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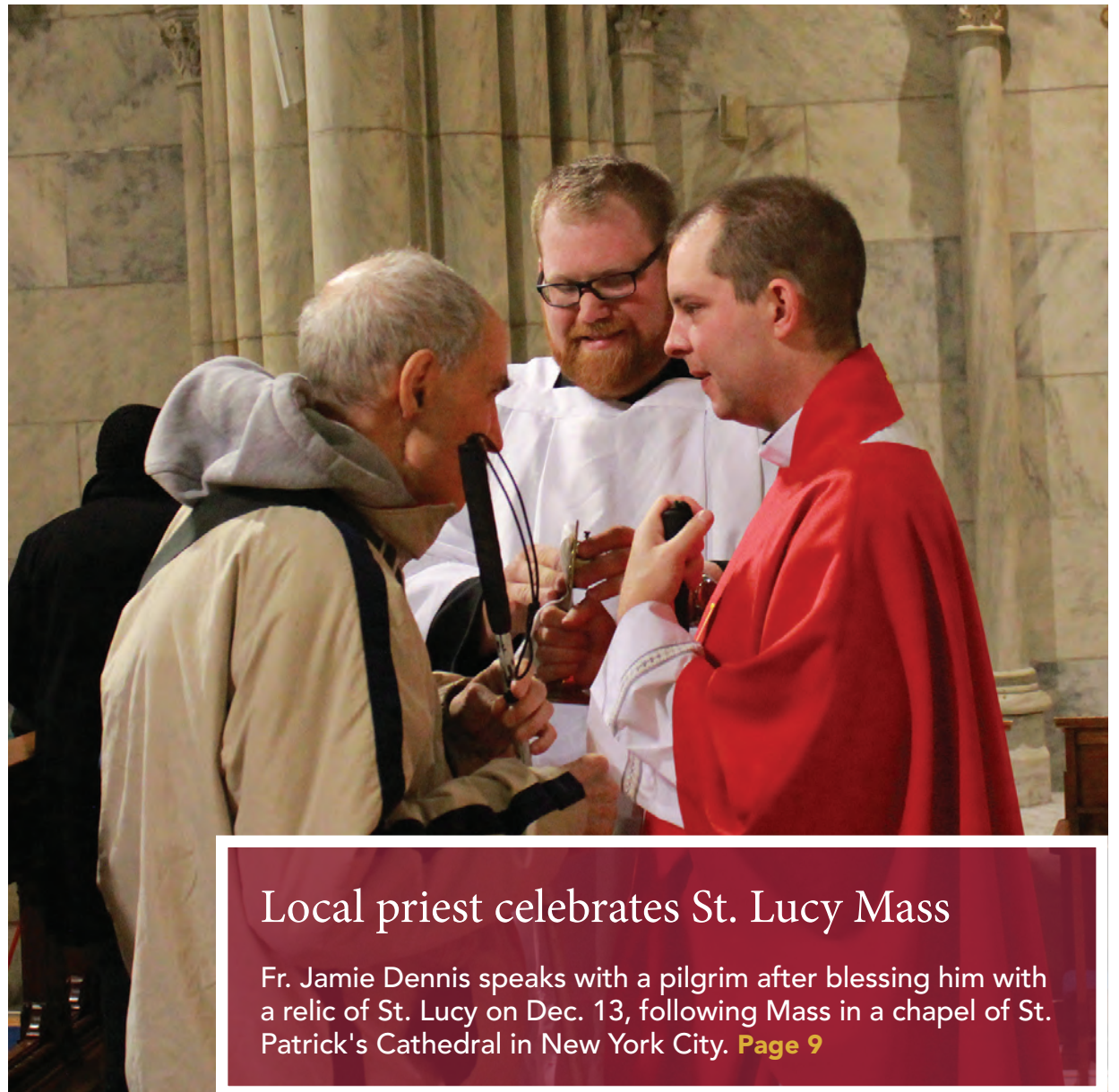


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## A Word from Bishop Medley

My dear people of God,

By now, perhaps more has been written and spoken after the 2016 presidential election than before. One thing seems clear: our nation's people are divided and there are wounds to be healed. In this task, I believe that that the country's churches and other communities of faith can offer some direction and healing.

One issue has evoked lots of heat and animosity and finger pointing, before and since the election, and that is the question of our country's immigrants and refugees. What the nation's stance may be going forward is unclear. But undisputable is that our nation has formally deported more people in the last eight years than in the two decades prior.

The Catholic Church of the United States, through the national bishops' conference, has been and will continue to be a voice calling our nation to be its best self, a unique nation on the world stage where immigrants, for over more than two centuries, have created the fabric of a vibrant and diverse nation.

We should look beyond the frightened rhetoric of our recent history to see the blessing that immigrants and refugees present. In 2015, when Pope Francis visited and addressed the U.S. Congress, he adopted as his own a descriptor of our nation of which we are all familiar: the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I want the Catholic Church to be a voice in the land that we will always live up to the ideals upon which our nation was founded. We can welcome

the poor longing for a better life for themselves and their children.

Yes, of course, I know that many immigrants have not come to our nation through proper channels. Many more, however, came legitimately and then overstayed the provisions of the law. In the meantime, they have become contributing members of society and the American economy. Often we hear, "they're taking our jobs." In fact, as we begin a new year, unemployment is at a ten year low. Immigrants are often doing jobs that no one else will do.

So we hear, "let them leave and 'get in line.'" Well, our immigration system is badly broken, and there really is not a line for the vast majority of our

immigrants. Certainly, a nation has a right to establish borders and protect them. Right now, though, our nation profits from undocumented workers; but, because we will not fix the broken system, these same workers are exploited. Children, who are U. S. citizens by birth, are often separated from one or both parents by arbitrary enforcement of antiquated laws.

Immigration can be a hot button subject. How many of us, though, are really being harmed by the presence of immigrants? It seems we too often just follow a narrative that this is wrong and, therefore, it must be bad. Can we turn down the volume and ask

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how to fix it, fix it with the mercy of the gospels?

It is next to impossible to actually count Hispanic immigrants in our country, or even in western Kentucky. Our sisters and brothers too often cannot step out of the shadows for fear of deportation. But as I move from parish to parish, I clearly see that western Kentucky is part of a national trend where Hispanics comprise a growing percentage of the Catholic population. And this is a blessing.

The Catholic Church will be a voice for those who too often cannot speak out for themselves. Many of our parishes are making extraordinary outreach to welcome our newest neighbors, and that must continue.

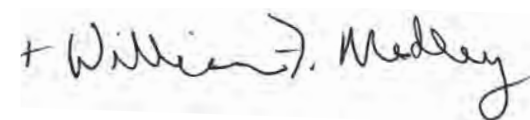
Most of us deeply regret the hostility, anger and

rejection expressed toward so many of our sisters and brothers. I hope and pray that the Catholic Church in every one of our communities can be a place of welcome for them. We are all children of the one God and Father.

The secular media are often quick to seek to define the “Catholic voice” in our nation. Let us make it clear that that voice is one of advocacy, welcome and hospitality. The “question” of immigration in our land need not be the “problem” of immigration. It can be an opportunity to assert to the world that the “land of the free and the home of the brave” is still the place where we know that all are created equal and can pursue life, liberty and happiness.

I would like to address directly all of those who have felt hostility, anger, rejection and even fear because of your skin color, the language you speak

or the country you or your family come from. Be assured that God sees what you are going through and you are his dear sons and daughters, made in his image. Know that the Catholic Church in the United States and I as your Bishop will continue to stand with you and advocate for your dignity and human rights. Please continue to be involved and share your gifts as much as possible in your local church and community. Do not lose hope or give into fear.



**Most Reverend William F. Medley**  
Diocese of Owensboro

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# 'Each week, you witness a miracle'

## Gasper River Camp to celebrate 10 years in June

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

At the end of summer 2016, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green had seen a total of 563 campers.

Ben Warrell, Gasper's director, wrote in an email to chancellor Kevin Kauffeld that this was "about 50 more than last summer!"

The appeal of the Diocese of Owensboro's own camp and retreat center has been evident through the steady growth in participants ever since Gasper held their first camp in 2008.

This June marks 10 years since the property was purchased to provide a home for the diocese's camp.

Only three-and-a-half weeks of camp took place that summer in 2008, Warrell recently told The Western Kentucky Catholic. One week was given to each age group, and they saw a total of 126 campers that first year.

At the time, "that seemed like that was a big

deal," said Warrell.

These days, Gasper hosts 15 camps a summer, plus a special Christmas/New Year's camp every holiday season.

It's hard to believe that there was once a time without Gasper.

### Camp dreaming

Melinda Prunty had prayed about the idea of a youth camp for many years. In 2003, Bishop John J. McRaith gave permission to form a "Camp Dreaming Committee" to explore the idea of starting a camp.

Prunty, who recently retired from her role as director of the Office of Youth Ministry, said that several short-term camps took place within the diocese prior to Gasper. These included Camp WOW and Camp L.I.F.E. (Living It For Eternity).

*Editor's Note: This is the first in a five-part series commemorating the 10-year anniversary of Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.*

"The first idea was to form a Catholic camp for the whole state of Kentucky," Prunty told The Western Kentucky Catholic.

But not all of the dioceses were able to make the financial commitment, so Bishop McRaith permitted the Camp Dreaming Committee to move forward on their own.

A few years later, after much scouring for the perfect property, committee members visited what would become Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center.

"I remember the day we (first visited)," said Charlie Hardesty, youth ministry director at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson, and one of the members of the Camp Dreaming Committee.

Hardesty said it had been an "awful day" due to the pouring rain, but when they stepped out on the back porch of what is now McRaith Lodge, "and saw that river, we thought, 'wow.'"

"Our initial reactions were that this could be a really special place," he said. "It was such an awesome feeling that something we had hoped and prayed for would really happen."

On June 8, 2007, Bishop McRaith; director of administration Sister Joseph Angela Boone, OSU; Warrell and Prunty attended the purchase of the Bowling Green property.



Fifth and sixth grader campers take a ride down the river in this photo from the early days of Expedition Camp at Gasper River. WKC file photo.

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Melinda Prunty tries out the zipline at Gasper River during an Oct. 31, 2008 diocese staff day. Prunty told the WKC that bringing the camp to fruition was “an amazing journey.” WKC file photo.

## The first summer

Warrell was able to become a diocesan employee and the camp’s director thanks to a Catholic Extension grant, which was earmarked for projects in honor of Pope John Paul II and his passion for evangelization and the outdoors.

The two weeks of the first staff training in 2008 were “super intense,” said Warrell. Gasper’s staff is trained just as rigorously today, including courses in adventure activities, life-guarding, first-aid and CPR.

Plus, there was the fact that this was the camp’s first year: “That first staff will always be heroes to me,” said Warrell.

Due to a tight budget that didn’t give much room for promotional materials, Warrell said a big hurdle that first year was “trying to get the word out about camp – letting people know that, ‘hey, we’re here!’”

“I’m proud of how it spread by word of mouth,” he said.

Hardesty, who had worked with Warrell at other youth camps in the past, became a Gasper board member and helped train the staff during that first summer.

“If it hadn’t been for the absolutely relentless dreaming of Melinda Prunty, this wouldn’t have happened,” said Hardesty. “She was the first person who said ‘we can do this.’”

