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Front page photo courtesy of Corey Bruns.

Correction

In the March 2018 issue of The Western Kentucky Catholic, in the page 5 story titled "Beacon of light": Religious sisters reflect on vocation, bringing "that peace of Christ" to society," the WKC incorrectly stated that Sr. Consolata Ojemeh, OSF, works for Catholic Charities through Birthright of Owensboro. Sr. Ojemeh actually works for Catholic Charities through the St. Gerard Life Home, which is affiliated with, but separate, from Birthright.

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A Word from Bishop Medley

Easter Sunday falls on April 1 this year. This is the first time that Easter has fallen on this date since 1956. Easter must fall between March 22 and April 25 each year and this is calculated according to the date of the first full moon after the Spring equinox. Thus with Easter necessarily falling within 35 days, it is unusual that it has taken 62 years for this coincidence to come around.

April 1 is also April Fool's Day. That's every year. It is a day for good-natured pranks and jokes. I had never thought about the origin of April Fool's Day, so I did what everybody does when faced with a mystery: I Googled it. I learned that a celebrated day of pranks and jokes dates from many cultures since the Middle Ages. One source actually suggested the origin might come from the Book of Genesis and the story of Noah and the great flood. It seems that Noah, after 40 days of rain had stopped, opened the porthole of the Ark and sent out a dove to search for dry land. Finding none, the dove returned to the Ark for a few more days. I am not sure whether the joke was on Noah or the dove.

But I like the coincidence that Easter falls on April Fool's Day. I think of St. Thomas who was not with the other Apostles on that first Easter when the Risen Christ appeared to them. When his brothers shared with him that great news, he was skeptical, never one to be made a fool. "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." - John 20: 25

So St. Thomas was no fool. Jesus Christ - alive. No way! He had seen his broken, crucified and dead body taken to the tomb and the stone rolled across it. What were his brother Apostles trying to pull off? Clearly they were trying to make a fool out of him. And come on, joking about someone's death is not funny.

But eight days later, Jesus again appeared before the Apostles, and this time Thomas was with them. Jesus greeted them as before, "Peace be with you." But then he turned his attention and his heart to Thomas, who forever would be remembered as Doubting Thomas. "Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side."

Thomas replied with one of the most profound acts of faith ever spoken, "My Lord and my God." Too bad he is remembered for his doubt rather than his faith.

Some of us may have grown up with those words of Thomas in our minds and

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BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR ● APRIL 2018

APRIL 3-4	Visit to Bishop Simon Bruté Seminary
APRIL 9	Visit to St. Meinrad Seminary
APRIL 10	6:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield
APRIL 11	6:30 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Pius X Parish, Calvert City
APRIL 14	5:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro
APRIL 15	11:00 a.m. ● Confirmation – St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah
APRIL 16	1:30 p.m. ● Priests' Council Meeting – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC)
APRIL 17	8:00 a.m. ● Mass & Senior Conversations – Trinity High School 6:30 p.m. ● Confirmation – Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro
APRIL 18	6:30 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Alphonsus Parish, St. Joseph
APRIL 21	10:00 a.m. ● Black Catholic Gathering – Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro 2:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – Christ the King Parish, Scottsville
APRIL 22	8:30 a.m. ● Confirmation – St. Columba Parish, Lewisport 2:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville 8:00 p.m. ● Mass – WKU Newman Center
APRIL 23	6:00 p.m. ● Prayer for Protection & Healing – SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
APRIL 24	10:00 a.m. ● Mass & Senior Conversations – St. Mary High School, Paducah Paducah Office Hours
APRIL 26	Brescia Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. William Parish, Knottsville
APRIL 27	Brescia Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. ● Visit with Archbishop Fabio from the Archdiocese of Tuxtla Gutiérrez in Mexico
APRIL 28	5:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm
APRIL 29	10:00 a.m. ● Confirmation – St. Charles Parish, Bardwell



Across the Diocese

Did you know Bishop Medley hosts a monthly video series called Across the Diocese? In these videos, the bishop discusses the various topics and issues pertaining to the Catholic faith in western Kentucky. In his most recent video, released in March 2018, Bishop Medley interviews Fr. J. Patrick Reynolds, diocesan vicar general, about the annual Chrism Mass. Watch the video at <https://vimeo.com/260995613>.

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on our lips. It is a prayerful custom for many to repeat Thomas' words at the consecration of the Mass as the bread that has become Christ's body is shown to the faithful, and the wine that has become Christ's blood is shown. "My Lord and my God."

Easter Sunday this year is April

Fool's Day, and maybe we could say it is a fool's day every year. For we believe that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and lives forever. We believe that we and all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith will also rise. We believe that through Jesus Christ death has been defeated. To the world we surely look and sound like fools. But our lives and the lives of the communion of saints who have gone before us testify that it is true.

My Lord and my God. Happy Easter. ■

Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

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Friday, September 14, 2018

Owensboro

Convention Center

More details soon!

Updated 2018 Priest Assignments

Unless noted, all dates effective June 12, 2018

Parish Pastor

Rev. Julio Barrera: Pastor, Holy Redeemer Parish in Beaver Dam and Holy Trinity Parish in Morgantown.

Rev. Ryan Harpole: Pastor, St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green.

Rev. Brian Johnson: Pastor, St. Pius X Parish in Calvert City and St. Anthony Parish in Grand Rivers.

Rev. Tony Jones: Pastor, St. Romuald Parish in Hardinsburg.

Rev. Jean Rene Kalombo: Pastor, SS. Joseph & Paul Parish in Owensboro.

Rev. Carl McCarthy: Pastor, Christ the King Parish in Madisonville.

Rev. John Okoro: Pastor, St. Francis Borgia Parish in Sturgis, St. William Parish in Marion, St. Ambrose Parish in Henshaw.

Rev. Anthoni Ottagon: Pastor, St. Alphonsus Parish in Owensboro and St. Elizabeth Parish in Curdsville.

Rev. Shaiju Thomas: Continuing as pastor of St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Sorgho.

Rev. Augusty Valomchalil: Pastor, St. William Parish in Knottsville and St. Lawrence Parish in Philpot.

Rev. John Vaughan: Pastor, Immaculate Parish in Owensboro.

Parochial Vicar

Rev. M. Charles Abiero: Parochial Vicar, SS. Peter & Paul Parish in Hopkinsville.

Rev. Basilio Az Cuc: Parochial Vicar, SS. Joseph & Paul Parish in Owensboro.

Rev. Jamie Dennis: Parochial Vicar, St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Whitesville and St. John the Baptist Parish in Fordsville.

Rev. Sinoj Pynadath: Parochial Vicar, St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.

Rev. Joseph Schoettle: Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro, effective February 8, 2018.

Other Assignments

Rev. Andrew Garner: With permission from Bishop Medley, Fr. Garner is accepting a temporary assignment in the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky.

Rev. Ryan Harpole: Rector, Diocesan Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church and Model of All Christians in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Philpot family visits Nigerian school they helped fund



(Left to right) Fr. John Okoro, pastor of St. William and St. Lawrence Parishes in Daviess County; Tori Lanham; Bishop Solomon Amanchukwu Amatu; Sandy Lanham; and Tony Lanham during the Lanhams' January visit to Nigeria. Photo courtesy of the Lanham family.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Three parishioners of St. William Parish in Knottsville recently had an opportunity to visit a village in Imo State, Nigeria, to see a school they had helped fund.

Tony and Sandy Lanham, and their daughter, Tori, spent nine days in Nigeria, arriving on Jan. 9 and returning to the United States on Jan. 17.

“Not a day goes by that I don’t think about it,” said Tony in a March 7 interview with *The Western Kentucky Catholic*. “It was the experience of a lifetime.”

The Lanhams, together with several other indi-

viduals, had given free-will donations for a new Catholic school to be built in the home village of their pastor, Fr. John Okoro.

Fr. Okoro is a priest of the Diocese of Okigwe in Nigeria and has served in the Diocese of Owensboro since 2005.

The new school was named Divine Mercy International School, and was to be dedicated on Jan. 14. When the opportunity arose to join Fr. Okoro to visit and attend the school blessing and

dedication, the Lanhams said yes.

In addition to visiting the school, the Lanhams attended Mass with Bishop Solomon Amanchukwu Amatu, experienced the local cuisine, and met many grateful schoolchildren.

“They were so thankful that we would come so far,” said Sandy.

A favorite memory was when Sandy waved at a little schoolgirl, who walked over to her. Though they could not communicate through the language barrier, they enjoyed just spending some time together.

Sandy said the trip made her reflect about American culture versus Nigerian culture. She said that despite the modest, often even impoverished, circumstances of their Nigerian friends, “they’re happy

and feel fulfilled.”

“And we live in America and people have everything, and they still don’t feel happy or fulfilled,” she said.

Additionally, the Lanhams said they witnessed the strength of Catholicism in Nigeria.

“They are so faith-filled there, and they generate many priests and nuns from that village (alone),” said Sandy.

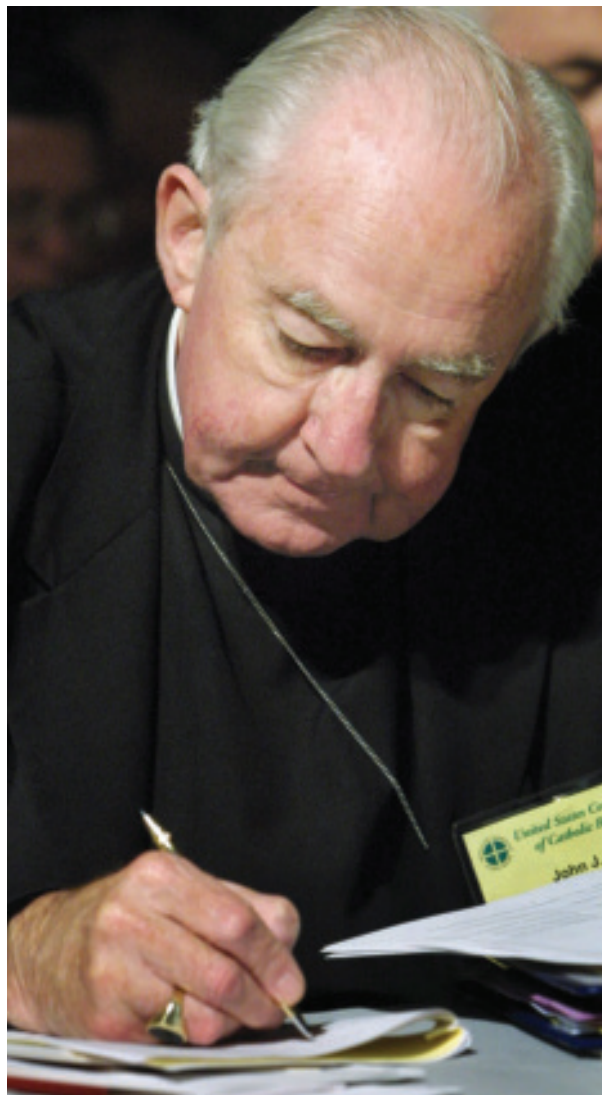
Before the Lanhams returned to the States, the school community presented them with a plaque. On it was an image of a Nigerian mother with an infant on her back, and an umbrella was held over their heads.

