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## A Word from Bishop Medley

My dear people of God,

In August and September, the Catholic Church in the United States was sent reeling by three successive scandals. First, there was a shameful report in Pennsylvania that revealed the Church had failed to protect children from child sexual abuse for decades. It was small comfort that the evidence demonstrated the problem was virtually eradicated after the 2002 actions of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Secondly, the appalling story of the misconduct of the retired Archbishop of Washington, Theodore McCarrick, was revealed and questions were legitimately posed as to how this man advanced in the Church hierarchy while seemingly exploiting both youth and young adults. The third and final scandal involved allegations from the former Vatican nuncio that high ranking officials within the Church had been aware of McCarrick's be-

havior and not acted.

In response to these scandals, I set out to listen to the people of our diocese, scheduling four listening sessions across the diocese. I have had very positive experiences in listening sessions held before the 2015 Synod on the Family and the 2018 Synod on Youth and Vocational Discernment. Approximately 330 people attended these recent sessions held in Owensboro, Bowling Green, Hopkinsville, and Paducah.

The conversations in these sessions largely mirrored what we are following in the national media. Catholics are angry, saddened, and confused by the unthinkable sin of priests abusing children and by the failure for so long of our nation's bishops to adequately confront the problem and effectively offer healing to victims.

In the October 2018 issue of *The Western Kentucky Catholic*, we published a statistical profile of the history of this scandal in our diocese. This publication has

understandably helped many victims who had not previously reported their experiences to come forward. In some cases, these victims only wanted to be acknowledged. In other cases, they were asking for counseling assistance to further their healing. In all cases, they wanted to be assured that the Church is acting responsibly now and that we do everything we can to prevent anyone else

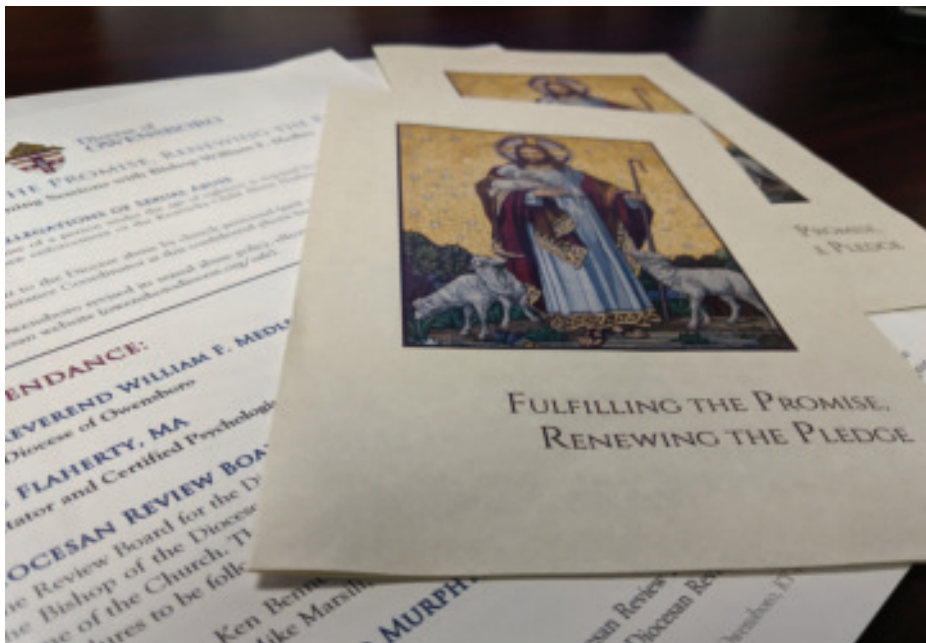
from being harmed.

The statistics published are humiliating to us all. As bishop, I can review again and again some of the decisions made, certainly prior to 1980, and must admit that I will never understand how, in some cases, the abuse continued even after being identified. Yes, there were often testimonies from psychologists and mental health professionals attesting that an offender had been adequately treated and could therefore safely resume public ministry. Yes, it is true that most cases ever reported have been reported decades after the abuse and oftentimes after the abuser was deceased. No matter how you look at the story, it is a story of terrible sin.

The participants in the listening sessions were good and faithful Catholics who want their Church to be authentically the People of God witnessing to the saving deeds of Jesus Christ. Though angry and disillusioned, they were not people giving up on the Catholic faith or the Catholic Church. Many assumed that because most priest abusers were never prosecuted, the Church continues to cover up allegations. While that may have been valid in decades past, since 2002 the Diocese of Owensboro reports every report of abuse – even those dating back to the 1940s and those where the accused priests are long dead.

While we still receive historic cases of sexual abuse reported long after the victim is an adult, we have received reports from four victims since 2002 where the victims were reporting as a child or underage youth. All four of these were reported to child welfare enforcement authorities, and the two priests identified have been permanently suspended from any public ministry and will not again have any priestly assignment. One important point made to me is that even in these cases

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we have not done a good enough job of accounting to the people. Clearly this has resulted in some believing that the priests involved have not been treated justly. I will consult with the Diocesan Review Board about

ways we can better give an accounting to the public and still protect the identity of victims.

With the conclusion of the local listening sessions, I felt better prepared to participate in the November meeting of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops where the bishops were to concretely address the concerns. The bishops were to discuss standards of conduct for bishops (responding to the McCarrick scandal), and to identify a process whereby allegations of misconduct by bishops could be reported. I felt like I had heard the voices of the people of our diocese and thus was ready to add my voice to these discussions.

The bishops' meeting in Baltimore opened with an announcement from our conference president that the Vatican, specifically the Congregation for Bishops, had asked that the U.S. Conference delay any decisive actions until after the February 2019 meeting of conference presidents from around the world for which Pope Francis has called. I was speechless. The conference membership was shocked. There were vocal protests from some bishops that the Vatican was tying the hands of the American bishops to address our crisis in a timely fashion. I agreed and still agree.

But I am pleased that our discussion about these issues did unfold. There is broad consensus among the bishops about the need for standards of conduct for bishops and a reporting system where people can voice concerns about a bishop's personal conduct or his mismanagement of cases. (It is for another article I suppose, but when we propose standards for conduct, I begin by asking, "Can we simply begin with the Ten Commandments?")

It is not my responsibility to put a "spin" on actions of the Vatican. But allow me to offer some reflections on the Vatican's intervention after a few days of

thought. As American Catholics (people and priests and bishops), we sometimes believe that an American issue must always be the most important issue for the universal Church. Can we allow that the Vatican is challenging us to listen to the larger Church and consider our issues in a broader context? At the same time, we know that bishops from some parts of the world insist that child sexual abuse is unknown in their cultures. Knowing that we are dealing with human sickness and evil, perhaps our American tragedy can inform other nations and cultures to acknowledge problems they have yet to admit they have. In other words, can the catholic (small "c") church, catholic meaning universal, benefit from input from around the world? Can we as Americans humbly acknowledge that others may inform us in important ways?

One might say that our resolutions are on hold. I certainly wish that the USCCB had left our meeting last month with concrete and measurable results. But I still feel hope. That hope is grounded in the good work the U.S. bishops accomplished in the adoption of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. That hope is grounded in the statistics that show that the incidence of reported sexual abuse of children by Catholic clergy has been reduced by more than 90 percent.

Above all, that hope is grounded in confidence in the promise of Jesus that he would be with us always, even to the end of time. ■



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

## BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR DECEMBER 2018

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| <b>DEC 4</b>  | <b>"The Art of Accompaniment" Discipleship Event</b> – Ballard Convention Center, Madisonville   |
| <b>DEC 5</b>  | <b>Catholic Conference of Kentucky Meeting</b> – Louisville  |
| <b>DEC 6</b>  | <b>9 a.m.   Mass</b> – Owensboro Catholic Schools K-3 Campus, Owensboro  |
| <b>DEC 8</b>  | <b>9 a.m.   Mass &amp; Farewell Reception for Deacon Dirck Curry</b> – St. Stephen Cathedral<br><b>5 p.m.   Mass For the 150th Anniversary of the Church</b> – St. Mary Parish, Franklin |
| <b>DEC 10</b> | <b>6 p.m.   Theology on Tap</b> – Fetta Pizza, Owensboro   |
| <b>DEC 11</b> | <b>8 a.m.   Mass</b> – St. Mary of the Woods Elementary School, Whitesville  |
| <b>DEC 12</b> | <b>5:30 p.m.   Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> – SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville  |
| <b>DEC 13</b> | <b>5 p.m.   Presentation on Advent</b> – Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount   |
| <b>DEC 15</b> | <b>6 p.m.   Living and Leading with Love (L3)</b> – Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount  |
| <b>DEC 17</b> | <b>10 a.m.   Priest Personnel Meeting</b> – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC)<br><b>1:30 p.m.   Priest Council Meeting</b> – MCC   |
| <b>DEC 18</b> | <b>8 a.m.   Mass</b> – SS. Peter and Paul School, Hopkinsville   |
| <b>DEC 21</b> | <b>9 a.m.   MCC Mass, Staff Breakfast, and Service Project</b>   |

# Abuse victims challenge U.S. bishops to confront problems

BY CHRISTINE ROUSSELLE, CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

Baltimore, Md. (CNA/EWTN News) - Two victims of clerical sexual abuse addressed members of the Nov. 12-14, 2018 U.S. bishops' General Assembly on Monday and shared how the bishops' action, or inaction, on the abuse crisis has shaped their lives.

Teresa Pitt Green, who identified herself a survivor of childhood sexual abuse by multiple priests, spoke first. She detailed how the abuse she suffered led her to leave the Church, but she has since returned as she believes steps have been taken better to ensure child safety.

"My story is only one story, and my healing is only one healing," she said Nov. 12. She considers herself to be one of the "lucky ones," as her family stood by her after she revealed her abuse. Despite this, she said her family was "bruised" by her abuse and suffered deeply as a result.

Abuse victims are portrayed as the "damaged goods of our age," and often suffer from drug addictions, problems with relationships, and other mental health issues, she said.

Green did, however, offer praise for the work done by the bishops in order to ensure that Catholic environments are safe for children. She noted that while child sexual abuse continues today, it is "very unlikely" that the abuse is occurring in Catholic institutions.

"I'm not saying there's not enormous improve-

ments, but I'm saying you've permitted me to come back to the Church," she said.

"From the bottom of my heart, I can't thank you enough."

