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## A Word from Bishop Medley

*Note: The following was originally given in a slightly different, homily form at the Year of Consecrated Life Mass celebration at Immaculate Parish, Owensboro, on Oct. 24, 2015.*

The Church's "Year for Consecrated Life" – like most major Church initiatives – commenced with Advent 2014; the beginning of the Church year. The Church year for centuries, even millennia, has recognized that even a community built upon the rock of apostolic faith requires a periodic built-in systematic review. Long before annual reviews and evaluations became avant-garde in society, industry and commerce, our Church had built into its calendar multiple opportunities to retool, rethink, re-energize.

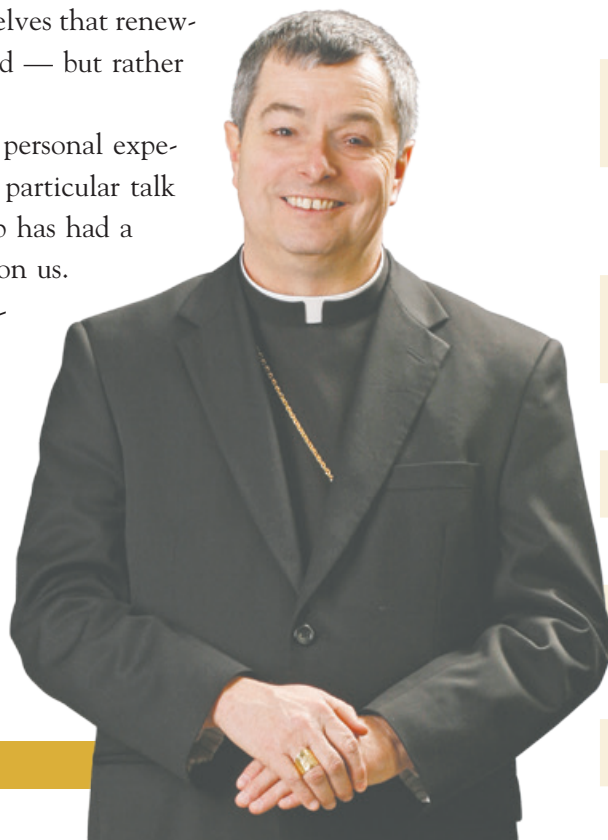
The Church must remind herself who we are, what we are about and assess whether or not we are authentic, true to ourselves – which means true to our God, and this is manifest by authenticity of mission and purpose.

So every Advent we try to begin again; we light candles one week at a time to remind ourselves that renewal cannot be microwaved — but rather must be slow-cooked.

Yes, we have all had personal experiences where a book, a particular talk or homily, a relationship has had a transformative effect upon us.

We feel like a new person. There may be a radical shift that proves permanent. These sort of transformative shifts happen with groups and institutions.

But oftentimes sudden shifts prove illusory – can in fact get us



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## BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR ● FEBRUARY 2016

- FEB 1** 9:00 a.m. ● Catholic Schools Week Mass – Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
- FEB 2** 9:30 a.m. ● Catholic Schools Week Mass – St. Mary School System, Paducah
- FEB 3** 9:00 a.m. ● Catholic Schools Week Mass – Christ the King, Madisonville  
6:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg
- FEB 4** 8:00 a.m. ● Catholic Schools Week Mass – St. Paul, Leitchfield
- FEB 6** 5:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah
- FEB 7** 8:30 a.m. ● New Pastor Installation, Fr. Stan Puryear – St. Mary, LaCenter  
10:30 a.m. ● New Pastor Installation, Fr. Stan Puryear – Rosary Chapel  
2:00 p.m. ● Rite of Election – St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
- FEB 9** 8:00 a.m. ● School Mass – St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
- FEB 10** 12:05 p.m. ● Ash Wednesday Mass – St. Stephen Cathedral
- FEB 13** 5:00 p.m. ● Mass, Catholic Men's Conference – St. Stephen Cathedral
- FEB 14** 2:00 p.m. ● Rite of Election – St. Stephen Cathedral  
6:00 p.m. ● Rite of Election – St. Stephen Cathedral
- FEB 15** 9:45 a.m. ● Priests' Personnel Board Meeting – MCC  
1:30 p.m. ● Priests' Council Meeting – MCC
- FEB 16** 9:00 a.m. ● McRaith Catholic Center Staff Mass and Meeting  
5:00 p.m. ● Vincentian Mass and Awards Dinner – St. Stephen Cathedral
- FEB 17** 8:30 a.m. ● Diocesan Finance Council Meeting – MCC
- FEB 18** 6:00 p.m. ● Confirmation – St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield
- FEB 21** 10:00 a.m. (CST) ● Confirmation – Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Irvington
- FEB 22** 6:00 p.m. ● Owensboro Serra Club Charter Dinner – Briarpatch
- FEB 23** 10-3:00 p.m. ● Paducah Office Hours – Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
- FEB 28** 10:30 a.m. ● Confirmation – St. Jude Parish, Clinton

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off course. I have become very dependent on my GPS — my global positioning device — that has guided me to the doors of schools and churches across western Kentucky — places I had never been nor heard of just a few years ago. But I have learned that it is not infallible. Last year I had Confirmation at St. Mary Church at LaCenter — a little town about 30-40 minutes beyond Paducah. Actually a lot like my home town, many of your home towns, much of the Diocese of Owensboro.

I had been there several times before — but not so much that I could just drive there. My GPS led me and as it counted down the last couple of miles to my destination I was having the feeling that nothing looked particularly familiar. Then the kind voice announced, “You have arrived at your destination.” Well, I had just passed a sign welcoming me to Wickliffe, Ky.

Now I always permit myself lots of time so I was able to reorient myself and still start Confirmation on time — but at that moment of the announced arrival, I was still 15 miles from La Center. GPS is not infallible. Even the best of guides will sometimes put us off course.

In announcing the Year for Consecrated Life, the Holy See stated a purpose ... “to make a grateful remembrance of the recent past and to embrace the future with hope.” As I get a little older, a human trait that I share with most of you, the “recent” past gets measured not in days, weeks, months or years, but decades. And I suppose in the Church and in institutes of consecrated we might even speak of the recent past encompassing centuries.

Pope Francis decreed that the Church universal

**Places of pilgrimage in the Diocese of Owensboro**

**It's now the Year of Mercy and you are welcome to visit the six pilgrimage sites in our diocese! They are:**



**St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro**  
610 Locust Street, Owensboro  
Contact: Michael Bogdan, (270) 852-8327

**Chapel of Mercy, St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah**  
5645 Blandville Road, Paducah  
Contact: Lois Bell, (270) 534-9000

**Fathers of Mercy Chapel of Divine Mercy, Auburn**  
806 Shaker Museum Road, Auburn  
Contact: Fr. Joel Rogers, (270) 361-9613

**Marian Shrine at St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green**  
434 Church Avenue, Bowling Green  
Contact: Parish office, (270) 842-2525

**St. Mary of the Woods Parish, McQuady**  
4711 Highway 105 S, Hardinsburg  
Contact: Sister Mary Agnes, (270) 756-2093

**Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph Motherhouse Chapel, Maple Mount**  
8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount  
Contact: Sister Mary Matthias Ward, (270) 229-2011

**Out of consideration for the places of pilgrimage, pilgrims are asked that if more than 8-10 pilgrims are visiting, contact the site first to ensure that they can accommodate your group.**

should observe a year — actually 14 months — to recall the past and embrace the future by celebrating the charisms of consecrated and religious life in the Church.

Earliest models of religious life date back almost to the beginning of the Church. Many forms and expressions of consecrated life have come, served a people or an era nobly, and then quietly (sometimes not so quietly) gone out of existence. There are still new forms and manifestations of religious life being founded today.

For some religious communities, the “recent” past then may be several centuries. For others, that

may be a few years at best.

It is not an accident or an afterthought that the Church would celebrate consecrated life in this year as we recall the end of the Second Vatican Council. For now the Council stands as the recent past — but just as nobly still represents an embrace of the future. Church historians will be quick to remind us that significant Church councils take decades, if not centuries, to fully implement in a 2000-year-old Church.

Talk about transformative experiences — for individuals and institutions. It should surprise no one that the work of the Spirit-inspired council re-

mains unfinished. A catch phrase of the Vatican Council II was a challenge that God's people be always vigilant to "read the signs of the times." There seems to be some scholarly speculation about just who coined this phrase. But certainly Pope John XXIII was quick to make it his own — and a part of the mission of the Church.

I was quite young with the Council's advent — and still young as it ended. I learned to serve Mass in Latin; a religious sister taught me. And less than a year later that same sister gathered all the servers again to tell us we had to learn it all over again. This time in English. Such is life, I learned.

But there was never a question in my mind that the Mass had remained unchanged in essence as it was God's people being fed of Christ's own Body and Blood. Liturgical changes were but one piece of the Church's reading the signs of the times — though in many ways, to the rank and file Catholics they may be hard-pressed to describe other changes. Other than, of course, the observation of many that priests and nuns seemed to go crazy at that time.

But the real work of seeing the Church through

this new Advent — through this new Pentecost — is ongoing. My own "grateful remembrance" of the recent past, marked both by personal experience and some modest scholarship, is that religious communities, American sisters in particular, were the boldest to authentically read the signs of the times and call and lead the Church to essential renewal. And this has little to do with modified habits or the length of veils. It had to do with mission, and sisters led the way.

Religious communities of men and women were called to explore their pasts, study the lives and traditions of their founders, and assess whether or not they remained authentic. It would not be honest to acknowledge this visionary role religious played without also acknowledging that this noble venture has come at great cost. Thousands of men and women left religious life. Some communities split into multiple foundations.

Many communities of religious now look to their communal futures with anxiety. Will their particular charisms and missions continue to be served given the radical changes in their lives and numbers?

So we admit at least that 50 years is the recent past, and all the implications of what we have done and accomplished are not signed and sealed. But we embrace the future with hope.

So my proper response to this Year of Consecrated Life, that draws to a close on February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is to say thank you. Your witness has

come at great cost — but Jesus made that more than clear when he told his followers that to follow him was to take up a cross. You and your many sisters, brothers and priests who have gone forth marked with the sign of faith — helped a reluctant Church to read and see the signs of the times.

But all of us who celebrate renewal will do well not to get frozen in time as the Church seemed to do for four long centuries after the Council of Trent — to believe that our little renewal is the final word.

So if we are still reading the signs of the times today as we did in 1965 — time for a reality check. The times, they continue to change. This can be frightful — like being in a boat on the Sea of Galilee at night in a storm.

The Church claims to herself the doctrine of infallibility — that Christ will not let his Church ultimately err and fail. But that does not assure that there will not be storms tonight or that everyone will be always be content.

But in "embracing the future with hope" I pray that the Church and women and men of consecrated life today and tomorrow will remember Paul's admonition that it is not about us. Our measure may be the story of the vine and branches. Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the branches."

So we embrace the future with hope that it is, after all, God's Church and consecrated life is one of God's finest gifts to the Church.



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

### The Diocese of Owensboro Needs Your Help!

The Office of Communications for the Diocese of Owensboro has created a short survey in order to assess the communication needs of those in our faith community in western Kentucky. We are also very interested in learning what types of information you seek out regarding your Catholic faith, how you go about receiving your information, and also how you prefer to interact with the Diocese.

Take the survey at <http://ow.ly/XgXv6>

Thank you for your participation!



