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With Joyful Praise and Thanksgiving to Almighty God

*THE DIOCESE
OF OWENSBORO*
Announces the Ordinations of

**Rev. Mr. Michael Charles
Ajigo Abiero**

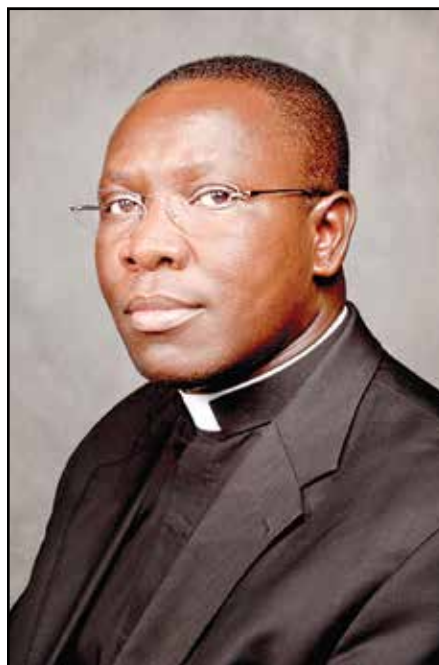
Son of
Dorsila Otende Abiero
and the late
James M. Abiero Ajigo
and

Rev. Mr. Gary D. Clark

Son of
Anna and Joseph Clark

Called by God and the Church
to the

ORDER OF PRESBYTER



Rev. Mr. Michael Charles Ajigo Abiero



Rev. Mr. Gary D. Clark

Through the imposition of hands
and
The invocation of the Holy Spirit
by

The Most Reverend William F.
Medley D.D.

Bishop of Owensboro

On Saturday the 30th day of May

Two thousand and fifteen

at

Ten o'clock in the morning

at

Saint Stephen Cathedral

600 Locust Street

Owensboro, Ky 42301



VOCARE

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DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

Please Save the Date! Friday, September 18, 2015

The Second Annual VOCARE

VOCARE's purpose is to increase awareness of vocations in our Diocese, to celebrate vocations to priesthood and consecrated life, and to provide financial support to our seminarians through contributions to our Seminarian endowment fund.

Owensboro Convention Center, 6:00—Dinner.

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Pope Francis Announces Extraordinary Jubilee Year: Mercy! Mercy! Mercy!



+Most Rev. William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

My dear people of God, Mercy! Mercy! Mercy! Have you ever heard someone make this exclamation? It certainly beats those who might introduce an expletive in triplicate.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, traditionally the Second Sunday of Easter, Pope Francis formally announced an extraordinary Jubilee to begin later this year. He noted that this Jubilee will have as a theme a Holy Year of Mercy, and will look to Jesus' words to his disciples for inspiration, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful."

"I am convinced that the whole Church will be able to find in this Jubilee the joy of rediscovering and mak-

ing fruitful the mercy of God, with which we are called to give consolation to every man and every woman of our time," Francis said, and entrusted the Holy Year to Mary, Mother of Mercy.

The Jubilee will open on December 8, 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and will close on November 20, 2016 with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. A Jubilee Year, also called a Holy Year, is an occasion for extraordinary celebrations, rituals and learning throughout the universal Church. The major basilicas of the city of Rome have doors designated as Holy Year doors unsealed and opened only for these extraordinary observances. This ritual is to symbolize an "extraordinary path" toward salvation

during the time of Jubilee.

If one could point to the strongest indication of continuity between the papacies of Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis, it is their focus on the gift of God's mercy. It was, after all, St. John Paul II who identified the Second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. All three have striven to see a reemergence of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the sacrament of mercy, in the life of the Church and of the faithful. Participation in this sacrament has fallen dramatically in recent decades.

That this Jubilee of Mercy should follow the conclusion of two Synods on the family is also a powerful witness. Where in one's life do most of us experience or need to experience mercy and reconciliation more than within the family? It is those hurts that cut deepest, those wounds hardest to heal. Can the Church in this Holy Year set in motion reflection and action that might bring healing?

Likewise our world is seemingly on the edge of disaster with widespread violence and terrorism. Millions of people are refugees today, forced from land and home, by hatred and fear. Can the Church model before the world a manner to effect healing

and mercy?

In the months to come our diocese will explore how to bring the Jubilee Year to our prayer and worship and action. Certainly core to every diocese's observance will be renewed catechesis on the Sacrament of Reconciliation and invitation to welcome home those who have left the fold of the Church.

Pope Francis, in his first days as Bishop of Rome, addressed the thousands in St. Peter's Square when he said, "Mercy is the best thing we can feel: it changes the world. A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just. We need to understand properly this mercy of God, this merciful Father who is so patient."

So now the Church universal and the local Church will plan our Jubilee of Mercy. Perhaps each individual should also plan a personal Jubilee. Might there be someone to whom we need to offer mercy? Might there be someone from whom we should seek mercy?

Mercy! Mercy! Mercy!

May God Bless You all!

+Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar for May and June 2015:

May 2	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation, Precious Blood, Owensboro
May 3	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Thomas More, Paducah
May 4	7:00 p.m.	Solemn Evening Prayer, Diocese of Lexington
May 5	2:00 p.m.	Episcopal Ordination and Installation, Most Rev. John Stowe, OFM Conv., Diocese of Lexington
May 7	10-3	Presbyteral Day, McRaith Catholic Center
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Leo, Murray
May 9	10:00 a.m.	Graduation, Brescia University, Riverpark Ctr., Oboro
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Henry, Aurora
May 11	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam
May 12	9:00 a.m.	Mass with Parish Administrators, McRaith Catholic Center
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
May 13	6:00 p.m.	25th Anniversary Mass, St. Mark, Eddyville
May 16	5:00 p.m.	Diaconate – Rite of Institution of the Ministry of Lector, St. Alphonsus, Owensboro
May 17	8:30 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Mary, Franklin
May 18	9:45 a.m.	Priests' Personnel Board Meeting, McRaith Catholic Center
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council Meeting, MCC
May 19	9:00 a.m.	Diocesan Staff Mass and Meeting, McRaith Catholic Center
May 20	8:30 a.m.	Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, McRaith Catholic Center
May 21	11:00 a.m.	Mass and Lunch with Gasper River Staff, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation, St. William/St. Lawrence @ St. William, Philpot
May 23	7:00 p.m.	Graduation, St. Mary High School, Paducah
May 24	11:00 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Stephen Cathedral
May 26	12-2	Paducah Office Hours, Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
May 28-29		MCC Staff Retreat, Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
May 29	7:00 p.m.	Graduation, Trinity High School, Whitesville
May 30	10:00 a.m.	Priesthood Ordination, St. Stephen Cathedral
June 7-12		USCCB - Bishops General Assembly, St. Louis
June 23	8:15 a.m.	Breakfast and Mass, Christian Leadership Institute, Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
June 24-25		Brescia Board Meeting, Brescia University

The CLI Experience Can Be Life Changing

March 2015

Dear Pastors and Pastoral Administrators,

The Office for Youth Ministry will once again sponsor Christian Leadership Institute [CLI] from June 21-26 at Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center. This program predates the wonderful summer camp experiences for adolescents at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center. While both experiences are excellent, they remain different.

The CLI experience is a weeklong leadership training experience. It has shown to be a life changing experience for many who have attended in the past, to discover the many gifts that God has given them and encourage them to use them in their parishes, schools and communities. Many of our past participants are now in church leadership roles and several have entered seminary.

Pastoral leaders can play an important role in identifying the youth who may most benefit from CLI. I encourage you, from your own observations or with the counsel of youth ministry leaders, to personally invite young men and women to consider coming to CLI.

Yours in Christ,

+ Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

*Dwelling with Mary
at the foot of the
Cross*



Passionist Nuns
of Saint Joseph Monastery
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June 20 - 21 & October 24 - 25

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 Save the date for the Ursuline Sisters of
Mount Saint Joseph's 45th annual BBQ

PICNIC Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015

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Booths! Games! Crafts! Yard Sale! Silent Auction! Fun Foods!

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of Mount Saint Joseph

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a retreat visit www.passionistnuns.org or call (217) 302-8023. To inquire about discerning a Passionist vocation visit www.passionistnunsblog.com.

Passionist Nuns with Bishop William Medley, and at right, praying in chapel.



By Sr. Cecilia Maria, CP

As the Church continues to celebrate this Year for Consecrated Life, the Passionist Nuns of Whitesville, KY, would like to share with you another aspect of our life. As you may know, we are “cloistered contemplative nuns.” To be cloistered means that normally we remain within our monastery’s enclosure or “cloister.” By fostering an environment of peaceful silence within a close-knit Christian community, the cloister enables us to live our contemplative vocation, dedicating our lives to the work of prayer. Our hiddenness helps to free us from much of the noise and distractions which tear so many people away from prayer in our modern world.

As Passionist Nuns, we dwell in the “spiritual cloister” of Calvary. We live our lives at the foot of the Cross and find here not only our path to contemplative union with God, but also the means of profound interaction with our brothers and sisters on earth. Our very union with the Redeemer spurs us to share in His work of drawing all people to Himself, in practical as well as mystical ways. Closely joined to our contemplative prayer is a life of intercession for the needs of the world; indeed, our constitutions enjoin them “to know the life of the Church and of society” in which we live, in order to hold in prayer all its varied needs. Nuns keep abreast of the world through a variety of different media and through good and reliable contacts, and can often be better informed about current events and key issues than the average American citizen!

From our very beginnings Passionist Nuns have sought to welcome others to

the fountainhead of God’s mercy, flowing from the wounds of Christ Crucified. We are called to be witnesses to this merciful love not only by our prayerful presence but also by our words — regularly written and spoken to family, friends, and visitors — and by our deeds. Many monasteries, including our own, have guest-houses where others are invited to spend time at the foot of the Cross with the nuns, whose privilege and responsibility it is to minister to these retreatants. Thus the clear waters of the “sealed fountain” of Passionist monastic life (cf. Song of Songs 4:12), protected as they are by the restrictions of the cloister, are able to reach and to refresh far more souls than merely those of the nuns who dwell there.

The vocation to be a “dove in the clefts of the rock,” the open side of Jesus, is certainly not restricted to any particular sort of personality or skill-set! Like all cloistered nuns, Passionists are as varied and variously gifted as any natural extended family. One finds among the brides of the Crucified extroverts and introverts, doctorates and high-school diplomas, construction workers and accountants and artists (and everything in between). The unique personalities and gifts of each sister simply indicate how the Lord wills to bless the community with a sister’s strengths and how the other sisters can support her in her weaknesses. Thus they enable the whole community to live out more fully the life to which they are all called! United by their love of Him who calls them into the intimacy of His love, the nuns rejoice to offer their daily lives as an oblation for the sake of God and His whole world.

For more information about making

2015 Catholic Parish Picnic Schedule

Date	Serving Time	Parish
May 8-9	International Barbecue Festival	Downtown, Owensboro
May 16	11:00 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
May 24	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
June 6	4:00 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
June 6	3:00 p.m.	Saint Joseph, Leitchfield
June 6	5:00 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
June 13	4:00 p.m.	St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro
June 20	3:00 p.m.	St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
June 20	3:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
June 27	5:00 p.m.	St. Peter, Waverly
June 27	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho (100 th picnic)
July 4	2:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Peonia
July 4	4:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Axtel (Rough River)
July 4	11:00 a.m./5:00 p.m.	St. Denis, Fancy Farm
July 11	12:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
July 11	4:00 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
July 18	11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles, Bardwell
July 18	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
July 25	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
July 25	3:00 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield
Aug. 1	11:00 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Aug. 1	Noon	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Aug. 4	5:00 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
July 25	4:00 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Aug. 22	3:00 p.m. (ET)	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Aug. 30	Noon	Rosary Chapel, Paducah
Sept 11-12		Holy Name Fall Festival, Henderson
Sept. 12	4:30 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
Sept. 12	11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 13	10:30 a.m.	Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
Sept. 19	2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Sept. 19	4:00 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
Sept. 19	4:00 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
Sept. 19	Noon	St. Pius X, Calvert City
Sept. 20	11:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence/St. William Parishes
Sept. 20	Noon	St. Leo, Murray
Sept. 26	10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
Sept. 26	3:00 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
Sept. 27	10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	St. Joseph, Central City
Sept. 27	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Mass Times for Western Kentucky Catholic Parishes 2015

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AURORA, St. Henry
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:30 am
Holy Days: 9:00 am
Weekdays: Tu, Th 8:00 am
AXTEL, St. Anthony
Vigil 6:00 pm; Sunday 6:30, 10:00 am
BARDWELL, St. Charles
Sunday 10:00 am
BEAVER DAM, Holy Redeemer
Vigil 4:00 English, 5:00 (Spanish) pm;
Sunday 11:00 am
BOWLING GREEN, Holy Spirit
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:00, 11:30 am
BOWLING GREEN, St. Joseph
Vigil 5:00 pm English, 7:00 pm (Spanish);
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am; 12:30 pm
(Spanish)
BOWLING GREEN, St. Thomas Aquinas
Newman Center: Sunday 10:00 am;
8:00 (Fall, Spring Semesters)pm
BROWNS VALLEY, St. Anthony
Vigil 6:00 pm; Sunday 9:30 am
CADIZ, St. Stephen
Vigil 6:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am
CALHOUN, St. Sebastian
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:30 am
Holy Days: 6:00 PM
CALVERT CITY, St. Pius Tenth-
T,6:00pm,W,Th,F 8:00am; Vigil 4:30 pm;
Sunday 10:00 am
CENTRAL CITY, St. Joseph
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am
Weekdays: Tu-F 8:30 am
CLARKSON, St. Elizabeth
Sunday 10:30 am; Weekdays: Wed, First
Fri & Holy Days, 6:00 pm
CLINTON, St. Jude - Sunday 10:30 am
CLOVERPORT, St. Rose of Lima
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am
CURDSVILLE, St. Elizabeth
Sunday 9:00 am
DAWSON SPRINGS, Resurrection
Sunday 10:00 am
EARLINGTON, Immaculate Conception
Sunday 8:00 am
EDDYVILLE, St. Mark
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am
ELKTON, St. Susan
Sunday 10:00 am; 12:00 (Spanish) pm
FANCY FARM, St. Denis - Sunday 8:00 am
FANCY FARM, St. Jerome
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:30 am
FORDSVILLE, St. John the Baptist
Sunday 8:00 am
FRANKLIN, St. Mary - Vigil 5:00 pm;
Sunday 8:30 am; 1:30 (Spanish) pm
FULTON, St. Edward
Sunday 8:30 am
GRAND RIVERS, St. Anthony -

W,F,8:00am; Vigil 6:00 (Mem Day-Labor
Day) pm; Sunday 8:00 am
GRAYSON SPRINGS, St. Augustine
Vigil 4:00 (Winter), 5:00 (Summer) pm;
Wednesday - 9:00 a.m.
GUTHRIE, Sts. Mary & James
Vigil 6:00 (Spanish) pm; Sunday 8:00 am
HARDINSBURG, St. Romuald
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:00, 10:00 am
HAWESVILLE, Immaculate Conception
Vigil 5:00 (Apr-Sept) pm; Sunday 10:30 am
HENDERSON, Holy Name - Vigil 4:00
pm; Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am; 1:00
(Spanish), 5:30 (Youth) pm
HENSHAW, St. Ambrose - Vigil 5:30 pm
HICKMAN, Sacred Heart - Vigil 5:00 pm
HOPKINSVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:30
am; 2:00 & 10:30 (Spanish) pm
IRVINGTON, Holy Guardian Angels
Vigil 4:00 ET pm; Sunday 11:00 ET am
KNOTTSVILLE, St. William
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 6:30, 10:00 am
Weekdays: W, Th, F 8:00 am
KNOTTSVILLE, Bishop Soenneker
Home: Weekdays: Tu 6:00 PM
LACENTER, St. Mary - Sunday 8:30
am; Tuesday & Friday 5:30 pm.
LEITCHFIELD, St. Joseph
Vigil 5:00; Sunday, 10:00am; 2nd&4th
Saturday (Spanish) 10:30pm; Tue/Thu
12:05 pm; Wed/Fri 7:30 am
LEWISPORT, St. Columba - Vigil 5:00
(Oct-Mar) pm; Sunday 8:30 am
LIVERMORE, St. Charles Borromeo
Sunday 10:30 am;
Holy Days Vigil: 6:00 pm
MADISONVILLE, Christ the King
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:30 am;
6:00 (Spanish)
MARION, St. William of Vercelli
Sunday 11:00 am; Thursday Noon.
MAYFIELD, St. Joseph
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:30 am;
12:30 (Spanish) pm
MCQUADY, St. Mary of the Woods
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am
MORGANFIELD, St. Ann
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:30 am
MORGANTOWN, Holy Trinity
Sunday 8:00, 9:00 am (Spanish)
MURRAY, St. Leo - Vigil 5:00, 6:30
(Spanish) pm; Sunday 8:00, 11:00 am
MURRAY, MSU Newman Center
Sunday 6:00 (Fall, Spring Semesters) pm
OAK GROVE, St. Michael the Archangel
- Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:30, 11:30
am; 2:30 (Latin) pm; Weekdays: M, Tu, S
9:00 am; W, Th ,F 5:30 pm

OWENSBORO, Blessed Mother - Vig-
il 4:00 pm; Sunday 7:00, 10:00 am; 5:30
(Life Teen) pm. Weekdays: M, W 6:30am;
Tu 6:00 pm; Th, F Noon
OWENSBORO, Blessed Sacrament -
Sunday 10:00 am
OWENSBORO, Brescia University -
Sunday 10:00 am; 8:00 pm; Weekdays:
7:00 a.m.; Tu, Th ,F Noon
OWENSBORO, Parish of the Immacu-
late; Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 am;
Holy Days: 7:00a.m. & 5:30p.m. Weekdays:
M, Tu,Th, F, S 7:00; Wed 5:30 PM
OWENSBORO, Our Lady of Lourdes
- Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 11:00 a;
Weekdays: M, W, F 12:05 pm; Tu, Th
7:00 am
OWENSBORO, Precious Blood - Vigil
5:00 pm, Sunday 7:30, 10:30 am; Week-
days: Tu, Th, F 7:00 am, S 8:00 am., W
6:00 pm
OWENSBORO, Sts. Joseph & Paul-
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00
am; 12:00 (Spanish), 6:00, 10:30 (Span-
ish) pm; Holy Days: Vigil 5:30 p.m.; day
12:00 Noon & 5:30 p.m.; Weekdays: M-F
5:30 pm
OWENSBORO, St. Pius Tenth - Vigil
5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00, 11:00 am; 8:00
pm; Weekdays: M, Tu,Th, F 8:00 am;
Wed 6:00 pm
OWENSBORO, St. Stephen Cathedral -
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00
am; Weekdays: M-F 7:00am, 12:05 pm;
Sat 9:00 am.
OWENSBORO, Owensboro Health Region-
al Hosp Chapel - Sunday: 12:02 pm; Week-
days: M, Tu, W,F 12:02 pm.
OWENSBORO, Carmel Home - Sunday
9:30 am; Weekdays: M-F 6:55; Sat 9:30 am
PADUCAH, Rosary Chapel - Sunday
10:30 am; Weekdays: W 6:00 pm
PADUCAH, St. Francis de Sales
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:30, 11:00 am
Weekdays: Noon
PADUCAH, St. John the Evangelist
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:30, 9:30 am
PADUCAH, St. Thomas More
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 9:00, 11:00 am;
1:00 (Spanish) pm
PEONIA, St. Anthony - Sunday 8:00 am
Weekdays: F 9:00 am
PHILPOT, St. Lawrence - Sunday 8:00
am; Weekdays: Th 6:00 pm
PRINCETON, St. Paul-Sunday 10:00 am
PROVIDENCE, Holy Cross - Vigil 5:30 pm
REED, St. Augustine
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am
ROME, St. Martin

Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 7:00 am; 6:00 pm
RUSSELVILLE, Sacred Heart
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 9:30 am; 2:00
(Spanish) pm; Weekdays: Tu, Th, S 8:00;
W 11:00; F 6:00 pm
SCOTTSVILLE, Christ the King
Sunday 11:00 am; Weekdays: W 8:00; Tu
6:00 PM; 1st Tues 7:00 (Spanish) pm
SEBREE, St. Michael - Vigil 5:00pm (En-
glish); Sunday 10:30am(English), 12:00pm
(Spanish); Weekdays: M, Tu 8:00am (En-
glish); W, Th 12:00pm (Spanish)
SORGHO, St. Mary Magdalene
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:30 am
Weekdays: Tu-S 7:00 am
ST. JOSEPH, St. Alphonsus
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:30 am
ST. PAUL, St. Paul, Vigil 5:00 pm;
Sunday 8:30 am; Weekdays: M, Th, F &
Holy Days 8:00am,
STANLEY, St. Peter of Alcantara
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 9:30 am; Holy
Days: 6:00 pm; Weekdays: M-F 8:00 am
STURGIS, St. Francis Borgia
Sunday 9:00 am
SUNFISH, St. John the Evangelist
Sunday 8:00 am
UNIONTOWN, St. Agnes
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 am
URSULINE SISTERS,
Mount St. Joseph - Sunday 11:00 am;
Weekdays: M-F 7:15 am
WAVERLY, Sacred Heart
Sunday 8:00 am
WAVERLY, St. Peter of Antioch
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am
WAX, St. Benedict - Sunday 10:15 am
Weekdays: Th 9:00 am
WHITESVILLE, St. Mary of the Woods
- Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 7:00, 8:30, 10:00
am; Weekdays: M-S 8:00; Wed 6:30 PM,
M, Tu, Th, F 12:10 pm



WHITESVILLE, Passionist Monastery
- Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am; Weekdays
7:00 a.m.

6 May, 2015

2015 Catholic Graduating High School Seniors in Our Parishes

The Western Kentucky Catholic publishes the pictures and names of the seniors graduating from the Catholic high schools in the diocese in the May edition. Last year recognition was given to the Catholic students that graduated from public schools. Again this year we

would like to acknowledge ALL Catholic students for their achievement and allow them to know that our prayers and support are with them no matter where they attend schools.

This list should be all students that are graduating from high school—not

just those in parish religious education or Catholic schools. We contacted the parish pastors, administrators, parish catechetical leaders, youth ministers in hopes that we can have 100% participation. It is important that these students know that

they are members of the Catholic church no matter where they attend school. The WKC editor regrets to add that last year some parishes did not get names in and we received calls from parents wondering why their parishes weren't listed.