Green said that her heart was "full of forgiveness," and that her heart was full as she had found her savior in the Lord. Even after doing 12-step programs, reading self-help books, and attending therapy sessions, she found she still needed a savior.

She was, however, extremely critical of some of the bishops present, saying that "the Lord has cried more tears on his cross because of some decisions that some of you have made."

"I don't know how you bear it. My heart breaks. And I will continue to pray for you," she added.

Luis A. Torres, Jr., a victim of clerical sexual abuse as a teen, spoke after Green. Torres, a native of Brooklyn, is a former altar boy, and said that he "truly experienced God's love" in his early life. He attended Catholic schools, and that he "was always surrounded by the most wonderful, giving, holy people."

These people were "deserving of my trust. Except for my abuser."

The priest who abused him acted in a manner that was "inconsistent with everything I have learned about God."

While many abuse survivors turn to drugs or other forms of self-medication, Torres instead pursued higher education and law school. He said these ac-

complishments served as a sort of "armor" against his feelings of pain from being abused.

"Abuse of a child is the closest that you can get to murder and still possibly have a breathing body," he said. Abuse, especially from a trusted figure, "mortally wound(s) the spirit and soul of that child," especially if the abuser is a priest.

Torres took a more critical look on the status quo of the Church than Green, saying that he believed that "the heart of the Church is broken, and (the bishops) need to fix this, now." He was critical at how the Church sometimes views victims of abuse as "money grubbers" or people out to cause trouble.

"We need to do better," he said, adding that abuse survivors should not be viewed as "adversaries," "liabilities," or even "scary."

The words and actions of the bishop have caused victims harm, he said, and have helped to drive them from the Church. He said that he expected "better" from the bishops, and that he still expects them to behave better.

What the Church needs now, Torres said, was for the bishops to work to inspire Catholics with their action, "which is needed right now," and not in the coming months.

He reminded the bishops that their initial calling was not to be a CEO or an administrator, or prince, but rather to be a priest. He implored them to "be the priests that you were called to be."

"Please, act now, be better." ■

# Cardinal DiNardo hopeful for Church in U.S.

BY CHRISTINE ROUSSELLE, CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

Baltimore, Md. (CNA/EWTN News) - Acknowledging that he was disappointed by the Vatican's decision to block a vote on sex abuse reform measures, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston said Wednesday he nonetheless sees a hopeful future for the Church in the United States.

In the closing statement of the USCCB's Fall General Assembly Nov. 14, the president of the conference focused on the upcoming meeting of bishops' conference presidents in Rome, and hopes that the discussions there among representatives of the global Church will assist with the continued "eradication" of sexual abuse in the Church.

DiNardo offered praise for the various abuse victim testimony and abuse experts throughout the week, saying that they had given him direction and "such good counsel in these last few days."

In the wake of the allegations against Archbishop Theodore McCarrick, DiNardo reiterated how over the summer, the bishops committed themselves to three goals: an investigation of the claims against McCarrick, developing an easier way to report abuse, and developing a means of holding bishops accountable.

"We are on course to accomplish these goals," DiNardo told the crowd of bishops.

"That is the direction you and the survivors of abuse have given me."

DiNardo then proceeded to outline some of the "action steps" the bishops hope to take in the coming future. These include the creation of a process for complaints that are reported to a third-party com-



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Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston addresses the USCCB autumn General Assembly in Baltimore, Nov. 12, 2018.

pliance hotline, the completion of a proposal for a lay commission, and the creation of a national network of diocesan review boards and lay experts that will oversee metropolitans.

These steps represented a combination of some of the proposals that came up over the course of the week's general assembly.

DiNardo also said that the bishops will look to finalize protocol and standards, and will be creating new guidelines for the release of list of names of priests who have substantiated claims of abuse. He also called for a "fair and timely" investigation of McCarrick and a publication of the results.

The bishops will be "committed to take the stron-

gest possible action at the earliest possible moment," he said. He looks forward to the February meeting, as he believes that working with the global Church will serve to make the Church in the United States even stronger.

"We must thus as bishops recommit to holiness and mission of the Church," he said. He said that he is "confident" that along with Pope Francis, the Church will move forward "decisively" after this February's meeting.

And despite Monday's initial frustration, DiNardo said that the past three days were "a sign of hope for me, not a disappointment." ■



# As diocese begins Year of Accompany, Bland stresses reaching those on the periphery

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Joe Bland, the director of evangelization for the Diocese of Owensboro, has an important question for the people of the diocese.

“Who’s not in the pews anymore?” he asked, in a Nov. 8 interview with *The Western Kentucky Catholic*.

There is always a reason why someone no longer comes to church, he explained.

Maybe they were hurt, or perhaps they “woke up one day and realized no one would miss them if they never came back to church,” said Bland.

This question is a key part of the Diocese of Owensboro’s Year of Accompany, which begins on Dec. 2, 2018 with the first Sunday of Advent. The Year of Accompany follows 2017-2018’s Year of Encounter, which kicked off the diocese’s four-year Living as Missionary Disciples initiative.

The initiative closely follows the “Living as Missionary Disciples: A Resource for Evangelization” document developed by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis and released in spring 2017.

“The Gospel passage which sums up ‘accompany’ is the Road to Emmaus,” said Bland. “Jesus meets the disciples where they’re at,” and later he reveals himself to them, “in Communion – the breaking of the bread.”

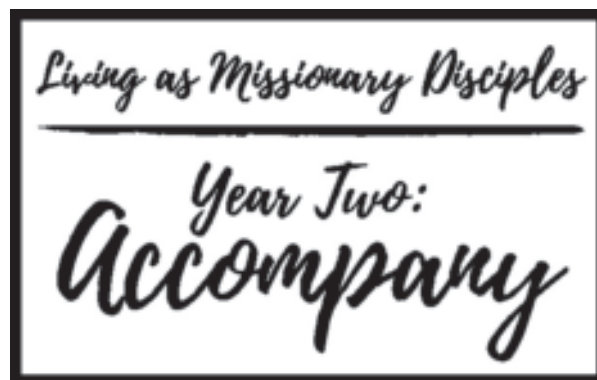
Bland said that in this coming year, “we’re called to reach out to those on the periphery of our own

parishes.”

Bishop William F. Medley said that if the story of the Road to Emmaus is the model for accompaniment, “how do we live that out?”

“That’s ultimately what evangelization is; that’s ultimately what missionary discipleship is,” the bishop said to the WKC on Nov. 7.

Bland said there will be a heavy emphasis on listening and healing during the Year of Accompany.



He said it is coincidental that the year follows the onset of the Catholic Church’s 2018 sex abuse crisis, and that he had intended a focus on healing even before the crisis broke.

But the need for healing could not be more appropriate, he said: “The sheep have been maimed and wounded, and we have to help them heal.”

Bland said he is working on bringing in various apostolates to lead different types of healing retreats, and will also organize trainings for parish-based “prayer teams.”

Prayer teams will not provide counseling or spiritual direction, said Bland, but will offer a listening ear, and people to walk alongside and pray with, if desired.

Bland will also launch “accompaniment-themed” workshops to empower and train people of the diocese in practical ways of accompaniment. He said he will also continue providing materials to parishes to keep up their monthly holy hours – an initiative that began during the previous Year of Encounter.

Likewise, Bland’s hope is that these prayer teams and healing retreats will continue after the Year of Accompany is over.

“This is neighbor walking with neighbor, neighbor praying with neighbor, one family member praying for another family member,” said Bland.

To learn more, visit [owensborodiocese.org/evangelization](http://owensborodiocese.org/evangelization). ■

## Year of Accompany

To learn more about this upcoming Year of Accompany, and the work of the Office of Evangelization, visit [owensborodiocese.org/evangelization](http://owensborodiocese.org/evangelization).

# Bound by charity, Oratorians serve the needs of Jamaican community



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

Fr. Brad Smith, CO, lives and works in the Archdiocese of Kingston, Jamaica in the Oratory of Port Antonio, a congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

For Fr. Brad Smith, CO, one of the biggest challenges of his ministry is “getting people to realize what it means to radically embrace the Gospel.”

“Catholicism in Jamaica is not very widespread – about 2-3 percent only,” Fr. Smith told *The Western Kentucky Catholic* in an Oct. 12, 2018 interview.

Fr. Smith lives and works in Portland, Jamaica, as a member of the Oratory of Port Antonio, which is a congregation of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri. He

is a son of St. Alphonsus Parish in St. Joseph, and was ordained a priest of the Oratory on Dec. 1, 2013.

Fr. Smith explained that the Oratory is not actually a religious community, since the priests and lay brother members take no formal vows. Instead, in following the guidelines of their founder St. Philip Neri, they live and serve the community together through the bond of charity. Various Oratories are located around the globe.

“Our particular Oratory has three churches entrusted to us,” said Fr. Smith. This includes churches in Port Antonio, Buff Bay and the Blue Mountains. Their ministry focuses heavily on assisting the needs of the impoverished local community.

The Oratorians also help with a school, visit the sick and work with the youth, explained Fr. Smith, who is a youth commissioner with the Archdiocese of Kingston. Fr. Smith, who plays the keyboard, also teaches music, since music is a standard part of the Oratorian tradition.

Fr. Smith said members of his community will sometimes travel around the United States and give appeals for Food for the Poor, an international charity organization, “showing the First World what Third World needs are.”

Fr. Smith said perhaps the greatest challenge is the lack of family life among the people. He said many men have no intention of raising a family, despite often having children with various women. And as a result of the deficient family life, there is a shortage of vocations.

The Oratorians also witness a lot of influences from negative aspects of American culture through social media and the ongoing secularization of society.

Despite the tough days and uphill battles, Fr. Smith said he takes encouragement from the good that is happening. This includes seeing a youth he had taught now becoming a doctor, and witnessing couples getting married.

“This past Easter we baptized 15 young people between the ages of 15-20,” he said.

The Oratory community is small and close-knit, said Fr. Smith: “Five of us live and work there; four of us travel around.”

It may be different, but it is home.

Indeed, in the words of his community’s founder, “The true servant of God recognizes no other country but Heaven.”

To learn more about the Oratory of Port Antonio, visit [www.oratoryofportantonio.org](http://www.oratoryofportantonio.org). ■



# Sr. Joseph Angela Boone remembered for sense of humor, work ethic, and ‘giving her all’



ARCHIVES/FILE PHOTO  
An undated, early photo of Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU.

Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Nov. 11, 2018, at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 71st year of religious life and at 90 years of age.

