeks last summer in the Republic of Panama, without electricity or indoor plumbing, working with poor children at the Catholic school there. This past summer, he volunteered for eight weeks in Peru, living again in extreme poverty, without electricity or running water. He loves helping others.

He attends La Lumiere High School in Northwestern Indiana. After only one semester there, he was elected Prefect. Prefects are chosen based on popular vote as well as extensive interviews with faculty who carefully assess his character. He is the number one runner on his cross-country team and continues his volunteer work with the poor in Indiana.

He has been a member of St. Stephens his entire life. He credits his Catholic faith and the examples of parish members who have inspired him to help others.



**Christopher Spurlock**

**Christopher Spurlock**, Owensboro Catholic High School senior has been recently named as a National Merit semi-Finalist by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Christopher is one of approximately 16,000 students nationwide to receive this high honor, which is based on the scores he received on the PSAT, the National Merit Qualifying test. Christopher has the opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,000 National Merit Scholarships, and to be named a Finalist in the spring.

Christopher is the son of Philip Spurlock and Roberta Dagit and is a member of Immaculate parish.



**Patrick Osterhaus**

**Patrick Osterhaus**, St. Mary student presently attending Gatton Academy, has been recognized as a semifinalist in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program, an honor which potentially opens the door to college scholarship opportunities.

Over 1.5 million students entered the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Students are tested in math, critical reasoning, and writing. The 16,000 Semifinalists honored are the highest-scoring students in their state and represent less than one percent of each state's high school seniors.

To be considered in the rigorous competition for National Merit Scholarships, Semifinalists must advance to the Finalist level of the competition by meeting additional standards and fulfilling several requirements. These include having a record of very high academic performance in college preparatory coursework, submitting SAT scores that confirm PSAT performance, and being fully endorsed and recommended by a high school official.

"We are extremely proud of Patrick for attaining this high honor," said Ms. Lisa Aly, Principal of St. Mary High School. "Patrick is an outstanding student who is goal-oriented and focused on high achievement." Patrick Osterhaus is the son of Monica and Mark Osterhaus of Paducah.



*One of 13 stained glass windows in shrine*

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Diocesan Marian Congress - Pilgrimage

Sunday, October 27, 2013

2:00-5:00 pm

Diocesan Marian Shrine

"Mary, Mother of the Church and Model for all Christians"

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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THEME:

"Our Lady of Guadalupe: A Bridge of Hope"

Speaker & Video Presenter:

Fr. Julio Barrera



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  - Refreshments • Display of Religious Articles • Chaplet of Divine Mercy
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- Our Lady of Fatima Statue/Our Lady of Guadalupe Banner • Porters-K of C
  - Rosary • Hymn
- Church:**
- Exposition of Blessed Sacrament • Homily
  - Eucharistic Procession with Blessing of Sick • Reposition of Blessed Sacrament
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## Saint Pius Tenth Annual Parish Picnic in Calvert City



Parish members celebrate the Saint Pius Tenth Annual Parish Picnic in Calvert City, the day on which we celebrate our Patron Saint, St Pius X with a wonderful meal in the new Parish Pavillion.

### Rite of Christian Initiation

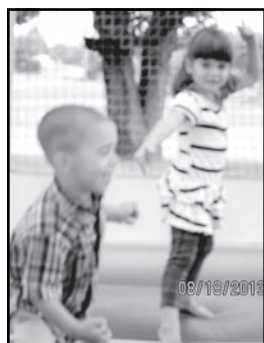
God works in many ways. Sometimes in our faith life we are called to move on. In the Catholic Church, we have a process of Christian Formation in which persons who are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church participate in a group to learn more about our Catholic Faith. It is a journey of faith and conversion. It includes those baptized in other Christian faiths, but are drawn to Catholicism. It includes those who have never been baptized in any faith. Through involvement with the Catholic Community in prayer, through hearing the Gospel proclaimed, through study and discussion of the Catholic way of life, and discernment of God's call in their lives, they seek to learn more what it means to be committed to the worshipping community of the apostolic life of Catholic Christians.



St. Pius Tenth Parish, Calvert City, members play Bingo. Photos and text submitted by R.J. Witowski for Saint Pius Tenth Catholic Church in Calvert City, Ky.

Dorothy Schmidt and Colin Baeza demonstrate finer points of enjoying the "Castle"

For more information about the Saint Pius Tenth Catholic Church community, look online at [http://stpiusx.us/St\\_7S4M.html](http://stpiusx.us/St_7S4M.html)



*From the August 25, 2013 Saint*

### *Pius Tenth Parish Bulletin:*

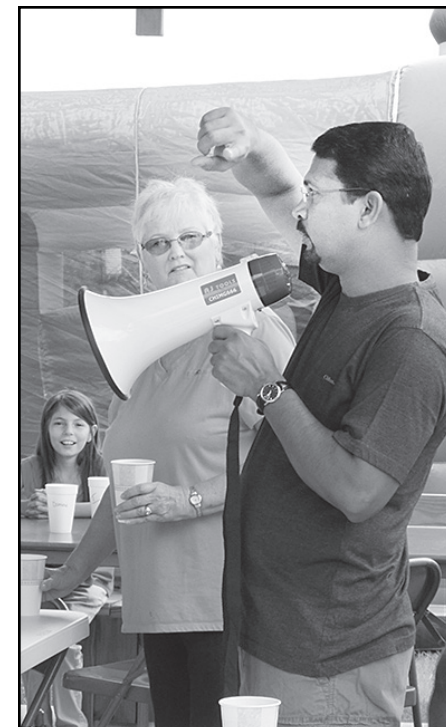
Thank You for the Parish Picnic!

