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# A Word From Bishop Medley

## *Synod: A spiritual process of journeying together*

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the last days of the Second Vatican Council, Pope St. Paul VI, having observed the fruits of the dialogues and conversation of this historic council, created a permanent Synod of Bishops. His intent was to create a structure by which the world's bishops could send representatives to a gathering convened by the pope to continue the dialogue of the Church in fulfilling its mission. Since that time, there have been numerous general synods convened to explore topics such as justice and peace in the world, the Word of God, the Eucharist, priesthood, religious life, marriage and family.

Pope Francis has formally convened a synod with a much broader mandate. The subject for this synod will be synodality and it will unfold in phases from 2021 until 2023. Typically, synods of bishop representatives have met after extensive preparation for two to three weeks of prayers and conversation that has presumed some consultation in local churches around the world.

What is synodality? The preparatory document prepared by the Holy See for the forthcoming synod defines synodality as “the form, the style, and the structure of the Church.” Literally, the word “synod” means to journey together. Journeying together presupposes conversation and dialogue and respect. The Holy See’s accompanying handbook, called the *Vademecum*, notes, “The Synodal Process is first and foremost a spiritual process. It is not a mechanical data-gathering exercise or a series of meetings and debates. Synodal listening is oriented towards discernment.”

Pope Francis will formally convoke the synod in Rome the weekend of Oct. 9-10, 2021. He has asked all local bishops to share in that convocation

on Sunday, Oct. 17. I will preside and preach at the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral to mark our local observance.

There is a defined process for conversation in local dioceses from October 2021 until April 2022. At that time the conversation will continue on national levels, in the United States through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The synod will continue in Rome in the fall of 2023.

In the Diocese of Owensboro, there was held a diocesan synod in 1991 that set forth planning and priorities for the local Church. The synodal process was employed more recently in regional conversations in anticipation of the 2014/2015 Synods of Bishops on the Family. Similar conversations were held in 2018 when the U.S. Church was reeling from scandalous revelations about clergy misconduct after the Pennsylvania grand jury report was published and the Vatican reported on the failure of the Church to act upon the misconduct of former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. Likewise, a synodal process furthered the work of the fifth Encuentro in creating a plan for evangelization for Hispanic and Latino Catholics.

The basic idea of synodality is a recognition that the grace of baptism makes one part of the body of the Church and, therefore, responsible for its life and mission. It means that the whole People of God, by their baptism, are called to be actors, are to participate in discernment. In a hierarchical Church, that shared responsibility calls for regular, serious, structural forms for listening to all members of the Church, particularly those who for various reasons find themselves on the margins. This is not to be mistaken, Pope Francis warns, with putting decisions to a vote as if a synod were a democratic

### BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR OCTOBER 2021

Please note: The following program dates are subject to change or cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<b>OCT 2</b>	<b>2 p.m.   Confirmation</b> – St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Todd County
	<b>9:30 a.m.   Mass at Carmel Home</b> – Owensboro
<b>OCT 3</b>	<b>2 p.m.   Mass for 75th Anniversary of Passionist Monastery</b> – Whitesville
<b>OCT 17</b>	<b>11 a.m.   Mass for the Opening of the 2021-2023 Synod</b> – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
<b>OCT 18</b>	<b>10 a.m.   Priest Personnel Meeting</b> – McRaith Catholic Center, Owensboro <b>1:30 p.m.   Priests' Council Meeting</b> – McRaith Catholic Center, Owensboro
<b>OCT 21</b>	<b>9 a.m.   Breakfast with Senior Priests</b> <b>3 p.m.   Zoom Meeting with Priests</b>
<b>OCT 23</b>	<b>11 a.m.   Diocesan Jubilee Celebration for Religious</b> – St. Martin Parish, Rome
<b>OCT 24</b>	<b>10 a.m.   Rite of Candidacy for Seminarians</b> – St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
<b>OCT 26</b>	<b>10 a.m. — 2 p.m.   Paducah Office Hours</b> – Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
<b>OCT 28-29</b>	<b>Brescia Board Meeting</b>
<b>OCT 30</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.   First Profession of Vows</b> – Passionist Monastery, Whitesville

parliament.

Much more information on how we will implement the synod on synodality in our diocese will be coming. At this moment, I call upon all the faithful to join our prayers with those of Pope Francis that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we journey together. ■

Sincerely in Christ,



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

# Presbyterate election results

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

**Editor's note:** Elections were recently held among the presbyterate (priests of the Diocese of Owensboro) to choose new Deans for six of the diocese's deaneries. Below is a complete list of the Priests' Council membership, including Deans, Consultors, and the Priest Personnel Sub-Committee.

## MEMBERSHIP ROSTER | August 2021

Priests' Council and Personnel Committee of the Council

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**Bowling Green:** Fr. Ken Mikulcik | 8/21 — 8/24  
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**Hopkinsville:** Fr. Michael Charles Abiero | 8/19 — 8/22  
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**Owensboro East:** Fr. Mike Clark | 8/21 — 8/24  
**Owensboro West:** Fr. John Vaughan | 8/21 — 8/24  
**Paducah:** Fr. Basilio Az Cuc | 8/21 — 8/24

## CONSULTORS (Five-year term)

**Group One:** Fr. Emmanuel Udoh | 8/18 — 8/23

**Group Two:** Fr. Randy Howard | 8/18 — 8/23  
**Group Three:** Fr. John Thomas | 8/18 — 8/23  
**Group Four:** Fr. Darrell Venters | 8/18 — 8/23  
**Group Five:** Fr. Richard Meredith | 8/18 — 8/23  
**Ex-Officio:** Fr. Pat Reynolds | 8/18 — 8/23  
**Ex-Officio:** Fr. Jason McClure | 8/20 — 8/25

## REPRESENTATIVE (Five-year term)

**Group Six:** Fr. Anthony Shonis | 8/20 — 8/25

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

(Three-year term)

**Fr. Emmanuel Udoh:** 8/19 — 8/22  
**Fr. Tom Buckman:** 8/19 — 8/22 (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
**Fr. Mike Clark:** 8/19 — 8/22  
**Fr. Darrell Venters:** 8/19 — 8/22  
**Fr. John Vaughan:** 8/19 — 8/22 (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
**Ex-Officio:** Fr. Pat Reynolds, Fr. Jason McClure



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## The Grace of Forgiveness: Forgiving Ourselves, Others and God

Saturday, October 23

Retreat Director: Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU, Ph.D.

This is a daylong program open to men and women who wish to grow in their relationship with God, improve the quality of their relationships with others, and live a more peaceful and serene life. The presentation will include what forgiveness is and is NOT; our human need for and experiences of forgiveness; reasons why people find forgiveness difficult, and suggestions for moving into a fuller Christian life characterized by a forgiving heart. There will be time for personal prayer and reflection as well as small-group sharing. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and there is an option to stay for the 4:30 p.m. vigil Mass.

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# ‘Filled with grace,’ Seven men ordained to permanent diaconate



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(Left to right) Dcn. Tony Carmona; Dcn. John Knight; Dcn. Frank Bosh; Bishop William F. Medley; Dcn. Bill Clark; Dcn. Gayle Rhodes; Dcn. T.J. Dennison; Dcn. Hal Jones; and Dcn. Paul Bachi, assistant to the director of the Diocese of Owensboro’s Office for the Permanent Diaconate, following the Sept. 11, 2021 Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

As a newly-ordained permanent deacon, Dcn. T.J. Dennison said it felt “very humbling” to realize he is “a sacramental image of the Good Samaritan.”

“I will be making myself available in any way I can... to serve God and love my neighbor as myself,” said Dcn. Dennison after the Sept. 11, 2021 Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro, during which he and six other men were ordained to the permanent diaconate by

Bishop William F. Medley.

Dcn. Dennison told The Western Kentucky Catholic that it was a “gorgeous day,” and that he was grateful for the “strength of the Holy Spirit in this journey” of discerning that he was called to be a permanent deacon.

The ordination followed five years of formation, discernment and study for the deacon candidates, who came from various parts of the Diocese of Owensboro.

Dcn. Frank Bosh’s home parish is St. Thomas



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Bishop William F. Medley lays hands on the head of deacon candidate Bill Clark as part of the Rite of Ordination during the Sept. 11, 2021 Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.

More in Paducah; Dcn. Tony Carmona’s home parish is Fort Campbell Catholic Community on the Kentucky and Tennessee border; Dcn. Bill Clark’s home parish is St. John in Lone Oak; Dcn. Dennison’s home parish is St. Joseph in Leitchfield; Dcn. Hal Jones’ home parish is St. Jude in Clinton; Dcn. John Knight’s home parish is Holy Name of Jesus in Henderson; and Dcn. Gayle Rhodes’ home parish is Sts. Joseph and Paul in Owensboro.

Dcn. Rhodes told the WKC that he and his deacon candidate brothers had prayed a novena to the

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Beth Knight (left) and Ana Carmona (right), whose husbands were just ordained to the permanent diaconate, bring the gifts up the aisle to present to Bishop William F. Medley at the Sept. 11, 2021 Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC  
Deacon candidate Hal Jones of St. Jude Parish in Clinton stands with his six candidate brothers before Bishop William F. Medley during the Sept. 11 Mass of Ordination to the Diaconate at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro.

Holy Spirit ahead of their ordination, with each day focusing on a different gift of the Holy Spirit.

He said he was particularly caught up in the moment during the Litany of the Saints – during which the candidates lie prostrate on the ground before the altar – thinking of all the people he was praying for, and who were praying for him, such as his friends, family and fellow parishioners.

“We had all been looking forward to this for five years,” he said. “There has been a lot of growth, tremendous growth in our families and in our spiritual lives.”

He added that since the Mass was by invitation-only, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, “hopefully those who couldn’t attend could view it via livestream.”

(The recorded livestream of the Mass can be accessed at [facebook.com/StStephenCathedral/videos/375256884247848](https://facebook.com/StStephenCathedral/videos/375256884247848).)

The ordination was bittersweet for Dcn. Bosh. While he and his wife belonged to St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah when he entered the discernment process for the permanent diaconate, he later learned he would be transferred by his employer to Tennessee.

Though ordained by Bishop Medley with the rest of his diaconate class, Dcn. Bosh was actually ordained for the Diocese of Knoxville, Tenn., where he would be assigned to the local St. Patrick Parish in Morristown, Tenn. The arrangement was approved by Bishop Medley and Knoxville’s Bishop Richard F. Stika, so that the deacon could still be ordained alongside his deacon brothers, with whom he had studied and bonded over the years.

By prior agreement among the deacon candidates, Dcn. Bosh served as the deacon of the altar, assisting Bishop Medley during the Eucharistic Prayer.

“Serving with the bishop today was a great mo-

ment for my family and myself, and filled me with grace,” Dcn. Bosh told the WKC.

Fr. Ken Mikulcik, the director of formation for the diocese’s permanent diaconate program, said he looks forward to the “ministries they will serve,” and that he was blessed to have been “involved in the formation of these deacons and see the grace of God in their lives.”