2015 Catholic Seniors Graduating From High Schools In The Diocese

- AURORA, Saint Henry Parish, Erik Mikulcik
- AXTEL, St. Anthony of the Abbot Parish - Taylor Leigh Kessinger, Jessie Mae Pile, Nicholas Henning
- BARDWELL, St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Jenna Leigh Willett, Ryan Glenn Hobbs, Leslie Anne McIntyre.
- BEAVER DAM, Holy Redeemer Parish - Foster Desmond and Kiah Gledhill.
- BOWLING GREEN, Holy Spirit Parish - Brendon Allen Meyer, Morgan Ann Smith, Nicole Alexandra Agro, Colin Matthew Sheehan, Mason L. Strange, Daniel Ryan Powers, James Luke SHanahan, Emma Caitlyn Pflingston, Teaghan Tze-jin Chen, Matthew Edward Pitcock, Margaret Erin Elizabeth McGrath, Avery Logan Riehn, Richard Thomas Jay Cash Jr., Maggie Catherine Jernigan, Aaron Phillip Conway, Rachael Danae Lipp, Matthew Robert Scheidegger, Emma Brooks Thomas, Morgan Ann Smith, Ashley Brooke Holland, Marilyn Hayes Johnson, Abigail Meiers Blackburn, Grant Jeffrey Noble, Jackson Carlos Smith, Amelia Ann Creed, Christina Rose Gorman, James Donald Kessler III, Christian Crize Meldora, Agatha Cing, No Lien, Andrew Khai, Kai Lien, Walker Borders.
- BOWLING GREEN, St. Joseph Parish - Congratulations to all our parish's Graduating Seniors!
- BROWNS VALLEY, St. Anthony - Hannah Baird, Curtis Fulkerson, Taylor Hagan, Ryan Matthew Sanders, Morgan Wiggins, Travis Wiggins, Andrew Wilson.
- CADIZ, St. Stephen Parish, Sydney Geiger
- CALHOUN, St. Sebastian Parish - Joren Edwards, Justus Hayden, Laurine Scott.
- CALVERT CITY, Saint Pius Tenth Parish - Sydney Ferm, Michael Hartley, Meg Outland, Adam Padgett
- CENTRAL CITY, St. Joseph Parish - Makaila Koos, Reynolds McCay-Gomez.
- CLARKSON, St. Elizabeth Parish

- Shalee Carter, Lynda Higdon and Michael Ward.
- CLARKSON - St. Augustine Parish - Jessica Hughes
- CLOVERPORT, St. Rose Parish - Brandon Atwood, Kyle Bennett, Jaclyn Emery, Shelby Goatley, Megan Houtchen, Carissa Pate.
- CURDSVILLE, - St. Elizabeth Parish - Isaac Knott, Katelyn McCarthy, Morgan Thomas.
- DAWSON SPRINGS, Resurrection Parish - Caitlyn Moore, Victoria Solomon.
- EDDYVILLE, Saint Mark Parish - Ben Rooyackers
- FANCY FARM, Saint Jerome - Kristin Atkins, Elise Ballard, Trey Carrico, Hayden Cash, Collin Feezor, Mary Katelyn Hayden, Tanner Hayden, Hannah Purcell, Elijah Smith, Gregory Willett, Matthew Wilson.
- FORSVILLE, Saint John Parish - Congratulations to all our parish's Graduating Seniors!
- FRANKLIN, St Mary Parish - Brittany D. Bagwell, Rebecca Lynn Doyle, Kain Joseph Kotoucek, Kaitlin Nicole Trouten.
- FULTON, St. Edward Parish - Moises Diaz.
- HARDINSBURG, St. Romuald Parish - Austin Joseph Bowlds, Gabrielle Lela Cesarz, James Taylor Curtis, Hunter Joseph Dowell, Chasity LaNell Duncan, Shelby Christine Goatley, Emily Michelle Hardesty, Olivia Anne Howard, Kari Nicole Masterson, Michael Colton Masterson, Benjamin Michael Miller, Erin Elizabeth O'Reilly, Rebecca Ann O'Reilly, Emma Grace Payne, Bradley Scott Phillips, Travis Alan Priest, Katie Joseph Rhodes, Adalee Marie Taul, Suzanne Leigh Tivitt, Kirsten Taylor Whitfill.
- HAWESVILLE, Immaculate Conception - Bailey Terry, Shelby Stokes, Gracie Burk, Austin Wheatley, Johnathon Snyder.
- HENDERSON, Holy Name of Jesus Parish - Joshua Adkins, Katie Armstrong,

- Anne Beckert, Ashley Berry, Joseph Bickers, Michelle Blanchette, Kendal Breedlove, Jayla Burgess, Lauren Butler, Miriam Cates, Erik Davis, Andrew Day, Brock Dorsey, Nicholas Duncan, Harley Engle, Evan Ettensohn, Luigi Federico, Addyson Floyd, Brooklyn Flynn, Abby Gager, Christina Gaines, Christopher Gaines, Joseph Galbraith, Hannah Garrett, Savannah Hagan, Lauren Haire, Sydney Hazelwood, Samuel Herdegen, Camilla Hester, Alyssa Hurm, Jared Hurm, Cameron Ivie, Alec Jameson, John Landry, Brett Lewis, Anna Mayo, Amy Jo McMann, Courtney Morris, Kennedy Nash, Iliana Parrillas, Tre' Perkins, Kaci Phillips, Christin Poole, Alex Potts, Lauren Probus, Jaime Raleigh, Lindsey Risch, Jonathan Roland, Blake Ross, Robert Sauer, Benjamin Schneider, Conner Shea, Sarah Shelton, Chad Shoulders, Jose Solorza, Lauren Spainhoward, Holden Staples, Blake Swaidner, Nikolas Thomas, Brittney Tolch, Claire Tumey, Bailey Vaughn, Joseph Vettiankal, Brianna Williams, Curtis Williams, Sean Wilson, Mason Wolfe.
- HENSHAW, St. Ambrose Parish - Brooklyn Ratley
- HICKMAN, Sacred Heart Parish - Congratulations to all our parish's Graduating Seniors!
- HOPKINSVILLE, Saints Peter And Paul Parish - Samuel Blane, Sean Burkhart, Lydia Buzzard, Eleonora Cincotti, Abigail Craft, Noah Creighton, Kolleen Degenhardt, Sarah Foltz, Dillon Folz, Harley France, Theresa Garnett, Jacob Gibson, Jonathan "Granger" Greenwell, Miguel Guajardo, Aaron Hanrahan, Olivia Harris, Reagan Johnston, Daniel Kaiser III, Matthew Kaiser, Noah Kaiser, Mary Kranz, Donald John (DJ) Langhi III, Winter Nicholson, Matthew Normile, Amelia Pace, Quin Perry, Jamie Price, Ellen Stites, Daniel Sweet, Cliff Thomas, Chandler Unfried, Allison Watson.
- IRVINGTON, Holy Guardian Angels Parish - Allison Millay and Margaret Huffines.
- KNOTTSVILLE, St. William & St.

- Lawrence Parishes - Madison Connor, Emily Ann Hamilton, James Austin Lanham, Mason William Lanham, Alexander Ethan Payne, Austin Keith Payne, Jessica Payne, Sarah Elizabeth Pence, Jonah Benjamin Roberts, Jacob Nathaniel Worthington, Victoria Loren Wright.
 - LaCENTER, Saint Mary - Mathew Higgins, Ellie Brower.
 - LEITCHFIELD, St. Joseph Parish - Megan Mudd, Alexis Schmidt, Benjamin Nelson.
 - LEITCHFIELD, St. Paul Parish - Maggie Lush, Bret Crawford
 - LEWISPORT, St. Columba - Matt Al-lard, Margaret Kellems, Dakota Lanham, Ashley Lanham, Hannah Boswell, Madison McCandless, Cassie Payne, John Bolin.
 - LIVERMORE, Saint Charles Parish - Brittney Neal.
 - MADISONVILLE, Christ the King Parish - Autumn Cobb, Kathryn Haag, Jack Patrick Herrmann, Amelia Iliohan, Katherine Porter, Cullen Reynolds, Isaac Tedder.
 - MAYFIELD, St. Joseph Parish - Emmanuel Arellano, It-zeli Carmona, Kylie Carrico, Hector Garcia, Lucero Garcia, Fernando Hernandez, Austin Jones, Roberto Mateo, Marco Ortez, Shelby Rodgers, Marisela Sanchez, Stephanie Sanchez.
 - McQUADY, St. Mary of the Woods Parish - Aaron Joseph Rothock, Kelsie Elizabeth Hendrick.
 - MORGANFIELD, Saint Ann Parish - Landon Cole Brantley, Morganne Leigh Cambron, Elijah Valdez Ervin, Ayla Quinn Hendrickson, Bailey Andrew Maloney, Abby Elizabeth Mason, Thomas Seth Nelson, Hanna Caroline Robinson, Clay Stephen Watson, Logan Walker Willett.
 - MORGANTOWN, Holy Trinity Parish - Congratulations to all our parish's Graduating Seniors!
 - MURRAY, St Leo Parish - Hanna Clark, Michael Franco, Andrea Lopez, Lilliana Mendosa, Ali Ohnemus, Erin Orr, Bren-
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2015 Catholic Graduating High School Seniors in Our Parishes

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dan Parker, Thomas Thompson, Bethany Vogt, Sydney Vogt, Jay Walter.

• OAK GROVE, Saint Michael Parish - Jonah Prescott, Reann Mires, Jordan Kopp, W. Alexis Mires.

• OWENSBORO, Blessed Mother Parish - Bethany Arnold, Matthew Aud, Jared Aull, Samuel Aull, Alek Blandford, Sydney Brooks, Logan Brown, Logan Buckman, Olivia Cason, Braxton Coppage, Justice Daugherty, Jackson Dees, Gabriel Fillman, Kendra Hagan, Clayton Harley, Courtney Hartz, Augustus "Seth" Hayden, Collin Higgins, Nicholas Jackson, Keaton Johnson, Benjamin Keller, Kelly Lanham, Catherine Nunley, Kendall Payne, Bianca Ramos, Sara Ross, Diana Shaw, Zachary Shively, Mahalia Smiley, Gary Smith, John Thompson, Rachel Thompson, Stephen Thompson, Chase Trogden, Paris Wedding, Lauren Williams, Kathleen Wilmes.

• OWENSBORO, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish - Paige Anderson, Elaina Atherton, Kelly Beaver, Jacob Bell, Mary Scarlett Bickett, Austin Bridgeman, Parker Clark, Hunter Collins, Mary Eicholz, Corey Evans, Hannah Goldman, Drew Harvey, Zach Haynes, Ryan Hundley, Jacob Lawson, Dayna Mathew, Madison Mattingly, Morgan Mattingly, Justin McGovern, Colluin Miller, Jeremy Mize, Lexi Nix, John Thomas Priar, Madeline Rafferty, Alex Shively, Alyssa Stiff, Tristan Tapp, Stetson White, Savanna Williams, Leslie Wilson.

• OWENSBORO, Parish of the Immaculate - Bethany Beals, George Bittel, John Bivins, Sarah Boarman Anna Crawford, Peter Day, Madison Hagan, Peter Kaminski, Nick McFadden, Patrick Mills, Matthew Norcia, Brendan Powers, Devereaux Reed, Jansen Riney, Alexa Wilson, Alexandria Wink, Audrey Maria Wright.

• OWENSBORO, Precious Blood Parish - Jillian Bartlett, Cierra Berry, Lesley Harney, Trace Henton, Kiersten Martin, Joseph Murphy, Jr., Mallorie Polston, John David Rudy, Molly Thompson, Tyler Ward.

• OWENSBORO, Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish - Logan Boehman, Steven Brown, Thomas Brown, Brennah Brashear, Emilee Clark, Seth Goetz, Jessica Higdon, Beth Johnson, Zachary Judd, Ashley Knott, Tyler Mayfield, Michael McCarthy, Dylan Sanford, Gabriella Tsappi,

Griffin Wassmer.

• OWENSBORO, St. Pius Tenth Parish - Rachel Brasher, Trevor Bristow, Hannah Hagan, Anna Haynes, Haley Higdon, Emily Hoesli, Kristen Lively, Lacey McDonald, Par Meh, Tyler Neville, Lucas Pedley, Madeline Raley, Htwa Reh, Nay Rey, Katelynn Roberts, Kelby Roberts, Taylor Spencer, Madison Stallings, Andrea Williams, Jennifer Withers

• OWENSBORO, St. Stephen Cathedral Parish - Samuel Lamer Booth, Virginia Lea Carrico, Chase Michael Clouse, Mary Cecilia Crowe, Adam Joseph Hayden, Paige Anne Hicks, Gabrielle Lee Hoffman, Mary Nell Ivey, Leslie Ann Kuntz, Shelby Ann Lewis, Jack Padgett, Jacob Edward Payne, Adney Lee Synclair Rakotoniana.

• PADUCAH, Rosary Chapel - Aleja Grant, Steven Durham, Trevor Bunte, Delaney Bell, Sarah Herricks.

• PADUCAH, Saint Francis de Sales Parish - Madison Barletto, Brooklyn Duwe, Hannah Green, Eamon Hannan, Jared Jones, Elisabeth Keeney, Caroline Koenig, Jessica Lamb, Jamie Logsdon, James McCoart, Sydney Nash, Courtney O'Dell, Austin Shaw, Peyton Smith, Julia Spruill, Emily Tashjian, Alexis Thomas, Cole Womack, Ashley Woodcock.

• PADUCAH - St. John the Evangelist Parish - Abby Bratton, Ian Brown, Cody Burnett, Katie Clark, John DeNeve, Devon Gass, Paul West, Makenzie Wiley, Benjamin Willett, Madison Wurth.

• PADUCAH, St. Thomas More Parish - Faith Barber, Kayla Boutwell, Edward Brownfield, Colin Bryant, Trista Bryant, Trevor Bunte, Linda-Catherine Conover, Morgan Cope, Katy Crouch, Ryan Cruse, Caroline Curtsinger, Tori Dallas, Kathryn de la Rosa, Rachel Denkins, Emily Doolittle, C.J. Ellis, Baron Hatton, Lane Hohlbein, Montana Holifield, Benjamin Hopper, Brian Johnston, Warren Jones, Elizabeth Katz, Tasha Kimble, Jacob Lang, Hannah Parker, Alex Rich, Maria Shockley, Davis Sims, Mckinley Sullivan, Maggie Swift, Molly Thompson, Ashleigh Tyson, David Uelk, Kionna Waldon, Samuel Wallace, Mary Katherine Weatherspoon, Ashley Woodcock, Amanda Wurth.

• PEONIA, St. Anthony Parish - Jordan Grant and Chance Perkins.

• PRINCETON, St. Paul Parish - Matthew Keenen Boitnott, Hannah Bowles,

Conner McEnaney.

• REED, St. Augustine Parish - Gavin Cecil, Lilly Goetz, Hunter McKay, and Kelsey Settles.

• ROME, Saint Martin Parish - Meredith Bickett, Katie Fischer, Nicholas Fischer, Alex Hayden, and Darcy James.

• RUSSELLVILLE, Sacred Heart Parish - Tori Mills, Jovani Pacheco, Dana Stucker, Sarah Williams.

• SAINT JOSEPH, St. Alphonsus Parish, Allison Yeckering

• SCOTTSVILLE, Christ The King Parish - Daniel E. Gonzalez, Madison P. Marsh, Ashley N. Noe.

• SORGHO, St. Mary Magdalene Parish - Marissa Elder, Amanda Giles, Courtney Head, Georgia McMaster, Christian Murphy, Drake Nonweiler, Dylan Payne, Cassie Thomas, Zachary Warren, Brandon Wathen, Cody Wethington.

• STANLEY, St. Peter of Alcantara, Parish - Gavin Cecil, Lillie Goetz, Hunter McKay, Kelsey Settles

• STURGIS, St. Francis Borgia - Bradley James and Madison Wright.

• UNIONTOWN, St. Agnes Parish - Kyler Floyd, Raileigh Gough, Luke Willett,

Donald Griffin, Sierra Howard, Bryan Ellis, Dillon Garnett, Ethan Thomas, Tim Pike, Bryce Wedding, Davis Joiner, Isaac French, Sara Ferguson, Cortini Morse, Travis Morse.

• WAVERLY, Sacred Heart Parish - Landon Wolfe

• WAVERLY, St. Peter of Antioch Parish - Nathan Fulcher, Shelby Gish, Alyssa Greenwell, Jacob Greenwell, Nicolas Greenwell, Redmond Greenwell, Nicole Hagan, Travis Hagan, Courtney Mackey, Bailey Maloney, Jonathan Royster, Christian Simone Smith.

• WAX, - St. Benedict Parish - Chad Wilson.

• WHITESVILLE, St. Mary of the Woods - Hannah Armes, Shawna Aud, Hannah Bland, Skyler Dickens, Dakota Edge, Logan Goetz, Eric Hagan, Alexandria Hamilton, Jennifer Haynes, Jessica Henson, Jacob Hook, Devon Howard, Zachary Howard, Korey Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Alexandra Elizabeth McDaniel, Charlotte Morris, Joey Payne, Noah Pike, Aaron Reynolds, Emerald Roberts, Robylyn Sanchez, Dallas Tomblinson, Blake Ward.

WKC Editor To Retire June 30, 2015

By Mel Howard

On June 30, I will retire from the Diocesan Staff and my work as editor of The Western Kentucky Catholic. Over the past 31 years, I've gotten to know a lot of people in parishes and schools of the diocese. One of my favorite things to cover for the WKC has always been the Diocesan Celebration of Catholic Schools. My start in church work has been in collaborating with Catholic School educators, and these folks are my heroes. My thanks go to the people who work in the Catholic schools and Catholic parishes in Western Kentucky who have advised me, written articles and sent in pictures for the WKC, and at the top of my list are Msgr. George Hancock and Bishop John McRaith, two good and holy men who taught me a lot. Chief among their lessons was "Think with the Church." My thanks goes to Bishop William Medley for his continuing confidence in me as a member of this diocesan staff.

As I've heard some in West Paducah say, "It's been fun, but I gotta run!" Now I take my leave of you; may



Mel Howard will retire June 30, 2015 from the diocesan staff and as editor of the Western Kentucky Catholic. WKC Photo

we continue to hold one another in prayer with the Communion of Saints before God every day. May we continue to step up when the church asks something of us. May we continue to live the Christian life.

People wishing to submit photos and articles for consideration of inclusion in The Western Kentucky Catholic may now email submissions to WKC.editor@pastoral.org.

Sister Fran Wilhelm, O.S.U. Nominated for Lumen Christi Award

Sister Fran Wilhelm, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph located in the Diocese of Owensboro, has been nominated for Catholic Extension's 2015 Lumen Christi Award!

Now in its 38th year, the Lumen Christi award is presented to a woman religious, priest, lay person or group whose service spreads the light of Christ and transforms lives in their community and beyond. Both the nominating diocese AND recipient of the Lumen Christi Award will receive a \$25,000 grant, for a total of \$50,000 to fund their ministries

In 1993, with a local priest and Bishop John McRaith, Sister Fran Wilhelm founded Centro Latino, a center that welcomes Hispanic immigrants to Owensboro and the surrounding five counties. Since its inception, the ministry has satisfied an array of needs, including shelter, employment, transportation to appointments, translation services, community and Spanish liturgy. Centro Latino is a place where immigrants can go to heal their mind and spirit, and Sr. Fran often travels great distances to help in whatever way she can. Her priority is to lead immigrants to Jesus, teach them to be open and listen for the solution He's offering. Prior to this calling, Sr. Fran taught elementary school children, served in South America and California missions, ran a prayer house and directed charismatic renewal.

Catholic Extension received 47 nominations for this year's Award. Each nominee has worked tirelessly in their community, spreading the light of Christ as they put their faith into action.

You can help support your nominee




Sister Fran Wilhelm (right) and staff assistant Sister Rosemary Keough are pictured in the front yard of the Centro Latino facility at 524 Locust Street in Owensboro. MSJ 2007 Photo

by voting for them on the Catholic Extension Facebook page. If you haven't already, "Like" our Facebook page to view all nominees - <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicExtension>

Click on your nominee's name. You'll be taken to their page where you can cast your vote by clicking on the blue "Vote" button.

Catholic Extension uniquely contributes to the growth and vibrancy of the Church in the US by strategically investing in underresourced Catholic communities to unleash the power of faith that transforms hearts and lives and society.



Bless My Steps

Come join the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth for a Hospitality Weekend "Bless My Steps" to explore your questions about religious life and to discern if you are being called to live the life of a sister. The weekend begins Friday, July 24, 2015 at 7pm and ends on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at 1pm at Nazareth, KY near Bardstown.

During the weekend we will delve into discernment, vocation stories, the life and works of the SCN community, criteria for entrance and the formation program. There will be time to reflect on your journey and how God is working in your life, to exchange experiences with others who share similar values, to pray and share faith in a communal setting. You are invited to attend the Eucharistic Liturgy celebrating Perpetual Vows of one of our newest members, meet our sisters and enjoy our hospitality throughout the weekend.

If you are interested in attending Bless My Steps, please contact Sister Nancy Gerth, SCN, Vocation Director at (o) 502-331-4516 or snancy@scnazarethky.org.

DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO PRIEST ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2015 (updated April 5, 2015)

PARISH PASTOR

- **Buckman, Rev. Tom:** Pastor, Saint Pius X Parish, Owensboro, Kentucky, effective June 9, 2015.
- **Fogle, Rev. Bruce:** Pastor, Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah, Kentucky, effective June 9, 2015.
- **Ibemere, Rev. Julian:** Pastor, Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, Oak Grove, Kentucky, effective June 9, 2015.
- **Kennedy, Rev. David:** Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Earlington, Resurrection Parish, Dawson Springs and Holy Cross Parish, Providence, Kentucky, effective June 9, 2015.
- **Puryear, Rev. Stan:** Pastor, St. Mary Parish, LaCenter and Rosary Chapel, Paducah, Kentucky, and Sacramental Minister to the Hispanic Community in the Paducah area, effective June 9, 2015.
- **Reynolds, Very Rev. Patrick:** Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro, Kentucky, while continuing as Vicar General, effective June 9, 2015.
- **Whistle, Rev. Brad:** Pastor, Saint Thomas More Parish, Paducah, Kentucky, effective June 9, 2015.
- **Williams, Rev. Brandon:** Pastor, Saint Leo Parish, Murray, Kentucky, effective June 9, 2015.




PAROCHIAL VICAR

- **Ajigo, Rev. Michael Charles:** Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah, Kentucky effective June 9, 2015
- **Benitez, Rev. Antonio:** Parochial Vicar of Saint Michael Parish, Sebree, Kentucky effective March 16, 2015.
- **Clark, Rev. Gary:** Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro, Kentucky effective June 9, 2015
- **Thompson, Rev. William:** Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green, Kentucky effective June 9, 2015
- **Walling, Rev. James CPM:** Parochial Vicar of Saint Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville, Kentucky, effective April 6, 2015.
- **Willett, Rev. David:** Parochial Vicar of Saint Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm, Kentucky, effective February 17, 2015

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

- **McClure, Rev. Jason:** Vicar for Clergy while continuing as Director of Vocations, effective June 9, 2015.



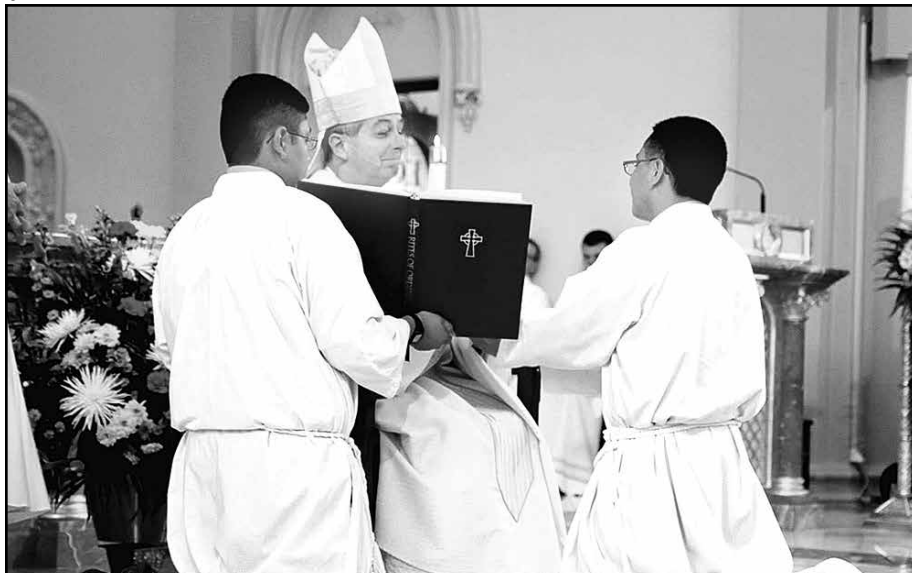
Right to Life

of OWENSBORO

Right To Life of Owensboro's annual Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday July 18, 2015 at Ben Hawes State Park, Owensboro. 7:30am Registration. 8:00am Shotgun Start. Prizes awarded after event. Hotdogs, drinks, and chips provided.

\$200.00 per team or \$50.00 per person.

For more information or to register your team, please call Right to Life of Owensboro at (270) 685-4922.



Congratulations! To Our New Deacon Basilio. The Church Rejoices.

Photographer Larena Lawson commented about Diácono Basilio Az Cuc's ordination April 18 2015 in St. Stephen Cathedral: "O Happy Day!!!! That is the only way to describe it. It was such a joyous day of celebrating the Diaconate Ordination of Diácono Basilio Az Cuc! So many people came to be there with Deacon Basilio and his family who were able to attend. What a beautiful testament to the blessing that he is to our Diocese.

The Liturgy was heavenly, the fellowship heartwarming and the food at the reception, absolutely delicious! It all definitely made me feel the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, down in my heart. It was such a extra special day!"

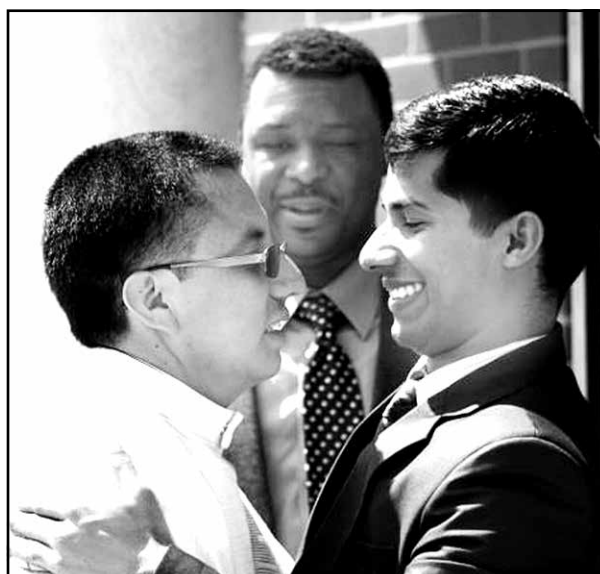
Bishop William Medley welcomed Basilio Az Cuc as he ordained him a Transitional Deacon for service in the Western Kentucky Dicoese of Owensboro. Also, during his ordination to the diaconate at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro on April 18, 2015, the Diocese of Owensboro pledged to hold Diácono Basilio Az Cuc in our prayers and support him as he prepares for ordination to priesthood. Larena Lawson Photo.



