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Diocese Celebrates Jubilees



Jubilarian, Sr. George Mary Hagan, OSU, left back, celebrated her Anniversary with the diocese, and her friends and family: Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, OSU, aunt to the nieces and nephews, nephew Charles Hagan, wife Rhonda Hagan, and daughter Felicia Hagan, niece Jean Marie Hutcherson, nephew Ray Hagan, niece Rose Mary Greenwell, Front row: Sr. Pat MacNamera, OP, friend, High School classmates: Therese Martin Lawson, Lois Marie Sommerfield, Doris Reid, and Teresa M. Thompson and friend Sr. Jane Irvin Hancock, OSU. Staff Photo

General Intercessions: Second Sunday of Easter, Jubilee Celebration, 2006

(Editor's Note: We felt that the Dicoesan Jubilee celebration is an important event and symbol of the People of God giving thanks for His gifts. The intercessions for the Jubilee Mass, April 23, 2006, told the story as well as any writer could about why the Diocese celebrates the Jubilees of Priests, Brothers, and Women Religious.)

Presider: Christ died and rose again that we may have life. let us pray with confidence to the God of our salvation.

Response: Christ our life, hear our prayer.

Reader: Christ suffered, died, and rose to new life; for all who proclaim this mystery of our salvation-Pope Benedict XVI, all Bishops and priests, consecrated religious, catechists and laity, we pray:

Christ accepted death and was raised to new life; for those who have been baptized into the new life of Christ and for those received into full communion with Christ in the Church, we pray:

Christ is the way, the truth and the life; in gratitude for the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit present in the particular congregations of those here celebrating jubilees today, we pray:

Peter was entrusted with the power to forgive sins; for the gift of reconciling peace given to our world in the ordained priests who celebrate jubilees today, we pray:

Christ entrusted his mission to the apostles; in gratitude for the whole Church and all gathered here, we pray:

Christ became the hope for all who suffer; for the poor, the alienated, the oppressed, for those who live in fear, for those who live with illness and for the weak and lonely,

The Permanent Diaconate Program comes to the Diocese of Owensboro

In 2006, with the approval of the Presbyteral Council, the bishop instituted the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program for the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky. Under the direction of Saint Meinrad School of Theology, the diocese will call forth and form candidates for the permanent diaconate. Candidates in this program prepare to be ordained to the Order of Deacon in the Catholic Church and to live out this Order in a life of public witness as the Church's minister and a life of service to the People of God, the Body of Christ.

Men who are ordained to the permanent diaconate promise to live out the charism of service to God and the people of God through a life of ordained ministry. This commitment is characterized by service to the Word of God, the Sacrament of the Church, and a life of Heroic Charity.

Permanent Deacons share with other ordained members of the Church a dedication to serve God's people through the proclamation of the Word, administration of the Sacraments, the offering of Worship to God through Christ, the service of the poor and the faithful of Christ. Since the Second Vatican Council the Church has seen even more clearly that the deacon is called to serve the Bishop, and his Priests, by becoming more intimately associated with, and involved in the life of the poor, the marginalized, the forgotten, the abandoned, the silent, and the voiceless. The deacon is asked to give his voice to the poor so that their concerns may be heard by the whole Church, especially the Bishop. Intimately united to the ministry of the Bishop and the Priests they are called to serve the Church, giving their lives in service to their brothers and sisters, the People of God.

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we pray:

All creation looks forward to the great day of Christ's coming in glory; that all who have died, especially classmates, friends and family members of these jubilarians, may look on the face of Christ and be transformed into His likeness, we pray:

Presider: We pray as always in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Bishop John McRaith, center, posed with priest jubilarians at the Diocesan Jubilee Mass April 23 in St. Stephen Cathedral, from left, Rev. Daniel Sheehan, CPM, Rev. Timothy Sweeney, OSB, Rev. Brad Whistle, Rev. Pete Hughes, and Rev. Ray Goetz. Staff Photo

Catholic Education Helps Us Learn About Our Faith, Become True Witnesses Of Jesus Christ

Dear Friends,

With the new school year upon us, I would like to share a few thoughts with you concerning Catholic education.

First of all, it is time for the annual collection for Brescia University. You will be hearing about this from the University, but I want to add my support to this collection. It is very important that we Catholics support this great gift to our Diocese—namely, Brescia University. As we look back over more than 50 years, we recognize the great influence that Brescia has had on our Diocese over these many years. Many women and men have received an outstanding Catholic education by attending this local Catholic institution of higher learning.

Over the years that I have had the privilege to serve as your Bishop, many people have told me that had it not been for Brescia they would never have gone to college, and without the benefits of that faith-based education, they would never have had the opportunities that have served them so well in life. I have talked with enough and have seen enough graduates in the past 24 years to know that Brescia has provided them with a quality Catholic education. Brescia alumni often go on to say how well they were prepared for their careers because of their educations at Brescia.

Brescia has made a difference in our Diocese, and it has made a difference in many peoples' lives. This opportunity, thank God, is still alive and well. Brescia University continues to offer the same opportunity to students as I write this letter.

We are all grateful to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph for making this possible in the past and for continuing to do so today. The spirit that has been passed down from St. Angela Merici is still part of Brescia, which makes this a special University. Brescia continues to help the Church of Western Kentucky and other Dioceses to carry out the mission of the Church—the Mission of Jesus passed on to the Church on the First Pentecost.

This collection is very important to the future of Brescia, and I pray that you will be most generous.

As important as the collection is, there is even a greater need: more students to

take advantage of Brescia. I ask any students looking for a quality education to consider enrolling this fall. IT IS NOT TOO LATE.

I would also hope that all high school students would check into Brescia University before deciding on where to receive higher education. The administration at Brescia will work with you in every way to make it possible for you to be part of the Brescia University Family. If you would just consider the possibility, I am confident that you will find that what I have said about the opportunities offered by Brescia is true.

Having said all this about our Catholic University, I also want to take this opportunity to emphasize the advantages of students receiving an education in our Catholic elementary and secondary schools of the Diocese. While our first encounter with Christ comes in the home, that encounter can and will be strengthened and grow in our Catholic schools. This paper may arrive as the new school year begins, but I am sure that your children would be welcomed at this late date to enroll in one of our many Catholic elementary and high schools. Parents, your children will have the opportunity to grow in our faith and come to know God's love in a special way by attending one of the Catholic schools in the Diocese.

If for some reason a student is unable to take advantage of a Catholic school education, particularly if there is not one available in your area, please enroll in the Religious Education Program in your Parish. I beg the parents of every young person from K–12 who are unable to attend a Catholic School to take advantage of this opportunity. There, your children will find that there is so much to learn about our Lord, His Message, and the Church. Participation in your parish Religious Education program will do wonders in helping parents to pass on the Catholic faith to their children.

Finally, I thank all those who have answered the Lord's call to be teachers, whether in a Catholic school or in a Religious Education Program. I know that you are making great sacrifices to help the children and youth to grow in their relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I close by praying that students will take advantage of these opportunities to receive a Catholic education. In the Diocese of Owensboro, we are blessed with fine programs that are available to all students seeking a good Catholic education.

Students, have a great year. Please accept the opportunities offered to you in Catholic education to learn about your faith, so you may become true witnesses of Jesus Christ in our world today.

Wishing You God's Blessings, I remain, sincerely in Christ,

+ John J. McRaith

Most Reverend John J. McRaith, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro, Ky.



Bishop McRaith's August 2006 Schedule

- 3 CPC Staff Mtg., 9am
- 5 Fancy Farm picnic
- 6 Mass, Passionist Nuns/St. Joseph Monastery, Whitesville, 2pm
- 6 Rural Life Celebration, Sportscenter, Owensboro, 5pm
- 7 CCK Mtg., Louisville, 10am CDT
- 7 Provincial Bishops' Mtg., Louisville, 4pm CDT
- 8 Provincial Bishops' Mtg., Louisville
- 9 Mass, Provincial Tribunal Mtg., CPC, 8am
- 10 McAuley Clinic Board Mtg., 7am
- 10 Paducah Office Day (Office at Lourdes Hospital, across from Chapel)
- 15 CPC CLOSED for Feast of the Assumption – Holy Day of Obligation
- 17 CPC Staff Mtg., 9am
- 19 Mass for Separated and Divorced Support Group, CPC, 5:30pm
- 21 Priests' Personnel Mtg., CPC, 9:30am
- 21 Priests' Council Mtg., CPC, 1:30pm
- 27 Blessing, St. John the Baptist, Fordsville, 3pm
- 31 Opening Mass, Brescia University, 10:45am

KC Family Donates Chalice In Memory of Departed Brother Knight

Bishop John J. McRaith blessed a chalice presented to Bowling Green KCs' Faithful Friar Rev. Brian Johnson by Mrs. Sylvia Spicer, widow of departed brother Sir Knight Harry F. Spicer. At back is Charlie Peters, Faithful Navigator for the Fr. Alexander Korte Assembly #2231 Fourth Degree Knights



of Columbus, Bowling Green, Ky. Submitted photo

DIOCESE OF OWENSBORO **PRIEST ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2006**

PASTORS Hughes, Rev. Pete: Pastor of St. Charles Parish, Livermore, effective June 13, 2006, as well as continuing to serve as Pastor of St. Sebastian Parish, Calhoun, and St. Martin Parish, Rome.

Kulathumkal, Rev. Babu Joseph: Pastor of St. Henry Parish, Aurora; St. Stephen Parish, Cadiz; St. Paul Parish, Princeton; and St. Mark Parish, Eddyville, effective June 13, 2006.

McCarthy, Rev. Carl: Pastor of Sts. Joseph and Paul Parish, Owensboro, effective June 13, 2006.

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Ibemere, Rev. Julian: Parochial Vicar of Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro, effective June 13, 2006.

Shonis, Rev. Anthony: Parochial Vicar of Holy Name Parish, Henderson, effective June 13, 2006.

OTHER

Roby, Rev. Brian: Appointed to study at Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C., to obtain a degree in canon law, effective June 13, 2006.

RETIREES

Danhauer, Rev. Richard: Permission to retire from active ministry, effective June 13, 2006.

Tiell, Rev. Maurice: Permission to retire from active ministry, effective June 13, 2006. In residence at St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green.



Best wishes, Father Brian

Anna Marie and Paul Haynes said farewell with many other Sts. Joseph and Paul parishioners in Owensboro on June 11, 2006. Many had mixed emotions about the farewell and best wishes day. "He is like a grandson to us," said Bill & Catherine Thomas. Others admitted it was hard to see Fr. Brian go to Washington, D.C. After 20 minutes of jokes at Fr. Brian's expense, the parish's "Holy Hecklers" sang "O Lord, It's Hard To Be Humble..." The evening ended with singing of some of Fr. Brian's favorite hymns sung by the choir, and with a final parish blessing. The parish said, "Best wishes, Fr. Brian, and we hope you pass!" Photo by Laida Mischel

Good Bye, Father Tony

By Edie Keeney

PADUCAH, Ky. - Father Tony Shonis, the Parochial Vicar at St. Francis de Sales and Rosary Chapel for the past two years was leaving to go to his next assignment in Henderson, Kentucky. Father Tony was involved with many groups during his two years in Paducah and each group wanted to say "Good Bye". St. Francis had a potluck dinner a short time before he left which was attended by a large group of friends. He was presented with some unique going away gifts. A French beret to wear on his trip to France, a toy microphone and earphones to remind him of his radio show, and a toy car with the wish that it could have been a real one. Two beautiful framed prints of St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal to be hung in the entrance way of the parish hall were donated in honor of Father Tony and in memory of the recent Mission "Practical Holiness", the Spirituality of St. Francis de Sales.

The weekend that he left he said his final goodbye at the 8:30AM Mass and afterwards hurried over to Rosary Chapel to say his last Mass there and attend a farewell potluck dinner. Fr. then went to the Centro del Inmigrante to bless the Center but after enjoying a bit of food he had to hurry off to his next stop. Fr. Tony had been celebrating Mass with a group of Hispanic Catholics at St. Thomas More every Sunday afternoon. That was his next stop and that too was followed by a farewell potluck dinner. Fr. laughed, "Everyone will be glad when I am finally gone."

Having Fr. Tony at Rosary Chapel has meant a lot to the parishioners. Janice Darnell, Pastoral Associate, commented, "Fr. Tony has been a wonderful inspiration for us. He has been



A photo composite of Edie Keeney photographs of Father Tony Shonis with children by Sarah Miller

such a big part of Rosary and we loved having him here. He has been such a big help to us and we are really going to miss him." Charles Davis added, "He has really helped Rosary and we are really going to miss him. We wish him well." Rose Lowery, music director, remarked, "Fr. Tony truly has been a blessing to our church. He has a special gift for teaching. We really are going to miss him but we know he will be a blessing to others."

Fr. Tony has a special place in the hearts of the Hispanic people in this area. Sister Marie Moore said, "We are grateful that Fr. Tony was able to bless the Hispanic Center. He has been so helpful to the Spanish people. They will really miss him." Dora Klepeis pointed out that the Spanish people who come to the Center see it as a place to learn and receive needed help. They prepared typical Spanish foods for the meal following the blessing of the Center. Later after the Spanish language Mass at St. Thomas More, Corina Hernandez commented, "It is so nice to have a Spanish speaking priest that can carry on in our traditions." Gabino Cruz added, "I will miss him because he is a good person and we are grateful for what he has done for us." Juan and Rebecca Sanchez remarked, "We are going to miss Fr. Tony a lot; he has been very good to our people."

"Goodbye," Fr. Tony. God bless you. We will miss you.

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The Permanent Diaconate Program

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Qualities Sought in Potential Deacon Candidates

- emotional maturity
- personal integrity/ appropriate self- knowledge
- demonstrate a personal commitment to growing in Christian holiness/ an active prayer life/ participation in the Eucharistic and Sacramental life of the Church
- generosity for service already being demonstrated
- good physical and psychological health (both candidate and wife, if married)
- ability to work in a team/ works well with people
- clearly demonstrates an ability and willingness to lead
- good communication skills (both as a speaker and as a listener)
- ability to speak publicly and proclaim the Gospel effectively
- ability to articulate and explain the moral and doctrinal teaching of the Church effectively
- need in the community for his service and leadership
- acceptance by the Christian community as evidenced by his ministry in the parish
- he must show an acceptance and personal commitment to the teaching of the Church

Over the next several months, you will be receiving information through your local parish about the Permanent Diaconate Program for the Diocese of Owensboro. Also, look for articles in the Western Kentucky Catholic answering questions like: who can be a deacon? What exactly does a deacon do? Why have we not ordained permanent deacons before in the diocese?

Contact for the Diocese: Reverend Father John M. Thomas, Director of Permanent Diaconate, SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 902 East Ninth Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240, jnthomas@saintspeterandpaulchurch.org, Tel. 270-885-8522, Fax. 270-885-5296

Morganfield Catholic Educator Recognized By School, Community For Excellence

Mrs. Debbie Padgett, a 17-year veteran elementary teacher at St. Ann Catholic School, has been named the 2006 Morganfield Wal-mart Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Padgett has taught second and fourth grade and St. Ann is the only school where she has taught. She is a resource teacher through the Kentucky Internship Program working with beginning teachers as mentors. Mrs. Padgett has also been a co-sponsor of the St. Ann Y Club for the past 5 years and guided that group to win the KY George Williams Award as the most outstanding middle school club for service to school and community.

Debbie is a graduate of St. Mary's Trinity High School in Whitesville, and Brescia University. Mrs. Padgett and her husband Doug are members of St. Ann Parish and have two children, Jessica, a fifth grader at St. Ann's, and Randall, a freshman at UCHS. St. Ann School received a check from the Wal-mart Foundation for \$1,000.00. Mrs. Padgett was presented with a framed certificate, a Wal-mart Teacher of the Year Polo shirt, and a bouquet. This is only the second time a St. Ann teacher has won this award. St. Ann



School Photo

4 Stages of Marriage

The 4 stages of many marriages are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Quite a few marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never reach the resolution of the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). For confidential information or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug 18-20 call 270-683-1545 ext 357 or email: dpretrowens@aol.com <mailto:dpretrowens@aol.com> or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org <http://www.retrouvaille.org>.

Join Us For A Wonderful Experience At Beautiful Nazareth!

Sisters Of Charity Picnic, Nazareth, Kentucky,
Saturday, August 26, 2pm - 8pm

Capital Prizes: \$1000, \$500, \$250, and Handmade Quilt
Chicken Dinner And 7 Other Items 2pm - 7pm

Adults: \$7 (Children 12 And Under \$5)

Music, Kentucky Cloggers, Magician, Suzuki Violin Students,
Booths, Games, Children's Activities

For Your Convenience, A Komfort Koach Bus Will Leave The St. Stephen's
Parking Lot At 11am And Return Approximately At 8pm.

Travel Cost Will Be \$12.75 Per Person.

Please Register Prior To August 19

By Calling S. Eula Johnson,scn At 270-684-3978, And Give Name, Phone
Number And Address By Voice Mail Or E-mail Me At Johnsone@owensboro.net I Will Be Available By Phone Every Day Between 5pm And 7pm

Passionist Nuns Retreat House

Whitesville, KY

Presents a Retreat on

Entering More Deeply into the Prayer of Jesus
in the Liturgy of the Hours

September 15-17, 2006

Retreat Presenter: Mother Catherine Marie, CP

For More Information, call (270) 233-4571

or Email us at retreats@passionistnuns.org

Retreat Open to Men and Women.



Owensboro Serra Club

Invites You To Adopt A Priest

The Serra Club of Owensboro has launched a program to provide prayerful support for the priests of our Diocese called ADOPT A PRIEST. A lapel pin has been designed as shown. The initials of the priest and his date of ordination have been engraved on the back of each pin. Along with each pin, a card and envelope will be included, designed especially to be sent by the wearer to the adopted priest. The Serra Club is asking that you pray daily for your adopted priest.

To order a pin, send a check or money order for \$15.00 to: Serra Club of Owensboro, 4213 Spring Bank Drive, Owensboro, KY 42303

Carmelite Sister from Owensboro Pronounces Perpetual Vows

Sister Anna Maria Haycraft of the Lamb of God of Owensboro, Ky. pronounced her Perpetual Vows at the Provincial House of the Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus in St. Louis, Missouri on July 2, 2006. His Excellency, Archbishop John Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas officiated at the Mass of Religious Profession. Two Owensboro Priests, Rev. Anthony Stevenson, Pastor of St. Williams Parish, Knottsville, Kentucky, and Rev. David Kennedy of Lewisport, Kentucky, a long-time friend of the family, attended and concelebrated with visiting Priests of the St. Louis Archdiocese.

Present for their daughter's Profession of Perpetual Vows were her parents, Jack and Mary Ann Haycraft of St. William's Parish, who were celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary. Also present were Sister's six sisters, five brothes, and twenty-three nieces and nephews, all Kentucky residents. For the Meditation at Mass, "Hail Mary, Gentle Woman" was beautifully harmonized by Sister Anna Maria's six sisters, to the accompaniment of the violin played by their niece Kateri.

Sister Anna Maria (Germaine Haycraft) was educated at Mary Carrico Elementary School in Knottsville, and at Owensboro Catholic High School. She entered the convent in St. Louis on July 16, 1998. Being the 10th child of the family, Sister is lovingly referred to by her mother as, "My tithe." After spending several days with her family in Owensboro, Kentucky, Sister will join her Religious Family of Carmelite Sisters, D.C.J. at Carmel Home, where she will begin her Religious/Apostolic Service.



From left, Rev. David Kennedy, Jack Haycraft, Sr. Anna Maria, Mary Ann Haycraft, and Rev. Anthony Stevenson. Photo/story submitted by Sr. M. Andrea of Carmel Home.

Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus To Celebrate Foundress' Beatification

Blessed Maria Teresa of St. Joseph was beatified on May 13, 2006, in the Netherlands. Seven Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus from Owensboro made a Beatification Pilgrimage to ultimately attend the ceremony at St. Christopher's Cathedral in Roermond, Netherlands, and to hear His Eminence Cardinal Jose Saraiva Martins, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Sainthood in Rome, proclaim Maria Teresa of St. Joseph BLESSED.

The Owensboro Carmelites invite the public to a celebration of a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Beatification of their Foundress, Blessed Mother Teresa of St. Joseph, on September 14, 2006, at 4:00 P.M. at Blessed Mother Church in Owensboro, at which Bishop John J. McRaith will preside. A reception will follow in the Blessed Mother Parish Hall.

For information, Call Carmel Home, 1-270-683-0227.

Source: *The Carmel Home Chit Chat newsletter*, May/June/July, 2006.

Body Language: Commentary on the Intersection of Faith, Sex, & Culture

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

By Christopher West

The DDP for NFP of the SPLA of the USCCB (you don't know what that stands for? — Diocesan Development Program for Natural Family Planning of the Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) designated July 23-29 as "Natural Family Planning Awareness Week." The dates highlight the anniversary of Paul VI's encyclical "Humanae Vitae" (July 25) and the feast of Joachim and Anne (July 26).

Pope Paul's reaffirmation of the church's constant teaching on the immorality of contraception fell like a bomb in 1968. The church still hasn't recovered from the shock waves. As I wrote in a previous column, if you think the church needs to "get with the times" on this issue, believe me, I can relate. I almost left the Catholic Church because of what I once considered this "blasted teaching." And all this natural family planning stuff, I thought, was just a way for crusty old bishops to keep the fun out of sex. What do they know about sex anyway?

Live and learn, if we dare. My wife won't mind my saying that I have come to learn more about sex from that "crusty old" Pope John Paul II than from anyone on the planet. I came to learn from him that the sexual embrace is meant to be a foreshadowing of the eternal union of heaven. And I came to learn that there's an enemy hell-bent on keeping us from understanding and living sex in this way. Why? Because if he can disorient sex, it will no longer point us to heaven. And that's his precise goal — to keep us from heaven.

Our sexuality, as John Paul II insisted, "is by no means something purely biological, but concerns the innermost being of the human person" ("Familiaris Consortio," no. 11). It is here, in our innermost being, that we learn to love as God loves or fail to do so. The problem in the modern world is that we have confused lust for love. When lust (self-gratification) is a person's paradigm for sex, he or she will view everything the church teaches as a hindrance. But when loving as God loves is a person's paradigm for sex, everything the church teaches not only makes sense, it becomes the sure path for discovering true love.

This might sound strange at first, but let it sink in. Contraception was not invented to prevent pregnancy. We already had a 100-percent safe, 100-percent reliable way of doing that. It's called abstinence. Contraception, in the final analysis, was invented so men and women wouldn't have to abstain. Why do we spay and neuter our dogs and cats? Why don't we just ask them to abstain? They can't. This is precisely the point: The church is trying to help us see that when we choose to render sexual union sterile, we are reducing ourselves, in a sense, to the level of animals in heat. Sexual union in such a situation is not an act of love, but an act of indulging instinct; it's an act of lust.