“This was a blessed day in our diocese,” he said.

In his homily prior to the Rite of Ordination, which took place in the middle of the liturgy, Bishop Medley told the deacon candidates that they were called to be “instruments of transforming the Church – the people of God – in holiness.”

The bishop said a special tribute was due to the men’s families, their wives and children, for the sacrifices made so that the candidates could study and receive formation in discerning their vocations.

“Your sacrifice will bear fruit for the Gospel, and I pray you will continue that partnership,” he said. “And as with any holy sacrifice, you are richer for it, and so is the Church.”

Bishop Medley told them that just like the men chosen by the first apostles for works of charity, “you must be men of good reputation, filled with wisdom and the Holy Spirit.”

“Do the will of God generously... serve God and humanity in love and joy,” he said. “Show before God and humanity that you are above every suspicion of blame, true ministers of Christ and of God’s mysteries – men firmly rooted in faith.” ■

## Meet the new deacons

Check out the profiles of the seven new permanent deacons on pages 23-24.

# ‘The Lord made me for this and it is a joy,’ says Owensboro-native FOCUS missionary

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Looking back, Madeline Rafferty’s path to her ministry today just makes sense.

As a resident assistant in college, Rafferty witnessed countless ways that the world broke its false promises to the many young women she encountered.

“I saw the ways their hearts were broken and longing to be known and loved,” said Rafferty, who today serves as a missionary with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Rafferty’s own heart had already been “set on fire” when she encountered Jesus in Adoration during the summer after her freshman year of college, while working at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center in Bowling Green.

After that experience, she developed a longing “to let people know that there is Someone who loves them more than they can ever imagine,” said Rafferty in a Sept. 2, 2021 interview with *The Western Kentucky Catholic*.

Rafferty attended SEEK (FOCUS’s national conference) in the December of her sophomore year. She met a FOCUS missionary there, and was struck by how she was truly seen and heard by the fellow young woman.

Then, during her junior year, FOCUS missionaries came to establish a mission at Rafferty’s own college, University of Western Kentucky in Bowling

Green. Through FOCUS, Rafferty was equipped to start leading Bible studies and small groups for her peers.

A member of Kappa Delta Sorority, Rafferty even began leading a Bible study for her sorority sisters, adding that she appreciated the opportunity for “mentoring and discipling Greek women as well.”

Through grace and the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Rafferty recognized that she was called to serve as a FOCUS missionary after graduation. She began her ministry as a FOCUS missionary at University of Illinois in 2019; this is her third year of mission at that university.

With a 52,000-person student body at University of Illinois, she said a challenge is definitely getting to know the campus culture and demographics of students’ different areas of origin, and acknowledged the “very rigorous” academics at the school.

“It takes time” to acclimate to the campus, she explained, adding that the FOCUS missionaries have learned to accept the “objective limitations we have as human beings; accepting and trusting the time it takes to get to know the people there.”

Ultimately, “the hope is that all are reached,” she said.

Rafferty said one of the greatest blessings of her ministry is “to sit side by side with someone when their heart is opened to be transformed by the Lord.”

“Sin is not the end of the story,” she said. “The brokenness is not the end of the story.”

Rafferty also participates in FOCUS Greek,



COURTESY OF MADELINE RAFFERTY

Madeline Rafferty, who grew up at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro, is a third-year missionary with FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students).

which is an intentional outreach within FOCUS to members of fraternities and sororities in Greek systems.

“Many Greek students hold a high level of involvement on campus and have a unique influence and zeal to lead people to Christ and his Church both on campus and in the world after graduating,” she said. “FOCUS Greek missionaries have a great desire for men and women in Greek life to see that life with Christ is a full life.”

Rafferty said Catholic ministry to college and university students is crucial, since “80% of former Catholics leave by the age of 23.”

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“A lot of times people grow up as Catholics, and then at 18, when they move away for the first time and for 4-5 years, there is a lot on the table that is both good and bad,” she said. “There is a newfound freedom of voice and a newfound freedom to believe what we choose.”

But as the years go by, the college campus “can become a place of confusion,” said Rafferty.

“Christ has an eternity of love and joy and hope to

offer,” she said. “How will they know that if people aren’t there to genuinely get to know them and their life, and show what God is calling them to?”

Rafferty, who grew up at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro and attended Owensboro Catholic School System from kindergarten through 12th grade, said this “life on mission for Jesus is a good life.”

Right now she and her FOCUS team members are walking with about 15 students who will hopefully be-

gin leading small groups of their own.

“The biggest conversion of my heart is that the Lord made me for this and it is a joy,” said Rafferty. ■

**How to help**

To find out more about Madeline Rafferty’s mission and how you can assist, visit [www.focus.org/missionaries/madeline-rafferty](http://www.focus.org/missionaries/madeline-rafferty).

# A place to learn; a place to have fun

## New *STREAM* lab at St. Joseph aims to spark creativity

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

A group of energetic fifth-graders crowded around the doorway to Rita Larimore’s lab in the afternoon of Sept. 8, 2021, at St. Joseph Interparochial School in Bowling Green.

They each accepted a squirt of hand sanitizer before filing into the room, which was decorated with colorful geometric patterns, religious artwork, and inspirational signs, including one that stated “This classroom is a mistake-making, laughter-sharing, independence-building, brain-stretching, sort of place where everyone matters!”

“I am trying to make this a bright and cheerful place to be,” Larimore told The Western Kentucky Catholic, speaking of her *STREAM* lab - which stands for science, technology, religion, engineering, art, and math.

*STREAM* fosters “creativity, problem-solving... helping them think differently,” she said.

This academic year is the *STREAM* lab’s first full



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Rita Larimore visits a group of her fifth-grade students working on a project in the *STREAM* lab at St. Joseph Interparochial School in Bowling Green on Sept. 8, 2021.

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year, following the school's desire to have one for the past few years, said principal Rodney Schwartz. He and Larimore explained that if it wasn't for a generous donor, St. Joseph would never have gotten a STREAM lab.

"The bonus is having Ms. Larimore!" said Schwartz, pointing out that she did all of the décor and lab design herself.

Larimore, who taught in the classroom at St. Joseph for the past 32 years, teaches part-time in the STREAM lab three days a week. The STREAM schedule is perfect for her, since she said she wasn't ready to retire and still wanted to be in a school setting - plus, the students didn't want her to retire yet!

Since this is the lab's inaugural year, Larimore has had the freedom to build her own curriculum, asking herself "What will spark their creativity?"

This year the lab is offered for grades 2-5. Larimore works to meet the different levels and learning needs of each class.

She said modern students are accustomed to simple memorization as a form of learning, and STREAM initiatives help shift that mindset, instead, to working their way through problems and questions.

"A lot of it is (building) confidence in their answers," said Larimore.

Admittedly, establishing and operating the lab "takes a lot of energy," she said, but she is grateful for how supportive the parents have been.

This includes donations of recyclable materials, which provide a lot of the supplies for the lab.

On Sept. 9, for instance, the activity was to divide up in small groups and build something pre-assigned with nothing more than cardboard and masking tape.

"You can do a musical instrument... you can de-



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

A fifth-grade student looks through a pair of recycled paper towel tubes while working on a project in the STREAM lab at St. Joseph Interparochial School in Bowling Green on Sept. 8, 2021.

sign and build a simple one-hole mini golf game... you can make a car with cardboard wheels," Larimore explained to the class, which sat on a multicolored carpet with their eyes focused on their teacher.

After receiving their instructions, the groups scattered to different corners of the lab amid a loud but happy chatter of creativity.

(Sometimes, if a group finishes early and needs something to remain occupied before the timer goes off, Larimore said she tells them to "write a story about what they built.")

Near the end of the class period, Larimore led the students to visit one project at a time so that



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Several fifth-grade students plot out the design for their project in the STREAM lab at St. Joseph Interparochial School in Bowling Green on Sept. 8, 2021.

each group could display their efforts, talk about what worked and did not work, and "learn from our mistakes."

"We always have, at the end of each class, a time when we show what we made," she told the WKC. "They love to show what they've made."

Larimore said she plans to introduce the students to coding after fall break, which may even involve stop-motion videos: "It's still evolving."

No matter what they learn with "Ms. Larimore," the students have been enjoying the lab.

"There is no pressure here," she said. "This isn't recess, but a place to learn and place for having fun." ■

# Former Cardinal McCarrick pleads not guilty; two more lawsuits filed

BY RHINA GUIDOS, CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON (CNS) – Former Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick pleaded not guilty Sept. 3 in a Massachusetts court, where he is facing three counts of sexually assaulting a teenager in the 1970s.

Local news reporters posted video on Twitter of the 91-year-old McCarrick, wearing a face mask and slowly heading toward Dedham District Court with the aid of a walker as protesters shouted, "Go to hell, McCarrick," and "How many lives, how many children?"

He was not taken under custody but was ordered to post \$5,000 bail and have no contact with the alleged victim or children. The former high-ranking, globe-trotting church official also was ordered not to leave the country and surrendered his passport.

His next court appearance is Oct. 28.

The day before the arraignment, a former employee and a former priest of the Archdiocese of Newark filed lawsuits alleging unpermitted sexual contact by McCarrick for incidents in 1991.

The Massachusetts case is the first time, however, that McCarrick has faced criminal charges for assault of a minor, which is alleged to first have taken place at a wedding reception in 1974 and continued over the years in different states. Massachusetts allows for a pause of the statute of limitations in criminal cases "when (the) defendant is not usually and publicly resident," says the website Findlaw.com

"This is to prevent criminals from avoiding the consequences of their crimes by simply running, hid-

ing and waiting out the authorities," it explains. Because McCarrick, who didn't live in Massachusetts, left the state, it put in place the "pause" needed for authorities to file charges against him for incidents that allegedly took place almost 50 years ago.

The state prosecutor, addressing the judge hearing the case, said McCarrick had immersed himself into the fabric of the victim's family, using his status as a priest to access and prey on the boy.

"He specifically used the act of confession to get the victim away from his parents and from his siblings and then would sexually assault the victim during that time frame," the prosecutor said.

In a statement on the day of the arraignment, the Archdiocese of Boston praised the legal action.

"Today's legal proceeding is an important step in revealing the truth in a just and consequential manner," it said, noting that McCarrick's canonical conviction resulted in his dismissal from the priesthood.

"Today he stands before the people of the Commonwealth through the judicial system to answer the serious charges against him," the statement said. "We are grateful that the survivor in the Massachusetts case and all survivors, who have the courage to come forward, bring to light the crimes alleged."

The statement also said that archdiocesan leaders were praying for "all impacted by this case and for all survivors of clergy sexual abuse that they are able to experience healing and know of God's endless love for them today and always."

Others have publicly accused McCarrick of abus-

ing them as children, too, but charges weren't pursued in many cases as the statute of limitations in those localities had run out.

However, many of them said they or their families and sometimes priests, over the years, reported the suspected abuse to high-ranking church officials who did nothing.