Top left, Basilio Az Cuc lying prostrate before the altar. Above right, Diácono Basilio Az Cuc elevating the Chalice at the Consecration with Bishop Medley elevating the hosts. Photos by Larena Lawson



At left, Diácono Basilio Az Cuc with his mother, Cipriana Cuc. Photo by Belen Navarro



At left, one of the moments of ordination, the laying on of hands by Bishop Medley; at right, friends' congratulations. Belen Navarro Photos

Hope In The Future

By Sister Nancy Gerth, SCN

*Sisters of
CHARITY OF
NAZARETH*

I attended a workshop years ago. The speaker cited a quote I have never forgotten: "The definition of hope is when there is total darkness and someone strikes a match and says I beg to differ." This week-end the newer members group of our



Federation, The Future of Charity, are gathering in South Carolina to celebrate the culmination of National Catholic Sisters Week. The Sisters of Charity Federation gathers its newest members – those in application stage to those just beyond final profession - two times a year. One sister and I are attending as a support and resource to the group. It is a privilege to come along and absorb the energy, wisdom and hope generated by this group of women. All of us have a lot to celebrate because of this group! They are talented, prayerful, creative, and generous women seeking God in the tradition of Vincent de Paul, Louise de Marillac and Elizabeth Ann Seton.

In Pope Francis' letter for the Year of Consecrated Life, he mentions the aims of the year: to look at the past with gratitude, live the present with passion and embrace the future with hope. During this gathering, through prayer, dialogue, relaxation, liturgy and sharing meals, The Future of Charity will reflect on the past, present and future. We salute our women, past and present, on whose strong shoulders we stand. We share our passion for the many ways we are engaged in living out the Gospel in today's world through the lens of our charism. As for hope in the future, at a time when Church, world and earth are laden with pessimism, defeatism and brutality, our lives as Sisters of Charity are striking the match saying "WE BEG TO DIFFER". And if you are around the Future of Charity group, bring your sunglasses!

DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO
2014 Annual Report



A Message from the Bishop

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

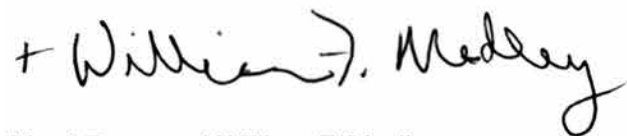
"Care for the poor enriches us by setting us on a path of humility and truth." These words, recently spoken by Pope Francis, challenge all of us to look at what we are doing to help the less fortunate. Our call as disciples is to proclaim with confidence the hope we have been given to those who may be searching for that shared hope. Through our faith we are directed to share our generosity with others.

This financial report is one way I am accountable to you, the faithful, showing the many different ways we use your financial resources you have so generously shared. Through the following pages I hope you will be able to identify the many different examples of the good works going on in the diocese, leading all of us on a path of humility and truth.

Since my arrival as your bishop five years ago, I have been repeatedly humbled by all you do for the Church of western Kentucky. There is still much work to do and I invite you to continue to find ways to help those in need.

Thank you for making the Catholic Church of western Kentucky a vibrant and bold proclaimer of the Gospel. Your generous hearts, with God's grace, make all we do possible. God's work, our work, is not complete. Together we build and unfold God's Kingdom.

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop of Owensboro



STATISTICAL OVERVIEW OF THE DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

January 1 – December 31, 2014

Personnel

Cardinal	0
Archbishop	0
Bishop	1
Auxiliary Bishops	0
Retired Bishops	1
Total number of Diocesan Priests of your Diocese	69
Diocesan Priests of your diocese active in your diocese	54
Diocesan Priests working or studying outside your diocese	2
Diocesan Priests in Foreign Missions	0
Retired Priests, sick or absent	13
Religious Priests resident in your Diocese	17
Total Priests in your Diocese	90
Extern Priests resident in your Diocese	11
Ordinations	
Diocesan Priests (of your diocese no matter where they are ordained)	2
Religious Priests (ordained in your diocese)	1
Transitional Deacons (of your diocese no matter where they are ordained)	2
Permanent Deacons (ordained in your diocese)	0
Total number of Permanent Deacons in your diocese	24
Total number of Brothers	0
Total number of Sisters	169

Parishes

Number of Parishes	79
With Resident Pastor	
under direction of diocesan clergy	39
under direction of religious priests	10
Without Resident Pastor	
administered by priest	29
in the care of permanent deacons	1
in the care of professed men religious	0
in the care of professed women religious	0
in the care of lay people	0
miscellaneous pastoral teams, etc.	0
completely vacant	0
Missions (Canon #516)	0
Other Pastoral Centers with permanent assistance	0
New Parishes created	0
Reduction of the number of parishes due to closing or consolidation	0
Number of full-time Professional Ministry Personnel (in addition to priests and deacons)	
Brothers	0
Sisters	11
Lay Ministers	61



Welfare

Number of Catholic Hospitals	1
Number of in-patients and out-patients assisted annually	277,919
Health Care Centers, Ancillary Care Systems, Medical Centers, Sanitoriums, Hospices	0
Number of in-patients and out-patients assisted annually	0
Homes for the Aged, Chronically Ill, or Invalids	2
Number assisted annually	221
Residential care of children (Orphanages)	0
Number assisted annually	0
Day Care Centers	3
Number assisted annually	220
Specialized Homes for substance abuse, physically abused children or adults, pregnant women, runaway youths	1
Number assisted annually	12
Special Centers for Social Services and Assistance (hotline centers, food distribution, homeless centers, legal services, counseling)	3
Number assisted annually	9,323

Vital Statistics

Receptions into the Church	
Infant Baptism (infants up to age 7)	840
Minor Baptism (those between ages 7-17)	84
Adult Baptism (18 and over)	84
Received into Full Communion	217
First Communions	840
Confirmations	826
Total Marriages	316
Catholic	183
Interfaith	133
Deaths	540
Total Catholic Population	49,957
Total Population	886,188

Educational

Diocesan Seminaries, Theologates & Colleges	0
Students from your diocese in the above institutions	0
Students from other dioceses in your diocesan seminary	0
Students of your diocese in other seminaries (either within or outside your diocese)	12
Total Seminarians	12
Colleges and Universities	1
Total full-time and part time Students	1,021
High Schools, Diocesan and Parish	3
Total Students	677
High Schools, Private	0
Total Students	0
Elementary Schools, Diocesan & Parish	14
Total Students	2,679
Elementary Schools, Private	0
Total Students	0
Religious Education Programs (Students in C.C.D.)	
High School Students	757
Elementary Students (includes PreK-8)	2,850
Total Students under Catholic Instruction	7,996
Full-time Academic Teachers in Diocese	
Priests	3
Brothers	0
Sisters	13
Paid lay teachers	309





Diocese Response to Sexual Abuse

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People provides a comprehensive framework for addressing allegations of sexual abuse and for creating safe environments in parishes and schools, and it directs all sexual abuse policies and procedures in the Diocese of Owensboro. In 2013, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops audited our diocese and as was determined in each previous audit, our diocese was found to be fully compliant with all elements of the Charter.

Prevention/Education

1,819 employees and volunteers participated in safe environment training during the past fiscal year. (7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014)

Trainings are offered in an online format and are available daily at any time. Go to www.RCDOK.org/safe.

Sexual Abuse Review Board

The Review Board reviews past and present cases and monitors the implementation of our sexual abuse policies.

Victim Assistance and Outreach

The victim assistance coordinator, Rita Heinz, meets and assists victims/survivors. She can be reached by calling 270.852.8328 or emailing rita.heinz@pastoral.org. The Diocese continues to offer counseling assistance and other support to victims/survivors.

Cooperation with Civil Authorities

Any report or suspicion of child abuse is reported immediately to civil authorities, and the Diocese cooperates fully with any investigation.

Sexual Abuse Expenditures

We pledge to be accountable for the financial cost of sexual abuse. The following summarizes funds expended from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

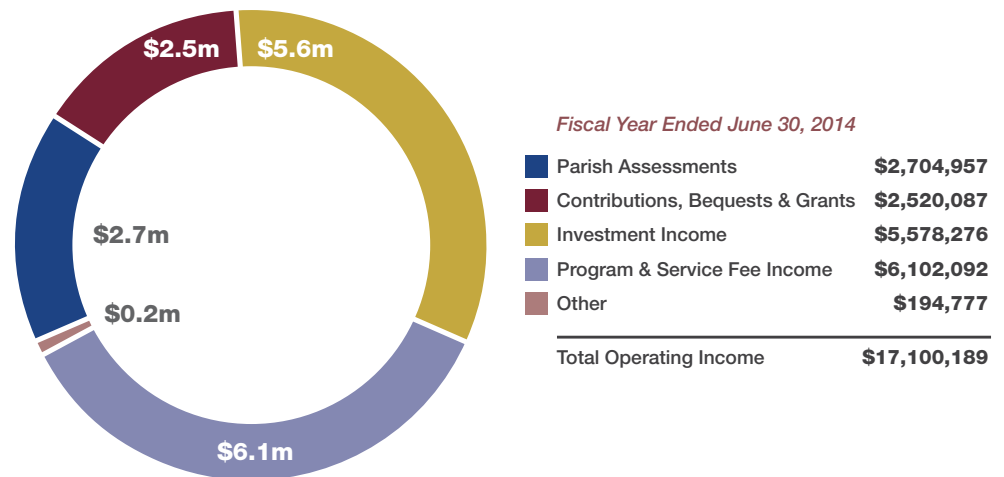
Counseling fees and support for victims/survivors	\$0
Legal Fees	\$0
Prevention/Education/Background checks	\$40,948
Total	\$40,948

Report on Finances

Diocese of Owensboro – June 30, 2014

Catholic Pastoral Center & Affiliates Operations

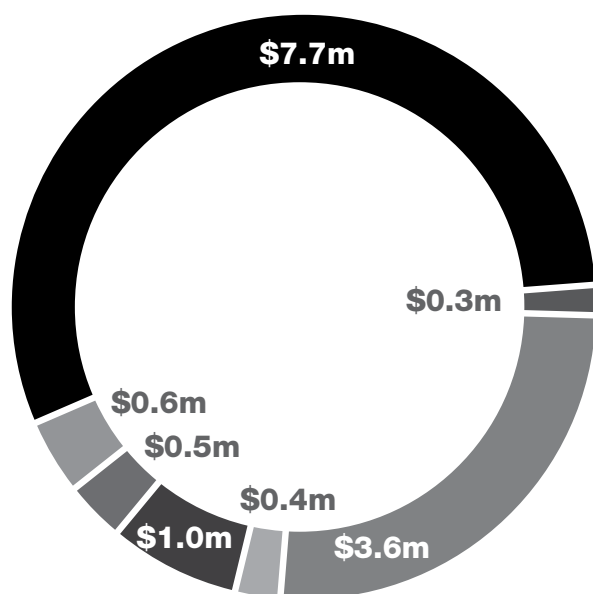
Operating Income



- Parish assessments of \$2.7 million represent a key income source of the Diocese. The Christian faithful of western Kentucky are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for the works of the apostolate and of charity, and for the decent support of ministers (Canon 222).
- The Disciple's Response Fund is an annual appeal that invites donations from the faithful to provide support to the Church for various programs and ministries provided by the Diocese. The total of \$0.4 million is included in the contributions, bequests and grants portion of the operating income.
- Investment income of \$5.6 million net of fees includes interest and dividends earned and reinvested into the Diocese of Owensboro's investment portfolio.
- Donations, grants and bequests of \$2.5 million include unrestricted and restricted gifts to the Diocese from generous benefactors.
- Other income of \$0.2 million includes interest earned on loans to parishes and other miscellaneous income.

Catholic Pastoral Center & Affiliates Operations

Operating Expenses



Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

Diocesan Programs	\$7,689,850
Interest paid on parish deposits	\$263,739
Program Service	\$3,574,269
Other	\$368,705
Grants	\$993,242
Retired Priests	\$463,321
Seminarian Formation	\$556,512
Total Operating Expenses	\$13,909,638

Diocesan program expenses of \$13.9 million for the various services, activities, and ministries include the following:

- Catholic Schools Office – Oversees the development of the instructors and academics throughout our seventeen Catholic schools in the Diocese. \$0.3 million
- Campus Ministry – Supports the campus ministries at Brescia University, our only Catholic university in the Diocese as well as Murray State University and Western Kentucky University. \$0.2 million

- Communications – Supports the printing and distribution of the Western Kentucky Catholic newspaper along with television ministry. \$0.25 million
- The Worship Office serves the diocesan community through liturgical education and training of Catholic lay leaders. \$0.21 million
- The Office of Hispanic Ministry works to identify and meet the pastoral needs for our Hispanic community within our Catholic community. \$0.4 million

- The Tribunal Office works to resolve issues of justice, primarily related to marriage according to the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. \$0.24 million
- The Vocation Office facilitates and coordinates the development and formation of those called to priesthood and religious life. \$0.56 million
- The Religious Education Office provides resources, spiritual formation for DREs located in our parishes and schools throughout the diocese. \$0.1 million
- The Diocese, through program services, supports the Catholic Schools Food Service program and Bishop Soenneker Personal Care Home. \$1.0 million
- Retired Priests and Other Clergy expenses are primarily the annual cost of priest pensions. As of June 30, 2014, the Diocese had 13 retired priests receiving a pension. \$0.5 million
- Seminarian education expenses totaled \$0.6 million. For the fall 2014 semester, the Diocese had 12 seminarians in formation for the priesthood. Two seminarians were ordained into the priesthood in May 2014.
- Grants made to Catholic organizations. \$1.0 million

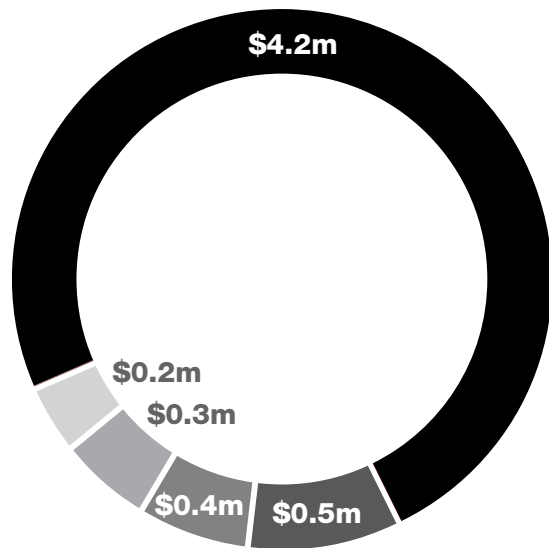
NOTE: Net Operating Expenses for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, include \$3.4 million of salaries, wages & taxes and \$3.4 million of Diocesan Benefit Plan expenses which were offset by premiums received as operating income and do not reflect \$1.2 million of non-cash expenses.

Catholic Pastoral Center & Affiliates Operations

Responding to Today's Need and Tomorrow's Vision Capital Campaign

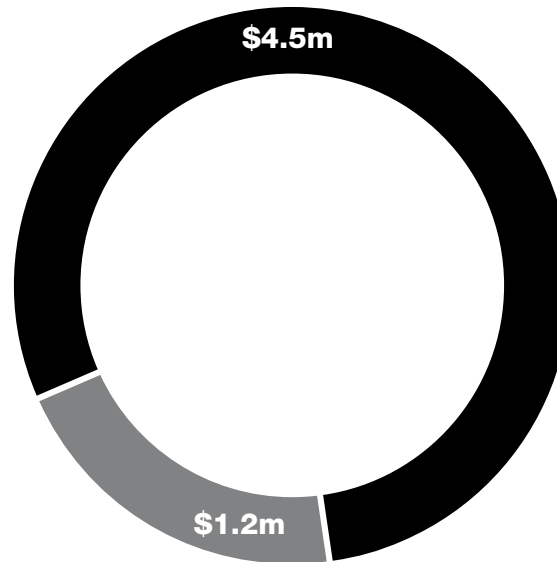
In 2008, the Diocese of Owensboro launched a diocesan-wide capital campaign to raise \$9 million. Just as every family plans for the future, so must the diocese. The challenge has never been greater than it is now to provide a strong faith-filled environment for our youth, to continue providing quality benefits for our retired priests, to restore and renew our Cathedral and to establish a diocesan endowment to meet our growing Catholic educational needs.

The campaign ended in December of 2014. As you can see from the graphs to date, we have raised \$5,735,945. Thanks to each of you who made this possible.



As of June 30, 2014

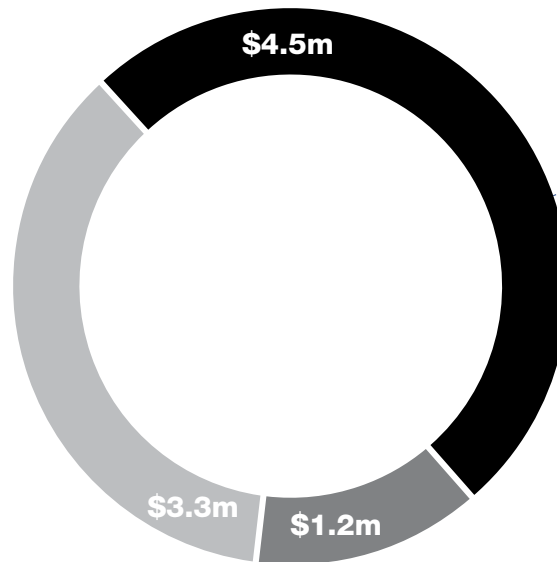
■ No Designation	\$4,248,068
■ Cathedral Restoration	\$538,307
■ Gasper River Youth Camp & Retreat Center	\$375,080
■ Charitable Trust Fund	\$326,062
■ Catholic Education	\$248,428
Total Pledged	\$5,735,945



As of June 30, 2014

■ Pledges Received	\$4,548,599
■ Pledged but not Received	\$1,187,346
Total Pledged	\$5,735,945

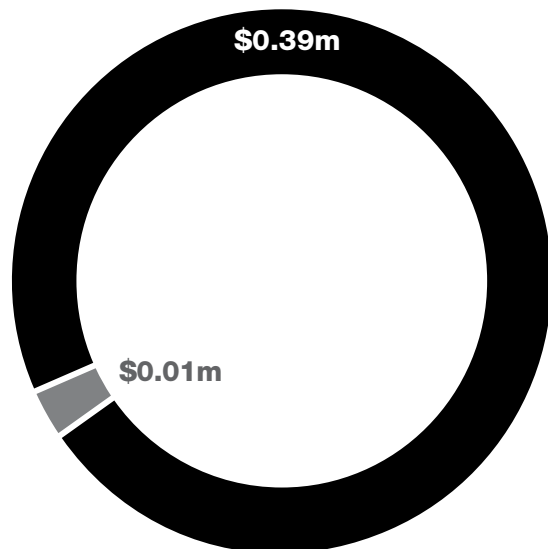
Campaign Goal: \$9,000,000
Pledged: \$5,735,945



As of June 30, 2014

■ Pledges Received	\$4,548,599
■ Pledged but not Received	\$1,187,346
■ Unpledged	\$3,264,055
Total	\$9,000,000

There are five areas that your dollars were designated: Catholic Education, Charitable Trust Fund, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center and Cathedral Restoration and no designation. Of the \$5.7 million pledged, \$4.2 million was undesignated and the remainder was spread over the four areas outlined above.



As of June 30, 2014

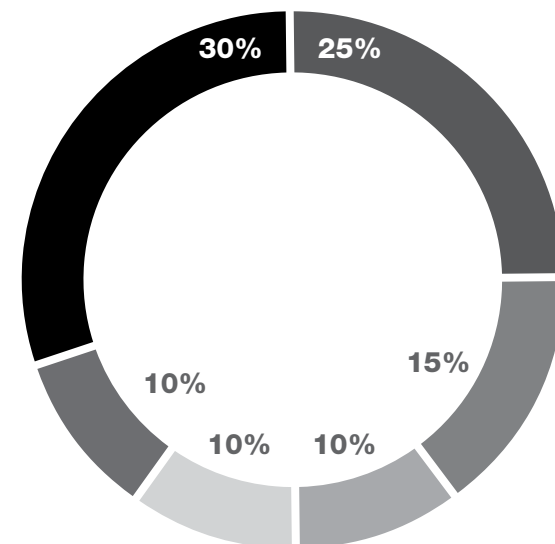
■ Pledges Received	\$374,263
■ Pledged but not Received	\$11,976
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Total Pledged	\$386,239

Campaign Goal: \$400,000
Pledged: \$386,239

Catholic Pastoral Center & Affiliates Operations

Disciple's Response Fund Annual Appeal

The DRF annual appeal was established in 1993; "as a way to present the needs of the Catholic Church to the faithful and then allow the Church to do as much as the people's generosity allows." The dollars raised support seminarian education, religious education, retired priests, outreach to the poor, and support of our parish endowments.



Where does the money go?

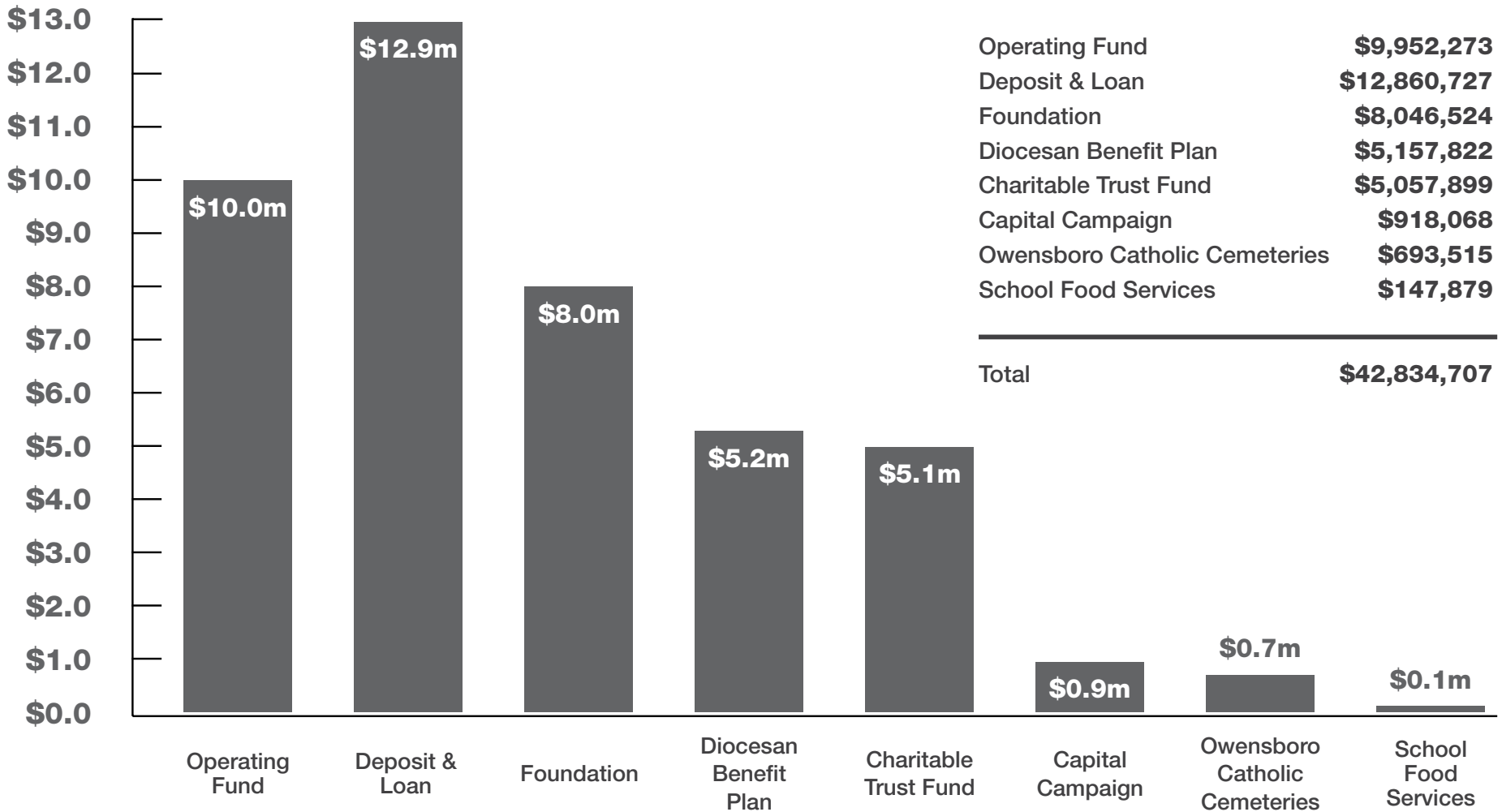
■ Seminarian Education	30%
■ Religious Education	25%
■ Outreach	15%
■ Poor & Indigent	10%
■ Parish Endowment	10%
■ Retired Priests	10%
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Total Pledged	100%

"The growing number of marginalized people living in situations of extreme precariousness is a fact that calls to us and demands zealous solidarity to offer them the material and spiritual support they need. At the same time, we have much to receive from the poor whom we encounter and assist. In the throes of difficulty, they are often witnesses to the essential, to family values; they are able to share with those who are poorer than them, and to rejoice in it. ... Indifference and self-centeredness are always on the increase. Care for the poor enriches us by setting us on a path of humility and truth."

