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On Sept. 20, 2015, couples from around the diocese gathered at St. Stephen Cathedral to commemorate their wedding anniversaries.

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Sr. M. Francis Teresa Scully, DCJ, superior of the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus, leads the thanksgiving prayer at the end of VOCARE 2015. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead

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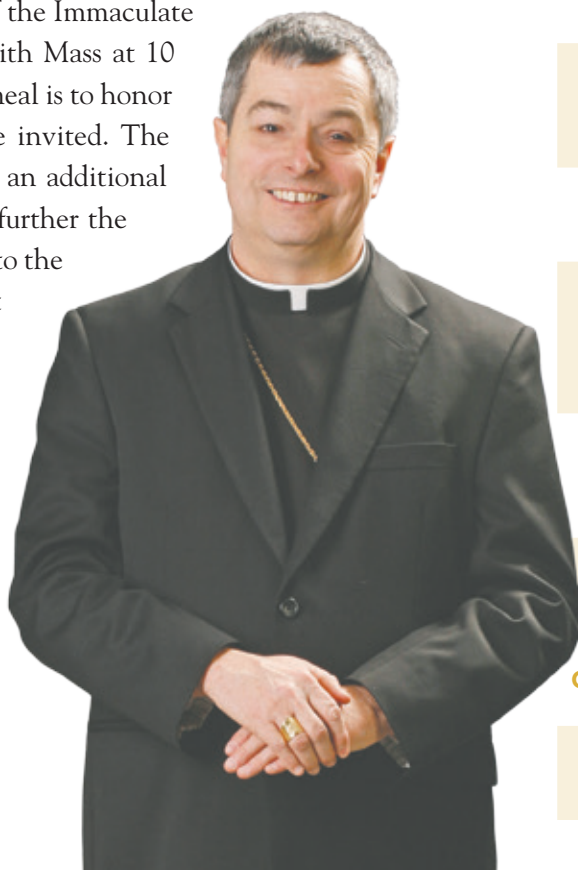
My dear people of God,

Pope Francis chose the theme “Wake Up the World” when he announced that the universal Church would celebrate 2015 as a Year of Consecrated Life. This year of honor and distinction in fact opened with Advent last year and extends until February 2, 2016, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Pope Francis called for local churches to honor and celebrate the rich gift of men and women whose lives have been extraordinarily consecrated in service and prayer.

Many of our parishes have hosted events during this year to recognize religious who have served their communities or came to answer their vocational call from within their communities. It is not unusual today to meet children and young people who have never personally encountered a sister, a brother or a priest of a religious congregation. Yet the women and men are still serving in innumerable ways throughout the world.

We will mark this year of recognition with a special observance on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the Parish of the Immaculate in Owensboro. The day will begin with Mass at 10 a.m. with a luncheon to follow. This meal is to honor men and women religious but all are invited. The presence of the larger church will be an additional honor to these men and women and further the threefold purpose of this year: to look to the past with gratitude, to live the present with passion, and to embrace the future with hope.

Each congregation now with members serving in the Diocese of Owensboro will have displays or offer presentations. Many of us have benefited from the endeavors of religious by their service in education, pastoral ministry, healthcare and in personal relationships.



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BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR ● OCTOBER 2015

- OCT 2** 1:00 p.m. ● **Diocesan Presbyteral Day** – McRaith Catholic Center (MCC)
- OCT 4** 8:00 a.m. ● **Mass** – Holy Trinity Parish, Morgantown
2:00 p.m. ● **Diocesan Sophia Awards** – St. Stephen Cathedral
- OCT 6** 9:00 a.m. ● **McRaith Catholic Center Staff Mass and Meeting**
- OCT 8-17** **Pilgrimage to Lourdes, France**
- OCT 19** 9:45 a.m. ● **Priest Personnel Board Meeting** – MCC
1:30 p.m. ● **Priests' Council Meeting** – MCC
- OCT 20** 10:30 a.m. ● **Celebrating and Gathering with Passionist Nuns** – Passionist Monastery, Whitesville
- OCT 21** 7:15 a.m. ● **Mass, Feast of St. Ursula** – Mount St. Joseph
8:30 a.m. ● **Diocesan Finance Council Meeting** – MCC
- OCT 22** 10:30 a.m. ● **Rainbow Mass** – Owensboro Sportscenter
6:00 p.m. ● **Right to Life of Owensboro Banquet** – Hines Center
- OCT 24** 10:00 a.m. ● **Year of Consecrated Life Celebration!** – Parish of the Immaculate
- OCT 25** 11:00 a.m. ● **Mass, New Pastor Installation, Reverend Brandon Williams** – St. Leo Parish, Murray, KY
5:30 p.m. ● **Chastity Project, Opening Prayer** – Riverpark Center, Owensboro
- OCT 27** 9:30 a.m. ● **School Mass** – St. Mary Elementary School, Paducah
12-3:00 p.m. ● **Paducah Office Hours**
- OCT 28** 11:00 a.m. ● **Anointing at the Villa** – Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount
- OCT 29-30** 5:00 p.m. ● **Brescia University Board Meeting** – Owensboro
- OCT 31** 9:00 a.m. ● **Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting** – MCC

Celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life!

A celebration to honor the women and men who have served as members of consecrated life in the Diocese of Owensboro

Saturday, October 24, 2015

Event begins with a Mass celebrated by Bishop William F. Medley at 10 a.m.

The Parish of the Immaculate
Owensboro, Kentucky

All religious are welcome to attend!
Families are encouraged to come and bring their children. A meal for all will follow the Mass.

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This celebration is an opportunity to say thank you, to recognize the valuable work continuing today, and to express our confidence in the future of consecrated life.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 24th and join in the celebrating.

May God Bless You All!



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

Remembering the vows

In his homily at the Sept. 20 Marriage Anniversary Celebration at St. Stephen Cathedral, Bishop William F. Medley commented on the promise to "love, honor and obey" in Catholic wedding vows.

"That 'obey' just kind of sticks in the throat!" said Bishop Medley to the 71 couples celebrating their marriage anniversaries. "Well, think about it. Obeying means to listen."

Of the 97 couples who RSVPed for the celebration – only 71 could attend – there was a total of 4,709 years of marriage among them. John and Mildred Boarman of St. Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville, were the longest-married at 71 years.

Bishop Medley explained that some of the most important words a spouse can say to the other is, "I'm listening, dear."

"And you can end up still disagreeing, but find a way to live in peace, live in harmony, and live saying 'yes' to God," he said, connecting this to the constant "dying to oneself" to say "yes" to what God would want.

"In this way alone can we, like Christ, be a servant of all," he said.

Photos

View more photos from this year's Marriage Anniversary Celebration! Look up "Family Life Office, Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro" on Facebook.



Tony Kaelin puts his arm around his wife, Angela, during the Marriage Anniversary Celebration on Sept. 20. They have been married 50 years. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, The Western Kentucky Catholic.



Surrounded by their children, parents hold hands while Bishop Medley leads the reaffirmation of wedding promises at the Sept. 20 celebration. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, The Western Kentucky Catholic.



John Boarman leans over to whisper to his wife, Mildred, during the Marriage Anniversary Mass Celebration at St. Stephen Cathedral on Sept. 20. The Boarmans were the longest-married couple present of the 71 attending; they have been married 71 years. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, The Western Kentucky Catholic.



More than 400 guests attended this year's VOCARE event, a celebration of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in the Diocese of Owensboro.



Bishop William Medley and Fr. Jason McClure smile while listening to a presentation at VOCARE 2015

'Called to bear witness' – VOCARE 2015 a success

Diocesan event raises more than \$160,000 to support seminarian education

STORY AND PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

More than 400 people, including priests, religious and laypeople, attended the second annual VOCARE event in the evening of Sept. 18 at the Owensboro Convention Center.

The event, which is a celebration of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in the Diocese of Owensboro, also serves to raise funds for seminarian education. On average, a seminarian's education for one year costs about \$55,000.

This year's keynote speaker, Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, emphasized that all people, not just priests and religious, "are called to live a consecrated life."

"All of us are called to consecrate ourselves to God completely and totally in our families and in our communities," said Fr. Robinson, the rector and

president of St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. "Each one of us is called to bear witness to Jesus."

Fr. Jason McClure, vicar for clergy and director of the diocesan Office of Vocations, said a few words to the gathering and acknowledged the seven diocesan seminarians as well as Stephany Nelson, a postulant of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

"It's so important that we encourage young men and women in whom we see characteristics and qualities of those we would want serving the Church in priesthood and consecrated life," he said.

Bishop William F. Medley shared the good news that this year's VOCARE challenge grant had already been met as of that evening. The challenge grant was offered by the Reed Family Foundation and Independence Bank, and had promised a match if the VOCARE committee raised \$50,000.

As of that evening, \$60,000 had already been



VOCARE 2015 Photos

View more photos of VOCARE 2015 at rcdok.org/vocations.



Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, gives the keynote presentation to VOCARE guests on Sept. 18, 2015 at the Owensboro Convention Center.

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Knights spread Guadalupe message with silver rose

BY SUSIE FENWICK, SPECIAL TO
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On August 30 one of six silver roses traveled across North America from Canada, to the United States, to Mexico, to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe and encourage respect for life.

It was transported via the Hickman-Dorena Ferry from Missouri to Hickman, Kentucky, and on the banks of the Mississippi River the rose was delivered by Missouri Knights of Columbus to Knights from St. Edward in Fulton, Kentucky.

The first stop on the Silver Rose Pilgrimage across Kentucky was at St. Edward Parish where Paul Pennell, Kentucky District Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, organized and led the devotion officiated by Fr. Robert Drury, pastor.

2015 marks the 55th year of the Knights of Columbus program, "Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose – One Life, One Rose." It began in 1960 as a project of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The program has continued since then as a project of Columbian Squires circles, councils and Fourth Degree assemblies across the country.

The Silver Rose Run dating to 1960 began with relaying a real rose from London, Ontario, to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. In 1961, a bronze rose was used, before being replaced by a silver rose crafted by Brother Miguel Martinez Montoya in Mexico.

The silver rose of precious Mexican metal symbolizes the importance of roses in the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe, who is not only patroness of the Americas but also of the unborn.

It was a miraculous garden of roses foreign to the area which sprung forth from frozen earth on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico on December 12, 1531. This was the sign proving Mary's appearance and convincing the local bishop to build a church on that hill in her honor.

Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, 2014, where he was presented the silver rose Pope Francis recalled the events surrounding Our Lady of Guadalupe's apparitions to St. Juan Diego. He called the Virgin Mary "the great missionary who brought the Gospel to our Americas" through her "visitation" as a pregnant mestiza, a woman of mixed race, on Mexico's Tepeyac Hill.