In 2018, however, the Archdiocese of New York found an allegation that McCarrick had abused a 16-year-old altar server in New York in 1971 "credible and substantiated" and turned the case over to the Vatican.

McCarrick was dismissed by the Vatican from the clerical state in 2019 following an investigation of accusations that he had abused multiple children early on in his career of more than 60 years as a cleric, and that he also had abused seminarians as a bishop in New Jersey.

In November 2020, the Vatican issued a report attempting to understand, why, if church officials knew of the abundant allegations against him, they allowed the abuse to continue, and why the church elevated him to a cardinal.

The report showed that McCarrick had a deep friendship with St. John Paul II, who, as pope, heard about the sex abuse accusations against the cleric when he considered naming him archbishop of Washington in 2000 but believed him when he denied wrongdoings. He made him a cardinal a few months later in 2001.

"This is a landmark moment in the fight against clergy abuse and we hope that this news will inspire

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# Life Giving Wounds Ministry coming to diocese

## *New retreat ministry serves adult children of divorce*

BY DANNY MAY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Let's do a quick, informal poll here: How many people reading this paper right now are adults whose parents are divorced or separated? Or, how many of you reading this article have friends or family members whose parents have been divorced? My guess is that's a lot of people. Thankfully, the Office of Marriage & Family Life has come across a healing ministry called Life Giving Wounds that is specifically intended for adult children of divorce.

According to Dr. Daniel and Bethany Meola, founders of Life Giving Wounds, millions of Americans are adult children of divorce or separation, and one quarter of all young adults are adult children of divorce – an experience that has deep effects on a person's identity, faith and relationship with God, future relationships, and more.

"Life-Giving Wounds exists to bring God's healing to the many wounds experienced by adult chil-

dren of divorce or separation," said Bethany Meola, co-founder and vice president of Life-Giving Wounds. "We acknowledge their pain, we grieve



COURTESY OF LIFE GIVING WOUNDS  
The logo for Life Giving Wounds.

with them, and we want to accompany them on the healing journey to reclaim their identity as a child of God, capable of great love, faith, hope, and joy."

The retreat presentations are delivered by trained

leaders who are adult children of divorce themselves. Topics including forgiveness, family boundaries, dealing with anger and anxiety, building strong relationships as an adult child of divorce, addressing wounds to one's identity and faith, and more. The small group sessions, which are led by trained peer leaders, are an opportunity for attendees to connect with other adult children of divorce who understand the challenges of their situation and can provide support and encouragement.

Several parishioners from the Diocese of Owensboro have experienced a Life Giving Wounds retreat online, but the long-term goal is to launch the retreat ministry here in the Diocese of Owensboro and offer in-person retreats beginning in 2022. To do that, we are partnering with the Diocese of Evansville to bring the Meolas into our diocese to train and equip a local team to present future retreats here. As part of the retreat process, follow-up groups

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vigilance among parishioners and change among church leaders," said the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, known as SNAP, in a Sept. 2 press release.

Protesters held signs outside the Massachusetts court saying, "Plead guilty McCarrick," and "Ordained and Betrayed by 'Uncle Ted,'" using a moniker the former cardinal gave himself among some families when he referred to some of the boys who

later accused him of abuse as his "nephews."

"The case against McCarrick represents a large step forward in the efforts to hold church officials accountable for abuse and cover-up," said SNAP in its press release.

"We hope that this trial will encourage still-silent victims, witnesses, and whistleblowers to come forward. Without such voices, this case never would have gotten to this point.

"We also hope that other survivors who are still experiencing feelings of shame and self-

doubt will find the strength to make a report to local law enforcement, trusted therapists, close friends and family, or groups like ours. Finally, we hope that these charges will (carry) forward and that the wheels of justice can continue moving."

McCarrick has in the past denied allegations against him. In a 2019 interview with Slate magazine, he said: "I do not believe that I did the things that they accused me of," speaking of those who have come forward. ■

# ‘Bluegrass on (Lake) Beshear – Pickin’ Life’ raises money for pro-life pregnancy care centers



COURTESY OF JEFF SMITH

A band plays at a previous year's "Bluegrass on (Lake) Beshear – Pickin' Life" music fest, located near Dawson Springs, Ky.

BY BLUEGRASS ON BESHEAR ORGANIZERS, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Co-sponsors Jeff and Laura Smith and the Knights of Columbus Blessed Trinity Council are delighted to announce that their annual one-day music fest to support pro-life crisis pregnancy centers will be held live this year - on Saturday, Oct. 9.

“We love using great music to bring people to-

gether, raise money and inform people about the life-saving work of our local pregnancy care centers,” said Laura Smith.

Since it began in 2014, “Bluegrass on Beshear” has raised more than \$81,000 to benefit Door of Hope (Madisonville), Alpha PCC (Hopkinsville) and H.O.P.E. Clinic (Benton and Eddyville).

“We had to cancel the live event in 2020 due to COVID-19 concerns, but we still raised \$24,054 for the pregnancy care centers,” said Laura Smith. “That was fantastic, but we missed the opportunity to gather people from our communities and spread the word about life-affirming alternatives to abortion. We’re so happy to get people together again this year.”

The pregnancy care centers are ecumenically faith-based. All services, including ultrasound imaging, counseling, parenting classes and baby supplies, are free to clients. The centers receive no government funding because if they did, the government - federal and state - would require them to refer clients for abortion. Instead, the centers are independent and they depend on generosity of citizens, businesses and churches to stay open.

“Bluegrass on (Lake) Beshear – Pickin’ Life”

will be held from 1-6 p.m. on Oct. 9 at 307 Island Cove Ln. near Dawson Springs, Ky.

Laura Smith said, “We’ll have five bands and a choir this year, featuring bluegrass, gospel, country and rock & roll music. Admission is free and we’ll help you park and get down to the stage. You can bring lawn chairs and a cooler, if you wish. We raise money through sponsorships, donations, food, drink and merchandise sales. We’ll also have a fun raffle with more than \$3,000 in prizes. Grand prize is \$500 cash. Other prizes include UK football and basketball tickets, lodging, food and recreation items. Check our website for early ticket sales, or you can purchase them the day of the event.”

This year, a benefactor has offered to match total donations up to \$12,000 so every donation or purchase will be doubled! Several local Knights of Columbus councils provide manpower to help put on the event. More information about the event and how to donate can be found on [www.bluegrassonbeshear.com](http://www.bluegrassonbeshear.com) and on [facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear](https://facebook.com/bluegrassonbeshear). 100% of every donation goes to the pregnancy care centers and all donations are tax deductible. ■

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and occasional social events will also be organized to support participants after the weekend.

If you are interested in learning more about the ministry and/or attending an online retreat, visit [www.lifegivingwounds.org](http://www.lifegivingwounds.org).

If you’re interested in helping launch this ministry here in our diocese, consider this your invitation. Please email [danny.may@pastoral.org](mailto:danny.may@pastoral.org) or call (270) 852-8336. We have one year to recruit a small team of volunteers, including a priest and a coun-

selor, preferably who are adult children of divorce themselves. ■

*Danny May is the director of the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Marriage & Family Life. Learn more at [owensborodiocese.org/office-of-marriage-family-life](http://owensborodiocese.org/office-of-marriage-family-life).*

# St. Anthony the Abbot fish fries renew community, raise funds



COURTESY OF TONY MEDLEY

The youth served as order runners at St. Anthony the Abbot Parish's fish fry. Their involvement guaranteed success.



COURTESY OF TONY MEDLEY

Jim Mercer, Luke Critchelow and Bobby Henning are three of the several volunteers who fried fish on Sept. 3, 2021.

BY TONY MEDLEY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Re-establishing a sense of community inspired the small, 200-family St. Anthony the Abbot Parish in the Axel/Rough River area to renew its summer fish fries.

For years, parish members hosted fish fries from Memorial Day to Labor Day every Friday, but as the volunteer force grew older it became more difficult to maintain that yearly momentum. So the difficult decision to cancel was made.

Fast forward 10 years, bring in three determined ladies to make it work, throw in a few dozen volunteers along with countless teenagers and a success story happened.

Gale Hinton, along with sisters Terry Lawson and Vicky Edelen, hatched this idea to revive the summer events in light of the COVID-19 cancella-

tions of the annual picnics in 2020 and 2021.

"The picnic is always a good social event for the parish and surrounding lake community," said Hinton. And the social aspect has been greatly missed.

"So it was a natural draw for us to do this," she said.

This was echoed strongly by Lawson and Edelen who felt the spirit of community was the most important element needed at this time. All three ladies noted the money raised would be a real plus in light of no picnic income.

"This was a good opportunity for the parish to bring everyone together and get more people involved," stated the new pastor, Fr. Shaiju Thomas.

"We needed 25 volunteers and 8-12 teenage runners each week," said Edelen. "This is what made it work."

Lawson stated, "Because all three of us had some

food service background, we knew fish fries were a natural for us and the parish. Besides, our folks have really missed these fish fries."

Having a carry-out only event would be a challenge for reviving the fellowship, but the volunteers could feel the spirit. With that, the final fish fry on Sept. 3 was heavily advertised and Dean Heckel, a Louisville musician, entertained. This encouraged a couple hundred patrons to enjoy the meal and music under the pavilion.

Parishioner Monica Jarboe feels these events were such a positive thing.

"We were just brought together, and have gotten to know some of the new parish members, which is what we needed," she said. "I want this to continue. I am such a people person, and I enjoy meeting others."

Several lake patrons commented about the spirit of the events. Stephanie Hix commented how much she has enjoyed coming back, and how much she missed the old fish fries. Bart Dye and Kathy Hold-erbaum of Louisville said, "Best price, great meal for a wonderful community event."

Dcn. Mike Wiedemer noted his goal was to bring people together because of the absence of picnics. Of course, "raising some money was in there too. And we went way beyond that because of contributions and the many volunteers," he said.

After a trial run, the last five events averaged 441 adult dinners, not including children's meals.

The team of Hinton, Lawson and Edelen know improvements can be made and are already planning for next summer.

Hinton noted she wasn't sure how it would shake out, but, "I was pleasantly surprised as to the volunteers and the outcome." ■

## Brescia University opens new exhibit showcasing late renowned Ursuline Sister

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Sept. 3, 2021, Brescia University in Owensboro hosted an opening reception for the commemorative art exhibit showcasing the art and teaching of the late Ursuline Sr. Mary Diane Taylor. Sr. Mary Diane died June 28, 2021, in her 69th year as an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph. She began serving as an art professor at Brescia in 1967 and retired 51 years later in 2018. In 2016, the administration building was renamed Bartholomy-Taylor Hall in her honor.

Sr. Amelia Stenger, congregational leader of the Ursuline Sisters, spoke about Sr. Mary Diane Taylor at the Sept. 3 opening night of an art exhibit. This is the first art exhibit in the C.E. Field Center for Professional Studies at Brescia, which opened in 2020. Fr. Hostetter said it was fitting that the exhibit honors Sr. Mary Diane for her years at Brescia, the Ursuline Sisters' long influence on the college, and for the many students Sr. Mary Diane taught. Some of her former students were on hand for the reception.