Pope Francis, Audience with members of the Pro Petri Sede Association, February 16, 2015

Catholic Pastoral Center & Affiliates Operations

Total Investment Portfolio Fund Allocation



Independent Auditors' Report

Diocesan Finance Council, Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro

We have audited the accompanying combined financial statements of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro (Catholic Pastoral Center and Affiliates) (Diocese) (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the combined statement of financial position as of June 30, 2014, and the related combined statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the combined financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these combined financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our

audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the combined financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the combined financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the combined financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the combined financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a

basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro (Catholic Pastoral Center and Affiliates) as of June 30, 2014, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the year ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matter

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The combining statement of financial position and the combining statement of activities on pages 21-24 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Riney Hancock CPAs PSC
Owensboro, KY
December 30, 2014

Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Directors, Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statements of the Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2014, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc. as of June 30, 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Riney Hancock CPAs PSC
Owensboro, KY
October 20, 2014

Catholic Foundation of Western Kentucky, Inc. Statements of Financial Position ● June 30, 2014 & 2013

Assets	2014	2013
Cash & cash equivalents	21,955	19,505
Investments:		
Seminarians	5,608,120	5,118,270
Religious education	519,003	470,876
Outreach	261,000	238,363
General	391,111	347,926
Held for annuity obligations	944,710	902,877
Catholic Charities	200,000	0
Seminarian Endowment Challenge	122,580	0
	8,046,524	7,078,312
Assets held for others:		
Cash and investments:		
Bishop Soenneker Home	116,099	\$101,422
Blessed Sacrament Chapel	12,778	10,929
Christ the King, Madisonville	343,249	300,000
Diocesan Catholic Schools	1,076,934	0
Gaspar River Scholarships	100,000	0
Holy Name School	1,137,339	932,484
Immaculate Conception, Hawesville	43,418	38,323
Owensboro Catholic High School	5,776,056	5,079,561
Owensboro Catholic Schools	1,319,961	1,201,530
Parish endowments	1,239,251	1,018,664
Sisters of the Lamb of God	26,858	21,817
St. Alphonsus Cemetery	152,039	134,123
St. Ann Catholic School	171,518	151,305
St. Charles Cemetery, Bardwell	25,183	21,794
St. Charles, Livermore	54,134	48,738
St. Columba, Lewisport	44,343	39,153
St. Denis Cemetery	69,147	60,299
St. Edward	36,336	33,210
St. John, Sunfish	85,086	0
St. Joseph School, Bowling Green	574,193	510,040
St. Joseph, Bowling Green	34,415	29,879
St. Joseph, Central City	278,243	256,072
St. Paul, Princeton	12,511	10,695
St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro	24,059	20,810
St. Romuald Cemetery, Hardinsburg	202,097	174,983
St. Romuald School, Hardinsburg	27,484	23,809
St. Sebastian Cemetery	6,937	5,734
St. Thomas More, Paducah	1,024,352	764,178
Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville	277,079	245,158
Due from Diocese for parish endowments	-	37,454
	14,291,099	11,272,164
	Total assets	22,359,578
		18,369,981
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Due to Related Party	13,908	0
Annuity obligations	376,370	405,020
Assets held for others	14,291,099	11,272,164
Total liabilities	14,681,377	11,677,184
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted (board designated) & temporarily restricted	7,678,201	6,692,797
	Total liabilities and net assets	22,359,578
		18,369,981

The full audits reports may be found at www.rcdok.org/audit

Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Charity, Tiffin, Ohio



The plight of the orphan after the Civil War burned in the heart of a German immigrant priest, Rev Joseph Bihn, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Tiffin, Ohio. Hearing Christ's words, "Whatever you do to one of the least of these, you do to me" (Matthew 25:40); he was determined to find care for destitute children and elders left without family support.

Our humble beginnings began in 1867 when Fr. Bihn purchased fifty-eight acres of land southeast of Tiffin. One Sunday morning he told his parishioners of his desire and asked for help. A widow, Elizabeth (Greiveldinger) Schaefer, also an immigrant responded. Selling her farm, she gave the income and entire savings to this new endeavor. On March 1 1868, Elizabeth, her two young daughters Mary Ann and Josephine (later Sister Bonaventure and Sister Alacoque), her aging father, a brick maker, and an orphan boy, whom she was helping to rear, moved to the new property.

Intending to find a group of Sisters to care for the residents of the Home, Father Bihn was advised to found his own community of Sisters. The Most Reverend Amadeus Rappé, Bishop of Cleveland, granted permission and his heartfelt blessing. Father Bihn told Elizabeth Schaefer of the Bishop's blessing and asked her to consider starting a community of Sisters. She responded affirmatively, saying in later years, "He asked me only once."

On the feast of the Sacred Heart, June 4, 1869, the community of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Charity was formed. Elizabeth Schaefer (Mother Francis) and her sister-in-law, Mary Schaefer, professed their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Elizabeth's daughter, Mary Ann, and Cunnigunda Schmidt, also from St. Joseph's parish, became the first novices as Sisters of St. Francis. (Both Father Bihn and Elizabeth were Secular Franciscans). When other women witnessed the love and dedication of the early members, they too were attracted to join this young community.

The growing family required housing. Formed with clay found on the farm, bricks were fired on site and construction

begun. Within ten years the buildings expanded to include additional living space and a chapel. The family numbered 215 persons.

Sister Death called both co-founders home in 1893. The institution was shaken and struggled for the right to exist. Mother Clara Bork guided the community from 1894-1910 through the dark years of sorrow, trial and difficulty.

The spirit of the founders led the Sisters to expand their services in Ohio and Illinois; in founding hospitals in Lorain, Ohio and in Minot, North Dakota, and in ministry at the Pontifical College Josephinum (then a seminary and orphan home for boys).

Upon the formation of the Diocese of Toledo in 1910, Bishop Joseph Schrembs recalled all the Sisters serving beyond its boundaries. With saddened, yet faithful hearts, the sisters responded. In 1916, the congregation was erected as a diocesan institute under the patronage of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary.

Within the Toledo Diocese the Sisters continued their founding ministry and expanded their efforts to schools in rural parishes, to care of pilgrims at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, and later to health care in Linton, North Dakota and in Paducah, Kentucky.

In 1959 we were invited to the Diocese of Owensboro to manage and staff the then Riverside Hospital (today Lourdes) in Paducah, Kentucky. Our ministry expanded in the diocese when our Sisters served in elementary and high school education, pastoral ministry, child care and health care.

The Sisters responded to the call of Pope John XXIII to send Sisters to Latin America. They began the now forty plus years of ministry in Chiapas, Mexico. A mission in Cuernavaca is serving poor children with the assistance with a growing numbers of Associates. The Sisters have entered the Sanctuary Movement, formed a Companion Community with the Hermanas de Santa Clara, in Central America, and continue to serve in Hispanic ministry in the United States. The first candidate from Mexico was received in 2009 and professed first vows in 2013. The Sisters of St. Francis continue to listen to the call of Vatican Council II responding faithfully, excitedly and often-times painfully.

They care for creation by looking



for ways to reuse, recycle and conserve. They have established the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center and Seeds of

Hope Farm, have placed more than 325 acres of farm land in a conservancy and developed a passive solar straw bale educational residence.

Following the call to serve among people who are often voiceless, the call of biblical justice focuses a comprehensive thrust toward peace and justice in both the self-identity and the ministry of the

Tiffin Franciscans.

Amidst the realities of aging, diminishment, and downsizing "God is our Refuge and our Strength" holds firm as God uses and refashions broken vessels, keeping our hearts ablaze with renewed prayer, hope and courage. For almost 150 years, we have been blessed, challenged and gifted to respond to God's call of giving witness to the Gospel passage, "Whatever you do to one of the least of these, you do to me". (Matthew 25:40)

- The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Penance and Charity.

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Wednesday, July 15, 2015

Diocese of Owensboro
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Precious Blood Bardstown Bus Trip



We will leave on Friday, September 25th after the 7:00 a.m. Mass here at Precious Blood and return on Saturday, September 26th. Cost is \$241 per person/single, \$178 per person/double or \$163 per person/triple (Includes bus transportation, one overnight stay (Hampton Inn), tour of Spalding Hall, tour & tasting at Heaven Hill Distillery, continental breakfast, lunch at Stephen Foster Restaurant on Saturday, tour of Gethsemani, St. Thomas Church and St. Joseph's Cathedral). Lunch (Talbot's Tavern) and Dinner (BJ's Steakhouse) on Friday on your own. \$65 deposit required at registration. Balance is due September 11, 2015. We need 20 participants for this trip, if we get 28 or more participants trip price will drop. If interested, call Penny at the Parish Office at 270-684-6888.

2015 Graduating Seniors from Trinity High School



Hannah Armes



Shawna Aud



Hannah Bland



Skyler Dickens



Dakota Edge



Logan Goetz



Eric Hagan



Alexandria Hamilton



Jennifer Haynes



Jessica Henson



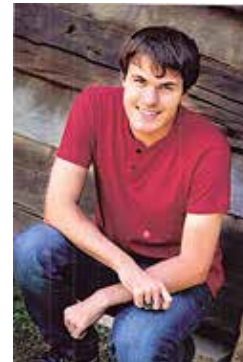
Jacob Hook



Devon Howard



Zach Howard



Korey Johnson



Matthew Johnson



Tai Landolt



Charlotte Morris



Jonah Roberts



Dallas Tomblinson



Blake Ward



Joey Payne



Robert Reynolds



Emerald Roberts





Bishop William Medley in conversation on March 20, 2015 with Trinity High School seniors in Whitesville. At left is Father of Mercy Fr. John Broussart.

Senior Conversations

Special To The Western Kentucky Catholic

What a unique and unusual privilege it is to be invited to a conversation with Bishop Medley. The blessed recipients are the senior class in each of our Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Owensboro. Bishop Medley began this tradition five years ago immediately after being installed as our Bishop. Every year during the second semester of school he schedules about a 90 minute time period to talk openly with the students in each of the three senior classes.

Bishop Medley opens the conversation with an explanation about why he has made the time to meet with seniors. He talks to them about the incredible gift they have received in attending Catholic schools. The Bishop then asks them to carry their faith to all of the places to which they will travel after graduation: college campuses, jobs and military. It is at this time that he shares the beauty of being called to the vocations of priesthood and religious life and encourages the seniors to pray about the possibility. He talks with them the importance of practicing their faith and reminds them about Newman Centers on campuses being centers designed specifically for college students faith and sacramental needs.

Bishop Medley then communicates to the senior class that he is open to any question about the faith, priesthood, religious life, or the Catholic Church. Many of the issues that are impacting the Catholic Church at this time arise. The

Bishop uses these opportunities to be honest and transparent about these issues and teaches the Truth about our Catholic faith. The students respond and react with more openness and trust with their questions. What a beautiful opportunity our Bishop provides for our seniors just months prior to leaving their Catholic schools, parishes and homes.

We are deeply grateful to our God and our Catholic Church for sending Bishop Medley to serve our Diocese of Owensboro in spiritually guiding and teaching us. A true Shepherd he most certainly is!

Special To The Western Kentucky Catholic

Bishop Medley has been faithful about visiting each one of the 17 Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Schools annually to celebrate Mass with the entire student body and visit classrooms after the Mass. His commitment is so strong that he continues to visit despite dealing with his mother's failing health and the loss of his nephew. He is a living example of what the Catholic Church has called him to do, preach the Gospel to all those he has been called to shepherd.

Bishop Medley tailors his interactions with students based upon the age level of the classes he is visiting. He greets each class upon entry into the classroom. With the older students he asks the class if they have any questions about the Catholic Church, Bishops, Priests, religious or our Catholic faith. He does a wonderful job of tailoring his answers to the age range of the child answering. Most of the questions are about a Bishop's life, responsibilities, favorite saints and apparel worn. As the age of the students he addresses increases the questions reflect the student's interest in and desire to understand more about the tenets of our Catholic faith. He never fails to mention that God may be calling a young boy or girl to the priesthood or religious life.

Recently Bishop Medley visited two of our elementary schools. At one of the schools the Bishop taught about the Lenten liturgical season in which we were currently journeying. He also taught about the meaning behind all of Jesus' choices and actions during this holy season. His goal was to drive home the point that Jesus had laid down His love out of great love for each and every one of us. One of his examples was to ask the students to show him with their hands and arms how much their parents loved them. After the young students showed Bishop Medley with arms outstretched the amount of love their parents had for each of them, he turned to the crucifix and pointed to Jesus and said, "Do you see how Jesus stretched out his arms out of His great love for us?"

On another visit Bishop Medley asked to visit all of the second grade classrooms as they were just weeks away from making their First Holy Communion. After greeting the students he shared with each class the story of his First Holy Communion. He wrote April 24, 1960 on the board and pulled out the missal and rosary he had received as a young second grader at our Lady of Loretto. He talked about how his second grade teacher at the Catholic school he attended and his pastor, Fr. Spalding, taught him to carry their missal and rosary in their hands as they approached their very first time of receiving the Body of Christ. He shared the importance of the Sacrament of Penance and impressed upon the students how very important those two sacraments were.

Bishop Medley ends his classroom visits a variety of ways. He prays with the students and/or blesses them and asks each class to pray for him. He promises each

of the young ones in his spiritual care that he will pray for them as well.

What a great gift it is to have our Bishop share time with our students. They learn that in addition to the big job he has running the Diocese of Owensboro, he can also be funny, tell stories about big events that occur in our faith journey, and will answer questions about our Catholic faith. Most importantly he conveys to each of those in his care that they are loved by him enough to be remembered with prayer, the celebration of Mass with them and personal visits to their classrooms.

May God bless Bishop Medley with the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Diocese Of Owensboro And The Family Life Office Is Sponsoring A Pilgrimage To The Philadelphia World Meeting Of Families

September 21-27, 2015, Monday - Sunday. 7 days / 6 nights

Pilgrimage to Philadelphia to the World Meeting of Families
and a concluding mass with Pope Francis

Pilgrimage price including hotel accommodations and motorcoach
transportation from Owensboro, KY: \$841 - \$899.

Prices based on quad occupancy. COST EXCLUSIONS

World Meeting of Families Registration ranging from \$125 - \$325 for adults and
\$95 - \$199 for children under 18

Tips to long-distance motorcoach driver(s).

Meals not mentioned in the itinerary.

*For more information and/or a reservation application
call/contact Joe Bland at the Family Life Office
at joe.bland@pastoral.org or 270-852-8377*

2015 Graduating Seniors from Owensboro Catholic High School



Paige Marie Anderson



Jared Michael Aull



Samuel Blake Aull



Hannah Lynne Baird



Lindsey Noelle Barr



Jillian Rose Bartlett



Cierra Rene Berry



Mary Scarlett Bickett



Anthony George Bittel



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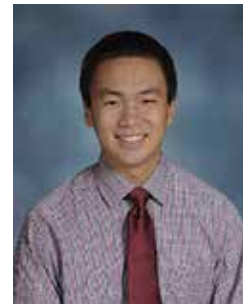
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Corey Wayne Evans



Curtis Stephen Fulkerson



Emily Kay Fulkerson



Lillie Lynn Goetz



Hannah Jin Hagan



Madison Leigh Hagan



Mary Kindra Nicole Hagan



Lesley Ann Harney



Drew Thomas Harvey

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Alex Christopher Hayden



Augustus Seth Hayden



Zachary Joel Haynes



Timothy James Hazelwood



Samuel Christopher-Alan Herdegen



William Collin Higgins



Emily Lou Hoseli



Gabrielle Lee Hoffman



Mason Alexander Jackson



Nicholas James Jackson



Darcy Kay James



Christine Elizabeth Johnson



Zachary Alec Judd



Benjamin Joseph Keller



Ashley Marie Knott



Isaac Ignatius Knott



Leslie Ann Kuntz



Kelly Elizabeth Lanham



Natalie Michelle Leibfried



Bailey Andrew Maloney



Caroline Elizabeth Massie



Madison Marie Mattingly



Morgan Elizabeth Mattingly



Tyler Joseph Mayfield



Katelyn Sue McCarthy



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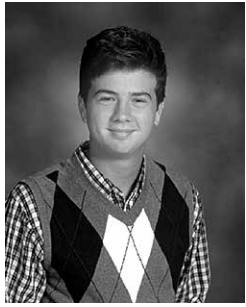


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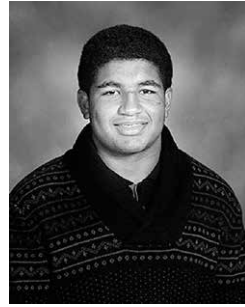
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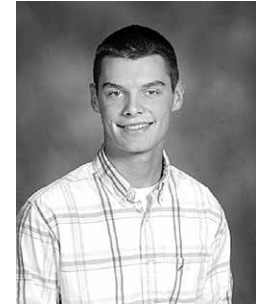
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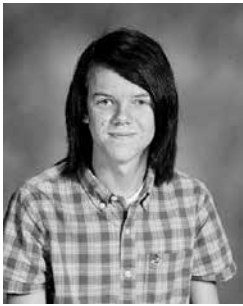
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Brown



Edward
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Kathryn
Clark



Caroline
Curtsinger



Kathryn
de la Rosa



John
DeNeve



Rachel
Denkins



Brook
Duwe



C.J.
Ellis



Addison
Griffin



Baron
Hutton



Shelby
Henderson



Matthew
Higgins



Benjamin
Hopper



Brian
Johnston



Jared
Jones

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Class of 2015



Natasha
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Caroline
Koenig



Jacob
Lang



James
McCoart



Sydney
Nash



Alex
Rich



Austin
Shaw



Maria
Shockley



Davis
Sims



Peyton
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Julia
Spruill



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Thomas



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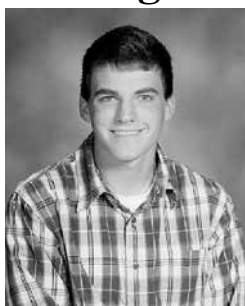


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Elisabeth Keeney



Alexa Marie Wilson



Andrew Jean Wilson



Leslie Gayle Wilson



Alexandria Sierra Wink



Jennifer Michelle Withers



Auddrey Maria Wright

St. Mary High School Senior Ben Hopper Selected for Rex Alexander Award



Photo: Ben Hopper with his Rex Alexander Award story. Photo by ©2015 Willard Jones/www.jonesphoto.biz

PADUCAH, KY – St. Mary senior basketball player Ben Hopper has been selected as the recipient of the Rex Alexander Award, which recognizes one outstanding student-athlete who combines athletic ability, academic success and outstanding citizenship.

The Rex Alexander Award is named in honor of Dr. Rex Alexander, a former Murray State professor, head coach of the Racer basketball team, manager of the First Region high school basketball tournament for 29 years and president of the Kentucky Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. The award is one of the most prestigious honors bestowed upon a student in the First Region. Hopper is the second Viking in as many years to be bestowed the honor, following Wes Averill's selection last season.

Hopper, a KHSAA Academic All-State team member and District 2 All-Tournament selection, maintains at 4.08 grade-point-average and is active in a variety of school groups including Catholic Youth Leaders, National Honor Society, Read2Lead, academic team, history club and baseball team. Last summer, he was selected to participate in the prestigious Governors' Scholars Program. In the community, Hopper is a tutor at West Kentucky Community and Technical College, an altar server at St. Thomas More and volunteer at Community Kitchen, St. Mary Bingo, Morgan Elementary School and Starfish Orphan Ministries.

Hopper, who plans to attend Western Kentucky University next fall, is the son of Amy and Terry Sullivan and Brad Braun.

A Blessing of the Bells

A parish family presented St. Mary Catholic Church in Franklin with a gift of new Sanctus bells for Mass (photo below). Fr. Daniel Dillard blessed them at 8:30 am Mass on March 8. Assisting Fr. Dillard with the "Blessing of the Bells" are Ben Berry, Heather Forney, and Matthew Maynard. Submitted by Paul Abell.



Holy Name School Teachers to Present at the NCEA National Conference



Two faculty members from Holy Name School were selected to present at the 2015 National Catholic Education Association conference in Orlando, Florida, scheduled for April 7-9. Kindergarten educator, Judy Jenkins, and middle grades math educator, Holly Farina, will present "Playing with the Standards (Game-Based Learning in the Elementary Classroom)". Their presentation shares the solutions to the following questions: Do your students like games? Do they enjoy working in groups? Have you ever noticed that children learn (in a sneaky way) while playing together? Game-based learning engages active learners in K-8 classrooms while focusing on academic standards. The session invites participants to play and experience it first hand. Attendees will leave with ready-to-use ideas for any classroom. Thousands of Catholic educators attend this annual event. There are over 6,500 Catholic schools in the United States serving approximately two million students. Submitted by Kamille Stich

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Editor's Note: Since we do not print a Western Kentucky Catholic in June or July, find here the wedding anniversaries submitted by office staff in our parishes during May, June and July.

May Wedding Anniversaries 10, 25, 40, 50 and Over 50 Years of Marriage

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Joseph & Lucille Goetz, 54
Bruce & Gina Sloan, 25
Brandon & Sara Harley, 10
John & Mary Pickrell, 40
Bucky & Suzanne Coomes, 57

Christ the King, Scottsville

Jack & Diane Beeckler, 50
Bill & Nancy Wooldridge, 50

Holy Name of Jesus, Owensboro

Lee & Carol Buckman, 10
William & Sheila Cardwell, 59
Fransico Reyes & Maria Coronado, 25
Jerry & Carolyn Crowdus, 51
Orville & Sue Darr, 10

William & Phyllis Durham, 50
Marvin & Patricia Fulkerson, 60

Larry & Carol Gabbert, 25
Stephen & Judy Lynn, 50

James & Beatrice Stanley, Sr., 66
Jackie & Gayle Sutton, 57

Eric & Lisa Teague, 10
Otis & Linda Walkters, 25

Doris & Barbara Wilson, 65
Kevin & Ashley Wolfe, 10

Richard & Debbie Yates, 25

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Henry & Deborah Conway, 25
Keith & Sheila Crowe, 25

William & Stephanie Blackburn, 25
Raymond & Jean Spears, 40

Donald & Mary Kay Korte, 50
Jack & Georgie Mac Eachern

Richard & Cynthia Gensler, 59
William & Carolyn Siebold, 52

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Daniel & Janet Hartline, 55

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Joseph & Janice Janes, 10
Jeffrey & Vickie Evans, 25
Christopher & Sandra Kuegel, 25
Donald & Rebecca Fulkerson, 40

Mike & Joyce Yates, 50
David & Catherine King, 51

James & Lenna Elder, 51
William & Lillian Haynes, 60

Joseph & Joan Wathen, 51
Cecil & Janice L. Thomson, 53

Mike & Joyce Yates, 50
Bob & JaAnn Vessels, 62

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Jerry & Theresa Rhineburger, 10
Nicholas & Miranda Waninger, 10

Jeff & Krissy York, 10
David & Linda Beckman, 40

Philip D. & Carol Lynn Morris, 40
Tony & Celia Roach, 50

James E. & Annette R. Rubsam
Thomas & Joann Scales, 53

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Tony & Donna Gilmore, 40
John & Clarice Kuegel, 60

George & Anna Carol Murphy, 54
Tony & Mary Edna Payne, 51

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Slade & Samantha Shepherd, 10

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Tommy & Rose Danhauer, 66

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Michael & Vickie Pierce, 25

St. Ann, Morganfield

Norris & Gail Utley, Jr., 40
Robert A. & Sue Beaven, 51

Lawrence & Mary Frances Strehle, 69
Robert & Sarah Wilson, 52

James Arnold & Rita Juen Wolfe, 51

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

John & Imogene Stull, 10

Steve & Vickie Roby, 10

St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel

Bernard & Marquita Campbell, 56
Fred & Alice Whelan, 59

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Robert & Kathleen Lehky, 53

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

George & Treacy Smith, 57

St. Augustine, Reed

Herman Ray & Martha Louisa Miller, 59

St. Columba, Lewisport

Clyde & Georgene Poole, 58

St. Edward, Fulton

Richard & Maria Hartz, 55

St. Elizabeth, Curdsville

Joseph & Dora McCarty, 66

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Joe & Carolyn Saffer, 51
Joseph E. & Mary Pat Blandford, 57
Lawrence E. & Mary Hayden, 60

St. Henry, Aurora

Gene & Martha Davis, 62

Joseph & Dorothy Sienkiewicz, 57

John & Marie Stepanek, 55

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Bobby & Donna Buckman 40

Leon & Dorothy Carrico, 63

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Joseph E. & Celeste Russell, 61

Paul & Dorothy Kaufman, 63

Henry & Betty Englert, 64

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Brian & Susan Murphy, 10

Jeffrey & Shannon Schnell, 10

Gregory & Beth Waltrip, 10

Thomas & Terezinha Williams, 10

Raymond & Jean Spears, 40

Robert & Peggy Jameson, 54

St. Lawrence, Philpot

James & Sharon Roby 40

James Russell & Rose Mary Payne, 50

St. Leo, Murray

Ronald & Carolyn Reimer, 55

Robert & Joan Herndon, 56

Thomas & Elizabeth Holcomb, 10

Arthur B. & Cynthia Cripps, Jr., 40

St. Mark, Eddyville

Joey & Jenny Rivera, 25

Florian & Karen Murdzek, 51

William & Jean Hardesty, 53

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Paul & Dorothy Knott, 61

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Bruce & Gina Head Sloan, 25

Tony & Bernadine Dean, 59

James & Mary Ann Higdon, 54

Mel & Bev Howard, 44

Robert C. & Doris Howard, 63

Aloysius & Doris Knott, 61

Lawrence & Catherine Payne, 51

Joseph & Jean Ann Rearden, 65

St. Michael the Arch Angel, Oak Grove

David & Diane Galbraith, 25

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Loyd & Candas Milliner, 58

Joseph & Agnes Kipper, 50

Byron & Connie Whitworth, 25

St. Peter, Stanley

Michael & Cindy Young, 40

Jay & Betty Wathen, 50

St. Peter, Waverly

Tony & Lisa Peak, 40

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Allen & Kathy Ward, 40

Don & Agnes Powers, 61

Charles & Norma Bivins, 59

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Bob & Linda Rhodes, 58

Michael & Marcella Miller, 25

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TRIP TO CAPE COD WITH MARTHA'S VINEYARD

The Bunkobabes have scheduled a trip to Cape Cod with Martha's Vineyard for September 19–27, 2015. Enjoy 8 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the quaint Cape Cod area; 14 meals (8 breakfasts and 6 dinners); a visit to lovely, artistic Martha's Vineyard; an exploration of the historic seaside towns of Hyannis and Sandwich; a tour of the "Outer Cape", including Provincetown and Chatham; a visit to the JFK Museum; and much more! Cost is \$770 per person, double occupancy ... \$75 due upon signing. Depart from St. Jerome Church. Contact Judy Thomas at 270-623-8462 or Barbara Sue Wilson at 270-623-6990.

