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Three Men to be Ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Owensboro



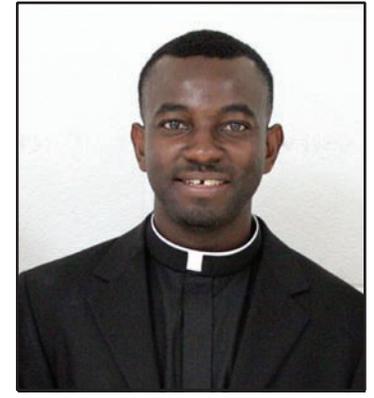
You are invited to join
Father Steve Hohman
as he offers his
Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 30, 2010
At Saint Anthony,
Browns Valley, Ky.
A reception will follow.

With Praise and Thanksgiving
to Almighty God
The Diocese of Owensboro in Kentucky
together with the families of
Steve Hohman and Brandon Williams
And Uwem Enoh
invite you to their Ordination
to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood
through the laying on of hands
and the invocation of the Holy Spirit
on Saturday,
the Twenty-ninth Day of May
in the Year of Our Lord 2010
at ten o'clock in the morning
in Saint Stephen's Cathedral
610 Locust Street
Owensboro, Kentucky 42301.

A reception will follow.



You are invited to join
Father Brandon Williams
as he offers his
Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:00 A.M.
Sunday, May 30, 2010
at Saints Joseph and Paul,
Owensboro, Ky.
A reception will follow.



You are invited to join
Father Uwem Enoh
as he offers his
Mass of Thanksgiving at 11:00 A.M.
Sunday, May 30, 2010
at Saint Leo, Murray, Ky.
A reception will follow.

From The Diocesan Administration Office:

On April 07, 2010, the Diocese of Owensboro sent to Catholic Relief Services a check for \$213,548.08 for the Haiti Relief Collection that was received from the people of the Diocese.



COLLECTION FOR THE Catholic Communication Campaign HOW THE GOOD NEWS GETS AROUND

If Jesus Christ were on earth today, how would he spread his message of salvation? Would he use television, radio, newspapers, text messages, billboards, DVDs, or even the Internet? Pope Benedict XVI, in his 43rd message for World Communication Day, said that "these technologies" are truly a gift to humanity and we must endeavour to ensure that the benefits they offer are put at the service of all human individuals and communities."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops established the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) collection in 1979 to respond to the national and local communications needs of the Church. The collection is unique in that **proceeds are split equally between each participating diocese and the national office.** Dioceses use their share of the CCC collection to support local communications efforts such as televised Masses

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The Western Kentucky Catholic is supported by the Communications Collection taken up in the parishes of this diocese every May.

The Owensboro Diocesan Communications Collection is May 16, 2010.

Editor's Note: The Holy Father's message for World Communications Day is found online at http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/communications/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20090124_43rd-world-communications-day_en.html.

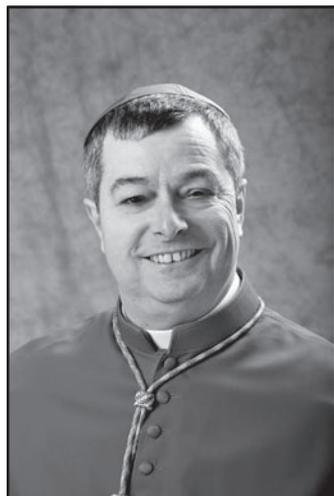


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2 Bishop William Medley's Calendar for May:



Bishop William Medley
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- May 1 10:00 a.m. Diocesan Black Catholic Gathering, Holy Name, Henderson
5:00 p.m. Mass, Sacred Heart Parish, Hickman
- May 2 8:30 a.m. Confirmation, St. Edward Parish, Fulton
10:30 a.m. Confirmation, St. Jude Parish, Clinton
- May 4 9:00 a.m. Catholic Pastoral Center Staff Mass and Meeting
12:00 noon Owensboro Medical Health System Luncheon/Presentation, tour of McAuley Free Clinic, Daniel Pitino Homeless Shelter, and HealthPark
6:30 p.m. Confirmation, Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro
- May 5 Catholic Conference of Kentucky Executive Board Meeting, Louisville, KY
Provincial Meeting, Louisville, KY
- May 6 Provincial Meeting, Louisville, KY

- May 8 10:00 a.m. Brescia University Graduation, RiverPark Center, Owensboro
1:00 p.m. Hispanic Youth Retreat, Mt. St. Joseph
4:30 p.m. Confirmation, St. Joseph Parish, Central City
- May 10 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Catechetical Leaders/Youth Ministry Appreciation Meal, Catholic Pastoral Center
- May 11 8:00 a.m. Mass, Fathers of Mercy, Auburn
- May 12 10:30 a.m. Rainbow Mass, Sportscenter, Owensboro
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Peter Parish, Waverly, Sacred Heart Parish, Waverly, and St. Agnes Parish, Uniontown at St. Peter Parish, Waverly
- May 13 8:30 a.m. Mary Carrico Memorial School Mass, Knottsville
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Rose Parish, Cloverport
- May 16 10:30 a.m. Mt. St. Joseph Alumni Association Annual Gathering
- May 17 9:30 a.m. Personnel Board; 1:30 p.m. Priests' Council
- May 18 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, Sts. Mary and James Parish, Guthrie and St. Susan Parish, Elkton at Sts. Mary and James Parish, Guthrie
- May 19 8:30 a.m. Administration/Finance Committee, Catholic Pastoral Center
6:30 p.m. Confirmation, St. Columba Parish, Lewisport and Immaculate Conception Parish, Hawesville at St. Columba Parish, Lewisport
- May 20 9:00 a.m. Owensboro Catholic Middle School Mass, Owensboro
10:30 a.m. Wisdom Day, Catholic Pastoral Center
- May 22 7:00 p.m. St. Mary High School Graduation, Paducah
- May 23 9:00 a.m. Confirmation, St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
2:00 p.m. Owensboro Catholic High School Graduation, Sportscenter
5:30 p.m. Confirmation, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson
- May 24 4:00 p.m. Mass, Gasper River Retreat Center, Bowling Green
- May 26 11:00 a.m. Hopkinsville, Deanery Mtg. at Christ the King, Madisonville
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, Holy Guardian Angels Parish, Irvington
- May 28 7:00 p.m. Trinity High School Graduation, Hines Center
- May 29 10:00 a.m. Priesthood Ordinations for Uwem Enoh, Steven Hohman, and Brandon Williams, St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Bishop William Medley's Calendar for June:

- June 1 9:00 a.m. Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus School Mass
- June 2 12:00 noon Age Group 4 Gathering, 6:00 p.m. Mass, Fr. Maurice Tiell's 60th Anniversary, St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
- June 5 4:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Henry Parish, Aurora
- June 6 9:30 a.m. Confirmation, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah
3:00 p.m. Corpus Christi Procession, St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
- June 7 6:00 p.m. Faith Quest, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson
- June 10 9:00 a.m. Elections, Passionist Monastery, Whitesville

- June 12 11:00 a.m. Mass, Hispanic Diocesan Congress, St. Thomas More, Paducah
4:00 p.m. Confirmation, Christ the King Parish, Scottsville
- June 13 10:00 a.m. Confirmation, St. Charles Parish, Bardwell
- June 14-18 USCCB Spring Assembly, Tampa, FL
- June 21 9:30 a.m. Personnel Board; 1:30 p.m. Priests' Council
- June 22 11:00 a.m. Priests' Age Group 1 Gathering, St. Elizabeth Parish, Curdsville
- June 24 2:00 p.m. Brescia University Board Meeting
- June 25 9:00 a.m. Brescia University Board Meeting
- June 27 3:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
- June 28 5:00 p.m. Christian Leadership Institute

Bishop William Medley's Calendar for July:

- July 2 11:00 a.m. Mass of Religious Profession, Carmelite Sisters, Provincial House Chapel, St. Louis, MO
- July 19 9:30 a.m. Personnel Board; 1:30 p.m. Priests' Council
- July 22 5:00 p.m. Mass, St. Mary Magdalene Parish, Sorgho
- July 24 5:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Martin Parish, Rome
- July 30 9:15 a.m. Mass, Professional Development Day, Catholic School Principals and Teachers, Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson

Bishop William Medley's Paducah Office

Bishop William Medley will be in his Office at Lourdes Hospital, 1530 Lone Oak Road, Paducah, KY 42002-7100. on the fourth Tuesday of the month. In 2010, the dates are May 25, June 22, July 27, August 24, September 28, and December 28. (October 26 is Priest Retreat and November 23 is Presbyteral Day). His hours will be from 9:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. All scheduling will be done through the office in Owensboro.

Bishops Launch National Website To Promote Vocations To Priesthood And Consecrated Life

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Bishops' Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations is initiating a new website on April 25 to be a resource for both laity and clergy in the promotion of vocations. The launch date is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday.

The site has two goals: to help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, and to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations.

The Vocations Website can be found at www.ForYourVocation.org. A Spanish-language site will be available this fall at www.PorTuVocacion.org.

Site elements include discernment resources for men and women, respectively, aids for promoting a vocation culture within the home, and a range of tools for educators, youth leaders and vocation directors including prayers, videos, best practices, lesson plans and vocation awareness programs.

In response to Pope Benedict XVI's 2010 Theme for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Witness Awakens Vocations, the site also hosts videos of priests and religious men and women giving witness to their vocations, as well as testimonies from family members.

ForYourVocation.org exemplifies the Vatican's embrace of new communications media. In his message for the 44th World Day of Communications, Pope Benedict XVI challenges clergy to employ the "latest generation of audiovisual resources (images, videos, animated features, blogs, websites)" to put the media "ever more effectively at the service of the Word." The launch of the site will be promoted through social media forums. Facebook users can become "e-Vangelizers" for the cause. By becoming an e-Vangelizer, one can connect others to the Website's blog posts. Dioceses and organizations may link to ForYourVocation.org by following the instructions at <http://foryourvocation.org/web-resources.cfm>.

Sr. Ann McGrew selected as Director of Conference and Retreat Center 3

MAPLE MOUNT, Ky. -- Sister Ann McGrew, serving in her 45th year as an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, will become the director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center this summer.

A seven-member search committee recommended Sister Ann for the position, and the Leadership Council unanimously approved her selection. Sister Ann concludes her term on the Leadership Council this July, and will take over as director of the Center on July 1. She replaces Sister Amelia Stenger, who will become the development director for the Ursuline community on Aug. 1.

Sister Ann is a native of St. Paul, Ky., in Grayson County, and has ministered as a teacher, the director of novices and formation for the community, as director of the Newman House at Murray State University, and as supervisor of the Women's Discernment House and ministry formation program at Brescia University. Her great love is in parish ministry, in which she's served at St. Leo in Murray, St. Stephen in Owensboro, St. Anthony in Browns Valley, and most recently at St. Martin Parish in Rome, and St. Elizabeth Parish in Curdsville, where she led RCIA



Sister Ann McGrew, O.S.U. is the new Director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. MSJ Photo

and prepared children to receive the sacraments.

"RCIA is my favorite ministry," Sister Ann said. "They really want to learn about

their faith, and a relationship with God. That's the most exciting part."

Sister Ann is one of three Ursuline Sisters who coordinate the Spiritual Di-

rection Institute at the Center, a two-year program that attracts people from across the country who are seeking certification to become spiritual directors. She also served as program facilitator at the Center in 2006-07. She has a master's degree in religious studies from Loyola University, Chicago, and a master's in elementary education and principal certification from Western Kentucky University.

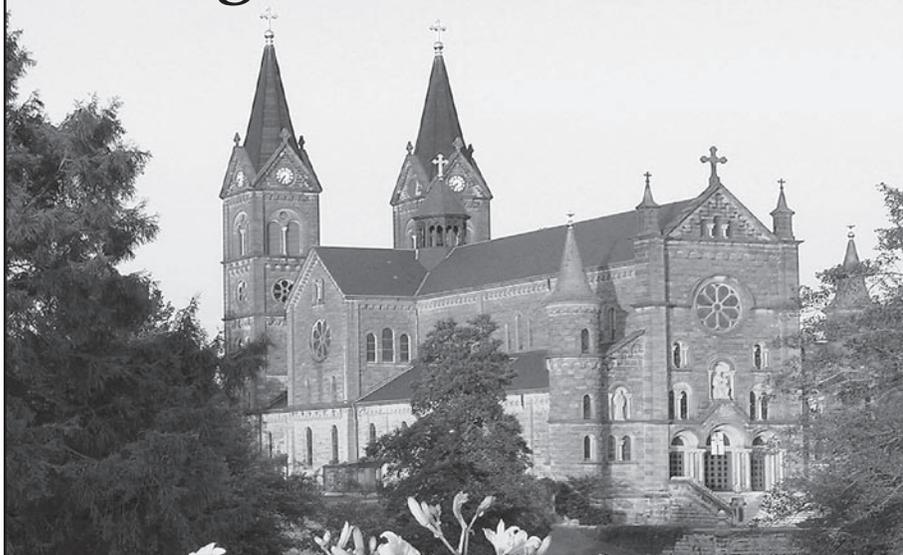
"I hope to be able to take programs out to the parishes, as well as offer retreats here," Sister Ann said.

Sister Ann will spend the next few months learning about the job. "As an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, I've been given opportunities to develop my spiritual life," she said. "Those experiences gave me the skills I'll need for the task of director. It's a risk because I've never done it before, but I'm excited about it."

Sister Ann will also serve as director of the Office of Spiritual Life for the Diocese of Owensboro.

The Conference and Retreat Center opened in 1983, and offers and hosts programs in a rural environment of tranquility for people of all ages and faiths to nurture spirituality and personal growth, advance the arts, and promote lifelong learning. It serves more than 5,000 people a year.

Congratulations, Fathers.



We are happy to congratulate
Saint Meinrad graduates Uwem Enoh,
Steven Hohman and Brandon Williams
on their ordination to the priesthood.

**Very Rev. Denis Robinson, OSB, and the
students, faculty, monks and staff
of Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology**



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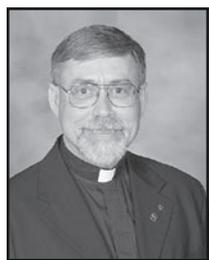
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4 Reflections On The Roman Catholic Rites Of Ordination



By Father Richard Meredith

Ed. Note: Father Meredith wrote a version of this article for his Saint Pius Tenth parish bulletin. The Western Kentucky Catholic asked him to

prepare this article for our March, 2010 edition.

In the space of the first five months of 2010 our diocese will witness ordinations in all three ranks of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Brandon Williams, Uwem Enoch, and Steve Hohman lead off, being ordained as deacons. In May they will be ordained as presbyters (priests). On Wednesday, February 10th, William Francis Medley is ordained and installed as the fourth Bishop of Owensboro. In each ordination, the presiding bishop will lay hands on the one to be ordained and, invoking the Holy Spirit, offer the sacramental prayer particular to the order (diaconal, presbyteral, episcopal) being conferred. The diaconate is an apostolic order of ministry. Only the presbyterate and episcopacy are apostolic orders of priesthood. Presbyters and bishops are anointed with sacred chrism, the presbyter on the palms of his hands, the bishop on the crown of his head. The additional, explanatory signs and rites differ for each order as well. If at all possible, Catholics should attend and participate in these sacramental rites, not only as an expression of ecclesial communion, but also for the richness of the knowledge of our apostolic tradition of faith experienced in these liturgies. In this article, I will present various components of the ordination rites and offer some reflections.

Presentation, Election & Consent

In each of the Roman Catholic rites of ordination, following the Liturgy of the Word, there is a presentation of the candidates to be ordained, an expression of their election to the order, and an expression of the consent of the people of God. The homily by the presiding bishop then follows. The rites of the Church include a prepared homily in each case which the ordaining bishop may use as is, elaborate upon, or replace with his own words. Most bishops appear to employ the given text with their own added elaborations. In his homily at Bishop John J. McRaith's ordination at the Owensboro Sportscenter, Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, OP, elaborated on the command that he should

love "all those whom God places in your care" as "a father and a brother," citing St. Augustine who said, "Love, how beautiful a word, but how much more beautiful a deed."

A designated priest in each rite addresses the presiding bishop with the request that the candidate for sacred orders be ordained. With candidates for deacon and priest, the request is made in the name of "holy mother Church." In the case of a bishop, if the candidate is to be ordained as residential bishop, the request is made in the name of the particular church, e.g., "the church of Owensboro," otherwise it is made in the name of "the holy Catholic Church, our Mother." With ordination of deacon and priest the bishop then asks, "Do you know him to be worthy?" The presenting priest responds, "After inquiry among the Christian people and upon the recommendation of those responsible, I testify that he has been found worthy." The ordaining bishop then elects or chooses the ones to be ordained relying "on the help of the Lord God and our Savior Jesus Christ." The consent of the people is expressed by the acclamation, "Thanks be to God," and in the United States by applause.

The worthiness of any man for sacred orders is tempered by the knowledge that each is certainly flawed, a sinner like all of the faithful, variously weak, and inexperienced for much of what the future may hold. The testimonial of worthiness, then, is a relative one. As best as any can discern, there must be no mortal flaws which would seriously harm the people of God. Given time and occasion each will at the very least stumble, offend, disappoint, or fail in some way. They will each seek out God's pardon in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and bless the patience of their people. The testimonial at ordination acknowledges that the candidate, weak and flawed as he is, has been found sufficiently whole but also weak for the grace of God to be prominent in the ministry entrusted to him. Divine grace and power are to be manifest in his weakness. Christ will use him as his willing instrument if he is sufficiently humble and faithful to serve.

The Apostolic Mandate

The election of a priest for the order of bishop is not made by the principal consecrator, the principal ordaining bishop. It is made by the Holy See, the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. After the request for the priest to be ordained bishop is made, the presiding bishop asks, "Have you a mandate from the Apostolic See?" "We have," the priest responds. The presider

then orders, "Let it be read." The mandate, which has been translated from the Latin original, is then read to the assembly. The document, an Apostolic Letter (official Papal letter) is also known as a papal bull, from the lead seal (bullae) which binds the ribbon securing the document. The consent of the people of God follows the reading of the mandate, expressed by the acclamation, "Thanks be to God," and in the United States by applause.

The apostolic laying on of hands and bestowal of the Holy Spirit establishes the new bishop in the succession of bishops unbroken through all the generations back to the apostles of Jesus Christ and in the college of bishops presided over in faith and charity by the successor of St. Peter, the Pope. The bishop has the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders. In his own diocese as Ordinary (presiding bishop) joined with his priests, he sacramentally signifies the presence of Jesus Christ the High Priest of the New Covenant. The deacons of the diocese minister the needs of the Church under his direct authority. He is to be a minister of charity and faith among them and with them to all the people, both Catholic and not. He oversees the entire local flock with solicitude for the whole Church. All those who do not yet know the Lord, and all those not in full communion with his Church are likewise commended to his care. As a bishop of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, he is by his ministry of oversight to image God the Father in the Church, to be a servant of Christ's role as Teacher, Priest, and Shepherd, and to do so by the power of the Holy Spirit, the source of life and strength in the Church.

The Presbyterate's Radical Communitarian Form

The presbyterate, the college of the priests of a diocese, have their priesthood through and in communion with the sacramental high priesthood of the diocesan bishop. Together, they are one priesthood. They are intended by Christ to serve so closely together as one body that Pope John Paul II said that they are to have "a radical communitarian form." To whatever extent they are united in ecclesial charity, faith, and service, however, their communion is always a goal they seek to attain, a daily quest. They are to strive for and model this communion of one ministerial body so that the Church may ever be in principal and in fruition the one body of Christ. Illusions or appearances will not satisfy. This means that, in order to shepherd the whole flock of the Lord, the

bishop is called by Christ to be an effective leader of priestly men, one of the most challenging tasks the Almighty has ever assigned to mortals. No bishop has ever perfectly fulfilled this commission. The greatest have allowed the power of God in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon them and distributed richly upon all the members of the Body of Christ, to shine through their human weakness.