After all, if you can't say "no" to sex, what does your "yes" really mean? When couples abstain from a potentially fertile act of intercourse, they are demonstrating their freedom and, hence, their love. "Oh, give me a break," people respond. "What is the big difference between sterilizing the act yourself and just waiting till it's naturally infertile? The end result is the same thing: both couples avoid children." To which I respond: "What's the big difference between killing Grandma, and just waiting till she dies naturally? The end result is the same thing: dead Grandma."

If you can tell the difference between euthanasia and natural death, you can tell the difference between contraception and NFP. On the one hand, natural death and natural infertility are both acts of God. On the other hand, in killing Grandma and in rendering the sexual act sterile, we are taking the powers of life into our own hands, making ourselves "like God." Wasn't this the original temptation in the garden?

We would do well to consider Natural Family Planning Awareness Week as an occasion to ponder these things anew. Better yet, sign up for an NFP class. Maybe, just maybe, the Catholic Church isn't crazy after all.



Minutes Of The Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting

Christ The King Parish Hall, Madisonville

May 15, 2006

Present: Valerie McCoy, Linda Frakes, Fr. Al Bremer, Betty Elder Sr. Cheryl Uebelhor, P. J. O'Donoghue, Barb Carper, Jeff Lamb, Marilyn Chandler, Bill Rodgers, Paul Bachi, Fr. Jerry Calhoun, Mary Prante, Delphine Operle, Janet Thomason, Charles Rucks, Denny Mann, Bishop John McRaith, Cathy Hagan – Executive Secretary. Absent With Notice: Perry Elder, Homer Barton; Absent: SuzAnne Wilson; CPC Staff: Sr. Joseph Angela Boone, Sr. Pat Froning, Kevin Kauffeld, Tom & Kathy Buehrle. Marilyn Chandler, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Jeff Lamb led the opening prayer.

- I. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from March 20, 2006 were approved as mailed.
- II. Bishop McRaith's Remarks: Bishop McRaith had no remarks at this time.
- III. Election of Officers: Election of officers was held. The officers for July 1, 2006 thru June 30, 2007 are: Chairperson: Mary Prante; Vice-Chairperson: Jeff Lamb; Secretary/Treasurer: Valerie McCoy
- IV. Proposed Diocesan Five-Year Goals and Objectives: The Diocesan Pastoral Council reviewed the proposed goals and objectives. Following is a list of each area of ministry and any suggestions that were made for changes.

Administration and Stewardship: No suggested changes; Archives: No suggested changes; Black Catholics: No suggested changes; Catholic Charities: No suggested changes; Catholic Schools: No suggested changes; Communications: It was pointed out that there was a typing error in objective #1. It should say that the WKC is published 10 times yearly and not ten times monthly. The DPC did ask that the Office of Communications look at the possibility of publishing the paper 11 or 12 times per year; Councils: A suggestion was made to add an objective to goal #1 "To hold a Presbyteral Day on the purpose and function of parish pastoral councils." Ecumenism: No suggested changes; Family Life: No suggested changes; Hispanic Ministry: No suggested changes; Lay Ecclesial Ministry: No suggested changes; Religious Education/Faith Formation: No suggested changes; Safe Environment: No suggested changes; Social Ministries: Suggested looking at the title of "Jail and Prison Ministry." Why not refer to it as "Correctional Facilities and Institutions Ministry?" (It was noted though that the term "Jail and Prison Ministry" is commonly used throughout the diocese and country in reference to this ministry and is an acceptable term.) Spiritual Life: Would like to see an objective added that would offer assistance to parishes that are establishing a parish spiritual life committee. Tribunal: No suggested changes; Vocations: No suggested changes; Worship: A suggested change for Goal 3 – Objective 1: "Continue offering parish and deanery level music consultations." It was felt that this objective should be a little stronger and perhaps be worded to say: "Continue offering parish and deanery level music directives." It was expressed that there should be more unity in the music that is used in parishes for funerals, weddings, and other liturgies. It seems that some parishes are not using the appropriate liturgical music for some celebrations. Young Adult Ministry: No suggested changes; Youth Ministry: No suggested changes.

The goals and objectives will be given back to diocesan staff and their respective committees for any revisions that they would like to make. They are asked to have their revisions in to Cathy Hagan by July 31, 2006. The goals and objectives will then be sent to the Priests' Council, deanery councils, parish pastoral councils, and diocesan committees. They will then come back to the DPC for final approval.

V. DPC Retreat: There will not be a DPC retreat this year. The suggestion was made to have a joint retreat day/informational day for all councils with the Diocesan Pastoral Council. A target date for this might be August of 2007. This will be on the September 2006 DPC agenda.

VI. Diocesan Internet Policy: the policy was approved by the DPC. A suggestion was made that more be included on privacy policy.

VII. Diaconate Program: Fr. Jerry Calhoun reported that steps to beginning a Diaconate Program here in the diocese are falling into place. Fr. John Thomas has been named as the director of the program. A screening process needs to be put together. It

will be at least another year before the formation program is ready to begin.

VIII. Priesthood Sunday: The diocese will celebrate Priesthood Sunday in October of this year. The Serra Club and the National Federation of Priests' Councils sponsor priesthood Sunday. The date for this is generally the last Sunday in October but has not yet been set for 2006. Materials will be sent to parishes when they become available.

IX. Meeting Schedule for 2006-2007: Monday, September 18, 2006 – Opening Prayer: Marilyn Chandler; Monday, November 20, 2006; Tuesday, January 16, 2007; Monday, March 19, 2007; Monday, May 21, 2007

X. Announcements: Due to moving outside of the diocese, Sr. Cheryl Uebelhor is resigning from the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Bishop McRaith thanked her for her dedicated service to the Diocesan Pastoral Council and presented her with a small gift. Bishop McRaith then expressed his gratitude to all of the DPC members for the gifts that each person brings to the council.

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with a prayer at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by,
Cathy Hagan.

Treasure the rich gifts of Carmelite spirituality and Eucharistic adoration

A new addition to Christian Classics

Notre Dame, IN – Bread of Heaven: A Treasury of Carmelite Prayers and Devotions on the Eucharist, compiled by Penny Hickey, O.C.D.S. with a foreword by Kieran Kavanaugh, O.C.D., is the latest addition to Christian Classics, an esteemed imprint that publishes classic works of the Christian heritage. An ideal resource for the growing Catholic population dedicated to Carmelite spirituality and Eucharistic Adoration, Bread of Heaven offers meditations, prayers, and poems on the Eucharist collected from five centuries of Carmelite saints and writers.

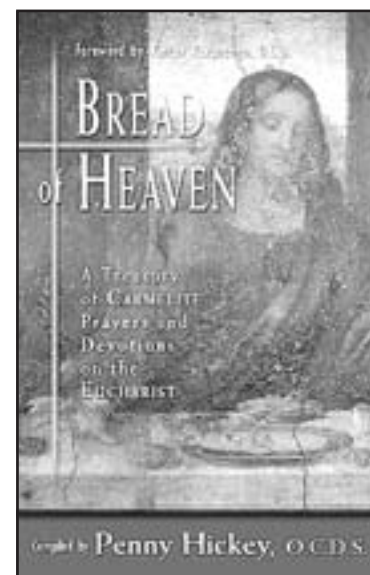
From mystic Teresa of Avila to Carmelite martyr Edith Stein and American poet Jessica Powers, Bread of Heaven will nourish Catholics with the writings of twenty-four Carmelites. Each Carmelite contributor is introduced with a brief biography.

A resurgence of interest in the Eucharist began with Pope John Paul II's 2004-2005 "Year of the Eucharist," declared shortly before his death. Now, more than 6800 churches and chapels in the United States provide exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for public adoration and meditation by Catholics.

Kieran Kavanaugh, O.C.D., the premier translator of well-known Carmelites John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila, wrote the foreword for Bread of Heaven. He says, "Penny Hickey, in pondering the mystery of the Eucharist, turned to the saints of Carmel. Who better than they can teach and inspire us by their thoughts on the Eucharist? Their reflections arose out of their long hours of Eucharistic adoration . . . This was the secret of their tremendous love of God and neighbor."

Penny Hickey, O.C.D.S., has been a secular Carmelite since 1991. Her love for the Eucharist blossomed through her work as an Extraordinary Minister of Communion in her parish and to the sick, a role she has been active in since 1981. She serves as the Formation Director for the Community of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Washington, D.C. She began working on this compilation of Eucharistic prayers and meditations in anticipation of the Year of the Eucharist (October 2004–October 2005).

Penny Hickey is also the author/editor of two previous books: Behold the Lamb of God: Communion Prayers for the Sick (Witness Ministries) and Drink of the Stream: Prayers of Carmelites (Ignatius Press).



Fall, 2006 Parish Picnic Schedule

Aug. 1	5:00 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
Aug. 5	11:00 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Aug. 5	Noon	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Aug. 6	4:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Browns Valley
Aug. 12	4:00 Mass	St. Ann, Morganfield, at St. Ann parish grounds
Aug. 26	3:00 p.m. (EST)	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Aug. 26	4:00 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
Sept. 9	4:00 p.m. Mass; 4:30 p.m. serving begins	St. Agnes, Uniontown
Sept. 9	Noon	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 10	11 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
Sept. 16	4:00 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Sept. 16	4:00 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
Sept. 17	11:00 a.m.	Mary Carrico School Picnic, on St. Lawrence Picnic Grounds
Sept. 17	Noon	St. Thomas More, Paducah
Sept. 23	3:00 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
Sept. 24	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Sept. 29-30		Holy Name Fall Festival, Henderson, Ky.
October 7	Noon	St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Rogation Days Recalled and Celebrated

By Sr. Eula Johnson, scn

Parishioners from the faith communities of St. Lawrence and St. William gathered at the home of Tony and Sandy Lanham on Short Stations Road for the fourth annual celebration of Rogation Days on April 30. Those gathered asked St Isidore, patron of farmers, and his wife Maria to intercede for favorable weather, blessings of an abundant harvest, and assistance to be good stewards of the land.

This occasion was an opportunity to praise and give thanks to God for all of creation, land, water, food and the many material resources that sustain us. Father Tony blessed the plants and seeds brought and a container of water that parishioners were invited to take home for their own blessings of gardens and fields. Woven through all the prayers and blessings was the theme of our dependence on God our Creator and the gratitude due him.

Prayer was followed by animated sharing over barbecued chicken, thanks to our hosts and pot luck dishes, oh so delicious and bounteous. The blustery weather outside did not dampen the warmth of friendship inside the comfortable surroundings of Lanham's Horse Pavilion. We returned home grateful and trusting in God's providence for an abundant harvest and His continued blessings.



Rogation Day Celebration at St. Lawrence and St. William parishes, from left, Joe Elliott, Rhnda Smith, Mary Sue Elliott, Martin Hagan, Harold Higdon, Bridget Higdon, Tamea Lanham, and Corey Scarborough. Photo by Sr. Eula Johson, SCN.



St Agnes, Uniontown, Holy Saturday Evening - Complete Group With Sponsors & Team Front Row: Paul Duncan, Chris Duncan, Mickey Holt, Robin Henshaw 2nd Row: Sue Miller, Deedee Hooper, Jack Miller Edna Messamore, RCIA Co-ordinator, Tonya Clevidence 3rd Row: Fr. Terry Devine E-mail Edna Messamore At Ednamm@ispwest.com.

Diocesan Review Board Members Ready To Respond To Calls

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Larry Abel, Chair, Dr. William Bach, Ms. June Bell, Sr. Vivian Bowles, OSU, Ms. Susan Clark, Mr. William Craig, Jr., Dr. Darrell French, Dr. Carroll Howard, Fr. Pat Reynolds, and Ms. Shannon S. Wright. Ms. Louanne Gelarden serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board.

Any person who wishes to communicate with the Diocesan Review Board is asked to call the Catholic Pastoral Center at 1-270-683-1545 and ask to speak with a member of the Review Board. To speak with a particular member of this Board, tell the receptionist. In either case, the receptionist at the Catholic Pastoral Center will give the caller's information to the member of the Review Board for follow-up. Callers may choose to remain anonymous for the initial call to the Catholic Pastoral Center receptionist. The phone numbers of the members of this Board will not be made public.

You may also contact the Board via email at reviewboard@pastoral.org. Be sure to include your contact information. No direct response will be given by email because confidentiality is never guaranteed when using email. Follow-up will be made by telephone.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Marriage Celebrations for August 2006

Milestone anniversaries of 25, 40, 50, and over 50 years of marriage

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Martin & Janice Bumm, 25
Eugene & Becky Krampe, 25
Robert & Margaret Berry, 54
James & Louise Hodskins, 60
Thomas & Julie Whitten, 54

Christ the King, Madisonville

Paul & Gwen Bergman, 40
Tommy & Carol Richardson, 40
Roy & Mary Rigney, 56

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Jeff & Mary Jobe, 25
Hascel & Barbara Johnson, 25
Warren & Linda Keach, 25
Thomas & Mary Duncan, 40
Thomas & Dorothy Barron, 59
Paul & Sharon Hagan, 51
Preston & Suzanne Johnson, 53
Charles & Virginia Knight, 57
David & Diana O'Nan, 56

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Robert & Janice Belt, 25
Steve & Jane Wilson, 25
Irvin & Rebecca Irvin, 25
James & Sylvia Weis, 50
Ewell & Sara Scott, 50
Robert & Betty Lagrange, 50
Steve & Mary Jane Swigonski 55
Francis & Wilma Roos, 58
Walter & Nardie Geier, 66
Robert P. Christine Bowlds, 55

Holy Trinity, Morgantown

Robert & Shirley Hamilton, 55

Immaculate, Owensboro

Lester & Martha Reed, 60
Keith & Lauren Orth, 25
John & Margie Wathen, 51

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Walter & Elizabeth Higdon, 69

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Donald & Mary Cundiff, 57
Darrell & Denise Higginbotham, 25
Roy & Wilma Howard, 50
John & Barbara Olson, 25

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Robert & Pheba Kerstiens, 54

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Walter & Jean Stockton, 50
Paul & Florence Clements, 66

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Marvin & Shirlene Dant, 52

St. Ann, Morganfield, KY

Dean & Dana Potter, 25
John & Yvonne Davis, 40
Bill & Helen Dixon, 60

H. E. & Marylyn Ervin, 50
Thomas & Allegera Luckett, 66
Robert & Pansy French, 54
John & Kay McShane, 53

St. Anthony, Utica

William & Alicia Wright, 57
Mike & Theresa McCarty, 56

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Kenneth & Lisa White, 25

St. Columba, Lewisport

David & Rosemary Emmick, 25

St. Denis, Fancy Farm

John & Frances Vessells, 55

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

R. J. & Margaret Elder, 58
Ray & Barbara Skinner, 50

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Teddy & Carolyn Sullivan, 40
Bernie & Carol Neel, 53

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Charles & Dorothy Shook, 61
Wallace & Bonnie Gibson, 40

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Robert & Anna Kinkade, 50
John S. & Karen Taylor, 25

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Tony & Jennifer Smith, 25
Tony & Edie Kluemper, 25
Joseph & Linda Englert, 59
Charles & Aline Courtney, 60

St. Leo, Murray

Alex & Mary Paluch, 60
Bertrand & Beatrice Bleemel, 58
James & Ethel Cantrell, 51
Joe & Rita Pannunzio, 25

St. Martin, Rome

Otho & Mary Durbin, 61
Kenneth & Alice Drochter, 52

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Larry & Benita Riney, 51

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady

Terry & Cheryl Haysley, 25

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

J. Mark & Sherry Bickett, 25
Jerry & Gabby Roby, 25
Gerald & Nancy Barr, 40

St. Peter, Waverly

Meredith & Gayle Ruselburg, 40

St. Pius X, Calvert City

Jim & Sue Hanrahan, 50
Joe & Barb Cirrito, 50
Lloyd & Janet Brown, 40
Pete & Jennifer Buzzelli, 25

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Tom & Betty Rhodes, 25



Bishop John McRaith greets participants of the 19th annual Catholic Charismatic Conference. Father Bruce Fogle is on his left, and standing to his right, Father Tom Forrest of Oklahoma, currently international director of EVANGELIZATION 2000, a Catholic effort to promote Church renewal. The conference took place March 10-12 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center.

Randy & Robin Roby, 25

Tommie & Janet Hayden, 55

Herbert & Audeline Johnson, 66

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Joe & Irene O'Reilly, 50

J. W. & Lorena Bland, 60

Alton & Thelma Richards, 52

Harold & Mary Flood, 50

St. Rose, Cloverport

Thomas & Mary Rose Rogers, 56

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Donald & Cynthia Durbin, 40

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Harold & Marilyn Clements, 56

S. B. & Geraldine Payne, 69

Paul & Sarah Jane Johnson, 51

Robert & Joan Englert, 54

William Hugh & Helen Riney, 58

Edward & Jacqueline Jaskolski, 52

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Keith & Susan Mason, 25

Charles & Hazel Collier, 40

Bill & Carlene Dannenmueller, 50

Raymond & Lucienne Willett, 61

St. William, Philpot

Tim & Della Mitchell, 25

Charles & Ann Roby, 40

Gerald & Wanda Mattingly, 60

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

John & Aggie Boehman, 25

Michael & Karen Cole, 25

Gerald & Judy Hood, 40

Bob & Rita Christian, 58

Richard & Alma Gaw, 54

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

George & Mary Macias, 61

Engaged Encounter dates for 2006 and 2007

August 4 - 6, September 15 - 17, October 27 - 29.

Engaged Encounter dates for 2007 are February 2 - 4, March 9 - 11, April 20 - 22, August 10 - 12, September 14 - 16, October 26 - 28.

ADOPTION TRAINING

Catholic Charities of Owensboro is sponsoring an adoptive parent training weekend at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro on Friday, August 4 and Saturday, August 5 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. both days. Attendance at the weekend is required for anyone adopting a child domestically through Catholic Charities. If you'd like to register or would like more information on domestic or international adoption, please contact Rita Heinz at 270-852-8328.



Holy Name held the second annual Alleluia Rally at the end of April to celebrate our Risen Lord. The Children's Choir sang, the Handbell Choir performed, the kindergarten, second graders, and eighth graders all performed as well as our youth minister Charlie Hardesty. Pictured is Sergio Sarmiento showing off his Alleluia Banner he made for the rally. Holy Name Church Photo



Donna Jo Bugg came to Holy Name's Second Annual Alleluia Rally and sat with her daughter Brooke Bugg. Holy Name Church Photo



Saints Peter and Paul Church was given an award from the Chamber of Commerce in Hopkinsville for maintaining beautiful grounds. It's called the Blue Ribbon Curb Appeal Award. Photo by Shannon Craft

Contemporary Woman Program Announces Fall Programs

Brescia University's Contemporary Woman Program enters the fall semester with Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph Rose Marita O'Bryan as director.

The brochure lists new and former programs available to both women and men:

Path of Contemplative Dialogue, which begins September 18, from 6:30 – 8:00, continues Monday evenings into November.

Women Doctors of the Church, exploring the life and writings of the three women doctors of the Church, is presented on six Wednesdays in September and October from 2 – 3 p.m.

From Age-ing to Sage-ing, offered on eight Tuesday mornings, begins September 12 from 10 – 11:30.

Powers of the Universe, using the video series by cosmologist Brian Swimme, ushers participants on a journey into the powers that have been active since the beginning of time. Participants meet Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., September through November.

The Cantic Group, dialoging around the CD series, Justice Making in a Globalized World, presented by Rev. Diarmuid O'Murchu, meets on Friday mornings from 10 till noon, beginning September 1.

The Partnership Group, in its 18th year, gathers to study and discuss The Power of Myth, an interview by Bill Moyers with Joseph Campbell, on the second Wednesday of each month, 7 to 9 p.m., beginning September 13.

Soul Gardening, a special opportunity for the four Tuesday mornings in November from 10:30 – 11:30, consists of guided meditations, journaling, and silence.

Christians and Poverty, a series of four Wednesday evening meetings from 6:30 to 7:30, beginning on October 18, is designed to spark discussion, thought, and action about how to live out God's call for justice in our world.

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



Bereavement Program - Five Sessions

WHERE: Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro

TIME: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm,

CONTACT: Betty Medley (270) 683-1545 ext. 357 or Charlotte Hedges (270) 683-1545 ext. 346

Aug. 1 What Grief is Really Like: Some common reactions to a situation no one is ever prepared to handle. Why we feel the way we do, and why no one seems to understand.

Aug. 8 Depression: Sadness, loss, and the feeling that nothing will ever be the same. Physical symptoms; healing can happen.

Aug. 15 Anger: Nice people DO get angry. Recognizing our anger, coping with it and getting over it. (Address suicide and our feelings of outrage and shame.)

Aug. 22 Guilt: Blaming ourselves for what has happened, handling the "What ifs..." and, "if onlys..." (Touch on suicide, and our responsibility or lack of it.)

Aug. 29 From Grief to Living Again: Putting grief in perspective, learning to share our lives with the living, and realizing that we will never "get over" our grief, but we can learn to live with it.

Memorial Service

WHOLE AGAIN SUPPORT GROUP

in the Diocese of Owensboro will be hosting a "fun evening" for the separated, divorced and widowed individuals in our diocese. Mark your calendar for 5:30 p.m., Saturday, August 19, 2006 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY.

The evening will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop John McRaith, followed by a potluck and dance. Enjoy a night of fun with others who have gone through similar experiences.

Please confirm your attendance with Betty Medley or Charlotte Hedges at 683-1545 prior to Monday, August 14, 2006.

Sister Ruth Gehres Visits Casa Ursulina in Chile

Sister Ruth Gehres, associate director of communications for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, spent the month of March 5,000 miles south of Owensboro in the city of Chillán, Chile, where the Ursuline Sisters have ministered for more than 25 years.

Sister Ruth lived and worked with Sister Mary Elizabeth (Mimi) Ballard at the Dianna Ortiz Center for Women — Casa Ursulina — which serves the spiritual, psychological, physical and economic needs of women in the Población Vicente Pérez Rosales, a large sector of Chillán where poverty is a way of life.

“Casa Ursulina is more than a house, more than an educational center,” Sister Ruth reflected. “Above all, it is a community of women who support one another in working toward a better life for themselves and their families.”

Begun in 1997 by Sister Mimi and a core group of women from the población, Casa Ursulina continues to grow. With support from the Ursuline community, several grants, and friends of Sister Mimi and the community, the tiny house in which the ministry began has been enlarged several times. This year, 165 women are enrolled in courses and workshops at Casa Ursulina — the largest group ever.

