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“Whoever does not carry his own cross and
come after me cannot be my disciple.”

Luke 14:27

Dear Catholic Parishioners of Western Kentucky,

May Christ's peace be with you.

The upcoming weekend of September 7th-8th is DRF (Disciples Response Fund) Sunday. Our response to this appeal offers us an opportunity to demonstrate our love and concern for others as well as providing essential works of service and ministries in our diocese. With your help, the Church is able to reach out to build the kingdom of Christ to all of western Kentucky.

The DRF annual appeal plays an essential role in funding the needs of our diocese. As individuals and as parishes, we are called upon to ensure that the religious, educational and charitable efforts in our diocese may continue. Many of these needs are beyond the scope and resources of any individual or parish. Therefore, we must meet these needs as a united community of faith. Please review the enclosed brochure to help you have a better understanding of the ministries and services provided by the dollars raised during this appeal.

The DRF annual appeal goal is \$450,000.00 I invite you to join us in the work of bringing Christ to others with a gift to the 2013 annual appeal. Your gift of \$50, \$100, \$150 or more will mean so much to those we serve. As your Bishop, I have witnessed and experienced your generosity. I ask you to please consider a gift to the Disciples Response Fund.

Your dollars will make a difference.

Please complete a pledge card and return in the collection basket or mail it in the enclosed envelope.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for you. I ask you to keep me in your prayers, as well.

Yours in Christ,



+ William F. Medley

+ Most Reverend
William F. Medley
Bishop of the
Diocese of Owensboro

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Most Reverend
William F.
Medley, Bishop
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Dear sisters and brothers,

In recent months there has been much discussion within our nation about immigration reform. Everyone seems to understand that our immigration system is broken, with millions

upon millions living in our country without documentation. The Catholic Church, speaking through many voices, including the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, believes that our current system is broken and needs to be reformed comprehensively.

Often the national discussion of this issue gets bogged down around the "illegal" presence of undocumented workers. This is a valid concern, but makes it very easy to overlook the reality that major U.S. businesses and industries profit from the labor of immigrant workers. In fact, immigrant labor sustains a very significant portion of our local and

national economy. Even in western Kentucky, imagine the impact on agriculture if all immigrant laborers were removed.

So if our nation benefits from the contributions of immigrants, as it has since our country's founding, we surely should reform our laws to the benefit of all. It truly is a win/win proposition.

A responsible reform will include a pathway to citizenship for the 11 – 12 million undocumented in the country; a temporary worker program to allow migrant workers to enter safely and humanely (many do not desire permanent residency or citizenship); and family based immigration reform which allows families to be reunited more quickly.

The Catholic Church has taken a position on immigration reform because, besides being an economic, social, and legal issue, it is also a humanitarian one. At present all across the country we see the effects of a broken system: families are divided, migrant workers are exploited and abused.

Migration is a major theme in the Gospels. Jesus and the Holy Family were refugees who fled the terror of Herod and Jesus, the Son of Man, was an itinerant

teacher while on earth, with "no place to lay His head." Jesus also taught us to "welcome the stranger," for "what you do to the least of my brethren, you do unto me."

Does the Church then question a nation's right to secure its border? No, a sovereign nation certainly has such a right and indeed an obligation. Unfortunately our nation in recent decades has been conflicted: we want and need the laborers, but have made their legal entry a challenge, if not impossible. The Church does not favor illegal immigration. It is not good for the migrant, it is not good for society or for local communities. That is why the Church supports the creation of legal avenues for migration and legal status for migrants. The path to citizenship may reasonably require migrants to pay a fine or meet particular requirements.

Some would tie immigration re-

form to extending severe measures of border control, i.e. extending the fence along the U.S.-Mexican border. Billions of dollars have been spent to date on this project with little success. It indeed seems we are intent on throwing good money after bad. A comprehensive immigration reform can largely eliminate the reality of illegal entry. And the billions of dollars to build a fence can be directed to better schools, better highways and programs that address genuine dangers to our nation's security.

Congress will be considering immigration reform this fall. Contact your U.S. Senators and Representatives this month and urge them to enact moral and humane reform.

May God bless you all.

William F. Medley

+Most Reverend William F.
Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar for September 2013:

September 3	9:00 a.m.	Staff Mass and Meeting, CPC
September 6	6:00 p.m.	Mass/New Pastor Installation, Fr. Jerry Riney St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
September 7	10:00 a.m.	Talk and Mass, Marian Conference, Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro
September 8	10:30 a.m.	Opening Prayer, Mount St. Joseph Picnic
September 10	8:00 a.m.	School Mass, Sts. Peter and Paul School,
September 12	10:00-2:00	Presbyteral Day, Catholic Pastoral Center
September 15	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Anthony, Browns Valley
September 16	9:30 a.m.	Priest Personnel Board Meeting, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council Meeting, CPC
September 17	9:00 a.m.	Staff Mass and Meeting, CPC
September 18	8:30 a.m.	Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, CPC
	6:00 p.m.	Mass, Central Deanery Faith Formation Gathering, St. Agnes, Uniontown
September 19	11:00 a.m.	Mass, Brescia University
September 20	5:00 p.m.	S.P.A.C.E. Picnic, St. Raphael's
September 21	10:00 a.m.	Council of Religious Celebration/Jubilee, St. Martin, Rome
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation, Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
September 22	8:00 a.m.	Mass/New Pastor Installation, Fr. Jerry Baker, St. John the Baptist, Fordsville
	2:00 p.m.	Diocesan Marriage Celebration, St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
September 24	10-3:00 p.m.	Paducah Office Hours, Lourdes Hospital
September 25	all day	Presbyterate Finance Workshop Day, Pennyrile State Forest Lodge, Dawson Springs
September 26	10:30 a.m.	Diocesan Schools Rainbow Mass, Sportscenter,
September 28	4:00 p.m.	Mass, Diocesan Family Life Day, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center
September 29	10:00 a.m.	Mass/New Pastor Installation, Fr. John Okoro St. William & St. Lawrence, @ St. William, Philpot
	2:00 p.m.	Mass/Diocesan Sophia Awards, St. Stephen Cathedral
	5:30 p.m.	Mass/Blessing of new Parish Hall, St. Michael, Sebree

ARISE/Levantate



How often have you heard, or said, "I went to parish X, but no one greeted me" or "I just didn't feel like I be-longed, so I quit going"? Does your annual trip to the confessional begin with "I need to do more about my faith life, but ..."? I confess having said or heard this too many times. As with any important life commitments, however, expectations and active participation work hand-in-hand.

ARISE parish renewal began as a means to revital-ze our parish communities and our individual spir-itual development. It includes hearing God's word through the scriptures, discussing its meaning to our lives among friends, and growing in faith and community. It is similar to the way that Christ shared his message among a few close friends and ultimately changed the world. St. Stephen Par-ish begins Season Three of ARISE the week of October 13. If it is already a part of your religious growth and outreach, please invite others to join you. If you have not yet participated, consider ARISE as a means to rejuvenate your faith life and sense of parish belonging. Contact: Bonny Prudhomme at (931) 206-8029. *Reprinted from The St. Stephen Herald, Cadiz, Ky., July, 2013*

Marian Conference News:

This year the Diocese of Owensboro will have the first ever Women's Marian Conference on Saturday, September 7th, 2013 at Blessed Mother Parish Hall. There will be four wonderful speakers, a panel discussion, Holy Mass with the Bishop and confessions throughout the day.

The speakers are: Bishop William Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro,



Matt Fradd from EWTN's Catholic Answers,



Fr. Joseph Aytona of the Fathers of Mercy,



and Sr. Francis Teresa of the Carmelite Sisters.

For more information go to www.marianshrineky.org, call Lisa Englert (270)993-8896 or Rachel Evans (270)570-2170. The day will begin with registration at 7:30AM and there are fliers at churches throughout Owensboro and at St. Maximilliam Kolbe bookstore.

We hope you can join us for this Women's day of rest and Catholic rejuvenation.






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Brescia's Homecoming 2013: Barney 3.0 The Next Generation



Brescia University welcomes alumni and friends to campus on September 20-21, 2013 for Homecoming 2013.

We are excited to announce that our mascot, Barney the Bearcat, is currently undergoing a make-over and will have his debut during Homecoming festivities!

Homecoming begins on Friday, September 20th at Panther Creek Park with a golf scramble at 8 am. Proceeds benefit the Brescia University Athletic Department. Those interested in playing or sponsoring a hole should contact Bearcat coaches Traci Smith at 270-993-0927 or David Ballou at 270-454-9414.

Back on campus at 2 pm will be mud volleyball, a huge hit last year with not a clean participant to be found! Following mud volleyball the William H. Thompson School of Business sponsors a campus cook-out from 3-5 pm right next to Trustees Hall and the volleyball pit. Brescia business alumni are especially encouraged to come out and visit with your former professors.

Friday evening consists of a private Society of the Arch reception, which is for those donors who donate \$1,000 or more annually to Brescia University's general unrestricted fund. At 6:30 pm, our Graduates Of the Last Decade (GOLD) will host a reception at the Owensboro Museum of Fine Arts for all alumni interested in attending. The night will wrap up with long-time favorite event, Campus Capers/Brescia's Got Talent at 8 pm in Taylor Lecture Hall.

All Friday events, minus the golf scramble, are free!

Homecoming on Saturday begins at 8:30 am at Alumni Hall (115 West 7th Street) with Chariot Race staging and tailgating. Brescia is supplying chariots for the race so all participants have to do is register and show up to race! There will be prizes for the best dressed team. Races are from 10-noon on West 7th Street in front of the Fr. Leonard Alvey Library and the Administration building. At noon, everyone will gather in the Campus Center for lunch and the annual Alumni Association Meeting and Awards. The Association will hand out awards for Outstanding Alumni and Fr. Charles Saffer Alumni Hall of Fame. Last year, Beverly Howard '71 received the Fr. Saffer Award and Sr. Rose Jean Powers '66 received the Outstanding Alum Award.

Our 2013 Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced at 2:45 pm at the Kamuf Park Outdoor Sports Complex on Todd Bridge Road. Women's soccer hosts a game right afterward. Then at 5 pm, catch a baseball game at the adjoining field.

Brescia University's highest award, the Distinguished Alumni Award, will take place Saturday evening with cocktails at 6 and a banquet at 7. Find out the recipients by visiting our website: www.brescia.edu/homecoming. Tickets are \$35 a person for this event and can be purchased online or by contacting Jason Cox, Director of Alumni Relations, at 270-686-2111 or Jason.cox@brescia.edu.

You can find a schedule of events, a registration form and much more on Brescia's website, www.brescia.edu/homecoming. We hope to see all of our alumni at Homecoming this year!



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.

Callers may choose to remain anonymous for the initial call to the Catholic Pastoral Center receptionist. The phone numbers of the members of this Board will not be made public. You may also contact the Board via email at reviewboard@pastoral.org. Be sure to include your contact information. No direct response will be given by email because confidentiality is never guaranteed when using email. Follow-up will be made by telephone.

Miembros del Comité Examinador Diocesano Están Listos para Responder Llamadas

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.

Las personas que llaman pueden ser anónimos para la llamada inicial a la recepcionista. Los números de teléfono de los miembros de este Comité no serán divulgados al público.

También se puede contactar al Comité por su email a reviewboard@pastoral.org. No se olvide de incluir su información de contacto. No se responderá directamente por email porque no se puede garantizar la confidencialidad por email. Seguimiento será por teléfono.

St. Romuald Church To Host Parish Mission Renewal Event September 15-19



Fr. Bill Cieslak

HARDINBURG, Ky. - Capuchin Franciscan preacher Father Bill Cieslak will be conducting a parish mission entitled Recalculating: Renewing Our Lives So That We Can Live Life More Abundantly at St. Romuald Church, Hardinsburg, September 15-19. The Parish Mission program is an event designed to renew faith and strengthen convictions within a parish setting.

The renewal event begins at the weekend Masses and continues Sunday through Thursday evening, 6:00 PM. A fellowship social with refreshments will follow all evening sessions.

Father Bill explains, "God's unrelenting love for us is ours no matter who we are and no matter where we've been. Being open to God's love in our lives keeps us on track. Unfortunately, we allow our lives to get complicated and that means God needs to compete for our love. This presentation will allow the opportunity to recalculate our lives so we get into alignment with God." There is no charge for this event. For more information, call 270.756.2356.

Father Bill Cieslak is a Capuchin priest and taught liturgy and sacraments at the Franciscan School of Theology (Graduate Theological Union) in Berkeley, CA for 25 years. He is the director of Preaching and Evangelization for the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, MI. Besides liturgy and sacraments, Father Bill's interest is in Franciscan spirituality & theology.

The Capuchins are an international community of friars modeling themselves after St. Francis of Assisi. The brothers of the Capuchin Province of St. Joseph, headquartered in Detroit, serve in a variety of ministries including social service, schools, chaplaincy, retreat houses and parishes in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, Arizona, California, Nicaragua, and Panama. Established in 1857, there are currently 174 members in the St. Joseph province.

Join Bishop Medley And Celebrate Your Marriage!

Your commitment and the love you share is a gift to each other, your family, the community and society. We do not take this for granted and would like to congratulate you and rejoice with you.

Join us on Sunday, September 22th at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro for the annual Marriage Celebration. Mass begins at 2:00pm with a cake and punch reception immediately following.

All are invited and families are welcome, we only ask that those coming RSVP to Charlotte Hedges at (270)683-1545 or charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org .

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For more information or to attend the sessions please contact Melinda Prunty, Office of Youth Ministry at 270-338-6635 or Elaine Robertson, Office of Faith Formation at 270-683-1545.

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You are invited to come and see how *Strong Catholic Families: Strong Catholic Youth* (A parish/school process) can help your parish/school help parents more effectively pass on faith to their children and youth. Thirty (arch)dioceses across the US are using this process to help parishes and schools help parents. We are inviting parish/school staff to come and take a closer look and see if this process can help your parish/school to more effectively minister to and with families. This process can be very helpful in sacramental preparation. The pilot (demonstration) sessions listed in the left side column are free and materials to implement the Strong Catholic Families Process cost very little if anything!



11th Annual Diocesan Rural Life Celebration

On Sunday, August 11, the 11th Annual Rural Life Celebration honored Women in Agriculture in the Owensboro Sportscenter. A Bar-B-Q chicken meal was served at 5:00PM, with a short program and the recognition of the many contributions of Women in Agriculture. This annual celebration of rural life is sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro Rural Life Committee.

Joan Hayden of Saint William Parish, Kottsville, received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Special recognition of a Rural Life Committee Board Member was given to the Mike McCarty family. Radio personality Jeff Nalley emceed the evening; Daviess County Sheriff Keith Cain welcomed the crowd and gave the Invocation. The guest speaker was Suzanne Cecil White of Cecil Farms, Sorgho. Bishop William F. Medley spoke some comments at the closing and offered a Benediction. Bishop-emeritus John McRaith who started the diocesan Rural Life Committee and hosted the first Rural Life Celebration Banquet eleven years ago attended the evening's festivities, greeting his many friends among the crowd.



Joan Hayden of Saint William Parish, Knottsville, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from Jeff Nalley.

Guest Speaker Suzanne Cecil White of Cecil Farms began her talk encouraging families to help their young get into agricultural careers and to be stewards of the land by showing a video from a Paul Harvey speech, "So God Made



A Farmer," delivered in 1978 in which he said, in part, "And on the eighth day, God looked down on his paradise and said, 'I need a caretaker.' So, God made a farmer."



Shown here cleaning up after cooking for the 2013 Rural Life Banquet is one of the family cooking teams who provided the dinner: from left, Jake Stallings, Natasha Alexander, Doug Stallings, and Edward Stallings of The Immaculate Parish, Owensboro.



Bishop William Medley delivered the Benediction for the 2013 Rural Life Banquet.



Back Row: Martin Hayden, David Hayden, Daniel Hayden; front, granddaughters Katy and Rebecca King, Joan Hayden, and Kristy King.



A large crowd attended the 2013 Rural Life Banquet in the Owensboro Sportscenter August 11. Farming Families joined people from agribusiness fields, local politicians, clergy and Women Religious, Hispanic Catholics, and lots of young people for the evening's celebration and free BBQ chicken dinner. Mel Howard Photos

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Mount Saint Joseph 43rd Annual BBQ Picnic
12 Study of the Catholic Catechism for Adults
 17-20 Runaway Quilters
 27-29 Diocese of Owensboro Permanent Diaconate Program
 27-29 Retrouvaille
 30-4 Diocesan Priests Retreat

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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
 19 Private Wedding Reception
 25-27 Diocese of Owensboro Permanent Diaconate Program
26-27 Marian Retreat
 28 Quilt Club of Cadiz

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 Day



Immaculate Conception and St Columba Parishes Bring Clean Water to Kadenge Kenya through "Water With Blessings"

September, 2013 7

HAWESVILLE & LEWISPORT, Ky. - Every year during Lent our parishes participate in a mission project to support the poor in a third world country. In recent years we have purchased pigs, chickens, and fruit trees as a continuous source of food and income for the poor and we have dug village wells and built homes for widows and orphans in Obambo Kenya. These are just a few of our past Lenten Projects! This year we collaborated with Sr. Lorraine Lauter and with Blessings and with water to a remote village Fr. Gabriel says Kadenge reason the need for clean this village!

Clean water is rarely of Kenya and the ability financially possible. lake used by the commu-livestock, etc. The water waste and bacteria. The result of drinking this water leads to Typhoid, parasitic infections, disease, illness and even death.

Water with Blessings is a program that provides women in the village the materials needed to filter their water. This small filter was originally designed for our military soldiers. It has the capability to filter 500 gallons of water per day for 10 years. It filters out 99.99% of viruses, bacteria, parasites and other pollutants. Studies have shown a decrease in illness, disease and death, and an increase in health and life expectancy of children and adults whose families filter their water.

The program works by choosing what is called "Water Women" in the village. Most often it begins with women having small children who are willing to commit to this life giving ministry. The water women agree to filter water for their own family and at least three additional families for either a period of 6 months or longer or until the families receive their own filter. The women receive special education on disease, health, sanitation, how to filter and upkeep their system. The water women meet monthly for further education, prayer, support and accountability. In a culture where women are not seen as important, this program empowers women and gives them value as a member of the village.

Our project this year was to sponsor a minimum of 25 Water Women by providing the filter system and education needed. The cost to sponsor a water woman is \$100 each and our goal was \$2500. This goal will give every family in Kadenge an opportunity for clean water! Money we raise over the goal will give more families their own water. Therefore, our ultimate goal is to provide water filters for every family in Kadenge. Our two churches during and after Lent collected change, had a bake sale, Bunco night, HS lock-in and many made personal donations to raise enough money for 50 filters. Double our Goal!!! But there are 50 families in Kadenge that still need water filters!

The high school youth are hosting a 5K race in June as a yearly source of donation for our Lenten project and to also support HS youth attending a National Catholic Youth Conference held every 2 years. All of the proceeds will be evenly split between providing water filters for the families in Kadenge and the youth attending the national conference. We ask for your prayers as we continue to raise funds for Kadenge. If anyone would like to donate to our project or if you parish is interested in helping another village in Kenya with clean water through Fr. Gabriel and Water With Blessings you may contact our church office at 270-927-8419 and ask for Denise.





Holy Name Parish Youth Mission Detroit 2013 Reflection

By Lauren Douglas

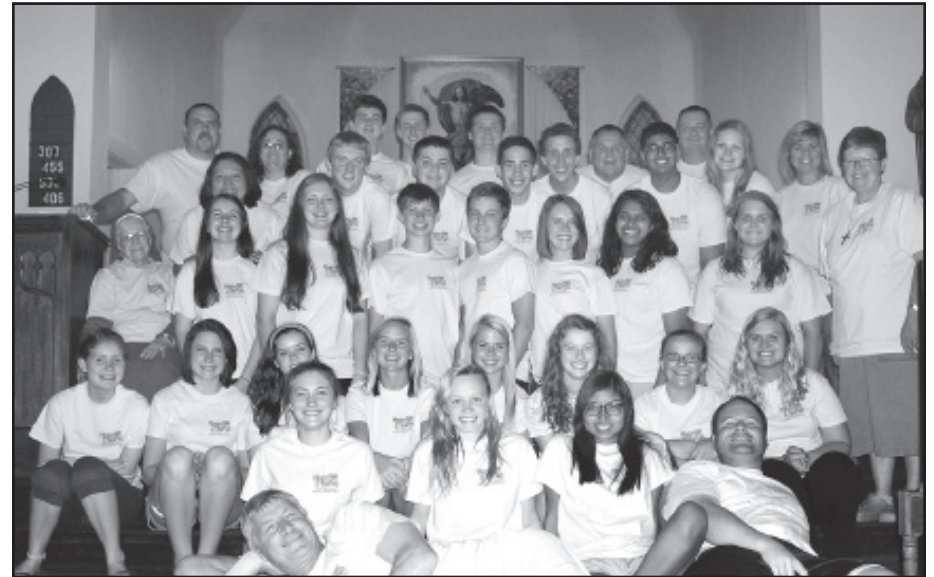
HENDERSON, Ky. - “Don’t get shot”, “Come back alive”, “Watch out for gangs.” When explaining to my friends and family that I was going on a mission trip to Detroit, Michigan these phrases were thrown around. Going into this mission trip I was nervous and anxious on what the week had to offer. With this being my first mission trip, I could not wait to see what all the hype of mission trips was about. Little did I know how much of an impact those eight days would have on my life.