Ordination Resolutions (Promises Or Vows)

Each of the ordination rites also has resolutions (promises or vows) which those to be ordained solemnly affirm prior to their being ordained. Candidates for the diaconate and presbyterate likewise promise obedience and respect to their Ordinary (the bishop of their diocese), kneeling before the ordaining bishop with hands clasped in fealty. The bishop elect must promise apostolic communion of faith with the Bishop of Rome, the Pope. These solemn resolutions are made for life and are presented here according to the particular rank within the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

The Order of Deacon— At ordination the transitional deacon candidate (an unmarried man to be called later to the presbyteral order) resolves: To be consecrated for the Church's ministry by the laying on of (the bishop's) hands and the gift of the Holy Spirit; to discharge the office of deacon with humble charity in order to assist the priestly Order and to benefit the Christian people; to hold fast to the mystery of faith with a clear conscience, as the Apostle urges, and to proclaim this faith in word and deed according to the Gospel and the Church's tradition; to embrace and to keep forever the commitment to the celibate state as a sign of his dedication to Christ the Lord for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven, in the service of God and Man; to maintain and deepen the spirit of prayer that is proper to his way of life and, in keeping with this spirit and what is required of him, to celebrate faithfully the Liturgy of the Hours with and for the People of God and indeed for the whole world; and to conform his way of life always to the example of Christ, of whose Body and Blood he is minister at the altar; AND he promises respect and obedience to his Ordinary and his successors. The Permanent Deacon, one who is not expected ever to be called to the presbyterate, if married, does not make the resolution concerning celibacy. He would have agreed, however, that, should he lose

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his wife, he would embrace celibacy as a condition of his ongoing ministry.

The Order of Presbyter (Priest)—At ordination the presbyter candidate resolves: With the help of the Holy Spirit, to discharge without fail the office of priesthood in the presbyteral rank, as a worthy fellow worker with the Order of Bishops in caring for the Lord's flock; to exercise the ministry of the word worthily and wisely, preaching the Gospel and teaching the Catholic faith; to celebrate faithfully and reverently, in accord with the Church's tradition, the mysteries of Christ, especially the sacrifice of the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation, for

the glory of God and the sanctification of the Christian people; to implore (with the Order of Bishops) God's mercy upon the people entrusted to his care by observing the command to pray without ceasing; to be united more closely every day to Christ the High Priest, who offered himself for us to the Father as a pure sacrifice, and with Christ to consecrate himself to God for the salvation of all; AND he promises respect and obedience to his Ordinary and his successors.

The Order of Bishop—At ordination the bishop elect resolves: By the grace of the Holy Spirit to discharge until death the office entrusted to us (the Order of Bish-

ops) by the Apostles, which was passed on to him by the laying on of hands; to preach the Gospel of Christ with constancy and fidelity; to guard the deposit of faith, entire and incorrupt, as handed down by the Apostles preserved in the Church everywhere and at all times; to build up the body of Christ, his Church, and to remain in the unity of that body together with the Order of Bishops under the authority of the successor of Saint Peter the Apostle; to render obedience faithfully to the successor of the blessed Apostle Peter; to guide the holy people of God in the way of salvation as a devoted father and sustain them with the help of his fellow ministers, the priests and deacons; for the sake of the Lord's name, to be welcoming and merciful to the poor, to strangers, and to all who are in need; as a good shepherd to seek out the sheep who stray and gather them into the Lord's fold; and to pray without ceasing to almighty God for the holy people and to carry out the office of high priest without reproach.

At the conclusion of the ritual questioning of resolve in each rank, the ordaining bishop prays (paraphrasing St. Paul's letter to the Philippians), "May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfillment." Each rite clearly expresses the Church's awareness that only God can be the agent and power to accomplish these ordinations and the ministries which flow sacramentally from them.

Explanatory Signs And Exhortations

The three ranks of the Sacrament of Holy Orders may be described as having increased dignity from diaconate through episcopacy (the Pope, the Bishop of Rome having the greatest dignity). This is a very human thing to do and is well attested through history. But it has also been challenged as not having to do with increasing prestige, rather there is an increasing load of responsibility and, by grace, generosity to serve. In the Church's eras of clearer Gospel values, it is the latter sense which prevails. It was in this sense that the pope began to sign his name, "Servus servorum Dei—The servant of the servants of God." The mandate that the hierarchy must never pull rank but serve with inescapable humility came from Jesus himself, "Whoever would be great among you must be the last of all and the servant of all." The texts of the ordination rites bear this out.

The Litany of Saints, Prostration, Laying on of Hands

The fruitfulness of one's ministry is placed in each ordination rite on the basis of humility and obedience. Whereas kneeling is always a posture of penitence,

prostration signifies abject awareness of the need of divine mercy and grace. All candidates for Holy Orders prostrate themselves during the Litany of Saints as the entire Church of time and space is invoked and prays for those to be ordained. The litany is one of the foremost symbols of apostolic communion. The sacramental expression of apostolic communion is also manifest by the gathering of the Catholic Church presided over by the bishop(s) in communion of faith with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome. The expressions of the obedience of faith and respect that are present in each of the rites also speak of the ongoing apostolic tradition, unbroken from Jesus and the Apostles. The liturgical sign of (kiss of) peace, a ritual embrace, is another of these signs which express unity and community of ministry in each of the ranks. Since the diaconate is a ministerial and not a priestly order, the deacons present do not lay hands on those being ordained deacon. Priests present and concelebrating do lay hands on those being ordained priests. Bishops likewise lay hands on the one being ordained bishop. The laying on of hands always follows the Litany of Saints, with those being ordained kneeling to receive the sacramental sign.

Sacramental Epiclesis, Investiture, Anointing

The Prayer of Consecration is an epiclesis, an invocation of the Holy Spirit. Particular to each of the ranks of Holy Orders, it completes the form of the sacrament. The one being ordained bishop, kneeling for this prayer, has the Book of the Gospels placed open (like a roof) over his head and held there by two deacons. This is a sign of his bearing full responsibility for the Gospel in his particular church. Investiture with the particular liturgical garments or insignia of the order being received follows the Prayer of Consecration. In the Roman Rite the deacon is robed in stole and dalmatic (a ceremonial sleeved cloak). The stole crosses from the left shoulder front and back to the right hip. The priest of the Roman Rite is vested with stole and chasuble (a ceremonial cloak open on the sides). The one ordained bishop in the Roman Rite is already vested with these garments. After consecration and investiture the presbyter and bishop are anointed in their respective rituals as a sign of their priestly ministry. The presbyter is anointed with Sacred Chrism on the hands, the ordaining bishop's prayer is trinitarian and states that the priest will "sanctify the Christian

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2010 Parish Picnic Schedule

Date	Serving Time	Parish
May 7-8	International Barbecue Festival	Downtown, Owensboro, Ky.
May 15	11:00 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
May 30	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
June 5	4:00 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
June 5	Noon	Saint Joseph, Leitchfield
June 5	5:00 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
June 12	4:00 p.m.	St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro
June 19	3:00 p.m.	St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
June 19	3:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
June 26	4:00 p.m. Mass; serving following-	St. Peter, Waverly
July 3	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
July 3	3:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Peonia
July 4	3:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Axtel (Rough River)
July 4	11:30 a.m.	St. Denis, Fancy Farm
July 10	4:00 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
July 17	11:30 a.m.; 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles, Bardwell
July 17	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
July 24	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
July 25	4:00 p.m., parish family picnic,	St. Anthony, Browns Valley
July 31	4:00 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
July 31	3:00 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield.
Aug. 7	11:00 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Aug. 7	Noon	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Aug. 3	5:00 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
Aug. 21	4:30 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
Aug. 21	3:00 p.m. (EST)	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Aug 29	1:00 p.m. parish family picnic,	St. Thomas More, Paducah
Sept. 11	4:30 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
Sept. 11	11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 12	11:30 a.m. 40th Picnic,	Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
Sept 18	11:00 am	St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Sept. 18	4:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Sept. 18	4:00 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
Sept. 19	Noon	St. Thomas More, Paducah
September 19	11:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence/St. William Parishes Picnic
Sept 24-25	Holy Name Fall Festival,	Henderson, Ky.
Sept 25	3:00 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
Sept. 26		St. Leo, Murray
Sept. 26	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon

It's Sophia Award nomination time again

Since the fall of 1999 the Diocese, through Office of Wisdom, has had a special annual mass and award celebration honoring the senior citizens of the diocese. The celebration is known as the Sophia Award presentation and celebration.

The idea of having this special mass came through the evaluations from the Spring Day of Wisdom and bus trips. All stated a want for a special mass for senior citizens. The Diocesan Committee for Aging got together and came up with a special day in the fall to celebrate the senior citizens. An award was also introduced at that time and Fr. Joe Mills aptly named it, the Sophia Award, which means wisdom in Greek. The trophy was selected and has remained the same since the first 42 were purchased by private donation in 1999.

After a brainstorming session the Committee for Aging came up with the following criteria to nominate a person or a couple for the Sophia Award:

- The nominee must be 65 years of age or older.
- The nominee can be single, divorced, widowed, a priest or religious; married people can be nominated as couple or singularly.
- The nominee should be an outstanding example of their Catholic faith whether they are involved in (one or all) parish, community spiritual or family life.

- The nominee can be a home bound person which is still active through prayer life, phone outreach, etc.

- The nominee can be nominated based on past outstanding contributions.

- A person can be nominated posthumously.

Any person, young or old, can nominate someone for the Sophia Award. The deadline for nominations is July 15, 2010. When all the nominations are received they will be counted and the winner will be notified, and then the parish will be notified. Please send your nomination along with some information to: Ginny Knight-Simon, 600 Locust St. Owensboro, KY 42301 or E-Mail: ginny.knight-simon@pastoral.org

I encourage your nominations as this day is meant to honor you and your contributions to the Church, your family and community. All families and friends are invited to come join the celebration. There will be a reception immediately following.

The Sophia Awards Mass Celebration will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 511 Second Street, Henderson, Kentucky, on Sunday September 20, 2010 at 2:30 in the afternoon. At that time the Most Reverend Bishop William Francis Medley will present each individual winning nominee a trophy.

If you have questions please contact Ginny Knight-Simon at 270 683-1545.

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: Mr. Ken Bennett, Dr. Charles Bohle, Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kay Castlen, Rev. Pat Connell, Mr. Jeff Ebelhar, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Teresa Henry, (Chairperson), Mr. Dan Howard, Sr. Eula Johnson, SCN, and Rev. Pat Reynolds. Ms. Louanne Payne 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.

Be the Voice of the Unborn: March for Life 2011

The Diocesan Gospel of Life Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. to take part in the March for Life on January 24, 2011. You are invited to join them to speak up for the rights of the unborn.

Reason for the Trip:

Every 26 seconds in this country a child dies as the result of an abortion. You can take a stand with thousands of other Americans to be the voices of our unborn children. You can help assert their right to life and liberty promised in the Declaration of Independence, and tell those representing us to grant that most basic birthright to the unborn. Citizenship is not a spectator sport. You and I must stand together to effectively advocate for the rights of our little brothers and sisters.

Plan for the Trip:

The Gospel of Life Committee is working with the travel agency, Faith in Travel and has made the arrangements for the trip in January 2011. They have agreed on travel plans and developed a cost structure.

Currently these are the plans for the trip. A late model bus with bathroom facilities and with passenger capacity of either 47 to 56 people will be booked for the trip based on those making reservations by 9-15-10. Please note that the final balance due should be paid by November 1, 2010.

The group will depart from the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro on Saturday night January 22, 2011, and arrive in Washington on Sunday afternoon on the 23rd. The group will be staying at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington on Capitol Hill where the Convention takes place. There should be time on Sunday to check in at the hotel and visit the convention. On Sunday night the group will go to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Mass for Life, and then return to the hotel that night. The morning of the March for Life will offer the group an option of attending a pre-march Congregational Breakfast or doing some sightseeing. The March for Life takes place in the early afternoon. It may be necessary to travel there by late morning. The group will stay the night of January 24 at the Hyatt. The next morning, the group will have the option to add a brief amount of sightseeing. Departure for home will take place later that morning, and the group will arrive back in Owensboro the night of January 25, 2011.

Some may have an interest in attending the March for Life's fundraising event called the Rose Dinner. Arrangements can be made to attend this event; however it will be at a cost beyond what the trip cost is listed.

Cost for the Trip including Bus Fare and Two Nights at the Hyatt:

- \$540 for one person in the room
- \$350 for two people in a room
- \$290 for three people in a room
- \$260 for four people in a room

Note: meals for the trip are at the additional expense of the traveler.

Registration for the Trip:

To insure an accurate count for the number of rooms to reserve and to determine the size of the bus to take, it is necessary to set a date certain for registration of September 15, 2010. If you believe that you would like to be part of this pilgrimage of faith, fellowship and exercise of citizenship, then please send a check payable to the Diocese of Owensboro for \$50 per registration and mail it to: Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, Attention: Richard Murphy. All travelers are asked to have their final payments in by November 1, 2010. You and I can make our voices heard for the unborn to recognize their most fundamental rights.

Wanted - Parish Ecumenical Advocates:

Do you have an interest in promoting greater unity among Christians? You can help by serving as an ecumenical advocate for our parish. Training will be provided by the diocese in each deanery. Advocates agree to (1) pray for the visible unity of the Church, (2) increase awareness of the need for ecumenism in their parish and (3) reach out to other Christian churches in their geographic area.

If you or someone you know would be interested please contact Fr. Tony Bickett at ftonyb@yahoo.com or call 270/756-2356 for more information. Fr. Tony Bickett, St. Romuald Church, 394 N Hwy 259, Hardinsburg, KY 40143, 270/756-2356

"Father, may they all be one"

- John 17:20

OWENSBORO, Ky. - March 18, 2010 - Brescia University is pleased to announce the first cohort in the Home Missions Scholars Program began March 18, 2010. In conversation with current lay ecclesial ministers and pastors, Brescia University identified a critical need to reach out to parishes and emerging lay ministers in rural or remote areas of the Diocese. Through this work the Home Missions Scholars program was born. The program seeks to identify talented and capable lay leaders who demonstrate a desire to serve their parish as a Lay Ecclesial Minister but who are unable to travel to Owensboro to take classes. Such lay leaders are gathered into a group or cohort and take online theology courses offered by Brescia University. Their study is funded by scholarships through a Home Missions grant. Their textbooks are gifted to them from their home parish.

The Home Missions are those dioceses so designated by the Conference of Home Missions, a department within the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. This designation is given to dioceses within the U.S. that share one or more of the following challenges: poverty, geographical expanse and/or low percentages of Roman Catholics living within the diocese or within a region(s) of the diocese. The Diocese of Owensboro is a Home Missions Diocese. Being designated as a Home Mission has allowed our Diocese to receive an annual grant from the Conference of Home Missions. Each year a portion of those grant monies have been earmarked for use by Brescia University in order to fund scholarships for those preparing to

serve the Church as Lay Ecclesial Ministers.

Brescia University and the Diocese of Owensboro are proud to announce the first cohort of Home Missions Scholars, whose online classes started the week of March 18.



Melissa Armstrong – Saint Joseph Parish, Mayfield, KY

Currently, Melissa is the Coordinator for Religious Education at St. Joseph's and has been a catechist there for nine years. Her pastor says she has come to depend upon her and welcomes her desire for more theological education. Melissa said that this desire has been

present for years but on hold due to her family and parish commitments and the nearly three hour drive that separates her from Brescia's Owensboro campus. Through Brescia's online classes and the Home Missions Scholarship she will now follow that dream.



Zach Ault – Saint Francis de Sales Parish, Paducah, KY

Fr. Brian Roby, was quick to promise his on-going support for this parishioner: "A wonderful man who desires to give his all to God and the Church and...will greatly benefit our parish for years to come." For the last three

years, Zach has been the youth minister at St. Francis and shares his musical gifts for the parish as well. He hopes to quickly complete his B.A. in

theology in order to take advantage of Brescia's accelerated B.A./M.A. program with regional graduate programs in theology.



Kimberly Brumfield – Saint Romuald Parish, Hardinsburg, KY

After eight years of being the CRE at St. Romuald Parish, Kim's pastor Fr. Tony Bickett uses words such as "exemplary," "capable," and "excellent" to describe her. Kim looks forward to coupling her love of working with children and their families with a strong theological education through Brescia's online program.

Peggy Potempa – Saint Henry Parish, Aurora, KY

Peggy has carried the title of janitor, secretary, coordinator

of RCIA and CRE in her parish. Several years ago in stretch of bad weather she was even pressed into a leadership role for a Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest. Family concerns require her to be near the home for now, so she is delighted to be able to continue her education online and will as she prepares for her next role in the Church.



Cheryl Powell – Holy Spirit Parish, Bowling Green, KY

By referencing in her letter of application the U.S. Bishops' document on youth ministry, *Renewing the Vision*, Cheryl tipped her hand as a budding scholar in search of a formal theological education. She and her family moved from Baltimore to the Bowling Green area several years ago. According to her pastor, Fr. Jerry Riney, while she is a "can do" type of person, what impresses him most is the hunger he sees in her to learn more about her faith.

For more information on the Home Missions Scholars Program, contact Dr. Todd Butler, associate dean for academic affairs, at 270-686-4262 or todd.butler@brescia.edu.

[brescia.edu](http://www.brescia.edu).

Source: <http://www.brescia.edu/academics/news/2010/03/home-missions-scholars-program-begins.php>

Reflections On The Roman Catholic Rites Of Ordination

By Father Richard Meredith

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people and offer sacrifice to God." The anointing with Chrism of the new bishop is poured upon the head and declares his sharing in the high priesthood of Christ, an abundant "mystical anointing" enriching with "spiritual blessings."

Presentation, Exhortation, Sign of Peace

The presentations and exhortations of the various rites of ordination are striking and specific to the order received. The deacon, following investiture, is presented with the Book of the Gospels. The exhortation is as follows: "Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach." The ritual Sign (Kiss) of Peace among

the deacons follows. The newly ordained priest is presented with a paten and chalice prepared with the gifts of bread and wine brought forward at his ordination Mass. The exhortation is as follows: "Receive the oblation of the holy people, to be offered to God. Understand what you do, imitate what you celebrate, and conform your life to the mystery of the Lord's cross." The Sign (Kiss) of peace among the priests follows. Following his being anointed the new bishop is (like the deacon) presented with the Book of the Gospels. "Receive the Gospel and preach the word of God with all patience and sound teaching." He is then invested with ring, miter, and crosier (pastoral staff). Placing the ring on the ring finger of the right hand, the ordaining bishop says: "Receive this ring, the seal of fidelity: adorned with undefiled

faith, preserve unblemished the bride of God, the holy Church." The miter is placed on his head in silence. While handing the new bishop his pastoral staff, the ordaining bishop says: "Receive the crosier, the sign of your pastoral office: and keep watch over the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you as Bishop to govern the Church of God." Both ring and staff are signs of commitment to and caring for the household of Christ, husbanding the life of the Christian household, referred to as "bride." The new bishop is then led to his chair, in his cathedral it is to be his own "cathedra," symbol of his pastoral teaching office. Otherwise he is led to the first place among the concelebrating bishops. The Sign (Kiss) of Peace then follows among the bishops and the newly ordained bishop.



These rites have been shaped over the almost 2,000 years since Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The three-part hierarchical order emerged before the end of the composition of the New Testament, thus in apostolic and sub-apostolic times. While the history is complex and marvelous, the sacramental rites bring forth the true riches of the Apostolic Tradition of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

8 Bishop William Medley Visits Sts. Peter and Paul School

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - The seemingly tireless Bishop William Francis Medley has logged hundreds of travel miles since being ordained as the fourth Bishop of Owensboro on February 10, and several of those miles have been spent traveling to Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. On three different occasions in just more than two weeks, Bishop Medley has visited with three different groups at the parish.

"We are very honored to have had him visit so many times in such a short time frame," said Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul. The first two visits were actually initiated by the Bishop, according to Fr. Thomas. "The Bishop requested to meet with the deacon candidates," explained Fr. Thomas, who oversees the permanent deaconate program for the diocese and hosts the monthly meetings in his parish.

Instead of coming to the permanent deacon class on Saturday, March 27, with a prepared speech or agenda, Bishop Medley simply offered to answer questions from the candidates and their wives. "The best way for me to say what you want to hear is for you to ask me questions," Bishop Medley began. "Some of you have e-mailed and put questions to me by other means and I've ignored them all," he retorted to much laughter, "knowing I would meet you in time," he explained. "So what do you need to know about me that hasn't already been in the Western Kentucky Catholic," Bishop Medley quipped.

Not surprisingly, many of the questions related to the deacon's futures. Since it is a new program in the Owensboro Diocese, much is still to be decided, according to the Bishop. "Some of what we do here will be unique, but some of it will look like other dioceses," he explained. Noting that there are 18 deacon candidates in the current program and 79 parishes in the diocese, Bishop Medley emphasized the importance of making the deacons as visible as possible after their ordinations. "We're going to dress you up and march you around a little bit so the people can see you," he said to more laughter.