## A spiritual “glue”

“Through Divine Providence, a lot of things fell into place,” said Deacon Matthew Keyser, who serves Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green. He was also on Gasper’s first board of directors, and his son, Adam, was on staff for five summers.

Deacon Keyser said it used to be that “a Paducah kid never knew a Bowling Green kid.”

But Gasper has provided opportunities for youth from across the diocese to befriend each other and grow in their faith together.

“It’s a wonderful glue for our young people to keep them together in Christ,” he said, calling the camp experience “a share in something that is a lot bigger than yourself.”

He said he has heard numerous stories of “young people who’ve been able to evangelize their parents,” such as one parent who told them, “my child has led me back to the Church because of the camps.”

“These are the stories that mean the most to me,” said Deacon Keyser.

## Witnessing miracles

Prunty said Gasper has been “so much more than what I ever dreamed it could be.”

“It was kind of my baby and my pride and joy,” she said, adding that God “provided the right person to be the director” in Warrell.

She said she is grateful for the leadership of Bishop William F. Medley, who continued to encourage and support Gasper’s mission after he arrived in the wake of Bishop McRaith’s 2009 retirement.

“It’s been an amazing journey,” said Prunty, and added that her grandson attended Gasper for the first time this year. “It’s neat to make that connection with the family.”

Warrell said Gasper’s mentality is “we’re here to serve the Diocese of Owensboro.”

“Each week, you get to witness a miracle,” he said. “It’s heartwarming and humbling to see God working in young people that way.”

Warrell said that with the first decade completed, he looks forward to how God will continually make Gasper “a place for young people to grow in Christ.”

“Hopefully we’re laying the groundwork for decades to come,” said Warrell. “I’m just excited to see where God takes us.”



## Learn more

To learn more about Gasper River, how to register for a camp or how to donate, visit [gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://gasperriverretreatcenter.org).

# Todd County parishioners break ground for St. Francis of Assisi church

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Participating in the groundbreaking are, (from left to right), Feliciano Pacheco, Joe Meyer (contractor), Consuelo Aguilar, Bishop William F. Medley, Deacon Heriberto Rodriguez, Jean Todd, Lillian Riley, Dorothy Slack. Photo by Tina Kasey/Office of Communications.

The icy winds registering in the mid-20 degrees did nothing to stop the good-sized crowd of St. Francis of Assisi parishioners, as well as some friends, as they stood in an open field in Todd County on Dec. 8, 2016.

It was the groundbreaking for the future church building of St. Francis of Assisi.

The gathering sang several verses of “For the Beauty of the Earth,” then Bishop William F. Medley opened the groundbreaking service with the Sign of the Cross.

“This is a day of great joy,” he said, and a day to continue thanking God “for making this day possible.”

Back in 2015, the Guthrie church of SS. Mary and James burned down in an electrical fire. That parish, as well as neighboring parish St. Susan in Elkton, had been outgrowing their facilities, and before the fire had started conversations about needing bigger places to worship.

Post-fire, the parishioners decided to explore the idea of merging, and St. Francis of Assisi Parish was established on March 24, 2016, which also hap-

pened to be Holy Thursday. The property for the new church was donated by the Slack family, who had been parishioners of the Guthrie church.

It was significant that Dec. 8, 2016 was another important day for the Catholic Church: the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Deacon Heriberto Rodriguez, parish life coordinator for St. Francis, read the Gospel of Matthew passage in which Peter confesses that Jesus is the Messiah, and Jesus declares that Peter is the rock upon which the Church will be built.

After the Gospel, Bishop Medley jokingly said he had prepared a 40-minute homily, but added that perhaps that should wait until “there are four walls around us and a roof over us.”

The bishop explained that the location of the crucifix placed at the front of the group was approximately where the altar in the new church will be.

He said to think of that future place, “where we will bring our gifts of plain old bread and plain old wine, and believe that by our faith but above all by God’s benevolence and God’s action, that plain old bread and plain old wine becomes the Body and

Blood of Christ.”

He said the Christian belief that Jesus Christ as foundation of the Church is “why we do crazy things like stand in the middle of a field on a December day.”

“This day, like every day, is a manifestation of God’s goodness,” he said.



## Help build St. Francis of Assisi

Catholic Extension has issued a challenge grant to help build the new church in Todd County. Catholic Extension will match on a 1:1 basis up to \$50,000 any funds raised and received in cash toward the project until Dec. 1, 2017. To learn more, contact the Catholic Extension mission department at (312) 795-6095 or [mission@catholicextension.org](mailto:mission@catholicextension.org).



# ‘Not a minority’ – Local priest celebrates St. Lucy feast day Mass

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Fr. Jamie Dennis smiles as he celebrates Mass on Dec. 13 for the feast of St. Lucy in a chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral. Photo courtesy of Donald Salvato, Xavier Society for the Blind.

Fr. Jamie Dennis called his Dec. 13, 2016 Mass in a chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, "the most unique situation I've ever been in."

"It was the first time I've been in a place with so many people who were blind," said Fr. Dennis, who is associate pastor of St. Stephen Cathedral and Blessed Sacrament Chapel in Owensboro. He also is blind.

The occasion drew Catholics from across the United States in honor of the Dec. 13 feast of St. Lucy, who is patron saint of the blind and visually impaired.

Fr. Dennis said there was "a lot of stumbling around finding seats – but it was not embarrassing

because we all know what that's like. It wasn't uncomfortable, it wasn't awkward."

"It was liturgy – it flowed," he said.

The Mass was hosted by the Xavier Society for the Blind, which provides free religious reading materials in braille and audio to the blind and visually impaired. The Xavier Society also provides Mass texts to Fr. Dennis and other blind and visually-impaired priests.

Fr. Dennis explained that before his May 2016 ordination, the Xavier Society had asked if he would like to celebrate the St. Lucy Mass. Fr. Dennis admitted that in the whirlwind of planning his ordination, he forgot about the December Mass – until he

received a reminder email a few weeks ago.

After the cathedral rector, Fr. Jerry Riney, gave him permission to go, Fr. Dennis set off on a train on Dec. 10 with seminarian Chris Kight, cathedral parishioners Terry Brown and Brenda Clark, and Fr. Dennis' childhood friends Anna Rose and Charlie Singleton.

Fr. Dennis said he did not think more than 10 people would make it to the Mass, but the chapel filled up with close to 50 people.

"I preached on being a people of balance," he said of his homily, explaining that some people who are blind want everything done for them, and others dislike any assistance. He emphasized "not being afraid to ask for help, and also be independent."

After Mass Fr. Dennis blessed people with relics of St. Lucy and St. Francis Xavier, which he said was also very moving: "It was beautiful to hold that relic and feel people touch the relic."

Fr. Dennis said he was grateful that his Kentucky friends could join him for the trip, and Kight agreed.

"Fr. Jamie is the first person I'd worked with who has any kind of disability," said Kight. "I was able to get a better feel for ministry to people with disabilities."

Now back home in Owensboro, Fr. Dennis said he will continue to process the experience.

"It was the first moment in my life thus far that I did not feel like a minority," he said.

 Learn more

To learn more about the Xavier Society for the Blind, visit [xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org) or call (212) 473-7800.



### Celebrating Our Lady's feast

On Dec. 11 and 12, 2016, parishes around the diocese celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The celebrations included Mañanitas (Marian hymns), processions, Mass, and of course fiestas! Pictured here is the celebration held at Holy Redeemer Parish in Beaver Dam. Parishioners of Holy Trinity in Morgantown also attended, and Sister Aida Badillo, Hispanic minister for both communities, said "a lot attended the procession, and even more at the Mass." Photo courtesy of Kim Klueg.

### Brownsville community feeds 100+ families

Barbara Fitzhugh, parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Sunfish, submitted this photo and wrote: "We are proud to announce that St. John Thrift Store & Food Pantry, in conjunction with Edmonson County Senior Food Pantry, on Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, gave away over 100 food bags to over 100 families, ranging from one person to as high as seven people in the family. These bags were filled with all kinds of food items (including half a boneless ham), household and personal items, and a store voucher for milk, eggs, bread and cheese to help the needy and seniors of Edmonson County. We are proud of the people that came out to help bag and carry out these bags."



### St. Edward parishioners receive DRF grant to help kids in need

In this picture, Tommie Briggs (right) of St. Edward Parish in Fulton presents a check to Corey Edmison (left) of Twin Cities Men's Organization, (TCMO), to help provide clothing for area children. Briggs secured funds through a Disciples Response Fund (DRF) grant awarded by the Diocese of Owensboro. The TCMO sponsors a Christmastime shopping trip to the local Wal-Mart for children in need of assistance. Photo courtesy of Susie Fenwick.

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# A special message from Bishop Medley

**EDITOR'S NOTE**

The following is a letter released by Bishop William F. Medley on Nov. 20, 2016, regarding the four-year "Encuentro" process within the Diocese of Owensboro.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Catholic Church across the United States recently began a four-year process of discerning ways the Church can better respond to the Hispanic and Latino presence in our nation, with a goal of assisting Hispanics and Latinos in following the call to the New Evangelization. This process is called "Encuentro," which means "encounter."

In the past, the Church in the United States has convened Encuentros in 1972, 1977, 1985 and 2000. This is our fifth Encuentro, and will be known as "Encuentro V," with the theme of "Missionary Disciples: Witnesses of God's Love." Given the urgency of responding more efficiently to the rapidly-changing face of the Church and in thanksgiving for the blessing of diversity, a call to Encuentro makes sense. Our Holy Father Pope Francis, through his own witness, compels each one of us to move from just being followers to becoming disciples.

In 2006, the first National Encuentro of Hispanic Youth took place at Notre Dame, Indiana. This time around, September 2018 will see a main event in Dallas, Texas, which will renew national pastoral guidelines for Hispanic and Latino ministry in the United States.

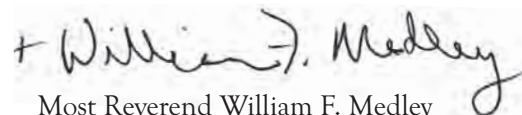
It gives me great joy to know that our diocese, the Catholic community of western Kentucky, will be part of this process and I encourage your participation. Chris Gutierrez, director of our Office of Hispanic and Latino Ministry, will be leading our

Encuentro V process, so look forward to receiving communication from him regarding upcoming events and resources.

If you would like to learn more about Encuentro and obtain resources to help your parish engage in the process, please visit [vencuentro.org](http://vencuentro.org) where information is available in English and Spanish.