St. Dominic’s is where I was stationed at all week. St. Dominic’s is a basic outreach program for people who are living in true poverty. Food, clothing, hygiene kits, and basic needs are all provided for people who need the help. Ms. Sherron is the program director of St. Dominic’s and she honestly is a gift to this world. She never turns anyone down who comes to her door and needs help. Sherron has so much love in her heart for helping people that it is truly inspiring. Seeing people walk in her doors and sit down in her waiting room for food because they were starving made me realize how lucky and blessed I am. Seeing how grateful these people were to get four grocery sacks full of food opened my eyes to how desperate they were. At the end of the day, I thank God for putting food on my plate and how blessed I am to be healthy.

This mission trip also allowed me to open up more to people. There were 110 youth in the Young Neighbors program

that week in Detroit. I made so many new friends who I fully intend to keep in touch with. About halfway through the week I realized why I could connect with these people. We were all there for the same reason – God. We all were there to serve him and live out his mission. All of us connected on a deeper level because of our faith and passion to help people. Opening up to people is something I personally struggle with and I did not have any problems with it at all in Detroit, and I am thoroughly convinced that God was working through me so I could get the most possible out of the week that I could.

Working all day at St. Dominic’s was one of the most rewarding feelings I have ever experienced. Knowing I truly made a difference in someone’s life to help them survive another day is a feeling I will never forget. A mother with her five year old daughter was waiting in the waiting room, she told me that it was people like me that gave her hope. Hope that things could and would turn around for her and her family so in the future they could be the ones helping others instead of receiving the help. By helping all these people, I was really helping myself more than I realized. I learned so much about myself and grew in my faith ways I did not know was possible. I saw God in every single person I met that week. Despite all the rumors about Detroit, I saw a city that is struggling, but a beautiful city thriving behind the scenes. Detroit and its people are full of passion. I saw the love and pride in people’s eyes and



Holy Name Youth Mission Missouri 2013 Reflection

By Dylan Payne

HENDERSON, Ky. - Last month, a group of 35 adults and high school youth departed from Holy Name Church on a trip to the small town of Caruthersville, Missouri. Each year, members of the Holy Name Youth Group, along with a hand full of adults, go to Caruthersville to serve the community in a variety of ways. From Vacation Bible School to home construction, there is always a way to help change the lives of others. Caruthersville is an extremely impoverished town.

Recently, a tornado swept through the community, further affecting the lives of those who already had very little. Despite the unfortunate circumstances in which many of the town’s inhabitants live, they are always able to smile and enjoy life. The children at Vacation Bible School always exhibit pure joy, although many of them face harsh realities at home. This same joy can be seen on the faces of those whose living conditions are drastically improved through construction projects.

The citizens of Caruthersville thrive not through material possessions, but through fellowship and love of one another. Seeing this happiness in the faces of all those we serve has a huge impact on our lives. The whole mission experience provides a new vision of life and uncovers the endless possibilities of service. It is safe to say that by the end of the week, our own lives have been changed just as much as the lives of those we came to serve.

So, take time to serve others in the community in any way possible. Not only is it a responsibility, but it is also a privilege. Improve your own life by improving the lives of those around you. The reward for your service might be greater than you expect.



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they were not ashamed of asking for help. Asking for help takes a strong person, inside and out. These people taught me that asking for help is okay and that tough times will come ones way in life eventually. Mission Detroit was a huge success in my eyes and something I am so glad I got to experience. Mother Teresa once

said, “The fruit of service is peace.” This quote is now painted on a stone outside back at St. Dominic’s along with my hand prints on another stone with everyone’s names around them. We left our mark at St. Dominic’s and it left its mark on us in unspeakable ways.

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 third 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."

"What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder (Mark 10.9)." This very strong teaching of Jesus, specifically applies to God's will for the indissolubility of the marriage bond. It, however, also presumes God's plan "from the beginning" that identifies marriage as a union between a man and a woman. If it applies forcefully to God's intention for the life-long bond of the man and the woman together, it just as forcefully applies to God's intention that that union is to be between a man and a woman. No other mating of human beings can achieve the "one flesh" union of which Jesus speaks, a union that was to be fertile and fruitful, to be procreative of new human lives. The only way around this truth about God and about humanity is either the rejection of the truth of sacred scripture or its abject falsification. And, given the New Testament identification of Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God, the Bridegroom, to reject or to falsify the scripture amounts to the rejection of Jesus Christ and the salvation that is ours in him. Whatever is at stake in a secular deconstruction of "marriage", the consequence if adopted by Christians is a loss of Christ himself.

Saint Paul flatly told the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 15) that if they reject the truth about the resurrection, if it is

false, then they are still in their sins and are of all people the most to be pitied. Similarly, if Jesus Christ does not reveal to us the truth of God's original plan for man and woman and the redemption of that plan through his death and resurrection, then he reveals to us nothing at all reliable. To reject the Christian doctrine of Marriage has effectively the same consequence as the rejection of the Christian doctrine of the resurrection of the body.

Is this doctrine simply too hard, too out of sympathy with the deeply experienced desires of the human person? The Catechism says: It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to "receive" the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ. This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's cross, the source of all Christian life. Jesus himself confronts the would-be disciple with the necessity of self-renunciation, the necessity of losing one's life in daily taking up the cross. If our deepest desires were not severely disordered and our minds confused, if we were not affected by a futile self-inversion, the consequence of sin, then the Cross would not have been needed to redeem us. Only the truth will set us free. The Son of God demonstrated that truth to us by his total obedience and self-gift on the Cross, a gift completely accepted and recognized by God in the Resurrection of Christ and his Ascension to Glory. The spousal sacrifice celebrated in Eucharist and lived out on the path of the Cross is the way of Christian Marriage. The Grace of the Holy Spirit is the life-giving, victorious blessing which honors that sacrifice in Marriage and is the source of its joy. Together, sacrifice and grace, redeem the spousal sexual union as gift, mutually given and received in likeness to Christ and the Church. This is the very opposite of lustful self-pursuit, the using of sex as a means to satisfy one's own desires, the using of one's own body or that of others as means of satisfaction. God made the human person not to be used but to be honored by divine love and life. Redeemed desire is in accord with this truth.

Consider the doctrine of the Catechism in this regard:

Marriage in the Lord

1612 The nuptial covenant between God and his people Israel had prepared the way for the new and everlasting covenant in which the Son of God, by

becoming incarnate and giving his life, has united to himself in a certain way all mankind saved by him, thus preparing for "the wedding-feast of the Lamb."

1613 On the threshold of his public life Jesus performs his first sign - at his mother's request - during a wedding feast. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ's presence.

1614 In his preaching Jesus unequivocally taught the original meaning of the union of man and woman as the Creator willed it from the beginning: permission given by Moses to divorce one's wife was a concession to the hardness of hearts. The matrimonial union of man and woman is indissoluble: God himself has determined it "what therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder."

1615 This unequivocal insistence on the indissolubility of the marriage bond may have left some perplexed and could seem to be a demand impossible to realize. However, Jesus has not placed on spouses a burden impossible to bear, or too heavy - heavier than the Law of Moses. By coming to restore the original order of creation disturbed by sin, he himself gives the strength and grace to live marriage in the new dimension of the Reign of God. It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up

their crosses that spouses will be able to "receive" the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ. This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ's cross, the source of all Christian life.

1616 This is what the Apostle Paul makes clear when he says: "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her," adding at once: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one. This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church."

1617 The entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Already Baptism, the entry into the People of God, is a nuptial mystery; it is so to speak the nuptial bath which precedes the wedding feast, the Eucharist. Christian marriage in its turn becomes an efficacious sign, the sacrament of the covenant of Christ and the Church. Since it signifies and communicates grace, marriage between baptized persons is a true sacrament of the New Covenant.

NEXT WKC: the first of two segments on the effects of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Following that we will consider the inseparable virtues of charity and chastity. Fr Richard

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The Good Hearts Of Catholic School Students

She is a freshman at Owensboro Catholic High School. On her second day of school, she lost her pen/pencil bag in the rush between classes. Two days went by; she was upset: her Daddy's scientific calculator was in her pencil bag, too. She was really worried. On the third day of school, she learned that someone had turned a pencil bag into the attendance office. She hurried up to the office; the bag was hers, and everything was still in it!

Hooray! An Owensboro Catholic High School ACE had found her pencil bag and turned it in to the OCHS attendance office "Lost and Found." When we heard this story, it confirmed our faith in the good hearts of Catholic School students. We are confident this would have been the same result in any of our Catholic schools in Western Kentucky. - Ed.

Luke 16:10 (NRSV) "Whoever is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much."

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The 3rd Annual Camp Connect Work Camp

Submitted
by
Sherry Jones

FANCY
FARM, Ky. -



The 3rd Annual Camp Connect Work Camp was held June 16-20, 2013. Our theme this year was "Love One Another As I Have Loved You" (John 15:12). This work camp allows youth entering the 7th grade thru the 12th grade to provide community service to the elderly, disadvantage, or disabled community.

We invited youth from the Diocese of Owensboro to participate and parishes that participated were: St. Jerome, St. Charles, St. Denis, St. Edwards (Fulton), St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Clarkson), St. Paul (Leitchfield) and St. Thomas More (Paducah). We are thrilled with the response since our first year. We had 51 middle school and high school students participate; 10 youth leaders; 30 adult leaders. We were able to provide 918 hours of community service to the Fancy Farm, Dublin, Mayfield, and Paducah communities.

The youth provided many types of service to Martha's Vineyard, St. Vincent de Paul (Paducah), Needline, Fern Terrace nursing facility, Villa Madonna, Animal Shelter (Mayfield and Paducah) and several elderly members of the Fancy Farm, Mayfield and Dublin communities. They worked hard all day in the hot heat but had plenty of play time after. Each day we started with a hearty breakfast prepared by our wonderful cook team. And each night we had a wonderful meal prepared by this group. For three nights there was an evening program that focused on the Paschal Mystery with lots of music, activities, and discussion. On the fourth day we had "field day" activities before sending them home with a servant heart!

We are humbled by the hard work, dedication, love and enthusiasm that everyone involved put into this 4 day event.

Come join us at St. Jerome Church in June 2014 for Camp Connect for just \$50 per person. Contact Sherry Jones at 270-623-8181 for more information.



Sister Alfreda Malone's Mid 1950's Class Gathering

Submitted by Coreen Moore

Some of Sister Alfreda Malone's Peonia, Ky., 1950s class gathered at Coreen and Erv Moore's home for lunch and fellowship on July 27, 2013. The event included music by Bonnie, Jimmy and Alfred (Fuzzy) Grant. Sister Alfreda taught school at the St. Anthony Peonia School from 1955 - 1957. Many very interesting stories and old class photos were shared by both students and Sister Alfreda.

For example, Sister Alfreda told a story about a student who asked her how old she was and she replied, "60." (She was really in her early 30's.) Well the student told Father Boorman, the St. Anthony priest, "Can you believe Sister Alfreda is 60 years old?" Also, Sister Mary Louis Knott wrote, shared and sang a parody about the teacher and students to the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" which was the highlight of the day.



Other family and friends attending the luncheon, back row from left to right: Sister Mary Louis Knott, Sue Mudd, Judy Clemons, Jimmy Grant, Bonnie Grant, Father Brian Johnson, John Mudd, Coreen Moore, Martha Witten, Louis Patterson. Front row, from left to right: Alice Grant, Sister George Mary Hagan, Elmo Pierce, Alfred Grant, Sister Alfreda Malone, Tommy Clemons.

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A special retreat designed for you will be hosted at Sts. Joseph and Paul on Saturday, October 19, 2013, from 8:30am-4:30pm. The retreat leader is Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle. The title of the retreat is "Our Journey with Jesus." Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle is a widely published author, popular speaker, EWTN host, and she was a personal friend to Mother Teresa. This event is being hosted by the Sts. Joseph and Paul Spiritual Life Team. Please contact Tara Boling to register: taobdht@att.net. Or contact Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish Office at 683-5641. Cost of the retreat is \$15.



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World Youth Day With Pope Francis



This group from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Campus Center, Bowling Green, attended World Youth Day from July 16-28 in Rio de Janeiro, spent the first week in San Paulo, staying with host families and getting to know the parishioners of their host church. 1st row: John Sohl, Olivia Walker, Sarah Rogers, Imari Hazelwood; 2nd : Bryan Reaka, Emily Martin, Zach Coots, Mary Reding, Maggie Smith, Mary Whitfill, Emily Scheper, Julia Payne; 3rd : Jacob Martin, Matt Sohl, Missy Graehler, Andy Austin. Photos submitted by Mary Reding.

Reflections of a Pilgrim

Adapted from the blog of John Sohl

*Submitted by Mary Reding,
Campus Minister, WKU*

John Sohl is a recent graduate from WKU, and has just begun studies at St. Meinrad Seminary as a seminarian for the Diocese of Owensboro.

Our extensive Brazilian pilgrimage began not on the streets of Rio de Janeiro, but in western Kentucky. A pilgrim prepares for the journey, and we began our preparation in December 2012 as a group of sixteen young Catholics, looking for Christ and His Church. We found everything we set out to find, but not necessarily where we expected.

On July 15, the first week of our fifteen day trip to Brazil took us to São Paulo for MISSION WEEK. This week was about the missionary spirit of World Youth Day, the concept of spending real quality time with the people of Brazil. While it indeed included huge concerts and amazing moments, the most exciting aspect for us I think was simply BEING with everyone during the week. The people of the parish of São Domingo were beautiful. The sheer sincerity behind the men and women of this parish has been

the truest sense of Christian Love that we have experienced outside our own community at St. Thomas Aquinas!

On July 22, we traveled to Rio de Janeiro to meet Papa Francisco and experience the joy of our Catholic faith on the most epic scale possible: CHRIST THE REDEEMER!

Yes everyone, we were blessed to be able to experience the intense drive to the top of that glorious mountain of Corcovado, only to look down and see... nothing. Visibility was virtually 0%, and other than the occasional movement of the clouds, all we could make out was the Christ in the cloudy and misty skies. What a disappointment, right?

WRONG. Certainly, the view would have been breathtaking, but our experience of Christ the Redeemer was very unique, and perhaps even a little providential. Our time in this life shouldn't be spent sightseeing and touring. After all, this is an intense spiritual pilgrimage. Perhaps Jacob Martin said it best: "How awesome was it to sit in Eucharistic Adoration inside Christ the Redeemer with all the wind and mist!"

During the WYD week, I was given a tremendous opportunity to physically present my film, 40 Days for Love



Overlooking Rio de Janeiro
Mary Whitfill, Emily Scheper, Julia Payne, Emily Martin, Andy Austin

– Explained at the “Goodness Reigns” film festival. After all, it’s certainly a major part of my personal discernment story, and I want to know where it’s leading me, after all! Everything went off without a hitch, and afterwards, we headed to Copacabana Beach to MEET Pope Francis in a special Opening Celebration of the Word!

Upon our arrival at Copacabana, we were met with a barricade with about 10 rows of people in front of us, just 20-30 feet away from where Our Holy Father would pass by on the pope mobile. I think this is also an appropriate time to mention that I woke up that morning with a cough and terrible headache, which is still with me, by the way. I guess the cold, wet rain and short sleeve clothes (with a shredded poncho and lost umbrella) doesn't help staying warm and dry.

You see how it works, though? None of these sorrows, shame, sickness, or pain matters in eternity! Follow the song and trade them away! WE GOT TO SEE POPE FRANCIS! That's exciting enough to make everything worth it!

Pope Francis brought us Jesus Christ. He gave us the encounter of a lifetime, and as we continue to sort out these moments in our hearts through these coming months, we knew even then that the Church is real. The Church holds the Fullness of Truth on Earth, and we were taking part in that Divine Revelation on an epic scale as brothers and sisters! Our time, reflection, prayer, hardships, sins, confessions and repentance since last December all came down to this moment.



Pope Francis



Soup Kitchen in São Paulo - Missy Graehler, Olivia Walker, Imari Hazelwood, Emily Scheper, Mary Whitfill, Emily Martin

Pope Francis' words gave us hope for the future. I will never forget Emily Martin's LIVE translations. I will never forget that electric SILENCE of the millions of people on that beach, as the waves crashed against the earth during Eucharistic Adoration.

The final blessing of our Holy Father Pope Francis sent us forth to go and make disciples of all nations! This was accompanied with the announcement of the next World Youth Day, in Krakow, Poland in 2016! Three years is a long time to wait, but God works in mysterious ways.

I am absolutely honored to be able to record these moments in this way. It is our hope that this recounting will serve as a testament to Christ's ability to bring people together on an eternal basis. Christ has united us through His Kingdom, and I look forward to that day when we will be reunited on that eternal coast line which South America could only foreshadow.

The complete blog can be found at: <http://thomasaquinaswyd.wordpress.com/>

Paducah Youth Group Joined World Youth Day Celebration

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Youth of the Paducah Deanery joined priests Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds, Fr. Brandon Williams, Fr. Uwen Enoh, and Fr. Ryan Harpole, and Director of Youth Ministry at St. Thomas More, Matt Rochette on Saturday, July 27, 2013 to celebrate World Youth Day. The group met at the intersection of I-24 and Hwy 62 walking in a prayer procession two miles to St. Thomas More church to represent the pilgrimage of the faithful to Pope Francis in Rio. Fr. Brandon led the World Youth Day prayer, and then the group attended Mass, participated in Eucharistic Adoration, and watched live coverage of the Pope speaking with the youth of the world. A Brazilian dinner was also prepared by the group to represent the host country of World Youth Day.



St. Thomas More Youth prepared a Brazilian dinner for a stronger connection with those in Rio. Photos submitted by Matt Rochette

to represent the host country of World Youth Day.



The Adoration hour was held at the same time it was being celebrated in Rio.



Prayer Procession to Church: Youth participated in a two mile prayer procession to St. Thomas More Church to begin the local World Youth Day event.

St. Thomas More Parish Celebrates a Fortnight for Freedom Opening Mass in Paducah

By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Bishops of the United States called all the faithful to celebrate a Fortnight for Freedom from Friday, June 21, 2013 until Thursday, July 4, 2013. This 14 day period was the celebration of the many rights we enjoy as American citizens and we patriotically prayed for our nation. Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds served as the main celebrant for the opening Mass held at St. Thomas More, June 21 at 7:00pm with over 200 Catholics from surrounding parishes in attendance. Concelebrants of the Mass included Fr. Brandon Williams, Fr. Tom Buckman, and Fr. Uwen Enoh, along with Deacon Terry Larbes, Mike Clapp, and Paul Bachi assisting. A combined choir of the local parishes including brass instrumental accompaniment provided the sacred music, the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Honor Guard from councils in the area assisted with the Mass, and the Divine Mercy Council of the Knights of Columbus served on the altar. This was also the vigil of Saint Thomas More, Martyr and all in attendance were invited to the parish hall to enjoy fellowship at an ice cream social reception immediately after the Mass.

In the picture at right, Both the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Honor Guard and members of the surrounding councils made the opening Mass of a Fortnight for Freedom very special for all. Photo by Missy Eckenberg

Learning & Living About God In Action

245 students and volunteers from all the surrounding parishes participated in the Faith Formation Vacation Bible School, at St. Mary Elementary, Paducah, June 17-21. The students grew in faith by learning and living "God in Action". We discussed Creation, Jonah's fears, the power of prayer and our obligation and willingness to spread the Word. Many thanks to all our Priests and Ms. Tonya Wetherington for



coordinating the event. Submitted by Felicia LaBarge



Paducah Deanery-Wide Corpus Christi Celebration and Procession



PADUCAH, Ky. - On Sunday, June 2nd, 2013, at 6 PM, the parishes of St. Francis de Sales, Rosary Chapel, St. John, St. Thomas More, and St. Mary of LaCenter, participated in a Deanery Wide Corpus Christi Celebration.

Beginning at St. Francis de Sales, 105 parishioners processed through the streets of Paducah to Rosary Chapel. They were lead by Fr. Brian Roby, of St. Francis de Sales, Fr. Uwem Enoch of Rosary Chapel, Fr. Pat Reynolds of St. Thomas More, Fr. Tom Buckman of St. John, and Fr. Ryan Harpole of St. Mary of LaCenter. After the procession, a reception was held in Rosary Chapel Parish Hall.

Most participants were moved to comment about how blessed they feel to be part of parishes that follow this tradition, as well as in to live in a part of the world where such a thing is allowed.

Glenmary Sisters Announce New Leadership, Set Future Vision

Owensboro, KY (June 6, 2013) - Sister Sharon Miller was elected president of Glenmary Home Mission Sisters of America, Inc., more commonly known as Glenmary Sisters, during a gathering of all Glenmary Sisters May 26 - June 6, 2013 in Owensboro, Ky. Sister Miller has spent six years as President of the community. Also elected to council: Sister Darlene Presley as first councilor and Sister Aida Badillo as second councilor and Sister Rosemary Esterkamp as third councilor.

Before elections the Sisters, through prayer and reflection time led by Msgr. Bernard Powers of the Diocese of Owensboro, identified several key priorities they wish to address over the next four years. Sister Miller rated vocations among her top priorities.

"As Glenmarians we must continue a strong effort to find women and men to answer God's call to religious life," Sister Miller said.