Classes offered include sewing, various kinds of fancywork and crafts, cooking, hairdressing, painting on wood, glass, and fabrics. In addition, there are classes in exercise, English, self-esteem, communication skills, and many other areas of personal development.

Many women who have learned skills at Casa Ursulina now have shops of their own in their homes. Many too are now teaching these skills to other women. At Casa Ursulina about 25 women volunteer in teaching, assisting in childcare, answering the door and phone, and helping to keep the house in order. There are no paid employees.

One of the special offerings is a program of support for pregnant teenagers in collaboration with the public health department. The young mothers-to-be learn how to prepare for their babies physically, spiritually, and psychologically. Because most are too poor to afford basic items for their babies, they



At the close of their orientation, the members of Sister Mimi's English class join hands to pray the Lord's Prayer. Members of this class range from elementary students to women in their 70s.



Clarina (right), a volunteer teacher at Casa Ursulina, helps Elena make a blanket for her baby in the workshop on sewing for children. Elena, who participated last year in the program for the support of teen mothers, is enrolled in several other classes.



While in Chile, Sister Ruth met the bishop (now bishop emeritus) of the Chillán diocese in his office. From left, Sister Magaly Rebolledo of the Sisters del Prado, a friend of Sister Mimi who works in parish ministry in another población; Sister Ruth; Bishop Alberto Jara Franzoy; Sister Mimi.

learn how to make blankets and clothes from donated used clothing, and to construct mobiles and decorated boxes to prepare a pretty space for their newborns. After the babies are born, the mothers often return for classes in sewing for children and other offerings at the center. During class time, childcare is available for the children (or grandchildren) of all participants.

“Helping each other and reaching out to those in even greater need is a vital part of all that happens at Casa Ursulina,” Sister Ruth says. At the Monday afternoon “Volunteer Workshop,” about 18 women gather to make blankets and clothing — again from donated items — for people in greatest need. The emphasis is on los demás — others. “Jesus manifests himself in the poor,” Sister Mimi tells them, urging them to be generous and creative in providing for others. “You will experience satisfaction in knowing that your work is improving

someone's life.”

“In Chile, March is like August in the States,” Sister Ruth explains. “Summer is ending and schools are ready to begin.” At Casa Ursulina, after almost two weeks of registration, the women meet in class groups for orientation with Sister Mimi. She talks with them about friendship and solidarity, reaching out to those who are coming for the first time, sharing their gifts with one another. Practical matters include each group's responsibility for leaving its class space clean and in order. Each orientation session begins and ends with prayer — an offering of the work of the coming year to God.

“There is so much to tell about this extraordinary ministry,” Sister Ruth says, indicating that she will be writing much about it in the months to come. Her many photos will eventually become part of a slide show. For more stories about Chile and Casa Ursulina, look for the May, 2006, issue of *Update* (the Ursuline Associate newsletter), and the October issue of the Ursulines Alive, the magazine of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. For further information you may also contact Sister Ruth at rgehres@maple-mount.org.

Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon

Tom Fusco, St. Anthony Padu, Grand Rivers, KY

My wife Betsy and I have been married 36 years and we have three children – all boys. I am a retired educator from McCracken County in the St Mary's school system.

I am part of the team here at church. We all do whatever our talents allow us to do. I guess I'm the photographer. I usually take the pictures at all the functions and Helen (Krivan) puts them in a scrapbook. I serve at Mass, am Eucharistic Minister, and anything else I can do. We have totally renovated Msgr. Hancock's residence. People are not afraid to work. We did carpeting, painting, building, landscaping, everything. Everyone has an expertise and they aren't afraid to use it.

I received the Sophia Award in 2004 and it meant a lot to me. I was very touched to know that someone took the time to send in my name. I know there are many more here that deserve it more than I do.

We have a group that goes to eat breakfast together every Sunday morning after mass. It's just about the whole parish really. We have a standing room reservation at Miss Scarlett's restaurant.



In the winter we have bible study each week and the majority of us are always there.

Our biggest blessing is Msgr. Hancock. He was here at this parish when it was just an outdoor pavilion. He is our personal friend as well as our Pastor. His example draws our parish community together. We are so thankful for the time we have with him.

A Scout is Reverent

The Western Kentucky Catholic, August, 2006 11

The Owensboro Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCOS) would like to announce their annual retreat for Catholic Boy Scouts. The retreat will be held at Camp Ondessonk in southern Illinois on the weekend of October 20, 21, & 22 and costs \$30. (<http://www.ondessonk.com>) The retreat will be open to any age Boy Scout and 2nd year Webelo if the Webelo is accompanied by a parent or Guardian. The retreat will provide an opportunity for Boy Scouts to hike, play and pray and earn the new CCOS Glorious Mysteries Rosary Patch. Also information will be available on the various religious medals that are available to Boy Scouts -

The Catholic Boy Scout Religious Emblems available are

- Life of Christ – For Tiger and Bear Cub Scouts through the third grade
- Parvuli Dei – For Scouts that have completed the 3rd Grade and 1st & 2nd Grade Webelos
- Ad Altare Dei – For Scouts that have completed the 6th grade and are age 13 to 14
- Pope Pius XII – For Scouts that have started the 9th Grade
- The Catholic Girl Scout Religious Emblems available are –
- Family of God – For ages 7-9
- I Live My Faith – For ages 9-11
- Marian Medal – For ages 12-15
- Spirit Alive – For those in High School at Senior level of Girl Scouts

The Religious Emblem Application Deadline is 12/31/06 and the annual awards mass and reception will be held at the cathedral on March 18th, 2007. Please contact Matthew Keyser, CCOS Committee Chairperson for more information at 270-842-1582 or mkeyser@insightbb.com. Please contact Fr. Ken Mikulcik at 270-247-2843 for Girl Scout Emblems booklets.



Marriage Help Program

Owensboro, KY May, 2006 –Announcing a Christian program for couples who wish to improve their marriage being held in Owensboro, KY on August 18-20, 2006.

Some couples feel frustrated in their marriage. Many find that talking about it only makes it worse. Some couples experience coldness, simply shut down or have just grown apart. Other couples have severe conflict and angry arguments. Most don't know how to change the situation or even talk with their spouse about it.

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels of distress including disillusionment and deep misery. This program is designed to provide the tools to help get marriages back on track and is open to couples of all faith denominations.

Cost and Schedule: There is a \$100 registration fee for the weekend; however, no couple is ever denied the chance to heal their marriage because of lack of funds. Retrouvaille is a non-profit organization; and, therefore, requests a donation to help defray costs. At the end of the weekend each couple is asked to make an anonymous donation to help cover the cost of the program.

The next Retrouvaille program begins on the weekend of August 18-20, 2006 at the Mt. St. Joseph's Retreat Center. The program includes six Sunday Post Sessions, every other week, spread over approximately a three month period.

About Retrouvaille of Owensboro: Retrouvaille of Owensboro is a non-profit organization. The presenting team is made up of people who have gone through the program themselves and overcome significant obstacles in their own marriages. Everyone involved in organizing and presenting the program volunteers their time and talents. No one is paid for their services.

For confidential information or to register for the August 18-20, 2006 Weekend and Post Sessions call 270-683-1545 ext. 357 or email: dpretrowens@aol.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Contact: Dan and Pam Lipp, Retrouvaille of Owensboro Coordinators, 270-793-0003 dpretrowens@aol.com

PASSIONIST NUNS RETREAT HOUSE

TYPES OF RETREATS

- Individual
- Preached
- Group
- Day of Recollection



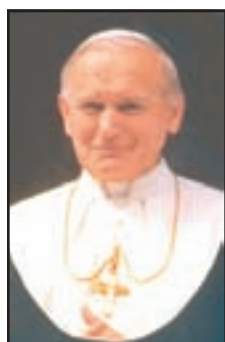
UPCOMING PREACHED RETREATS

<p>THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE SEVEN GIFTS September 22 - 24, 2006 Retreat Master: Fr. Ray Clark Chaplain to the Passionist Nuns</p>	<p>CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER FOR EVERYONE November 3 - 5, 2006 Retreat Master: Fr. Arthur Carrillo, C.P. Passionist Priest</p>
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Divine Mercy Pilgrimage: POLAND Oct. 3rd to Oct. 12th

Father Bruce Fogle

Under the Banner of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Father Bruce Fogle invites you to join him on Oct. 2nd - 11th for a ten-day pilgrimage to Poland. The highlight & main focus for the pilgrimage will center on divine mercy in the lives of three of the greatest saints in the twentieth century, namely...Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, Saint Maximilian Kolbe & the late Pope John Paul II, all native sons & daughter of Poland! Why not consider joining us for this exciting & prayerful tour? Our travels will take us to Krakow & Lagiewniki for a visit to the most unforgettable Shrine of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina's Convent Chapel & her Tomb on her Feast! Then we will travel to Swinice Warckie-Warsaw for a visit to St. Casimir parish church, the church of St. Faustina's baptism. We will visit Auschwitz Nazi Concentration Camp, where we make a special visit to the cell of St. Maximilian Kolbe (a visit to the Martyrdom Museum is also in-



cluded). Our travels will also include a visit to Nieopalanow, home of the Basilica of the Virgin Mary and the Franciscan Monastery founded by the great saint. Off then to Zakipane Area for a visit to the Hermitage of St. Albert. There we will walk the same trails of the late Pope John Paul II (the Great) & take a cable car ride to view the Tatras Mountains. Our travels will also take us to Wadowie to visit his birthplace. Then off for a day of solitude & prayer at Poland's greatest shrine, the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. We too will visit churches, shrines, & historical places to numerous to mention.

Interested parties may contact: Martha J. Kauffeld, 1.270.771.5525; 929.0672 (cell); e-mail - jameskauffeld@bellsouth.net Price per person: \$2,199.00 double occupancy, including air from Chicago O'Hare.

St. John Bosco Children's Home "Sponsor A Child Program"

By Suzanne Rose

They resemble boys in almost any country. They love to play ball and will get up a game anytime they enjoy the freedom of recess. They quickly divide into teams and kick a scuffed ball back and forth until a bell rings, calling them to lessons or to chores. Their "playground" is bare red earth, rich in bauxite ore that stains clothing and skin, dirt that is worn smooth by endless bare feet. The boys wear no shoes to protect their feet from injury; shoes are too valuable to be worn in play. They must be preserved for visits into town. They wear men's pants, with legs cut down to accommodate their juvenile stature. Adult t-shirts - men's and women's - hang from one shoulder or the other of their narrow, childish frames. The t-shirts, advertising American companies or promoting traditional American activities that have no meaning to their deprived lives, show the wear of repeated washings by hand in tubs. Like boys anywhere, they grin shyly when they gain the attention all children need to thrive, and they love to show off the "treasure" they share - a sable-colored, Heinz 57 dog, "Annie," and her two pups. Older boys play in the distance, tossing an old basketball into a hoop that hangs perpendicular to the ground.

150 boys live together at St. John Bosco Children's Home in the Diocese of Mandeville. These boys lived on the streets of Jamaica before being brought to Sr. Susan Frazer and Sr. Mimi Krusling at St. John Bosco. The streets are a difficult and dangerous place for such young boys, and, in their efforts to survive, many have already been in trouble with the law. St. John Bosco offers these boys a safe environment, schooling, and training in a trade. The program at St. John Bosco has a proven success rate. In a country with a 70% un-

employment rate, 90% of the boys placed at St. John Bosco Children's Home leave at the age of 18 with a backpack of personal items and a job.

Sr. Susan and Sr. Mimi answered God's call to care for these "forgotten boys," and they continue to give these boys the tools they need for lives of dignity as men. But resources to care for this large group of boys are scarce and must be stretched thin. Once in a while, the boys are treated to "a party," which consists of a single ice cream cone if a donor can be found for a box of ice cream. Recently, the Home put indoor latrines in the dormitories. The boys clean up at two outdoor spigots and a concrete block "bath house." But the boys participate in raising and preparing the food they eat, so none go hungry. For most of the boys, this is a new experience, for which they are grateful.

You can assist Sr. Susan and Sr. Mimi in this valuable work of rescuing at-risk boys and providing them with the basic necessities that will transform their lives by participating in the St. John Bosco Children's Home "Sponsor a Child Program." For \$25 a month, you will become a sponsor for a specific boy. Sr. Susan and Sr. Mimi will send you information about the boy you sponsor, send you the boy's picture, and keep you updated on his activities. You may elect to correspond with the boy you sponsor, and if you travel on mission to Mandeville with one of the Global Solidarity Groups from the Owensboro Diocese, you will have an opportunity to meet the boy whose life becomes a part of yours. The boys are grateful for your compassionate care and quickly fall in love with you.

I sponsor a 10-year-old, Bryan Reid. His picture reveals a boy with a big, toothy grin, struggling to complete a letter to me. He confided to me how much he loves the game of Jamaican "football" (soccer to us). On my visit to Mandeville, I took pictures - many, many pictures at the pleading of the boys -- of the Home's dog, Annie, and her pups, which I sent back to the boys. I recently sent Bryan a picture of my dog, Guinness, and exchanged dog stories with him. I look forward to witnessing

Bryan's growth in confidence, talent, and, most of all, faith as he matures into manhood.

I invite you to take this opportunity to participate in the mission work of Mandeville in this personal way. Fill out the sponsorship form below, mail it with a check for \$25 to St. John Bosco Children's Home, and make a difference in one boy's life. You will discover that truly, God's Kingdom is at hand, one soul at a time.

St. John Bosco Children's Home "Sponsor a Child Program"

I would like to participate in the Sponsor a Child Program at St. John Bosco to sponsor _____ children. The cost of sponsorship is approximately \$25.00 U.S.

I am able to pay \$ _____ and begin on _____.

I will pay by: _____ Monthly Check _____ A set of post-dated monthly check _____ One check to cover a one-year period. Please make your checks payable to: St. John Bosco Children's Home.

Send your check and address any of your concerns to: Sr. Susan Frazer, RSM, MSW, Director, or Sr. Mimi Krusling, RSM, Administrative Assistant, P.O. Box 1692, Mandeville, Jamaica, West Indies Tel. (876)963-0611 Fax (876)963-0135

e-mail: suefrsm@msn.com or
mkruslingrsm@yahoo.com

Sponsor's Name: _____

Sponsor's Address: _____

I would like to correspond with my sponsored child: _____ Yes _____ No

Sponsors will receive the name and picture of their sponsored child and a letter from the child.

Building Families Through International Adoption

Some Reflections From An

Adoptive Mother

By Martha Hagan

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Over the years, I've tried unsuccessfully many times to describe in words the power of international adoption. I am the mother of two beautiful daughters – both born in China. I'm sure that for me to attempt to describe my experiences with the international adoption of my daughters would be similar to someone else trying to describe feeling their baby move inside them or hearing them make their first cry after birth. Adopting a child is, in many ways, beyond description. As with pregnancy and childbirth, there simply are no words that can contain the experience. Nevertheless, I'd like to attempt to share a few reflections with you on the amazing experience of being an adoptive parent.

My daughters are nine and six now. Both of my children came home at about one year of age, so I've been a mother for more than eight years. Before the arrival of each of my daughters, I imagined my life with them; now I can't imagine my life without them. I read somewhere along the way that "to be a child is to know the fun of living; to have a child is to know the beauty of life." I have encountered this truth many times. What a blessing to be able to catch glimpses of this world through a child's eyes – to spend twenty minutes studying an ant hill and marveling at how those tiny creatures can create something so quickly; to feel my children's excitement when it's someone's birthday (doesn't matter if it's not theirs – all birthdays are exciting!).

Some people believe that genetics make you love a biological child differently than an adopted child. They couldn't be more wrong. As much as children ever truly belong to any of us, my children are mine. I tell them often that they are the greatest gifts God has ever entrusted to me. When I look at them or think of them, I do not see them as my adopted daughters – they are simply my daughters, and I love them more deeply than I knew was possible. I've heard others compare adoption to marriage. In marriage, two people, who are not blood-related, choose to commit to one another and to become family. The fact that they are not blood-related, does not make them any less a family or any less able to love one another. The same is



Martha With Hannah, left, and Clare, right. Submitted photo

true of a family formed through adoption. The love is just as real and just as powerful as it is for a family formed through birth.

International adoption is not about genetics. People don't tell me that my children have my eyes or my nose. Instead, I find myself simply marveling at the depth of those particular eyes and the beauty of that particular nose. Because I do not know my children's birth families, I cannot make predictions about things like how tall my daughters will grow to be or what gifts and talents they may develop. In some ways it's similar to moving into a new home in the wintertime, and being amazed the following Spring by what blooms in the flower garden. I don't know ahead-of-time what is there; I didn't plant the bulbs, but I do nurture them and help them to reach their potential and I take such great joy in watching them grow.

Every hour of every day, children across the globe are separated from the families that gave birth to them. The reasons are often very similar: poverty, death, illness, cultural barriers, etc. The result is the same – children who are left without the love of a family in which to grow and thrive. In almost all instances, the government of each country tries to care for these orphaned children to the best of their ability. But the need is huge and difficult to meet.

One small part of the solution is the adoption of these infants and children by people from other countries. In 2005, U.S. citizens adopted 22,728 children from abroad. In the three decades from 1971 to 2001, U.S. citizens adopted more than 265,000 children from overseas. I probably don't need to tell you that this number continues to grow. The sight of U.S.-born parents and their foreign-born children is becoming increasingly common in our

churches and schools and malls.

There are many reasons why people choose international adoption. Many are moved by the stories of children around the globe living in orphanages and by their failure to thrive under less-than-ideal conditions. Some people have become "afraid" of domestic adoption because of media stories of birthparents coming back to reclaim their children (which, in reality, is not a common occurrence in the world of domestic adoption). Others are drawn to international adoption because there is a fair amount of certainty in the process. While it is true that you are at the mercy of a foreign government, the odds are strongly in your favor that, at the end of the process, you will be going home with a child.

The best reason to adopt any child (either internationally or domestically) is that you have a strong desire to parent. This is a long-term, life-changing commitment. Altruistic motives for adoption will likely fade quickly in the shadow of diaper changes and mounds of laundry.

For most of my life, I certainly never dreamed that I would become the mother of two beautiful Chinese daughters. I always assumed that I would become a mother in the "traditional" way – meet my Prince Charming, marry, and begin having children. If, at some point along the way, I did meet Prince Charming, we both completely failed to recognize one another. Before I could turn around, I was in my thirties, single, and still had a very strong desire to be a mother. I began to investigate international adoption.

The adoptions of my two daughters were very holy times for me. While I know that God is always intimately involved in our lives, there have been a few times in my life when I have been extra-keenly aware of that fact. The adoptions of my daughters were two of those times. I was constantly reminded of God's presence in the process of bringing us together to be a family. I've heard countless adoptive parents remark in amazement that out of all the children in the world, they were given "just the right one" in adoption. It can be nothing less than the work of the Holy Spirit. (My prayer is that some day both of my daughters will be able to say that they were given "just the right Mom" in adoption.)

Many people have remarked to me that they wish they could adopt internationally but that it is just too expensive. It is true that international adoption is expensive. Another part of my "miracle of adoption" is that I was surrounded by family and friends who helped me raise the necessary funds. Now, several years later, there is more assistance available to adoptive parents, including a \$10,000 adoption tax credit, adoption loans, employer benefits, and some adoption grants. Many people who think they cannot afford to adopt internationally would most likely be surprised to learn of the assistance that is available to them.

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An advertisement for Catholic Charities Adoption Services. It features a close-up photograph of a woman smiling and holding a young child. The text "The Gift of Love" is written in yellow, "ADOPTION" is in large white letters, and "Catholic Charities Adoption Services" is in yellow. At the bottom, the phone number "1-877-803-5064, ext.128" is displayed in white.

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THE LAND OF COTTON * Reflections on the life of the founding Bishop of Owensboro, Francis R. Cotton, and the beginning days of the Owensboro Diocese. Part VI

By Rev. Benjamin Luther

Father Francis R. Cotton's two earliest appointments were brief; after ordination, he was Assistant at the historic St. Joseph's Protocathedral in his native Bardstown (now, honored with the title of "Minor Basilica" by Pope John Paul II), and then to St. Cecilia's Parish in Louisville. These assignments together covered a span of two years.

Following those appointments, the Bishop of Louisville sent Father Cotton to be Assistant to Father Henry Connolly, Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Paducah, in 1922. He remained in that post until 1926.

Recall that John A. Floresch succeeded as Bishop of Louisville in 1924. Sometime in the two years between 1924 and 1926, he decided in 1926 to call Fr. Cotton to work in the Chancery Office of his diocese as Secretary to the Bishop and Vice-Chancellor.

This third assignment for Fr. Cotton was to endure until he was appointed the first Bishop of Owensboro in 1937; his episcopal ordination was in early 1938.

Beginning as Secretary to Bishop Floresch and Vice-Chancellor, he was appointed Chancellor several years into this assignment. There is scant information about his time in the Louisville Chancery for eleven years, but more about that later.

The routine life of administration is often necessarily tedious and dull, granted its importance in dealing with the many details of everyday life in the diocesan church. Called to this assignment six years after priestly ordination, the eleven years was the "training school" for the office of Bishop. The talk of a new diocese for Kentucky had been common for a long time. To situate the founding of the Owensboro Diocese and Bishop Cotton's appointment, we need to digress and consider some early American Catholic history.

The first diocese in the new United States of America was that of Baltimore, created by Pope Pius VI, right before his arrest by order of Napoleon! The Diocese of Baltimore included the 13 original colonies of our country. John Carroll was appointed the first Bishop of Baltimore and



A passport photo of Bishop Cotton from the Diocesan Archives Collection.

consecrated (today, we say ordained), in London, England, on August 15, 1790. On April 8, 1808, Pope Pius VII raised the Diocese of Baltimore to a Metropolitan See and appointed John Carroll as the first Archbishop in America. Other Sees were added at the same time: Boston, New York, Philadelphia - and later across the Allegheny Mountains - Bardstown, Kentucky. Benedict Joseph Flaget was ordained the first Bishop of Bardstown, but delayed his ordination until 1810.

Bardstown was a small rural town in central Kentucky, and it was deemed expedient to move the See to Louisville, the prosperous and growing city on the Ohio River; so Pope Gregory XVI transferred the See to that city on February 13, 1841.

The early Bardstown Diocese not only comprised all of Kentucky and Tennessee, but also the "Northwest," e.g., Detroit was in it! Eventually, with the creation of new dioceses, the Bardstown-Louisville Diocese embraced only Kentucky. Even at that, it was extensive, and Kentucky has many counties. The large number of counties made it more convenient for people to shop and conduct legal affairs at a smaller distance in those "horse and buggy" days. Other states had an even larger number of counties - for example, Georgia has 240, twice Kentucky's number!