May God and Our Lady of Guadalupe watch over and bless this exciting process.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend William F. Medley  
Diocese of Owensboro



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- 27-29 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program

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Christ the King	Scottsville	180	112	62.22%	62.71%	-0.49%
Holy Redeemer	Beaver Dam	143	182	127.27%	131.29%	-4.02%
Holy Spirit	Bowling Green	3857	1445	37.46%	37.50%	-0.04%
Holy Trinity	Morgantown	58	107	184.48%	190.91%	-6.43%
Sacred Heart	Russellville	406	204	50.25%	65.32%	-15.07%
Saint Francis of Assisi	Todd County	290	237	81.72%	N/A	N/A
Saint John The Baptist	Fordsville	53	43	81.13%	80.36%	0.77%
Saint Joseph	Bowling Green	2456	1138	46.34%	45.20%	1.14%
Saint Mary	Franklin	258	212	82.17%	86.11%	-3.94%
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>7701</b>	<b>3680</b>	<b>47.79%</b>	<b>48.95%</b>	<b>-1.16%</b>
CENTRAL DEANERY						
Holy Name of Jesus	Henderson	3875	1316	33.96%	33.73%	0.23%
Sacred Heart	Waverly	209	120	57.42%	66.32%	-8.90%
Saint Agnes	Uniontown	748	363	48.53%	50.54%	-2.01%
Saint Ambrose	Henshaw	77	53	68.83%	51.65%	17.18%
Saint Ann	Morganfield	955	444	46.49%	49.68%	-3.19%
Saint Francis Borgia	Sturgis	192	124	64.58%	55.56%	9.02%
Saint Michael	Sebree	363	231	63.64%	66.48%	-2.84%
Saint Peter of Antioch	Waverly	501	255	50.90%	49.62%	1.28%
Saint William of Vercelli	Marion	151	61	40.40%	62.73%	-22.33%
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>7071</b>	<b>2967</b>	<b>41.96%</b>	<b>42.42%</b>	<b>-0.46%</b>
EASTERN DEANERY						
Holy Guardian Angels	Irvinton	230	193	83.91%	79.55%	4.36%
Immaculate Conception	Hawesville	298	146	48.99%	55.35%	-6.36%
Saint Anthony	Axtel	574	371	64.63%	67.56%	-2.93%
Saint Anthony	Peonia	156	88	56.41%	57.88%	-1.48%
Saint Augustine	Grayson Springs	100	51	51.00%	56.60%	-5.60%
Saint Benedict	Wax	155	92	59.35%	60.67%	-1.32%
Saint Columba	Lewisport	220	119	54.09%	53.59%	0.50%
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary	Clarkson	164	128	78.05%	80.25%	-2.20%
Saint John the Evangelist	Sunfish	132	57	43.18%	80.25%	-37.07%
Saint Joseph	Leitchfield	715	327	45.73%	77.56%	-31.83%
Saint Mary of the Woods	McQuady	357	235	65.83%	73.91%	-8.08%
Saint Paul	St. Paul	467	226	48.39%	51.81%	-3.42%
Saint Romuald	Hardinsburg	1600	618	38.63%	41.00%	-2.38%
Saint Rose of Lima	Cloverport	271	166	61.25%	53.65%	7.60%
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>5439</b>	<b>2817</b>	<b>51.79%</b>	<b>57.93%</b>	<b>-6.14%</b>
FANCY FARM DEANERY						
Sacred Heart	Hickman	38	32	84.21%	38.37%	45.84%
Saint Charles	Bardwell	184	111	60.33%	81.89%	-21.56%
Saint Denis	Fancy Farm	145	68	46.90%	59.80%	-12.90%
Saint Edward	Fulton	109	79	72.48%	78.05%	-5.57%
Saint Jerome	Fancy Farm	1268	709	55.91%	57.31%	-1.40%
Saint Joseph	Mayfield	1393	881	63.24%	58.01%	5.23%
Saint Jude	Clinton	47	36	76.60%	56.00%	20.60%
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>3184</b>	<b>1916</b>	<b>60.18%</b>	<b>58.71%</b>	<b>1.47%</b>

HOPKINSVILLE DEANERY						
Parish	City	Population	Mass Count Total	Mass Attendance	2015 Mass Attendance	2015-2016 Change
Christ the King	Madisonville	533	302	56.66%	58.88%	-2.22%
Holy Cross	Providence	15	11	73.33%	35.00%	38.33%
Immaculate Conception	Earlington	93	88	94.62%	84.38%	10.24%
Resurrection	Dawson Springs	67	60	89.55%	50.98%	38.57%
Saint Charles Borromeo	Livemore	96	54	56.25%	54.55%	1.70%
Saint Joseph	Central City	309	150	48.54%	68.50%	-19.96%
Saint Michael the Archangel	Oak Grove	450	396	88.00%	43.68%	44.32%
Saints Peter & Paul	Hopkinsville	1544	753	48.77%	43.49%	5.28%
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>3107</b>	<b>1814</b>	<b>58.38%</b>	<b>49.11%</b>	<b>9.27%</b>
OWENSBORO DEANERY - EAST						
Blessed Mother	Owensboro	2181	1006	46.13%	59.14%	-13.01%
Our Lady of Lourdes	Owensboro	2071	944	45.58%	49.32%	-3.74%
Saint Anthony	Browns Valley	356	149	41.85%	39.20%	2.65%
Saints Joseph & Paul	Owensboro	1401	1232	87.94%	86.47%	1.47%
Saint Lawrence	St. Lawrence	312	212	67.95%	55.08%	12.87%
Saint Mary of the Woods	Whitesville	2418	1375	56.87%	44.62%	12.25%
Saint Pius X	Owensboro	1232	612	49.68%	51.97%	-2.29%
Saint William	Knottsville	1083	895	84.17%	50.12%	14.05%
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>11054</b>	<b>6225</b>	<b>56.31%</b>	<b>54.84%</b>	<b>1.47%</b>
OWENSBORO DEANERY - WEST						
Blessed Sacrament	Owensboro	91	69	75.82%	62.83%	12.99%
Immaculate	Owensboro	1911	1073	56.15%	59.60%	-3.45%
Precious Blood	Owensboro	707	439	62.09%	81.14%	-19.05%
Saint Alphonsus	Saint Joseph	504	225	44.64%	53.92%	-9.28%
Saint Augustine	Reed	99	49	49.49%	64.77%	-15.28%
Saint Elizabeth	Curdsville	180	79	43.89%	34.58%	9.31%
Saint Martin	Rome	302	437	144.70%	135.93%	8.77%
Saint Mary Magdalene	Sorgo	746	407	54.56%	59.01%	-4.45%
Saint Peter of Alcantara	Stanley	270	192	71.11%	71.76%	-0.65%
Saint Sebastian	Calhoun	237	120	50.63%	54.88%	-4.25%
Saint Stephen Cathedral	Owensboro	1335	640	47.94%	36.80%	11.14%
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>6382</b>	<b>3730</b>	<b>58.45%</b>	<b>59.65%</b>	<b>-1.20%</b>
PADUCAH DEANERY						
Rosary Chapel	Paducah	135	73	54.07%	63.20%	-9.13%
Saint Francis de Sales	Paducah	1100	538	48.91%	54.73%	-5.82%
Saint John the Evangelist	Paducah	771	422	54.73%	52.31%	2.42%
Saint Mary	LaCenter	169	77	45.56%	49.70%	-4.14%
Saint Thomas More	Paducah	1607	854	59.37%	56.76%	2.61%
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>3782</b>	<b>2064</b>	<b>54.57%</b>	<b>55.16%</b>	<b>-0.59%</b>
THE LAKES DEANERY						
Saint Anthony of Padua	Grand Rivers	81	113	139.51%	159.30%	-19.79%
Saint Henry	Aurora	180	218	121.11%	96.35%	24.76%
Saint Leo	Murray	1172	676	57.68%	60.89%	-3.21%
Saint Mark	Eddyville	126	152	120.63%	114.52%	6.11%
Saint Paul	Princeton	95	76	80.00%	66.67%	13.33%
Saint Pius X	Calvert City	380	202	53.16%	88.84%	-35.68%
Saint Stephen	Cadiz	283	180	63.60%	76.23%	-12.63%
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>2317</b>	<b>1617</b>	<b>69.79%</b>	<b>76.44%</b>	<b>-6.65%</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>		<b>50037</b>	<b>26830</b>	<b>53.62%</b>	<b>53.82%</b>	<b>-0.20%</b>



## Whitesville teacher attends Washington, D.C. conference thanks to DRF



*Editor's Note: James Caudill, a social studies teacher at St. Mary of the Woods School in Whitesville, was contacted by Scholastic to participate in a focus group at a Washington, D.C. educators' conference. He was able to attend the conference thanks to a grant from the Disciples Response Fund. The following is an edited interview the WKC held with Caudill after he returned to Kentucky.*

### **WKC: Have you worked with Scholastic before, whether in focus groups or otherwise?**

While I use their resources in my classroom, like Junior Scholastic and the Reading Club, I had not worked with them before this focus group.

### **WKC: What was the criteria for selecting a member of the focus group? Was your experience at a small, more rural Catholic school one of the factors that helped select you?**

The Friday before Thanksgiving, I received an email from Scholastic News asking me to fill out a survey to apply to be part of a focus group at the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. It turned out that I was the only person in the focus group who was a first-year teacher. I was also the only person there who had followed a non-traditional path to becoming a teacher. I have a bachelor's degree in political science with minors in history and environmental studies, and I decided in my early thirties to return to school for a master's in teaching. I was also the only teacher from a rural area and the only one from a Catholic school. I think this played a big role in my selection for the focus group.

### **WKC: What did you discuss at the conference?**

We had a conversation on teaching students about this year's contentious presidential election. Knowing how divisive this election cycle was, Scholastic News (which publishes a current events magazine for students) wanted to know how we handled it in the classroom. We also discussed what sorts of resources we use in our classes.

After the focus group ended, I had the opportunity to attend several really neat sessions at the NCSS conference. One session led by the International Spy Museum introduced us to their free teacher resources. The fun thing about these resources is that they are based on primary source documents that have been declassified by spy agencies about major historical events.

### **WKC: Do you see yourself utilizing some of the information you learned at the conference, in your classes at St. Mary's?**

Definitely! I learned so much at the conference and in addition to the great sessions I attended, I received

many free resources that I will be utilizing in my classroom and sharing with other teachers.

### **WKC: How did you get connected with the DRF grant?**

While I had heard of the DRF before, it was really the first time that I understood the support it provides for the ministries and work of the diocese. When the opportunity came to travel to Washington, D.C. to be part of this focus group and attend the conference, I found out that St. Mary's could only pay for some of the travel expenses. I called the Catholic Schools Office to see whether there might be any other funds or scholarships that might help me get the rest of the way. They put me in touch with the chancellor, Kevin Kauffeld, who recommended applying for a grant from the Disciples Response Fund.

### **WKC: How easy/difficult was the grant application process?**

The application for the Disciples Response Fund was a one-page form with straightforward questions about the purpose of the funding, outcomes and benefits, and how the funds would be used. It took me about 30 minutes to complete the application.

### **WKC: Would you recommend other diocese teachers apply for DRF grants for academic needs?**

There are so many wonderful opportunities for professional development and learning out there for teachers, but it can be difficult to take advantage of these opportunities because of limited budgets (school and personal). I would definitely recommend applying for grants, including the DRF, and looking for travel scholarships. To all the donors to the Disciples Response Fund, thank you so much for your generosity.

## Paducah friends make retreat at White House

Rosary Chapel parishioner Howard Grief and St. Thomas More parishioners Richard Grief, Ernie Mitchel and Vince Wise recently made a retreat at White House retreat center in St. Louis. White House bases its retreats around The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, a Jesuit saint.



## K of C Council 7847 gives “heart” to area crisis pregnancy center

BY RICHARD DYMEK, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

A new portable ultrasound machine is being donated by the Knights of Columbus Council 7847 in Hopkinsville to Alpha Alternative PCC and will be incorporated in their mobile RV unit. A commissioning ceremony was held on Nov. 30, 2016 at 4 p.m. at 1705 S. Main St. in Hopkinsville.