In back row, Sr Sharon Miller, Bishop William Medley, Sr Rosemary Esterkamp. front, Sr Aida Badillo and Sr Darlene Presley. Submitted Photo

The Sisters currently maintain Home Missions in Georgia, Missouri and Kentucky. More vocation inquiries are being reviewed for future formation.

The new council members were installed during the community's Chapter Meeting on June 6, 2013.

Sister Sharon Miller, 55, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, was elected president in 2007. Her current term as president extends to 2017. She has served six Home Missions in Georgia, Missouri and Kentucky.

Sister Darlene Presley, 55, a native of Augusta, Georgia, is currently missioned in Caruthersville, Missouri and is actively involved in many programs including GED tutoring. Her current term as first councilor extends until 2017.

Sister Aida Badillo, 66, a native of Puerto Rico, is currently missioned in Millen, Georgia where she is involved with many area programs including bilingual assistance. Her current term as second councilor extends until 2017.

Sister Rosemary Esterkamp, 86, a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, is currently missioned in Smithland, Kentucky. Her current term as third councilor extends until 2017. She has held numerous leadership positions and served Home Missions in Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia.

To learn about vocation opportunities or how you can support the Glenmary Sisters visit us at www.glenmarysisters.org or (270) 686-8401/1-800-301-2689.

Catholic Education Making History in Union County, Again!

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Eighth grade student, Grace Rigdon, is happy to join her teachers at St. Ann School in Morganfield on opening day, August 8, 2013. Grace will be one of 28 students who will be the last graduating class of St. Ann School. Once again, history is being made in Catholic education in Union County.



Photo, above center, Teachers are ready to welcome students for the 2013-14 school at St. Ann School in Morganfield KY. The theme of the year is "Run in such a way as to get the prize." I Cor 9:24. Teachers began the school year in their Catholic Identity t-shirts for the year. Students were greeted by teachers as they approached the school with high fives and baseball cheers. A goal for the year is to help each student realize their own individual prize as well as working to achieve the ultimate prize, heaven. Teachers include Mrs. Julie Davis, Mrs. Debbie Padgett, Mrs. Stacey Thomas, Mrs. Leigh Ann Vowels, Mrs. Becky Byrd, Ms. Lea Heriges, and Mrs. Mary Beth Mason. Photos by Beth Hendrickson



As teachers and students prepare to begin the 2013-14 school year in Morganfield at St. Ann School, they watch as the land across the street is being transformed into John Paul II Catholic School. Progress is being monitored daily and can be watched by visiting Face Book where pictures are posted daily.



Students and their parents arrive at St. Ann School to begin a new school year. In the background, John Paul II Catholic School is beginning the early phases of construction.

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The annual Associates and Sisters Day on June 8 brought nearly 100 Ursuline Associates and Sisters together to discuss the Spirituality of Work and welcome three new Associates and five who made their lifetime commitment. Here are pictures from a wonderful day at Mount Saint Joseph.

Mount Saint Joseph Ursuline Associates and Sisters Day



At near right, Sister Martha Keller, director of vocation ministry, talks to the gathering about enlisting their support to help share the Ursuline charism.

At center right, Father Anthony Shonis was the second speaker and talked about his experience in visiting parishioners in their workplace and then following up on the spirituality present at work.

Young Daughters of Saint Angela Summit

Eleven members of the Young Daughters of Saint Angela from Kansas joined six of their contemporaries from Whitesville for the second Y-DOSA Summit on June 13-15 at Maple Mount. The first summit in 2012 took place in

St. Louis. Y-DOSA is an organization for young women ages 11-18 who are interested in learning more about Saint Angela Merici and the faith and values she taught young women. The group also does service projects to help others.



The Y-DOSA girls gather around the Buttermilk stone on June 14 at the front of campus, the spot in which the first five Ursuline Sisters who arrived from Louisville had their first meal of watermelon and buttermilk in 1874. MSJ Photos

Like Saint Angela Merici the pilgrim, Congregational Leader Sister Sharon Sullivan has her staff in hand to lead the girls on the tour of Mount Saint Joseph on June 14. MSJ Photos



Colsi Stauffer finds her sacred place right in front of the crucifix on June 14 at Mount Saint Joseph. The girls were instructed to find a place in the cemetery to be quiet and reflect.



Associate Charlotte Paez of Beaver Dam draws a smile from fellow panelist John Laker of Swansea, Ill., as she tells her story of spirituality in the workplace.



New associates in the first row, from left, are Jacqueline Sommers, Joan Teder and Kelly Roe; second row are their contact people, Associate Jean Simpson, Sister Amelia Stenger (who was one of the Spirituality in the Workplace speakers that day) and Associate Lisa Day. MSJ Photos



New lifetime associates and their contact people. The first row is Sister Mary Cabrini Foushee. Second row, from left, is Norma Jean Witten, her contact person Catherine Gawarecki, Marianna Robinson, Melissa Tuley and Betty Girten; Top row is Randy Shelby, Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan (contact for Shelby and Robinson), Martha Little and Judy Sims.

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Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville, First-Graders Sing For Their Adopted MSJ Ursuline Sister

First-graders from St. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Hopkinsville came to Maple Mount on May 23 to sing for the sisters, as part of their ongoing relationship with Sister Jane Miriam Hancock. Four years ago, the principal at St. Peter and Paul, Sarah Kranz, a graduate of Mount Saint Joseph Academy, suggested the students “adopt” an Ursuline Sister. The students chose Sister Jane Miriam, and wrote her a letter as an opportunity to work on their creative writing. Sister Jane Miriam wrote each of the children an individual letter. Sister Jane Miriam listed writing to the students throughout 2012 as her Centennial service project, writing more than 100 letters in honor of the Ursuline Sisters 100th year as an independent community. The students came to the Mount in December 2011 and sang Christmas songs, and came back in May 2012. The students, sporting shirts that said “Proud to be a Saint,” sang songs for the sisters in Saint Joseph Villa, and performed a play called “Strega Nona.”



Above, Sister Jane
Miriam Hancock,
OSU.

At right, the
Hopkinsville first-
graders await
instruction for their
first song on May 23
at Saint Joseph Villa,
Maple Mount.
MSJ Photos

Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) Comes To Murray State

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Submitted by Allison Loomis

College years are some of the most pivotal in a young person's life. Without the support of family and friends, the majority of freshman students fall into the party culture, swallowed by promises of happiness from destructive influences.

This is the harsh reality of campus culture: 85% of Catholic college students do not attend Sunday Mass; Binge drinking, sexual promiscuity, moral relativism, and academic hostility towards the Catholic faith; General lack of knowledge or understanding of Church teachings; Scarcity of faithful young people to lead the Church into the future

Thanks to the support of Bishop William F. Medley and a grant through Catholic Extension, the dream of strengthening campus ministry at Newman Center Catholic Campus Ministry at Murray State is a reality. Murray State is a new campus for FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students. FOCUS is a national campus outreach that meets college students where they are and invites them to examine the meaning and purpose of their lives. Through large group outreach, Bible studies and one-on-one mentoring, FOCUS staff are equipped to introduce college students to the Person of Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith, inspiring them to share His love with the world. Please pray for our FOCUS team as they start their work this fall. Murray State's FOCUS team: Zach & Meghan Krueger Sioux Fall, SD; Megan Ference Tampa, FL; and Sarah Vielma San Antonio, TX. To find out more about FOCUS visit their website: www.focus.org



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A Christian View of the Affordable Health Care Act



Deacon Dirck Curry

By Deacon Dirck Curry
Like it or not, it is the law and as the Supreme Court views this law as a tax upon the people even Christians in America must abide by the law of the land. Even though all parts of this law are not just,

through morally sound discussion it will be corrected. Although, plenty of prayers are needed to succeed with these efforts of making the law more just. Since this law is meant to allow all people to have affordable health care, Christians must agree that this is just. The U.S. Bishops have long advocated health care for all. Health care for all is needed in our country. Of course under this present law reli-

gious freedom and the dignity of life are negated, thus Catholic Social Justice discussions must continue.

Encyclicals, letters of moral guidance, for the faithful have been written on this matter. In 1965 the Second Vatican Council prepared *Gaudium et Spes*, *The Church in the Modern World*, which is felt to be the most important document in the Church's social tradition. It looked at the dignity of life and the call to share all goods, this includes health care. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that we have an obligation to promote the common good as "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and easily." (CCC #1906) Affordable health care will allow for this. *Laborem Exercens*, is Pope John

Paul II's encyclical commemorating the ninetieth anniversary of Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*. In this he says, "Other social benefits for workers or injured workers and their families are to include health care."

As this new tax program begins, Christians should look at this as a tax that the federal government has placed upon all citizens. This is an opportunity to make sure all people are given affordable health care. Even Jesus was questioned about the paying of taxes to rulers. In Matthew's Gospel Peter is asked if his teacher pays the temple tax. Matthew 17:27 says, "But that we may not offend them, go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. Open its mouth and you will find a coin worth twice the temple tax. Give that to them for me and for you." Although portions of this law is against the dignity of life from womb to tomb, we as Catholics must stand together and with other Christians pay our taxes and discuss the need for a more just law. We believe all people deserve a morally just standard of health care. About 47 million people are uninsured and in need of health care. The health care system is in need of curbing its cost so that it is affordable. Those who have pre-existing conditions must be given coverage for health care and not be denied. Also our nearly solvent Medicare insurance for the seniors in our country is in need of health care reform. So an affordable health care is needed!

Starting this October 1st through March 2014 unless changes are made in the law soon states across the nation will be rolling out insured programs free to some and based on income and the number in the household prorated charges. All must enroll in a state qualified health insurance or be enrolled in a qualified insurance program or be fined for not having health insurance.

An estimated 640,000 Kentuckians are uninsured as of 2013, or 14.9 percent of the state's population. Beginning

January 2014, most Americans will be required to have health insurance or pay a penalty. By using kynect, you may be eligible for payment assistance to help cover the costs of coverage for you and your family. Kynect will also check to see if you are eligible for programs like Medicaid or the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program. One can contact at kynect by going to kynect.ky.gov or call 1-855-4kynect. If you can't afford health care one can get payment assistance or special discounts to help cover the costs of coverage for you and your family. Kynect will allow you to compare and select insurance plans, and find out if you qualify for programs like Medicaid or the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program.

As October 1, 2013 gets closer, there will be increasing options on line and by phone for one to get enrolled. Another resource for review now is Passport Health Plan of Kentucky. This can be found at <http://www.passporthealthplan.com/>. Parishes Health Committees may consider this as an opportunity to assist people of their parish and local community to be enrolled while educating them of the appropriate moral use of preventative health care to improve one's mental and physical wellbeing as well as their spiritual wellbeing.

As a primary care physician and a permanent deacon of the Catholic Church, I will promote the dignity of life from womb to tomb in my practice as all other faithful healthcare providers are call to do and assist their patients to do the same. Our focus is to be on eternal life and with this focus one will do what is right in this life. To ignore the law might mean fines that are steep for an individual and detrimental to a family's finances. The Catholic Church does not want people to ignore their legal obligation in living in this America under the law. Yet we must continue to pray and speak out for the religious freedom we and all Americans unborn, living or nearing the end of life on earth deserve.

Bringing Jesus Christ's Message Of Peace To All

Dear Colleagues,

In the 2012 annual report on the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Cardinal Timothy Dolan wrote:

"Over the past ten years, millions of clergy, employees, and volunteers have been trained to provide safe environment for children. I acknowledge with great appreciation all those who contributed time and effort to this significant achievement. At the same time, we also renew our steadfast resolution never to lessen our common commitment to protect children and young people entrusted to our pastoral care. We seek with equal determination to promote healing and reconciliation for those harmed in the past, and to assure that our adults continue to be credible and maintain accountability to our shared promised to protect and pledge to heal."



Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

I echo Cardinal Dolan's affirmation and am most proud to say that I believe Catholic schools and parishes are indeed the safest places children can be. This accomplishment came after a bitter lesson, when a decade ago our Church was humbled to realize that we had been no better than the rest of society in protecting children and young people from sexual abuse and exploitation.

For those of us who could never fathom harming a child or young person, we naturally tire of the need to review our guidelines and practices every year. However, we can all agree that if we spare one young person from the unthinkable exploitation of sexual abuse, our efforts are worthwhile.

Every year we engage new employees and volunteers and we must assure that this shameful secret of our society be healed by education and openness.

Thank you for bringing Jesus Christ's message of peace to our children, our young people and our communities.

Yours in Christ,

William F. Medley

Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop of Owensboro
August 5, 2013



Volunteers Needed: The Glenmary Sisters Guild would like to invite you (ages 18 and up) to join us in our quest to help the Glenmary Sisters serve and supply the home missions. If interested, please contact Janie Payne at 270 685-2614 or Cathy Devins at 270 316-2843.

Catholic High Counselor Awarded for Guiding Youth in Drug and Alcohol Prevention Advocacy

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. - On July 23, 2013 Owensboro Catholic High School Counselor Bev Howard was honored at The Crown Plaza Hotel here during the Kentucky School of Alcohol & Other Drug Studies Convention's Awards ceremony for her contributions in alcohol and drug prevention in Daviess County. The Kentucky Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities conferred its 2013 Robert Straus Award for Community Volunteer and Advocate to Ms. Bev Howard.

Here is the statement read aloud by Secretary Haynes: "Our next recipient is one who has been dedicated to the betterment of her school and community for more than 30 years. She is a long-time high school Learning Center teacher, and school counselor for Owensboro Catholic High School.

"Our honoree's first involvement with RiverValley Behavioral Health's Regional Prevention Center began in 1996 when she served as the school sponsor for youth attending State and Regional Teen Leadership Conferences.

"As she was trained in prevention strategies, her youth group, SCRUBS which is: (Students Creating Respect Using Better Solutions) began pursuing environmental changes on their school campus.

"Partnering with the regional prevention center, SCRUBS looked at ways to eliminate smoking in school bathrooms, on school grounds and then through a concerted effort with local government, made the Owensboro Sports Center smoke free in 1999.

"Each November, her group raised funds to purchase frozen turkeys then gave them to smokers committed to going "Cold Turkey" during the Great American Smoke Out! Through her leadership, these youth ambitiously took the lead to tackle county-wide policies:

- In 2005, Daviess County Fiscal Court passed a clean air ordinance protecting citizens from second-hand tobacco smoke.
- In 2009, a Social Host Ordinance was passed which cites adults who provide alcoholic beverages to those under the age of twenty-one.
- In 2010, her group presented their successes at the Department of Juvenile

Justice National Conference in Anaheim, California.

• They are presently working to get a Mandatory Responsible Beverage Server Training Ordinance passed in the Fiscal Court.

"Prevention Specialist, Terry Stinson states: "I have never worked with someone so dedicated to youth and making positive changes in our community but selflessly gives students the credit for each success!"

"Senior Director, Gary Hall shares: "I hold the highest regard for her professionalism, gentle abiding support of youth and her message: 'that many of our larger problems can be solved through a small and committed group of young people.'"

"It is my distinct honor to present the Robert Straus Award for Community Volunteer and Advocate to Ms. Bev Howard!"

In his welcome address for the Awards ceremony, Mike Barry, CEO, People Advocating Recovery, spoke of the effects the evening's award nominees and all of the convention's attendees have had on people's lives. He said, "19 years ago, somebody reached a hand out and helped me up. It's people like these nominees here tonight who show people in recovery how to give back instead of take from my community. These nominees show people that recovery is possible and



Posing July 23, 2013 after the Awards ceremony were from left, Bev Howard, OCHS Counselor with the 2013 Dr. Robert Straus Advocacy Award, Audrey Tayse Haynes, Secretary of KY Cabinet for Health & Family Services, Dr. Robert M. Straus for whom the award is named, and Dr. Alan Brenzel, Medical Director for the Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. Mel Howard Photo.

does work." Barry referred to alcohol, drug, and other addictions that people

overcome, such as tobacco use.

Paducah Church Unveils First-of-Its Kind Disaster Plan

By Stephanie Elder

(Paducah, KY) It was asked tonight on CNN, what can we do to be more prepared for natural disasters. It was disasters such as the tornado that hit Oklahoma today, the ice storms that we endured in the last decade and the floods that ravished our area recently that called the Social Justice Committee at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church to create a parish-wide disaster plan.

This past weekend we unveiled the plan to the parish at our masses and handed out packets detailing the plan and family-specific information. The plan includes sections that our parishioners reside in. Within the sections we have paired each family with another so that everyone will have someone within walking distance that could check on them during a disaster.

ter. It also includes using the parish hall as a shelter.

"It quickly became apparent during the recent ice storms that we were not prepared for such disasters and have spent the last two years developing this plan to ensure that we are prepared to do everything we can should a disaster hit our region again," said Stephanie Elder, Social Justice Committee chair.

We would like to spread the word in hopes other churches will think of creating their own disaster plan.



Photo is of Virginia Siegel, St. Francis de Sales parish member picking up her disaster plan packet. Submitted by Meshea Crysup for Saint Francis de Sales Church, Paducah

Sisters of Service Forming Relationships To Last A Lifetime

By Caroline Veatch, SOS LS Media Chair. PADUCAH, Ky. -Sisters of Service (SOS) is a group of young girls age 10-18 from Paducah, Kentucky. This group has a meeting and service project each month along with regular social events. This summer, SOS has been very active. It has been a very busy time of the year.

One service project the girls helped with was the Paducah Deanery Vacation Bible School (VBS) at St. Mary Elementary School. A few days before VBS, the girls helped out by setting things up. They helped make signs for classrooms, put together packets for the children and parents to pick up at the VBS kickoff party, and help set up the art room. Every morning during that week of VBS, the girls put on a skit for the younger children to watch. They enjoyed doing the skits, and the children enjoyed watching them. During that week, the girls worked in classrooms with the kids. They passed out materials needed for that day's lesson and assisted in games and other activities. The week went very well.

The girls ended the great week of VBS by having a campout. This was the social event for the summer. The girls played games, cooked hot dogs, roasted

marshmallows, and sang songs around the campfire. They all had a great time enjoying each other's company!

Two other things the girls helped with were two dinners: The Faith Formation Catechist Appreciation Dinner and the Toyota Born Learning Academy Graduation Dinner. The Toyota Born Learning Academy is for families with children ages 0-5. They provide classes that help the children become ready to start kindergarten. The girls did a great job serving at each dinner.

At the end of July, the girls helped set up the library at Morgan Elementary School. Some tasks that the girls helped with included shelving books, rearranging shelving, and light cleaning. They worked very hard, and the librarian was thrilled to have the help from the girls.

SOS members are excited for new officers to be inducted in August, but are also sad to see four members move away and become alumni. Caitlin Hodges will be beginning college at Notre Dame University, and Sarah Herricks will be completing her junior and senior years of high school at Gatton Academy at Western Kentucky University. Big Sister Regent, Olivia Romero, will be attending school



This photo of the Sisters of Service group was taken at St. Mary Elementary at the Paducah Area Bible School in June 2013. Front Row: Shannon Wilkins, BriAna Thompson, Hailey Froehlich, Ashleigh Mast, Emily Veatch, Hannah Speis, Caroline Veatch; Back Row: Clare Froehlich, Abby Crouch, Emily Osterhaus, Emily Strasser, Karina Romero, Ashley Rich, Michaela, Olivia Romero

at Thomas More College and will be succeeded by current Little Sister Regent, Karina Romero. The Little Sister Regent office will be filled by Emily Hodges. Little Sister Service Chair Amanda Steiner has moved to St. Louis, where she hopes to start a second SOS group. She will be succeeded by Hannah Speis. For

the girls, the remainder of this term will be bittersweet.

All in all the girls have been very busy and worked very hard. They are already planning ahead for what will be done in the fall. They all love being together as they serve others, each other, and God.

St. Mary Back-to-School Soccer Bash



Back row (l-r) and graduating class: Megan Wurth 2013, Ashley Brantley 2011, Josh Meredith 2010, Bryan Clark 2010, Justin Raney 2009, Derrick Wurth 2009, Luke Meredith 2012, Brian Jones 1996, Fabian Hernandez 2013, Austin Baker 2013, Leslie Shockley 2013. Front row (l-r) Bradley Pace 2009, Jonathan Erikson 2004, Matt DiCicco 1991, Eric Hein 1987 (scored the first ever goal for St. Mary in 1986), Nathan Brown 1991, Mary Kate Farrell 2012. Not pictured Hernan Cortes 2010.

By Jackie Hopper
PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Mary School Sys-

tem "kicked" off the new school year with the Annual Back-to-School Soccer



St. Mary Middle School Cheerleading delighted students with face-painting l-r: Megan Morrow, Kaitlin Hrdlicka, and Abby Hatton. Photos submitted by Jackie Hopper

Bash on Saturday, August 10. St. Mary families, alumni, and friends begin the festivities with a hamburger/hot dog dinner, face-painting, popsicles, and visiting in the SMHS Commons. At 7:00 PM, all convened on the soccer field for the annual games with the current Viking/Lady Vi-



St. Mary Elementary School students with faces painted!

kings soccer teams playing former SMHS players. After a very rainy Saturday, there was plenty of mud to go around! Alumni were victorious in both games, but only by a slim margin of one goal each. Sharing the victory with his teammates was St. Mary parent/alum, Eric Hein, who played on the first SMHS soccer team in 1986, and scored the first-ever soccer goal for the Vikings! It was a night of fun for everyone and a great beginning to the new year - go Vikings!