The school community explained that they themselves were represented by the mother and infant – “and that we were the umbrella above them,” said Sandy. ■



(Left to right) Tori, Sandy and Tony Lanham hold the plaque given to them by the community of Divine Mercy International School while they were in Nigeria. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead/WKC.

Fifteen years after safe environment office formed, Owensboro diocese looks to future with hope



The late Bishop John J. McRaith of the Diocese of Owensboro writes during the June 2002 meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' meeting in Dallas, held as a response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People was established at this meeting. (Catholic News Service/file photo)

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

In a column filling the front page of the August 2002 issue of *The Western Kentucky Catholic*, Bishop John J. McRaith wrote of “grievous injustices” perpetrated by clergy of the Catholic Church in the United States.

“Our Catholic Church is currently undergoing a difficult crisis,” wrote Bishop McRaith, who was bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro at the time. (He passed away in 2017.)

“I join my fellow bishops in asking for forgiveness and reconciliation from those who are victims of sexual abuse by priests,” he continued, “It is of primary concern now that we continue to assist the victims of such abuse in healing.”

In June of that year, Bishop McRaith had participated in a meeting of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to form what is now known as the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

The charter addressed the allegations of abuse by Catholic clergy, and instituted policies for both the protection of the vulnerable – as well as providing guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability and the prevention of future abuse.

Within a year after the charter was established, the Diocese of Owensboro established the Office of Safe Environment.

Its purpose was, and remains, to provide protection for children and other vulnerable persons en-

trusted to the care of parishes, Catholic schools and diocesan programs.

According to Molly Thompson, director of the diocese’s Office of Safe Environment, the safe environment process is a combination of education and screening all adults who interact with minors.

The training involves recognition of possible child abuse indicators, an understanding of grooming risks, and information about how to report abuse. It also includes reviewing and accepting the Diocese of Owensboro’s sexual abuse policy and standards of behavior.

Fifteen years later, that office has now processed “about 26,000 background checks and coordinated almost 18,000 child protection training courses for employees and for volunteers ministering with minors,” said Thompson.

Thompson said safe environment education equips people for a greater awareness for protecting the vulnerable.

“They are all part of the support network we put in place to make church settings holy and safe,” she said.

Thompson said healing is the intended focus of the Church when any person comes forward with an allegation of abuse.

When the abuse is not church-related, Thompson’s office provides information and support for pastors or parish personnel who are reporting abuse to civil authorities – and who may even be accompanying a victim through personal healing.

However, when the alleged abuse is church-relat-

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



You are invited to join
Bishop Medley
for Evening Prayer

Monday,
April 23, 2018
at 6:00 p.m.

SS. Peter & Paul Parish
902 E. 9th St.
Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Pray for protection and
healing for all impacted
by child abuse.

ed – meaning an allegation against clergy, employees or volunteers – the safe environment office’s pastoral assistance coordinator is available.

The coordinator accompanies the person throughout the Church’s process, including reporting to the Diocesan Review Board and assisting with counseling options.

According to the diocese’s sexual abuse policy and procedures manual, the coordinator “will listen with compassion and patience to their experiences and concerns,” as well as offering the person “an opportunity to speak with the bishop and/or the Diocesan Review Board.”

The manual also says that the coordinator must ensure that the counseling and/or spiritual direction provided to the person and their family “are sufficiently qualified to render such assistance.”

Bishop William F. Medley, present bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro, told the WKC that he is “proud of our safe environment office.”

Bishop Medley credited Thompson for her “pastoral, very gentle guidance” of coordinating education and awareness for the diocese.

He said he has reflected on recent allegations of abuse in other institutions, including prominent Hollywood entities and the U.S. Olympics.

The bishop said the response of these institutions, and the response of the U.S. Catholic Church for many years, had been to protect themselves rather than the victims.

But following the 2002 Catholic clergy abuse crisis, “no institution has done more than the Catholic Church to tear itself open to address these wounds,” he said.

The accused institutions “would benefit to take a note from the Catholic Church’s response,” he said of the Church’s push for accountability and pursuit

of healing and reconciliation for victims.

“I think the Church singularly has done more as an institution than any other group,” he said.

Still, the bishop explained that there may remain people who have been hurt, “who haven’t yet shared their stories.”

“The Church stands ready to listen and to try to help people heal,” he said. ■



Safe and holy

To learn more about the diocese’s
Office of Safe Environment, visit
owensborodiocese.org/safe.

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 website (owensborodiocese.org/safe). The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.

Different cultures, one in Christ

Maya Catholic speaker coming to western Kentucky



Juanatano Cano (dark clothing) being recognized for his Maya Catholic ministry at the Celebration of Cultures Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles on June 17, 2016. Photo courtesy of Juanatano Cano.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

In May 2018, a speaker will come to western Kentucky to address the local population of Maya Catholics – communities who come from southern Mexico and Central America, speak numerous indigenous languages and descend from native cultures of thousands of years.

“We are different, but one in Christ,” said Juanatano Cano, the national consultant for Maya Catholic Ministry to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Cano, who resides in Los Angeles with his wife

and toddler son, is a native speaker of Q'anjob'al, one of many Maya languages.

He explained that “we still speak our languages – there are so many things we keep” from the rich history that stretches across Guatemala and parts of Mexico.

On May 5, Cano will speak to Maya Catholics at a morning session at Holy Trinity Parish in Morgantown, and at an evening session at St. Michael Parish in Sebree.

In a March 9 phone interview with the WKC, Cano said the two gatherings will include “prayer in our native language, and some talks in our native language.”

Cano said there have been “good things” going on in Maya Catholic ministry in recent years.

“We are so blessed that we are being acknowledged, that we are alive and we are here,” he said of growing outreach and evangelization opportunities for Maya Catholics.

Deacon Chris Gutiérrez, director of Hispanic/Latino ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro, invited Cano to speak to the local Maya Catholics and is delighted that Cano accepted the invitation.

Deacon Gutiérrez said there are at least four Mayan languages spoken by Guatemalan Catholics across western Kentucky: Chuj, Q'anjob'al, Mam and K'iche'.

Another indigenous language spoken within the diocese is Mixteco – the language of some Mexican natives – but it is different from both Spanish and the aforementioned Guatemalan languages.

“It is really important to understand that there is a variety of cultures and traditions within one culture,” said Deacon Gutiérrez. “When we're talking about Latinos, we have to understand that there is a lot of diversity within.”

The deacon said the majority of Maya Catholics live and work in Owensboro, Bowling Green and Henderson among many other local cities.

Deacon Gutiérrez said poverty and a devastated economy in their homelands is driving Maya Catholics to see new opportunities elsewhere, such as migrating to the United States.

“It's (due to) violence, yes, but also extreme poverty,” he said. “Many times these indigenous communities are oppressed by the government.”

Deacon Gutiérrez added that “nobody wants to leave their homeland – it is out of necessity.”

“It is for the wellbeing of their family that they have to leave,” he said. “It's a matter of survival.”

Acculturation into the United States can be a struggle for Maya Catholics, especially for young people, said Cano.

He said there is a common “problem with identity” for Maya youth. This sometimes includes not speaking Spanish, which makes it harder to connect with much of the wider Latino community.

Still, Maya Catholics remain hopeful and devoted to their faith.

“Maya Catholics are always involved in the church,” said Cano. “For us, it is not so much ‘What can you give me?’ but ‘How can I help? What can I do?’”

He said a major strength in Mayan culture is “the sense of community.”

“We are just happy to be a part of the Church,” said Cano. “It is so beautiful.” ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spirituality of Work: Values, Virtues & Vitality



Wednesday, April 11 or Thursday, April 12
(choose one)

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Retreat Director: Sister Betty Drewes, OSB
Sister of Saint Benedict and Director of Kordes Retreat Center in Ferdinand, Ind.



This program will explore the personal values of work and the virtues of right relationships. Combining these values and virtues, you will discover how to live a balanced life with vitality as you witness to Christ when loving and serving others. The day will include presentations, personal reflection, group prayer and sharing.

Cost: \$25 (includes meal and program)

To register, call (270) 229-0206
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APRIL

- 3 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Spirituality of Aging
- 6-8 Spiritual Directors Reunion Weekend
- 7 Retreat Day for Gardeners
- 11/12 Spirituality of Work (choose one day)
- 12 "Focus on Faith" Revelation Book Study
- 14 Perm. Deacon Candidates' Formation
- 14-15 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 17-19 Chix with Stix
- 20-21 Owensboro Human Relations Commission
- 20-22 Gennesaret Retreat Weekend
- 20-22 Come and See Weekend (Vocations)
- 25 Administrative Professionals Retreat
- 27-29 Cursillo Spring Encounter

MAY

- 1 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Angela Merici
- 4-6 TOPS Retreat
- 8 OCS Prayer Day for 6th graders
- 10 "Focus on Faith" Revelation Book Study
- 12 Perm. Deacon Candidates' Formation
- 19-20 MSJ Academy Alumnae Weekend

JUNE

- 1-3 Yarn Spinners Weekend
- 3-9 Individual Private Retreat
- 5 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: Pray with the Ordinary
- 8-10 Christian Women's Retreat
- 14 "Focus on Faith" Revelation Book Study
- 10-15 Christian Leadership Institute
- 16-22 St. Joseph/St. John Youth Mich. (Habitat)
- 23 Associates and Sisters Day

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Mount Saint Joseph
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Retreat Day for Administrative Professionals



Saturday, April 25

9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Retreat Director: Lisa Gulino,
Theologian from Brescia University



A day for receptionists, secretaries, administrative or executive assistants, and anyone else who fits in this category. There will be quiet time following talks on the theology of work, scripture verses with reflection questions, and group participation.

"Happy Administrative Professionals Day!"