She was born Mary Bernice Boone on Sept. 20, 1928 in New Haven, Ky., to William Joseph and Mary Josephine Greenwell Boone.

Sr. Joseph Angela was a teacher for 19 years, serving at SS. Joseph and Paul School, Owensboro (1949-51, 1959-61), in Louisville and as a math pro-



DONNA FERGUSON | FILE PHOTO  
Sr. Mary Irene Cecil, OSU; Bishop John J. McRaith; Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU; and Mary Margaret Drury during a meeting at the Catholic Pastoral Center on May 4, 1995.

fessor at Brescia College (1963-70), where she was named a Distinguished Alumna in 2009. She served as treasurer and business administrator for the Ursuline Sisters from 1970-89, which included starting the retirement fund and the Mount Saint Joseph Picnic.

Sr. Joseph Angela served as chancellor and director of administration for the Diocese of Owensboro from 1989-2011, and following that remained at the diocese in an advisory role to the Office of Administration until 2014.

“I loved working with Sr. Joseph Angela,” said Tom Lilly, president of Owensboro Catholic Schools and former director of staff for the Diocese of Ow-

ensboro. “She taught my oldest sister algebra in 1968, and then had to mentor me in the ways of church finance 30 years later.”

Lilly added that Sr. Joseph Angela – known affectionately as “Sr. J.A.” or simply “J.A.” – also had a “wonderful sense of humor” and that “she will be missed.”

Mary Margaret Drury, bookkeeper for the diocese, said Sr. Joseph Angela “worked hard and played hard... she was just respected by everybody.”

“She had a good work ethic,” said Drury, but also emphasized “her sense of humor, her one-liners... and when it was time for a party, she was the life of the party.”

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LAURA CLARKE | WKC

On May 1, 2017, Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU, enters the chapel of the McRaith Catholic Center where staff are gathered to celebrate her 70th jubilee of religious life.

Drury has fond memories of hearing Sr. Joseph Angela's stories about her large, "wonderful" family, including stories about her many nieces and nephews.

And despite her heavy workload, Sr. Joseph Angela was always very encouraging and "always had time to listen," said Drury.

"I would say she gave it her all," said Drury.

Sr. Joseph Angela served on the Ursuline Leadership Council from 1972-76, as well as numerous nonprofit boards. In August 2014, Boone Lodge at the Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center near Bowling Green was named in her honor.

Ben Warrell, director of Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center, said Sr. Joseph Angela was loved by all of the camp staff – and for good reason.

"If not for her skills at managing the finances of the diocese, 12 years ago, we would not have had the resources to start camp," said Warrell. "Because of this, Bishop William F. Medley designated her as a



MEL HOWARD | WKC

Catholic Pastoral Center employee Mark Vollman, Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, and Mark's mother, Mary Vollman, pose for a picture during a May 30, 2014 celebration at the CPC in honor of Sr. Joseph Angela.

co-founder (along with Bishop John J. McRaith) of Gasper River. We will always be indebted to her."

Warrell said that following the 2014 dedication of Boone Lodge, Sr. Joseph Angela shared with him that when she was a girl attending Mount Saint Joseph Academy, "they would place prayer requests on small slips of paper and place them under the statue of Mary in their laundry room."

"After the all the festivities that day, I found of piece of paper under (our) statue of Mary asking for her intercession for the camp and the diocese," said Warrell.

Ernie Taliaferro, now-retired chief financial officer for the diocese, shared a poignant reflection.

"Just after Sr. Joseph Angela's condition began to decline rapidly, I read a quote from Dr. Seuss that fit this occasion: 'Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened,'" he said. "As sad as I knew her imminent death would be, I began to realize my (and our) real joy was to have known her, worked with her, prayed with her and laughed with her."

Taliaferro said that in recent visits with Sr. Jo-



FILE PHOTO

Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU, in her office at the Catholic Pastoral Center on April 30, 2014.

seph Angela, "her wit was evident, even in her soft responses, a wit we all enjoyed – even treasured. But my fondest memory is participation in the J.A.-led morning prayers with the diocesan staff. I will miss her very much."

Sr. Joseph Angela was preceded in death by her parents; siblings Sr. Aloise Boone (OSU), Sr. Mary Regina Boone (OSU), Margie Johnson, Edna Marie Newcomb, Cecilia Marie Johnson, Mary Jean Hagan, Joseph William Boone, Joseph Fredrick Boone, Joseph Aloysius Boone and two siblings who died as infants.

Sr. Joseph Angela's survivors include the sisters of her religious community; three sisters, Teresa Marie Thompson of New Haven, Anna Catherine Keene of Louisville and Mary Josephine Dworzan of Orange, Calif.; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral Mass was Nov. 15 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery.

Donations in memory of Sr. Joseph Angela may be made to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356. ■



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TWILIGHT TALKS...

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are offering a new monthly dinner program in 2019 that will be presented by a priest or a deacon. Relax after your day at work and join us for a meal and a presentation on a spiritual theme. It's a time to learn... It's a time to pray... All are welcome!



**Wednesday, Jan. 9**  
**Father Ray Goetz**  
 will present  
**Abandonment and  
 Presence in the  
 Gospel of Mark**

**Dinner: 6 p.m.**  
 Followed by presentation  
 which will end about 7:30 p.m.  
**Cost: \$20**

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Tuesday December 18, 2018  
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 February 2, 2019**

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 of Western Kentucky**  
 RiverPark Center, Owensboro, KY

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## DECEMBER 2018 BULLETIN BOARD

**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.**

### **SCN/OCHS Memorial Project**

Alumni of Owensboro Catholic High School have begun an effort to establish a permanent memorial honoring the service of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth at OC. The Sisters were the first educators and administrators when OC opened in 1951. The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, founded in 1812 in Bardstown, KY, were among the first orders of American Sisters. They came to the Owensboro area in 1820, and to Owensboro in 1849. Our proximate goal of \$9K is moving along with donations of \$1500 at present. Steering Committee: Elizabeth Field (Corr), Chair, Sisters Marie Becker, Mary Margaret Cooper, and Mary Eula Johnson, Mrs. Nola Mullen Courtney, Mrs. Mary Lee Pruden Fitzsimmons, and Joan Perry, OSU Associate. If questions, contact Elizabeth Field (1963) Steering Committee chair, [jimliz@oh.rr.com](mailto:jimliz@oh.rr.com) /440-510-8690. Please send your tax deductible donation to Owensboro Catholic, Attn: Tracy Miller, 1524 W. Parrish Ave., Owensboro, KY, 42301.

### **A Scout is Reverent**

The beginning of a new school year is a good time to begin working on Religious Emblems for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and others. These include for Cub Scouts: Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei and for Boy Scouts: Ad altare Dei and Pope Pius XII and Light is Life (Eastern Catholic) and for Girl Scouts and others: God is Love, Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary the First Disciple, The Spirit Alive, and Missio. After earning these emblems, Bishop Medley will award them at a Scout Mass on March 24, 2019 at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral For an introduction to these and a presentation by the Catholic Committee on Scouting at your next meeting, please visit [owensborodiocese.org/scouting](http://owensborodiocese.org/scouting). The deadline for submitting emblem applications and for requesting a board of review is January 7, 2019. The boards of review are coordinated by Ken Keller at [ken.keller@ohio.kyschools.us](mailto:ken.keller@ohio.kyschools.us).

### **Scotland, Ireland golf tour with Fr. Hostetter**

June 14-25, 2019. You are invited to join Brescia University president, Fr. Larry Hostetter, for a tour of Scotland and Ireland. The 11-day trip features a flexible schedule for golfers and non-golfers alike. The itinerary includes play on some of the world's most storied courses OR the opportunity to visit historic sites as well as tour metropolitan cities. You decide. Regardless of which package you choose, your trip will be memorable. The trip includes 10 nights with five-star accommodations, breakfast each morning, four-course dinners, and luxury on-ground transportation. For more information, please contact Lauren McCrary at [lauren.mccrary@brescia.edu](mailto:lauren.mccrary@brescia.edu) or 270-686-4236.

### **Black Catholic Conference**

Save the Date: Tennessee, Indiana, Kentucky, & Ohio [TIKO] African American Catholic Conference will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 12-14, 2019. The theme of the Conference is "My God Is Awesome!"

### **Living with Alzheimer's: For Caregivers-Middle Stages**

Learn helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care in the middle stage of Alzheimer's. Donations welcome. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. Registration required; call 1.800.272.3900 to register. Dec. 6, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Paducah Lourdes Hospital Marshall Neimer Pavilion Borders Room.

### **Understanding Alzheimer's & Dementia**

Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's; the difference between normal aging and Alzheimer's/dementia; stages and risk factors; current research and treatments available for some symptoms; and Alzheimer's Association resources. Registration required; please call 1.800.272.3900 to register. Donations welcome. Designed for family caregivers; please no professionals. December 18, 10-11:30 a.m., Pennyryle Area Development District Office, Hopkinsville.

### **Advent and the O Antiphons Dec. 4**

During the final days of Advent, the Church prays the O Antiphons. Each one highlights a title of the Messiah. The dominant theme is hoping and waiting for Jesus. Together, with Sister Ann McGrew, OSU, we will explore these special Advent prayers on Tues-

day, Dec. 4 from 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The \$20 fee includes dinner. To register, call 270-229-0206 or email [reteatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:reteatcenter@maplemount.org) or register online at [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org).

### **Knights of Columbus Retreat Dec. 7-8**

This retreat for the Knights of Columbus will begin on Friday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. and end on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The presenters will be Monsignor Bernard Powers and Father Richard Powers. The presentation will focus on, "Remember You are Catholic: The Victory Over the World is our Faith." There is a \$75 fee. To register, call the Center at 270-229-0206 or email [reteatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:reteatcenter@maplemount.org) or register online at [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org).