PADUCAH, Ky. - On Monday, August 5, 2013 the members of St. Thomas More came together to celebrate the first year of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration as a parish family. Those who have committed to participate in this special expression of our gratitude for the gift of His living presence in the Blessed Sacrament enjoyed an evening meal together. The group provided comments about the experience and noted that Adoration afforded the opportunity for quiet reflection on the deeper meaning of the experience to better understand what God wants to reveal to them.



Parish members who participated in Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration enjoy a meal together. L to R – Ann Averill, Jean Berry, Jim Tidwell, Jim Sanders Mary Ann Graves, Maria Stuckenberg.



At left, Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds prays before the meal. Photos submitted by Mlssy Eckenberg

Above, Youth of the parish play an important role in Adoration. L to R - L to R - Karina Romero, Annie Segebarth, Tim Fossett, Matt Rochette Director of Youth Ministry with daughter Addie , Michaela Jones, Olivia Romero, C.J. Ellis. Photos by Mlssy Eckenberg



At left, Fr. Pat enjoys eating spaghetti with Addie Rochette, the daughter of Director of Youth Ministry, Matt Rochette.



New Pastoral Council Members at St. Thomas More Prepare for Parish Service

PADUCAH, Ky. - Members chosen to service on the Pastoral Council of St. Thomas More in Paducah attended a retreat the last weekend of July. Sister Ethel-Marie Biri provided a presentation titled “Discernment in the Parish Council” to better prepare members for this special role.



Sr. Ethel-Marie Biri, SSND, Director of the Diocesan Office for Pastoral Planning & Parish Services, at right, talks with St. Thomas More Pastoral Council members about their upcoming role and responsibilities. (photo by Sharon Brumlow)



The New Pastoral Council Members at St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah: from left, back row – Fr. Patrick Reynolds, Eric Hein, Jim Shumaker, Victor Sredl, Scott Babbs, Don Page, Fr. Brandon Williams; front row, from left, Terry Neihoff, Mary Ruth Maggard, Donna Johnson, Katie Rudolph, Dolores Webber, Sharon Brumlow, and Mary Bumpous (photo by Bob Dotson).

Centro Latino still divinely inspired after 20 years

By Dan Heckel, Mount Saint Joseph Staff

Ursuline Sister Fran Wilhelm was a teacher for 21 years, served in missions in South America and California, ran a prayer house, directed charismatic renewal and the Ursuline Associate program and served in her community's leadership.

To people in Owensboro, Ky., and five surrounding counties, the ministry she is most known for will celebrate 20 years this August -- Centro Latino -- which advocates for Hispanic people and offers them translation and transportation, among other roles.

"It doesn't seem like 20 years, the time has just flown," said Sister Fran, who founded the ministry and has served as its director since the beginning. (The founding date of Centro Latino was August 28, 1993.) "It seems like everything else in my life prepared me for this ministry. My favorite part is dealing with women and children."

For the past 13 years, she has been joined by Ursuline Sister Rosemary Keough, who drives to neighboring counties with Hispanic families so they can attend doctor's appointments or other needs.

"From the very beginning I've loved it very much," Sister Fran said. "I love the Latin culture, I've learned so much from them. Seeing people in need



Staff members of Centro Latino, from left, Allen Shreve, Sister Fran Wilhelm, OSU, foundress with co-founder Bishop-emeritus John J. McRaith, Angelica Almanza, Connie Caceres, and Sister Rosemary Keough, OSU, Photo by Luis Aju and then seeing those needs attended to, that's what has made it so fulfilling."

"Saint Angela Merici, our Ursuline founder, told us to 'Act, bestir yourselves...' and showed us the way to serve the people, especially women and

children," Sister Rosemary said. "When Sister Fran started the ministry, she was definitely practicing hospitality to the Hispanic folks who were similar to refugees -- far from their homelands and with great needs."

When Sister Fran completed her term on the Ursuline leadership Council in 1992, she asked Owensboro Bishop John McRaith if he would like her to reach out as a church person to the growing number of Hispanic people moving in as farm laborers. She thought she would get a few months off for a sabbatical before she began, but a woman approached Sister Francis Joseph Porter in the grocery one day asking if she knew of a priest who spoke Spanish who could help her. Sister Francis Joseph told her she knew an Ursuline Sister who could help her.

"At 8 a.m. the next day, the woman was at my door, seven months pregnant with four children with her," Sister Fran said. "She wanted help interpreting so she could register for food stamps. She was getting no prenatal care. I started making calls." Sister Fran grew close to the woman and her family over the course of the next year and was present to witness the birth of her son, to whom she serves as godmother.

When Sister Fran told Bishop McRaith that she wanted a center where Hispanics could get help, he suggested she speak with Father Pike Powell, who was pastor at St. Peter of Alcantara Church in the western Daviess County community of Stanley. The church had an empty school building it wasn't using. Brescia College (now University) donated old beds, and each of four rooms housed up to eight people at a time.

"Many times a van with 17 people in it would show up at 11 p.m.," Sister Fran said. "We'd let them sleep on the floor." In the early days, the ministry consisted of housing and directing the men to available jobs.

McRaith, who is now bishop emeritus, said he knew there was a need for Hispanic ministry for a people who mostly remained hidden.

"Fran is (Centro Latino's) patron saint, nobody would doubt that," McRaith said. "She knew I wanted to start Hispanic ministry and she took it and ran with it. The most important part was how we welcomed them."

"Not many people would hire them," Sister Fran said. "As their wives and girlfriends started arriving from Chiapas, Mexico, we expanded to a family ministry. We helped them enroll the children in school and accompanied women for prenatal care. Word spread among the Hispanic community. Many of them had heard of us before they got here."

Connie Caceres joined the ministry after a year, and Sister Nancy Liddy and Sister Clarence Marie Luckett both helped in the early days of Centro Latino. Sister Rosemary arrived on Dec. 31, 1999.

"At 2 a.m. on Jan. 1, we got a call from the police that 10 Hispanics were drunk and needed a ride home," Sister Fran said. "I called Sister Rosemary and said 'Welcome to Centro Latino.' We got calls from the police and hospital at all hours of the night. Finally they learned they needed their own translators."

Sister Rosemary said Sister Fran taught the Hispanics, especially the men without their wives, how to live in this country. "She put them in contact with farmers for work, housekeeping in the classrooms-turned-dormitories, spiritual teachings with prayer meetings, choir practice for Mass, etc. She did so many things to welcome these 'strangers in our

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midst' as brothers and sisters."

When the pastor changed at St. Peter, he and the Parish Council decided they had another use for the building, so Centro Latino vacated the property on Sept 30, 2000.

"We were looking for another property in town that would provide housing, but that wasn't going to work out," Sister Fran said. The diocese bought a house near St. Stephen Cathedral for the Marriage Tribunal to use, but since it was going to take a year for it to move in, Centro Latino was allowed to use it. "We're still here 13 years later," Sister Fran said. The sisters live there for free, but their salaries and cars are provided by the Ursuline Sisters. Allen Shreve began working with the ministry in 2000 and continues today.

Over the years, the needs have increased, although some remain the same. The Hispanics are almost always living in poverty and need help registering for the social network services, Sister Fran said. "So many of the sisters say, '(Saint) Angela would be involved in what you're doing if she were here today.'"

The earliest obstacles to overcome were prejudice, Sister Fran said. "When we became more visible, respect for our ministry began to grow. We started getting all sorts of awards."

In 1993, the sisters would never have imagined that Hispanic voters would be so heavily courted by both political parties, after the facts showed that Hispanic voters greatly aided President Barack Obama's re-election. The Hispanics keep up with what is happening with the immigration bill in Congress, both sisters said.

"It's out in the open that they are

undocumented workers," Sister Fran said. "We used to have to hide that fact. People realize there are 11 million undocumented people in the states. I've seen a change in attitude toward Hispanics after having involvement with one of us. People realize there aren't many Americans who would do the menial work our people do. The awareness helps us do what we do."

Sister Rosemary said education will be the most pressing need in the next five years, especially if the immigration bill passes and the immigrants are allowed to work toward citizenship. Sister Fran believes the future need may be in helping the children who are born in America.

"The mixture of cultures, sometimes the people with that experience don't feel they belong to either group," she said.

Sister Fran is most proud that all of the school-age children Centro Latino works with are in school and that the families are still receiving the sacraments. McRaith said the number of Spanish Masses has increased in the diocese over the past 20 years, and seminarians are now learning Spanish as part of their training.

Health concerns have forced Sister Rosemary to cut back on some of her daily traveling on behalf of the Hispanics, and Sister Fran turned 84 earlier this year, but neither is concerned about the future of Centro Latino.

"We just depend on the Lord showing us where to go," Sister Fran said. "We've been divinely directed in everything we do. I don't see the necessity of finding a substitute yet."

"God knows and God provides," Sister Rosemary said.

sleeping here on this floor," one of them told us.

"There has to be something better than this," I said to myself. And this was the beginning of thinking, dreaming, and conversing about the ministry, before I would seek the blessing of Bishop McRaith. I asked him if he would like for me to be a church representative to seek out the Hispanics to welcome them and help them to find what they need. He answered in the affirmative, and when I told



"La Madre de Los Mexicanos," Sr. Fran Wilhelm outside the Centro Latino house on Locust Street, Owensboro. Photo by Mel Howard

him I would like to have a center where they could come, confident they would find help, and where they could feel at home, he said, "Go talk to Father Pike Powell. He has a vacant school there that is hardly used."

After a meeting with the Parish Council and the Finance Committee, I began to prepare the former convent in Stanley for my future home.

I had dreamed about a ministry of Religious Formation for all ages, but I found it impossible to speak much about the Lord to those who are hungry and had physical needs. I felt the Lord's call especially to a social justice ministry.

One day a Guatemalan woman met Sister Francis Joseph in the grocery and asked if she knew someone who could help her apply for Medicaid. The next morning, the Guatemalan woman appeared at the door of the Motherhouse, big with baby (she was 7 months pregnant), in a van with her other four children in tow. This was a moment of change in my life, and I began to know personally the roads traveled by the poor, sitting for hours in waiting rooms, sharing their spaces, at times applying again and again and in several places before being helped.

Finally, Juana called me at 1:00 a.m. to say it was time. I had dreamed of the possibility of being present for a birth, and at last, I would have that experience

about 7:00 that morning! The cries of the newborn were mixed with my tears of joy for having witnessed the miracle of the birth of a baby!

Father Tony Shonis was always ready to celebrate a Spanish Mass for any group. He had wanted to begin with the large group of workers who lived in the trailers of the Ellis Estates. But they had no transportation, and when he asked if there were a meeting room, he was offered a barn, that had a dirt floor. So, the Word of God became flesh again in the Mass celebrated in an atmosphere similar to the place where he was born!

We succeeded in preparing the Centro Latino in the Stanley school for a dedication on August 28, 1993. We had lodging for those who recently arrived in Owensboro (many times they arrived at 11 p.m.). With our 15-passenger van we began to transport the people to doctor's appointments, to seek work, to receive medical attention in the free clinics, and much more. We always have several pregnant women and many babies and children who need transportation and interpretation.

We used the former school about 8 years, then the parish asked us to vacate the building because they wanted to use it for religious formation and for meetings for seniors.

A History Of The Centro Latino

By Sister Fran Wilhelm, O.S.U.

A visit to a little one-bedroom house on Mulligan Road—that was the catalyst that the Lord used to direct me to begin the Hispanic Ministry in Owensboro. Father Tony Shonis, at that time chaplain for the Ursuline Motherhouse, had invited me to visit some Hispanics who lived nearby. They were the first Hispanics I had known around Owensboro.

"If you would have come about an hour ago, you would have found 8 of us

Bryce Roberts Acclaimed as Owensboro School Educator of the Year



Bryce Roberts, Catholic School Educator of the Year 2013: "From Trinity High School in Whitesville, the 2013 Catholic School Educator of the Year is Bryce Roberts." Mel Howard Photo



Doug Brummel, from Lighten Up! Ministries acting in one of his roles, here, as a "BeneDominican" nun. Brummel posed as several characters with a variety of costumes, enacting the roles of various people as he spoke and asked several audience members to play along with his humorous comedy routines, all of which had a message for educators as the school year starts.

Photos by Mel Howard

July 26, 2013 - Holy Name School, Henderson, Ky. - Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools Mr. Jim Mattingly announced during the Celebration of Catholic Schools for Diocesan Catholic Educators the selection by Catholic Educators of the Catholic Educator of the Year for 2013.

The superintendent read an announcement gleaned from nomination forms sent in from across the diocese. He said, "Now it is time to recognize our Catholic School Educator of the Year. This year's recipient has taught and coached for 47 years. Our Diocese has been blessed with his efforts for 27 of those years.

A Celebration of Catholic Schools in Henderson Honors Catholic Educators' Service

Every year the Diocese of Owensboro conducts a back to school Celebration of Catholic Schools for Catholic Educators from all across the Diocese. The following Diocesan Educators were recognized for their years of service to the Diocese.

Congratulations -- and thank you to



"His principal wrote, "He believes in his school, he is strongly devoted to helping students, and by his example he gives those around him a new outlook on life and brings them closer to God. He has helped our students become better people because he is such a good role model. He is welcoming and gets along with everyone. He knows everyone's parents and taught most of them."

"A student commented, "He teaches us that it's important to be more respectful and caring toward others." Another student commented, "From what I've seen there is not one person that doesn't like him. He's

down to earth and can help you with anything. There will never be another one like him."

The superintendent stated as he was giving the award: "It is with a deep appreciation for all the help he has given to students as well as adults – and with great admiration for the fine person that he is – and with the blessing of having him as a great friend – it is my honor this afternoon to present the Diocesan Catholic School Educator of the Year.

"From Trinity High School in Whitesville, the 2013 Catholic School Educator of the Year is Bryce Roberts."

all our teachers for serving the Catholic Schools in this Diocese for...

• 10 Years

Julie Davis, St. Ann School
Melissa Goetz, Owensboro Catholic High
Kelli King, St. Mary Elementary School
Kelly Lynn, St/. Joseph School
Brigette Mallory, St. Ann School



Above, OCHS veteran Catholic Educators Bill Hagan, left, Bev Howard, and Jim Ivey share photos on cell phones of some of the most important people in their lives - "The Grands," their Grandchildren.

Above center, Sarah Kranz, principal at Sts Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville, who wears a different hat every day for dismissal, celebrated the Diocesan Catholic Schools' Achievements in the past year.

At lower left center, Mary Caton, left, and Kamille Stich, Director of Holy Name School welcomed educators to the school campus July 26.

Patty Mitchell, Sts. Peter & Paul School
Susan Zoglmann, Owensboro Catholic

• 15 Years

Debra Brown, Christ the King School
Annette Ellis, St. Mary Elementary
Amy Lambert, Owensboro Catholic High
Ann Morrow, St. Mary Elementary
Pam Peters, St. Joseph School
Betty Ann Watt, St. Joseph School
Jennifer Westerfield, Owensboro Catholic High

• 20 Years

Lisa Armes, Trinity High School
Mary Caton, Holy Name School
Jeff Fritz, Owensboro Catholic High
Barbara Huskisson, Trinity High School
Christina Rhodes, Trinity High School

• 25 Years

Vanessa Calvin, Owensboro Catholic Elem K-3 Campus
Jacqueline Caudill, Holy Name School
Lisa Clark, St. Mary Elementary School
Laurie Cox, Christ the King School
Bonnie Marks, Owensboro Catholic Elem 4-6 Campus

• 30 Years

Norma Folz, Sts. Peter & Paul School
Rhonda Foster, Owensboro Catholic High
Carol Gibson, Holy Name School
Kim Riney, Owensboro Catholic Elem K-3 Campus

• 35 Years

Margaret Boehmann, Owensboro Catholic Elem K-3 Campus

Paul Payne, Owensboro Catholic High

• 40 Years

Marilyn Pace, Owensboro Catholic High

• 45 Years

Sr. Laurita Spalding, OSU, Holy Name

The Good News About Our Catholic Schools: School Communities Had Many Achievements in 2012-2013 School Year

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Christ the King, Madisonville

– Christ the King Catholic School has a new mission statement: Superior Education with a Christian Foundation! Greatest accomplishments include:

- Completed their first season for Basketball and Cross Country last year!
- Received donations for equipment and trained coaches for Archery team for the 2013-14 year
- Raised over \$3500 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. They have donated over \$89,000 since 1987.
- Created a Marketing Committee to spread the good news about our school to the community.

Holy Name, Henderson

- The year started at Holy Name with opening Mass with Bishop Medley.
- As part of their 140th celebration, you could tour the school, watch alumni and friends play basketball, and attend a celebratory dinner.
- On their actual birthday, they processed to Mass pulling their decorated wagons full of canned goods. Teachers dressed as nuns and students dressed as old men and women.
- There was a special appearance of Holy Name's founding priest, Fr. Jenkins, alias Fr. Shonis.
- Later that day, they had cake for everyone.
- Holy Name School: 140 years of Faith, Academics, and Service celebrated by having FUN!

Mary Carrico, Knottsville

- Mary Carrico School has worked very hard to upgrade the school's technology program. Every classroom now has a document camera and mounted projector and laptop to better incorporate technology into daily instruction.
 - Grant funds have provided 13 new iPads for student use.
 - They have continued to support their support for our child Yeni from Guatemala.
 - This past year Mary Carrico celebrated 100 years of Catholic education in Knottsville.
 - They are also very proud of 6th grader, Logan Mills, who qualified to participate in the National Geography Bee.
- ## Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus
- For the past two years the Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus has helped



The Diocesan Catholic Educators began a Celebration of Catholic Schools on July 26 by attending Mass at which Bishop William Medley presided. Catholic Schools in the diocese participate in a weekly Mass, a big part of the Good News in our diocesan Catholic Schools. Photo by Mel Howard.

raise money to purchase "nails" to be used in houses being built through the Habitat for Humanity program. In the first Habitat House, the students "worked on", all 415 students wrote their name on several 2" x 4"s and these pieces of wood were actually used inside the walls of the house.

- Students do small jobs around their home to earn money, and then turn around and donate it to the "pails of nails" project.
- Over the past two years the students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade have raised over \$3,000 for Habitat for Humanity, showing that even though these students may be too small to use a hammer and nails, they can still do their part to help others and their community.

Owensboro Catholic 4-6 Campus

- OCES 4-6 students won State Recognition in the 4-H State Speech Compe-

tion.

- They achieved the highest scores yet on the ACRE assessment scoring way above national and state standards in all areas.
- The School Outreach Committee held the first Lenten Fair for students and families.
- They introduced a new Guidance Program (Core Essentials) into their curriculum using a faith based approach with a Saint of the Month, Bible Verse and Core Value Word.

Owensboro Catholic Middle School

- OCMS students have been working diligently. Their 8th graders scored extremely well on the ACRE assessment. They raised our scores in 6 of the 12 domains and consistently scored above the national averages in all domains.
- OCMS had thirty-seven 7th grade students who qualified for the Duke Uni-

versity Talent Search Program (Duke TIP). Out of the seventeen who participated, one student broke the school record qualifying for Grand Recognition with a composite score of 26 on the ACT; ten students qualified for State Recognition.

- OCMS is very proud of their students!

Owensboro Catholic High School

- OCHS scored their highest ever on the ACT with a composite score of 23.
- OCHS had four National Merit Finalists and two other students who were named Commended Scholars.
- ACRE scores exceeded the national average in every category.
- In the area of athletics, the Lady Aces Softball team was runner up in the state.
- The girls soccer team was regional runner up.

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The Good News About Our Catholic Schools

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- The football team was district champ and regional runner up.
- The boys' basketball team was regional runner up.
- The tennis team was regional champion.
- The girls Basketball team were Regional Champs, Elite 8 at State Tournament and All A State Champions!

St. Ann, Morganfield

John Paul II Catholic School has officially broken ground. Earth moving equipment is shaping God's land into a wonderful site where Catholic education will continue for years to come in Union County.

St. Ann students continue to score well on their Explore test with average composite scores of 17.4 vs. state and national averages of 15.2.

Students in grades 5 and 8 continue to meet and exceed all national averages in each domain on the ACRE test.

Students reach out to the community to help those in need through multiple service projects. We recently made national and regional news for our fundraising efforts!

St. Ann School has the most awesome group of teachers and staff working to provide our students with the best Catholic education possible. Our trust in God gives us what we need!

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

St. Joseph School chooses a theme for each school year in an attempt to strengthen their Catholic Identity and as a driving force behind our service to each other, their school, their parishes, their community and the world.

Last year students, teachers, and staff spent the year looking for ways to live the "Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy".

This year in honor of our new Pope, our theme will be St. Francis of Assisi and the "Peace Prayer of St. Francis". We plan to look for ways that we can all be "Instruments" of peace.

St. Mary Elementary, Paducah

St. Mary Elementary established a Morning Prayer group for staff and set up Prayer Partners between the elementary and Middle/High school students.

Their charity fundraising event, "Chasing a Cure" brought in a sizable donation for Cystic Fibrosis.

The 5th grade Honors Choir sang @ Murray State University.



Catholic School students' willingness to serve the community is one of the reasons for Owensboro Diocesan Catholic Schools' high achievements. Holy Name School students served the meal for the July 26 Celebration of Catholic Schools lunch in Henderson. Above, Holy Name eighth-grader Bryan Tighe collected the salt and pepper shakers from the tables after the dinner as more of his classmates cleaned the school cafeteria. Mel Howard Photo

Three families joined the Catholic Church whose children attended St. Mary last year.