This year our parish picnic was the best ever! Due to the efforts of our Parish Council, lead by Lisa Adrian, president. Many thanks to Lisa and her crew for the work and planning to make our picnic a wonderful event.

Thank you to the Ladies Organization for furnishing the cakes for the Cake Walk. Thank you KC for your helping hands. Thank you Rich and Russell for all you do. Thank you to everyone who worked at the games. Thank you to everyone who provide delicious food for our meal.

Congratulations to all of the winners of door prizes, raffles, and games! We were fortunate to make a deposit of \$1,052.27 from the proceeds of all the tickets sales.

Thank you to all of the parishioners for your generous participation to make this a wonderful day.



Father Anthony Ottagon provides the Blessing and welcomes attendees for an enjoyable and fun day.



Diane Witowski and other St Pius Tenth Parish members have fun at the Cake Walk.



## The Larger Church

# WKU Fraternity Helps Three Haitian Villages Have Purified Water

**Sam Knott**, a member of St. Mary Magdalene Church in Sorgho, now a Junior at Western Ky University, sent in this report about a mission his fraternity at Western took last year.

“In June 2012, a bunch of my fraternity brothers of Phi Gamma Delta and I went to Haiti on mission trip. We took water purification equipment. A company in Louisville sent a rep to WKU and taught us how to set up the equipment and maintain it. Here is how it went:

“December 2011 - One of our fellow fraternity brothers, Cody Hutchins, got an idea (I’m not sure where from) to go on a mission trip. He wasn’t really sure what he wanted to do, but his plans were to make the fraternity more than just a brotherhood that impacted the WKU campus and more than just the Bowling Green Community. As a fraternity, we had done many different service projects including several different trips down to Louisiana to help with Hurricane relief. This time, Cody had the vision of a global impact and he wanted to get some brothers on board.

“January 2012 - Cody presented the chapter with the idea of a water purification trip to Haiti. He said the trip would take place at the beginning of June and in order to fund the trip for 15 people we would be \$40,000.00. While this number sounded daunting, it was also very exciting and since I had never been on a mission trip or even out of the country for that matter, I was on board from the start. When the idea was on the table, there were about 20 guys interested but that number dwindled down to 15. Those 15 were the ones that stuck it through and eventually made the trip.

“January 2012 - May 2012 - For the next five and a half months, we reached out as a team wherever we could to raise some money for this trip. Whether it was businesses, churches or individual donors, we exhausted every option we could think of and the mission trip was slowly becoming a reality. Over the next five months, we had training sessions in which a team leader, our eventual leader on the trip, Bob, from Water For Life headquarters in Louisville, came down to Bowling Green and instructed us. He showed us everything from the system set-up to assembly and the actual purification process. He showed us how to instruct the Haitians on our own once we were down there.

“June 1, 2012 - We embarked on our journey and made it to Port au Prince at noon. Over the next 10 days, we went to three different cities in Haiti. At each location, we did one day which worked out to be 4-5 hours of education and fellowship and one day of actual building. We went to two school buildings and one church. The most enjoyable part of the trip was our second location which was at a little



**15 fraternity brothers from Phi Gamma Delta at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, raised the money and learned how to set up, assemble a water purification system and show Haitians in three villages how to use the system to bring fresh water into their hometowns. June 2nd, 2012, pictured from left, Nathan Rider of Dordt College (Iowa) and WKU students Eric Hughes, Kyle Stuart and Sam Knott educate local Haitians in the city of Mirebalais, explaining how to operate a battery powered chlorine generator to purify collected rain water. Submitted Photo**

school house in a town called Oliviet.

“There, school was actually in session and the kids were constantly coming out and playing with us during their breaks. We played soccer with them, took pictures with them and just loved on them in general. They literally made the entire trip worthwhile. Even through the hot tiresome days and numerous hours of building and training, I can still look back at how happy those children were and immediately want to go back.

“June 10, 2012 - We made our trip back to the States. I had an amazing time not only helping the Haitians, but just interacting with them in general. They are such a happy people and even though they have so little, they are still satisfied. God is truly in that country and He is hard not to see with all of the smiles. This trip taught me several life lessons, but the one thing that got to me the most was just the realization of how blessed I really am and how I need to think about my life

and all that I have before I ever get upset about anything. Some of these people have to worry about food on a daily basis whereas I have an abundance every day. I just hope that one day soon, I can travel back and love on those people even more. The joy they bring to my life is unlike that of any joy I’ve ever experience before.”