### **Eucharistic Adoration Dec. 9**

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph invite the public to join them for Eucharistic Adoration to pray especially for vocations on the second Sunday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Motherhouse Chapel (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Adoration concludes with evening prayer. Upcoming dates are Dec. 9 and Jan. 13. The Ursuline Sisters also have Adoration that is open to the public on Fridays from 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

### **Yarn Spinners Jan. 4-6, 2019**

If you enjoy yarn spinning, weaving, rug hooking, knitting or crocheting, you are welcome to attend the yarn spinning weekend retreats at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Enjoy relaxing time to work on your projects and the fellowship of other yarn enthusiasts. For information on room rates, costs, etc., contact Debbie Webb: 270-307-1663 or [shepherdspings@gmail.com](mailto:shepherdspings@gmail.com)

### **A Contemplative Weekend Feb. 8-10, 2019**

Slow down...Catch your breath...Find your calm. The weekend of Feb. 8-10, Sister Mary Matthias Ward will meet with you, and you will have lots of personal time to journey with God and with self. Spiritual

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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direction is available for those who wish it. Relax and spend time at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). The \$180 fee includes meals and accommodations. Call 270-229-0206 or email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org)

### Spring Women's Retreat: Lord Teach us to Pray March 15-17, 2019

"Lord Teach us to Pray: The Bible and Prayer" is the theme of a March 15-17 spring women's retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Jesus' disciples ask that he teach them how to pray. Jesus responds by giving us the Our Father. Various biblical stories teach us many other things about prayer. During this weekend, retreatants will reflect on elements of prayer and seek guidance from Scripture and one another. The goal is improving communication with God. The retreat leader is Sister Cheryl Clemons. The \$180 fee includes meals and accommodations. Commuters can attend for \$130. Take 10

percent off if paid by Feb. 15, 2019. To register, call 270-229-0206 or email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org).

### "Crossing the Threshold of Faith into 2019" Jan. 26

Join us for a day of soulful and creative reflection to enter the New Year. Participants have an opportunity to reflect on what needs to be left behind from 2018, what needs to be celebrated, and what dreams and desires need to be born in 2019. "Crossing the Threshold of Faith into 2019" will take place on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The presenter will be Maryann Joyce, a spiritual director and assistant director of Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, where the event takes place. The \$25 fee includes lunch. The Center is located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56. To register, call 270-229-0206 or email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or register online at [ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs](http://ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs).

Join our new 2019 "Focus on Faith" class

### Bishop Robert Barron's DVD series The Mass



Thursdays  
10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- Jan. 10 • Feb. 14
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Classes led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU

\$20 per class includes lunch  
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### An Advent Evening

Presented by  
Bishop William Medley

Thursday,  
December 13  
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.



\$20 (Dinner is included)

Spend an evening with our bishop to  
prepare for the coming of Christ.

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## Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

### DECEMBER

- 1 Advent Day of Prayer w/Msgr. Powers
- 4 Evening with an Ursuline dinner & presentation: The O Antiphons
- 7-8 Knights of Columbus Retreat
- 7-8 Christmas Bazaar MSJ Gift Shop (10-2)
- 13 Advent with Bishop William Medley
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

### JANUARY 2019

- 4-6 Yarn Spinners Weekend
- 9 Twilight dinner/presentation by Father Ray Goetz (6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.)
- 10 Focus on Faith: New DVD series - The Mass by Bishop Robert Barron (10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)
- 11-13 Retrouvaille Weekend
- 12 Perm. Deacon Candidates' Formation
- 19-25 St. Meinrad Retreat Week
- 26 Crossing the Threshold of Faith into 2019 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.)

### FEBRUARY 2019

- 2-3 Catholic Engaged Encounter
  - 8-10 Contemplative Weekend - Open to all who need a getaway with God
  - 9 Once More With Love
  - 13 Twilight dinner/presentation by Monsignor Bernard Powers (6 p.m.)
  - 14 Focus on Faith (New DVD The Mass)
  - 15-17 Scrapbook Memories
  - 23-27 Quilting Friends
  - 28-3 Men's Cursillo
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# St. Leo Parish fills Boxes of Joy for poor around the world



COURTESY OF ST. LEO PARISH  
St. Leo Parish children fill “Boxes of Joy” for Cross Catholic Outreach on Nov. 4.



COURTESY OF ST. LEO PARISH  
Adults and youth assemble boxes for the Cross Catholic Outreach “Boxes of Joy” program on Nov. 4.

BY JOSH STEWART, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, students in St. Leo’s Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes joined together to fill boxes as part of Cross Catholic Outreach’s “Boxes of Joy” program. Parishioners at St. Leo had been donating various items for about four months, such as school supplies, small toys, and basic toiletries. These items were collected and put into multiple boxes by the PSR children to be shipped overseas. Cross Catholic Outreach is a Catholic relief and development ministry that provides food, shelter, medical care, water, education, self-help programs, care for orphans, and emergency relief to the poorest of the poor in dioceses around the world in the name of Christ. In everything CCO does, they remain focused on the Lord, serving with humility, fervor, and love, and advancing Catholic evangelization. They work in partnership with church-based ministries and other faith-based organizations, creating an ideal synergy for the greatest impact. ■



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

## Ursulines, MSJ graduates remember the deceased

Ursuline Sisters and graduates of Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Maple Mount joined together on Nov. 4 for the Alumnae Memorial Mass, which honors and remembers students and faculty who have gone to heaven. Those named during Mass are those whose passing has been learned since Nov. 1, 2017.

In this picture, Brenda Dant McIntire, Academy Class of '73, and Dorothy Ford Riggs, Academy Class of '72, present the offertory gifts to Fr. Ray Goetz during the Alumnae Memorial Mass.



## St. Stephen Parish donates to regional veterans center for third year in a row



COURTESY OF STEPHEN WASHER

Pictured are John Charron, Bonnie Kell, Ann Curtsinger, Judy Garnett, Joann Harvey and three residents of the Center.

BY STEPHEN WASHER, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Friday, Oct. 26, St. Stephen Parish in Cadiz donated 83 sets of sheets to the Pennyroyal Regional Veterans Program Center in Hopkinsville. This is our third year of donating to the center; the first year we donated sheet sets and last year towels and washed clothes were donated. The need for items is ongoing because the Center provides room and board for homeless veterans for one to two years. When the veterans leave the shelter they take the donated items to get them started on their own. While at the Center the veterans are provided with job training and placement and counseling, as well as medical, physical or drug-related rehab. The Center is home to 50 veterans with 25 rooms; they come from across the United States. As part of our visit we were given a tour of the facilities and our tour guide was from Bowling Green. The veterans greatly appreciate all donations as it helps them get out and on their own again. ■

*Stephen Washer belongs to St. Stephen Parish in Cadiz.*

## Mount welcomes four new Ursuline Associates

Four women joined the ranks of Associates of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph on Wednesday, Oct. 24 at a 4:30 p.m. prayer service in the Motherhouse Chapel, Maple Mount. For the past few years, there has been an Associate Fall Commitment for those unable to attend Associates and Sisters Day in June. The Owensboro Associates decided to attend the commitment ceremony in lieu of their regular monthly meeting. Several were in the audience to welcome the new associates. After the prayer service, the group enjoyed a meal with the Ursuline Sisters in the Motherhouse dining room. There are more than 400 Ursuline Associates across the U.S. and in Chile and Africa.



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

The four new associates are pictured together in front of the Ursuline Motherhouse Chapel. Left to right, Amanda Nichols, Christa Bennett and Becky Pedley, all of Owensboro, Ky., and Patricia "Pat" Gregory of Paducah, Ky.

## Musicians learn how to bring cultures together through worship



COURTESY OF DEACON CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ

Hispanic choir members and presenter, Santiago Fernández (far right, holding guitar), at Christ the King Parish in Madisonville on Oct. 27.

BY WKC STAFF

On Oct. 27, members of Hispanic choirs from across the Diocese of Owensboro gathered at Christ the King Parish in Madisonville for a workshop lead by Santiago Fernández of Novi, Mich. The workshop was titled “Nuestras voces para Dios” (Our Voices for God). Fernández is one of the top composers and singers of Spanish Catholic and liturgical music in the United States.

Deacon Chris Gutiérrez, diocesan director of Hispanic/Latino ministry, said he was particularly grateful to Mike Bogdan, diocesan music director, “for his support and presence on this day.”

“We were also blessed with the presence of several Hispanic ministers but most noticeably delighted for the presence of Sr. Fran Wilhelm, OSU,” said Deacon Gutiérrez. “Sr. Fran directed Hispanic

choirs and liturgical music for decades.”

The day included a review of the different Church documents on music and liturgy, as well as practical suggestions for improving the ministry of music in the Mass.

“But most importantly, choir members left inspired and encouraged knowing that their ministry is very important and valued in the Church,” said Deacon Gutiérrez.

The following day, at the McRaith Catholic Center in Owensboro, Fernández gave a presentation to English-speaking parish musicians from around the diocese. His topic was “Bringing Cultures Together Through Worship,” and through presentations and songs, explained how to work with multicultural communities to provide bilingual music and liturgies. ■



COURTESY OF ZACH AULT

## Remembering All Souls at St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales Parish in Paducah held an All Souls Remembrance Service on Nov. 2 at 6 p.m. in the church. A candle-lighting ceremony took place, and pictures of parishioners’ deceased loved ones were displayed on the reredos. Family and friends of the deceased were invited up during the service to light a candle in memory of their lost loved ones. The pictures stayed up throughout November in celebration of the month of remembrance.



## The Mount honors veterans



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

The Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center honored military veterans on Nov. 14 with a free program led by Brigadier General Father Patrick J. Dolan, the Army National Guard Assistant to the Chief of Chaplains. Fr. Dolan has been deployed around the world as a chaplain through his long career, including four trips to Iraq. He is also pastor of St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Fairdale, Ky. Dolan talked about his military career and invited the veterans in attendance to talk about their experiences and ask questions. Everyone was served a free lunch in appreciation of their service to our country.



COURTESY OF LARENA LAWSON

## Seminarian takes next step in journey toward priesthood

On Sunday, Nov. 18, at St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro, Bishop William F. Medley presided at the Rite of Admission to Candidacy for seminarian Stephen Van Lal Than, who is in third-year theology at St. Meinrad Seminary. This rite is a seminarian's next step toward becoming a transitional deacon, eventually followed by ordination to the priesthood.

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations 2018

### St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green

Dec. 11: 6 p.m. procession, 7 p.m. rosary, 8 p.m. Mass, and "Mañanitas" continuous until 11 p.m.

Dec. 12: 7 a.m. Mass

### St. Leo Parish, Murray

Dec. 12: Rosary and prayers at 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7 p.m.

### SS. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro

Dec. 12: 7 p.m. Mass

Beginning Dec. 3 through Dec. 11 (except Dec. 9) the parish is having a novena at 6:30 p.m. every evening followed by Mass. On Dec. 9, the novena and Mass will begin at 7:30 p.m.

