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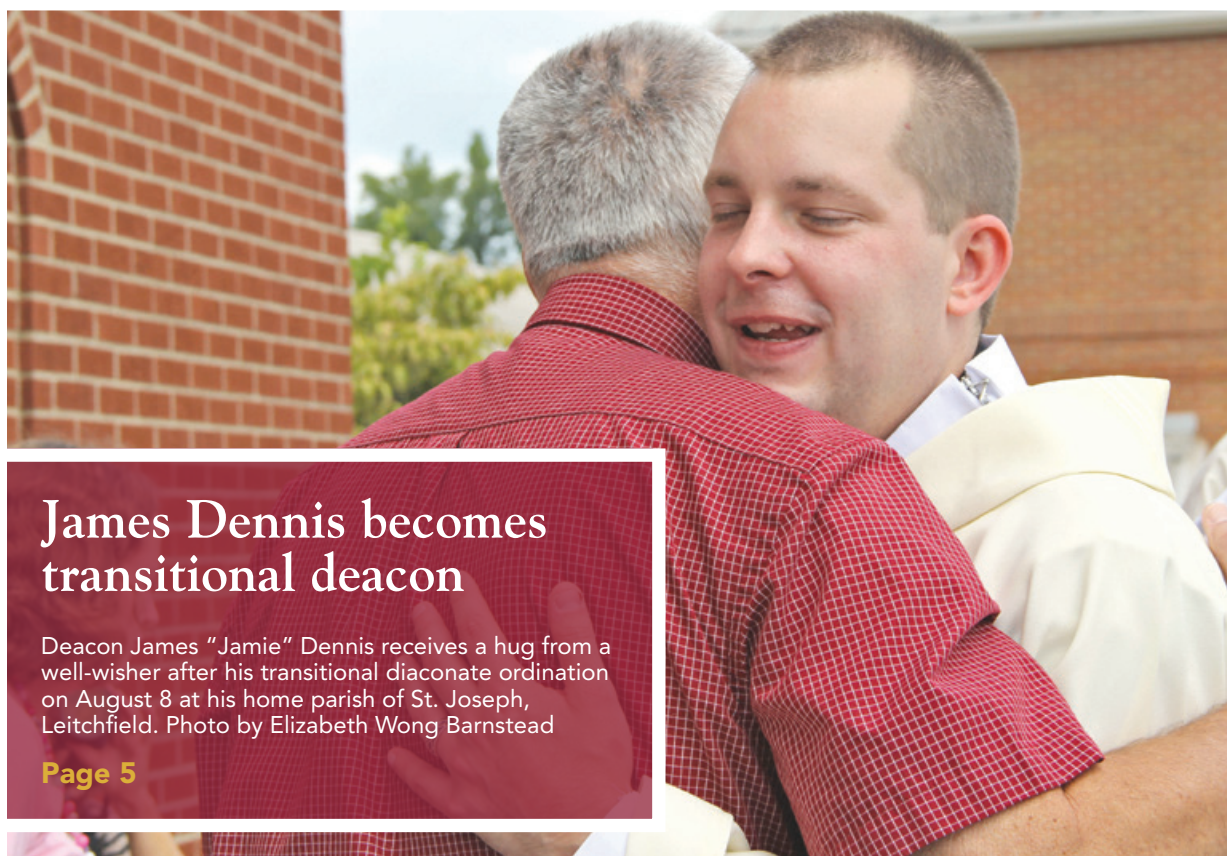


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Deacon James "Jamie" Dennis receives a hug from a well-wisher after his transitional diaconate ordination on August 8 at his home parish of St. Joseph, Leitchfield. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead

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## A Word from Bishop Medley

My dear people of God,

This month the first American pope will visit the United States. Pope Francis was the archbishop of Buenos Aires in Argentina when he was chosen as the new Bishop of Rome in March of 2013. His election was historic in a church full of history. First pope from the Americas, he was also the first pope to come from the southern hemisphere.

His visit will be marked by history. First of all, he comes to the U.S. by way of Cuba, a nation long alienated from our own and where diplomatic relations have very recently been restored. He will meet with President Barack Obama at the White House. Previous popes have met with the U.S. president in the White House, beginning with Pope John Paul II meeting with President Jimmy Carter. The bishops of the U.S. will gather with Pope Francis for midday prayer at St. Matthew Cathedral.

At the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception the pope will preside at a Mass in which he will celebrate the canonization of St. Junipero Serra, the Franciscan missionary who founded the missions of California. I will be privileged to concelebrate this Mass.

Pope Francis will address a joint session of Congress. This is an historic first and there is much anticipation of the message the pope will deliver to our nation in this setting.

From Washington the pope will make several stops in New York City, most notably addressing the United Nations. Pope Francis and the 20th and 21st century popes who have preceded him have been among the world's most powerful voices for peace and conciliation among nations. His message here will be one for the ages.

The pope then travels to Philadelphia to participate in the World Meeting of Families. I will be partic-



### BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR ● SEPTEMBER 2015

- SEPT 1** 9:00 a.m. ● **McRaith Catholic Center Staff Mass and Meeting**
- SEPT 2** 6:00 p.m. ● **Mass, Owensboro West Deanery Faith Formation Gathering** – Precious Blood Parish
- SEPT 8** 8:05 a.m. ● **School Mass** – St. Joseph Catholic School, Bowling Green
- SEPT 10** 11:00 a.m. ● **Mass of the Holy Spirit, Opening Mass** Brescia University
- SEPT 12** 6:00 p.m. ● **Mass** – St. Anthony Parish, Grand Rivers
- SEPT 13** **Mount St. Joseph Picnic** – Maple Mount
- SEPT 14** 12:00-4:00 p.m. ● **Meeting, USCCB Committee on the Protection of Children and Young People**
- SEPT 16** 8:30 a.m. ● **Diocesan Finance Committee Meeting** – MCC
- SEPT 17** 9:00 a.m. ● **School Mass** – St. John Paul II Catholic School, Morganfield
- SEPT 18** 5:00 p.m. ● **VOCARE** – Owensboro Convention Center
- SEPT 19** 4:00 p.m. ● **Mass, Middle School/Family Life Day** – Gasper River Catholic Camp
- SEPT 20** 2:00 p.m. ● **Diocesan Marriage Celebration** – St. Stephen Cathedral
- SEPT 21** 9:45 a.m. ● **Priest Personnel Board Meeting** – MCC  
1:30 p.m. ● **Priests' Council Meeting** – MCC
- SEPT 22-28** **Pope Francis visit to the United States** – Washington DC and Philadelphia
- SEPT 30** 6:00 p.m. ● **Mass, Central Deanery Faith Formation Gathering** – Sacred Heart Parish, Waverly

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icipating in this gathering for several days. On Sunday, September 27 the pope will meet with all the bishops attending the conference.

The pope's U.S. pilgrimage will conclude with a Mass on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway and it is expected that more than one million people will be in attendance.

My prayer is that Pope Francis will speak as prophet to our richly blessed nation and its people. I feel sure he will affirm the goodness and generosity of Americans, all the while reminding us of the

poor and suffering still awaiting our kindness. Join me in prayer for Pope Francis and for the success of his pilgrimage.

There have been several retirements and then new additions to our diocesan staff this year. In particular I wish to welcome Elizabeth Wong Barnstead whose presence is already seen in the pages of The Western Kentucky Catholic as of June of this year. With Mel Howard's retirement she stepped in to see the paper continue as we evaluate our wider media efforts.

Elizabeth comes to us as a 2013 graduate of Franciscan University. She has previously worked

for The Michigan Catholic, the newspaper of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Her husband, Ian, is a teacher at Trinity High School in Whitesville.

Like most dioceses we are in the process of taking a broader look at the many avenues of evangelization. Elizabeth will be an integral part of our self-examination. Welcome Elizabeth!

May God Bless You All!



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

## Letter from the Editor: Your stories

Hello and a happy September 2015 to you all!

For those who don't know me, my name is Elizabeth Wong Barnstead and I am interim editor of The Western Kentucky Catholic, the official newspaper of the Diocese of Owensboro.

I'm fairly new to the area, having come to western Kentucky from my previous position as reporter for The Michigan Catholic newspaper for the Archdiocese of Detroit, Michigan.

When I was in college studying journalism our professor, Terry Mattingly, reminded us that "Everyone in this city knows more stories than you do." He was referring to the city of Washington, D.C., where we were studying – but I believe this applies to any place you go.

I've been learning a lot in my few months of

serving the Diocese of Owensboro – but I still have a lot to learn about our local people and local Catholic Church. I am eager to get to know all of you, and to learn your stories.

You'll also notice that the WKC has a new look. Do you like it? Dislike it? Please let us know your thoughts at [wkc.editor@pastoral.org](mailto:wkc.editor@pastoral.org).

I'm proud to say that I tasted my first burgoo and barbeque within the early weeks of my arrival, and if food is any indicator, this is going to be a splendid journey.

Thanks for reading The Western Kentucky Catholic! ♦

## To submit stories and articles

**Deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to the publishing month.** The Western Kentucky Catholic will take reader-submitted content into consideration but no submissions are guaranteed placement, due to space restrictions.

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## James Dennis becomes transitional deacon



Deacon James "Jamie" Dennis smiles with Bishop Medley as they and Fr. Larry McBride prepare the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist at Deacon Dennis' August 8 transitional diaconate ordination. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD,  
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Bishop William Medley recently encountered Bishop John McRaith while the two were grocery shopping at Kroger.

A young Kroger employee was helping Bishop McRaith with his groceries and Bishop McRaith introduced Bishop Medley to him.

Bishop McRaith told Bishop Medley, half-jokingly, "This young man ought to be a priest."

"I wish I had the courage," the young man replied.

Bishop Medley told this story on August 8 to the faithful attending the transitional diaconate

ordination of seminarian James "Jamie" Dennis at St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield.

"I've thought a lot about that in the weeks since then," said Bishop Medley. He said this encounter made him think about the "courage that it takes to even begin to answer the call to the diaconate, or the call to the priesthood, or the call to religious life."

Addressing Deacon Dennis, Bishop Medley acknowledged that he has had different obstacles than others – Deacon Dennis is blind – but added, "I thank you for your courage. All these people gathered today recognize your courage; they love you, and they thank you that you have answered God's call." ♦

## NEWS BRIEFS

BY CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

**Vatican U.N. representative reports high interest in papal visit**



Pope Francis waves as he arrives to attend an audience with some 9,000 altar servers in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Aug. 4. (CNS photo/Giampiero Sposito, Reuters)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Requests for copies of Pope Francis' environmental encyclical and the demand for tickets to see him at the United Nations indicate enthusiasm and expectations for Pope Francis' visit are running high, said the Vatican representative. Archbishop Bernardito Aua, head of the Holy See's permanent observer mission at the United Nations, told Vatican Radio: "There is so much interest. Everybody wants to see the pope, even from a distance. The dream of so many is to have a selfie with the pope." Pope Francis is scheduled to address the U.N. General Assembly Sept. 25. Archbishop Aua told the radio Aug. 13 that the release in June of Pope Francis' encyclical, "Laudato Si'," increased interest in the pope's visit and increased the number of requests he has received for tickets to see the pope. His office has distributed hundreds, if not thousands, of copies of the document, he said. The U.N. delegations of developing countries in particular, he said, "see the pope as a kind of flag bearer, somebody who expresses their aspirations and positions."

# Blessed Mother hopes spirits come alive with guest speakers

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD,  
THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

“Spirit Alive!” is something Blessed Mother Parish has never done before – but the parish hopes it will bless not only its parishioners, but all who attend the three-part speaker series.

“We were going through a period of transition at the parish, which is always difficult for people, and I wanted to do something to bring some energy and excitement into peoples’ lives,” said Nicholas Hardesty, director of religious education at the Owensboro parish.

