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A Word From Bishop Medley

All Saints Day and the Universal Call to Holiness

The Solemnity of All Saints, which we celebrate on Monday, Nov. 1, should give us great hope! The saints show us that despite what we might think, holiness is possible for everyone. The saints we celebrate are not just symbols or unrelatable beings. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All of them were real people who lived real lives on this earth. They experienced the daily toil of living, including the successes and the failures, the joys and the sorrows, the pain and the celebration. They were all ordinary human beings – ordinary human beings who sometimes did extraordinary things but mostly who did ordinary things with extraordinary love. They were open to God working in them and through them.

men gentium.” This Second Vatican Council document was issued on Nov. 21, 1964 by Pope Paul VI after the bishops who were assembled at the Council approved it by a vote of 2,151 to 5. It is one of our greatest treasures in that it reminds us what the Church has always believed and taught: we are all called to holiness; we are all called to be saints.

“... in the Church, everyone whether belonging to the hierarchy, or being cared for by it, is called to holiness . . . This holiness of the Church is unceasingly manifested, and must be manifested, in the fruits of grace which the Spirit produces in the faithful; it is expressed in many ways in individuals, who in their walk of life, tend toward the perfection of charity.” (Lumen gentium, 39)

All people – women, men, young, old, pope, bishop, businesspeople, legislators, those with no money and those with immense wealth – every person in every place and in every time, is called to live a life of holiness. As Pope Francis told us in his Nov. 1, 2019 Angelus address, “holiness is the common vocation of the disciples of Christ.”

While holiness can be lived in a monastery, for most people it will be lived by changing diapers, driving the kids to school, dealing with teenage angst, paying bills, repairing a broken car or a leaky roof, experiencing sickness and deaths, growing in relationships, and struggling with faith. It is in these places that we live and it is in these places that we are called to be holy.

Because we are all different, holiness will look different for each of us. What we share in common

The point of All Saints Day is that we celebrate those who have won the race, who have kept the faith and who have done

what every single one of us is longing to do: to see the face of God.

Fifty-seven years ago this month, Pope Paul VI promulgated the document, “Lu-



BISHOP MEDLEY'S CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2021

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

NOV 1	12:05 p.m. Mass – St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro 1:45 p.m. School Mass – Owensboro Catholic Middle School, Owensboro
NOV 10	8:30 a.m. Diocesan Finance Council Meeting – McRaith Catholic Center, Owensboro 6 p.m. Confirmation – St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg
NOV 11	10 a.m. Presbyteral Day – Brescia University, Owensboro
NOV 14-18	USCCB General Meeting – Baltimore, Md.
NOV 21	9:30 a.m. Mass in the Presence of Relics of Padre Pio (St. Pio of Pietrelcina) – St. Anthony Parish, Browns Valley
NOV 22	10 a.m. Advent Presentation – Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount
NOV 23	10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Paducah Office

with one another and with all the saints in heaven is the way in which we seek to live our call to holiness – by trying in every moment to cooperate with God’s will and to allow God to act through our words and deeds. We live out the call to holiness by serving our neighbors with great love and giving glory to God in everything. The saints teach us that to see the face of God for all eternity means to have seen the face of God in our brothers and sisters here and now. We are called to be saints in this moment and in this place by choosing love over and over again.

As Pope Francis said in that same November 2019 Angelus address, “the memory of the Saints leads us to raise our eyes to Heaven: not to forget the realities of the earth, but to face them with greater courage, with more hope.”

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Saints are glimpses of what God is like and what we are called to be. The saints show us that holiness is achievable but that it is not achieved in isolation. Living a life of holiness is only possible with the grace of God and our free response to it. God does not call us to something that he will not help us achieve.

In celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints, we celebrate all of those individuals who have been officially recognized by the Church as saints. But we also celebrate all those whose names will never be on a holy card and who will never be named the patron of any cause. And we are filled with hope because they

witness to us that holiness, being a saint, is not inaccessible to us. Holiness is the beautiful destiny that God intends for everyone. ■

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend William F. Medley
Diocese of Owensboro

‘Talking to someone, going outside and avoiding the news’ Self-care tips for survivors amid McCarrick trial headlines

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

With former U.S. cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick back in national news as he faces criminal charges for the sexual assault of a minor, a local therapist and a pastoral assistance coordinator want survivors to know they are not alone.

Seeing or hearing about something that reminds a person of past trauma experiences “can cause us to relive those moments,” said Jennifer Francis-Gehring, a therapist with New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services, which is based in Owensboro.

This pain may be intensified due to the isolation and various challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, said Louanne Payne, the pastoral assistance coordinator (PAC) for the diocese, who is the person on the other end of the confidential phone line – available 24/7 – receiving any reports of sexual abuse at the hands of anyone serving the Church.

(This position is also known as the victim assistance coordinator, or VAC, in other dioceses and archdioceses.)

“Because of the pandemic, we are constantly be-

ing told it is not safe,” said Francis-Gehring. And “if I do not feel safe, I cannot learn; I cannot heal.”

Over the years, she and Payne have collaborated on several initiatives to support survivors of clerical sexual abuse. On Sept. 29, 2021, the two sat down with The Western Kentucky Catholic to discuss coping strategies for survivors and to offer the reminder that they are both available to listen to anybody’s story.

Cause and effects

In 2018, the Archdiocese of New York determined that an allegation that then-Cardinal McCarrick had abused a teenager in 1971 was “credible and substantiated,” leading to his dismissal from the clerical state in 2019. An investigation revealed that the high-ranking cleric had abused multiple children as well as seminarians.

McCarrick disappeared from public view for a time, only to return when news broke that he was facing three counts of sexually assaulting a teenager in Massachusetts in the 1970s. This case is the first time McCarrick has faced criminal charges for



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In this file photo from Jan. 9, 2019, Jennifer Francis-Gehring (left), of New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services in Owensboro, stands with Louanne Payne (right), of the Diocese of Owensboro.

assault of a minor, due to statute of limitations laws in Massachusetts that permitted authorities to file charges.

Francis-Gehring explained that people may experience a variety of feelings when topics like this come up in the news.

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“People might have difficulty sleeping, difficulty in regulating their emotions, difficulty with self-care,” she said. “There might also be people experiencing grief, shame and guilt of ‘I never spoke up.’”

Payne said grief may also be experienced by “people who aren’t survivors themselves, but who are grieving their Church,” or the “death” of the image of a Church leader who was discovered to have committed abuse.

Francis-Gehring said a grief may also be felt by “those who are not perpetrators, who are left to pick up the pieces and rebuild that trust to the extent that they can.”

Adding to that is the reality that thanks to the pandemic, society in general is feeling “more depressed, anxious, unsettled, nervous, heaviness, stress, and overwhelmed,” she said.

Ways to cope

Francis-Gehring highlighted a number of self-care options when triggering circumstances – like the pandemic, or trending news items about the topic of abuse – threaten to steal a person’s peace.

“Try to avoid the news as much as possible,” she said. “Try to limit your exposure to the news as best you can.”

She said it is helpful to “have someone you trust who you can talk with be it a beloved family member, a beloved friend, a beloved priest, a therapist...” but explained that it is important to know “who to share your story with. Not everyone has the right to hear your story and the capacity to hear your story.”

Some of Francis-Gehring’s other suggestions were “going out into nature and the sunshine, fresh air, nutritious food, talking to someone, physical movement, creating playlists of music that bring joy to yourself, adult coloring books and maybe even

praying while coloring, saying prayers, playing an instrument...”

Francis-Gehring said coping skills that work for one person may not work for another, and that even Googling “coping skills” could help a person find what fits best.

“Or, if you even want to just go and sit in the quietness of a church,” she said, suggesting that a person could find out if their local parish keeps the church unlocked for quiet personal prayer during the daytime.

Francis-Gehring emphasized that even those who are not abuse survivors, but are the people who get to hear someone’s story – such as the loved one of a survivor – “must take care of themselves.”

“If we don’t, we too can start to have PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) symptoms,” she said. “We need to do the coping skills, too.”

A phone call away

Payne said she is glad the diocese has a live person available 24/7 to answer the phone number for reporting abuse allegations.

When a survivor feels that they are being heard, “it’s life-changing,” she said. Therefore, “the first thing you have to do is listen. You have to let them know they are being heard.”

New Beginnings also has a 24/7 hotline, “so that people can reach out anytime they need to,” said Francis-Gehring, adding that she has even been awakened by a call at 3 a.m.

“In working with survivors we want them to know that ‘you are hearing me and seeing me for who I am,’” she said.

Payne said it is encouraging “to know how the last five years have been handled (by the Church) better than the past 20 years.”

She said she appreciates how Bishop William F. Medley makes himself available to meet with people, citing his town hall meetings held across the diocese after the 2018 news broke about McCarrick. The diocese and New Beginnings have also worked together in previous years to offer group therapy and support groups for survivors.

“When we know better, we do better,” said Payne. ■

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Resources

- **CredibleMind:**
healthymind.crediblemind.com
- **National Sexual Assault Hotline:** 1-800-656-4673,
<https://www.rainn.org/>
- **New Beginnings Sexual Assault Support Services:** 1-800-226-7273,
<https://nbowensboro.org/>
- **National Suicide Hotline:**
1-800-273-8255
- **River Valley Behavioral Health Crisis Line/ Mobile Crisis Unit:**
1-800-433-7291

Passionist nuns celebrate 75 years within diocese



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(Left) Fr. Lou Caporiccio, CPM, chaplain of St. Joseph Monastery, blesses the faithful with a relic of St. John of the Cross during the Oct. 3, 2021 Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving for 75 Years in the Diocese of Owensboro. (Right) Sr. Miriam Esther Krauskopf, CP, sings with her Passionist sisters during the Oct. 3, 2021 Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving for 75 Years in the Diocese of Owensboro.

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

In the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, the chapel of St. Joseph Monastery in Whitesville, home to a community of cloistered Passionist nuns, held a celebration in thanksgiving for 75 years in the Diocese of Owensboro.

In October 1946 – 75 years ago – five Passionist nuns were sent to the Diocese of Owensboro, where their first monastery in the diocese was established within the city of Owensboro. Twenty-five years ago, in December 1995, the nuns (then numbering 18) relocated to their current monastery home in

Whitesville.

The 2 p.m. Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated by Fr. Lou Caporiccio, CPM, the community's current chaplain. The homily was given by Fr. Ray Clark, the community's former chaplain.

(Bishop William F. Medley was originally going to preside at the Mass, but was unable to do so due to being sick.)

Mother John Mary Read, CP, mother superior of the community, proclaimed the First Reading; and Sr. Frances Marie Wenke, CP, proclaimed the Second Reading. The Gospel was proclaimed by Dcn. Bruce Sullivan of the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Three seminarians served the Mass: Christopher French and Hunter LeBlanc, both of the Diocese of Owensboro; and Dennis Trickey of the Diocese of Springfield.