In 2009 the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus launched an initiative of matching 50 percent of the cost of ultrasound machines in an effort to provide women considering abortion a new way of viewing the life within them.

Over 700 machines, at a cost of over \$20 million, have been donated in all 50 states as well as in Canada, Guatemala, Jamaica, and Peru where centers such as Alpha Alternative support this pro-life initiative while providing health counseling for the prospective mother and child.

The sophistication of today’s medical technology provides a “window on the womb,” said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson: “Even from the early stages of pregnancy, a mother can see her developing child, hear the baby’s heartbeat, and recognize the miracle of the new life within her.”

The local Knights of Columbus council saw a need at Alpha Alternative to provide a “heart” (the ultrasound machine) to the mobile RV that was leased by Alpha Alternative to enhance their services.

By collaborating with Alpha Alternative, the local council membership, the Supreme Council, Sts. Peter and Paul Parish and the friends of Alpha, we were able to complete a fundraising program that

would generate the required funds for 50 percent of the cost of the portable ultrasound that is being matched by Knights of Columbus Supreme.

The council worked in close partnership with the medical director to establish a scope for the equipment, found suppliers, negotiated cost, clearly identified and ordered an advanced ultrasound that would satisfy Alpha Alternative’s needs in their mobile RV.

Founded in 1991, Alpha Alternative Pregnancy Care Center is an inter-denominational Christian ministry committed to meeting the spiritual, emotional, and material needs of women who find themselves in a crisis situation as the result of a pregnancy.

Whether a woman faces fear, grief, or pain resulting from an unplanned, lost or terminated pregnancy, Alpha’s peer counselors listen and care. All of the services are free and confidential, regardless of race, age, religion, or socio-economic background. Services include free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, pregnancy counseling, post-abortion support, pregnancy loss support, material assistance, and parenting classes.

Fundraising occurred over a three month time period and the “heart” was added to the mobile RV in November.

*For more information about the mobile ultrasound unit in Hopkinsville and the local Knights of Columbus pro-life initiatives, contact Richard Dymek at (270) 987-9722.*



Alpha Alternative's Ultrasound RV. Photo courtesy of Alpha Alternative PCC.

### Considering Adoption?

Catholic Charities of Owensboro serves pregnant women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and couples who wish to adopt. To learn more, call 270-852-8328 or visit [KyCaringConnection.org](http://KyCaringConnection.org).

### St. Gerard Life Home

Providing housing and services to pregnant women and their babies

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis or unplanned pregnancy, call us at 270-852-8328 or toll-free at 1-877-803-5064.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY 2017 BULLETIN BOARD

#### St. Benedict's shelter now accepting sponsorships

St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter in Owensboro is now accepting bed and room sponsorships for 2017. Each sponsorship assists in providing food, personal hygiene products, bed linens, medicine and resources to help clients achieve independence. Bed sponsorships are \$500/bed, which can be paid in full or with monthly installments of \$41.67. Room sponsorships, for the shelter's two new transitional homes, are \$250/room. Donate online at [stbenedictsoyensboro.org/bed-sponsors](http://stbenedictsoyensboro.org/bed-sponsors), or write to St. Benedict's Homeless Shelter, 1001 W. 7th St., Owensboro, KY, 42301. Contact them at (270) 541-1003 or (270) 315-4419. All donations are tax-deductible.

#### Gennesaret retreat (for chronic or seriously ill)

Friday-Sunday, March 17-19, 2017 at Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. 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. To find out more, contact Tom or Amy Payne of Owensboro at (270) 678-7739.

#### Does your marriage need help?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even how to communicate this with their spouse. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the Jan. 13-15, 2017 program, (270)683-1545 ext. 346, email [dpretrowens@aol.com](mailto:dpretrowens@aol.com) or visit the website at [retrouvaille.com](http://retrouvaille.com).

#### Celebrate MLK Day 2017

On Monday, Jan. 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – all are invited to the MLK March beginning at 9 a.m. at Owensboro High School Gym. The Rev. Dr. Martin

Luther King Jr. Celebration "Living the Dream" will take place at 10:30 a.m. at Brescia University in the Taylor Lecture Hall. Keynote speaker is Dion C. Jordan, award-winning speaker and author.

#### Immaculate alumni to hold 'Saturday Night Social'

It's a first! Were you an Immaculate Tiger? Do you know someone who was? Make plans to join fellow alumni for food, fun and fellowship. All former Immaculate students and faculty are invited. Help spread the word. Like the event on our Facebook page: Immaculate Alumni. Then share with other Immaculate alumni and faculty via Facebook or email. When: Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017 @ 7 p.m. Where: Immaculate Parish Hall. Cost: \$10 person/\$15 couple. Dress is casual. Feel free to bring your own beverage. For more information, please email us at [ImmaculateSchoolSocial@gmail.com](mailto:ImmaculateSchoolSocial@gmail.com).

#### 'A scout is reverent'

This upcoming year's Mass with the conferral of Religious Emblems with Bishop Medley presiding will take place on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral. At this Mass, scouts from throughout the diocese will receive their religious emblems that they have earned throughout the year. For Cub Scouts, Webelos Boy Scouts and Venturing Crew Members that would be Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altari Dei, Pope Pius XII, and Light is Life for Eastern Catholics. Girl Scouts can receive the Family of God; I Live my Faith; Mary, the First Disciple; and The Spirit Alive emblems. Now is the time to begin in order to complete the requirements in time for the Mass with conferral of the Religious Emblems.

#### Mount St. Joseph Quilt Club Drawings

Get your name into the Quilt of the Month Club raffle drawings at Mount St. Joseph! The drawings take place on the first Friday of each month. For a \$20 ticket, you get several chances to win a hand-made quilt. (If you sign up by Feb. 2, you will get 8 chances. If you sign up by March 1, you will get 7 chances.) We are close to selling out of our 2,000 tickets! The proceeds support the retired Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph in Maple Mount. To order your Quilt Club ticket(s), contact Kris Mango at (270) 229-2009 or [kris.mango@maplemount.org](mailto:kris.mango@maplemount.org). For more

#### Where Jesus walked... THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

May 29 - June 9, 2017  
(Dates cannot be changed.)

Win Two VIP Bookings for a 13 day trip of a lifetime!

**RAFFLE TICKETS - \$50 Each Limited to 300**

Raffle benefits:



**Glenmary Sisters**

To order tickets by phone call: 270-686-8401  
(VISA, MasterCard & Discover accepted.)

or mail checks to:

**Glenmary Sisters - Attn: Raffle Tickets**  
PO Box 22264 - Owensboro, KY 42304

**Drawing January 8, 2017**

For full info & link to trip itinerary, visit our website:

**[glenmarysisters.org](http://glenmarysisters.org)**

Drawing: January 8, 2017.  
Glenmary Center Conference Room  
6:00pm (central)

Need not be present to win.  
Must be 18 to participate.  
Charitable Gaming No. 0001012

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information, visit [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org). Click on Help the Sisters, then Quilt Club.

### January Alzheimer's awareness events

Registration required for all programs; 1-800-272-3900 to register.

**Memory Café:** a monthly social engagement group designed for people with memory loss and their carepartners; please no professionals. Jan. 11, 2017 2-3:30 p.m. Alzheimer's Association, Evansville, IN.

**Legal & Financial Planning:** Ky Elderlaw will address power of attorney, guardianship, and handling the finances and person with dementia. \$5 donation suggested. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. Jan. 12, 2017 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Healthpark, Owensboro

**Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body Workshop:** Learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. Designed for general public; \$5 donation suggested, \$15 fee for professionals. Lunch provided by Barkley Plantation. Jan. 31, 2017 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Hopkinsville, KY Public Library.

### Eucharistic Adoration at Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel

Second Sunday of each month: Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, etc. 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Adoration will conclude with evening prayer. Adoration also takes place every Friday from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

### Ecumenical hymn festival Jan. 19

The greater Owensboro community is invited to join members of many faiths and denominations at St. Stephen Cathedral for a Hymn Festival in observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. The cathedral annually celebrates the area churches with a gathering and this year, in observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, all Christian churches in the city of Owensboro are invited. Ministers from area churches will lead the service with Bishop William Medley in attendance. As well as the singing of hymns, the service will include prayer and scripture readings reflecting Jesus' desire that "all may be one." Fellowship and refreshments will follow after the service in the Fr. John Vaughan Community Center, located in the cathedral basement.

### Calling all Catholic faithful citizens

The Diocese of Owensboro will host two "Catholics @ the Capitol: Western Kentucky Gatherings" on

Saturday, Jan. 14 at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 21 at St. Leo Parish in Murray from 9:30 a.m. – noon. The events are free and open to the public, but please call or email ahead so an approximate number can be anticipated. Contact Richard Murphy at (270) 315-7897 or email [richard.murphy@pastoral.org](mailto:richard.murphy@pastoral.org). This is only offered every two years around the state to learn about critical issues that are likely to be considered in the next legislative session in Kentucky, reflect on them in light of Catholic social teaching, and engage with your own legislators close to home.

### You could win this home for \$100!



Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish is raffling a brand-new Martin Custom Builders home located at 4135 Mayflower Dr., Owensboro. The home features 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, a 2 car garage, granite countertops and soft close cabinets throughout! The raffle will be held on March 18, 2017 at 10 a.m. in the parish hall.

You may purchase your tickets with cash or check at the following locations:

- Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish Office
- Martin Custom Builders
- Owensboro Catholic Schools- All locations

If you would like to purchase your ticket with a credit card you may do so at:

- Sts. Joseph & Paul Parish Office
- On our website [www.stjpc.org](http://www.stjpc.org)
- On Facebook page of [catholiceducationhomeraffle.com](http://catholiceducationhomeraffle.com)
- By phone at 270-683-5641

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

Join our Spinning Retreat Weekends!




**January 6-8**

**Future Dates: March 3-5 and June 2-4**

Whether you are an experienced yarn spinner, weaver, rug hooker, knitter, crocheter or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the spinning retreats at Mount Saint Joseph. For information on room rates, meal costs, etc., contact Kathy: 270-229-0206 [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org)

 **Mount Saint Joseph**  
Conference and Retreat Center

8001 Cummings Road  
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270-229-4103  
[www.ursulinesmsj.org](http://www.ursulinesmsj.org)



**Rachel's Vineyard Retreats**

Hurting from abortion? Know someone who is?

Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing retreats for women and men suffering from the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion.

**Next retreat: January 13-15, 2017**  
**Location: Passionist Retreat House, Whitesville, Kentucky**

For more information, call Debbie: (270) 570-4717 or email [debbie@hopeafterabortionky.com](mailto:debbie@hopeafterabortionky.com)

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## Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Mi muy estimado Pueblo de Dios,

Ahora puede ser que se ha escrito y hablado más sobre la elección presidencial del 2016 después de la votación que antes. Una cosa parece ser claro: la gente de nuestra nación está dividida y hay heridas que necesitan ser sanadas. En esta tarea yo creo que las iglesias y otras comunidades de fe en nuestra nación pueden ofrecer dirección y sanación.