Fr. Mike Clark, Blessed Mother’s pastor, had told Hardesty to “dream big,” to which Hardesty translated as hosting “the best Catholic speakers you can think of.”

The speakers are Scott Hahn and John Bergsma, both prominent theologians and professors at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio, as well as Allison Gringras, a popular Catholic radio personality in the New England area.

Hardesty said he met Gringras at an EWTN Catholic Radio Conference, and he got to know Bergsma while a student at Franciscan University.

“(Bergsma’s) principles of biblical studies class really blew me away,” said Hardesty. “It’s easy to see, just by the way he teaches, that Dr. Bergsma has a real heart for the Word.”

Hardesty’s in-laws live only a block from the Hahn family, so Hardesty went to Ohio for a week in hopes of bringing Hahn to Owensboro.

“I was changing a diaper one day during that week when I heard this commotion, ‘Scott Hahn’s in the front yard!’” said Hardesty. “He had heard that I was looking for him and he just walked on down to the house!”

All three of the presentations will be free, and Hardesty credited “the kindness and generosity of a lot of people” for being able to bring the speakers.

Gringras’ talk, titled “Mary and Your Holy Family” will kick off the series on Sept. 12.

Catholics know about the main Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, but Hardesty said Gringras will “help us see that our own families can be holy too, through the powerful influence of the Blessed Mother.”

Bergsma will speak on Oct. 24 on “Bible Basics for Catholics” and essentially present the class that he teaches at Franciscan University.

“His talk uses the covenants that God has made with mankind throughout salvation history as a sort of framework with which to navigate the Old Testament,” said Hardesty. “You really need a bird’s-

**BLESSED MOTHER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
PRESENTS

*Spirit Alive!*  
2015 Catholic Speakers Series

**Allison Gringras**  
“Mary and Your Holy Family”  
Sat., Sept. 12, 2015 at 9 AM in the church  
Mothers can certainly relate to Mary. But, did you know that fathers and children can learn a lot from her too? Join us as we explore how Mary can revitalize your family and bring peace back into your home.

**Dr. John Bergsma**  
“Bible Basics for Catholics”  
Sat., Oct. 24, 2015 at 9 AM in the church  
Dr. Bergsma is a reputable bible scholar, what is he doing drawing with stick figures? 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.

**Dr. Scott Hahn**  
Sat., Dec. 5, 2015  
A day of inspiring talks to kick off the season of Advent:  
7:00 AM Check-in and refreshments  
8:00 AM “The Lamb’s Supper”  
9:15 AM “Evangelizing Catholics”  
10:30 AM “The Healing Power of Confession”

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eye view of Scripture before you can make sense of any particular scene, or story, or character.”

Hahn’s presentation on Dec. 5 will be a compilation of three talks spread across the morning: “The Lamb’s Supper,” (a summary of his book about the Mass), “Evangelizing Catholics,” (how to talk about the faith more effectively) and “The Healing Power of Confession.” ♦



# Murray State grad has a new FOCUS

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Kaylee Murphy

Kaylee Murphy may have just graduated from Murray State University this spring, but upcoming plans will take her straight back to a college campus.

Murphy's work with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS), will help college students who may be experiencing the same faith struggles she once did.

FOCUS connects with college students and teaches them to be leaders for the Catholic Church in their future jobs, parishes and vocations. With 80 percent of Catholics leaving the Church in college, Murphy said, this is crucial.

"If I couldn't answer the questions my Protestant friends were asking me, why did I believe in these things?" Murphy had asked herself as a freshman and sophomore at Murray State.

"Through all the searching, the one thing I clung to was my belief in the Eucharist," she said. "I couldn't imagine ever letting that go, even if I didn't fully understand it at the time."

Murphy, whose home parish is St. Sebastian in Calhoun, worked at Gasper River Catholic Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green in the summers between college. At the end of each summer she arrived at college excited about her Catholic faith, but her enthusiasm subsided due to lack of a Catholic community.

Prior to her junior year she learned a FOCUS team was coming to Murray State.

Murphy befriended one of the female FOCUS missionaries and "before I knew it she had me start a Bible

study with her and I was leading it in that first semester."

"That Catholic community I was searching for finally became a reality!" she said.

That spring Murphy felt God tugging at her heart to discern being a FOCUS missionary. Come senior year the new team of FOCUS missionaries encouraged her to apply to the program – and she was accepted.

This fall Murphy will go with another female missionary and two male missionaries to serve at Georgia Southern University. Their work will include teaching different prayer methods like lectio divina, hosting Bible studies and providing a Catholic community for students.

All of their costs of living, from food to rent, are provided by donations.

The FOCUS team will come together every morning and attend Mass and do a holy hour together "to put Jesus first and foremost."

"I know God's called me to Georgia Southern's campus for at least one soul, so to be able to reach out to them and bring them back to him, and allow them to have a life of eternity and happiness with him," said Murphy.

"I'm aiming for more, but I know there's at least one God's calling me to!" she added. ♦



## Learn More

To learn how you can support Kaylee Murphy's FOCUS ministry email [kaylee.murphy@focus.org](mailto:kaylee.murphy@focus.org).

## NEWS BRIEFS

BY CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

### Women further victimized by harvesting of fetal parts, says counselor

ST. LOUIS (CNS) -- Women who have an abortion are being further victimized when given the option to donate their child's body parts for research, according to Sue Harvath, who has counseled post-abortive women in the St. Louis area for more than 30 years. Harvath said it shouldn't matter whether Planned Parenthood is making money from the sale of fetal body parts, as alleged in a series of undercover videos, because even the act of obtaining the body parts is manipulative and flat wrong. Harvath, a professor and director of psychological services at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, is a founding member of Project Rachel, the archdiocese's ministry to women who have had an abortion. Project Rachel is coordinated by the archdiocesan Respect Life Apostolate, and there is a companion ministry for men who have been through an abortion experience, called Project Joseph. Harvath said that women have an abortion because they're in a state of trauma. They often find themselves overwhelmed with the responsibilities of caring for a new child or pressure from others to have the abortion. In those situations, best judgment and moral guidelines are set aside to cope with the trauma.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

#### Evening with an Ursuline Dinner/Presentation First Tuesday of each month

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

The \$20 fee includes dinner.

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

#### Alumnae Memorial Mass

Sunday, Nov. 1  
11 a.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel

Led by Father Ray Goetz

This Mass is celebrated in remembrance of all deceased classmates, faculty, family and friends of the former Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Junior College, Maple Mount. Please RSVP for Mass and dinner by Oct. 24: 270-229-2006 or [alumnae.msjs@maplemount.org](mailto:alumnae.msjs@maplemount.org)

#### Yarn Spinners

Weekend of Dec. 4-6

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](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org)

### Rediscover Catholicism

Thursday, September 10

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

Presenter: Sister Ann McGrew, OSU

Cost: \$10 fee includes lunch

This study is based on the bestselling book, "Rediscover Catholicism" by Matthew Kelly, which is quickly becoming the most read Catholic book of our time. He reveals the essence of authentic Catholic spirituality while addressing some important questions we face today as individuals and as a Church.

Contact Kathy McCarty to register: 270-229-0206  
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We meet the second Thursday of each month.



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Remaining dates:

- Oct. 8
- Nov. 12
- Dec. 10

### Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph 2015-2016 Quilt Club Tickets .....ARE GOING FAST!



Sister Catherine Kaufman

You get 12 chances to win a handmade quilt with our Quilt Club annual memberships, available for only \$20 each. Buy one for yourself and one for a friend! A new quilt is raffled each month.

For details, visit [ursulinesmsj.org](http://ursulinesmsj.org), click on "Help the Sisters" and then "Quilt Club."

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**ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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.

**Deduct 10% if paid in full by Sept. 17.**

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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### Eucharistic Adoration

Second Sunday of each month except September (Picnic day)

Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse Chapel

Adoration will conclude with evening prayer.

### Advent with Angela: What Angela Teaches about Waiting

Saturday, Dec. 5

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

Led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU

**Fee: \$20 (includes lunch)**

This retreat will focus on Advent from the point of view of Saint Angela Merici, the founder of the Ursuline Order. Angela 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.

### Spiritual Direction Training Program 2015-17

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

Topics and Dates:

**Oct. 26-30, 2015**

Spirituality

**Jan. 11-15, 2016**

Spiritual Direction

**April 4-8, 2016**

The Inner Journey

**July 25-29, 2016**

Prayer & Scripture

**Oct. 17-21, 2016**

Theology

**Jan. 9-13, 2017**

Ethics of Spiritual Direction

**April 3-7, 2017**

Supervision

**July 31- Aug. 4, 2017**

Case Studies and Retreat

Feeling called to companion others on their journey with God?

Applications are now being accepted for the next Spiritual Direction Training Program. The two-year program consists of four weekly training sessions each year. Participants receive intense training, practice and supervision by a coordinating team. This program leads to certification as a spiritual director.

The fee includes tuition, meals and accommodations. Appropriate for beginners and experienced spiritual directors. More than 40 individuals from across the U.S. have completed the program since it began in 2004.

A limited number of scholarships are available.

For scholarships, contact Sister Ann McGrew: 270-229-0200.

To register or for more information, contact Sheila Blandford: 270-229-0269 or sheila.blandford@maplemount.org. A brochure can be found at [www.ursulinesmsj.org](http://www.ursulinesmsj.org) by clicking on Conference & Retreat Center, then Spiritual Direction Program.

### Advent Prayer Retreat Day

Wednesday, Dec. 9

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center

Led by Monsignor Bernard Powers

**Fee: \$20 (includes lunch)**

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 the Ursuline Sisters at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center in celebrating God's wonderful love for us all in the best gift of all – GOD'S SON.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 25th Diocesan Marian Congress/Pilgrimage



*Our Blessed Mother's  
Promises of the Brown Scapular*

Guest speaker: Sister Francis Teresa

Special tribute to Father Ben Luther,  
founder of the Marian Shrine

Sunday • Oct. 4, 2015 • 2-5 p.m.  
St. Joseph Catholic Church • 434 Church St.  
Bowling Green, KY

Contact: Jeannie Spears • 270.303.9437

### Join Bishop Medley And Celebrate Your Marriage!



Join us on Sunday, September 20th at St. Stephen  
Cathedral in Owensboro for the annual Marriage  
Celebration.

Mass begins at 2:00 pm with a reception immediately  
following in the Fr. Vaughan Community Center.  
All are invited and families are welcome, we only  
ask that those coming RSVP to Charlotte Hedges at  
(270)683-1545 or charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org.

**Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office.**

### Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### SEPTEMBER

- 10 **Rediscover Catholicism**
- 13 45th Mount Saint Joseph Barbecue Picnic
- 21-25 Runaway Quilters
- 25-27 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program

#### OCTOBER

- 2-3 Newman, USI, UE (Ind.) Student Retreat
- 5-9 Diocese of Owensboro Priests Retreat
- 8 **Rediscover Catholicism**
- 10-11 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 17-18 **Marian Retreat: Masterpieces of the Church with Msgr. Bernard Powers**
- 19-22 Quilt Guild
- 23-25 Diocese of Owensboro Diaconate Program
- 26-30 **New Spiritual Direction Training Program (Week 1)**

- 28-1 Diocese of Owensboro Cantor Intensive
- 29-30 Brescia University Workshop

#### NOVEMBER

- 1 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 Angela**



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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## SEPTEMBER 2015 BULLETIN BOARD

### ■ St. Pius X Parish seeks youth minister

St. Pius X Catholic Church in Owensboro is seeking a part-time paid Youth Minister. Minimum Requirements: active Catholic in good standing with the Church; a person of deep faith, morals and prayer; a good role model who demonstrates maturity, energy, and insight; some established and successful experience working with teenagers preferred. If interested please send resume to Fr. Tom Buckman, St. Pius X Parish, 3418 Highway 144, Owensboro, KY, 42303.