Father Richard Powers who helped the fraternity by contacting local groups like the Sisters of Mount St. Joseph and Knights of Columbus, and by locating a priest friend in Haiti whom he has been helping for sometime, said, “Just the thought that those young men would give those precious days to a trip to Haiti when they could have gone home or somewhere else, doing something else, really did impress me. They needed \$40,000.00 to buy the equipment, and several people in Western Kentucky helped them raise the money. It seemed these young men could not talk about their mission trip enough. The engineer from Louisville who accompanied them told them, ‘You have no idea how many people you have helped by this - maybe thousands.’ They took equipment to three villages. But they surely were impressed as they so energetically talked, sometimes more than one of them talking at the same time, during a dinner upon their return!”

## Diocese Continues the Formation for ARISE/Levantate Small Group Leaders

By Luis Aju

**Director of Diocesan Office  
for Hispanic Ministries**

The formation of small group leaders to guide parishioners in the Third Season of ARISE/Levantate concentrated on following the footprints of Jesus: "Leave Everything And Follow Me. Don't Be Afraid. I Will Be With You Until The End of the Age."

Get up! ¡Levántate! ARISE Together in Christ!

A year ago we were excited to plan the kick off for ARISE/Levántate in our parishes of the Diocese of Owensboro, With thousands of participants and two seasons behind us, we are now planning for Season III, "In the Footsteps of Christ," which will begin in October.

What is ARISE/Levántate? Informal groups led by a facilitator, consisting of 8 to 14 fellow parishioners, using a study guide. They meet weekly for about 90 minutes for six weeks. Members reflect on scripture readings and share how they relate to their lives and pray together. They meet in homes or at your parish. It's a wonderful opportunity for sharing and fellowship.

New participants are welcome. Are you new to your parish or would like to know other parishioners better? Even if you did not participate in the previous seasons, you can still sign up to join a small group. All are welcome, including those of different faiths. Be watching your parish bulletin and website for more information on how first-time participants can sign up. Established groups will continue to meet when Season III begins; there are a total of five seasons. We are thankful for ARISE as it encourages us to strengthen our sense of community in the Diocese of Owensboro in Western Kentucky.

Together in Christ.



On August 18, The Diocese of Owensboro started the formation of small group leaders for the third stage of the program ARISE/Levántate. This photograph shows the presence of Fr. Joshua MCarthy, participating with the community leaders of San Joseph and Paul in Owensboro. Welcome Father Josh, in the process of formation of the community, for sharing your time with us at the beginning of his ministry in this parish. Photo by Luis Aju

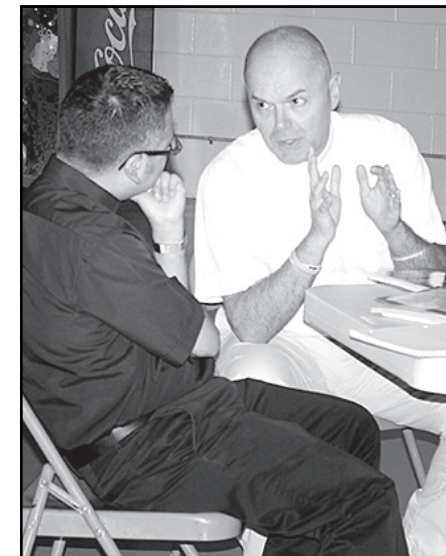


Mr. Carl Schmidt, second from left, Hispanic Lay Minister of the Sts Peter and Paul Church, Hopkinsville, accompanied by his wife, Lily, attended the training weekend which was taught by Fr Alejandro Lopez, as a special guest of the Diocese giving formation of the diocese's Hispanic leaders. Photo by Luis Aju

**October - Mid-November  
Season III:  
"In the Footsteps of Christ"**

**"The School of Christ  
is the school of love. In the last  
day, when the general examination  
takes place...Love will be the whole  
syllabus."**

**- Saint Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621),  
Doctor of the Church,  
Feast Day September 17**



The two priests, Fr. Julio Barrera, at left, and Fr. Alejandro Lopez, here were deep into a conversation about the ARISE/Levántate program being conducted in the Diocese. Fr. Julio was making Fr. Alejandro feel welcome to western Kentucky, very important for everyone. Photo by Luis Aju



Two gentlemen from Saints Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, participated in the training sessions with Fr. Alejandro. It is interesting to listen to people and their history in this country. Photo by Luis Aju

## ¡Levántate Juntos en Cristo!

Hace un año estábamos emocionados de planificar el puntapié inicial para ARISE / Levántate en nuestras parroquias de la Diocese de Owensboro, con más de 300 participantes (31 grupos) y dos temporadas detrás de nosotros, ahora estamos planeando la tercera temporada, "Tras las Huellas de Cristo", que comenzará en octubre.

¿Qué es LEVANTATE? Los grupos informales dirigidas por un facilitador, que consta de 8 a 14 feligreses, con una guía de estudio. Ellos se reúnen semanalmente durante unos 90 minutos durante seis semanas. Miembros reflexionen sobre las lecturas bíblicas y compartir la forma en que se relacionan con sus vidas y orar juntos. Se reúnen en los hogares o en su parroquia. Es una maravillosa oportunidad para compartir y la comunión.