The exhibit is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and will run until Oct. 26. Sr. Mary Diane specialized in color theory, stained glass, tapestry, quilting, calligraphy, design, art history, and printmaking. ■



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH

Fr. Larry Hostetter, Brescia University president, (left), welcomes guests to a new art exhibit on Sept. 3. Brescia hosted an opening reception for the commemorative art exhibit showcasing the art and teaching of the late Ursuline Sr. Mary Diane Taylor. In the center is Jim Barr, a noted artist and former student of Sr. Mary Diane's. At right is David Stratton, professor of art at Brescia who brought the exhibit to fruition.

## Riley Greif joins Office of Communications

BY WKC STAFF

Riley Greif assumed the role of digital media specialist for the Office of Communications in the Diocese of Owensboro on Aug. 30, 2021, replacing Laura Rigby who left to pursue a new opportunity.

Greif is a December 2020 graduate from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green with a degree in broadcasting (emphasis on video production)/

digital advertising. She has been heavily involved with the St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center in Bowling Green. Prior to arriving at the Diocese of Owensboro, Greif worked as a media coordinator for St. Therese's Catholic Summer Camp in Wasilla, Alaska. ■



# MSJ alumnae return for reunion

BY MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH STAFF, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

After more than two years apart because of the COVID-19 pandemic, about 100 women who attended the Mount Saint Joseph Academy returned to Maple Mount on Aug. 29, 2021, for Alumnae Weekend. The festivities were held in the Mount Auditorium, which was decorated with a Mardi Gras theme. Classes who couldn't celebrate their significant anniversaries last year were invited to do so this year. The class of 1970 brought 11 people, while the class of 1971 had a dozen members. The agenda included a business meeting and a banquet.

Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Luisa Bickett received the Maple Leaf Award this year. Sr. Luisa received a standing ovation as she accepted her award. She was also the most senior graduate at the reunion. (She graduated from the Academy in 1947.) Sr. Luisa volunteered to be among the first Ursuline Sisters to minister in South America in 1965, serving there until 1983. From 1984-2011, she

served the Hispanic population in nearby Ohio County. Ever humble, Sr. Luisa said, "If you hang onto this life until you're 91, everyone will recognize you." ■



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH  
Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Luisa Bickett, (center), poses with her Maple Leaf Award and her nominator, Vickie Bickett Groce, (left), and Stephanie Warren, Alumnae Association president.



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH  
The fashion statement of the day at the Aug. 29 Mount Saint Joseph Academy Alumnae Weekend was a protective mask, but the class of 1970 was just happy they could finally celebrate their 50th reunion – a year late.

## Vatican to require vaccination proof or negative COVID-19 test

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – Visitors, tourists and employees who want to enter Vatican territory will be required beginning Oct. 1 to show proof of vaccination, recovery from the coronavirus or a negative COVID-19 test. The anti-COVID ordinance, which was approved by Pope Francis and signed by Cardinal Giuseppe Bertello, president of the commission in charge of Vatican City State, was released by the Vatican press office Sept. 20. The only exemption in the order is for people entering Vatican territory for the sole purpose of attending a liturgical celebration; in that case, they will have access only "for the time strictly necessary" for the liturgy and if they follow the health measures already in force: mandatory masking, temperature checks and social distancing. The ordinance did not specify whether the pope's weekly general audiences on Wednesdays or his midday recitation of the Angelus on Sundays would be treated like a liturgy or like entrance to the Vatican Museums, which has been requiring proof of vaccination for admittance since early August. Even with the vaccination proof, visitors undergo a temperature check before admittance and are required to keep a mask over their nose and mouth throughout the visit. The Vatican police, known as the gendarme, will be charged with checking the documentation. - *Catholic News Service* ■

## OCTOBER 2021 BULLETIN BOARD

**Please note:** The following program dates are subject to change or cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Post-abortion healing retreats for women and men

Come join us for a weekend of emotional healing and spiritual renewal. Rachel's Vineyard offers post-abortion healing retreats for women and men who are suffering from the lingering effects of abortion. Next retreat is October 8-10, 2021. Location: near Owensboro. For more information or to register, contact Rita: (270) 474-4707, [retreats@hopeafterabortionky.com](mailto:retreats@hopeafterabortionky.com), <http://hopeafterabortionky.com>.

### Belonging to Love: Prayer and Conversations" online Oct. 14

Do you want to deepen your experience of God's presence and action in your life? Consider joining in the prayer and conversations with Ursuline Sisters and spiritual directors from the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount, Ky. Over the past several months, we have created a sacred space to express our questions about prayer and longings for the Divine. We will continue this as we share in Lectio Divina with the Sunday reading and experience silent contemplative prayer together. These are free online Zoom presentations -- donations are appreciated. Our next program is on Thursday, Oct. 14 from 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m. CST. To register, call 270-229-0206 or email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or sign up online: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs/>. Save these dates for future Belonging programs: Nov. 11, Dec. 9.

### Stress in your marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even how to communicate this with their spouse. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Thousands of couples headed for

divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, or a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the October program beginning with a weekend on Oct 15, 2021 call the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Marriage and Family Life at (270) 683-1545 or visit the website at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

### Cursillo Secretariat Retreat schedule Oct. 16

Location: Charles Krampe Farm, 1564 Middle-Delaware Rd., Henderson, KY, 42420.

9 a.m. – Morning Prayer, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Feast Day

9:30 a.m. – Lectio Divina, Mark 10:35-45 (Oct. 17 Gospel Reading)

10 a.m. – DVD Matthew Kelly, The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality

11 a.m. – Break

11:15 a.m. – Mass

12 noon – Lunch

1 p.m. – Group Reunion

3 p.m. – Retreat Ends

To learn more, contact Fr. Tom Buckman, spiritual director for Cursillo of the Diocese of Owensboro, at [tom.buckman@pastoral.org](mailto:tom.buckman@pastoral.org).

### 31st Marian Congress Oct. 17

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, 2-4 p.m. St. Joseph Parish Center, 434 Church Ave., Bowling Green, KY, 42101. (270) 842.2525. Theme: Mary and Joseph Refuge Of Our Time. Presented by: Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM. Program: Confession & Reconciliation, Crowning of Mary Statue, Talk by Fr. Ricardo Pineda, CPM, Procession, Mass

### The Star in My Heart: Early Preparation for Christmas starts Nov. 14

"The Star in My Heart" will be an in-person five-week program of spiritual companionship. The program will use Joyce Rupp's *The Star in My Heart* as a "sacred text" to guide participants' prayer and reflection. Each week participants will read and pray with select pages from the book. The group will then meet from 4–5:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons for prayer and sharing about how the Incarnate Jesus of Christmas has been "made flesh" in our lives the previous week. Participants should plan to attend all five sessions, if possible, on Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Nov.

28, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, 4029 Frederica St., Owensboro. The cost of the spiritual companionship program is \$50. Participants will need to purchase in advance a copy of the book *The Star in My Heart* (available on Amazon and other book outlets). The program facilitator will be Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU, a certified spiritual director. To register, call 270-229-0206 or email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or sign up online: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/star-in-my-heart/>

### Padre Pio Relic Tour, Nov. 20-21

Save the date to view Padre Pio (Saint Pio of Pietrelcina) relics at St. Anthony Parish in Browns Valley/Utica, Nov. 20-21, 2021. More details to come soon! Tour hosted by the Saint Pio Foundation.

### Advent Retreat: Saying "Yes" with Mary on Dec. 11

Do you often begin Advent with good intentions to prepare spiritually for Christmas, only to lose those good intentions in the busy-ness of family, work, and the pressures of gift-giving? This Advent retreat from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11 offers an opportunity to put good intentions into practice. Take time out of this hectic season to reflect on the event that Christians believe changed history forever—God becoming human in the Incarnation of Jesus. Jesus' mother Mary will serve as our guide and companion for the day. The retreat will include reflections on the infancy narrative from the Gospel of Luke, beginning with Mary's invitation to say "YES" to God's call. With input sessions, quiet and embodied prayer, and small group sharing, retreatants will be encouraged to examine and apply to their own lives the virtues and attitudes of Mary: openness to the unexpected, courage, surrender, generosity, joy, willingness to endure hardship, and a serene peace that can only come from God. Retreatants will gather in the Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount. They will be led by Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU, and Maryann Joyce, director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. To register, call 270-229-0206 or email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or sign up online: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/advent-retreat/>

### A Scout is Reverent

The upcoming Religious Emblems Mass with Bishop

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Medley at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro will be determined soon. At this Mass, Bishop Medley confers the religious emblems that the youth have earned through the programs offered by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and by the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers. Now is the time to begin working toward earning these emblems. They include for Cub Scouts: Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei and for Boy Scouts: Ad altare Dei and Pope Pius XII and Light is Life (Eastern Catholic) and for Girl Scouts and others: God is Love, Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary the First Disciple, The Spirit Alive, and Missio. For an introduction to these and a presentation by the Catholic Committee on Scouting at your next meeting, please see the diocesan website's scouting page under Youth Ministry: <https://owensborodiocese.org/scouting/>.

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Rome

Mark your calendars for a 12-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome, Feb. 7-18, 2022 with Fr. Bruce Fogle, pastor at St. John the Evangelist in Paducah. The cost is \$4,799 per person and includes round-trip airfare from Nashville, land transportation, hotel, breakfast and dinner, airport taxes and surcharges, daily Mass, and a protection plan for medical. For more information, please contact Fr. Bruce at 270-554-3810 or [fr.bruce.fogle@comcast.net](mailto:fr.bruce.fogle@comcast.net).

### Free Natural Family Planning opportunity

Thanks to a partnership with the St. Augustine Institute, the Diocese of Owensboro is now offering FREE instruction in the Billings Method of NFP throughout 2021! This offer includes 5 sessions with one of our trained instructors and any Catholic married or engaged couple in our Diocese (where at least one spouse is a practicing Catholic) is eligible. Contact Martha Winn to begin today! 270-796-2972 or 270-791-9434.

### Book for trauma survivors

A message from the Office of Safe Environment: Liturgical Press has a book titled *You Have Set Us Free: Scriptural Reflections for Trauma Survivors*, by Kenneth W. Schmidt. It is a well-written book of spiritual reflections for trauma survivors. It pulls together Jesus's suffering, the pain of trauma survivors and the scriptures in a wonderful way. To learn more, contact the Office of Safe Environment at [owensborodiocese.org/safe](https://owensborodiocese.org/safe), or email Janice Hendricks at [janice.hendricks@pastoral.org](mailto:janice.hendricks@pastoral.org). The book may be purchased at <https://litpress.org/Products/4712/You-Have-Set-Us-Free>.