Fee: \$25 – includes lunch

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■ **Missionary Discipleship from a Multicultural Perspective; Effective Inclusion**

Everyone is invited to the annual Black Catholic Day of Reflection which will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at Precious Blood Parish in Owensboro from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The keynote speaker, Sr. Desiré Anne-Marie Findlay, a native of New Mexico, is a member of the Sisters of Saint Felix (Felician Sisters). Sr. Desiré brings a unique perspective to her audience through her Black and Hispanic heritage and her use of dance in her ministry. Join Bishop Medley and people of all races, cultures and faiths for a day of prayer, fellowship and Joy in Christ beginning with the celebration of Mass. Breakfast and lunch will be included in the program. Ethnic attire, decor and religious items will be available for purchase. Although this is a free event we need a count for the meals and for handouts. Please register on the website: owensborodiocese.org/black-catholic-day-of-reflection. Onsite registration will also be available. For information or to register by phone contact Veronica Wilhite, Director, Office of Black Catholic Ministry at (270) 683-1545 or veronica.wilhite@pastoral.org.

■ **Nominate your favorite teacher for 2018 Educator of the Year!**

Attention parents and students of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Owensboro: has a teacher changed you or your child's life for the better? If so, nominate this teacher for the Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year. The nominated educator must be a role model as an outstanding human being; have a major influence in the lives of students; show concern with the faith development as well as the physical, mental and emotional development of students; and encourage students to improve their abilities and talents. The winner will be announced at the 2018 "Living as Missionary Disciples: Day of Prayer and Witness" for Catholic educators on July 27. Anyone, with the exception of an immediate family member, may nominate an educator for the award. More criteria and a nomination form available at owensborodiocese.org/educator-award. This award is sponsored by the Catholic Schools Office and the Principals and Administrators of Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools (PACESS).

■ **Drive-thru meat sale at St. Lawrence**

At St. Lawrence Parish picnic grounds, 6119 St. Lawrence Rd., Philpot. April 22 at 11 a.m. For more information call the parish office at (270) 281-4802.

■ **Catholic Campaign for Human Development seeks 2018 applicants**

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a national social justice program of the Unit-

ed States Catholic Bishops. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community controlled, self-help organizations, and through transformative education of the non-poor. Each November, the Diocese of Owensboro participates in the CCHD collection. From that collection, a percentage of monies are retained to provide grant funding to local organizations which meet CCHD criteria. Catholic Charities administers and allocates the grant funding. Those interested in applying for the grant should contact Richard Murphy at 270-683-1545 or by email at richard.murphy@pastoral.org or visit owensborodiocese.org/cchd. Applications must be received by May 20 so that grants can be awarded on or before June 20.

■ **Fr. John Thomas Silver Jubilee Pilgrimage**

Join Fr. John M. Thomas for his Silver Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Normandy & Paris! October 1-11, 2018. Only 37 spots available. \$4,925 per person includes tour and round trip air from Nashville. To have your name put on the list please email: info@faithintravel.com or call 270-389-1002 and leave a message for Kenny.

■ **Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation**

April 3: Sr. Marietta Wethington - Spirituality of Aging
 May 1: Sr. Amelia Stenger - St. Angela Merici; Stages of Her Life
 June 5: Sr. Ann McGrew - Praying with the Ordinary
 Aug. 7: Sr. Catherine Marie Lauterwasser - History of Mount St. Joseph Ursuline Sisters
 First Tuesday of each month from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The \$20 fee includes dinner in the Center dining room, followed by the presentation in a conference room. Please join us for these enlightening events. To register, contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

■ **St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter third annual golf scramble fundraiser**

Presented by Kentucky Legend. This event supports our ministry and allows us to continue growing. Funds received from this golf outing will help to maximize our services provided to homeless men this year! Date: June 23, 8 a.m. shotgun start. Located at Panther Creek Golf Club, 4641 State Route 1514, Utica, KY, 42367. Only \$300 a team! For information or to register, contact Harry E. Pedigo, director, at (270) 315-4419, email harrypedigo7@gmail.com or visit stbenedictsoyensboro.org/2018-golf-scramble.

■ **Nominate someone for 2017-18 McRaith Catechetical award**

The Offices of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry are asking for nominations for the Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award. The recipient of this award will be announced at the Appreciation Dinner for Catechetical and Youth Ministers on May 7 at the Fr. John Vaughan Center in Owensboro. Anyone from the Diocese of Owensboro may nominate an individual for this award. Nominees should be (or have been) professional ministers working for a minimum of five years in the Diocese of Owensboro in the field of catechetics. Contact elaine.robertson@pastoral.org or visit owensborodiocese.org/faith-formation for the digital nomination form. All paper nomination forms should be mailed to the Religious Education Office, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301-2130 or emailed to elaine.robertson@pastoral.org by April 23.

■ **Tickets on sale for Empty Bowls**

Tickets now on sale for annual Empty Bowls of Owensboro, Kentucky fundraiser. Date: April 26 at 6 p.m. in the SS. Joseph and Paul Parish, 514 East 4th St., Owensboro. This local event is part of a national movement to raise funds for those in need of food. Tickets are \$15 and include entrance to the event and the opportunity to select a ceramic bowl to keep. (Bowls are handcrafted by local artisans and Brescia University students.) Each participant will then use their selected bowl to receive one of four soups made by local chefs and churches. T-shirts and silent auction items will be also be available. The silent auction will run from 6-6:45 p.m. and you must be present to win. To learn more, contact Kayla Altman at 270-686-2110 or kayla.altman@brescia.edu and visit facebook.com/EmptyBowlsOwensboro.

■ **Gennesaret Retreat April 20-22**

Those who have a chronic or serious health issue could be a candidate for the Gennesaret retreat, designed for persons whose medical conditions would otherwise hinder them from attending a weekend overnight retreat. The next Gennesaret Retreat is scheduled for April 20-22 at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Contact Tom or Amy Payne of Owensboro at 270-686-7739.

■ **Brescia's spring concert April 26**

Brescia University's Spring Concert will take place on April 26 at 7 p.m. in the Taylor Lecture Hall on Brescia's campus. The music will include light classics plus show tunes and other contemporary selections. Special guests will be students from Owensboro Catholic High School Band and St. Paul Parish Orchestra. The concert is free and open to all. To learn more, contact Brett Ballard at 270-686-4226 or email brett.ballard@brescia.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

■ VBS at St. Pius X Owensboro

St. Pius X Parish, Owensboro, hosts their annual Vacation Bible School on June 18-22. The sessions begin each morning at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is provided at noon before dismissal. This year's theme is Kingdom of the Son and will take place on an African safari. Children will explore the Lord's Prayer and Scripture. VBS is free for everyone age 4 and up. Middle school and high school students will be given leadership roles and provided with credit for service hours upon request. Adults 18 and over are safe environment certified according to diocesan procedures. We will conclude the week with a celebration Mass on Sunday, June 24, 11 a.m. Registration will begin in May with forms available in the church vestibule and the parish office. Contact Jeanie Lewis at (270)264-9818 or at lewisfamily2008@bellsouth.net.

■ Daughters of Isabella card party/bunco/raffle

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall. April 19, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. \$7 includes lunch. Bring your group to play cards or join others.

■ Alzheimer's awareness events in April

Registration required for all programs; please call 1.800.272.3900 to register or visit www.communityresourcefinder.org.
Family Caregiver Workshop: \$5 donation suggested. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. Topics include "Dementia Conversations"; How to have those difficult conversations about our loved ones care. "Diagnostic procedures for memory loss and the importance of a proper diagnosis." Dr. Laurie Ballew, "Support Available for Families and Individuals with Dementia." Date is April 19, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Paducah Lourdes Hospital Borders Room. Lunch provided by Lourdes Hospital. Deadline to register: April 17. Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior: April 24, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Healthpark, Classroom B, Owensboro.

■ Holy Name hosting Night at the Races

Join Holy Name in Henderson on May 4, 2018 for the annual Night at the Races. Horse race betting, Holy Name Men's Club dinner, mint juleps, dessert auction, and tons of fun. Don't miss out of this opportunity to have a blast while supporting the Holy Name Parish Youth Group and the Holy Name School Technology Department. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the school and church offices. Call the parish office at (270) 826-2096 to learn more.

■ Save the Date! EastBridge Arts Festival @ The Mount Sept. 8-9

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph are set to host the popular EastBridge Arts Festival on their usual picnic weekend, Sept. 8-9. There will be lots of booths selling arts and crafts and many food options. Free

admission. Mark your calendars! For more information, contact Director of Development Betsy Mullins: 270-229-2008 or betsy.mullins@maplemount.org.

■ Spiritual Directors Reunion and Retreat April 6-8

A weekend retreat for spiritual directors titled, "Living a Life of Joy in an Uncertain World" will take place April 6-8 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Attendees will explore both the barriers and pillars of joy during presentations, personal reflection and sharing. The speaker will be Sister Barbara Schmitz, OSB, a member of the Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Ind. She holds graduate degrees in special religious education and pastoral studies, and is director of Family Scholar House. The cost is \$180. Commuters can attend for \$130. Contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org. Find out more at ursulinesmsj.org.

■ Associates and Sisters Day June 23

June 23 will be the annual day when all Ursuline Associates and Sisters are invited to gather at Mount St. Joseph to listen to inspiring speakers, welcome new associates, attend Mass and enjoy lunch and socializing. Fr. Joe Merkt will be presenting: "Exploring Personal Growth in the Spirit of St. Angela Merici." For more information, visit ursulinesmsj.org, call 270-229-2006 or email associates.msj@maplemount.org. Registration forms will be mailed to associates and will be available online.

■ "Focus on Faith" Book Study on Revelation April 12

"Coming Soon: Unlocking the Book of Revelation and Applying its Lessons Today," is the focus of a monthly book study at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The class continues on Thursday, April 12 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The study of Michael Barber's book will be led by Sr. Ann McGrew. The \$20 fee per class includes lunch. Feel free to attend even if you missed the earlier classes. Contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org or register online at ursulinesmsj.org. Subsequent meeting dates: April 12, May 10, June 14, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13.

To have your events listed in our Bulletin Board, email information of no more than 200 words to wkc.editor@pastoral.org by the 15th of the month prior to the publishing month.

Please join us to help with our Arbor Day Tree Planting

Many trees were donated in honor of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph.



Saturday, April 28

9 a.m.

Yellow Creek Park

5710 KY Hwy. 144, Owensboro

For more information, contact Betsy Mullins,
Director of Development: (270) 229-2008
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Pope Paul VI at a Vatican Observatory telescope, 1969

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 Parish Picnics in the Diocese of Owensboro

Editor's note: Parish picnics and cooking teams are a longstanding tradition in the Diocese of Owensboro. Parishioners and non-parishioners alike gather to celebrate with food, games and fellowship during the warmest months of the year. All questions about the individual picnics may be directed to the parishes.