"Through her intercession," Pope Francis said, "the Christian faith began to grow into the most precious treasure of the soul of the American peoples" and now "spans from Alaska to Patagonia."

Susie Fenwick is a parishioner of St. Edward Parish in Fulton. ♦



Missouri Knights of Columbus, Bob Hall from St. Francis Xavier, Silkeston, Mo. and Chris Dugan, District Deputy 48 from St. Henry in Charleston, Mo. deliver the silver rose to Paul Pennell, District Deputy for the State of Kentucky and St. Edward, Fulton, Ky. parishioner. Also accompanying the Missouri delegation but not pictured was Missouri State diocesan chairman James Eberhard. Photo courtesy of St. Edward Parish.

NEWS BRIEFS

BY CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

U.S. church 'stands ready' to help Syrian refugees, says USCCB president

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The U.S. Catholic Church "stands ready to help" in efforts to assist refugees fleeing war-torn countries in the Middle East, said the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Sept. 10. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, also that Catholics in the U.S. and "all people of good will should express openness and welcome to refugees fleeing Syria and elsewhere in order to survive." Tens of thousands of people from Syria and other countries are "fleeing into Europe in search of protection," he said, adding that images of those "escaping desperate" circumstances "have captured the world's attention and sympathy." The archbishop noted that Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency, has been providing humanitarian aid to refugees in the Middle East and Europe, and in the U.S., he said, "nearly 100 Catholic Charities agencies and hundreds of parishes" assist refugees coming into the country each year. Archbishop Kurtz's statement follows Pope Francis urging Catholics in Europe to respond to the needs of refugees entering their countries.

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A group of Glenmary Sisters smile for a photo-op during dinner at VOCARE 2015.

raised, and as of this article's printing more than \$160,000 had been raised.

"Every one of us has a role in seminary formation and consecrated life formation," said Bishop Medley, adding that if it wasn't for diocesan support, he and many other priests could never had afforded seminary.

The event was emceed by the Very Rev. J. Patrick Reynolds, diocesan vicar general, and chancellor Kevin Kauffeld provided a presentation on building the endowment to ensure future seminarian support.

VOCARE ended with a thanksgiving prayer led by Sr. M. Francis Teresa Scully, DCJ, and benediction given by Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith. ♦



Save the Date!

Mark your calendar for next year's VOCARE: Sept. 23, 2016. More information to follow.

Francine Wright: A prayer life devoted to Mary's intercession

BY MEL HOWARD, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Francine Wright of St. Lawrence Parish in eastern Daviess County practices the Church's tradition of "ora et labora" (pray and work) daily for most of the day. Contained within the Rule of St. Benedict, "ora et labora" is one of many precepts within the saint's rule for monks living in community under the direction of an abbot.

Rising before 5 a.m. daily, Francine prays 20 decades of the rosary. Living with health problems since she was eight years old, she pauses from prayer to find some breakfast, then returns to her prayers. On many days, Francine will have prayed a dozen rosaries before most public workers begin their daily commute.

A part of Francine's daily work is to reach out to many people over the phone to talk, to ask how they're doing, to share stories she finds in the news on TV and in conversation. Of close concern to Francine's prayer and work are the experiences and concerns of her many family members and her many friends in the St. Lawrence, St. William and St. Mary's parishes.

Her reasons for sharing life and prayer with the people she calls is to ask for prayer, for understanding of people's issues in life, and sometimes for a little help in going to church, or a doctor, or to help her make concrete statues of Our Blessed Mother.



Francine Wright smooths the finish of a Mary statue. Photo courtesy of Mel Howard.

Francine has been making statues of Mary for over 30 years at her home.

She said that Fr. Michael Hayden gave her a "heart mold" in 1980 and with her Mom and Dad, Fred and Bernardine Wright. She began to make Mary statues for the St. Lawrence picnic, and for the interparish picnic to support Mary Carrico Catholic School in Knottsville. Fr. Michael, now 93 living in California, told Francine she could have the mold upon his death. In about 2000 the Women's Guild of

St. William Parish lent her another Mary statue mold without the heart.

Made with a mixture of a gallon of sand to two gallons of cement, each Mary statue weighs about 85 pounds. Popular since before the 1950s in the front yards of Catholic homes throughout Western Kentucky, many Mary statues are enclosed in grottos, some of which are made from old bathtubs. Bowling Green native and Kentucky U.S. Representative William Natcher used to comment on all those "bathtub Marys" he saw when making campaign trips by car to Western Kentucky towns.

Francine said many times she is kept awake with a feeling that "when someone is needing prayers in the night, God wants me to sit and pray with that person. I can't sleep until I obey that call." ♦

Owensboro diocese discusses annulment process changes

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Diocese of Owensboro celebrated Pope Francis' two Apostolic Letters issued *motu proprio* (on the pope's initiative) on September 8, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"The (annulment) process itself is getting some revision," said the Very Reverend J. Michael Clark, JCL, judicial vicar of the Diocese of Owensboro.

Fr. Clark explained that these letters, *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus* ("The Lord Jesus, the Gentle Judge,") and *Mitis et misericors Iesus* ("The Meek and Merciful Jesus") reform the marriage law process, and while some elements will affect the diocesan tribunal, other elements have already been in place in Owensboro.

Fr. Clark said there are three significant revisions to the Catholic annulment process, which will be implemented on December 8, 2015.

One change is that the annulment process will no longer go automatically to the appeals court.

"The U.S. practice for tribunals has provided a pattern for seeing that automatic appeal is not necessary," said Fr. Clark. However, "the appeal is still available if either party wants."

Another change removes the requirement for a three-judge panel to hear cases, trimming this down to only one clerical (i.e. priest or deacon) judge.

The Diocese of Owensboro, along with the other dioceses within the United States, received an

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Three new auxiliary bishops ordained for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (CNS) -- Three new auxiliary bishops have been ordained to help shepherd the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the largest in the United States. Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, together with Chicago Archbishop Blase J. Cupich and retired Auxiliary Bishop Joseph M. Sartoris of Los Angeles, ordained Bishops Robert E. Barron, Joseph V. Brennan and David G. O'Connell to the episcopacy Sept. 8 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, apostolic nuncio to the United States, presented the mandates from the Apostolic See. More than 500 Los Angeles and Chicago priests and 45 bishops from throughout the United States -- including Cardinal Roger M. Mahony, retired archbishop of Los Angeles -- concelebrated the Mass. "Our Holy Father has said that there are three basic qualities that we should look for in a bishop," Archbishop Gomez



Auxiliary Bishops Joseph V. Brennan and Robert E. Barron pray during their Sept. 8 episcopal ordination at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles. Not pictured is Auxiliary Bishop David G. O'Connell, who was also ordained. (CNS photo/John Rueda, The Tidings)

said in his homily to the thousands that filled the cathedral. "As the famous expression indicates: 'If he is holy, let him pray for us. If he is learned, let him teach us. And if he is prudent, let him govern us,'" the archbishop said. "So today we rejoice! Because we will ordain three fine priests, chosen because they are men of prayer, intelligence and prudence."

indult from the now-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1983 to operate with only one clerical judge.

"Having a single clerical judge helps streamline the process," said Fr. Clark, explaining that the process can be "more protracted" when three judges are involved.

"(The United States) has been the acid test of 'can it work, will it work,'" said Fr. Clark. "If we have been able to function with single judges, why can't people in the rest of the world do this?"

Another change is the request that annulment processes operate free-of-charge. In the U.S. this has been typical for a few dioceses.

What will change for the Diocese of Owensboro

is "the provision for the expedited trial process," said Fr. Clark. In this reform, however, the bishop or judicial vicar will now have the opportunity to "expedite" the process if the facts are crystal-clear.

This is not as simple as it sounds, Fr. Clark added. In order to undergo the expedited process, both parties must agree fully that they believe the marriage was invalid for the same reasons, and be able to prove their claim.

Of course, the application to start an annulment process remains the same, said Fr. Clark.

"Pope Francis wants it to be more accessible to the people, and to have the process move more swiftly," he said. ♦

Archives Corner

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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 or call (270) 683-1545 and ask for Archives.



First Communicants from Rosary Chapel School in Paducah pose for a group portrait in this 1948 photo. Both the school and parish were established in 1947 with the first Mass offered in the spring of 1947 and school opened in September of that year.



In this undated photo, parishioners gather in front of St. Peter of Alcantara Parish in Stanley, Kentucky. The first church was built in 1873 for the cost of \$4,000. A second church was built in 1922 and is still in use by the parish.

Knights support life



The Owensboro 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly gather at St. Sebastian Parish, Calhoun, on August 23 to dedicate a new right to life sign on the parish front lawn. Fr. John Ig-hacho blessed the sign after Mass and all were invited to the fellowship hall for breakfast. Photo courtesy of Jerry Abney.

St. Francis de Sales celebrates old, new pastors



July 26 was the "Farewell to Fr. Brian Roby Potluck" at St. Francis de Sales Parish in Paducah, in appreciation of Fr. Roby's nine years at the parish. He was presented with an award from the City of Paducah which named him a "Duke of Paducah." On August 16 the parish held a welcome potluck for new pastor Fr. Bruce McCarty, giving him the opportunity to feel welcomed and get to know his parishioners. Fr. Roby is now pastor of Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro, and St. Elizabeth Parish, Curdsville. Photo courtesy of St. Francis de Sales Parish.

Evening with an Ursuline kicks off

Evening with an Ursuline began its second year of monthly presentations on Sept. 1, 2015 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Dinner was served in the dining room, followed by a presentation on "Spiritual Reading," led by Sr. Marietta Wethington, OSU. The group discussed some of their favorite spiritual books, such as the biographies of the saints. Pictured here is Sr. Wethington quoting St. Jerome and saying that when we pray, we speak to God, but when we read, God speaks to us. Photo courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.



Immaculate "twins" with Haitian parish

On Sept. 13 members of Immaculate Parish got to meet Msgr. Victesse Nicholas, administrator of St. Joseph Parish in Sources Chaudes, Haiti. This parish is one which Immaculate has been assigned to through the Twinning Project. Msgr. Victesse addressed the parish at all Masses and then briefly talked at the fundraising breakfast following the 10 a.m. Mass. The money raised will go to St. Joseph Parish. In this picture, three missionaries Kristy Nalley and Jason Harville from Immaculate and Lavidia Mischel of SS. Joseph and Paul Parish get a picture taken with Msgr. Victesse. Photo courtesy of Diane Willis.