Ronnie Mayfield, monastery maintenance supervisor, and Mike Roby, a Passionist Oblate, volunteer and daily Mass server, served as ushers for the liturgy.

The gifts were brought forward in the offertory procession by Sr. Mary Elizabeth Sauer, CP, the community's eldest nun and closest link to their departed foundresses; Sr. Miriam Esther Krauskopf, CP, the community's youngest nun and symbol of the future of Passionist contemplative life within the diocese; Patsy Mayfield, mayor of Whitesville; Sarah Steele Edge, representing all who support the Passionists through time, talent and treasure; and Gene Boehmann, a Passionist Oblate.

"We are celebrating our firm foundation," Sr. Miriam Esther told The Western Kentucky Catholic after the Mass. "This is an amazing group of women."

Sr. Maria Faustina Carmichael, CP, agreed, saying that "joyful and faithful women built the foundation of this community."

Mother John Mary said that it was a "privilege to be a part of this lineage of Passionist nuns in this monastery. We are so grateful for our past sisters and we ask people to pray for us to be faithful. We are here for God and this diocese – not for ourselves."

Sr. Mary Andrea Niehaus, CP, reflected that "it is amazing to be celebrating 75 years and to be a part of this," while Sr. Mary Elizabeth added that "we owe so much to all these sisters." ■

Opening a path

Holy Name minister awarded for civic contributions empowering local Latinos

BY ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

On Sept. 15, the director of Hispanic ministry at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson received an honor from the Mexican government for his work with Mexican nationals living in the United States.

Abraham Brown, who has dual citizenship in the United States and Mexico, was presented with the Ohtli award by Luis Franco, the Consul General of Mexico in Indianapolis; and Lloyd Winnecke, the mayor of Evansville, Ind., during a celebration kicking off National Hispanic Heritage Month (which takes place annually from Sept. 15-Oct. 15) at the Old National Events Plaza in Evansville.

Besides serving in Hispanic ministry, Brown is a local Latino community leader in the Henderson and Evansville area, and is known for promoting inclusion and community involvement for Latinos.

According to nmshsa.org, (the website of the National Migrant & Seasonal Head Start Association), the Ohtli award is named for the Nahuatl word “ohtli” meaning “path” – alluding to the idea of opening a path for others. The award is administered by the Mexican Secretariat of Foreign Affairs and has been given annually by individual consulates, since 1996.

“The Ohtli Award recognizes individuals who have aided, empowered, or positively affected the lives of Mexican nationals in the United States and other countries,” stated nmshsa.org.

Brown told The Western Kentucky Catholic in an Oct. 14 phone conversation that he was “humbled” to receive the award.

“I feel this has been my calling,” he said of his work of empowering Latinos. “What I’m doing right now with my community gives me that peace and happiness that nothing else could.”

He said that being awarded for “something I enjoy is just the cherry on top.”

“When I accepted the award, I wanted people to know that this was not just Abraham Brown doing this, but Abraham Brown with hundreds of people and the support of hundreds of agencies wanting to help make things better for Latinos,” said Brown.

He credited Holy Name of Jesus and the diocese for being supportive of his initiatives over the years, and said the diocese is a leader in Hispanic/Latino ministry.

“A lot of people have lots of obstacles (in this ministry),” he said, “but I’ve been very blessed at Holy Name.”

He offered some advice to his fellow Hispanic/Latino ministers, who might feel that their work is an uphill battle.

“Enjoy what you are doing; don’t feel discouraged; work as a team,” he said. “Be the best you can at what you do. Offering your best to someone is offering Christ to the people. Because this is not for you – this is for the community.” ■



COURTESY OF DCN. CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ
Abraham Brown, director of Hispanic ministry at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson, receives the Ohtli award from Luis Franco, the Consul General of Mexico in Indianapolis, on Sept. 15, 2021.



COURTESY OF DCN. CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ
Dcn. Chris Gutiérrez, director of the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Hispanic/Latino Ministry, with Abraham Brown, director of Hispanic ministry at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson, after Brown received the Ohtli award on Sept. 15, 2021.

Bishop Medley opens local observance of 2021-2023 synod

BY WKC STAFF - On Oct. 17, 2021, Bishop William F. Medley presided at a Mass at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro for the local observance of the opening of the 2021-2023 synod, whose theme is "synodality." In his homily, the bishop said the word "synod" comes from "an ancient Greek word meaning 'to walk together; to journey together.'" Synods "are an ancient part of the Church from the times of the apostles," said Bishop Medley, explaining that synods and councils date from the first century of the Catholic Church's existence. He said Jesus created a hierarchical Church, "but it was never meant that that hierarchical Church exclude ministry of all the baptized – as we hear in the Gospel today," he said, citing Mark 10:35-45 in which Christ stated that he came to serve, and not to be served. He explained that the synod being initiated will continue for two years: "The way the pope is defining this is, we're beginning the synod on the local level, and it will move up the ladder rather than down the ladder until 2023." "Each of us – not just priests and bishops and sisters who go out into the mission fields of the world – every single person is called to 'go therefore, and teach all nations, teaching them all that I've given you and baptizing them,'" said Bishop Medley, referencing Matt. 28:19-20. A full recording of the Mass can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/StStephenCathedral/videos/869902613668082>. ■

Volunteers requested for Afghan parolees in KY

BY WKC STAFF - Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Owensboro is partnering with the International Center of Kentucky to welcome 300 Afghan arrivals into western Kentucky as their new home. Afghan families and individuals will be resettled in the Bowling Green and Owensboro areas. For

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the Bowling Green area, if individuals or their parish would like to volunteer, they can visit <https://www.icofky.com/info>, and/or to donate items, view the list at <https://www.icofky.com/afghan-donation-page>. Items are donated to the International Center in Bowling Green, 806 Kenton St. Owensboro area parishes have been asked to collect boys' and men's clothing of all sizes up to an adult large for arriving Afghans. For more information, contact Heather Owens at hlucyowens@gmail.com or (540) 849-0479, or Catholic Charities at (270) 683-1545. ■

Pope shares survivor's letter pleading for clergy to face truth of abuse

VATICAN CITY (CNS) - An adult survivor of abuse by a priest appealed to the world's seminarians to become good priests and to make sure the "bitter truth" always prevails, not silence about scandals and their cover-up. "Please, do not sweep things under the carpet, because then they start to stink, putrefy, and the rug itself will rot away. ... Let us realize that if we hide these facts, when we keep our mouths shut, we hide the filth and we thus become a collaborator," said the survivor in a letter sent to Pope Francis and addressed to all seminarians. To live in the truth is to follow the example of Jesus Christ, who never closed his eyes to sin or the sinner, but who "lived the truth with love ... (who) indicated the sin and the sinner with bitter love," the letter said. The letter, written in Italian, had been sent to Pope Francis, who then requested it be made public with the author's identity withheld, according to the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, which republished the

text of the letter on its website Oct. 18. The commission's president, U.S. Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, said, "During this time of renewal and pastoral conversion in which the church is facing the scandal and wounds of sexual abuse inflicted everywhere upon so many children of God, our Holy Father received from a survivor a courageous testimony offered to all seminarians." ■

Bishops call attacks on U.S. Catholic sites 'acts of hate' that must stop

WASHINGTON (CNS) – The Oct. 10 vandalism of Denver's cathedral basilica that resulted in satanic and other "hateful graffiti" being scrawled on its doors and at least one statue brought to 100 the number of incidents of arson, vandalism and other destruction that have taken place at Catholic sites across the United States since May 2020. That month the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty began tracking such incidents, according to an Oct. 14 USCCB news release. "These incidents of vandalism have ranged from the tragic to the obscene, from the transparent to the inexplicable," the chairmen of the USCCB's religious liberty and domestic policy committees said in a joint statement included in the release. "There remains much we do not know about this phenomenon, but at a minimum, they underscore that our society is in sore need of God's grace," they said, calling on the nation's elected officials "to step forward and condemn these attacks. In all cases, we must reach out to the perpetrators with prayer and forgiveness," said Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, chairman of the Committee for Religious Liberty, and Archbishop Paul S. Coakley of Oklahoma City, chairman of the Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development. "Where the motive was retribution for some past fault of ours, we must reconcile; where misunderstanding of our teachings has caused anger toward us, we must offer clarity; but this destruction must stop. This is not the way," they said. ■

St. Leo Parish recognized by City of Murray

BY SHAWN TOUNEY, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

St. Leo Parish in Murray was recently presented with the Beautification Award from the City of Murray for the month of September.

The parish, particularly its striking bell tower and well-maintained landscaping on the parish grounds, is highly visible along 12th Street (U.S. 641), the main north/south thoroughfare through Murray. St. Leo is the only Catholic church in Calloway County.

“St. Leo Church, built by the Catholic community and John Clark Construction Co. Inc., is an icon of Murray as people drive into town,” said Fr. Joshua McCarty, St. Leo’s pastor. “The parish offers a beautiful sacred space for the church to welcome new members through baptism and to say farewell to others at the funeral Mass, and supports everyone else in between. We are especially appreciative of the work of John Krieb, Chris Clark, Rob Stanfa at Rolling Hills Nursery, and the numerous other people who offer a hand.”

The parish’s history in Murray dates back to 1933 with the establishment of a Civilian Conservation Camp in Murray. Before the existence of this camp, Catholics in the area had to go to Mass in Fancy Farm or Mayfield in Graves County. When the camp pavilion’s roof was destroyed sometime after 1937, the congregation was invited to the home of Harry Fenton at 602 Olive St. in Murray where Sunday Mass was held for the next two and a half years. As the size of the Catholic congregation grew, due in part to a Navy program at Murray State Teachers College during World War II, it outgrew the Fenton

home and Mass was moved onto the Murray State campus. John Resig is the oldest living member of St. Leo’s and he came to Murray through the Navy program; while in Murray he met and later married Fenton’s daughter Claire. They lived in Murray ever since the War ended.

Fenton and other church leaders were involved in the purchase of land fronted by a dirt road which later became 12th Street. The first Catholic church building in Murray was built there and dedicated in the fall of 1943. That building served the church until 1963 when the current church building was constructed just north of the first church and it served about 80 families.