Gerald & Janie Maysey, 25

Earl & Rita O'Reilly, 53

St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

Wallace & Rose Mary Harris, 51

Michael & Beverly Himmelhaver, 57

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Robert & Lana Bastin, 40

Jack & Joyce Kotarek, 52

Kenneth & Amanda Carrico, 25

John Edwin & Jennifer Roeder, 10

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Allen & Maggie Knoop, 10

Randy & Maria Toth, 25

George & Sandra Hagan III, 50

Ronald C. & Jackie Jones, 51

David & Rebecca Millay, 55

Leon & Peggy Clark, 58

Daniel L. & Sally Halbig, 52

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Matt & Mary Evans, 10

Vernon & Cheryl Arboleda, 25

Kip & Peggy Denkins, 25

Bill & Rose Ann Walker, 55

St. William, Knottsville

Chris & Carrie Hodskins, 10

J. Clemie & Jackie Cecil, 57

Sam & Mary Frances Fulkerson, 72

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Mark Kevin & Jennifer Keown, 10

Jon & Amy Lindblom, 10

Donald J. & Mary Jane Blandford, 55

Richard & Dorothy Thomas, 55

Charles & Norma Bivins, 59

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Robert & Richelle Goodin, 10

Corey & Elaine Birgham, 25

Yancey & Elizabeth Rutland, 25

Robert & Lana Bastin, 40

Steve & Pam Carlton, 61

Samuel & Patricia Chesnut, 56

John & Penny Chewning, 51

Patrick & Joann Fields, 63

Charles & Mary Ann Keel, 56

Neil & Joan McGillivray, 55

Francis & Eleanor Rogers, 69

June Wedding Anniversaries 10, 25, 40, 50 and Over 50 Years of Marriage

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Robert & Connie Hood, 57
David & Carol Ralph, 25
Deacon Bill & Joy Bach, 54
Will & Mary Katherine Wathen, 10
David & Jennifer Lyons, 25
Russell & Virginia Corley, Jr., 55
James & Teresa Conder, 58
Thomas & Martha Payne, 64
Michael & Candy Oakes, 25

Christ the King, Madisonville

Bryan & Myrna Borders, 25

Bernard & Rita Rich, 69

John & Angela Latham, 10

Ken & Catherine Lamb, 53

Christ the King, Scottsville

Lt. Col. James & Rosalie Barnard, 70

Holy Cross, Providence

Gerald & Monica Papineau, 59

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Kevin Baer & Marcia Cave, 25

Pascal & Elaine Benson, 53

Michael & Mary Cecil Bruner, 10

Ronald & Judith Bugg, 52

Robert & Betty Christian, 57

Larry & Barbara Cleveland, 10

Martin & Donna Coomes, 10

Ronnie & Bernadine Cooper, 55

Tony & Dana Delano, 25

Daxton & Andrea Dickens, 10

Michael & Ann Galbraith, 25

William & Faye Goldey, 54

Stan & Sharon Gorecki, 50

Mark & Judith Heitkemper, 40

Laddie & Carol Jankura, 57

Paul & Sue Kuerzi, 51

John & Agnes Marchand, 62

Nate & Amy McGarrh, 10

Romuald & Betty Mills, 53

James & Maxine O'Nan, 59

Sonny & Lynda Peters, 55

Norman & Phyllis Powell, 53

Barry & Mary Jane Richmond, 40

Larry & Virginia Sigler, 52

Christopher & Tara Smith, 10

Donald & Sharon Speaks, 53

Noel & Mildred Stribling, 53

Billy Ray & Mary Jane Thomas, 54

J. D. & Paulette Vowels, 25

Tony & Cindy Zehner, 40

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Brian & Beth Lowder, 10

Bob & Joella Scheidegger, 25

Scott & Lisa Abel, 25

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Bill & Nancy Hutchinson, 50

Donna & James Moore, 50

Anthony & Marie Meffert, 62

James & Ann Meador, 56

Joseph & Judy Janes, 51

Richasrd & Shirley Jakel, 59

Robert & Elizabeth Crowe, 55

Robert & Theresa Hoyt, 53

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Pat & Donna Ogle, 51

Norman & Nancy Wheatley, 52

Elbert & Bonnie Tindle, 56

Donald & Gloria Tharp, 56

Charles & Marita Bozarth, 58

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Norman & Millie Thomas, 57

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Critt & Jenny Hudson, 10

Roshan K. & Danielle Mathew, 10

John & Nancy Lewis, 50

Thomas & Barbara Hagan, 59

Manuel & Carmel Torrez, 52

John & Nancy Lewis, 50

Edwin & Barbara Merimee, 58

Jerry & Betty Rouse, 55

Robert & Paula Taul, 54

Thomas & Mary Thompson, 58

Edward & Thelma White, 56

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Travis & Rachael Clark, 10

Gabriel & Rachel Hardy, 10

Joseph & Jillian Hatfield, 10

Daniel & Dodie Kirkendoll, 25

Albert & Dorothy Reid, 25

Daniel & Janis Blandford, 40

John & Frances McNulty, 50

Bernard & Betty Blandford, 61

William & Betty Cavin, 69

Leander & Janet Goff, Jr., 58

Clifford & Bettie Hall, 62

Robert & Linda Schwartz, 55

Charles W. & Margaret Smith, 65

Joseph L. & Jean Yeand, 68

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Merlin & Barbara Mingus, 54

Paul & Helen O'Bryan, 51

John & Mary Phillips, 53

Louis & Cathy Travis, 40

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Thomas & Judith Hoover, 54

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Lee & Betty Nally, 53

Cosmos & Kira Russelburg, 10

David & Lindsay Jenkins, 10

Scott & Rose Ann Glazebrook, 25

Michael & Janice Hagan, 50

Michael & Rebecca Williams, 40

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

John M. & Louise Mulligan, 66

Matthew & Tiffany Powers, 10

St. Ann, Morganfield

Dr. Rowan & Laura Jones, 10

Tony & Sara Hite, 40

Thomas R. & Margaret Clements, 60

Charles & Mary Lou Duncan, 57

Jerry & Kathleen Thompson, 51

St. Anthony, Axtel

Dave & Joan Elder, 55

Todd & Sandy Henning, 25

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

James Wallace & Marjorie Howard, 57

Robert & Barbara Carper, 52

John & Carol Zaremba, 50

St. Anthony, Peonia

Minor & Anna Rose Messenger, 50

Fred & Alice Grant, 54

Glenn & Etta Pierce, 60

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Georgia & Wayne Bradshaw, 54

St. Augustine, Reed

Donald Eugene & Sharon Ann Brown, 55

James Richard & Elizabeth L. Davis, 62

St. Charles, Livermore

Greg & Sherry Abney, 10

Alvin & Betty Bickett, 64

St. Columba, Lewisport

Leo & Eileen Basham, 62

St. Denis, Fancy Farm

Melvin & Wanda Carter, 40

Frank & Sandra McGrath, 53

Donnie & Patty Willett, 40

St. Elizabeth, Curdsville

Wayne & Becky McCarty, 25

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson

Martin & Roslyn Hill, 50

Ernie & Melissa Humphrey, 25

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Willis & Mary Thornsberry, 50

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

George W. & Joan Cooper, 60

John & Donna Trogolo, 60

Dwain & Margaret M. Smith, 51

St. Henry, Aurora

Frank & Annette Sopcak, 65

Milton & Mable Keifer, 64

Tom & Patricia Osthoff, 25

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Tyler & Michelle Trevathan, 10

Brian & Christy Webster, 10

Dewayne & Patty Redmon, 25

David & Paula Spillman, 25

Rudy & Judy Elliott, 62

Robert & SDara Elliott, 60

Thomas V. & Regina Jones, 54

Leo & Willene Thomas, 55

St. John the Baptist, Fordsville

Paul & Mary Rusher, 60

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Harold & Wanda Wurth, 53

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Aaron & Jennifer Melda, 10

Dorian & Kelly Lee, 25

Robert & Gwen Menestrina, 40

Alan & Adrienne Dieball, 57

Allen & Dolores Dodd, 64

Dennis & Sheila LeGrand, 52

Rhea & Pearl Taylor, 51

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Minor & Anna Messenger, 50

LaMont & Betty Miller, 52

St. Joseph, Mayfield

William & Teresa Hamilton, 51

Joseph & Jackie Skinner, 56

John & Inez Lee, 61

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Thomas & Rhonda Michelle Smith, 10

Joseph & Faye Hughes, 57

St. Leo, Murray

James & Janice McAllister, 54

Ryan & Jennifer McCafferty, 10

Norman & JoRae Peiffer, 56

Charles & Soledad Rust, 52

St. Mark, Eddyville

Greg & Rose Swierczynski, 40

William & Mildred Greenwell, 52

St. Martin, Rome

Bryan & Diane Lane, 52

Preston & Barbara Fulkerson, 57

St. Mary, Franklin

Larry & Michelle Anderson, 60

Douglas & Joyce Alvey, 60

St. Mary, LaCenter

Paul & Joan Holt, 54

Billy Don & Shirley Marshall, 64

John & Elaine Wood, 50

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Jerrod & Tricia Murphy, 10

Dan & Charlotte Kamuf, 50

Bob & Margie Elder, 58

Jim & Martha Kauffeld, 53

Larry & Dottie Elder, 51

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Tom & Susie Howe Mattingly, 25

Charles Fred & Alice Aud Howard, 50

J. C. & Margaret Boarman, 53

Robert & Sharie Cinnamond, 54

Roger & Barbara Coomes, 53

Sylvester & Mary Higdon, 58

Alva & Joyce Merritt, 54

Herman & Edith Payne, 60

St. Michael, Sebree

Jim & LaVonna Cheatham, 50

John & Lois McGraw, 50

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Joel & Glace Kuan, 25

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Tom & Wanda Portman, 40

Mark & Reva Milliner, 25

June Wedding Anniversaries

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St. Paul, Princeton

Kenneth & Theresa Negray, 40

St. Peter, Waverly

David & Nancy Wolfe, 50

Eddie & Rose French, 58

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Paul Adam & Judy Payne, 10

William & Kimberly Mills, 25

Thomas & Carol Whitford, 40

Mike & Ellen Marlowe, 40

James & Annette Wimsatt, 57

Hugh & Therese Higdon, 64

Wm. Doug & Agnes Crowe, 63

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Mike & Cathy Kennedy, 25

Jim & Barbara Flood, 53

Jack & Mary Rita Neff, 53

Michael & Kellee Kennedy, 10

Beavin & Ginna Thornsberry, 64

Dan & Sheila Drane, 40

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Verie & Mary Alice Ford, 56

Scott & Gera Jarboe, 25

St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

James & Cassandra Burden, 25

Greg & Rita Roach, 40

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Greg & Sherry Abney, 10

Alvin & Betty Bickett, 64

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Jonathan & Bony Prudhomme, 25

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Durand & Joy Engineer, 10

Brian & Melissa Cambron, 10

Dennis & Pam Weafer, 40

Robert E. & Roberta Berry, 50

Leo & Melba Schemmel, 58

Richard D. & Faye Booth, 54

Joseph P. & Rose Bender, 63

St. Susan, Elkton

Gustavo & Maria Resendiz, 10

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Joe & Karen Goff, 10

Chris & Mariena Jones, 10

Tyler & Bridget Leet, 10

Paul & Carla Marshall, 10

David & Peggy Culbertson, 25

Ronald & Carol Kupper, 25

Leslie & Susan Grimm, 40

Gary & Margaret Grueninger, 40

Bill & Martha Cash, 55

James & Patsy Carroll, 57

John & Nancy Smith, 57

Bob & Cleo Higdon, 62

St. William, Knottsville

Mark & Janet Munch, 10

Brad & Anita Payne, 25

Patrick & Patricia Cecil, 54

Ernie & Martha Payne, 58

St. William of Vercelli, Marion

Nancy & Bob Brock, 40

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Christopher & Karen Volk, 10

Mike & Beth Berry, 25

Kevin & Kim Tignor, 25

Fred & Sharon Fulkerson, 40

Mark A. & Debby Mulligan, 40

Joseph & Monica Blandford, 51

Ed & Jonny Blondin, 53

Tom & Mary Anne Gardner, 51

Tom & Joyce Hayden, 52

Doug & Dorothy Hood, 54

John & Bonnie Horn, 56

Maurice & Ursula Thompson, 54

Sts. Mary & James, Guthrie

Jim & Peggy Roland, 72

Tony & Anita Tavano, 58

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Erik & Maranda Davis, 10

Tony & Jennifer Sewell, 10

July Wedding Anniversaries

10, 25, 40, 50 and

Over 50 Years of Marriage

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Donald & Barbara Mattingly, 54

Charles & Joan Collins, 56

Pal & James Fitzhugh, 62

Omer & Lucy Harpe, Jr., 55

Jesse & Darleen King, 40

Gene & Nancy Clark, 63

Paul & Jane Coomes, 54

Joseph & Karen Crisp, 54

Tim & Cathy Goetz, 25

Cody & Mary Shape, 10

Christ the King, Madisonville

John and Peggy LaMure, 58

Christ the King, Scottsville

Jimmy & Carol Wheat, 53

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Joseph & Zelda Alvey, 60

David & Charlotte Baumgartner, 25

Frank & Dora Betz, 53

Robert & Dorothy East, 73

Robert & Audrey Fox, 25

Chris & Lyren Holstein, 10

Charles & Teresa Krampe, 51

Bobby & Sue Liles, 61

Mark & Eleanor Martin, 57

Clarence & Kathy Osborne, 54

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Andy & Sherri Meyer Hensley, 10

Mirko & Petra Matic, 25

Nick & Julie Holt V, 25

Pedro & Doris Camargo, 25

Eugene & Gladys Faller, 64

Gene & Peg Walschon, 62

James & Lana Flynn, 52

Jack & Michele Thomas, 52

William & Judy Liscomb, 54

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Joe Lee & Tina Wheatley, 25

Mike & Marilyn McCaslin, 40

Robert & Eva Bulleit, 50

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Ted & Amanda Johnston, 10

John & Virginia Stelmach, 25

George & Sandra Fleming, 25

Joseph E. & Rita Ballard, Sr.,

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Rodney & Amy Hutchins, 40

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Matt & Blaine Elder, 10

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John & Marilyn Mikulcik, 54

Samuel & Patricia Willett, 50

St. Mark, Eddyville

Jackie & Dorothy Kirk, 50

James & Margie Hibbard, 57

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J. Major & Joann Bradford, 58

St. Mary, LaCenter

Ron & Joni Culp, 25

Michael & Evelyn McGowan, 55

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John & Patsy Hartz, 50

Bill & Marion Bratcher, 50

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Shelby & Loretta Newton, 54

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Doug & Sandra Howard, 40

Henry & Mary Jo Higdon, 66

Herman & Dorothy Higdon, 56

Carl & Teresa Logsdon, 73

Joseph Cecil & Frances Payne, 58

Joe & Patricia Wright, 52

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Ronald & Andrea Seets, 10

Robert & Eva Maria Smith, 52

Edwin & Mayra Torres-Soto, 10

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Tim & Beth Geary, 10

St. Peter, Waverly

Robert & Gail Ray, 40

Malcolm & Leslie Wheatley, 50

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Keith & Paula Robinson, 25

David & Donna Burr, 25

John & Carolyn McCarty, 40

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

William & Sally Hinton, 52

Donnie & Mary Vessels, 52

Joe & Minnie Nimmo, 56

Bernie & Ginny Flood, 50

Bob & Glenda Dowell, 40

Terry & Kay Harris, 40

Scotty & Erin Waddell, 10

St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

James & Barbara Mattingly, 51

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Marc & Lindsay Searcy, 10

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Jeffery & Kathleen Wynne, 25

Chip & Chris Gusgeski, 40

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Randy & Karen Tomes, 40

Harry & Peggy Bellew, 50

George A. & Charlotte Hagan, 54

Francis J. & Louise Hayden, 66

Jim & Karen Keoughan, 51

Mills & Monika Logan, 57

Gene M. & Nancy B. Clark, 63

Bill & Brenda Kelley, Jr., 51

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Wesley & Alana Burchett, 10

Aaron & Ivette Perrault, 10

Matt & Felicia LaBarge, 25

Steve & Jean Berry, 40

Bill & Nancy Sturgis, 54

John & Lena O'Nan, 55

Mike & Betty Polashock, 55

St. William, Knottsville

Damon & Jennifer Lynn Cecil, 10

Daniel & Jamie Yaeger, 10

Keith & Norma Hurm, 25

Joseph & Marianne McPherson, 50

Harold & Patricia Bennett, 55

Tony & Diana Elliott, 54

Walter & Mary Isbill, 56

Robert & Anna Turner, 64

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Aaron & Kimberly Haynes, 10

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David & Anna Faye Montgomery, 51

William & Carla Payne, 55

Fred & Joan Roberts, 61

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Robert & Virginia Gray, 10

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Sisters of Service Volunteer Time, Help For Hope Unlimited in Paducah

By Bekah Courtney

PADUCAH, Ky. - While many students spent their Martin Luther King junior day at home, members of the Sisters of Service used their day off to volunteer at the Hope Unlimited in Paducah. A total of 15 girls and 3 parent volunteers worked for 3 hours sorting through clothing, toys, paperwork, cleaning, and organizing diapers.

Hope Unlimited is an organization that helps women in need of maternal assistance. Whether it be to provide them with basic necessities that may be otherwise difficult to afford such as diapers or shampoo, clothing items or to act as an emergency hotline, Hope Unlimited will help in the Paducah and Metropolis areas.

One of the most important things about Hope Unlimited is that it is Pro Life. The members of SOS chose to do this service project because it stands for what the Catholic Church believes and teaches and that ALL life is precious. Sisters of Service is an organization of Catholic girls ages 10-18 that is sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella to do good works and service within the community.

This service project, held on January 19, was the first of the 2015 year for the girls of SOS. A total of 226.75 hours were volunteered in 2014. Organizations that the SOS served last year included the West KY Ups and Downs Organization, Special Olympics, St. John's the Evangelist Parish, St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah Power food drive, the Merryman House, Hope Unlimited, Maple Mount Picnic, Daughters of Isabella, and Knights of Columbus Council 1055.



Front Row: Jordan Bufford, Hanna Speis, Ashley Sullivan, Therese Smith,
Back Row: Katerina Welander, Brianna Thompson, Caroline Veatch, Karina Romero, Katy Crouch, Shannon Wilkins, and Emily Veatch. Photo submitted by Sheri Babbs

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Bruised, Hurting and Dirty

"Kilian"

By George Kane

One spring day Evan and Ellen were out talking to our neighbors in the projects when Evan struck up a conversation with four young boys. The ringleader, 11 year-old Kilian, looked bored and was casually throwing dirt at the other three as the missionaries walked up.

Evan tried telling the boys some stories about God healing people but Kilian cut in, "I don't believe in God! I hate God. I love the devil!" When this didn't succeed in getting Evan upset, Kilian threw some dirt at him, but that didn't work either. Then, Kilian crossed the line by lobbing some dirt at Ellen.

Evan turned towards Kilian and said, "Please apologize to my sister." While Ellen isn't Evan's sister by blood, they are brother and sister in the family Jesus initiated when he said, "Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother" (Mk 3:35). When the missionaries call each other "brother" and "sister" during mission it often provides a helpful opportunity to explain the family of God to our neighbors.

Sister or not, however, Kilian wasn't apologizing. Instead, he pushed his chest into Evan's and shouted, "What are you

going to do? You can't hurt me! I'm just a kid, and you're an adult!"

"I'm not going to hurt you, Kilian," Evan replied, surprised by his anger. "I just want you to apologize." Defiant, Kilian reached out, snatched Evan's pen off his shirt, and stormed off. Thinking Kilian was gone, Evan tried continuing his Bible story to the younger three but all they did was giggle and try to whisper crude jokes to him.

Then Kilian came back and asked for Evan's Bible. Evan said no, and Kilian started circling him and punching him lightly, which Evan ignored as he finished telling the Bible story he'd begun.

Finished with his story, Evan asked Kilian for his pen back, which Kilian surprisingly returned. One of the other boys asked to try on Evan's glasses, which Evan cautiously handed over. Next Kilian wanted a turn, but when he got the glasses, he turned and walked away!


Partially blinded, Evan realized that if he gave chase he would probably never see his glasses again. Instead of reacting, he just kept talking to the other boys, hoping Kilian would come back.

And he did! After a couple tense minutes Kilian wandered back to the group. Evan bent over and let Kilian put


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his glasses back on his face. But as he did, Kilian took Evan's pen again, and this time buried it in plain sight under a tree a few yards away.

Ready to leave, Evan asked for his pen back, but Kilian said "I lost it." -"Do you think you could find it?" asked Evan.

- "Maybe," replied Kilian, who promptly unearthed the pen but still refused to give it back.

Evan and Ellen said goodbye and walked back to their car, tired and a little frustrated. As they were getting in, Kilian came running up behind them. "Can you guys come to my house? I live right down the street!" he panted to a stunned Evan and Ellen, giving them his address as well.

Was this the same boy?

Evan made a plan to get back with him as soon as they could. Delighted, Kilian tossed Evan's pen back and sped off.

Two weeks later, Evan's mission

team knocked at Kilian's house. Kilian bounded to the door and let them in. Visibly excited, he quickly cleaned off the sofa and invited them to sit down, parking himself right next to Evan. With a Bible in his lap, Kilian stared straight up at Evan the whole time, drinking it in.

Pope Francis has said, "I prefer a Church that is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets

rather than a Church which is unhealthy from clinging to its own security" (EG 49). I think Evan's decision to quietly endure Kilian's pestering opened Kilian's heart, showing



just how effective a bruised, hurting and dirty Christian can be. *The Bruised, Hurting and Dirty website can be accessed at <https://georgekane.wordpress.com/>*

St. Mary High's O'Rourke and Courtney Selected for Governor's Scholar Program



St. Mary High School Governor's Scholar selections Catherine O'Rourke and Rebekah Courtney. SMHS Photo

PADUCAH, KY - St. Mary High School junior Catherine O'Rourke has

been named a 2015 Kentucky Governor's Scholar, and Rebekah Courtney has been selected as an alternate for the prestigious academic program. This summer, participating students will attend a 5-week seminar focused on academics at one of three college sites throughout the state of Kentucky.

"We could not be more proud of Catherine and Bekah for being selected for such a prestigious honor," St. Mary High School principal Susan Higdon said. "The Governor's Scholar Program recognizes some of the best students in the state, and this a great opportunity for them. Both girls are committed not only to their academic studies, but also to service and faith, which are the three pillars of the St. Mary mission. Their academic foundations, as well the extra-curriculars and servant activities

will all be bolstered by this experience."

O'Rourke, the daughter of Dr. James and Lisa O'Rourke of Paducah, is involved with the St. Mary orchestra as first chair in the advanced orchestra and in the string ensemble, National Honor Society, Catholic Youth Leaders, recycling club, 4-H and as treasurer of the Spanish club. A member of St. Thomas More parish, she is active with the music ministry and YDisciple youth group. In addition, she is a volunteer with Four Rivers Sport Horse Equestrian, Kentucky Dressage Association, the McCracken County Humane Society and Groceries For Good.

Courtney is the daughter of Stacey and Tracy Courtney of Melber and is a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, where she serves and lectures, and is involved with YDisciple. At St. Mary, she is affiliated with the basketball and softball teams, National Honor Society, Catholic Youth Lead-

ers, Spanish club and history club. Outside of the classroom, she volunteers with Sisters of Service, Read2Lead, St. Mary Bingo and as a scorekeeper and elementary school basketball games.

Statewide the Governor's Scholar Program selects 1,050 students from the Commonwealth annually. The scholars are divided equally amongst three host Kentucky college campuses for the summer residential programs. The program originated in 1983 as a result of Kentucky leaders' concern that the state's "best and brightest" were leaving the Commonwealth to pursue educational and career opportunities elsewhere without fully understanding the potential of their talents at home. Students who are selected attend the Program without charge. In the spirit of partnership, the Office of the Governor, the Kentucky State Legislature, and private enterprise come together to provide the financial support for the Program.