When deciding exactly where the new deacons may be assigned or what responsibilities they may have, Bishop Medley reassured them that the deacon ministry is not intended to be a hardship on the deacon or his family. He quickly reminded them, however, as ordained ministers of the Church, much like priests and bishops, they will not be ordained for any particular parish, but for the diocese. "When you put yourself forth to be a deacon, you're being ordained for the whole Church," he



Bishop William Medley blessed first grade student Molly Bennett during Holy Communion at an all-school Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on Wednesday, March 31. This visit to Sts. Peter and Paul was the second of three visits by Bishop Medley to the parish in a two-week time frame. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

explained. "I look forward to celebrating your ordination and seeing your ministry flourish once you are ordained," he added.

As part of his effort to visit each of the 18 Catholic schools in the diocese, Bishop Medley arranged a date with Principal Sarah Kranz to meet with the children of Sts. Peter and Paul and celebrate an all-school Mass on Wednesday, March 31. "This is the tenth school I've visited in the

diocese and I will visit number eleven this afternoon," Bishop Medley told the eighth grade class that day. Before Mass, Bishop Medley made his way to each classroom in the school to visit with the children and answer their questions, except for the fifth grade because he ran out of time. Not wanting them to feel slighted, however, he addressed them specifically at the beginning of Mass and asked that they stay after Mass so he could meet with them.

The first question raised by a fifth grade student was "How does it feel to be Bishop?" "It feels great!" exclaimed Bishop Medley. "It always feels good to serve God and do what he asks us to do," he added.

While visiting with the sixth and seventh grade students, Bishop Medley instructed them to sing strongly during the upcoming Mass. "Otherwise I may not come back and confirm you next year," he teased.

In every classroom and during his homily, Bishop Medley invoked the school children to begin thinking about their vocations now. "Right now, God is calling you to follow him," he explained. "I want each and every one of you to pray that God will lead you in the way he wants you to serve him. All vocations are holy because you will live out what God wants you to do," Bishop Medley continued.

When speaking of vocations, he always mentioned the possibility of life in the Church. "There are some boys here who can someday be up there as priests," Bishop Medley said while pointing to the three priests in attendance at the Mass.

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Bishop Medley had fun with Landry Thomas, a third grade student at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, during his homily given at an all-school Mass on Wednesday, March 31. When asking the school children to consider a religious life, Bishop Medley had young Landry stand up and asked the congregation if he would make a good priest some day. During the day, the kids at Sts. Peter and Paul broke out their cell phones and cameras to get pictures of Bishop Bill with themselves. Our fourth Bishop is likely the most popular Catholic photo subject in western Kentucky these days. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



After an all-school Mass on Wednesday, March 31, at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, Bishop Medley posed for a photo with the altar servers that day. Pictured from left to right are: Seminarian Julio Barrera, Fr. Anthoni Ottagan, Joseph Whitfill, Marlee Thomas, Bishop William Medley, Paige Ramos, Alex Hale, Joshua Intessimone, Fr. John Thomas and Fr. Carmelo Jimenez. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

“And there are some girls here who could be nuns,” he added. “Look at these guys,” he said again pointing at the priests. “They’re getting old! I’ve got to have some replacements for them some day,” again drawing laughter from the children.

During his homily, Bishop Medley also acknowledged the sacrifice parents make to send their children to a Catholic school. “You are so fortunate to be students at Sts. Peter and Paul,” he said. “Every day you get to come in here and sing to praise God. A lot of people make sacrifices to send you here. Some of your parents might be millionaires if they didn’t send you here,” he added which again brought forth laughter.

The third visit to Sts. Peter and Paul during this two-week span originated from an invitation by Fr. Thomas. “I approached him prepared with a list of many choices, and he chose Divine Mercy Sunday,” explained Fr. Thomas.

Drawing a good crowd at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 11, Bishop Medley talked about how many times he had preached on the same topic in the preceding four days. “I promise you, you’re not getting the same homily I gave the six other times,” he retorted. “The message for each population is different. To preach on a Sunday afternoon to people who don’t have to be here is yet again a different message,” he explained.

After recounting many of the travels he had made in recent days, many to prison populations, Bishop Medley implored the faithful who had gathered at Sts. Peter and Paul to follow in Christ’s ways. “We must be merciful as God is merciful. We must extend the peace of Christ as God extends the peace of Christ,” he preached.

Before staying to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Bishop Medley concluded by saying, “Relish God’s peace. Relish reconciliation. Leave this church today with the resolution that if there is someone somewhere who has hurt you, echo the words of Christ and say to them, ‘Peace be with you.’”

Knights Honor Rev. Charles DeNardi

By Sister Andrea Niehaus, D.C.J.

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The Knights of Columbus of Grayson County honored Fr. Charles DeNardi with a surprise, belated 100th year birthday party at Carmel Home here on March 27, 2010. On this joyful occasion, a Fourth Degree Honorary Membership was bestowed upon Father DeNardi. It was he who began the Knights of Columbus in Leitchfield, some 35 years ago, and Fr. DeNardi was their first Chaplain. On behalf of the Knights, Dale Darst of St. Paul Parish, St. Paul, Ky., presented a beautiful wooden plaque to Father DeNardi, on which was engraved:

“Rev. Charles A. DeNardi, Born December 25, 1909. On this 27th Day of March 2010, we come together with you to celebrate your belated 100th Birthday. We simply want to take the time to Thank You for your many years of service to the Diocese of Owensboro. You were one of the great pioneers that allowed the Diocese of Owensboro to be born. We also thank You for your years of service to the parishes in Grayson County. Through your years of service and your never-ending devotion to God our Father, Jesus, His Son, and the Holy Spirit, you have given comfort and strength to many. We pray that God will continue to Bless You, and continue His work through you. May God bless you always!

The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Carroll White, Council 6743 and Fr. Michael J. McGivney, Assembly 3021.”

In the photo at right, present at the surprise gathering were: seated in front from left, Fr. Charles DeNardi and Dale Darst; second row, from left, Fr. Marty Hayes, Otto Ballou, James Clemons, and Fr. Brian Johnson; third row, from left, Danny Harris, Joe Ruther, and Raymond Darst. Photo submitted by Dale Darst.





At left, Erica Hamilton receives Tom Laswell Scholarship, posing with parents Curtis & Cindy Hamilton after awards ceremony at noon rotary presentation on March 24, 2010 in Owensboro. Photo by Harold Staples

The Daviess County Rotary Club was pleased to announce on March 23, 2010, that Andrea Marie Schepers, a senior at Owensboro Catholic High School, is the winner of its 2010 Speech Contest. Andrea received a prize of \$300 and advanced to the sectional contest in April.



If she is successful at the sectional, she will advance to the West Regional Competition in Paducah on May 5, 2010. Andrea is also active in the FFA, the NHS, and the OCHS varsity golf team. She hopes to attend Murray State University in the Fall. The photo above shows Judge David Payne, President of the Daviess County Rotary Club, presenting the prize to Andrea Schepers on Tuesday morning after the contest at Moonlite Bar-B-Q. Photo by Harold Staples



It Happens Every Summer

"I told you, girls, just put your faith in food!" - Bitsy Stelling

Owensboro Catholic High School and Emerald Productions presented "It Happens Every Summer" in Soenneker Hall March 26, 27, 28, 2010 "from the Office of *Debutante* Magazine, NYC, last June." The cast of "It Happens Every Summer," front: Kevin Thompson, Danielle Carrico, Marissa Wilson, Shelby Bennett; seated, from left, : Allie Payne, Maggie Riney, Rachel Mattingly, Emily Whitehouse, Caitlin Wilson, Ellen Wright, Molly Tichenor, Erin Ballard; couch, from left, Melinda Thompson, Megan Berry, Kelsey Cash, Sara Beth Caudill, Becca Boom, Jenna Riney; standing: Collin Edwards, Seth Todd, Alex Dotsey, Matthew Jacobs, Ben Franey, Grant Tichenor, Max Heckel, Trenton Ackerman, Alex Vaughan, Joel Ciaccio. Photo by Harold Staples



Bishop Visits Students at St. Joseph

Bishop William Francis Medley of the Diocese of Owensboro spoke March 19, 2010 to students at St. Joseph School during Mass. Medley oversees the spiritual well-being of 65,000 Catholics in western Kentucky. Photo from the Daily News Joe Imel/Daily News

First In Their Region

The Owensboro Catholic Schools Grades 4-5 Academic Team won first in their Region - front row: Allie Kuntz, Benjamin Conkright, John Henry Booth, Olivia Bickett, Sarah Brown and Tricia Thompson; back row: Derek Osborne, George Kurtz and Alli Thompson. OCS Photo



OCS 4th & 5th Grade Academic Team Wins Regional Competition



Winterguard Wins Gold Medal

Congratulations to the Owensboro Catholic Winterguard on winning the Gold Medal at the TriState Circuit Championships at Ryle High School on Saturday, March 27. The Winterguard is a member of the Scholastic A-3 Class and placed 1st out of 21 groups. The Winterguard was ranked 2nd heading into Championships and pulled ahead with an outstanding performance! The Winterguard also was also promoted into a more advanced class for next year. This was the Winterguard's second Gold Medal in the past three years. The show was titled 'Reaching Out.' In the photo above, back row (l to r) Michael Crowe, Allison Schepers, Juliana Aud, Lindsey Carrico, Zach Hendrix; front row (l to r) Sarah Murphy, Morgan Oller, Cortney Phillips, Jennifer Phillips and Megan Alvey. The OCS Winterguard is led by Directors Ed and Katie Hauser. OCS Photo

Meredith Bickett Places 5th in State Governor's Cup



Congratulations to Meredith Bickett, in the photo at left, a student at Owensboro Catholic Middle School, who placed 5th in State Governor's Cup competition in the area of Arts and Humanities. Meredith competed against 120 top students in the state of Kentucky to win this distinction. She is pictured here accepting her award in Louisville on March 15 from the Governor of Kentucky, Steve Brashear.

Alison Kuntz Places in Governor's Cup FPS Competition

In the photo at right, Alison Kuntz, a fifth grader at the Elementary 4-6 Campus earned 1st place in the Junior Division (6th Grade) mixed alternate Future Problem Solving (FPS) competition. Alison (far right) is pictured with the other winners in the Junior division. The Governors Cup is a State wide Academic competition. More than 2,000 students participated in the competition in Louisville. To qualify for the Governor's Cup in Louisville students compete in both District and Regional matches.



Congratulations to the Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4th/5th Grade Academic Team who placed first overall out of 18 teams in the Regional Governor's Cup Competition on Saturday, March 20. The Quick Recall Team placed second. Team members were: front row - Allie Kuntz, Benjamin Conkright, John Henry Booth, Olivia Bickett, Sarah Brown and Tricia Thompson; back row - Derek Osborne, George Kurtz and Alli Thompson

The Future Problem Solving Team placed first. Team members were: Alison Kuntz, Allie Ford, Benjamin Conkright, and Claire Hagan.

The following students placed in the individual written assessment: Science - 1st Place - Tricia Thompson; Social Studies - 1st Place - Tricia Thompson; Arts & Humanities - 2nd Place - Olivia Bickett. OCS Photo



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Stations of the Cross for Young People

By Jamie Clark

Introduction: These stations along Jesus' way of the cross are a way for me to understand how much Jesus loves me. Each station is an opportunity for me to learn how I can better handle my burdens, my crosses. As tough as these crosses will be for me, I know Jesus will help. All I have to do is ask.



The First Station, Jesus is condemned to die.

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: "I am condemned because I was trying to change what people believe, and the way they live their lives. If you dare to follow me, you may be condemned too. But if you are to be my disciple, you must show people what to believe, and how to live by the example of your life. Just remember, I will give you all the strength you need when people condemn you."

I speak to Jesus: "Jesus, I condemn You every time I make fun of people because of the way they look, or where they live, or what kind of clothes they wear. I condemn You every time I put somebody down for being the person they are. Jesus, help me to learn to accept people as they are. With Your help, I will not condemn others."



The Second Station, Jesus takes up His cross.

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: "I am trying to teach you that there will be many times you will have a cross to carry. Whatever it is for you, just remember I showed you how to do it in these stations. Your cross will never get so heavy that you and I can't carry it together. While I know this is not easy, without the cross, there can be no Easter."

I speak to Jesus: "Jesus, how many different ways did I make Your cross heavier instead of lighter? When I make fun of people who are a different color than I am, how heavy did Your cross get? Whenever I don't take up for other people who are too weak to carry their cross, how much weight did I add to Your cross? Jesus, I'm just now starting to understand that my sins were a very heavy part of Your cross. Thank You for helping me with my crosses."



The Third Station, Jesus falls the first time.

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: "It has been such a long and difficult night and day. The weight of the sins of all individuals for all time has become too heavy for me. With such a burden, I fall. While I was falling, I thought of you. I did all this for you. It would have been so easy to stay down and give up, but that was not my father's will for me. I had to get up and go on. I will always be there to help you get up after you have fallen to the weight of temptation. I love you so very much."

I speak to Jesus: "Jesus, how many times have I faltered and fallen? Every time I have, You put out Your hand through the Sacrament of Reconciliation to help me get back up. Please continue to help me with the burdens, crosses, in my life. Help me learn the Father's will for me!"



The Fourth Station, Jesus meets His Mother

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: "Seeing the pain in my mother's eyes, is by far the toughest part of my way of the cross because I know I can't stop her pain. I must do this. She not only gave me life she helped me

become the man I am right now. You see I'm 100% God; I am also 100% man. My mother has been so involved in my being who I am. I pray for your mother today so she can help you become the man or woman my Father wants you to become."

I speak to Jesus: "How many times have I caused my mother pain by words I have said to her? How many times have I hurt my mother by doing things she has asked me not to do? How many times have I hurt my mother by not doing those things she has asked me to do? Jesus, help me to make my mother's life better by being the child she knows I can be. With Your help, may I not cause my mother to cry because I have let her down."



The Fifth Station, Simon helps Jesus carry His cross.

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: "Oh! What a relief, when Simon helps me with my cross. It is so much better when the load is lightened. You can help carry my cross when you take on someone else's cross. The Father's will is to be there for each other. If enough people help with the cross, it is not a burden at all. Always remember, I will help you with your cross; all you need do is ask and accept my help."

I speak to Jesus: "Jesus, I will try to lighten the crosses of others by being there in their time of need. I am blessed with so many talents and treasures; I'll try to share with those less fortunate, and those around me who are also blessed. We all have crosses that can weigh us down. Help me to help others."



The Sixth Station, Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: "Wow! Not only is the weight off because of Simon's help, but also Veronica wipes my face of the blood, sweat, and tears I have shed in the last several hours. Veronica reminds you that even a small gesture means so much. All these little kindnesses have helped me so much. Look for little things you can do to help those around you."

I speak to Jesus: "Jesus, I wipe Your face when I wipe the tears off my little sister's face when she's hurting. I'll try to make sure my shoulder is available for my friends to cry on. Sometimes it might mean just listening. Whatever I do to the least of Your people, I do it to You. Help me make sure that whatever I do makes people feel better."



The Seventh Station, Jesus falls for the second time.

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: "After relief from Simon and Veronica, the weight of the world's sins becomes so heavy again that I fall a second time. While lying face down in the dirt I ask the Father for the strength to continue. I know I suffer for you, because you can't do it alone. I must get up and go on. You must get up when you fall, too."

I speak to Jesus: "Jesus, sometimes we make our crosses heavier by not letting You help us with them. When I don't seek Your help through prayer or through other people, my cross becomes so heavy I fall. Please help me accept your help."



The Eighth Station, Jesus meets the crying women.

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: "Don't cry for me. Cry for those around you, for those whom you don't see, for all those who cry out to you for your help."

I speak to Jesus: "Jesus, how many times have I made Your followers cry by not being there for You or for them because I was afraid of what others may think or say or do? I know You felt abandoned

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because John was the only apostle there with the crying women. I finally begin to see these stations along your Way of the Cross were for me today.”



The Ninth Station, Jesus falls for the third time.

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: “The top of Calvary is now ever closer. I know what awaits me when I arrive. The weight of the cross again pushes me face down into the dirt. The jeering crowd wants to see me stay in the dirt, but I must be about my Father’s business of your salvation. With His help I struggle to my feet. The pilgrimage must continue. No matter how many times you fall, you must get up too.”

I speak to Jesus: “I am now starting to understand that I too must carry my cross, my burdens. When they seem to get so heavy that I fall, I remember how You fell. In baseball three strikes and you’re out, but with You I learn that I must get up, I must go on. How many of my sins were what made Your cross so heavy You fell three times? However, Jesus, You always got back up and went on”



The Tenth Station, Jesus is stripped of His clothes.

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: “How humiliated I was to be stripped of my clothes in public. The soldiers tried to take away all my dignity when they took off all my clothes. The crowd jeered and cheered them on. No matter what others say or do, they can’t take away the dignity you have. I paid for it today!”

I speak to Jesus: “How many times have I tried to strip people of their dignity by words I have said, or things I have done. Every time I have intentionally embarrassed someone to make them look bad, I have helped the soldiers humiliate You. Jesus, help me to help people rather than humiliate them.”



The Eleventh Station, Jesus is nailed to His cross.

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: “Oh, the pain is so tremendous as the soldier drives the first nail into my hand. I know this is my Father’s will. This I am doing for you. I pray for you as the nail goes into my hand. This will give you strength when people crucify you because you are different.”

“As the nail is driven in my other hand, the agony is worse. I know this is the Father’s will for me. This is why I became human; to die for your sins. I hope you know I love you this much. I am doing this for you.”

“As the soldiers place the cross in place, the pain is almost more than I can stand. However, the Father didn’t give me more than I can stand. He won’t you either.”

“Now they nail my feet to the cross. It is almost over. I offer my pain and suffering so you may have eternal life.”

I speak to Jesus: “It bothers me so much, Lord, to know how much pain I caused You by my sins. Every time I crucify somebody now by what I say to him or her or about him or her, I drive a nail in Your hand.”

“Jesus, every time I leave somebody out by not letting them be with my friends and me, I drive a nail in Your other hand.”

“Lord Jesus, every time I make fun of someone’s appearance I help to raise You on Your cross.”

“Jesus the Christ, every time I gossip, I help to drive a nail in Your feet.”

“Give me strength every time someone does one of these to me.”



The Twelfth Station, Jesus dies on the cross.

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Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: “Darkness covered all the land in the middle of the day. The curtain in the temple split from top to bottom. All the land shook. After three hours of agony, the pain and struggle are over. It is finished. Father into your hands I commend my spirit. My prayer for you now is that you can do the same”

I speak to Jesus: (Kneel and say a prayer of contrition and thanksgiving to Jesus now.) “Jesus, I get it! You did this for me! You had to do this because of my sins! Because of this I can live forever with You.”



The Thirteenth Station, Jesus is taken down from the cross.

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: “It looks like my life is over. It appears the cross has won as I come down from it. However, looks can be deceiving. It is now the time for me to be about another part of my Father’s business.”

I speak to Jesus: “Jesus this reminds me that every time it appears that evil has won; it really hasn’t. It is just time to continue on with the Father’s work. This station reminds me to let go of ill feelings toward others because I can’t do your work if I’m consumed with getting even.”



The Fourteenth Station, Jesus is buried in the tomb.

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: “My friends placed me in the tomb of Joseph from Arimethea before the sun set so I would be buried before the Sabbath. You too must bury friends, even though it is hard to let go. This is an important part of your life too.”

I speak to Jesus: “I remember your burial every time I go to a funeral home or to a funeral. I now begin to understand in so many ways You taught us how to live our lives by the way You lived yours. Thank You, Jesus, for all You did and do for me.”

The Stations of the Cross shown are in The Brescia University Chapel. WKC file photos



The Fifteenth Station, The Resurrection - Jesus is raised from the dead.

Reader: I adore You, Oh Christ, and I praise You.

Response: Because by Your holy cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the world.

Jesus speaks to me: “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, now I send you!”

I speak to Jesus: “Alleluia! Alleluia! Now all I need do is accept the gift and pass it on to everyone and live in His love.”

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to Peggy Brant Clark, the media center director at Trinity/St. Mary’s for nine years. Their children are Jenny Pedley of Whitesville, Emily Clark of Louisville, Natalie Clark of Whitesville, and Susan Roby of Whitesville. They have two grandchildren, Tatlor and Easton Pedley.



Guards: Landon Warner, Madison Clapp; Simon of Cyrene: Chris Toon; Jesus: Hannah Lamb; Weeping Women: Kathy Rooksberry, Lesli Webb. Photos by Nancy Wilson

MAYFIELD, Ky. - During Lent, 2010, the students at St. Joseph Catholic School in Mayfield have been taking turns leading the Stations of the Cross for the school's students as well as any parishioners who

wish to attend. One student portrays Jesus and carries a large cross from station to station as other students lead the prayers.