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
MAY 19	Serving at 11 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
MAY 27	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
JUNE 2	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Joseph, Leitchfield
JUNE 2	Booths open at 3 p.m.; serving begins at 4 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
JUNE 9	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Pius X, Owensboro
JUNE 13	Serving at 3 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
JUNE 16	Serving from 3-9 p.m.	St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
JUNE 30	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
JULY 7	Serving 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 5-7:30 p.m.; 9 p.m. raffle drawing	St. Denis, Fancy Farm
JULY 7	Serving from 2-9 p.m. at St. Anthony location	St. Anthony, St. Benedict & St. Augustine, Grayson County
JULY 7	Serving from 3-9 p.m.	St. Anthony the Abbot, Axtel
JULY 14	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
JULY 21	Serving 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4:30-7:30 p.m.; 9 p.m. raffle drawing	St. Charles, Bardwell
JULY 21	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
JULY 28	Serving from 4-9 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
JULY 28	Serving at 3 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield
AUG 4	Serving from noon-3:30 p.m.	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
AUG 4	Serving at 10 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
AUG 7	Serving at 4 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
SEPT 8	Serving at 5 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
SEPT 8	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
SEPT 15	Serving at 4 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
SEPT 22	Serving from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.	St. Pius X, Calvert City
SEPT 22	Drive-thru only; 1-3 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
SEPT 29	Serving from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Honeyfest Dinner, Silent Auction, Raffle	St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
SEPT 30	Serving at 11 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville



Marriage Retreat

April 13-15, 2018
Kenlake Resort Lodge
Hardin, KY

Register & Pay Online:
owensborodiocese.org/marriage-retreat

 Office of Marriage & Family Life
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and Junior College



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May 19-20

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A story of hope and healing: Rebuilding after divorce

BY DANNY MAY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

In this Year of Encounter, we are reminded of Pope Francis' words in *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) that "special discernment is indispensable for the pastoral care of those who are separated, divorced or abandoned" (No. 242).

In that spirit, the Office of Marriage and Family Life and the Tribunal are co-hosting "Stories of Hope and Healing: Rebuilding After Divorce" in four locations across the diocese featuring an informal panel discussion where panelists will share witness stories from their own experiences of divorce.

Angela Clark is one of the panelists graciously willing to share her story with *The Western Kentucky Catholic*:

How would you describe divorce?

AC: "A divorce is a funeral without a body. It's an invisible wound - deeply emotional, full of guilt."

What lessons did you learn from your experience?

AC: "In the first few years after the divorce, I was not kind to my former spouse. It took time to learn to refrain from mean-spiritedness; I had to rise above my emotional pain and feelings of rejection. I had to do better for my son. Being bitter got me nowhere. Regardless of the pain I felt, my former spouse was still the father of our child. It is critical to every child's self-esteem to have healthy, functioning parents who put the child's welfare first."

What was your healing process like?

AC: "I sought professionals when I needed them. I hired a counselor to work on myself. I spoke with our parish priest about the annulment process. A child of divorce goes through tremendous pain; the child doesn't need to hear about delayed child support, lapses in insurance coverage, or negative comments about the other parent. So when issues arose, I hired an attorney. After a certain point, I just learned that not everything was worthy of a battle. Being at peace is often more important than being right."

What hope can you offer others going through this experience?

AC: "By no means do I want to be the poster child for 'success.' I am still very much a work in progress. It is only through God's grace that I could see I had a choice: I could accept the reality of what things were, and I could hold onto the hope that God had another plan. It is a journey of healing that has taken years."

If you are hurting from divorce, we hope and pray *Stories of Hope and Healing* will be a comfort and encouragement to you. ■

Danny May is the director for the Office of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Owensboro.

Follow-up sessions

As a follow up to *Stories of Hope and Healing*, the Tribunal Office will conduct a session in each location a month later to offer information regarding declarations of invalidity.

STORIES OF HOPE & HEALING:

Rebuilding After Divorce

Pick a date/location to attend and RSVP to Charlotte Hedges, 270-683-1545 or charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org.

April 9 | 6:30 PM

St. Thomas More, Paducah
(Follow-up: May 8 at 6:30 PM)

April 17 | 6:30 PM

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
(Follow-up: May 15 at 6:30 PM)

April 24 | 6:30 PM

Holy Spirit Catholic Church,
Bowling Green
(Follow-up: May 22 at 6:30 PM)

May 1 | 6:30 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro,
(Follow-up: June 5 at 6:30 PM)

**McRaith Catholic Center
Staff Update: David Kessler**



David Kessler has accepted the position of assistant superintendent of Catholic Schools, effective July 1, 2018. For full press release, visit owensborodioocese.org/new-assistant-superintendent-of-catholic-schools.



For Lent 2018, the interior of St. Joseph Parish is decorated in the manner of Latin American churches.



Parishioners prepare a Lenten meal "with a Latin flair" for St. Joseph's gathering after Stations of the Cross.

**Lenten Fridays at
St. Joseph Parish bring
multicultural experience**

St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green is fostering a multicultural experience during this season of Lent.

Gina Holmes, director of Hispanic Ministry at the parish, said the church interior been decorated by the local Hispanic community in the same way that Latin American churches are decorated during Lent.

Additionally, "Fr. Andrew (Garner) had the idea this year that for Lenten Fridays we will have a meal after the Stations of the Cross, but not the traditional fish fry," said Holmes. "Instead, we have Lenten meal with a Latin flair."

Holmes said the weekly gatherings "have been really good for our church to share this season with something different that brings us together."

Photos courtesy of Gina Holmes.



Fourteen quilts donated to Owensboro's Birthright

The St. Martin Material Girls Quilting Group had a visitor at their Wednesday night class on March 14. Terri LaHugh, director of Birthright, came to pick up 14 quilts that were donated by the group. In the fall, the Materials Girls decided on a service project to make "I Spy" baby quilts to be donated for the newborns. According to Mrs. LaHugh, once the babies are born, they receive a gift bag with a layette which will now include one of these beautiful handmade quilts.

(Left) The Material Girls show off the 14 quilts they made for Birthright. Top row: Suzee Rhodes, Katie Rudy and Becky Krampe. Bottom row: Rosemary Krampe, Susan Damin, Gail Campbell, Becky Marks, Cindy Taylor, Karen McCarty and Carrie Krampe. Not pictured are Becky Buck, Mary Todd and Tammie Thomas. Photo courtesy of Tammie Thomas.

Local Latino delegates attend regional Encuentro, prepare for national gathering



From Feb. 22-24, more than 200 Hispanic delegates (including six from the Diocese of Owensboro) gathered at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Doral (near Miami) for a regional meeting to prepare for the upcoming national Encuentro of Hispanic Ministry in Texas. Pictured are Fr. Carmelo Jimenez Salinas, Deacon Chris Gutiérrez, Claudia Valladares, Mayra Tirado, Baltazar Rafael and Miguelina Young.

BY DEACON CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Prayer, study, work, reflection, fellowship, discernment, music, liturgy. These are just a few of the things that recently took place this past Feb. 22-24 at our Regional Encuentro meeting.

The word “encuentro” in Spanish means “encounter.” More than 200 delegates from as many as 32 dioceses from the southeast – including from our own Diocese of Owensboro – merged onto the City of Miami for this exciting event. From as far as North Carolina down to Miami, from New Orleans up to

Kentucky; all of us including several bishops gathered together with one common calling in mind: “Missionary Disciples, Witnesses of God’s Love.”

The Catholic Church in America is currently in the process of the V (fifth) National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry. It is a grassroots process of renewal and discernment that began a couple years ago in shared (multicultural) parishes across the entire nation. After parish Encuentros were held across dioceses, diocesan ones took place as well – with our own celebrated back on August 19, 2017 at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro. After all regions of the country hold their Regionals, the V National Encuentro is scheduled to take place in September of this year in Dallas, Texas.

As the Catholic Church in America moves into the future and reads into the “signs of the times,” it realizes Hispanic/Latino Catholics play an extremely important role for the future of the Church. Despite hostile and often divisive rhetoric and actions affecting so many Hispanic Catholic families; Hispanics continue to flourish and share of their beautiful faith and traditions with the Church they love. This Encuentro process has encouraged Hispanic Catholics to go out to the peripheries as Pope Francis has called us all to look for those who are not currently active in our parishes – to find the hurting and disenfranchised and ask them how we can help.

Special thanks to our Owensboro diocesan delegates who attended the Regional Encuentro: Claudia Valladares (Bowling Green), Miguelina Young



Delegates hold up pictures of the Virgin Mary of different Latin-American depictions.

(Paducah), Mayra Tirado (Hopkinsville) and Baltazar Rafael (Sebree). I also want to thank each one of their pastors and parishes for their very important support. And last but not least; I want to thank Bishop Medley for his support and for accompanying this process to the best of his ability in our own diocese.

Get ready Dallas, here we come! ■

Deacon Chris Gutiérrez is the director of Hispanic/Latino Ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro. To learn more, visit owensborodiocese.org/ministerio-hispano. Photos courtesy of Deacon Chris Gutiérrez.



Average-height Fr. Carmelo Jimenez Salinas of Sebree shares a lighthearted moment at the Regional Encuentro with one of the tallest U.S. bishops, Bishop Gregory Parkes of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and one of the shortest U.S. bishops, Auxiliary Bishop Enrique Esteban Delgado of the Archdiocese of Miami.

Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas,

El Domingo de Pascua cae el 1 de abril este año. Es la primera vez que la Pascua se da en esta fecha desde el año 1956. La Pascua tiene que darse entre el 22 de marzo y el 25 de abril cada año y se calcula según la fecha de la primera luna llena después del equinoccio de la primavera. Por lo tanto, como la Pascua tiene que caer en estos 35 días, es extraño que haya tomado 62 años para que otra vez coincida.

El 1 de abril también es Día de los Inocentes de Abril en los Estados Unidos. Esto es todos los años. Es un día para hacer travesuras chistosas y bromas. Nunca había pensado sobre el origen del Día de los Inocentes de Abril, entonces hice lo mismo que todos hacemos cuando nos enfrentamos con un misterio: lo buscamos en Google. Aprendí que un día para hacer travesuras y bromas ha sido celebrado en muchas culturas desde la Edad Media. Incluso una fuente de historia sugirió que el origen podría ser del libro del Génesis por el relato de Noé y el diluvio. Dice que Noé, cuando terminaron los 40 días de lluvia, abrió la portilla del Arca y mandó una paloma en búsqueda de tierra seca. Como no encontró, regresó al Arca por unos días más. No estoy seguro si fue broma para Noé o la paloma.