3 OCHS Juniors Named Ky. Governor's Scholars

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Three OCHS juniors have been named as 2015 Kentucky Governor's Scholars: Lucy Kurtz, Emily Marshall and Cameron O'Nan.

Congratulations to each of you!



OCS K3 Campus Winners of Water Conservation Contest

Pictured with art teacher, Mrs. Joni Byrd, are the Owensboro Catholic K3 Campus winners in the Daviess County Water Conservation Art Contest. 1st Place- Spencer Harris; 2nd Place- Andrew Brauer; 3rd Place- Veronica Higdon. Lori Whitehouse Photo

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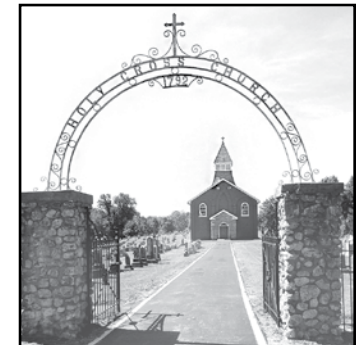
On Thursday, April 9th at St. Romuald Church in Hardinaburg, Fr. Brian Johnson celebrated his birthday. He received what every priest needs—a pair of black Muck boots to walk thru snow & rain! Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch and birthday cake! At left, Fr. Brian Johnson with his parents Steven and Ann Johnson. AT right, Fr Brian turned sideways so we could see the Muck on his boots! Photos submitted by Kim Brumfield

Pioneer Catholics: From Maryland to Kentucky presentation on Nov. 3

Do you ever think about where your ancestors came from, why they came to western Kentucky and why they stayed? The pioneers came to western Kentucky with their dreams, hopes and struggles, but especially their deep Catholic faith that permeates even unto today.

You can find out more about the pioneers of western Kentucky by joining a discussion at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 3 at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The evening will begin with a delicious meal at 5:30, followed by the program titled, “Pioneer Catholics: From Maryland to Kentucky.”

The central Kentucky area near Bardstown is known as the “Catholic Holy Land of Kentucky.” This presentation will be given by Ursuline Sister George Mary Hagan, a native of that area. She was involved in the planning of the Maryland to Kentucky and Beyond 2014 Reunion that brought 465 people to St. Catharine College in Springfield, Ky., in June 2014. The reunion united descendants of the pioneers who came from Maryland and settled in cen-



Built in 1792, Holy Cross Church became the first Catholic church erected in the state and site of the first mass west of the Allegheny Mountains. <http://kentuckykindredgenealogy.com>

For more information and to register, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-4103 or e-mail kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org.

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5K Run/Walk Saturday, May 30, 2015

Register: 7: 15 a.m.
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The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint



Joseph are hosting their second 5K – the official 5K for the Daviess County Bicentennial! It is open to walkers, runners, children and adults and will take place on the grounds and nearby roads. All proceeds will support the ministries of the Ursuline Sisters.

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Race will be chip timed. You can pick up race packets the week prior to the race at Brescia University's Bookstore. The race site is 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56.



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Clinton Parishioner Interns With NPM



During the July 2014 National Pastoral Musicians Convention held in St. Louis, Missouri, Eva Alicia Jones of Saint Jude Parish in Clinton interned as one of two roving youth reporters. Interns are recruited from all over the United States and must be college students between the ages of eighteen and twenty-three.

Eva Alicia conducted interviews with convention participants from all over the United States. She attended various convention workshops, toured area churches and enjoyed several concerts. Her experiences were uploaded nightly onto the NPM Facebook page. Eva Alicia is pictured above (top far left) with the other youth interns and coordinator Rachelle Kramer (lower center). This picture appeared in the National Pastoral Musicians magazine. Submitted by Lynn Jones, Clinton, KY.

19 Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Celebrating Jubilees in 2015

70 YEARS



Sister Philomena Cox is a native of Owensboro. A teacher or principal for 29 years, she worked as director of building services at Brescia College/

University (1976-91). She was principal at St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph (1956-59) and St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho (1963-69), and taught at St. Pius, Owensboro (1962-63). She ministered at the Motherhouse as a business office secretary (1991-2000) and community treasurer (2000-08). She also ministered in the Archdiocese of Louisville.



Sister Marcella Schrant is a native of Walker, Kan. She was an Ursuline of Paola, Kan., prior to their 2008 merger with Mount Saint Joseph.

In Kansas, she was a teacher for 43 years, superior of her community (1990-94), a receptionist at a college campus and a parish minister. She now helps the Mission Advancement office at Maple Mount.



Sister Marie Brenda Vowels, a Louisville native, moved to Meade County as a child. She taught at St. Romuald, Hardinsburg (1947-49); St. William,

Knottsville (1949-54); St. Anthony, Axtel (1956-58); St. Thomas More, Paducah (1964-66) and was principal at Precious Blood, Owensboro (1973-74). At the Motherhouse, she served in the Post Office (1975) and as a receptionist (1999-2009). She also ministered in the Archdiocese of Louisville and in New Mexico.

60 YEARS



Sister Jane Falke of Westphalia, Kan., was a former Ursuline Sister of Paola, Kan. She taught at several Kansas schools for 25 years. She has also ministered at a parish

in Kansas and one in Missouri. She was assistant superior/treasurer of her Ursuline community (1982-90, 1998-2006) and a council member for 10 years. She served at Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas, 2008-10, and is now receptionist for Catholic Charities, Kansas City, Kan.



Sister Margaret Marie Greenwell, a native of New Haven, served as principal at St. Thomas More, Paducah (1983-85) and St. Ann, Morganfield (1986-

86). She was also a parish minister at St. Ann (1985-86). Her 35 years of teaching included ministry in Vine Grove and Louisville. She served as the receptionist at the Sister Visitor Center (Catholic Charities) in Louisville (1993-2015).



Sister Marie Michael Hayden of Owensboro was director of religious education for the Diocese of Owensboro, 1979-87, and assistant DRE for

the Diocese of Lincoln, Neb., 1964-79. She taught in the Archdiocese of Louisville. She ministered to her brother, Fr. Lucian Hayden, in the Carmel Home, Owensboro, 1999-2001. She served in pastoral ministry and religious education at Sacred Heart Parish, Russellville, 1996-99, in Missouri, and at St. John the Baptist in Fordsville, 2002-14.



Sister Francis Louise Johnson was born in Waverly and grew up in Mayfield. From 1984-89, she was parish minister at St. Francis de Sales, Paducah. She taught

in the Louisville Archdiocese and in Nebraska, Missouri and New Mexico. She was a pastoral associate in Pewee Valley, 1989-2002. Since 2003, she has been coordinator of the Guest House at Mount Saint Joseph.

Sister Catherine Marie Lauterwasser was born in Owensboro. She served at Mount Saint Joseph Academy, as



music teacher (1973-79) and principal (1980-83), and taught at Trinity High, Whitesville, 1979-80, and Mary Carrico, Knottsville, 1983-98.

She also taught music at St. Romuald High, Hardinsburg, 1971-73, and in Louisville, as well as Nebraska and Missouri. At the Motherhouse, she has assisted in archives, local community life and has been the treasurer since 2008.



Sister Teresa Riley, of Mayfield, taught at Precious Blood, Owensboro (1967-69); St. Joseph, Mayfield (1976-78) and Owensboro Catholic High (2000).

At Brescia College/University, she was admissions office manager (1978-80) and Student Support Services director (1986-2000). She served at Maple Mount in the business office (2001) and volunteer services (2010). She was pastoral associate at St. Mary Parish, LaCenter (2001-10). She taught in Louisville and Missouri, and was an administrative assistant at Bellarmine College, Louisville (1981-86). Since 2011 she has done outreach in Benton.



Sister Marietta Wethington, a native of Clementsville, was a teacher at Immaculate (1957-64) and St. Pius X (1971-75) in Owensboro, St. Paul, Princeton

(1969-71), and St. Joseph, Bowling Green (1975-79). She also ministered in the Archdiocese of Louisville and in Missouri. She was elected three times to the Ursuline leadership Council (1984-92, 2000-04), and served at the Motherhouse as local superior (1981-84) and as director of the following: activities (1980-81), formation (1984-92), postulants (2000-10), contact program (2003-10) and ongoing formation (2000-06). She was co-director (2004-07) and director of formation for Ursuline Partnerships (2007-11, 2013-14), assistant director of pastoral care (2010-11) and retreat/

spiritual director for the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (2011-14). She is a spiritual director and was a team member of the Center's Spiritual Direction Training Program (2004-14).

50 YEARS



Sister Mary Ellen Backes, a Minot, N.D., native, was an Ursuline Sister of Belleville, Ill., prior to its 2005 merger with Mount Saint Joseph. She has been

a teacher and director of religious education in Illinois and general superior of the Ursulines of Belleville (1989-95). Since 1995 she has served as pastoral associate for St. Joseph Parish, Springfield, Ill.



Sister Marie Joseph Coomes, a native of St. Lawrence, was a teacher at St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly (1968-70) and St. Martin, Rome (1974-75),

and in the Archdiocese of Louisville. At the Motherhouse, she served in the infirmary (1978-82, 1986-2004) and in housekeeping at the Prayer House (1982-86). She ministered in the senior companion program with Audubon Area Community Services, Owensboro (2006-13). She is now serving in housekeeping, presence and support for the Ursuline Sisters at 514 St. Ann St. in Owensboro.



Sister Michael Marie Friedman, a native of Glennonville, Mo., was a teacher at Mary Carrico, Knottsville (1969-72), and principal and teacher at

St. Paul, Princeton (1972-73), St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph (1973-75), and St. Romuald, Hardinsburg (1975-81). She taught at St. Mary High, Paducah (1981-85), and was principal of St. Mary Elementary, Paducah (1985-89) and Owensboro Catholic Middle (1989-90). Since 1990 she has served as the principal of St. James Catholic Regional School in Elizabethtown.



Sister Maureen Griner is a native of Louisville. She ministered at Brescia College as choral director (1979-80), music education instructor (1979-85) and music and liturgy consultant (1991-92). She served her Ursuline community as director of novices and liturgist (1980-85) and on the leadership Council (2004-10). She was a liturgist at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson (1986-91). She was also a music teacher in Missouri and Nebraska. She was director of music for the Diocese of Memphis, Tenn. (1992-2006) and for the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Memphis (1992-2012). Since 2006 she has led the Dorothy Day House of Hospitality in Memphis.



Sister Barbara Jean Head is a native of New Haven. She was a teacher at Precious Blood, Owensboro (1969-73), St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho (1982-83) and a

math teacher at Owensboro Catholic High (1983-89). She was treasurer and business administrator for the Ursulines (1989-2004) and was on their leadership Council (2004-10). She was also a principal and teacher in Harrodsburg (1973-82). Since 2005 she has served as senior accountant at Brescia University.



Sister Mary Henning, a native of Axtel, taught in Louisville. She was also a music teacher at Mount Saint Joseph Academy (1979-81), a music minister at Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro (1995-97) and an associate professor of music at Brescia College/University (1981-95, 1997-2013) before becoming the current director of worship and liturgy at the Motherhouse.



Sister Ann McGrew, a native of Clarkson, was a teacher at St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley (1968-69) and elsewhere in Kentucky. She served as pastoral associate

at St. Leo Parish, Murray, and director of the Newman House, Murray State University (1993-96); pastoral associate at St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro (1996-2001) and at St. Anthony Parish, Browns Valley (2001-02); director of RCIA at St. Martin Parish, Owensboro (2005-06) and parish minister at St. Martin and St. Elizabeth, Curdsville (2007-10). At Brescia University, she was supervisor of the Women's Discernment House (2001-05), campus minister (2002-03) and spiritual component coordinator of the ministry formation program (2003-05). She has served the Ursuline community as director of novices (1985-92); secretary to the leadership Council (1989-92); Council member (2004-10); director of formation (2004-07) and temporary professed (2004-09); team member of the Spiritual Direction Training Program (2004-present) and program facilitator at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (2006-07). Since 2010, she has been the Center director.

Sister Emma Anne Munsterman is a native of Mount Vernon, Ind. She was a teacher at Christ the King, Madisonville (1977-81), St. Paul,



Leitchfield (1984-85) and Precious Blood, Owensboro (1985-89) as well as in Louisville. She was assistant local superior and director of transportation at the Ursuline Motherhouse (1989-92) and secretary to the leadership Council (1992-96). She has been a licensed massage therapist and certified natural health practitioner since 1996, currently providing care in Louisville and to the Sisters of Charity at Nazareth, Ky.

40 YEARS



Sister Delores "Dee" Long is celebrating 40 years. She is a native of Kansas City, Mo., and was a former Ursuline Sister of Paola, Kan. She was a teacher and principal at schools in Kansas and Missouri for 34 years. She served at Catholic Charities in Kansas City, Kan., for a year before retiring to the Motherhouse at Maple Mount in 2013, where she assists in archives.

Congratulations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph celebrating anniversaries of religious profession may be sent to 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

Save Our Soil!

HENDERSON, Ky. - Holy Name 5th and 6th graders once again participated in the Soil Conservation Art & Essay contest this year. At a banquet held on April 14, HNS 5th grader Isaac Holland was recognized with a first place win in art both at HNS and in the County-wide competition, followed by Anna Williams and Julianna Hibbs. HNS 6th grader, Sailor Stich, won first place at HNS followed by Savannah Warren and Natalie Haley. All students received a plaque and a cash prize. Thanks go to science teacher, Cheri Phillips, pictured at near right with Isaac Holland, for encouraging her students in their efforts.



From L to R: Sailor Stich, Savannah Warren, Natalie Haley, Isaac Holland, Anna Williams, and Julianna Hibbs. Photos by Kamille Stich

Recipients of the 2015 John J. McRaith Providing Help Creating Hope Award Named

By Paul Monsour

Catholic Charities of the Owensboro Diocese established the John J. McRaith Providing Help, Creating Hope Award in 2013 to 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 award is named after Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith who retired as bishop of the Owensboro Diocese January 5, 2009.

The winners are:

- Susan Montalvo-Gesser, St Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro – Susan, an attorney, holds a legal clinic one Saturday each month for undocumented immigrants in need of legal advice. She sees an average of 8-10 people each month.

- Dirck and Chona Curry, St Stephen Cathedral Parish, Owensboro – Deacon Dirck and Chona Curry minister with St Benedict Homeless Shelter, the Parish Health Group, and RCIA. They recently returned from the Philippines where they worked in mission areas. They also work with the youth group providing food, games, movies and educational support. Deacon Curry chaired the five seasons of the Arise program and is on the Social Concerns Committee. Chona also assists in preparing and serving parish funeral meals.

- Angela Settle, Immaculate Parish, Owensboro – Angela is the current chairperson for the parish St. Vincent de Paul committee. She also helped relocate the new St. Vincent de Paul store and worked some of their events. Angela also organizes the 5 teams who make meals for St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter each month. Angela also provides food for parish bereavement meals.

- Noel and Monty Quinn, Immaculate Conception Parish, Hawesville – This couple started a program called Santa's Sacks helping families in need in the community at Christmas. They recently revived their program with the goal of providing Christmas dinner complete with a turkey to many needy families. They also collaborate with Family Resource Centers and St. Vincent de Paul to provide clothes, toys and food to over 200 needy families in the community.

- Anita Tavano, Sts. Mary and James Parish, Guthrie – Anita started a thrift store called "Second Hand Rose" which

provides clothes and home goods through donations. Second Hand Rose also provides assistance with utilities, food and gas. Anita manages the volunteers at Second Hand Rose and collaborates with other entities in the community such as St. Vincent de Paul and Salvation Army. She has a loving and giving spirit.

- Dan Thomas, St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Bardwell – This gentleman plays in the band and drives the bus for the senior citizens, works with prison ministry, works with Hope Center counseling people suffering from addictions and helping them find work. He also works at Martha's Vineyard in the soup kitchen.

- Barbara and Dwayne Fitzhugh, St. John's Parish, Sunfish – This couple worked tirelessly in helping the parish reopen the former St. Vincent de Paul store now called the St. John's Thrift Store. They cleaned, painted, contacted utility companies, recruited workers, and donated items.

- Ray French, St. Ann Parish, Morganfield – This individual is vital to the St. Vincent de Paul Society as he is very involved in food distribution. He is the contact person for the Food Bank in Evansville. He places the orders, picks up the food, organizes the men to unload the truck. He is a Christian witness to the community.

- Scott Elder, St. Agnes Parish, Uniontown – This individual spends much time raising money for cancer victims and their families. He is quick to give credit to the committee of volunteers who help gather donations for fundraisers. This group of volunteers raised \$48,500 for 3 people with cancer. The fundraiser was such a success that another is planned called "Union County gives Back". Scott is also involved in "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month". Scott is also involved in the "Union County Happy Pack Program" which provides food for school children on weekends, and "Ben's Place" an adult care center fundraiser.

- Walter Pudlo, Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green – This individual has donated college tuition for newly released prisoners, gives endless hours to St Vincent de Paul, and donates for the needy at Christmas. Walter is always for the "under dog" and gives generously of his time, talent and treasure.

The following two groups will re-

ceive certificates of merit:

- Hope for Life, Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam – This group offers parenting training, counseling, and supplies to new parents. This program is run by volunteers.

- Fresh Start for Life, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville – This group has orchestrated over 50 Encounter Christ retreats for men and women in jails, prisons, and transitional facilities.

Honorable Mention goes to the following:

- Precious Blood Men's Club, Owensboro – They have cooked burgoo for Blessed Sacrament picnic at no charge. They also cook to raise money for charitable causes in the community.

- Knights of Columbus, Precious

Blood Parish, Owensboro – This council adopts a seminarian every year, collect money for the poor, donate money to the parish day care and provide maintenance around the parish.

- Knights of Columbus, St. Henry Parish, Hardin – This group regularly help those who cannot afford home repairs. They also assist with housing and moving expenses. They also provide Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners to the needy in Marshall and Trigg counties.

- Susan Clark and Theresa Milliner, St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield – These women were founding members and have served as officers of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Holy Trinity conference. They have served with humility, generosity and dedication.

Enhancements & Repairs at St. Joseph's Cemetery Affirm Sacred Trust With Families To Care For Final Resting Places of Loved Ones

LEITCHFIELD, Ky. - Saint Joseph Cemetery, located north of Leitchfield on Brandenburg Road, is the final resting place for members of many long-standing Grayson County families. The cemetery was established shortly after the Civil War. In the 145 years since the first interment, the property has been expanded, brick pillars and a wrought-iron fence were placed along the highway, and various trees and shrubs have been planted along the south and north property lines.

Members of Saint Joseph Catholic Church have renewed past efforts to enhance the parish cemetery in 2015. The Cemetery Committee, chaired by Dick Gatto, hired Carl Tomes of Caneyville to repair the numerous tombstones that have deteriorated over the years. Many of these monuments were the old fashioned, tablet-style made of soft stone leading to breakage as well as erosion of the lettering. Other stones were tilted or falling over due to not having appropriate footers. Mr. Tomes and Cemetery Committee member, Kevin Collard, of Pine View Nursery, and their crews have spent many hours setting aside the monuments in need of repair to allow them to dig deeper foundations and pour new footers. The monument stones are then replaced on the new, stronger footers to hold the stones for generations to come. A new, black, steel six foot tall fence is currently being installed along the south property line to better delineate the cemetery property and provide an attractive backdrop for the plantings which were set last autumn.

Thanks to the efforts of our pastor, Father Tony Bickett, the Cemetery Committee, and the generosity of our current and former parishioners, a Cemetery Fund has been established to help defray the costs of the ongoing repairs and improvements. Costs to purchase a cemetery plot are kept low to allow all the benefit of burial in this sacred place. Individual plots are available for \$400. This cost does not include any perpetual care fees; therefore, the costs to maintain, repair, and enhance the cemetery fall upon family members and parishioners. Many of the earliest individuals buried in Saint Joseph Cemetery no longer have family members attending St. Joseph's Catholic Church or residing in Grayson County.

If you have family interred in the cemetery and would like to know more about the improvements or would like to contribute financially to our efforts to maintain and enhance your family members' monuments please contact St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 109 Walnut St., Leitchfield, KY 42754 or call the office at 270-259-3028.



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JASON EVERT LOVE OR LUST?

October 25th -27th Owensboro & Paducah

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FOR MORE DETAILS ON YOUR AREA CALL THE DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE AT (270) 683-1545.

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May 19th 2015
Father/Daughter Date Night
May 20th 2015
Mother/Son Date Night
Exclusive to: Owensboro Catholic K-3 and 4-6 Campus students
At Blessed Mother Parish Hall
From 5:30p-8:00p, both nights
This fun filled night will include:
Games, Dancing, Entertainment & Refreshments
DJ services are provided by:
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For an additional charge Photography will be provided by:
Gray Photography—Nicole Gray
\$10 per couple \$5 for each additional child.

Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation

First Tuesday of the month



Time: 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.

Cost: \$15 includes meal

May 5: Sister Amelia Stenger

“Can Leadership be Redeemed or Redeeming?”

June 2: Sister Rose Marita O’Bryan ...

“Contemplative Dialogue: Response to Tolerant Oppression”

July 7: Sister Mary Matthias Ward

“Giftedness—Spirituality in Later Years”

Aug. 4: Sister Vivian Bowles

“The Looking Glass”

Contact Kathy McCarty to register
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TEC 50th Anniversary

Celebration:

Coming Home!

The celebration of the first 50 years of TEC will unfold as a true family reunion, reflecting what has gone before and what we are today. We share something uniquely special through our involvement in TEC and gather to express our gratitude for what Christ has done and continues to do in and through TEC. Come Home and celebrate with us! Must be 18 or older to attend.

For more information or to register, look online at <http://www.teconference.org/resources/TEC+50th+Paper+Registration.pdf>.

Please Nominate A 2015 Sophia Award Recipient!

Do you know of someone in your parish that lives a life of stewardship (giving of time, talent and treasure)? We would love to honor her/him with a Sophia Award!

Who is eligible? Anyone sixty-five or older who has not previously received a Sophia Award is eligible for nomination (lay person – individual or married couple, member of a religious community or an ordained deacon or priest). A person can be nominated on past outstanding contributions (living or deceased) and can be home-bound.

I/We Nominate: _____ Address: _____
City, State, Zip, Phone #: _____ Parish: _____

I/We believe this person should receive the Sophia Award because:

Signature: _____

Please submit this form by July 15, 2015 by mail to: Cathy Hagan, McRaith Catholic Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301-2130; or e-mail to: cathy.hagan@pastoral.org; or submit on our website at: www.rcdok.org/sophia.

The person with the most nominations from their parish will receive the Award from Bishop Medley on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Stephen Cathedral. If they cannot attend, the Award will be mailed to the parish. Each of our 79 parishes may have a recipient.

Thank you for helping us to express our gratitude to those who have served faithfully in our parishes throughout the Diocese of Owensboro.

PAST SOPHIA AWARD WINNERS 1999-2014

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Agnes Muriel Gillim, Marjorie C. Early, Jane Settles, Mike & Rose Clark, Francis & Ethel Watrous, Charles E. Speaks, Bill & Joy Bach, Ben & Thelma Crump, J.B. Cecil, Dennis & Betty Keller, Joseph S. Payne, Bill & Martha Hayden, Barbara Mattingly, Ann McIntyre, Gerald & Helen McCarty, Sr., Joe & Lahoma Stinnett, Herman & Ernestine Barr.

Bishop Soenneker Home

Sr. Mary Katherine de Ronde.

Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro

Larry J. Allen, Jill A. Mueller, Nancy A. Bumm, Phillip & Joyce Moorman, Margaret Ferguson (Posthumous), Louise Johnson, Dorothy Fulton, Benjamin Franklin Adams, Georgia Holland, Jim McCarter, Bernice Williams, Jean Higgs, Shelby Webster, Frances L. Johnson, Donald Moorman, Robert Hagan.

Carmel Home, Owensboro

Fr. Joseph Rhodes.

Christ the King, Madisonville

James & Judith Donley, Rev. Gerald Calhoun, Catherine Lamb, Richard & Ruth Dale, Ann Lynn, Garth Gamblin, Mary Michael Albin, Joe & Daisy Rocha, Larry & Rita McBride, SuzAnne Wilson, Eddie & Rae Ballard, Bernard & Rita Rich, Louise Renfro, Juanita Hurst.

Christ the King, Scottsville

Rosalie & Jim Barnard, Nancy Campise, Norm Whitehead, Bill & Nancy Woolbridge, Alfred & Joyce Wheeler, Sr.,

Carol Wheat, Richard & Mary Douglass, Bob & Sandy Blencoe, Jack & Diane Beeckler, John & Dell Hall, Stanley Chmiel, Robert Rothermyer.

Holy Cross, Providence

Claude D. Melton, Dorothy Bellew, James Bumpus, Monica Papineau.

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

Brenda F. Lucas, Susan Millay, Joseph M. & Mary Catherine Crews.