### ■ Eighth annual Owensboro Livesaver's Walk

Please join the Owensboro Regional Suicide Prevention Coalition on Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015, in honoring those friends and loved ones lost to suicide. Walk will take place at Owensboro Health Park (106 Ford Ave.) Registration is at 9 a.m.; walk begins at

10 a.m. Besides our friends and loved ones, we will also honor Bob Robey. Bob has helped countless people navigate their grief with respect, compassion and hope. An additional purpose of the walk is to provide education and reduce stigma associated with mental health and suicide, and hopefully lead to better treatment and prevention. Water, snacks and t-shirts are provided for all participants. Music provided by Jeff "Wildman" Hardesty and Skylar Cain.

### ■ St. Alphonsus High School grand reunion

Will be held on Sept. 19, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the school classroom basement at St. Joe. All graduates and non-graduate students and their guest are invited. This is a potluck: bring a dish; drinks and meat will be provided. This one will be IT. We are getting too old for another. Spread the word with

your classmates. Call Drew Ward (270) 993-4386 for more information.

### ■ Haiti mission benefit

The people of St. Joseph Parish in Sources Chaudes, Haiti will be the recipients of a fundraiser by their twinning parish, Immaculate on Sunday, Sept. 13. Msgr. Victesse Nicholas will be present to speak about St. Joseph and the needs of the parish at the weekend Masses Sept. 12-13 and at the fundraiser breakfast following the 10 a.m. Mass. All are invited to attend. For more information and specific times, call Immaculate Parish (270)683-0689.

### ■ Adult Bible study in Owensboro

Immaculate Parish announces their Fall Bible Study: Prophets. The series will run Monday, Sept. 14-Nov. 16 and will be held either 10 a.m.-noon or 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. A new opportunity is being added



## UPCOMING EVENTS

this year, as participants may view the videos online. To do so, participants need to 1), Go to Evangelization.com, 2) Enter 42301, then find Immaculate, Owensboro on the map, 3) Fill out your personal information, 4) Order material (\$19 + shipping). It will be delivered directly to you. You will then have access to the DVDs (streaming online) for that particular study while it is ongoing. This will help if you miss a class or want to review a DVD. For those without internet, Immaculate can order your book. Call Diane Willis (270) 683-0689 to register or for more information.

### ■ Immaculate BBQ and raffle

On Saturday, Sept. 26, Immaculate Parish will be having a BBQ and raffle this year instead of a parish picnic. There will be a drive-through cook with pre-sales for chicken, burgoo, pork and mutton. Raffle tickets (with prizes of \$1500, \$500 (2), \$250, Big Green Egg grill and 40" TV) can be obtained from any Immaculate member or the office. For more information, contact Immaculate Office at (270) 683-0689.

### ■ High school men invited to seminary visit

**Who:** High school men who would like to know more about seminary and priesthood.

**What:** Come and See weekend (Interact with semi-

narians 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.

**When:** October 23-25, 2015

**Where:** Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary and Marian University, Indianapolis, IN. Transportation from the diocese of Owensboro to Indianapolis will be provided.

For more information, contact Fr. Jason McClure in the Office of Vocations: (270)683-1545, Jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com, or contact your parish priest.

### ■ Spiritual direction training at Mount St. Joseph

Applications are now being accepted for the next Spiritual Direction Training Program, which will begin the week of Oct. 26, 2015 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. The two-year program consists of four weekly training sessions each year. Participants receive intense training, practice and supervision by a coordinating team. This program leads to certification as a spiritual director. The fee includes tuition, meals and accommodations. Appropriate for beginners and experienced spiritual directors. More than 40 individuals from across the

U.S. have completed the program since it began in 2004. A limited number of scholarships are available. For scholarships, contact Sister Ann McGrew: 270-229-0200. To register or for more information, contact Sheila Blandford: (270)229-0269 or sheila.blandford@maplemount.org. A brochure can be found at [www.ursulinesmsj.org](http://www.ursulinesmsj.org) by clicking on Conference & Retreat Center, then Spiritual Direction Program.

### ■ 'A scout is reverent'

This upcoming year's Scout Mass with Bishop Medley presiding will take place on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral. At this Mass scouts from throughout the diocese will receive their religious emblems that they have earned throughout the year. For Cub Scouts, Webelos Boy Scouts and Venturing Crew Members that would be Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altari Dei, Pope Pius XII, and Light is Life for Eastern Catholics. Girl Scouts can receive the Family of God; I Live my Faith; Mary, the First Disciple; and The Spirit Alive emblems. See the Scouting webpage under "Ministries" of the diocesan website for more information. This year's Annual Boy Scout Retreat will take place at Gasper River Retreat Center Friday, November 13th through Sunday November 15th. More information is available on the same webpage as above.

**The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph**  
invite you to our 45th annual  
**BBQ PICNIC** Sunday, Sept. 13  
Serving BBQ pork, mutton, chicken, burgoo 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Many booths, including Games! Crafts! Silent Auction! Yard Sale!  
Booths open 10:30-3:00 • All proceeds benefit the retired Ursuline Sisters.

**Grand Raffle Prizes: Tickets are \$5 each**  
• \$10,000 • 2-year lease on a Toyota car or \$3,500 • \$1,000 • Handmade Queen-sized Quilt • \$500 • Thomas Kinkadee Cross Stitch (value \$500) • \$250 • \$100

Get tickets from any Ursuline Sister or call 270-229-2009. Tickets also available at the picnic.

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**Evening with an Ursuline Dinner and Presentation**  
**First Tuesday of the month**

**Time:** 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$20 includes dinner

**Nov. 3:** Sister George Mary Hagan – "Catholic Pioneers: Maryland to Kentucky"  
**Dec. 1:** Sister Ann McGrew – "The Art of Waiting"  
**Jan. 5:** Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan – "Change and Transition: A Reflection"  
**Feb. 2:** Sister Amelia Stenger – "Why do I Feel Guilty When it's Time to Relax? Dealing with Everyday Stress"  
**March 1:** Sister Marietta Wethington – "Angela: A Woman for All Time"

Visit [www.ursulinesmsj.org](http://www.ursulinesmsj.org) to see a complete list.

Contact Kathy McCarty to register  
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# Archives Corner

SEPTEMBER 2015

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



## A tasty tradition

Volunteers cook chicken for the annual picnic at Mount St. Joseph in this 1996 file photo. The annual picnic continues to draw crowds to the Mount today.



## Server teamwork

This 1998 photo was featured in the Messenger-Inquirer's Diocese of Owensboro photo book with this caption: "Kevin Steele, left, gets a little help from Jake Mauzy in lighting a difficult candle at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Henderson on August 30, 1998." (Western Kentucky Catholic photo by Mel Howard).

## Whitesville families put up pro-life billboards



Several Billboards for Life, an initiative to promote the pro-life message to drivers and passersby on the road, were recently put up by friends and neighbors in the Whitesville area. Pictured are Gwen and Marty Howard (left) who own the property where the billboard is located, with Fred Barr, his nephew Kenny Barr and Kenny's son Evan on the right. Photo courtesy of Fred Barr.

## St. Thomas More feeds the hungry



Members of St. Thomas More Parish, Paducah prepare and provide food for over 250 people every Thursday. Sheree Halicks has been the Community Kitchen team leader for over 10 years. Those pictured are: Debbie Powell, Nancy Burch, Joe Hobbs, Mary Sue Withrow, Tracy Wurth, Sheree Halicks, & Felicia LaBarge. Photo courtesy of Felicia LaBarge.



## Fr. Jerry Riney 40 years a priest



On August 9, 2015 St. Stephen Cathedral celebrated the 40th ordination anniversary of pastor, Fr. Jerry Riney. Many attended from Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green, St. Jerome Parish in Fancy Farm, St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah and others. The celebration began with 2 p.m. Mass, and the choir led by Michael Bogdan was reported as excellent. There were 68 members in the choir, including people from St. Stephen Cathedral and the Bowling Green and Paducah areas. There was reception and toasting after the Mass at the John Vaughn Community Center. Photo courtesy of St. Stephen Cathedral.

## Seminarians enjoy gathering in Bardstown



CJ Glaser, Jacob Fischer, Christopher Kight, Deacon James Dennis, Corey Bruns and Alex French exit the Abbey Church of the Abbey of Our Lady of Gethesemani, a Trappist Monastery near Bardstown, during the 2015 diocesan seminarian gathering. Photo courtesy of Corey Bruns.

## Meet the Hispanic Minister: Sr. Maria del Pilar Hinojosa Aguilar



### What is your name and where are you from?

My name is Sr. Maria del Pilar Hinojosa Aguilar. I am originally from the State of Puebla, Mexico and I am a sister of the Congregation Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Ad-Gentes.

### In which parish do you serve now and where have you ministered before in the United States?

I have coordinated Hispanic Ministry at SS. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro since October 27, 2014. Together with Sr. Esperanza (featured in last month's issue) and who assists me in this mission we serve Hispanic Catholics not only living in Owensboro but families coming from Hancock and Mclean counties as well. I arrived in the United States in 1999. My first mission in Hispanic Ministry was in Springfield, Illinois for two and a half years. After that I served in Atlanta, Georgia for three years; Rome, Georgia for seven, and lastly before coming to Owensboro I ministered in Fort Worth, Texas for three years.

### Can you describe a "normal" day in Hispanic Ministry for you?

Work in ministry varies from day to day depending on the needs of the community. Although I could say that probably on weekends is when it gets the busiest with more activity. Often evenings are busy as well

attending to the needs of families and providing formation in Spanish. Ministry activity ranges from sacramental preparation

for just about most sacraments to ministering to the Hispanic men's and women's groups of "Christ Renews his Parish." Also lots of home visits and calls are part of the ministry.

### What part of your ministry do you enjoy the most?

Every moment of ministry is wonderful for me. As I mentioned before, every day is unique. Being able to share the Gospel message of salvation and formation is very important and special. Celebrating together with my brothers and sisters, the community and enjoying of the greatest gift to us the Eucharist gives me great satisfaction.

### How do you think Hispanics contribute to the Church in the United States?

Hispanics in the United States are a huge gift and a blessing to the Catholic Church and society. Their firm family values and faith besides the impact of their service in so many different ministries they are involved in is a blessing. I believe Hispanics sacrifices and fortitude in faith together with their service are a wonderful witness to us all and society. ♦

# Goodbyes and hellos

The McRaith Catholic Center said several goodbyes and several hellos over the past few months. Sarah Patterson ended her position as diocesan archivist to pursue another opportunity, and Heidi Taylor-Caudill has since taken her place. Matt Monsour ended his position as IT director to pursue another opportunity, and Chris Johnson has since filled his place. Shelley Galloway ended her position as administrative assistant in the diocese tribunal to move with her husband to Savannah, Georgia. Her position has been filled by Penny Matthews. Kelly Payne said farewell as staff accountant to pursue another opportunity. Karen Jarboe retired from her position as administrative assistant to the Catholic Schools office, and Lauren Johnson has taken her place. Jessica Johnson and Lindsay Short have recently arrived as new staff accountants for the Administration Office. Sr. Ethel-Marie Biri, SSND, director of Planning and Parish Services, resigned to be near her family in Missouri. ♦



Karen Jarboe, (left) smiles at Lauren Johnson (right), at Jarboe's retirement party in July. Johnson has taken Jarboe's place as administrative assistant to the Catholic Schools office. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead.