# A hand up, not a handout

## St. Benedict's shelters the homeless



A much-used Bible lays on a table during St. Benedict's evening Bible study on Jan. 13. Bible study is just one of the many opportunities available to residents. Photo by TJ Stinnett, Office of Communications.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

A common misconception about homeless men is that they are always to blame for their situation, says Harry Pedigo, director of St. Benedict Joseph's Homeless Shelter.

But often there are factors beyond the individuals' control that led to the homelessness, Pedigo added.

"They're somebody's father, brother, son, uncle, grandfather," said Pedigo. "What we're here for is to find the underlying issues."

Also known as St. Benedict's Emergency Shelter for Men, it is the only emergency shelter for homeless men in Owensboro. They serve 60 men nightly.

"We are a non-judgmental facility," said Pedi-

go, adding that besides requiring residents to pass a breathalyzer and a drug test, "we take you just as you are."

St. Benedict's celebrated 10 years this past November, and is named after St. Benedict Joseph Labre, a pilgrim who dressed in rags and traveled from shrine to shrine during his life. He shared his food with those less fortunate, and even lived in the ruins of the Coliseum for a time. After his death in 1783 he was named a saint.

Pedigo said the shelter works to give homeless men a place to sleep, a hot meal and a place to keep

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### Living the Year of Mercy

The Jubilee Year of Mercy was established by Pope Francis to last from Dec. 8, 2015 to Nov. 20, 2016. As a special series celebrating the Works of Mercy, The Western Kentucky Catholic is highlighting stories of individuals who live these Works around the Diocese of Owensboro. This month's article tells the story of St. Benedict's Emergency Shelter for Men, whose mission of providing a bed for 60 men each night exemplifies the Work "Shelter the Homeless."



Men begin arriving at St. Benedict's around 6 p.m. every night. In this Jan. 13 photo, men check in and are given a job responsibility for either the morning or night. Photo by TJ Stinnett, Office of Communications.

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## Confession a place of mercy, not judgment

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Fr. Jason McClure says the most powerful moment for him as a priest is sitting in confession with someone “and being an instrument of God’s mercy.”

“Especially when someone’s held onto something for years,” said Fr. McClure, vocations director and vicar for clergy in the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be discussed more during Lent and Advent – as Catholics prepare for the celebrations of Easter and Christmas, respectively – but Fr. McClure said confession should be treasured any day of the year.

“The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available, and I believe we priests have an obligation to be present in the confessional,” said Fr. McClure.

This sacrament of confessing one’s sins and

receiving forgiveness has a twofold element, explained Fr. McClure. Not only does the person reconcile themselves with God, but they are also reconciled with the community.

A married couple once told him that when they regularly went to confession they noticed a big difference in dealing with life’s challenges.

With the help of confession, “the challenges are still there but they deal with them more lovingly,” said Fr. McClure.

“It’s God’s grace that is flowing through that sacrament,” he said, citing St. Paul’s Letter to the Philippians, “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13).

Fr. McClure mentioned the Jubilee Year of Mercy, with Pope Francis’ emphasis on confession: “God’s grace and mercy is there for everyone – that’s why Jesus came. To forgive sins,” said Fr. McClure.

He offered a few pointers for those who may be hesitant about returning to confession after many years.

“Know that the priest is not there to condemn or judge, but to be a conduit of God’s grace,” he said. Furthermore, the seal of confession guarantees that “nothing can ever be repeated outside that seal.”

Also, “you’ll feel so much better because you won’t have the burden of those sins anymore,” he said.

“The sacrament is not a place of judgment, but a place of mercy and forgiveness,” said Fr. McClure, explaining that God “made it easy for us” and the hard part, the punishment for our sins, was done by Jesus when he died on the cross. ♦

The Light is ON  for You.  
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

### The Light is On for You

During Lent 2016 the Diocese of Owensboro again participates in “The Light is On for You” – an initiative providing additional times for confession and prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Learn more at [rcdok.org/lightison](http://rcdok.org/lightison).



Bishop William F. Medley hears a confession at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in this 2008 WKC file photo.

### Rite of Election 2016

This year’s Rite of Election services are as follows:

**Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016 – 2 p.m.**  
St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

**Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016 – 2 p.m.**  
St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

**Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016 – 6 p.m.**  
St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Additionally, this year’s Chrism Mass is on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Owensboro Sportscenter.



Photo courtesy of BraveLove.org.

## Local woman shares story of placing child for adoption

Single, depressed and in the midst of family upheavals, Ali discovered she was pregnant. The only option in her mind was to place her child for adoption, so with the help of Rita Heinz of Kentucky Catholic Charities Adoption Program, she began the process to find a couple to adopt her daughter. Little did she know, but the perfect adoptive parents really were out there.

Ali writes in her testimony, "Placed Together," on BraveLove.org: "There is not one single thing that I would have changed about my adoption journey. I look at the fact that I had zero sadness or regret associated with my decision and sometimes feel guilty or wrong for not feeling those ways, but I 100% believe that if you are faced with a difficult decision and you know you are truly making the right choice, it's so much easier to make."

**Read Ali's full story at [bravelove.org/placed\\_together](http://bravelove.org/placed_together).**

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their belongings during the day to reduce the social stigma associated with carrying their belongings around.

Some residents, after warming to the shelter staff and volunteers, have opened up about personal struggles.

They are then able to receive guidance and resources for a treatment facility: "We try to give a hand up and not a handout," said Pedigo.

Besides a hot meal, residents are able to participate in activities at the shelter, including Bible studies, chess club and Alcoholics Anonymous. Every month a healthcare representative comes to discuss medical insurance options with the men, and a financial literacy course is also in the works.

Pedigo said some residents have returned to school, achieved careers and other life successes, and come back to serve at St. Benedict's.

"It displays a lot of what Christ is doing in this facility," said Pedigo.

Pedigo said St. Benedict's has no permanent funding. Ninety percent of St. Benedict's funding comes from donations, usually from individuals, organizations and religious groups.

"We rely solely on Jesus to provide for us," he said.

The shelter also relies heavily on the volunteer ministry, whether through serving dinner each evening or monitoring the shelter overnight. Pedigo said they are always in need of more volunteers.

He added that a large percentage of their volunteers are women, despite cultural misconceptions that women would not feel comfortable helping at a men's shelter.



Harry Pedigo (right), director of St. Benedict's, speaks with a receptionist at the shelter on Jan. 13. Photo by TJ Stinnett, Office of Communications.

"You're a light of Christ, and you're here to be a light," he said, encouraging prospective volunteers to not be afraid to help.

Pedigo told the story of a former resident who, upon moving out of St. Benedict's, expressed deep gratitude to Pedigo.

The man explained that through Pedigo's Bible studies with residents, the man had become much more engaged with Christ.

"By (your) bringing Christ to us, I was able to build a relationship with Jesus," the man had said.

This is just one of the many stories of lives touched, Pedigo explained.

"What that looks like sometimes is not what our worldly eyes would think that should look like," he said. ♦



## Get Involved

St. Benedict Joseph's Homeless Shelter is located at 1001 West 7th St., Owensboro, KY, 42301. To learn about making donations or participating in the volunteer ministry, visit them online at [facebook.com/stbenedictsowensboro](https://facebook.com/stbenedictsowensboro) or [stbenedictsowensboro.org](http://stbenedictsowensboro.org). St. Benedict's can also be reached at (270) 541-1003 and (270) 315-4419.



# Archives Corner

## FEBRUARY 2016

Take a walk down memory lane to days gone by in the Diocese of Owensboro! To learn more about the Archives Office and how they can help you find historical information about the Diocese of Owensboro, contact our archivist Heidi Taylor-Caudill at [Heidi.caudill@pastoral.org](mailto:Heidi.caudill@pastoral.org) or call (270) 683-1545 and ask for Archives.



Students from St. Mary Middle School in Paducah relax after the first day of the school year on August 17, 1994 (photo by Mel Howard).



Fr. Henry Weider answers questions about sacred objects from a class of students at St. Joseph School in Bowling Green in this 1991 photograph (photo by Mel Howard).

### Parishioner of St. Mark's in Eddyville to begin tour in South Korea



PVT Ben T. Rooyackers, parishioner of St. Mark Parish in Eddyville, graduated with honors from the Army Advanced Individual Training (AIT) in Fort Rucker, AL on Dec. 18, 2015. PVT Rooyackers, an Aviation Operations Specialist, will begin a yearlong tour in South Korea. He is the son of Tom and Nicole Rooyackers. Photo courtesy of Nicole Rooyackers.

### St. Vincent de Paul cares and shares in Hopkins County



The St. Vincent de Paul Vincentians and members of Christ the King Parish, Madisonville, and Immaculate Conception Parish, Earlington, distributed more than 200 baskets of food, personal hygiene products and blankets to needy families in the area. This has been a project of the local conference for many years. Photo courtesy of Joe Rocha.

### Scott Hahn book discussed at the Mount

Sister Ann McGrew, OSU, led the first discussion of "A Father Who Keeps His Promises" – a book by Scott Hahn – on Jan. 7 in the Mount St. Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount. In this picture Sister McGrew laughs at a joke one of the 11 participants made about giving up chocolate as a Lenten sacrifice.



# February is Black History Month

BY F. VERONICA WILHITE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Each year on the first Sunday of February, (Black History Month) we observe a day of prayer for Black families. In this Holy Year of Mercy our theme for this day is “God’s Mercy pulls us through.” (For info visit [www.solidgroundministry.com](http://www.solidgroundministry.com).)

Let us especially pray for those African-American Catholics who created a remarkable movement of faith and evangelization and who are currently candidates for canonization, like Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence (Maryland), Henriette DeLille, foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family (New Orleans) and Fr. Augustus Tolton (Chicago).

They witnessed their faith, ministered to their people, and left lasting legacies in the face of prejudice, ignorance, and indifference. One cannot read their stories without feeling tremendous joy, sorrow, and inspiration.

The theme of Black History Month this year is “Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories.” This theme was selected to bring attention to the centennial celebration of the National Park Service and the more than 25 sites and the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom that are part of America’s hallowed grounds. Included is the home of the founder of black history, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, who born to former slaves, spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines.

Dr. Woodson graduated from Berea College in Kentucky and earned his Ph.D. from Harvard. Disturbed that history books did not include signifi-

cant black American contributions, Dr. Woodson began writing black Americans into our nation’s history. He established the Association for the Study of Afro-American (Negro) Life and History in 1915, and in 1916 founded the Journal of Negro History.

In 1926, he launched Negro History Week the second week of February to bring national attention to the contributions of Blacks in American history. In 1976, as part of our national Bicentennial, President Ford officially recognized Black History and expanded the observance to Black History Month. Americans were urged to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of blacks.”

While Dr. Woodson has a work and educational history in Kentucky, let us acknowledge some of our own native Kentuckians of note, such as: Daniel Rudd (August 7, 1854–1933), founder of the National Black Catholic Congress which convened in 1889 with Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first recognized Black priest in America celebrating Mass. Rudd was born to Catholic parents in Bardstown, Kentucky. His father was a slave on the Rudd estate and his mother was a slave of the Hayden family.

Whitney Moore Young, Jr. (July 31, 1921 – March 11, 1971) was an American civil rights leader born to parents who were educators from Shelby County, Kentucky who spent most of his career working to end employment discrimination. He earned his BA in Social Work from Kentucky State University and later became the director of



An 1899 image of the Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans, founded by Henriette Delille. Image via Wikimedia Commons.

the National Urban League.