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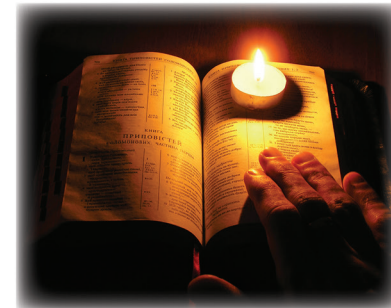
**Saturday, Oct. 16**

If you enjoy yarn spinning, weaving, rug hooking, knitting or crocheting, you are welcome to attend a getaway from **9 a.m.-5 p.m.** in the Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium. Experience the fun and fellowship of working on your projects in a peaceful setting.

\$20 fee includes lunch. To register: 270-229-0206  
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## Inner Peace in Divine Love: An Online Ignatian Retreat

**Saturdays Oct. 30 • Nov. 6 • Nov. 13  
Nov. 20 from 10-11:30 a.m.**

This virtual retreat program invites participants to pray daily with selected Scripture passages, reflect on where and how God is leading us through these texts and the events of daily life, and then meet once a week to share how God has been working. The cost is \$40 (with an additional fee for an optional spiritual direction session via Zoom). Participants should purchase a copy of the book *The First Spiritual Exercises* by Michael Hansen, S.J. The facilitator will be Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU, a certified spiritual director.

To register, call 270-229-0206, email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or online: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/inner-peace/>



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# What is a Missionary Disciple?

BY DR. JEFF ANDRINI, OFFICE OF  
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What word or phrase comes to mind when you think of a missionary? Perhaps, like me, you remember someone who visited your parish to share about their life as a missionary overseas or you've read about people who have given up their livelihood in the U.S. to serve those in need around the world. These are good examples of what a missionary can be, but Pope Francis has a more global definition when he says, "Every Christian is called to be a missionary, sharing the good news of salvation in Christ and making disciples for him."

We are each baptized into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and sent on mission! This mission is renewed at every Mass as we celebrate and receive the Eucharist and are literally, "sent forth" to share the love of God with a hurting world. When you and I are authentically touched by God's love, we are compelled to share this love with the world. It is not something we can keep to ourselves.

Missionary has many varied connotations, so let's consider another word that might help us understand our role as Missionary Disciples - and that word is "ambassador." You and I are ambassadors for God's Kingdom. Jesus initiated the reign or kingdom of God and left us the mission of making present his kingdom in and through our relationship with him. So, Ambassador (fill in your name), how well does your life show others that you are on Jesus's mission in the world to make present God's kingdom, by closely following Jesus in your daily life?

The word disciple comes from the Greek word "mathetes" which means "to be a learner, student or apprentice of the master." So we do what Jesus did. He spent time each day in union with his Father in prayer. He welcomed, loved and cared for those in need and he tried to show the essentials of making present God's kingdom by loving God first and your neighbor as yourself.

A disciple of Christ is a committed follower of the Person, Teaching, Values, and Lifestyle of Jesus. As Catholics, we have done a good job of learning our prayers, learning about God and our faith, and to a large extent, caring for the poor in our communities and around the world. However, have you and I been authentically touched by God's love?

In the Book of Revelation, Jesus states, "I stand at the door and knock." Jesus waits for us each day to open the door of our heart and lives to him. We need to respond to his invitation of love and receive him, so we can in turn embody and reflect his love to the world. This is what it means to be a missionary disciple and a Catholic. Let's find new and old ways to live this core mission of our Church together!

Peace in Christ,

Jeff ■

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### **Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

John & Riley Hess, 51  
John & Sylvia Morton, 55  
Steve & Gloria Baker, 51  
Ernie & Loueva Davis, 61

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

Jud & Karen Caldwell, 54  
Quentin & Ava Lomache, 10

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

Charles & Leslie Abbott, 25  
Christopher & Amanda Bowen, 10  
Larry & Phyllis Bumpus, 54  
Dwight & Diana Emerson, 57  
Thomas & Heather Jenkins, 25  
Dean & Mary Ann Jorgensen, 56  
Jerry & Roberta Phillips, 40  
Randall & Caren Sellars, 25  
Chris & Angel Tompson, 25  
Clifton & Rhonda Thompson, 25  
Ronald & Dretha Weddell, 54  
Soap & Sandy Wilson, 52

### **Holy Trinity, Morgantown**

Melvin & Mary Ann Bowles, 53

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

Kevin & Megan Jones, 10  
Ngey Reh & Lu Meh, 10  
Randy & Jennifer Tomas, 25  
Lawrence & Genia Hines, 25  
Stephen & MaryJo Ryan, 50

Fred & Karen Bolek, 50  
Charles & Mary Ann Wolfram, 52  
Leon & Sherry Volkert, 53

### **Immaculate Conception, Earlington**

Roger & Kathy Ordal, 50

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

John & Kindra Young, 5  
Chance & Janet Atherton, 25  
Joseph & Mary Jane Clark, 59  
Jerry & Virginia Harper, 55  
Charles & Linda Kamuf, 53  
Clinton & Marsha Terry, 51  
E. Edwin & Judy Logsdon, 50

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

Ray & Jane Garvin, 10  
J. C. & Mildred Higdon, 67  
Jim & Kathy Likens, 50  
Paul & Jill Mayfield, 10  
Kenneth G. & Lisa Millay, 40  
James P. & Sharon Reid, 51  
Joe & Ann Roth, 57  
Shane & Lori Russelburg, 10  
Lester & Helen Schaick, 72  
Adam & Lindsey Taucher, 10  
Helen & Joe Vinson, 10  
George L. & Anna Weldon, Jr., 65

### **Precious Blood, Owensboro**

Taylor & Kannetha Sturgeon, 10  
Gerald & Lucy Goetz, 53  
Larry & Patricia Murphy, 57  
Rosary Chapel, Paducah  
Felix & Patricia Akojie, 40

### **Sacred Heart, Russellville**

Kerry & Sharlet Beauregard, 58

Ryan & Sharon Fuller, 53  
Dennis & Diane Nieuwsma, 50

### **Sacred Heart, Waverly**

John & Cheryl Buckman, 50  
Donald & Ellen Buckman, 67

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

Larry & Kelly Taylor, 25

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

Mike & Brenda McCarty, 25  
Bob & Janette Warren, 64  
Danny & Jackie Glenn, 25

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

Austin & Dre Perkins, 10  
Michael & Rebecca Greenwell, 53  
Bobby & Mary Jane Watson, 53

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

Randall & Deborah Goatee, 52  
Robert & Nancy Grimsley, 40

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

Randolph & Judy White, 57  
Ervin & Coreen Moore, 57  
Milburn & Bernetta Higdon, 51  
James & Garnetta VanMeter, 51

### **St. Anthony the Abbot, Hardinsburg**

Francis & Sue Henning, 60  
Charles & Pat Bissinger, 56

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

Steve & Rita Haire, 51

### **St. Benedict, Wax**

James & Pam Alvey, 40

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

Clyde & Anita Cambron, 53  
Layman & Mary Hawkins, 56

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

John Paul & Lisa Clements, 25

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

Stuart & Lois Stephany, 61  
James & Mary Scott, 56  
Raymond & Rose Marie Smith, 57  
Kenneth & Rita Turner, 52  
Joseph & Ashley Smith, 5  
P. E. & Theresa Newman, 51  
Paul & Catherine Floyd, 60

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

Rick & Peggy Turner, 40

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

Michael & Sandra Thomas, 25  
Brian & Tammy Murphy, 25  
John & Jeanette Harms, 40  
Gary & Marilyn King, 50  
James & Betty O'Guinn, 50  
Clay & Karen Willett, 56  
Jack & Mary Ann Purcell, 63  
Terry & Hettie Wilson, 58  
John & Judy Willett, 51

### **St. John the Baptist, Fordsville**

Junior & Mary Roby, 55  
Joe & Eileen Fulkerson, 25

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

Michael & Judy Kaufman, 54  
Gerald & Pat Roof, 61  
Stephen & Amanda Wurth, 10  
Paul Louis & Martha Wurth, 61  
Paul & Alice Roof, 50  
Charles & Margaret Ballard, 61

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

Dennis & Sheila Durbin, 40  
Randall & Mary Lou Wilson, 53

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

Federico Pascual Fernández & Maribel González, 5  
Chad & Pamela Davidson, 25  
Carl & Janice Haas, 40  
Brian & Patricia Bour, 55

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**St. Joseph, Mayfield**

David & Barbara Koonce, 55  
Harold & Barbara Hayden, 66

**St. Lawrence, Philpot**

Coty Lee & Lora Johnson, 10  
Edward & Marcella Wethington, 56  
Leonard & Eva Howard, 52  
Bernard & Kathleen Wright, 64

**St. Leo, Murray**

Dan & Jane Blankenship, 50  
Michael & Kaye Kelly, 51  
John & Marie Clark, 60  
Alfred & Patricia Koehler, 64

**St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho**

David & Sandi Boswell, 52  
Larry & Ruth Oller, 52  
Roch & Karen Greenwell, 40

**St. Mark, Eddyville**

Michael & Lynn Jamieson, 50  
David & Ann Harkins, 56  
Joseph & Patricia Merimee, 56

**St. Mary, LaCenter**

Burlin & Jennifer Bower, 25  
John & Theresa Wilkins, 25

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

Mike & Brenda Moorman, 51

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

Val & Bernadine Payne, 60  
David & Martha Jennings, 59  
Shelby & Kay Howard, 55  
David & Rose Hamilton, 54  
Donnie & Paula Ward, 53  
Martin & Gwen Howard, 51  
Steve & Penny Knott, 40  
Bob & Ann Howard, 25  
Jeremy & Theresa Jackson, 10

**St. Michael, Sebree**

John & Brenda Badertscher, 58

**St. Paul, Leitchfield**

Frank & Catherine Gawarecki, 62  
Murrell & Ann Sims, 56  
Jerry & Kathleen Crawford, 50

**St. Paul, Princeton**

Norman & Cindy Jackson, 10  
Thomas & Martha Stewart, 57

**St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley**

Kenneth & Edie McKay, 54  
Robert & Mary Ann Alvey, 51

**St. Pius X, Calvert City**

Silas & Madeline Traylor, 5

**St. Pius X, Owensboro**

Thomas & Elizabeth Johnson, 56  
Joe & Jane Brand, 40

**St. Romuald, Hardinsburg**

Brad & Sarah Bruner, 40  
Jason & Julie Whitfill, 10  
David & Tammy Mattingly, 25  
Jamie & Michelle Simpson, 25  
Alvin & Margie Mattingly, 50  
John & Marcia Simmons, 56

**St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport**

Jason & Mary Roach, 10  
James & Gwan Bickett, 52  
John & Libby Popham, 64  
Bobby & Susan Hendricks, 25  
Joe & Marie Haycraft, 55

**St. Sebastian, Calhoun**

Daniel & Kellie Watkins, 10  
Charles & Faye May, 55

**St. Stephen, Cadiz**

Robert & Helen Vidmar, 57

**St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro**

Evan & Allie Riney, 5  
Tom & Jennifer Welch, 40  
Michael & Janice Scherm, 40  
Phillip & Pam Huff, 50

**St. Thomas More, Paducah**

Matt & Ivette Cope, 5  
Terry & Amanda Anderson, 10  
Ben & Jamie Von Bokel, 10  
Rob & Michelle Browning, 25  
Robert & Georgia Kelm, 63  
Kelly & Barbara Robinson, 63  
Bill & Marge Wurth, 58

Charles & Lynda Hatton, 56

**St. William, Knottsville**

Mark & Chelsie Johnson, 5  
Chris & Audrey Miller, 5  
Clint & Amy Lanham, 10  
Marvin & Josephine Boling, 57  
Martin R. & Clara Johnson, 51  
Claudie & Erma Millay, 69  
Frankie & Priscilla Haynes, 54

**Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro**

Matthew & Jordan Roth, 5  
Wesley & Maghan Fares, 10  
Sam & Cindy Murphy, 25  
Mark & Sherry Rickard, 25  
Shawn & Nikki Zoglmann, 25  
Tom & Angela Maxwell, 54  
Robert & Mary Helen Ward, 61

**Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville**

José & Rosa Cruz-Garcia, 10  
Bob & Laura Waldron, 52

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# Catholic school students bring faith into public square with rosary rally



COURTESY OF JO ANN MATHIESON

Students of John Paul II Catholic School in Morganfield display their rosaries during an outdoor rosary rally on Sept. 15, 2021. Students were permitted to remove their masks due to being outside.