On March 10th, Gina Schade's 5th and 6th grade students wished to make



Guards: Landon Warner, Madison Clapp; Simon of Cyrene: Chris Toon; Jesus: Hannah Lamb; Veronica: Bella Russelburg

the stations more meaningful for their fellow students. They asked if they could act out each station with students taking on the roles of Mary, Simon of Cyrene, Veronica, Pontius Pilate, guards, and the weeping women of Jerusalem. Dressed in costumes, the students reverently staged a

picture of each station.

Afterwards, teacher Nancy Wilson thanked the students for doing such a wonderful job. Fourth grader Gabbie Lamb said, "It was the best stations in years."

Paducah Artists Craft Stations of the Cross For St. Francis de Sales Prayer Garden

By Edie Keeney

PADUCAH, Ky. - When St. Francis de Sales in Paducah built a new parish hall, there was a space between the side entrance to the church and the new parish hall - a perfect place for a prayer garden, but it was incomplete.

Pastor Father Bryan Roby had a vision of how the Prayer Garden should look. Gradually, the Prayer Garden began to take shape with the addition of landscaping, three benches, a prayerful statue of an angel and a walkway. Father Bryan had one more addition to his vision.

St. Francis has two copper-topped bell towers with a special appeal to Father. He wanted the Stations of the Cross made in copper to hang on the walls that formed the Prayer Garden. He talked to Barbara Cissell to ask if she knew of anyone who worked in copper. Barbara was familiar with the work that Jim Keeney had done and felt he would be the artist who could make the Stations. She talked to him and he was quite willing to make them but indicated he needed to have some designs to work from.



From left, Jim Keeney, Fr. Bryan Roby, Barbara Cissell and Denise Bohle. Edie Keeney Photo

Barbara contacted Denise Bohle who has a talent for design work and so the crafting began. Jim made the copper plaques over a period of several months, and on Holy Thursday, 2010, they were mounted on the walls in the Prayer Garden.

Father Bryan explained, "I feel that one of the most awesome features of this church is the copper towers and I

thought that copper should be incorporated into the Prayer Garden. We do retreats here and with the benches and walkway, it seemed right to also put Stations of the Cross here. It is really a beautiful place to walk and pray."

Barbara Cissell talked with Denise Bohle about the project; they looked at many catalogs that had Stations of the Cross and saw many different designs from very traditional to very modern. Barbara explained, "We tried to keep the design uncomplicated because of the way they would be made and still keep it related to the church's design. This has been a labor of love from the start to the finish. Jim did a really great job from what we gave him to work with. I am so happy to have been a part of it; they are truly beautiful." Denise added, "It is so cool to see the line drawings come to life. It is so gratifying and means so much that this was done all in-house as a labor of love from the idea, design, creation and the placement of the Stations."

Jim had been working on the plaques for several months and explained that he had never worked on so large a project. Each of the plaques was separate but he explained, "Projects I had done before were stand-alone work, but these had to relate to each other. The project was a challenge and a learning process. I learned something from each Station and because I worked on several at the same time they blend well even though some are more detailed. As I went along, some of the things I wanted to do needed tools I didn't have so I ended up making specific tools for certain details and textures that I wanted. If I ever do this again, the plaques will be similar but never a real duplicates, and they will show even more improvement."



**By Melinda Prunty, Director,
Office for Youth Ministry**

OWENSBORO, Ky. - A monthly meeting of parish catechetical leaders is an endeavor that began approximately 13 years ago and has lasted and continues to grow and change over time. Bishop John J. McRaith always encouraged collaboration among the Catholic Pastoral Center (CPC) staff whenever possible. When Sr. Kathy Gallo was Director of the Office for Religious Education and Fr. Henry Wieder was the interim Director of the Office for Youth Ministry, the idea was spawned to have DRE's and Youth Ministers/Youth Ministry Volunteers meet together. The motivation for this was the reality that in some parishes "never the twain shall meet" and in other parishes, "the two are one and the same." In order for comprehensive ministry to take place in parishes, it was thought wise to have folks working together at the parish level and it would be wise to model that on the diocesan level.

When I came into the Office for Youth Ministry as Associate Director, the idea became reality. What had been strictly DRE meetings were opened up to include Youth Ministry folks as well. When Patty Blair became the Director of the Office for Religious Education, she invited Sr. Pat Froning, Director of Lay Ministry and Outreach, to join in the collaborative effort. When Patty succeeded Sr. Pat, Elaine Robertson became the Director of the Office for Faith Formation (the name of the office was changed) and the endeavor continued and continues today.

The meetings have fluctuated between being held three to four times per school year to being held monthly in two different



locations. The frequency has adapted to the needs and times of the particular folks involved.

Typically, the meetings take place the last Monday and Tuesday of the month, depending on when Easter falls on the calendar. The Monday meeting has always been held in the basement of the CPC in Owensboro, while the Tuesday meeting has been held in the western end of the diocese. Sites have included Paducah, Mayfield, and Calvert City, which is our current location.

The goals of the meetings are ongoing formation, education, networking, spiritual formation, sharing resources and support. Another purpose is to foster positive relationships among those in ministry in our parishes and keep the channels of communication open between parishes and the diocese.

With the installation of our fourth bishop, Bishop William F. Medley, it was thought prudent to invite him to one of our monthly meetings in order to meet the folks from parishes who are responsible for catechetical ministry either through a parish religious education program and/or youth ministry. The pictures included here were taken at that gathering on Monday, March 22, 2010, at the CPC. A similar gathering took place at St. Pius X Church in Calvert City on Tuesday, March 23, 2010.

Author's Note: Many of us know what the initials DRE and CRE stand for; however, a new acronym has been added to the list—PCL (Parish Catechetical Leader). It is recognized that many DRE/CREs are di-

Making the effort to keep the channels of communication open between parishes and the diocese, above, and at left, Pastoral Catechetical Leaders shared ideas with Bishop William Medley for Collaborative Ministry March 22, 2010 at The Catholic Pastoral Center. Mel Howard Photos



The Committee for Total Catholic Education meets bi-monthly to hear the progress, plans, and programs of the diocesan offices for Youth Ministry, Communications, Faith Formation, and Catholic Schools. At the April 12 meeting in Christ The King Parish Center, Madisonville, are from left, clockwise, Fr. Jerry Calhoun, Paul and Ann, Sr. Mary Celine OSU, Sr. Karla Kaelin, OSU. Chairperson Donna Favors, Catholic Schools Superintendent Jim Mattingly, Sandy McAllister, Ben Warrell, Melinda Prunty, Youth Ministry Office Director, Dusti Benson, Paula Payne, George Barber, and secretary Kim Hardesty. This group will make recommendations to the new Diocesan Pastoral Council and Bishop William Medley about these ministries working in areas of Total Catholic education in western Kentucky. Mel Howard Photo

*recting several programs beyond just religious education—they are coordinating lifelong catechetical formation in parishes. In addition, youth ministers are reminded that one of the components of Youth Ministry outlined in *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry* (USCCB, 1997) is catechesis. For this reason, the term PCL is appropriate when talking about anyone involved in catechetical or youth ministry. Thus, our gatherings are now called PCL meetings.*

16 Trinity High School Class Studies Jail In Close

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - The junior Criminal Law class from Trinity High School took a field trip to the Daviess County Detention Center on March 25. The class is all Juniors, and they toured the Detention Center, learning about the court, and the booking processes. We also had a chance to hear a story from a prisoner. The kids really enjoyed the experience and thought it was a very educational opportunity for them.



The THS class listened intently as a prisoner gives them his story, and reasons why not to go there again.

At Left, Myranda isbill shows off her prize as Kara Mattingly, Jordan Fulkerson, Katelyn Howard and Caty Gerteisen look on. Photos by Lisa Armes

At right, THS students listen as Sgt. Billings discusses the solitary confinement center.



Trinity students Isaac Roby and Tara Medcalf listen to Sgt. Billings.



Ellen Wright: proud of her Catholic school education



Ellen Wright, OCHS senior

By Ellen Wright

OWENSBORO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL - As I prepare to graduate, and I look back on my experience at Owensboro Catholic High School, I realize that I could never have received a better education in a more nurturing atmosphere anywhere else. I may complain about the low stall doors in the religion department bathrooms or the disappearance of the grilled cheese option on chili day, but deep down I know that these things are trivial, and I am proud to be a part of the Catholic School System. It has nourished both my mind and my spirit, and that is something that other school systems cannot do. I have been so blessed to be given

the opportunity to cultivate my faith in a school setting; every student in the Catholic schools has this opportunity. We come together each week to celebrate the Mass as one family. However, you don't have to be Catholic to be a part of that family.

In fact, religion is never pushed on any student—Catholic or otherwise—which, for me personally, has only served to strengthen my faith. The combination of faith and education is possibly the most unique feature of the Catholic Schools. Quality teachers can be found in any of Owensboro's schools. However, the teachers at Catholic are a notch above simply because they choose to work in the Catholic system, even though they know their salary will be lower. This sacrifice alone provides an exemplary model for students to follow. Our teachers work hard to make sure we are prepared to go out into the world on our own. You can tell they truly care about us. I will never forget gathering with my Calculus AP class at a student's house with our teacher Mr. Fritz to study for the exam. I was so impressed that he would come on his own personal time to help ease our stressed minds and eat fudge. We are more than just a name to check off the attendance list.

Knowledge is not the only thing gained by students in the Catholic Schools. We are taught more than how to add, subtract, multiply and divide. Here, we are taught values that will later make us upstanding members of our community. This gives us a

Trinity High School Campus Cleaning



Really into spring cleaning this year, the Trinity High School Y Club got to work outside to work on the campus beautification project March 30, 2010. Above, left, Freshman Quinton Pence delivers mulch to the flower beds. Above, right, Senior Sammy Jo Roby helps Agriculture Club sponsor Bryce Roberts plant flowers. Submitted by Lisa Armes

greater amount of responsibility, but almost all students seem to accept this willingly.

I have come to see that Catholic High is filled with generally good people. I don't mean a utopian society full of smiling faces and automatic responses and carefree lives. We all have our weaknesses and our troubles, but all the students seem to rise to the occasion whenever there is a need. There have been various times when I have had the great privilege to see Christ in everyone

Owensboro Recognizes Value of Brescia Social Work Mission

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By Mel Howard

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On March 25, 2010, Owensboro City Commissioner John Kaslaukas read a statement from Mayor Ron Payne proclaiming Professional Social Worker Week in Owensboro. The proclamation called "upon all citizens to recognize the professional social workers and their commitment and dedication to individuals, families, and communities everywhere through service delivery, research, education, and advocacy."

Brescia University President Father Larry Hostetter welcomed all to the Ramold Center and offered an invocation recognizing the gifts that social workers are for the community as advocates, guides, and protectors, asking God to give them the grace and strength they need to pursue their work and their mission.

Mr. Kaslaukas read the mayor's proclamation before a group of Brescia Social Work majors, Brescia alumni, faculty, and friends in the Ramold Center on the Brescia University campus.

Brescia University's commitment to the Social Work mission that Father Hostetter spoke about in his invocation impelled the city's recognition, and is described in the "whereas" statements of the proclamation. The following illustrate some of who a social worker is in today's society:

- Social Workers are dedicated to the successful functioning of American society and inspire community action that improves life for all people.

- Social workers have the right education and experience to guide individuals, families, and communities through complex issues and choices.

- Social Workers stand up for others to make sure everyone has access to the same basic rights, protections, and opportunities.

- Social Workers have been the driving force behind important social movements in the United States and social workers help resolve systemic issues that negatively affect community life.

- Social Workers believe there are no limits to human potential.

- Social Workers are on the front lines, responding to such human needs as homelessness, poverty, family break-up, mental illness, physical and mental disability, substance abuse, domestic violence, and many other issues.

The Brescia Social Work Club hosted the reading of the proclamation and afterwards served guests a barbecue lunch in the Ramold Center.



Owensboro City Commissioner John Kaslaukas read a proclamation from Mayor Ron Payne, a Brescia College alumnus, proclaiming the week of March 22-26, 2010 as "Professional Social Worker Week" in Owensboro, Ky. Brescia University President Father Larry Hostetter, at left, gave the invocation just prior to the reading. University of Louisville's Dr. Jerry Singer from U of L's Kent School of Social Work, third from left, listened to the proclamation with Brescia faculty and students. The two universities share a working partnership for offering advanced degrees in Social Work.

At right is a T-shirt logo worn by Brescia Social Work majors: "Helping The World Hand At A Time."



At left, Jennifer , president of the Brescia Social Work Club which hosted the festive day, talked with Marilyn and other Social Work majors in a Ramold Center classroom. Photos by Mel Howard

Pilgrims of Hope



Pilgrims of Hope will travel Sept. 19-26 to Mandeville, Jamaica, to work among the poor.

If you are interested in joining us on this mission trip, contact Suzanne Rose at kyrose@att.net for information.

Pilgrims of Hope meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at Christ the King Catholic Church in Madisonville. Join us for prayer and reflection.

Monte Cassino pilgrimages set for May

Saint Meinrad Archabey's pilgrimages to honor the Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine have been scheduled for the Sundays in May.

The pilgrimages begin at 2 p.m. CDT with an opening hymn and a short sermon a Benedictine monk, followed by a rosary procession. The service ends with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn.

The speakers will be: May 2 - Fr. Gabriel Hodges, May 9 - Fr. Harry Hagan, May 16 - Br. Luke Waugh, May 23 - Br. Thomas Gricoski, May 30 - Fr. Meinrad Brune.



OCMS 'Phoneraiser' Fund Raiser Serves School

OCMS BETA Club completed its annual "Green Fund Raiser," also known as 'Phoneraiser.' The club collected newspapers, used cell phones, ink jet cartridges, laser jet cartridges, and other small electronics. After the items were collected and counted, they were shipped off to one of three participating companies to be recycled in exchange for funds that will be used toward future service projects, particularly maintaining the flower beds in front of the school building. BETA Club accepts these items all year for recycling.

In the photo above, Jared Aull, Hannah Aull, Jenna Ruth, Rebecca Gross, Meredith Whitehouse, Alex Ross, and Samuel Johnson took a break from counting items collected by Mrs. Renshaw's class to show their enthusiasm for stewardship. OCS Photo

St. Thomas More Celebrates Easter Vigil with Eleven Joining the Church

By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) prepared eleven to be welcomed into the Church during Easter Vigil through the sacraments of initiation including Baptism with water, Confirmation with oil, Communion with the body and blood of Jesus, and then sending forth to love and serve the Lord. The newly received will now participate in mystagogy, instruction until Pentecost, which seeks to deepen spiritual growth through instruction about living the Catholic faith

and incorporation into parish life. Their neophyte year will culminate on the anniversary of Initiation, next Easter.

Sponsors play a special role in the RCIA process acting as a companion with the participant through the spiritual journey to provide assistance and guidance. From the beginning of the RCIA process they join in the preparation classes, answer questions, are present as the participants are welcomed into full communion with the Church, and continue a lifelong relationship with those they sponsor.



The eleven new parishioners at St. Thomas More church with their sponsors - 1st row (L-R) - Adam Yeisley (baptized); Andrew Durham (sponsor); Teresa Elliott (godparent); Sara Neihoff (baptized); Eric Neihoff (baptized); Duane Neihoff (godparent); Jonna Neihoff; Jonathan Neihoff (sponsor). 2nd row (L-R) - Angela Yeisley; Robert Browning; Jeremy Childers; Randy Newcomb; Kevin Segebarth; Annie Segebarth; Laurie Straub. 3rd row (L-R) - Delores Webber (sponsor); Randy Froehlich (sponsor); Ernie Mitchell (sponsor); Terry Larbes (sponsor); Michael Chesnut (RCIA Director & sponsor); Eileen Segebarth (sponsor); Kelli Walk (sponsor). Back row - (L-R) - Fr. Daniel Dillard & Fr. Pat Reynolds
Photo by Stan Eckenberg

Catholic High School Principal Position Open

The Owensboro Catholic Schools system seeks candidates for the position of Principal at Owensboro Catholic High School. The candidate must be a practicing Catholic and hold appropriate certifications. He/she must have a demonstrated commitment to the mission of a Catholic school, strong interpersonal skills, a collaborative leadership style, competence in curriculum and staff development, and the ability to administer a budget. The Principal reports to and works in conjunction with the OCS Director. Submit resume and the names of 3 references to: Ken R. Rasp, Director, Owensboro Catholic Schools, 1524 W. Parrish Avenue, Owensboro, KY 42301, ken.rasp@owensborocatholic.org



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2010-2012

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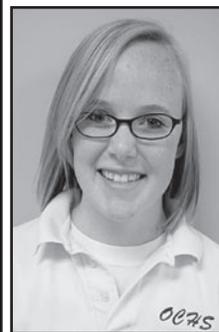
The 3rd Graders at the OCS Elementary K-3 Campus saved their "trash" for a week and then brought it to school to brainstorm new ways to use and reuse and recycle. Each group of 3-4 students first brainstormed and then experimented with their items to create a fun item. The students had a great time working in groups on this project. OCS Photo

Recycling Helps Everyone

Every Wednesday OCMS BETA Club collects paper, cardboard, and plastic bottles that are taken to be recycled as a perpetual service project. We just began collecting chip bags at lunch that will be sent off and transformed into school supplies, such as pencil pouches, and other items. Alex Hayden does his part to help



with the paper collection. OCS Photo



Molly Tichenor Wins Kenergy Youth Tour Contest

Congratulations to Molly Tichenor on being selected as a winner of the Kenergy Youth Tour Contest. Molly, a Junior at OCHS, took a test on rural electrification and has won a trip to Frankfort, KY in April to participate in Kentucky Youth Day activities. This trip qualifies her for the chance to win a trip to Washington D.C. in June. Molly, the daughter of Eddie and Peggy Tichenor, is a member of Our Lady of Lourdes parish. OCS Photo

20 Catholic Campaign For Human Development Local Grant Information

By Richard Murphy

OWENSBORO, Ky. - The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is a national social justice program of the United States Catholic Bishops. Its mission is to address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community controlled, self-help organizations, and through transformative education of the non-poor.

Each year in November, the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky participates in the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection. From that collection, a percentage of monies are retained to provide grant funding to local organizations which meet CCHD criteria. Catholic Charities administers and allocates the grant funding.

To apply, please send a brief narrative of your organization, budgeting information, how your organization would meet the CCHD criteria of systemic change, what community organizations your group receives support from, and whether your organization's policy-making board has one-third low-income members (if your board does not contain one-third of its members who are low-income also include an explanation of why this is not so).

Applications for grant funding must be received by May 15, 2010 so that grants can be awarded by June 2010. The grant is a non-renewable and must be applied for each year. Three years is the total number of years any one group can receive this grant. Each year several grants are awarded averaging between \$800-\$1200 each.

Criteria:

1. The applicant's project must be within the thirty-two counties which comprise the Roman Catholic Diocese of Owensboro. These counties include: Fulton, Hickman, Graves, Ballard, McCracken, Carlisle, Calloway, Marshall, Trigg, Lyon, Livingston, Caldwell, Christian, Hopkins, Muhlenburg, Todd, Logan, Simpson, Allen, Warren, Butler, Edmonson, Grayson, Ohio, Breckinridge, Hancock, Daviess, McLean, Henderson, Union, Webster, and Crittenden.

2. The applicant project's policy making board must be at least one-third low-income. If this is not the case, the applicant must explain why the board does not have setting low-income board members. (Low-income board members do not include those considered voluntarily poor such as clergy, religious sisters, students, VISTA volunteers, etc.)

“Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith and Art”

St. LOUIS, Mo. - One of the largest collections of art, documents and historically significant objects from the Vatican ever to tour North America is coming to St. Louis. The exhibition features approximately 170 rare works of art and historically significant objects, many of which have never left the Vatican. Taken together these works explore how the papacy has influenced – and been influenced by – the world throughout the centuries. St. Louis is one of only three U.S. cities to host “Vatican Splendors.” Highlights of the exhibition include artwork by Michelangelo, personal objects, and tools used in work on the Sistine Chapel and Basilica of Saint Peter's; works by masters including Bernini and Giotto; artwork dating back to the third century; venerated relics (bone fragments) of Saint Peter and Saint Paul; storied frescoes and mosaics; works by well-known sculptors; intricately embroidered silk vestments; precious objects from the Papal Mass; historical maps and documents; objects discovered at the tombs of Saint Peter and Saint Paul; and historical objects from the modern and ancient basilicas of Saint Peter's in Rome.

WHEN: “Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith and Art” opens May 15, 2010, for a limited, exclusive engagement. Hours for “Vatican Splendors” will be, daily, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

WHERE: The Missouri History Museum is located at Lindell and DeBaliviere in Forest Park, near the Forest Park-DeBaliviere MetroLink station.

TICKETS: Tickets are \$19.50 for adults, \$17 for seniors, and \$13 for children (age 6-12). Children five and under are admitted free with adult ticket purchase.