Local pillars of faith

As part of a photo-documentary journey around the Diocese of Owensboro, photographers Dave Kaminski and Cheryl Powell, of Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green, aim to attend Mass and photograph every church in our diocese. The diocese is home to 79 parishes, and the photographers have visited more than half to date.



Pictured here is Immaculate Conception Parish in Hawesville, which was photographed this past August.

Kaminski says that the two "expect to finish this 'church quest' in three more years, due to the number of and distances to the remaining churches on our list. We have taken thousands of pictures so far, as well as documented our experiences in a journal after each visit."

Photo was shared courtesy of Dave Kaminski and Cheryl Powell. ♦

To Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

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

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

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett (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.

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pregnancy, call us at

(270) 852-8328

or toll-free at 1-877-803-5064.

Owensboro West Deanery welcomes bishop

On Sept. 2, Precious Blood Parish hosted the deanery event in which Bishop Medley personally met the religious education students of the Owensboro West Deanery. Fr. Brian Roby, pastor of Precious Blood, welcomed everyone. Bishop Medley, along with deanery priests, celebrated Mass for the students and their families from the 11 parishes. His message was to take the Gospel and go out and serve others. Afterwards, all stayed for an old-fashioned picnic with hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by the Men's Club of Precious Blood. Bishop Medley mingled through the line, talking to many of the young people present. The deanery looks forward to Bishop coming back for a visit to a deanery event in the near future. The next meeting of the Owensboro West Deanery will be Oct. 21 at Immaculate Parish. Photo courtesy of Diane Willis.



Rosaries for the needy

A group of eight St. Stephen Cathedral parishioners, namely Doreen Harney, Bridgette Whittinghill, Karen Howard, Don/Mary Houle, Amy Payne, Vickie Davis, Kathleen Johnson and Donna Murphy, periodically make rosaries to give the local needy. Recently the Owensboro group also made 500 rosaries for those attending VO-CARE, an event to support diocesan vocations, on September 18. In this picture Doreen Harney teaches Kathleen Johnson how to make a rosary, while Donna Murphy looks on. Photo courtesy of St. Stephen Cathedral.



Considering Adoption?

Catholic Charities of Owensboro serves pregnant women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and couples who wish to adopt. Call 270-852-8328 or visit KyCaringConnection.org to learn more!

Archives historian writes play



Did you know that Brett Mills of the diocese Archives Office, besides being a local historian, is also a playwright?

"Murder at Yellow Banks," his play about events and an early murder trial in Daviess County's history, was recently adapted for radio by Richard Fish and performed before a live audience on Sept. 12 at Brescia Uni-

versity. Mills said his friend Todd Reynolds, the executive director for Theatre Workshop of Owensboro, recruited the cast for the performance and asked Mills to appear in the role of "Snags," the oldest boatman, and in crowd scenes.

"Three of my brothers came to see the show," said Mills, adding that he was "very happy with it." ♦

Thank You!

...to the many volunteers who helped in any way to make our 45th annual picnic a great success! This is truly an



event that brings the entire diocese together. Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy this beautiful day with us. Your support of our retired sisters means so much.

May God bless each of you for your kindness and generosity.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Events at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

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Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation

First Tuesday of each month

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

The \$20 fee includes dinner.

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| Oct. 6 | Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan, OSU – <i>The Wisdom of Women: Gift of the Feminine Soul for Men as well as Women</i> | Mar. 1 | Sister Marietta Wethington, OSU – <i>Angela, A Woman for All Time</i> |
| Nov. 3 | Sister George Mary Hagan, OSU – <i>Catholic Pioneers: Maryland to Kentucky</i> | Apr. 5 | Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU – <i>Chile: An Ursuline Adventure</i> |
| Dec. 1 | Sister Ann McGrew, OSU – <i>The Art of Waiting</i> | May 3 | Sister Vivian Bowles, OSU – <i>Mind Management</i> |
| Jan. 5 | Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan, OSU – <i>Change and Transition: A Reflection</i> | June 7 | Sister Ann McGrew, OSU – <i>The Choice to Say "Yes;" The Choice to Say "No"</i> |
| Feb. 2 | Sister Amelia Stenger, OSU – <i>Why Do I Feel Guilty When it's Time to Relax? Dealing with Everyday Stress</i> | July 5 | Sister Mary Matthias Ward, OSU – <i>Blueprint for Life: Beatitudes</i> |
| | | Aug. 2 | Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU – <i>The Gift of Forgiveness</i> |

Rediscover Catholicism

Second Thursday of each month ● Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

Presenter: Sister Ann McGrew, OSU

The \$10 fee includes lunch. This is a study based on the bestselling book, "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly. He reveals the essence of authentic Catholic spirituality while addressing some of the most important questions we face today as individuals and as a Church.

Eucharistic Adoration

Second Sunday of each month except September (Picnic day)

Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13 ● 4-5 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel
Adoration will conclude with evening prayer.

Yarn Spinners

Weekends of Dec. 4-6; Jan. 8-10, 2016

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

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. Enjoy the fellowship of those who appreciate this traditional skill. The group plans to "spin, knit and talk until we're done!" For information on room rates, costs, etc., or to register, contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY AND JUNIOR COLLEGE



ALUMNAE MEMORIAL MASS 11 A.M. SUNDAY, NOV. 1

MAPLE MOUNT, KY.

THIS MASS IS CELEBRATED IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL DECEASED ALUMNAE, FAMILY AND FACULTY MEMBERS.

PLEASE RSVP FOR LUNCH BY
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UPCOMING EVENTS

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER

OCTOBER

- 2-3 Newman, USI, UE (Ind.) Student Retreat
- 5-9 Diocese of Owensboro Priests Retreat
- 6 Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: The Wisdom of Women – Gifts of Feminine Soul for Men & Women**
- 8 Rediscover Catholicism**
- 10-11 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 15 St. John the Baptist (Ind.) students
- 17-18 Marian Retreat: Masterpieces of the Church with Msgr. Bernard Powers**
- 19-22 Quilt Guild
- 20-22 Knitting Ladies
- 23-25 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 26-30 New Spiritual Direction Training Program Begins (Week 1)**

NOVEMBER

- 1 MSJ Academy Alumnae Memorial Mass
- 3 Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: Catholic Pioneers**
- 5-6 Teen Leadership Conference
- 7 Bereavement Workshop
- 12 Rediscover Catholicism**
- 13-15 Ordained Deacons Retreat
- 20-22 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program

DECEMBER

- 1 Evening with an Ursuline dinner and presentation: The Art of Waiting**
- 4-6 Yarn Spinners Weekend Retreat**
- 5 Advent with Saint Angela Retreat Day**
- 9 Advent Day of Prayer (Msgr. Powers)**
- 10 Rediscover Catholicism**



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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Mount Saint Joseph
 Conference and Retreat Center

Brescia University to host Day of Enrichment for Seniors

Because life after 65 can bring about new challenges as well as opportunities, Brescia University is proud to offer a Day of Enrichment on October 22 from 10am-2pm in the Campus Center at Brescia University. The event will feature three informational sessions including: Healthy Aging, Financial Smarts for Seniors and Home Safety.

Officer Jeremy Henry with the Owensboro Police Department and Battalion Chief Steve Leonard with the Owensboro Fire Department will be sharing tips related to improving the safety and security in your home.

Marianne Smith Edge, MS, RD, LD, FADA is Senior Vice President, Nutrition & Food Safety for the International Food Information Council (IFIC) in Washington, DC. Smith Edge's expertise includes strategic positioning of nutritional products/services, nutrition communications, healthy aging and food allergies.

Jim Weafer CFP® is one of five partners at Financial Freedom Partners, Certified Financial Planners. He specializes in assisting with retirement planning for individuals and businesses, using time tested and creative planning strategies. Jeffrey T. Ebelhar, CPA, CGMA has more than 40 years of experience in the accounting, tax and advisory services. He serves as a guest speaker on various tax and planning topics, and has published articles in several tax publications. Ed Hodskins, attorney-at-law, is a partner at Thacker, Hodskins, Searcy & Knight, LLP. He has practiced law in Owensboro for 38 years with an emphasis upon Estate Planning and Administration. The panel will be offering advice and answering questions related to planning for your future.

Lunch will also be included. Seating is limited, so advance reservations are required by October 19. A registration fee of \$10 can be paid in advance or at the door. For more information or to register, please visit www.brescia.edu/enrichment or contact Alexxis Ross-Logan at 270.686.2101 or alexxis.ross-logan@brescia.edu.

Marian Retreat: Masterpieces of the Church Weekend of October 17-18

Retreat Director: Monsignor Bernard Powers



An artist takes an inner vision or image and with skill and spirit, as well as with hand and heart, creates a work of art, a masterpiece. It is set before us to bring us alive to the beauty and the life that it presents. The Church is an artist and sets before us her beauty and the love of the Blessed Mother. We celebrate them and know and share their beauty and the love of the Blessed Mother. Our time with the Blessed Mother is to ponder her great feast, these masterpieces of the Church.

This retreat includes opportunities for solitude, communal prayer, recitation of the rosary, Reconciliation and Eucharistic Liturgy. The \$125 fee includes retreat, meals and accommodations. Commuters can attend for \$85. The retreat begins Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and ends Sunday at 1 p.m.

Contact Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0206
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for these Advent Days of Prayer...

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

Cost: \$20 includes program and lunch

Saturday, Dec. 5: "Advent with Angela: What Angela Teaches About Waiting" led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU

Saint Angela Merici spent her life listening to God and waiting to hear God's message concerning the vision she had as a young adult. Today, during the season of Advent, we listen and wait for God's message concerning our life in service to others.

Wednesday, Dec. 9: "Advent Prayer Retreat Day" led by Monsignor Bernard Powers

The season of Advent is more than trimming a tree and buying presents. The true nature of Christmas calls us to prayer and celebration at the Lord's coming and our own salvation.

This will be a day to reflect on the meanings of Advent. Join us in celebrating God's wonderful love for us all in the best gift of all – GOD'S SON.



Contact Kathy McCarty to register

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Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph 2015-2016 Quilt Club TicketsARE ALMOST GONE!



Sister
Catherine
Kaufman

You can still get 11 chances to win a handmade quilt with our Quilt Club annual memberships, available for only \$20 each. A new quilt is raffled each month.

For details, visit ursulinesmsj.org, click on "Help the Sisters" and then "Quilt Club."