As the number of parishioners continued to increase in the decades that followed, by 2004 momentum had grown to explore future parish needs and growth expectations. This needs assessment was initiated by Fr. Mike Williams and directed by John Mitchell, a parish leader at the time. During the initial steps, a feasibility study led by the parish’s fundraising consultant indicated that, due to the small number of large gifts expected, it was likely that the parish would only be able to raise between \$650,000 and \$750,000, well short of the anticipated project cost. The daunting task of raising funds among the parishioners did not faze the parish, however, as parish leadership often referred to the phrase of “through equal sacrifice of all members” in order to guide the various steps associated with helping fund the project. John Mitchell was instrumental in forming and leading the fundraising programs and guiding various parish committees involved in the



COURTESY OF CINDY CHRISMAN

St. Leo Parish was recently presented with the Beautification Award from the City of Murray for the month of September. Pictured are St. Leo’s pastor, Fr. Joshua McCarty, and Murray City Council member, Alice Rouse.

design and construction of the new larger church. The parish set an initial goal of one million dollars, and through the generosity of parishioners and the Lord’s work, \$957,000 was raised in pledges! A second campaign was initiated to fund the completion of this massive project which eventually totaled around two million dollars. Fr. Jason McClure oversaw the actual construction during his tenure as Fr. Williams was reassigned before construction began. A new rectory house was purchased on a nearby street as the old rectory was attached to the church but would need to be demolished to make room for the expanded new church. In the summer of 2010 a groundbreaking ceremony took place for the con-

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Brescia University held conference on Ursuline Education

OWENSBORO, KY (Oct. 6, 2021) – Brescia University and the Ursuline Education Network, UEN, held a conference Sept. 26-28, 2021 titled, “Love, Peace and Ursuline Education in the Twenty-first Century.” This event was grounded in the *caritas* theology and Ursuline identity. People from around the country who are involved in Ursuline education gathered in the C.E. Field Center for Professional Studies to craft partnerships and build capacity for Catholic education.

The Keynote Speaker, Mary-Cabrini Durkin, spoke on Ursuline Identity. Durkin a secular Ursuline belonging to the Company of St. Ursula, was founded by St. Angela Merici in 1535 as a spiritual companionship of single lay women consecrated to Christ. She is the author of “Leadership from the Heart: Guidance from Angela Merici, Angela’s Story, Angela Merici’s Journey of the Heart,” to name a few. Mary-Cabrini has retired from her work at a Catholic publishing company, where she was a writer and editor, specializing in works of spirituality, history, and biography.

Dr. Emily DeMoor, the Brescia University Direc-

tor of the Caritas Center and Theology Area Coordinator stated, “Our hope is to create a partnership whereby we work together to keep the Ursuline vision and charism alive in our schools so that our students may theologically reflect upon their vocation to love and to actively bring this love into the world, in the spirit of St. Angela Merici, in the service of Christ.”

“The partnership between Brescia University and Ursuline Education Network provided Catholic school educators from all levels to come together to pray, learn and internalize the profound relevance of St. Angela’s words to the work we are called to do in the 21st Century,” said Director of the Ursuline Education Network, Rosann Whiting. “As educators, we are charged with many responsibilities, including encouraging our students to consider the meaning of vocation in their lives. The participants identified how each of us can put into action the ‘call to love’ challenge of Caritas.”

The conference themes were *caritas*, our universal call to love, and peace within, with each other, and with creation. Conference participants were

able to learn more about the themes and work with small groups on best ways to take what they learned back to their respective schools.

Brescia University Vice President for Executive Affairs and Chief of Staff, Dr. Lauren McCrary, said of the event “The Brescia University and (UEN) Conference brought together administration, faculty, campus ministers, presidents, and principals, both at the K-12 level and in higher education, across the nation with the unified vision of supporting students on their path towards leading the life they are called to lead based on the values demonstrated to us by the Ursuline Sisters. Among those values are the power of education to transform each person and thus society, the importance of service, and concern for diverse populations and the marginalized. This collaborative effort concluded with the call to continue on this journey to creating pathways for students to live out these values both in their education and in society.” ■

For more information on this conference, please contact Rachel Whelan, Brescia University Director of Public Relations and Marketing at rachel.whelan@brescia.edu.

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struction of a new building, with the project led by John Clark Construction Co. Inc., a family-owned company who have been parishioners of St. Leo for many years; Fr. Mike Clark (pastor of Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro) is a member of this family. The new church was dedicated in July 2011 with much fanfare and is a larger structure that offers expanded seating, a large gathering

space, a Blessed Sacrament chapel, and a daily chapel, as well as other improvements from the 1963 structure. Through the efforts of the congregation to continue financial support, all of the building loans were paid off ahead of schedule!

Now, more than one decade later, with the original 1943 church building serving as the parish office, St. Leo continues to thrive with more

than 800 parishioners currently, along with an active Newman House Catholic Campus Ministry through Murray State University. As of this fall, roughly 100 students are involved through Newman House, which is supported by students from the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, also known as FOCUS. ■

Shawn Touney belongs to St. Leo Parish in Murray.

Ten saints, maybe more

Delving into the history of Paducah parish's saintly murals

BY MIKE BOGDAN, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC

For almost 200 years, Roman Catholics in what is now southern McCracken County have gathered to celebrate the Eucharist and other sacraments, first in homes in the 1830s, and sometime after 1849 in a dedicated church building named after St. John the Evangelist. Two church buildings later, the parishioners undertook a renovation of the church under the leadership of their pastor, Fr. Bruce McCarty.

Community projects such as these— because they involve tastes, opinions and dearly-held beliefs— can result in implosions of various kinds. Geraldine Wurtz Durbin, the coordinator of the Renovation Committee, noted that under Fr. McCarty's gracious and gentle leadership people felt that their opinions, freely shared, were respected and woven into a consensus that kept the process moving forward until its completion in 2006.

The liturgical consultant, Capuchin Friar Mark Joseph Costello, proposed the painting of “Communion of Saints” murals inside the church, noting that there is a longstanding practice of surrounding the gathered earthly liturgical assembly with a heavenly assembly. Images of holy ones, familiar faces from various times and places, can inspire our journey to our common goal— the heavenly banquet.

With the murals, Friar Mark wished to create a movement suggesting a procession to the altar. Five saints on either side of the sanctuary direct our focus to the community's holy table. The figures are painted in muted tones, about the color of wheat, with a subtle blue edge.



FILE PHOTO

The left-hand mural when facing the sanctuary at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah depicts (left to right) St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Boniface, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

The Renovation Committee carefully selected the saints to be represented. There is Mary Magdalene, the “apostle to the apostles” who was the first to announce the Good News of Jesus' resurrection. The community's patron is there, John the Evangelist, with quill in hand. Boniface, patron saint of Germany, stands with his crozier in honor of the German immigrants who settled the area, and Isidore kneels with his scythe in a nod to the community's rural nature. Peruvian saint Martin de Porres, patron of racial harmony, stands offering food for the poor as was his custom. Native American Kateri Tekakwitha, hands crossed in prayer, is pictured with Thérèse of Lisieux, whose “little way” to holiness has been an



FILE PHOTO

The right-hand mural when facing the sanctuary at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Paducah depicts (left to right) St. Isidore, St. John the Evangelist, St. Martin de Porres, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and Ven. Catherine McCauley.

inspiration to many St. John parishioners. Conventual Franciscan Maximilian Kolbe is stepping forward as he did at Auschwitz to give his life for another prisoner. And finally, in acknowledgement to the religious women who staffed St. John the Evangelist School, Elizabeth Seton guides a child (the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth staffed the school for 12 years), and Catherine McCauley (not yet canonized but who was declared Venerable by Pope John Paul II) — whose Sisters of Mercy staffed the school for over 75 years — completes the mural.

Now when the parish community of St. John the Evangelist gathers with their current pastor Fr. Bruce Fogle for Eucharist, they have a visual reminder of

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Goody bags, visits, remind homebound that they are not forgotten

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

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, church ministers have rarely been able to visit their parishioners in nursing homes. Ursuline Sr. Margaret Ann Aull, OSU, coordinator of pastoral care for Immaculate Parish in Owensboro, has instead led an effort to provide goody bags at all the nursing homes where Immaculate members are living.

“Someone had the idea that we should do this for the sisters at the Mount,” Sr. Margaret Ann said. “That made me happy.”

On Sept. 23, 2021, Sr. Margaret Ann and parishioner Linda Rocco brought bags full of treats for each of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph residing in Saint Joseph Villa. Each bag was filled with candy, holy cards, reading material, prayer books, puzzle books and rosaries. Linda’s husband, Steve, made labels for each bag that read, “At Immaculate Parish we are thinking of you and praying for you every day. May you receive all of God’s abundant blessings!”

The three put the bags together and wrote personal cards to all the sisters. They dropped off the bags in the morning and Sr. Susan Mary Mudd, OSU, and Mount employee Pamela Paulin delivered the bags to each sister’s room. ■

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are located in Maple Mount, Ky. Learn more at ursulinesmsj.org.



COURTESY OF MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH
Sr. Marie Bosco Wathen, OSU, (right), is happily surprised when Sr. Susan Mary Mudd, OSU, delivers her goody bag from Immaculate Parish.

Sr. Fran Wilhelm, OSU: A remembrance

BY WKC STAFF

A new musical setting of the “Our Father,” written by a pioneer of Hispanic/Latino ministry in the Diocese of Owensboro, is now available to listen and pray with.

Sr. Fran Wilhelm, OSU, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Nov. 5, 2020, in her 73rd year of religious life. She was 91 years old.

Sr. Fran entered the Mount Saint Joseph community at the age of 17. In approximately 1980, with Bishop John J. McRaith’s blessing, Sr. Fran founded Centro Latino to serve the developing Hispanic/Latino community.

Sr. Fran, known as “Hermana Panchita” in the Hispanic community, ministered in the field of liturgical music at Spanish language Masses around the diocese. When she retired to Mount Saint Joseph, she continued to use her music skills, and composed an “Our Father” in the Villa Infirmary. With assistance from the Office of Music, Matt Gray, director of music at Immaculate Parish in Owensboro, and Jacob Hein, director of music at St. Mary Magdalene Parish in Sorgho, recorded Sr. Fran’s Spanish language setting of the Our Father just a few weeks after her death.

In commemoration of her death one year ago, please visit owensborodioocese.org/sr-fran-wilhelm to listen to the sound file of her “Padrenuestro.” ■

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the “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1) that surround them, witnesses who help keep their focus on the foretaste and vision and promise of a future, where God’s chosen, holy and beloved, sing a song of victory to the Lamb who

brought them there. ■

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2020/2021 Sophia Award recipients

BY WKC STAFF

Typically every year, the Diocese of Owensboro hosts a special Mass honoring the recipients of the annual Sophia Awards – individuals at least 65 years old, who received the highest number of nominations in their parish for this recognition, and who embrace and lead lives of stewardship by giving of their time, talent and treasure. The years 2020 and 2021, however, saw the Mass cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and recipients were presented with their awards in their home parishes. The 2020/2021 Sophia Award recipients are listed below. Questions about the Sophia Award may be directed to Janet Clancy at janet.clancy@pastoral.org.