Un asunto que evoca rencor, resentimiento y acusaciones, antes y después de la elección, es la pregunta de los inmigrantes y refugiados en nuestro país. La posición de la nación de aquí en adelante no está claro. Pero lo que no se puede discutir es que

nuestro país ha deportado formalmente más personas en los últimos ocho años que en las dos décadas previas.

La Iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos, a través de la conferencia episcopal, ha estado y seguirá llamando a nuestra nación a ser mejores, un país en el mundo donde inmigrantes, por más de dos siglos, han tejido una nación vibrante y diversa.

Debemos mirar más allá de la propaganda de miedo reciente y ver la bendición que los inmigrantes y refugiados presentan. En el 2015, cuando el Papa Francisco visitó y se dirigió al Congreso de los Estados Unidos, adoptó como propia la frase que describe a nuestra nación tan conocida: “la tierra de los libres y el hogar de los valientes”.

Quiero que la Iglesia Católica sea una voz en la tierra que siempre viviremos según los ideales en los cuales nuestra nación fue fundada. Podemos acoger al pobre anhelando una vida mejor para ellos mismos y para sus hijos.

Desde luego, yo sé que muchos inmigrantes no han arribado a nuestra nación a través de los canales apropiados. Muchos más, sin embargo, vinieron legítimamente y se quedaron más tiempo de lo que se les permitía según la ley. Mientras tanto, han sido miembros de la sociedad y la economía de los Estados Unidos a la que mucho contribuyen. Con frecuencia escuchamos “nos están quitando nuestros trabajos.” De hecho, comenzando el año nuevo, la tasa de desempleo es lo más bajo que ha visto en diez años. Los inmigrantes con frecuencia están haciendo los trabajos que nadie más realizará.

Entonces escuchamos, “que se vayan y que se pongan ‘en la fila.’” Bueno, nuestro sistema de in-

migración está roto que en realidad no existe una tal fila para la mayoría de nuestros inmigrantes. Ciertamente una nación tiene el derecho de establecer fronteras y protegerlas. Ahora, sin embargo, nuestra nación se beneficia de los trabajadores indocumentados; pero debido a que no reformamos el sistema roto, estos mismos trabajadores son abusados. Los niños que son ciudadanos de los EEUU de nacimiento, muchas veces están separados de uno o dos de sus papás por aplicación de leyes anticuadas de una forma arbitraria.

La inmigración puede ser un tema controvertido. ¿Pero realmente quienes de nosotros hemos sido dañados por la presencia de los inmigrantes? Me parece que muchas veces le seguimos una narrativa que dice que eso no es correcto y por eso debe ser malo. ¿Podríamos bajarle al volumen y preguntar cómo reformar la ley? ¿Componer con la misericordia de los evangelios?

Es casi imposible en realidad contar el número de inmigrantes hispanos en nuestro país, y ni siquiera en Kentucky occidental. Nuestras hermanas y hermanos muchas veces no pueden salir de las sombras por miedo a la deportación. Pero mientras me muevo de una parroquia a otra, puedo claramente ver que Kentucky occidental es parte de una tendencia nacional que los hispanos constan de un porcentaje creciente de la población Católica. Y eso es una bendición.

La Iglesia Católica será una voz para los que muchas veces no pueden hablar por ellos mismos. Muchas de nuestras parroquias hacen un esfuerzo ex-



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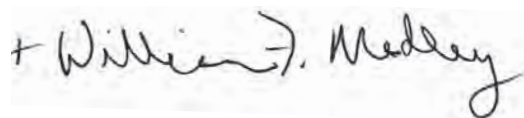
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traordinario en dar la bienvenida a nuestros vecinos más recientes y eso debe continuar.

Muchos de nosotros lamentamos la hostilidad, enojo y rechazo que se ha expresado hacia muchos de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Espero y pido a Dios que la Iglesia Católica de cada una de nuestras comunidades pueda ser un lugar de bienvenida para ellos. Todos somos hijos del Padre y Dios único.

Los medios de comunicación seculares muchas veces definen rápidamente la “Voz Católica” de nuestra nación. Seamos claros que esta voz es una de abogar, bienvenida y hospitalidad. La “pregunta” de la inmigración en nuestra tierra no tiene que ser el “problema” de la inmigración. Puede ser una oportunidad de afirmar al mundo que “la tierra de los libres y el hogar de los valientes” todavía es el lugar donde sabemos que todos somos creados iguales y podemos dedicarnos a la búsqueda de la vida, libertad y felicidad.

Me gustaría dirigirme directamente a todos ustedes quienes han sentido hostilidad, enojo, rechazo y aún miedo por el color de su piel, la lengua que hablan o el país de donde vienen ustedes o sus familiares. Estén seguros que Dios ve por lo que están pasando y ustedes son sus hijas e hijos amados, hechos en su imagen. Sepan que la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos y yo como su Obispo seguiremos a su lado abogando por su dignidad y derechos humanos. Por favor sigan involucrándose y compartiendo sus dones lo más posible en sus iglesias locales y sus comunidades. No pierdan la esperanza ni se rindan frente al miedo.



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

## 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 ([www.rcdok.org/safe](http://www.rcdok.org/safe)).

Los miembros de la junta que responden a las alegaciones de abuso sexual en la Diócesis de Owensboro son los siguientes: Mr. Ken Bennett (Presidente), Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, Mr. Tony Kraus, Mr. Michael Marsili, Ms. Kelly Roe (Vice-Presidente), y Ms. Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy sirve como enlace entre el Obispo y la Junta de Revisión Diocesano. La seguridad de nuestros niños es la responsabilidad de cada Cristiano.

## EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY DEL ENERO 2017:

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| <b>ENERO 3</b>     | 6:30 p.m. <b>Vísperas por Inmigrantes &amp; Refugiados</b> – Catedral de San Esteban   |
| <b>ENERO 5-7</b>   | Conferencia <b>FOCUS SEEK</b> – San Antonio, TX  |
| <b>ENERO 8-12</b>  | Retiro de los Obispos de la <b>Región V</b> – New Orleans, LA  |
| <b>ENERO 14</b>    | 10:00 a.m. <b>Reunión de los Católicos en el Capitolio</b> – Santo Nombre, Henderson<br>4:00 p.m. <b>Retiro Diocesano de la Confirmación</b> – Catedral de San Esteban |
| <b>ENERO 16</b>    | 10:00 a.m. <b>Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal</b> MCC   |
| <b>ENERO 16-19</b> | Convocación Presbiteral – San Meinrad  |
| <b>ENERO 19</b>    | 6:00 p.m. <b>Festival de Himnos Euménicos</b> – Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro   |
| <b>ENERO 21</b>    | 9:30 a.m. <b>Reunión de los Católicos en el Capitolio</b> – San León, Murray   |
| <b>ENERO 22</b>    | 10:30 a.m. <b>Confirmación</b> – Santa María Magdalena, Owensboro  |
| <b>ENERO 25</b>    | 8:30 a.m. <b>Misa Escolar</b> – Mary Carrico Memorial, Knottsville<br>6:00 p.m. <b>Reunión del Comité Examinador Diocesano</b>   |
| <b>ENERO 26</b>    | 6:00 p.m. <b>Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas</b> – MCC   |
| <b>ENERO 28</b>    | 5:00 p.m. <b>Confirmación</b> – San José, Mayfield   |
| <b>ENERO 30</b>    | 9:00 a.m. <b>Misa de la Semana de Escuelas Católicas</b> – Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson  |
| <b>ENERO 31</b>    | 9:30 a.m. <b>Misa de la Semana de Escuelas Católicas</b> – Sistema Escolar de Santa María, Paducah   |



## El Albergue de San Benedicto ahora acepta patrocinadores

El Albergue de Desamparados de San Benedicto en Owensboro ahora acepta patrocinadores para las camas y cuartos del 2017. Cada patrocinador ayuda en proveer comida, productos de higiene personal, sábanas, cobijas, medicinas y recursos para ayudar a clientes lograr la independencia. Los patrocinadores de cama dan \$500/cama, lo cual se puede pagar de una vez o en pagos mensuales de \$41.67. Los patrocinadores de cuarto para las casas nuevas de transición, dan \$250/cuarto. Se pueden hacer las donaciones en línea en [stbenedictsowensboro.org/bed-sponsors](http://stbenedictsowensboro.org/bed-sponsors) o escribir a St. Benedict Homeless Shelter, 1001 W. 7th St., Owensboro, KY 42301. Contactar a (270) 541-1003 o (270) 315-4419. Todas las donaciones son deducibles de impuestos.

## ¡Usted podría ganar esta casa por \$100!



La Parroquia de Santos José y Pablo está rifando una casa nueva hecha por Martin Custom Builders. La dirección es 4135 Mayflower Drive, Owensboro. ¡La casa tiene 3 recamaras y 2 baños, un garage de dos carros, encimeras de la cocina hechos de granito y gabinetes que cierran sin ruido!

La rifa se llevará a cabo el 18 de Marzo 2017 a las 10 a.m. en el salón parroquial. Usted puede comprar su boleto con efectivo o

cheque en los siguientes lugares:

- La Oficina Parroquial de Santos José y Pablo
- Martin Custom Builders
- Todos los locales de las Escuelas Católicas de Owensboro

Si le gustaría comprar su boleto con una tarjeta de crédito también se puede en:

- La Oficina Parroquial de Santos José y Pablo
- En nuestra página web: [www.stjpc.org](http://www.stjpc.org)
- En la página de Facebook [catholiceducationhomeraffle.com](http://catholiceducationhomeraffle.com)
- Por teléfono a 270-683-5641

## Inscríbanse hoy para Juventud 2000

El 20° evento anual de Juventud 2000, un retiro centrado en la Eucaristía, se llevará a cabo el 10 al 12 de Marzo del 2017 en el Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro. Los jóvenes de 13 a 30 años están invitados. Llama a (270) 683-1545 o visita a [marianshrineky.org](http://marianshrineky.org) para ver cómo inscribirse.

## Los estudiantes del 9° grado en Paducah proveen manta de croché a familias necesitadas



Los estudiantes del 9° grado de la Escuela Preparatoria de Santa María pasaron el primer se-

mestre aprendiendo hacer crochet y después usaron lo que aprendieron para servir otros haciendo mantos pequeños de croché para Esperanza Sin Límites, un centro de cuidado familiar en Paducah. Con este acto de servicio hicieron más de 30 mantos para las familias necesitadas. Foto por cortesía de Ashley Wright.

## ODYC atrae a 451 adolescentes



La Conferencia Diocesana de Adolescentes de Owensboro (ODYC) se llevó a cabo el 18-19 de Noviembre y atrajo a 451 participantes este año. La conferencia, cuyo tema fue "ricos en misericordia" incluyó oportunidades para Misa, confesiones, talleres en grupos, y un tiempo para conocer a adolescentes de otras partes de la diócesis. Este año los oradores principales fueron Katie Prejean McGrady de Louisiana y Paul J. Kim de California. El Obispo William F. Medley presidió la Misa de clausura el domingo. PHOTO: La adoración es un componente clave de cada ODYC. Foto por Laura Clarke/Oficina de Comunicaciones

# Un mensaje especial del Obispo Medley

*Nota del Editor*

*La siguiente carta fue publicada por el Obispo William F. Medley el 20 de Noviembre del 2016 acerca del proceso del Encuentro de cuatro años aquí en la Diócesis de Owensboro.*

Estimados Hermanas y Hermanos:

La Iglesia Católica a través de los Estados Unidos y en todas sus diócesis ha comenzado un proceso llamado “Encuentro” –V Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispano/Latino-. “Misioneros Discípulos, Testigos del Amor de Dios”.