Tickets can be purchased online at Ticketmaster.com and at all Ticketmaster outlets, including select Schnucks stores. To charge tickets by phone, call 1-800-745-3000 or 1-877-2VATICAN (1-877-282-8422). Tickets may also be purchased at the Missouri

3. The applicant project's efforts must seek to benefit a poverty group.
4. The applicant project must seek to create institutional or systemic change by changing the structures that keep people poor and powerless.
5. CCHD will consider favorably only those projects which demonstrate respect for the dignity of the human person. CCHD will not consider projects or organizations which promote or support abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, or any other affront to human life and dignity.
6. The activity for which funding is requested must be consistent with the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.
7. Projects should generate cooperation and solidarity among and within diverse groups in the interest of a more integrated and mutually understanding society.
8. Projects should document that as a result of CCHD funding there are possibilities of generating funds from other sources or of moving towards becoming self-supporting within the time lines established in the proposal.



“We are very blessed to have Father Larry with us.”

Father Larry McBride is shown consecrating the Eucharist for Holy Communion at Saint Francis Borgia in Sturgis, Kentucky. Father Larry is the Pastor for three different Parishes- St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis, Ky., -St. Ambrose, Henshaw, Ky.,- St. William, Marion, Ky.. He has been with us since June, 2005. He is a joy to our communities and we feel we are very blessed to have him with us. Photo submitted by the people of the parishes.

History Museum box office.

GROUP TICKETS: A group discount is available for groups of 15-or-more. Ticket prices are \$17 adults and seniors; \$10 child (ages 6-12); \$8 school group. Tickets are available by calling 1-800-916-8212 or 314-361-9017 or sending an email to reserv@mohistory.org.

PARISH ADVANTAGE PROGRAM: Unique opportunities are available to your parishioners in a program called the Parish Advantage. This program allows your parishioners to obtain individual exhibit tickets at a discounted price of \$2 off each ticket. Tickets can be purchased at vaticansplendors.com, by calling 1-877-2VATICAN (1-877-282-8422) or at the Missouri History Museum box office. Enter or mention discount code: Parish. This special offer will end on June 30, 2010.

AUDIO GUIDES: Audio tour guides are available for purchase when you arrive at the exhibition. Audio guides are \$5.50 for adults and \$4 for seniors and students.

For more information, call 1-877-2VATICAN or visit www.mohistory.org or www.vaticansplendors.com.



All five children of Mike & Lori Meredith have had Mrs. Cecelia Farrell for second grade at St. Mary Elementary in

Paducah. The tradition continued this school year for the last time since the youngest, Jaclyn, has Mrs. Farrell this



year. Jaclyn is the baby Mrs. Farrell is holding in the picture at left taken when Luke was in Mrs. Farrell's class eight

years ago. The picture at right shows Mrs. Farrell with Luke, Michael, Josh, Emily, and Jaclyn today.

Photos submitted by Lori Meredith

2009-2010 Nomination Form for Diocese of Owensboro Catholic School Educator of the Year

The Catholic Schools Office and Principals Association are again asking for nominations for Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year. The winner will be announced at the dinner following the annual Professional Development Day.

Anyone, with the exception of an immediate family member, may nominate an educator for the award. All information concerning nominees will be kept confidential, including the name of the person submitting the nomination.

The educator must currently be employed in the Diocese of Owensboro and must have taught for a minimum of five years in the Diocesan Schools. The outstanding Catholic School Educator must be a role model as an outstanding human being; have a major influence in the lives of students; show concern with the faith development as well as the physical, mental and emotional development of students; and encourage students to improve their abilities and talents.

The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2010. A committee will serve as judges. All nomination forms should be mailed to the Catholic Schools Office, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301-2130.

Nominee _____

Address _____

School _____

Subjects, Grades Taught _____

On an accompanying sheet of paper, please comment on your nominee's performance in the following categories:

- 1) Why should this person be honored as Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year?
- 2) Describe this person's commitment as an educator.
- 3) How has this person helped students become better people?
- 4) How is this person a Christian role model for the students? Give an example.
- 5) Is the educator active in the community and Church, apart from the school-related activities? If so, give details of his or her involvement.
- 6) How well does the nominee relate with professional colleagues and parents of the students?

Nominated by: Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Relation to educator _____

Second Graders at St. Mary love learning Jesus!

Mass In the Grass



2nd Graders at St. Mary Elementary in Paducah like to practice what they learn. The 2nd Graders have been studying the Mass. In the photo above, Abby Kuntz, Jaclyn Meredith, and Allison Shockley role play part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Other members of the class (Keiler Belt, Chiara Doran, and Natalie Eastes) were readers, gift bearers, and ushers. They ended their "Mass" with some great songs! 2n Graders at St. Mary love learning Jesus! Photos submitted by Cecelia Farrell

22 OCMS Goes Green for Help Office



Owensboro Catholic Middle school collected more than \$200.00 to benefit the Help Office as part of their Lenten good works. Students could "Bring Green to Wear Green" on Wednesday,

March 17 for St. Patrick's Day. Pictured is Jenna Ruth accepting donations from Kelsey Winklepleck and Allie Fogle. OCS Photo



OCS Elementary Girls Basketball Team Wins Local Tournament

Congratulations to the 6th Grade Girls Basketball team. In a three weekend round robin versus the area middle schools (Burns, Daviess County, and College View) the Lady Aces were undefeated with a record of 6-0. The Lady Aces were seeded #1 in the tournament and went on to win the Championship game to finish 8-0 and crowned the Tournament Champs! Each girl worked hard during the Catholic League play and earned their spot on the team by the voting of the League's Coaches. The girls represented OCS well with hard play, discipline and great sportsmanship.

Coaches: Brian Reid and Michael Berry. Players: bottom Row: Katie Fulkerson, Kelby Krampe, Mikayla Berry, Emily Marshall, & Lauren Brown; top Row: Eva Cash, Caroline Hayden, Sarah Riney, Madeline Reid, Jaimie Thompson, Annabel Moore, & Mary Keaton Clemens. OCS Photo

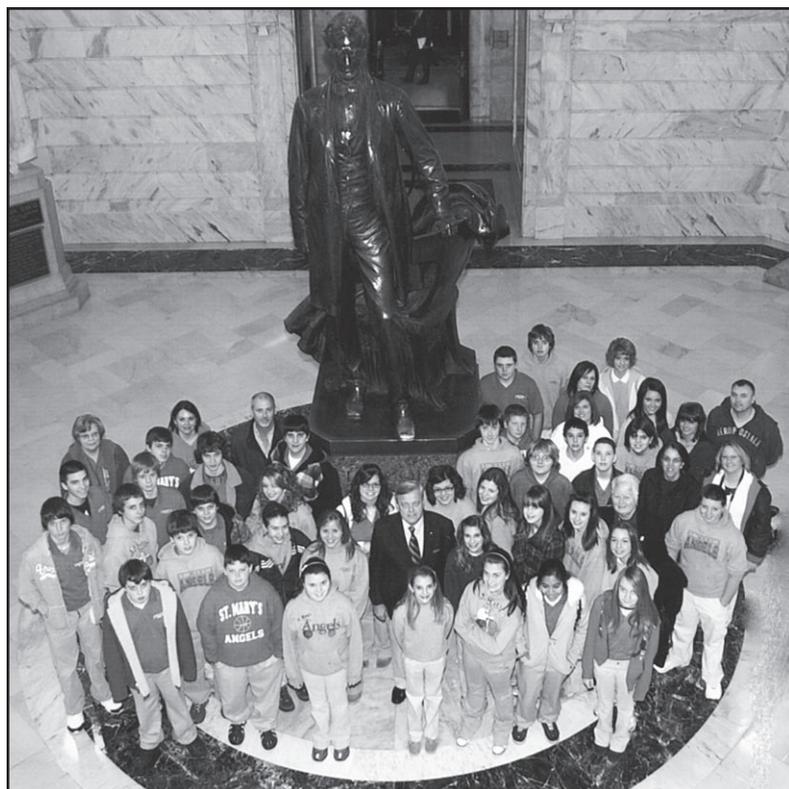


TEC #162 Feb. 13-15, 2010, St. Charles, Bardwell, Ky

Row 1(front): Amy French, Christina Best, Kelsey Bennett, Crissy Stevenson, Ed Leahy, Diane Hicks
 Row 2: Mary Shupe, Haley Riney, Sarah Clark, Kaitlyn Jones, Alex Hayden, Krista Shupe, Kelsey Page, David Hayden, Ashley Lorenzen, Janet Wilson;
 Row 3: Hadley Jago, Freddy Wilson, Sara Estes, Ashley Fowler, Angie Burgess;
 Row 4: Thomas Wilson, Michelle Roberts, Brandon Barnard, Mandy Jackson, Olivia Warren, Lauren Cates, Kari Oliver, Alex King, Whitney CO55ie, Lauerne Elliott, Danny Thomas
 Row 5: Lori Dant, Nate Elder, McKenzie Elter, Adam Carrico, Carli Cummins, Jessica Jones, Haylie Hobbs, Ashley Foss;
 Row 6: Seth Dant, Joey Bray, Michael Ore, Daniel Hughes, Kaylee Murphy, Kelsi Woodall, Fr. Bob Drury, Taylor Ballard, Frank Burch;
 Row 7: Matthew Burton, Chris Hancock, Mark Wadi, Austin Willett, Thomas Loxley, Eric Lossie, Darin Lewis, Emily Lester, John Ross, Fr. Mike Williams, Michael Ligibel. Submitted by Diocesan Youth Ministry Office



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The seventh and eighth grade students from Saint Mary of the Woods Elementary in Whitesville visited with Senator David Boswell and Representative Tommy Thompson in the Capitol in Frankfort on February 19, 2010. The group gathered around Abe Lincoln's statue in the capitol rotunda, Frankfort KY. When you walk into the Kentucky State Capitol, you will see this commanding bronze statue in the rotunda. It was presented to the Commonwealth of Kentucky by J.B. Speed of Louisville and dedicated on November 8, 1911, one year after the building opened.



The statue is surrounded by smaller works depicting other famous Kentuckians such as Henry Clay and Jefferson Davis. Sculptor Adolph A. Weinman also did the statue of Lincoln in Hodgenville, Kentucky, near Abraham Lincoln's birthplace. Submitted by Sr. Suzanne Sims, O.S.U.

May I Walk You Home?

This one-day retreat will help caregivers of the very ill learn how to cope in their daily lives.

Saturday, May 8

Are you a caregiver for the very ill? We invite you to a special retreat to seek new depths of compassion and understanding...a wonderful gift.



Betty Medley

Join Betty Medley, director of the Family Life Office for the Diocese of Owensboro and a social worker for Catholic Charities. Betty is a certified bereavement counselor with nearly 20 years of experience. She will help caregivers learn how to provide strength, comfort, and unwavering support. The cost is \$20.

To register, contact Kathy McCarty:
(270) 229-0200, ext. 413, or
kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org



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www.mscenter.org



Grief Watch
resources for bereaved families
& professional caregivers

Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon

Georgia Holland
Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Owensboro, Kentucky
Sophia Award Winner 2008



I recently met with Georgia Holland at Blessed Sacrament Chapel Parish hall. "I live in Grandview, Indiana but I am a member here at Blessed Sacrament. I really like the church in Indiana, but I like being with people that look like me." She said. "I was a visitor long before I became a member."

"I am a convert to the Catholic Church. I had been raised Baptist by my grandmother. On day I saw in the back of a Knights of Columbus brochure information about becoming Catholic by mail. That's how I got started. I went through RCIA three times. Finally in 2004 I joined the Catholic Church. I am a great devotee of St. Monica. She is a very interesting person and to me she has a special meaning."

"I live in the house my great grand mother built and lived in 1897. I raised my family there. I have four children and four grand children. All my children have gone on to have great careers and I am really proud of them all."

"I worked for the post office for about 10 years and it was so stressful that I decided to find another job. I went to work at the prison in Branchville, Indiana and worked there for about 8 years. It wasn't quite as stressful!"

"I was very shocked and thought for sure there had been a mistake made when I was told I was to received the Sophia Award. I think it is a great honor. Sadly I am not able to be as involved in community and church actives as I have been in the past. I was involved in several community projects and was in the Leadership of Spencer County Indiana program."

I feel I have been very blessed with my children, grandchildren and faith."

24 Western Kentucky Faith Community Gathers to Pray for Immigration Reform in Preparation for Massive Nationwide Rally in Washington, D.C.

Special to the Western Kentucky Catholic OWENSBORO, Ky. - On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, Catholics from around Western Kentucky attended a Mass celebrated by Bishop William Medley at Saints Joseph and Paul Church to pray for wisdom and leadership in Congress and to urge their Congressmen to help pass immigration reform that keeps families together, creates pathways to citizenship, and protects the dignity of all workers. Attendees enjoyed a reception afterwards with food and entertainment which highlighted the variety of cultures represented in our Diocese.

In addition to setting the stage for a major national rally, this Mass in western Kentucky was part of "Together, Not Torn: Families Can't Wait for Immigration Reform," a nationwide mobilization that includes the delivery of hundreds of thousands of pro-reform postcards to Members of Congress and more than 100 events in communities across the country.

The St. Patrick's Day Mass and celebration came just a few days before a delegation of 54 people of faith from the Diocese of Owensboro (and Lexington) traveled to Washington, D.C. on March 21 to join hundreds of thousands of people for the *March For America: Change Takes Courage and Faith*, a massive rally for immigration reform sponsored by religious, civil rights, immigrant, family and labor groups, and to attend a Mass in support of immigration reform celebrated by His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles. Immediately following, thousands of people of faith gathered for an interfaith service, sponsored

On Mar. 17, 2010, at the end of the St. Patrick's Day Mass for Immigration Reform, Bishop William Medley commissioned diocesan representatives to go to Washington, D.C. on March 21 to join tens of thousands of people for the *March For America: Change Takes Courage and Faith*, a massive rally for immigration reform sponsored by religious, civil rights, immigrant, family and labor groups, and to attend a Mass in support of immigration reform celebrated by His Eminence Roger Cardinal Mahoney, archbishop of Los Angeles.

Bishop Medley said, "We know the stories, the needs, and the contributions of the immigrant church in America. We are all one family under God." He urged the country to pass a comprehensive immigration reform plan.

A delegation of 51 people from all over the Diocese of Owensboro (and 3 from Lexington) traveled to our nation's capitol to advocate for Immigration Reform. Photo by Tami Schneider.

by more than 35 religious organizations from across the faith and ideological spectrum, to demonstrate unified support from the religious community for immigration reform. (The faith community's online hub for organizing people of faith to participate in the effort is www.changetakesfaith.org.)

The following day, members of the delegation joined lobbying efforts by meeting with Senators McConnell and Bunning and Representatives Whitfield and Guthrie. The Western Kentucky groups were welcomed and heard with support and open minds by these legislators. Parishes around the Diocese offered their Masses for the intention of



immigration reform on March 17, 20, and 21, in solidarity with these events. The Message? That people of faith will not stand by as our broken immigration system rips families apart, and anger, frustration and misunderstanding divide our nation. With the March For America, faith communities across the country are standing up for families and communities to create the moral urgency political leaders need to address this pressing issue.

Although the group suffered exhaustion, from spending two nights on a bus, got hot in the sun and then stuck in the rain, there was energy and a positive spirit among them. They were there to make a difference for themselves and others. They were there to take a stand. They were there to rally, to lobby and to pray.

Patti Gutiérrez, coordinator of the Justice for Immigrants campaign for the Diocese of Owensboro, says, "As people of faith we see this issue as a moral one and so we are compelled to speak out on behalf of those that have been negatively affected by our country's broken immigration system. These immigrants are members of our one family under God and many live right here in our Diocese. Every day more families are torn apart. Comprehensive immigration reform cannot wait any longer."



Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Junior College
2010 Alumnae Weekend
May 15-16, 2010
Maple Mount, Ky.
Anniversary Classes Recognized
Banquet • Liturgy • Maple Leaf Awards
Registration forms can be found at www.ursulinesmsj.org
Or call 270-229-2006 or e-mail alumnae.msaj@maplemount.org

Blue Ribbon Prize Winners All!

In the photo at left are Owensboro Catholic Schools 4-6 Center's first place team of Future Problem Solving competition regionals Governor's Cup at Owensboro's Tamarack Elementary on February 20, 2010; from the left, are Claire Hagan, Allie Kuntz, Benjamin Conkwright, and Allie Ford. OCS Photo

Paducah Faith Formation 11th Annual Food Drive



PADUCAH, Ky. - Allyson and Patrick Humphrey, Faith Formation parents, collected and transported food bags from Faith Formation classes on March 10 for St. Vincent de Paul. Kim Breese, Board member and parent, did the same the following Wednesday, March 17, for Paducah Cooperative Ministry.

St. Vincent de Paul volunteers and Mrs. Vickie Elliott, SVDP's manager, helped collect food bags from St. Thomas More, Rosary Chapel, and St. Francis de Sales on Monday March 15th. With them were Amy Yates and Ging Smith. Bobbie Edds and Linda Bratton, board members from St. John parish, delivered all the food bags at St. John's to SDVP.

Pictured from left to right: Vickie Elliott, Jackie Harris, Tammy Harris, Paul Cissel, Amy Yates, Nancy Lancaster and Fred Lancaster. Photo by Ging Smith

We Recall Jesus' Sacred Gift Every Year During Holy Week



St. Alphonsus 3rd. & 4th grade CCD class made clothespin crosses to help them recall the sacred gift given to us by Jesus each year during Holy Week. In the picture at right, from left, are Tristan Schartung, Alexis Schartung,



Austin O'Bryan, Abigail Green, Garrett Murphy (standing); Front row, Lacey Gunter, Peyton Coomes, Aaron Clements, Brooke Lanham. Special thanks to our helper for the day, Hallie McCarthy, photographer.

Standing In Place of Him for Them

The junior class from Evansville, In., Reitz Memorial Catholic High School, had a retreat on March 31 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. MSJ Photo

Let us pray for the renewal of our Church,
fast from fear and anxiety and give
generously as an expression of our gratitude
for all that God has given to us.

Remain conscious:
God grant me the serenity to accept the
things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.

Reprinted from Connections, the newsletter of the Office of Parish Stewardship of the Diocese of Rockville, Maryland. Reinhold Niebuhr



COLLECTION FOR THE
Catholic Communication Campaign
HOW THE GOOD NEWS GETS AROUND

The Western Kentucky Catholic is supported by the Communications Collection taken up in the parishes of this diocese every May.

The Owensboro Diocesan Communications Collection

is **May 16, 2010.**

The Holy Father's message for World Communications Day is found online at http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/communications/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20090124_43rd-world-communications-day_en.html.



Western Kentucky Catholic Graphic by Jennifer Farley Hunt

Carl and Brenda Millay St. Peter, Stanley, KY

Recently on a pleasant spring afternoon I drove the few miles from Owensboro, Kentucky to Stanley, Kentucky to visit Carl and Brenda Millay, the owners of the Kuntry Kutter gift shop.

When I asked Brenda how she came about opening a huge gift shop in rural Daviess County, she said, "I had a dream. I had been a hair dresser in Owensboro for 24 years and I wanted to open my own business at home. I still do hair in my shop out back.

'Out back' is a huge modern gift shop, beautiful gardens, beauty shop and a big red caboose!

"I wanted Carl to find a log cabin to put out there for the gift shop," Brenda said. "He looked at some options that didn't work out and finally asked, 'How about a caboose?' It worked great for awhile, but I started selling bigger items and needed more space. In April, 1998, Carl, with the help of an uncle and cousins started building the gift shop, and we opened in November of that year. It was God's work all the way," said Brenda.

"I think of my gift shop as an educational place too. I've taught people what good quality wood is and what to look for when buying furniture. I think I have taught responsibility and patience to many young people, too. I have lay-away purchase plans and this shows them how to manage money and patience in waiting a while to get the item home. I try to be a good community asset and go out of my way to accommodate people. It's been a challenge at times but God has been here with us all the way," said Brenda.

"Carl and I plan to retire in about five years, sell, and move to Owensboro. I'm looking forward to getting involved in some volunteer work and being more involved at church. We both want to give back and do what we can while we are still able."

Carl and Brenda met in grade school and have known each other all their lives. They have been married 42 years and have three children and five grand children.

"We tried to teach our children well and let them take responsibility for their own actions. Sometimes it's hard to watch them make a mistake though," said Carl "but you just have to let them sometime."

Presently, Brenda is the President of the Ladies Auxiliary at St. Peter, a Lector and both are Ushers at Mass, and help at the annual parish picnic.

Both Carl and Brenda agree that a good marriage isn't a 50/50 proposition. It's 100/100 - give the best you have all of the time.