William Eugene McAnulty Jr. (October 9, 1947 – August 23, 2007) was an attorney and judge in Louisville, Kentucky who became the first African American justice on the Kentucky Supreme Court. He received a J.D. from the University of Louisville School of Law.

Black History Month provides opportunities to learn and share the whole history and our rich heritage.

*Ubi Victoria Veritas! The Victory of Truth!*

*F. Veronica Wilhite is director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro. ♦*

## Considering Adoption?

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

## Recipes for Lent 2016

*Editor's Note: Canons 1250 and 1251 state that all Fridays are days of penance. The USCCB requests that Catholics abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent, and practice some form of penance on other Fridays throughout the year. To help families who are seeking easy meatless dishes this Lent, we've collected three recipes shared from friends around the diocese.*

### Easy Potato Salad

**SUBMITTED BY SISTER PATRICIA SULLIVAN, OP, HISPANIC MINISTER AT SACRED HEART PARISH, RUSSELLVILLE**

- 6 medium boiling potatoes (2 pounds)
  - 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise or salad dressing
  - 1 tablespoon white or cider vinegar
  - 1 tablespoon yellow mustard
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
  - 2 medium celery stalks, chopped (1 cup)
  - 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
  - 4 hard cooked eggs, chopped
1. Scrub potatoes. Leave skins on if desired, or peel thinly and remove eyes.
  2. Heat 1 inch water (salted if desired) to boiling; add potatoes.
  3. Cover and heat to boiling; reduce heat. Cook 30 to 35 minutes or until potatoes are tender; drain.
  4. Cool slightly; cut into cubes (about 6 cups).
  5. Mix mayonnaise, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper in 4-quart glass or plastic bowl.
  6. Add potatoes, celery and onion; toss as mix in chopped eggs.
  7. Cover and refrigerate 4 hours.

### Salmon Soufflé

**SUBMITTED BY MELINDA PRUNTY, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY**  
*Makes 4 servings, 312 calories per serving.*

1. Place frozen asparagus or broccoli spears in the bottom of soufflé/casserole dish prepared with non-stick cooking spray.
2. 1 large can of salmon, deboned and flaked over vegetables.
3. 3-4 eggs separated; let whites come to room temperature.
4. Combine 2/3 cup mayonnaise, 2/3 cup shredded sharp cheese, 1/2 tsp. lemon peel.
5. Beat egg whites until stiff; fold into cheese/mayo mixture.
6. Spread over salmon layer.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until brown.

### Big-Batch Vegetarian Lentil Chili

**SUBMITTED BY CHARLOTTE HEDGES, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR THE OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE**  
*Makes 6 (about 1 1/2-cup) servings + leftovers.*

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| • 4 14.5-oz. cans diced tomatoes                     | • 1/4 cup chili powder                   |
| • 2 15-oz. cans red kidney beans, rinsed and drained | • 2 Tbsp. garlic powder                  |
| • 1 12-oz. pkg. frozen chopped green peppers         | • 1 8-oz. can tomato sauce               |
| • 1 12-oz. pkg. frozen chopped onions                | • 1 6-oz. can tomato paste               |
| • 2 cups dry red lentils, rinsed and drained         | • 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese (4 oz.) |
|  | • Tortilla chips (optional)              |
1. In 8-quart Dutch oven combine undrained tomatoes, rinsed and drained beans, 3 cups water, green peppers, onions, dry lentils, chili powder, and garlic powder. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 30 minutes, stirring occasionally.
  2. Stir in tomato sauce, tomato paste, and 1/8 teaspoon black pepper; heat through. Serve with shredded cheese and tortilla chips. Store leftovers, covered, in the refrigerator for up to 3 days. Or divide among 1-quart freezer containers and freeze for up to 3 months.



### St. Gerard Life Home

Providing housing and services to pregnant women and their babies

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

### Murray students attend FOCUS conference



On Jan. 1-5, 2016, a group of Catholic students from Murray State University attended the Student Leadership Summit conference that was organized by FOCUS ministry (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). Two of the students will be serving as FOCUS missionaries after their graduation. Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, CSsR, director of Campus Ministry at Murray's Newman Center, writes: "It was a great way to begin the New Year with prayer, fellowship, and mission." Photo courtesy of Fr. Eugene Batungbacal, CSsR.

# CRS Rice Bowl inspires Catholics to do more with less at Lent

**Incorporating the pillars of prayer, fasting and alms giving, Catholics have created a Lenten 'Rice Bowl Effect' that changes lives around the world**

Baltimore, MD, January 4, 2016 – This Lent, as they have for four decades, millions of Catholics around the United States will place a colorful cardboard box and calendar in their homes to begin a spiritual journey that changes lives around the world.

They will be participating in the 41st year of CRS Rice Bowl, a program with an effect that goes far beyond the funds it raises for those who need support and services in communities throughout the United States and overseas.

For Catholic families, the "CRS Rice Bowl Effect" begins conversations about Lent and their faith, about the role of charity, and about the many different people who make up our world family. For

Catholic parishes and schools, it unites communities for Lenten faith reflection around the spirit of serving those in need and the good work of the Church around the globe. And for those who benefit from its charity, the "Rice Bowl Effect" is a key to a better life.

Please give generously to CRS Rice Bowl and also to the Catholic Relief Services yearly Collection on March 5/6, 2016. Your donations are changing lives. Thank you.

For more information, contact Richard Murphy, director of the Office of Social Concerns in the Diocese of Owensboro, at (270) 683-1545 or richard.murphy@pastoral.org. ♦

## To Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

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

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

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett (Chair), Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, Mr. Tony Kraus, Mr. Michael Marsili, Ms. Kelly Roe (Vice-Chair), and Ms. Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board. The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.

# February Wedding Anniversaries

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

### **Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

Thomas & Janice Foster, 60  
Martin & Vickie Logsdon, 40  
Vince & Joan Frey, 57  
John & Mary Medley, 55  
Saul & Amy Espinoza, 5  
Frank & Nancy Howard, 53

### **Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington**

Michael & Linda Matz, 40

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

Jerry & Beverly Duncan, 50  
William & Martha Duncan, 62  
Douglas & Carla Englebright, 10  
James & Janet Esser, 40  
Roy & Teresa Farmer, 40  
Panfilo & Nancy Federico, 25  
Bernard & Betty Feltrop, 61  
John & Carlene Gabe, 53  
Fred & Michaelene Guillerman, 50  
Richard & Doris Market, 53  
Mike & Bobbie Ann Willett, 53  
Norman & Mary Anne Williams, 51

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

Robert & Rita Otto, 59  
Donald & Mary Jane Scarbeau, 56  
Lee & Cheryl Huber, 50  
Carroll & Virginia Hughes, 50  
William & Elise Konwiczka, 40  
Kenneth & Lorraine Baushke, Jr., 40  
William & Christine Garske, 25

### **Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

Denis & Martha Wheatley, 56

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

Patrick & Laura Boling, 5  
Robert & Cindy Goetz, 40  
Joseph & Jennifer Galloway, 50  
Larry & Linda Field, 64  
Francis & Doreen Russell, 52  
George & Martha Taylor, 60

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

Fred & Gloria Zinobile, 61  
Gary & Patricia Satterwhite, 56

Robert E. & Mary Ramage, 51  
James & Patricia Krampe, 56

### **Precious Blood, Owensboro**

Guy & Linda Connor, 55  
Earl & Rose Hayden, 40  
Rosary Chapel, Paducah  
Johnny & Lauretta Hollis, 50

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

Ronald & Mary Davis, 59  
Wayne & Loretta Nally, 55  
Jack & Sue Miller, 51  
Bill & Rosemarie Thomas, 40

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

James L. & Dorothy Calhoun, 69  
George & Shirley Schadler, 10  
Paul & Beverly Smith, 50

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

Eddie & Ruth Ann Collins, 51  
Willard & Joyce Greenwell, 63  
Franklin & Agnes Hancock, 68  
Gilbert & Pat Rudd, 55  
Leroy & Eva Stone, 52

### **St. Anthony, Peonia**

Fred & Vida White, 53

### **St. Anthony Padua, Grand Rivers**

Jon & Donna Gresham, 50

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

James & Faye Johnston, 53  
Donnie & Barbara Higdon, 5

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

Ron & Dawn Kupper, 51

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

Tony & Sherry Logsdon, 30

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

Robert & Ellen Edge, 57

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

Carl & Paula Ball, 59

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

David & Ann Conn, 40

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

Jay & Kim Miller, 25  
Larry & Norma Clark, 51

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

Francisco & Mirna Flores, 5  
Joseph & Laurette Murphy, 5  
Jorge & Adriana Carbajal, 10  
Michael & Robyn Hughes, 40  
Carroll & Sue Hughes, 50  
Don & Betty McCormick, 63

### **St. Joseph, Central City**

David & Jean Simpson, 54

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

Robert & Rose Coplen, 65  
Jerry & Norma Erwin, 50  
Rex & Kay Alexander, 50  
David & Betty Morrill, 52

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

Robert & Ellen Edge, Sr., 57  
James Mark & Frieda Payne, 58  
Ralph & Shirley Keeney, 53

### **St. Martin, Rome**

Joe & Amy Pruitt, 10  
Bill & Jane Shelton, 65

### **St. Mary, Franklin**

Lewis & Helen Garst, 55  
Basil & Hilda Trouten, Sr., 52

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

Gene & Virginia Sullivan, 40  
Wallace & Brenda Shankle, 40  
Robert & Florence Lanier, 52

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

James A. & Martha Wathen, 40  
James & Martha Johnson, 52

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

Ronald & Maridel Brown, Sr., 50  
James & Janet Doyle, 51  
Charles & Barbara Peltier, 52

### **St. Peter, Waverly**

Jerry Wayne & Beverly Duncan, 50

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

Michael & Gretchen Young, 25



## Divine Mercy Sunday

**WHEN**  
April 3, 2016  
1:30 pm - 4 pm

**WHERE**  
Blessed Mother Catholic Church  
601 East 23rd Street,  
Owensboro, KY 42303

**INFORMATION**  
Deacon and Joy Bach - 270.685.3743  
Kelly Hedges - 270.302.8976

**Open the Flood-gates of Mercy**

"Dear brothers and sisters, I have thought about how the Church can make clear its mission of being a witness of mercy."

"It's a journey that starts with a spiritual conversion. For this reason I have decided to declare an Extraordinary Jubilee that has the mercy of God at its center. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy."

-Pope Francis

**Divine Mercy Agenda**

1:30 "The Mercy Desire"  
2:15 Break  
2:30 "The Mercy Elevator"  
3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3:30 "The Mercy Springs",

Fr. Richard Cash, Speaker  
Reconciliation Available

Dennis & Star McKay, 25

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

Bobby & Theresa Barnett, 54  
James & Penny Howard, 56  
Frankie & Betty Clark, 61  
William & Martha Zoglmann, 62

### **St. Romuald, Hardinsburg**

Jon & Amber Coleman, 10  
Tim & Rachel Glasscock, 5  
Bobby Joe & Laura Rhodes, 25

### **St. Sebastian, Calhoun**

Kevin & Lisa Vaught, 20  
Tony & Sherry Logsdon, 30

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

Eduardo & Lorna Pavon, 50  
Jim & K. G. Ariagno, 51  
Thomas & Patricia Fritsch, 51

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

Bill & Rosemary Payne, 55

Thomas E. & Lucy H. Neal, 55  
Virgil & Colene Jennings, 69  
Robert J. & Vurble Mahoney, 59

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

Al & Mary McKeown, 53

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

Charles Morgan & Julie Rebecca Embry, 5  
James R. & Evelyn Cecil, 61  
Edwin & Linda Payne, 51

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

Martin & Patricia Cecil, 52  
William A. & Betty Jo Payne, 60  
William & Katherine Thomas, 65

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

G. W. & Joan Brockman III, 54  
Arthur & Pat Degenhardt, 40



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Events at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

To register for sponsored events at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0206 or [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org)

#### Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation

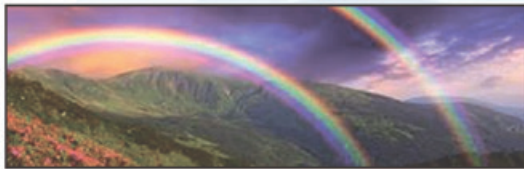
First Tuesday of each month ● 5 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

The \$20 fee includes dinner.