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Gerald & Judy Coomes

Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro

Rita Moorman

Christ the King, Madisonville

Bettie Stone

Christ the King, Scottsville

Pauline Anderson

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

Wanda P. Fey

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Mary Anne Williams

Holy Redeemer, Beaver Dam

Douglas G. Smith

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Marcia Cassady

Holy Trinity, Morgantown

Richard Seiler

Immaculate, Owensboro

Shirley & Ernie Taliaferro

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Elizabeth Wix

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

John & Lynn Powers

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Herb & Bernice Bertke
(Posthumously)

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Gary & Betty Murphy

Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Ella M. Smith

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Lonnie & Yvonne Crowdus

Sacred Heart, Hickman

L.T. & Sandy Busby

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Robert A. Buckman

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Carol Ramage

St. Ambrose, Henshaw

Joe Carroll Moore (Posthumously)

St. Ann, Morganfield

Sally G. Beaven

St. Anthony, Axtel

Mike & Janet Alexander

St. Anthony, Peonia

James & Garnetta VanMeter

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Mike & Linda Drury

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

Brenda & John Semar

St. Augustine, Reed

Connie Williams

St. Benedict, Wax

Billy & Diana Thompson

St. Charles, Bardwell

Walter & Ethel O'Neill

St. Charles Borromeo, Livermore

Patricia Martinez

St. Columba, Lewisport

Larry & JoAnn Roby

St. Denis, Fancy Farm

Carol Wiley

St. Elizabeth, Clarkson

Charlie & Brenda Stinson

St. Edward, Fulton

Gary Jez

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Paul A. & Linda M. Cissell

St. Henry, Aurora

Michael J. Penrose

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Junior & Joyce Toon

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Earl & Ruth Kaufman

St. John the Evangelist, Sunfish

Bill & Cathy Canty

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Mike & Mary Dale Reynolds

St. Joseph, Central City

Wayne W. Vincent

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Betty Stone

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Dorothy Youngblood

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Donna Goetz

St. Leo, Murray

Kathleen A. Elkins

St. Mark, Eddyville

Florian & Karen Murdzek

St. Martin, Rome

John (Posthumously) & Eloise
Chandler

St. Mary, Franklin

Helen Berry

St. Mary, LaCenter

Marie Funk

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

J. David & Rose Marie Cecil

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Jamie & Peggy Clark

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Kathlene M. & Thomas R.
Armbruster, Sr.

St. Paul, Princeton

Ken & Theresa Negray

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Joseph & Anna Jean Clark

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

Jack & Vicki Stogsdill

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Anghela Bedor Phillips

St. Pius X, Calvert City

Joe & Barbara (Posthumously) Cirrito

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Mary M. Edgell

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

James & Sheila Sills

St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

Mary Jo Carter

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Ralph & Judy Ward

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Maria Bruzewski

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Ken Heichelbech

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Dr. Marie Petrites-Murphy & Dr. Bill
Murphy

St. William, Knottsville

Robert Stallings, Sr.

St. William of Vercelli, Marion

Rick & Peggy Rozwalka
(Posthumously)

Mount Saint Joseph hosts multiple opportunities, initiatives, to reconnect and recharge



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(Left photo) Janie Walther, hospitality/community relations specialist for the Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Ministry, hands a door prize to one of the winners at “Fall into Fun – A Cancer Survivor Celebration” for cancer survivors and their loved ones who have been affected by cancer, held at Maple Mount on Sept. 27, 2021. (Center photo) Participating in the Sept. 25 “Day of Peace and Renewal for Police Officers” at Mount Saint Joseph are Officer Joshua Bennett; his father, Officer Ken Bennett; and Rev. Mike Humble, one of the speakers for the day. Rev. Humble is from Logan County, Ky., where he has been a chaplain and special deputy for more than 40 years. (Right photo) Several ladies from Immaculate Parish in Owensboro got together for “Friends and Fun” at the Mount on Oct. 13. They brought their own favorite card games. From left are Beverly Rudy, Nancy Smith, Marsha Bell, Becky Dant, Donna Tate, and Donna Pickrell.

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

Mount Saint Joseph, home of the motherhouse of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, hosted several events for different members of the community in recent weeks.

More than 20 people came to Maple Mount on Sept. 27, 2021, for “Fall into Fun – A Cancer Survivor Celebration” for cancer survivors and their loved ones who have been affected by cancer. The participants gathered in the Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium to enjoy lunch, socializing and learning about the latest resources available to them. Sr. Cheryl Clemons, OSU, talked to the partici-

pants about the history of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph.

The “Day of Peace and Renewal for Police Officers” for police officers held two days earlier on Sept. 25, 2021, brought a smaller group, but it was an important first step, said Dcn. Ken Bennett, who has been an Owensboro Police officer for 34 years and a deacon for the Diocese of Owensboro for four years.

“With everything going on in the country, from Covid to the protests of the last year and a half, it seemed appropriate to recalibrate and reconnect with our purpose,” Bennett said. “I think the people who came were pleased with what they

heard. It helped to reconnect us with what we’re here for – to be advocates on behalf of crime victims.”

And at last, the “Friends, Fun and Bunco at the Mount” event was able to happen again on Oct. 13, 2021. About 25 people came to the Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium in Maple Mount from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. to play bunco or their own games. The Mount provided a spacious building, lunch, snacks, and door prizes. The first “Friends and Fun” event took place on Jan. 29, 2020, and was a hit, with more than 30 women in attendance. The COVID-19 pandemic has postponed similar gatherings until now. ■

November is Black Catholic History Month



Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton, one of six Black Catholics in the United States whose causes for canonization are underway

Learn more at
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and
owensborodiocese.org/
black-catholic-
ministry

NOVEMBER 2021 BULLETIN BOARD

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

Belonging to Love: Prayer and Conversations" online Nov. 11

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 Retreat Ministry, 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, Nov. 11 from 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m. CST. To register, call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs/> Save this date for a future Belonging program: Dec. 9.

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, November 20-21, 2021. Veneration will be both Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. Bishop William F. Medley will celebrate Mass in honor of Padre Pio on Sunday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m. Tour hosted by the Saint Pio Foundation.

Yarn Spinners Day at the Mount Dec. 4

If you enjoy yarn spinning, weaving, rug hooking, knitting or crocheting, you are welcome to attend the Saturday, Dec. 4 spinners day from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). All skill levels are welcome. Experience the fun and fellowship of working on your projects in a peaceful setting with other yarn enthusiasts. The cost to attend the spinning day is \$20 which includes lunch. To register, call 270-229-0206, email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/yarn-spinners-registration/> Note: Pandemic safety protocols will be in place.

Spiritual Direction

Do you desire a kind of friendship that welcomes you to share and discern how God is present and working in your life? Would you benefit from deep listening surrounded by compassion instead of judgement? If

so, a spiritual mentor/companion may be right for you at this time. The Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Ministry, Maple Mount, Ky., offers spiritual direction with Ursuline Sisters or staff. Spiritual direction is being offered online via Zoom or in person. The cost is \$40 per session. Please feel free to reach out and contact Maryanne Joyce at 270-229-0200 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org. You can also find out more online at www.ursulinesmsj.org/spiritual-life-office/

A Scout is Reverent

The upcoming Religious Emblems Mass with Bishop 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/>.

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/, or email Janice Hendricks at janice.hendricks@pastoral.org. The book may be purchased at <https://litpress.org/Products/4712/You-Have-Set-Us-Free>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

QUILT SALE

Starts November 1st

Don't miss the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Quilt Sale!

Online at ursulinesmsj.org

Many quilts available! Each one is unique!
All sizes (baby, throw, full, queen, king)!
Get your Christmas shopping done early!

Proceeds provide funding for the Ursuline Sisters' ministries of education and Christian formation.

Questions? Contact Carol Braden-Clarke
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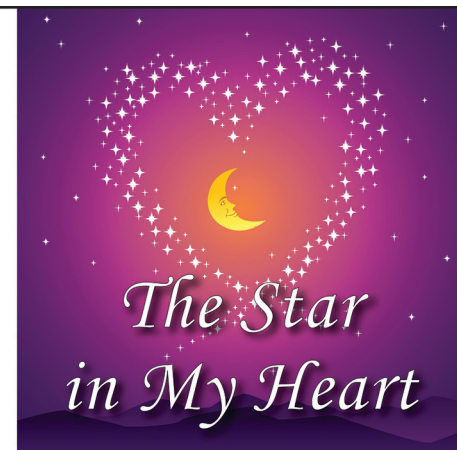
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"The Star in My Heart" will be an **in-person** 5-week program of spiritual companionship.

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To register, call 270-229-0206, email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or online: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/star-in-my-heart>



Mount Saint Joseph
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Advent Retreat: Saying "Yes" with Mary

Saturday, December 11

Retreat Directors: Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU, Ph.D., and Maryann Joyce

Do you often begin Advent with good intentions to prepare spiritually for Christmas, only to find that those intentions get lost in the busy-ness of family and work and gift-giving? This Advent retreat offers an opportunity to put good intentions into practice by reflecting on the event that Christians believe changed history forever—God becoming human in the Incarnation of Jesus. Mary, Jesus' biological mother, will serve as our guide and companion for the day. The retreat will include the infancy narrative from the Gospel of Luke, beginning with Mary's invitation to say "YES" to God's call. Within a format of input sessions, prayer, and small group sharing, retreatants will be encouraged to examine and apply to their own lives the virtues and attitudes of Mary.

9 a.m.–2 p.m. • Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium • \$39 includes lunch

To register: 270-229-0206 • retreatcenter@maplemount.org
Online: <https://ursulinesmsj.org/advent-retreat/>

Note: Pandemic safety protocols will be in place.



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It's a 'Copernican Revolution'!

BY DR. JEFF ANDRINI, OFFICE OF
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The Copernican Revolution (named for scientist Nicolaus Copernicus), which was the shift in the field of astronomy from a geocentric understanding of the universe, (centered around the Earth), to a heliocentric understanding, (centered around the sun) caused quite a scandal. We are in another time of great change, but the Holy Spirit is moving the Church forward and renewing our vision.

Do you hear God calling you to understand your strengths and invest them in your local parish?

I recently took the StrengthsFinder assessment and the report stated that “You are 1 in 33 million.” That is the odds that someone has the same Top 5 strengths as me in the exact same order. We are each unique and beautiful creations of our loving God. We each have some unique strength to offer the mission of Jesus and his Church and “it takes all of us!”

Prior to Vatican II, one could say the Church looked like a professional football game. There were 22 battle-weary men on the field in desperate need of a little rest, while 80,000 fans cheered them on, in desperate need of a little exercise. The ordained and vowed religious served the Church and the rest of us sat on the sidelines. How did we get there and what is the Holy Spirit doing to move us forward in time?

In 1906, Pope Pius X stated, “It follows that the Church is an unequal society, comprised of two categories of persons, the Pastors and the flock... those who occupy a rank in the different degrees of authority of the hierarchy and the multitude of the faithful... The one duty of the multitude is to allow

themselves to be led, and like a docile flock to follow the pastors” (1906 encyclical “Vehementer Nos”). Just over 100 years later, Pope Francis speaks to the “Copernican Revolution” that is essential.