Los nuevos participantes son bienvenidos. ¿Eres nuevo en su parroquia o le gustaría conocer mejor otros feligreses? Incluso si usted no participó en las temporadas anteriores, todavía puede inscribirse para participar en un grupo pequeño. Todos son bienvenidos, incluyendo los de las diferentes religiones. Estará viendo el boletín de la parroquia y el sitio web para más información sobre cómo los participantes de primera vez pueden inscribirse. Grupos establecidos se siguen cumpliendo cuando empieza la tercera temporada, hay un total de cinco temporadas. Estamos agradecidos por LEVANTATE, ya que nos anima a fortalecer nuestro sentido de comunidad en el Diocese de Owensboro en Kentucky occidental. Juntos en Cristo

## Impacto Del Programa Levante En La Comunidad Hispana En La Diócesis De Owensboro.

Por Luis Aju, Director de Ministerios Hispanos, en la Diócesis de en Owensboro

Siempre se ha dicho y se ha expresado lo bueno que los cursos en diferentes etapas de Levantate, va cambiando a la persona en sus relaciones humanas como también en su vida con Dios.

La formación que hemos recibido ha sido de mucha importancia para nuestra vida personal, familiar y debe de ser comunitario. El propósito del programa es crecer en nuestra fe, crecer en el conocimiento de la cercanía de Dios hacia nosotros. Nadie puede decir que sabe todo y que no necesite de aprender de otras personas los buenos modales que la persona humana necesita para convivir con sus semejantes.

Así como trató de enseñarnos a ESCUCHAR LA VOZ DE DIOS. El llamado que Dios nos hace todos los días para ser sus discípulos y enviados para llevar la Buena Nueva de Dios a cada persona, a cada familia. Una verdad grande es que Dios nos escogió para nuestra misión, el con su infinito amor nos ha llamado desde antes de nuestra formación en el seno de nuestra madre. Él nos llamó para esta misión, aunque mucha gente no nos acepta, Dios si, nos acepta. Al darnos la libertad de seguirlo como un verdadero discípulo de él.

Poner mucha atención en el tema, en las huellas de Cristo, caminar con El, sufrir con El, seguirlo y llevar su buena Nueva. No es fácil porque el maestro fue rechazado humillado, hasta su muerte por lo tanto el seguidor no está fuera de esto. Porque a Jesus, por sus propios amigos fue abandonado y rechazado por algunos. Lamentablemente el seguidor en este tiempo seguirá pasando lo mismo. Así que la decisión de ser discípulo de Jesus aun en el siglo XXI, el odio, la violencia, el racismo, el sentido de ser superior a los demás, existe y se vive de muchas maneras. Esto es una reflexión que el programa Levantate nos deja. La siguiente etapa será sobre la Justicia Social que proclama la Iglesia Católica, tratamos de no solo hablar del tema, sin hacerlo en la vida real. Dios nos ayude!

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## The Impact Of Arise In The Hispanic Community In The Diocese Of Owensboro.

By Luis Aju

It has always been said and expressed on how good the courses and different stages of Arise are, as it changes a person in their human relationships as well as his or her life with God.

The training we have received has been very important for our personal, family and community needs. The program's purpose is to make us grow in our faith and in our knowledge of God's closeness to us.

Nobody can claim to know everything and that the need to learn from others is not necessary. Good manners are needed as well to the human person in order to live with others.

Jesus tried to teach us to LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF GOD. The call of God to us is an every day call to be his disciples and take the Good News to every person and every family. A great truth is that God chose our mission, and with his infinite love has called us since before our formation in the womb of our mother. He called us to this mission, although many people may not accept us, however he does. He accepts us by giving us the freedom to follow him as a true disciple of him.

Pay close attention to the subject, in the footsteps of Christ, walk with Him, suffer with Him, follow Him and take his good news everywhere. It is not easy because the teacher was dismissed and humiliated, until his death so the follower will not be far from this. Jesus was abandoned and rejected by some of his own friends. His followers unfortunately during these times will still continue to pass through the same struggle. So the decision to be a disciple of Jesus even in the XXI century will have to encounter hatred, violence, racism, and the sense of others feeling superior will still have to be lived. These are the reflections that Arise leave us. The next stage of Arise will be on Social Justice Teachings of the Catholic Church, which is proclaimed by the church and we will try to not just talk about it but live it out as well. May God help us!



En la tercera etapa del programa Leventate se presentaron varios miembros de la parroquia de San José en Bowling Green, también algunos de la parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús en Russellville. Gracias por venir al entrenamiento. F.Luis Aju



El Sr. Carl Sh. Ministro Laico Hispano de la parroquia acompañado de su Sra. Esposa Lily, atendieron el fin de semana de formación que fue impartido por el P. Alejandro López, como invitado especial de la Diócesis para formación de líderes hispanos de la diócesis.