COURTESY OF JO ANN MATHIESON

Students of John Paul II Catholic School in Morganfield pray the rosary downtown on Sept. 15, 2021.

BY JO ANN MATHIESON, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

This year, John Paul II Catholic School in Morganfield has scheduled a rosary rally each quarter. The entire school walks “downtown” – just a few blocks away – where they meet parents, grandparents, and community members in the outdoor auditorium by the Renaissance Center.

Beth Hendrickson, principal, said she got the idea after watching the movie “Pray” about Fr. Patrick Peyton. While she has always had a devotion to the Blessed Mother and the rosary, she felt renewed in this devotion and sees it as a way to not only build community but also allow the children some “outside time” and experience bringing faith into the public square.

While rain was predicted for their first rally, Hendrickson was not worried, and she put her request in early to Our Lady for good weather. And so, it was.

The event was low key but special. Two students began singing Immaculate Mary. There was a short personal testimony, and all prayed the rosary and went home.

Students could also take off their masks because they were outside and be joined by family and community. The next rally is scheduled for October, the month of the Holy Rosary. ■

*Jo Ann Mathieson is the assistant superintendent for the Diocese of Owensboro’s Catholic Schools Office. Learn more at [owensborodiocese.org/catholic-schools](https://www.owensborodiocese.org/catholic-schools).*

# Christ the King Catholic School learns to ‘plant seeds’

BY WKC STAFF

This year, Christ the King Catholic School in Madisonville has been holding their weekly school Masses outside under a tent. Masks are permitted to be removed due to being outdoors.

In these pictures, the school community attends Mass on Aug. 20, 2021, which featured the Gospel reading of planting seeds in soil or rocky ground. Pastor, Fr. Carl McCarthy, illustrated the Gospel with a bowl of rocks. ■



COURTESY OF JO ANN MATHIESON

The students, faculty and staff of Christ the King Catholic School in Madisonville celebrate outdoor Mass on Aug. 20, 2021.



COURTESY OF JO ANN MATHIESON

A student lector proclaims the Word during outdoor Mass at Christ the King Catholic School in Madisonville on Aug. 20, 2021.

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# Meet the new permanent deacons

**Editor's note:** On Sept. 11, 2021, Bishop William F. Medley ordained seven men to the permanent diaconate. Learn about them below. To find out more about the vocation to the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Owensboro, visit [owensborodiocese.org/permanent-diaconate](https://owensborodiocese.org/permanent-diaconate).

## Dcn. Frank Bosh

**Age:** 54

**Wife's name:** Jennifer

**Children's names:** Robert and Kimberly

**Home parish:** St. Patrick Parish, Morristown, Tenn.

**Occupation:** Hydro Technician IV (Crew Lead/Responsible Employee)

**Assigned parish:** St. Patrick Parish, Morristown, Tenn.

**His words:** "Working with the Brescia University professors, my brothers and their wives is a very binding bond we all share. Experiencing the generosity of the parish priests and deacons who gave of their time without meter to form us into useful tools for the mission of Christ. The yearly retreats are one of my and Jen's best memories of formation. I am being ordained for Knoxville, Tenn., as I was transferred by my employer to that location. It is only by an outpouring of love and kindness by Bishop Rick Sitka and Bishop William Medley that I am able to be ordained with my brothers in Owensboro. God bless them for such kindness."



into deacon formation, and I began to change. I started my journey because of God and his grace. I learned more and grew in my faith with every rite and did it for God through his grace. As an ordained deacon, I am now on my journey with God and his grace. Like always, grace provides, and grace still continues to provide."

## Dcn. Bill Clark

**Age:** 54

**Wife's name:** Lisa

**Children's names:** Andy, Katie and Benjamin

**Home parish:** St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah

**Occupation:** Environmental Science Specialist

**Assigned parish:** St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah

**His words:** "My favorite highlight of formation was when I went through the Rite of Acolyte. As I was going through the rite, I could really feel the Lord's presence. I knew in my heart that he was touching me and I was on the path that he was leading me. I had such a feeling of peace and joy that is hard for me to adequately express. Being an acolyte has been an important part of my formation in the diaconate. By serving as an acolyte at Mass, I learned so much that I need to know to perform the duties of a deacon. With Fr. Bruce Fogle's help, I have come farther than I would have ever dreamed possible when I started serving at Mass. What I look forward to the most about being a permanent deacon, is serving the people of St. John. This is what it means to me to be a deacon, to be a servant of God's people and helping them in any way that I can. This is my pledge to the people of St. John."



## Dcn. Tony Carmona

**Age:** 55

**Wife's name:** Ana

**Children's names:** Hannah, Daynah and Leannah

**Home parish:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Guthrie

**Occupation:** Retired Army veteran (served 23 years in the U.S. Army); currently working as a Knights of Columbus field agent for Kentucky and Tennessee

**Assigned parish:** St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Guthrie

**His words:** "During my formation, one of my favorite highlights was meeting the other men in formation. Over the years, we have grown to be friends and spiritually connected. My prayer has been for Christ to help me feel in my heart all that he speaks to me and help me understand the direction of where my faith is taking me. I now comprehend and accept discernment during formation as a continuous journey of my faith. I strived, and still strive, to be a mensch man with a foundation of faith to serve where needed. Formation has taught me that I will be on a lifelong journey of learning and serving with a servant's heart. In my life, there have been several defining moments, such as marriage, being a father, and joining the Army. It was a defining moment when I was accepted



## Dcn. T.J. Dennison

**Age:** 42

**Wife's name:** Kimberly

**Children's names:** Hattie

**Home parish:** St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield

**Occupation:** Currently employed by the Grayson County Property Valuation Administrator's Office, as well as by St. Joseph (Leitchfield) and St. John the Evangelist (Sunfish) Parishes as a pastoral associate

**Assigned parish:** St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield; and St. John the Evangelist Parish, Sunfish



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**His words:** "After ordination, I will continue my ministry as pastoral associate for St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist Parishes. In addition to several administrative responsibilities and assisting with the preparation and celebration of parish liturgies, I am also the coordinator of the RCIA and the director of all adult faith formation programs. I will also be providing pastoral care and support for individuals suffering from illness, grief, and spiritual crisis. Throughout my formation I have come to a deeper understanding of what the diaconate is all about. In 2021, the world is in tumult in so many ways. And we are sent into a world not of our own construct or wishful thinking, but a world in need of the healing touch of Christ himself. With the insight of the Holy Spirit, the heart of a servant, and deep humility, we can be attentive to these wounds and to the suffering of those around us. As deacons, we are called to walk with God's people by standing in their midst and listening attentively, lovingly, and seeking always to understand. This means a willingness to share in their joys and hopes, their doubts and fears, and their sorrows and anguish, giving special attention to those who are poor or afflicted in any way. In short, it is our mission to bind wounds with the salve of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the gaze of charity, and the tenderness of our genuine care."

## Dcn. Hal Jones

**Age:** 60

**Wife's name:** Lynn

**Children's names:** Eva Alicia, Helena Marie and Hanan Marshall

**Home parish:** St. Jude Parish, Clinton

**Occupation:** Farmer in Hickman County, Ky

**Assigned parish:** St. Jude Parish, Clinton; St. Edward Parish, Fulton; and Sacred Heart Parish, Hickman

**His words:** "I have taught and will continue to teach RCIA. I have performed this ministry with other members of our tri-parish team for 10 years. I am also the sacristan for St. Jude. I assume that I will preach on a rotation and assist with whatever other functions that arise in our parishes. I have most enjoyed getting to know the other deacon candidates over the last four and a half years. We have developed friendships that I look forward to enjoying for the rest of my life. Though difficult at times, I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to learn more about the Bible and the theology of our faith from the courses that we received from Brescia University. I have enjoyed the priests, professors and others who have assisted me in my coursework. I especially enjoyed our pre-ordination retreat that we attended at St. Meinrad, Ind. This was a blessed event and I encourage all in our diocese to take a retreat there. I look forward to being a deacon and helping to further Christ's kingdom through work with the community of believers."



## Dcn. John Knight

**Age:** 54

**Wife's name:** Elizabeth

**Children's names:** Matt and Kristen

**Home parish:** Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson

**Occupation:** IT Infrastructure Services Director, Old National Bank

**Assigned parish:** Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson

**His words:** "My favorite highlight of formation is the camaraderie that the seven of us gained in our formation meetings on the weekend at Mount Saint Joseph's and our weekly meetings online through the Brescia University academic program. As deacon candidates, we formed as a family during the past five years and I am looking at continuing to stay in contact with each other. At my parish, I look forward in helping my pastor and my Church in any way that the church needs. I look forward in helping with visiting the homebound, those in the hospital, nursing homes, and helping with the hospice ministry. In addition, I look forward in continuing to help with the RCIA team and beginning a group for morning prayer with the Liturgy of the Hours."



## Dcn. Gayle Rhodes

**Age:** 64

**Wife's name:** Ada

**Children's names:** Amanda, Michelle, Jennifer, Diana, Logan, Lauren and Jackson

**Home parish:** Grew up attending St. Lawrence Parish in Philpot; current home parish is Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro

**Occupation:** Physician specializing in Occupational and Environmental Medicine

**Assigned parish:** Christ the King Parish, Madisonville

**His words:** "A highlight of formation was getting to know a group of men who longed to serve God. We began with 14 and ended with seven but all contributed to my formation and discernment as a deacon. Another highlight was the academics which began with philosophy and the importance of developing a worldview and taking a stance on major issues based on an informed conscience. My favorite theology classes were the history of the Church and the monumental men and women who shaped it, and the study of the Bible; its origins, authors and historical settings. Understanding the history of the Church and knowing the stance of the Church on major issues in the modern world is important for the ministry of the deacon. The in-depth study of the Old and New Testaments brought the scriptures to life and instilled in me the desire to proclaim the word. Hopefully these studies will help me make the Church and scriptures that have been around for centuries relevant to our lives today. I look forward to getting to know the people of my assigned parish, ministering to their needs and walking the journey of faith with them." ■





# 'God put me at that hospital'

*Seminarian's summer as clinical pastoral intern showed strength in compassion*



FILE PHOTO  
Christopher Grief

BY CHRISTOPHER E. GRIEF, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Suffice it to say, spending the past summer nearly 1,000 miles away in the epicenter of the delta variant didn't sound too appealing to me. Sure it was Florida, known for good food, beaches, and sunny weather but in the middle of a pandemic? You have to be joking, right?