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| <b>Mar. 1</b> | Sister Marietta Wethington, OSU –<br><i>Angela, A Woman for All Time</i> | <b>June 7</b> | Sister Ann McGrew, OSU –<br><i>The Choice to Say “Yes;” The Choice to Say “No”</i> |
| <b>Apr. 5</b> | Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU –<br><i>Chile: An Ursuline Adventure</i>         | <b>July 5</b> | Sister Mary Matthias Ward, OSU –<br><i>Blueprint for Life: Beatitudes</i>          |
| <b>May 3</b>  | Sister Vivian Bowles, OSU –<br><i>Mind Management</i>                    | <b>Aug. 2</b> | Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU –<br><i>The Gift of Forgiveness</i>                        |

#### NEW Book Study: A Father Who Keeps His Promises



Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016

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

Fee: \$10 per class (includes lunch)

“A FATHER WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES” is a book by Scott Hahn on God’s covenant Love in Scripture. It explains how God patiently reaches out to us — despite our faults and shortcomings — to restore us into relationships with his divine Family. Hahn begins with Adam and Eve and continues down through the generations to the coming of Christ and the birth of the Church.

**SCHEDULE: Feb. 11 • March 10 • April 14 • May 12 • June 9**

**• Aug. 11 • Sept. 8 • Oct. 13 • Nov. 10 • Dec. 8**


Director: Sister Ann McGrew, OSU

Classes take place on the **SECOND THURSDAY** of each month (there is no class in July).

Feel free to attend any and all sessions.

To register, contact Kathy: (270) 229-0206  
[kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org)

Find a flyer at [www.ursulinesmsj.org](http://www.ursulinesmsj.org) under Conference & Retreat Center

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#### Mount Saint Joseph Quilt Club

Sign up by March 3 to get your name into the 2015-16 Quilt of the Month Club drawings. The drawings take place the first Friday of each month. For a \$20 ticket, you can still get seven chances to win a handmade quilt. To order your ticket(s), contact Kris Mango at 270-229-2009 or [kris.mango@maplemount.org](mailto:kris.mango@maplemount.org).

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Second Sunday of each month

Feb. 14, March 13, April 10, May 8,  
June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Oct. 9, Nov.

13, Dec. 11 (Note: There is no Adoration on  
Sept. 11 – Picnic Day)

3 p.m.-5 p.m. (The time has been extended to  
two hours during the Year of Mercy)

#### Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel

Adoration will conclude with evening prayer.  
Adoration also takes place every Friday from  
3 p.m.-5 p.m.

#### National Catholic Sisters Week

The third annual National Catholic Sisters Week is March 8-14, 2016. Meet a Sister. Be Inspired. This is a time to celebrate the lives and contributions of Catholic Sisters. Visit [www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org](http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org).

#### Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Junior College Reunion

Weekend of May 14-15, 2016

Alumnae Weekend includes Mass; a banquet where anniversary classes are recognized and Maple Leaf winners are announced; the taking of class photos, and other social activities. For more information, visit [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org), call 270-229-2006 or email [alumnae.ms@maplemount.org](mailto:alumnae.ms@maplemount.org). Registration forms will be mailed to alumnae and will also be available online in the near future.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

IMMACULATE PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY  
PRESENTS:  
**LENTEN PRAYER  
AND MUSIC PROGRAM**  
in the style of **Taize'**



**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28, 5PM**

### **Song—Scripture—Silent Reflection**

As we journey along with Pope Francis in this Year of Mercy, Immaculate offers a special Lenten program in the style of Taize. [TAZ-ay] A Taize' style service is a very moving prayer experience that penetrates the heart and whole being. Join us and experience a time of deep prayer in the presence of the Holy Eucharist. Adult, Children. Youth Choirs/Musicians will be in attendance to lead the sung prayer.

Bring the whole family to bond and ask for courage and strength to bring the Mercy of God to the world!

### **Where?**

**Parish of the Immaculate**  
**2516 Christie Pl—Owensboro**

*Join us for the Spring Women's Retreat...*

## **The Tender Mercy of God: Jesus and Gospel Women**

**March 11-13, 2016**

*Retreat Director: Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU*



During this retreat weekend, participants will reflect on "the tender mercy of God" as embodied in Jesus' treatment of a number of women in the gospels. Jesus extended divine mercy to childless women, women whose children had died, poor and sick women, "foreign" women, "sinners" and to women outside conventional roles. Through reading, reflecting and sharing, attendees will translate the face of God's mercy toward Gospel women into the experience of God's mercy today.



*Sister Cheryl*

*Retreat begins at 7 p.m. Friday and ends after lunch Sunday. Fee: \$180 for residents or \$130 for commuters.*

**Get a 10% discount if paid in full by Feb. 11.**

*A limited number of scholarships are available. Contact Sister Ann McGrew: 270-229-0200*

To register, contact Kathy: (270) 229-0206 • [kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org)  
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*Join our Spinning Retreat Weekends!*

**Next Weekend Retreat: March 4-6**

**Also Scheduled:**

**June 3-5, Aug. 26-28, Nov. 4-6**

Whether you are an experienced yarn spinner, weaver, rug hooker, knitter, crocheter or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the Arts at the Mount weekend retreats at Mount Saint Joseph. Enjoy the fellowship of those who appreciate this traditional skill.

The group plans to "spin, knit and talk until we're done!"

For information on room rates, meal costs, etc.,  
or to register, contact Kathy McCarty:  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY 2016 BULLETIN BOARD

#### ■ Bishop Medley begins video series

Bishop Medley recently began hosting a new video conversation series titled "Across the Diocese." These 7-10 minute videos will feature guests who serve in and around the Diocese of Owensboro in western Kentucky. The videos will be released monthly via the diocese's e-newsletter, and then later via other social media. Those who haven't signed up for the e-newsletter may do so at the following link: <http://eepurl.com/bF4ZtX>.

#### ■ Lenten fish fries around our diocese

Lent is here and so are our fish fries! Fish fries in western Kentucky include the following:

- **Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro:** Feb. 12, 19, 26 & Mar. 4, 5, 11, 18 at 5:30 p.m.
- **St. Martin Parish, Rome:** Feb. 26 & Mar. 11 at 5 p.m.
- **St. Ann Parish, Morganfield:** Feb. 12, 19, 26 & Mar. 11 at 5-7 p.m.
- **SS. William and Lawrence Parishes:** Feb. 12, 19, 26 & Mar. 4, 11, 18 at 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- **St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph:** Mar. 18 fish fry at 5:30 p.m., live & silent auctions at 6:30 p.m.
- **St. Agnes Parish, Uniontown:** Feb. 19, Mar. 6 & 18 at 5 p.m.
- **St. Columba Parish, Lewisport:** Feb. 12, 19, 26 & Mar. 4, 11, 18 at 4:30-7 p.m.
- **St. Pius X, Calvert City:** Feb. 12, 19, 26 & Mar. 4, 11, 18 at 4:30-7 p.m.

#### ■ Lourdes Knights-sponsored Lenten fish fries

Our Lady of Lourdes Knights of Columbus Council is again sponsoring the Lenten Fish Fries on Friday nights during Lent. These will be on Feb. 12, 19, 26, Mar. 4, 11, 18 at 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the parish hall. For \$10 adults get all-you-can-eat catfish fillets, hush puppies, French fries, white beans, coleslaw, desserts, and a drink. Children 5-12 are \$5 and ages 4 and under eat FREE! Serving is in the Parish Hall from 5:30- 7:30, with Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.

#### ■ Women of Grace discussion

The Glenmary Sisters are offering the Women of Grace Discussion series for single women ages 24

-40. We will meet on Saturday mornings during Lent, beginning Jan. 30 at 10 am. The sessions will be held at the sisters' residence, 405 Locust Court, Owensboro, KY. Each session is approximately two hours long and we will provide lunch. To register, contact Sharrie Cinnamon at (270) 233-1510 or [sharriecinnamon@gmail.com](mailto:sharriecinnamon@gmail.com).

#### ■ Registration for Gasper River has begun

Registration for Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp has begun and spots fill up quickly! Please visit our website [gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://gasperriverretreatcenter.org) to register online or download forms to mail in and for additional information on all camps this summer. We will have over 700 campers this summer, so send the forms as quickly as you can so you don't miss out. Please contact our office at (270) 781-2466 with any questions.

#### ■ First diocesan Gennesaret Retreat to be held this spring

The three-day Gennesaret Retreat is designed for persons with chronic or life-threatening medical conditions. The weekend retreat includes time for rest, prayerful reflection, daily conferences, Eucharist and the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The retreat staff includes experienced nurses and team members who will provide for the special needs of all retreatants. The Gennesaret Retreat will be held at the Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center in Maple Mount, Ky. on April 29, 30, and May 1, 2016. For more information, call Tom Payne at (270) 929-8544 or Amy Payne at (270) 316-0403.

#### ■ Passionist nuns request translating assistance

The Passionist Nuns of Whitesville need the volunteer help of someone fluent in Italian who has the

### MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER

#### FEBRUARY

- 6-7 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 11 **A Father Who Keeps His Promises Book Study**
- 19-21 Heartland Church Retreat
- 20 Once More With Love
- 21-24 MSJ Quilting Friends
- 26-28 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program

#### MARCH

- 1 **Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: (Saint) Angela, A Woman for All Times**
- 4-6 Yarn Spinners Weekend
- 10 **A Father Who Keeps His Promises**
- 11-13 **Women's Retreat: Tender Mercy of God**

- 11-12 Confirmation Retreat (Immaculate Conception)
- 18-20 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program

#### APRIL

- 4-8 **Spiritual Direction Training (Week 2)**
- 5 **Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: Chile – Ursuline Adventure**
- 9-10 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 14 **A Father Who Keeps His Promises**
- 15-17 Glory Conference Women's Retreat
- 19-21 Chix With Stix
- 22-24 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 23 **A Journey with Angela at the Mount**
- 29-1 Gennesaret Weekend Retreat

#### MAY

- 14-15 MSJ Academy/Junior College Reunion



Center-sponsored programs are **BOLD**. Please call to register.  
We are located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56.  
To register or schedule an event, call Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

time to do some translating for them. Interested? Email Mother Catherine Marie at nunsp@passionistnuns.org.

### ■ February programs from Alzheimer's Association of Greater KY

- Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors: Feb. 16 4-6 p.m. at McCracken County Extension Office, 2705 Olivet Church Rd, Paducah.
- Legal and Financial Planning: Feb. 25 10 a.m.-12 noon at the Healthpark, 1006 Ford Ave, Owensboro.

Registration is required for all programs by calling 1-800-272-3900.