“Encuentro” es un proceso de cuatro años comenzando desde abajo (parroquias/diócesis) de reflexión, discernimiento, celebración y acción en el Espíritu de la Nueva Evangelización. En el pasado, la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos ha tenido Encuentros en 1972, 1977, 1985 y 2000. También en el 2006 se llevó a cabo un primer Encuentro Nacional de jóvenes hispanos que se celebró en Notre Dame, Indiana. El próximo Encuentro Nacional está programado para Septiembre del 2018 en Dallas Texas. Este evento ayudara con el desarrollo de renovadas pautas pastorales para el Ministerio Hispano/Latino en los Estados Unidos.

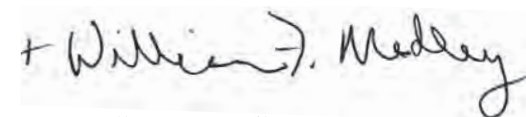
El objetivo principal de este proceso es discernir las formas en que la Iglesia Católica puede mejormente responder a los retos pastorales y necesidades de la población Hispano/Latina en nuestro entorno. Dada la urgencia de responder más efectivamente al rostro de la Iglesia que rápido está cambiando y en agradecimiento por las bendiciones de la diversidad, la convocación a Encuentro tiene sentido. Nuestro Santo Padre el Papa Francisco a través de su propio testimonio nos reta a cada uno a dejar de solo ser seguidores, y ser discípulos. Esto también y como se lee en el mismo lema, motiva al Encuentro.

Me da gran alegría saber que nuestra diócesis, la iglesia local de Kentucky Occidental tomara parte en este proceso y quisiera invitar a la participación. Cristóbal Gutierrez coordinará el proceso diocesano de Encuentro, por lo tanto pueden esperar les llegue información de él respecto a este importante proceso. Si quisieran echar un vistazo al manual parroquial para aprender sobre las sesiones que se llevaran

a cabo en cada parroquia visiten [www.vencuentro.org](http://www.vencuentro.org) donde está disponible tanto en inglés como español.

Doy la bienvenida a este proceso y animo a la participación no solo de hermanos y hermanas Católicos Hispanos/Latinos, sino de todos los sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos (as) otros líderes y de todo el pueblo de Dios a través de la diócesis.

Que Dios y Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe fijen su mirada y bendición en este emocionante proceso.



Obispo William F. Medley  
Diócesis de Owensboro



## Celebrando la fiesta de Nuestra Señora

El 11 y 12 de diciembre del 2016, parroquias a través de la diócesis celebraron la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Las celebraciones incluyeron las Mañanitas, procesiones, Misas y por supuesto ¡fiestas! En las siguientes fotos aparece la celebración de la Parroquia de Santo Redentor en Beaver Dam. Los parroquianos de la Santísima Trinidad en Morgantown también asistieron, y la Hermana Aida Badillo, ministro hispano para las dos comunidades, dijo “muchos asistieron a la procesión y aún más en la Misa.” Foto por cortesía de Kim Klueg.





# ‘Cada semana eres testigo de un milagro’ – El Campamento del Río Gasper celebra 10 años

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

El final del verano del 2016, el Campamento Católico Juvenil y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper en Bowling Green había recibido un total de 563 campistas.

El director de Gasper, Ben Warrell, escribió en un email al canciller Kevin Kauffeld que eso fue “unos 50 más que el año pasado!”

La atracción del campamento y centro de retiros de la Diócesis de Owensboro ha sido evidente a través del número creciente de participantes desde que tuvieron su primer campamento en 2008.

Este Junio marca 10 años desde que compraron el terreno para proveer un hogar para el campamento diocesano.

Solamente hubo tres semanas y media de campamentos aquel verano de 2008, Warrell mencionó recientemente al Católico de Kentucky Occidental. Le dimos una semana a cada grupo de edades y el primer año recibieron 126 campistas.

En aquel entonces, “parecía que fue algo grande,” dijo Warrell.

Hoy en día Gasper tiene 15 campamentos cada verano, más un campamento especial en la temporada de Navidad/Fin de Año.

Es difícil creer que hubo un tiempo sin Gasper.

## Soñar con un Campamento

Melinda Prunty había rezado sobre la idea de un campamento juvenil por muchos años. En 2003,



Los campistas del quinto y sexto grado pasean por el río en uno de los Campamentos de Expedición tempranos en el Río Gasper. Foto de los archivos del WKC.

el Obispo Juan J. McRaith le dio permiso formar un “Comité de Soñar con un Campamento” para explorar la idea de empezar un campamento.

Prunty, quien recientemente se jubiló de su rol como directora de la Oficina de Ministerio de Adolescentes, dijo que se llevaba a cabo varios campamentos de corto plazo en la diócesis antes de obtener a Gasper. Estos incluían al Campamento WOW y Campamento L.I.F.E. (Siglos en ingles de Vivirlo por la Eternidad).

“Al principio la idea fue de formar un campamento Católico para todo el estado de Kentucky,” Prunty comentó al Católico de Kentucky Occidental.

Pero no todas las diócesis podían hacer el compromiso financiero, entonces el Obispo McRaith permitió al Comité de Soñar con un Campamento a seguir por su propia cuenta.

Unos años más tarde, después de la

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búsqueda de un terreno perfecto, los miembros del comité visitaron a lo que ahora es el Campamento Católico Juvenil y Centro de Retiros del Río Gasper.

“Recuerdo el día que (fuimos por primera vez),” dijo Charlie Hardesty, director del ministerio de adolescentes en la Parroquia Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson, y uno de los miembros del Comité de Soñar con un Campamento.

Hardesty dijo que era un “día horrible” por la lluvia fuerte pero que cuando salieron atrás de lo que ahora es la Cabaña McRaith, “y vimos este río y pensamos ‘guau.’”

“Nuestra reacción inicial fue que este lugar podría ser muy especial,” dijo. “Fue un sentimiento tan increíble que algo que habíamos esperado y rezado tanto realmente iba a pasar.”

El 8 de Junio del 2007, el Obispo McRaith; directora de administración la Hermana Joseph Angela Boone, OSU; Warrell y Prunty asistieron la compra de la propiedad de Bowling Green.

## El Primer Verano

Warrell pudo convertirse en empleado diocesano y el director del campamento gracias a una beca de Catholic Extension. Esta beca se creó para proyectos en honor al Papa Juan Pablo II y su pasión por la evangelización y la naturaleza.

Las dos primeras semanas de capacitación del personal en 2008 fue “súper intensivo,” dijo Warrell. Hoy día el entrenamiento del personal sigue siendo riguroso y incluye cursos en las actividades de aventuras al aire libre, ser salvavidas, primeros auxilios y RCP.

Además, por el hecho de que fue el primer año del campamento: “El personal del primer año siem-

pre serán héroes para mí,” dijo Warrell.

Debido al presupuesto pequeño que no tenía dinero para materiales promocionales, Warrell dijo que un obstáculo grande del primer año fue “intentar correr la voz sobre el campamento – dejando saber que, ‘joye, estamos aquí!’”

“Estoy orgulloso de cómo corrió la voz de boca a boca,” dijo.

Hardesty, quien había trabajado con Warrell en otros campamentos juveniles en el pasado, se hizo miembro de la mesa directiva de Gasper y ayudó entrenar el personal aquel primer verano.

“Si no fuera por los sueños absolutamente implacables de Melinda Prunty, nunca se hubiera hecho esto,” dijo Hardesty. “Ella fue la primera persona que dijo ‘podemos hacer esto.’”

## Un “pegamento” espiritual

“Por Divina Providencia muchas cosas se acomodaron,” citó el Diácono Matthew Keyser, quien sirve en la Parroquia de Santo Espíritu en Bowling Green. Él también fue parte de la primera mesa directiva de Gasper, y su hijo Adán fue parte del personal por cinco veranos.

El Diácono Keyser dijo que antes “un niño de Paducah nunca conocía un niño de Bowling Green.”

Pero Gasper ha proveído la oportunidad para adolescentes a través de la diócesis hacerse amigos y crecer en su fe juntos.

“Es un pegamento maravilloso para nuestros adolescentes para mantenerlos juntos en Cristo,” dijo, llamando a la experiencia del campamento “es un compartir en algo más grande que uno mismo.”

Él ha escuchado de varias historias de “adolescentes que han podido evangelizar a sus padres,” como uno de los padres le dijo, “mi hijo me ha guiado de regreso a la Iglesia debido a los campamentos.”

“Estas son las historias más significativas para mí,” dijo el Diácono Keyser.

## Siendo testigos de milagros

Prunty dijo que Gasper ha sido “mucho más de lo que yo podía imaginar.”

“De una forma fue mi bebé con mucho orgullo y alegría,” dijo, añadiendo que Dios “proveyó la persona indicada para ser el director” en Warrell.

Dijo que está muy agradecida por el liderazgo del Obispo William F. Medley, quien siguió animando y apoyando a la misión de Gasper cuando llegó después de la jubilación del Obispo McRaith en 2009.

“Ha sido una jornada increíble,” dijo Prunty, agregando que su nieto pudo asistir a Gasper por la primera vez este año. “Es genial poder hacer esta conexión con la familia.”

Warrell mencionó que la mentalidad de Gasper es que “estamos aquí para servir la Diócesis de Owensboro.”

“Cada semana puedes ver un milagro,” dijo. “Es alentador y me hace sentir humilde ver cómo Dios trabaja en los adolescentes de esta manera.”

Warrell dijo que al término de la primera década, espera con ansias ver cómo Dios seguirá haciendo a Gasper “un lugar donde los adolescentes pueden crecer en Cristo.”

“Espero que estemos haciendo el trabajo preparativo para décadas por venir,” dijo Warrell. “Estoy emocionado de ver hacia dónde nos llevará Dios.”

*Para aprender más sobre Gasper, ver cómo inscribirse a un campamento o hacer una donación, visita a [gasperriv-erretreatcenter.org](http://gasperriv-erretreatcenter.org)*



## ‘No una minoría’ – Sacerdote local celebra Misa en la Fiesta de Santa Lucía

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL



El P. Jamie Dennis sonríe mientras celebra la Misa el 13 de Diciembre para la fiesta de Santa Lucía en la capilla de la Catedral de San Patricio. Foto por cortesía de Donald Salvato, Sociedad Javeriana por los Ciegos.

El Padre Jamie Dennis llamó la Misa del 13 de Diciembre del 2016 en la capilla de la Catedral de San Patricio en la Ciudad de Nueva York, “la situ-

ación más singular que había experimentado.”

“Fue la primera vez que estuve en un lugar con tantas personas ciegas,” dijo el Padre Dennis, quien es vicario parroquial de la Catedral de San Esteban y la Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento en Owensboro. Él también es ciego.

La ocasión trajo a Católicos de a través de los Estados Unidos en honor a la fiesta de Santa Lucía el 13 de diciembre, quien es la santa patrona de los ciegos y los visualmente discapacitados.