**Next Quilt Club drawing is Nov. 6.
ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

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OCTOBER 2015 BULLETIN BOARD

■ Brescia University's Contemporary Woman Program announces Fall '15 schedule

Brescia University's Contemporary Woman Program, directed by Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Rose Marita O'Bryan, enters the fall semester with a variety of programs in celebration of its more than fifty years. The brochure lists new and continuing programs available to both women and men:

Dorothy Day: Icon of the Streets, exploring the personal journey of Dorothy Day, is presented on four Wednesday afternoons, beginning on November 4 from 1:30-2:20.

The Canticle Group, examining materials that develop issues of spirituality, peace and justice, meets on six Friday mornings from 10 till noon, beginning on September 4. This semester the group will be using a DVD program entitled "Fables and Faith: Understanding the Gospel using Aesop's fables.

The Partnership Group, in its 27th year, meets on the second Wednesday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m., beginning in September and continuing through May. The book chosen for continued dialogue is "Letting Go: The Pathway of Surrender" by David R. Hawkins.

Soul Gardening with Teilhard deChardin, a special opportunity for four Tuesday afternoons in November from 1:30-2:20, consists of guided reflections on the life and writings of Teilhard de Chardin.

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide, a program of three Monday morning sessions which begins on February 9 from 10:30 -11:20, is a passionate call-to-arms, urging us not only to bear witness to the plight of the world's women but to help transform their oppression into opportunity.

Hildegard of Bingen: Sybil of the Rhine, which

begins on October 7 from 1:30-2:20, continues for four Wednesday afternoons through . The program explores the life and writings of Hildegard of Bingen, fourth woman doctor of the Church.

Ecology and Religion, beginning February 4 from 1:30-2:20, continues for three Wednesday afternoons in February.

For a brochure and/or more information regarding programs, dates and costs, contact Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan, OSU, at Brescia University, 717 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY 42301; 270-686-4275; rosemarita.obryan@brescia.edu. Participants are asked to pre-register at least two weeks in advance for each program.

■ **Bergsma, Hahn coming to Blessed Mother**
Pre-register at spiritualive2015.com or call (270) 683-8444 for these two speakers coming to Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro. Free admission, but

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space is limited!

Saturday, Oct. 24, at 9 a.m.: Dr. John Bergsma will speak on "Bible Basics for Catholics." Watch as he uses humor and a little amateur artwork to give you the birds-eye view of what the Bible is really all about. Talk is in the church.

Saturday, Dec. 5, 2015, at 7 a.m.: Dr. Scott Hahn will lead a morning of inspiring talks to kick-off the season of Advent. Begins with check-in and refreshments at 7 a.m. Talks are "The Lamb's Supper," "Evangelizing Catholics," and "The Healing Power of Confession."

■ **St. Benedict School reunion
Sunday, Oct. 18**

Saint Benedict Church, Wax, Kentucky. Potluck lunch in basement of church after the 10 a.m. Mass. All former students, teachers and friends are invited. For more information call LaMont Miller—270-259-3303.

■ **Shroud presentation Oct. 18 at
SS. Peter & Paul**

SS. Peter and Paul Parish (902 E. 9th Street, Hopkinsville, Ky) will host a Presentation of the Shroud of Turin on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The presentations will be conducted by Prof. William Meacham, Mr. David Onysko and Mr. Kenny Vernor. This event will include presentations, PowerPoint illustrations, two 8' X 4' photos followed by Questions and Answers. All are welcome! For more information, contact the parish office at (270) 885-8522. The Shroud of Turin or Turin Shroud is a linen cloth 14 feet long, 4 feet wide, bearing the full body image front and back of a man who appears to have suffered physical trauma in a manner consistent with crucifixion. Despite intensive study, notably a week-long examination by a group of American scientists, there is no consensus yet on how the image was created.

■ **Honoring Immaculate's Matt Gray**

Immaculate Parish will be honoring Matt Gray for his twenty years of ministry at the parish. Following the 10 a.m. Mass, a potluck dinner will be held in the Parish Family Center. All are invited to worship with Immaculate Oct. 19 or 20 and/or join us for the potluck to congratulate Matt.



HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY NOVENA

OCTOBER 25 – NOVEMBER 2, 2015

Join with others in prayer at the Diocesan Marian Shrine:

Mary, Mother of the Church and Model for All Christians

The Shrine is located at historic St. Joseph Catholic Church, 434 Church Ave., Bowling Green, KY

DAILY PRAYER FOR THE NOVENA

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

Oh gentlest Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the souls of Your servants. Be not severe in Your judgment, but let some drops of Your Precious Blood fall upon our beloved departed, and do You, oh merciful Savior, send Your angels to conduct the souls of Your servants to a place of refreshment and peace.

Dear Diocesan Marian Shrine,

Please include the names of my deceased family and friends in the prayers of those who gather at **Mary, Mother of the Church and Model for All Christians Diocesan Shrine** for this *Holy Souls in Purgatory Novena*. Please accept this donation for my intention(s) of *Holy Souls in this Novena*.

NAMES TO BE REMEMBERED: 1) _____

2) _____ 3) _____

4) _____ 5) _____

Donor's Name _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Send to:

Diocesan Marian Shrine, St. Joseph Catholic Church, 434 Church Ave., Bowling Green, KY 42101

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St. Benedict's: Welcoming All as Christ

St. Benedict's is a temporary refuge for the homeless men of our community that provides food and shelter for 60 men every night. Our mission is to provide a safe, non-judgmental, warm place to sleep, take a shower, eat and wash personal laundry in a Christian atmosphere. After establishing a relationship with the residents, we try to assist each man with his individual needs and help him move toward independence.

Last year we served over 350 individuals from sleeping on the streets. We helped 18 individuals into local substance abuse programs and other men with a wide range of services such as deposit, meds and utilities. We now offer YMCA passes to help residents become physically healthy and provide clothing and haircut vouchers, self-help meetings, Bible studies, housing assistance, and furniture vouchers when obtaining permanent residency. None of this would be possible without our bed sponsors. We operate on 90% donations and 10% funding and grants.

You're invited to sponsor a bed!

Please consider partnering in our mission to help provide for the needs of a resident for an entire year. As a bed sponsor, you will provide food staples, personal grooming products, bed linens, medicine and other needs of the resident occupying that bed. Each sponsor or named honoree is recognized for a year on a plaque at the shelter and in a promotional video that appears on Time Warner channel 8. To sponsor a bed for \$500, send check or money order to 1001 West 7th St., Owensboro, KY 42301. A receipt and tax form will be mailed back to you. Online donations can be made at st.benedictsowensboro.org. All bed sponsor donations to the St. Benedict's Joseph Homeless Shelter are tax deductible. Thank you and God Bless!

Director Harry E. Pedrigo
Cell: 270-315-4419
Email: harrypedrigo7@gmail.com

"Bluegrass on Beshear" wins state Culture of Life Service Award, 2nd annual event will be held Oct. 11, 2015

"Bluegrass on Beshear – Pickin' Life", a charity event held last October to benefit three local pro-life pregnancy support centers, won the Kentucky Knights of Columbus state award for Culture of Life Service in 2014. The award was announced and presented at the Knights' annual state convention, held in Louisville in May. The Blessed Trinity Council, which consists of Catholic men from Dawson Springs, Princeton and Eddyville, was singled out for the honor among the 101 active councils in Kentucky. The state office has also submitted the event for possible national recognition.

Last year's event, held on a Sunday afternoon at Lake Beshear, just south of Dawson Springs, was a free, family-friendly concert. Musical artists donated their time and talent to entertain more than 150 music lovers who braved a dire weather forecast to attend. The Knights of Columbus accepted donations and raised funds through sales of food and t-shirts to support Door of Hope in Madisonville, the H.O.P.E. Clinic in Benton and Shelter of Love in Morganfield. The Knights raised \$2500 during the event and divided it evenly among the three life-affirming ministries.

Co-sponsor Laura Smith was happy with the outcome of last year's event and intends to make it even bigger this year. She said, "This year's goal is to double the attendance and funds raised and to increase awareness in our communities for these wonderful, life-saving ministries. We have a great lineup of performers and we'll even provide some time in the program for people who bring instruments to pick with the pros." Bluegrass on Beshear will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 11, 2015 at 307 Island Cove Lane on Lake Beshear. You can get more information about this year's event at its website, www.bluegrassonbeshear.com.

"Sent To Shine" **A Tri-Parish Mission in Owensboro, KY**

Nov. 9-11, 2105 • 6:30 p.m. each night

Presented by Rev. J. Ronald Knott from the Archdiocese of Louisville. Join us for a three night gathering of fellowship and prayer. Refreshments served after each service. Child care available. Fr. Knott's books will be for sale.



LOVING YOURSELF AND LETTING YOUR OWN LIGHT SHINE

Mon., Nov. 9 - Blessed Mother Church:
Tackling Your Own Apathy, Cynicism, Narcissism, and Personal Neglect

Tues., Nov. 10 - St. Stephen Cathedral:
The Convenience of Playing Small

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBORS AND HELPING THEIR LIGHT SHINE

Wed., Nov. 11 - Sts. Joe & Paul Church:
Saying "No" to Gossip, Jealousy, and Suspicion

For more information, contact Rick Rhodes at 270-302-6982 or ricksjpc@yahoo.com

EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA OCTUBRE 2015

- OCTUBRE 2** 1:00 p.m. ● **Día Presbiteral Diocesano** – Centro Católico McRaith (MCC)
- OCTUBRE 4** 8:00 p.m. ● **Misa** – Parroquia Santísima Trinidad, Morgantown
2:00 p.m. ● **Premios Diocesanos de Sofía** – Catedral de San Esteban
- OCTUBRE 6** 9:00 a.m. ● **Misa y Reunión del Personal del MCC**
- OCTUBRE 8-17** Peregrinación a Lourdes, France
- OCTUBRE 19** 9:45 a.m. ● **Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal** – MCC
1:30 p.m. ● **Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal** – MCC
- OCTUBRE 20** 10:30 a.m. ● **Celebración y Convivio con las Monjas Pasionistas** – Monasterio de las Pasionistas, Whitesville
- OCTUBRE 21** 7:15 a.m. ● **Misa, Fiesta de Santa Úrsula** – Monte San José
8:30 a.m. ● **Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas** – MCC
- OCTUBRE 22** 10:30 a.m. ● **Misa Arcoiris** – Owensboro Sportscenter
6:00 p.m. ● **Banquete de Derecho a la Vida de Owensboro** – Centro Hines
- OCTUBRE 24** 10:00 a.m. ● **¡Celebración del Año de la Vida Consagrada!** – Parroquia de la Inmaculada, Owensboro
- OCTUBRE 25** 11:00 a.m. ● **Misa, Instalación del Párroco, Padre Brandon Williams** – Parroquia de San Leo, Murray, KY
5:30 p.m. ● **Proyecto de la Castidad, Oración Inicial** – Riverpark Center, Owensboro
- OCTUBRE 27** 9:30 a.m. ● **Misa Escolar** – Escuela Primaria de Santa María, Paducah
12-3:00 p.m. ● **Horas de Oficina en Paducah**
- OCTUBRE 28** 11:00 a.m. ● **Unción en la Villa** – Monte San José, Maple Mount
- OCTUBRE 29-30** 5:00 p.m. ● **Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de la Universidad de Brescia** – Owensboro
- OCTUBRE 31** 9:00 a.m. ● **Reunión del Consejo Pastoral Diocesano** – Centro Católico McRaith

Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Mi querido pueblo de Dios,

El Papa Francisco escogió el tema “¡Despierten al Mundo!” cuando anunció que la iglesia universal celebraría el 2015 como un Año de la Vida Consagrada. Este año de honor y distinción de hecho se abrió con el Adviento del año pasado y se extiende hasta el 2 de Febrero del 2016, la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor. El Papa Francisco invitó a las iglesias locales para honrar y celebrar el don valioso de hombres y mujeres cuyas vidas han sido consagradas extraordinariamente en servicio y oración.