### ■ 'A Scout is Reverent'

The Religious Emblems Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral will take place on Sunday, March 13 at 2 p.m., and a reception will follow. At this Mass Bishop Medley will preside and the youth will receive the medals that they have earned over the past year. For those who will need to attend a board of review prior to this, they may come at 9 a.m. on Feb. 13 to Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro, or to St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green. In the event of bad weather, they may come on Feb. 20 at the same time and locations. For more information visit [rcdok.org/ministries/scouting](http://rcdok.org/ministries/scouting).

## John Paul II Catholic School Annual Dinner Auction



"A Knight to Remember"

**Saturday, February 27, 2016**

**Doors open – 5pm**  
**Dinner – 6pm**  
**Live auction – 7pm**

Tons of great items to be auctioned. Raffles, good food and great times. Don't miss this much anticipated event!

**Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased by contacting the school at 270-389-1898.**

## Nominations are now open for the 2016 John J. McRaith Providing Help Creating Hope Award!

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro established the John J. McRaith Providing Help, Creating Hope Award in 2013 to recognize individuals or groups in our diocese who abundantly show the virtue of charity in their work and deeds, aligned with the mission of Catholic Charities.

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

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

To nominate a group or individual, please complete the form below. All nominations should be submitted by March 4, 2016.

Name of individual or group you are nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of nominee/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish of person or committee making nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

### Who can we contact if further information is needed?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please describe charity performed-Use separate sheet if necessary:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please mail form to:** Catholic Charities, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301



### Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Grant Information

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a national social justice program of the United States Catholic Bishops. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community controlled, self-help organizations, and through transformative education of the non-poor. Each year in November, the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky participates in the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection. From that collection, a percentage of monies are retained to provide grant funding to local organizations which meet CCHD criteria. Catholic Charities administers and allocates the grant funding. To apply, please send a brief narrative of your organization, budgeting information, how your organization would meet the CCHD criteria of systemic change, what community organizations your group receives support from, and whether your organization's policy-making board has one-third low-income members (if your board does not contain one-third of its members who are low-income also include an explanation of why this is not so). Applications for grant funding must be received by May 20, 2016 so that grants can be awarded on or before June 20, 2016. The grant is a non-renewable and must be applied for each year. Three

years is the total number of years any one group can receive this grant. Each year several grants are awarded averaging between \$800-\$1200 each. The grant application is a little shorter and a little more simplified to complete this year.

**Criteria:**

1. The applicant's project must be within the thirty-two counties which comprise the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro. These counties include: Fulton, Hickman, Graves, Ballard, McCracken, Carlisle, Calloway, Marshall, Trigg, Lyon, Livingston, Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenburg, Todd, Logan, Simpson, Allen, Warren, Butler, Edmonson, Grayson, Ohio, Breckinridge, Hancock, Daviess, McLean, Henderson, Union, Webster, and Crittenden.
2. The applicant project's policy making board must be at least one-third low-income. If this is not the case, the applicant must explain why the board does not have setting low-income board members. (Low-income board members do not include those considered voluntarily poor such as clergy, religious sisters, students, VISTA volunteers, etc.)
3. The applicant project's efforts must seek to benefit a poverty group.

4. The applicant project must seek to create institutional or systemic change by changing the structures that keep people poor and powerless.
5. CCHD will consider favorably only those projects which demonstrate respect for the dignity of the human person. CCHD will not consider projects or organizations which promote or support abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, or any other affront to human life and dignity.
6. The activity for which funding is requested must be consistent with the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
7. Projects should generate cooperation and solidarity among and within diverse groups in the interest of a more integrated and mutually understanding society.
8. Projects should document that as a result of CCHD funding there are possibilities of generating funds from other sources or of moving towards becoming self-supporting within the time lines established in the proposal.

For more information or to apply, contact Richard Murphy, director of the Office of Social Concerns for the Diocese of Owensboro, at (270) 683-1545 or richard.murphy@pastoral.org.

## Mark your calendar for Cathedral Preschool's registration

Cathedral Preschool registration for the 2016-2017 school year begins on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016 at 7:30 a.m. for new families. Families who currently have children enrolled, as well as families who are members of St. Stephen Cathedral, will be allowed to register the week beginning Feb. 8, 2016. The cut-off date for the child's birthday is August 1. Cathedral preschool will provide your three, four and five-year-old chil-

dren with: Daily prayer in the classroom as well as a weekly Bible lesson; a research-based academic curriculum that will prepare them for kindergarten; Minds-in-Motion program for supporting your child's physical and academic development; age-appropriate loving and caring environment in a Christ-centered atmosphere; socialization and learning to be with peers; listening skills, independence and learn-

ing to follow routines. All in all, Cathedral Preschool has what your child needs to be prepared for kindergarten and they will have a great time doing it! Families are welcome to visit at 600 Locust Street in Owensboro or call (270) 926-1652 to be added to our mailing list to receive a registration packet. Cathedral Preschool has been serving families since 1986 and educating God's "little ones" is what we do best!

## EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA FEBRERO 2016

- FEBRERO 1** 9:00 a.m. ● Misa de la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas – Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
- FEBRERO 2** 9:30 a.m. ● Misa de la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas – Sistema Escolar de Santa María, Paducah
- FEBRERO 3** 9:00 a.m. ● Misa de la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas – Cristo Rey, Madisonville  
6:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia de San Romualdo, Hardinsburg
- FEBRERO 4** 8:00 a.m. ● Misa de la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas – San Pablo, Leitchfield
- FEBRERO 6** 5:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia de San Francisco de Sales, Paducah
- FEBRERO 7** 8:30 a.m. ● Instalación del Nuevo Párroco, P. Stan Puryear – Santa María, LaCenter  
10:30 a.m. ● Instalación del Nuevo Párroco, P. Stan Puryear – Capilla del Rosario  
2:00 p.m. ● Rito de Elección – San Francisco de Sales, Paducah
- FEBRERO 9** 8:00 a.m. ● Misa Escolar – Santa María del Bosque, Whitesville
- FEBRERO 10** 12:05 p.m. ● Misa del Miércoles de Ceniza – Catedral de San Esteban
- FEBRERO 13** 5:00 p.m. ● Misa, Conferencia de Hombres Católicos – Catedral de San Esteban
- FEBRERO 14** 2:00 p.m. ● Rito de Elección – Catedral de San Esteban  
6:00 p.m. ● Rito de Elección – Catedral de San Esteban
- FEBRERO 15** 9:45 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC  
1:30 p.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal – MCC
- FEBRERO 16** 9:00 a.m. ● Misa y Reunión del Personal del Centro Católico McRaith  
5:00 p.m. ● Misa y Cena de Premios de los Vincentes – Catedral de San Esteban
- FEBRERO 17** 8:30 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas – MCC
- FEBRERO 18** 6:00 p.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia de San José, Leitchfield
- FEBRERO 21** 10:00 a.m. (CST) ● Confirmación – Parroquia de los Ángeles de la Guarda, Irvington
- FEBRERO 22** 6:00 p.m. ● Cena de Constitución del Club Serra de Owensboro – Briarpatch
- FEBRERO 23** 10-3:00 p.m. ● Horas de Oficina en Paducah – Hospital de Lourdes, Paducah
- FEBRERO 28** 10:30 a.m. ● Confirmación – Parroquia de San Judas, Clinton

## Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Nota: Lo siguiente originalmente fue la homilía, con algunos cambios, dada en la Misa y Celebración del Año de la Vida Consagrada en la Parroquia de la Inmaculada, en Owensboro, el 24 de octubre del 2015.

El “Año de la Vida Consagrada” de la Iglesia – como la mayoría de las iniciativas grandes de la Iglesia – comenzó en el Adviento del 2014; el principio del año de la Iglesia. El año de la Iglesia por muchos siglos, de hecho por milenios, ha reconocido que aún una comunidad construida sobre la piedra de la fe apostólica requiere periódicamente incorporar revisiones sistemáticas. Mucho antes de que las revisiones anuales y evaluaciones llegaran a ser innovadoras en la sociedad, la industria y el comercio, en nuestra Iglesia se había incorporado en su calendario oportunidades múltiples para reformar, repensar, renovar.

La Iglesia se tiene que recordarse a si misma quienes somos, qué es lo que hacemos, y evaluar si somos o no somos auténticos, fieles a nosotros mismos – que significa ser fieles a nuestro Dios, y eso se manifiesta con la autenticidad de misión y propósito.

Por lo tanto, en cada Adviento comenzamos de nuevo; encendemos las velas semana a semana para recordarnos que la renovación no es de microonda – sino de olla lenta.

Sí, todos hemos tenido experiencias personales cuando un libro, una charla u homilía en particular, o una relación ha tenido un efecto transformativo en nosotros. Nos sentimos como una persona nueva. Puede haber



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cambios radicales que se hacen permanentes. Este tipo de cambio transformativo pasa también con grupos e instituciones.

Pero muchas veces los cambios repentinos pueden ser ilusorios – de hecho nos pueden quitar del camino. Yo he llegado a ser muy dependiente de mi GPS – mi aparato de sistema de posicionamiento global – que me ha guiado hacia las puertas de escuelas e iglesias a través de Kentucky occidental – lugares que hace unos años nunca había llegado ni escuchado de ellos. Pero he aprendido que no es infalible. El año pasado tenía la Confirmación en la Iglesia de Santa María en La Center – un pueblito a unos 30 a 40 minutos más allá de Paducah. De hecho se parece mucho a mi lugar de origen, y el de mucho de ustedes, y mucho de la Diócesis de Owensboro.

Había llegado allí muchas veces antes – pero no tantas veces que podía manejar allí sin ser guiado. Mi GPS me llevaba y mientras contaba las últimas millas hacia mi destino, sentía que nada parecía familiar. Entonces la voz del GPS amablemente anunció: “usted ha llegado a tu destino.” Bueno, apenas había pasado un letrero dándome la bienvenida a Wickliffe, KY.

Siempre me permito mucho tiempo, entonces pude reorientarme y todavía empezar la Confirmación a tiempo – pero en ese momento de mi supuesta llegada, lo cierto era que todavía faltaban 15 millas para llegar a La Center. El GPS no es infalible. Aún los mejores guías a veces nos pueden llevar por caminos equivocados.

En anunciar el Año de la Vida Consagrada, la Santa Sede declaró un propósito... “mirar al pasado

## Sitios de Peregrinación

*El Año de la Misericordia*

El 1 de Noviembre del 2015, en la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos, el Obispo William F. Medley, lanzó un decreto designando los seis sitios de peregrinación para el Jubileo Extraordinario de la Misericordia.

**Catedral de San Esteban ● Owensboro**

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**El Santuario Mariano en la Parroquia de San José ● Bowling Green**

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[reciente] con gratitud y abrazar el futuro con esperanza.” Mientras avanzo en edad, una característica humana que comparto con la mayoría de ustedes, es que el pasado “reciente” se mide no en días, semanas, meses ni años, sino en décadas. Supongo en la Iglesia y en las instituciones de los consagrados podríamos hablar aún del pasado reciente abarcando siglos.

El Papa Francisco decretó que la Iglesia universal debe observar un año – actualmente 14 meses – para recordar el pasado y abrazar el futuro con celebrar los carismas de la vida consagrada y religiosa en la Iglesia.