El Padre Dennis mencionó que había “muchos tropiezos mientras todos buscaban sus asientos – pero no nos daba vergüenza porque todos sabíamos cómo si siente. No fue incómodo ni vergonzoso.”

“Fue liturgia – fluyó bien,” dijo.

La Misa fue patrocinada por la Sociedad Javeriana por los Ciegos, la cual provee materiales religiosos gratis en baile y audio para los ciegos y los visualmente discapacitados. La Sociedad Javeriana también provee los textos de la Misa al P. Dennis y otros sacerdotes ciegos o visualmente discapacitados.

El P. Dennis explicó que antes de su ordenación sacerdotal en Mayo 2016, la Sociedad Javeriana le había preguntado si le gustaría celebrar la Misa de Santa Lucía. El P. Dennis confesó que en el torbellino de la planificación para su ordenación, se olvidó de la Misa decembrina – hasta que recibió un recordatorio hace unas semanas.

De una vez que el rector de la Catedral, El P. Jerry Riney, le dio permiso de ir, el P. Dennis se embarcó

en un tren con el seminarista Chris Kight, parroquianos de la catedral Terry Brown y Brenda Clark y los amigos de niñez del P. Dennis Anna Rose y Charlie Singleton.

El P. Dennis pensó que ni siquiera 10 personas llegarían a la Misa, pero la capilla se llenó con casi 50 personas.

“Prediqué sobre ser gente de balance,” dijo sobre su homilía, explicando que algunas personas ciegas quieren que alguien les haga todo, y otras no quieren ninguna ayuda. Enfatizó “no tener miedo pedir ayuda, y también ser independientes.”

Después de la Misa el P. Dennis bendijo la gente con reliquias de Santa Lucía y San Francisco Javier, lo cual dijo que fue muy conmovedor: “Fue tan hermoso sostener la reliquia y sentir las personas tocarla.”

El P. Dennis dijo que estaba agradecido que sus amigos de Kentucky le pudieron acompañar en el viaje, y Kight estaba de acuerdo.

“El P. Jamie es la primera persona con quien había trabajado con alguna discapacidad,” dijo Kight. “Pude entender mejor la pastoral a personas con discapacidades.”

Ahora de regreso en Owensboro, el P. Dennis comentó que continuará procesar la experiencia.

“Fue el primer momento de mi vida hasta ahora que no sentí cómo una minoría,” dijo.

# Los parroquianos del Condado de Todd celebran la iniciación de obras para la Iglesia de San Francisco de Asís

POR ELIZBAETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL



Los que participaron en la ceremonia de iniciación de obras fueron, (de la izquierda a la derecha), Feliciano Pacheco, Joe Meyer (contratista), Consuelo Aguilar, Obispo William F. Medley, Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez, Jean Todd, Lillian Riley, Dorothy Slack. Foto por Tina Kasey/Oficina de Comunicaciones

Los vientos helados de unos 20 grados no pararon al grupo de parroquianos de San Francisco de Asís, y unos amigos, mientras se pararon en un campo abierto en el Condado de Todd el 8 de Diciembre del 2016.

Fue la iniciación de obras para la futura iglesia de San Francisco de Asís.

Los que se juntaron cantaron varias estrofas de “For the Beauty of the Earth” y después el Obispo William F. Medley abrió la ceremonia de iniciación de obras con la Señal de la Cruz.

“Este es un día de mucha alegría,” dijo, y un día

para continuar dando gracias a Dios “por hacer este día posible.”

En el 2015, la Iglesia de Santa María y San Santiago en Guthrie se quemó debido a un fuego del sistema eléctrico. Aquella parroquia, junta con la parroquia vecina de Santa Susana en Elkton, se había crecido más grande que los edificios, y antes del fuego estaban hablando de la necesidad de tener lugares más grandes para el culto.

Después del fuego, los parroquianos decidieron explorar la idea de juntarse, y la Parroquia San Francisco de Asís fue establecida el 24 de Marzo del 2016,

lo cual también fue el Jueves Santo. La propiedad para la nueva iglesia fue donada por la familia Slack, quienes eran parroquianos de la iglesia de Guthrie.

Fue significativo que el 8 de diciembre del 2016 también fue un día importante en la Iglesia Católica: la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción.

El Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez, coordinador de la vida parroquial de San Francisco, leyó el pasaje del Evangelio de Mateo en lo cual Pedro confiesa que Jesús es el Mesías, y Jesús declara que Pedro es la piedra en la cual edificará su Iglesia.

Después del Evangelio, el Obispo Medley dijo en broma que había preparado una homilía de 40 minutos, pero talvez se debe esperar hasta “que hayan cuatro paredes y una techo que nos cubra.”

El obispo explicó que el lugar donde se colocó el crucifijo será el lugar aproximado del altar en la nueva iglesia.

Él dijo que hay que pensar en el futuro lugar, “donde llevaremos nuestros simples dones de pan y vino cualquier y con la fe, pero sobre todo con la bondad de Dios y acción de Dios, aquel pan y vino cualquier se convertirán en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo.”

Dijo que la creencia Cristiana que Jesucristo fundó la Iglesia es “la razón que hacemos locuras como pararnos en un campo abierto un día en diciembre.”

“Este día, como todos los días, es una manifestación de la bondad de Dios,” expresó.



## Parroquias con Misas en Español

### Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

13th & Madison Streets, Beaver Dam, KY 42320  
Contacto: Padre Juan René (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 Francisco de Asis, Elkton

Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

Misa en Guthrie, KY - 6:00 p.m.

221 Allensville Street, Elkton, KY 42220  
Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335  
o Roberto Cruz (270) 498-8559

### 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 Julio Barrera (270) 885-8522 o Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

### Parroquia San José, Leitchfield

Cada 2do y 4to Domingos de Mes 10:30 p.m.

109 West Walnut Street, Leitchfield KY 42754  
Contacto: Padre Steve Hohman (270) 784-1520

### 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: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

### Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071  
Contacto: Padre Eugene Batungbacal (270) 753-3876

### Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303  
Contacto: Hermana Pilar Hinojosa (706) 936-3525

### Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

3er. Jueves de Mes 8:30 a.m. (Capilla Hospital de Lourdes)

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: Hermana Patricia Sullivan, OP (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



## Ayúdanos a construir San Francisco de Asis

“Catholic Extension” ha lanzado un retador subsidio en ayuda a la construcción del nuevo templo parroquial en el condado de Todd. Catholic Extension igualará al 1x1 hasta \$50.000 de cualquier cantidad de donaciones recibidas en efectivo hacia el proyecto hasta el 1 de Diciembre del 2017. Para mayor información contacte el departamento de misiones de Catholic Extension (312) 795-6095 o [mission@catholicextension.org](mailto:mission@catholicextension.org).

# Forty years later, TEC revitalized for new generation

BY SHARRIE CINNAMOND, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Forty years ago our youth ministers were looking for a program, a way of reaching the teens that could make a difference in their lives. That's when TEC, Teens Encounter Christ, was introduced into the diocese.

TEC is a three-day retreat for older adolescents and young adults. It focuses on the Paschal Mystery: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. In the following years it grew into a dynamic program affecting the lives of many young people and the adults who were part of the program. Through the years approximately 5,500 youth have experienced the weekend and many vocations to the priesthood, religious life and married life have come from TEC.

TEC is still a part of the youth ministry efforts in the diocese. Recently members of the Core Team, the governing body for the program, and other interested adults gathered at Gasper River Camp and Retreat Center for a two-day workshop. The goal was to reignite the flame, to inspire each other to reach out to those in our diocese who have experienced the weekend and invite them to become active again.

Adults of all ages are needed as mentors for our youth, as team members on the weekend, and as a support group for follow-up after the TEC weekend. Adults of all ages can be role models and compan-



This archived photo from October 1976 depicts TEC #2 in the Diocese of Owensboro, which was held in Paducah. Photo courtesy of Sharrie Cinnamond.

ions to our young people if they are willing to give some time and become involved again. In the following months a real effort will be made to reach out to those who made TEC and invite them to become active members of the community. If you are interested, you can contact Sharrie or Bob Cinnamond at (270) 233-1510, sharriecinnamond@gmail.com; Diane McIntyre at (270) 970-3241, hicksdiane@yahoo.com; or Taylor Ballard at (270) 562-2132, ballard\_taylor@hotmail.com.

*Sharrie Cinnamond attends St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Whitesville.*



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# Cursillo de Cursillos three-day retreat takes place at Mount

BY MARY HAGAN, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

A Cursillo de Cursillos three-day retreat was held at Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center on Dec. 14, 2016. Our national English coordinator, Cef Aguilion, and the five-member team – Bruce Bonenberger, James Wells, Deacon Andy Carillo, Angie Feltz and Sharon Essner – gave us the charism, essence and purpose of Cursillo.

Founded by Eduardo Bonnin, our Cursillo in Christianity has the charism (gift from God) of “Proclaiming the best news of the best reality; that God, in Jesus Christ, loves us; communicated by the best

means; which is friendship; and directed towards the best of each one; which is the person; his capacity of Conviction, Decision, and Constancy.” (Leader’s Manual, pg. 16).

Living and sharing what is fundamental to being Christian is done in Cursillo by three encounters – with self, Christ and with others. These three encounters are discovered on our three-day Cursillo. The essence of Cursillo is Jesus Christ, the Person, and Friendship. The synonyms for essence are substance, spirit, lifeblood, heart, principle, soul and

core.

Our purpose is to evangelize those in our environment of work, play, home and Church. We do this by making a friend, being a friend and bringing that friend to Christ. We ask prayers of all Cursillistas for help in our daily lives of remembering the charism, essence and purpose of Cursillo.

*Mary Hagan is the lay director of the Diocese of Owensboro’s Cursillo movement. To learn more, contact her at (270) 240-4778 or haganm95@yahoo.com.*



Pictured are left to right, front row: Anne Detten, Sister Mary Mathias Ward, Teresa Krampe, Martha Wheatley, Bettie Stone, Donna Nichols, Ginny Bonenberger, Pat Williams and Debbie Noggle; second row: Cef Aguilion, Kim Haire, Carrie Wheatley, Donna Howard, Charles Krampe, Mary Lee, Julie Tiell, Teresa Westerfield, Angie Feltz, Sharon Essner, Mary Hagan, Cathy Hack; third row: Deacon Andy Carillo, Kelley Wheatley, Charlotte Hedges, Scott Elliott, Becky Will, Denis Wheatley, Felicia Elliott, Bruce Bonenberger, Fr. Tom Buckman, James Wells and Cecelia Hamilton. Not pictured but attending is Sister Elaine Burke.

# Seminary, a place for discernment

BY FR. JASON MCCLURE, OFFICE OF VOCATIONS



A vocation is both a call and a response. Many are called, but few choose to answer. The call comes from God but as is characteristic of his love for us, God does not compel any of us beyond our own free will. Whether or not we respond to that call

is our choice. The realization of our vocation and so therefore the fulfillment of our inherent desire for peace, love, and joy, is dependent upon both the call from God, and our courageous assent to that call.

The question I ask many young men as I have the opportunity to speak about vocations throughout the diocese is, “Do you believe God may be calling you to serve him as a priest in the Catholic Church?” There are many faith-filled men who have asked or who are currently asking this question. The good news is that the vocations office has many resources available for assisting men in discerning their vocation and responding to their specific call from God.