*Note: This list is not exhaustive, as the above information is what the WKC received before going to press. If they are not listed above, please contact your parish to find out if they will be hosting celebrations in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe this year.*



## Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Mi estimado pueblo de Dios,

En DIC y septiembre, la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos se tambaleaba debido a tres escándalos sucesivos. Primero, se dio un reporte humillante en Pennsylvania que reveló que la Iglesia había fallado en proteger a niños de abuso sexual por décadas. Fue una consolación pequeña ver que la evidencia demostraba que el problema se había prácticamente erradicado seguido de acciones que tomó la Conferencia de Obispos de los Estados Unidos en el 2002. En segundo lugar, la terrible historia de mala conducta del arzobispo emérito de Washington, Theodore McCarrick, se dio a conocer y se dieran preguntas muy legítimas, tal como: ¿Cómo pudo este hombre avanzar en la jerarquía de la Iglesia al mismo tiempo que aparentemente explotaba a adolescentes y jóvenes adultos? La tercera y último escándalo se trataba de alegatos de un ex nuncio apostólico de la santa sede, que oficiales de alto rango en la Iglesia sabían del comportamiento de McCarrick y no actuaron.

En respuesta a estos escándalos, de mi parte decidí salir para escuchar a la gente de nuestra diócesis, agendando cuatro sesiones de escucha a través de la diócesis. En el pasado he tenido experiencias muy positivas de sesiones de escucha llevadas a cabo antes del Sínodo de la Familia de 2015 y también del Sínodo de los Jóvenes y el Discernimiento Vocacional de 2018. Aproximadamente 330 personas asistieron a estas recientes sesiones que se dieron en Owensboro, Bowling Green, Hopkinsville y Paducah.

Las conversaciones en estas sesiones en general hicieron eco de lo que seguimos en los medios nacionales de comunicación. Los católicos están enojados, tristes y confusos por el inconcebible pecado, de

niños siendo abusados por sus sacerdotes y por el hablar por tanto tiempo de nuestros obispos de la nación en confrontar adecuadamente el problema y ofrecer sanación a las víctimas de manera efectiva.

En la edición de octubre del Católico de Kentucky Occidental, publicamos un perfil estadístico de la historia de este escándalo en nuestra diócesis. Esta publicación obviamente ha ayudado a muchas víctimas, quienes no habían reportado antes su experiencia, a tomar el paso de reportar. En algunos casos, las víctimas solo buscaban ser reconocidas. En otros casos, pedían asistencia de consejería para avanzar en su proceso de sanación. En todos los casos, querían que se les asegurara de que la Iglesia está ahora actuando con responsabilidad y que todo lo que hacemos puede prevenir que cualquier otra persona sea lastimada.

Las estadísticas publicadas son vergonzosas para todos nosotros. Como obispo, puedo revisar una y otra vez algunas de las decisiones tomadas, ciertamente antes de 1980 y debo admitir que nunca comprenderé cómo, en algunos casos, el abuso continuaba aún después de haber sido identificado. Ciertamente, con frecuencia había testimonios de psicólogos y profesionales de salud mental atestiguando de que el ofensor había sido adecuadamente tratado y por ello podía de forma segura resumir su ministerio en público. Sí, es cierto que la mayoría de los casos jamás reportados, han sido reportados décadas después del abuso y con frecuencia después de que el abusador había muerto. Sin importar cómo le vea uno a la historia, es una historia de terrible pecado.

Los participantes en las sesiones de escucha fueron católicos buenos y fieles quienes quieren que su Iglesia sea auténticamente el Pueblo de Dios dando testi-

### EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA DICIEMBRE 2018:

<b>DIC 4</b>	<b>"El Arte de Acompañamiento"</b> Evento del Discipulado – Centro de Convenciones Ballard, Madisonville
<b>DIC 5</b>	<b>Reunión de la Conferencia Católica de Kentucky</b> – Louisville
<b>DIC 6</b>	<b>9 a.m.   Misa</b> – Escuelas Católicas de Owensboro, Campus K-3, Owensboro
<b>DIC 8</b>	<b>9 a.m.   Misa &amp; Despedida del Diácono Dirck Curry</b> – Catedral San Esteban <b>5 p.m.   Misa por el 150 Aniversario de la Iglesia</b> – Parroquia Santa María, Franklin
<b>DIC 10</b>	<b>6 p.m.   Teología de Barril</b> – Fetta Pizza, Owensboro
<b>DIC 11</b>	<b>8 a.m.   Misa</b> – Escuela Primaria de Santa María del Bosque, Whitesville
<b>DIC 12</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.   Misa para Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe</b> – Parroquia San Pedro y San Pablo, Hopkinsville
<b>DIC 13</b>	<b>5 p.m.   Presentación sobre Adviento</b> – Monte San José, Maple Mount
<b>DIC 15</b>	<b>6 p.m.   Vivir y Dirigir con Amor (L3)</b> – Monte San José, Maple Mount
<b>DIC 17</b>	<b>10 a.m.   Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal</b> – Centro Católico McRaith (MCC) <b>1:30 p.m.   Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal</b> – MCC
<b>DIC 18</b>	<b>8 a.m.   Misa</b> – Escuela San Pedro y San Pablo, Hopkinsville
<b>DIC 21</b>	<b>9 a.m.   MCC Misa, Desayuno del Personal, Proyecto de Servicio</b>

monio de los hechos salvíficos de Jesucristo. Aunque desilusionados y molestos, no fueron personas que se estaban dando por vencidos en la fe católica o la Iglesia Católica. Muchos suponían que porque la mayoría de sacerdotes abusadores nunca fueron enjuiciados,

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## Parroquias con Misas en Español

**Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam**  
Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

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

**Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green**  
Jueves – 6:30 p.m.  
Sábados – 7:00 p.m.  
Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

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

**Parroquia de San José, Central City**  
Cada Primer Domingo del Mes - 8:00 a.m.

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

**Parroquia de San Francisco de Asis, Elkton**  
Domingos – 12:00 p.m.

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

**Parroquia de Santa María, Franklin**  
Domingos – 1:30 p.m.

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

**Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson**  
Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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

**Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville**

Domingos – 2:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.  
Jueves – 5:30 p.m.

902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240  
Contacto: Padre Michael Charles Abiero (270) 885-8522 o Mayra Tirado (270) 498-6456

**Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville**  
Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

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

**Parroquia de San José, Mayfield**  
Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

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

**Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown**  
Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

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

**Parroquia de San Leo, Murray**  
Sábados – 5:30 p.m.

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

**Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro**  
Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 8:00 p.m.

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303  
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**Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah**  
Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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

**Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville**  
Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

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

**Parroquia Cristo Rey, Scottsville**  
Cada Primer Martes de Mes – 7:00 p.m.

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

**Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree**  
Miércoles – 12:00 p.m.  
Jueves – 12:00 p.m.  
Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455  
Contacto: Alyssa Maty (815) 207-3208 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez (270) 881-7737



## ¿Tu parroquia podría salir en el Católico de Kentucky Occidental!

¿Están pasando cosas emocionantes en tu parroquia? ¿Quieren compartir las buenas noticias con otras personas católicas en Kentucky occidental? Si quieres compartir, favor de mandar las fotos y la información por correo electrónico a la editora, Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, al [wkc.editor@pastoral.org](mailto:wkc.editor@pastoral.org).



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que la Iglesia continúa encubriendo alegatos. Aunque eso haya sido válida en décadas pasadas, desde el 2002 la Diócesis de Owensboro reporta toda acusación de abuso - incluyendo aquellos casos que datan desde los 1940's y aquellos casos donde los sacerdotes acusados han fallecido hace mucho tiempo.

Aunque que seguimos recibiendo casos históricos de abuso sexual reportados mucho después cuando la víctima es adulta, hemos recibido también reportes de cuatro víctimas desde el 2002 que reportaron como niños o como adolescentes menores de edad. Todos estos cuatro casos fueron reportados a las autoridades de protección a menores, y los dos sacerdotes identificados han sido permanentemente suspendidos de su ministerio en público y no tendrán de nuevo ninguna asignación sacerdotal. Un punto importante que se me hizo ver es que incluso en estos casos no hemos hecho un buen trabajo de informarle a la gente. Claramente esto ha resultado en algunos creyendo que los sacerdotes involucrados no han sido tratados con justicia. Yo consultaré con la Junta de Revisión Diocesana sobre formas en que podemos mejorar nuestros informes al público y aun proteger la identidad de víctimas.

Con la conclusión de la última sesión local de escucha, me sentí mejor preparado para participar en la reunión de la Conferencia Católica de Obispos de los Estados Unidos en noviembre, donde los obispos iban a abordar concretamente estas preocupaciones. Los obispos iban a discutir normas de conducta para obispos (respondiendo al escándalo de McCarrick), e identificar un proceso donde acusaciones de mala conducta de parte de obispos pudieran ser reportados. Sentí que yo había escuchado las voces de nuestra gente de nuestra diócesis y con ello estaba listo para añadir mi voz a estas discusiones.

La reunión de los obispos en Baltimore abrió

con un anuncio del presidente de nuestra conferencia diciéndonos que el Vaticano, específicamente la Congregación para los Obispos, había pedido que la Conferencia de los Estados Unidos retrasara cualquier acción decisiva hasta después de la reunión los presidentes de conferencias del mundo en febrero del 2019, convocados por el Papa Francisco. Me quedé sin palabras. Los miembros de la conferencia se quedaron atónitos. Hubo algunas protestas verbales de algunos obispos de que el Vaticano estaba tratando de amarrarles las manos a los obispos norteamericanos de poder responder a nuestra crisis en su momento. Yo estaba de acuerdo y sigo de acuerdo.

Sin embargo, estoy complacido de que nuestras conversaciones sobre estos temas sí se dieron. Existe un consenso amplio entre los obispos sobre la necesidad de normas de conducta para obispos y un sistema para reportar donde las personas puedan compartir sus preocupaciones sobre la conducta personal de un obispo o su mal manejo de casos de abuso. (Será para otro artículo supongo, pero cuando proponemos normas de conducta, yo comienzo preguntando, "¿Podemos simplemente comenzar con los Diez Mandamientos?")