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| OCTOBER 25 <sup>TH</sup><br>RIVER PARK CENTER<br>PARENT SESSION 5:30PM<br>YOUTH SESSION 7:00PM            | <b>FOR YOUTH IN 7<sup>TH</sup> TO COLLEGE AGE</b>  | OCTOBER 26 <sup>TH</sup><br>ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL<br>PARENT SESSION 6:00PM<br>YOUTH SESSION 7:30PM       |
| OCTOBER 26 <sup>TH</sup><br>OWENSBORO SPORTSCENTER<br>9:45AM<br>7 <sup>TH</sup> -12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADERS | <b>PARENTING FOR PURITY</b><br><b>FOR ADULTS (PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, FUTURE PARENTS, ETC.) WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES</b> | OCTOBER 27 <sup>TH</sup><br>ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL<br>8:00AM<br>7 <sup>TH</sup> -12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADERS |

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS:  
CALL ROBIN TOMES @ (270) 683-1545  
DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO YOUTH MINISTRY

## To Report Allegations of Sexual Abuse

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

In addition, to report to the diocese abuse by church personnel (paid or volunteer) either past or present, please call the Pastoral Assistance

Coordinator at this confidential phone line: 270-852-8380. The Diocese of Owensboro revised its sexual abuse policy, effective July 1, 2014 and it is available at parishes and also on the diocesan web site ([www.rcdok.org/safe](http://www.rcdok.org/safe)).

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

Mike Boone, Ms. Kaye Castlen, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Dr. Michael Farina, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Ms. Rhonda Gillham, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Mary Beth Hurley, Mr. Tony Kraus, Mr. Michael Marsili, Ms. Kelly Roe (Vice-Chair), and Ms. Jennifer Hendricks-Wright. Richard Murphy serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board. The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian.



# September Wedding Anniversaries

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

### **Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

Stephen & Jill Hyland, 25  
Scott & Anne Baumgardner, 25

### **Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro**

Whaylon & Sylvia Coleman, 10

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

Wayne & Brenda Barnes, 52  
Rob & Bethany Blythe, 10  
Charles & Gladys Buckman, 54  
William & Joyce Cambron, 25  
Carroll & Margaret Fulkerson, 52  
Ronald & Joan Hockey, 56  
Dennis & Nora Massoth, 40  
Adam & Lacey Roberts, 10  
Chris & Theresa Sauer, 25

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

Adam & Ashley Crowe, 10  
Patrick & Leia Kimbler, 10  
Robert & Stephanie, Owens, 10  
Randy & Candice Johnson, 40  
Kenneth & Barbara Burch, 59  
James & Veronica Diemer, 53  
Joe & Sally Liles, 52  
Robert & Frances Fiore, 58  
Robert & Mary Graham, 56

### **Immaculate Conception, Hawesville**

Gary & Robin Elder, 40  
Vic & Barbara Hagman, 50

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

Wade & Kelly Lewis, 25  
Mason & Shannon Edge, 25  
Robert & Donna Southard, 25  
James & Marilyn Kurz, 59  
John & Pat Kelley, 55  
Bill & Jeanne O'Bryan, 55

### **Parish of the Immaculate, Owenboro**

Jason & Lacey Harville, 10  
Isaac & Heather McCarty, 10

Darrell & Heather Vanover, 10  
Joseph William & Sherma Clark, 60  
John C. & Shirley Faye Howard, 52

### **Resurrection, Dawson Springs**

Carl & Rosa Lee Coffey, 59  
William M. & Linda C. Randolph, 50

### **Sacred Heart, Hickman**

John B. & Mary Jo Lattus, 63

### **Sacred Heart, Russellville**

Herman & Barbara Duschl, 56

### **Sacred Heart, Waverly**

Marlin & Gladys Drury, 51  
Alvin & Mary Lyon, 50

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

Joe & Lanae Coker, 25  
Dorris & Joyce Collins, 55

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

Thomas & Laura Goodloe, 10  
Paul P. & Bernice Chandler, 63  
Earl G. & Emma Jean Duncan, 59  
Charles R. & Catherine Dyer, 63  
Leon & Eva Clara Hendrickson, 59  
William & Janet Robertson, 55

### **St. Anthony, Axtel**

Paul & Patricia Huffines, 10  
Narbin & Laverne Whitworth, 55

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

Jon & Shreda Wilhoite, 25

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

Floyd Clifton & Linda Katherine Evans, 50  
Chris & Theresa Sauer, 25

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

Lee & Mary Collins, 50  
Richard & Tracy Hobbs, 25

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

Michael & Margaret Dant, 50

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

James & Pattie Toler, 66

### **St. Elizabeth, Curdsville**

Bernard & Stella Payne, 50

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

Ed & Frances Sieverding, 40

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

Randy & Debbie Ladd, 25  
Carl & Patsy McConnell, 40  
David & Nancy Smith, 54  
Thomas & Rose Weitlauf, 67  
Hugh P. & Doreen Smith, 54

### **St. Henry, Aurora**

Albert & Cathy Downs, 40  
Thomas & Janet Moore, 53

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

Jason & Adrian Holmes, 10  
Ricky & Karly O'Guinn, 10  
Howard & Jackie Elliott, 56

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

Richard & Betty Wurth, 53  
Paul & Jerri Durbin, 63  
Lawrence & Geraldine Durbin, 50  
Robert & Yolanda Neihoff, 52  
Paul & Ellen Carrico, 57  
Vernon & Dot Neihoff, 60  
William C. & Barbara Hayden, 59

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

Gregory & Sandra Holland, 25

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

Marvin & Martha Byrd, 53

### **St. Jude, Clinton**

Robert & Frieda Templeton, 51

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

Joseph & Nancy Payne, 55  
George & Catherine Payne, 64

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

Tomas & Sara Royal, 62

Robert & Judith Williamson, 40  
James & Joan Carden, 51  
Byron & Mary Cates, 64  
William & Channa Woodall, 10

### **St. Mark, Eddyville**

Richard & Bonnie Wienen, 57  
Achille & Eileen Biagi, 56  
Milt & Rita Schroeder, 52

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

Charles & Juaretta Dockemeyer, 58

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

Jim & Gail Briley, 54  
Steve & Sharon Maloney, 52

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

Bernard & Helen Anselm, 70  
Sylvio & Rita Mayolo, 56

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

Mark & Paula Payne, 25  
Randahl & Mollie Stephen, 25  
Bobby & Terry Knott, 56

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

David & Barbara Bates, 40

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

James & Joan Oldham, 60  
Gerald & Patricia Martin, 50

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

James R. & Helen Gawarecki, 53

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

Robert & Bettye Bolds, 54  
Charles & Jean Smith, 10

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

John & Dolly Bardsley, 53  
Chuck & Diane Fischer, 60  
Timothy & Terri Hall, 25

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

Rex & Lori Ferguson, 25  
James & Connie Fleischmann, 40  
James & Barbara Coomes, 61  
Ron & Mary Strehl, 51

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

Joe & David Ann Priest, 50  
Chuck & Joellen McGary, 50  
Brad & Sherry Voyles, 25

Donald & Alice Bland, 56  
Dwight & Sandy Horsley, 40

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

Neill & Marian Brooks, 10  
Christopher & Laura Shultz, 10  
Thomas & Mary Rose Rogers, 65  
Thomas & Leigh Flood, 67

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

Michael & Margaret Dant, 50

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

James & Betty McVey, 59  
Richard & Sally Gust, 56  
Stan & Fran Kostrzebski, 53

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

Mike & Susan Fulkerson, 51  
John M. & Patsy Clayton, 58  
Joe & Winnie Foster III, 25  
Pat & Donna McNulty, 50

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

Ed & Missy O'Neill, 10  
Steven & Mary Jo Doolittle, 25  
Mark & Grace Ebelhar, 25  
Tim & Terie Hall, 25  
Larry & Maranda Farris, 40  
Jack & Peg Rodeghero, 40  
John & Wanda Shaw, 40  
Gary & Janie Lamb, 40  
Phil & Betty Higdon, 51  
Leo & Marilyn Wurth, 61

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

Joseph & Mary Sue Elliott, 55  
Lawrence & Dortha Johnson, 64  
Charles O. & Joyce Mills, 58  
Christopher & Christy Stone, 10  
Brandon & Amber Berry, 10

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

David & Diane Stallings, 40  
James L. & Theresa Clouse, 58  
John & Nancy Grimes, 58  
Jack & Rose King, 62  
Bobby E. & Theresa Pedley, 51  
Ronnie & Ginger Ray, 51

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

Paul & Anne Cummings, 52  
Andrew & Annette Mongeon, 63  
Robert & JoAnn Spader, 56

## EL CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY PARA SEPTIEMBRE 2015

- SEPTIEMBRE 1** 9:00 a.m. ● Misa y Reunión del Personal del Centro Católico McRaith (MCC)
- SEPTIEMBRE 2** 6:00 p.m. ● Misa, Encuentro de la Formación de Fe del Decanato de Owensboro Occidental Parroquia de la Preciosísima Sangre
- SEPTIEMBRE 8** 8:05 a.m. ● Misa Escolar – Escuela Católica de San José, Bowling Green
- SEPTIEMBRE 10** 11:00 a.m. ● Misa del Espíritu Santo, Misa de Apertura – Universidad de Brescia
- SEPTIEMBRE 12** 6:00 p.m. ● Misa – Parroquia de San Antonio, Grand Rivers
- SEPTIEMBRE 13** Picnic/Festival del Monte San José
- SEPTIEMBRE 14** 12:00-4:00 ● Reunión, Comité del USCCB para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes
- SEPTIEMBRE 16** 8:30 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas – MCC
- SEPTIEMBRE 17** 9:00 a.m. ● Misa Escolar – Escuela Católica de San Juan Pablo II, Morganfield
- SEPTIEMBRE 18** 5:00 p.m. ● VOCARE – Centro de Convenciones de Owensboro
- SEPTIEMBRE 19** 4:00 p.m. ● Misa, Día Familia/Escuela Secundaria – Campamento Católico de Gasper River
- SEPTIEMBRE 20** 2:00 p.m. ● Celebración Diocesana del Matrimonio – Catedral de San Esteban
- SEPTIEMBRE 21** 9:45 a.m. ● Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal – MCC  
1:30 p.m. ● Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal MCC
- SEPTIEMBRE 22-28** Visita del Papa Francisco a los Estados Unidos Washington DC and Filadelfia
- SEPTIEMBRE 30** 6:00 p.m. ● Misa, Encuentro de la Formación de Fe del Decanato Central – Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón, Waverly

## Una Palabra del Obispo Medley

Mi querido pueblo de Dios,

Este mes el primer papa americano visitará los Estados Unidos. El Papa Francisco era el arzobispo de Buenos Aires en Argentina cuando fue escogido como el nuevo Obispo de Roma en Marzo de 2013. Su elección fue histórica en una iglesia llena de historia. Fue el primer papa de las Américas, también fue el primer papa del hemisferio sur.

Su visita será marcada por la historia. Primeramente, él viene a los Estados Unidos a través de Cuba, una nación alienada de la nuestra por mucho tiempo y donde se han re-establecido muy recientemente las relaciones diplomáticas. Se reunirá con el Presidente Barack Obama en la Casa Blanca. Los papas anteriores se han reunido con el presidente de los EEUU en la Casa Blanca, empezando con el Papa Juan Pablo II con el Presidente Jimmy Carter. Los obispos de los EEUU se reunirán con el Papa Francisco para la oración del día en la Catedral de San Mateo.

En la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción el papa presidirá una Misa en la cual celebrará la canonización de San Junípero Serra, el misionero Franciscano quien fundó las misiones de California. Tendré el privilegio de concelebrar esta Misa.

El Papa Francisco se dirigirá a una sesión conjunta del Congreso. Esto es algo sin precedente histórico y hay mucha anticipación sobre el mensaje que el papa dará a nuestra nación en este contexto.

De Washington el papa tendrá varias paradas en la Ciudad de Nueva York, más notablemente dirigiéndose a las Naciones Unidas. El Papa Francisco, y los papas de los siglos 20 y 21 que le han precedido, han sido unas de las voces más poderosas en el mundo apoyando la paz y conciliación entre las naciones. Su mensaje allí será memorable por muchos años.

De allí el papa viaja a Filadelfia para participar en la Jornada Mundial de las Familias. Estaré participando en este encuentro por varios días. El Domingo, 27 de septiembre el papa se reunirá con todos los obispos que asisten a la conferencia.