“A clear awareness of this responsibility of the laity, grounded in their baptism and confirmation, does not appear in the same way in all places. In some cases, lay persons have not been formed... In others, it is because in their particular Churches room has not been made for them to speak and to act, due to an excessive clericalism which keeps them away from decision making” (“Evangelii Gaudium,” 102-103). He goes on to express the “indispensable contribution” of the laity, especially women, and says, “the feminine genius is needed...”

The Holy Spirit is at work! Thank God for the sacrifices of our priests and religious; we all need to contribute the strengths of our personalities to ensure they are not overworked and underappreciated. In addition, when we bring the gifts of our whole community to focus on the mission of Jesus and his Church... look out! We have the power and blessing of God's Spirit, and collectively all the gifts we need to live as missionary disciples making present the Kingdom of God!

Peace in Christ,
Jeff ■

Dr. Jeff Andrini is the director of the Office of Evangelization and Discipleship. Send comments to jeff.andrini@pastoral.org.

Did you know?

Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543) was a Catholic scientist as well as a canon, which is a Church administrative role that in those days required ordination to minor orders. He was part of an ongoing tradition of Catholic astronomers. To learn more about Copernicus and the heliocentric system, visit the Vatican Observatory's resource page at <https://www.vaticanobservatory.org/sacred-space-astronomy/religious-scientists-canon-nicolaus-copernicus-1473-1543-heliocentrism/>.

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A litany of prayer for Black Catholic History Month



CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

A statue of St. Martin de Porres in the chapel of the house where the saint was born in Lima, Peru, in 1579.

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

As we enter the month of November, Catholics observe multiple holy days including “All Saints Day” (Nov. 1), “All Souls Day” (Nov. 2) and the feast day of St. Martin de Porres (Nov. 3), currently the only Black saint from the Americas. These days honor those who exemplified holiness by living out the Gospel, whether canonized or not, and those who have passed on, who were loved or not, but for whose souls we pray.

During this year’s Black Catholic History Month, I would ask that you especially remember in prayer all of the Blacks throughout the world who have suf-

fered death under heinous circumstances for racial or religious reasons.

Let us pray for the departed souls of the Black faithful of the Americas, such as those captured in Africa and who died in chains in the bowels of the slave ships or who embraced death over slavery; those lynched by racist mobs and the Ku Klux Klan; those runaway slaves who were captured and killed. May they now rest in peace.

Let us pray for those who survived slavery and for their progeny who embrace their faith in God and continue to live out the Gospel, despite institutional racist impediments to justice and fair treatment.

Let us pray for our Haitian brothers and sisters, many of whom have embraced the Catholic faith (55% of the population is Catholic, according to a 2018 international religious freedom report by the U.S. government) and who continue to suffer from poverty, violence and persecution without adequate support.

This litany of special prayer for Blacks would be incomplete lest we focus on the imminent needs of those currently in peril, such as those Haitian refugees attempting to enter the United States to escape the turbulence in their nation. We must cry out for justice, human dignity and Christian compassion for these displaced people. As Catholics we claim to be pro-life from conception to natural death. This includes working for justice, equal opportunity, fairness, protection of rights of these who are marginalized by society.

Let us celebrate this month of Black Catholic History in prayer for one another and gaining knowledge of the significance of inclusion, justice and

Black ‘Living Saints’ of our diocese

Last year, the Office of Black Catholic Ministry requested submissions of names of Black “living saints” from our diocese, living and deceased, for 2021 Black Catholic History Month. The following names were submitted. *(Please note + indicates a deceased person.)*

- Robert Hagan+ (Owensboro)
- Levi Peterson (Hopkinsville)
- Fannie Mae Miles+ (Owensboro)
- Eunice Taylor (Owensboro)
- Charles Smith+ (Waverly)
- Ina Sowell+ (Paducah)
- Rose Lowery (Paducah)
- Charlene Meadows (Owensboro)

We encourage readers, pastors and parishes to submit more names of Black Catholics whom you would like to see featured as “living saints.” Submit names to veronica.wilhite@pastoral.org.

Further reading

Two books, written by Catholic priests, which address the realities of Blacks and the Catholic Church:

- “Racial Justice and the Catholic Church” (2010), by Fr. Bryan Massingale, a Black Catholic professor of theological and social ethics at Fordham University in New York
- “The History of Black Catholics in the United States” (1990), by Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB, a Black Catholic monk, priest, historian and professor of Church history at St. Meinrad School of Theology

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mercy, taking seriously Micah’s call “to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God” (Micah 6:8) and Isaiah’s command to “seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, [and] plead the widow’s cause” (Isaiah 1:17).

Please remember to continue to pray for the causes of Black American candidates for sainthood: Venerable Pierre Toussaint, a Haitian refugee and Catholic Charities legacy; Venerable Henriette DeLille, S.S.F., foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family;

Venerable Augustus Tolton, first Black U.S. priest; Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, a Haitian refugee and foundress of the Oblate Sisters of Providence; Servant of God Thea Bowman, a religious sister, teacher and scholar; and Servant of God Julia Greeley, a philanthropist and convert to Catholicism in Denver, Colo. ■

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Treatment of Haitian refugees press release

Read the press release from the National Association of Black Catholic Administrators regarding treatment of Haitian refugees on the U.S.-Mexico border: <https://nabcatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Haiti.pressrelease.2021.pdf>

What is the Samaritan Retreat?

BY FR. LUSTEIN BLANCO GRAJALES,
SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY
CATHOLIC

The Samaritan Retreat is a Catholic human-spiritual experience for Hispanic women (particularly single mothers and widows), and is held in Spanish. It is an experience that emerged as a starting point for the pastors and parishes of the Diocese of Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, Mexico, to initiate the so-called “Women’s Ministry.”

The objective of the retreat is: “That in light of the Word of God and the Magisterium of the Church, women rediscover their identity, dignity and mission.” The vision is: “To honor, uphold and recognize the greatness of women.” The mission is: “Rescue, value and support women.”

During the retreat, first of all women are invited and challenged to “situation themselves,” that is, to see their reality according to the world and according to how they are perceived and valued up until that moment in their lives. Here, we use some sim-

ple elements of psychology to facilitate the work of reviewing on a human level.

After situating themselves in their reality, they are guided and enlightened with the Word of God, the Magisterium of the Church, Lectio Divina and pedagogical activities, so that they are convinced of their greatness as persons and daughters of God, and above all, so that they live by the motto of the experience: “With Queen Mary, worthy of being loved.”

They are then encouraged and exhorted to resume their mission as women, baptized members of the Church and society. They are offered moments to celebrate the faith within the experience and mainly the celebration of the Holy Eucharist at the close of the retreat.

In the Diocese of Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, Mexico, the first three Samaritan Retreats were held Sept. 23-24, 2017; March 10-11, 2018; and May 29-30, 2021.

Here is a testimony from one of them:

“The Samaritan experience enriched me as a per-

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COURTESY OF DCN. CHRIS GUTIÉRREZ
Women attending the Samaritana retreat at Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish in Owensboro on Sept. 4-5, 2021, participate in an activity during the retreat.

Having an attitude of gratitude



COURTESY OF DCN. JAY W. VANHOOSIER

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Jesus said in reply, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Luke 17:17-18

Although Thanksgiving Day is not specifically a Catholic holy day, I think it certainly goes hand in hand with our life of faith. Regarding spirituality, hopefully we all know that gratitude is central to the Gospel message – and Thanksgiving Day presents us with the perfect opportunity to look at this important aspect of our faith. We are called to always be deeply grateful. The question we should always be asking ourselves is “How grateful to God am I?”

Most people all struggle in various ways with gratitude and it is fair to say that we will never really be grateful enough until we see God face to face. But, while we are on our earthly journey, it is important to look at gratitude and to try to let it increase in our souls.

First, gratitude is impossible unless we see clearly all that God has done

for us. It is so easy in life to focus in on all the struggles we face and, as a result, to get down, depressed, frustrated and even angry at times. The challenging thing to do is to look beyond the crosses and burdens we face each day to see the abundance of grace and mercy given to us by our Lord. Unless we see God’s mercy and grace at work in our lives, we will struggle greatly with authentic gratitude.

So, as we approach Thanksgiving Day, reflect upon this simple question: Do I see all God has done for me? Do I see His abundant mercy at work in my life? To do so is having an “attitude of gratitude.” The Gospel passage above reveals that Jesus healed ten lepers, but only one of the ten returned in gratitude. Are you, at times, like one of the nine who failed in gratitude? If so, you most likely struggle with seeing all the true and abundant blessings from God. If you can humbly and honestly admit you struggle with total gratitude, you will have taken the first step to seeing more clearly and the first step to fostering that deeper gratitude – an attitude of gratitude – you ought to have. Being grateful means you see the truth clearly. Being open to that truth will allow God to change your life as He fills you with joy! ■

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son and as a Christian, to be better every day, more sociable and serving others. I became convinced that God loves me and I reaffirmed the certainty that He is always by my side and that with Him everything is possible; I think I love Him more now. In the Samaritan Retreat, I also learned to face my fears, pain, sadness, abuse, both emotionally and physically. I came out strengthened and determined not to allow more abuse to my person and to put a stop to whoever tries to do it. I realized my worth as a person, a daughter of God, a woman, and above all that with

Queen Mary, I am worthy of being loved.”

With God’s blessing and the initiative of the Hispanic Ministry director, Dcn. Chris Gutiérrez, we have carried out the fourth experience in the Diocese of Owensboro at Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish on Sept. 4-5, 2021. This retreat was for the women of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Region (one of the four Hispanic Ministry regions in this diocese). Twenty-seven women participated with excellent willingness and openness to live the experience, and I believe that

the objective of renewing their lives and dreams was achieved. They were encouraged to be the women that God intended and created for his glory and the good of the Church and society. Motivated by the results of this first retreat in the diocese, we hope to organize and carry it out in the other three regions where the accompaniment of the Hispanic Ministry has been organized. ■

Fr. Lusteín Blanco Grajales is the parochial vicar at St. Michael Parish in Sebree.

November Wedding Anniversaries

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

Please send any anniversary updates or corrections to Charlotte Hedges, Office of Marriage & Family Life, at charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org.