Muchas de nuestras parroquias han organizado eventos durante este año para reconocer a los religiosos (as) que han servido en sus comunidades o que respondieron a su llamada vocacional desde sus comunidades. No es inusual hoy en día conocer a niños y jóvenes que nunca han tenido un encuentro personal con una hermana, hermano o sacerdote de una congregación religiosa. Sin embargo mujeres y los hombres todavía aún están sirviendo en un sinnúmero de formas a través del mundo.

Nosotros conmemoraremos este año de reconocimiento con una observancia especial el Sábado, 24 de Octubre del 2015, en la Parroquia de la Inmaculada en Owensboro. El día empezará con una Misa a las 10:00am seguida por un almuerzo. El almuerzo es para honrar a los hombres y mujeres religiosos (as) pero se invita a todos. La presencia de la iglesia diocesana será un honor adicional para estos hombres y mujeres y cumplirá con el propósito de tres partes de este año: *mirar al pasado con gratitud, vivir el presente con pasión, y abrazar el futuro con esperanza.*

Cada congregación con miembros actualmente sirviendo en la Diócesis de Owensboro tendrá información disponible u ofrecerán una presentación. Muchos de nosotros nos hemos beneficiado del empeño de los religiosos (as) por su servicio en educación, su ministerio pastoral, asistencia médica y en sus relaciones personales.

Esta celebración es una oportunidad de decirles gracias, reconocer su labor valiosa que hoy continúa y para expresar nuestra confianza en el futuro de la vida consagrada.

Marquen sus calendarios para el Sábado, 24 de Octubre y vengan a celebrar.

+ William F. Medley

Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro



Jóvenes de CLI Construyendo Puentes

POR SUSANA SOLORZA

Vieron el poder que su fe compartida tuvo en la creación de lazos y quisieron traer eso a su parroquia.

Varios jóvenes de la comunidad hispana y la comunidad anglo de Santo Tomás Moro en Paducah, KY participaron en nuestro instituto anual de Liderazgo Cristiano (CLI) este verano en Centro de Retiro Montaña San José.

Durante su estancia en CLI aprendieron acerca quien son ellos como líderes, entendiendo quienes son otros, diversas habilidades de liderazgo, y la forma en que están llamados a actuar como seguidores de Cristo. Por encima de todo, se enteraron de que eran amados por Cristo y que están llamados a la misión de servirle en esta tierra, cada uno a su manera, cada uno con fortalezas y debilidades, pero todos trabajando hacia el mismo objetivo. Vinieron a ser amigos, sin etiquetas; llegaron a conocerse por nombre, y rápidamente se convirtió en una familia.

A base de estas nuevas relaciones y su experiencia compartida, se inspiraron a enfocar su proyecto, que fue planeado al final de CLI, en juntar a las comunidades dentro de su parroquia. Decidieron hacer esto mediante la planificación de la Celebración de la Juventud de Paducah resaltando los aspectos positivos de sus diferentes culturas y cómo podrían ser una sola parroquia a pesar de sus diferencias.

El evento se llevó a cabo el 16 de agosto, a partir de una misa bilingüe, celebrada por el Padre Jason McClure, seguida por una comida, conferencista, y una banda. Cada uno de los jóvenes participó en la planificación y organización de la misa y de los acontecimientos que siguieron. Fueron apoyados por sus padres y ministro de la juventud, así como otros jóvenes de CLI.

Ellos planean continuar construyendo puentes en su parroquia, porque han aprendido que aunque vengan de diferentes culturas, existe un lugar para cada uno de ellos en nuestra Iglesia y que la misión de Cristo es para todos. ♦



Celebración de la Juventud de Paducah en Santo Thomas More.



Valeria Vasconez, Jorge Bautista, José Reyes Emily Strasser, Caroline Veatch, Sarah Katz, Antonio Barraza, el equipo de los participantes de CLI que planearon la Celebración de Juventud de Paducah.

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).

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.



Rodeados por sus hijos, los padres se agarran de la mano mientras el Monseñor Medley los guía en la reafirmación de sus votos de matrimonio en la celebración el 20 de Sept. Foto por Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, El Católico de Kentucky Occidental.

Recordando los Votos

El 20 de Sept. el Monseñor William F. Medley celebró una Misa especial en la Catedral de San Esteban en Owensboro: una Misa conmemorando los aniversarios de parejas casadas en la Diócesis de Owensboro.

De las 97 parejas que respondieron a la invitación – solo 71 pudieron asistir – fueron un total de 4,709 de años casados entre todos. John y Mildred Boarman de la Parroquia de Santa María del Bosque en Whitesville han sido casados por 71 años, el matrimonio más largo de los presentes. ♦



Tony Kaelin abraza a su esposa, Angela, durante la Celebración de Matrimonios el 20 de Sept. Han sido casados por 50 años. Foto por Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, el Católico de Kentucky Occidental.

El 18 de Sept. del 2015 más de 400 laicos, sacerdotes y religiosos se congregaron en el Centro de Convenciones en Owensboro para VOCARE, la segunda celebración anual de la Diócesis de Owensboro de las vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida consagrada.



El Padre Carmelo Jiménez Salinas (izquierda) y el Padre Brian Roby (derecha) se saludan a otro invitado de VOCARE el 18 de Sept.



El Obispo Medley da una presentación a los 400+ invitados al segundo evento anual de VOCARE.



Los invitados de VOCARE de la Mesa 6 sonrían para una foto durante la cena.

Día de Muertos y Todos los Santos



Feliz temporada de otoño hermanos. Quizás nos queden algunas semanitas de buen sol y rico clima antes del frío, aprovechemos y disfrutemos al máximo esta bendición que nos viene de nuestro buen Padre Dios. También se acerca ya ese tiempo hermoso de fin de año con nuestras festividades llenas de colorido, tradición e historia entre ellas y para nosotros los hispanos/latinos, el -Día de Muertos y Día de Todos los Santos-. Aunque es cierto que vivimos en los Estados Unidos de América y respetamos las tradiciones del país y aprecia-



Todos los Santos, pintado por Fra Angelico.

mos lo bueno que existe en muchas de ellas; también es cierto que no hay que olvidar y mucho menos perder lo valioso, rico y práctica de nuestras propias tradiciones. Muchos de nosotros nos encontramos lejos de los cementerios o panteones donde ya descansan alguno o ambos padres, abuelos, tíos,

primos, amigos incluso hijos. La nostalgia de hacer memoria y recordar ciertamente es difícil. Para muchos de nosotros la conmemoración de Día de Muertos es un día muy difícil estando tan lejos de la patria, sin embargo, nuestra fe en Cristo; fe en aquel que venció la muerte nos da la tranquilidad y fortaleza necesaria. Siempre este día es un recordatorio de que vamos de paso y de que el Señor puede decidir llamarnos a casa en cualquier momento. Facundo Cabral trovador argentino decía que: "No hay muerte, hay mudanza" y muy cierto, ya que lo único que ha sucedido es que aquellos que se han ido ya, solo se nos han adelantado un poquito pero cualquier día de estos primero Dios les alcanzaremos. Y aunque no podamos visitar nuestras tumbas y colocar una flor, derramar una lagrima, sollozar una oración o cantar una canción al pie de esas tumbas, estamos unidos en el Espíritu. Porque los que han muerto en realidad no han muerto porque todos ellos aún siguen vivos en nuestros corazones y nuestra memoria.

Que la distancia entre nuestros países de origen y donde nos encontramos ahora en los Estados Unidos no mermen el practicar nuestras tradiciones religiosas y culturales. Pidan y busquen espacio. Organicen una vigilia, recen un rosario en comunidad o júntense en alguna casa, construyan un altar de muertos, háblenle a sus hijos sobre los Santos y vístanlos de algún santo, visiten algún cementerio local etc... Y sobre todo, no se olviden de educar e inculcar esto en sus hijos y nietos. Nuestras tradiciones son una



La Catrina. En la cultura popular mexicana, la Catarina, popularizada por José Guadalupe Posada consiste en el esqueleto de una mujer de la alta sociedad y constituye una de las figuras más populares en las celebraciones del Día de Muertos en México. © Tomas Castelazo, www.tomascastelazo.com / Wikimedia Commons, via Wikimedia Commons.

enorme y suficiente fuente de amor y respeto a Dios y nuestra fe Católica. Que no caigamos en la cultura de consumo, en la cultura del mundo que nos distrae y aparta de lo que realmente celebra la Iglesia y nuestra fe.