No es responsabilidad mía el de "interpretar" las acciones del Vaticano. Pero permítanme ofrecerles algunas reflexiones sobre la intervención del Vaticano después de unos días de pensar. Como católicos norteamericanos, (pueblo, sacerdotes y obispos), algunas veces creemos que un tema norteamericano, seguramente siempre debe ser el tema más importante para la Iglesia Universal. ¿Podemos conceder que el Vaticano nos rete a nosotros a escuchar a la Iglesia en un contexto mundial y considerar nuestros asuntos en un contexto más amplio? Al mismo tiempo, sabemos que obispos de algunas partes del mundo insisten en que el abuso infantil es desconocido en sus culturas.

Conscientes de que estamos tratando con una enfermedad humana y un mal, quizás nuestra tragedia norteamericana puede informar a otras naciones y culturas de reconocer problemas que ellos aún no admiten tener. En otras palabras, ¿puede la iglesia católica ("c" chica), católica significando universal, beneficiarse de escuchar aportes de alrededor del mundo? ¿Podríamos nosotros como norteamericanos humildemente reconocer que otros pueden informarnos de formas importantes?

Uno quizás pudiera decir que nuestras resoluciones están en espera. Ciertamente me hubiera gustado que nuestra Conferencia hubiese dejado la reunión del mes pasado con resultados tangibles y concretos. Pero sigo sintiendo esperanza. Esa esperanza está enraizada en el buen trabajo que los obispos norteamericanos lograron en la adopción del Estatuto Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes. Esa esperanza esta cimentada en las estadísticas que muestran que los incidentes de abuso sexual de menores por clero católico reportados se han reducido por más del 90%.

Sobre todo, esa esperanza se funda en la confianza de la promesa de Jesús de que El estaría con nosotros siempre, incluso hasta el final de los tiempos.

En este año, en el cual nuestra diócesis ha emprendido un viaje intencional del Discipulado Misionero, nos hemos esforzado por ser más intencionados en el encuentro con nuestro Dios en la oración. Si somos lentos en expresar nuestras propias oraciones, es posible que necesitemos entrenamiento. Para esto podríamos considerar el Libro de los Salmos como una "escuela de oración".

El Libro de los Salmos es una colección de 150 oraciones y canciones antiguas que cubren una amplia variedad de emociones y puede, tal vez, estimular nuestras propias mentes y corazones. La mayoría de los salmos son bastante cortos. Uno puede abrir

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**12 de Diciembre del 2018**

**6:30 de la mañana**  
 Mañanitas  
 Laudis  
 Al final un pequeño desayuno.  
 La Novena de la virgen comenzará el día 3 hasta el 11 de Diciembre

**5:30 de la Tarde**  
 Rosario  
 Celebración Eucarística  
 La Gran fiesta de comida en el salón.  
 De 6:00 pm. a las 7:30 de la tarde en las casas



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**En la Iglesia de San Leo Murray**



**¿Le interesan el sacerdocio o la vida religiosa?**

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Aprenda más en [owensborodiocese.org/vocations](http://owensborodiocese.org/vocations)

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la Biblia y rezar varios salmos en el tiempo que le tomaría leer un solo capítulo de uno de los libros de los evangelios. No importa el estado de ánimo en que uno se encuentre, o el mensaje que uno quiera expresar a Dios, siempre podremos encontrar un salmo que conecte con nuestro momento.

Hay salmos de acción de gracias y alabanzas que pueden reflejar los pensamientos de nuestros mejores días. No es sorprendente que haya más salmos de lamentación que cualquier otro tipo. Qué humano Qué tan humano. Generalmente, estos comienzan con un grito pidiendo auxilio y concluyen con la confianza de que Dios ha escuchado nuestra oración. Eso no quiere decir que la oración haya sido respondida, pero también es muy humano encontrar consuelo solo en el hecho de que alguien nos ha oído y escuchado. Los salmos nos permiten expresar sentimientos de enojo y venganza hacia Dios. Pueden permitirnos confesar nuestras deficiencias en privado, suplicar misericordia, ablandar nuestros corazones, purificarnos y darnos un nuevo comienzo.

Los salmos nos aseguran que Dios no teme nuestra ira y amargura, sino que, como un padre amoroso, solo quiere que nos acerquemos y hablemos de ello. Recuerdo una charla dada en un retiro hace muchos años donde platicábamos de la práctica piadosa de doblar las manos con devoción como un gesto de oración. Este es un signo universal de oración. Pero nuestro maestro de retiros nos recordó que levantar un puño cerrado hacia los cielos también puede ser un gesto de oración cuando confiamos en que Dios recibirá nuestras emociones, nuestra debilidad e incluso nuestros berrinches.

¿Cómo orar? Levantando nuestros corazones y mentes hacia Dios. Si necesitamos algunas lecciones, abramos el libro de los Salmos. ■

*+ William F. Medley*

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

## Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

Para reportar una sospecha de abuso, llame a la Línea Directa de Protección Infantil de Kentucky: 1-877-KYSAFE1 o 1-877-597-2331 (llamada gratuita) o comuníquese con su fiscal del Estado local. Para reportar abuso a la diócesis, actual o pasado, por cualquiera persona actuando en nombre de la Iglesia, por favor llame al: 270-852-8380 para hablar con el Coordinador de Asistencia Pastoral. También puede visitar la Oficina de Ambiente Seguro ([owensborodiocese.org/safe](http://owensborodiocese.org/safe)) para obtener más información.



## Ser sacerdote me da alegría y paz.



El P. Daniel Dillard sostiene al bebé William, a quien bautizó.

POR EL P. DANIEL DILLARD

Muchos sacerdotes hablan de cómo desde que eran niños pequeños querían ser sacerdotes. Ese no fui yo. Una vez que se me ocurrió, pasé los siguientes años peleando con Dios sobre su llamado. Sin embargo, cuando cedí ante Dios y acepté que su voluntad era lo mejor para mí, conocí una alegría y una paz como ninguna otra en mi vida. Esa alegría nunca me ha dejado. Amo al pueblo de Dios y ser su sacerdote me ha permitido compartir el gozo de la vida en Cristo.

## Santificado Sea tu Nombre

POR JOE BLAND, OFICINA DE  
EVANGELIZACIÓN

Oramos para que el nombre de Dios sea "santificado", lo que significa que es santo y merece reverencia. Me he dado cuenta de que si voy darle a Dios la reverencia debida, hacer que su nombre sea santo,

tengo que hacer lo que María y todos los santos hicieron y eso fue decir "sí" a Dios, lo que significa que tengo que estar abierto a su voluntad. La santidad es dejarme amar por el Padre y, a su vez, el amor del Padre me llenará y me completará, y lo que quiero decir con eso es que me vuelvo más completo, me vuelvo más humano. Les dejo con esta gran cita de San Ireneo que resume toda esta reflexión: "La gloria de Dios es el hombre plenamente vivo."

## ODYC atrae 450 al Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro



Del 9 al 10 de noviembre de 2018, 450 jóvenes de todo el oeste de Kentucky se reunieron en el Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro para la Conferencia de Adolescentes de la Diócesis de Owensboro (ODYC), que se celebra cada dos años cuando no se celebra la Conferencia Nacional Católica para Adolescentes (NCYC). Este año, los oradores principales de ODYC fueron Joel Stepanek del programa internacional Life Teen y la hermana Josephine Garrett,

CFSN, del Centro de Retiros Nazaret en Texas. La música fue dirigida por PJ Anderson de Nashville, Tn. La conferencia incluyó Misa, talleres, conferencias y la oportunidad de convivir o conocer a otros adolescentes de la Diócesis de Owensboro. En esta foto, el orador principal Joel Stepanek de Life Teen habla a los 450 jóvenes asistentes a la Conferencia de Adolescentes de la Diócesis de Owensboro durante la noche del 9 de noviembre de 2018.



FOTO POR CORTESÍA DE RICK MUSACCHIO.

## El Obispo Medley asiste a la reunión de los obispos de Estados Unidos en noviembre

El Obispo William Medley de Owensboro, KY, a la izquierda, el Arzobispo Charles Thompson de Indianápolis y el Obispo J. Mark Spalding de Nashville hablan el segundo día de la reunión de otoño de US-CCB en el Hotel Marriott Waterfront en Baltimore el martes 13 de noviembre de 2018. En la reunión los obispos discutieron las posibles respuestas a la crisis de abuso sexual en la Iglesia.

## Taller Diocesano para Coros Hispanos

El 27 de octubre, miembros de coros hispanos de a través de la Diócesis de Owensboro se reunieron en la Parroquia Cristo Rey en Madisonville para un taller dirigido por Santiago Fernández. El taller se tituló "Nuestras voces para Dios". Santiago es uno de los mejores compositores y cantantes de música católica y litúrgica en español en los Estados Unidos. Su música se puede encontrar en OCP (Oregon Catholic Press). Estamos especialmente agradecidos a Mike Bogdan, nuestro director de música diocesano, por su apoyo y presencia en este día. También fuimos bendecidos con la presencia de varios ministros hispanos, pero lo más notablemente encantados con la presencia de la Hermana Francisca "Panchita" Wilhelm, OSU. La Hna. Panchita dirigió coros hispanos y la música litúrgica por décadas. El día incluyó una revisión de los diferentes documentos de la Iglesia sobre la música y la liturgia, pero también sugerencias prácticas para mejorar el ministerio de música en la Misa. Pero lo más importante, los miembros de los coros se sintieron inspirados y animados al saber que su ministerio es muy importante y valorado en la iglesia. - *Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez*



## Celebraciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe - 2018

*Nota: Esta lista no incluye todos porque esta información es la que el WKC ha recibido antes de publicarse. Si tu parroquia no está en la lista, ponte en contacto con tu parroquia para enterarte si van a tener celebraciones en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe este año.*

### **Parroquia San José, Bowling Green**

11 de Dic.: 6 p.m. procesión, 7 p.m. rosario, 8 p.m. Misa, y Mañanitas hasta las 11 p.m.  
12 de Dic.: 7 a.m. Misa

### **Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro**

12 de Dic.: 7 p.m. Misa  
Desde el 3 de Dic. hasta el 11 de Dic. (menos el 9 de Dic.) la parroquia tendrá una novena a las 6:30 p.m. cada noche seguida por la Misa. El 9 de Dic, la novena y la Misa empezarán a las

7:30 p.m.

### **Parroquia San Leo, Murray**

12 de Dic.: Rosario y oraciones a las 6:30 a.m. y 6:30 p.m. con Misa a las 7 p.m.



# In following God's will for his vocation, Fr. Daniel Dillard feels joy and peace



COURTESY OF FR. DANIEL DILLARD  
Fr. Daniel Dillard smiles at baby William Babbs after baptizing him in 2010.