The distance between parish churches and difficulty in travel for pastoral visita-

tion and the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation by the Louisville Bishops resulted in the creation of the next diocese in Kentucky, that of Covington, by Blessed Pope Pius IX in 1853 (an aside: Pope John Paul II declared Pius IX "Blessed" several years ago, the last step before canonization as a saint). That diocese included the mountains of eastern Kentucky, and extended to Lexington and the "Bluegrass" area.

The Covington Diocese had 64 counties, leaving the Louisville Diocese with 56 counties! Well, close enough, but not exactly originally, for some new counties were gradually added to eventually raise those numbers in both the Covington and Louisville Dioceses to today's level.

And note that we say the "original" Covington Diocese, for the Lexington Diocese was created almost totally out of the Covington Diocese, but some counties on the eastern edge of the Louisville Diocese were also added to the Lexington Diocese. The new Lexington Diocese was established by Pope John Paul II in 1988.

Our excursion into bits of Kentucky Catholic history may aid us in understanding the long-standing clerical gossip about the creation of a diocese in western Kentucky out of the Louisville Diocese in the decades of 1920s-30s. As required by canon law, the Bishop of Louisville had to call on all parishes in his diocese at least once every five years for pastoral visitation and the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation, and report to Rome. And travel was slow by today's standards, very slow.

By train, most areas could be reached fairly fast, but from the train station onwards, it was horse and buggy in the early days; of course, the proliferation of the automobile alleviated the travel problems as time wore on. In any case, the Bishop of Louisville was sometimes absent from his chancery for weeks at a time, especially when he visited parishes in the far western part of his diocese, the Jackson Purchase and adjacent areas. The westernmost parish of his diocese was Sacred Heart in Hickman and the distance between there and Louisville was about one-half of the length of the Commonwealth!

Bishop Floresch was Ordinary for the Church of Louisville for 14 years prior to the separation of the 32 counties of western Kentucky for the creation of the Owensboro Diocese. He planned the background work for the new diocese. There was really only one logical potential See and that was Owensboro. Western Kentucky had then, as now, three major cities - Owensboro, Paducah and Bowling Green. The latter two did not have the Catholic population and neither had the size church to be a cathedral, not St. Francis de Sales in Paducah, not St. Joseph in Bowling Green. But the parish church of St. Stephen in Owensboro would work, and not only would it work, but the gossip among priests was that church would one day be a cathedral, and the common opinion held that it was built for that purpose.

Studying potential candidates for the office of Bishop, John A. Floresch at some point had Francis R. Cotton in mind - a Kentucky native, head of his class, graduate *summa cum laude*, intelligent, and obedient. He called him to Louisville in 1926, to be his Secretary and Vice-Chancellor, then Chancellor. The journey indeed had begun.



Bishop Francis R. Cotton in procesion with Msgr. Peter Braun, at left front, at the Owensboro Sportscenter for a CSMC Rally in the 1956. From the Diocesan Archives Collection

Science Allows OCS Students to Explore

By John Calhoun, 6th Grade Science Teacher at the Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus

God's love is boundless. This universe, this natural world He has given us is but one expression of that love. It is ours to use (hopefully) to fulfill His purpose. Our primary goal in 6th grade Science is to explore, appreciate and steward this natural world we find ourselves in. We want students to develop a life-long interest and curiosity about the natural wonders all around us. For some, this interest and curiosity may develop into a passion leading to a rewarding career in one of the many fields science offers.

In order to encourage interest and curiosity, the curriculum in the Owensboro Catholic Schools relies heavily on well planned and challenging 'hands on' activities in our science lab. Students construct models to test hypotheses, make records of their observations and communicate the results in either lab reports or data displays available to other students. During these activities students practice other science skills such as comparing, classifying, measuring, identifying and controlling variables, inferring, predicating and drawing conclusions. In short, students learn how scientists 'do' science.

Students learning to 'do' science is an ideal environment for differentiated instruction. Students with learning styles or abilities not often utilized in a traditional classroom setting get an opportunity to experience real success. They can add their particular skills to a project, which would not have been as good without their contribution. They get a chance to shine in a real and measurable way. This builds self-esteem and confidence, which will positively impact attitude and affect other areas of a student's overall performance.



(L to R) Raymond Howard, Kaleb Caceres, and Scot-Alan Hedrick, all 6th graders at Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus, review some information to test a hypothesis. Submitted photos.

Lab work also provides students the opportunity to practice wise decision-making skills about behavior. Students are expected to treat one another in a Christ-like manner. They learn to use consensus to make group decisions such as determining process, assigning tasks, sharing responsibility, taking turns and resolving conflicts in a proactive and positive manner.

I am blessed to be a science teacher in the Owensboro Catholic Schools. We are not distracted by the current controversy concerning 'intelligent design.' We don't waste any time about the 'who' or the 'why.' Our Religion curriculum answers those questions and supports our quest to explore the 'how.'

Saint Meinrad campaign raises \$42.9 million

An ambitious goal of \$40 million was achieved – and exceeded – when a five-year campaign by Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, IN, ended on June 30. The campaign raised \$42.9 million – the largest amount raised by the Benedictine monastery through a campaign.

"I'm just beyond grateful to those who gave of their time and financial gifts to the campaign," said Bonnie Graham of Washington, IN, the national campaign chair. "I have an immense sense of pride in being associated with Saint Meinrad." Volunteers were key to achieving the goal, she said. "I am overwhelmed and grateful to those people because they were needed; they were a pillar of the campaign. "It wasn't just large gifts. It was the work of a lot of volunteers who made calls and wrote letters and made visits," she added. "Everybody did things in relation to their commitment and love of Saint Meinrad."

Brick-and-Mortar Projects - The campaign raised \$21 million for building projects, including: **St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel:** The School of Theology's chapel was renovated, expanded and air-conditioned. **Benet Hall:** The east-west wing was remodeled into 48 guest rooms, with private baths and air conditioning. Archabbey **Guest House and Retreat Center:** A new facility of 31 guest rooms was built, with conference rooms, dining room, chapel, reading rooms, welcome area and offices. (Completed in 2005.) **Sherwood Hall:** This 1922 building houses seminarian residences, faculty and administration offices, and classrooms. Never renovated, the building will be air-conditioned and receive other infrastructure improvements. (Work to begin this fall.) **Wellness Center:** Space in St. Bede Hall will be renovated and a new building will be constructed south of the hall to provide a gymnasium, exercise room and other physical fitness facilities for students, monks, co-workers and others. (To be scheduled.) **Newman Hall:** Classrooms and office space. **Youth Program Housing:** The upper floors of St. Bede Hall will be air-conditioned for use by youth. **Funds for the Future**

- The campaign raised \$9 million for six endowments:

Sustaining Scholarly Quality: \$2.5 million to enhance faculty salaries and help recruit new faculty. **Support for Learning Resources:** \$1 million to maintain traditional library collections and support the use of technology for classroom and distance education.

• **Youth Liturgical Leadership Program Support:** \$1 million for the college intern program that helps staff the summer youth conferences.



Unfailing Devotion

At the OCHS Honors Night, the Harold Mischel Award was presented to Jack Pace, grandson of Mischel and son of Marilyn and Pat Pace. His mother, OCHS librarian, presented the award given to the senior student, chosen by the faculty, who "best exemplifies his (Mischel) unfailing devotion to the school." Submitted by Mary Hilda McFarland

- The Church Leadership Center: \$500,000 to help meet the cost of staffing.
- Health Care for the Monastic Community: \$2 million for the monks' health care.
- Supporting Lifelong Wellness: \$2 million to cover part of the operating costs of the new Physical Fitness and Lifelong Wellness Center, still to be constructed. In addition, the campaign provided \$10 million in operating support for Saint Meinrad during the past five years.

Volunteer Leaders - In addition to Mrs. Graham, who chaired the campaign during 2005-06, a group of volunteer leaders made up the Campaign Cabinet that advised Saint Meinrad. Chris Marten of Carmel, IN, was the national chair from 2001-04. Gregory Kempf of Evansville, IN, was the chair emeritus; he died in January 2005. Other members were Jim Davis, Louisville, KY; Jon Dilts, Bloomington, IN; Dave Eckerle and Joe Steurer, Jasper, IN; Barbara Mitchel, Carmel; Linus Mundy, Santa Claus, IN; Bernie Niehaus, Vincennes, IN; Pat Phillips, Indianapolis, IN; Fr. Joe Rulli, Fort Wayne, IN; Fr. John Thomas, Hopkinsville, KY; and Mary Kay Wolford, New Albany, IN.

Saint Meinrad members of the Campaign Cabinet were: Archabbot Lambert Reilly, OSB (2001-04); Archabbot Justin DuVall, OSB (2005-06); Fr. Tobias Colgan, OSB; Fr. Mark O'Keefe, OSB; Mike Ziemianski, director of development; and Dan Schipp, vice president for development.

Building Families Through International Adoption

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In the coming months, you'll have the opportunity to read a series of articles here in the Western Kentucky Catholic on international adoption. We'll be giving you more information on what is involved in adopting internationally and you'll also hear from several families in our diocese who have adopted children from other countries. We hope that you will enjoy reading their stories, and we hope that maybe you'll be inspired to consider international adoption as a way of building your family.

Editor's Note: Martha Hagan is the proud mother of Hannah and Claire, both born in China. She works as the co-director for the Diocesan Office of Worship and also assists Catholic Charities of Owensboro in the provision of international adoption services. Martha may be contacted at martha.hagan@pastoral.org or at 270-683-1545.

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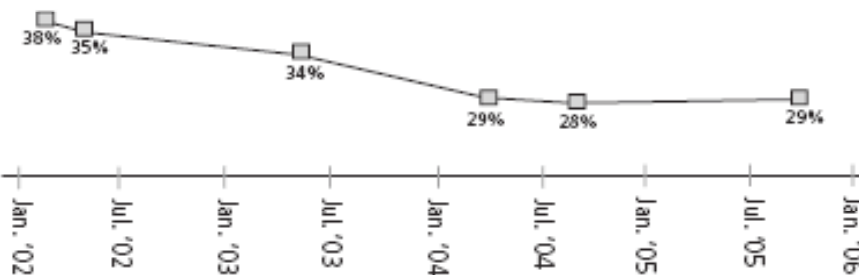
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Parish	% Responded	# of Families
Sts. Peter & Paul - Hopkinsville	36% responded	536
St. Thomas More - Paducah	24% responded	801
Immaculate - Owensboro	22% responded	717
Holy Spirit - Bowling Green	21% responded	939
St. Joseph - Mayfield	21% responded	442
St. Stephen - Owensboro	21% responded	831
Holy Name - Henderson	20% responded	1617
Blessed Mother - Owensboro	19% responded	904
Our Lady of Lourdes - Owensboro	18% responded	841
St. Ann - Morganfield	17% responded	551
St. Pius X - Owensboro	17% responded	620
St. Jerome - Fancy Farm	16% responded	591
Sts. Joe & Paul - Owensboro	16% responded	687
St. Romuald - Hardinsburg	15% responded	500
St. Francis de Sales - Paducah	14% responded	638
St. Joseph - Bowling Green	13% responded	550
St. Mary of Woods - Whitesville	13% responded	757

100 – 399 families

St. Joseph - Central City	32% responded	115
St. John Evangelist - Paducah	30% responded	322
St. Leo - Murray	25% responded	333
St. Paul - Princeton	25% responded	104
St. Martin - Rome	24% responded	145
St. Mary Magdalene - Sorgho	24% responded	232
Rosary Chapel - Pad	23% responded	104
St. Anthony - Utica	23% responded	159
St. Henry - Aurora	23% responded	104
St. Pius X - Calvert City	21% responded	120
St. Agnes - Uniontown	20% responded	390
St. Joseph - Leitchfield	20% responded	204
St. Michael - Oak Grove	19% responded	360
St. Rose - Cloverport	18% responded	132
St. Stephen - Cadiz	18% responded	165
Christ the King - M'dville	17% responded	296
Precious Blood - Oboro	17% responded	397
St. Lawrence - Philpot	17% responded	135
St. Peter - Waverly	17% responded	238
St. Paul - Leitchfield	16% responded	160
St. Anthony - Axtel	15% responded	192
Sacred Heart - Waverly	14% responded	104
St. Augustine - Reed	14% responded	139
St. Mary of Woods - Franklin	14% responded	162
Sacred Heart - Russellville	13% responded	171
St. Alphonsus - St Joseph	13% responded	176
St. William - Knottsville	11% responded	390
Immaculate Conception - Hawvle	10% responded	193
St. Columba - Lewisport	9% responded	143

Under 100 families

St. Anthony Padua - Grnd Rivrs	51% responded	52
St. Mary & James - Guthrie	49% responded	36
St. Michael - Sebree	43% responded	48
Resurrection - Dwsn Springs	34% responded	36
St. Charles - Bardwell	33% responded	98

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Parish	% Responded	# of Families
Holy Trinity - Morgantown	31% responded	28
St. Mary of Woods - McQuady	31% responded	65
St. Mark - Eddyville	30% responded	92
St. Charles - Livermore	26% responded	23
Immaculate Conception - Earlin	25% responded	81
Holy Cross - Providence	24% responded	30
Holy Redeemer - Beaver Dam	24% responded	83
St. Augustine - Grayson Spring	23% responded	42
St. William - Marion	23% responded	73
St. John Evangelist - Sunfish	23% responded	81
St. Mary - LaCenter	23% responded	93
St. Edward - Fulton	22% responded	66
St. Sebastian - Calhoun	21% responded	88
St. Susan - Elkton	21% responded	90
Holy G. Angels - Irvington	19% responded	77
St. Benedict- Wax	19% responded	65
St. Denis - Fancy Farm	19% responded	76
Blessed Sacrament - Oboro	18% responded	61
St. Francis Borgia - Sturgis	18% responded	77
St. Ambrose - Henshaw	17% responded	43
St. Peter - Stanley	17% responded	60
Sacred Heart - Hickman	15% responded	57
St. John Baptist - Fordsville	15% responded	43
St. Elizabeth - Curdsville	14% responded	58
St. Anthony - Peonia	13% responded	86
St. Jude - Clinton	12% responded	57
Christ the King - Scottsville	11% responded	47
St. Elizabeth - Clarkson	8% responded	83

2006 Youth Slim Awards Named

By Melinda Prunty, Director, Office for Youth Ministry

The Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry is proud to announce the recipients of their annual Servant Leaders in Ministry or SLIM Awards. The Office recognizes high school juniors and seniors who have made outstanding contributions to their Parish, Deanery and/or the Diocese through their leadership and involvement in youth ministry. Up to sixteen young people receive an award in the form of a plaque while all other youth nominated receive a Certificate of Recognition. If a young person is nominated their junior year and do not receive an award, they can be re-nominated for an award their senior year.

This year sixteen youth from around the Diocese of Owensboro representing 11 parishes and seven out of eight deaneries will be awarded plaques in recognition of their Servant Leadership In Ministry. They are:

Youth	Parish	Deanery
Matt Garrett,	St. Thomas More, Paducah	Paducah
Barrett Wilson,	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm	Fancy Farm
Kayla Crutcher,	St. Leo, Murray	Lakes
Ashley Lorenzen,	St. Joseph, Central City	Hopkinsville
Anna Boarman,	Holy Spirit, Bowling Green	Bowling Green
Emily Lynn,	Holy Spirit, Bowling Green	Bowling Green
Emily Burden,	St. Sebastian, Calhoun	Owensboro
John Tessandori,	Immaculate, Owensboro	Owensboro
Jordan Hagan,	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville	Owensboro
Megan Rhodes,	St. Lawrence, Knottsville	Owensboro
Margaret Tichenor,	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro	Owensboro
Ryan Hayden,	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro	Owensboro
Daniel Whitehouse,	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro	Owensboro
Bryan Klump,	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro	Owensboro
Felicia Gammon,	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville	Eastern
Nicole Long,	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville	Eastern

Six youth from the Diocese of Owensboro representing six parishes and three deaneries were awarded Certificates of Recognition for being nominated for their Servant Leadership In Ministry (SLIM). They are:

Youth	Parish	Deanery
Amanda Cash,	St. Joseph, Mayfield	Fancy Farm
Jake Grant,	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley	Central
Chelsea Bland,	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville	Owensboro
Jason Whitehouse,	St. Anthony, Browns Valley	Owensboro
Kirby O'Donoghue,	St. Anthony, Axtel	Eastern
Joshua Thomas,	St. Paul, Leitchfield	Eastern

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SLIM Award winner Anna Boarman, from Holy Spirit, Bowling Green, with parish youth minister Carol Kunkel. Submitted photo



Kirby O'Donoghue, Servant Leader Award, St. Anthony Church, Axtel, Ky. Diocesan Youth Ministry Office photo.



St. Anthony Parish, Utica - Fr. Mike Clark presents SLIM Award Winner Jason Whitehouse who was awarded the certificate of recognition for being an outstanding young person.



Kayla Crutcher from St. Leo Parish, Murray being presented a SLIM Award by Fr. Mike Williams



At right, Father Pat Reynolds introduced Matt Garrett to the Paducah St. Thomas More parishioners as this year's winner of the Servant Leader in Ministry Award from the parish after the 5:30 Mass on June 17. Diocesan Youth Ministry Office photo



Pictured above are the St. Sebastian graduates from McLean County High School, May 2006 (two weren't present for the picture). Front row, left to right: Blane Metcalfe, Melanie DeGraef, John Devins, Malorie Scott, Fr. Pete Hughes Back row, left to right: Kristan Vollman, Amanda Coffman, Emily Burden, Byron Cobb. Cathy Burden Photo

Pictured at left are the top two students at McLean County High School, both members of St. Sebastian Catholic Church in Calhoun. From left to right: Emily Burden, salutatorian; Fr. Pete Hughes; Kristan Vollman, valedictorian. Our small church was very proud to have "produced" two such excellent students! Cathy Burden photo

Ursuline Sisters Celebrate Jubilees

Fourteen Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are celebrating jubilees of religious profession this summer. Many of them have served in the Diocese of Owensboro.



Sister Mary Bertha Wethington is celebrating 80 years in religious life. A native of Clementsville, she taught at St. Mary Magdalene School, Sorgho (1927-28), Sts. Joseph and Paul, Owensboro (1950-51), and St. Joseph, Leitchfield (1951-57, 1964-67). She served as principal of St. Pius Tenth School, Owensboro (1968-71). An educator for 59 years, she also ministered in the Louisville Archdiocese and in Missouri. On April 24, Sister Mary Bertha celebrated her 100th birthday.

Celebrating 75 years are Sisters Blanche Rita Bickett, Mary Beatrice Donahue, Eileen Mullen, and Emily Zent.

Sister Blanche Rita Bickett is a native of Uniontown. She served at Mount Saint Joseph as kitchen coordinator (1952-54) and for 35 years as coordinator of the motherhouse laundry (1954-89). She also ministered in the Louisville Archdiocese and in New Mexico and Nebraska.



A native of Holy Cross, Sister Mary Beatrice Donahue was a teacher at Immaculate Conception School, Earlington (1933-34, 1935-36), St. Denis, Fancy Farm (1937-39), St. Anthony, Axtel (1939-45), and St. Anthony, Peonia (1960-72). She also ministered in the Louisville Archdiocese and in Jeffersonville, Ind. She was an educator for 51 years.

Sister Eileen Mullen was a member of the Ursuline Sisters of Belleville, Ill., who united with the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph on October 21, 2005. A native of Fortuna, N.D., Sister Eileen was a teacher for more than 50 years in schools in Illinois and Missouri. She also served on the leadership team of the Ursuline Sisters of Belleville.



Sister Emily Zent was also a member of the Ursuline Sisters of Belleville — the senior member of that community. A native of Mott, N.D., Sister Emily taught for 39 years in schools in North Dakota and Illinois.

Celebrating 70 years are Sisters Walter Louise Lush and Mary Cordelia Spalding.

A native of Holy Cross, Sister Cordelia Spalding was an educator for 47 years. She served as principal and teacher at St. Thomas More School, Paducah (1952-57). She also taught in the Archdiocese of Louisville and served as director of novices at Mount Saint Joseph. A gifted seamstress, she made many beautiful quilts for the benefit of her community.



Sister Walter Louise Lush, a native of Wax, was a teacher for 32 years. Her ministry included St. Anthony School, Browns Valley (1950-51), St. Lawrence School, St. Lawrence (1951-56), St. Rose of Lima, Cloverport (1955-61), St. Joseph, Central City (1961-65), St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho (teacher and principal, 1973-79), and St. Romuald, Hardinsburg (1979-82). She also ministered in the Archdiocese of Louisville and in Nebraska. From 1986-91, she was parish minister at St. Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg. From 1991-95, she served in outreach ministry in Caneyville.

Celebrating 60 years are Sisters Mary Irene Cecil, Marita Greenwell, and Rita Klarer.



Sister Mary Irene Cecil, a native of West Louisville, was an educator for 28 years. She taught at Immaculate Conception School, Earlington (1948-50, 1962-65), and St. Joseph, Leitchfield (1961-62), in the Archdiocese of Louisville and in Missouri. From 1980-88, she ministered as major superior of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. From 1989-95, she served as coordinator of staff, director of lay ministry, and director of adult formation at the Catholic Pastoral Center, Owensboro. She has also been director of postulants for her community and minister to the sick at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro. Sister Mary Irene currently serves as co-director of pastoral care at Mount Saint Joseph.

A native of Rhodelia, Sister Marita Greenwell has been an educator for more than 50 years. She served as a classroom/music teacher and choir director at St. Martin School, Rome (1948-52), Blessed Mother, Owensboro (1954), St. Thomas More, Paducah (1954-55), and Immaculate, Owensboro (1970-71), as well as in the Archdiocese of Louisville and in Missouri. From 1960-68, she taught music at Mount Saint Joseph Academy and served as motherhouse liturgist. Beginning in 1970, she taught at Brescia College (now University), where she became assistant director of the Contemporary Woman Program in 1971. In 1973, she was appointed director of that program, a post she held for more than 20 years. From 1996-2002, she served as co-director of the Associate Program of the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph.



Sister Rita Klarer, a native of Louisville, taught at St. Thomas More School, Paducah (1948-54), in the Archdiocese of Louisville, and in Nebraska. Since 1974, she has ministered in the Kansas City, Mo., area in prison, retreat, and hospital ministry. Since 1999, she has served as pastoral minister for St. Patrick Parish in Kansas City.

Celebrating 50 years are Sisters George Mary Hagan and Ruth Mattingly.