Cristóbal Gutierrez
Director del Ministerio Hispano

October Wedding Anniversaries

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

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Jeremy & Anna McDaniel, 10
Randy & Angie Lee, 25
William & Shannon Wright, 25
Randy & Judy Adams, 25

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Eric & Lori Cornish, 10
Richard & Lori Deckard, 40
Dwight & Diana Emerson, 51
Dean & Mary Ann Jorgensen, 50
Jesse & Kacie Mattox, 10
Ray & Evelyn Shoemaker, 68
Herman & Mary Ruth Thomas, 62

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Lanny & Megan Finley, 10
Oles & Carmille Drobocky, 25
Robert & Georgia Zoellner, 52

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Matthew & Shannon Boutcher, 10

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Brian & Cassie Evans, 10
Kevin & Joyce Schrecker, 25
Thomas E. & Joann Castlen, 69
Joseph & Mary Jane Clark, 53
William & Velma Dunn, 58
David & Patricia Hamilton, 63
Jerry & Vickie Kennedy, 52

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Charles & Stephanie Sweeney, 25
J. C. & Mildred Higdon, 61
Billy & Anna C. King, 65
Bobby & Joy Miller, 25
Joe & Ann Roth, 51
Lester & Helen Schaick, 66
George L. & Anna Weldon, Jr., 59

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

John A. & Pamela F. Whitfill, 25

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Kerry & Sharlet Beauregard, 51

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Donald & Ellen Buckman, 61

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Matt & Laura Lee Vessels, 10
Jeremy & Brooke Clements, 30

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Bob & Janette Warren, 59

St. Ann, Morganfield

Eddie & Peggy Salyers, 64
Kevin & Amy Gumz, 25

St. Anthony, Axtel

Charles & Pat Bissinger, 50
Dan & Pat Rhodes, 55

St. Anthony, Peonia

Ervin & Coreen Moore, 51
Randolph & Judy White, 51

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

Vance & Debra Webb, 25

St. Augustine, Reed

James Elmer & Judelle Carol Beasley, 51

St. Benedict, Wax

Buck & Carla Meredith, 10
Russell & Rudell Higdon, 60

St. Charles, Bardwell

Rob & Christy Anderson, 25

St. Dennis, Fancy Farm

Tommy & Christy Goatley, 52

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Stuart & Lois Stephany, 55
Siro & Marcella Pandolfi, 67

Paul & Catherine Floyd, 53
James & Mary Scott, 50

St. Henry, Aurora

Carl & Sharon Nank, 54
William & Pat Day, 56

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Steven & Tara Elder, 10
Bobby & Lacy Riddle, 10
Steven & Tara Elder, 10
Clay & Karen Willett, 50
Jack & Mary Ann Purcell, 57
Terry & Hettie Wilson, 52

St. John the Baptist, Fordsville

Joe & Eileen Fulkerson, 57

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

James & Diania O'Nan, 50
Gerald & Pat Roof, 55
Bob & Barbaranell Tackett, 55
Paul Louis & Martha Wurth, 55
Ray & Martha Levesque, 57
Charles & Margaret Ballard, 55

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Mathew & Catron Burdette, 10
Matthew & Carrie Felix, 10
Matthew & Margaret Baker, 25
Jon & Teresa Kendall, 25
James & Nancy Kenney, 25

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Bill & Christine Jackson, 25
Robert & Judy Hayden, 53
Mike & Nancy Bisto, 54
Harold & Barbara Hayden, 60

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Edward & Marcella Wethington, 50
Bernard & Kathleen Wright, 58

St. Leo, Murray

John & Marie Clark, 54

Gary & Bernice Casper, 40
Alfred & Patricia Koehler, 58

St. Mark, Eddyville

David & Ann Harkins, 50
Joseph & Patricia Merimee, 50

St. Martin, Rome

James & Margaret Bickett, 60
Bill & Patti Wink, 60

St. Mary, LaCenter

Henry & Shirley Gollon, 55

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

John & Michelle Clancy, 10
Dick & Mary Jane Alexander, 52
William D. & Mary Ann Knott, 55

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Wayne & Laura Castlen, 10
Richard & Debra Kelley, 40
Audry & Martha Hagan, 69
Harold & Barbara Morris, 54
Val & Bernadine Payne, 54
M. C. & Barbara Roberts, 55
Lawrence & Mary Jo Wright, 52

St. Michael, Sebree

John & Brenda Badertscher, 52

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Frank & Catherine Gawarecki, 56
Murrell & Ann Sims, 50
Virgil & Darlene Keown, 50
Daniel & Linda Clark, 50
Joe Paul & Breonna Clark, 10

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Kevin & Bobbie Castlen 10
Nic & Josie Kroeger, 10
Patrick & Jennifer Olssen, 10
Daniel & Sandra Morris, 40
Dane & Mary Roberts, 40
Thomas & Elizabeth Johnson, 50

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Bradley & Shannon Hockenberry, 10
Alvin & Margie Mattingly, 53
Harold & Libby Osborne, 62
Harold & Mary Jo Beard, 52

St. Rose, Cloverport

John & Libby Popham, 57

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Robert & Helen Vidmar, 52
Richard & Marlene Goll, 51

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Michael & Nakeshia Norris, 10
William & Shannon Wright, 25
Greg & Tina Gough, 25
Ronald & Cissy Sullivan, 55

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Charles & Lynda Hatton, 50
Mike & Ann Wurth, 51
Bill & Marge Wurth, 52
Bill & Mary Brucker, 53
Kelly & Barbara Robinson, 57

St. William, Knottsville

David W. & Margaret Fulkerson, 40
Dennis & Joyce Burch, 40
Edward & Judy Bertke, 51
Marvin & Josephine Boling, 51
Owen & Charlotte Cecil, 54
James & Margaret Mills, 66
Allen & Becky Payne, 55
Ralph & Catherine Mudd, 56
Kenny & Marguerite Lanham, 53
Claudie & Erma Millay, 63

SS. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Hal & Laida Mischel, 10
Josh & April Scherrer, 10
Jeff & Bridgett Stuart, 10
Chester & Deanna Kaminski, 55
James & Doris Mills, 57
Robert & Mary Helen Ward, 55

SS. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

John & Helen Watson, 25
Clarence & Helen Allard, 50
Lyndon & Sheila Goode, 55
Phillip & Ruby Carstone, 61
Ronald & Beverly Todd, 52

Vocations are everyone's business!

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



The Office of Vocations supports all vocations including consecrated religious life, diocesan priesthood, marriage, and committed single life.

The diocesan Office of Vocations is commissioned by the bishop to recruit and oversee the formation and training of men with the express goal to prepare and educate them for ordination to Holy Orders as diocesan priests. But according to Church teaching, vocations promotion is not just our job, but everyone's!

Most popes have repeatedly spoken on the importance of families, parents, teachers, youth directors, directors of religious education, grandparents, siblings, peers, and friends in identifying and supporting young men and women in their quest to discern what God is "calling" them to do.

Pope Francis says prayer is the most important thing someone can do to support vocation: "Pray for young people to 'hear' their 'calling' from God – Pray for young people to have the courage to step forward and heed that 'call.'"

Pope Francis has also said, "Behind every vocation to priesthood and religious life is strong and intense prayer from someone... a grandmother, grandfather, mother, father, a community..." He continued, "All vocations to the Church are born in prayer, and only in prayer can they persevere

and bear fruit!"

Pope St. John Paul II, said, "Young people must be taught to pray, and then trusted to follow Jesus' call – come follow me!"

Pope Emeritus Benedict said that wherever there is concentrated earnest prayer for vocations... there are vocations! Pope Benedict also said that priests are so vitally important for our Catholic faith, because without priests, we are no longer Catholic. Priests are necessary for our faith to continue because without them we have no Eucharist or other Sacraments.

Individual prayer, group prayer, holy hours for vocations, eucharistic adoration, and rosaries for vocations are all effective means for promoting prayer for vocations. Does your parish have a specific intentional effort of praying for vocations? Does your parish include a prayer for vocations in the prayers of the faithful at each Mass?

The vocations office can help you with materials so call Fr. Jason McClure or Dr. Fred Litke and ask how your parish can become involved.

Pope St. John Paul II said that "No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people. Let us dispose our hearts to

Religious in our diocese

The many religious within the Diocese of Owensboro include:

- Fathers of Mercy
- Heralds of Good News
- Glenmary Home Missioners of Cincinnati
- Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus
- Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa
- Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Nigeria Province
- Home Mission Sisters of America
- Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Ad-Gentes
- Passionist Sisters
- School Sisters of Notre Dame
- Sisters of the Lamb of God
- Sisters of Saint Benedict
- Sisters of Saint Francis of Tiffin, Ohio
- Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph
- Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer

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being ‘good soil’, by listening, receiving, and living out the word... and thus, bearing good fruit! The more we unite ourselves to Jesus through prayer and the other sacraments, the most fruitful will be the harvest proportionate to the grace that we have invited into our lives!” ♦

Save the Date!

June 26-July 1, 2016 is the Vocations Camp at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center. Spread the word with young people who may be interested! More information to follow.

Come and See what the priesthood is all about.

A weekend for high school men at Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary

October 23-25, 2015

Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary and Marian University • Indianapolis, Indiana

High school men who would like to learn more about seminary and the priesthood are invited to Come and See weekend to interact with seminarians and staff, tour Marian University, pray, come and see the seminary for yourself, ask questions, express concerns. There is no cost and no obligation. Just a time to learn more about discernment, seminary, and priesthood.

Transportation from the Diocese of Owensboro to Indianapolis will be provided.

For more information, contact Fr. Jason McClure in the Diocese of Owensboro Vocations Office at 270-683-1545 or jason.mcclure@pastoral.org. Or contact your parish priest.

www.owensborovocations.com

Mount picnic most successful to date

The 45th annual Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Barbecue Picnic on Sept. 13 was the most successful one to date, with lots of volunteers and attendees. Lunch included barbecue pork, mutton, chicken, burgoo and fun foods like funnel cakes and deep fried Oreos. The many booths included a silent auction, crafts (including quilts and wreaths), games such as bingo, cake and fruit wheels, a beanbag toss and more. All proceeds supported the retired Ursuline Sisters.

In this picture, Bishop Emeritus John J. McRaith is greeted by Mike Vollman while attending the Sept. 13 picnic. Photo courtesy of Mel Howard.



Nora Wenke becomes a Passionist novice

BY SR. FRANCES MARIE OF THE EUCHARISTIC HEART OF JESUS, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

My name is Nor- (wait! no!) Sr. Frances Marie!

It's not easy to suddenly use a new name, after answering to a different one for nearly twenty years!

So I have discovered in the weeks since the feast of Our Lady's Assumption, when Postulant Nora became Sr. Frances Marie of the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. On August 15, having completed my year of postulancy, I had the tremendous joy of receiving the holy Passionist habit, the white veil of a bride, and my religious name.

I am now beginning my two-year novitiate, a time of intense formation in preparation for the day of my religious profession, my wedding day, when I will commit myself to Jesus Crucified by vow.

Over the past few weeks, amidst the mild awkwardness of getting used to a new name and a new



Former-Nora Wenke receives her Passionist habit, veil and religious name, Sr. Frances Marie. Photo courtesy of the Passionist Nuns of Whitesville.



Sr. Frances Marie holds a candle after formally entering her two-year novitiate on August 15. Photo courtesy of the Passionist Nuns of Whitesville.

wardrobe, I have been overwhelmed with gratitude to God for this grace.