"Our greatest blessing so far is good health for our children and grand children," said Brenda.

"My greatest blessing is having Brenda put up with me all these years," said Carl.



Christ The King School Changes Principals

MADISONVILLE, Ky. - Christ the King School announced March 31, 2010 that Larry Bishop will be retiring as Principal of the school at the conclusion of the current school year.

Father Jerry Calhoun, Pastor of Christ the King Church commented "Larry's hard work and dedication to our school has truly been a blessing to our students, parents, staff, parish and our entire community." A dinner to honor and congratulate Larry on his retirement will be held on Saturday evening May 8th. The dinner will be open to the public.

Father Calhoun went on to announce that Beth Herrmann has accepted the invitation to become Principal at Christ the King School beginning with the 2010 / 2011 school year.

Beth is long time member of the Christ the King parish family. She is married to Dan and they have two sons, Christopher, and Jack. Her academic achievements include a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Kentucky University, as well as a Masters degree from Murray State University with an emphasis on school administration. Additionally, she holds Level 1 Principal Certification. Beth has spent the last eight years teaching middle school and being involved in several administrative activities at the middle school level in the Hopkins County school system.

Father Calhoun stated "We are confident that her education, teaching and administrative experience, coupled with her strong Catholic faith makes Beth the ideal person to lead our school."

Christ The King School held a "Meet the New Principal" reception on April 15th at 6:00pm at the school. Father Calhoun encouraged all parents, students, perspective students / parents to attend this reception and meet Beth and the entire Christ the King School staff.

Christ the King is an accredited pre-kindergarten through eight grade school that is a part of the Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Schools System. The school serves both Catholic and non-Catholic children in the Madisonville / Hopkins County area.



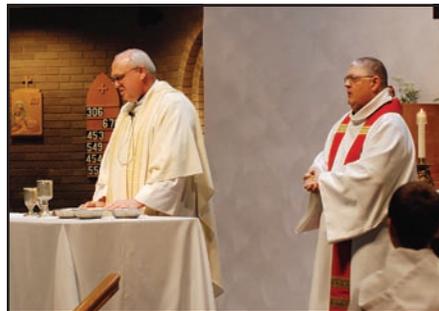
St. Mary's Talented Historians Nine students from St. Mary of the Woods studied for several weeks to compete in a Western Kentucky University History contest on March 19th. Each student chose either World History or United States History tests, including an essay question. Over 200 students from Kentucky schools took part in this opportunity to place first and to receive a \$500 scholarship. Pictured in the back from left is Shelby Ballard, Aaron Reynolds and Robbylynn Sanchez; in front left are Zack Howard, Corey Johnson, Shawna Aud, Jack Sloan, Bub Mattingly and Zack Rhodes. Submitted by Shawna Aud; Photo by Rose Mary Payne



Bishop William Medley speaking with the students and families of students of St. Mary of the Woods Elementary and Trinity High School in St. Mary of the Woods Church, March 25, 2010 Whitesville, Ky. Photo by Robin Beatty



Sr. Suzanne encouraging some Trinity Raiders. Robin Beatty Photo



Fr. Pat Bittel and Fr. Dave Johnson concelebrating a school Mass in St. Mary of the Woods Church. Robin Beatty Photo



Bishop William Medley Visits 27 Catholic Schools, Gets To Know People Firsthand, Listens To Histories, Ideas, Needs of the Church



Posing for the camera in the sacristy of St. Mary of the Woods Church before a March 25 Mass are shown here the spiritual leaders for the Catholic Schools in Whitesville, serving eastern Daviess County Catholic families, from left, Mr. Bill Hagan, principal of Trinity High School, priest pastor Father Dave Johnson, and Sr. Suzanne Sims, O.S.U., principal of St Mary Elementary. Spiritual leaders not present for this picture who also serve eastern Daviess County Catholic families in the tasks of educating children in the Faith are Fr. Pat Bittel, pastor of St. Lawrence and St. William parishes, and Mr. Mike Clark, principal of Mary Carrico Memorial Elementary in Knottsville, Ky. Photo by Robin Beatty



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**Marriage Celebrations for May
Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 & over 50
years of marriage**

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Berie & Lisa Dotsey, 25
Ed & Ellen Higdon, 40
Charlie & LaVerne Speaks, 58
Bucky & Suzanne Coomes, 52

Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro

George & Shelby Webster, 54

Christ the King, Madisonville

Jim & Mary Kay Dorris, 25
Hank & Carol Lyon, 25
Larry & Darylin Bishop, 40

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

William & Sheila Cardwell, 54
Casey & Norma Davis, 52
Marvin & Patricia Fulkerson, 55
Tomas & Delores Long, 54

James & Beatrice Stanley, 61

Jackie & Gayle Sutton, 52

Doris & Barbara Wilson, 60

James & Sandra Baird, 25

Gary & Dale Burton, 25

Matthew & Jennifer Jarrett, 25

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Terry & Pam Hatler, 25
George & Leonila Cornett, 40

Thomas & Mary Gaietto, 54

Richard & Cynthia Gensler, 54

John & Constance Barbalas, 55

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Daniel & Janet Hartline, 50

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Scott & Cheryl Powers, 25

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

William & Lillian Haynes, 55

Thomas & Mary Riney, 63

Bob & JoAnn Vessels, 57

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Thomas & Rose Curtsinger, 56

James E. & Annette R. Rubsam, 59

Wayne & Norma Tipton, 25

Joseph S. & Etta Cooper, 40

Joseph & Beverly Rudy, 40

Donald R. & Shirley Story, 40

Ernest & Shirley Taliaferro, 40

Precious Blood, Owensboro

John & Clarice Kuegel, 55

Rosary Chapel, Paducah

Clifford & Patricia Robinson, 56

John & Mary Piercefield, 62

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Tommy & Rose Danhauer, 62

Steve & Brenda Hogge, 40

St. Ambrose, Henshaw

Leroy & Ann French, 55

St. Ann, Morganfield

Billy Ray & Virginia Clements, 60

Lawrence & Mary Frances Strehle, 64

Thomas & Rose Danhauer, 61

William & Virginia Adams, 52

St. Anthony, Axtel

Bernard & Marquita Campbell, 51

Fred & Alice Whelan, 54

Bill & Laverne Vincent, 59

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Stephen & Nancy Velotta, 30

St. Augustine, Grayson Springs

George & Trece Smith, 63

St. Augustine, Reed

Herman & Martha Miller, 50

Posey & Violet Newman, 60

St. Benedict, Wax

Antoinette & Damon Meredith, 53

St. Columba, Lewisport

Clyde & Georgene Poole, 53

St. Edward, Fulton

Richard & Maria Hartz, 40

St. Elizabeth, Clarkson

Edward & Alberta Morrison, 55

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Michael & Candie Riehl, 25

Paul & Linda Cissell, 40

Robert D. & Mary Lee Hart

Joseph & Mary Pat Blandford, 52

Lawrence E. & Nora Hayden, 55

St. Henry, Aurora

Gene & Martha Davis, 57

Jon & Bert Sells, 56

Joseph & Dorothy Sienkiewicz, 52

John & Marie Stepanek, 50

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Leon & Dorothy Carrico, 58

Tommy & Mary Lou Curtsinger, 40

Thomas P. & Shirley Englert, 57

Delbert & Lydia Hobbs, 58

St. John the Baptist, Fordsville

Mary & Paul Rusher, 55

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

George & Thelma Kaufman, 56

Joseph & Celeste Russell, 56

Paul & Dorothy Kaufman, 58

Henry & Betty Englert, 59

St. Lawrence, Philpot

James & Barbara Eischen, 50

St. Leo, Murray

Raymond & Klara Pawlowski, 54

Robert & Joan Herndon, 51

James & Susan O'Neill, 51

Ronald & Carolyn Reimer, 50

Robert & Patricia McDermott, 50

Thomas & Mary Ann Dowdy, 50

Terry & Mary Ann Orr, 25

St. Martin, Rome

Gene & Barbara Schell, 40

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Jim & Donna Burns, 25

Edwin & Lily McDivitt, 25

John & Libby Medley, 53

Kenneth & Stansell Ebelhar, 62

Paul & Dorothy Knott, 56

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Robert C. & Doris Howard, 58

Tony & Bernadine Dean, 54

Anselm & Elizabeth Bickett, 60

Thank You, Father

In every edition, *The Western Kentucky Catholic* and the Diocesan Family Life Office extend a Happy Anniversary Wish to each married couple celebrating their anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 & over 50 years of marriage.

In this Year of the Priest, may we suggest that each married couple in the diocese send a Thank You card to the priest who presided at their marriage, thanking him for his ministry and assure him of your continued prayer and support.

The current addresses of all priests in active or retired ministry can be found in the Diocesan Directory located online at (http://www.rcdok.org/the_diocese/diocesan_directory/) Check page 47 and following pages of the Diocesan Directory for a current listing of Clergy of the Diocese Of Owensboro.

**Marriage Celebrations for June
Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and over 50
years of marriage**

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Ricky & Teresa Aull, 25

Steven & Teresa Wills, 25

Alan & Sandy Ebelhar, 40

Randall & Dianne Hagan, 40

Russell & Virginia Corley, 50

Joseph & Mary Simmons, 62

Ernest & Joan Adams, 60

Thomas & Martha Payne, 59

Paul & Carol Hodskins, 55

Bob & Frances Osborne, 54

Joseph A. & Lena Aull, 53

James & Teresa Conder, 53

Christ the King, Madisonville

Ralph & Gloria Hill, 25

Bernie & Rita Rich, 64

Christ the King, Scottsville

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**Marriage Celebrations for July
Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and over 50
years of marriage**

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Charlie & Lisa Castlen, 25

Kenny & Virginia Blandford, 40

Lloyd & Anita Travis, 40

Omer & Lucy Harpe, 50

James & Pal Fitzhugh, 57

William & Martha Hayden, 57

Christ the King, Madisonville

Alan & Kelly Frederick, 25

John & Peggy LaMure, 53

Christ the King, Scottsville

Toby & Tina Moser, 25

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Joseph & Zelda Alvey, 55

Robert & Dorothy East, 68

Bobby & Sue Liles, 56

Mark & Eleanor Martin, 52

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Joseph & Jean Ann Rearden, 60

Aloysius & Doris Knott, 56

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Loyd & Candas Milliner, 53

St. Peter, Waverly

Gary & Phyllis Wolfe, 40

St. Pius X, Calvert City

John & Marilyn Brooks, 55

Bernie & Pat Fendler, 52

Lee & Irene Myers, 63

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Mark & Selena Leonard, 25

Richard & Dorothy Thomas, 50

Charles & Norma Bivins, 54

Don & Agnes Powers, 56

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Ray & Alvina Powers, 25

Rob & Linda Rhodes, 53

Willard & Lydia Aldridge, 52

Gerald & Rosemary Hinton, 66

St. Rose, Cloverport

William & Bonnie Hess, 55

Michael & Beverly Himmelhaver, 53

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Neil & Joan McGillivray, 50

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Leon & Peggy Clark, 53

Eddy & Lorraine McFarland 25

Bern & Frances Tooley, 25

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Charles & Jean Blackston, 25

William & RoseAnn Walker, 50

William & Martha Cash, 50

Norbert & Amilda Schmitt, 57

Robert & Mary Riedfort, 62

St. William, Philpot

James Clemie & Jacqueline Cecil, 52

Samuel J. & Mary Frances Fulkerson, 67

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Wayne & Charlotte Arnett, 25

Michael & Alicia Harrington, 25

Charlie & Celeste Hood, 25

Carlos & Barbara Earnhart, 40

Gene & Margaret Hutchinson, 40

Rick & Freda Rhodes, 40

John & Mary Shepler, 40

Don & Mary Jane Blandford, 50

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Michael & Lisa Burman, 25

Francis & Eleanor Rogers, 64

Charles & Mary Ann Keel, 51

Marvin & June Mahoney, 53

Samuel & Patricia Chesnut, 51

Patrick & Joann Fields, 58

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Marriage Celebrations for June *(Continued from page 28)*

Bob & Sandy Blencoe, 52
James & Rosalie Barnard, 65
Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
James & Dorothy Alvey, 54
George & Mary Austin, 61
Robert & Betty Christian, 52
James & Jeanette Hollowell, 58
Laddie & Carol Jankura, 52
John & Agnes Marchand, 57
Francis & Mary Emma Mellen, 70
James & Maxine O'Nan, 54
Norman & Margene O'Nan, 60
Roger & Gloria O'Nan, 65
Ronnie & Bernadine Cooper, 50
Melton & Wanda Griffin, 40
Douglas & Melissa Bobo, 25
Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Jim & Carla Hughes, 25
Timothy & Kathleen Donley, 25
Wayne & Anne Leonard, 25
Dennis & Beverly Siegrist, 25
Terry & Patsy Clayton, 40
Robert & Elizabeth Drowe, 50
Anthony & Marie Meffert, 57
Albert & Helen Skees, 56
William & Ruth Theirl, 59
James & Ann Meador, 51
Richard & Shirley Jakel, 59
Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Billy & Pam Bryant, 25
John & Dottie Himes, 50
Elbert & Bonnie Tindle, 51
Donald & Gloria Tharp, 51
Charles & Marita Bozarth, 53
Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
Michael & Holly Boarman, 50
Pat & Lori Elder, 25
Daniel & Kim Riney, 25
David & Sandra Schweisthal, 25
Steven & Marla Yeckering, 25
Thomas & Barbara Hagan, 54
Edwin & Barbara Merimee, 53
Jerry & Betty Rouse, 50
Thomas & Mary Thompson, 53
Edward & Thelma White, 51
Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro
Charles & Lucy Adams, 53
Don & Jo Ann Augenstein, 55
Bernard & Betty Blandford, 56
Wm. Richard & Elizabeth J. Cavin, 64
James H. & Martha Clark, 64
Leander & Janet Goff, 53
Clifford & Bettie Hall, 57
John & Florence Thompson, 58
Joseph L. & Jean Yeand, 63
Mike & Susan Hagan, 25
Maxwell B. & Dawn E. Swift, 25
Gary & Donna Pickrell, 40
Charles L. & Ruth Adams, 50
Charles W. & Margaret Smith, 60
Precious Blood, Owensboro
John M. & Louise Mulligan, 61
Resurrection, Dawson Springs

Norman & Imelda Thomas, 52
Sacred Heart, Russellville
Maurice & Paula Linton, 50
Robert & Elizabeth Mason, 58
St. Agnes, Uniontown
Earl & Lynda Peters, 50
Elmer & Janie Fowler, 25
St. Ann, Morganfield
Mark & Rayma Dayberry, 25
Charles & Wilma Brown, 51
James & Margie Smith, 51
Charles & Mary Lou Duncan, 52
Thomas & Margaret Clements, 55
St. Anthony, Axtel
Charles David & Joan Elder, 50
Donald & Wanda Fell, 52
Frank & Lois Bowlds, 56
St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers
Tom & Betsy Fusco, 40
St. Anthony, Peonia
Glenn & Etta Pierce, 55
St. Anthony, Browns Valley
Wallace & Marge Howard, 52
St. Augustine, Reed
James & Betty Davis, 57
St. Columba, Lewisport
Leo & Eileen Basham, 57
St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
Elmer & Dorothy Breidert, 63
John & Donna Trogolo, 55
Mike & Patricia Sullivan, 53
Joseph & Barbara O'Nan, 52
Randy & Pam Anderson, 25
St. Henry, Aurora
Frank & Annette Sopcak, 60
William & Mary Blossfeld, 56
Ray & Pat Lents, 64
William & Jean Roth, 53
Milton & Mable Keifer, 59
William & Pat Forster, 55
St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Joseph P. & Lois Burch, 59
Randy & Cynthia Elliott, 25
Robert & Sara Elliott, 55
Rudy & Judy Elliott, 57
Andy & Michelle Pendel, 25
Douglas & Hazel Thomas, 59
Leo & Willene Thomas, 50
Albert Louis & Jane Toon, 57
Bernard & Dolores Toon, 63
Mark & Lori Wilson, 25
St. John the Baptist, Fordsville
Martin & Linda Frakes, 25
St. Joseph, Bowling Green
Allen & Dolores Dodd, 59
St. Joseph, Leitchfield
John & Eula Gross, 51
Harold & Delphine Brown, 65
Lenn & Faye Wright, 55
St. Joseph, Mayfield
Junior & Barbara Hobbs, 40
Joseph & Jackie Skinner, 51
John & Inez Lee, 56

St. Lawrence, Philpot
Joseph & Faye Hughes, 52
John & Sarah Boarman, 40
David & Mary Wimsatt, 40
St. Leo, Murray
Steven & Helen Jezik, 73
John & Eleanor Cavanaugh, 61
Robert & Marge Garland, 55
Paul & Pallie Kurz, 53
Charles & Henriella Montgomery, 52
Ronald & Margie Ratliff, 51
Norman & Jorae Peiffer, 51
David & Nancy Bell, 40
Sam & Erica Hunter, 40
Ricky & Charlene Stone, 25
St. Martin, Rome
Michael & Mary Fulkerson, 25
Preston & Barbara Fulkerson, 52
St. Mary, Franklin
Douglas & Joyce Alvey, 55
St. Mary, LaCenter
Billy Don & Shirley Marshal, 59
St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
Robert & Linda Schwartz, 50
Bob & Margie Elder, 53
St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Herman & Edith Payne, 55
Sylvester & Mary Higdon, 53
St. Paul, Leitchfield
Rick & Joann Merrifield, 40
Sherman Paul & Rita Cripps, 57
St. Peter, Waverly
Joe & Juanita Hagan, 65
Eddie & Rose French, 53
Walter & Shelia Collins, 25
St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
Milton & Joan Wimsatt, 55
St. Pius X, Calvert City
John & Jean Bailey, 58
Charlie & Jarretta Cash, 52
Earl & Shirley Henderson, 54
Dick & Joan Rosa, 60
Lou & Marilyn Stockbridge, 56
Merle & Marilyn Wysock, 54
St. Pius X, Owensboro
Michael & Sara Clark, 25
Mark David & Donna Howard, 25
James B. & Jan Wink, 25
Nick & Janet Wink, 25

Marriage Celebrations for July *(Continued from page 28)*

Charles & Mary Rose Shade, 58
Roy & Barbara Kurtz, 40
Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Timothy & Sylvia Risher, 40
Robert & Monica Eversoll, 50
Gene & Peg Walschon, 57
Robert & Carole Lastufka, 56
Eugene & Gladys Faller, 59
Immaculate Conception, Earlington
Tom & Cora Lee Carroll, 60
Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
David & Charlotte Payne, 40
Our Lady of Lourdes Owensboro
Herbert & Bernice Bertke, 51

Roger & Dottie Kirk, 40
Wm. Doug & Agnes Crowe, 58
Hugh & Theresa Higdon, 59
St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
Arnold & Jennifer O'Reilly, 25
Beavin & Ginna Thornsberry, 59
St. Rose, Cloverport
Tom & Pat Hayes, 57
St. Sebastian, Calhoun
Barry Todd & Catherine L. Burden, 25
Joseph Alvin & Betty Bickett, 59
St. Stephen, Cadiz
Steve & Kathleen Rogers, 25
St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Joseph & Rose Bender, 58
William & Helen Blandford, 64
Todd & Kathleen Johnson, 25
William E. & Dorothy Lanham, 59
Joseph A. & Olivia Murphy, 62
Paul & Dorothy Pearl, 60
J. R. & Jo Ann Roberts, 53
Maurice & Roberta Schaefer, 68
Leo & Melba Schemmel, 53
Paul & Betty Staples, 56
Mel & Margaret Windle, 25
Michael & Patricia Winstead, 40
St. Thomas More, Paducah
Monty & Peggy Thompson, 25
Teddy & Stephanie Sims, 40
James B. & Patsy Carroll, 52
John A. & Nancy Smith, 52
Louis & Elvira Theobald, 54
Frank & Marietta Alvey, 55
Frederick & Brigitte Strobe, 55
Robert & Cleo Higdon, 57
St. William, Knottsville
Ernie & Martha Payne, 53
John D. & Annette Payne, 40
Martin J. & Joan Hayden, 25
St. William, Marion
Paul & Shirley Manker, 53
Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro
John & Bonnie Horn, 51
Herbert & Martine Millay, 58
Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville
Robert & Sherry Viall, 25
Wade & Bib Northington, 40
Robert & Ginger Kormelink, 50

Charles & Joan Collins, 51
Wilfred & Mary Lois Hagan, 59
Wayne & Grace Mattingly, 52
John & Billie Rogers, 61
Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro
Anthony J. & Margaret Cox, 56
Eugene H. & Ruby Estes, 62
William J. & Laura Goins, 52
Donald E. & Mary Teresa Hayden, 53
Leonard J. & Patricia Norcia, 52
Joseph M. & Barbara Payne, 52
Sacred Heart, Waverly
Tommy & Marilyn Jenkins, 52
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30 Marriage Celebrations for July *(Continued from page 29)*