A native of New Haven, Sister George Mary Hagan taught at St. Peter School, Stanley (1958-59), St. Peter, Waverly (1959-61), St. Sebastian, Calhoun (1961-62), St. Martin, Rome (1964-69), St. Anthony, Axtel (1970), and Blessed Mother, Owensboro (1970-84), as well as in Harrodsburg and in Nebraska. From 1984-2003, she was director of religious education in the Office of Chaplains at Fort Knox. She currently serves in volunteer ministries at the motherhouse and as director of religious education for St. Alphonsus Parish, St. Joseph.

Sister Ruth Mattingly, a native of Loretto, was a teacher at Immaculate Conception School, Hawesville (1967-72) and served as parish minister for St. Joseph Parish, Leitchfield (1996-2005). She also taught in Louisville, Missouri, and New Mexico. At the motherhouse, she served in personal and pastoral care (1984-91) and as guest house coordinator (1993-96). She is now engaged in volunteer ministry at Mount Saint Joseph.

Sister Rita Scott, celebrating 40 years as an Ursuline Sister, is a native of Louisville. She taught at St. Paul School, Leitchfield (1971-73), and St. Joseph, Bowling Green (1984-85). She served as principal of Blessed Mother/St. Angela Merici Schools, Owensboro (1985-90). She also taught in the Archdiocese of Louisville and in Missouri. From 1990-2001, she was associate business administrator for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. She is currently plant administrator at Mount Saint Joseph.

Sister Marilyn Mueth, celebrating 25 years in religious life, was also a member of the Ursuline Sisters of Belleville, Ill., who merged with the Maple Mount community last fall. A native of Belleville, Sister Marilyn has been a religion coordinator, retreat director, pastoral associate, and teacher in Illinois. She is currently an elementary teacher at St. James School, Millstadt, Ill.



Being Catholic has given me a whole new understanding of the Christian life

By Rachel Scott

I never thought that becoming Catholic would be something I would ever experience. I was brought up a Baptist and believed that that was what I was going to stay. After all, we were very active in the Baptist church. My mom was the children's minister and my brother and I attended Sunday School every Sunday. After a few years of being home-schooled, I started attending Holy Name School in the third grade. While I attended Holy Name School for five years, I learned a great deal about the Catholic faith from my teachers. The "faith family" here welcomed me with open arms. The next logical step seemed to be joining the church.

The Easter vigil is a time of anticipation and waiting for Christ's return. We started the worship service by processing

in with the Easter candle. The Easter candle represents the presence of Christ in the church. By following the Easter candle into the church I felt Christ was pulling me into His presence. I felt as if I was part of something significant.

Being Catholic has given me a whole new understanding of the Christian life. We left our Baptist church in 2003 and began looking for a new church home. It seemed as though I was just floating around with no place to belong. During this past year we began making a permanent commitment to Holy Name Catholic Church. Now it seems like I have a home.

Rachel Scott wrote this article this past May, 2006, as an eighth grader at Holy Name Elementary.



Rachel and her mom, Leann Scott at a reception celebrating Rachel and Leann joining the Church. HNE Photo

Let us learn from disappointment

By Rev. Ahabyona, Titus, tituswinyi@yahoo.com

At the beginning of July, I had something occur which greatly disappointed me. As a result, I spent a couple of nights without sleeping well. Then I realized that if one is not careful, a small issue can destroy one's life if not handled properly. I work in a related troubling area, and I wondered how others handle their disappointments. Then I decided to write on this phenomenon called disappointment.

The Webster's New World Dictionary defines disappoint as: "to fail to satisfy the hopes or expectations of, leave unsatisfied." Therefore disappointment is something or someone that is not what you were hoping it would be. At the root of disappointment is dashed hope. Sometimes, it comes because hope was put in the wrong object, while at other times it is things turning out wrong despite our having taken all care and effort.

Disappointment can cause grievous harm. We have seen the terrible effect of disappointment in many instances in life. Some people act crazily because they have been disappointed, others fall into depression, others commit suicide, and even others reach the extent of retaliating by killing their opponent.

The reality about life is that disappointments occur. You may not get the job you applied for, or you become "excess capacity" at the work place and be requested to retire voluntarily. Your spouse may turn your life upside down. You can think about the person who starts a business seeing only the potential returns and gets badly tripped by a hidden, or not too hidden, risk. Think of losing a soccer game at the last minute. Anything is possible in life.

Let me give you an example. There was a fellow back home in Uganda who was planning to wed. As is the tradition with weddings back home, when one is preparing for a wedding, he gets friends and colleagues at work to organize meetings and raise funds for the forthcoming marriage. The formed committee in this case reasoned that since he was the groom, he was the best choice for treasurer. A week before the wedding, and with most of the money already in, the groom decided to invest the available money so that he and the bride would have something to fall back to after the wedding. The business he opted for was charcoal. The majority of the people back home use charcoal for cooking. The groom planned to bring in just one truckload of charcoal and sell it in the capital city Kampala.

At left, three students of St. Sebastian Church, Calhoun, Ky., who attended McLean Co. High School. These were three of the five students awarded the Governor's Scholar from MCHS. The catholic community of Calhoun is very proud of these ladies. From left to right, they are: Callie Hayden, daughter of Mark and Paula Hayden; Katie Green, daughter of Lance and Stacy Green; and Hilary Young, daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Steve Young. All three are very active in church ministry. They are all lectors and Callie Hayden is one of the parish's liturgical musicians. Submitted by Judy Fee,



for St. Sebastian Church, Calhoun, Ky.

Now, the commonly used ferrying charcoal trucks are old and in a dangerous mechanical condition. The truck the fellow hired predictably broke down along the way. He had sunk in all the donated money and had nothing left to hire another truck to complete the journey. He saw the profits he dreamt about vanishing like a mist. Even worse, his integrity was at stake because he could not produce the money for the wedding –not to mention the uncomfortable possibility that he could be jilted by his fiancée on the wedding eve!

The point I want to emphasize is that none of us is immune to disappointments as we live in this world. The most important thing is not whether or not we get disappointed but what we do with the disappointment, the lessons we learn from it. We can learn the wrong lessons from disappointment. The worst lesson to learn is not learning anything at all. We can blame God, the government, our parents, and our teachers without ever learning why the disappointment occurred or what we can do differently next time. It is Winston Churchill who said that people stumble many times over the truth but get up and walk on as if nothing happened at all.

Another wrong lesson we can learn from disappointments is to fear trying again. If the young man in my story gets jilted by the first girl he loved, he will probably never marry unless he overcomes the fear of trying again. In business and investments you are likely to take a loss, but one or two losses should not mean you never try again. There is also the wrong lesson of never trying at all because you saw another person getting disappointed. When tempted not to try at all, remember that "throwing out the baby with the bath water" has never been a wise action.

Now a couple of right lessons: The first is to expect disappointment. I am not saying you should be passive and wait for the roof to fall on your head. But be ready if things do not go the way you expected. Have an alternative plan. When you are calm you are more likely to think better and find ways of turning the disappointment into an asset. The expected profit from a business or the positive cash flow may take longer than expected, but being calm will help you not to abandon the dream. Even if you get "ripped off" you will at least learn one way of avoiding being taken for a ride another time.

Another good lesson is don't kid yourself; you need a mentor to coach you through disappointment. There are people I run to when it is a spiritual issue – usually Priests or Religious. Then there are those we should consult when the problem is business or social related, and there are those who should mentor us in

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WHERE DO VOCATIONS COME FROM?

-Vocation Committee of the Council of Religious

In the last issue of the Western Kentucky Catholic we asked the question, "Where do Vocations come from? We know that vocations are fostered in the family supported by the parish community. We have asked all the parishes of the diocese to let us know their gift to the Church of priestly and religious vocations.

This month we feature the parishes of St. Lawrence and St. William of far eastern Daviess County. St. Lawrence is the Mother Church of the Catholic Community of Daviess County. Its history dates back to 1821. Fr. E.J. Durbin completed the first log structure for the mission. The records show that the first grave was opened in 1823.

The Catholic community of Knottsville belonged to the St. Lawrence Parish until its numbers grew and the congregation of St. William was established in 1887.

These two parishes have been considered "home" for the following men and women who have served – many continue to serve – the church as priests and religious. *

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WHO WILL TAKE THEIR PLACES? GOD CONTINUES TO CALL. WHO IS BEING CALLED TODAY?

**Special thanks to Millie Carrico who compiled the list. If there are any errors or additions, please report them to the Vocation Committee % Sr. Pat Froning pat.froning@pastoral.org .*

Whitesville native celebrates anniversary of religious vows

Sister Jacqueline Shively, a native of Whitesville, celebrated the 50th anniversary of her religious profession as a Sister of St. Benedict on May 27, at Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Ind. Rev. Julian Peters, OSB, from Saint Meinrad Archabbey presided at the jubilee Mass in the monastery church. Sister Kathryn Huber delivered the address at the ceremony. A reception for



Sister Jacqueline Shively, O.S.B.

family and friends followed in the Marian Heights gymnasium.

Sister Jacqueline entered the monastery from St. Mary of the Woods Parish in Whitesville in 1954. She made her first profession of vows in 1956 and her final profession in 1959. Currently she works in the monastery business office. Prior to that, she was business manager at Marian Heights Academy and assistant vocations



Sister Anna Mae Schepers, O.S.B.

director at the Ferdinand monastery and in the Evansville Diocesan Vocation Office. She also taught at Holy Redeemer and Holy Spirit in Evansville, Washington, Poseyville, and Columbus.

Other Ferdinand Benedictine sisters celebrating their 50th anniversary of religious profession on May 27 were Sisters Joella Kidwell, Diane Fischer, Maria Tasto, Madonna Helmer, Anna Mae Schepers, Helen Jean Kormelink, Leona Schlachter, and Mary Celeste Oberst.

Founded in 1867, the Ferdinand Benedictines currently number 189 and serve in schools, parishes, church institutions, health care facilities, retreat centers, and social service agencies in Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, Italy, Peru, and Guatemala.

St. Joseph Students, Bowling Green, See State Government in Action

Betty Anne Watt and Lynn O'Keefe from St. Joseph School in Bowling Green, KY traveled to Frankfort, KY with their 4th Grade students. The students had been studying Kentucky Government and Kentucky History.

While visiting the Kentucky History Center, the students enjoyed exploring the artifacts, historical documents, and learning more about Kentucky History. This was a great learning experience, where students were able to give visual images to their academic learning.

While touring the State Capitol, Governor Ernie Fletcher was able to take time out of his busy schedule for a visit with the classes. He talked with them about his job, and had his picture made with the students. This made for a memorable experience and enhanced the students' visit to the Capitol.

Due to the weather, the plans to eat lunch on the Capitol grounds had to be changed. After a phone call to the school, Good Shepherd School in Frankfort graciously allowed the students to eat in their cafeteria. The fifth grade class from Good Shepherd School played games with the 4th grade students from St. Joseph School. This was a wonderful way for students from the different schools to get to know each other. Ms. Watt and Mrs. O'Keefe greatly appreciated their hospitality! Good Shepherd School certainly practiced their Catholic Faith by helping those in need.



TEC 155 Front row - Bryan Hays; first row - Whitney Hagan, Jessica Mills, Jordan Goatley, Kristen Redden, Candice Buck, Shannon Bryant, Andrea Elliott, Charity Buck; second row - Caleb Ballard, Vincent Hathcock, Kayla Stevenson, Kathy Hancock, Ashley Lorenzen, Nick Higdon, Jon Woddin, Kelley Halicks, Vanessa Hach, Justin Higgins, Deanna Karlson, Magan Bartlett, Stephanie Thomas, Ryan Ballard; third row - Clay Hughes, Bobby Jones, Becky Brookshire, Nick Curtsinger, Darren Higgins, Lar-ena Lawson, Uwem Enoch, Sr. Pam Mueller; fourth row - Josh Courtney, Joseph Young, Aaron Thomas, Zach Wolford, Charlie Hardesty, Megan Rhodes, Jake Mauzey, Cody Shupe; fifth row - Gary Hancock, Fr. Randy Howard, Fr. Mike Williams, Taylor Ballard, Joe Bland, Matt Garrett, Thomas Carver, Alex French. Submitted photo



Mary Carrico students visit Maple Mount

Students from Mary Carrico Memorial School in Philpot posed beside a farm tractor during their May 12 visit to Mount Saint Joseph. Many students come to Maple Mount for environmental days.

Stress in Your Marriage?

– Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even how to communicate this with their spouse. This program has helped thousands of couples experi-

Former OCHS Teacher, James Maria Spillane, SCN, 94, Died July 9

James Maria Spillane, SCN, 94, died at Nazareth Home in Louisville, Ky. on July 9, 2006. A native of Avon, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of immigrants from County Cork, Ireland.

Sister James Maria had been a Sister of Charity of Nazareth for 75 years teaching in elementary and secondary education in Kentucky, Ohio, Massachusetts and Virginia. She taught at Owensboro Catholic High School from 1953-57. Sister James Maria also served as SCN archivist and in the apostolate of prayer.

Sisters James Maria is remembered in a special way for her books, Kentucky Spring, based on the early life of Mother Catherine Spalding, co-foundress of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Her second book, Summer Winds, gives the history of the growth and works of the order she founded.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, July 12 in St. Vincent Church, Nazareth, Kentucky. Cremation followed with burial in Nazareth Cemetery. Survivors include several nieces and nephews, and her Sisters in the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Memorials may be made to: SCN Missions, P. O. Box 9, Nazareth, Kentucky 40048.

St. Joseph/St. Frances Academy Reunion Saturday September 16, 2006

Attention: Graduates and those that attended either of the two high schools.

Place: Home of Martha and Bill Froehlich, 6215 Highway 142, Owensboro, KY

Time: 4:00 p.m. Mass time - Social Hour following mass. Diner at 6:00 p.m. to be catered by Moonlite.

Cost: \$20.00 per person. Remit to Donald E. Hayden, 3441 Ashlawn Dr., Owensboro, KY 42301. For food count purposes - payment should be made no later than September 6, 2006, indicating class year.

Directions: Bill Froehlich's House - Go 60 East to 144 Reid's Orchard - Four miles on 144 and turn right on 142 - two city blocks.

Entertainment: If interested in golf scramble on Saturday morning contact Gene Higdon - (270) 683-1677 or Gene Clark - (270) 281-0678. For other information: Bill Froehlich - (270) 281-0719, or Charlene Pruden - (270) 686-3733.

Disappointment *(Continued from page 29)*

should consult when the problem is business or social related, and there are those who should mentor us in leadership and so forth.

The last good lesson about disappointment is to learn to forgive yourself. Many times you will feel like you brought the whole mess upon yourself and deserve the consequences. But crawling in the mud of self-pity will not benefit you in any way. Pick yourself up, brush off the dirt, and keep moving. The groom in my story did just that – and he went on to have a prosperous life with his bride. Disappointment was only a stumbling block for him, merely a stepping-stone on his life's journey. We can all learn from his persistence.

encing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug 18-20 call 270-683-1545 ext. 357 or email: dpretrowens@aol.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Donations Purchase Abiomed for Lourdes Heart Center

PADUCAH, Ky. - Lourdes Foundation recently purchased an Abiomed AB5000 Ventricle and Console for the Lourdes Heart Center. A life-saving piece of equipment for patients with heart failure, the Abiomed can take over the pumping function of the heart, allowing the muscles to rest and recover. The Abiomed can also sustain a patient's heart function while waiting for a transplant operation. A vast improvement over systems in the past, the Abiomed is portable and allows the patient to walk about the hospital, further assisting in recovery.

"Lourdes Foundation is able to invest in this cutting-edge technology to benefit our cardiac patients thanks to the many generous donations we receive," said Tara Camacho, Foundation Executive Director. "Many of our donors' lives have been touched by heart disease and they feel passionately about supporting the technology and services of the Lourdes Heart Center."

"As a Foundation donor, I like knowing that my contributions will be used in ways that directly benefit patients at Lourdes," said Tammi Halvorson. "Last year, my husband had to be evaluated at Lourdes for possible heart problems. Luckily nothing was wrong, but with four young children at home it is comforting to know Lourdes has technology that could have saved his life!"

"For a patient who comes to Lourdes in heart failure," said Dr. James O'Rourke, heart surgeon, "the Abiomed system can save the patient's life when nothing else will."

For more information on ways you can invest in the healing mission of Lourdes, contact Tara Milner Camacho, Lourdes Foundation, at (270) 444-2353 or tcamacho@lourdes-pad.org.



Mark & Karen Edwards 0064.jpg: Mark and Karen Edwards, with corporate sponsor Credit Bureau Systems, enjoy the food and music Lourdes Foundation's Mardi Gras & All That Jazz!



Ralph Short talks with Tara Camacho, Foundation Executive Director, and shares fond memories of his wife of more than 50 years. Mr. Short purchased Bill Ford's original artwork at auction, and donated the piece to Lourdes in memory of his wife, Lora Jean Short, who was a long-time Lourdes employee.

In between volunteer duties, Sister Lucy Bonifas pauses to visit with friends and sample the delicious foods available at Lourdes Foundation's Mardi Gras & All That Jazz!.



Lourdes Foundation's Mardi Gras & All That Jazz!

On Fat Tuesday, February 28, more than 800 guests turned out to Party Mardi with live music by Southern Jazz and amazing food and drink from 17 local restaurants, vendors, and beverage companies. Lourdes Foundation raised over \$40,000 in net proceeds at the fourth annual event, with funds from the Foundation's premier fundraiser helping to support the healthcare needs of all patients at Lourdes and purchase the latest in technology and equipment.



Jim Toy and Natalie Miller were crowned Mardi Gras King and Queen. Toy, a former inpatient rehabilitation patient, is a strong supporter of Lourdes services and Mardi Gras & All That Jazz. He credits Lourdes with saving his mobility and regaining his life after a serious motorcycle accident, and buys a table at Mardi Gras for his Rehab therapists each year. Miller, a coder in outpatient registration at Lourdes, leads by example in her support of all Lourdes Foundation activities. She is a generous donor and an enthusiastic ambassador, working hard to get other employees involved with Foundation.

At left, Whaler's Catch was one of 17 festive booths set up to generously provide free samples of their most popular dishes at Lourdes Foundation's Mardi Gras & All That Jazz!.

JustFaith

We are called to be compassionate as our God is compassionate. (Luke 6:36) What does the compassion of Christ look like in the modern world? How do I become a more compassionate person? The JustFaith program is an intensive thirty-week program that helps to answer these questions through reflection, study, prayer and community. An informational meeting will be held on August 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. JustFaith classes will be held on Tuesday nights and will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 6:30 p.m., in the Sts. Joseph & Paul Religious Education Center (located at 423 Clay St.). For more information about this life-changing program, contact Suzanne Rose at sdrose@bellsouth.net or Martha Crabtree at marthd.crabtree@ky.gov.

Steve & Helen Krivan, St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers, KY

"We are originally from Fair Oaks, Pennsylvania, which is near Pittsburgh. I (Steve) was working for a chemical company and we were living in Louisville in the '70's when I first visited this area. One of my customers lived in Calvert City and I always loved it down here. We were familiar with the area when we moved here in 1998. We have never regretted our move.

We are very fortunate to have Msgr. (George) Hancock as our pastor. He is our blessing in this parish and community. Our parish really is like a family because we are small. Most of us are from other places and are retirement age, and have no family here. The children are living away in most cases, so we all tend to help each other when there is a need. And, Msgr. Hancock is always there too. We celebrate anniversaries, birthdays and anything else that comes up all here together in our church. There is a closeness of a core group that is always here. In summer we have a larger group because of the tourist and visitors. But, our core family is always here.

(Helen) I was so stunned when I got my letter saying I had won the Sophia Award for our parish. (2003). I really didn't feel I deserved it. Everyone here deserves it. It was such an honor coming from fellow parishioners. Everyone here has a part of keeping this parish going. The



volunteers are depended on to do everything: Cutting the grass, counting the money, cleaning, etc. Msgr. Hancock will soon be 87 years and we like to lighten the load for him as much possible.

I like to keep the scrapbook for all the parish happenings. That would probably make me the historian too.

(Steve) Helen goes to mass everyday at 8 a.m. she volunteers at Helping Hands nursing home. She helps clean, does the altar linens and others things. She won't tell you all the things she does!

We have been married 46 years and we have 3 children. All of them live away from here. We enjoy visiting our children and having them visit us. We have lots of visitors in the summer and we enjoy having them.

Our lives have been very blessed. We have good health, our family and our parish family.



To Talk of Many Things

"The time has come, the walrus said, to talk of many things; of shoes and ships and sealing wax, of cabbages and kings."

By H.J. Ramage, Jr.

"Believers or Not"

Transubstantiation! The action that takes place when an object changes from its original composition to a completely different substance while retaining its original properties and appearance. To Catholics, this is the Eucharist.

A few weeks ago, as I was listening to a Catholic radio station, I heard the speaker remark that according to a survey, only 33% of Catholics believe that the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood of Christ. That means that 67% don't believe! I have some questions on this statement.

First of all, I don't know who conducted the survey. Second, I don't know how the survey was conducted. How were the questions phrased, who was polled, was the group polled actually practicing Catholics, or persons who at one time had affiliation with the Catholic Church? For a poll to be reliable, these questions need to be answered.

That also brings me to another question. If the survey is correct, then why are so many people going to communion at the Mass? Was there some confusion in the minds of some of the people who were polled? Did they take the question to really mean; "Do you understand how this bread and wine suddenly becomes the Body and Blood of Christ?" I don't pretend to know the answer to these questions, but I have to wonder. Given that this act is a mystery, did these persons confuse what was actually being asked? I can see where this could very well be the case.

That leads to another question. If these people don't believe, why do they bother to take communion? Without belief, it just doesn't make sense to receive the Eucharist. In nearly every church, I would venture to say that at least 70 to 75 percent take communion.

None of us can understand the mystery, and in my opinion, God doesn't want us to understand. He wants us to believe! To believe without understanding is what we call faith, and without faith, we have nothing. Sadly, society today has a mental position of "If you can't explain it, it doesn't count." Maybe we should really investigate any poll, as well as the pollster, before we accept the results as gospel.