Señoras y Señores han venido al entrenamiento de sus líderes para seguir trabajando con el programa de formación de líderes para LEVANTATE, todos reunidos en el salón parroquial de la Iglesia de San José. Gracias a cada uno por venir. F.Luis Aju



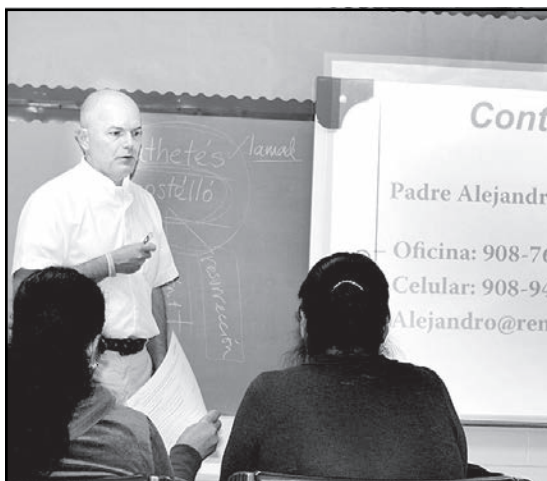
En la Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, en Hopkinsville, ha asistido varias familias, señoras y señores de la parroquia para avanzar en la formación de su liderazgo en su propia parroquia para sus pequeñas.

## Arise / Levántate Ubicaciones

16 hasta 19 agosto, 2013:  
St. Joseph, Bowling Green  
San Pedro y San Pablo, Hopkinsville  
St Joseph, Mayfield  
Santos Juan y Pablo Owensboro



Los dos sacerdotes, Padre Julio Barrera y el P. Alejandro López, han tenido una conversación acerca de los programas que se dan en la Diócesis. P. Julio Bienvenido a esta misión, que es muy importante para todos. F.Luis Aju



El Padre Alejandro, hablando y dando sus clases a una señora de la parroquia de San José de Mayfield. Esta señora siempre ha estado en los eventos de la diócesis.



Los dos señores de la parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, en Hopkinsville, han participado en las exposiciones del P. Alejandro. Es interesante saber escuchar a las personas y su historia en este país.

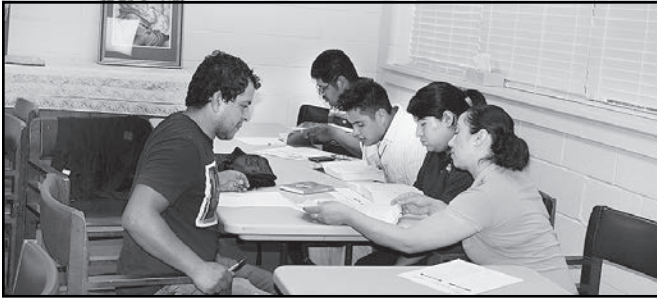


En esta toma se puede apreciar que en este grupo, existen personas de varios países, lo cual significa la presencia multicultural en la diócesis.

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## Huellas

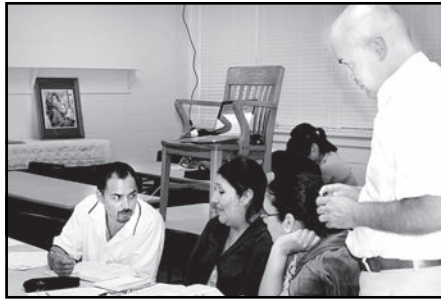
La formación de líderes de grupos pequeños para guiar parishioners en la tercera temporada de ARISE / Levántate concentró en seguir las huellas de Jesús: "Deja todo y sígueme. No tengas miedo. Yo estaré con vosotros hasta el fin de la era."



Personas de Paduca, han venido a las clases de formación. Hermanos y hermanas gracias por venir. Dios nos ayude a crecer en nuestra fe. Gracias por su ejemplo. F.Luis Aju



La hna. Eloisa Toralba, está con los feligreses de su parroquia, con mucho interés en aprender han asistido al entrenamiento como líderes de su comunidad, ¡a hermana contenta de estar con su comunidad. F.Luis Aju



La comunidad de San Jose de Mayfield, siguen atento a la ponencia del P. Alejandro en el proceso del entrenamiento. Dios bendiga a estas familias que asistieron a este evento. F.Luis Aju



Es interesante ver a varios jóvenes que tienen interés en velar por las comunidades, de nuestras parroquias. Por eso ellos han venido porque el futuro nuestro es que estamos iniciando ahora, dependiendo lo que construimos el día de hoy. F.Luis Aju

**La escuela de Cristo es la escuela del amor. En el último día, cuando se lleve a cabo el examen general... El amor será el único programa de estudios. - San Roberto Belarmino (1542-1621), Doctor de la Iglesia, Festividad del 17 de septiembre**



Las personas de la Parroquia de San Jose de Mayfield, bien conocidos como buenos colaboradores en su comunidad. Gracias por su apoyo y esmero en el aprendizaje y acompañamiento a la comunidad Dios los bendiga y a sus familias también. F.Luis Aju



El día 18 de Agosto, se llevó a cabo la III etapa del programa Levántate, en esta fotografía se observa la presencia del P. Joshua Mcarthy, participando con los líderes de la comunidad de San José y Pablo en Owensboro. Bienvenido Padre Josh, en este proceso de formación de la comunidad, por compartir su tiempo con nosotros en el inicio de su ministerio en esta parroquia.