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Doug & Mary Girten, 55

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Gene & Dorothy Fleischmann, 52

St. Ann, Morganfield

Henry & Margaret Watson, 60

St. Anthony, Axtel

Larry & Susie Lucas, 40

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Gene & Pauline Wink, 51

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Maurice & Alice Hustedde, 64

St. Augustine, Reed

John & Martine Murphy, 25

St. Columba, Lewisport

Jim & Lillie Lanham, 53

St. Edward, Fulton

Conrad & Neva Antosiak, 64

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Louis & Janet Metzger, 60

St. Henry, Aurora

Robert & Kathy Nord, 40

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Ross & Elizabeth Curtsinger, 65

Wm. Dewey & Mary Ruth Hobbs, 59

Will Ed & Charlene Mills, 52

Joseph E. & Marietta Spalding, 55

William J. & Donna Thomas, 55

Raymond & Norma Thompson, 56

Eugene & Vickie Willett, 40

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Michael & Regina Wurth, 40

William & Joan Taylor, 50

Joseph & Barbara Felts, 58

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Jerry & Jodie Fulkerson, 64

James & Lois Cummings, 60

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

James L. & Mary Davis, 58

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Marvin & Ollie Lee, 52

Ralph & Barbara Pickard, 62

St. Lawrence, Philpot

William L. & Merici Carrico, 51

John V. & Wanda Lanham, 56

St. Leo, Murray

Kelly & Kimberly Mann, 25

Brad & Kathy Miller, 25

St. Mark, Eddyville

James & Margie Hibbard, 52

St. Martin, Rome

Martin & Carrie Krampe, 25

St. Mary, Franklin

J. Major & Joann Bradford, 53

St. Mary, LaCenter

Michael & Evelyn McGowan, 50

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady

Harry & Rena Hale, 40

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Larry & Connie O'Bryan, 40

Joseph "Buddy" & Janice Mattingly, 40

Gerald & Joyce Nalley, 50

Henry & Mary Jo Higdon, 61

Joseph Cecil & Frances Payne, 53

Carl & Teresa Logsdon,

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Thomas Michael & Sue O'Bryan, 40

Ira & Ruth Ann Hardy, 60

St. Michael, Oak Grove

Kenneth & Norma Guillory, 53

St. Paul, Princeton

John & Therese Falder, 40

Virgil & Virginia Nauman, 52

St. Pius X, Calvert City

Frank & Flo Tomsic, 68

St. Pius X, Owensboro

J. Larry & Shirley Millay, 40

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Joe & Minnie Minno, 51

Willard & Lola Basham, 62

St. Rose Cloverport

Tom & Joyce Wheatley, 62

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Gene & Nancy Clark, 58

Michael & Rita Gerteisen, 25

Richard & Joyce Grenewald, 25

David & Mary Lou Haycraft, 52

Francis J. & Louise Hayden, 61

Mills & Monika Logan, 52

Delbert & Margaret Mattingly, 66

James & Wilma McManaway, 56

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Jim & Amy Garrett, 25

Michael & Betty Polashock, 50

John & Lena O'Nan, 50

Robert & Jo Ann Ingram, 55

Glen & Mary Ellen Soucy, 55

Jayne & Fred Erdmann, 57

Louis & Frances O'Bryan, 62

St. William, Knottsville

Raymond & Mary Jo Smith, 57

Robert & Anna Turner, 59

Walter & Mary Catherine Isbill, 51

Harold & Patricia Bennett, 50

St. William, Marion

Charles & Anna Young, 25

Terry & Linda McKinney, 40

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Paul & Mary Hamilton, 53

Joseph G. & Wilma Payne, 62

William & Carla Payne, 50

Fred & Joan Roberts, 56

Louis P. & Bertha Wedding, 61

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Arthur & Mary Garcia, 40

John & Norma Downs, 57

Donald & Mary Ann Moore, 53

Pedro & Olga Montejos, 56

Catholic Committee On Scouting Celebrates Religious Emblems Awards Mass With Bishop Medley

Submitted by Jeff Hedges

The Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Committee on Scouting recently celebrated its annual Religious Emblems Awards Mass with Bishop William F. Medley at St. Pius Tenth Catholic Church in Owensboro, KY. Bishop Medley presented religious awards to five Girl Scouts and 16 Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts and five adult leaders.

Girl Scouts receiving the "Family of God Award" were Claire Marie Carrico and Abbigayle Vannatter. Girls receiving the "I Live My Faith Award" were Lauren Tashjian, Karina Romero and Sabrina Argotte. Cub Scouts receiving the "Light of Christ Award" were Isaac LaBarge, Michael Keller, Andrew Evans, Jacob Nash and Kevin Ralph. Webelos Scouts receiving the "Parvuli Dei Award" were Evan Culbertson, Michael Armstrong, Jackson Purcell, Benjamin Conkright, Aaron Medley, Shae Carwile, Christian Abshier, Matthew Graviss, Kevin Ralph and Austin Stallings. Boy Scouts receiving the "Ad Altare Dei Award" were Matthew Loxley and Nicholas Wagner.

Adult recipients of the "Bronze Pelican Award" were Ken Rasp, Chuck Ledford and Clinton Lewis. The "St. George Award" was bestowed upon Pat Lewis and Dr. Richard Gruenewald.

The Catholic Committee on Scouting is a Diocesan Committee charged with the promotion of Religious Emblem participation of youth in both the Girl Scout and Boy Scout programs. For more information about these awards, please contact Jeff Hedges at 270-925-7254.



RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES Aug. 27-29, 2010

Spend a special weekend with your spouse.
Renew your relationship, and rejoice in
the graces that God has blessed you with.
Renew your commitment before God in
an atmosphere of tranquility, beauty, and
spiritual awareness.

Retreat Director: Father Noel Mueller, OSB
Saint Meinrad Archabbey

Retreat fee is \$225 per couple. Receive a 10% discount
if paid in full by July 27. To register, contact Kathy
McCarty: (270) 229-0200, ext. 413 or [kathy.mccarty@
maplemount.org](mailto:kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org). Find a flyer at www.msjcenter.org



Mount Saint Joseph
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You are Invited to

The Senior Spring Day of Wisdom

Thursday May 20th, 2010 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY The program begins at 9:30 a.m. and will end at 2:00 p.m.



Bishop William Medley

Our speakers include
Most Reverend Bishop William Medley
Cheryl Brown, Director of clinic operations at OMHS
Kevin Kauffeld, Diocesan Director Stewardship and Development



Kevin Kauffeld

Of course there will be door prizes, fun and lunch. Please make your reservations by May 17th to insure a seat and lunch.

For more information, please call Ginny Knight-Simon at 683-1545.

Please make check of \$6 to the Catholic Pastoral Center

Send to 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301

Name _____

Address _____



Cheryl Brown, R.N., BSN, Director of clinic operations at OMHS

Reservation deadline May 17th.

No pay at the door please.



Saint Mary School System
Paducah, Kentucky

School Administrator / Director, St. Mary Catholic School System, Paducah

St. Mary Catholic School, a unified PK – 12 systems with an enrollment of 640 students, is accepting applications for the position of School Administrator / Director. We are seeking a dynamic leader who is committed to academic excellence and a strong Catholic identity.

Ideal candidates should be a practicing Catholic, hold a master's degree or higher, possess excellent communication, organizational and interpersonal skills, be a problem-solver, self-starter, and have a strong record of achievement.

Please send cover letter, resume and salary history to: David Culbertson, Search Committee Chairman, St. Mary School System, 55 Barrington Circle, Paducah, KY 42003.

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2010

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patti.bartley@stmarymagd.org

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The 4th annual St. Sebastian/St. Charles Relay For Life Catfish Fishing Tournament is May 15th from 7am to 3pm - in Calhoun on the Green River. Shotgun start. Entry fee: \$50 per boat (2 people); \$25 for each additional person. Contact Jeff Fulkerson for more details 270-314-0694.

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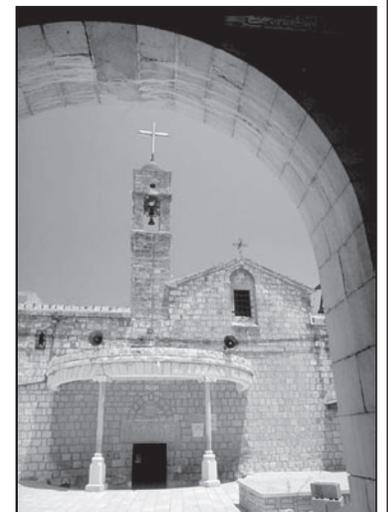
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

November 11-

November 21, 2010.

You are invited to join Fr. Bruce Fogle, Fr. Ben Luther and Fr. Tony Stevenson as Pentecost Tours, Inc. hosts 11 days in the Holy Land where we will visit the sacred sites including the cities of Jerusalem, Nazareth, Jericho, Mt. Carmel, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea and many more.

For further information and a brochure please contact Fr. Tony Stevenson - St. Pius X Church- P.O. Box 495 - Calvert City, Ky. 42029, or <padrefalls@yahoo.com>.



32 Eighteen Ursuline Sisters Celebrate Jubilees at Mount Saint Joseph

Eighteen Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are celebrating jubilees of religious profession this summer.

80 years

Sister Agnes Cecilia Speak is celebrating 80 years of religious life. A native of Irvington, she served as a housekeeper at St. Charles Convent, Bardwell, 1932-33; St. Anthony Convent, Browns Valley, 1937-39;



St. Mary Home, Owensboro, 1950-52; St. William Convent, Knottsville, 1952-53, and Blessed Mother, Owensboro, 1972-95. She also ministered in the Archdiocese of Louisville and in New Mexico. In addition, she served for a time in the dairy and laundry at the Motherhouse in Maple Mount. Since retiring in 1995, she has remained active in prayer ministry. On Oct. 29, Sister Agnes Cecilia will celebrate her 100th birthday.

70 years

Sister Frances Miriam Spalding is celebrating her 70th year of religious life. She taught at St. Joseph and Paul School, Owensboro, 1960-64, and St. Mary Magdalene School, Sorgho, 1980-81, and was principal



at Immaculate School, Owensboro, from 1964-70. She was principal of St. Thomas More School in Paducah from 1970-74, a parish minister at St. William Church in Marion from 1985-96, as well as in Sturgis, Henshaw, and Eddyville, and served in outreach ministry in Benton and Murray from 1996-2003. She was director of transportation at the Ursuline Motherhouse from 1981-85, and head of activities for retired sisters from 2003 until her retirement in 2007. She also ministered in the Archdiocese of Louisville and in Missouri.

Sister Robert Ann Wheatley, a native of Cloverport, is celebrating 70 years. She was in active ministry for over 50 years, primarily in educa-



tion. Sister Robert Ann taught throughout the Diocese of Owensboro, including St. Charles, Bardwell (1948); St. Benedict, Wax (1948-51); St. Paul, Leitchfield (1951-54, 1968-69); St. Lawrence, Daviess County (1959-60); St. Elizabeth, Curdsville (1963-64); St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro (1969, 1981); Precious Blood, Owensboro (1970-71); St. Joseph, Central City (1973-74), and Immaculate, Owensboro (1975-80). She was a tutor at St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho (1985-86). She also taught in Nebraska and New Mexico. Prior to teaching, Sister Robert Ann was a housekeeper for six different convents in Kentucky, including Saint Anthony Convent in Peonia (1942-43) and Browns Valley (1944). Over the years, she also served as a school secretary and a librarian. Since retiring in 1993, she has been active in prayer ministry.

60 years

Sister Marie William Blyth is celebrating 60 years of religious life. She was an Ursuline Sister of Paola, Kan., until the merger of that community with



Mount Saint Joseph in 2008. She ministered at schools or parishes throughout Kansas, and in Oklahoma, and continues to minister to Ursuline Associates since moving to Maple Mount.

Sister Marie Goretti Browning is celebrating her 60th year of religious life. A native of Calvary, she was in active ministry for more than 50 years, including serving as administrative assistant at Brescia College, 1984-85. She was a parish coordinator



for Immaculate, Owensboro, 1985-88; director of faith formation for St. Mary Magdalene, Owensboro, 2004-07, and a pastoral associate for St. John the Baptist, Fordsville, 1999-2000, and St. Thomas More, Paducah, 1995-99. She taught in Missouri and was a teacher and principal in Louisville. Sister Marie Goretti took on several roles at the Motherhouse, including director of novices, 1970-80; assistant superior, 1980-84, and director of Mount

Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, 1988-94. She was director of pastoral care at Saint Joseph Villa through 2009.

Sister Elaine Burke is celebrating her 60th year of religious life. She was supervisor of religious education for the Diocese of Owensboro from 1968-73. From 1973-75, she was director of religious education at St. Stephen Cathedral, and religion teacher at Cathedral School. From 1975-80, she was principal and teacher at Immaculate Conception School, Hawesville, and co-director of religious education at the parish. From 1991-2007, she was associate director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, part of the Spiritual Direction Institute, and spiritual advisor for Cursillo. From 2005-2009, she was coordinator of the spiritual component of the ministry formation program at Brescia University, where she continues as a spiritual presence in the Department of Theology. She has also ministered in the Archdiocese of Louisville, in Nebraska, and New Mexico.



Sister Marie Carol Cecil is celebrating her 60th year of religious life. She was a teacher for 45 years and taught at Blessed Mother School, Owensboro, 1984-88; St. Angela Merici School, Owensboro, 1988-97; St. Romuald School, Hardinsburg, 1964-70, and St. Paul School, Princeton, 1953-55. She also taught in Raywick and Louisville, as well as in Nebraska and Missouri. Sister Marie Carol was an AmeriCorps worker in Owensboro from 1997-2000. Since that time, she has provided clerical assistance and transportation at the Motherhouse in Maple Mount.



Sister Mary Jude Cecil is celebrating 60 years of religious life. A native of Owensboro, she taught at Rosary Chapel School, Paducah,



from 1955-57, and was principal there from 1960-67. She taught at St. Mary High School in Paducah from 1969-74, and again from 1985 to 2007. She taught at Mount Saint Joseph Academy, Maple Mount, from 1967-69. She now serves as an Ursuline presence in the Paducah area. She also ministered in New Haven, in Tennessee, and Nebraska.

Sister Raymond Dieckman is celebrating 60 years of religious life. She was an Ursuline Sister of Paola until the merger of that community with Mount Saint Joseph in 2008. She was a teacher and principal throughout Kansas and in



Oklahoma. She served 22 years in Ursuline leadership, including eight years as superior (1974-82). She retired to Maple Mount in 2009.

Sister Mary Cabrini Foushee is celebrating her 60th year of religious life. She taught for 42 years, also serving as principal for 30 of those years at St. Martin School, Rome, 1964-70; St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley, 1970-75;



St. Paul School, Leitchfield, 1985-94, and in Radcliff. She also taught in Louisville and in Nebraska. A native of Ekron, she was director of religious education for St. Anthony Parish, Axtel, 1994-2004. Since returning to the Motherhouse in 2004, Sister Mary Cabrini has been an information receptionist and a dedicated quilter for the Mount Saint Joseph Quilt Club raffles.

Sister Amanda Rose Mahoney is celebrating her 60th year of religious life. She taught in Owensboro at Sts. Joseph and Paul School, 1952-57, and Blessed Mother School, 1963-67. She also taught at St. Anthony School,



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Peonia, 1967-70, and in Fredericktown, as well as in Glennonville, Mo. A native of Louisville, Sister Amanda Rose ministered for eight years to retired sisters at the St. Ignatius and St. Boniface Retirement Centers, Louisville. She was a health care aide to the sisters at the Motherhouse, Maple Mount, from 1979-80 and 1982-88. She has provided outreach to the elderly in Louisville since 1988.

Sister Alfreda Malone is celebrating 60 years of religious life. She was principal and teacher at Peonia Public School, Clarkson, from 1955-58, and at St. Thomas More School, Paducah, from 1958-64. She was a teacher at St. Pius X School

in Owensboro from 1964-65, was registrar at Brescia College from 1965-68, and again from 1978-90. She was secretary to the Leadership Council at Maple Mount from 1968-76, and ministered in health care at the Mount from 1977-78. She's also ministered in the Archdiocese of Louisville, and in New Mexico. She is currently an information receptionist at the Motherhouse in Maple Mount.

Sister Mary Angela Matthews is celebrating her 60th year of religious life. She was principal of Mount Saint Joseph Academy for girls, Maple Mount, 1978-80, and of St. Martin School, Rome, 1971-74. A native of

Hardinsburg, she returned there to serve as principal of St. Romuald High School, 1974-78. Sister Mary Angela also taught at St. Mary High School, Paducah, 1965-66, and was a parish minister in Calvert City, 1997-2002. She also taught or served as principal in Calvary, Flaherty and in Nebraska. She was a director of religious education for St. Joseph/Holy Spirit parishes, Bowling Green, 1981-85, and for the next 10 years served the same role in parishes in New Mexico. She has been a business office volunteer and postmaster at the Motherhouse, Maple Mount, where she has served as librarian since 2006.

Sister Joan Walz, a native of Hawesville, is celebrating her 60th year of religious life. She was a teacher at St. Paul School, Leitchfield, from 1952-53, and St. Benedict School in Wax, 1953-55. She was principal of Immaculate



Conception High School in Earlinton, 1961-62, and of St. Joseph High School, Mayfield, from 1962-65. She was a teacher at Mount Saint Joseph Academy, 1965-69, and at Trinity High School in Whitesville, 1969-73. She was director of retirement at Maple Mount from 1973-88, and served on the community's Leadership Council from 1980-88, the last four years as assistant superior. She worked as a nurse at Maple Mount from 1993-99. She ministered in outreach at Sacred Heart Parish, Hickman, from 1999-2004. Since 2004, she's served as an apostolic minister and outreach minister at St. Mary of the Woods Parish, McQuady, and St. Anthony Parish, Axtel. She also ministered in Louisville and Nebraska.

50 years

Sister Anne Michelle Mudd is celebrating 50 years of religious life. A native of Peonia, she has been teaching for the past 46 years. She taught at Immaculate School, Owensboro, 1973-75; Mary Carrico School, Knottsville, 1985-97; St. Peter of Antioch School, Waverly, 1970-73, and St. Joseph School, Central City, 1964-67. She also taught in Flaherty and in Nebraska. Sister Anne Michelle taught at St. Paul School, Leitchfield, 1977-85 (serving as principal from 1983-85), and she has continued ministering there as head teacher since 1997.



40 years

Sister Cheryl Clemons is celebrating her 40th year of religious life. She taught at St. Romuald High School in Hardins-



burg from 1973-75, and at Mount Saint Joseph Academy from 1975-79, where she was also liturgist, sacristan, and organist. She taught at Trinity High School in Whitesville from 1980-83. She was an instructor at Brescia College from 1983-85, and a professor at Brescia University from 1995-2004. She was director or co-director of the Office of Social Concerns for the Diocese of Owensboro from 1983-88. She served on the Leadership Council for her community from 1992-97, and again as assistant congregational leader from 2004 to the present. She will become academic dean and vice president for academic affairs at Brescia in July. She has also ministered in Chicago, Dayton, Ohio, and Nebraska.

Sister Kathleen Condry is celebrating her 40th year of religious life. She was the superior of the Ursuline Sisters of Paola, Kan., from 2002 until that community's merger with the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint



Joseph in 2008. She had also served as a member of the Paola Ursulines' leadership council for 12 years. Sister Kathleen taught and ministered as assistant principal and principal for several schools in Kansas. She served as the assistant superintendent for leadership and mission for the

Archdiocesan Education Office, Kansas City, Kan., 1998-2002. She now provides pastoral ministry for the Church of the Nativity in Leawood, Kan.

Sister Pam Mueller, a native of Owensboro, is celebrating her 40th year of religious life. She taught at Precious Blood School, Owensboro, in 1973-74, and was a speech-language pathologist for the Diocese of Owensboro from 1974-79. She



was a professor at Brescia College (now University) from 1981-92, and since 2005, she's been director of campus ministry and the Christian Life Experience Program at Brescia. She was director of vocation ministry at the Ursuline Motherhouse from 2000-2006. She has also ministered in St. Louis.

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Founded at Maple Mount in Daviess County, Ky., in 1874, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph currently minister throughout Kentucky and in Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, and Tennessee; and in Washington, D.C., and Chillán, Chile, South America.