For me, the holy habit is an outward sign of the incredible gift that Our Lord in His mercy has given me - my vocation to follow Christ as a Passionist Nun. Over the years, as I have experienced Our Lord's "look of love," and heard his invitation to the young man in the Gospel, "Come, follow Me," echoed in my own heart, my one desire has been

to answer his call - to love and follow Jesus Christ whole-heartedly.

Furthermore, immersed in the Passionist life and charism throughout my year of postulancy, I have heard the call of Our Sorrowful Mother to keep her company beneath the cross of Jesus, keeping alive in my heart a sorrowful and grateful remembrance of the sufferings of her Son.

As I begin this next stage of formation, I pray that I may ever wear the Holy Passionist habit worthily, and be a pure and faithful bride of Jesus Crucified! ♦



Learn more about the Passionist Nuns in Whitesville by visiting passionistnunsblog.com.



CLI youth build bridges in Paducah



Valeria Vasconez, Jorge Bautista, José Reyes Emily Strasser, Caroline Veatch, Sarah Katz, Antonio Barraza: the team of CLI participants that planned the Paducah Youth Celebration. Photo courtesy of Susana Solorza.

BY SUSANA SOLORZA, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

They saw the power that their shared faith had in creating bonds and they wanted to bring that to their parish.

Several youth from the Hispanic community and the Anglo community of St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah participated in our annual Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) this summer at Mount St. Joseph.

While at CLI they learned about who they are

as leaders, understanding who others are, various leadership skills, and how we are called to act as followers of Christ. Above all else, they learned that they were loved by Christ and on a mission to serve him on this earth, each in his or her way, each with strengths and weaknesses, but all working toward the same goal.

They came together as friends, no labels; they came to know each other by name, and quickly became a family. From these new relationships and shared experience they were inspired to focus their project, which was planned at the end of CLI, on bringing the communities within their parish together.

They decided to do this by planning a Paducah Youth Celebration highlighting the positive aspects of their different cultures and how they could be one parish despite those differences. The event took place August 16, beginning with a bilingual Mass, celebrated by Fr. Jason McClure, followed by a meal, guest speaker and band.



Paducah Youth Celebration at St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah. Photo courtesy of Susana Solorza.

The youth each participated in the planning and hosting of the Mass and events that followed. They were supported by their parents and youth minister, as well as other youth from CLI.

They plan on continuing to build bridges in their parish, because they've learned that although they might come from different cultures, there is a place for each one of them in our Church and Christ's mission is for all.

Susana Solorza is the director of Hispanic youth and young adult ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro. ♦

'Faith Does Mercy' in Whitesville



The preschool through eighth-grade students – plus teachers, staff and clergy – of St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School in Whitesville showed their school year theme in this photo-op in August. The brightly-colored shirts read "Faith Does Mercy," meaning that if you are faithful to God, you will show that in your mercy to others. Photo courtesy of Kim Rydecki.

Cross country winners at SS. Peter and Paul

The cross country team at SS. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville recently competed in the Christian County Invitational. Tomas Duncan won first place in the middle school boys' division and Walter Kunnmann won first place in the elementary boys' division. The elementary boys also won first place. Pictured are (first row) Hunter Goodin, Ozzy Goodin, (second row) Tahlon Goodin, Tobias Duncan, Ryan Luckey, (third row) Walter Kunnmann, Nic Luckey, Lucas Shouse, Tomas Duncan. Also receiving individual awards were Anna King, Katrina Yingling and Olivia Jones. Photo courtesy of Sarah Kranz.



Holy Name brings technology to school



A complete IT infrastructure upgrade at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School in Henderson was completed last academic year to support increasing technology demands. This included the addition of iPads, laptops, readers and iPhones. Kamille Stitch, school president, says the use of technology “can increase student engagement beyond more traditional methods of teaching with hundreds of websites offering exciting supplemental material for educators to use.” In this picture, technology coordinator/educator Julie Eadens teaches a 7th-grade lesson using new laptops. Photo courtesy of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School.

SS. Peter and Paul celebrates grads’ success

George Boyd IV, a graduate of SS. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville scored a perfect 36 on the ACT he took in June. After graduation, George enrolled at Heritage Christian Academy, Hopkinsville, where he scored a 30 as a freshman and a 33 as a sophomore. A perfect 36 is the rarest of all scores – just 0.076% of all test-takers earned a perfect score. George also achieved perfect scores of 5 on the Advanced Placement exams for language and composition and US History. He took those exams as a junior. George intends to pursue a professional or doctoral degree. He said, “SPPS gave me a solid educational foundation that more than adequately prepared me for success in high school. In fact, SPPS prepared me so well that my first-year high school courses were, for the lack of a better term, ‘breezes.’” George is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Boyd III.

Jonathan Kinnard, a graduate of SS. Peter and

Paul School, will soon attend Gatton Academy, a high school program at Western Kentucky University. Jonathan, who currently attends University Heights Academy, Hopkinsville, will spend his junior and senior years with Gatton taking college classes in math, science and many other subjects. Upon completion of these two years, Jonathan will be a college junior. Jonathan’s future plans include majoring in electrical engineering with the longtime goal of working DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency). He attended SPPS for 10 years (preschool-eighth grade). Jonathan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steven Kinnard. ♦



George Boyd IV



Jonathan Kinnard

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<p>Call Robin @ (270) 683-1545 for more information</p>			

First Communion memories

Young parishioners of St. Edward Parish in Fulton made their First Communion on May 9. Pictured with Fr. Robert Drury in the back row are Zoe Cox, Ethan Bivens, Greicy Jmenez and Jasmin Tejada. In the front row are Gabriel Diaz, Alexa Aguilar and Genevive Rizo. Photo courtesy of Susie Fenwick.



Eucharistic Adoration for young children

BY ROSEMARY BROWN, SPECIAL TO
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Parents hesitate to bring young children before the Eucharist: “They are too young to sit still and behave, or they won’t understand what is happening. Sometimes it is even hard to get them to be attentive at Mass on Sunday.” But, Jesus tells us, “Let the children come to me and do not hinder them” (Matthew 19:14). St. Pope John Paul II even made his request, “I urge priests, religious and lay people to continue and redouble their efforts to teach the younger generations the meaning and value of Eucharistic Adoration and devotion” (from the Vatican, 28, May, 1996).

Along comes Fr. Antoine Thomas, CSJ, and the religious order, Community of St. John, with their work of Eucharistic Adoration and the power of children’s prayer in a special venue called “Children of Hope.” They dedicated their work on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, June 2, 2002.

The benefits of this work are many. Children who previously had only the weekly experience of Mass discover the Host is actually the person of Jesus. Fr. Antoine has said, “They develop a greater interest in the Mass. The relationship between the gift of the Real Presence of Jesus and His sacrifice on the Cross is better understood. There is a greater appreciation and eagerness to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Moms and Dads witness more peace and forgiveness within the family.”

Holy Spirit Parish held their first family half-hour adoration on the first day of school, August 5. Deacon Matthew Keyser led a short educational

session with the parents and children ranging from ages 4–13 years, then all proceeded to church by procession.

Following the recommended “Children of Hope” program, Deacon Matthew instructed the children sitting and kneeling on the floor around the altar and in the church, about the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Also included was one decade of the rosary lead by the children, meditative songs lead by Deacon Matthew and moments of silent adoration and prayer intentions lead by Carol Kunkel. Benediction followed. The first family half-hour was well received at Holy Spirit Parish. The family half-hour of adoration for young children continues every first Wednesday of the month, at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, visit www.childrenof-hope.org. As it was mentioned, where else would you hear this petition: “I pray that Daddy can get his car fixed.”

Rosemary Brown is a parishioner of Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green. ♦

Lady Raiders ready for season



Whitesville’s Trinity High School Lady Raiders volleyball team is excited for the start of the season. Pictured are (L-R, back row) head coach Stephanie Millay, Sarah Smith, Brea Murphy, Erin Kinsey, Lauren Beyke, Mollie Beatty, Katelyn Coomes, Mary Hardesty, Alanna Wathen, Lexia Knight, assistant coaches Shannon Payne and Tony Hamilton. (L-R, middle row) Chloe Mattingly, Abby Booker, Silva Stauffer, Bailey Onstott, Savannah Aull, Olivia Millay, Allison Mattingly, Haley Payne, Nina Wathen. (L-R, front row) Mollie Buck, Erica Russelburg, Colsi Stauffer, Breannah Hamilton, Brittney Booker, Shelby Aud, Valerie Wilkerson.

Paducah senior doing ‘Dressage4Kids’

Allison Shields, a senior at St. Mary High School in Paducah, was recently selected for Dressage4Kids’ third winter intensive training program this coming spring. The January-March 2016 program includes a six-day-a-week schedule that starts with 6 a.m. feedings for the horses. Each rider will also have a fitness routine that includes weight training and aerobic work, besides keeping up with their daily academics.



“I have big goals and dreams to one day become an Olympic competitor in Equestrian Dressage. This program will help in furthering my education as a rider and better prepare me in hopefully making that dream a reality,” said Shields in a recent press release from St. Mary High School.

Bowling Green seminarian's vocation fosters truth in charity

BY JAMES WALTHER, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

"In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen. Intoibo ad altáre Dei," said Fr. David Kennedy at my home parish, St. Joseph's in Bowling Green, on August 22.

"Ad Deum, qui lætíficat juventútem meum," I responded, and with the sign of the cross and this first antiphon ("I will go into the altar of God: the God who gives joy to my youth") Fr. Kennedy and I, Abbé James Walther, entered into the Holy of Holies.

Fr. Kennedy had offered this Mass in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, often called the traditional Latin Mass, in thanksgiving for my recent reception of the cassock and tonsure as a seminarian in the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest in Florence, Italy.

In this Year of Consecrated Life, my community, a Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right, celebrates its 25th anniversary since our foundation in a jungle mission of Gabon, Africa.

We are an institute of secular missionary canons: priests without religious vows who live in common to chant the Divine Office four times a day and to solemnly celebrate the Mass. We have a full ministry of the sacraments, catechesis, preaching, spiritual direction and devotions. Our religious family includes the priest-canons, clerical oblates, auxiliary priests, sisters and lay members.

Our founders recognized the importance of a deep harmony between faith, liturgy, life, and the power of beauty in attracting the human senses to the things above. An integral part of the Institute's charism is the use of the traditional Latin liturgy of 1962 for the Mass and other sacraments. After Christ the King and the Immaculate Conception, our patrons are St. Benedict, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Francis de Sales. Our motto is taken from Ephesians 4:15: "Doing the Truth in Charity."

I entered the Institute in 2013 and spent a year in our Shrine of Christ the King in Chicago. Last August I moved to our international seminary of the Institute of Christ the King, St. Phillip Neri Seminary in Italy.