Pero a mí me gusta la coincidencia que la Pascua cae en el Día de los Inocentes de Abril. Pienso en Santo Tomás quien no estaba con los demás apóstoles en la primera Pascua cuando el Cristo Resucitado se les apareció. Cuando sus hermanos compartieron la muy buena noticia con él, se mostró escéptico, como no quería ser el inocente de una broma. “Si no veo la marca de los clavos en sus manos, si no pongo el dedo en el lugar de los clavos y la mano en su costado, no lo creeré.” – Juan 20:25

Así Santo Tomás no fue un inocente. Jesucristo – vivo. ¡De ninguna manera! Él había visto su cuerpo quebrantado, crucificado, muerto, llevado a la tumba y la piedra puesta en la entrada. ¿Qué querían lograr sus hermanos Apóstoles? Claramente le querían hacer el inocente de una broma. Y vaya, hacer una broma sobre la muerte de alguien no es tan chistoso.

Pero ocho días después, Jesús aparece otra vez ante los Apóstoles y esta vez Tomás sí estaba con ellos. Jesús al igual que antes, les saludó: “La paz esté con ustedes.” Pero después fijó su atención y su corazón en Tomás, quien para toda la historia será llamado Tomás el Incredulo. “Trae aquí tu dedo: aquí están mis manos. Acerca tu mano: Métela en mi costado.”

Tomás respondió con uno de los actos de fe más profundos que jamás se ha expresado, “¡Señor mío y Dios mío!” Qué pena que le recuerdan más por su incredulidad y no por su fe.

Tal vez muchos de nosotros crecimos con estas palabras de Tomás en nuestras mentes y en

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EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA ABRIL 2018:

ABRIL 3-4	Visita al Seminario Obispo Simón Bruté
ABRIL 9	Visita al Seminario San Meinrad
ABRIL 10	6:00 PM ● Confirmación – Parroquia San José, Leitchfield
ABRIL 11	6:30 PM ● Confirmación – Parroquia San Pio X, Calvert City
ABRIL 14	5:00 PM ● Confirmación – Parroquia Sangre Preciosa, Owensboro
ABRIL 15	11:00 AM ● Confirmación – Parroquia Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah
ABRIL 16	1:30 PM ● Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – Centro Católico McRaith (MCC)
ABRIL 17	8:00 AM ● Misa & Conversaciones con los “Seniors” – Escuela Preparatoria de la Trinidad 6:30 PM ● Confirmación – Parroquia Santísima Madre, Owensboro
ABRIL 18	6:30 PM ● Confirmación – Parroquia San Alfonso, St. Joseph
ABRIL 21	10:00 AM ● Encuentro de Católicos Negros – Parroquia Sangre Preciosa, Owensboro 2:00 PM ● Confirmación – Parroquia Cristo Rey, Scottsville
ABRIL 22	8:30 AM ● Confirmación – Parroquia San Colomba, Lewisport 2:00 PM ● Confirmación – Santa María del Bosque, Whitesville 8:00 PM ● Misa – Centro de Newman de WKU
ABRIL 23	6:00 PM ● Oración para la Protección y Sanación – Parroquia SS. Pedro & Pablo, Hopkinsville
ABRIL 24	10:00 AM ● Misa & Conversaciones con los “Seniors” Horas de Oficina en Paducah – Escuela Preparatoria Santa María, Paducah
ABRIL 26	Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de Brescia 6:30 PM ● Confirmación – Parroquia San Guillermo, Knottsville
ABRIL 27	Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de Brescia 6:00 PM ● Visita con el Arzobispo Fabio de la Arquidiócesis de Tuxtla Gutiérrez en México
ABRIL 28	5:00 PM ● Confirmación – Parroquia San Gerónimo, Fancy Farm
ABRIL 29	10:00 AM ● Confirmación – Parroquia San Carlos, Bardwell

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tros labios. Es una costumbre de oración para muchos repetir las palabras de Tomás durante la consagración de la Misa cuando se levanta el pan que se ha convertido en el cuerpo de Cristo y se muestra a los fieles, y cuando se muestra el vino que se ha convertido en la sangre de Cristo. “Señor mío y Dios mío.”

Este año el domingo de la Pascua cae en el Día de los Inocentes de Abril, y tal vez podríamos decir que cada año es un día para los inocentes. Porque creemos que Jesucristo resucitó de entre los muertos y vive para siempre. Creemos que nosotros, y todos los que se nos han adelantado con la señal de la fe, también resucitarán. Creemos que a través de Jesucristo se ha vencido la muerte. Para los del mundo seguramente nos parecemos y nos escuchamos como inocentes. Pero nues-

tras vidas y las vidas de la comunión de los santos quienes nos han precedido testifican que es la verdad.

Señor mío y Dios mío. Feliz Pascua. ■

Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

Corpus Christi 2018

El Obispo William presidirá una procesión a través de las calles de Owensboro el Sábado 2 de Junio en honor de la Solemnidad de la Preciosa Sangre y Cuerpo de Cristo, también conocido como el “Corpus Christi”. Todos a través de la diócesis están invitados a participar. Más información se dará luego.

Nombramientos Sacerdotales del 2018

Actualizado 2-12-2018

PÁRROCOS

P. Julio Barrera: Párroco, Parroquia Santo Redentor en Beaver Dam y Parroquia Santísima Trinidad en Morgantown.

P. Ryan Harpole: Párroco, Parroquia San José en Bowling Green.

P. Brian Johnson: Párroco, Parroquia San Pío X en Calvert City y Parroquia San Antonio en Grand Rivers.

P. Tony Jones: Párroco, Parroquia San Romualdo en Hardinsburg.

P. Juan René Kalombo: Párroco, Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro.

P. Carl McCarthy: Párroco, Parroquia Cristo Rey en Madisonville.

P. John Okoro: Párroco, Parroquia San Francisco en Sturgis, Parroquia San Guillermo en Marion, Parroquia San Ambrosio en Henshaw.

P. Anthoni Ottagon: Párroco, Parroquia San Alfonso en Owensboro y Parroquia Santa Isabel en Curdsville.

P. Shaiju Thomas: Sigue siendo párroco de la Parroquia Santa María Magdalena en Owensboro.

P. Augusty Valomchalil: Párroco, Parroquia San Guillermo en Knottsville y Parroquia San Lorenzo en San Lorenzo.

P. John Vaughan: Párroco, Parroquia Inmaculada en Owensboro.

VICARIO PARROQUIAL

P. M. Charles Abiero: Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia Santos Pedro & Pablo en in Hopkinsville, efectivo el 12 de junio del 2018.

P. Basilio Az Cuc: Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia Santos José & Pablo en Owensboro, efectivo el 12 de junio del 2018.

P. Jamie Dennis: Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia Santa María del Bosque en Whitesville y Parroquia San Juan en Fordsville, efectivo el 12 de junio del 2018.

P. Sinoj Pynadath: Vicario Parroquial, Catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro, efectivo el 12 de junio del 2018.

P. Joseph Schoettle: Vicario Parroquial, Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Lourdes en Owensboro, efectivo el 8 de febrero del 2018.

OTROS NOMBRAMIENTOS

P. Andy Garner: Con permiso del Obispo Medley, el P. Garner aceptará un nombramiento temporal en la Diócesis de Lexington, Kentucky.

P. Ryan Harpole: Rector, Santuario Diocesano de María, Madre de la Iglesia y Modelo de Todos los Cristianos en Bowling Green, Kentucky efectivo el 12 de junio del 2018.

Parroquias con Misas en Español

Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

13th & Madison Streets, Beaver Dam, KY 42320
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (270) 903-8070

Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green

Jueves – 6:30 p.m.

Sábados – 7:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101
Contacto: Sra. Gina Holmes (270) 777-5925

Parroquia de San José, Central City

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

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

Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Elkton

Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220
Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335

Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin

Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

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

Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús,

Henderson

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420
Contacto: Abraham Brown (270) 724-2172

Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo,

Hopkinsville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

Jueves – 5:30 p.m.

902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240
Contacto: Padre Basilio Az Cuc (270) 885-8522 o Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville

Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431
Contacto: Padre Juan Vaughan (270) 821-5494

Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066
Contacto: Hermana Eloisa Torralba (270) 356-0339

Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad,

Morgantown

Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261
Contacto: Hermana Aida Badillo (270) 526-3723

Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

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

Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 8:00 p.m.

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

Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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

Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús,

Russellville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

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

Parroquia Cristo Rey, Scottsville

Cada Primer Martes de Mes – 7:00 p.m.

298 Bluegrass Drive, Scottsville, KY 42164
Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree

Miércoles – 12:00 p.m.

Jueves – 12:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455
Contacto: Patti Gutiérrez (270) 302-2782 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez (270) 881-7737

Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos 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 (owensborodiocese.org/safe). La seguridad de nuestros niños es la responsabilidad de cada Cristiano.

Picnic Parroquiales del 2018

2 Junio

Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.
San José, Leitchfield

9 Junio

Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.
San Pío X, Owensboro

14 Julio

Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.
San Alfonso, San José

4 Agosto

Sirviendo desde mediodía a 3:30 p.m.
Santísimo Sacramento, Owensboro

15 Septiembre

Sirviendo a las 4 p.m.
Santísima Madre, Owensboro

22 Septiembre

Solamente por carros; 1-3 p.m.
Inmaculada, Owensboro

Diferentes culturas, unidos en Cristo

Presentador católico maya llegará a Kentucky occidental



Juanatano Cano (ropa oscura) recibiendo reconocimiento por su ministerio católico maya en la Misa de Celebración de Culturas en Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles en Los Ángeles el 17 de junio del 2016. Foto por cortesía de Juanatano Cano.

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

En mayo del 2018, un presentador vendrá a Kentucky occidental para dirigirse a la población local de católicos mayas – comunidades nativas tanto del sur de Mexico como de algunas partes de Centro América y que hablan varias lenguas indígenas, y son descendientes de culturas nativas de miles de años.

“Somos diferentes, pero estamos unidos en Cristo,” dijo Juanatano Cano, consultor nacional de Ministerio Católico Maya de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los EEUU.

Cano, quien reside en Los Ángeles con su esposa e hijo pequeño, habla Q’anjob’al, una de las muchas

lenguas mayas.

Él explicó que “todavía hablamos nuestras lenguas – hay muchas cosas que hemos mantenido” de la rica historia que se extiende a través de Guatemala y partes de México.