La Hna. Panchita, también estuvo participando en las sesiones de San Jose, también el Seminarista Basilio, participo en este evento tan importante en la formación de los líderes. Gracias por venir, que su presencia es importante para las comunidades. F.Luis Aju



En la misma parroquia se reunieron las comunidades de San Miguel Sebree, para participar en el evento, han venido para enriquecer su conocimiento para guiar su comunidad.

# Mujer Hispana Realiza Retiro Especial En La Iglesia St. Thomas More

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By Miguelina Sunderland

PADUCAH, Ky. - Es el primer retiro de mujeres hispanas realizado en la parroquia de St. Thomas More siguiendo el programa CRSP -Cristo renueva su Parroquia-, que se traduce a CRHP (Christ renews His parish). Asistimos 23 mujeres de edades entre 23 a 80.

En cuanto a la participación, la Hermana Esther Ordóñez fue la iniciadora del retiro, el cual estuvo en preparación por 6 meses.

Tuvimos al maravilloso grupo de Atlanta para entrenar, dirigir, servir, entretener, rezar y dar los mas sinceros testimonios y renovación de

fe, los cuales fueron abrumadores en algunos momentos.

Yo pienso que el programa fue escogido por la energía e impacto espiritual que transmite a cualquier grupo y es muy necesario en el mundo en que vivimos actualmente. Nos dio un mejor entendimiento sobre hermandad y el significado real de ser una comunidad de servicio. Indudablemente es una renovación de corazón, mente y espíritu, un entendimiento de que todos somos hijos de Dios.

El resultado fue una experiencia increíble, y creo y, hablo por nuestro grupo, que el tiempo que pasamos

juntos por 2 días completos, lejos del mundo exterior, fue maravilloso. Dos días por y para Cristo.

El grupo de 15 personas que vinieron de Atlanta, vistieron sus

colores naranja y rosado. Cada retiro tiene su lema y verso bíblico. Nosotras vestimos camisetas moradas y nuestro lema fue "Cristo Jesús te llama!"



*¡Abre tu corazón a la vida!*



Respetemos la Vida



"Cristo Jesús te llama!". Las mujeres hispanas de la Parroquia St Thomas More vestidas de morado fueron las anfitrionas del retiro "Cristo renueva tu Parroquia", que tuvo testimonios de mujeres de Atlanta (en rosado). Foto enviada por Missy Eckenberg.



Santo Tomás Moro Director del Ministerio Hispano, Sr. Esther Ordóñez se encuentra con las mujeres de la parroquia que participaron en el Cristo Renueva Su Parroquia Retiro.

# El mes de octubre es el mes del Rosario para la Iglesia Católica



**Monseñor  
William F.  
Medley  
Obispo de  
Owensboro**

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Octubre es un mes muy ocupado en la tradición católica. En las últimas décadas, en los Estados Unidos, se ha observado como el mes de respeto a la vida. A través de la oración y la educación, estamos llamados a reflexionar sobre las muchas

maneras en cual nuestra cultura devalúa la vida. Al instante, todos pensamos en el aborto, y eso es una mancha terrible en nuestra conciencia nacional. Pero muchas otras cosas degradan la dignidad de la vida, como la pena de muerte, la pornografía, el terrorismo, la tortura humana y el abuso infantil.

Mucho antes de que se resaltaran los problemas del Respeto a la Vida durante el mes de octubre, los católicos siempre lo han reconocido como el mes del Rosario. La fiesta de Nuestra Señora del Rosario es el 7 de octubre. Esta fiesta fue creada por el Papa Pío V en acción de gracias por la victoria en la batalla de



Lepanto.

El Rosario es una oración con la que los católicos son familiares, aunque su popularidad ha decaído en las últimas décadas. El Rosario también se refiere a la cadena de rosarios usados para contar las oraciones. Me parece que a menudo los jóvenes católicos reconocen que no saben cómo orar la Rosario. Al pedirles que hagan la Señal de la Cruz y recitar el

Credo de los Apóstoles, el Padrenuestro y el Avemaría. En lo general, ellos saben estas oraciones, a pesar de que así admiten la necesidad de un texto al recitar el Credo de los Apóstoles. Por lo tanto, si conocen estas oraciones, pueden rezar el Rosario. Sí, es muy beneficioso tener un bendito rosario a la mano, pero estoy seguro que no soy el único que ha rezado el rosario con mis dedos.

A primera vista, algunos podrían encontrar el rezo del Rosario tediosamente repetitivo. Después de todo, las mismas oraciones se repiten una y otra vez. Pero la repetición de las oraciones familiares es muy intencional. La repetición muy gastado libera la mente para reflexionar sobre los misterios del Rosario, cuatro series de cinco temas de la vida de Jesús, historias del Evangelio y la tradición de la Iglesia. Como el Ave María es la oración que más se repite, se habla del ejercicio como una parte de la tradición mariana de oración. Sin duda, en el mejor sentido de la tradición. El Rosario representa el énfasis católico en la participación en la vida de María, cuyo foco fue siempre en su Hijo, Jesucristo.