When I first began seminary some four years ago, I often heard harrowing stories by upperclassmen telling how their summers spent as chaplains in accredited hospitals were the most intense experiences they had ever encountered. I often thought to myself, "I spent five years as a city carrier for the USPS and another nine as a manager at a large retail chain; how hard could being a chaplain be?" Over the course of this summer, I found out just how emotionally, physically, and mentally draining it was.

According to the website of the ACPE (Association for Clinical Pastoral Education), clinical pastoral education (CPE) "brings theological students and ministers of all faiths into supervised encounters with persons in crisis. Out of an intense involvement with persons in need, and the feedback from peers and teachers, students develop a new awareness of

themselves as persons and of the needs of those to whom they minister."

Little did I know that I would be accepted to a hospital nearly 1,000 miles away from the diocese at the time of my application. You see, most programs were either full or not accepting applicants due to the current pandemic. Ultimately, I found myself in Tampa, Florida, where the delta variant was raging through the state.

***"She did not want prayer; she just wanted her last memory to be of a smiling face as she recounted her past. It wasn't too long after my being with her that she grinned and told me thank you as she peacefully passed."***

Spending 12 weeks there in the Level I trauma hospital enveloped me in some of the most intense and gut-wrenching scenarios I have ever encountered during my 35 years of living. There was much to learn, and in this summer internship, I engaged people from all walks of life, ages, and beliefs that allowed me to enter into each person's personal narrative. As I found out, chaplaincy is much more than prayer, but authentic relationships with persons/

families despite their beliefs. Through the gift of listening, I realized that my strengths lay in my compassion; advocating for patients and their families.

I recall holding the hand of a dying woman who had no family or friends to support her. She did not want prayer; she just wanted her last memory to be of a smiling face as she recounted her past. It wasn't too long after my being with her that she grinned and told me thank you as she peacefully passed.

While not every case was traumatic, I found my connection with people even more profound as I supported them. From holding a newborn baby girl to rushing alongside the bedside of a distressed teenager whose prognosis wasn't very good to holding the hand of a dying individual, I found God working in every step of my time there. It was indeed God who put me at the hospital, knowing what I would face and all that I would gain from it, even if it was 1,000 miles away from comfort. Overall, CPE provided me a unique skill set that was not only intense and demanding but awe-inspiring and rewarding as I ministered to people of all different backgrounds.

I remain thankful for this profound experience and look forward to seeing how it will continue to influence my ministry in the future. ■

*Christopher E. Grief is a seminarian in third year theology for the Diocese of Owensboro currently studying at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Ind. His home parish is St. John the Evangelist in Paducah.*

# Most precious mementos

*Mount Saint Joseph's rosary collection from sisters who have passed*

BY EDWARD WILSON, ARCHIVES

October is a month full of joyous celebration for Catholics. It is brimming with the feast days of several beloved saints such as St. Thérèse of Lisieux, St. Faustina, St. Teresa of Ávila, St. John of the Cross and St. John Paul II. What makes October even more joyous is that it is devoted, in its entirety, to the Holy Rosary.

Few things are as closely associated with religious sisters and nuns as their rosaries. Nearly any person explaining the attire of a stereotypical religious will include the rosary hanging from their cincture (the belt worn by religious.) Elizabeth Kuhns, author of "The Habit: A History of the Clothing of Catholic Nuns," highlights the rosary as one of the primary features of their garb. Over the years, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph have retained quite a few rosaries from sisters who have gone on to meet God in eternal glory. It is not necessarily a tradition of the Ursulines to preserve the rosaries of sisters who have passed; some of them are simply moved to do so.

One of the first experiences I had with this was about a year and a half ago. I was approached by one of the sisters. She told me that she had been put in charge of sorting out a deceased sister's things and had a deposit for the archives. What she handed me was the sister's old side rosary. That was it. It was a beautiful statement. After of lifetime of work for the Lord, the sister's body was put to rest



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH ARCHIVES

Pictured are three side rosaries that belonged to Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph from the Mount's collection. Left to right: Sr. Angela Marie Krampe I, OSU (7/25/1899-2/15/1930); Sr. Mary Uriel Logsdon, OSU (8/18/1872-9/30/1966); and Sr. Mary Lucy Mattingly, OSU (8/20/1908-5/25/2003).

and so too was her rosary.

This collection of rosaries is like a silent church. The memories of countless prayers rest heavy upon them and an undeniable sacredness looms in their presence. The names attached to the rosaries give an identity to the hands that once gripped them in prayer. Let us join together with the saints this

month and unite our prayers of the rosary with theirs until we meet to recite it together in the presence of God forever and ever. ■

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# Why deacons?

BY DCN. DALE DEPOYSTER, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Yes, gold really has a heartbeat, as any grandparent will testify. This photo depicts is one of my grandsons trying on my alb and although it appears a little frumpy, we thought it fit pretty well. The smile is always a perfect fit and it is a natural part of being a permanent deacon – or in my grandson’s case a future priest or deacon.

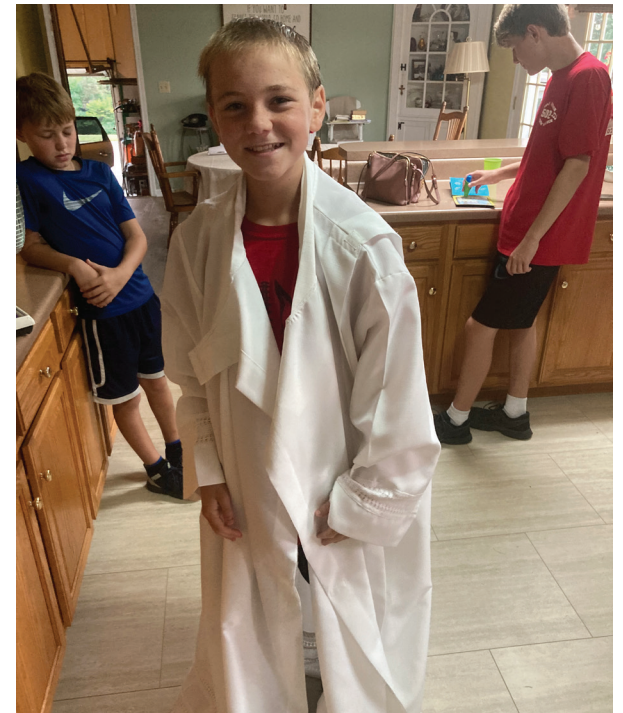
That is the unique role of the diaconate: the amazing influence you have in other people’s lives, especially within the family and in the local parish. It is not so much what you say as a deacon, but what people see in you as an ordained man. In most cases, he comes from his parish in which he has been a member for many years or possibly grew up. When the people see one of their own step forward to serve

Jesus and his Catholic Church, it is a positive testament to the man, his family, and the whole church community, but most of all to the Holy Spirit’s presence (without which would be impossible to be a deacon).

Have you ever thought about the diaconate? We are probably just like you in that we cut the grass, work a public job, raise our children and watch our grandchildren grow, and sometimes get a smile from the wife. Trust me, if you are fortunate enough to become a deacon, you are going to need a wife with a strong constitution and great faith, but then that is always the case in marriage.

Pray a lot and ponder much, and if you feel you are being called, make contact with Dcn. Tony Anthony, the president of the deacon advisory board for the Diocese of Owensboro, at [tony.anthony@pastoral.org](mailto:tony.anthony@pastoral.org). The Kingdom of God is at hand! ■

*Dcn. Dale DePoyster serves St. Joseph Parish in Leitchfield and St. John the Evangelist Parish in Sunfish.*



COURTESY OF DCN. DALE DEPOYSTER  
Evan Clan, grandson of Dcn. Dale DePoyster is a 13-year-old altar boy and football player. In this picture he tries on his grandfather’s diaconate alb.

# When you see one of our missionaries, say thanks!

BY DCN. CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Every year during the month of October, the universal Church calls for every Catholic to observe and to celebrate World Mission Sunday. In this special way, the Church tries to honor and remember men and women missionaries who have answered the call of bringing the Church, the love of Jesus Christ and the Gospel to every corner of the world. This year World Mission Sunday will be observed on Oct. 24, 2021.

After intensive years of training and formation,

every year dozens, if not hundreds, of Catholic missionary priests, religious, lay men and women from different religious orders, dioceses and institutions around the world leave their families – leave their own cultures – their own language and homeland – to answer God’s call to foreign missions. These also include those sent every year to more hostile areas of the world that sadly never make it back; those given the grace of the crown of martyrdom, having paid the ultimate sacrifice of their own lives for the sake of the Gospel.

Our own Diocese of Owensboro is one of

those lucky regions of the world that has been hugely blessed and cared for by God especially in the receiving end. It would do us all good especially during October to be reminded that there are so many parts of the world with isolated and impoverished Catholic communities starving for God in the Eucharist which do not have the luxury of seeing a priest come around but maybe only once or twice a year. In other places, families must walk for miles and miles to be able to get to a place where they can find a Mass. Yes! We have been blessed abundantly. In

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# Laity Sunday: Powered by the Holy Spirit and filled with faith

BY DCN. JAY W. VANHOOSIER, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

Oct. 10 is Laity Sunday. This is a day when many Christian denominations, including the Catholic Church, celebrate the ministry of all Christians as their lives are empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is a special time when the lay faithful are encouraged to take time to consider their varied God-given gifts for ministry – inside and outside the walls of the church building.

## **The laity plays a critical role in the Church today**

When the bishops deliberated at the Second Vatican Council, it became clear that the role of the laity needed serious attention and prayerful consideration. It was clear that the laity, the largest segment of the faithful, was not represented in an active nor participatory manner. What emerged from these deliberations was “Apostolicam Auctuositatem” (The Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity), – a beautiful

and inspiring document that highlighted the dignity and role of the laity in the Church and the world. The baptized laity is an essential dimension of the Body of Christ with special responsibility for family life and the evangelization of the secular world as “leaven, conscience, outreach and witness.”