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

David & Jerri Rudd, 59
Randall & Ruthie Payne, 54
Richard & Nancy Blandford, 60
Gene & Linda Howard, 57
Henry & Bernadette Hayden, 57
Jared & Kelsey Pedley, 10
James & Monica Payne, 51
Joseph & Beverly Carrico, 52

Blessed Sacrament,

Owensboro

Philip & Joyce Moorman, 64

Christ the King, Scottsville

Leroy & Jean Jansen, 52

Holy Cross, Providence

Claude & Sherry Melton, 57

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

James H. & Betty Hardesty, 62
Alvin & Loretta Heck, 70

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Steve & Pamela Austin, 55
Timothy & Mary Boze, 25
David & Kathleen Brauer, 51
Gary & Brenda Crawford, 52
William & Pam Crawford, 55
Larry & Jane Denton, 62
John & Katherine Dodson, 40
Richard & Linda Glick, 40
Philip & Ronda Hancock, 40

William & Sandra Haynes, 60
John & Melissa Hester, 10
Leland & Donna Leslie, 57
Ralph & Jeannine O'Nan, 63
Charles & Faye Pippin, 64
Ernest & Mary Schreiner, 60
Joshua & Bethany Sielken, 10

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

David & Christine Keltner, 5
Robert & Gayle Cron, 52
Wesley & Gail Simone, 53
Timothy & Martha Vogel, 53
Don & Judy Dobernic, 56
John & Linda Meyer, 57
Randy & Jean Thompson, 60
Bernard & Lois Schwitzgebel, 62

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

J. Rodney & Loretta Wheatley, 56
Mike & Sheila Ogle, 56
Travis & Adrian Mattingly, 10

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Grant Edward & Kayla Tichenor, 5
Chad M. & Lorna Thompson, 10
Gene & Shirley Zoglman, 61
Estil & Dianne Woodward, 58
Stephen & Patty Johnson, 57
Donald R. & Janice Crask, 54
Roy & Virginia Stevens, 50

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Link & Marsha Bell, 50
Ben J. & Mickey Brewer, 53
Stewart & Barbara Coomes, 67
Joshua & Jessica Fisher, 5
P. J. & Sarah Hayden, 55

Joe & JoAnne Mason, 54
Bill & Martha Mills, 60
John & Pat Mountain, 65

Precious Blood, Owensboro

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William & Shelby Martin, 54
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Tommy & Shirley Merimee, 65
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Sacred Heart, Russellville

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Allan & Wendy Cravalho, 40

St. Agnes, Uniontown

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Ross & Jane Thomas, 62
Joseph & Anne Hagan, 54
Mike & Nita Clark, 5
Fred & Mary Evelyn Eckman, 62
David & Beverly Clements, 50
Scott & Mechelle Luttrell, 25

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Martin & Maggie Ballou, 10
Bill & Daisy Gibson, 64
Robert & Mary Ann Mattingly, 63
Doug & Janie Hayden, 57

St. Ann, Morganfield

Michael J. & Johnna Obert, 40
Mike & Brenda Thomas, 52
Eddie & Mary Jo Steward, 56
Gary & Cathy Welden, 53

St. Anthony, Browns Valley
Robert & Dorothy Mattingly, 55

St. Ann, Morganfield

Robert & Nancy Roush, 5
Michael & Johnna Obert, 40

St. Anthony the Abbot, Hardinsburg

Kenneth & Mary Baurle, 55

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

John & Sue Mudd, 58

St. Charles, Bardwell

Daryl & Angela Burgess, 53
Walter & Ethel O'Neill, 57
Dan & Jane Thomas, 55
Wayne & Diane Wilson, 51

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Ray & Sue Potts, 51

St. Edward, Fulton

Bill & Jean Fenwick, 69

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

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St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

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Jerry & Lyndia Elder, 58
Charles & Joyce Hayden, 52
Charles & Mary Ann Thomas, 63

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Bennie & Doris Durbin, 71
Marvin & Marie Willett, 53

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Wayne & Wilma Knott, 52

St. Leo, Murray

Donald & Rene Brittain, 40
John & Joan Mullins, 50
Kenneth & Carolyn Ramsey, 65
David & Margaret Perez, 54
Mark & Jackie Kennedy, 52
Raymond & Sheila Sullivan, 25

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Jim & Martha Kamuf, 57
Joseph & Nancy Smith, 25

St. Martin, Rome

Larry & Phyllis Henderson, 53
Wayne & Betty Hamilton, 56

St. Mary, Franklin

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St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Lou & Martine Boarman, 73
J. W. & Mary Morris, 69
Gordon & Evelyn Millay, 67
Tony & Sandra Johnson, 59
Gary & Sylvia Howard, 52
Leo & JoAnn Kauffeld, 51
Robert & Diane Higdon, 50
Pat & Doris Waldeck, 50
Joseph & Cristi Edge, 25
David & Joanna Payne, 25

Jordan & Halie Merritt, 10

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

Brian & Lauren Neltner, 5
Hugh & Betty Cecil, 69

St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly

Darrell & Bernice Russelburg, 60

St. Pius X, Calvert City

David & Vicki Spencer, 53
James & Shirley Poat, 55
Jerry & Gayle Seay, 68

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Caleb & Bailey Stiff, 10
Paul & Judy Brown, 51
Dennis & Charlotte Gatton, 62
Michael & Nancy Ferguson, 53
Gary & Beverly Estes, 51
George & Geraldine Keller, 57
Donald & Linda Logsdon, 52

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Travis & Adrian Mattingly, 10
Paul & Debbie Flood, 50
Jeff & Jill Rhodes, 40
George & Nancy Walz, 56
Mark & Pam Pollock, 25
Wayne & Judy Hardesty, 59
Jim & Gail Pollock, 51
Randy & Lori Howard, 25

St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport

Billy & Candy Weatherholt, 51
Tommy & Shirley Davis, 40

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Jordan & Megan Bickett, 5
Matthew & Sandra Carrico, 5
Richard & Kathy West, 40
Harry & Charlene Baumgarten, Jr.,
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St. Stephen, Cadiz

Joe & Janie Anderson, 55
John & Karen Franklin, 40
Lyndell & Cecelia Wheeler, 40

St. Thomas More, Paducah

John & Dawn Thomas, 25
Jim & Sharon Godec, 59
Jack & Vonnie Howard, 59
Mike & Yvonne Bosch, 55
John & Camille Warden, 51
John & Mary Ann Graves, 52

St. William, Knottsville

Cole & Brett Lanham, 5
Thomas & Stella Boehman, 57
Huck & Barbara Huskisson, 54

St. William of Vercelli, Marion

George & Diane Sutton, 58

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Kevin & Crissi Wilkerson, 10
Donald & Martha Hare, 66
Paul & Anna Marie Haynes, 57
James & Joyce Logsdon, 55

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Gustavo & Susana Bernal, 5
Christopher & Stephanie
Blankenberger, 10
Anthony & Jamie Folz, 25
Rafael & Maureen Larena, 25
Ronny & Darlene Fuller, 57
Charles & Judy Folz, 60

Gerald and Judy Coomes receive 2020/2021 Sophia Award



COURTESY OF BLESSED MOTHER PARISH

On Sept. 25, during the 4 p.m. vigil Mass, Fr. Mike Clark, pastor of Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro, presented the Sophia Award to the parish's 2020/2021 recipients, parishioners Gerald and Judy Coomes. For the full list of 2020/2021 recipients of the Diocese of Owensboro's Sophia Award, see page 13.

'I want to bring God's grace to his people' says new seminarian

BY HUNTER LEBLANC, SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN KENTUCKY CATHOLIC



FILE PHOTO
Hunter LeBlanc entered seminary for the Diocese of Owensboro in fall 2021.

I first recognized a call to the priesthood as a sophomore in high school. This and a renewed zeal for my faith followed for a year after my reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. I was initially drawn to the intellectual life of the priesthood as I began a journey of diving deeper into the history, philosophy, and theology of the Church. Since then, my view of the priesthood and my relationship with God have greatly changed. Above all now, while I still love the intellectual tasks of the Christian life, I'm pursuing the priesthood because I love God. God wants priests. The Church needs priests, and I want to bring God's grace to his people.

My patron saint is St. Joseph. At my Confirmation, I chose him because he's the patron of husbands and fathers. I had not been thinking of priesthood at this time, but it seems providential to me now as his prayers have helped me onto a path of spiritual fatherhood and into a relationship with Mary, our Mother. I was consecrated to Jesus through Mary on Oct. 7, 2020, and this has also been crucial to where I am now.



COURTESY OF HUNTER LEBLANC
Hunter LeBlanc, (second from left), puts on a production of the musical "In the Heights" with several college friends at St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green in April 2021.

I have so enjoyed my philosophical studies at St. Meinrad and am excited for the future as I'm just getting started! Getting used to such a new environment has been a challenge but it's already beginning to feel more like home. ■

Hunter LeBlanc's home parish is St. Jerome in Fancy Farm. He is in first year pre-theology at St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Ind. Learn more about vocations in the Diocese of Owensboro at owensborovocations.com.

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Eleven diocesan graduates named Sen. Jeff Green Scholars

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Sept. 29, 2021) – Eleven recent graduates from diocesan high schools have been named Senator Jeff Green Scholars by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). To earn this honor, a student must achieve a 4.0 grade point average each year of high school and score at least a 28 composite on the ACT.

“My administration will always put education first, and that’s why we’re so proud to celebrate these students for their hard work in the classroom the past four years,” Gov. Andy Beshear said. “This is especially true for the 2021 graduates, who earned this honor while spending much of their last two years of high school under new and often challenging learning conditions because of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

The students earning this honor were:

- Owensboro Catholic High School: Abigail Bahnick, Joseph Fusco, Natalie Haley, Samantha Hines, Max Kurtz, Emma Moore, Emma Silvert, Ronald Sullivan.
- St. Mary High School: Griffin Crump, Hailey Froehlich, Megan Lorch.

These students have also earned Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) awards, which they can use to continue their education beyond high school. They are eligible for \$2,500 per year in KEES funds for up to four years of postsecondary education.

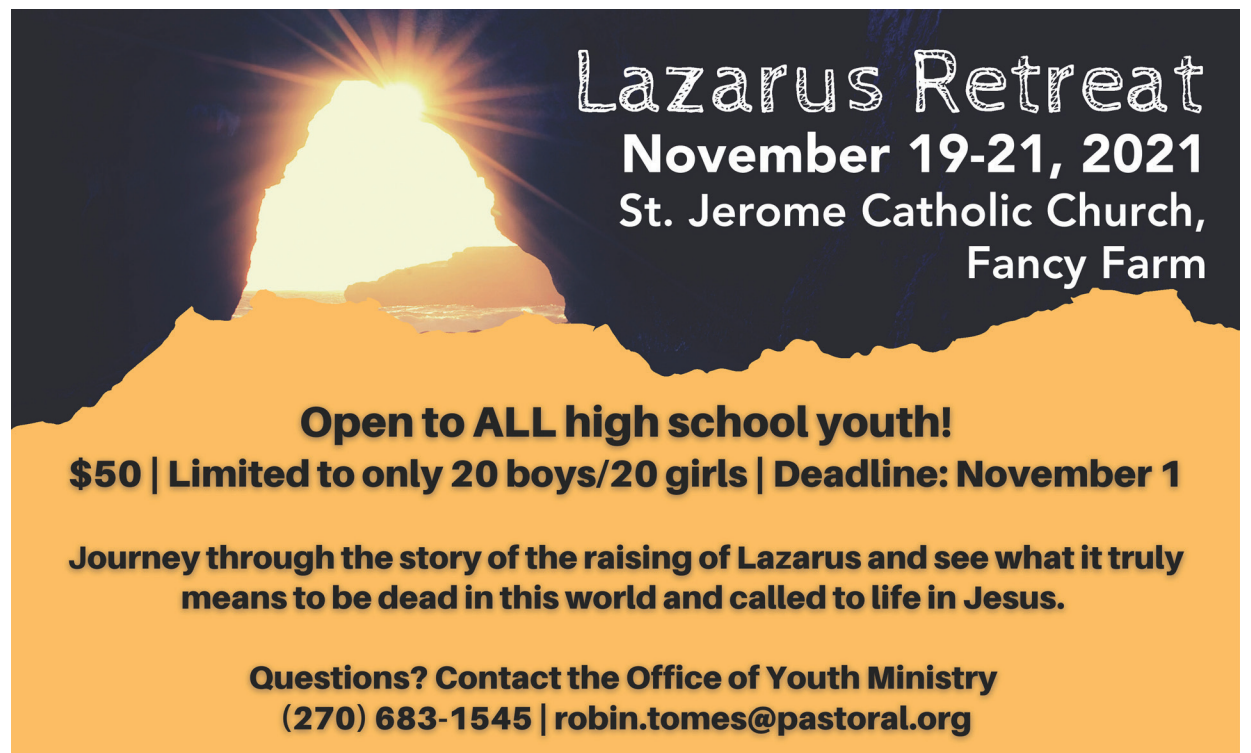
This designation is named in honor of the late State Senator Jeff Green of Mayfield, who served in the Kentucky General Assembly from 1992 to 1997.