Each year the 5th grade class at St. Mary Elementary School in Paducah creates an image of Mary using different media. Past projects have included "Mosaic Mary" using glass tiles, and last year was "LEGO Mary". This year, students created "Crayola Mary". In previous years the Mary projects have been auctioned off, but this year it is on exhibit in the entryway of the school. "Crayola Mary" will also be on the cover of the yearbook as has been the tradition each year with all the Mary projects. Last year we had a total of 4 art contest winners in our building!!!!

Maddie Kerr and Antonio Triana were recognized and honored at a banquet for the Jim Claypool/Kentucky Forestry Division art contest!!!! And Caitlyn Burris and Erin Gillituk each were 1st place winners for the 2nd and 3rd grade divisions of the Ohio River Sweep--6 states contest!!!! AWESOME!!!!!!

St. Mary Middle School, Paducah

The St. Mary Middle School Calling All Colors Team won the county-wide program and won the t-shirt design contest for the year.

One of our students won the Diocesan spelling bee

Three of our St. Mary Middle School students won the district speech competition and advanced to State.

St. Mary High School, Paducah

2 students made Governors School for the Arts

3 students won positions in the All State Orchestra

3 students were nominated from the Diocese for Governors Scholar Program, and 1 was selected

St. Mary High School started the first ever volleyball team.

The Golf coach was voted Coach of the year.

The Region I player of the year in golf was from St. Mary High School

They had the Region III player of the year in boys' basketball.

One of their Art students designed the winning patch that won the 10th Anniversary Design for the Challenger Learning Center Contest.

This also won our school a visit from Astronaut Colonel Terry Wilcutt for a school assembly!!!

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

They were re-accredited without reservation until 2018 with KyNPSC

Enjoyed the services of a full time special educator as a building resource teacher

Provided an iPad2 for each faculty member and a set of 6 for student use in centers, small groups, etc.

Set new and measurable goals and created an enrollment process that is data driven

Provided a phone in every classroom connected to Trinity and the Parish for better campus and external communication

Exceeded half a million dollars in Scrip sales between St. Mary of the Woods and Trinity.

St. Paul, Grayson County

Almost doubled their enrollment of 18 students from two years ago to 35 students this year!

A new teacher was added to the faculty to accommodate our enrollment increase.

The school is being remodeled.

They will be starting an Academic Team as well as a Cross Country Team this year!

Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville

Sts. Peter & Paul is very proud to announce that their capital campaign has begun to build a new middle school/multi-purpose facility.

For the past two years, the Kentucky Elementary Cross Country Champion has been a student from Sts. Peter and Paul. They are hoping for win #3 in the fall.

The SPPS hallway looked like the Shoe Carnival and Payless Shoe Store when students brought in over 580 pairs of old shoes to give to the Waterstep Project. This project provides water purification systems and safe drinking water to 3rd World Countries. The old shoes are sold, and the money is donated to Waterstep.

All teachers now have iPads, and by the end of August, SPPS will have 2 classroom sets of iPads for students.

St. Romuald

Sixty percent of the students recognized at the Breckinridge County High School graduation ceremony this past May were graduates of SRIS, in spite of their students constituting only ten percent of the members of the class of 2013,

Four of the five starters and ten of the fourteen varsity players on the high school's boys basketball team were from SRIS, but,

They are most proud that they school has been able to put together the most professional, passionate, competent, and inspired teaching staff from preschool through the eighth grade for the fall of 2013 in our school's history.

Trinity High School, Whitesville

Trinity High School is committed to the success of their students. From athletics to academics, they inspire students to reach their full potential.

This year's graduating class achieved over 2 MILLION dollars of scholarship money for 4 years of college! Over 50% of our seniors received the Excellence Diploma and 94% are pursuing post-secondary education! Three graduates are playing collegiate level sports.

Trinity accepts that technology is an important part of our world. Every sophomore, junior, and senior has an iPad. Trinity graduates become successful and promising members of the community, ready and willing to build on their spiritual belief that every person can make a difference.

St. Stephen Parishioners Bid Arrivederci to Father John Vaughan

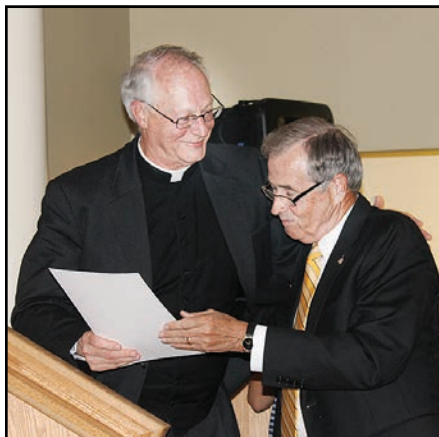
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By Richard B. Remp-Morris

Saying farewell to Father John R. Vaughan as he transfers from Pastor of St. Stephen Cathedral to Christ the King in Madisonville, KY

June 2, 2013 - The past few months (April and May) have been both grace-filled and challenging. As a parishioner and member of the parish council at St. Stephen Cathedral, I willingly agreed to serve as chairperson for the planning committee called to organize a farewell reception to honor our beloved pastor of eighteen years, Father John R. Vaughan. I knew this opportunity would allow me a chance to get to know parishioners better as well as a way to give back to a priest who has made a lasting impact on my life. Before I share the details of the reception, I think it's important to give a brief history of my relationship with Father John. I'm a convert who was confirmed at St. Stephen in 2007. My formation was greatly impacted by Father John as my pastor. He is a man I came to admire for his compassion and willingness to walk with me on my journey. I'm not unlike many converts, full of energy, on fire for the faith and full of doubt. My doubt was quickly settled as Father John would continually offer a guiding hand. I can summarize my love for Father John in a quote from Blessed John Paul II, "The world looks to the priest, because it looks to Jesus! No one can see Christ; but everyone sees the priest, and through him they wish to catch a glimpse of the Lord!" Now, let's get back to the reception.

As soon as we learned Father John would be reassigned in June to Christ the King parish in Madisonville, we knew we had to find a way to honor his ministry and presence with us. We set the date for 6 p.m. Sunday, June 2, 2013 and selected the Undercroft as the location and immediately went to work. Father John's love of all things Italian, immediately gave way to our theme, "Arrivederci." For the reception, we selected a catered meal of delicious Italian foods including, lasagna, baked ziti and one of Father's favorite desserts, Tiramisu! Our small group of volunteers devoted countless hours to collecting and organizing hundreds of photos, as well as designing every aspect of the event. There are so many unsung heroes to thank. It would be impossible to list everyone. However, I would



A St. Stephen parishioner, Owensboro's Mayor Ron Payne and his wife Denise, surprised Father with a proclamation naming June 2nd as "Father John Vaughan Day" in the City of Owensboro.

be remiss if I didn't mention the extreme efforts of a few special friends. I want to personally thank Mary Ann O'Bryan. Her inspiration and hard work created a special commemorative book of photos that was presented to Father as a keepsake. She also secured the assistance of parishioner Nathan Seaton who tirelessly put together a DVD of photos that played during the entire event.

A very special thank you to Patrick Clary! Patrick was the lead designer for the overall look of the reception and his artistic eye transformed the Undercroft to a beautiful Italian atmosphere as evidenced in the photos. Father John



The St. Stephen Cathedral Parish Council, under the direction of Council President Garry Pierce, unveiled the new naming of the Cathedral's Undercroft as the "Father John R. Vaughan - Community Center."

At left, Fr. John Vaughan carried the monstrance during a special Holy Hour, in the Cathedral, commemorating the Feast Day of Corpus Christi.



Father John posing proudly with his new Honda Accord, an Arrivederci gift from the St. Stephen Cathedral parishioners.



Fr. John Vaughan speaking with 500 people who came to thank him for his priestly ministry and friendship as pastor of St. Stephen Cathedral, and to wish him well as he goes to Christ The King Parish in Madisonville as pastor.

is loved by so many. We planned for a gathering of 300; amazingly, over 500 showed up for the reception including 16 of Father's family members. Thanks be to God! We couldn't let Father go without a few special gifts to show our love and appreciation. Parishioner, Mayor Ron Payne and his wife Denise, surprised Father with a proclamation naming June 2nd as "Father John Vaughan Day" in the City of Owensboro. Parishioners, Tom Payne and Matthew Constant organized a special fundraiser for Father. The funds would be used to allow Father to purchase a new car. Their efforts yielded \$27,000 and Father bought a 2014 Honda Accord. Every mile logged in the new car will be a reminder that our prayers and appreciation are with Father John wherever he travels. Finally the biggest surprise of the night came when the Parish Council,

under the direction of Council President Garry Pierce, unveiled the new naming of the Undercroft as the "Father John R. Vaughan - Community Center."

The reception was held after a special Holy Hour, in the Cathedral, commemorating the Feast Day of Corpus Christi. I hope you enjoy the photos and looking back at our wonderful reception. Our prayers go with Father John as he has taken up roots and moved to Madisonville. Please also join me in praying for our new pastor, Father Jerry Riney. I know it's not easy for Father Jerry to pull up roots after 16 years in Bowling Green, but one thing I've learned about Catholics in western Kentucky, there's always extra room in their hearts. We look forward to starting a new chapter together as a faith community.

A History Of The Centro Latino *(Continued from page 23)*

We began looking for a new home for the Centro Latino, but we also needed lodging for the two of us nuns. The diocese had bought a house near the Catholic Pastoral Center, with the intention of using it for the Marriage Tribunal, but the Bishop said they would not be ready to move in for a year, and he gave us the key! Now, eleven years later, we are still occupying it—temporarily!

When we came to live and minister in Owensboro, we were more visible, and we began to receive awards. Also, it was much partner with other service agencies and ministries. For 18 years, Pam Hayes, a staff member of River Valley Behavioral Health, directed a Health Fair for Hispanics. It was very important in the lives of the participants, and at the same time, beneficial to us in helping to form community.

Although I was the only person on Centro Latino team when it began, the Lord has sent other through the years. The Ursulines who have worked with me are Sisters Clarence Marie Luckett and Rosemary Keough. Also, Sisters Nancy Liddy and Elaine Burke have helped with the music although they don't speak Spanish.

Connie Caceres entered the ministry as a staff member about 17 years ago, and specializes in helping the pregnant women and their babies and other children of all ages. Allen Shreve entered about 13 years ago, and helps principally in all areas of transportation. Angelica Almanza works as an interpreter of First Steps and helps in the office one day a week.

Many Ursuline Companions in Mission came from other states and other parts of Kentucky, to dedicate several months working as volunteers. One



Sr. Fran Wilhelm, OSU, reflecting on the 20 years of the ministries of Centro Latino for the Diocese of Owensboro. Luis Aju Photo

Mexican woman stayed nine months.

Many of the local Spanish students in high school have come to plant flowers in the yard and to keep our pantry stashed with food.

The arrival of Patricia Murphy to the diocese as director of the Hispanic Ministry, and especially when her future husband (Chris Gtierrez) arrived to direct the ministry in Owensboro and surrounding areas, it felt that the importance of the ministry was being recognized. We began to live the faith publicly with processions and the Way of the Cross, etc., as is done so beautifully in almost all Latin countries. The naming of Luis Aju as the next director of the Hispanic Ministry in the diocese, gave a wider bass with his Guatemalan culture.

The parishes that have helped us principally are: St. Peter of Alcantara in Stanley, Ss. Joseph and Paul (two distinct periods of time), Our Lady of Lourdes, and Precious Blood, where a bi-lingual Mass was celebrated each Saturday afternoon.

Lastly, the fact that the diocese brings in a priest from a Spanish-speaking country, is the ultimate in affirming that our Hispanic Ministry is a blessing to our local Church. First, Padre Manuel, and now, Padre Carmelo, keep alive the faith because they make themselves so available. The Home Masses that Padre Carmelo initiated has changed hearts.

Two Hispanic Ministers who make a difference in the lives of immigrants from South American countries: Luis Aju, Director of the Diocesan Office for Hispanic Ministries, and Sr. Fran, Director of Centro Latino frequently collaborate in helping Hispanic immigrants and other US citizens find help. Photo by Luis Aju, Jr.



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Sister Fran, left, talking with Julia Mendoza at Centro Latino, Nov. 19, 2012. Many Hispanics around the Daviess County area know and call Sister Fran Wilhelm, OSU, by the name of "Hna. Panchita"; it means that "we feel that this someone is very close to us." photo by Luis Aju

Ground Broken for New St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store in Owensboro on Aug 6, 2013

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Bishop William Medley took part in the ceremony for the groundbreaking for a new St. Vincent dePaul (SVDP) Thrift Store on August 6 at the corner of JR Miller Blvd. and 18th Streets in Owensboro.

Once completed, the new SVDP thrift store, which will be a consolidation of the two current Owensboro stores, will provide a more convenient, centrally located place for dropping off donated items and for shopping in Owensboro. Remodeling on the new store is projected to be finished December 1. All St. Vincent de Paul Store proceeds are donated back to the community by helping needy individuals and families. Last year, St. Vincent de Paul helped over 12,000 of its neighbors in this district.

The Western Kentucky Catholic asked Pat McNulty to describe the path which donated goods take thru the SVDP stores. He said, "The most frequent donations are furniture, appliances, vehicles, boats; mowers are inspected for condition and function, repairs are made (many times by skilled volunteers) to make the item useful and then sold. Most items are sold through SVDP Thrift stores. Specialty items are sold with the help of the store committee.

Cash donations are directed to the



An architectural artist's drawing of the proposed New St. Vincent De Paul Thrift Store in Owensboro. Produced by Mike Wells, Architect.

parish conference of the donor.

All the profits from the stores and cash donations are directed to the District Council. This council is made up of representatives from each of the Parish Conferences in the district. The Owensboro Council are Parishes/Conferences in Stanley, Calhoun, Central City, Beaver Dam/Hartford and Fordsville. This local council makes all the decisions on where and how the funds are used. Generally a

client in need contacts the local Parish St Vincent de Paul representative. Then, an interview and home visit is made and a decision is made at that time on the level of assistance (cash, clothing, food, furniture, bedding, vehicle) that will be provided. St Vincent de Paul makes the effort to identify the cause of the need and help overcome the recurrence.

The new Owensboro SVDP location at 18th St. and J.R. Miller Blvd.

Mr. Chuck Payne shown at the left side in the photo with Bishop Medley doing spade work is the elected President of The Diocesan Council Of Owensboro of the Society of St Vincent DePaul. *The Western Kentucky Catholic* asked Mr. Payne to tell us some things about what the Council does. Mr. Payne said,

"This Council has Diocesan-wide responsibility to promote the spirituality of it's members, assist the District Councils in their activities to help the needy and to oversee SVdP Special Works (thrift stores).

Some specific responsibilities are to provide communication between this Diocesan Council and the National SVDP Council; promote the works of the Society by communicating with Church Officials, as well as with other Community organizations in our area; plan and implement the formation programs, training, and work shops through which members can grow spiritually and become more knowledgeable about ways of helping people, and encourage initiatives and strive to bring about the establishments of Councils, Conferences and Special Works."



With shovels from left, Mr. Chuck Payne, Diocesan Council President, Mr. Murray McLaughlin, Owensboro area District Council President, who teamed with Bishop William F. Medley to break ground with shovels for the soon-to-be-renovated SVDP Store in Owensboro. Looking on at right is Judy Osborne, Owensboro District Store Operations Manager; at left is Fr. Suneesh Mathew, HGN, Associate Pastor of St. Stephen Cathedral. Photo by Mel Howard

will have the facility and funding to offer additional services. Several have been discussed, such as helping clients set up banking accounts, couponing, job hunting. An SVDP goal it to identify the needs and help where we can. The new Owensboro location will improve our ability to serve customers with a better retail area, our donors with a drive-thru covered drop off with assistance provided to unload, and our clients with facilities to provide additional services. We are grateful for the support provided to your St Vincent de Paul.

The Owensboro Council has about 275 helpers (250 volunteers, and 25 paid staff).

We accept donation at each of our Thrift Stores and offer a pick-up service by appointment. St Vincent de Paul does not use drop boxes.

Pat McNulty concluded, "I have been surprised and impressed about how much is accomplished and how many of our neighbors are helped, anonymously, quietly, prayerfully, respectfully and with dignity. With the help of our donors just in the Owensboro area last year, over 12,000 lives were touched and over \$300,000 in cash, food, clothing, furniture, appliances, bedding, vehicles and help was provided. Every item donated is maximized to benefit the needy of your area. Your neighbors are helped. We understand and appreciate your trust."

Pat McNulty further detailed some of the recent SVDP activities: "In 2012 within the Owensboro Area, St. Vincent DePaul Societies (Owensboro, Stanley, Calhoun, Central City, Hartford&Beaver Dam, Fordsville)

...the 275 members who volunteered 12,352 hours and drove 38,290 miles ...
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"Thank You Owensboro Area Volunteers and donors ! Help St Vincent De Paul Societies help others. Donate to your nearest St Vincent de Paul store."

For information about SVDP, contact Angela Settle at 270-316-2328.

Catholic Kidz Camp: Around the World in 5 Days - *An uplifting spiritual adventure*

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - 93 youth took flight with St. Joseph Catholic Church at Catholic Kidz Day Camp in Bowling Green July 15-19. The fun-filled days of exciting lessons, crafts, games, music, snacks, and hands-on activities were for kids four years old (completed at least one year of pre-school) through fifth grade (completed) in the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall.

Of the 93 youth who participated, 13 were high school youth who worked as catechist aides, helped with recreation, snack and art. The high school youth made it very popular and they worked very hard. The camp focused on Saints and their respective countries: St Brigid of Ireland; St. Nicholas of Turkey; St. Juan Diego of Mexico; St. Martin de Porres of Peru; and, St. Kataeri or America. Each day also had a theological virtue of focus: faith, hope, love; and, we taught about being a missionary. Each child had a passport with their own photograph and it was stamped with the country of the day. This program is through a company called Growing with the Saints. <http://www.growingwiththesaints.com/curriculum1.cfm>.

*Text and Photos submitted by
Kathleen Baumgarten*



1st and 2nd grade kids in class at Camp.



Awaiting Mass



Music with 3rd & 4th Grades



Mass with Father Carmelo and catechists



Music with 1st & 2nd Grades



Art for 5th and 6th grades



Last Day celebration

God's Loving Arms



This Is the Story of Your Life

By Julie Ward Murphy

As I was listening to a song by Matthew West, "This Is the Story of Your Life," in an instant I thought about when that day comes when I die and God shows me the story of my whole life while I was on earth. If I remind myself more of this reality I believe with anyone it would entice us to try to at least make a better effort to make amends for our lives with the help of our loving Lord.

Even now as I am writing this I am thinking about how that conversation between me and my creator will play out. Over the years of reading about the lives of the Saints and Holy Scripture it is comforting to know that if I am sincerely sorry for my offenses on that day of

judgment, God will be just and merciful. As I daydream about Jesus looking at me, with an intensity of love that can't be described into words. I even see love and compassion all over His adorable face. I am kneeling prostrate before our king and I want to pay my dues for my offenses and I know I need more cleansing before I enter into the abode of heavenly paradise. I've seen that my suffering on my time on earth had value and it was ordained.

Suffering can cause us to cloud our thoughts if we don't use our Christian beliefs as to why suffering is essential in our growth. Once we get over ourselves and recognize that there are many reasons they are put in our lives, and that they have redemptive powers it has an overwhelming awakening that others may be touched and their lives changed by witnessing someone's faith through a very difficult trial.

I went to St. Joseph & Paul mission to hear the guest Richard Lane, who is a Lay Catholic Evangelist. I learned a lot from him about my responsibility as a lay Catholic to help share the Gospel message to "all" people. He talked about the year of Faith. For instance; "Total faith is total commitment." Faith is a choice we make, choosing to believe that God hears our supplication and believing He will answer our prayer according to His Holy will. Faith is a bridge to where you are now, but where does God want us to be on His Bridge but trusting He is there when we make that big leap of Faith. {Faith tells us that God can, but most all believing that God will hear our prayers.}

But when we are in physical and emotional pain sometimes it is incredibly hard to go into the deep like that. To have that blind faith we need to pray more, ask for more, and ask others to pray for us when life knocks us down with pain and suffering. Rely on your church; let them

know you need help. Oh how God loves a generous and gracious soul who prays for others in times like these. Give those requests to your Guardian Angel to take your petitions to the throne of God.

I was in a spiritual darkness for quite some time after my son died. I felt that my prayer life was very dry and mundane. Thanks be to God for all of you who didn't give up on me and prayed for me. I felt those generous prayers because I didn't fall into despair; I still gave what little I had and it was small but through the love offering from all of you they were so plentiful and pleasing to God and they sustained me in the most anguish time in my life. This is the story of my life, and it's a story worth given if it helps someone, anyone, who wants to go into the deep. Take that big leap of FAITH! Baby steps one day become big steps, and then we can run. Run to Jesus!!!

Saint Paul School Staff and Supporters Prepare for New School Year During Retreat



Staff and supporters of St. Paul Elementary School in Leitchfield, Ky., came to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on July 31 for a day of retreat before the school year began. In photo above, thirteen people from St. Paul Elementary School, Leitchfield, gathered in Conference Room B at the Retreat Center for a retreat day. St. Paul School is where Sister Ann McGrew, director of the Center, went to school for 12 years.