I remember the late Fr. Charles Fischer once saying to me, “The seminary is not a place you go to become a priest. It is a place you go to find out if God is calling you to be a priest.” I received these words with a great deal of relief. I was among the many who assumed that if you went to seminary, you had

already made the decision to be ordained. That decision doesn’t come until many years later and after a comprehensive discernment and formation process.

Our God works in some very strange and often mysterious ways. In the prophet Isaiah we read: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8-9). He also uses ordinary human means to invite persons to follow him. Any man who thinks God might be calling him to be a priest should consider seminary. The seminary is the best place for truly discerning His will for you.

The seminary is equipped with the personnel and tools necessary for helping men clarify and deepen their discernment of God’s will. For those who enter into seminary college, the process is eight years (four college and four theology) and for those who have graduated college, a pre-theology program is two years, in addition to the four years of theology, for an additional six years beyond college. In the Diocese of Owensboro, this process is currently accompanied by a pastoral internship year. Upon completion of the seminary program, graduates will have a bachelor’s degree and a master of divinity degree.

Along with academics, the formation program includes the discernment process of prayer and spiri-

tual direction. Each seminarian is assigned a spiritual director, who helps him discern the Holy Spirit’s work in his life and whether or not he is being called to Holy Orders. Perhaps most importantly, the seminary helps the seminarian become a man of prayer so that whether or not he is called to serve the Lord as a priest, husband and father, or in the single state, he will be better equipped to call others to prayer by his own example.


Following a very thorough application process, once a young man is accepted into seminary, it is never a waste. The formation he receives, even if he discerns that God is not calling him to priesthood, will prepare him to serve the Lord as a more faithful Christian man wherever God is calling him.

If you believe that God might be calling you to serve him as a priest in the Catholic Church, contact the vocations office and let us assist you with your prayer and discernment. If you know someone who you think might have a vocation to priesthood, pray for him and encourage him to contact us. Going to seminary is not a decision to become a priest. It is first and foremost a place to discern whether or not God is calling you to be a priest.

*Fr. Jason McClure serves as director of the Office of Vocations and vicar for clergy in the Diocese of Owensboro.*

Contact the Office of Vocations

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## Paducah freshman provide afghans for needy

The St. Mary High School freshmen religion class (left) spent their first semester learning to crochet and then used that skill to serve others by making baby afghans for use by Hope Unlimited, a family care center in Paducah. Through this act of service, more than 30 blankets were made for families in need. Photo courtesy of Ashley Wright.

## Youth and adults work together for homeless

The first Homeless Mat Workshop to turn plastic bags into sleeping mats for the homeless took place on Nov. 12, 2016, at the Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Ursuline Associate Brenda Semar led the instruction, and among her pupils were Ursuline Sisters, Mount St. Joseph Academy alumnae and Young Daughters of St. Angela (Y-DOSA) from Whitesville.



Pictured above are Y-DOSA leader Doreen Abbott, Makenna Greenwell, Paige Crabtree, Kat Hibbitt, Maggie Foster, instructor Brenda Semar, helper Suzanne Reiss, Lydia Lambert, Silva Stauffer, Mary Hardesty, co-leader Julie Foster and helper Carol Hill. Photo courtesy of Mount St. Joseph.



Melinda Prunty, front row, third from left, poses for a picture with the other winners of the NFCYM Regional Ministry Award in San Jose, Calif. in December 2016. Photo courtesy of Joe Bland.

## Former youth ministry director receives Regional Ministry award from NFCYM

Melinda Prunty, a parishioner of St. Joseph Parish in Central City and former director of the Office of Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro, recently received the Regional Ministry award from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM).

A press release from the NFCYM stated that Prunty was, "instrumental in making the diocesan camp and retreat center a reality, and was the first diocesan director in the country to apply for and receive national certification for diocesan youth ministry leaders. She has served on the NFCYM Certification Commission for more than 10 years and is now a mentor to others seeking national certification."

After transitioning out of her 19-year role as Youth Ministry director, Prunty ran for and was elected as a Kentucky state representative to represent the people of Muhlenberg County and part of Hopkins County.



## ODYC 2016 draws 451

The Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference (ODYC) was held on Nov. 18-19, 2016 and drew 451 participants this year. The conference, whose 2016 theme was "rich in mercy" included opportunities for Mass, confession, breakout sessions and time to meet youth from around the diocese. This year's keynote speakers were Katie Prejean McGrady of Louisiana and Paul J. Kim of California. Bishop William F. Medley presided at the closing Mass that Sunday.



Bishop Medley presides at ODYC 2016's closing Mass. Photo by Laura Clarke/Office of Communications.



Adoration is a key component of every ODYC. Photo by Laura Clarke/Office of Communications.

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# January Wedding Anniversaries

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## **Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

Steven & Leanne Payne, 25  
Robert & Dena Montgomery, 62

## **Holy Guardian Angel, Irvington**

Ted & Barbara Brown, 59

## **Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson**

Fred & Cleo Brown, 51  
James & Sharon Drury, 55  
Fred & Sue Hagan, 50  
Guy & Frances Hogan, 55  
Jerry & Charlotte Hopf, 58  
Joey & Amy Jameson, 5  
Steve & Barbara McChesney, 25  
Daniel & Cathy Roberts, 40  
Dennis & Nancy Schneider, 25  
Chris & Kathy Young, 40

## **Holy Spirit, Bowling Green**

Harry & Constance Lagen, 57  
George & Barbara Powers, 57  
Basil & Joann Jones, 56

## **Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

John R. & Betty Brown, 55

## **Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro**

Aaron & Sarah Bullington, 5  
Michael & Karen Gross, 25  
Phillip & Debbie Bell, 40  
Ken & Charlene Ackerman, 58  
Joseph R. & Frances Millay, 56  
James P. & Connie Hayden 58  
James & Lillian Bowlds, 58  
William & Suzanne Blandford, 54  
Anthony & Mae Kamalich, 55

## **Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro**

Thomas D. & Laura Powers, 25  
George & Marsha Ballard, 52  
Phillip & June D. Bell, 56

Melvin & Lois Connor, 60  
Charles & Mary Bonnie Gray, 60  
Jack & Wanda Hufnagel, 68  
Gary & Mary Carol Jackson, 53  
John W. & Barbara Montgomery, 53

Hal & Eleanor Renshaw, 60

## **Precious Blood, Owensboro**

Charles & Ann Connor, 59  
Doug & Betty Howard, 62  
James & Evelyn Mattingly, 64  
Mike & Cloe Thompson, 57

## **Rosary Chapel, Paducah**

John & Roslin Dumas, 53  
David & Linda Stiles, 57

## **St. Agnes, Uniontown**

Hamel & Rose Floyd, 64

## **St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph**

David & Sharon Thompson, 52

## **St. Ambrose Parish**

Joseph & Joan Sheffer, 59 years

## **St. Anthony, Browns Valley**

Norbert & Helen Rose Smith, 59

## **St. Benedict, Wax**

Billie & Juanita Meredith, 56  
Glenn & Carol Otis, 25

## **St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis**

Jerry & Brenda Stevens, 51

## **St. Francis de Sales, Paducah**

Francis M. & Judith Taylor, 53  
Keith & Judy Walker, 57  
Michael J. & Ester Shoulta, 57  
W. J. & Norma Word, 66

## **St. Henry, Aurora**

Paul & Roberta Herman, 54

## **St. Jerome, Fancy Farm**

Joseph & Pearl Stahr, 60  
Charles & Shirley Rowe, 59  
Conrad & Rozella Spalding, 61

## **St. John the Evangelist, Paducah**

Michael & Shirley Poat, 52  
Albert & Joyce Wurth, 57

## **St. Joseph, Bowling Green**

Mario & Berta Escobar, 5  
Jonathan & Alexandra Wise, 10  
Shawn & Patricia Monroe, 10  
Robert & Sandra Gasperetti, 51  
Raymond & Helen Grudzielanek, 68

## **St. Joseph, Mayfield**

Denny & Nancy Hargorve, 54  
James & Wanda Warner, 57  
James & Frankie Riley, 58

## **St. Joseph, Leitchfield**

Donnie & Melissa King, 10

## **St. Leo, Murray**

Jorge Alvarado & Hortencia Aguilar Corona, 10

## **St. Martin, Rome**

Donald & Vivian Fischer, 64

## **St. Mary, Franklin**

Frank & Marie Farmer, 58

## **St. Mary, LaCenter**

Michael & Dawn Alvarado, 10

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

Harold & Jan Clements, 59

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

Rusty & Dana Cox, 25  
James & Barbara Hunt, 40  
Bill & Katie Christian, 57  
Dan & Sue Howard, 58

## **St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove**

Norman & Elizabeth Vandal, 60

## **St. Paul, Leitchfield**

Bill & Rita Allen, 40

## **St. Paul, Princeton**

Michael & Anne Laughlin, 55

## **St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley**

Kenneth & Martha Pendleton, 56  
James & Patty Settles, 57  
Jerome & Bonnie Blair, 50  
William & Lillian Young, 63  
James & Mary Keller, 60

## **St. Peter, Waverly**

Kristopher & Kimberly Vinson, 10  
George & Rita Gayle Nelson, 58

## **St. Pius X, Calvert City**

Derwood and Pat Doyle, 57

## **St. Pius X, Owensboro**

Jason & Laura Mattingly, 10  
Tim & Becky Pedley, 40  
Leon & Cecilia Aud, 54  
Francis & Betty A. Haynes, 54

## **St. Romuald, Hardinsburg**

Mack & Dolores Mattingly, 58  
Jimmy & Mary Rita Whitworth, 58  
Logan & Judy Tivitt, 52

## **St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport**

Bill & Bonnie Hawkins, 53  
David & Rita Taul, 25

## **St. Stephen, Cadiz**

William & Maxine Hobbs, 56

## **St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro**

William F. & Cecelia McCarty, 40  
J. C. & Barbara Knott, 50  
James R. & Mary Ann Clouse, 57  
Audie & Sue Cooper, 52  
Donald H. & Carol Ralph, 51

## **St. Thomas More, Paducah**

Ray & Amy Lane, 40  
George & Becky Hanrahan, 50  
Bernie & Connie Herrmann, 64

## **St. William, Knottsville**

Gary & Becky Roberts, 25  
Patrick & Rose Meserve, 51

## **Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville**

John & Olivia Dobbins, 5  
Don & Maxine Hobbs, 56  
Levi & Margaret Peterson, 58

## Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky

Tickets selling fast for this February 11, 2017 event. Visit [kycatholic.org](http://kycatholic.org) to purchase yours today. Guest speakers include Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Robert Rogers and Fr. Larry Richards.

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## Events at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

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**Feb. 7** - Sister Ruth Gehres - *Language: Gift and Mystery*

**March 7** - Sister Vivian Bowles - *Belief and Expectations*

**April 4** - Sister Amelia Stenger - *The*

*Environment and Our Health*

**May 2** - Sister Mary Matthias Ward - *Mary, The Mother of God...The Mother of the Church*

**June 6** - Sister Ann McGrew - *Mandalas*

**July 11** - Sister Marietta Wethington - *Centering Prayer*

**Aug. 1** - Sister Ann McGrew - *Lectio Divina*