La peregrinación del papa a los EEUU concluirá con una Misa en el Parkway de Benjamín Franklin y se espera que más de un millón de personas participe.

Mi oración es que el Papa Francisco hablará como un profeta a nuestra nación tan bendecida y su gente. Estoy seguro que afirmará la bondad y la generosidad de los americanos, mientras que nos recordará de los pobres y los que sufren esperando nuestra bondad. Júntense conmigo en oración





para el Papa Francisco y por el éxito de su peregrinación.

Ha habido varias jubilaciones y nuevas adiciones a nuestro personal diocesano este año. En particular quiero dar la bienvenida a Elizabeth Wong Barnstead cuya presencia ya se nota en las páginas del Católico de Kentucky Occidental desde Junio de este año. Con la jubilación de Mel Howard ella tomó el cargo del periódico para que continuara mientras evaluamos nuestros esfuerzos en general en los medios de comunicación.

Elizabeth se graduó de la Universidad Franciscana en 2013. Anteriormente trabajó ella por el Católico de Michigan, el periódico de la Arquidiócesis de Detroit. Su esposo, Ian, es un maestro en la Escuela Preparatoria de la Trinity en Whitesville.

Como la mayoría de las diócesis estamos en el proceso de mirar con una vista general a todas las formas de evangelizar. Elizabeth será una parte integral de nuestra auto-examinación. ¡Bienvenida Elizabeth!



**Obispo William F. Medley**  
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Saludos a Todos

En esta ocasión me da muchísimo gusto el comunicarles a todos que como Hispanos Católicos en los Estados Unidos hemos comenzado nuestro proceso hacia un V Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispana/Latina. Tanto el proceso como el evento en si en el 2018 serán una oportunidad de reflexión, trabajo y también de gran celebración. La presencia Hispana en los Estados Unidos tiene su historia de la cual tanto ustedes como yo somos parte, y a través del tiempo la Iglesia ha venido celebrando aquellos logros y crecimiento todo obra de Dios. Hay mucho de que estar agradecidos y nuestra diócesis de Owensboro no es la excepción. A partir de hoy invito a todos a estar al pendiente e insertarse a este proceso tanto como parroquias, como familias y como todo católico hispano que peregrinamos en la Iglesia Católica de los Estados Unidos.

A propósito de estar pensando un poco en la historia, es bueno aprovechar la oportunidad de expresar unas palabras de agradecimiento a todos aquellos primeros pioneros que en los pasados treinta años han hecho posible al Ministerio Hispano. En especial

un agradecimiento al señor obispo emérito Juan McRaith, que gracias en gran parte a él es que estemos donde estamos y que otros pudieran venir y emprender el vuelo de Ministerio Hispano.

A pesar de las dificultades, de nuestras limitaciones, fallas, de nuestros pecados; sabemos ahora que 17 parroquias de las 79 en total celebran la Santa Eucaristía en español. Un entusiasmo y una energía de grupos y movimientos florecen en las parroquias. Hay un hambre de misión y de formación. A través de los años hemos sido bendecidos con sacerdotes internacionales compartiendo de su ministerio sacerdotal y apenas nos hace tanto tuvimos la gracia y bendición de ver a nuestro primer sacerdote hispano ordenado para nuestra diócesis (P. Julio Barrera) y pronto tendremos al segundo, primero Dios (Diac. Basilio)

Que Dios y la Santísima Virgen pues nos sigan acompañando y que todos como parte de la comunidad Católica Hispana en la diócesis de Owensboro nos unamos al resto del país en acción de gracias por nuestra historia de pastoral hispana/latina. Visiten: [enahve.org](http://enahve.org)

**Cristóbal Gutierrez**  
Director del Ministerio Hispano

## Correcciones

En la página 19 del Católico de Kentucky Occidental de Agosto 2015 había una foto con el artículo incorrecto. El Artículo titulado "El Vía Crucis en las Calles de Owensboro" fue acompañado por una foto que realmente fue tomada por Jennifer Glenn durante el Vía Crucis en Sebree. El Católico de Kentucky Occidental lamenta el error.

## Diócesis de Owensboro Recibe Fondos A Través de Extensión Católica para Nueva Iniciativa

POR SUSANA SOLORZA

Papa Francisco ha hecho un llamado a los católicos de todo el mundo: “El creciente número de personas marginadas que viven en situaciones de extrema precariedad es un hecho que nos llama y reclama la solidaridad entusiasta para ofrecerles el apoyo material y espiritual que necesitan... El cuidado de los pobres nos enriquece en establecernos en un camino de la humildad y de la verdad.”

Hemos trabajado para crear esta oportunidad en nuestra diócesis con Extensión Católica, una organización que ha hecho un gran impacto en nuestras parroquias y escuelas. Hemos recibido una beca de esta organización para desarrollar un ministerio Fuerza Transformadora. Este ministerio está dirigido hacia los marginados que luchan debido a la adicción a las drogas, el abuso del alcohol y la violencia.

Esta iniciativa fue desarrollada en Little Rock, Arkansas, por un joven llamado Jaime “El Serio” Torres. Torres era un inmigrante mexicano que estaba muy involucrado en las pandillas, las drogas y la violencia. En un esfuerzo por salvar su vida, sus padres mudaron a la familia a Little Rock; sin embargo, él cayó en sus viejas costumbres, hasta que tuvo un encuentro personal con el Cristo resucitado que le llevó a cambiar su vida. Utilizó las habilidades que había aprendido de organizar y motivar a un grupo para construir este ministerio en su comunidad con los que se encontró que luchaban con los mismos ciclos de abuso de sustancias y la violencia. Torres se ha comprometido a nuestra



Jaime “El Serio” Torres le explica a los líderes Hispanos, en San Miguel en Sebree, sobre Fuerza Transformadora. Foto: Susana Solorza.

diócesis por un período de tres años con el fin de desarrollar este ministerio junto a nuestros líderes de la comunidad.

El 14 y 15 de agosto tuvimos reuniones para la diócesis en la parroquia de San Miguel en Sebree, Kentucky. Estas reuniones estaban centradas en las necesidades y objetivos de este ministerio en la diócesis. Hubo líderes hispanos de varias parroquias, entre ellas, San Miguel, San José, Mayfield, Santos José y Pablo, Owensboro, y Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville.

Hablaron de los marginados en sus comunidades y las realidades que enfrentan con los ciclos de la adicción y la violencia doméstica. Hablaron del impacto que Fuerza Transformando podría tener en la comunidad. Estamos en una misión de misericordia, y esto es un primer paso hacia los marginados de nuestra diócesis. ♦

### Para Hacer Informe de Alegatos de Abuso Sexual

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

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

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

### Nuevo Seminarista para la Diócesis de Owensboro

Christopher Kight, parroquiano de la Parroquia de Santo Tomás Moro en Paducah, entró al seminario este año y está estudiando filosofía. Por favor pidan a Dios por Chris y por todos nuestros seminaristas, y por más vocaciones al sacerdocio y la vida religiosa.



## Jaime Dennis es ordenado diácono transitorio

El Monseñor William Medley recientemente se encontró con el Monseñor Juan McRaith mientras los dos compraban comida en Kroger.

Un empleado joven estaba ayudando al Monseñor McRaith con sus compras y se lo presentó al Monseñor Medley.

El Monseñor McRaith le dijo al Monseñor Medley, casi de broma, “Este joven debe ser un sacerdote.”

“Ojalá tuviera la valentía,” contestó el joven.

El Monseñor Medley contó este relato el 8 de

agosto a los fieles presentes en la ordenación al diaconado transicional del seminarista James “Jaime” Dennis en la Parroquia de San José, Leitchfield.

“En estas semanas he pensado mucho en eso,” dijo el Monseñor Medley. Dijo que este encuentro le hizo pensar de “la valentía que se necesita solo para empezar a responder al llamado al diaconado, al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa.”

Dirigiéndose al Diácono Dennis, el Monseñor Medley reconoció que Jaime ha tenido diferentes obstáculos que los demás – el Diácono Dennis está



Monseñor Medley sonríe con el Diácono James Dennis durante su ordenación al diaconado transicional el 6 de Agosto en la Parroquia de San José, Leitchfield.

ciego – pero añadió, “Gracias por tu valentía. Todas las personas reunidas aquí reconocen tu valentía; te aman, y te agradecen por haber contestado el llamado de Dios.” ♦

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### La Madre del Monseñor Medley, Dorothy Medley, muere a los 87 años

Dorothy H. Medley, 87, falleció tranquilamente el 6 de agosto del 2015, en la fiesta de la Transfiguración. Nació el 30 de enero del 1928 en Loretto, Kentucky, y era hija de los difuntos F.L. y Edith Raley Hayden. Fue precedida en la muerte por su primer esposo, Charles Raphael Ferriell, en 1947, y su segundo esposo, Werner Medley, en 1975.

Le sobreviven sus hijas, Betty Kaye (Fred) Howell, Elizabethtown, Kentucky; Julie (Brian) Franklin, Versailles, Kentucky; hijos David (Laura) Ferriell, Loretto, Kentucky; Monseñor William F. Medley, Owensboro, Kentucky y Phil (Lynn) Medley, Bardstown, Kentucky. Le sobreviven también tres hermanas, dos hermanos, 11 nietos y 18 bisnietos.

La Misa exequial fue celebrada el 11 de Agosto en la Parroquia de San Francisco de Asís en Loretto, y el sepelio es en el Cementerio de San Francisco de Asís a un lado de la iglesia. La Misa exequial fue celebrada por el Monseñor Medley, quien también dio la homilía. Seis obispos concelebrantes llegaron de las diócesis de Nashville, Covington, Cheyenne, Evansville y Lexington, y más de 30 sacerdotes asistieron también.

En su homilía el Monseñor Medley recordó que después de darle la Sagrada Comunión a su mamá en la mañana del 6 de agosto, él le dijo que era la fiesta de la Transfiguración, “y que este sería un día tan hermoso para ver a Dios en toda su gloria.”

“Pero si fuera así, ella no sería regresada como Pedro, Santiago y Juan,” le dijo. “Si ella llegara a esta montaña, y se encontrara con la gloria de Dios, le pertenecería para siempre.”



En esta foto archivado del 2010 del Católico de Kentucky Occidental, Dorothy Medley contempla un nacimiento traído de una peregrinación a la Tierra Santa por su hijo, el Monseñor William Medley.

## Les Presentamos al Ministro Hispano: La Hermana María del Pilar Hinojosa Aguilar

### ¿Cuál es su nombre y de dónde viene?

Mi nombre es la Hermana María del Pilar Hinojosa Aguilar. Soy originaria del Estado de Puebla, México y soy una hermana de la Congregación de las Misioneras del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Ad-Gentes.

### ¿En cuál parroquia sirve usted ahora y dónde ha servido antes en los Estados Unidos?

He coordinado el Ministerio Hispano en la Parroquia de Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro desde el 27 de octubre del 2014. Junta con la Hermana Esperanza (presentada en la edición del mes pasado) y quien me ayuda en esta misión servimos a los Católicos Hispanos no solamente viviendo en Owensboro pero también las familias que vienen de los condados de Hancock y McLean. Llegué a los Estados Unidos en 1999. Mi primera misión en el Ministerio Hispano fue en Springfield, Illinois por dos años y medio. Después de eso serví en Atlanta, Georgia por tres años; Rome, Georgia por siete y por último antes de venir a Owensboro serví en Fort Worth, Texas por tres años.

### ¿Puede describir un día "normal" en el Ministerio Hispano para usted?

Trabajo en el ministerio varía de día a día dependiendo en las necesidades de la comunidad. Aunque podría decir que en los fines de semana es cuando es más ocupado con más actividad. Con frecuencia las noches también están ocupadas atendiendo a las necesidades de las familias y prov-

eyendo formación en español. La actividad del ministerio abarca la preparación sacramental para la mayoría de los sacramentos y acompañando a los grupos de hombres y mujeres hispanos de "Cristo Renueva su Parroquia." También muchas visitas a casas y llamadas son parte del ministerio.