El 5 de mayo, Cano tendrá una sesión para católicos mayas durante la mañana en la Parroquia Santísima Trinidad en Morgantown, y por la tarde en la Parroquia San Miguel en Sebree.

En una entrevista por teléfono el 9 de marzo con el WKC, Cano dijo que las dos sesiones incluirán “oración en nuestras lenguas nativas, y algunas pláticas en nuestras lenguas nativas.”

Cano dijo que hay “cosas muy buenas” dentro del ministerio hacia los católicos mayas en los años recientes.

“Estamos tan bendecidos de que nos tomen en cuenta, que estemos vivos y que estemos aquí,” dijo de las oportunidades crecientes de encuentro y evangelización para los católicos mayas.

El Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez, director del Ministerio Hispano/Latino de la Diócesis de Owensboro, invitó a Cano para encontrarse y platicar con católicos mayas locales y está encantado de que Cano haya aceptado la invitación.

El Diácono Gutiérrez mencionó que hay por lo menos cuatro lenguas mayas que hablan los católicos guatemaltecos en Kentucky occidental: Chuj, Q’anjob’al, Mam y K’iche’.

Otra lengua que se habla en la diócesis es Mixteco – la lengua que hablan algunas personas nativas de

México – pero es distinto que el español y también distinto de las lenguas mencionadas de Guatemala.

“Es tan importante entender que hay una variedad de culturas y tradiciones dentro de una cultura,” dijo el Diácono Gutiérrez. “Cuando estamos hablando de los latinos, tenemos que entender que hay mucha diversidad en este grupo.”

El diácono dijo que la mayoría de los católicos mayas residen en Morgantown, Beaver Dam y Sebree, pero muchas personas también viven y trabajan en Owensboro, Bowling Green, Henderson entre otros.

El Diácono Gutiérrez dijo que la pobreza y la economía devastada en sus lugares de origen ha forzado a muchos católicos mayas a buscar nuevas oportunidades en otros lados, por ejemplo, migrando a los Estados Unidos.

“Es por la violencia, sí, pero también por la pobreza extrema,” contó. “Muchas veces, las comunidades indígenas son oprimidas por el gobierno.”

El Diácono Gutiérrez añadió que “nadie quiere salir de su tierra natal – es por la necesidad.”

“Es por el bien estar de sus familias que tienen que salir,” mencionó. “Es una cuestión de sobrevivir.”

La aculturación a los Estados Unidos puede ser un reto difícil para católicos mayas, especialmente para los niños y adolescentes, dijo Cano.

Es común que haya un “problema de identidad” para los niños y adolescentes mayas. A veces incluye no poder hablar español, lo cual les dificulta hacer

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conexión con la comunidad latina en general.

Sin embargo, los católicos mayas siguen con esperanza y devotos a su fe.

“Los católicos mayas siempre están involucrados en la iglesia,” dijo Cano. “Para nosotros, no es tanto ‘¿qué me puedes dar?’ sino ‘¿cómo puedo ayudar?’

¿qué puedo hacer?”

Dijo que una de las mejores cosas de la cultura maya es “el sentido de comunidad.”

“Estamos felices solamente ser parte de la Iglesia,” comentó Cano. “Es algo tan bonito.” ■

Noticia del Personal Diocesano

David Kessler ha sido nombrado el asistente al superintendente de las Escuelas Católicas, efectivo el 1 de julio del 2018.

Delegados Latinos locales asisten al Encuentro Regional, preparan para el Encuentro Nacional



Los delegados levantan imágenes de la Virgen María de diferentes advocaciones Latinoamericanas.



Desde el 22 al 24 de febrero, más de 200 delegados hispanos (incluyendo seis de la Diócesis de Owensboro) se juntaron en la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe en Doral (cerca a Miami) para una reunión regional en preparación al próximo Encuentro Nacional del Ministerio Hispano en Texas. Aquí están el P. Carmelo Jiménez Salinas, el Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez, Claudia Valladares, Mayra Tirado, Baltazar Rafael y Miguelina Young.



El P. Carmelo Jiménez Salinas de Sebree y de estatura regular comparte un momento alegre en el Encuentro Regional con uno de los obispos más altos de los EEUU, Obispo Gregory Parkes de la Diócesis de San Petersburg y uno de los obispos más bajos de los EEUU, Obispo Auxiliar Enrique Esteban Delgado de la Arquidiócesis de Miami.

POR EL DIÁCONO CRISTÓBAL GUTIÉRREZ,
ESPECIAL AL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY
OCCIDENTAL

Oración, estudio, trabajo, reflexión, convivio, discernimiento, música, liturgia. Estas son algunas de las cosas que sucedieron entre el 22 y el 24 de febrero en nuestra reunión del Encuentro Regional.

Más de 200 delegados de por lo menos 32 dióce-

sis del sureste – incluyendo nuestra propia Diócesis de Owensboro – se juntaron en la Ciudad de Miami para este evento emocionante. Desde tan lejos como Carolina del Norte hasta Miami, desde Nuevo Orleans hasta Kentucky, todos nosotros incluyendo a los obispos nos juntamos con un solo propósito:

“Discípulos Misioneros, Testigos del Amor de Dios.”

La Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos ahora está en el proceso del V (quinto) Encuentro Nacional del Ministerio Hispano/Latino. Es un proceso de renovación y discernimiento desde el nivel local que

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comenzó hace dos años en las parroquias compartidas (multiculturales) en todo el país. Después de los Encuentros Parroquiales a través de las diócesis, se reunieron para los diocesanos – nuestro Encuentro Diocesano fue el 19 de agosto del 2017 en la Catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro. Después de que todas las regiones del país llevan a cabo sus Encuentros Regionales, el V Encuentro Nacional tendrá lugar en Dallas, Texas en septiembre de este año.

Mientras que la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos camina hacia el futuro y lee los “signos del tiempo,” se da cuenta que los Católicos Hispanos/Latinos tienen un papel extremadamente importante para el futuro de la Iglesia. A pesar de la

retórica muchas veces hostil y divisiva, lo cual afecta a tantas familias católicas hispanas; los hispanos siguen floreciendo y compartiendo su hermosa fe y sus tradiciones con la Iglesia que aman. Este proceso del Encuentro ha animado a los Católicos Hispanos a salir a la periferia como el Papa Francisco nos ha llamado a todos, para buscar a los que no están activos en nuestras parroquias – encontrar a los adoloridos y marginados y preguntarles sobre cómo podemos ayudarles.

Un agradecimiento especial a nuestros delegados diocesanos de Owensboro quienes asistieron al Encuentro Regional: Claudia Valladares (Bowling Green), Miguelina Young (Paducah), Mayra Tirado

(Hopkinsville), y Baltazar Rafael (Sebree). También quiero agradecer a cada uno de sus párrocos y parroquias por su apoyo tan importante.

Y, por último, pero no menos importante; quiero agradecer al Obispo Medley por su apoyo y por acompañarnos en este proceso lo mejor que puede en nuestra propia diócesis.

¡Alístate Dallas, ya vamos para allá! ■

El Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez es el director del Ministerio Hispano/Latino en la Diócesis de Owensboro. Para aprender más, visita owensborodiocese.org/ministerio-hispano.

Fotos por cortesía del Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez.

Los viernes de la Cuaresma trajeron una experiencia multicultural en San José



Para la Cuaresma de 2018, el interior de la Parroquia San José está adornado al estilo de las iglesias de Latinoamérica.



Los parroquianos preparan una cena de Cuaresma al estilo latino para el convivio después del Vía Crucis en San José.

La Parroquia San José en Bowling Green está ofreciendo una experiencia multicultural durante esta temporada de Cuaresma. Gina Holmes, directora del Ministerio Hispano en la parroquia, dijo que el interior de la iglesia había sido adornado por la comunidad hispana local en la misma manera que se adornan las iglesias de Latinoamérica durante la Cuaresma.

Además, “El P. Andrés (Garner) tuvo la idea que este año en los viernes de la Cuaresma tendríamos una cena después del Vía Crucis, pero no el pescado frito tradicional,” contó Holmes, “En cambio, tendríamos una cena de Cuaresma con sabores latinos.” Holmes dijo que las cenas semanales “han sido algo muy bueno para nuestra iglesia para compartir en esta temporada algo diferente que nos congrega.” Fotos por cortesía de Gina Holmes.

Quince años después de su fundación, la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro sigue sirviendo

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Hace quince años, la Diócesis de Owensboro estableció la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro para responder al descubrimiento de que varios clérigos católicos a través de los Estados Unidos habían sido declarados culpables de abuso sexual a menores de edad.

La oficina de ambiente seguro provee protección para los niños y otras personas vulnerables que están confiados al cuidado de las parroquias, escuelas católicas y programas diocesanos.

Según Molly Thompson, Directora Diocesana de la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro, el proceso del ambi-

ente seguro es una combinación de educación y de investigación de antecedentes de los adultos quienes interactúan con menores de edad.

Thompson dijo que la educación del ambiente seguro le da a la gente mayor conocimiento para proteger a los vulnerables.

“Todos forman parte de la red de apoyo que hemos construido para que los programas de la iglesia sean santos y seguros,” contó ella.

El Obispo William F. Medley dijo que él está “orgulloso de nuestra oficina de ambiente seguro.”

El obispo dijo que la respuesta de la Iglesia Católi-

ca de los EEUU por muchos años había sido de protegerse a sí misma en vez de las víctimas de abuso.

Pero seguido de la crisis del 2002 del abuso por parte del clero católico, “ninguna institución ha hecho más que la Iglesia Católica para abrirse totalmente y prestar atención a estas heridas,” comentó.

Sin embargo, el obispo explicó que tal vez haya personas que han sido heridas, “pero quienes no han compartido sus historias aún.”