KEES and other Kentucky student aid programs are administered by KHEAA. KEES awards are funded by net Kentucky lottery proceeds and may be used at most colleges and universities in Kentucky. In some cases, the award may be used at an out-of-state school if the major the student

is pursuing is unavailable in Kentucky. No application is necessary for KEES awards.

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

KHEAA also disburses low-cost Advantage Education Loans, the state’s only nonprofit private education loan. For more information, visit advantageeducationloan.com. ■



Lazarus Retreat
November 19-21, 2021
St. Jerome Catholic Church,
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Journey through the story of the raising of Lazarus and see what it truly means to be dead in this world and called to life in Jesus.

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The unusual origin of this mysterious reliquary

BY EDWARD WILSON, ARCHIVES

In the November 2020 issue of the WKC, the archives featured a relic of St. Veneranda as “The most remarkable relic in the Diocese of Owensboro’s Archives.” Being that we have another relic that is, likewise, noteworthy in appearance, another November relic article does not seem uncalled for.

Unlike the relic of St. Veneranda, a relatively unknown martyr of the early Church, this relic is of one of our most renowned popes, St. Pius V. A list of his deeds and character is far too vast for this article but, most focally, he was crucial in repelling the advances of the Ottoman Empire as well as in quelling the spread of the Protestant Reformation. However, what makes this relic so visibly striking and peculiar is not the relic, itself, but the reliquary that contains it.

The most common reliquaries are small metal containers, about 1” in diameter, with one open side covered by glass, to expose the contained relic. When these are venerated, they are often placed in a standing reliquary that resembles a small monstrance. Outside of these, reliquaries can vary drastically: from arms of precious metal containing full radius and ulna bones, to gilded busts containing skulls, to glass coffins containing brilliantly bejeweled corpses. These reliquaries are handmade, artisanal works crafted with grandeur in mind. This reliquary may appear to be one of these handmade pieces, crafted specifically for the relic, but further inspection proves otherwise.

The reliquary is 4 ½” tall and 3 ½” wide. At about 2 pounds, it is noticeably heavy in the hand. The face of its gold-gilded metal framework is garnished with four filigree embellishments that resemble over-bloomed fluers-de-lis. A raised edging cradles the glass that encases the reliquary’s ornamented interior. Atop the



COURTESY OF ARCHIVES

The St. Pius V relic and reliquary, made from a former 1902 Westclox alarm clock.

brilliant gold backdrop, wire-work reminiscent of Romanesque ornamentation encompasses the relic. This is surrounded by yet more wire-work, stretching like vines betwixt six, small wire-

formed flowers – four partially bloomed – with the ones at top and bottom in full bloom.

What makes this beautiful piece of craftsmanship so peculiar? Well, it was never intended to be a reliquary. Upon further inspection, the back reveals eight plugged, non-uniform holes. A closer examination and some imagination reveal the object’s initial purpose; it was a clock. The make and model are absent but the paten date of 1902 is slightly legible. Additional research revealed that the body is of a 1902 Westclox alarm clock.

Though we cannot be sure, it is likely that the relic obtained this posh vessel sometime after it arrived in America, not while it was in Italy. For one, Westclox is an American company. Further, upon unscrewing the back, in search of provenance, it was revealed that the holes in the back were hidden by a piece of a gold painted greeting card of American origin.

Though this reliquary appears to be of much nobler European origins, it is simply American ingenuity. The life of this object should clearly illustrate that honorable unimaginable can come to even the lowliest. This humble little clock is now the guardian, resting place and adoration vessel for one of our most revered popes, now gloriously residing in heaven. ■

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Un Mensaje del Obispo Medley

Día de Todos los Santos y el Llamado Universal a la Santidad

La Solemnidad de Todos los Santos, que celebramos el lunes, 1 de noviembre, ¿debería darnos mucha esperanza! Los santos nos muestran que a pesar de lo que podamos pensar, la santidad es posible para todos. Los santos que celebramos no son solo símbolos o seres con los que no podemos relacionarnos. Entre los santos en el cielo hay algunos a quienes hemos conocido. Todos ellos eran personas reales que vivieron vidas reales en esta tierra. Experimentaron el esfuerzo de la vida cotidiana, incluyendo los éxitos y los fracasos, las alegrías y las tristezas, el dolor y la celebración. Todos eran seres humanos ordinarios, seres humanos ordinarios que a veces hacían cosas extraordinarias, pero sobre todo que hacían cosas ordinarias con un amor extraordinario. Estaban abiertos a que Dios obrara en ellos y a través de ellos.

El objetivo del Día de Todos los Santos es que celebramos a aquellos que han ganado la carrera, que han mantenido la fe y que han hecho lo que todos y cada uno de nosotros anhelamos hacer: ver el rostro de Dios.

Este mes, hace cincuenta y siete años, el Papa Pablo VI promulgó el documento "Lumen Gentium." Este documento del Concilio Vaticano II fue emitido el 21 de noviembre de 1964 por el Papa Pablo VI después de que los obispos reunidos en el Concilio lo aprobaran por 2151 votos contra 5. Es uno de nuestros mayores tesoros porque nos recuerda lo que la Iglesia siempre ha creído y enseñado: todos estamos llamados a la santidad;

todos estamos llamados a ser santos.

"...en la Iglesia, todos, lo mismo quienes pertenecen a la Jerarquía que los apacentados por ella, están llamados a la santidad. . . Esta santidad de la Iglesia se manifiesta y sin cesar debe manifestarse en los frutos de gracia que el Espíritu produce en los fieles. Se expresa multiformemente en cada uno de los que, con edificación de los demás, se acercan a la perfección de la caridad en su propio género de vida" (Lumen Gentium, 39).

Todas las personas - mujeres, hombres, jóvenes, ancianos, papa, obispo, empresarios, legisladores, los que no tienen dinero y los que tienen una inmensa riqueza - cada persona, en todo lugar y en todo momento, está llamada a vivir una vida de santidad. Como nos dijo el Papa Francisco en su discurso del Ángelus del 1 de noviembre de 2019, "...la santidad... es una vocación común de todos nosotros cristianos, de los discípulos de Cristo".

Si bien la santidad se puede vivir en un monasterio, para la mayoría de las personas se vivirá cambiando pañales, llevando a los niños a la escuela, lidiando con la angustia de la adolescencia, pagando facturas, reparando un automóvil descompuesto o un techo con goteras, experimentando enfermedades y muertes, creciendo en relaciones y luchando con la fe. Es en estos lugares donde vivimos y es en estos lugares donde estamos llamados a ser santos.

Debido a que todos somos diferentes, la santidad se verá diferente para cada uno de nosotros. Lo que

CALENDARIO DEL OBISPO MEDLEY NOVIEMBRE DE 2021:

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

1 DE NOV.	12:05 p.m. Misa - Catedral San Esteban, Owensboro 1:45 p.m. Misa escolar - Escuela Secundaria Católica de Owensboro, Owensboro
10 DE NOV.	8:30 a.m. Reunión del Consejo Diocesano de Finanzas - Centro Católico McRaith (MCC), Owensboro 6 p.m. Confirmación - Parroquia San Romualdo, Hardinsburg
11 DE NOV.	10 a.m. Día del Presbiterio - Universidad de Brescia, Owensboro
14-18 DE NOV.	Reunión general de la USCCB - Baltimore, Maryland
21 DE NOV.	9:30 a.m. Misa en presencia de las reliquias del Padre Pío (San Pío de Pietrelcina) - Parroquia San Antonio, Browns Valley
22 DE NOV.	10 a.m. Presentación de Adviento - Monte San José, Maple Mount
23 DE NOV.	10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Horas de Oficina en Paducah

compartimos entre nosotros y con todos los santos en el cielo es la forma en que buscamos vivir nuestro llamado a la santidad, tratando en todo momento de cooperar con la voluntad de Dios y permitir que Dios actúe a través de nuestras palabras y obras. Vivimos el llamado a la santidad sirviendo a nuestro prójimo con gran amor y dando gloria a Dios en todo. Los santos nos enseñan que ver el rostro de Dios por toda la eternidad significa haber visto el rostro de Dios en nuestros hermanos y hermanas

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aquí y ahora. Estamos llamados a ser santos en este momento y en este lugar eligiendo el amor una y otra vez.

Como dijo el Papa Francisco en ese mismo discurso del Ángelus de noviembre de 2019: "el recuerdo de los Santos nos induce a elevar los ojos hacia el Cielo: no para olvidar las realidades de la tierra, sino para afrontarlas con más valor, con más esperanza".

Los santos son destellos de cómo es Dios y de lo que estamos llamados a ser. Los santos nos muestran que la santidad se puede lograr pero que no se logra de forma aislada. Vivir una vida de santidad solo es posible con la gracia de Dios y nuestra libre respuesta a ella. Dios no nos llama a algo que no nos ayudará a lograr.

Al celebrar la Solemnidad de Todos los Santos, celebramos a todas aquellas personas que han sido reconocidas oficialmente como santos por la Iglesia. Pero también celebramos a todos aquellos cuyos nombres nunca estarán en una estampita y que nunca serán nombrados patronos de ninguna causa. Y estamos llenos de esperanza porque nos dan testimonio de que la santidad, ser santos, no es inaccesible para nosotros. La santidad es el hermoso destino que Dios tiene para todos. ■

Atentamente en Cristo,



Obispo William F. Medley
Diócesis de Owensboro

**Parroquias con
 misa en español**



Hna. Fran "Panchita" Wilhelm, OSU: Un recuerdo



ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD | WKC

La Hna. Panchita canta y camina durante la peregrinación hispana del Año Jubilar de la Misericordia el 27 de agosto de 2016.