Last school year I received the cassock from our founder Msgr. Giles Wach, and was tonsured by Bishop Joseph Perry of Chicago. "Tonsure" is the traditional introduction into the clerical state of life and the preparation for the Orders.

In the years to come, I will receive the traditional minor orders of lector, porter, exorcist, and acolyte and major orders of subdeacon, deacon and priest. As a priest and canon of the Institute, I could be sent to one of our apostolates anywhere in the world. Please pray for me that I may have the grace to progress in this vocation in humble and generous service to the Church. ♦

Inclusive Ministry celebrates new logo design

BY JUDY KAPELSOHN, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

I joined the Diocese of Owensboro Disabilities Awareness Committee in 2010.

The first project after I joined was an Inclusive Mass at Brescia University Chapel. Persons with disabilities would take an active part in Mass as altar servers, readers, singers and ministers of the Eucharist.

Fr. Larry Hostetter was so welcoming to those who served and those who attended that he was asked to celebrate the next Inclusive Mass at the Wendall Foster Center.

The next Inclusive Mass that I attended was on August 5, 2012 at Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro which was part of the 75th anniversary celebration of our diocese. Bishop William Medley concelebrated the Mass with Fr. Ray Clark, Fr. Tony Jones, Fr. John Meredith and Fr. Brad Whistle.

Denise Parker, a resident of the Wendall Foster Center, welcomed everyone using a machine to speak; Jamie Dennis (a seminarian) read using Braille; Bob Powers was pushed in his wheelchair



This logo, recently designed for the Inclusive Ministry, depicts a person in a wheelchair receiving Holy Communion as a sign of inclusion. Image courtesy of the Inclusive Ministry.

by his wife using a portable ramp to the podium to read; Alli Williams, who has Hurlers Syndrome MPS II, was an altar server; Bruce Howard, who has Cerebral Palsy; carried up the gifts with his mother, and I used a walker to get to the place where I had the privilege of giving the Precious Blood.

We hope that since this Mass those who attended have looked around their parishes and encouraged persons with disabilities to take an active part in the Mass and other parish ministries.

Ever since I joined this ministry, I felt it should have a logo. One of my former students helped design the logo and make the dream a reality. The purpose of the logo is to alert persons with disabilities that the message that follows is for them. For example, marking a seat at church for those with disabilities.

The logo states the motto of Inclusive Ministry, which is: "Inclusive Ministry Opens Doors, Opens Minds, Opens Hearts." It also has an image of a person in a wheelchair receiving the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of Christ. It is a hope of the Disabilities Awareness Committee that one day there will not be a need for Inclusive Masses but that every one who can serve will serve often in their parish.

Judy Kapelsohn is a member of Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro, and with James Gerald is an Inclusive Representative for the parish. ♦



Learn More

Our diocese's Inclusive Ministry is a project of the Disabilities Awareness Committee. To learn more about the committee and the ministry, contact Richard Murphy at (270) 683-1545.

Faith and devotion

BY CHRIS GUTIERREZ, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Often people ask me about why Hispanics care so much about their Marian devotions under Mary's various Advocations but especially with Our Lady of Guadalupe. Annually I notice people wondering why December 12 is such a big deal for Hispanics, who sometimes wake up at crazy hours to decorate, pray or sing Marian hymns.

Every year millions of Latin American Catholics go on Marian pilgrimages. Very often these people sacrifice their job, the little money they might have, make personal sacrifices and set themselves on a journey to visit Mary the Mother of Our God at different shrines. These pilgrims are not flying overseas with plenty of accommodations. The majority of Marian pilgrims are simple people that are poor, often ill or handicapped; but people that have truly come to realize that relying on God's Grace is the only thing they can trust.

Simple peoples from Mexico to Brazil that journey on Marian pilgrimages have appointment to meet a wonderful, loving person and embrace her as their own Mother. Like St. Juan Diego that at that dramatic point during his encounters with Mary understood those words from Guadalupe: "Am I not here who am your Mother"? They are Catholics that in my experience offer clear witness that their whole life is a journey with Heav-



Pictured is the statue of Our Lady of San Juan in Jalisco, Mexico. Photo via Wikimedia Commons, by AlejandroLinaresGarcia (Own work) [CC BY-SA 3.0 (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/3.0>)].

en as their ultimate destination. They discovered the motherly influence Mary has on her own Son and have found her to be a fountain of powerful intercession. All of these pilgrims I can recall, individuals, young, old and families, relied heavily on the sacraments for God's grace, especially the Eucharist.

In Mexico, the second most visited Marian shrine after Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City is Our Lady of San Juan de los Lagos in the State of Jalisco, Mexico. Our Lady of San Juan's

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Hope after abortion: A married couple's story

BY DAVID AND RITA,* SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The following letter is from a married couple that made a Rachel's Vineyard retreat. They hope their story may help other couples. – Debbie Ward, HopeAfterAbortionKY.com

What a gift from God when we have priests that are persistent in God's plan.

Our story about Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is unique. We moved to Kentucky about eight years ago. My husband and I and our teenage children were invited to the Fathers of Mercy in Auburn, Ky. by my sister. We always had our children in Catholic schools, went to church on Sundays, and followed our life according to the Church's teaching, but now that I have seen the "Truth" I realize how ignorant I was of my faith.

We have been married for 31 years but unfortunately, David and I had an abortion when I was 19. David was not Catholic and we were living a secular life.

I was trying very hard not to have premarital sex, but unfortunately, it did happen. I went to Planned Parenthood since all my friends went there. How ironic that they have the word "parenthood" in their name and there is no parenting at all. I found out I was pregnant there, and they took me to a room to speak with this lady. I was crying and she said there was no need to cry since they could fix the problem. Next day I was scheduled to have an abortion.

Planned Parenthood is a deceiving organization that takes advantage of young girls that are emotionally distressed. I still think that if someone

would have told me that it was not the end of the world and that I should have gone to my parents, I probably would have my child today.

In 1984 David became Catholic and we were married. We had jobs, we bought our first house, and then we got pregnant with our first child Steven but, I really should say my second child Steven. Steven was born and he was so beautiful.

A few months later, I started to have panic attacks and anxiety. I started going to a therapist and there I found out that my abortion was causing all my psychological problems. I had gone to the sacrament of penance many times for the same sin but I was still having feelings of guilt, sadness, and despair.

As we were beginning a new life in Kentucky, Fr. Ben Cameron, CPM, came to me on one occasion to invite me to a Rachel's Vineyard retreat. I was a little upset since my sister had told him about my tragic abortion without my permission. I guess my sister knew I would have forbidden it. When Fr. Ben invited me to the retreat, I immediately told him that I had gone to confession and that I had done therapy and there was no need for me to go. So very softly he said, "Ok, let me know if you change your mind."

So, one day, I said yes. I went home and told David that we were going to a retreat. Rachel's



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Rachel's Vineyard

The next Rachel's Vineyard retreat will be held Nov. 13-15, 2015 in Whitesville, Ky. For information contact Debbie@hopeafterabortionky.com and follow [Facebook.com/HopeAfterAbortionKY](https://www.facebook.com/HopeAfterAbortionKY). For a complete listing of retreats nationwide go to www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Vineyard changed David and me. We didn't realize how abortion impacted our whole family. Even writing this letter, makes my tears flow down my face. Rachel's Vineyard, the people there, the love, and most of all, the presence of the Mercy of God is unexplainable.

Now David and I are closer together in our marriage, in our intimacy, in our faith and we know we have a child that is in heaven and her name is Michelle. We know that someday we will see her in our heavenly home and we will be able to kiss her and hug her and tell her how much we love her and how sorry we are to have lost her because of our sins.

Now, we have a new mission: to tell as many people as we can that God's mercy is greater than our sins.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,
David and Rita

*Last names omitted for privacy. ♦

On Christian unity

BY FRANK LESKO, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Every day, Catholics may come in contact with Christians from other denominations. You interact at work, your children go to school together and you see each other around town at the grocery store and in restaurants.

We have come a long way since the days before Vatican II when entering the church of other denominations was frowned upon.

However, this leaves us in an in-between place, because our churches are still not united. You may want to reach out but do not want to be unfaithful to the Catholic Church in the process. You might be afraid someone will ask a question that you cannot answer or pressure you to join their congregation.

Before Jesus died, he prayed that all who believe may be one (John 17:21). The Catholic Church takes this very seriously. Every pope in the last 50 years has reminded us that each individual Catholic has some role to play in building up that unity.

We do not all have to be scholars or priests to reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ in friendship. We do not need to have an answer for every question but instead share our gifts:

Pray. This is always the best place to start. We can pray with and for each other. We can also pray Jesus' prayer from John 17:21, "that all may be one."

Worship together. Some towns organize events for churches to pray for unity. These usually happen around Thanksgiving, Easter or in January during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Bible stud-

ies, prayer support groups and other public events can also bring Christians together.

Share your story. There is probably nothing that melts the ice more than hearing the personal story of a believer. All too often, other Christians are not sure what to think about Catholics. There is nothing that can change their opinion faster than when they can see for themselves your faith and hear how God has been working in your life. Listen to their story, as well, and let the Holy Spirit move your hearts.

Be the hands and feet of Christ together. The possibilities range from collecting food for the hungry, walking together at a March-for-Life rally or volunteering at a homeless shelter. You can reach out to a neighbor who may need prayer, household

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goods or encouragement. Pope Francis said that his first experience with another denomination was watching the Salvation Army quietly serve the poor, and it made him respect them.

Through prayer, worship, personal testimony and Christian service, we can help prepare for the unity that Christ prayed for.

As Pope John Paul II wrote in *Unitatis Redintegratio*, let us "proceed with love for the truth, with charity, and with humility."

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feast day is February 2 and in 1990 St. John Paul II even visited her. Every year thousands of people walk for approximately 300 miles departing mostly from the surrounding region of the valley of Mexico City to the State of Jalisco on the central western part of Mexico. Most pilgrims walk the entire month of January; some even have to leave right after Christmas.

I will never forget an experience I had years ago while I was a seminarian in the diocese of San Juan de los Lagos in Mexico. As pilgrims neared

the shrine we seminarians would go to the hills and road sides to aid them. While I was trying to wrap some clean bandages on the bloody and blistering feet of an obviously exhausted 74-year-old lady who was on her 30th year of making the journey, I asked her: "Ma'am why do you do this?" She answered: "Son; My Lady of San Juan and my Lord have taken care of me all these years, this is the least I can do."

Chris Gutierrez is director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Owensboro. ♦

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