Above, a group from St. Paul Elementary School, Leitchfield, attends their July 31 afternoon session, followed by Mass, at Mount Saint Joseph. Second from left in this photo is Deacon Bill Grant. MSJ Photos

FUN 3-DAY TRIP TO TUNICA/MEMPHIS

November 11—13 (Monday—Wednesday) ... \$199 per person which includes transportation on a chartered bus, two nights lodging, four meals, tour Graceland and Beale Street in Memphis and stopping in Tunica. \$75 deposit due by AUGUST 12. Balance due by September 5. Contact Barbara Sue Wilson at 623-6990 or Judy Thomas at 623-8462 to sign up or for more information. Seating is limited!

Can U.S. Congress Pass All or Parts of Immigration Reform This Year?

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On July 22, 2013, diocesan officials from the Diocese of Owensboro visited with Susanne Miles, Field Representative for 2nd District U.S. Congressman Brett Guthrie in his Owensboro office to advocate for Comprehensive Immigration Reform when the U.S. House of Representatives takes up the matter after the August Recess. Attending the meeting were: Kevin Kauffeld, the Chancellor for the Diocese, Fr. Ken Mikulcik from the Tribunal Office, Chris Gutierrez, Head of Hispanic Ministry at Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish in Owensboro, and Richard Murphy, Director of the Office of Social Concerns for the Diocese of Owensboro, and a reporter for *The Western Kentucky Catholic* (WKC). Susanne also connected the group via conference call to Congressman Guthrie's Representative for Immigration Affairs, Emily Buckman.

The group discussed the core elements necessary for just immigration reform: a path to citizenship for the undocumented, future flow worker program, family-based immigration reform, restoration of due process protections, addressing root causes of migration, and inclusion of the DREAM Act and Ag-Jobs. Handouts were made available to the Congressman's office that included a number of different topics in addition to these elements. They were given a list of achievements for the passage in the Senate of S. 744 and asked to help preserve these in the House legislation. Since the House apparently will take up the topic in specific areas, info on just enforcement of immigration laws was shared and counter arguments in response to the arguments against undocumented immigration. There were a few articles on the economic arguments for approving immigration reform specifically for Kentucky and the U.S. in general. An infographic on the complexity of becoming a legal immigrant was shared and had a notable effect on our listeners. Finally, two polls on the movement of the electorate toward approval of immigration reform in the U.S. and in Kentucky was shared with the Congressman's staff.

Chris Gutierrez and Fr. Ken Mikulcik shared generally about some of the pain experienced by immigrants that deal with the present laws governing them currently. Both have shared the lives and stories of migrants coming to our nation.

area. Rep. Guthrie was not able to make it to the Fancy Farm Picnic on August 3rd, but knows an effort to bring this issue of immigration reform before people there was made. Kevin Kauffeld thanked the Congressman's representatives for their kind attention to the members of the diocesan staff. It was hoped that other meeting might be possible with both Congressman Guthrie's staff in Bowling Green and Congressman Whitfield's staff



Chris Gutierrez, right, and Fr. Ken Mikulcik shared generally about some of the pain experienced by immigrants that deal with the present laws governing them currently.

Their plea with the Congressman's office July 22 was for a civility and a compassionate official U.S. governmental approach to the persons who migrate to this land. The diocesan officials urged the Congressman that when the House Judiciary Committee takes up the matter of immigration after the August recess, to be aware of how immigration reform bills affect people who migrate to this land, looking for a better life, a community to which they can belong, and a chance to make their unique contributions to U.S. life and culture. Migrants are our brothers and sisters. "So often, immigration is treated as just a problem," Father Ken Mikulick said.

The Congressman planned to host town hall meetings in each of the counties he represents during the August recess, the times and dates are to be published on the Congressman's website: <http://www.guthrie.house.gov>. Suzanne Miles agreed to share the information with the group to pass it on to others who would like to talk to the Representative when he is in their



Meeting with Susanne Miles, Field Representative for Rep. Brett Guthrie in his Owensboro office at the Owensboro airport on July 22 were Richard Murphy, Fr Ken Mikulcik, Chris Gutierrez, and Kevin Kauffeld. Photos by Mel Howard

What Do You Think of This Approach?

WKC: Kentucky has many immigrants within our Commonwealth. How do you see immigrants benefiting Kentucky?

Congressman Guthrie: "America is a nation of immigrants; it is also a nation of laws. An improved immigration system must uphold the rule of law and help our economy grow. The House plans to pursue a step-by-step approach to accomplish three key principles: having a safe and secure border, enforcing immigration laws efficiently and effectively, and reforming our system in order to attract talented and hardworking people who are committed to America. Our nation has long been the land of opportunity, where if you play by the rules you can get ahead. Kentucky is no different. These three principles will ensure that laws are respected and that the opportunity for success is greater." – Congressman Brett Guthrie (KY-02)

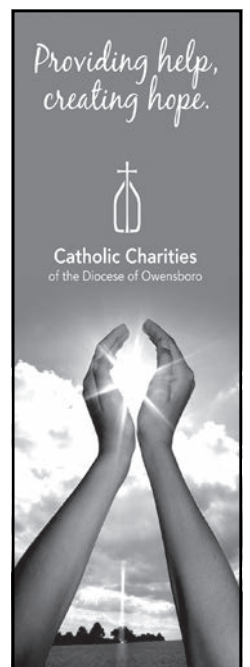
Nominations for John J. McRaith Providing Help, Creating Hope Award

Catholic Charities of the Owensboro Diocese has established the John J. McRaith Providing Help, Creating Hope Award. This award will recognize individuals or groups in the Owensboro Diocese who abundantly show the virtue of charity in their work and deeds, aligned with the mission of Catholic Charities.

The criteria are broad and encompassing. Groups and persons who reside within the diocese are eligible, regardless of their religious preference or where their charitable assistance occurred. The award is named after Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith who retired as bishop of the Owensboro Diocese January 5, 2009.

The mission of Catholic Charities is: integrating and coordinating social and charitable works; providing spiritual, educational, financial, and emotional support to those in need; and engaging in works of charity.

Nominations are due October 15.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Marriage Celebrations for September
2013; Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50
and Over 50 Years of Marriage

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Tom & Sharon Johnson, 25
Ben & Thelma Crump, 64
Gary & Alleda Dukate, 53
Christopher & Mary Havelda, 40
William & Mary Alice Weise, 57

Christ the King, Madisonville

Greg & Carmin Fella, 40
Jimmy & Kenwyn Riddle, 25

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Wayne & Brenda Barnes, 50
David & Mary Sue Barron, 40
Charles & Gladys Buckman, 52
Carroll & Margaret Fulkerson, 50
Ronald & Joan Hockey, 54
Sam & Patsy Moore, 40

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Joe & Sally Liles, 50
Robert & Frances Fiore, 56
Kenneth & Barbara Burch, 57
James & Veronica Diemer, 51
Robert & Mary Graham, 54

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Carl & Rosa Lee Coffey, 57
Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
Frank & Betty Chapman, 53
Barney & Pat Dickens, 55
John & Pat Kelley, 53

James & Marilyn Kurz, 57

Bill & Jeanne O'Bryan, 63

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Gates & Angela Settle, 25
John & Janet Brandon, 40
John & Shirley Faye Howard, 50
Joseph Sylvester & Dorothy Alice Bowlds, 58
Joseph William & Sherma Josephine Clark, 58

Joseph C. & Sue Thomas Riney, 69

Eugene Martin & Anna Jane

Scheidegger, 55

Sacred Heart, Hickman

John B. & Mary Jo Lattus, 61

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Dorris & Joyce Collins, 53

St. Ann, Morganfield

Paul & Bernice Chandler, 61
Charlie & Catherine Dyer, 61
Leon & Eva Hendrickson, 57
Earl & Emma Duncan, 57
William & Janet Robertson, 53

St. Anthony, Axtel

David & Stephanie Storms, 25

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Kevin Dale & Leigh Ann Wiggins, 25

James Darrell & Linda Lou Howard, 40

St. Anthony, Peonia

Lynn & Bob Gambrell, 60

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

Charles Hubert & Lillian White, 60

St. Columba, Lewisport

James & Pattie Toler, 64

St. Edward, Fulton

Eddie & Jan Taylor, 40

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

David & Nancy Smith, 52
Thomas & Rose Marie Weitlauf, 65
Hugh & Doreen Smith, 52

St. Henry, Aurora

Thomas & Janet Moore, 51
Anthony & Christine DeNezzo, 25

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Howard & Jackie Elliott, 54

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Richard & Betty Wurth, 51
Paul & Jerri Durbin, 61
Robert & Yolanda Neihoff, 50
Paul & Ellen Carrico, 55
Henry & Phyllis Willett, 40
Vernon & Dot Neihoff, 58
William C. & Barbara Hayden, 57

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Hayward & Sharon Roberts, 40

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Marvin & Martha Byrd, 51

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Joseph & Nancy Payne, 53
George & Mary Catherine Payne, 52

St. Leo, Murray

Elwyn & Ellen Frazier, 63
Byron & Mary Cates, 61
Edward & Joan Shinnors, 58

St. Mark, Eddyville

Kenneth & Maria Pierson, 40
Milt & Rita Schroeder, 50
Achille & Eileen Biagi, 54
Richard & Bonnie Wiening, 55

St. Martin, Rome

Charles & Juaretta Dockemeyer, 56

St. Mary, Franklin

Jim & Gail Briley, 52
Steve & Sharon Maloney, 50

St. Mary, LaCenter

Eric & Tammy Potts, 25
Sylvio & Rita Mayolo, 54
Bernard & Helen Anselm, 68

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Grady & Donna Ebelhar, 40
Bobby & Terry Knott, 54

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Todd & Joanna Roberts, 25
Robert & Della Payne, 40
Jerry & Charlotte Ralph, 40
Bernard & Dorothy Crisp, 56

St. Michael, Oak Grove

Albert & Nancy Scheller, 51

James & Joan Oldham, 58

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Dale & Yvonne DePayster, 40
James R. & Helen Gawarecki, 51

St. Peter, Waverly

Robert & Bettye Bolds, 52

St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City

John & Dolly Bardsley, 51
Chuck & Diane Fischer, 57
Jerry & Kathy Sanderson, 25

St. Pius Tenth, Owenboro

Tommy & Trudy Velotta, 40
St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Pat & Ruby Wheatley, 62

Ralph & Linda Carwile, 40

Donald & Alice Bland, 54

Pat & Sue Flood, 40

St. Rose, Cloverport

Danny & Sandra Gedling, 51
Thomas & Leigh Flood, 65

St. Stephen, Cadiz

James & Betty McVey, 57
Richard & Sally Gust, 54

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St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

John M. & Patsy Clayton, 56
Charles B. & Margaret Payne, 70
St. Thomas More, Paducah
Richard & Tina Eggermeyer, 25
Dennis & Kellie Quigley, 25
David & Cathy Jenks, 40
Leo & Marilyn Wurth, 50
St. William, Knottsville
Joseph & Mary Sue Elliott, 53
Lawrence & Dortha Mae Johnson, 62
Charles O. & Joyce Mills, 56
Vincent Darrell & Ena Wathen, 50
Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro
James L. & Theresa Clouse, 56
John & Nancy Grimes, 56
Jack & Rose King, 60
James & Imogene Loyd, 60
Sts. Peter & Paul, Owensboro
Paul & Anne Cummings, 50
James & Eunice Johnson, 51
Andrew & Annette Mongeon, 61
Robert & JoAnn Spader, 54

Women's Retreat

Our Journey with Jesus



Call (270)683-5641 to register or
register at the door.

Special guest speaker: Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle, author, EWTN host and personal friend of Blessed Mother Teresa.

Saturday, October 19th 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish Hall, Owensboro, KY. Mass to follow at 4:30 p.m. \$15.00 per person.

Childcare, transportation for nondrivers, Reconciliation, Mass, breakfast and lunch provided.



2013 Youth Slim Awards



St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church presented Emily Hannan, left, and William "Drew" Mayer, right, with their SLIM awards on May 13, 2013. Pastoral Minister Zach Ault, at left in photos, and pastor Father Brian Roby presented the SLIM Awards. Submitted photos



At right, Helena Jones, daughter of Hal and Lynn Ann Jones, of St. Jude Parish, Clinton, KY was recognized and honored for her outstanding youth leadership abilities and presented a certificate by Fr. MaryDasan Joosa, HGN on May 12, 2013. Helena serves in many capacities at St. Jude, including Cantor, CCD Teacher, and Vacation Bible School leader. St. Jude is blessed to have Helena as a member of our Church. Submitted by Jane B. Hobbs



Simon Mikulcik of St. Henry Parish in Aurora, KY had a very good week in May. On May 20th he graduated as the Valedictorian from Calloway County High School in Murray, KY; and on May 26th, Father Babu, pastor of St. Henry, presented Simon with the Servant Leaders in Ministry Award, an award given to an outstanding youth in ministry to the parish and community.

A server for several years, Simon could always be counted on to be present and to do his job respectfully, according to Father Babu.

Starting in the fall, Simon will be attending Eastern Kentucky University where he will double major in Computer Science and Mathematics. From all indications, Eastern Kentucky University will be lucky to get him.

There was a reception in the parish hall after the Sunday Mass to celebrate Simon's accomplishments, to express

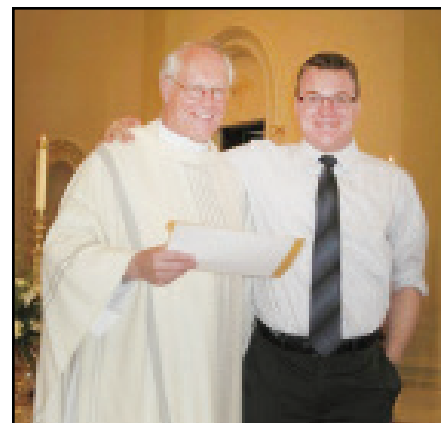


Father Babu presenting the Servant Leaders in Minister Award to Simon Mikucik. Submitted by Richard Logsdon

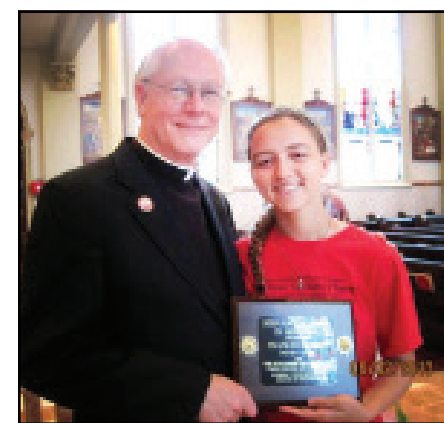
the parishioners' gratitude for his service over the years and to wish him much success in the future.



Holding their SLIM Awards, Clark Payne and Landon Knott, Saint Mary Magdalene Parish, Sorgho, posed with pastor Father Mark Buckner and Youth Minister Chrissy Stevenson.



St. Stephen Cathedral parish SLIM Award Ryan Purk, left, and Frances Seaton, at right, received their certificate from pastor Father John Vaughan on June 2, 2013.



2013 Youth Slim Awards Named

By Melinda Prunty, Director, Office for Youth Ministry

The Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry is proud to announce the recipients of their annual Servant Leaders In Ministry or SLIM Awards. The Office recognizes high school juniors and seniors who have made outstanding contributions to their Parish, Deanery and/or the Diocese through their leadership and involvement in youth ministry. The rule of thumb for the total number of awards is eighteen, two per deanery, unless youth are not nominated from a deanery. Recipients receive an award in the form of a plaque while all other youth nominated receive a Certificate of Recognition. If a young person is nominated their junior year and do not receive an award, they can be re-nominated for an award their senior year.

We are proud to announce that for 2013, eighteen youth from around the Diocese of Owensboro representing seventeen

parishes were awarded plaques in recognition of their Servant Leadership In Ministry.

Our Owensboro Diocesan 2013 Servant Leaders in Ministry are:

Rosana Stasiorowski – St. Susan – Bowling Green Deanery
 Matthew Thomas – Holy Spirit – Bowling Green Deanery
 Abby Bridges – Holy Name – Central Deanery
 Jessica Burk – Immaculate Conception – Eastern Deanery
 Lane Taul – St. Romuald – Eastern Deanery
 Jessica Lester – St. Joseph – Fancy Farm Deanery
 Peyton Carrico – St. Jerome – Fancy Farm Deanery
 Bryan Davenport – St. Joseph – Hopkinsville Deanery
 Maria McCay Gomez – St. Joseph – Hopkinsville Deanery

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Raven Koos – St. Joseph – Hopkinsville Deanery
Simon Mikulcik – St. Henry – The Lakes Deanery
C. J. Glaser – Blessed Mother – Owensboro East Deanery
Matthew McCarty – St. Anthony – Owensboro East Deanery
Clark Payne – St. Mary Magdalene – Owensboro

West Deanery

Landon Knott – St. Mary Magdalene – Owensboro
West Deanery

Frances Seaton – St. Stephen – Owensboro West Deanery
Chris Tyson – St. Thomas More – Paducah Deanery
William Mayer – St. Francis DE Sales – Paducah Deanery

Twenty five youth from the Diocese of Owensboro representing sixteen parishes were awarded *Certificates of Recognition* for being nominated for their Servant Leadership In Ministry. They are:

Madeline Powers – Holy Spirit – Bowling Green Deanery

Kristen Knight – Holy Name – Central

Tori Marshall – Holy Name – Central

Joanna Anthony – St. Romuald – Eastern Deanery

Robert Kellems – St. Columba – Eastern Deanery

Brandon Armstrong – St. Augustine – Eastern Deanery

Wyatt Higbee – St. Anthony – Eastern Deanery

Mason Decker – St. Anthony – Eastern Deanery

Keith Logsdon – St. Benedict – Eastern Deanery

Katie Armstrong – St. Joseph – Fancy Farm Deanery

Thomas Gregory – St. Joseph – Fancy Farm Deanery

Taylor Via – St. Joseph – Fancy Farm Deanery

Helena Jones – St. Jude – Fancy Farm Deanery

April Hobbs – St. Jerome – Fancy Farm Deanery

Marissa Wilson – St. Anthony – Owensboro East Deanery

Brian Gross – Lourdes – Owensboro East Deanery

Patrick Lasley – Lourdes – Owensboro East Deanery

Chelsea Hagan – Immaculate – Owensboro West Deanery

Ryan Purk – St. Stephen – Owensboro West Deanery

Emily Hannah – St. Francis DE Sales – Paducah Deanery

Maddie West – St. John the Evangelist – Paducah Deanery

Sally Ballard – St. John the Evangelist – Paducah Deanery

Austin Baker – St. John the Evangelist – Paducah Deanery

Leann Thweatt – St. John the Evangelist – Paducah Deanery

Anne Segebarth – St. Thomas More – Paducah Deanery

Nomination forms are mailed out to Youth Ministry Contacts in all parishes in the spring of the year. They may be nominated by Youth Ministers, Pastors, and Catechists...someone from the parish that knows about their involvement in the church. There is an effort to have equal representation from the different deaneries; however, sometimes no nominations come from some deaneries. Young people may be nominated more than once, but they may not receive a plaque more than once in order to recognize more young people from throughout the diocese. We ask that the awards and certificates be presented to the recipients at a special Mass or youth gathering.

Congratulations to all of this year's recipients!! Keep up the good work and keep growing in your faith!!

Bread Rising, Spirit Raising retreat Sept. 13-15 at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

Explore bread-making as a means to spirituality and meditation in the "Bread Rising, Spirit Raising" retreat Sept. 13-15 at White Violet

Center for Eco-Justice, a ministry of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods.

Get in touch with your daily bread and explore the spiritual in the everyday in the "Bread Rising, Spirit Raising" retreat being offered Sept. 13-15 at White Violet Center for Eco-Justice at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods. The retreat will use bread-making as a means to explore spirituality, meditation, mindfulness and intention while preparing the food that nourishes us every day. Explore the connections between the everyday experience of preparing food and the spirituality that feeds the soul.

The retreat will begin at 6 p.m. (EST) Friday, Sept. 13, and run through 11 a.m. (EST) Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013. Cost for the retreat is \$350 for residents and \$250 for those choosing to commute.

Leading the experience will be Robyn Morton, associate director of White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, and Sister Paul Bernadette Bounk, a Sister of Saint Joseph of Carondelet, who has worked many years in ecological ministry and retreat coordination. To register by Sept. 6, or for more information, contact Robyn at rmorton@spsmw.org, 812-535-2932 or visit www.WhiteViolet.org.



Four youths at St. Stephen receive First Holy Communion

CADIZ, Ky. - Audrey Alexander, Connor Wallace, Shane Wallace, and Luke Washer received their First Holy Communion at the Sunday Mass on May 12th at St. Stephen Parish with Father Babu Kulathumkal presiding. They were under the direction of Maela Washer Catechist during religious education classes. After the services there was a reception in the Parish Hall for the children.

Pictured left to right: Luke Washer, Audrey Alexander, Father Babu Kulathumkal, Shane Wallace, and Connor Wallace; Below, The children cutting the cake at the reception.



St. Stephen Recognized 2013 Graduating Seniors

In above photo, Mason Geiger and Elisabeth Mauldin were recognized as graduating seniors during the May 19th Sunday Mass. Mason Geiger graduated from Trigg County High School and Elisabeth Mauldin graduated from Heritage Christian Academy. They received a gift from the Parish and there was a reception following Mass in the Parish Hall. Submitted by parish staff.