In Service

On March 19, 2006, Fr. Terry Devine (below) and the Confirmation Class from St. Agnes, St. Peter, Sacred Heart, and St. Ann traveled to the Daniel Pitino Shelter in Owensboro. The students took food and served a meal to the clients as one of their service projects. The students who participated were: (not in order) Katie Sheridan, Miles Clevidence, Olivia Watson, Darrick Baird, Damien Simmons, Rebecca Buckman, Tyler Alvey, Zion Omer, Catie Cartnon, Waylon Whitfield, Chance Whitfield, Luke Ervin, Marcus Utey,

Emily Lindsey, Tonya Wilson, Morgan Utey, Rachel Alvey, Alex Alvey, Zach Owen, Nick Hancock, Molly Stenger, Crystal Mackin, Chelsea Elder, Patrick Davis, Tyler Hendrickson, Isaac Ervin, Kaitlyn Bickett, Amanda Floyd, Kristine Obert, as well as ten adults volunteered to assist and chaperone. Submitted by Janet Butler



Collection Point Named for Goods Going to Mandeville Jamaica Diocese

The site for collecting and sorting goods bound for our Sister Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica will be the old St. Vincent de Paul Store at the corner of West Seventh and Sycamore Street in Owensboro Kentucky. The facility is on the same grounds as Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 602 Sycamore St. in Owensboro, and is not far from St. Stephen Cathedral Parish and the Catholic Pastoral Center.

If you have been gathering items for this collection and would like to bring them to the central collection point, then please contact Richard Murphy, Coordinator for the collection at 270/683-1545 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. You can also reach Richard by email at Richard.Murphy@pastoral.org. It is requested that you call or email Richard two to three days in advance and make arrangements to meet at the collection point at a set time and date. This request for contact will be modified as the date of the collection (October 25, 2006) nears to within one month of shipment.

If you, your group, or Parish wishes to provide for the needs of a group or Parish in Jamaica for the purposes of this collection only, then please contact Richard Murphy to learn what Parishes, or organizations are available to choose from on the list of specified needs. If you already have a group or Parish that you are collecting for, then please clearly label your items that you have collected so that they can be stored separately and processed with their destination in mind.

Last year four hurricanes struck Jamaica. As in our country they also suffered as individuals and in loss of infrastructure such as roads and public services. May the Good Lord, in His mercy, spare all the countries in the Caribbean basin from such terrible destruction and loss of life, including Jamaica and the United States.

Thank you for your kind generosity both in the past and in this present effort to help those in need.
- Richard Murphy, Director, Office of Social Concerns

Thinking about Separation or Divorce?

- Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to

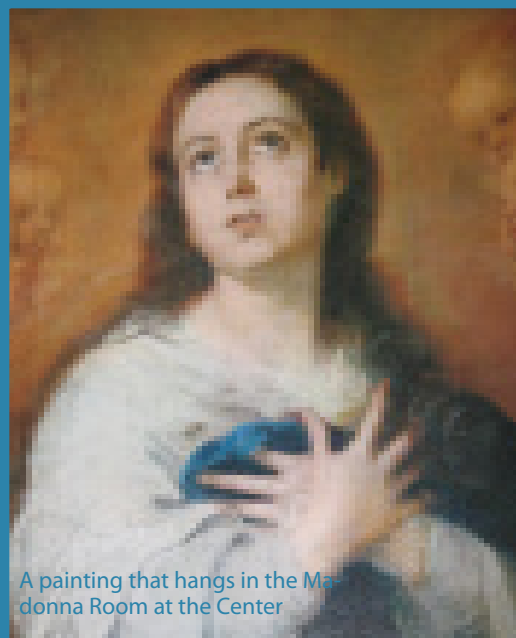


New Orleans feast brings support for the Center

Sister Carol Shively, OSU, stands on the Mount Saint Joseph auditorium stage with Sisters of the Holy Family John Mary Jackson and Stephanie Marie Langston as emcee Jerry Birge introduces them. These sisters, who now reside in Louisiana, were special visitors at an April 29 New Orleans-themed fundraiser dinner. A portion of the funds raised was donated to the Sisters of the Holy Family of New Orleans, who lost everything they owned after Hurricane Katrina, while the rest of the funds will go toward programs at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. About 200 guests attended the dinner, which featured live jazz music, authentic Cajun cuisine, and both live and silent auctions.

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couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on August 18-20 call (270)683-1545 ext. 357 or email: dpretrowens@aol.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org



A painting that hangs in the Madonna Room at the Center

Marian Retreat: Mary, Our Model

October 6-8, 2006

(Begins 6 p.m. Friday and ends 1 p.m. Sunday)

Msgr. Bernard Powers, Retreat Director

The Marian Retreat will include opportunities for solitude as well as for communal prayer: recitation of the Rosary, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Liturgy. Retreat fee is \$150. Commuters can attend for \$105. A \$50 deposit is required. To register, contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-0200, ext. 413.



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Sisters of Charity of Nazareth Make a Pilgrimage

Submitted by Sr. Maggie Cooper, SCN

On June 28, seven Sisters of Charity of Nazareth made a special pilgrimage to sites where the early Sisters ministered in Western Kentucky. The occasion for this trip was the visit of three of their Sisters from India, Comelia Ekha, Raynie Hemrom, and Sabina Mattappallil, who are in the States as part of a Global Exchange Program where they are visiting the past and present mission sites of the Sisters here in the States. Accompanying the group were three Sisters from Western Kentucky, Sisters Eula Johnson, Dorothy Thomas, and Maggie Cooper, along with Brenda Gonzales who chairs the Global Exchange Committee.

In Owensboro, the Sisters visited the sites of St. Frances Academy, the first Catholic high school in Owensboro, and Owensboro Catholic High where the Sisters served for many years. While in Owensboro, they also visited Brescia University where Sr. Maggie Cooper recently taught and the Boulware Center, a center for the homeless, where Sr. Eula Johnson presently serves.

The highlight of the trip was a visit to St. Vincent Cemetery in Union County where fifteen Sisters of Charity are buried. Stories from the archives reminded the Sisters that three Sisters traveled 150 miles to this place on horseback from Bardstown in 1820 when the Community was only eight years old. On the site the Sisters conducted a prayer service in remembrance of the Sisters buried there and many others who touched the lives of so many in Union County for 180 years of their ministry there. While here the group recalled the service of the Sisters at St. Mary Academy in Paducah and the way they served the wounded during the Civil War.

From there, the pilgrimage proceeded to St. Agnes Parish in Uniontown where Sr. Theresa Murphy served until 1991. There, the group met Mrs. Sue Eckman, an Associate of the Community, and her daughter, Vanessa, who continued with the Sisters to St. Ann's, Morganfield, and treated the group to lunch at Feed Mill. After lunch, the tour was completed with a visit to Holy Name Henderson; stories were shared of how Fr. Jenkins asked for the Sisters in 1872 and their presence was there until Sisters Molly Thompson and Mary Pauletta Kane left in 2000 and 2001. The Sisters from India were impressed with the pioneer spirit of the Sisters of Charity in Western Kentucky and the long history of service to the people here.

Knights of Columbus raised \$10 million for Katrina relief

NEW ORLEANS (CNS) -- The \$10 million raised by the Knights of Columbus for hurricane relief on the Gulf Coast represents the largest disaster relief effort in the organization's 124-year history, said Patrick Korten, vice president for communications. Almost before the winds had died down on the Gulf Coast following Katrina in August 2005, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson had initiated a conference call with all state directors in the United States and Canada to begin relief efforts. "The first response was to place \$2.5 million aside for disaster relief immediately," Korten told the Clarion Herald, New Orleans archdiocesan newspaper, during a visit to New Orleans. He said that even before local councils knew what was going on at the national level they were raising funds and collecting supplies. "The local Knights didn't wait, they were already doing something," Korten said. For the first two months following the storm the supreme council matched all funds raised at the local level, adding another \$2 million to its initial commitment, he said.



Christ the King 2nd graders
Second graders from Christ the King Elementary School in Madisonville posed for a picture at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. They visited on April 17 in honor

"We Are An Easter People and Alleluia Is Our Song!" (St. Augustine)

At Sts. Peter & Paul in Hopkinsville, the Alleluia was "buried" in a wooden casket during Lent. On Easter Sunday, it was retrieved from its "burial place" at the foot of the statue of Mary. It was unfurled and carried out in procession at the end of the Sunday liturgy; it hung in the narthex of the church until Pentecost. A basket of flowers created by our PSR families was placed at Mary's feet to thank her for watching over our Alleluia for us. In this picture, Mary Lang, Shannon Pape, Joseph Baxter, Christopher and Grace Pape in front of the Alleluia banner. Photo at right submitted by Franki Durbin.



At a memorial stone listing the 15 SCNs who served and are buried at St. Vincent's, from left, Charity Sisters Sabrina Mattappallil, Dorothy Thomas, Rajini Hemron, Eula Johnson, Maggie Cooper, and Cornelia Ehka. Submitted photo



ROCKIN' THE MOUNT

Two bands and one solo act entertained June 23 at the "Rockin' the Mount" Christian rock concert at Mount Saint Joseph in Maple Mount. The concert, held in the natural amphitheatre on the front lawn of the Ursuline Sisters' campus on Highway 56 west, was sponsored by a number of youth ministers from the Owensboro diocese and the Ursuline Sisters. Christian rock bands Ceili Rain and Broken Box (pictured above) entertained, along with soloist Brooks Ritter. MSJ Photo

of their upcoming First Communion. MSJ Photo



Mary: Model of Contemplation

Saturday, October 7, 2006

Fr. Thomas Dubay, SM

Blessed Mother Parish Hall, Owensboro, Kentucky



Sponsored by the Marian Shrine Committee, www.marianshrineky.org Fr. Thomas Dubay is a well-known retreat master and expert in the spiritual life. A Marist Priest, Father holds a Ph.D. from Catholic University of America and has taught on both major seminary level for about fifteen years. He spent the last twenty-seven years giving retreats and writing books (over twenty at last count) on various aspects of the spiritual life. Ignatius Press has published several of his books, including *Fire Within*, *Happy Are The Poor*, *Faith and Certitude*, *Authenticity*, *The Evidential Power of Beauty*, and *Prayer Primer*. He has presented many series on EWTN, including an extensive study of the spiritual life of St. Teresa of Avila and a series on the life of prayer.

SCHEDULE		1:45 Closing Prayers
8:00	Gather	Registration Fee \$20.00 each
8:15	Rosary	Lunch \$ 5.00 extra
8:30	Mass	(Sandwich, side & drink)
9:30	Mary as Model of Contem- plation	*Must be pre-ordered
10:30	Break	No charge for Priests or Religious.
10:45	What is Deep Prayer?	Mail your tax deductible donation to:
11:45	Lunch	Marian Shrine Committee
12:45	Meditation leading into Contemplation	2638 Wood Haven Owensboro, KY 42303



Opportunity for Life training

Michele Herberger, director of Opportunities for Life, shares information during a June 15-17 workshop at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Opportunities for Life provides personal, confidential help to those experiencing untimely pregnancies. Caring and trained volunteers offer a network of hope and life-affirming solutions to people in a time of need. Opportunities for Life volunteers operate a 24/7 toll-free telephone hotline: 1-800-822-5824.

and a miracle occurred. For three days in May we changed forever the future of one family.

We were a most unlikely gathering of people- young and old, weak and strong, a varied set of skills. And yet at some time, at some moment, God managed to get through and give us the message: "I have something I want you to do for me in Jamaica". And so we came- travellers in a reality show where no one gets eliminated.

I struggle to discern God's will. And yet for those three days God's plan was as plain as a crystal clear glass of water. And what we did was like the final piece of a 500 piece jigsaw puzzle- a perfect fit.

I have often seen that in places where the greatest of evils occur, the most perfect good happens. And in a country where poverty and corruption, and murder, and violence are at record levels, so are the examples of love and brotherhood, and sacrifice, and generosity.

What we did in those three days will not go into the history books. We will not be remembered as skilled carpenters, concrete finishers, or painters. And yet when each of us breathes our last breath, and each of us surely will, and we must give an accounting of our time here, we can point to that house on a hillside in the jungle of Jamaica. And if the sky is as clear as it can be in Jamaica, St. Peter will surely see it. And each of us will hear him say: "Where in the world did you get that blue paint?"

But in those three days we accomplished a lifetime achievement. For in those three days we gave a perfect gift- a perfect gift. In the most real sense we laid down our lives for another- a perfect stranger. And we gave this most perfect gift using our most imperfect skills. Yet we did it with love and we did it together. And I know that Jesus was in our midst. And our hope is in the knowledge that He will never be outloved.

Only God knows what the future holds for the family of that new house. It was not pure chance that we were there. God does not operate on chance. I looked at that family on more than one occasion, as each of us did, and wondered what role they were to play in God's continuing story. We will probably never know.

But there is something I do know. I know how honored and blessed I was to get to know you and to work beside you. Thank you for your wit and for your witness. By your presence we were able to accomplish something which no one of us could have done alone. And I truly thank you.

On a hillside in the jungle of Jamaica, a house stands. And that has made all the difference.

On a jungle hillside in Jamaica, a house stands



The picture above shows the group of eleven from the Owensboro Diocese who recently travelled to Mandeville, Jamaica on a Sister Diocese visit. Along with visiting nursing homes, orphanages, and individual visits, the group got involved in building a house for a local resident. The following letter, written by one of the eleven to the others expresses the sense of what their time there meant. It is reprinted here to encourage others to answer the call- whether it be to Mandeville or to other service to carry out God's marvelous plan.



By Reid Haire, rhair@daviesky.org

On a hillside in the jungle of Jamaica, a house stands. A simple house, one which will seldom be noticed by cars passing by or by planes overhead. And yet for those three days in May of 2006 we came together here

Comfort & Hope... a message about grief

By Jeannie Boone

Faraway in China,
the people sometimes say,
life is often bitter and
all too seldom gay.
Bitter as dragon tears,
great cascades of sorrows flood
down all the years,
drowning our tomorrows.

Faraway in China,
the people also say,
life is sometimes joyous
if all too often gray,
Although life is seasoned
with bitter dragon tears,
seasoning is just a spice
within our brew Of years.
Bad times are only rice,
tears are one more flavor,
that gives us sustenance,
something we can savor.

- *The Book of Counted Sorrows*
by Dean Koontz

Near where I live, in west Kentucky
far from China, there is a sweet young
woman who goes to work each day and
comes home to care tenderly for a small
baby. She's a good person, a loving daugh-

ter, and a hard worker
who usually has a ready
smile to greet you. Her
tears are bitter and sad,
shed in the wee hours of
the night, alone. The child
will never know the handsome father who
found life so incredibly hard to bear that
he took his own life just days ago. He was
22 years old.

Here, too, lives a beautiful woman who
has worked hard all her life, worshipped
faithfully, raised a large family, and given
countless volunteer hours to community
projects. She reminds me of the Energizer
Bunny...just keeps going and going. Re-
cent multiple heart bypasses has forced a
slow down, but that is a mere bleep on the
screen. You see, while she was in the
early days of recovery, for a reason he took
to the grave, a beloved son took his own
life. This pain is beyond any she has ever
known.

Several miles out of town lives a fam-
ily who recently buried a second child: a
talented and vivacious teenage daughter.
On her way to work she was killed because
another young driver was either in a hurry,



Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz



"God tested them and found them worthy of Himself;
like gold in the furnace, He tried them, and like a
sacrificial burnt offering He accepted them." (Wis. 3:
5-6)

This man's story contains dramatic events sufficient
for several plays. Author and actor Leonardo Defilippis
(also stars in and produced *Therese* the movie) has
brilliantly condensed a wide-ranging and heroic life
into a gripping drama which climaxes in the story of

Maximilian Kolbe's martyrdom at Auschwitz. In this ninety-minute, one
man portrayal, Defilippis brings to life key characters from the life and
times of the saint, easily yet dramatically slipping from one role into the
other and alternating between the good and evil.

MAXIMILIAN: SAINT OF AUSCHWITZ

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or showing off, and decided to pass on a yellow line. He claimed the life of himself and
his passenger, as well. Three young lives wiped from our midst in a moment of folly.
As a bereaved parent my heart cries, too, for all of us!

The pain of these losses is compounded by the circumstances; in addition to the
incessant question of why that follows untimely death. One family now grieves for two
children, when faith can sustain you, but not spare you that unspeakable agony. For the
others there is the added burden of guilt and responsibility that, real or imagined, can
haunt survivors for years to come. It's so hard to lay it down.

I don't know why some of the sweetest, hardest working, just plain nice people are
dealt such incredible sadness. I do know that no one is immune from tragedy. And I
don't believe God wills this suffering on some and not others. I believe it is just Life
and there will always be tragedy as we live, love, work, and coexist in this wonderful
space of time He has given us. Painful events that threaten to overwhelm us, literally
drown us in the dragon tears of sorrow, will always be a part of the living process. And
grief must have its day; to mourn is a natural and a healthy response to loss. To move
beyond it and look to each new day with joy is holy, and it glorifies the love that was
shared. But like most of life's daily happenings, it's not in the so-called hand that's
dealt, as if life were a poker game. It's in how we cope, how we face the reality of our
burdens, the choices we make, that determines the seasoning of our days.

Email your thoughts: kyboones2@hotmail.com

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Everyone Welcome

They Came To See A Catholic Parish, Felt At Home, And Stayed

By Franki Durbin

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky.- from Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

Nicole Allison and Stepheny Budias, now in their early twenties, have been best friends since 5th Grade. In high school, they were cheerleaders and choir members together, and visited London, England together in 2000. However, with graduation from High School their paths separated. Nicole went off to Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, while Stepheny started her freshman year at University of Kentucky. In spite of the miles separating them they stayed close, keeping in touch by phone, e-mail and spending vacation time in "catching up". Their friendship continued all through their college years, and last fall it took on a new dimension when Stepheny became Nicole's sponsor for the RCIA.

While at Western, Nicole became friendly with two other Catholic students and joined them occasionally at the Newman Center. Because of her friendship with Stepheny she was not totally unfamiliar with the Catholic tradition and admits that she has always had questions she wanted to have answered. The death of Pope John Paul II, and the media coverage over the next few weeks of all things Catholic, peaked her interest. Shortly after this, her mother showed her the local newspaper in which Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church was advertising the Inquiry period of the RCIA. Nicole decided she wanted to "Come and See." She told Stepheny of her decision, hoping she would offer to be her sponsor. Needless to say, Stepheny did not wait to be asked! Who else would, or could, be a better companion on this journey?

Nicole has loved the RCIA process from the start. "It is so much better than I thought it would be. I have had no doubts," she says. "I feel I am already a part of this Church." She especially loved it when Stepheny stood up to tell Bishop McRaith about their friendship at the Rite of Election. Stepheny has found being a sponsor exciting, and has been surprised at how much she herself has learned. "I feel so honored," she says about her role as a sponsor, "I hope I will always love my Catholic faith as much as Nicole does."

Nicole's mother, who was baptized a Catholic, has taken a great interest in her daughter's progress, often accompanying



Stepheny Budias and Nicole Allison

her to the RCIA gatherings. Nicole was not baptized as an infant, but she says that when she has children she wants them raised in the Catholic faith. "I don't want them to miss out on all the things I did," she says.

The RCIA team has enjoyed journeying with Nicole and Stepheny this year. Their genuine care for each other, their laughter, their teasing, and the sincerity of their search have affected us all.

Matt Best first met his wife Emily when they were children. Their families moved away from each other, and didn't see each other again for many years. When they met again they renewed their childhood friendship and eventually married. Emily is from a strong Catholic family, and marriage in the Church was important to her.

Matt admits that at first he was a "Christmas and Easter" churchgoer. When Emily's father went through the RCIA process and was baptized, Matt was very impressed by the Rites, and decided it was time for him to embark on a similar journey. When they moved to Tennessee, via Arizona and Texas, they attended Mass in Clarksville and also at Fort Campbell. Then they "discovered" Sts. Peter & Paul in Hopkinsville, and felt so much at home that they stayed. Matt says that the RCIA experience has been wonderful. He likes the opportunity to ask questions and explore what the Catholic faith really means. He enjoys the camaraderie and the faith stories of those who are on the same journey - which he describes as a "pathway to God." He feels that his life is changing, and that he has found a sense of community. He believes that what he has discovered is affecting his understanding of who he is and how he acts. "I believe it will help me to be a better person, a better

husband and father, and a better Catholic."

Matt and Emily are the proud parents of Arabella and Jameson, born in 2005. Rather than leave Emily with two babies to tend to during Mass, one of these beautiful twins always joins us for our dismissal catechesis on Sundays mornings. They pay close attention to the discussion, but very seldom join in the conversation!

In photo below, Matt Best, center, with his wife, Emily, and sponsor Richard Joiner, at the Rite of election at Holy Name Church, Henderson. Fr. John Thomas (pastor) holds Arabella. Submitted photos



Holy Name Co-Ed Y Club Completes Its Thirteenth Year of Service

by Phyllis Brown, Club Sponsor

HENDERSON, Ky. - The Holy Name School Co-Ed Y Club has completed another busy year of activity. During the 2005-2006 school year, 94 club members completed 58 service projects totaling 2066 hours. We often assist the Men's Club in setting up, serving and clearing tables for their dinners. We served the Marsha's Place Banquet, the Methodist Hospital Employee's Dinner, the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, the Hugh Sandefur Center Christmas Party, and two Lenten Fish Fry Fridays. We baby-sat for the PTO meetings, held two food drives for the Martha Mary Outreach, and an emergency diaper drive for Marsha's Place. We collected four tubs of tab tops that we delivered to the Ronald McDonald House in Louisville, had six dances, worked at church to change missals a number of times, took down Christmas decorations at church and cleaned the grotto area after the May Procession.

We have supported other agencies by helping the Knights of Columbus with their annual Tootsie Roll Drive, helping the St. Vincent de Paul store with a Hurricane Katrina Relief Project, Walking for Marsha's Place, Habitat for Humanity, and the Komen Race for the Cure. We organized and hosted the annual chess/checkers tournament. We have also made numerous cash donations. We write letters to elderly pen pals and to military personnel.

We are glad to be able to help in our school, our church, our community, and our world. We wish to thank all who have invited us to help in the good work they do.

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Pope calls for immediate cease-fire, negotiations in Middle East

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Pope Benedict XVI called for an immediate cease-fire to be followed by "reasonable and responsible negotiations" in the Middle East. The pope's repeated appeal for peace in the region came as Israeli soldiers began fighting Hezbollah militants inside Lebanon's borders. A statement issued July 20 by the Vatican press office said the pope also declared July 23 to be a day dedicated to prayers and penance



St. Gabriel School Visits the Mount

Seventh-grade students from St. Gabriel School in Louisville came for environmental days May 17-18 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Their activities included visiting the farm, touring the museum, and spending time with the Ursuline Sisters. St. Gabriel students are shown here sharing a hug with Sister Frances Miriam Spalding, OSU, during their visit to Maple Mount. Sister Frances Miriam was a teacher for many years prior to her retirement. MSJ Photo



St. Sebastian Youth take field trip to Mount

A youth group from St. Sebastian Church in Calhoun poses with Sister Amelia Stenger, OSU, in front of Angela's Ark, the flatboat used to recreate the journey of five Ursulines who traveled down the Ohio River from Louisville to Maple Mount in 1874. The youth group came to Mount Saint Joseph for lunch and a tour on May 7. MSJ Photo

for people of all religious faiths "to implore God for the precious gift of peace." The statement said the pope urged prayers for "an immediate cease-fire between the (warring) sides," the establishment of "a humanitarian corridor in order to bring aid to the suffering people," and the start of "reasonable and responsible negotiations so as to end the objective situations of

injustice existing in that region." "The Lebanese have the right to see the integrity and sovereignty of their country respected, the Israelis have the right to live in peace in their nation, and the Palestinians have the right to have a free and sovereign country," the written statement said.