“La Iglesia está lista para escuchar y tratar de ayudar a las personas en su sanación,” dijo. ■

Youth 2000 atrae 688 participantes

El retiro de Youth 2000 de este año, lo cual se llevó a cabo del 9 al 11 de marzo en el Centro Moore en la Universidad de Brescia, atrajo a 688 participantes para rezar, adorar a Cristo en la Eucaristía, asistir a la Misa y escuchar pláticas. Charlie Hardesty, director del Ministerio Diocesano a los Adolescentes y Jóvenes, dijo que estaba muy feliz con la participación este año, el 21° año consecutivo que han hecho el retiro en Kentucky occidental. “Hay tantas personas para agradecer, pero especialmente a Lisa Bivins y el Comité del Santuario Mariano, la Hna. Pam Mueller y todos los de la Universidad de Brescia, los sacerdotes y religiosos de nuestra diócesis y de afuera, y los líderes juveniles,



(de izquierda a derecha) Adolescentes participantes Jade Flaherty, Courtney Berger, Sarah Bemboom y Anna Lovekamp, sonrían para una foto al principio del retiro de Youth 2000.

voluntarios y los padres que hacen posible que los grupos parroquiales puedan asistir,” dijo. Hardesty comentó que él y el equipo “esperan con entusiasmo la experiencia de Youth 2000 el próximo año.” Youth 2000 es dirigido por los Frailes Franciscanos de la Renovación de Nueva York, y es patrocinado por la Oficina Diocesana



Los jóvenes rezan el rosario durante el retiro de Youth 2000 este año en la Universidad de Brescia.

del Ministerio a los Adolescentes y Jóvenes y la Oficina de Formación en la Fe, y el Comité del Santuario Mariano. El retiro de Youth 2000 de Kentucky Occidental ha durado más años que cualquier retiro de este tipo en los Estados Unidos. Fotos por cortesía de Laura Clarke/WKC.

‘Una pregunta’ dirigió a un adolescente de Beaver Dam a un camino de discernimiento

POR DOUG PAYNE, ESPECIAL AL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Soy Doug Payne, y estoy en mi segundo año como seminarista en el Seminario Menor llamado Obispo Simón Bruté en Indianápolis. Mi parroquia hogar es el Santo Redentor en Beaver Dam.

Cuando pienso sobre cómo soy yo and cómo llegué a este punto, recuerdo mi confirmación de hace ocho años. Yo estaba en el salón parroquial que había antes en el sótano junto con mi clase de confirmación y el Obispo Medley. Nos invitó sentarnos a su alrededor, habló por un rato, juntó las manos con una sonrisa e hizo una de sus preguntas favoritas, “Ahora, ¿quién aquí va a ser un sacerdote?”

Mirando a los demás, yo pensé que todos los varones, casi como una broma, iban a levantar las manos, pero una sola mano fue levantada y como Sauron de Mordor, la mirada del Obispo Medley se fijó en mi mano levantada. Me preguntó mi nombre y lleno de ansiedad le dije, “Orrin” (mi primer nombre). Su rostro mostro una gran sonrisa y enseguida subimos al primer piso para la Misa. Desde aquel día guardé aquel momento penoso en la caja de no pensarlo más.

Otras cosas que me vienen a la mente cuando pienso en cómo llegué aquí son los tiempos que he pasado en el Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper. Me encantó desde la primera semana que estuve allí, lo cual fue hace nueve veranos atrás. Recuerdo que fue uno de los primeros lugares donde pude sentir la presencia de Dios; el aire se sentía más fresco, pude descansar más fácilmente y me sentí más seguro, ya que sabía que Dios estaba allí en sacra-

mento. A través de aquellos veranos pude crecer en mi vida de fe aprendiendo distintas maneras de la oración, cómo vivir la vida cristiana, el valor de la comunidad, y nuestro llamado a evangelizar a otros.

Fuera de las temporadas de Gasper pude asistir a eventos como Youth 2000 y la Conferencia Diocesana Juvenil de Owensboro (ODYC). Estos me ayudaron mantener mi enfoque en Dios durante los tiempos de la escuela y cuando ya no tomaba mi fe tan en serio. También fueron formas buenas de reconectar con las personas que conocí durante el verano en Gasper y personas nuevas también nuevas. Otra dimensión ha sido las personas involucradas en estos eventos que han dedicado sus vidas a Cristo y la alegría que le transmiten a la juventud.

En estos lugares yo sé que Dios me estaba llamando a acercarme más a él a través de los sacramentos: desde mi confirmación, hasta los momentos en Gasper en la Eucaristía de la Misa diaria, durante la adoración, mientras servía en los eventos juveniles durante la procesión eucarística, siendo guía de los círculos en el gimnasio de la Universidad de Brescia, y sosteniendo el baldaquino sobre el Santísimo Sacramento en procesión hacia la catedral.

Pero no me daba cuenta de todo esto hasta que me puse a pensar seriamente sobre qué debería hacer con mi vida.

Después de pasar el verano en el campamento, entre mi segundo y tercer año de la preparatoria, noté que yo no hacía lo suficiente en mi vida de oración y



Doug Payne ayuda a un campista en el Campamento “Hecho para Más” en el Campamento Juvenil Católico y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper. Foto por cortesía de Corey Bruns.

de fe. Empecé a cuestionar, ¿qué es lo que quiere Dios que haga por el resto de mi vida? ¿Cuál es mi vocación?

Entonces, desde el principio de mi tercer año de la preparatoria, comencé a rezar el rosario todos los días por esta intención específica de mi vocación. Pues este año antes de terminar la primavera estaba yo en la Misa un día. Apenas habíamos terminado la Comunión y el sacerdote estaba purificando los cálices.

De repente, algo me vino a la mente, ¿por qué yo no? Y al momento sentí un deseo fuerte en mi corazón, lo cual me hizo pensar sobre el seminario. Entonces, un poco después tomé acción y hablé con todos los sacerdotes que conocía y les pregunté sobre la vida del seminario y eventualmente hablé con el P. Jason McClure sobre la llamada que sentí de ir. Aquellas ansias se tranquilizaron y yo sabía que era lo correcto para mí.

En conclusión, estoy aquí por la devoción a María y a los sacramentos, pero también porque alguien me pidió pensarlo. Tal vez hubiera llegado al seminario después por otro camino, pero tomó una sola pregunta para que un adolescente de Beaver Dam pensara sobre su vocación. Entonces, le pido a usted animar a los que están a su alrededor y pensar ¿quién tal vez podría ser llamado? y pregúnteles. ■

His risen presence

Note: During this Year of Encounter we are always looking for ways to encounter the Lord in the everyday living of our faith. Our hope is to preview different people throughout the year to share different ways to “Encounter” the Lord. This month one of our pastors, Fr. Richard Meredith, shares a reflection on Easter Hope and what that means to us as Catholics. Enjoy! -Joe Bland, director, Office of Evangelization

BY FR. RICHARD MEREDITH, SPECIAL TO
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Christian hope is neither optimism nor wishful thinking. It is the abiding certainty given by God that Jesus Christ has kept, is keeping, and will keep his promise to each and to all, that his victory already is and will be ours, and that nothing given to God is ever lost. Hope stands on the bedrock of faith, and together, faith and hope are the underpinnings of love. Faith, primarily, is the self-revealing God personally grasping us and our assent to God’s hand, our taking God’s truth and goodness to heart. This gives rise to hope, the embraced certainty that what God has begun in us will be fulfilled completely through the faithful action of Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit. By faith and hope we know, we experience, the love of God and are enabled in this grace to love in God. St. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 13, “Faith, hope, and love abide, these three, and the greatest of these is love.” Love is the pinnacle borne up by the virtues of faith and hope, by which humanity reflects the very face of God. While this will be supremely true in the eternal joy and communion of the saints in Heaven, it is already and irreversibly true even now. Christian faith, hope, and love, however, know that the face of God is disguised with the paradoxical appearance of the Crucified. Faith and

love are the eyes of hope.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Teresa of Calcutta both urge that we do small things for others with great love. Why? Because God is faithful and loses nothing of what is done for or given to him. Hope is living confidence in the truth of this. Christians grieve with hope, that is, they find blessing and consolation in their pain, sorrow, and loss, for these will pass away. That which is entrusted to God, which God takes to himself, endures for a future reunion of a surpassing joy. Christian patience is the practice of hope that endures, like love, all things. It experiences life standing shoulder to shoulder with the Risen Christ, yoked together with the Victor who still bears the marks of his crucifixion. Mercy, like planting seeds in springtime, is the practice of hope, for it looks beyond sin to the future and freedom offered by forgiveness, whereas accusation damns to the ashes of an ineradicable past. Christian hope is already the certainty of the promised divine joy even though the darkness of the present cross is impenetrable to sight. It is the capacity to stand back up under the weight of the killing load and to trudge on toward Calvary although taunted by shame and failure in the face of death. The Letter to the Hebrews says that joy so moved the Lord as he carried the cross. It did so through hope.

Darkness, desolation, and depression assail the



This image, titled “Resurrection With Gospel Readings,” is an oil on linen painting by Murray artist and St. Leo’s parishioner Mary Fuhrmann. Image courtesy of Mary Fuhrmann.

Christian. Doubt and despair threaten to eclipse the truth and love of God. By promise and presence the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit grasp us with an unshakable hold, experienced in faith, hope, and love. Jesus teaches us in his dying prayer how to abide in the grasp of the divine hands. Instead of complaint he surrendered to the silence of the Father. Instead of arguing he placed his will in the Father’s will. Instead of accusation, he deferred to the Father’s mercy. Instead of self-defense, he gave himself to the judgment of God. “Father, into your

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hands I entrust my spirit.” This is the praying of hope which ensures victory in Christ over every foe. This is the prayer, even without words, which clasps a crucifix to the lips and speaks with a kiss.

May the Light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and times. Be of good hope. He is risen and with us still. It is now ours to acknowledge and to welcome the crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ in the Easter Eucharist. Even as he made his presence known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread that first Easter evening, so he still does today. Receive him with faith, hope, and love. Even as he invited the disciples to touch his now-risen wounds, so he still does through his Most Blessed Sacrament. As he touches us in his Sacrament so he gives himself to our touch and union. As he promised, he would never leave us orphaned. He has come back to us that we might always be with him. Happy Easter! ■

Fr. Richard Meredith is pastor of SS. Peter and Paul Parish in Hopkinsville.

Corpus Christi 2018

Bishop William F. Medley will lead a procession through the streets of Owensboro on Saturday, June 2, in honor of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi. Everyone from across the diocese is invited to attend. More information to follow.



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Diocesan opportunities for ‘Encounter’

BY DANNY MAY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

When Bishop Medley called us to prayer during a Year of Encounter, he reminded us all of Pope Francis’ words from *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel) to declare “a new chapter of evangelization full of fervor, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction” (No.261). It is a continual call to conversion that begins with an encounter with Christ.

Parishes are the entry points for those encounters, but the Offices of Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, and Evangelization strive to provide additional opportunities of encounter.

Here are just a few:

Encountering the Gift of Marriage Retreat – April 13-15 – Kenlake Resort Lodge

A weekend retreat for married couples to get away and deepen their relationship in a beautiful, relaxed setting. Register at owensborodiocese.org/family-life.

Stories of Hope and Healing: Rebuilding After Divorce – Various dates and locations across diocese

Read more about this opportunity on page 13. To learn more, email charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org.