### ¿Cuál parte de su ministerio disfruta más?

Cada momento del ministerio es maravilloso para mí. Como mencioné antes, cada día es única. Poder compartir el mensaje de salvación del Evangelio y la formación es muy importante y especial. Celebrar juntos con mis hermanos y hermanas, la comunidad y disfrutando el don más grande que nos ha dado, la Eucaristía, me da una gran satisfacción.

### ¿Cómo piensa usted que los hispanos contribuyan a la Iglesia de los Estados Unidos?

Los hispanos en los Estados Unidos son un gran regalo y una bendición para la Iglesia Católica y la sociedad. Sus valores familiares firmes y su fe, además del impacto de su servicio en tantos diferentes ministerios en los cuales están involucrados, es una bendición. Creo que los sacrificios y su fortaleza de fe de los hispanos junto con su servicio son un testimonio maravilloso a todos nosotros y a la sociedad. ♦



## Editora Interina del Católico de Kentucky Occidental

Elizabeth Wong Barnstead, quien llegó a la Diócesis de Owensboro en Abril, actualmente está sirviendo como la editora interina del Católico de Kentucky Occidental en el lugar de Mel Howard quien se jubiló en Mayo.

Barnstead se graduó de la Universidad Franciscana en Steubenville, Ohio y anteriormente fue periodista para el periódico Católico de Michigan en la Arquidiócesis de Detroit, Michigan.

Se puede enviar fotos y artículos por correo electrónico para ser considerados en el Católico de Kentucky Occidental a [wkc.editor@pastoral.org](mailto:wkc.editor@pastoral.org). La fecha límite es el 15 de cada mes antes del mes de publicación. ♦


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# The Spiritual Effects of Abortion

BY DEBBIE WARD, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

I have been a team member with Rachel's Vineyard Ministries which offers weekend retreats for women and men who have experienced the wounds of abortion for over 9 years. The wounds of abortion can be devastating physically, emotionally, and spiritually; sometimes leading to suicide. However, with this writing I will focus on the spiritual effects of abortion.

First of all, I am not post-abortive. I have always prayed and continue to pray for an end to abortion. Before I even heard of Rachel's Vineyard I was called one day while in prayer to pray for healing for women who have had abortions. Up until that time it had never occurred to me the great need to pray for the healing of the women who are left behind to suffer the consequences of their "choice" and the possibility of the loss of their souls. This call to prayer, which I am convinced was from Our Mother of Sorrows, was for another type of war against women: spiritual war.

Jesus said, "Peace – I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." The world says, "Have an abortion, it's not a child, it's just tissue. You can't take care of it alone. You can move on with your life; be at peace and have no worries." All lies from the world – all lies from the devil. There is no peace in unsurmountable grief and guilt. There is no peace in despair. There is no peace with fear of no redemption. There is no peace with the fear of going to hell. The devil will

do everything in his power to keep the soul tangled up in fear, misery, darkness, and doom. His greatest weapon is fear.

As a contact person for those inquiring about Rachel's Vineyard retreats and an active team member on retreats I can easily say that I hear this over and over, not in those words, but it comes out in the stories, the searching; the longing for healing, restoration, freedom, and desire of hope for the future.

I would now like to share a short testimony from a past retreatant:

"It was my birthday but I wasn't celebrating. 44 years old. Never married. No children. And no denying that my biological clock had finally run out. I'm never going to have children, never going to be a mom. Sad and depressed I talked to my therapist. I had been in counseling for years, fighting clinical depression, struggling with drinking, battling weight, trying to quit smoking, managing relationships with men who couldn't commit. But never once in all those years had I been asked nor had I volunteered that I had an abortion when I was 16 years old. Wasn't the abortion supposed to solve all my problems? But I couldn't forget it and couldn't numb the pain and guilt any more. Face it, I had my chance, I don't deserve a child, it is my punishment for the wrong I did: God won't forgive me and I'll never be able to forgive myself.

Although I hadn't been to church in years the pain made me desperate for help. Without a plan except to be in the presence of the Lord I went to church that Sunday and the next. And on that day I read the bulletin which announced: "If you are

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suffering from an abortion experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat. The weekend offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion." In an instant God answered a prayer I couldn't even formulate because I had lost all hope.

Although fearful, I signed up for the weekend and participated in the discussions, spiritual exercises and memorial service with nine other women who were also in pain and struggling. It was one of the hardest things I've ever done but with expert help my life started to change for the good and I began to experience peace. Although what I did

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## Fortnight for Freedom activities held at St. Stephen and St. Henry Parishes

BY STEPHEN WASHER, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

The Fortnight for Freedom activities were underway as Fr. Greg Trawick gave radio interviews on WCBL in Benton and on WKDZ in Cadiz.

Fr. Trawick was with the Rev. Tom Martin, pastor of Cadiz Christian Church and the Rev. Scott Wilson of Cadiz United Methodist Church on the WKDZ interview. The interview discussed how our religious freedoms have come under fire over the years, the history of the Fortnight for Freedom, and the activities planned for the next two weeks.

During the Fortnight for Freedom, St. Stephen Parish and St. Henry Parish used bulletin inserts with a calendar of activities and prayer intentions that were to be prayed for each day. Both parishes also had neighborhood rosaries, where parishioners would open up their house to pray the rosary for religious freedom.

Both parishes used a prayer for religious freedom which was prayed at the end of each Mass during the two weeks, and also held eucharistic adoration on both Fridays of the event. At St. Stephen the rosary was prayed before each Mass, and a day of fasting and abstinence was observed on July 2.

To encourage community involvement, in addi-



Prayer service is led by Fr. Trawick of St. Stephen and Daniel Kostrzebski of Linton Methodist Church in front of the Trigg County Justice Center on June 23 for Fortnight for Freedom 2015. Photo courtesy of Stephen Washer.

tion to the radio interviews, a letter was sent out to every church in Trigg and Marshall Counties telling of a special movie that was shown.

The movie, produced by PBS, was “First Freedom: The Fight for Religious Liberty” and had a good turnout at both parishes.

Members of St. Henry Parish welcomed members from two Baptist churches in Marshall County, and St. Stephen parish welcomed members from the Methodist and other Christian churches in Trigg County to view the movie. The movie was followed by discussion time.

St. Stephen also held two prayer services at the

Trigg County Justice Center on the Tuesday nights of the Fortnight.

The first prayer service was led by Fr. Trawick and Daniel Kostrzebski from Linton United Methodist Church and the second prayer service was led by the Rev. Tom Martin of Cadiz Christian Church. In attendance were members from five local churches and a reporter from WKDZ radio which had segments on the local news and on their website [wkdzradio.com](http://wkdzradio.com) from both services.

At the end of the Fortnight for Freedom the prayer cards were given to the parishioners to continue to pray for our religious freedoms. ♦



# St. Junipero Serra: Missionary to America

BY JOY BACH, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Miguel Serra was born in Petra, Majorca in 1713. He was of small stature but still was of great help to his family and village with the raising of cattle, grapes and olives. This background was to be of great help to him later while working with the natives in the “New World.”

His father and mother did not read or write but were intent on an education for their son. As a quick and able student, the Franciscan Friary of San Bernadino prepared Miguel well in science and arts including Gregorian chant.

At 15 years, Miguel moved on to the Friary of St. Francis for studies in philosophy. At 17 he entered the novitiate, and the next year upon making his first vows took the name “Junipero” after the humble friend of St. Francis of Assisi. He was ordained at 25 years of age, taught philosophy and in a short time earned his doctorate in theology. He moved to the University of Palma to chair theology.

The draw to mission work was always there. He applied, was accepted and left for Mexico, the New Spain, in 1749 at age 36. The landing at Vera Cruz, Mexico still left him with a 270 mile walk to the Missionary College of San Fernando, just on the outskirts of Mexico City.

His five months at San Fernando provided community, rest and training for his move into evangelization. The Spanish “Pueblo Method” was to first find a good farming area with water, build a chapel and invite the natives to live with them and become Christians. Fr. Serra noticed the ar-

tistic and music abilities were highly developed among the natives and so music, processions and beautiful chapels were brought into the “Pueblo” experience. When ready to govern themselves, the monies and land were turned over to the natives and after the missionaries had left, a diocesan priest then became their pastor.

One thing very important in understanding the pros and cons of this evangelization method was the state-Church relationship. All decisions were made in Madrid, even to the appointment of the bishop. The military governor who was the representative of the king of Spain was often a hindrance to Fr Serra’s missionary work. Military guards of the Pueblo not under Fr. Serra’s jurisdiction were often trouble makers or cruel to the natives. Fr. Serra would then have to appeal to the Viceroy in Mexico City.

Fr. Serra was quickly called back from preaching a “home mission” because of the dissent within the Church regarding the Jesuit order. He was sent to Lower California. His stay was short because Russia was expanding eastward exploring the Bering Straits and had started a lucrative fur trade on the northwest coast of America. The Spaniards decided to move north extending to Monterey after a stop and encampment at San Diego.

With much faith through difficult times, Fr. Serra was credited with founding nine missions whose names remain today. Much of the presidios and chapels have been rebuilt or restored except for one at San Juan Capistrano.

Fr. Serra died August 28, 1784. Twelve more missions were added after his death. Mexico ceded from Spain in 1821 and by 1833, 50 years after Fr. Serra’s death all of the missions had collapsed because of greedy developers from Mexico who forcibly took land from the natives and also because of the European diseases which were so devastating to the native peoples.

Fr. Serra had several miracles attributed to him throughout his life, but in 1960, a critically ill Franciscan Sr. Mary Boniface who had Systemic Lupus was healed after a novena of prayers to Fr. Serra. In 1988, Pope John Paul II declared Fr. Serra “Blessed.” His feast day is July 1, coincidentally the day he first arrived in San Diego. He will be canonized “St. Junipero Serra” by Pope Francis, September 23, 2015.

In 1934, Padre Serra was chosen by four men in Seattle Washington as their patron as they discussed how they might live out their Christian and professional lives in service to the Church. “Serra International” was the result of this focus. Serra Clubs scattered throughout the world pray and work to promote new vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life through many activities.

To learn more about the Serra Club, contact Ernie Taliaferro 270-683-1545 ext. 378 or Ernie.Taliaferro@pastoral.org

*Joy Bach is a member of the Serra Club of Owensboro, Kentucky. ♦*

## New initiative in Diocese of Owensboro receives funding through Catholic Extension

BY SUSANA SOLORZA, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Pope Francis has made a plea to Catholics around the world: “The growing number of marginalized people living in situations of extreme precariousness is a fact that calls us and demands zealous solidarity to offer them the material and spiritual support they need...Care for the poor enriches us by setting us on a path of humility and truth.”

We have worked to create this opportunity in our diocese by partnering with Catholic Extension, an organization that has made an immense impact in our parishes and schools. We have received a grant from this organization to develop a ministry called Transforming Force, or “Fuerza Transformadora” in Spanish. This ministry targets marginalized people who struggle due to drug addiction, alcohol abuse, and violence.

This initiative was first developed in Little Rock, Arkansas, pioneered by a young man named Jaime “El Serio” Torres. Torres was a Mexican immigrant that was heavily involved in gangs, drugs, and violence. In an effort to save his life, his parents moved the family to Little Rock; nonetheless, he fell into his old ways, until he had a personal encounter with the risen Christ that led him to turn his life around.

He used the skills he had learned about organizing and motivating a group to build this ministry in his community with those he encountered that struggled with the same cycles of substance abuse and violence.



Jaime “El Serio” Torres explains to Hispanic leaders, gathered at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Sebree, about Transforming Force. Photo by Susana Solorza.