Paducah Honors Laura Lambert

In May, 2006, the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution named Laura Lambert, a Duchess of Paducah Award winner, a 1956 graduate of St. Mary Academy and member of St. Francis de Sale Parish, and a history teacher at Saint Mary High School, Paducah, as an Outstanding American History Teacher in Kentucky, honoring her life-long work, her 49 years of teaching in the Catholic Schools of Paducah, her current excellence as a history teacher, and her joy to help others come to love the rich heritage of this great nation of ours. **SMSS Photo.**



Mrs. Farrell Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year

On May 9, Mrs. Cecelia Farrell, Saint Mary Elementary School Second Grade Teacher received the coveted Wal-Mart, Inc. Teacher of the Year Award, 2006, for West Kentucky during an assembly in the school gym. Mrs. Farrell was chosen from among nominees in the region including West Kentucky and southern Illinois. Mrs. Farrell is pictured here with her second grade class and 3 of her 4 children, Mary Kate, Patrick, and Alex. Prizes included a check to the school for \$1,000, a plaque, apolo shirt, a spring bouquet of flowers, and a cake to help with the celebration. Mrs. Farrell was already speculating on how she would spend the money. "I know I can put it to good use," she said as she was leaving the gym. Photo and text submitted by Lori Meredith.

Cancer researcher gets state funds to study umbilical-cord stem cells

CHICAGO (CNS) -- A cancer researcher at an Illinois Catholic medical center is working to grow umbilical-cord stem cells in his laboratory, using \$1.4 million in funding from the Illinois Regenerative Medicine Institute. Dr. Patrick Stiff of Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood hopes to use the umbilical-cord stem cells to develop new immune cells, to be implanted first in mice and then, if all goes well, in humans. Although the Catholic Church is not opposed to stem-cell research using umbilical-cord blood, the Catholic Conference of Illinois opposes the institute, which Gov. Rod Blagojevich created last year with a \$10 million line item in the budget

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER

CALENDAR OF EVENTS, AUGUST-NOVEMBER 2006

August 2006

4-6 Catholic Engaged Encounter
11-13 Mount Hope Weekend
18 Brescia School of Education
18-20 Retrouvaille
25-26 Grace Fellowship
Women's Retreat
26-27 Meditation and Yoga Retreat
28 DRE/Youth Ministry

September 2006

10__ Mount Saint Joseph PICNIC
15-17 Catholic Engaged Encounter
19-22 Runaway Quilters
23 Adult Faith Formation Conference
27 Music of the Middle Ages
29-30 McLean County Leadership
30 Ministry Formation Program Retreat Day

October 2006

6-8 Marian Retreat with Msgr. Bernard Powers
9-13 Spiritual Direction Institute 2: Week 1
14-15 Alanon
17 Center Board Meeting
18 Kenergy
19-20 NAUF Vocation Conference
23-27 Priests Retreat
27-29 Catholic Engaged Encounter

November 2006

3-4 Ministry of Today's Catechist Retreat
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10-12 Mount Hope Weekend
16 Watershed Workshop
17-18 Thomas Merton Retreat



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Cardinal Keeler urges Senate to pass Child Custody Protection Act

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Cardinal William H. Keeler of Baltimore urged the U.S. Senate July 19 to pass the Child Custody Protection Act. The legislation would prohibit someone who is not the parent or guardian from transporting a minor across state lines for an abortion if the minor's home state has a law requiring parental notification or consent before the minor can obtain an abortion. Most states have such laws, although some have been blocked in court. The bill would permit criminal prosecution of the person who transported the minor, with penalties including up to a year in prison, and civil action by the parent whose rights were violated. "Many states have wisely chosen to protect parents' rights in this area, and the intent of their protective laws should not be thwarted," said Cardinal Keeler, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities.

after he failed to win legislative approval. Zach Wichmann, assistant director of the conference, said the public policy arm of the Illinois Catholic bishops opposes both the purpose of the institute, which awards grants for projects dealing with embryonic as well as non-embryonic stem cells, and the back-door process used by the governor to create it. "Even if all the money went to adult stem-cell research, the process was still wrong," Wichmann said. The church opposes embryonic stem-cell research because it involves the destruction of embryos.



Christian Leadership Institute

Students and instructors sat along the memorial garden walls at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center during the June 25-30 Christian Leadership Institute. CLI believes that there is a need for qualified leaders for the church, and these leaders must be trained and have the ability to reach out to modern generations. MSJ Photo

Sister Suzanne Sims Recognized By Rotary

Sister Suzanne Sims is the recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship, awarded on June 1 by the Owensboro Noon Rotary Club "in appreciation of tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world." A sum of \$1,000 will be contributed in the name of Sister Suzanne/the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph for Rotary Foundation projects worldwide.

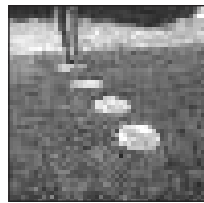
A member of the Rotary Board of Directors, Sister Suzanne chairs a committee for a water project initiative in Uganda, a Rotary International project in which the Owensboro club is participating. She also has been active in the Rotary's Readifest program for at-risk schoolchildren.

Sister Suzanne is also chair of the Social Concerns Committee of St. Stephen Cathedral Parish. In this capacity, she was a leader in the establishment of a temporary homeless shelter in Owensboro during the past winter. Sister Suzanne is director of mission advancement for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph.



The Trinity Y Club spent two days in April, 2006, beautifying the THS campus with plants and materials donated by area businesses. Many hands made light work for all. This is the Trinity High School Spirit! THS Photo

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“Saints Peter and Paul Summer Mission”

Imagine that someone knocks at your door and when opening it, you meet a group of joyful people who have come to talk to you about God and to invite you to their church, yet this time this group belongs to the Catholic Church. This is what had taken place during the month of July in Hopkinsville.

It all started out with a vision. This has been the vision of Saints Peter and Paul's Hispanic Committee, who for about two years have been considering hosting a summer mission in Hopkinsville. This vision finally crystallized in June and July 2006 when kicking off our “Saints Peter and Paul Summer Mission.”

Inclusion. Perhaps neither Peter nor Paul thought that God was going to take them very far with the sole purpose of sharing the Paschal Mystery; nevertheless, they did it. An invitation was made during (Spanish) Mass and disciples responded. God chooses workers for his harvest: “Go, therefore, to the ends of the earth and make of them my disciples” (Mt 28: 19). That has been the motto of this summer mission, in which people go visiting brothers and sisters at their homes to talk about God's love and revelation, the Catholic Church, and to extend them an invitation to come to the parish.

After training in the last week of June, every Saturday in July, a group of brave “missionaries” (Ellis and Michelle Salas; Alicia Salas; Ana Ethridge; Juanita, Kendra and Nicholas Montejos; Matilde Roman; Lily, Carl, Celeste and Emmanuel Schmidt; Jose Cruz, Raul Contreras; Byron Macías; Father Oscar Mendoza; Father Carmelo Jimenez, and Eduardo Contreras) walked down the streets of Hopkinsville, under the burning afternoon sun, through neighborhoods and roads to meet Hispanic and Anglo people. For several minutes, they share the message and invited them to come over to Church in order to participate more fully of God's salvific plan.

Every weekend is an exciting adventure, encountering kind people who sometimes let the missionaries into their houses; it is to have doors slammed on their faces or being mistreated; it is to see how some people ask the priests to bless their houses; it is to accept a glass of water or soda to counter the heat. There was an occasion in which the Catholic missionaries met the Mormon group, who were also visiting houses in the same neighborhood: this was no reason, though, to give up; on the contrary, the group gained more courage and enthusiasm, just as Fr. Carmelo Jimenez said, “The enthusiasm of the people who come to the mission. They do it with so much dedication that they transmit their joy when they talk. I had to (visit houses) with the adolescents and they expressed extremely well the information that we were offering at each home, without making any distinction between Americans or Hispanics.”

Returning again to the image of Saints Peter and Paul, we understood a little deeper in the third dimension of faith: Faith is not static, faith is not individualistic; faith is social, it is communitarian, and demands subjective and physical actions which imply a call to share it. Other levels can also be discovered in the life of a Christian: all of us are called to proclaim the Good News, no matter where we are from: Peter was a fisherman and Paul a Roman soldier in training to be a Procurator.

The Catholic missionaries in Hopkinsville come from Peru, Mexico, Panama, Ecuador, and the United States. They include men, women, children and adults. They include people who barely read and write, and university graduates. However, all of them turn into one under the umbrella of God, who makes sense of things that for human eyes do not. This little group of missionaries are the 2006 Peters and Pauls. Just as Peter and Paul carried on the Liberating Message to the Jews and Gentiles, this summer mission ended up being bilingual: When these brave people visit a determined neighborhood, they knock on the doors and share the same message with all.

During his homily for the World Mission Day, our pastor, Fr. John Thomas, commented that missions are not only done outside this country but inside, in our dioceses and parishes: “We think about Third World countries, but we should not forget that our country is becoming a mission country.”

The dream and hope of the Hopkinsville parish's Hispanic Committee is that this mission summer becomes into an annual activity, and plants the seeds of a new evangelization, which, after the example of Saints Peter and Paul, will produce abundant harvests.

My Missionary Experience

By Kendra Montejos

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - These past few Saturdays I have had very breathtaking moments. Our church has missionary experiences countless times, but this time we weren't going anywhere far. We were just going in our back yards. We went to different parts of town to find Hispanic families. We were going to invite them to our church.

On the first Saturday, we went to a part that wasn't in the best condition. We were just suppose to knock on their door, say our names and give them some brochures. Just make it nice and simple; no one likes to stand out in the heat and hear people talk and talk and talk. We were there for a purpose: to let them know that there is a Catholic church here that can help them.

We walked and walked trying to find Hispanic families, but we didn't find many. So we decided to just knock on anyone's house not knowing if they were English or Hispanic families and give them a rosary or anything in English that we had, but come to know it we knocked on a Hispanic household. A young woman opened her door before we even introduced ourselves and she just said “Come on in, come on in.” She sat us down, offered us some drinks, and thanked the father for coming.

Father introduced everybody and said our purpose for coming. He even asked her if she wanted her house blessed and she said yes. She came out with a glass of water, gave it to father and father blessed her house. We had a small prayer and concluded our visit. She asked us if we could come on Wednesday to have a longer time of prayer at her house. We have made a difference. The house wasn't that big and she had two little girls, and her sister with her own child, and forgetting all of that, she wanted to set a time to pray for anything that she wanted God to hear. So we set a time to pray and told her we were coming.

On the second Saturday, we had another experience that also was very touching. We drove to another neighborhood and we got out of the car, and not even getting into groups, this woman came rushing over knowing that there was a priest here because



Kendra Montejos, second from left, is an altar server at Saints Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville.

she recognized his collar. She came with her grandson because she wanted father to bless him. She said the little boy's family was Catholic and she wanted him blessed while the boy's parents were away. She asked for a rosary so she could pray with the boy.

My mom said “this is a rosary and if you want, we have something that will teach you how to pray the rosary.” The woman said “No, I'm Muslim.” I was very confused but thankful at the same time. This woman brought her young grandson here to be blessed not being Catholic and being respectful to our faith. She wanted her grandson to stay with his religion his parents raised him up with, even though his was a different religion from hers.

She told us a little about herself and told us that she had many grandchildren with different religions. I thought at that moment, this woman respects each and everyone of those religions and loves each and everyone of her grandchildren equally, no matter what they believe in. While we were leaving, a little boy came up to us shyly and asked us nicely for a rosary. This young boy wanted a rosary, probably not knowing what it was. We gave him one and as we walked away the woman said to the boy, “Come here, I'll teach you how to pray the rosary.”

This missionary experience has taught me one thing, and that is someone is out there who needs a push to do something but just can't find it, and that push just might be your knock on their door.

Primer Encuentro Juvenil Nacional

Para nuestra Diócesis todo empezó el 13 de mayo cuando un grupo de tres personas fueron en carro a Jacksonville, Florida para aprender sobre el Primero Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana y que era lo que tenía que ver con nosotros en Kentucky. Después de más de un año de trabajo en las parroquias, la Diócesis y la Región, el proceso tuvo su culmen en Notre Dame, Indiana del 8 al 11 junio. Ocho delegados de cuatro parroquias fueron para representar a nuestra Diócesis.

Gracias a todos los que participaron desde su parroquia en este proceso tan importante para la juventud hispana católica. Los resultados de toda la nación fueron entregados a la Conferencia de Obispos de los EEUU, a La Red (National Catholic Network de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana), al NFCYM (National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry) y al NCYAMA (National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association). Estas cuatro organizaciones nacionales muy fuertes están encargadas del seguimiento y a responder a las necesidades expresadas por los jóvenes hispanos católicos viviendo en los Estados Unidos.

¡La juventud hispana católica alzó su voz y la Iglesia escucha!

Aquí están testimonios de dos de nuestros delegados al Encuentro Nacional:

por Liliana Duran, San José, Mayfield

Quiero compartir mi experiencia y la oportunidad, que tuve de poder asistir al Primer Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Juvenil Hispana. Para mí fue un evento único y maravilloso.

Esos días que viví fueron mágicos, me sentí como si estuviera en otro mundo donde no existen los problemas y las preocupaciones, es algo que nunca olvidare y lo llevare conmigo toda mi vida. Ya he compartido esta experiencia con la gente de mi parroquia y hoy nuevamente la quiero compartir con todos los lectores.

Quisiera motivar a todos los jóvenes que no conocen a Dios, para que se



"La Red" - cada pedazo de hilo representa un participante del proceso parroquial representados por los delegados. Foto por Noé Rosales

acercaran mas a la iglesia y se involucraran en las distintas actividades que existen en sus comunidades y así poder sentir tan cerca la presencia de Jesús, así como yo sentí la presencia del Señor en este Encuentro.

Doy gracias a Dios, por la oportunidad que me dio de haber podido asistir al Encuentro Nacional. En este Encuentro yo aprendí cosas que necesitaba saber y entender para poder ayudar a otras personas y a mi misma. También me animaron muchísimo para echarle mas ganas y seguir mas de cerca los pasos de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Aprendí que debo seguir con mis estudios para poder realizar todos mis sueños y así poder alcanzar mis metas algún día. Todas las experiencias y los consejos de mis compañeros me dejaron muy claro que no hay nada imposible y que con la ayuda de Dios puedo alcanzar todo lo que me propongo y nunca dejarme vencer.

Aprendí como ser un buen líder y así poder comprender y ayudar a los jóvenes de mi comunidad.

Aunque llegué cansada por el viaje largo que hicimos para llegar, este cansancio no se puede comparar con lo mucho que aprendimos y con lo cerca que sentimos la presencia de nuestro Padre celestial, sin olvidar lo mucho que nos divertimos.

Por último quiero decir que, espero que todas las personas que tuvimos la oportunidad de asistir a este Encuentro Nacional, lo sepamos usar para ayudarnos a nosotros mismos y ayudar a nuestro prójimo.

por Luis Fabián, San José, Mayfield



The delegates from the Southeast Region gather to process to the opening ceremony of the National Encuentro in Notre Dame, June 8-11, 2006 where 2,300 young Hispanic Catholics arrived from all over the nation. Los delegados de la Región Sureste se reúnen para procesar a la apertura del Encuentro Nacional en Notre Dame, 8-11 junio 2006, donde llegaron 2,300 jóvenes hispanos católicos. Foto por Noé Rosales.

Me siento muy Bendecido por Dios al haber sido elegido para asistir al Primer Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Juvenil. Tuve la oportunidad de vivir una experiencia única, que me ha servido mucho en mi vida.

Nunca me imaginé poder asistir a tan grandioso evento, esto fue un regalo de Dios.

Les cuento que esta experiencia en verdad ha cambiado mi vida por completo. Después de haber pasado por el Encuentro Nacional, les confieso que me siento mucho más cerca de Dios y sé que él siempre esta conmigo y me acompaña a todas partes.

El Encuentro Nacional, fue algo inolvidable, allí fue donde sentí la presencia de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, lo sentí tan cerca de mí, que daría todo por volver a vivir esa sensación.

En este Encuentro experimenté algo tan bonito y especial, que no se puede explicar.

Sólo puedo decir que fue algo tan grande y único.

Doy gracias a Dios por haberme dado la oportunidad de haber vivido la experiencia del Primer Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Juvenil y por permitirme de enderezar mi vida e ir por el buen camino.



El grupo de delegados de nuestra Diócesis representando a los 92 jóvenes que participaron en el proceso parroquial. Foto por Luis Fabian.

La Educación Católica Nos Ayuda a Aprender Acerca de Nuestra Fe, a Convertirnos en Verdaderos Testigos de Jesucristo en Nuestro Mundo

Queridos Amigos,

Con el nuevo año escolar sobre nosotros, me gustaría compartir algunas ideas con ustedes respecto a la educación católica.

Antes que nada, es la época de la colecta anual para la Universidad Brescia. Ustedes escucharán acerca de ésta por parte de la Universidad pero yo quiero agregar mi apoyo a esta colecta. Es muy importante que nosotros los católicos apoyemos este gran regalo de nuestra Diócesis llamado Universidad Brescia. Al mirar hacia atrás por más de 50 años, reconocemos la gran influencia que Brescia ha tenido sobre nuestra Diócesis por todos estos años. Muchos hombres y mujeres han recibido una educación católica sobresaliente asistiendo a esta institución católica local de más alto aprendizaje.

Al pasar de los años que he tenido el privilegio de servir como su Obispo, mucha gente me ha dicho que si no hubiera sido por Brescia ellos nunca hubieran podido ir a la universidad y sin los beneficios de esa educación con base en la fe, ellos nunca hubieran tenido las oportunidades que les han servido tan bien en la vida. He visto y hablado con suficientes graduados en los últimos 24 años como para saber que Brescia les ha dado una educación católica de calidad. Los alumnos de Brescia con frecuencia hablan de qué tan bien han sido preparados para sus carreras por su educación en Brescia.

Brescia ha hecho una diferencia en nuestra Diócesis y ha hecho una diferencia en la vida de mucha gente. Esta oportunidad, gracias a Dios, está aún viva y bien. La Universidad Brescia continúa ofreciendo la misma oportunidad a estudiantes mientras yo escribo esta carta.

Todos nosotros estamos agradecidos a las Hermanas Ursulinas de Monte San José por hacer esto posible en el pasado y por continuar haciéndolo hoy. El espíritu que se ha trasladado desde Santa Ángela Merici es aún parte de Brescia, lo que la hace una universidad especial. Brescia continúa ayudando a la Iglesia de Kentucky Occidental y a otras Diócesis a cumplir con la misión de la Iglesia – la Misión de Jesús encomendada a la Iglesia en el Primer Pentecostés.

Esta colecta es muy importante para el futuro de Brescia y ruego para que ustedes sean los más generosos.

Tan importante como la colecta es que hay incluso mayor necesidad de más estudiantes que tomen ventaja de Brescia. A cualquier estudiante que esté buscando una educación de calidad le pido que considere enrolarse este otoño. NO ES DEMASIADO TARDE.

También espero que todos los estudiantes de las escuelas de educación media superior (high school) consideren la Universidad Brescia antes de decidir a donde recibir más alta educación. La administración de Brescia trabajará con ustedes de todas formas para hacer posible para ustedes ser parte de la Familia de la Universidad Brescia. Si ustedes solo consideran la posibilidad, confío que encontrarán que lo que he dicho acerca de las oportunidades ofrecidas por Brescia es la verdad.

Habiendo dicho todo esto acerca de nuestra Universidad Católica, también quiero aprovechar la oportunidad para enfatizar las ventajas para los estudiantes de recibir una educación en nuestras escuelas primarias y secundarias de la Diócesis. Mientras que nuestro primer encuentro con Cristo se presenta en casa, ese encuentro puede y será fortalecido y crecerá en nuestras escuelas Católicas. Este periódico llegará mientras el nuevo año escolar inicia, pero estoy seguro que sus hijos serán bienvenidos en estas fechas aunque sea tarde para enrolarse en una de nuestras muchas escuelas primarias y de educación media superior Católicas en la Diócesis.

Si por alguna razón un estudiante no puede tomar la ventaja de una educación en una escuela Católica, particularmente si no hay una disponible en su área, por favor enrólese en el programa de educación religiosa de su parroquia. Les suplico a los padres de cada joven desde el jardín de niños hasta el 12° grado que no puedan asistir a una escuela católica tomar la ventaja de esta oportunidad. Ahí, sus hijos encontrarán que hay mucho que aprender acerca de nuestro Señor, su Mensaje y la Iglesia. La participación en el programa de religión de su parroquia hará maravillas ayudando a los padres a pasar la fe Católica a sus hijos.

Finalmente, agradezco a todos aquellos que han respondido a la llamada del

Señor para ser maestros, ya sea en una escuela católica o en un programa de educación religiosa. Yo sé que están haciendo grandes sacrificios para ayudar a los niños y jóvenes a crecer en sus relaciones con nuestro Señor y Salvador, Jesucristo.

Termino rezando para que los estudiantes tomen las ventajas de estas oportunidades para recibir una educación Católica. En la Diócesis de Owensboro, hemos sido bendecidos con buenos programas que están disponibles para todos los estudiantes que busquen una buena educación Católica.

Estudiantes, que tengan un gran año. Por favor acepten las oportunidades que se les ofrecen en la educación Católica para aprender acerca de su fe, y así se puedan convertir en verdaderos testigos de Jesucristo en nuestro mundo el día de hoy.



Sinceramente en Cristo

+ John J. McRaith

Reverendísimo John J. McRaith
Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro

¿No sabe usted cómo inscribir su niño en un programa de catecismo de la parroquia? ¿Quiere mandar su hijo a una escuela católica pero no sabe cómo? Acúdase a la parroquia católica más cercana - ellos estarán dispuestos a ayudarlo. Si no saben a quién preguntar, puede llamar a Patti Murphy en Owensboro y le ayudará encontrar la persona indicada. (270) 302-2782

Todos Están Invitados:

ASAMBLEA DIOCESANA DE PLANIFICACIÓN PASTORAL

Se invita a todos los que han participado en el proceso de planificación pastoral en sus parroquias y otras personas que quieren aportar sus ideas para el Plan Pastoral Diocesano para el Ministerio Hispano.