Los modelos más antiguos de la vida religiosa existen casi desde el principio de la Iglesia. Muchas formas y expresiones de la vida consagrada han surgido, han servido un pueblo o una época con nobleza, y después discretamente (a veces no tan discretamente) dejaron de existir. Todavía hay nuevas formas y manifestaciones de la vida religiosa

que son fundadas hoy en día.

Para algunas comunidades religiosas, el pasado “reciente” entonces puede ser varios siglos. Para otras, puede ser unos años a lo mejor.

No es algo que se les ocurrió después ni por accidente que la Iglesia celebraría la vida consagrada en este año durante la cual recordamos el fin del Concilio Vaticano Segundo. Por ahora el Concilio forma parte del pasado reciente – pero con igual nobleza representa aún el abrazo hacia el futuro. Estudiantes de la historia de la Iglesia nos recuerdan que los concilios significativos de la iglesia toman décadas, si no siglos para implementarse totalmente en una Iglesia que tiene dos mil años.

Y vaya que nos sorprenden tales experiencias transformativas del concilio – para individuos e instituciones. No debe sorprender a nadie que la tarea del concilio, inspirado por el Espíritu, todavía no termina. Una frase de uso popular durante el Concilio Vaticano Segundo fue un desafío que el pue-



lo de Dios siempre debe ser vigilante para “leer los signos de los tiempos.” Parece que los académicos todavía especulan cual fue el origen de esta frase. Pero ciertamente el Papa Juan XXIII rápidamente la hizo suya – y una parte de la misión de la Iglesia.

Durante el adviento del Concilio yo estaba bastante joven – y todavía joven cuando se acabó. Aprendí servir la misa en latín por una hermana religiosa. Y ni un año después la misma hermana juntó a todos los monaguillos de nuevo para decirnos que lo teníamos que aprender de nuevo. Esta vez en inglés. Así es la vida aprendí.

Pero nunca dudé que la Misa había permanecido la misma en esencia: el pueblo de Dios siendo alimentado con el mismo Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo. Los cambios litúrgicos fueron solamente una parte de la Iglesia leyendo los signos de los tiempos – aunque en muchas formas, para los católicos en general, sería difícil describir algún otro cambio. Por supuesto, aparte de la observación que muchos de los sacerdotes y religiosos parecían volverse locos durante ese tiempo.

Pero la tarea verdadera de llevar a cabo este nuevo Adviento – este nuevo Pentecostés – en la Iglesia sigue. Mi propia “mirada con gratitud” del pasado reciente, marcada por la experiencia propia, pero también por un poco de estudio académico, es que las comunidades religiosas, las hermanas norteamericanas en particular, fueron las más audaces en leer auténticamente los signos de los tiempos y llamar y guiar la Iglesia a la renovación esencial. Y

eso tiene muy poco que ver con los hábitos cambiados o el tamaño de sus velos. Tiene que ver con la misión, y las hermanas fueron las guías.

Las comunidades religiosas de hombres y mujeres fueron llamadas a explorar sus pasados, estudiar las vidas y tradiciones de sus fundadores, y evaluar si permanecían auténticos o no. No sería honesto reconocer el papel visionario que jugaron sin reconocer que este acto noble también tuvo un gran precio. Miles de hombres y mujeres salieron de la vida religiosa. Algunas comunidades se dividieron en fundaciones múltiples.

Muchas comunidades religiosas ahora observan sus futuros comunes con ansiedad. ¿Sus carismas y misiones particulares continuarán su servicio dado los cambios radicales en sus vidas y sus números?

Entonces confesamos que por lo menos 50 años son parte del pasado reciente, y que todas las implicaciones de lo que hemos hecho y alcanzado no son oficialmente cumplidas. Pero abrazamos el futuro con esperanza.

Entonces mi respuesta propia al Año de la Vida Consagrada, que se concluye el 2 de Febrero, la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor, es agradecerles. Su testimonio les ha costado mucho – pero Jesús lo dijo muy claramente a sus seguidores que seguirle a él es tomar una cruz. Ustedes y sus muchas hermanas, hermanos y sacerdotes quienes se nos han adelantado, marcados con la señal de la fe – ayudaron a una Iglesia reluctante poder leer y ver los signos de los tiempos.

Pero todos los que celebramos la renovación no debemos quedarnos fijos para siempre como pareciera sucedió con la Iglesia hizo por cuatro siglos largos después del Concilio de Trento – creyendo que nuestra pequeña renovación es la última palabra.

Si todavía estamos leyendo los signos de los tiempos hoy como hicimos en 1965 – es hora de revisar la realidad. Los tiempos siguen cambiando. Puede darnos miedo – como estar en un barco en el Mar de Galilea en la noche durante una tormenta.

La Iglesia apropia para ella misma la doctrina de infalibilidad – que Cristo no dejará que por última su Iglesia esté en error ni que fracase. Pero eso no asegura que nunca habrá tormentas en la noche ni que todos siempre van a estar contentos.

Sin embargo, en “abrazar el futuro con esperanza,” yo pido a Dios que la Iglesia y las mujeres y los hombres de la vida consagrada hoy y en el futuro recordarán la admonición de Pablo que no se trata de nosotros mismos. Nuestra medida será la historia de la vid y los sarmientos. Jesús dijo, “Yo soy la vid, ustedes los sarmientos.”

Entonces abrazamos al futuro con la esperanza que, después de todo, es la Iglesia de Dios y que la vida consagrada es uno de los dones más finos que Dios ha dado a la Iglesia.



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

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## Observancia de las prácticas de Cuaresma para todo Católico

Muy estimados hermanos y hermanas:

Iniciamos una vez más en este mes de Febrero 2016 la cuaresma. La **cuaresma** siempre es una oportunidad de conversión y de acercamiento al Señor a través de nuestra renovación constante también apoyados por ricas prácticas y disciplinas de austeridad que nos ayudan en nuestro procesos de conversión. A continuación se les comparte información básica sobre las prácticas cuaresmales. Hay que enfatizar que si bien, estas prácticas no van acompañadas de un sincero deseo y esfuerzo de cambio interior y en relación al prójimo, corren el riesgo de solo se quedarse en lo externo. A todos les deseamos una muy fructífera cuaresma.

*De EWTN.com/espanol:*

**Ayuno:** La ley de ayuno requiere que el católico desde los **18 hasta los 59 años** reduzca la cantidad de comida usual. La Iglesia define esto como una comida más dos comidas pequeñas que sumadas no sobrepasen la comida principal en cantidad. Este ayuno es obligatorio el **Miércoles de Ceniza** y el **Viernes Santo**. El ayuno se rompe si se come entre comidas o se toma algún líquido que es considerado comida (batidos, pero no leche). Bebidas alcohólicas no rompen el ayuno; pero parecieran contrarias al espíritu de hacer penitencia.

Aquellos excluidos del ayuno y la abstinencia Aparte de los ya excluidos por su edad, aquellos que tienen problemas mentales, los enfermos, los frágiles, mujeres en estado o que alimentan a los bebés de acuerdo a la alimentación que necesitan para criar, obreros de acuerdo a su necesidad, invitados a comidas que no pueden excusarse sin ofender gravemente causando enemistad u otras situaciones morales o imposibilidad física de man-

tener el ayuno.

**Abstinencia:** La ley de abstinencia exige a un católico de **14 años de edad** y hasta su muerte, a abstenerse de comer carne **los viernes** en honor a la **Pasión de Jesús el Viernes Santo**. La carne es considerada carne y órganos de mamíferos y aves de corral. También se encuentran prohibidas las sopas y cremas de ellos. Peces de mar y de agua dulce, anfibios, reptiles y mariscos son permitidos, así como productos derivados de animales como margarina y gelatina sin sabor a carne.

En Cuaresma la abstinencia de comer carne los

viernes es obligatoria en los Estados Unidos así como en otro lugar.

**Nota:** Con respecto al ayuno o la abstinencia. Si alguno por razones de salud no pudiera observar estas disciplinas, siéntase siempre con la confianza de platicar con su sacerdote quien puede sugerirle alguna disciplina o sacrificio distinto.

Dios los bendiga,

**Cristóbal Gutierrez Piñón**  
 Director del Ministerio Hispano  
 Diócesis de Owensboro

Los miembros de la Iglesia Católica Santo Nombre y su párroco, el Padre Larry McBride veían a los parroquianos hispanos presentar bailes folclóricos de México durante la celebración de su Fiesta Patronal el viernes, 8 de enero.



# Parroquias con Misas en Español

## Parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam

Sábados – 5:00 p.m.

13th & Madison Streets, Beaver Dam, KY 42320  
Contacto: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

## Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green

Jueves – 6:30 p.m.

Sábados – 7:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

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

## Parroquia de Santa Susana, 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 Santa María y Santo Santiago, Guthrie

Sábados – 6:00 p.m.

313 3rd Street, Guthrie, KY 42234

Contacto: Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez (302) 438-7335

## Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420

Contacto: Abraham Brown (270) 724-2172

## Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

Jueves – 5:30 p.m.

902 East 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240

Contacto: Padre Julio Barrera (270) 885-8522

## Parroquia San José, Leitchfield

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

109 West Walnut Street, Leitchfield KY 42754

Contacto: Padre Steve Hohman (270) 784-1520

## Parroquia de Cristo Rey, Madisonville

Domingos – 6:00 p.m.

1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431

Contacto: Padre Juan Vaughan (270) 821-5494

## Parroquia de San José, Mayfield

Domingos – 12:30 p.m.

702 West Broadway, Mayfield, KY 42066

Contacto: Hermana Eloisa Torralba (270) 356-0339

## Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown

Domingos – 9:15 a.m.

766 Logansport Road, Morgantown, KY 42261

Contacto: Padre Juan René (270) 903-8070

## Parroquia de San Leo, Murray

Sábados – 6:30 p.m.

401 North 12th Street, Murray, KY 42071

Contacto: Padre Brandon Williams (270) 302-5374

## Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 10:30 p.m.

609 East 4th Street, Owensboro, KY 42303

Contacto: Hermana Pilar Hinojosa (706) 936-3525

## Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah

Domingos – 1:00 p.m.

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

5645 Blandville Road, Paducah, KY 42001

Contacto: Hermana Esther Ordoñez (270) 816-0657

## Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Russellville

Domingos – 2:00 p.m.

296 West 6th Street, Russellville, KY 42276

Contacto: Hermana Patricia Sullivan OP (270) 726-6963

## Parroquia Cristo Rey, Scottsville

Cada Primer Martes de Mes – 7:00 p.m.

298 Bluegrass Drive, Scottsville, KY 42164

Contacto: Padre Daniel Dillard (270) 586-4515

## Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel, Sebree

Miércoles – 12:00 p.m.

Jueves – 12:00 p.m.

Domingos – 12:00 p.m. y 7:30 p.m.

57 Watkins Road, Sebree, KY 42455

Contacto: Patti Gutiérrez(270) 302-2782 o Padre Carmelo Jiménez (270) 881-7737

## Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

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

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

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



# La Confesión es un lugar de misericordia, no lugar de ser juzgados

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

El P. Jason McClure dice que el momento más poderoso para él como sacerdote es sentarse en el confesionario con alguien “y ser un instrumento de la misericordia de Dios.”

“Especialmente cuando alguien se ha guardado algo por muchos años,” dice el P. McClure, director de vocaciones y vicario del clero en la Diócesis de Owensboro, Kentucky.

Se habla más sobre el Sacramento de la Reconciliación durante la Cuaresma y el Adviento – mientras los católicos se preparan para celebrar la Pascua y la Navidad respectivamente – pero el P. McClure dice que la confesión debe ser atesorada durante todo el año.