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Paul D. Kuerzi, Bettye J. Summers, Jerry & Jewell-Marie Williams, Fr. J. Edward Bradley, Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, Mariam L. Smith, Agnes & John Marchand, Ann L. Hargis, Jean Pagragan, Mary Ann Thrasher, Dotty Liles, Donald P. Metzger, Gloria O'Nan, Robert & Elizabeth Drury, R.C. & Alice Cobb, Mary Louise Raleigh.

Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam

Bob & Francil Higdon.

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Ed & Barbara Parker, Tom & Rita Parrott, Peggy Cahill, Paul A. McCavick, Don & Judy Dobernic, Nellie & George Cornett, Lois Schwitzgebel, Ray & Helen Grudzielanek, Tom & Mary Gaietto, Patricia Shanahan, Richard & Cindy Gensler, Harry & Sylvia Spicer, Harold & Stephanie West, Ray & Elizabeth Cossey, Walter & Sara Pudlo, Eugene & Gladys Faller.

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Robert & Sylvia Lovett, Mary Ruth Clark Bumm (Posthumous), Frank & Joy Keller, Jane Pfeifer, Eleanor Renshaw, Joseph W. Castlen, Jr. (Posthumous),

Clara Evrard, Joe & Sue Riney, Joe & Rita Wedding, Mary Carol Hanekamp, Joseph Cilia, Sue Hill, Jean Gaffey, Joe Lauzon, Mary J. Sims.

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Janet Hartline, Joan Morse, Peg, Craft, Patsy Barber, Edna Clark.

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Margaret Powers, William & Phyllis Emnick, Eva J. Bulleit, Michael & Sheila Ogle, Jean Mattingly, Shirlene Quinn, Leonard & Linda Thomas, Pat & Donna Ogle, Bob & Joann Ogle, Houston & Betty Brickey, Mary Maxine Beavin, Francis Hagman (Posthumous), Diddy Hagman, Victor & Barbara Hagman, Isabel Crenshaw, Denis & Martha Wheatley, Dan & Shirley Hagman, Martha Gammon.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Tom Kurz (Posthumous), Freda O'Bryan, Allen & Margaret Henderson, Ralph Thomas, Gertrude Hamilton, Judy Thomas, Wanda Hargis, Joan Collins, Ray Haragan (Posthumous), Doris Haragan, Marion Mattingly, Sr. Mary Irene Cecil, Bev Zabek, Josephine Spalding, J.L. Fulkerson.

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Guy & Linda Connor, Jeanette Ebelhar, Sue Thomas, Mamie McDaniel, Linda L. Jackson, James E. Roberts, Arnold Boarman, Bill & Rita Elder, Ruth T. Conkright, Donna M. Stuerzenberger, Bernadette Howard, Betty Joe Kaelin, Earleen Jones, Bob & Lois Sims.

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Rosa Coffey, Fr. Martin Mattingly, Fletcher Holeman, Paul J. & Ruth Stevens.

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Rose Lowery, J.T. & Mary Piercefield, Shirley M. Bunch, Rosemary Lane, Sr. Mary Jude Cecil, Clifford & Pat Robinson, Mattie J. Walker, Amelia Greenlee, LaVera Lowry, Emmitt Walker, Ina McCauley Sowell, William J. & Sara Payne.

Sacred Heart, Hickman

Pat Bucher, Phyllis C. Simmons, Jimmy Ray Blanton, David Lattus, Johnnie Lattus, Patricia Cooley, Mary Theresa Ward, Hugh Lattus (Posthumous), Doris Lattus, Peggy O'Connor, Glenda Cochrum, Katie Lattus McNeil (Posthumous), Sr. Joan Walz, Sr. Mary Agnes VonderHaar, Anthony Kuppe, Anita Youree, Grace Wright, Rosa Kaufman, Mary Kaufman.

Sacred Heart, Russellville

John Edward Higgins, Lisle H. Threlkeld, Juanita Carneal, Lucille Thurmond.

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Mike & Linda Williamson, Marietta Hagedorn, Alvin & Mary Lyon, Eddie &

Judy Espy, Thomas & Rose Danhauer, William T. & Cecilia Buckman, Margaret Thomas, Eugene Wolfe, Miladean Wolfe (Posthumous), Donald & Ellen Buckman, Roy & Carolyn Rowley, Francis & Mary Crowds, Alma McBride, Sue Mary Wedding, Ruth Helen Espy.

Saint Agnes, Uniontown

Matthew L. Buckman, Linda Gough, Roger & Linda Ruark, Irene Tapp, Jack & Sue Miller, Michael D. Guillerman, James Yates, Jimmy & Carolyn Duncan, Annette McBride, John C. Greenwell, Bernard & Geraldine French, Benedict & Rita French, Fred & Mary Eckman, Joseph L. & Betty Lou Nally, Pat & Peggy Thomas, Helen Willett, Anna Clements, Agnes Utley, Patricia Buckman, Doris Bumpus (Posthumous), Irene Tapp.

Saint Alphonsus, Saint Joseph

Frank (Deceased) & Bernice Thomas, Joyce Thompson, Louise Payne, Cecilia R. Clouse, Tony Hayden, Joseph L. Coomes, Joe Paul & Joyce Warren, Mary Louise Blandford, Francis & Thomasine Clouse, Bob & Janette Warren, Frank Hayden, Jean Murphy, F.G. & Winnie Riney, Bobby Head.

Saint Ambrose, Henshaw

Henry Hucceby, Charlotte Byrd, Orval & Christine Day, Mary B. Gibson, Frances Lucille Russelburg, Christine Weber, Joseph & JoAnn Sheffer, Gary & Rosemary Snyder, Homer & Clemie Dossett, George C. & Evelyn Henshaw, LeRoy & Ann French, Carroll Martin.

Saint Ann, Morganfield

John Jenkins, Elizabeth Jane V. Holt, Dorothy Ann Buckman, Willard & Joyce Greenwell, Jim Scott, Rose Mary Austin, J. Parvin & Mildred Moore, Jean Hancock, Franklin & Agnes Hancock, Adrian & Mary Wolfe, Frank Livers (Posthumous), Tommy & Rose Danhauer, Jim Smith, Ron & Janice Brashear, Harold & Kathy Thomas, Herschel & Hattie O'Nan, Ray French.

Saint Anthony, Axtel

Carl & Joyce Eskridge, Anna Leigh Henning, Wanda Leigh Duke (Posthumously), William & LaVerne Vincent, William Clark, Marquita F. Campbell, Maxine Hinton, William & Merline Long.

Saint Anthony, Browns Valley

Martin & Theresa Rhodes, Barbara Clark, Linda Frey, Larry & Gennie Payne, Imogene Hayden Stull, Judy Hamilton, Maurice & Duppy Payne, Simon & Rita Wink, Ruth M. Alvey, Chalmus & Mary Agnes

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Henderson, Norbert & Helen Rose Smith, Albert Nall, William & Alicia Wright, Mike & Theresa Rose McCarty.

Saint Anthony, Peonia

Georgetta Smith, Bill Simms, Carlene Braun, Glen & Etta Pierce, Pauletta Grant, Clifford & Margie Higdon, Estella Jarboe, Rebecca Jacobs (Posthumous), Lawrence & Ruth Powell.

Saint Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers
Richard & Patricia Gorbett, Edmond & Donna Bassett, Paul & Joyce Frey, Donald & Barbara Shipley, Lois Tashjian, Maurice & Alice Hustedde, Tom Fusco, Helen Krivan, Bill Rodgers, John Jacob.

Saint Augustine, Grayson Springs

Violet Hamilton, Kathleen C. Forrister, Mary Bernita Sims, Charles & Catherine Kely, George & Trecy Smith, Edwina Stinson, Norma Robinette, Evelyn Mudd, Charles & Lillian White.

Saint Augustine, Reed

Ben & Stanette Blair, Leo D. Murphy (Posthumous), Dee Anna Booker, Connie Mills, Robert & Delores Purgeason, John & Martine Murphy, Daniel Ralph, Posey B. & Violet Newman, Betty Davis, Martha Miller, Silas & Catherine Simon, Anna Mitchell.

Saint Benedict, Wax

Brenda M. Childress, Anna M. Clemons, Willidean F. Alvey, Geneva Childress, Quintin & Mildred Johnston, Antoinette Meredith, Nellie Eversman, Rosaline Johnston, Carmel & Odaline Clemons.

Saint Charles, Bardwell

Anna Rose Rogers, Gerald (Posthumous) & Susan Hayden, Fr. William D. Willett, Ron & Dawn Kupper, LaVerne Elliott, Mary Teresine Thompson, Clifton Hayden, Joe & Rosie Hayden.

Saint Charles Borromeo, Livermore

John & Marsha Logsdon, Ann M. Renfrow, Mary Linda Dotson, Marylyne W. Miller, George & Carol Rhodes, James L. & Margie Logsdon, Clyde & Georgene Poole, Joseph Shultz, Gerth & Mary Meyer.

Saint Columba, Lewisport

Robert & Patty Durbin, Faye M. Wettstein, Robert & Alice Fallin, James & Lillie Lanham, Stewart & Joyce Howard, Eva Marsch Howard, Jack & Imogene Allard, Frank Pooser (Posthumous), Dorothy M. Pooser, George & Betty Allard, Eileen Basham, Rose Froehlich, Norbert Danhauer, Ben & Lou Fleck.

Saint Denis, Fancy Farm

James & Carolyn Morgan, Jerry S.

Hayden, Fr. William D. Willett, Albert Ray Kunkle, Joe Kunkle, William Toon, John Toon (Posthumous), Frank & Barbara Higgins, Elnora Carter, Elizabeth Kunkle, John & Frances Vessells.

Saint Edward, Fulton

Ben Davis, Tom & Barb Cleveland, Conrad & Neva Antosiak, Elaine Sullivan, John Sullivan, Jack & Theresa Haddad, Bill & Jean Fenwick, Dorothy Douglas.

Saint Elizabeth, Curdsville

Marie Thompson, Lockie Mattingly, Alan & Ruth Ann Thompson, Joe & Dora McCarty, Fred & Betty Lattus, Fr. Aloysius Powers, Louis & Jean McCarty, Helen Murphy.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson

Barbara A. Kiper, Edward & Alberta Morrison, Juanita Higdon.

Saint Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Don & Beth Kemp, Virginia Ann Quinn, Reburn Collins, Cletus & Peggy Rusbensburg, Rita Williamson, Regina Long (Posthumous), Tony & Lita Pfingston, Eula Drane, Bob & Faye Greenwell, Paul & Bernadette Farr, Karl & Jackie Dunning, Rose Riggs, Margie Quinn, Sr. Marcan Freking, Dorothy Lindle.

Saint Francis de Sales, Paducah

Barbara Cissell, Laura Jane Lambert, Richard & Brenda Hayden, Rose Mary Kloss, Catherine Vaughn, Christine Quigley, Mary Ann Wooten, Martha Wurth O'Neill, Dorothy Parks, Thomas & Rose Marie Weitlauf, Norma Word.

Saint Henry, Aurora

Myra Frances Fassett, Patricia R. Day, Loretta Vargocko, Paul & Edna Jones, Clement Szymanski, Mildred Losee.

Saint Jerome, Fancy Farm

Robert L. Spalding, Sr., Samuel J. & Ella Dean Hayden, Dorthy & Cloyd (Posthumously) Wilson, James & Fay Johnson, Dorothy & Leon Carrico, Joseph Leo & Mary Magy Wilson, Leon & Mary Edith Carter, Rudy & Judy Elliott, Elmer J. Elliott, Joe F. & Gert Hayden, Bernard & Wilma Hobbs, Maria Pendel, Harold & Wilmuth Carrico, Mary Willie Thomas.

Saint John the Baptist, Fordsville

Lee & Connie Roberts, Ray & Peggy Montgomery, Joseph L. Wedding, James & Barbara Montgomery, Leo & JoAnn Kauffeld, Mary & Paul Rusher, Marilyn Midkiff, Bob & Sharrie Cinnamon, Martha Payne, Sr. Marie Michael Hayden, Victoria Bennett, Maggie & J.C. Edge, Ralph Payne, Martin & Linda Frakes.

Saint John the Evangelist, Paducah

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Saint John the Evangelist, Sunfish

Dwayne & Barbara Fitzhugh, Jimmy Jennings

Saint Joseph, Bowling Green

Carroll & Sue Highes, H.C. & Gustava Thompson, Betty Sweeney, Wanda Jo Webb (Posthumously), Deacon Bob Imel, Mary Patricia Reynolds, Jeanne & Alan Baker, Don & Betty McCormick, Jean Fulkerson, Russell Below, Patty Day, Yolanda Padilla, Sheila Laurence, Margaret Vathy, Julian Durbin, Jerry & Jodie Fulkerson, Marian Grubbs.

Saint Joseph, Central City

Walter & Barbara Doll, Brenda Kay Bussick, Richard L. & Judith A. Sims, Bill & Laura Smith, Letha J. Harris, David & Jean Simpson, Martha Clapacs, Sr. Jean Claire Ballard (Posthumous), Fr. Francis Mastrovito (Posthumous), Jim & Mary Beyke, Don & Joan Monaghan, Richard & Queenie Schmidt, Beacham & Mary Anne Kirkpatrick, Edward O'Bryan, Ann Mulligan.

Saint Joseph, Leitchfield

Dick (Deceased) & Judy Warren, Lamont & Betty Miller, Audrey Wortham, Carol Gatto, Wanda Pierce, Charles & Alice Bruce, Bob Kinkade, Harold Brown.

Saint Joseph, Mayfield

Mary Jo Cash Wyatt, Ardella B. Meyer, Milton & Joyce Hicks, David & Barbara Koonce, Daisy Dowdy, Cornell & Ernestine Sumner, Katherine Lenihan, Charles & Aline Courtney, Randal Carrico, Lou Ella Pierceall, Ann Hayden, Dr. Francis Dillard, Cecilia Lancaster.

Saints Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Bill & Katherine Thomas, Thomas E. Hagan (Posthumous), Paul & Anna Marie Haynes, Dorothy & Doug Hood, Dorothy B. Ward, Roy & Shirley Poole, Pat & Birdie Wedding, Richard & Rita Stiff, Paul & Jean McCarty, Rita Fahrendorf, Norman & Mildred Harrington, Melvin Fleischmann, Kathleen Clark, Mary Hinton, Thelma Simon.

Saint Jude, Clinton

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John & Sarah Boarman, Daniel & Dorothy Edge, Lucille J. Melton, Joseph B. Coomes, Mary Helen Rhodes, Martha Rose Dotterweich, Catherine Brown, Harold & Bridget Higdon, Victor & Lois Johnson, Vincent & Mildred O'Bryan, Victor & Magdalen Knott, Anthony Rhodes.

Saint Leo, Murray

Richard F. (Dick) Weaver, John & Marie Clark, Darryl & Joyce Rezac, Thomas & Mary Ann Dowdy, Paul & Joan Sachse, Dr. Tom & Sara Royal, Nellie Malys, Paul & Pallie Kurz, Estelle Paulin, Don Burke, Claire Resig, Sr. Mary Matthias Ward, Frances Ross, Mary Gertzen.

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Saint Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

John D. & Mary Ann Ebelhar, Dan & Charlotte Kamuf, William & Mary Ann Knott, J. Gary & Mary Helen Riney, Martha Riney Kamuf, Bobby & Terry Knott, Larry & Dottie Elder, Joe Bill & Margie

Merimee, Vincent & Mary Phoebe Ebelhar, Sr. Helen Leo Ebelhar, Beverly Ebelhar, Elizabeth Medley, Imogene Thompson, Virginia Welsh Clayton, Kenneth & Stansell Ebelhar, Larry Riney, Ed & Mag Kaelin.

Saint Mary of the Woods, McQuady
Joe E. Miller, Mildred K. Mattingly, Jenny Hinton, Marjorie Mattingly, Joe & Betty Ann Payne, Elaine Hinton, Mary Catherine Payne, Shelby "Bud" Newton, Robert Bland, Mary Ruth Bye.

Saint Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Katie Ellen (Ward) Williams, Thomas D. Conder, Brenda Clemons, Emma Whistle, Jordan Evans, Sharon Boarman, J.W. & Mary Morris, Maria Beyke, Louis & Nora Edge, William Brant, Lindsey Rusborg, Dorothy Barnard, William & Lillie Mae Hagan, Beulah Robinson, Charlie Wedding, Ann Bickett, J. W. Rearden.

Saints Mary and James, Guthrie
Carl W. Naylor, Sr., Hazel Bissaillon.

Saint Michael, Sebree
Jimmy & Linda Frederick, William & Peggy Howell, Rosa Lee Edwards, Opal Blandford, Charles Buchanan.

Saint Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove
Sue Montoya, Fr. Leonard Arcilesi (Posthumous), George & Marie Lake, Patricia Jurisin, Jim & Janet Doyle, Albert & Nancy Scheller, Orin & Virginia Koch, Gloria Maldonado, Bernard & Mollie Canby, Kenneth & Norma Guillory, Frederick & Marie Welter, George Davis, Audrey Shaut, Margaret Donahue, Perry & Betty Elder.

Saint Paul, Princeton
Ron & Sue Karst, Betty Wurtman, Carmen Richardville, Virgil A. Nauman, Nancy H. McKinney, Col. Charles W. Pratt, Lana Pugh, Elizabeth Berton, Catherine Zaleski, Jean Riddle, Earl Skees, Thomas Harris, Margaret Osting.

Saint Paul, Saint Paul
Dorris McGrew, Catherine & Frank Gawarecki, Barbara Tilford, Rebecca Darst.

Saint Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
Ken & Edie McKay, Shirley Dunn, Stella Fogle, Louise Morris, Jimmy & Mary Keller, Anita K. Mitchell, Joe & Jean Coomes, Joann Millay, Hugh & Betty Cecil, John J. Young, Herbert Murphy, Fr. Paul Powell.

Saint Peter of Antioch, Waverly
Dottie Peak, Tim & Louise Tennyson, Gayle Russelburg, Ed Wolfe, Alice Houston, Margie Watson, Bettye Bolts, Rosemary Payne, Clarence Powell

(Posthumous), Virginia Powell, Dorothy Buckman, Eddie & Rose French, Joe & Juanita Hagan, Joan Mattox, George Vogel, Joyce Greenwell, Ann Collins, David Johnson.

Saints, Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville
Jerry Brockman, Dr. John Cotthoff (Posthumous), Trinidad & Marie Soriano, Robert Spader, Shirley Prunitsch, Beverly Todd, Frances M. Durbin, Charles Puckett, Margie Nosbusch, Anne Garnett, Ernestina Tuggle, Theresa Stites, Helen Brown.

Saint Pius X, Calvert City
Helen Bennett, Bob & Marty Darst, Ray & Alice Lucas, Russell & Carolyn Tomlinson, Earl & Shirley Henderson, Dolores Neal, Sara Williams, Louis & Marilyn Stockbridge, Frank & Flo Tomsic, Charles & Diane Fischer.

Saint Pius X, Owensboro
Catherine Barnett, Robert & Alice Freels, Al & Jane Johnson, Gertie Frey, Wilsie & Marjorie Ward, Mabel Lindsey, Roy Lindsey (Posthumous), Mildred Smith, Margaret Jones Mattingly (Posthumous), Bettie Wagner, Mary Mattingly, Charles & Norma Bivins, William & Martha Zoglmann, Joseph Rhinerson, Therese Higdon, Margaret Fleischmann.

Saint Romuald, Hardinsburg
Alvin & Margie Mattingly, Francis Leo Wheatley, Paul J. & Martha R. O'Donoghue, Earl & Rita O'Reilly, Paul F. & Anne M. O'Reilly, Wayne & Judy Hardesty, J.W. & Lorena Bland, George & Nancy Walz, Mack & Delores Mattingly, Anna Frances Brown, Anna Muriel Hines, Robert A. Rhodes, Charles Henning, Cecilia Wheatley.

Saint Rose of Lima, Cloverport
Wally & Rose Mary Harris, Elgene Carter (Posthumous), Percy & Barbara Rogers, Andre & Jane Chutz, Thomas & Patricia Hayes, Teresa Mattingly, Eva Roach.

Saint Sebastian, Calhoun

David & Lynne Scott, Charles & Faye May, James C. Clayton, Donald Durbin, Mike & Margaret Dant, Betty L. Abrams, Connie Clary, Jo Ann Hayden, Elizabeth Durbin, Betty Bickett, Jerry & Earlene Abney, Thelma Collings (Posthumous), Delilah Clark, Bill Rightmeyer.

Saint Stephen, Cadiz

Robert L. Wigger, Connie & Gerry Konczyk, Catherine Ann Khang, Joyce Kotarek, April Washer, Gus Puth, Margie Myers, Joann Harvey, John Charron, Claude & Dennie Mergenthal, Irene Jaso.

Saint Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Mary Horn, Rev. John Vaughan, Sue Gough, Rose Ann Payne, Ignatius Payne, Rita B. Thomas, Margie Hill, Lou Jones, Joseph & Claudine Blandford, Alice Baggot, Hugh & Margaret Mills, Bettye Aull, Margaret Mattingly, Hugh Riney, Helen Miles, Dorothy Hodgins.

Saint Susan, Elkton

Bryan W. Blount, III, Virginia Hightower.

Saint Thomas More, Paducah

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ford, Ann Vaughan, Dolores Webber, Delphine Operle, Bill & Carlene Dannemueller, Nancy Sturgis, Robert & Cleo Higdon, Jim Tidwell, Audrey McKeown, Mary Chesta Burch, Lillie Watson, Laura Schmitt, Harold & Elizabeth Conner, Pat Galvin, Jean Galvin, Mary Galvin.

Saint William, Knottsville

Jack & Mary Ann Haycraft, Pat & Patsy Cecil, Tony & Diana Elliott, Joseph & Mary Sue Elliott, Clemie & Jackie Cecil, Marvin & Josephine Boling, Joseph & Mary Catherine Mills, Sam & Mary Frances Fulkerson, John & Edna Lanham, Leah Edge, Raymond & Mary Francis Payne, Sr. Mary Ramonde Carrot.

Saint William of Vercelli, Marion

Leo & Marian Alvey, Bob & Nancy Brock, Jack & Deborah Mason, Carole Naber Guess, Paul & Shirley Manker, Marcus & Brenda Cornish, Allen & Arlene Summers, James & Carolyn Mathieu, Margaret Ann Weldon.

Diocesan Sophia Award

Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, Sr. Mary Thomas Simon, Bishop John McRaith.



Welcome New Catechumens and Candidates!

The St. Francis de Sales Parish Rite of Sending was celebrated on February 15. From left to right, top to bottom: Lewis Jetton, Bruce Bohanon, Ben Johnson, Toby Thomason, Sandy Wilson, Stephanie Holder, Jon Bachuss, Seth McKinney, Mary Cavanah, Sabrina Doyle. Submitted by Zach Ault

Editor's Note: we incorrectly identified this group in the April, 2015 edition. The St. Francis de Sales parish did take part in the Rite of Election at St. Jerome Church in Fancy Farm, but this group picture was taken from the St. Francis de Sale parish's Rite of Sending prior. We reprint this picture here for clarification.

Summer Retreats for Women Religious

**Consecrated Life:
Blessed and Broken**



Participants can choose between the conference retreat, led by Sister Roberta Marie Doneth, OSF (left), or a directed retreat. Directed retreat participants will meet each day with a spiritual guide: Sister Helen O'Brien, OSU, or Sister Mary Matthias Ward, OSU. The retreats begin at 7 p.m. Sunday and end after a 9:30 a.m. liturgy on Saturday. The cost to attend is \$450 or \$275 for commuters. Please join us.



Week of July 12-18, 2015

Sister Roberta Marie Doneth, OSF, is a native of Traverse City, Mich., and a Sister of St. Francis of Tiffin, Ohio. She holds master's degrees in administration and in Franciscan Spirituality. She has been an educator and administrator and served on her community's leadership team. She ministers as a retreat leader, spiritual director and a staff member of Franciscan Pilgrimages.

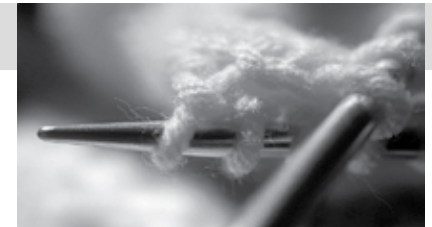
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Join our Spinning Retreat!

May 29-31, 2015

Whether you are an experienced yarn spinner, weaver, rug hooker, knitter, crocheter or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the Arts at the Mount weekend retreat at Mount Saint Joseph May 29-31. Enjoy the fellowship of those who appreciate this traditional skill. The group plans to "spin, knit and talk until we're done!" For information on room rates, costs, etc., or to register, contact Kathy McCarty: **270-229-0206**
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Future Spinning Dates:
Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015
Dec. 4-6, 2015 Weekend



Office of Spiritual Life for the Diocese of Owensboro

Come & See Weekend June 5-7, 2015

Single Catholic men, ages 18-35, are invited to attend a Come & See weekend June 5-7 on the campus of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, a Benedictine monastery in southern Indiana. Participants stay in the monastery guest house, eat and pray with the monastic community, participate in morning work periods and sit in on afternoon conferences by monks on different aspects of the monastic life. If you are interested in learning more or registering for the Come & See weekend, email vocations@saintmeinrad.org or call (812) 357-6318

Father Paul Joseph Volk: A Passion for God

Saturday, Aug. 22

Time:

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Retreat Leader:

Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU

Cost:

\$20 fee includes lunch

In this retreat, we will walk a few hours in the spirit of Father Volk, whose life of prayer and courage brought God's love to thousands of people in Kentucky and as far away as South America.