Gasper River Summer Camp – All summer long

Summer camp experiences for third grade to young adult. Learn more at gasperriverretreatcenter.org. Two of the newer camps are:

- **“Made for More” – June 24-27**

Camp for high school young men to help explore God’s will for your life.

- **“Camp Identity” – July 1-6**

Camp for ninth through twelfth graders that explores who we as men and women made in God’s image.

Christian Leadership Institute – June 10-15 – Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center

A week-long leadership training experience for those who have completed at least their freshman year of high school through just graduated seniors. Register at owensborodiocese.org/christian-leadership-institute.

Young Adult Retreat Day – Saturday, July 28 – Passionist Monastery, Whitesville

The first ever diocesan young adult retreat day centered on the theme of encounter. To learn more, email robin.tomes@pastoral.org.

Family Day at Gasper River – Sunday, August 19 from 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Theme: “Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist” with reflections by Father Mike Williams, family activities, games, free time to enjoy the grounds, and closing Mass with Bishop Medley. To learn more, email danny.may@pastoral.org.

Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference – Nov. 9-10 – Owensboro Convention Center

Overnight conference for middle and high school students grades 7-12. Learn more at owensborodiocese.org/owensboro-diocese-youth-conference.

Icon Men’s Retreat – Sept. 14-16 at Gasper River Retreat Center



Save the Date

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018, in Madisonville, the Diocese of Owensboro will kickoff Year Two of “Living as Missionary Disciples” to inspire and invigorate the diocese to “make disciples of all nations” (Matt. 28:19). This current year is a Year of Encounter; Year Two’s theme will be “Accompaniment.” Stay tuned for more details; in the meantime please visit owensborodiocese.org/evangelization.

Icon Women’s Retreat – Oc. 20-21 at KY Dam Village State Resort Park

Both retreats dive into, unpack, and process the topics of prayer, who we are as men and women made in God’s image (“icon”) and our mission to love. We are all created to be in communion, in personal relationship with God. Each of us is created as a unique, unrepeatably man or woman with a vocation to love like God. We will pose the questions; “What does it mean to be human? What does it mean to be a man, a woman? What does it mean to love like God? To learn more, email joe.bland@pastoral.org. ■

Mary Carrico student raises \$25,000 for St. Jude's



In this photo from February 2018, Gavin Howard, his parents William and Jenny Howard, and his two younger brothers Grant and Greyson Howard sell "Fight Like a Kid" shirts outside Shoe Stop in Owensboro. Photo courtesy of the Howard family.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Five years ago, Gavin Howard, a second-grader at Mary Carrico Memorial School, was riding in the car and listening to a radiothon for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"My mom looked in the back seat and saw me crying," said Gavin, who's now 13, in a Feb. 21, 2018 interview with The Western Kentucky Catholic. "It really touched my heart."

His mother, Jenny Howard, said her son was moved to tears after hearing stories of sick children helped through the radiothon held annually by the local country music station, WBKR 92.5.

That year, Gavin decided to donate his \$32 of birthday money to WBKR's fundraiser.

The following year, Gavin asked friends and relatives to help contribute to the radiothon for his birthday - and was able to donate \$322.

The year after that, they had a little extra help "from our cousins in Texas," said Jenny, explaining that relative Chad Morris had started a GoFundMe account for Gavin's St. Jude fundraiser.

"We raised \$12,000 that year," said Gavin.

With growing support each year, Gavin said his project has raised "over \$25,000" as of this February. The fundraiser has expanded to include the sale of t-shirts, with a different design - coordinated by Gavin - each year.

The Howards said they are particularly grateful to local woman Missy Thompson for volunteering her time and resources to print all of the shirts this year.

This year, Gavin also welcomed support from his local Catholic school counterparts including his own Mary Carrico classmates, and Whitesville's St. Mary of the Woods Elementary School and Trinity High School.

"All three schools did a non-uniform day," said Jenny, explaining that students could pay \$1 to the project and attend school out of uniform.

Trinity High School also held a "penny war" and together with the non-uniform day, the schools managed to raise \$1,000 during Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 28-Feb. 3).

Martha Warren, principal of Mary Carrico, said that Gavin "embodies what it means to live the Gospel of Christ."

"Gavin's desire to help sick children is a wonderful testimony to his family and the Mary Carrico School community," said Warren.

Gavin's project has become well-known in the community, and members of his parish of St. William in Knottsville have also contributed and bought shirts.

This is quite a feat for someone who hasn't even reached high school yet, but Gavin is just glad to help.

He credited his religion class at Mary Carrico for "encouraging me to strive to do more" for others.

Jenny echoed his sentiment, adding that a small school like Mary Carrico "is like a family, so they're always helping each other out. So it makes sense that they're helping others outside the school, too." ■

Holy Name School launches 'HoUse' system

Julie Eadens, president of Holy Name of Jesus School in Henderson, recently wrote to the WKC:

"In August 2017, Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School launched the HoUse System. At HNS, every student, faculty, and staff member belong to one of six HoUses. The goal of the HoUse System is to provide an opportunity for students and faculty to interact across grade levels (K-8) in healthy competition and support each other as they grow in their Catholic faith. Students will learn to work hard individually for the good of their HoUse, in addition to working as a team.

"The HNS HoUse System encourages teamwork, friendship, service, and leadership. HoUses compete against each other in the areas of academics, athletics, behavior, school spirit, and community service. Although not involved in the HoUse System competitions, our littlest Cardinals in preschool and prekindergarten are in the Angel HoUse. The Angel HoUse participates in the HoUse System by beginning to understand teamwork, friendship, and service. These early and fundamental lessons help to prepare them to enter into kindergarten and the bigger HoUse System."



Holy Name's "Trinity" HoUse adopts Riverview School and assists by donating much needed supplies. Pictured from left: Rachel Ivie, Hayden Emmick, Justin Sanchez, Warren Sanders, Delaney Thompson, and Cesar Vitervo. Photo courtesy of Julie Eadens.

Fourth-graders fundraise for St. Vincent de Paul



The fourth-grade students from Jeanette Galloway's class at St. Romuald School in Hardinsburg collected money with cheerful hearts during the month of February, to kick off the season of Lent. They raised \$316, which was then donated to the local St. Vincent de Paul charity to help those in need. In this March 6, 2018 photo, the students pose with Fr. Brian Johnson. Photo courtesy of Jeanette Galloway.

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"This is my commandment; love one another as I love you."
- John 15:12

One question opened door to discernment for future seminarian



Doug Payne helps a camper at 2017 Made for More Camp at Gaspar River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center. Photo courtesy of Corey Bruns.

BY DOUG PAYNE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

I'm Doug Payne, and I am a second year college seminarian at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary in Indianapolis. My home parish is Holy Redeemer in Beaver Dam.

When I think about how I am and how I got to this point, I remember my confirmation some eight years ago. I was down in our old church hall with my confirmation class and Bishop Medley. He gathered us around him, talked for a bit, brought his hands together with a smile and asked one of his favorite questions, "Now who here is going to be a priest?"

Looking around, I thought all the guys as a sort of joke were going to raise our hands but only one lone hand went up and like Sauron of Mordor, Bishop Medley's eye met my hand. He asked my name and I anxiously said, "Orrin" (my first name). That great grin ran over his face and we went up for Mass. Since that day I stocked that embarrassing moment in the drawer to not think about it anymore.

Other ways I think about how I got here are my times in the summer at Gaspar River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center. I loved it from the first week I was there, which was nine summers ago. I remember it as one of the first places I could feel God's presence; the air is fresher, I rest easier, and

I feel secured because I know God is there in sacrament. Through these summers I was able to grow in my faith life in learning different ways of prayer, how to live the Christian life, the value of community, and our call to evangelize to others.

During the off season of Gaspar I was able to attend events like Youth 2000 and the Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference. These helped me stay focused on God during the times in school I was starting to become lax in my faith. They also were great ways of reconnecting with people from the summer at Gaspar and new ones as well. Another is the great involvement of people who have devoted their lives to Christ at these events and the joy they bring to the youth.

In these places I know God was calling me closer to him through the sacraments: from my confirmation, to the times at Gaspar in the Eucharist at Mass everyday and adoration, to serve during youth events during Eucharistic procession by guiding the way around the circles of a gymnasium at Brescia University, and holding a canopy over the Blessed Sacrament on the way to the cathedral.

But I did not come to realize all this until I seriously thought about what I was supposed to do with my life?

After the summer between my sophomore and junior years of high school I noticed from being at camp most of the summer that I was not doing enough in my prayer and faith life. I started to question, what is it that God wants me to do for my life? What is my vocation?

So, by the start of my junior year I began saying

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the rosary everyday for this specific intention of my vocation. Then by mid-spring of my junior year I was in Mass one day and we had just finished Communion and the priest was purifying the vessels.


A thought popped into my head, Why not me? Instantly I had felt this yearning in my heart, which made me think about seminary. So, I acted on it a little while after I asked every priest I could about what seminary is like, but eventually I talked with Fr. Jason McClure about the thought of me being called to go. The yearning went away and I knew this was the right thing to do.

As I conclude, I am here because of a devotion to Mary and the sacraments but also because someone asked me to think about it. I might have ended up at seminary sometime later but it took one question for a young kid from Beaver Dam to think about his vocation. So, I ask you to encourage those around you and to think for yourself who might be called and ask them. ■

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Twenty-first annual Youth 2000 retreat draws 688 participants

Photos by Laura Clarke/WKC.



Sr. Monica Seaton, OSU, walks through the "tunnel" at the start of Youth 2000 on March 9.



(Left to right) Youth participants Jade Flaherty, Courtney Berger, Sarah Bemboom and Anna Lovekamp smile for a picture during the start of Youth 2000.



Teens pray the rosary during this year's Youth 2000 at Brescia University.

This year's Youth 2000 retreat, held from March 9-11 at Brescia University's Moore Center, drew 688 participants to pray, adore Christ in the Eucharist, attend Mass and listen to talks.

Charlie Hardesty, director of the diocese's youth and young adult ministry, said he was very pleased with this year's turnout, which was Youth 2000's 21st consecutive year in western Kentucky.

"There are so many people to thank, but especially Lisa Bivins and the Marian Shrine Committee, Sr. Pam Mueller and everyone at Brescia University, the priests and religious from our diocese and beyond, and the youth leaders, volunteers, and parents for the parish groups for making it possible for their young people to attend," he said.

Hardesty said he and the team "eagerly look forward to the experience of Youth 2000 next year."

Youth 2000 is run by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal from New York, and is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Office of Faith Formation, and the Marian Shrine Committee. Western Kentucky's Youth 2000 is the longest-running retreat of its kind in the United States. ■