“El Sacramento de la Reconciliación siempre está disponible, y yo creo que nosotros los sacerdotes tenemos la obligación de estar presentes en el confesionario,” dijo el P. McClure.

El sacramento de confesar los pecados propios y recibir el perdón tiene dos elementos, explicó el P. McClure. No solamente se reconcilia la persona con Dios, pero también es reconciliado con la comunidad.

Una pareja casada una vez le dijo que cuando

iban a la confesión regularmente, ellos se daban cuenta que hacía una diferencia enorme en su habilidad de enfrentar los retos de la vida.

Con la ayuda de la confesión, “los retos todavía están allí pero se puede enfrentarlos con más amor,” dice el P. McClure.

“Es la gracia de Dios que se derrama en el sacramento,” dijo, citando la carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses, “Todo lo puedo en Cristo que me fortalece.” (Filipenses 4:13)

El P. McClure mencionó que el Jubileo de la Misericordia, con el énfasis del Papa Francisco en la confesión: “La gracia y la misericordia de Dios es para todos – por eso vino Jesús. Para perdonar los pecados.”

Él ofreció unas ideas para los que tal vez son nerviosos para regresar a la confesión después de muchos años.

“Sepan que el sacerdote no está allí para condenar o juzgar, sino para ser un conducto de la gracia de Dios,” dijo. Además, el sigilo de la confesión garantiza que “nada puede ser repetido fuera de este sigilo.”

También, “vas a sentirte mucho mejor porque ya



Opispo William F. Medley

no tendrás la carga de estos pecados,” dijo.

“El sacramento no es un lugar para ser juzgados, sino un lugar de misericordia y perdón,” dijo el P. McClure, explicando que Dios “nos lo hizo fácil” y la parte difícil, el castigo por nuestros pecados, ya lo cumplió Jesús cuando murió en la cruz. ♦

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# ‘Made for More Camp’ an opportunity to grow, discern

BY DR. FRED LITKE, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF VOCATIONS, DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO



Dr. Fred Litke

“What are you going to do when you grow up?”

This is a very common question asked of young men during their high school years. Most young men are conditioned to respond to this question with a list of careers which are related to topics that he is interested in. Responses to this question usually include some of these possibilities: teacher, doctor, lawyer, nurse, plumber, policeman, soldier, coach, ball player, etc. All of these are very worthy career choices.

“What does God want you to do with your life?”

That is the true vocation question. God calls everyone to discover or find (discern) their vocation. Most young men will say that they have no idea what God wants them to do with their life.

“How can I start to find what God wants me to do?”

High school-aged young men from across the Diocese of Owensboro are invited to come to camp at Gasper River in June 2016 to learn how to discover the answer to that question. During the camp there will be many activities and fun challenges. Mass will be celebrated daily. Eucharistic adoration will be available every evening. Time will be set aside for prayer and discussion. Talks will be presented to help the men attending learn what God does ask of them.

“Who should attend?”

Freshmen, sophomore, and junior men in high school are invited.

“What if I am not interested in the priesthood – what’s in it for me?”

This camp is aimed at helping ANY young man to learn to discover the path that God has placed him upon. Most men are called to the vocation of marriage. Some young men will be called to priesthood or religious life while others are called to remain single. The activities, talks, discussions, and time devoted in prayer during this four-day camp will be aimed at helping these young men find a way to discern what vocation that God has given to them. ♦

## Register Today

Freshmen, sophomore and junior high school men are welcome to attend Made for More Camp, a June 2016 camp at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green. The camp begins with registration at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 26 and ends with departure at noon on Wednesday, June 29. To learn more or register, visit [gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://gasperriverretreatcenter.org), call (270) 781-2466 or email [gasperriver@hotmail.com](mailto:gasperriver@hotmail.com).

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## Ursulines celebrate new elections

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph recently announced the results of their December 2015 elections for the Ursuline Leadership Council. Sister Amelia Stenger, OSU, was elected as congregational leader; Sister Kathleen Condry, OSU, was elected as assistant congregational leader; Sister Pam Mueller, OSU, was elected as a councilor; Sister Judith Nell Riney, OSU, was elected as a councilor; and Sister Pat Lynch, OSU, was elected as a councilor.

Read our full story about the elections online at <http://tinyurl.com/j3hooew>.

## Bring to Silence Fruitfully: A poem

**BY MSGR. BERNARD POWERS,  
SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN  
KENTUCKY CATHOLIC**

Jesus, Eucharistic Lord,  
bring me to a silence...

To a silence that is peace  
that I be still .....and know that You are God.

To a silence that is quiet  
that I be attentive ...and lovingly acknowledge  
presence

To a silence that is listening  
that I hear .....and believe

To a silence that is embracing  
that I be humble .....and surrender

To a silence that is darkness  
that I be faithful ..... and stay committed

To a silence that is empty  
that I be hopeful .....and respond in trust

To a silence that is adoration  
that I worship .....and offer gifts

To a silence that is yes  
that I take the Cross .....and follow faithfully

To a silence that is suffering  
that I do His will .. and give self unconditionally

To a silence that is Word  
that I know communion ...and enter into praise

To a silence that is love  
that I enter union ..... and celebrate

To a silence that is divine  
that I know Jesus .....and embrace the Father.

Jesus, Eucharistic Lord,  
bring me to silence ..... and bring me into love.

*Msgr. Powers writes from St. Elizabeth Parish,  
Curdsville.*

## Sister Aida Badillo celebrates 'return' to Morgantown

Sister Aida Badillo, a Glenmary Sister, began her new ministry in Morgantown on May 1, 2015. By ministering to the Hispanic communities of Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam, and Holy Trinity Parish, Morgantown, she carries on the tradition established by Glenmary Sisters in the 1970s.

Sister Rosemary Esterkamp writes: "Since then she has been kept very busy and continues to understand that yes, this is exactly where she needs to be at this time and God continues to show her



Sister Badillo with Fr. Jean Rene Kalombo, pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish and Holy Trinity Parish.

how she can best minister to the new face of the Catholic Church in Ohio and Butler Counties in Kentucky." ♦

### Upcoming Deacon Discernment Meetings – Diocese of Owensboro, KY

In September 2016, the diocese will begin the third class in English to form men who are discerning the permanent diaconate. The formation period for the class will be from 2016 to 2021. As of September 1, 2016, an applicant's age should be a minimum of 30 or a maximum of 60. A variance from the age requirements can be requested.

Informational meetings presenting basic information concerning the diaconate and an opportunity for questions and answers will be held in early 2016. Spouses of the men are encouraged to participate in the meeting. The information meetings are scheduled for:

**February 28, 2016 ● 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green

**March 6, 2016 ● 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah

**March 13, 2016 ● 6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro

Discernment of an ecclesial vocation does not take place in a vacuum; the Christian community and its pastors play key roles in this process. In the Diocese of Owensboro, when someone inquires of the diaconate he is counseled to meet with his pastor and discuss his application to the program if he has not yet done so.

If the man inquiring is married then his wife is encouraged to participate in the discussions with the pastor. As part of the initial application, the pastor's recommendation and attestation that the individual meets the canonical requirements for formation is required before admission to the program.

We encourage the submittal of the application before the information meeting; however, it is not required.

**In order to be selected to join this class, men will need to submit an application and participate in interviews. For more information and application forms, visit:**

**[http://rcdok.org/vocations/  
permanent\\_diaconate/](http://rcdok.org/vocations/permanent_diaconate/)**



## Glenmary Guild a 'helping hand' for the sisters

BY JANIE PAYNE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Glenmary Guild functions as a helping hand for the Glenmary Sisters. We may not have many members, but we manage to provide for any requests given to us. We constantly are looking for much-needed items that would fulfill anyone's wish.

Throughout the year we supply our missions with clothing and footwear. We have found that all sizes are needed from newborn to the elderly. Children are also in need of school supplies that need to be replenished during the school year.

During October we hold our biggest fundraiser. The pumpkin and mum sales are known throughout the community as a way the Guild helps to raise funds for continuing our efforts. We are grateful during this time for the many volunteers who

sell our items at various parishes.

November is a busy month, too! We start to look ahead to Christmas. The Guild tries to gather hats, gloves, and scarves to keep the children warm during the cold winter months. Family gifts and toys are on our list, too! The Owensboro Catholic K3 Campus students also help with donations of a variety of items during the Christmas season.

The Glenmary Guild helps to coordinate, plan, and celebrate the Sisters' jubilees. These celebrations are our way to show our appreciation to the life of the dedication from these sisters.

We are always looking for new members to join our organization and greatly thank everyone for their past kindness as well as future help. ♦



Young Harper Devins inspects some Glenmary pumpkins. Photo courtesy of the Glenmary Sisters.



### Learn More

To learn more about the Glenmary Sisters, the Glenmary Guild, and other ministries of the community, visit [glenmarysisters.org](http://glenmarysisters.org) or call (800) 301-2689.

## Hot Topics – Controversial Catholic Teachings

**What is the Church's stance on today's a topics? • How do you respond to society's pressure? How do you deal with these issues in your family?**

**Tuesday, February 13 • 6:30-8:00pm**  
**CONTRACEPTION**

*Be fruitful and multiply...*

The sacrament of marriage "is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring." (CCC 1601). Joe Bland, Director of Family Life for the Diocese of Owensboro will show the beauty of the Church's teaching on family planning.

**Tuesday, February 16 • 6:30-8:00pm**  
**MARRIAGE**

*And the two shall be one...*

What does the sacramental uniting of two people

really mean? We will take a closer look at marriage, the invalidity of marriage (annulments) and homosexual "unions." Sr. Celeste Boda, OBS, judicial Assistant for the Diocese of Owensboro Tribunal will be the speaker for the evening.

**Tuesday, March 1 • 6:30-8:00pm**  
**MORAL RELATIVISM**

*Different strokes for different folks?*

What is right or wrong these days? Do we know how to tell? Do we faithfully stand up for our Catholic beliefs? Hear what Fr. Jason McClure, Director of Vocations for the Diocese has to say on the subject of Moral Relativism.

**Tuesday, March 8 • 6:30-8:00pm**  
**APOLOGETICS**

*Faith comes from what is heard ...*

Dr. Mark Ginter, nationally known speaker and author will help us defend our faith on "Catholic" subjects such as Papacy, Mary, Heaven-Hell-Purgatory, War, the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and answer any other questions you have.

Question/Answer Time  
Refreshments Provided

**Immaculate Parish • 2516 Christie Place**  
270-683-0689

# Dear Cursillistas: The best-kept secret is revealed!

BY DENIS WHEATLEY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

## **What is the Cursillo weekend format in the Owensboro Diocese?**

The person making a Cursillo arrives at Immaculate Conception Retreat Center with their sponsor/friend between 6:30 p.m.-7 p.m. on Thursday evening and is assigned to a bed in a dorm with a central bathroom. Each person is assigned to a small group of three to four and a group leader. There are team introductions, a short talk by the weekend leader, a prayer service in the chapel and then retreat silence.