Torres is committed to our diocese for a three-year period in order to develop this ministry alongside our community leaders.

On August 14 and 15 we held meetings for the diocese at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Sebree. This meeting centered on the needs and goals of this ministry in the diocese. There were Hispanic leaders from several parishes, including, St. Michael, St. Joseph in Mayfield, SS. Joseph and Paul in Owensboro and SS. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville.

They spoke of the marginalized in their communities and the realities they face of cycles of addiction and domestic violence. They spoke of the impact Transforming Force could have on the community as a whole. We are on a mission of mercy, and this a first step towards the marginalized of our diocese.

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

### The Spiritual Effects of Abortion ... Continued from page 21

was and remains wrong I could finally trust in God’s forgiveness. Who could know that my child would bring me back to the Lord? Now I truly believe these words from the Bible ‘For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and hope.’”

In April of 2015 the woman who wrote this testimony married her high school sweetheart.

Consider the number of abortions just in our nation. Even if abortion were to end tomorrow, the need for healing of the mothers and fathers left behind could go on until the end of time as we know it. As Christians we are all called to engage in the battle for souls through prayer which makes all things possible in, with, and through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Pray the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows ([www.sorrowfulmother.net/seven-sorrows-rosary.html](http://www.sorrowfulmother.net/seven-sorrows-rosary.html)). And because we are engaged in spiritual warfare don’t forget to call on St. Michael the Archangel. ♦

### Rachel’s Vineyard

The next Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat will be Nov. 13-15 in Whitesville, KY. For information contact [Debbie@hopeafterabortionky.com](mailto:Debbie@hopeafterabortionky.com). Go to our team website [www.hopeafterabortionky.com](http://www.hopeafterabortionky.com). For a complete listing of retreats in the United States go to [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org).



# Have courage

FR. JASON MCCLURE, DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS AND VICAR OF CLERGY, DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO



Greetings from the Vocations Office!

To the youth gathered in Rio de Janeiro for World Youth Day, Pope Francis implored, “Have courage. Go Forward. Make noise.” At the diaconate ordination of Deacon Jamie Dennis, Bishop Medley told the story of a young man who was asked whether or not he had ever given consideration to going to seminary. The young man responded, “I wish I had the courage.” I think a strong argument could be made that absolutely essential for following the call of our Lord and responding to our vocation, are faith, prayer, and courage.

I once heard courage defined as the “strength of will that enables us to conquer fear.” Fear, I believe, is one of the most paralyzing forces of our universe, often preventing us from doing what we know we should, causing us to do what we know we shouldn’t. One of the best examples from the gospels is that of Peter. Peter’s denial of Jesus was born out of fear that he might also face the same fate as the one he was denying. Fear is perhaps the most common obstacle for listening and responding to the call of our God to “Come, follow me!” This call requires faith in the one who is calling, can be heard most clearly in the context of prayer, and requires tremendous courage to respond boldly.

## Contact our Office of Vocations

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owensborovocations.com    Facebook.com/owensborovocations

Perhaps today, more than ever before, a young man’s decision to enter seminary requires steadfast courage. Very little, if anything, is more counter-cultural than giving ourselves completely to Christ. In a world that values autonomy, humble submission to the will of our God is frowned upon. Not unlike holy matrimony, priesthood is total gift of self to the other. This is not strongly supported by a world that more often asks “What can I get?” rather than “What can I give?”

When I’m with our current seminarians, I am inspired and encouraged by their faith, life of prayer, and their courage. These young men have courageously gone against the current and dedicated themselves to sincerely discerning their vocation in a formal seminary formation program. And just as I am inspired by these men, my heart also breaks for the many young men with whom I have spoken, telling me that they can’t go to seminary because of some fear. Maybe it’s a fear of what others will think. Maybe it’s a fear of letting go of some treasure. Maybe it’s because they know that God might be calling them to radically change their lives. Whatever the fear, it prevents many who may very well have a vocation to priesthood from ever saying yes.

As I encourage those who are discerning a call to priesthood to pray for courage, I’m reminded of the words of St. Paul, “I can do all things in him

who strengthens me” (Phil 4:13). Let’s pray that we have the courage to do the will of God. Let’s pray that those whom God is calling to priesthood will have to the courage to say yes. In the words of Pope Francis, “do not be afraid of responding generously to Christ, who invites you to follow him.” “Be courageous, go against the current, be proud to do it!” ♦

## 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

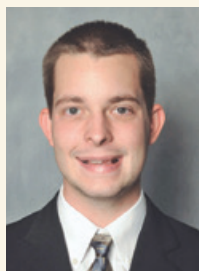
**All religious are welcome to attend!**  
**Families are encouraged to come and bring their children. A meal for all will follow the Mass.**

## Meet this year's seminarians

This year seven men of the Diocese of Owensboro are attending seminary to discern the priesthood. Please pray for our seminarians and for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



**Deacon Basilio  
Az Cuc**  
Holy Name Parish,  
Henderson



**Deacon James  
"Jamie" Dennis**  
St. Joseph Parish,  
Leitchfield



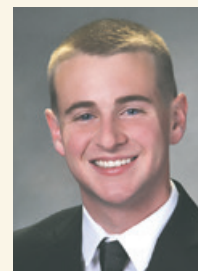
**Alex French**  
St. Ann Parish,  
Morganfield



**Corey Bruns**  
St. Ann Parish,  
Morganfield



**Jacob Fischer**  
St. Martin Parish,  
Rome



**CJ Glaser**  
Blessed Mother  
Parish, Owensboro



**Christopher  
Kight**  
St. Thomas More  
Parish, Paducah

## VOCARE: Celebrating the answer to the call

BY DR. FRED LITKE, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Are you coming to VOCARE 2015?

What is VOCARE, you ask? VOCARE is the Diocese of Owensboro's annual celebration of vocations to priesthood and consecrated life. It is an opportunity to gather with Catholics from throughout western Kentucky to recognize vocations, to contribute to the education of priests and religious, and to celebrate with other parishioners from our diocese.

With the size of our diocese, it is often rather difficult to get together with other Catholics from the far corners of our diocese. VOCARE offers the Catholics from Leitchfield to Paducah, from Bowling Green to Henderson, and from Hopkinsville

to Fulton to come together at a celebration of our faith and in appreciation of our young men who are in seminary formation and men and women who are in professed consecrated religious life. In this Year of Consecrated Life, as designated by Pope Francis, we will debut a new video on religious life, and our keynote speaker is a Benedictine monk, Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, president and rector of St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

Our diocesan seminarians will be present at VOCARE, as will many priests and religious from throughout our diocese. We currently have three college-aged seminarians, Corey Bruns, Jacob Fischer, and C.J. Glaser. During their four years

**VOCARE**  
CELEBRATING VOCATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD & CONSECRATED LIFE  
DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO

**What is Vocare?**  
A gala to celebrate and support vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in the Diocese of Owensboro.

**When is it?**  
Friday, September 18, 2015 at 5 p.m.

**Where is it?**  
Owensboro Convention Center

**How do I register?**  
Registration is \$65/person, \$125/couple, \$500/table.  
Reserve your spot by calling  
Kathy Rasp at (270) 689-1545.

of college formation, seminarians attend classes at Marian University with a concentration in theol-

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# A reflection for the Year of Consecrated Life: Part 2 of 2

## Union with Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows and Mother of Priests: Part II

BY SR. CECILIA MARIA OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, CP, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

*Continued from our August 2015 issue.*

In the August issue of the WKC, the Passionist Nuns of Whitesville, KY, shared the first part of this reflection on our call to union with Mary at the foot of the Cross. As we continue to celebrate the Year for Consecrated Life, this month we return to the theme, this time focusing on our sharing in Mary's motherhood of all priests.

Even after her Son has spent all, after His offering is completed, Mary continues it in her soul and body as her whole being cries out the eternal Amen which completes His sacrifice. Jesus Christ having offered Himself "once for all," His mother is the first to extend through time her participation in it. In the Pieta, we see her lifting up with her own hands and heart what the High Priest can no longer physically lift up Himself.

This is the mystery we try to live out every day as Passionist Nuns. At Mass, in our prayers, and throughout our whole day, we adore our Jesus, Crucified for love of the world, and we lift His sacrifice up to the Father. We stay with Mary upon Calvary, constantly joining our Amen to hers, giving ourselves completely like she did to the work of redemption. Everything we are and everything we do is dedicated to aiding and accompanying Jesus as He continues to bring about the salvation and



A Passionist nun stands before a statue of the Pietà at the Passionist Monastery in Whitesville. Photo courtesy of the Passionist Nuns of Whitesville.

redemption of our world.

From the Gospel narrative itself, we know that Mary is not the mother of the High Priest only, but mother of all priests. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." With these words, Jesus gives His mother to the Apostle John. On Calvary, John - representing all ordained priests - received the High Priest's mother as his own. For him, for the other apostles, and for every priest of Jesus Christ through the ages, Mary is a mother precisely as she was for her Son. She prepares them for their own shares in the Passion and comforts them as they suffer. She strengthens them as they encounter their own weakness, and she is the hidden support of prayer behind their every action. She is eternally the Sorrowful Mother on Calvary, eternally embodying the fiat-amen at the

Mass celebrated "once for all" and extended through time at the hands of her priestly sons.

It is into this fiat-amen of the Mother of Priests that we are called as Passionist Nuns. As we be-

come ever more united with her at the foot of the Cross, we are drawn into her motherhood; we too are given "St. Johns" to nurture, comfort, strengthen, support. Our lives become fruitful, and though we may never meet our children "in the flesh," by our daily fidelity to our monastic life we raise up priests to God and proclaim the Great Amen to their Mass. During this Year of Consecrated Life, I give thanks and praise for the privilege of being called to such a vocation, and I pray that the Lord will continue to raise up priestly souls (sons and mothers!) who will extend His Sacrifice of Love throughout the world. ♦



Learn more about the Passionist Nuns in Whitesville by visiting [passionistnunsblog.com](http://passionistnunsblog.com).



## VOCARE ...

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ogy and philosophy. Bishop Brute' Seminary is located nearby the Marian campus and is where they live and attend daily Mass and pray the Liturgy of hours with the community of other seminarians. They have opportunities for service projects, spiritual direction, and discernment activities during their time at Bishop Brute' Seminary.

At St. Meinrad Seminary, we have two transitional deacons: Deacon Basilio Az Cuc and Deacon James Dennis. One man is studying theology: Alex French, and one man is studying philosophy: Chris Kight.

At St. Meinrad, they take additional classes in theology and philosophy. During their seminary years, our seminarians work in area parishes, spend one summer in Guatemala studying Spanish, and attend a hospital clinical pastoral program. Semi-

narians spend four years in classes at St. Meinrad and one year in pastoral training within our Diocese. They spend one year as a transitional deacon before they are recommended for ordination to Holy Orders as a diocesan priest.

The cost incurred in the education and training of young men for the priesthood is currently paid by the diocese. Financial costs for this specialized education and training ranges from \$40,000-50,000 per year for each man in formation. Our Seminarian Education Endowment Fund is currently insufficient to pay the total costs for seminarian education. VOCARE is an opportunity for parishioners from throughout our diocese to donate to the endowment.

This year, a private parishioner has pledged a \$50,000 matching grant to VOCARE. If we raise at least \$50,000, they will match that amount in a one-time donation! All donations to VOCARE are tax deductible and eliminate the need addi-

tional assessments to parishes.

VOCARE will be an exciting and enriching night of celebration for our diocese. It will take place at the Owensboro Convention Center at the riverfront in Owensboro. Tables of eight can be purchased for \$500 and will include a plated dinner, drinks, and wine. Individual tickets are \$65 and couples can purchase two tickets for \$125. VOCARE will begin at 5 p.m. on September 18, 2015. Cash bars will be available as well.