## **The laity is called to be present and active in the world**

Lay people are sharers in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission of Jesus Christ by virtue of their baptism. Consequently, as Pope St. John Paul II stated in his 1988 apostolic exhortation “Christifideles laici,” “...for the lay faithful, to be present and active in the world is not only a [physical] reality, but in a specific way, a theological... reality as well”

Lay people are expected to strive to embody the teachings of the Church, and to share the gift of the Catholic faith. The laity should be active members of their parishes and their communities. They are

called to act as everyday ministers of the faith, living out the principles of Christianity and Catholicism to work, school, marketplace, home, and family. In short, they are to evangelize always.

## **Lay ministry: Evangelization**

Lay people are called by God. Being led by the Holy Spirit and the Gospel, the Catholic laity may contribute to the sanctification of the world – as from within, like leaven – by fulfilling their own particular routine duties. Thus, especially by the witness of their lives, imbued with faith, hope, and love, they must be the face of Christ to the world.

“Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.” – Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi ■

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our diocese we have sisters serving from Mexico, Vietnam, priests from India, different African nations, Asia and Latin-America. Yes! We have been blessed abundantly.

These are the great men and women, God’s missionaries, (“Ad-Gentes”; Latin for those who go “to all peoples/nations”), those who through often great pains gave their “yes!” And remember, while many of their faces and presence might seem at this point commonplace and familiar to many of us in our parishes and diocese, let us not take them for granted but keep in mind the

sacrifices they’ve made and appreciate the gift of their presence among us. These are the sisters and priests that do not get to go home on their day off. They also do not often get to hug their parents or siblings for birthdays. Often many of them not only have to worry about perfecting administration skills or their English by reducing their “foreign accent” for demanding audiences, but their hearts also ache and worry for love ones struggling in war zones or poverty back home.

Pope Francis in this year’s letter for World Mission Sunday says: “Today too Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the pe-

ripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion. He addresses this call to everyone, and in different ways. We can think of the peripheries all around us, in the heart of our cities or our own families.”

May God call more missionaries from amongst our families and also bless, protect all those giving their lives in our midst. ■

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# Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

## Sínodo: Un proceso espiritual de caminar juntos

Queridas hermanas y hermanos en Cristo,

En los últimos días del Concilio Vaticano II, el Papa San Pablo VI, tras observar los frutos de los diálogos y conversaciones de este histórico concilio, creó un Sínodo de Obispos permanente. Su intención era crear una estructura mediante la cual los obispos del mundo pudieran enviar representantes a una reunión convocada por el Papa para continuar el diálogo de la Iglesia en el cumplimiento de su misión. Desde entonces, se han convocado numerosos sínodos generales para estudiar temas como la justicia y la paz en el mundo, la Palabra de Dios, la Eucaristía, el sacerdocio, la vida religiosa, el matrimonio y la familia.

El Papa Francisco ha convocado formalmente un sínodo con un mandato mucho más amplio. El tema de este sínodo será la sinodalidad y se desarrollará en fases desde 2021 hasta 2023. Normalmente, los sínodos de los obispos representantes se han reunido después de una extensa preparación de dos a tres semanas de oraciones y conversaciones que han supuesto alguna consulta en las iglesias locales de todo el mundo.

¿Qué es la sinodalidad? El manual preparado por la Santa Sede para el próximo sínodo define la sinodalidad como la forma, el estilo y la estructura de la Iglesia. Literalmente, la palabra "sínodo" significa caminar juntos. Caminar juntos presupone conversación, diálogo y respeto. El manual continúa diciendo: "El proceso sinodal es, ante todo, un proceso espiritual. No es un ejercicio mecánico de recopilación de datos ni una serie de reuniones y debates. La escu-

cha sinodal está orientada al discernimiento".

El Papa Francisco convocará formalmente el sínodo en Roma el fin de semana del 9 y 10 de octubre de 2021. Ha pedido a todos los obispos locales que compartan en esa convocatoria el domingo, 17 de octubre. Celebraré y predicaré en la Misa de las 11 a.m. en la catedral de San Esteban para conmemorar nuestra celebración local.

Hay un proceso definido de conversación en las diócesis locales desde octubre de 2021 hasta abril de 2022. En ese momento la conversación continuará a nivel nacional, en Estados Unidos a través de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos. El sínodo continuará en Roma en el otoño de 2023.

En la Diócesis de Owensboro, se celebró un sínodo diocesano en 1991 que estableció la planificación y las prioridades para la Iglesia local. El proceso sinodal se empleó más recientemente en conversaciones regionales en previsión del Sínodo de Obispos sobre la Familia de 2014-2015. En 2018 se celebraron conversaciones similares cuando la Iglesia de los Estados Unidos se tambaleaba por las escandalosas revelaciones sobre la mala conducta del clero después de que se publicara el informe del gran jurado de Pensilvania y de que el Vaticano informara sobre la incapacidad de la Iglesia para actuar ante la mala conducta del ex cardenal Theodore McCarrick. Asimismo, un proceso sinodal impulsó el trabajo del V Encuentro para crear un plan de evangelización para los católicos hispanos/latinos.

La idea básica de la sinodalidad es el recono-

### CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY OCTUBRE DE 2021:

*Tengan en cuenta: Las siguientes fechas están sujetas a cambios o cancelaciones debido a la pandemia del COVID-19.*

<b>2 DE OCTUBRE</b>	2 p.m.   Confirmación - Parroquia San Francisco de Asís, Condado de Todd
<b>3 DE OCTUBRE</b>	9:30 a.m.   Misa en el Carmel Home - Owensboro 2 p.m.   Misa por el 75 aniversario del Monasterio Pasionista - Whitesville
<b>17 DE OCTUBRE</b>	11 a.m.   Misa de Apertura del Sínodo 2021-2023 - Catedral de San Esteban, Owensboro
<b>18 DE OCTUBRE</b>	10 a.m.   Reunión del Consejo de Personal Sacerdotal - Centro Católico McRaith (MCC), Owensboro 1:30 p.m.   Reunión del Consejo Sacerdotal - MCC Owensboro
<b>21 DE OCTUBRE</b>	9 a.m.   Desayuno con los sacerdotes mayores 3 p.m.   Reunión por Zoom con Sacerdotes
<b>23 DE OCTUBRE</b>	11 a.m.   Celebración del Jubileo de Religiosos - Parroquia San Martín, Rome
<b>24 DE OCTUBRE</b>	10 a.m.   Rito de candidatura para seminaristas - Parroquia San José, Bowling Green
<b>26 DE OCTUBRE</b>	10 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Horas de Oficina en Paducah
<b>28-29 DE OCTUBRE</b>	Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de la Universidad de Brescia
<b>30 DE OCTUBRE</b>	1:30 p.m.   Primera Profesión de Votos - Monasterio Pasionista, Whitesville

cimiento de que la gracia del bautismo nos hace parte del cuerpo de la Iglesia y, por lo tanto, responsable de su vida y misión. Significa que todo el Pueblo de Dios, por su bautismo, está llamado a ser protagonista, a participar en el discernimiento. En una Iglesia jerárquica, esa responsabilidad compartida exige formas regulares, serias y estructurales de escucha de todos los miembros de la Iglesia, en particular

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de aquellos que por diversas razones se encuentran en los márgenes. Esto no debe confundirse, advierte el Papa Francisco, con someter las decisiones a votación como si un sínodo fuera un parlamento democrático.

Se dará mucha más información sobre cómo implementaremos el sínodo sobre la sinodalidad en nuestra diócesis. En este momento, invito a todos los fieles a unir nuestras oraciones a las del Papa Francisco para que el Espíritu Santo nos guíe en nuestro camino. ■

Atentamente en Cristo,



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



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## ¿La pandemia te ha causado estrés?



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# La Escuela Interparroquial San José abre el laboratorio STREAM

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Este es el primer año completo del nuevo laboratorio STREAM en la Escuela Interparroquial San José en Bowling Green. STREAM (por sus siglas en inglés) significa Ciencia, Tecnología, Religión, Ingeniería, Arte y Matemáticas.

El laboratorio está supervisado por Rita Larimore, que ha enseñado en la escuela durante los últimos 32 años. El laboratorio se ofrece para los grados 2-5.

STREAM fomenta "la creatividad, la resolución

de problemas...ayudándoles a pensar de forma diferente", dice Larimore. Al elaborar su plan de estudios, se pregunta: "¿Qué despertará su creatividad?"

Dijo que los estudiantes modernos están acostumbrados a la simple memorización como forma de aprendizaje, y las iniciativas de STREAM, en cambio, ayudan a cambiar esa mentalidad trabajando a través de problemas y preguntas.

"Gran parte de esto es (desarrollar) la confianza en sus respuestas", dijo Larimore.

"Aquí no hay presión", dijo. "Esto no es un recreo, sino un lugar para aprender y divertirse". ■



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Rita Larimore visita a un grupo de sus alumnos de quinto grado que trabajan en un proyecto en el laboratorio STREAM de la Escuela Interparroquial San José en Bowling Green el 8 de septiembre de 2021.

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# Riley Greif se incorpora a la Oficina de Comunicaciones



CORTESÍA DE RILEY GREIF  
Riley Greif.

POR EL PERSONAL DEL CATÓLICO DE  
KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Riley Greif asumió el papel de especialista en medios digitales para la Oficina de Comunicaciones de la Diócesis de Owensboro el 30 de agosto de 2021, sustituyendo a Laura Rigsby que se fue para buscar una nueva oportunidad.

Greif se graduó en diciembre de 2020 de la Universidad de Western Kentucky en Bowling Green con un título en comunicación (con un énfasis en la producción de vídeo)/publicidad digital. Ha estado muy involucrada con el Centro Newman Santo Tomás de Aquino en Bowling Green. Antes de llegar a la Diócesis de Owensboro, Greif trabajó como coordinadora de medios de comunicación para el Campamento Católico de Verano de Santa Teresa en Wasilla, Alaska. ■

## La experiencia de un seminarista como capellán de hospital ha sido impresionante y gratificante

Este verano, el seminarista Christopher Grief participó en su formación pastoral clínica en un hospital de Tampa, Florida. Esta es una parte necesaria de la formación de los seminaristas, ya que los sacerdotes a menudo proporcionan apoyo y administran los sacramentos a los enfermos y moribundos.

Escribió: "Pasar 12 semanas allí en el hospital de Trauma 1 me envolvió en algunos de los escenarios más intensos y desgarradores que he encontrado en mis 35 años de vida. Había mucho que aprender, y en estas prácticas de verano me relacioné con personas de todas las clases sociales, edades y creencias que me permitieron entrar en la narrativa personal de cada persona. Como descubrí, la capellanía es mucho más que rezar, sino que es una relación auténtica con las personas/familias a pesar de sus creencias. A través del don de la escucha, me di cuenta de que mis puntos fuertes residían en mi compasión; abogar por los pacientes y sus familias".

Dijo que la experiencia le proporcionó un conjunto de habilidades único "que no sólo fue intenso y exigente, sino asombroso y gratificante, ya que atendí a personas de todos los orígenes".

"Sigo agradecido por esta profunda experiencia y espero ver cómo seguirá influyendo en mi ministerio en el futuro", dijo. ■



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Christopher Grief.