La palabra "rosario" viene del latín y significa una guirnalda de rosas, la rosa es una de las flores usadas para simbolizar a la Virgen María. Sigue siendo uno de los símbolos más emblemáticos del catolicismo.

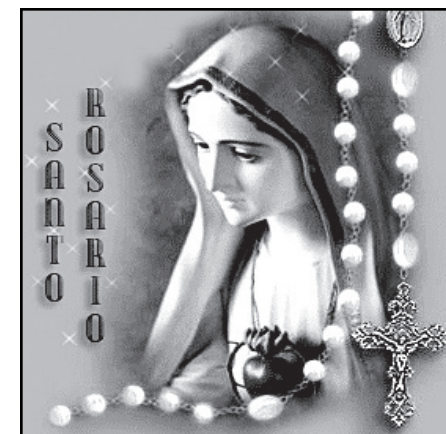
licismo.

Durante este mes de octubre, combinemos una antigua tradición con una nueva. Recen el Rosario que pueda haber un mayor respeto por la vida en nuestra cultura. Oremos por la paz en nuestros tiempos difíciles, orar por los no nacidos, orar por las víctimas de explotación y abuso. Oren por el éxito del ministerio del Papa Francisco cuyo corazón se mueve por los pobres en medio de nosotros.

Que Dios los bendiga a todos.

*William F. Medley*

+ Mons. William F. Medley  
Obispo de Owensboro



## Siguiendo Los Pasos De Jesús Es El Tema De La Temporada III

LEVANTATE. Unámonos en Cristo Es un proceso de evangelización y renovación espiritual centrado en la comunidad parroquial por un período de tres años, logrando tres objetivos: la renovación de las estructuras diocesanas y parroquiales mediante la formación de las pequeñas comunidades eclesiales; el proceso de maduración en la fe basado en el estudio de la Biblia y en una adaptación del Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (RICA); el fortalecimiento de las relaciones humanas y personales en las comunidades parroquiales.

Esto se inicia con un período de formación de los agentes diocesanos y parroquiales. Después, se presentan cinco diferentes momentos llamados Etapas, cada una con una duración de seis semanas, una sesión semanal de 90 minutos.

**Etapas III (Otoño, 2013)  
En las huellas de Cristo**

## Calendario de Obispo Medley para Octubre 2013:

Octubre 1	9:00 a.m.	CPC misa y reunión de personal
Octubre 2-12	9:00 a.m.	Peregrinaje a tierra santa
Octubre 15	9:00 a.m.	CPC misa y reunión de personal
Octubre 16	8:30 a.m.	Reunión del Consejo Financiero Diocesano
Octubre 17	9:00 a.m.	Misa estudiantil, Owensboro Catholic Middle School
	6:00 p.m.	Banquete de Right to Life of Owensboro, Hines Center
Octubre 18	8:00 a.m.	Misa Estudiantil, St. Ann, Morganfield
Octubre 19	1:30 p.m.	Ultima profesión, Hr. Mary Andrea Niehaus, Monasterio Pasionista, Whitesville
Octubre 21	9:30 a.m.	Reunión del personal de la directiva sacerdotal, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del consejo sacerdotal, CPC
Octubre 23	8:30 a.m.	Misa estudiantil, Mary Carrico, Knottsville
	2:00 p.m.	Unción en la Villa, Mount St. Joseph
Octubre 24	2:00 p.m.	Reunión ejecutiva de Brescia
Octubre 25	9:00 a.m.	Reunión ejecutiva de Brescia
Octubre 26	9:00 a.m.	Reunión del consejo Pastoral diocesano, CPC
Octubre 27	11:00 a.m.	Confirmación, St. Thomas More, Paducah
Octubre 28	6:30 p.m.	Theology on Tap, Grupo de Jóvenes Adultos Owensboro
Octubre 29	10:00 a.m.	Misa estudiantil, St. Mary Elementary School, Paducah
	12-3:00 p.m.	Horas de oficina en Paducah, Lourdes Hospital

**“En Nombre de Dios”**

Por Luis Aju



## Necesidades Hispanas Hoy Dia

Que necesitan los Hispanos inmigrantes, que viven en las parroquias o comunidades de esta área.

Los inmigrantes que llevan algunos años, viviendo aquí en los Estados Unidos, han cambiado muchísimas cosas en su vida, desde que llegaron a vivir aquí. Por ejemplo, han adoptado muchos modales que en nuestros países de origen no se dan. En nuestras comunidades de origen, existe al apoyo, el respeto, el aprecio y el estímulo a los demás. Sobre todo al apoyo a la persona hombre o mujer, niño, niña, Joven varón, joven señorita.