BY FR. DANIEL DILLARD, SPECIAL TO THE  
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

I believe in always being honest, and so I am going to begin this article about why I love being a priest by saying, I did not want to be a priest. Many priests talk about how from the time they were small children they wanted to be a priest. That was not me. To be honest it never really occurred to me. I had my ideas of where life would take me and my plans for my future, and the thought that I might be called to be a priest never even occurred to me. Once it did

occur to me I spent the next several years fighting with God about his call. However, when I gave in to God and accepted that his will was best for me, I knew a joy and a peace unlike any other in my life. That joy has never left me.

Since May 30, 2009 I have been serving the people of western Kentucky as a priest. First at St. Thomas More, Sts. Peter and Paul, and Holy Spirit as an associate pastor and now at St. Mary in Franklin and Christ the King in Scottsville as pastor. In that time I have been able to share in people's great-

## Why I Love the Priesthood

Priests are often asked, "Why did you become a priest?" Or sometimes the question is phrased, "What do you like most about being a priest?" Although the contemporary image of the priesthood has been no doubt affected by these difficult times in which the Church finds itself, many priests respond to these questions by speaking about what gives us joy or satisfies us in our pastoral ministry. Most priests will tell you that the priesthood is a joyful life and a worthwhile vocation for a young man to consider. Over the next few months, the WKC will introduce priests from the Diocese of Owensboro who will share with you their story and why they love being a priest. May their stories inspire the local Church to pray for our priests and for vocations to priesthood.

– Fr. Jason McClure, Office of Vocations

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Fr. Daniel Dillard continued from page 24



COURTESY OF FR. DANIEL DILLARD

Deacon Matthew Keyser, Fr. Daniel Dillard and Fr. John Thomas visit a member of Holy Spirit Parish in the hospital in June 2013.



COURTESY OF FR. DANIEL DILLARD

Fr. Daniel Dillard and Fr. Josh McCarty prepare to give their first blessing to Bishop John J. McRaith at the end of their 2009 ordination Mass.

est joys and deepest sorrows. I have held the hands of families as their loved one died and held their newborn children. I have been given the honor of baptizing hundreds of children, and been given the honor of burying many people. I have had the privilege of hearing thousands of confessions and giving the Body and Blood of Jesus to tens of thousands. I have preached and taught, counseled and consoled, and for everything that I have done the People of God have been my lodestone walking with me and teaching me just as I teach them. Showing me how to be a holier priest as they strive to be holier husbands and wives and single men and women.

I am not saying that I like every moment of being a priest. From time to time everyone has bad days, and I have spent many sleepless nights worrying about the problems of my people. However, even on those days where I am totally exhausted and I feel like nothing has gone right and it seems like if one more thing happens I'm going to lose it, I think of the people who God has entrusted to me and I find the energy to go on.

In the end why do I love being a priest? Because I love God and I want nothing in this world so much as to help people see that love, and being his priest has allowed me to share that love in ways that I would never have dreamed possible. I love God's people and being their priest has allowed me to share the joy of life in Christ. If I had followed my own plans I believe that I would be in a lab somewhere doing research, and I would probably be content. However, I would have never have known the joy that comes from both sharing God with his people and sharing their lives with them. ■

*Fr. Daniel Dillard serves as the pastor of St. Mary Parish in Franklin and Christ the King Parish in Scottsville.*



## St. Mary continues high achievement on ACT

BY ASHLEY WRIGHT, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

St. Mary High School students continue to demonstrate high academic achievement with this year's ACT test results. St. Mary High School Class of 2019 scored an average composite score of 25.06. This score is over four points above the national average and five points above the state average. An impressive 65 percent of St. Mary seniors met the college benchmarks in all four subject areas tested as compared to the national average of 39 percent. In addition, individual subject area tests demonstrated strong academic performance across all disciplines, as a number of St. Mary seniors scored a 30 or higher in one or more of those subject areas. The ACT's most recent data shows that students scoring above a 30 in a subject area are in the 91st percentile or higher.

St. Mary students scoring a 30 or higher in one or more subject areas: Kimberly Bosh, Claire Carrico, Reid Courtney, Caleb Dunn, Adisyn Fleming, Madeline Lorch, Dorian Record, Abbi Vannatter, Charlie West, John Wilson.


"We are incredibly proud of our students. We measure student success in many ways but the ACT test scores confirm the academic excellence of our students and high standards of our teachers. This is truly a K-12 system-wide success," said St. Mary High School principal, Doug Shelton. ■




COURTESY OF ST. MARY SCHOOL SYSTEM

St. Mary High School students who scored a 30 or higher pictured (top row to bottom row, left to right): Caleb Dunn, Reid Courtney, Madeline Lorch, John Wilson, Abbi Vannatter, Charlie West, Adisyn Fleming, Dorian Record, Claire Carrico.

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## Youth prepare for All Souls Day with cemetery cleanup at Mount Carmel

BY GING SMITH, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Each class from pre-K through 12th at Paducah Faith Formation chooses a class project for their Power of One or community service. For this school year the fourth-grade class of Deanna Burnett partnered with the seventh-grade class of Ben Teer to do a cleanup at Mount Carmel Cemetery on Oct. 27. (This project had been done for seven years by the seventh-grade class of Glynn Smith, former catechist). It was a great turnout with some parents participating, and some members of the Hispanic community at St. Thomas More Parish. Special thanks to Jim Sanders for his helpful information on the history of the cemetery and its different areas. The group concentrated on cleaning and putting mulch at the Garden of Angels, a particular area in the cemetery for newborns and babies. What a great preparation for All Souls Day! ■



COURTESY OF GING SMITH

On Oct. 27, in anticipation of All Souls Day (Nov. 2), volunteers clean up the Garden of Angels area of Mount Carmel Cemetery in Paducah.



COURTESY OF GING SMITH

The Garden of Angels area at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Paducah is a special place of remembrance for newborns and babies.



LAURA CLARKE | WKC

Keynote speaker, Joel Stepanek, talks to the 450 youth attendees of the Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference during the evening of Nov. 9, 2018.

## ODYC draws 450 to Owensboro Convention Center

BY WKC STAFF

On Nov. 9-10, 2018, 450 youth from all over western Kentucky gathered at the Owensboro Convention Center for the biennial Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference (ODYC), which is held opposite the years that the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) takes place. This year, ODYC hosted keynote speakers Joel Stepanek of the international Life Teen program and Sr. Josephine Garrett, CFSN, of the Nazareth Retreat Center in Texas. Music was led by PJ Anderson of Nashville, Tn.

The conference included Mass, workshops, confessions, and the opportunity for youth to socialize and meet fellow teens from around the Diocese of Owensboro. ■



# December Wedding Anniversaries

## 5, 10, 25, 40, 50 and More Than 50 Years of Marriage

### **Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

Thomas & Lois Wedding, 56  
Mark & Jan Hubbs, 50  
Ron & Greta Beals, 63

### **Christ the King, Madisonville**

Robert & Floy Daugherty, 65  
Sherrell & Jeannie Calhoun, 60  
Joseph & Michelle Mesa, 25  
Ryan & Lyndee Burden, 10  
Chad & Andrea Ramsey, 10

### **Christ the King, Scottsville**

Tom & Nancy Stuller, 25

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

Stephen & Annette Duncan, 40  
Ken & Rachel Hale, 10

Lucio & Ramona Hernandez, 51

Leonard & Nicel Mechels, 5

Forrest & Mary Meuth, 57

Robert & Betty Pritchett, 63

Steven & Delores Sauer, 51

David & Patricia Septer, 40

Mike & Tamara Shappell, 40

Clyde & Janice Sutton, 56

Allen & Terri Allen, 50

Robert & Carlene Williams, 57

### **Holy Spirit, Bowling Green**

Kyle & Carrie Larkin, 5

Peter Gin Mang & Veronica Cing,  
5

Edward & Donna Dowling, 10

Go Lanh & Hau Cing, 10

Jerel & Sarah Fields, 10

Michael & Wendy Cowan, 25

Allen & Judy Freeland, 50

William & Sharon McKay, 54

Larry & Anita Willoughby, 55

William & Lynda Svanoe, 56

James & Wanda Fischer, 57

### **Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

Jerry & Linda Atwood, 52

Ellis & Sharon Russelburg, 52

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

James & Diane Hunter, 50

Gary & Renee Jones, 10

Kenny & Deborah Covetts, 40

Scott & Rosanna Merkel, 25

James & Linda Warren, 51

John K. & Kay Steele, 57

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

Carl & Brenda Millay, 50

Otis & Judy Hicks, 55

Paul E. & Donna Munsey, 51

### **Precious Blood, Owensboro**

Jerry & Ellen Blandford, 61

Jesse & Theresa Lowe, 55

Ronnie & Donna Osborne, 53

### **Resurrection, Dawson Springs**

Joe & Mazie Mastromarino, 66

### **Sacred Heart, Russellburg**

Michael & Linda Slaughter, 51

Erasmus & Gloria Gomez, 57

### **St. Agnes, Uniontown**

Kenny & Linda Gough, 51

Alvin & Betty Lou Borup, 60

Brown & Willie Mae Foster, 59

Jerry & Carol Gough, 58

George & Martha Greenwell, 65

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

Chris & Joyce Kormelink, 55

### **St. Ann, Morganfield**

Justin & Wilma Jean Wolfe, 55

John & Madonna Wyatt, 59

Larry & Gail Brown, 58

### **St. Augustine, Grayson Springs**

Leon & Mary Martha Hill, 51

### **St. Augustine, Reed**

Steve & Ruth Raley, 40

### **St. Charles, Bardwell**

James & Sue McIntyre, 52

### **St. Charles, Livermore**

James & Margie Logsdon, 53

### **St. Columba, Lewisport**

Anthony & Margaret Hall, 51

Robert & Patty Durbin, 52

### **St. Denis, Fancy Farm**

Billy Joe & Donna Sue Burgess,  
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### **St. Edward, Fulton**