On Friday through Sunday, those making a Cursillo will hear 10 talks given by lay members of the team. These talks build on each other and are given in the following order:

**Ideal** – The call to be fully human;

**The Layperson in the Church** – The layperson is called to be a living testimony of the Gospel in everyday life;

**Piety** – A way to holiness;

**Study** – To form oneself to live as a Christian;

**Action** – The consequence of being a Christian and an expression of our desire to share God's love in order to build the Kingdom of God;

**Leaders** – Those who influence the thoughts and actions of others;

**Study of Environment** – For the purpose of bringing an environment to God;

**Christianity in Action** – Living testimony that shows that it is possible today to live as a Christian, converting and renovating your environments;

**The Cursillista Beyond the Cursillo** – Participate in Christ's work using the ways of Christ with a clear concept of an Ideal and reality while increasing one's own life in Christ;

**Total Security** – A means to perpetuate their weekend experiences and to grow, deepen and progress into a conversion process for the rest of their lives.

Five talks are given by spiritual advisors, (ordained and vowed religious). These talks are given between the lay talks. They are:

**Habitual Grace** – God's desire to call us into friendship with Him;

**Actual Grace** – Graces which are unique to a given moment in order to overcome obstacles;

**Sacraments** – A priest tells how a person can be empowered to respond to the graces that are proper to one's state in life;

**Obstacles to a Life of Grace** – How to encounter in Christ "the truth that will set you free" and allow you to be "fully human, fully alive";

**Life in Grace** – Is a practical approach to living a virtuous life to deepen your capacity for friendship with God and others.

There are small group discussions after each talk. In the evening, the small groups come together to tell what they have learned that day. Evenings are lighthearted where the attendees experience the joy of living in a Christian community. Team members respect each other's freedom to join or not to join in the discussion and to accept or reject any of the messages presented.

During the weekend, the Mass is celebrated daily, the rosary is prayed daily, the Way of the Cross is prayed on Friday evening and there are communal and personal prayer periods. There is an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Music and songs are integrated into the weekend. Team members prepare the meals and provide the snacks and drinks during breaks. The entire weekend takes place in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

*Denis Wheatley is chairperson of Cursillo's School of Leaders. ♦*



## Learn More

To learn more about the Cursillo movement in the Diocese of Owensboro, contact Mary Hagan at (270) 240-4778 and haganm95@yahoo.com, or Denis Wheatley at (270) 927-6540 and martha.wheatley@att.net.

## Owensboro Catholic freshmen go Disney

Students from Owensboro Catholic High School's freshman class enjoyed dressing up as their favorite Disney character for their October 2015 week of recollection. In addition to dressing up each day, students reflected on growing closer to God and closer to their classmates during their week of recollection. On Friday of that week, students participated in team building games, self-reflection activities, prayer, and closed the day with Mass. Pictured from left to right are: Sydney Druen, Dalton Baisden-Wade, Lydea Dickens, Lucy Evans, Aliyah Berry, Hannah Book, Lauren Eyre, Travis Bittel, and Hank Dotsey. Photo courtesy of Tiffany Harrington.



## 2016 homecoming court chosen by Trinity students



Jan. 8, 2016 saw the 2016 homecoming ceremony and basketball game at Trinity High School in Whitesville. Chosen by their classmates were (left to right) Haley Payne, homecoming queen; Blake Booker, homecoming king; Erica Russelburg, homecoming princess; and Jack Goetz, homecoming prince. Photo courtesy of Kim Rydecki.

## 2016 Summer Camp Schedule at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center

Registration is now open! To register or to learn more, visit [gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://gasperriverretreatcenter.org), call (270) 781-2466 or email [gasperriver@hotmail.com](mailto:gasperriver@hotmail.com).

### March 4th to 6th

Staff Interview Weekend

### May 20th to May 27th

Staff Training

### May 30th to June 3rd

Eucharistic Life Camp  
Age 18 and over

### June 5th to June 10th

Expedition I  
5th & 6th Grade  
Quest I  
7th & 8th Grade

### June 12th to June 17th

Explorer I  
3rd & 4th Grade  
Camp LIFE I  
High School

### June 19th to June 24th

Expedition II  
5th & 6th Grade  
Quest II  
7th & 8th Grade

### June 26th to July 1st

Camp LIFE II  
High School  
Made For More Camp  
High School Men

### July 3rd to July 8th

Camp LIFE III (large camp)  
High School

### July 10th to July 15th

Explorer II  
3rd & 4th Grade  
Expedition III  
5th & 6th Grade

### July 17th to July 22nd

Quest III (large camp)  
7th & 8th Grade

### July 24th to July 29th

Expedition IV  
5th & 6th Grade  
Quest IV  
7th & 8th Grade

### July 31st to Aug. 5th

Explorer III  
3rd & 4th Grade  
Camp Lolek  
High School  
*Emphasis on Theology of the Body; "Put out into the Deep!"*

### Dec. 29th to Jan. 1st

Christmas/New Year's Camp  
8th Grade & High School



# The resilience at St. Paul School

BY JIM MATTINGLY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The history of St. Paul Parish in Grayson County began in 1810. Fr. Charles Nerincx, a pioneer of Catholicism, formed the first congregation of Catholics in the county, and built a log church in 1811 with assistance from parishioners. The church was located on property that is now the cemetery at St. Paul.

Approximately a century later, St. Paul School was established. In 1941, a school was also built on parish St. Paul parish property, later to be known as Grayson County Catholic High School. That school was closed in 1966, but the elementary/middle school still operated.

Over the years, several other Catholic schools were established in Grayson County, but all of those schools except St. Paul eventually closed.

With hard work and dedication, St. Paul School



Fr. Steve Hohman, pastor of St. Paul Parish in Grayson County and highly influential in rescuing St. Paul School, greets students on a chilly day. Photo courtesy of St. Paul School.

has remained open despite hardships. Enrollment has fluctuated greatly, including substantial losses in the 1980s and 1990s. The decrease in enrollment can have negative effects on a Catholic school, such as limited funding, laying off of teaching positions, and fewer extracurricular activities.

St. Paul was in “crisis mode” in 2002, when enrollment dropped below 30 students. More fundraising activities were needed so that the remaining families could afford the tuition rates. The end of the 2011 school year was even bleaker. Fundraising income decreased, and the school was \$30,000 in the red.

A meeting held to decide if the school should close ended in a tie vote. A tie is not a loss, so a small but dedicated group of parents and teachers, as well as the principal, Sister Anne Michelle

Mudd, worked very hard to keep the school open.

But the worst had not happened yet. During the 2012 school year, enrollment dropped to 17 students. And this school, which had only recently taught up to the 8th grade, was now reduced to having students only up to the 5th grade.

The new pastor as of June 2012, Fr. Steve Hohman, took steps that substantially improved the school.

Physical plant improvements include new windows, new front door, drop ceilings installed, and a fenced-in playground for the preschool children. Instructional improvements include the hiring of two new teachers, singing with Mrs. Sims at school Mass, new computers for all grades, Spanish language instruction, and contracting with a consultant to help the teachers to achieve continuous



## Celebrate Catholic Schools Week!

This year's National Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 31-Feb. 6. To learn more, visit [ncea.org/our-services/catholic-schools-week](http://ncea.org/our-services/catholic-schools-week).

improvement in class instruction.

Extracurricular improvements include archery, orchestra, cross-country team, basketball team, and academic competitions. Families noticed the improvements, leading to more than a doubling of enrollment within three years.

The efforts of the pastor, school employees, and volunteers are extremely impressive. Their dedication does not only “keep the doors open” – they improve their school in many ways.

Fr. Ted Hesburgh, president at Notre Dame for 25 years, once stated in a homily, “When you give of yourself to a cause that serves God and his people, blessings are returned to you a thousand-fold and more.”

May God’s abundant blessings return to St. Paul employees and volunteers as they work so hard to form students in a Catholic environment for 1100 hours a year.

*Jim Mattingly is superintendent of the Office of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Owensboro.* ♦



The school building today displays new windows, a new front door, drop ceilings and a fenced-in playground for St. Paul preschoolers. Photo courtesy of St. Paul School.



## Now Hiring!

Join in the growing mission of St. Paul School! St. Paul School currently has an opening for a principal/teacher position. For more information contact Fr. Steve Hohman at (270) 242-7483.

## 19th Annual Youth 2000

*A Eucharistic Centered Retreat*

**NEW LOCATION!**  
Owensboro Convention Center,  
Owensboro, KY

**March 11-13, 2016**

Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Ages 13-30 welcome! For more information and to register, contact 270-683-1545 or visit [MarianShrineKY.org](http://MarianShrineKY.org)

## John Paul II School students qualify for Duke TIP

John Paul II School in Morganfield recently announced its students who qualify for the Duke TIP, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving academically gifted and talented students. The program works with these students, their families and educators to help them reach their highest potential. Seventh-grade students are Hannah Thomas, Gretchen Greenwell, Morgan Beaven, Kennedy Jenkins, Raelle Beaven, Olivia Sprague, Kramer Jenkins, Garren Duckworth, Kaleb Nelson and Zack Mason. Fourth through sixth grade are Rachel Greenwell, Breanna Thomas, Sydnie Vessels, Abby Jones, Trevor Thomas, Weston Farmer, Shelby Peak, Reese Hagan, Walker Farmer, Wade Day, Trayce Eckman, Ainsley Beaven, Jillian Hagedorn, Elijah David Price and Thomas Dong.

## Musical notes in Morganfield

Library program director, Christa Duke, teaches John Paul II Catholic School fourth-grade students how to play the recorder. Students will learn musical notes, how to play an instrument, and how to read music during the 9 week course. They will participate in a small recital at the end of the course. Photo courtesy of John Paul II School.





## La Hermana Aida Badillo celebra su 'regreso' a Morgantown

La Hermana Aida Badillo, una hermana de Glenmary, empezó su nuevo ministerio en Morgantown el 1 de Mayo del 2015. En su pastoral con las comunidades hispanas de las Parroquias del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam y la Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown, ella sigue la tradición establecida por las Hermanas de Glenmary desde los años 70s.

La Hermana Rosamaría Esterkamp escribe: "Desde entonces ella se ha mantenido muy ocupada y se da cuenta más y más que es exactamente donde debe estar en este momento y Dios le sigue mostrando cómo atender pastoralmente a la nueva cara de la Iglesia Católica en los Condados de Ohio y Butler en Kentucky." ♦



La Hermana Aida Badillo, feliz por empezar su nueva misión en los condados de Ohio y Butler.



La Hermana Badillo con el P. Juan René Kalombo, párroco de la Parroquia del Santo Redentor y de la Parroquia de la Santísima Trinidad.

¡La Luz está ENCENDIDA para ti!  
Celebra el Sacramento de la Reconciliación

### La Luz Esta Encendida Para Ti

Durante esta Cuaresma 2016, de nuevo la Diócesis de Owensboro participará en "La luz está encendida para ti". Una iniciativa para proveer momentos adicionales para la Confesión y la Oración frente al Santísimo Sacramento. También; cuando usted asista a la Santa Misa el Sábado o el Domingo, siéntase con la confianza de expresar al sacerdote su deseo o necesidad de confesarse y juntos planeen esa oportunidad. Para más información contacte a personal de la parroquia y también puede visitar: [rcdok.org/lightison](http://rcdok.org/lightison).

## Calendario del Rito de Elección del 2016

Este año los servicios del Rito de Elección son los siguientes:

**Domingo, 7 Febrero 2016 – 2 p.m.**

San Francisco de Sales, Paducah

**Domingo, 14 de Febrero 2016 – 2 p.m.**

Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro

**Domingo, 14 de Febrero 2016 – 6 p.m.**

Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro

Además, la Misa Crismal este año será el Martes, 22 Marzo 2016 a las 6:30pm en el Centro Deportivo (Sportscenter) de Owensboro.

Lea el resto de la sección en Español en la página 19