Hearts Change as Immaculate Youth Learn from Others

Learning to fold fitted sheets, scooping out cookie dough, grinding coffee! What kind of Mission trip is that? It was a great experience for several youth from Immaculate Parish. Twelve “Apostles” and 3 “elders” from Immaculate Parish, Owensboro spent June 23-29 at Young Neighbors in Action in Chicago, Illinois. Although other groups who were at Young Neighbors in Action worked among the poor, hungry and homeless of the city, Immaculate’s group worked at Misericordia, a 600 person facility for those who are developmentally disabled. The students worked side by side with residents in the laundry room, bakery, art room, classroom and coffee room. The students found the residents to be very different from the preconceived impression they had prior to the trip.



Jackson Brett, one of the students on the trip said “Misericordia is the most beautiful facility for “handi-capable” people. Everyone there has an advantage, rather than a disadvantage. They are accepting of everyone, no matter who that person may be and they never are judgmental. My experience has truly opened my eyes and made me think, “if these people are so happy with disabilities, then I can be happy all of the time.”

happy and caring the residents are. I hope we did what we could to help. We are taking so much away from this experience.” says Chelsea Hagan

This was Maci Heavrin’s first ever Mission Trip. She had very high expectations and said that all of these expectations were not only met, but greatly outdone and surpassed. She states that Misericordia is truly the most amazing place she had ever been to. Maci thanks Misericordia for showing her first hand what it means to love like Jesus does.

Annie Pfeifer felt she grew a great deal from this trip. She felt so much love during the week, and learned to love better. Annie said the resident at Misericordia loved everyone – no exceptions. The residents didn’t care what you looked like or what you wore, they loved you for you. The residents taught Annie “not to sweat the small stuff”. She hoped their contagious non-judgmental attitude and happiness rubbed off on her.

Chaperone Bobby Zimmerman said that it was truly wonderful to witness the love and joy present at Misericordia among the residents and the staff. He thought it was great to have a home community for the residents that allows them to have dignity at the same time.

Miriam Kavanaugh, a postulant for the Sisters of the Lamb of God also chaperoned the trip. She felt that Misericordia touched her life in an inexpressible way. She looks forward to sharing this with her religious community and all she meets.

Diane Willis, Director of Faith Formation at Immaculate was very impressed, not only with Misericordia, but the entire Young Neighbors in Action program. Young

Elizabeth Warren said that going to Misericordia was such a great experience. Everyone there was so welcoming and kind to everyone. She was so glad to get the opportunity to have this experience.

Other students felt the same as Warren. Haley Davis notes that her experience at Misericordia was extremely eye-opening and changed her perspective on so many things. She too was grateful for having been part of this trip.

The students felt they went to Chicago to help maybe change someone’s life, but in the end, they found out they were the ones changed by this experience. “The residents taught us so much about patience. We also now realize how capable, smart,



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For more photos, updates and what’s going on in our parish!

Neighbors is a program under the Center for Ministry Development. It teaches the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching through activities, through witness of speakers, but also through living it out in the work that was accomplished in Chicago during the week. She was also very impressed with the reaction of the students. “Our students caught the happiness and respect of the residents and passed it on. They were great ambassadors for Immaculate Parish and all of Kentucky.”

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<<< Megan, Michael and Diane in the bakery.

Thursday morning laundry room gang >>>



Twelve 'Apostles'

At left, students from Immaculate met up with other groups from Beaver Creek, Ohio; Mayville, Wisconsin; Waupaca, Wisconsin & Ripon, Wisconsin. Groups worked 9-3 Monday through Friday, but had time at night to learn about social justice, play games, eat Chicago-style pizza at Lake Michigan, dance & just have fun.

Pictured above, from left to right: Top-Nicholas Gray, Jackson Brett, Annie Pfeifer, Megan Crawford, Madeleine Reid, Haley Davis, Micah Swift, Elizabeth Warren, Kim Whitaker, Lydia Mills, Chelsea Hagan and Maci Heavrin.

Ariana Speaks to Congressman for "Dreamers"

By Chris Gutierrez

Ariana was born in Mexico but according to congressman Brett Guthrie her English has an amazing Kentucky accent. Ariana has been living in the United States almost her entire life and currently is a Hancock County High School student.

On Thursday August 8th at 4:00pm, several Hispanic families from the Lewisport area and with all their children made up about half of a small crowd of about 40 people at Hawesville's Fiscal Court asking the Congressman to Support Comprehensive Immigration Reform.

Ariana pressed the congressman regarding his support of the -Dreamers- like herself and so many others. She asked him how he would support her and

the many others to continue their studies and be successful post High School to what he responded: "I do get your point and yes, definitely, something needs to be done" given the persistent focus on 'border security first'.

Pointed out to the Congressman too were the outrageous amount of billions of dollars that have been spent on border security already but clearly have shown to be a failed strategy. 100 billion and (doubled the amount of BP agents) in the last 7 years + another 40 billion that SB 744 would allocate if passed. Our point was that "Yes, border security is important, but refusing to tackle the root causes of illegal immigration and the push and pull there could be no real solution."

We're excited the Congressman is on vacation. We can't wait for him to come to Owensboro next month. There he will have an opportunity to meet a way more of a bigger crowd that is anxious to talk to him.



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Have you considered religious life as a sister?

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Sophia Awards are a way to honor our senior citizens who have given so generously to the Church of Western Kentucky. Who would you like to receive the Sophia Award from your parish? Sophia Award recipients are nominated by individuals from the parish. (Please, Only One nomination per person.) The person receiving the most nominations from their parish, will be a Sophia Award recipient for 2013. Every parish in the diocese can participate in this process. If all parishes participate, we can have as many as 79 Sophia Award winners!

The nominee(s): must be sixty-five years of age or older; should be an outstanding example of their Catholic faith; can be lay, a member of a religious community or ordained (priest or deacon); a married couple can be nominated and receive the award jointly; can be homebound; can be nominated based on past outstanding contributions; may be nominated posthumously.

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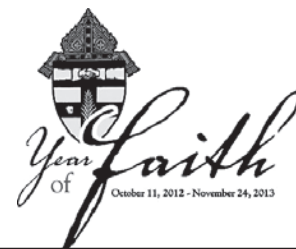
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I Can Do Something

By Patti Gutiérrez, Parish Life Coordinator, St. Michael, Sebree

Helen Keller is credited with saying, "I'm only one person and I can't do everything. But I can do something. I will not let the fact that I can't do everything prevent me from doing what I can."

It was with that spirit that the Catholic Conference of Kentucky invited Faithful Citizens to join them at the 133rd Fancy Farm picnic to show support for a common sense solution to our broken immigration system. Most of us feel overwhelmed when faced with a massive, systemic problem like immigration reform. It's not cut and dried. It's not black and white. It's not easy to figure out what the best solution is. But I think most of us agree something must be done. The status quo cannot continue. Although we don't have all the answers and we know the immigration system or the people that use it will never be perfect, we can at least try to work together to make it better.

So with the hopes of calling attention to the pressing issue of immigration reform, 15 of us from St. Michael's in Sebree and Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro, decided to travel to the Fancy Farm picnic. We had some great BBQ, enjoyed the games and carried signs showing our support for comprehensive immigration reform. We weren't a large crowd, but we did spark some interesting conversations and hopefully brought the issue to the forefront in some people's minds. We didn't do much, but we did something and will continue to do so.

Immigrants in our parishes struggle on a daily basis with things that most of us can only imagine. Some wait years, even more than a decade, to be reunited with their loved ones waiting for a visa. Some work nonstop at low-paying jobs to provide for their families living in destitution back home with no legal way to be reunited. Some risked their lives to give their kids a better future only to see them drop out of school once they find out they can't afford to go to college and can't qualify for financial aid. Some mourn the loss of loved ones who have died in the desert in search of the American dream.

I cannot fix our immigration system. But I can do something and you can too. Each of us can find some way to support our immigrant brothers and sisters. We can spend time getting to know the immigrants whom we may take for granted in our everyday lives. We can learn about the failures of our current system and some common sense solutions for making it better. We can pray to God to change hearts and minds. We can write letters, make phone calls, send e-mails and go visit our Senators and Representatives to let them know we're concerned. We can talk to our friends, write letters to the editor, share the story of an immigrant neighbor...the possibilities are endless. One at a time, working together, we can make this country a better place. We can help our nation live up to the ideals that have attracted people to this country since its beginning.

Will you join us? www.facebook.com/WhoIsYourNeighbor, www.ccky.org, www.justiceforimmigrants.org,

Editor's Note: Send your letters to Mel Howard by email at mel.howard@pastoral.org. Or drop it in the post office mails to Mel Howard, Western Kentucky Catholic, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301. Be sure to include your name and contact information with your letter.



Three photos above, Catholics showing support for comprehensive immigration reform at the 133rd Saint Jerome, Fancy Farm, Picnic. At left, St. Jerome Catholic Church pastor, Fr. Darrell Venters, offering a prayer before the speeches began during the Fancy Farm Picnic Aug. 3.

Photos by Father Pat Delahanty and Jason Hall of The Catholic Conference of Kentucky

133rd St. Jerome Fancy Farm Picnic

By Cynthia Elder

FANCY FARM, Ky. - Early Friday morning, Picnic Eve, they come together. They come from all over the community, and all over the country, to begin again. They begin, as they have for 133 years, with Mass on the Picnic Grounds. Although the people and the priests have changed over those 133 years the reason behind the Mass is the same: to praise and worship and ask prayers for a successful Picnic, for family traveling in, and for good weather. This Friday morning was no different.

At Mass this year, Todd Hayden was honored. Todd had been Picnic Chairman for 12 years until he gave it up this year to Daniel Burgess. With Mass completed it was time to go down the hill to the barbeque pits to bless the meat and the work that was beginning, that wouldn't end until the picnic was over and the grounds cleaned up sometime Sunday.

After the blessing of the meat the real work began. Friday was a final day of preparation. There were activities Friday night that still needed to be finalized. The St. Jerome One Mile Classic needed to be set up in front of church. This One Mile Run/Walk is designed for anyone who is looking for a slower-paced event. Most of the runners are elementary students and younger. Most of the walkers are their parents and grandparents. The Picnic Eve 5K Fun Run is a challenging course designed for serious runners/walkers. While the fun runs are going on the Knights of Columbus are preparing and serving a fish fry that brings many picnic-goers in a day early. The KC Fish Fry has developed a reputation as a meal not to be missed. After the fun runs and the fish fry the picnic grounds are open for those wanting to mingle and visit with friends from yesterday and today. Everyone knows though not to stay out too late because Picnic day will be a long and busy one.

Families have worked the various stands throughout the Picnic for generations. For instance, the Carrico and Hobbs families barbeque the 8500 pounds of pork and 8500 pounds of mutton that will be consumed on Saturday. The Elder family chops pork and mutton and sells it by the pound in a stand right off of the barbeque pits. The Pendel family chops the barbeque for the sandwiches and makes the sandwiches. The



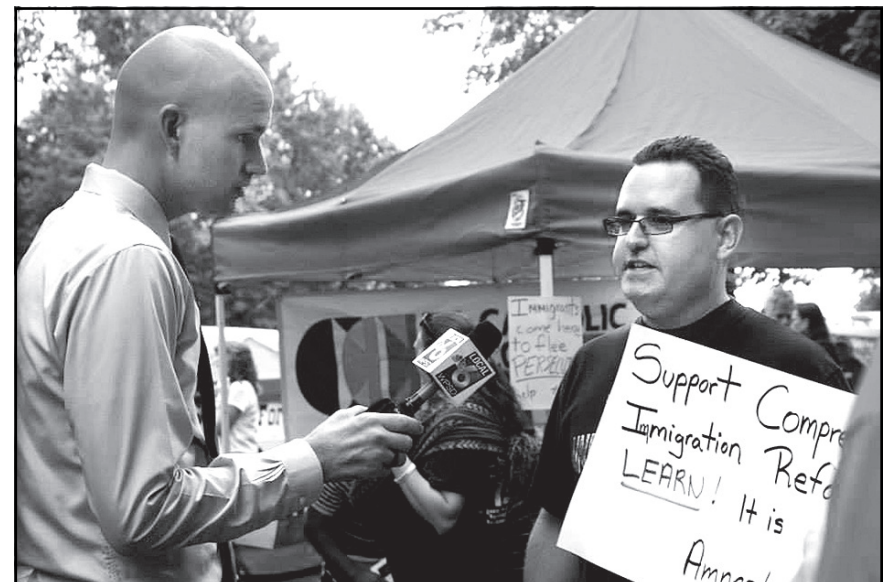
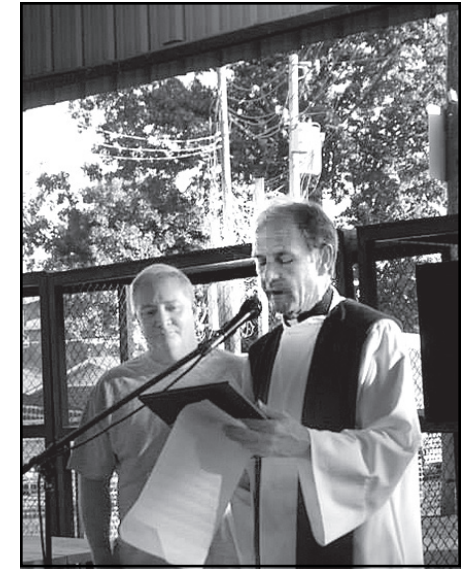
Above, left, Saint Jerome Pastor Fr. Darrell Venters Blessing the meat before cooking. At top right, Fr. Darrell Venters proclaiming Todd Hayden's Award for his 12 years of service to St. Jerome Parish as picnic chairman; in center left, Meal Menu; in center right, Cutting Meat; below, Chris Gutierrez being interviewed about immigration reform by a Channel 6 WPSD Paducah reporter. St. Jerome Parish Photos

Cash family has always been in charge of the soft-drink stand. Don't get me wrong, the picnic couldn't happen with just the people from the parish. Workers come from across the state and around the world to help out this one time a year.

And they start early. Most families bring their little ones into the stand at an early age. That way they'll know what their job is at the picnic when they get older.

The barbeque goes on sale by the pound at 8AM. There are always people lined up well before then to get the meat right off of the pits. This means that the Elder's have to get to the picnic grounds around 7AM to get set up and begin chopping meat so that it is ready for sale at 8AM. Of course the Carrico's and Hobbs' have been barbequing the meat all day and night Friday so that it will be ready by 8AM. The barbeque is sold by the pound, in sandwiches, and with the famous dinner that is served continuously from 11AM until 7PM.

The picnic kicks off at 10AM. That means that everyone is in their stand ready for the crowds to come. This year was supposed to be an off-year politically. However, Senator Mitch McConnell, who will be running for re-election in 2014, and his opponents all agreed to come in for the political speaking. McConnell put a call out for all Republicans to meet in Fancy Farm to begin his campaign. So instead of a crowd of approximately 10,000 there were some who



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estimated this year's crowd at 12,000. Judging from the fact that the barbeque sold out early and the dining room ran out of fried chicken that must have been true.

Prior to the political speaking each year Graves County awards a Pioneer Award. This award is presented to those who have been instrumental in the growth of their community. This year's award went to Grace Medical Clinic Volunteers and John Poole.

Those who are not from Fancy Farm think that the Picnic is a political picnic. Those that are from Fancy Farm know that it is a church picnic that just happens to draw politicians. Most people from Fancy Farm are too busy to listen to the political speeches. But the speeches are what draw the crowds. Having the politicians in is always exciting.

St. Jerome Church always plays a gracious host with the Kentucky Education Association and Catholic Conference of Kentucky. This year, the Catholic Conference was busy lobbying for Immigration Reform. They were asking people to make home-made signs to be held up during the political speaking to ask for Immigration Reform.

After the political speaking is over, and the politicians leave the grounds, the atmosphere at the picnic changes. Everyone is more relaxed and intent on having a good time. Usually those who have worked the stands during the day have been relieved by the night-time crew and they are free to enjoy a good dinner, play some games, and take a chance on the grand-prize, which is usually a nice looking new truck or car. There's always a band in the bandstand and those with energy to burn are out there dancing. They may be bone-tired but they know that once the picnic is over they will have to wait another year to experience it again.



At left, Public Speaking. In photo at right, Father Pat Delehanty, left, with the Catholic Conference of Kentucky (Frankfort) with his trusty Nikon camera (see some of his pictures on page 39 of this edition) talking with Fr. Darrell Venters in the CCK booth for the Fancy Farm Picnic. St. Jerome Parish Photos

March for Life 2014: 41 Years after Roe v. Wade

By Richard Murphy

The Diocesan Gospel of Life Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. to take part in the March for Life on January 22, 2014. You are invited to join them and say yes to life and no to losing a good portion of another generation of children to abortion on demand.

Over 55 Million Children Lost to Abortion: That number means there are more than 3,300 abortions daily and 137 abortions per hour every hour in the United States. Translated another way, an abortion is done about every 30 seconds in the United States. You can take a stand with thousands of other Americans to be the voices of our unborn children. You can help assert their right to life and liberty promised in the Declaration of Independence, and tell those representing us to grant that most basic birth-right to the unborn. We must stand together to effectively advocate for the rights of our little brothers and sisters.

Plan for the Trip: The Gospel of Life Committee is working to set up a bus trip to and lodging in the Washington D.C. area to allow those interested in going to the March for Life to make their voices heard. Arrangements for travel will likely be with Toby Tours Bus Lines that will provide a late model bus or buses with bathroom facilities and with passenger capacity of either 47 or 55 people. The size of the bus or buses to be booked for the trip will be based on those making reservations by sending in a \$50 deposit by November 10, 2013. Please note that

the final balance due should be paid by, January 10, 2014.

The group will depart from the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro on Monday night at 8:00 PM on January 20, 2014, and arrive in Washington on Tuesday afternoon on the 21st in time to check in at the hotel, freshen up and visit the convention in progress. The group will likely be staying at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington on Capitol Hill where the Convention takes place. On Tuesday evening the group will go to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Mass for Life, and then return to the hotel that night.

On Wednesday morning of January 22nd, the group will likely attend a pre-march rally at a nearby sports arena. The March for Life takes place in the early afternoon. It will be necessary to travel there by late morning. The group will stay the night of Wednesday, January 22nd at the Hyatt. Some may have an interest in attending the March for Life's fundraising event called the Rose Dinner. Arrangements can be made to attend this event; however it will be at a cost beyond what the trip cost is listed.

On Thursday morning January 23, 2013, the group will depart for home at 8:00 AM, and should arrive back in Ow-

ensboro in the early morning of Friday January 24, 2014.

Consider Making Plans and Getting your Name on the List: To insure an accurate count for the number of rooms to reserve and to determine the size of the bus to take, it is necessary to set a date certain for registration of November 10, 2013. The total cost per person for round trip bus fair, two nights at the hotel with multiple occupancy, and the Congressional Breakfast is estimated to be \$300. This cost is contingent on a number of factors that could impact the price such as the quoted price per room per day, the size of the bus or buses taken and the number of people taking part. More will be known about the price closer to the March for Life and will be shared with readers in future articles. If you believe that you would like to be part of this pilgrimage of faith, fellowship and exercise of citizenship, then please send a check payable to the Diocese of Owensboro for \$50 per registration and mail it to: Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, Attention: Richard Murphy by the deadline of November 10, 2013. All travelers are asked to have their final payments in by January 10, 2014.

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



Catholic Schools In Whitesville Celebrate New 2013-2014 School Year

Principal Sr. Suzanne Sims led the students of St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School with an opening day assembly followed by a Outdoor Prayer Service. They that focused on preparing students for a successful and spiritual school year.

A classroom small group discussion time during Trinity High School's first days of school. Enrollment has increased in BOTH schools. Trinity High School has increased enrollment by 4% and St. Mary of Woods Catholic School has increased enrollment by 8%. Photos Submitted by Kimberly Rydecki

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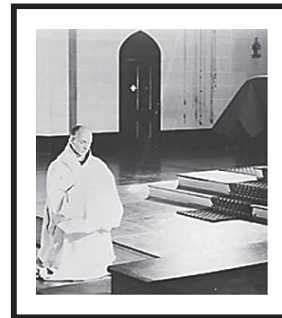
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Madrina's Project

By Luis J. Aju

As a country based and shaped by immigration we are able to see how today the Hispanic presence is becoming a part of our country. As a church we are excited to be part of the faith formation of our Hispanic Community yet there are many gaps to be filled. These gaps are created by the barriers that are the external factors of a culture such as language, food and traditions. One of the most important concerns of society all over the world is education. For us in the Diocese of Owensboro, education is one of our main concerns and we are able to strive for an education that goes far beyond the academic boundaries and is able to develop young men and women full of faith. We take pride in having a top level academic education in our Catholic School System and we are even more excited to share such opportunities with all our brothers and sisters in Christ as it is crucial to us to combine faith and education during these times. The University of Notre Dame has put together an initiative to help fill the deficit of Catholic education in the Hispanic Community. Catholic education has not played a significant role here in the United States for Hispanics and it is time that this gap gets filled. We as Catholics, should take pride in our educational facilities and now is the time to welcome diversity in education.