This year we have opened reservations to individuals, businesses, and parish groups as well as parishes. Check to see if your parish has reserved a table. If not, offer to sponsor a table for your parish at VOCARE. We look forward to seeing you!

To register contact Kathy Rasp at (270) 683-1545.

*Dr. Fred Litke is associate director of vocations for the Diocese of Owensboro. ♦*

## St. Louis Choir visits St. Joseph Villa

Members of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest Choir Camp, from the St. Francis DeSales Oratory in St. Louis, returned to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center the week of Aug. 3-7 for their sixth year of music camp. Youths from 10-17 can participate in the camp to learn church music, and members come from all over the country. On Aug. 6, the members performed Latin hymns for the Ursuline Sisters in Saint Joseph Villa. Afterward, the students visited individually with the sisters in the audience. The camp ended with Mass on Aug. 7. Here, Sr. Alfreda Malone, OSU, visits with a student after the performance. Photo courtesy of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.



Most of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph returned to Maple Mount for the annual Community Days July 8-10. Here, Sr. Lisa Marie Cecil, OSU, (left), embraces Sr. Rose Karen Johnson, OSU. Photo courtesy of Sr. Ruth Gehres.



## New Union County school ‘special, holy’

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



Connie Simmons, a preschool teacher at John Paul II Catholic School in Morganfield, greets a young visitor to her classroom during the open house tour after the August 9 blessing of the brand-new facilities. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead.

On Sunday, August 9 Catholics from in and around Union County gathered at John Paul II Catholic School in Morganfield to witness the blessing of the brand-new school.

“From a list of names Bishop Medley chose the name of John Paul II to be the name of this new school,” said Fr. Freddie Byrd, pastor of St. Ann Parish in Morganfield, located across the street from the school.

John Paul II Catholic School was built to replace St. Ann School, which was closed at the end of the school year this past May after being open since 1912.

Fr. Byrd led the blessing ceremony that afternoon in place of Bishop Medley, who was originally scheduled to attend but could not due to the recent death of his mother.

Fr. Byrd explained that St. John Paul II had be-

lieved in the hope of young people, and that the school would follow his example in providing “a Catholic education for our heritage and for our future.”

“Students and teachers will make this place great,” said Fr. Byrd in his homily during the blessing ceremony. “They will make this place special. They will make this place holy. Because Christ will be in this place.”

Those attending the blessing included representatives and clergy from the local Catholic parishes in Union County, as well as Jim Mattingly, superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Owensboro, and assistant superintendent Ann Flaherty. Patricia Sheffer, superintendent of Union County Public Schools, was also present.

Beth Hendrickson, principal of John Paul II Catholic School, said that the capital campaign for the school began three years ago and so far pledges of \$5.2 million have been made for the \$8 million project.

“Fr. Gerald Baker had a dream and a vision of building a new Catholic school in Union County after his arrival here in June 2003,” said Hendrickson of the previous pastor. “He began to purchase property across the street from St. Ann Parish as it became available to secure property for future building.”

Currently 215 students are enrolled, which is up from the 204 students enrolled at the end of the school year in May 2015.

Hendrickson said that personally, she hopes the establishment of the school “strengthens the Cath-



St. Ann School stands in the background of newly-built John Paul II Catholic School in Morganfield. St. Ann School closed its doors in spring 2015 after being open since 1912. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead.



Fr. Freddie Byrd sprinkles holy water during the blessing of John Paul II Catholic School on August 9. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead.

olic community in Union County.”

“We have six Catholic parishes in our small county,” she said. “We are fortunate to have a wonderful new facility to educate children for many years to come.” ♦



Officer Nathan Godeke, from OPD, stopped by the K-3 Campus of Owensboro Catholic Schools on the first day of school to see the students. He is shown here with Mrs. Ebelhar’s kindergarten class, helping them on the giant See Saw Wave. Photo courtesy of Lori Whitehouse.



## Kindergartener gives unexpected gift

Felicia LaBarge, kindergarten teacher at St. Mary School System in Paducah, writes: "On the first week of school I received an unexpected gift from one of my kindergarten students. As a kindergarten teacher I usually receive several very thoughtful gifts of flowers, crosses, drawings and other heartfelt items. However, when kindergarten student Max Sturm told me he wanted to give me something for the class, I never expected his gift. He handed me money that he had earned selling lemonade this summer. 'I want you to give this money to a student that can't afford to go on a field trip this year,' he said with a big smile. I said, 'The Light of Jesus Christ shines bright in you Max.' I am so blessed to teach in a school that walks with Jesus Christ.

## First-ever 'Family Camp' at Gasper a success

BY JOE BLAND, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On August 7-9 the Office and Family Life and Gasper River Retreat Center hosted their first ever "Family Camp."

The idea for Family Camp came from the parents of summer campers. When picking up their children from camp and hearing how great it was they would often ask Ben Warrell, camp director, "When is it our turn to come to camp?"

So, after months of planning and promoting throughout the summer the first family camp



Vincent Carrico starts his climb on the vertical playground at Gasper River Catholic Camp & Retreat Center. Nathan Reffitt helps with this exercise as a support person for all climbers. Photo courtesy of Joe Bland.

was held. The camp was attended by ten different families from all over the diocese and one family came from Louisville. The camp started on Friday evening celebrating mass with Fr. Mike Williams who served as the spiritual director for the weekend. Ben Warrell ended the night with a parent talk over dinner titled "Unplugged" which dealt with the dangers and influences of technology and

social media.

Saturday was a packed day of devotions, family play, taking part in the activities that the camp has to offer such as zip-line and vertical playground which was led by the camp staff and ending the night with folk dancing and camp fire. The weekend ended on Sunday with Mass and session on how to "Waste Time" with our kids given by Family Life director Joe Bland.

Families left refreshed and a new commitment to spend more

time together unplugged from the daily stresses of the world and making family time a priority. There is a hope to expand this "Family Camp" model to include more camps and more theme specific camps in the future. Stay tuned for news in the near future of new and exciting camps coming to Gasper and sponsored by the Family Life Office. ♦

## Celebration of Catholic Schools 2015

The Celebration of Catholic Schools 2015 was held at Holy Name Catholic School in Henderson on July 31. The all-day event included a presentation by Fr. Charles Latour, OP, principal of Archbishop Hannan High School in Louisiana. Teachers celebrating 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service received certificates acknowledging their hard work.

Kay Howard, recently retired from St. Mary of the Woods School, Whitesville, hugs Bev Howard (green shirt), recently retired from Owensboro Catholic Schools. The two both received Educator of the Year awards at the July 31 Celebration of Catholic Schools event. While this award is ordinarily given to one diocesan teacher, their peers voted for both women equally this year. Photo by Elizabeth Wong Barnstead.





## Fr. Benjamin Francis Luther

Fr. Benjamin "Ben" Francis Luther, 83, of Central City died 4:40 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, 2015, at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital.

Fr. Luther was born Dec. 14, 1931, in Mayfield. He was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was preceded in death by his parents, S.L. and Mattie Kirkwood Luther; sister Dorothy Luther Fletcher; and niece Martha Ruth Fletcher Gass.

Fr. Luther received seminary training and studies at Jordan Seminary in Michigan, at St. Mary Seminary in St. Mary, Kentucky, and at St. Maurs Seminary in South Union. He was ordained on May 10, 1964, for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro. He faithfully served Bishops Henry J. Soenneker, John J. McRaith and William Medley through his 51 years of service.

His assignments included St. Paul Parish in Leitchfield, St. Pius Parish in Calvert City, St. Leo Parish in Murray, St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green, St. John Parish in Paducah and St. Joseph Parish in Central City. His ministries included, but were not limited to, high school teacher and spiritual director, college seminary professor, diocesan director of religious education and founder and director of the Marian Shrine Committee for the diocese.

Edana LeRoy, a Marian Shrine Committee member who knew Fr. Luther, said that for her, "the greatest gift he shared was his love for the Blessed Virgin Mary."

"Fr. Luther desired that all people would come to know her and trust in her intercession," said LeRoy, calling the Marian Shrine part of Fr. Luther's "legacy to the Diocese of Owensboro."

In addition to his parish work, Fr. Luther wrote articles about Catholicism for national magazines, hosted radio programs and appeared on international television inspiring hundreds of thousands as he proclaimed his faith in Jesus Christ.

He is survived by a nephew, Ben Sory Fletcher III of Hopkinsville.

Funeral services were 10 a.m. on August 5 at St. Joseph Parish in Central City, with Fr. Anthony Stevenson officiating, assisted by Fr. Bruce Fogle and Fr. Eric Riley. Interment is in St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Axtel.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Marian Shrine Committee, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301. Condolences may be made at [www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.tuckerfuneralhomes.com).

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. Luther.

## Dorothy H. Medley

Dorothy H. Medley, 87, passed away on August 6, 2015.



In his homily at his mother's funeral on August 11, Bishop Medley recalled that after giving his mother Holy Communion the morning of August 6 he told her it was the feast of the Transfiguration, "and that this would be a beautiful day to see God in all his glory."

"But if she did, she wouldn't be sent back like Peter, James and John," said Bishop Medley. "That if she got to that mountain, and encountered God's glory, that was hers forever."

Dorothy Medley passed away later that morning of the feast of the Transfiguration.

Born January 30, 1928 in Loretto, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late F.L. and Edith Raley Hayden. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charles Raphael Ferriell, in 1947, and her second husband, Werner Medley, in 1975.

She was also preceded in death by a grandson, Matthew Strickland; a stepgrandson, Jason Howell; four sisters, Betty Sue Hicks, Mary E. Yates, Ruth Miles and infant Della Hayden; and three brothers, Leslie Hayden, John Hayden and infant George Donald Hayden.

She is survived by daughters, Betty Kaye (Fred) Howell, Elizabethtown, Kentucky; Julie (Brian) Franklin, Versailles, Kentucky; sons David (Laura) Ferriell, Loretto, Kentucky; Bishop William F. Medley, Owensboro, Kentucky; and Phil (Lynn) Medley, Bardstown, Kentucky. She is also survived by three sisters, two brothers, 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, August 11 at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Loretto, and burial immediately followed in the cemetery beside the church. The 10 a.m. funeral Mass was officiated Bishop Medley. Six concelebrating bishops came from the dioceses of Nashville, Covington, Louisville, Cheyenne, Evansville and Lexington, and more than 30 priests attended as well.

Memorial gifts may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Church, P.O. Box 74, Loretto, KY 40037 or the Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301.

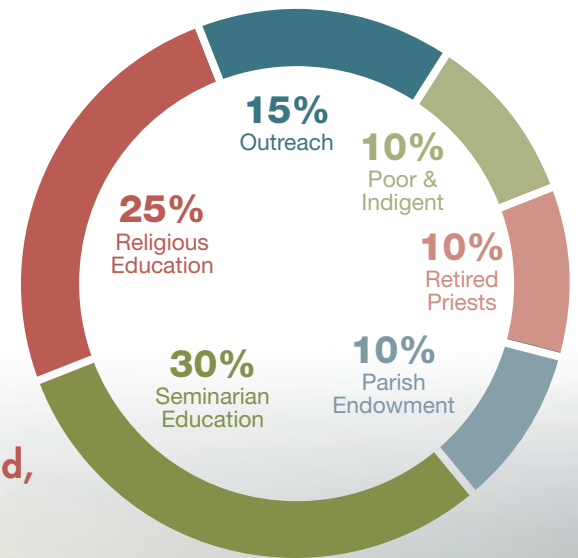
Please pray for the repose of Dorothy Medley's soul.



# Life's journey requires us to try and think like God!

Each journey is a unique experience of faith and spirituality playing out in our lives. Our combined journeys become the story of the Church of Western Kentucky. The steps we take on the journey become the events of our life that shape us as people and as community. Your contribution to the Disciples Response Fund becomes a way for the institutional church to help build systems of support for this community of faith!

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