CUANDO: Sábado, 9 Septiembre 2006

DONDE: Iglesia Cristo Rey en Madisonville (1600 Kingsway Drive, Madisonville, Kentucky 42431)

Más detalles vienen el próximo mes o llame a Patti Murphy (270) 302-2782

MISA Y CELEBRACIÓN DIOCESANA DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO

Vengan a compartir una misa como comunidad hispana de la Diócesis de Owensboro donde entregaremos el Plan Pastoral Diocesano para el Ministerio Hispano al Obispo Juan McRaith. Una celebración de todo el trabajo con el Plan terminando la misa.

CUANDO: Sábado, 18 Noviembre 2006, 11am – 2pm

DONDE: Iglesia Católica San Pedro y San Pablo en Hopkinsville (902 E. 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240)

Misión de Verano San Pedro y San Pablo

Católico de Kentucky Occidental, Agosto, 2006 **3**

Imagine que alguien toca a su puerta y al abrirla se encuentra a un grupo de personas alegres que le vienen a hablar de Dios y a invitarlo a su iglesia, pero esta vez la invitación es de parte de la Iglesia Católica. Esto es lo que ha tomado lugar durante el mes de julio en Hopkinsville.

Todo empezó con una visión. Esta ha sido la visión del Comité Hispano de la Parroquia San Pedro y San Pablo, quienes por cerca de dos años han venido considerando hacer una misión en Hopkinsville. Esta visión finalmente se cristalizó en junio y julio del 2006, al arrancar la “Misión de Verano San Pedro y San Pablo.”

Se decidió llamar así a esta misión por obvias razones (son los santos patronos de la parroquia) y debido también al testimonio de ambos apóstoles: Pedro, predicando a los judíos y Pablo predicando a los gentiles. Tal vez ni Pedro ni Pablo pensaron que Dios los iba a llevar tan lejos con el sólo propósito de compartir el Misterio Pascual; sin embargo, lo hicieron. Se hizo el llamado durante la Misa y los discípulos respondieron: Dios escoge a sus trabajadores para la mies: “Vayan, pues, a las gentes de todas las naciones y háganlas mis discípulos” (Mateo 28, 19): ese ha sido el lema de nuestra misión de verano, en la cual salimos a visitar gente en sus casas para hablarles del amor y revelación de



The St. Peter and St. Paul “Missionaries” inviting people to church. (See article in English on p. 42)

Dios, de nuestra iglesia Católica y al mismo tiempo invitarles para que vengan a nuestra parroquia.

Luego de su entrenamiento la ultima semana de junio, cada sábado de Julio, un grupo de valientes “misioneros” (Ellis y Michelle Salas; Alicia de Salas; Ana Ethridge; Juanita, Kendra y Nicolás Montejos; Matilde Román; Lily, Carl, Celeste y Emmanuel Schmidt; José Cruz, Raúl Contreras; Byron Macías; Padre Oscar Mendoza, Padre Carmelo Jimenez y Eduardo Con-

ville bajo el ardiente sol del mediodía, para compartir la Buena Nueva. De 1 a 3pm nuestros misioneros recorrieron barrios y caminos, encontrando gente, anglo e hispanos, con quien compartieron algunos minutos para luego invitarlos a que vengan a la Iglesia para participar mas llenamente del plan salvífico de Dios.

Cada fin de semana es una aventura emocionante: es encontrar gente atenta que a veces hacen entrar a nuestros misioneros en sus casas y les ofrecen un vaso de agua o refresco para sofocar el calor, pero no siempre es así a veces reciben puertazos o malos tratos; algunas personas les piden que los sacerdotes vallan para que les bendigan sus casas. Hubo una ocasión en la cual el grupo de misioneros católicos se encontró al grupo de los mormones que también recorrían el mismo barrio; pero esto no fue motivo para rendirse; al contrario, el grupo se llenó de más entusiasmo, tal y como lo dice el Padre Carmelo quien se siente emocionado al ver “el entusiasmo de la gente que está llegando a hacer la misión. Lo hacen con tanto esmero, que transmiten su alegría al estar hablando. Me tocó estar con los adolescentes y ellos expresaban muy bien y en pocas palabras la información que íbamos dando en cada hogar sin hacer ninguna distinción entre americanos e hispanos.”

Regresando nuevamente a la imagen de San Pedro y San Pablo, se puede entender un poco más profundamente la tercera dimensión de la fe: La fe no es quieta, la fe no es individualista; La fe es social, es comunitaria y demanda acciones



Una señora leyendo la información entregada por los “misioneros”

subjetivas y físicas ya que implican un llamado para compartirla. También se puede descubrir otros niveles en la vida del cristiano: todos estamos llamados a proclamar la Buena Nueva, sin importar de donde somos. Pedro fue un pescador y Pablo un soldado romano en preparación para ser un procurador romano. Ambos vinieron de lugares distintos; ambos tenían perspectivas diferentes. Nuestros misioneros vienen de Perú, México, Panamá, Ecuador y Estados Unidos. Los misioneros católicos en Hopkinsville incluyen hom-

sigue en la página 4

Mi experiencia como misionero de verano en Hopkinsville Por Eduardo Contreras

Para mí la misión es una bendición de Dios que nos da la oportunidad de vivir y creer en su palabra como él lo dijo. La Palabra del Señor es quien ahora nos envía a todos al mundo para ir a caminar, llevando su misma Palabra que dejó para nosotros. Sé que algunos decimos que la iglesia es aburrida, pero no lo es; es aburrido cuando nosotros estamos pensando todo lo que tenemos que hacer allá afuera, necesitamos dejar un rato nuestros quehaceres para que entendamos lo que Dios nos dice a través de su palabra.

Cuando Dios envía, no es sólo a unas cuantas personas; todos somos enviados por él para continuar predicando su Palabra. Como misionero lo que estoy viviendo y viendo me sorprende de como somos los seres humanos (siento) que a veces necesitamos que alguien nos explique, pero algunas veces no creemos aunque estemos escuchando(.) Siempre seremos los mismos si estamos lejos de la Iglesia y de la Palabra del Señor. A mí me da gusto estar en la misión porque sé que Dios nos bendice a cada uno de nosotros. La misión que tenemos es hacer que la persona alejada de la Iglesia entienda y se acerque de nuevo, para que ellos y todos los alejados seamos uno solo con la ayuda de Dios. Mi experiencia en la misión en los últimos sábados ha sido de invitar y visitar a la gente, es un poco cansado y preocupante porque hay algunas personas que ni siquiera se toman la molestia de abrir sus puertas cuando tocamos, incluso hay otras personas que nos cierran sus puertas sin darnos la oportunidad de haber terminado o de explicarles cual es nuestro objetivo de la visita. Los que andamos en esta misión estamos viviendo un poco de lo que vive Dios cuando no nos acercamos hacia él o cuando le cerramos la puerta de nuestros corazones. Dios siempre nos ayuda, no (lo) olviden, ¡busquen a Dios! Vayan a la Iglesia, porque Dios nos ama a todos; seas como seas, Dios no nos (excluye), acércate y convive con todos y con Dios.



Los “misioneros” de San Pedro y San Pablo recorriendo un barrio en Hopkinsville para invitar a la gente a la Iglesia. Fotos por Byron Macías

Planificación Pastoral

por Patti Murphy, directora de la Oficina de Ministerio Hispano

¿Alguna vez te ha pasado lo siguiente? Tu carro anda fallando. No sabes mucho de mecánico, pero crees que es la batería. Entonces compras una batería, la instalas y te das cuenta que no fue la batería. Entonces piensas que ha de ser el motor de arranque (estárter) y lo reemplazas. Todavía tu carro está fallando y por fin te rindes y decides llevar tu carro al mecánico, quién al ver tu carro lo arregla en tan poco tiempo y te cuesta mucho menos dinero que te costó a ti. ¡Qué desgracia! ¿Verdad?

En la pastoral, el ministerio de la Iglesia, suele pasar lo mismo. Vemos que hace falta algo, entonces cambiamos algo o creamos un nuevo programa. Después de mucho trabajo, tiempo y a veces dinero nos damos cuenta que no ha funcionado bien. Entonces intentamos otro programa o hacemos otros cambios y todavía la gente no llega o no hemos visto progreso. Intentamos adivinar lo que falta sin ver la realidad y sin consultar alguien (o algo) que nos pueda asesorar antes de actuar.

¿Cómo evitamos esta pérdida de tiempo, esfuerzo y dinero? Siguiendo un proceso. En el caso del carro, el mecánico mira tu carro, lo maneja, lo escucha, etc. Luego consulta sus libros, su computadora y su propio conocimiento y experiencia. Luego actúa reemplazando unas piezas o arreglando algo. Tú celebras que el carro ya está bien pero

“Misión de Verano San Pedro y San Pablo” *(sigue de la página 3)*

puede descubrir otros niveles en la vida del cristiano: todos estamos llamados a proclamar la Buena Nueva, sin importar de donde somos. Pedro fue un pescador y Pablo un soldado romano en preparación para ser un procurador romano. Ambos vinieron de lugares distintos; ambos tenían perspectivas diferentes. Nuestros misioneros vienen de Perú, México, Panamá, Ecuador y Estados Unidos. Los misioneros católicos en Hopkinsville incluyen hombres, mujeres, niños y adultos. Incluyen gente que apenas sabe leer y escribir hasta egresados de la universidad. Sin embargo, todos se hacen uno bajo la sombrilla de Dios, quien hace que tenga sentido lo que para los ojos humanos no lo tiene. Este pequeño grupo de misioneros son los Pedros y Pablos del 2006. Al igual que San Pedro y San Pablo llevaron el Mensaje Liberador hacia judíos y gentiles, nuestra misión resultó siendo bilingüe: Cuando esta gente misionera valiente acude al barrio determinado, tocan todas las puertas de las casas y comparten el mismo mensaje con los hispanos, los anglos y los afro americanos, mostrando que Dios valora, fortalece y multiplica los dones que nos obsequia. Dios nos lleva un paso más allá. Durante su homilía por el Día de las Misiones, nuestro Párroco, el padre John Thomas, comentó que las misiones no sólo se hacen fuera de este país sino que deben ser hechas también adentro, en nuestras diócesis y parroquias: “Pensamos en países tercermundistas, pero no debemos olvidar que nuestro país se está convirtiendo en un país de misiones.”

El sueño del Comité Hispano de la parroquia de Hopkinsville es que esta misión de verano sea algo anual y siembre las semillas de una nueva evangelización, que siguiendo el ejemplo de San Pedro y San Pablo, produzca cosechas abundantes.

sigues vigilando y evaluando por un tiempo para ver si realmente lo arregló. Este es el mismo proceso que también debemos seguir en la pastoral: VER – JUZGAR – ACTUAR – CELEBRAR – EVALUAR.

Nuestra Diócesis actualmente está en este proceso de planificación para el ministerio hispano. La comunidad hispana en ocho parroquias está participando en Elkton, Guthrie, Hopkinsville, Mayfield, Paducah, Owensboro, Sebree y Henderson. En las seis sesiones dirigidas por equipos de parroquianos, empiezan con analizar la realidad hispana en el área de su parroquia. Para juzgar consultan los documentos de la Iglesia, la Biblia, y su propio conocimiento y experiencia. Con esta base sugieran acciones pastorales.

Al terminar el proceso parroquial, las sugerencias de todas las parroquias se recolectarán y se invita a todos a una Asamblea Diocesana, especialmente los que no pudieron participar en su área. En la Asamblea se priorizará las acciones pastorales para crear un Plan Pastoral Diocesano para guiar al ministerio hispano a través de la Diócesis.

Me gustaría agradecer a los equipos parroquiales por toda su dedicación y trabajo, y a todos los que han participado en las sesiones. Si vives en los lugares nombrados te invito a que participes y a todos los espero en la Asamblea Diocesana que se va a llevar a cabo en la parroquia Cristo Rey de Madisonville el 9 de septiembre de 10am a 3pm.

Que Dios nos guíe siempre.



El grupo de San José y San Pablo, Owensboro en su sesión de analizar la realidad para la planificación.



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DONDE: Iglesia Católica San Pedro y San Pablo, Hopkinsville (902 E. 9th Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240)

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DONDE: en la Iglesia Bellevue Baptist, Owensboro (519 West Byers Avenue, Owensboro, KY 42303)

El Padre Carmelo es un sacerdote mexicano que se ha ofrecido para servir a la Iglesia Católica de Kentucky Occidental. Vive en Hopkinsville y sirve a la comunidad hispana en las áreas de Hopkinsville y Todd County en las parroquias de San Pedro & San Pablo, Santa Susana y Santa María & San Santiago.

¡Gracias Padre por su disponibilidad al servicio de Nuestro Señor y a la Iglesia!



Nací el 16 de julio de 1972, en Jiquipilas, Chiapas, México. Soy el 7mo. De 9 hermanos (6 hombre y 3 mujeres), hijo de los señores Edelfo Jiménez y Lucinda Salinas. Mis estudios primarios los realicé en mi pueblo natal, el bachillerato o preparatoria en Cintalapa, terminando como técnico profesional en electromecánica. A los 18 años ingresé al seminario Diocesano Santa María de Guadalupe al Curso Introductorio (agosto de 1990).

El 8 de febrero de 1998 recibí el Sagrado Orden del Diaconado y el 25 de abril de 1999 el Sagrado Orden del Presbiterado por el ministerio e imposición de manos de Mons. Felipe Aguirre Franco. Desde junio de 1998 que terminé los estudios de Teología y siendo diacono, fui asignado a la parroquia de Nuestra Sra. del Sagrado Corazón, con atención especial al pueblo de San Juan Chamula (Diócesis de San Cristóbal), con hermanos indígenas de la etnia zotzil. Con ellos aprendí a valorar las culturas y las distintas manifestaciones de fe.

El 9 de abril de 1999 fui nombrado Párroco de San Juan Chamula y vicario cooperador de Ntra. Sra. de la Asunción en Ixtapa, Chiapas (en esta parroquia coopere hasta el 18 de mayo del 2000). El 26 de mayo del 2000 me cambiaron a la Parr. San Pedro Apóstol en Chenalho, Chiapas, como Párroco y el 10 de junio del 2000, supe y me dieron el nombramiento de Párroco de San Pablo Apóstol en Chalchihuitan, así, atendiendo estas tres parroquias permanecí hasta el 26 de mayo del 2002 (Chamula, Chenalho y Chalchihuitan) y después regresé a mi Diócesis. Quiero aclarar que el 22 de abril del 2002 fuimos expulsados de Chamula el P. Marcelo y un servidor. En estos años (2000 -2002) fui encargado diocesano de Catequesis Infantil en la Diócesis de San Cristóbal de las casas, Chiapas.

Estuve en Tuxtla en dos proyectos de parroquia y después como vicario de San Fernando, Chiapas. El 15 de septiembre del 2002 fui nombrado Cuasi-Párroco de Chicoasen, Chiapas y después Párroco de la misma. En esta parroquia se formó el grupo de ministros Extraordinarios de la comunión, el grupo juvenil y la catequesis infantil, además de las pastorales fundamentales (litúrgica, social y profética). Se construyó el templo parroquial. Habían cuatro movimientos que daban vida a la parroquia: Encuentro con Dios (personas adultas), jornada de vida cristiana juvenil, ejercicios espirituales (para drogadictos y enfermos alcohólicos) y un movimiento que nace en la parroquia fue el Re-encuentro (para parejas que antes ya habían vivido algún movimiento).

Me cambiaron a la Parroquia de San Pedro Apóstol en Tuxtla, una comunidad parroquial a las periferias de la ciudad y habitada por invasores de tierras, incluyendo la parroquia y las capellanías, la mayor parte era invasión. Durante 2 años estuve al frente de la comisión diocesana de medios de comunicación, fundándola y dándole seguimiento. Realizamos 12 programas de televisión (El Kerigma), se continuó con el periódico diocesano, 1 programa de radio semanal. Últimamente estuve en comunidades parroquiales que ya antes había estado mientras me daban la visa para venir acá, a Kentucky.

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¿Sabemos qué son los Dones del Espíritu Santo?

Contamos con un gran Director
Pbro. Dr. José Martínez Colín

1) Para saber

El arco iris es una de esas realidades que no deja de sorprender y entusiasmar a los niños que lo ven, y aún a los mayores les agrada contemplar su belleza. Aunque no es fácil comprender del todo cómo se forma, sabemos que proviene de la luz solar. Esa luz, que nos permite ver los objetos, está formada por los siete colores que vemos separados en el arco iris. Toda esa luz proviene de una misma fuente, el sol. De modo similar, todos los Dones provienen de una mismo origen: del Espíritu Santo, pero actúan de diferente manera en nosotros. También los dones del Espíritu Santo son siete. Nos lo dice la Sagrada Biblia en el libro del profeta Isaías donde menciona siete “Espíritus”: Espíritu de Sabiduría y de Entendimiento, Espíritu de Consejo y de Fortaleza, Espíritu de Piedad y de Ciencia, Espíritu de Temor del Señor (cfr. Is.11, 1-2).



2) Para pensar

Un autor espiritual y teólogo, Mons. Luis M. Martínez, quien fuera un gran Arzobispo de México, enseñaba que la acción del Espíritu Santo es similar a la de un director de una gran fábrica donde hay diferentes departamentos con sus máquinas muy bien organizados. El Director de aquella fábrica, como es lo debido, quiere estar en contacto con sus departamentos cuando así lo requiere desde su oficina central. Para lograrlo instala una red de teléfonos (ahora diríamos un “monitoreo” mediante computadoras). Así, desde su despacho, puede comunicarse con toda la empresa y dirigirla desde ahí.

Así también, el Espíritu Santo que habita en nosotros cuando poseemos la gracia de Dios, se instala en el centro de nuestra alma y desde ahí dirige toda nuestra vida espiritual. El hombre es un ser complejo, tiene diversas facultades. Por ejemplo: la inteligencia, la voluntad, el apetito concupiscible y el apetito irascible. Pues bien, estos serían los cuatro “departamentos” que el Espíritu Santo quiere ayudarnos a dirigir para lograr nuestro perfeccionamiento.

3) Para vivir

Alguien tal vez ya notó que hay cierta desigualdad ¿siete Dones para cuatro facultades? Efectivamente hay desigualdad.

Sucede que nuestra inteligencia, dado que es una facultad muy excelente e importante, el Espíritu Santo ha querido ayudarla con cuatro de sus Dones. No tiene nada de extraño. Siguiendo con el ejemplo del Director de la empresa, podemos suponer que en uno de los departamentos trabajan muchas personas, pues es más grande y complicado que los otros, y que por esa razón necesita dirigirla mejor. Así también el Espíritu Santo ha designado los siguientes cuatro Dones para la inteligencia: el de Sabiduría, Entendimiento, Ciencia y Consejo. Para la voluntad, que también es una facultad muy sublime, el Espíritu Santo ha dispuesto el Don de Piedad. Tenemos además dos facultades inferiores que también son ayudadas: para el apetito irascible contamos con el Don de Fortaleza, y para el apetito concupiscible el Don de Temor de Dios.

Si somos dóciles a las inspiraciones del Espíritu Santo “funcionaremos” de la mejor manera posible, pues Él sabe perfectamente siempre lo que más nos conviene. Procuremos escucharle, y hasta adivinarle, su querer sabiendo que es la mejor manera de llegar a Dios y ser felices.

(Cualquier comentario o sugerencia: e-mail padrejose@ich.edu.mx)

Discriminación en el trabajo por razones de sexo está prohibida

por Juan Peña, supervisor de Alcance, KCHR

La información siguiente proviene de la Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Kentucky (KCHR por sus siglas en inglés) con el objetivo de erradicar la discriminación y prejuicios en Kentucky. La KCHR es la agencia estatal y gubernamental con competencia jurídica de recibir e investigar quejas de discriminaciones relacionadas con el trabajo, vivienda y establecimientos abiertos al público en el estado de Kentucky.

La ley de derechos civiles de Kentucky prohíbe la discriminación en el trabajo por razones de sexo de la persona. También, el acoso sexual en el trabajo está prohibido. La ley señala que la mujer y el hombre tienen derecho pleno de oportunidades equitativas en el trabajo. Los empleadores y agencias de trabajos temporales tienen prohibido de tratar diferente a sus trabajadores en el reclutamiento, en el pago de salario, beneficios, aplicación de reglamentos, promoción y en el despido por razones de sexo o género de la persona. Las agencias que otorgan licencias o certificados de oficio o profesión están prohibidos de discriminar; los sindicatos de trabajo tienen prohibido tratar o representar diferente a sus miembros por razones de sexo. Cuando una mujer y un hombre hacen el mismo trabajo, tienen las mismas experiencias y antigüedad en el trabajo, deben recibir el mismo trato, pago de salario, beneficios y oportunidades.

Comúnmente las mujeres son las víctimas de discriminación por razones de sexo. Una mujer, tal como un hombre, tiene el derecho al trabajo libre de acoso sexual. Los empleadores, gerentes y supervisores no pueden aprovechar de su autoridad, molestar u ofrecer oportunidades laborales a cambio de una relación sexual. No pueden tomar cualquier tipo de represalia o subordinación porque una invitación de naturaleza sexual ha sido rechazada. El hostigamiento sexual consiste en una conducta verbal o física ofensiva para la dignidad de la mujer y del hombre en el trabajo. Algunos de los rasgos de acosos sexuales son los siguientes: comentarios sobre la apariencia física de la persona, sugerencias, invitaciones, proposiciones, presiones, comentarios sobre actividades sexuales, tocamientos, roces contra el cuerpo de una trabajadora o trabajador para forzar un intercambio sexual. Un acoso sexual es válido cuando el acto no es deseado, es humillante, ofensivo y rechazado por la persona acosada.

También, es ilegal el hostigamiento sexual entre los trabajadores. El empleador es el responsable de cualquier tipo de acoso sexual en el trabajo.

Cuando hay un comportamiento de acoso sexual, la víctima debe comunicarse por escrito al supervisor o a sus superiores. Es recomendable que la comunicación sea por escrito por si llega haber una represalia. Cualquier tipo de represalia por el empleador está prohibida.

Cuando una persona cree que ha sufrido de una discriminación por razones de su sexo o es víctima de un acoso sexual, puede presentar una queja en la Comisión de Derechos Humanos de Kentucky. Una persona puede presentar una queja cuando se le han negado las oportunidades porque otro u otra empleada ha aceptado tener relaciones sexuales a cambio de las oportunidades en el trabajo. La queja debe ser presentada dentro del plazo de 6 meses a partir del acto discriminatorio. La dirección es 332 West Broadway, Suite 700 o al número de teléfono 1-800-292-5566.

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