The initiative has taken the "Madrina" or Godmother concept and transformed it in to what the real meaning and essence of such title should be. A Madrina is present during the time of Baptism or Confirmation. Their role is to help guide and look after the "Ahijado" or Godchild, instructing them in faith and daily formation. Therefore this new initiative challenges that ideology into a much more grounded and real challenge which would be helping the process of admission and tuition into Catholic Schools. The Madrinas in the community then would form a team based on networking to be able to work together in such responsibilities.

With the proper research and training, such effort will be of great benefit to our communities and I believe can make a difference in the future of our youth. Director of Hispanic Youth Ministry in the Diocese, Luis J. Aju Jr., and the Catholic Schools Assistant Superintendent have begun the efforts in making this dream a reality. How-



Luis J. Aju Jr. and Fr. Larry Hostetter President of Brescia University meet to continue the planning of Brescia's new Task Force for Hispanic Higher Education based on the Madrinas initiative.

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ever this is an effort that goes beyond the Diocesan offices and requires the help of all Catholic School faculty and families. Fr. Larry Hostetter has also joined this effort and as a result gives everyone a higher bar to reach as he wants Brescia to be part of this effort. Today we may say that this dream is turning into a reality as Brescia has already begun such effort by establishing a Task Force to address this initiative and is working in a different way to enroll Hispanic Students for the upcoming year. It is our hope that this work will serve as a pattern for all new nationalities that establish their home within our Diocese. Our prayers go out to the teachers, families and students that form part of this initiative.

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Historia Del Centro Latino *(viene de la página 4)*

Septiembre, 2013 5

La diócesis había comprado una casa cerca del Centro Pastoral Católico, con la intención de usarla para el Tribunal Matrimonial, pero el Obispo dijo que no estarían listos para ocuparla por un año, y ¡nos dio la llave! Ahora, once años después, estamos todavía ocupándola temporariamente.

Cuando llegamos a vivir y hacer ministerio en Owensboro, seremos más visibles, y empezamos a recibir premios de reconocimiento. También, era mucho más fácil de compartir con otras agencias de servicio y ministerios. Por unos 18 años, Pam Hayes, una miembro del equipo de River Valley Behavioral Health dirigía una Feria de Salud para los hispanos. Era muy importante en las vidas de los participantes, y al mismo tiempo, muy beneficioso para ayudarnos a formar comunidad.

Aunque yo era la única persona en el ministerio hispano cuando empezó, el Señor mandó otras personas a través de los años de nuestra historia. Las Ursulinas que han trabajado conmigo son las Hnas. Clarence Marie Luckett y Rosamaria Keough. También, Hnas. Nancy Liddy y Elaine

Burke han ayuda con la música aunque no hablan español.

Connie Caceres entro en el ministerio como miembro del equipo hace unos 17 años, y se especializa en la ayuda de las mujeres en cinta y en servir a los niños de todas edades. Allan Shreve entro hace unos 13 años, y ayuda especialmente con todas las necesidades de transporte. Angélica Almanza trabaja como interprete con First Steps y ayuda en la oficina un día cada semana.

Hubieron Compañeros en la Misión de las Ursulinas, y en este programa llegaron personas de otros estados y otras partes de Kentucky, para dedicar unos meses trabajando de voluntarios. Una mexicana se quedo unos 9 meses.

Hay estudiantes de español en las Escuelas Secundarias que han venido para plantar flores en el jardín y para mantener comida en nuestra despensa.

La llegada de Patricia Murphy a la diócesis como dirigente del ministerio hispano, y especialmente cuando llego su esposo Cristóbal Gutierrez



Dos ministros hispanos que hacen una diferencia en las vidas de immigrants de los países de América del Sur: Luis Aju, Director de la Oficina Diocesana de Ministerios Hispanos, y el Sr. Fran, Director del Centro Latino frecuentemente colaboran para ayudar a los inmigrantes hispanos y otros ciudadanos estadounidenses encontrar ayuda . Foto por Luis Aju, Jr.



Hermana Fran, izquierda, habla con Julia Mendoza en el Centro Latino. Muchos hispanos de todo el área del condado de Daviess conocen y llaman Hermana Fran Wilhelm, OSU con el nombre de "Hna. Panchita", significa que nos sentimos a alguien muy cerca de nosotros. 19 de noviembre 2012 Foto por Luis Aju

para dirigir el ministerio en Owensboro y sus alrededores, se sintió que la importancia fue reconocida. Empezamos a vivir la fe en público con procesiones, el Vía Crucis, etc., como es la práctica tan bella en casi todos los países latinos. El nombramiento de Luis Aju Sr. para dirigir el ministerio en la diócesis nos ha dado una base más amplia con su nacionalidad Guatemalteca.



Las parroquias que nos han ayudado especialmente son: San Pedro de Alcántara en Stanley, Santos José y Pablo (dos distintos periodos del tiempo), Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, y La Sangre Preciosa, donde hubo una misa bilingüe los sábados por un tiempo.

El hecho que la diócesis ha traído a sacerdotes de países de habla hispana es un reconocimiento que el ministerio hispano es importante a la iglesia local. Primero, el Padre Manuel, y ahora el Padre Carmelo, han sido una bendición porque se ponen tan cerca del pueblo. Las Misas en los hogares que el Padre Carmelo inicio han cambiado los corazones.

Hermana Fran Wilhelm, OSU, informado, interesado, servicial, al reflexionar sobre los 20 años de los ministerios del Centro Latino para la Diócesis de Owensboro. 19 de noviembre 2012 Foto por Luis Aju.

Historia Del Centro Latino

Por Dan Heckel

Una visita a una casita en Mulligan Road—esa fue la chispa que uso el Señor para dirigirme a empezar el ministerio hispano en Owensboro. El Padre Toni Shonis, en ese entonces el capellán en la Casa madre de las Ursulinas, me invito a ir a visitar unos hispanos que vivían cerca. Fueron los primeros hispanos que yo había conocido alrededor de Owensboro.

“Si Uds. hubieran llegado hace una hora, nos habrían encontrado, ocho personas durmiendo aquí sobre el piso de la sala,” uno de ellos nos informo.

“Tiene que haber algo mejor que esto,” me dije a mi misma. Y esto fue el principio de los pensamientos, sueños, y conversaciones antes de buscar la bendición del Señor Obispo McRaith. Le pregunte si le gustaría que yo fuera una representante de la iglesia, quien buscaría a los recién llegados, para darles bienvenida y ayudarles encontrar lo que necesitaban. Me respondió que si, y cuando le dije que me gustaría tener un centro donde podrían venir, confidentes de encontrar ayuda, y donde podrían sentirse en su propia casa, el me respondió, “Dirijase al Padre Pike Powell. Él tiene una escuela vacante que tiene poco uso ahora.”

Después de una reunión con la junta directiva de la parroquia, empecé a preparar el convento en Stanley lo que sería mi nuevo hogar.

Yo había sonado con un ministerio de Formación Religiosa para las personas de todas las edades, pero encontré que era imposible hablarles mucho del Señor, cuando tenían hambre o necesidades físicas. Y sentí el llamado del Señor específicamente en ese ministerio.

Un día, una mujer Guatemalteca en la tienda de comida, pregunto a la Hna. Francis Joseph, si sabia de alguien que podría ayudarle aplicar por Medicaid, y otras beneficios. Juana apareció en la puerta de la casa madre el día siguiente, ella estaba esperando un bebe (con ya 7 meses de embarazo), en una van con cuatro niños. En ese momento me cambio la vida, y empecé a conocer los rumbos de los pobres, esperando por horas en salas de espera, y compartiendo los lugares de ellos, y a veces aplicando varias veces y en varios lugares antes de recibir la ayuda necesaria.

Finalmente, Juana me llamo a la 1:00 a.m., diciendo que se había llegado la hora. Yo había sonado en la posibilidad de estar presente algún día cuando naciera un bebe, y ¡por fin! Tendría esa experiencia a las 7:00a.m. de esa misma mañana. Los llantos del bebe recién nacido, fueron mezclados con los míos, lagrimas de



Miembros del personal del Centro Latino, de izquierda a derecha, Allen Shreve, Hermana Fran Wilhelm, OSU, fundadora con el co-fundador obispo emérito John J. McRaith, Hermana Romero Keough, OSU, foto de Luis Aju

alegría por haber sido testigo a un milagro— ¡el nacimiento de un bebe!

El Padre Toni Shonis estaba siempre dispuesto a celebrar la misa en español para cualquier grupo. Quería empezar con un grupo bastante numeroso en los tráilers de Ellis Estates. Pero no tenían transporte, y al preguntar la posibilidad de usar un salón en algún lugar cercano, le ofrecieron el uso del granero, que tenía solo un piso de polvo. Entonces,

el Verbo de Dios nuevamente se hizo carne en la misa celebrada en el ambiente parecido a donde el había nacido!

Logramos en preparar el Centro Latino en la escuela en Stanley para un Dedicación, el 28 de agosto, 1993. Teníamos alojamiento para los recién llegados (muchos de ellos llegando a las 11:00 p.m.). Con una van para 15 pasajeros, empezamos a transportar a la gente a sus citas—con doctores,



Regístrate en frente de Centro Latino en la calle Locust, Owensboro.

res, con contratistas, en las clínicas gratis, y mucho mas. Siempre habían varias mujeres embarazadas, y muchos bebes y niños que necesitaban transporte e interprete.

Usamos ese sitio por ocho años, cuando la parroquia nos pidió desocupar el edificio porque quería usar las salas para clases de Formación Religiosa y para reuniones de la gente mayor.

Buscamos nuevo lugar para el Centro Latino, pero donde habría también alojamiento para las dos religiosas del equipo.

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Hermana Fran Wilhelm fuera de la casa Centro Latino en la calle Locust, Owensboro. Foto por Mel Howard

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Sábado 9 de Noviembre del 2013

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

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Reconocida experta en música pastoral, profesora, compositora y presentadora de talleres. Ha sido miembro de la Mesa Directiva de la Oficina de Culto Divino y Música Litúrgica en Santa Fe, Nuevo México.

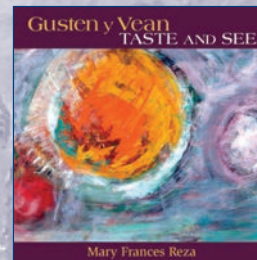
Mary Frances Reza es secretaria y miembro de la mesa directiva del Instituto Nacional Hispano de Liturgia y miembro de la Conferencia Litúrgica del Suroeste (SWLC). Realizó sus estudios en la Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara (México) y obtuvo su título en música en la Universidad de Albuquerque. Tiene una maestría en educación en la Universidad de Nuevo México. Recibió el Premio al Músico, otorgado por la Asociación Nacional de Músicos Pastorales (NPM), además del Premio al Servicio de Fe de la SWLC y el premio Owen Alstott de OCP.

La compositora y su esposo, Henry, residen en Albuquerque y Taos, en Nuevo México.

Gratis, almuerzo incluido

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Trayendo a el mensa- je de Jesus Cristo de Paz para todos.

Estimados colegas,

En el reporte anual del 2012 en cuanto a la aplicación del Documento para la Protección de niños y jóvenes, el cardenal Timothy Dolan escribió: “Durante los últimos diez años, millones de clero, empleados y voluntarios han sido entrenados para proporcionar un ambiente seguro para los niños. Reconozco con profundo agradecimiento a todos los que contribuyeron su tiempo y esfuerzo a este importante logro. Al mismo tiempo, también renovamos nuestra resolución firme de nunca descuidar nuestro compromiso común de proteger a los niños y jóvenes confiados a nuestro cuidado pastoral.

Buscamos con la misma determinación para promover la sanción y la reconciliación de los perjudicados en el pasado, y para asegurar que los adultos siguen siendo creíbles y mantener la responsabilidad de nuestra compartida promesa de proteger y sanar “.

Hago eco de la afirmación del Cardenal Dolan y estoy muy orgulloso de decir que creo que las escuelas y parroquias católicas son en realidad los lugares más seguros donde niños pueden estar. Este logro se produjo después de una amarga lección, cuando hace una década, nuestra Iglesia se humilló a darse cuenta de que no habíamos sido mejores que el resto de la sociedad en la protección de los niños y los jóvenes de los abusos y la explotación sexual.

Para aquellos de nosotros que nunca podríamos imaginar hacerle daño a un niño o un joven, naturalmente agotamos de la necesidad de revisar las directrices y prácticas cada año. Sin embargo, todos estamos de acuerdo que si no ahorramos un joven de la explotación impensable de abuso sexual, nuestros esfuerzos valen la pena.

Cada año nos encontramos a nuevos empleados y voluntarios y debemos asegurar que este secreto vergonzoso de nuestra sociedad se cure con educación y la apertura. □ □

Gracias por llevar el mensaje de la paz de Jesucristo a nuestros niños, nuestros jóvenes y nuestras comunidades.

Suyo en Cristo,

William F. Medley

Mons. William F. Medley
Obispo de Owensboro
05 de agosto 2013

El sistema actual de migración en E.E.U.U. es disfuncional y necesita una reformatión exhausta.



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

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

En los últimos meses ha habido mucha discusión en nuestro país sobre la reforma migratoria. Todos parecen comprender que nuestro sistema de inmigración está quebrado, con millones y millones que viven en nuestro país sin documentación. La Iglesia católica, cual habla a través de muchas voces, incluyendo la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, cree que el siste-

ma actual está roto y necesita una reforma integral.

A menudo, el debate nacional sobre este tema se estanca en torno a la presencia "ilegal" de los trabajadores indocumentados. Esta es una preocupación válida, pero se hace muy fácil pasar por alto la realidad de que las principales empresas de Estados Unidos y las industrias se benefician de la mano de obra de los trabajadores inmigrantes. De hecho, la mano de obra inmigrante sostiene una parte muy importante de nuestra economía local y nacional. Incluso en el oeste de Kentucky, imaginase el impacto en la agricultura si se eliminaran todos los

trabajadores inmigrantes.

Así que si nuestra nación se beneficia de las contribuciones de los inmigrantes, igual como lo ha hecho desde su fundación, sin duda deben reformar nuestras leyes para el beneficio de todos. Es sin duda una propuesta donde ambos lados ganarían.

Una reforma responsable incluirá un camino a la ciudadanía para los 11 a 12 millones de indocumentados en el país, un programa de trabajadores temporales para que los trabajadores migrantes puedan entrar con seguridad y humanamente (muchos no desean la residencia permanente o la ciudadanía), y la reforma de inmigración basada en la familia, permitiría que las familias se reúnan con mayor rapidez.

La Iglesia Católica ha adoptado una posición sobre la reforma de inmigración, ya que, además de ser un problema económico, social y legal, también es humanitario. En la actualidad en todo el país, vemos los efectos de un sistema que no funciona: las familias se dividen, los trabajadores migrantes son explotados y abusados.

La migración es un tema importante en los Evangelios. Jesús y la Sagrada Familia eran refugiados que huyeron del terror de Herodes y Jesús, el Hijo del Hombre, era un maestro itinerante en la tierra, cual "no tuvo lugar para recostar su cabeza. "Jesús también nos enseñó a "acoger al desconocido", porque "lo que hagáis al más pequeño de mis hermanos, me lo haces a mí."

¿Acaso la Iglesia cuestiona el derecho de la naciones de asegurar su frontera? No, una nación soberana sin duda tiene ese derecho y de hecho una obli-

gación. Lamentablemente nuestro país en las últimas décadas ha tenido conflictos: necesitamos los trabajadores, pero han hecho su entrada legal un desafío, si no un imposible. La Iglesia no favorece la inmigración ilegal. No es bueno para el migrante, no es bueno para la sociedad ni para las comunidades locales. Es por eso que la Iglesia apoya la creación de vías legales para la migración y la situación jurídica de los migrantes. El camino hacia la ciudadanía pueda razonablemente requerir a los migrantes a pagar una multa y cumplir con requisitos particulares.

Algunos podrían vincular la reforma migratoria y las medidas severas de control de las fronteras, es decir, la ampliación del muro en la frontera México-Estados Unidos. Miles de millones de dólares se han gastado hasta la fecha en este proyecto con poco éxito. En efecto, parece que estamos decididos a tirar dinero a la basura. Una reforma migratoria integral puede eliminar en gran medida la realidad del ingreso ilegal. Y los mil millones de dólares para construir una cerca se puede dirigir a mejores escuelas, mejores carreteras y programas que abordan los peligros reales para la seguridad de nuestra nación.

El Congreso va a considerar una reforma migratoria este otoño. Póngase en contacto con sus senadores y Representantes este mes y instales para aprobar una reforma moral y humana.

Suyos en Cristo,

+Monseñor William F. Medley
Obispo de Owensboro

Calendario del Obispo Medley para septiembre del 2013:

Septiembre 3	9:00 a.m.	Reunión y misa de Personal, CPC
Septiembre 6	6:00 p.m.	Misa des instalación de Nuevo Pastor, Pr. Jerry Riney, St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Septiembre 7	10:00 a.m.	Misa y charla, Conferencia Marian, Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro
Septiembre 8	10:30 a.m.	Oración de bienvenida, Mount St. Joseph Picnic
Septiembre 10	8:00 a.m.	Misa Estudiantil, Sts. Peter and Paul School, Hopkinsville
Septiembre 12	10:00-2:00	Día Presbítero, Centro Pastoral
Septiembre 15	9:30 a.m.	Confirmación, St. Anthony, Browns Valley
Septiembre 16	9:30 a.m.	Reunión del Claustro de Personal de Sacerdocio, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal, CPC
Septiembre 17	9:00 a.m.	Misa de Personal, CPC
Septiembre 18	8:30 a.m.	Reunión del Consejo Diocesano Financiero, CPC
	6:00 p.m.	Misa, Decanato central Junta de Formación de Fe, St. Agnes, Uniontown
Septiembre 19	11:00 a.m.	Misa, Brescia University
Septiembre 20	5:00 p.m.	S.P.A.C.E. Picnic, St. Raphael's
Septiembre 21	10:00 a.m.	Consejo de Celebración Religiosa/Jubileo, St. Martin, Rome
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmación, Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Septiembre 22	8:00 a.m.	Misa/Instalación de Nuevo Pastor, Pr. Gerald Baker, St. John the Baptist, Fordsville
	2:00 p.m.	Celebración de Matrimonio Diocesano, St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Septiembre 24	10-3:00 p.m.	Horas de oficina en Paducah, Lourdes Hospital
Septiembre 25	todo el día	Día de taller financiero para el Presbítero, Pennyrile State Forest Lodge, Dawson Springs
Septiembre 26	10:30 a.m.	Escuelas Diocesanas Misa de Arcoiris, Sportscenter, Owensboro
Septiembre 28	4:00 p.m.	Misa, Día de la Familia Diocesana, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center
Septiembre 29	10:00 a.m.	Misa/Nuevo Pastor de Instalación, Pr. John Okoro, St. William & St. Lawrence, @ St. William, Philpot
	2:00 p.m.	Misa/Premios Diocesanos Sophia, St. Stephen Cathedral
	5:30 p.m.	Misa/Bendición de Nuevo Salón Parroquial, St. Michael, Sebree

Gracias por difundir las buenas nuevas que.



Simón creció con alimentos proporcionados por Catholic Relief Services (CRS), ahora él está ayudando a construir una nueva nación. Para obtener más información visite:
crs.org/you-did-it-for-me (en inglés)



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Septiembre 7-8, 2013

“Y el que no carga su cruz
y me sigue, no puede ser mi discípulo.”

Lucas 14:27



Queridos Feligreses Católicos de Western Kentucky,

La paz de Cristo sea con ustedes.

El próximo fin de semana del 7 al 8 de septiembre es el domingo de DRF (Disciples Response Fund). Nuestra respuesta a este llamamiento nos ofrece una oportunidad de demostrar nuestro amor y preocupación por los demás, así como de proporcionar trabajos esenciales de servicios y ministerios en nuestra diócesis. Con su ayuda, la Iglesia puede alcanzar a otros para construir el reino de Cristo en todo el oeste de Kentucky.

El llamamiento anual de DRF desempeña un papel esencial en la financiación de las necesidades de nuestra diócesis. Como individuos y como parroquias, estamos llamados a garantizar que puedan continuar los esfuerzos religiosos, educativos y caritativos de nuestra diócesis. Muchas de estas necesidades están más allá del alcance y los recursos de cualquier individuo o parroquia. Por lo tanto, debemos responder a estas necesidades como una comunidad unida en la fe. Le pedimos que revise el folleto adjunto para ayudarlo a tener una mejor comprensión de los ministerios y servicios que se proporcionan con los dólares recaudados con este llamamiento.

La meta del llamamiento anual de DRF es de \$450,000.00. Les invito a unirse a nosotros en el trabajo de traer a Cristo a otras personas con un obsequio al llamamiento anual de 2013. Su regalo de \$50, \$100, \$150 o más significará mucho para aquellos a los que servimos. Como su Obispo, he visto y experimentado su generosidad. Le pido que se plantee hacerle un regalo al Disciples Response Fund. Sus dólares marcarán una diferencia.

Rellene la tarjeta de compromiso y devuélvala en la canasta de la colecta o envíela por correo en el sobre adjunto.

Puede estar seguro de que oraré continuamente por usted. Le pido también que me tenga presente en sus oraciones.

Suyo en Cristo,



+ William F. Medley

+ Reverendísimo William F. Medley
Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro

“Cuando conozcas a los más necesitados, tu corazón comenzará a hacerse más grande.” – Papa Francisco