POR EL PERSONAL DEL WKC

Un nuevo arreglo musical del "Padre Nuestro", escrito por una pionera del ministerio hispano/latino en la Diócesis de Owensboro, ahora está disponible para escuchar y orar.

La Hna. Fran "Panchita" Wilhelm, OSU, una hermana ursulina del Monte San José murió el 5 de noviembre de 2020, en su 73° año de vida religiosa. Tenía 91 años.

La Hna. Panchita ingresó a la comunidad del Monte San José a la edad de 17 años. Aproximadamente en 1980, con la bendición del Obispo Juan J. McRaith, la Hna. Panchita fundó el Centro Latino para servir a la comunidad hispana/latina en desarrollo.

La Hna. Fran, conocida como "Hermana Panchita" en la comunidad hispana, ejercía su ministerio en el campo de la música litúrgica en las Misas en español en toda la diócesis. Cuando se retiró al Monte San José, continuó utilizando sus habilidades musicales y compuso un "Padre Nuestro" en la enfermería de La Villa. Con la ayuda de la Oficina de Música, Matt Gray, director de música en la Parroquia Inmaculada en Owensboro, y Jacob Hein, director de música en la Parroquia Santa María Magdalena en Sorgho, grabaron el arreglo en español del Padre Nuestro de la Hna. Panchita solo unas semanas después de su muerte.

En conmemoración de su muerte hace un año, visite owensborodiocese.org/sr-fran-wilhelm para escuchar el archivo de sonido de su "Padre nuestro". ■

¿Qué es el Retiro de Samaritana?



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Las mujeres que asistieron al retiro de Samaritana en la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro el 4-5 de septiembre de 2021, se reúnen para una foto de grupo al final del retiro con los líderes del retiro: Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez y el P. Lusteín Blanco Grajales.

POR P. LUSTEIN BLANCO GRAJALES,
ESPECIAL PARA EL CATÓLICO DE
KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

El Retiro de Samaritana es una experiencia humano-espiritual católica para mujeres (particularmente las madres solteras y viudas). Es una experiencia que surgió como punto de partida

a los párrocos y parroquias de la Diócesis de Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, México, para iniciar la llamada “Pastoral de la Mujer”.

El objetivo del retiro es: “Que a la luz de la Palabra de Dios y el Magisterio de la Iglesia, las mujeres redescubran su identidad, dignidad y misión”. La visión es: “Honrar, ensalzar y reconocer la grandeza

de las mujeres”. La misión es: “Rescatar, revalorar y reivindicar a las mujeres”.

Durante el retiro, en primer lugar, se les invita y reta a UBICARSE, es decir, a ver su realidad según el mundo y según cómo se perciben y valoran hasta ese momento de sus vidas. Aquí, usamos algunos elementos sencillos de psicología para facilitar el trabajo de revisión a nivel humano.

Después de ubicarlas en su realidad, se les ORIENTA e ilumina con la Palabra de Dios, el Magisterio de la Iglesia, la Lectio Divina y actividades pedagógicas, para que se convenzan de su grandeza como personas e hijas de Dios, y sobre todo, de que hagan vida el lema de la experiencia: “Con María Reina, dignas de ser amadas”.

A continuación, se les motiva y exhorta a retomar su MISION como mujeres, bautizadas miembros de la Iglesia y la sociedad. Se les ofrece momentos para CELEBRAR la fe dentro de la experiencia y principalmente la celebración de la Santa Eucaristía en la clausura del retiro.

En la Diócesis de Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Chiapas, México, se realizaron los tres primeros retiros de Samaritana: (23-24 de septiembre del 2017; 10-11 de marzo de 2018; 29-30 de mayo 2021).

He aquí el testimonio de una de ellas:

“La experiencia de Samaritana me enriqueció como persona y como cristiana, para ser mejor cada día, más sociable y servicial a los demás. Me convencí de que Dios me ama y reafirmé la certeza de que está siempre a mi lado y, que con Él todo es posible; creo que ahora lo amo más. En Samaritana, aprendí también a enfrentar mis miedos, el dolor, las tristezas, los malos tratos, tanto emocionales

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Las mujeres participan en pequeños grupos durante el retiro de Samaritana, que se lleva a cabo en la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro el 4-5 de septiembre de 2021.

como físicos. Salí fortalecida y decidida para no permitir más abusos a mi persona y poner un alto a quien pretenda hacerlo. Me di cuenta de lo que valgo como persona, hija de Dios, mujer, y sobre todo que, con María Reina, soy digna de ser amada”.

Con la bendición de Dios y la iniciativa del director del Ministerio Hispano, hemos llevado a cabo la cuarta experiencia en esta Diócesis de



FOTO POR CORTESÍA DEL DIÁCONO CRISTÓBAL GUTIÉRREZ

Las mujeres que asisten al retiro de Samaritana en la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo en Owensboro el 4-5 de septiembre de 2021, participan en una actividad durante el retiro.

Owensboro en la Parroquia Santos José y Pablo, los días 4 y 5 de septiembre de 2021. Este retiro correspondió a las mujeres de la Región Santa María de Guadalupe. Participaron 27 mujeres con excelente disposición y apertura para vivir la experiencia, y creo que se logró el objetivo de renovar sus vidas e ilusiones y animarlas a ser las mujeres que Dios pensó y creó para su gloria

y el bien de la Iglesia y la sociedad. Motivados por los resultados de este primer retiro en la diócesis, esperamos organizar y llevarlo a cabo en las otras tres regiones en las que se ha organizado el acompañamiento del Ministerio Hispano.

En Cristo, servidor de todos,
P. Lustein Blanco Grajales ■



FOTO DE ARCHIVO

Hunter LeBlanc ingresó al seminario para la Diócesis de Owensboro en otoño de 2021.

'Quiero llevar la gracia de Dios a su pueblo' dice el nuevo seminarista

POR HUNTER LEBLANC, ESPECIAL PARA EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

Reconocí por primera vez mi llamado al sacerdocio cuando estaba en el segundo año de la escuela preparatoria. Esto siguió durante un año después de mi recepción del Sacramento de la Confirmación y un renovado celo por mi fe. Al principio, me sentí atraído por la vida intelectual del sacerdocio cuando comencé a profundizar en la historia, la filosofía y la teología de la Iglesia. Desde entonces, mi visión del sacerdocio y mi relación con Dios han cambiado mucho. Sobre todo ahora, aunque sigo amando las tareas intelectuales de la vida cristiana, estoy persiguiendo el sacerdocio porque amo a Dios. Dios quiere sacerdotes. La Iglesia necesita sacerdotes, y yo quiero llevar la gracia de Dios a su pueblo. ■

La parroquia de Hunter LeBlanc es San Jerónimo en Fancy Farm. Está en el primer año de pre-teología en el Seminario y Escuela de Teología de San Meinrad en St. Meinrad, Indiana. Conozca más información sobre las vocaciones en la Diócesis de Owensboro en owensborovocations.com.

Abriendo un camino

El ministro de Santo Nombre es premiado por sus contribuciones y empoderamiento de los latinos locales

POR ELIZABETH WONG BARNSTEAD, EL CATÓLICO DE KENTUCKY OCCIDENTAL

El 15 de septiembre, el director del ministerio hispano de la Parroquia Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson recibió el honor más alto que un ciudadano mexicano que vive en el exterior puede recibir del país de México.

Abraham Brown recibió el premio Ohtli de manos de Luis Franco, Cónsul General de México en Indianápolis; y Lloyd Winnecke, alcalde de Evansville,

Indiana, durante la celebración en el Old National Events Plaza de Evansville que dio inicio al Mes Nacional de la Herencia Hispana (que se celebra anualmente del 15 de septiembre al 15 de octubre).

Además de servir en el ministerio hispano, Brown es un líder de la comunidad latina local en el área de Henderson y Evansville, y es conocido por promover la inclusión y la participación comunitaria de los latinos.

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Parroquia de San José, Bowling Green

434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY 42101
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KY 42234
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403 North Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134
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511 2nd Street, Henderson, KY 42420
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El Diácono Cristóbal Gutiérrez, director de la Oficina de Ministerio Hispano/Latino de la Diócesis de Owensboro, con Abraham Brown, director del ministerio hispano en la Parroquia Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson, después de que Brown recibió el premio Ohtli el 15 de septiembre de 2021.



FOTO POR CORTESÍA DEL DIÁCONO CRISTÓBAL GUTIÉRREZ

Abraham Brown, director del ministerio hispano en la Parroquia Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson, recibe el premio Ohtli de manos de Luis Franco, el Cónsul General de México en Indianápolis, el 15 de septiembre de 2021.

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Según nmshsa.org, (el sitio web de la Asociación Nacional de Head Start Migrante y Temporal), el premio Ohtli lleva el nombre de la palabra náhuatl “ohtli” que significa “camino”, aludiendo a la idea de abrir un camino para los demás. El premio es administrado por la Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores de México y ha sido otorgado anualmente por consulados individuales, desde 1996.

“El Premio Ohtli reconoce a las personas que han ayudado, empoderado o afectado positivamente la vida de los ciudadanos mexicanos en los Estados Unidos y otros países”, declaró nmshsa.org.

Brown le dijo al Católico de Kentucky Occidental en una conversación telefónica el 14 de octubre que se sintió “honrado” de recibir el premio.

“Siento que este ha sido mi llamado”, dijo sobre su trabajo de empoderar a los latinos. “Lo que estoy haciendo ahora mismo con mi comunidad me da esa paz y felicidad que ninguna otra cosa podría”.

Dijo que ser premiado por “algo que disfruto es solo la guinda del pastel”.

“Cuando acepté el premio, quería que la gente supiera que no solo Abraham Brown estaba haciendo esto, sino Abraham Brown con cientos de personas y el apoyo de cientos de agencias que querían ayudar a mejorar las cosas para los latinos”, dijo Brown.

Él dio crédito al Santo Nombre de Jesús y a la diócesis por haber apoyado sus iniciativas a lo largo de los años, y dijo que la diócesis es líder en el ministerio hispano/latino.

“Mucha gente tiene muchos obstáculos (en este ministerio)”, dijo, “pero he sido muy bendecido en el Santo Nombre”.

Ofreció algunos consejos a sus compañeros ministros hispanos/latinos, quienes podrían sentir que su trabajo es una batalla cuesta arriba.

“Disfruten lo que están haciendo; no se desanimen; trabajen en equipo”, dijo. “Sean los mejores que puedan en lo que hacen. Ofrecer lo mejor de ti a alguien es ofrecer a Cristo a la gente. Porque esto no es para ustedes, es para la comunidad”. ■