Don & Rachel Cox, 65

### **St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson**

Glenn & Patty Campbell, 50

Danny & Patsy Clemons, 50

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

Rick & Vicki Gilland, 51

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

David & Edith Keeney, 59

Jerry & Diane Perry, 50

Shawn & Lonna Washer, 25

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

Tony & Mary Ann Tomas, 10

Tommy & Rose Mary Jones, 40

Donnie & Elizabeth Nelson, 51

Laddie & Judy Thomas, 53

Joseph W. & Ruth Ann Higdon,  
63

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

Chad & Laura Goodman, 10

Jim & Phyllis Huggins, 51

Don & Imogene Poston, 68

William & Joanne Powell, 59

John & Rita Riley, 55

### **St. Joseph, Leitchfield**

Charlie & Patty Johnston, 40

### **St. Joseph, Mayfield**

Jewell & Shirley Baggett, 25

James & Diane McIntyre, 5

### **St. Lawrence, Philpot**

Jerry & Shirley Powers, 56

### **St. Leo, Murray**

Phillip & Sarah Bryan, 57

Paul & Barbara Sachse, 56

Kenneth & Ellen Tidwell, 40

Aaron & Maria Brown, 5

### **St. Mary, LaCenter**

Benny & Donna Anselm, 10

Clyde & Mary Kay Riepe, 51

David & Gladys Fraser, 59

Butch & Janie Rainer, 54

### **St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho**

Brian & Theresa Wethington, 25

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

Louis & Elaine Hinton, 51

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

Bud & Mildred Boarman, 74

David & Judy Connor, 54

Ronnie & Patsy Mayfield, 51

Charles & Linda Payne, 56

Raymond & Emma Whistle, 66

### **St. Michael, Sebree**

Darryl & Carmen Periard, 54

### **St. Paul, Leitchfield**

Jimmie & Helen Clemons, 56

### **St. Paul, Princeton**

James & Linda Herbek, 51

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

Dwayne & Melinda Fatum, 25

Sebastian, Calhoun

David & Betty Abrams, 59

Larry & Patricia Hardinson, 54

### **St. Stephen, Cadiz**

Salvador & Irene Jaso, 67

Raymond & Roberta Ward, 60

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

Mark & Mary Alice Carrico, 25

Eddie & Mary Ann O'Bryan, 25

Garry & Ann Pierce, 50

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

Melchor & Yadira Lemus, 10

Luis & Helen Concepcion, 25

Stephen & Beth Walker, 25

James & Priscilla Hollowell, 51

Thomas & Janet Montgomery, 63

### **St. William, Knottsville**

Paul & Brenda Clemons, 54

### **SS. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro**

Marvin & Auda Wink, 53

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

Edwin & Kathleen Roeder, 67

David & Lacey Folz, 5



# Our Life Unplugged



COURTESY OF BARNETT FAMILY  
Jennifer Barnett with her husband, Travis, and her sons Blaise (left) and Brady (right).

BY JENNIFER BARNETT, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

It started out as a simple thought one morning. What would our family be like without technology? This developed into an experiment to see how our family would be affected by one week – unplugged. The rules were simple: seven days, Monday through Sunday, without television, social media, video games, iPads, apps, or the internet (school and work use excluded).

Neither my husband nor our two sons, ages 11 and 9, were incredibly thrilled, but after some coaxing they each embraced the idea. The week was not without its trials, but ultimately it was a great experience. My husband was able to complete some projects he had been trying to find the time to work on. The boys put more effort into their homework. My youngest son even began writing and illustrating his

own short stories. We enjoyed tons of family time; from reading books together, to playing games and just talking. I also felt the house was more peaceful in general. I was able to spend more time in my Bible study, prayer, and realized technology was beginning to get in the way of what God wanted us to do.

In this age of technology, I think it is important for each of us to ask, what is truly at the root of this drive toward devices? Is it the desire to compare our lives on social media? Are video games and apps an addiction? Is watching television causing us to be lazy? Is surfing the internet leading us to spend our treasure on material possessions instead of on the work of God? This experience created a platform for such discussion and self-discovery in our family, and I hope it challenges you to do the same. ■

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## It is through death that we are given eternal life

BY KELLEY WHEATLEY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Have you ever looked outside and seen the beautiful colors of fall? The orange, the red, the burgundy and the green. As they fade away into the colors of brown and gray, we are reminded that summer has faded into fall and death has set in. This should be a beautiful reminder of the greatest gift of all. John 3:16 states that, “For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” We should all take this opportunity to remember that God loves us. We should proclaim it to everyone around us, so that no one forgets that it is through death that we are given eternal life through God’s love for us. Decolores. ■

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# Who's that guy on the altar?



COURTESY OF DEACON CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ

The attendees of the Diocese of Owensboro's Nov. 9-11, 2018 permanent diaconate retreat, held at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The wives of many of the married deacons attended as well.

BY DEACON CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ, SPECIAL  
TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

You don't frequently hear much about us, but most of you have probably seen one of us.

We stand next to the priests or the bishop and assist at Mass with our stoles worn "sideways." At times you might have heard us proclaim the Gospel and preach. It's possible you've seen us baptize a baby, witness marriage vows or officiate at funerals. We are the permanent deacons.

Yes, the ones with a collar in the grey shirts. As permanent deacons we have been chosen to assist the bishop and the priests. We are called permanent because unlike transitional deacons who in their formation journey continue on to becoming priests; we happily remain deacons.

Some of you are more used to seeing us and working with us, some of you still might wonder "who's that guy and what's he doing up there," but don't worry, it's still something pretty new for our dio-



COURTESY OF DEACON CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ

A deacon receives the chalice from a fellow deacon at the Nov. 9-11, 2018 permanent diaconate retreat.

cese. We are men, clerics that range in age, experience and professional backgrounds. Some of us are retired, others still work. Most of us wear different hats involving in a diverse number of ministries in the Church and in society. Some of us are celibate; many more of us are married and have children and grandchildren. But one common denominator about us all is that God at one point or another in our lives called each one of us to this particular vocation of service and charity in the Church through

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ordination.

Recently, most of us permanent deacons in the diocese, as well as our wives, gathered for our annual retreat at Mount Saint Joseph in Maple Mount, Ky. The retreat was directed by Benedictine Monk Fr. Mateo Zamora of St. Meinrad. The theme of this year's retreat was "A Heart to Heart: Accountability According to the Rule of St. Benedict." It was a wonderful and blessed experience not only to deepen

our intimate relationship with Jesus who called us to this vocation, but to also encourage one another in our respective ministries. Our time together included time for prayer, Mass, confession, reflections, sharing, encouraging of one another and fellowship.

We the permanent deacons are men deeply in love with our vocation and our parish communities. We continuously strive to become better ministers inspired by the example and the words of Our Lord

Jesus "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all" (Mark 9:35). We humbly ask of you to always include us in your prayers.

St. Stephen, pray for us. ■

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## Hallowed be Thy name

*Editor's note: This article is the second in a series begun in November 2018 on the topic of the Our Father prayer and its connection to the work of evangelization.*

BY JOE BLAND, OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION

We pray that the name of God be "hallowed" which means it is holy and deserves reverence. When I would pray this prayer as a young man I would often think of what Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew 5:48; "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." I don't know why, but I always thought perfect and holiness went hand-in-hand in this passage, and I always thought of holiness as this pre-set bar that I had to jump in order to be holy enough to get to heaven. However, through my adult years I have come to realize that if I am to give God the reverence that is due, to make His name holy, I need to do what Mary and all the saints did and that was say "yes" to God, meaning I needed to be open to His will (which we will cover more in a later column). Holiness is not some standard or bar that I have to jump to. But holiness is letting myself be loved by the Father and in turn the Father's love will fill me up and complete me and what I mean by that is I become more complete - I become more fully human.

As I become more fully human I begin to radiate more of His "likeness." Thus I am filled with His love and thus I cannot contain that love and I must give myself away in love. The fathers of Vatican II in the document "Gaudium et Spes" said, "This likeness reveals that man, who is the only creature on earth which God willed for itself, cannot fully find himself except through a sincere gift of himself."

In my relationship with God I cannot keep this love to myself. It is to be shared, it is "Good News" and must be taken out and proclaimed to the world. I must tell and show others what God has done for me. Anytime in the Gospels that a person had an encounter with Jesus, they could not keep it to themselves; they had to share it with others. This encounter changed everything and charged them up to walk with others on the journey - this is the art of accompaniment. I must tell you that I have had an encounter with the risen Lord, in fact several encounters, and that is why I share these stories with you. My life will never be the same and I want you to have that in your life. God is calling me out of myself to give myself away to others; he is calling me to be more of what He made me to be to be more alive.

That is what is making me "perfect" and holy. I am certainly not finished yet, but the more I open myself to the love of God the more he calls me to open myself to the love of my fellow man. And when I do this work in the name of God I give Him glory and His name is hallowed. I will leave you with this great quote from St. Irenaeus that sums up this whole reflection: "The glory of God is man fully alive." ■

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# Tri Parish Mission 2018: ‘What does it mean to be Catholic today?’

BY JUDY COOMES, SPECIAL TO THE  
WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

As I searched for a seat in Blessed Mother Parish on the first night of the fourth annual Tri Parish Mission, I stood amazed at the crowd. Barely seated, I spotted my invited, but breathless, Baptist neighbor. Had her last round of radiation taken its toll? Instead, she had to park several blocks away and rushed to arrive on time. Repeatedly sharing how excited I was about the crowd, my neighbor said, “Judy, it’s the topic!” Suddenly, I felt on a pedestal and realized Catholics – both lay and religious – are under a microscope. Has the recent eruption of sex scandals, denials, and cover-ups in our Church weakened our faith or made us more determined to rise above the wrongs of Church leaders while remembering that we are all tainted with sin?

At St. Stephen Cathedral and SS. Joseph and Paul Parish, host churches who also saw record-breaking crowds, mission presenter, Fr. Tom McCarthy, again reminded us, “It’s tough to be Catholic, but, boy, is it worth it!” We must love our way to heaven, and we aren’t loving when we befriend only those who never disagree with or challenge us. Fr. Tom reminded us that we teach by the way we handle situations. How are we making Jesus the center of our lives? Arriving late and leaving Mass at Communion are sad reflections on our love for God. “Sunday Mass should never be an obligation but an opportunity.”

Special attention was given to our youth and their reaction was encouraging because they are the future of our Church. Fr. Tom made a point too of sharing inspiring points in conversations with our youth.

Proud parents beamed.

At each of the three mission nights we were reminded, “A saint is a sinner who keeps on trying.” We all have moments that we don’t want to end, and this is exactly how I would describe this beautiful three-day mission experience. ■

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COURTESY OF JUDY COOMES  
“What does it mean to be Catholic today?” reads a sign welcoming mission attendees during the Nov. 5-7, 2018 Tri Parish Mission in Owensboro.