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An Ignatian Retreat

NEW DATES: June 5-7

A silent retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola

This retreat will allow participants to take time to dwell in the unchanging reality that we are loved just as we are, to listen to the call of God and God's hopes for us and to respond more deeply from our hearts.

Retreatants will develop deeper pathways to prayer, keener discernment, the ability to see God actively involved in the world and intimately involved with us in every moment and place.

Saint Ignatius Loyola founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in the 16th century.

Retreat director Monica Armstrong founded Mission of the Spirit in Knoxville, Tenn., to bring Ignatian spirituality to the region.



Presenter:

Monica Armstrong, MS

Time:

Begins 7 p.m. Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday

Cost:

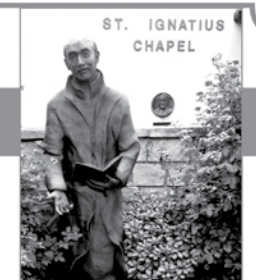
\$180 (program, meals and accommodations)

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People Transcending Boundaries, Unite in Prayer

By Susie Fenwick

FULTON, Ky. - No Catholic. No Protestant. No black. No white. No Kentucky. No Tennessee. No imaginary state line. On March 10th, 2015 at St. Edwards Catholic Church here there were only men of God transcending boundaries, preaching in plain spoken terms, calling for spiritual awakening and praying in earnest for peace for the community and the world.

Pastors, representing 6 churches in the twin cities of Fulton, Kentucky and South Fulton, Tennessee, came together to raise their voices and lead approximately 90 people from various congregations in prayer and to summon participants to undergo spiritual awakening.

The community call to action was launched when a humble lady had it laid firmly upon her heart to initiate the gathering.



Mary Lou Freeman with Father Bob Drury.

Tommie Briggs Photo

ering.

Mary Lou Freeman, a St. Edwards' parishioner, explained to those attending the Awakening Service, "One night a warm, strong feeling came over me and I heard a voice. It said get all the churches in the twin cities together and pray for love, peace and charity. So...here we are people!"

Not a public person but very capable, Mary Lou is someone content to live humbly in the light of Christ instead of seeking the limelight. Her first step on her departure from her comfort zone was to approach Father Robert Drury, the pastor of St Edwards in the Tri-Parish of Far Western Kentucky, to present the need for the community wide prayer service.

Ms. Freeman recalls Father Drury asking without hesitation, "What can I do to help?"



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With Father Drury, St. Edwards' Parish Council, and Mary Lou's prayer group solidly supporting her, the gathering was well on its way to becoming a reality. Community churches were notified, invitations to participate were extended to area ministers and fliers inviting everyone in the area to attend were posted.

On the evening of March 10th, for 90 minutes the presence of the Lord was felt in the midst of his children and with one voice humble prayers were offered for love, peace, and charity. One community comprised of believers of many denominations raised a collective voice singing universal hymns of healing,

peace on earth and Christian unity.

Pastors reminded and encouraged those in attendance to take heed of the teachings found in Colossians 3 "to seek things that are above, where Christ is; and put to death what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire and covetousness."

The clergy beseeched the congregation as in Ephesians 5 to, "Awake, O sleeper, arise from the dead," with the promise that, "Christ will shine on you." The faith community was cautioned to avoid "weapons of mass distraction" such as social media that consume time and energy limiting good works and stunting growth as Christians. The tale of the Good Samaritan was recounted and the congregation was reminded to take action in their neighborhoods and not pass by on the other side of the street to avoid those in trouble.

What began with a voice in the night speaking to a humble woman of God resulted in a community uniting for a rare glimpse of the Kingdom of God only possible when earthly constraints are abandoned and Christians come together as one people to worship together in hopes of a better world.

To Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

In addition, to report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro revised its sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014 and it is available at parishes and also on the diocesan web site (www.rcdok.org/safe).

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett (Vice-Chair), Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty (Chair), Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Teresa Henry, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, and Ms. Kelly Roe. Sr. Ethel Marie Biri, SSND, serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board. The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.

Reportar las Acusaciones de Abuso Sexual

Cualquier persona que sepa de un abuso de un menor de dieciocho años es obligado por ley informarles a las autoridades estatales apropiadas: policía local o la línea dedicada para el Abuso Infantil de Kentucky (gratis: 1-877-KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331).

Además, para informar a la Diócesis sobre el abuso por parte de algún personal (pagado o voluntario) de la Iglesia, en el pasado o presente, favor de llamar a la Coordinadora de Asistencia Pastoral a esta línea confidencial: 270-852-8380. La Diócesis de Owensboro acaba de revisar su reglamento sobre el abuso sexual, efectivo el 1 de Julio del 2014 y está disponible en todas las parroquias y también en el sitio web diocesano (www.rcdok.org/safe).

Los miembros de la junta que responden a las alegaciones de abuso sexual en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Mr. Ken Bennett (Vice-Presidente), Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty (Presidente), Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Teresa Henry, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, y Ms. Kelly Roe. La hermana Ethel Marie Biri, SSND, sirve como enlace entre el Obispo y la Junta de Revisión Diocesano.



Tyler Ward: A Profile in Faith

By MacKenzie Nation

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Tyler Ward wants to evangelize and lead by example for others to evangelize as well.

Tyler Ward, a senior at Apollo High School, and member of Precious Blood parish is a Catholic high school senior graduating from a public high school.

Tyler attended Holy Angels elementary school in Sorgho until second grade when his parents decided to place him in Sorgho Elementary School, a public school. As Tyler grew up, he became interested in wrestling, a sport not offered in the Catholic Schools at the time.

Being placed in a public school not only offered Tyler some athletic and academic opportunities, but has also become an important stepping stone for him to grow in his Catholic faith.

Although Ward became a member of a public school, his faith could not have been better formed. He was an altar server before he made his First Communion, along with serving as a lector at Mass.

"I come from a large Catholic family which has influenced my faith. My parents pray the rosary with me and support me in my faith," Tyler said. He has found ways as a public school student to share his faith with others: "It isn't always easy being a Catholic student in a public school and having your faith challenged every day, but it makes me a better Catholic."

"I believe that I have an advantage for evangelizing because I don't take my faith for granted or forget what it means to be Catholic, which is easier to do when you are constantly surrounded by your religion," Ward said. "I have enjoyed being a student at Apollo High School and am proud to say that Jacob Fischer, a former student from Apollo, is a seminarian for the Diocese of Owensboro."

Tyler is a part of the St. Mary Magdalene Church youth group which consists of approximately 20 other Apollo High School students. This provides him with a strong community of friends who share his faith as well as attend the same school as he does. Being a member of the youth group involves weekly meetings, fundraisers, retreats, and attending the National Catholic Youth Conference.

These events have allowed a spiritual bond to form among Tyler, his friends, and the Catholic community. The weekly meetings provide a place for teens to talk

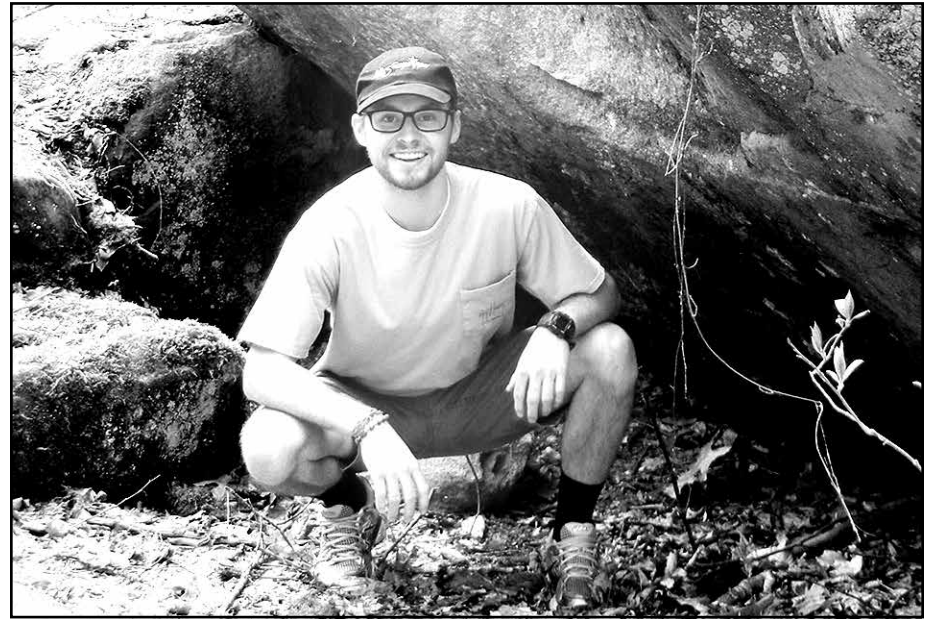
about the Catholic faith and worship God. Ward has become even more active in the Catholic Church by participating in fundraisers, such as the annual Precious Blood Church picnic. Recently, he participated in a retreat at Gasper River, located a few miles outside of Bowling Green, Kentucky. The Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center offered a place of spiritual growth for Ward. He was able to establish a spiritual connection with a wider community of people and expand and celebrate his Catholic faith.

Tyler also participates in the annual National Catholic Youth Conference where there are keynote speakers, prayer, mass, and workshops, along with recreational activities. His favorite part about the conference is being able to be a part of a larger Catholic congregation and actively participate in the Catholic faith together. This conference has allowed Ward to share his past experiences with others in the Catholic faith and take away new experiences that strengthen that faith.

Tyler feels that an issue within the Catholic Church is that it should stress evangelization more. He believes this is an important part of the faith that needs to be emphasized and practiced more within Catholicism.

Tyler is doing everything he can to be a disciple of Jesus and to spread His Word, but he feels others need to do the same. Catholicism is a religion with a long history making it more difficult to learn about compared with Protestantism. It is important for the Catholic Church to work closer with its members and teach its members not only to be Disciples of Jesus, but also to instill the Church's history in its members, he feels. This will allow more members to spread and share their faith with others. It is important to remember the struggles Jesus went through to spread Catholicism and attempt to do the same, no matter how difficult.

Tyler Ward, who will be graduating this May, 2015, is an outstanding member of the Catholic community and deserves to be recognized for his involvement with the Church and his desire to spread the word of God. His faith has been challenged by attending a public school, but his life shows that it has only made his faith stronger and allowed him to remember why he is Catholic and what it means to be Catholic. Ward is an inspiration for others to become more involved in the



Tyler Ward. Photo submitted by MacKenzie Nation

Church and to grow in their faith.

"Faith isn't something that just happens, it's a journey you have to work at every day," Ward said.

When we find ourselves struggling with our faith and spreading the word of God we must remember the obstacles Jesus faced and the sacrifices he made to save us and bring us the one true way.

Remembering Father Joe Miller

By H.J. Ramage, Jr.



I first met Fr. Joe Miller in the summer of 1970 just after he came to St. Alphonsus. I was Grand Knight of Council 6101 at Sorgho and as I always did when a new priest came to our area, I invited him to be a member of our K.ofC. council. My daughter was starting school that year and I wanted her to attend St. Alphonsus. Later in the summer I met with Fr. Joe again and ask if I could be a member of his parish. At that time I was a member of St. Raphael's, which was a mission parish of St. Elizabeth at Curdsville. This was worked out and it was the first of many meetings I would have with him.

He was a very friendly person and was a one-man office staff. He did all the paper work and printed the bulletin, as well as paid the teachers. He had a sharp eye for investments and always seemed to do well with what ever he invested in.

While a member of the Crosier Order he was in charge of theology in the seminary. Bishop Soenneker, then Fr. Soennecker, was director for seminarians at St. Cloud, MN. He would often visit with Fr. Joe and discuss the method of instructions. When Fr. Joe left the Crosier's, for whatever reason he contacted then Bishop Soenneker in Owensboro and ask if he would want him as a pastor. Bishop Soenneker was happy to welcome him to our dioceses.

I spent many evenings with Fr. Joe just visiting and talking about a wide range of subjects. His knowledge of generalities of subjects was quite amazing. A few years later he developed eye problems and then decided to return to Minninosota.

He contacted me again in 2000, and from then on we kept in casual contact from time to time. He was a true servant of the people and their church. He mentioned one time in a conversation, in the winter, he should never have left Kentucky. Cold weather was hard on him. He was a great friend and pastor. May he rest in peace.



El Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez, Coordinador de la Vida Parroquial en Elkton y Guthrie, procesa con el Evangelionario.



Un papá ayuda a su hijo ver las actividades que se llevan a cabo abajo.



El Diácono Heriberto proclama el Evangelio en inglés y español. Estudiantes de las Escuelas Católicas atrás de él forman parte del coro.



Miembros de cada parroquia e institución católica de la Diócesis recibe los Óleos Sagrados para usar durante los Sacramentos a través del año.

Rachel Vandiver mirando intensamente durante la Misa con su hermano Simón, su mamá Erika y su abuela Birgit.



Un grupo de San Miguel en Sebree visitando con las Hermanas Misioneras del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús Ad Gentes (MAG), Hna. Esperanza, Hna. Esther y Hna. Pilar quienes sirven en la Diócesis con juntas sus Hermanas María Luisa y Eloísa.



Los miembros hispanos de San Miguel representando las últimas horas de la vida de Jesús en las calles de Sebree, KY para entrar más plenamente en el Misterio Pascual. Viernes Santo 2015. Foto: Jennifer Glenn



Miembros de Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro con Connie Cáceres y la Hna. Panchita Wilhelm, OSU del Centro Latino

El Papa Francisco Anuncia un Año Jubilar Extraordinario: ¡Misericordia!



Mons. William F. Medley, Obispo de Owensboro

Mi querido pueblo de Dios, ¡Misericordia! ¡Misericordia! ¡Misericordia! ¿Ustedes han escuchado alguien decir esta exclamación en inglés: "mercy, mercy, mercy"? Ciertamente es mejor que los que exclamarían una maldición hasta tres veces.

En el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, tradicionalmente el Segundo Domingo de Pascua, el Papa Francisco anunció formalmente un Jubileo Extraordinario que comenzará más tarde este año. Puntualizó que este año tendrá como tema: Año Santo de la Misericordia, y que se tomará de inspiración las palabras de Jesús a sus discípulos: "Sean misericordiosos como su Padre es misericordioso."

"Estoy convencido de que toda la Iglesia podrá encontrar en este Jubileo la alegría de redescubrir y hacer fecunda la misericordia de Dios, con la cual todos somos llamados a dar consuelo a cada hombre y a cada mujer de nuestro tiempo," expresó Francisco, encomendándole

el Año Santo a María, Madre de Misericordia.

El Jubileo se abrirá el 8 de diciembre del 2015, la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción y cerrará el 20 de noviembre del 2016 con la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo, Rey del Universo. Un Año Jubilar, también llamado un Año Santo, es una ocasión para celebraciones extraordinarias, rituales y aprendizaje a través de la Iglesia universal. Las basílicas mayores de la ciudad de Roma tienen puertas designadas como puertas de Año Santo que solamente se rompen el sello y las abren para estas observancias extraordinarias. Este ritual es para simbolizar un "camino extraordinario" hacia la salvación durante el tiempo de Jubileo.

Si uno pudiera señalar la continuidad más fuerte entre los papados el Papa San Juan Pablo II, el Papa Benedicto XVI y el Papa Francisco, sería su enfoque en el don de la misericordia de Dios. Fue, después de todo, el Santo Juan Pablo II quien identificó el Segundo Domingo de Pascua como el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Los tres han luchado para ver el resurgimiento del Sacramento de la Reconciliación, el sacramento de la mi-

sericordia, en la vida de la Iglesia y de los fieles. La participación en este sacramento ha bajado dramáticamente en las recientes décadas.

Es un testimonio poderoso que este Jubileo de la Misericordia seguirá la conclusión de dos Sínodos sobre la familia. ¿Dónde en la vida experimentamos y necesitamos experimentar la misericordia y la reconciliación más que dentro de la familia? Estos son los dolores que nos laceran en lo más profundo, estas heridas son las más difíciles que sanar. ¿Puede la Iglesia en este Año Santo poner en marcha la reflexión y acción que traerá la sanación?

Del mismo modo nuestro mundo parecería estar al borde del desastre con tan extensa violencia y terrorismo. Millones de personas son refugiados hoy en día, forzados de su tierra y hogares, por el odio y el miedo. ¿Podría ser un modelo la Iglesia ante el mundo de una manera de efectuar la sanación y misericordia?

En los próximos meses nuestra Diócesis explorará cómo traer el Año Jubilar a nuestra oración, nuestro culto y a nuestra acción. Ciertamente algo esencial de la observancia de cada diócesis

será una catequesis renovada sobre el Sacramento de la Reconciliación y una invitación de acoger a los que se han abandonado el redil de la Iglesia.

El Papa Francisco, en sus primeros días como el Obispo de Roma, se dirigió a los miles de personas en la Plaza de San Pedro cuando dijo, "La misericordia es la mejor cosa que podemos sentir: cambia el mundo. Un poco de misericordia hace al mundo un poco menos frío y más justo. Necesitamos entender correctamente esta misericordia de Dios, este Padre misericordioso quién es tan paciente."

Entonces ahora la Iglesia universal y la Iglesia local haremos los planes de nuestro Jubileo de la Misericordia. Tal vez cada individuo también debe hacer planes para un Jubileo personal. ¿Habrá alguien al que debemos ofrecer misericordia? ¿Habrá alguien de quien debemos pedir misericordia?

¡Misericordia! ¡Misericordia! ¡Misericordia!

Que Dios los bendiga a todos!

+ William F. Medley
+ Mons. William F. Medley,
Obispo de Owensboro

Calendario del Obispo Medley de Mayo y Junio 2015:

Mayo 2	5:30 p.m.	Confirmación, Santísima Sangre, Owensboro
Mayo 3	11:00 a.m.	Confirmación, Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah
Mayo 4	7:00 p.m.	Vísperas Solemnes, Diócesis de Lexington
Mayo 5	2:00 p.m.	Ordenación e Instalación Episcopal, Monseñor John Stowe, OFM Conv., Diócesis de Lexington
Mayo 7	10-3	Día del Presbiterio, Centro Católico McRaith (MCC)
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmación, San León, Murray
Mayo 9	10:00 a.m.	Graduación, Universidad de Brescia, Centro del Riverpark, Owensboro
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmación, San Enrique, Aurora
Mayo 11	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam
Mayo 12	9:00 a.m.	Misa con Administradores Parroquiales, MCC
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmación, San Pedro de Alcántara, Stanley
Mayo 13	6:00 p.m.	Misa del 25 Aniversario, San Marcos, Eddyville
Mayo 16	5:00 p.m.	Diaconado – Rito de Institución del Ministerio del Lectorado, San Alfonso, Owensboro
Mayo 17	8:30 a.m.	Confirmación, Santa María, Franklin
Mayo 18	9:45 a.m.	Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal, MCC
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal, MCC
Mayo 19	9:00 a.m.	Misa y Reunión del Personal del MCC
Mayo 20	8:30 a.m.	Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas, MCC
Mayo 21	11:00 a.m.	Misa y Almuerzo con el Personal de Gasper River, Centro Católico Juvenil de Retiros y Campamentos Gasper River
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmación, San Guillermo/San Lorenzo @ San Guillermo, Philpot
Mayo 23	7:00 p.m.	Graduación, Escuela Preparatoria de Santa María, Paducah
Mayo 24	11:00 a.m.	Confirmación, Catedral de San Esteban
Mayo 26	12-2	Horas de Oficina de Paducah, Hospital de Lourdes, Paducah
Mayo 28-29		Retiro del Personal de MCC, Monte San José, Maple Mount

Mayo 29	7:00 p.m.	Graduación, Escuela Preparatoria de la Trinidad, Whitesville
Mayo 30	10:00 a.m.	Ordinaciones Sacerdotales, Catedral de San Esteban
Junio 7-12		USCCB – Asamblea General de los Obispos, St. Louis
Junio 23	8:15 a.m.	Desayuno y Misa, Instituto de Liderazgo Cristiano, Monte San José, Maple Mount
Junio 24-25		Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de Brescia, Universidad de Brescia

La Misa Crismal 2015 fue una Celebración de un Pueblo Sacerdotal

Monseñor Medley sopla sobre el Santo Crisma bendecida como símbolo del Espíritu Santo que desciende sobre el óleo sagrado. Photo por Jim Creighton



La Hermana Francisca “Panchita” Wilhelm, O.S.U. Nominada por el Premio de Lumen Christi

¡La Hermana Panchita, una Hermana Religiosa Ursulina del Monte San José ubicado en la Diócesis de Owensboro, ha sido nominada por el Premio Lumen Christi de 2015 de Catholic Extension!

Ahora en su año 38, el Premio de Lumen Christi se presenta a una religiosa, sacerdote, laico o grupo cuyo servicio difunde la luz de Cristo y transforma a su comunidad y más allá. La Diócesis nominadora y el que recibe el Premio de Lumen Christi recibirán una beca de \$25,000, para un total de \$50,000 para financiar sus ministerios.

En 1993, con un sacerdote local y el Obispo Juan McRaith, la Hermana Panchita Wilhelm, OSU, fundó el Centro Latino, un centro que da la bienvenida a los inmigrantes hispanos a Owensboro y los cinco condados del alrededor. Desde su inyección, el ministerio ha ayudado de muchas maneras, incluyendo albergue, busca de empleos, transporte a las citas, servicios de traducción e interpretación, liturgia en español y un sentido de comunidad. El Centro Latino es un lugar donde los inmigrantes pueden sanar su mente y espíritu, y la Hermana Panchita frecuentemente viaja largas distancias para ayudar en cualquier modo que pueda. Su prioridad es guiar a los inmigrantes hacia Jesús, enseñarles estar abiertos y escuchar la solución que Él les ofrece. Antes de esta llamada, la Hermana Panchita instruyó niños en una escuela primaria, sirvió en Sur América y en las misiones de California, dirigió una casa de oración y dirigió la renovación carismática.

Catholic Extension recibió 47 nominaciones para el Premio este año. Cada nominado ha trabajado incansablemente en su comunidad, difundiendo la luz de Cristo mientras ponen su fe en acción.

Tú puedes apoyar a tu nominado votando por ellos en la página de Facebook de Catholic Extension. Si no lo has hecho todavía simplemente haz un clic en “me gusta” en nuestra página de Facebook para ver todos los nominados - <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicExtension>.



La Hermana Panchita y su asistente La Hermana Rosamaria Keough, OSU están aquí en frente de su Centro Latino en 524 Locust Street en Owensboro. Foto de MSJ 2007.

[com/CatholicExtension](http://www.catholicextension.com/CatholicExtension).

Haz un clic en el nombre de tu nominado. Te llevará a su página donde puedes votar haciendo un clic en el botón azul que dice “Vote”.

Catholic Extension contribuye al crecimiento y la vitalidad de la Iglesia en los EEUU de una forma única invirtiendo dinero estratégicamente en comunidades Católicas de bajos recursos para desatar el poder de la fe que transforma los corazones y las vidas y la sociedad.



Con Regocijo y Agradecimiento a Dios Todopoderoso

LA DIÓCESIS DE OWENSBORO

Anuncia las Ordenaciones de

Diácono Michael Charles Ajigo

Abiero

Hijo de

Dorsila Otende Abiero (finado)

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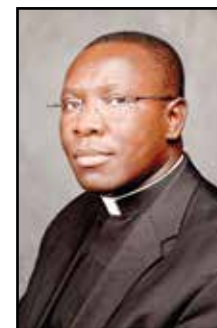
James M. Abiero Ajigo

y

Diácono Gary D. Clark

Hijo de

Anna y Joseph Clark



Rev. Mr. Michael Charles Ajigo Abiero



Rev. Mr. Gary D. Clark

Llamados por Dios y por la Iglesia al
ORDEN DEL PRESBITERADO

A través de la imposición de manos y la invocación del Espíritu Santo por Monseñor William F. Medley, DD Obispo de Owensboro

El Sábado, Treinta de Mayo
Dos mil quince
a las
Diez en punto de la mañana
En la
Catedral de San Esteban
600 Locust St, Owensboro
KY 42301



¡Aparten la Fecha! Viernes, 18 de septiembre del 2015
El Segundo VOCARE Anual

El propósito de VOCARE es aumentar la conciencia sobre las vocaciones en nuestra Diócesis, celebrar las vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida consagrada, y proveer el apoyo económico a nuestros seminaristas a través de donaciones a nuestro Fondo a Beneficio de los Seminaristas.

Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro, 6:00pm – Cena
Una mesa de 8 es \$500 o \$125 por pareja y \$65 por persona
Se puede hacer reservaciones llamando a Kathy Rasp a 270-683-1545 o Kathy.rasp@pastoral.org



La delegación del 2014 de San Miguel en Sebree: Orlando, Eligio, Mila, Patti, Jenny & Dave con su párroco, Padre Carmelo Jiménez.