Nosotros tenemos también algo bien particular, al menos del lugar de donde nosotros venimos, que es el respeto a nuestros mayores. Así como también se le guarda respeto a quien merece ser respetado, se reconoce quien es autoridad y quien no es. No cualquiera toma atribuciones que no le pertenecen, no existe una usurpación de liderazgo. Aquí en estas comunidades, se ha perdido reconocer que el protocolo es importante, solo cuando hay un orden de este tipo se reconoce quien tiene autoridad y quien no lo tiene, nosotros sabemos que no es el que grita más, el que es la autoridad, sino el servidor. Sabemos también que existen personas que tienen una manera de manipular la vida de los miembros de las comunidades, lo cual no es autoridad como tampoco liderazgo sino es un abuso de funciones.

Así como también sabemos que manipular a la gente es un descaro que hacen los irrespetuosos.

Regresando al tema central, los nuevos inmigrantes lo que piden es, apertura y comprensión humana de parte de los que ya han vivido muchos años aquí en USA. Existe una situación entre los latinos difícil de comprender, que es latino contra latino, no se debe de dar, pero es una realidad, entre nosotros los hispanos. También existe la crueldad esto se refiere a varias situaciones, en las que ya no nos importa lo que los otros sientan, mientras otros formulan sus pre-



## Proyecto Madrina

Luis J. Aju

Como país basado y formado por la inmigración somos capaces de ver cómo hoy en día la presencia hispana se está convirtiendo en una parte de nuestro país.

Como iglesia estamos muy contentos de ser parte de la formación en la fe de nuestra comunidad hispana sin embargo hay muchas vacíos por llenar.

Estos espacios son creados por las barreras que son los factores externos de la cultura como el idioma, la comida y las tradiciones. Una de las preocupaciones más importantes de la sociedad global es la educación. Para nosotros en la Diócesis de Owensboro, la educación es una de nuestras principales preocupaciones y estamos en condiciones de luchar por una educación que va más allá de las fronteras académicas y es capaz de desarrollar jóvenes llenos de fe. Estamos orgullosos de tener una formación académica de nivel superior en nuestro sistema escolar católico y estamos aún más entusiasmados de compartir estas oportunidades con todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, ya que es crucial para nosotros combinar la fe y la educación en estos tiempos. La Universidad de Notre Dame ha creado una iniciativa para ayudar a cubrir el déficit de la educación católica en la

juicios, mientras obtengan lo que se han propuesto.

Por el otro lado, los autores de la crueldad, son los que gritan justicia, cuando son los autores de la crueldad, entre su misma gente.

Por lo consiguiente, debemos ser conscientes y responsables de nuestro proceder ante Dios y ante los demás. Porque debemos de recordar las palabras que El SENOR nos ha dicho que “TODO LO QUE HAGAMOS AL PROGIMO A EL SE LO ESTAREMOS HACIENDO”



**Luis J. Aju Jr. y el Padre Larry Hostetter Presidente de la Universidad de Brescia se reúnen para continuar la planificación del nuevo Grupo de Acción para la educación Hispana basada en la iniciativa de Madrina.**

comunidad hispana. La educación católica no ha jugado un papel importante en los Estados Unidos para los hispanos y es hora de que este vacío se llene. Nosotros, como católicos, debemos enorgullecemos de nuestras instalaciones educativas y ahora es el momento de darle la bienvenida a la diversidad en la educación. Esta iniciativa ha tomado el concepto de la "Madrina" y lo transforma en lo que debe ser el verdadero significado y la esencia de dicho título. La Madrina está presente durante el tiempo del Bautismo o la Confirmación. Su papel es el de ayudar a guiar y cuidar al "Ahijado" o "Ahijada", e instruirlo en la fe y la formación de todos los días. Por lo tanto, esta nueva iniciativa desafía la reciente ideología de ser madrina o padrino dándoles nuevos retos más reales los cuales serian proveer ayuda en el proceso de admisión y colegiatura en las escuelas católicas. Las Madrinas y padrinos de la comunidad luego formarían



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un equipo basado en la creación de redes para poder trabajar juntos en este tipo de responsabilidades.

Con la investigación y la capacitación adecuada, tal esfuerzo será de gran beneficio para nuestras comunidades y creo que puede hacer una diferencia en el futuro de nuestra juventud. El Director de la Pastoral Juvenil de la Diócesis, Luis J. Aju Jr., y la Asistente del Superintendente de Escuelas Católicas han comenzado los esfuerzos para hacer de este sueño una realidad. Sin embargo, este es un esfuerzo que va más allá de las oficinas diocesanas y requiere la ayuda de todos los profesores y las familias de las escuelas católicas. El Reverendo Padre Larry Hostetter también se ha unido a este esfuerzo y como resultado a puesto una meta más alta para alcanzar ya que quiere que Brescia forme parte de este esfuerzo. Hoy podemos decir que este sueño se está convirtiendo en una realidad ya que Brescia ha comenzado este esfuerzo mediante el establecimiento de un Grupo de Acción para hacerle frente a esta iniciativa y está trabajando de una manera diferente para inscribir a los estudiantes hispanos para este año escolar. Es nuestra esperanza que este trabajo servirá como un modelo para todas las nuevas nacionalidades que lleguen a establecer su hogar en nuestra Diócesis. Nuestras oraciones están con los maestros, las familias y los estudiantes que forman parte de esta iniciativa.