Next Spinning Day is Saturday, May 1

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34 Ordination Class of 1985 To Celebrate Silver Anniversaries This Year

On May 11, 1985 Bishop John J. McRaith ordained Fathers Terry Devine, Danny Goff, Gary Payne, and Gregory Trawick. This year, they celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary of ordination. Father Terry Devine is currently pastor of St. Agnes in Uniontown, and Fr. Greg Trawick is pastor of St. Rose in Cloverport and Holy Guardian Angels in Irvington.

Fr. Danny Goff died on March 5, 1994 after contracting the HIV Virus from blood products. He was involved in parish ministry, taught at Owensboro Catholic High School and was involved in ministry to people with HIV and AIDS.

Fr. Gary Payne has taken a leave of absence from ministry. His work included parish ministry and outreach to people suffering from substance abuse and their families.



Rev. Terry Wayne Devine, ordained May 11, 1985, was given his first assignment by Bishop John McRaith to serve the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro, as Associate Pastor, effective June 5, 1985.

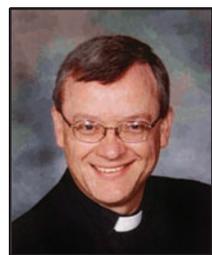
His second assignment was to serve St. Jerome, Fancy Farm, St. Denis, Hickman, and St. Jude, Clinton as Associate Pastor, effective June 10, 1987.

Fr. Terry's first assignment as pastor was at St. Charles, Bardwell, and St. Denis,

Hickman, effective June 13, 1989. Then St. William, Marion, St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis, and St. Ambrose, Henshaw as Pastor, effective, June 14, 1994. Then he was assigned to St. Romuald, Hardinsburg as Pastor, effective June 9, 1998. Next was his assignment to St. Agnes, Uniontown, St. Peter, Waverly, and Sacred Heart, Waverly as Pastor, effective June 11, 2002.

Presently Fr. Terry Devine serves as pastor at St. Agnes, Uniontown, effective June 10, 2008.

Other appointments for Fr. Terry came as Spiritual Advisor to Cursillo of Owensboro, October 30, 1995, and as Dean of the Eastern Deanery 2000-2002.



Fr. Greg is the second of five children born to Andre' and Louise Trawick. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. Following his freshman year of high school, his family moved to Dallas, Tx. where he graduated from Bishop Dunne High School. He attended St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas where he received his B.A.

His family moved to Henderson, Kentucky in 1980. He joined them in the move after completing his university studies. (Currently his brother Andy lives in Minnesota; Armand lives in Florida; Steve lives in Virginia, and his sister lives in Henderson, KY.) He worked for a year

and a half at Evansville Federal Savings and Loan before entering St. Meinrad Seminary in the fall of 1981. He received his Master of Divinity degree in May 1985.

As a Deacon he served with Fr. Jerry Riney at St. Jerome Parish in Fancy Farm. His first assignment as Associate pastor was at Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green with Fr. Tom Clark from June, 1985 to June, 1987. Blessed Mother Parish in Owensboro was his next assignment until June, 1987 where he served with Fr. Charles Fischer. His first assignment as pastor was from June, 1989 until June, 1995 at St. Joseph Parish in Leitchfield and St. John Parish in Sunfish. He next served at Christ the King Parish in Madisonville from June, 1995 to May, 1997. During the summer of 1996, he began his studies in canon law at Catholic University of America. He returned full time to Catholic University in June, 1997 and completed his studies in May, 1998. From May, 1998 until June, 2005, he served as pastor at St. Alphonsus Parish in St. Joseph, and was assigned to the Diocesan Tribunal. In June, 2005 he moved to Cloverport where he presently pastors St. Rose Parish and Holy Guardian Angels in Irvington.

Fr. Greg has been involved in a number of diocesan committees and assignments. He has served as a Dean, Judicial Vicar, a member of the Priests' Council, and the Committee for Ongoing Formation

of Priests. Through his friend Fr. Danny Goff, he worked with people who were HIV positive and those with AIDS. Under the guidance of Fr. Pat Reynolds, he put together the current Owensboro Diocesan Tribunal Manual which is used for people seeking Declarations of Invalidity (Annulments). He was also instrumental in setting up the diocesan response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and the Essential Norms. Fr. Greg has given presentations on Declarations of Invalidity/Annulments, the Rights of the Faithful to Receive the Sacraments, and an Introduction to Canon Law for those living the Religious Life as well as other workshops. He has been and is a member of local Ecumenical Councils and is a member of the Canon Law Society of America.

Holy Guardian Angels Church, Irvington, and St. Rose Church, Cloverport, will celebrate the 25th anniversary of ordination of Father Greg Trawick on Sunday, May 23, 2010 at Holy Guardian Angels Church, 301 West High Street, Irvington, Ky. Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. EDT (10:00 a.m. CDT), and a dinner will follow at Holy Spirit Parish Hall. Everyone is invited.

Senior Plans

At right, Trinity High School senior Mallory Aud, left, and Owensboro Catholic High School senior Meghan Sims, are Health Services students at OCTC, learning to become a certified nursing assistant, were studying on April 15 for their state board examinations in May. Bev Howard photo



Play It Smart; Don't Gamble

At left, are shown Owensboro Catholic High School SCRUBS officers and members who worked on prom activities this year. The banner was a theme for the week to go along with the 2010 prom theme: front row from left to right: OCHS students Luke Robertson, Tyler Grant, Haley Minton, Amber Thomas, Kathryn Hyland, Jenna Riney, Kelsey Cash, Erica Butts, Michael Decker (helped with the banner), Lina Jiang (helped with the banner), Kathryn Dueker; back row from right to left: Jacob Linn, Sam Rasp, Trent Ackermann, Hannah Minton, and Kaley Robertson. Bev Howard Photo

The Day Our American Dream Died

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A retelling of a true story by Patti Gutiérrez, Justice for Immigrants Campaign Coordinator, Catholic Charities of Owensboro

"It was a morning like any other. The alarm went off at 4:30am, I hit snooze a couple times and then reluctantly climbed out of bed trying not to wake my three year old daughter. My wife stirred, squinted, looked at the clock and rolled out of bed to start the coffee. The sun had not yet risen, so the house was dark as I started getting ready for work. I thanked God for another day, for my health, for my beautiful wife and daughter and for my two faithful sisters who had moved in with my little family to help out and keep us company. The four of us together had truly been blessed by God and with a lot of hard work had been able to save up to buy a small house in a small town and over the years have fixed it up little by little. We were even able to send some money back to our mother to help pay off some of her debt.

"I could smell the eggs my wife was frying and heard my sisters taking their showers across the house. I wondered if they remembered there was choir practice that night at church and made a mental note to remind them. I again thanked God for our parish community which has been such a vital and central element in our lives in this foreign land. In our home town in Mexico we rarely attended Mass, but here it seems that we cling to our faith so much more strongly and have come to truly appreciate our Catholic heritage. We have learned more about our faith than I had ever imagined we would and through our leadership in the parish have had the chance to serve the community and minister to the more recent immigrants as they searched for their own church home.

"As we all sat down in the kitchen for breakfast my sleep-eyed daughter came out of the bedroom ready for her daily dose of Froot Loops. I laughed imagining my mother's reaction to her granddaughter already at three years old so accustomed to "American" food. She already chastises me for the way my daughter mixes her English and Spanish when we call home on Sunday afternoons. Sometimes I have to remind myself that my daughter was born here and will inevitably be a mix of our Mexican heritage and her own homeland of rural western Kentucky. Although I wish my mom could be a stronger influence on my daughter, I also know that my hometown is no longer a safe place to raise a family.



A group of participants from the Owensboro Diocese participated in the "March for America: Change takes Courage and Faith" in Washington D.C. on March 21. At far left, Sister Fran Wilhelm, OSU, Director of Centro Latino and at far right, the author, Patti Gutiérrez, local coordinator of the Justice for Immigrants Campaign. Photo by Tami Schneider.

My siblings are always telling me of the violence caused by the drug traffickers and I thank God for this little piece of land in a quiet town where my daughter feels safe enough to run and play in our yard.

"My wife went to the living room with my daughter to turn on the morning cartoons when we all heard someone banging on the front door. Who could be knocking at such an early hour? Is there an emergency with my brothers-in-law in the next town over? We could certainly sense the urgency of the knocking. My older sister pulled back the curtain, quickly pulled back her hand and turned to us with a sense of shock clearly on her face as she described the scene outside our window. There were almost a dozen cars – local police, sheriff department vehicles and even a couple unmarked cars. There were police officers surrounding the house and the person banging on our door was not a concerned relative but rather a uniformed man with ICE POLICE on his jacket.

"I couldn't believe it. Surely there had been a mistake. My family hadn't committed any violent crimes. We were not armed and dangerous. Could all of this ruckus really be about something we had done? I opened the door and the entire entourage barged into my living room guns in hand. I was dumbfounded. My head was spinning as I was finally able

to answer yes, I was in fact the man whose name appeared on the arrest warrant the official had and I had in fact been served a voluntary deportation order from an immigration judge. As I tried to explain I was handcuffed and brought down to the driveway and placed in a police car.

"Alone in the dark car my mind drifted back to that fateful day when the judge had told my wife and I that we were to pack our things and leave the country within 90 days. We were shocked. We had been assured that we qualified for asylum and thought this court visit was just a formality – part of the complicated immigration system we had tried so hard to understand. When we had come three years earlier we were so desperate for a work permit we were willing to pay whatever it took to go through the paperwork and jump all the hoops. We had just learned that we were pregnant with our first child and were looking forward to building our life in a safe, peaceful town. How could we go back and raise our daughter among drug war violence? How would we ever make ends meet and make a home in a place practically void of opportunity? That's when we made the difficult decision to stay. We knew it was a risk, but we felt we had no choice.

"I was jolted back to reality as the immigration official and police officers filed out of my house...alone...where was



Fr. Victor Subb, GHM, stands up for change at the Immigration Reform Rally in Washington D.C. Photo by Jason Muhlenkamp.

the rest of my family? What was going to happen to them? It was the next day that I was finally able to communicate with them and find out what had happened. My wife and daughter were allowed to stay in the house but were summoned to immigration court in Louisville. I was detained, moved several times then deported back to Mexico. My wife was given a voluntary departure order and had to return to immigration court each week and in four weeks she had bought their plane tickets, sold whatever she could, packed what they could carry and she and my daughter boarded a plane back to Mexico.

"Our American dream had died."

This is a true story of a family in our Diocese. It is played out over and over again all over our Diocese, our state and our country. The details may change but the underlying story remains the same. The American dream is dying for so many immigrant families. Our neighbors, our fellow parishioners, members of our one family under God, are suffering the effects of a broken immigration system and international policies and realities outside of their control. This is why I traveled to Washington, DC with my husband and six month old son, to join in solidarity with my immigrant brothers and sisters and to share their stories with those that have the power to change the ending. Will you join me by adding your voice to the Justice for Immigrants Campaign in support of a just and comprehensive reform of our immigration system? Go to www.justiceforimmigrants.org to find out how.

As long as we remain silent the stories continue...

Classes on schedule at Casa Ursulina

Through more than 120 aftershocks and a nationwide blackout, Casa Ursulina in Chile continues to help people in need and to register women for classes. Donations received in response to Sister Ruth Gehres' and Sister Mimi Ballard's appeal after the Feb. 27 8.8-magnitude earthquake that struck Chile last month totaled \$12,385 on April 6. Sister Ruth and Mimi purchased baskets of supplies, such as rice, pasta, powdered milk, and diapers, at a wholesale food store to share with the many people who are coming to them for help. They have also donated school supplies to students at a rural school in Talhuan that was demolished by the earthquake. (Classes for the students were moved into a nearby community center). A power outage on March 13 left most of Chile in darkness for about two hours. Reports said that the earthquake caused weaknesses in the power system, and it is likely that there will be more blackouts. The sisters are making sure to have flashlights, candles, and their battery-powered radio handy. The structure of Casa Ursulina is holding together well, and the construction on the new addition continues to move along smoothly. Classes began on March 22 although construction is not completely finished.



Sister Ruth Gehres, OSU, stops for a photo with Scarlet, a daughter of one of the women who registered for classes. After the orientation, Scarlet helped Sister Ruth stack chairs and plastic stools. MSJ Photo

Below: Sister Mimi registered a lot of new people for classes on Monday, March 15, in Chillan, Chile. MSJ Photo



Cardinal: Church sides with victims, sex crimes must be condemned

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The Catholic Church is determined not to hide or minimize the "horrible" crime of the sexual abuse of minors by priests, said the head of the Vatican Congregation for Clergy. Cardinal Claudio Hummes said members of church "are on the side of the victims and want to support their recovery and their offended rights." The cardinal's comments came in a letter preparing for the conclusion of the Year for Priests, which ends June 11. The letter was published April 12 on the congregation's Year for Priests Web site. Even though a proportionately small number of Catholic priests are guilty of abuse, these "horrible and most serious crimes" must be condemned and admonished "in an absolute and uncompromising manner," wrote Cardinal Hummes. "Those individuals must answer for their actions before God and before tribunals, including the civil courts," he wrote. Yet people also should pray that those guilty of abuse "achieve spiritual conversion and receive pardon from God," the letter said. "The church, for her part, is determined neither to hide nor to minimize such crimes," it said.

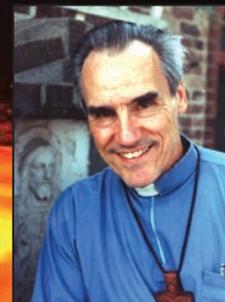


Sister Mimi Ballard, OSU, (standing), an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, led the orientation for all enrolled in classes/workshops this year at Casa Ursulina in Chile on March 15. The orientation was held outside due to the remodeling and construction taking place inside the house. MSJ Photo

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By Edie Keeney

The Paducah Area Faith Formation high and middle school students from McCracken, Marshall, Graves counties and Paducah city schools participated in Holy Hour Wednesday March 24th in the St. Mary High School Chapel. The students spent some time before the service in the classroom to talk about the tradition of The Holy Hour and that it provides an opportunity to spend time with Jesus and share themselves with Him. There were approximately 75 students and their families that attended the Holy Hour.

As the participants entered the Chapel each was given a Rosary and a program for the service. The program began with a Processional Hymn that was sung before the opening prayer. The students read the readings for the Liturgy of the Word. In his homily, Father Buckman explained the tradition of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance as he placed it on the altar. He invited the students to place themselves in the presence of Jesus. To talk to Him as they would with their best friend, to share themselves, to ask for forgiveness for sins and faults, to tell Him of their needs, and to ask for a greater love

of Him and of others. He also explained it is good to just quietly and reverently spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. Several of the high school students led the praying of the sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary followed by a time of quiet for private reflection and prayer. The service ended with Benediction and a recessional hymn.

The following Wednesday the students met again for the weekly Faith Formation Class. Several students shared their thoughts about the Holy Hour. How they appreciated a quiet time to build relationship with Jesus, how they loved saying the Rosary, and they realized that the Holy Hour was something they want to do again next year. For some students it was the first time they had prayed the Rosary. Some mentioned how pleased they were to see so many of the parents and families there, they talked about the beauty of the service, the atmosphere, Father's vestments, the Monstrance and that the Holy Hour was very inspiring. One of the high school catechists, commended, "I was extremely pleased with the turn out of the students and all those families last week for the Holy Hour. When we hear such comments



from the students and see the benefits of our labors and it inspires us to continue to teach the Word of God. We are so grateful to Father Buckman, he brought the beauty of the Holy Hour to life for the students."

Father Buckman commented, "Not everyone gets to go to a Catholic school. We have a responsibility to pass on the faith. We are blessed in this area to have such dedicated catechists, Director and Assistant Director of our Faith Formation program.

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38 Amazing Things Happening at Gasper River Youth Camp & Retreat Center

By Ben Warrell

GASPER RIVER YOUTH CAMP & RETREAT CENTER - It has been an amazing couple of months as we lead up to summer camp! We hosted a work group from Quincy University, a Franciscan school in Southern Illinois, during their spring break. Five young men came to camp for the week to help us get ready for summer camp. They created new trails for us, terraced steps at the Zip-line, helped us build new bunk beds, built new steps at the cabins, split fire wood, helped with general maintenance and did it all with a smile and wonderful servant's spirit.

They were here as a part of the "50 States, 50 Service Projects" for Quincy in honor of its 150th anniversary. We are indebted to them for their work and are very grateful for their friendship and prayers.

We also received in the mail the other day a wonderful letter that has inspired all who have read it. It was from three young ladies who attended camp last summer and took on the challenge of putting hope into action.



Brooke Ellegood, Rylee Carrico and Camryn Kennemore



Five young men from Quincy University, a Franciscan school in Southern Illinois, came to camp during their spring break week to help us get ready for summer camp. GRYC&RC Photos

Wii helps 91-year-old recover from surgery

By Tara Miller

PADUCAH, Ky. - Since Dottie Toy's occupational therapy sessions have incorporated the new Nintendo Wii unit purchased by Lourdes Foundation for patients in the Transitional Care Unit, she has emerged as a bowling superstar.



The Lourdes Hospital staff refer to her as "One-Pin Dottie." Submitted Photo

Dottie, 91 of Paducah, is receiving rehabilitation therapy at Lourdes after a fall fractured her hip, leading to hip replacement surgery. The Wii Bowling video game has recently been incorporated into her therapy exercises.

"The Wii motivates me to be more active," explains Toy. "I love the challenge of trying for a higher score. I can't wait until it's time to play again!"

The Foundation recently purchased the interactive gaming system as part of its continued effort to advance patient care at Lourdes.

"We are using the Wii as a tool to increase Dottie's upper extremity and weight-bearing strength and for balance," said Les Quertermous, certified occupational therapy assistant. "Our patients are positively responding to therapy that is fun and recreational."

Dottie boasts a high score of 220 and intends to teach the other TCU patients how to play the popular interactive game.

"I got hooked on Wii here at Lourdes," says Dottie. "It's wonderful! It couldn't have made me any happier to have the Wii as part of my therapy."

Dear Gasper Staff,

Last year at Expedition Camp you gave us an assignment; this was to do a good deed for someone else. So, we decided to do something for you and the camp. We sold bracelets that Amy taught us how to make. We sold them to our Parish Community (St. Jerome). We had a VERY good turnout! We sold very many bracelets and we hope this money will be put to good use for Gasper River! See ya'll this summer, we can't wait!

LOVE, BROOKE ELLEGOOD, RYLEE CARRICO AND CAMRYN KENNEMORE

I shared this letter with all the summer staff and they were all touched that these young ladies did this for others. It's our goal to have kids come to camp, learn about their faith and then take it back to their families, schools and communities. It's working! What a wonderful display of faith and hope in action! The money they donated to camp will go toward Camper Scholarships to help other young people come to camp.

Registrations are still coming in and there are still open spaces for all our camps this summer. Come experience God in His setting, grow in your faith, try new things and have the time of your life at camp this summer. For more information, please contact our office at 270-781-2466 or visit our website, www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org for everything you'll need for camp! Have a blessed Easter Season and we can't wait to see you this summer!

Visit The Holy Land:

Come with us on an 11 day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, November 11th - November 21st, where we will visit the sites and shrines at Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Jericho, Cana, Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

Spend time at the birth and burial places of John the Baptist and Jesus; the Garden of Gethsemane, Capernaum, the Dead Sea, Masada, towns along the Jordan River and the Sea of Galilee; the hometowns of Mary and her cousin, Elizabeth.



Fr. Ben Luther

Travel arrangements by Pentecost Tours, Inc; co-hosted by Fr. Ben Luther, Fr. Bruce Fogle and Fr. Tony Stevenson.

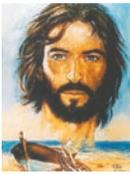


Fr Bruce Fogle

For more information contact Fr. Tony at 777 East 5th Avenue - Calvert City, Kentucky 42029 or at padrefalls@yahoo.com



Fr Tony Stevenson



Vocation

Commit yourselves with every spiritual energy, to realize the heavenly Father's plan of salvation, cultivating in your heart the ability to be astonished and to adore Him.

USCCB Launches ForYourVocation.org April 25th

Prayer for Vocations

Lord, through Your Holy Spirit, we ask for Your blessing as we pray for vocations. Inspire many men and women to hear Your call to serve God and the Church as priests, deacons, vowed religious and lay ministers. Give them courage, renew their faith and inspire them with confidence to answer Your call. We ask this through Jesus' name. Amen.

My dear friends in Christ,

As we approach the World Day of Prayer for Vocations on April 25th, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, the Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations would like to invite you to help us prepare for the launch of a new website for vocations: www.ForYourVocation.org. This site, which will be up and running on April 25th, is a new USCCB resource for men considering a vocation to priesthood, women and men considering the call to religious life, parents, teachers, youth ministers, and vocation directors.

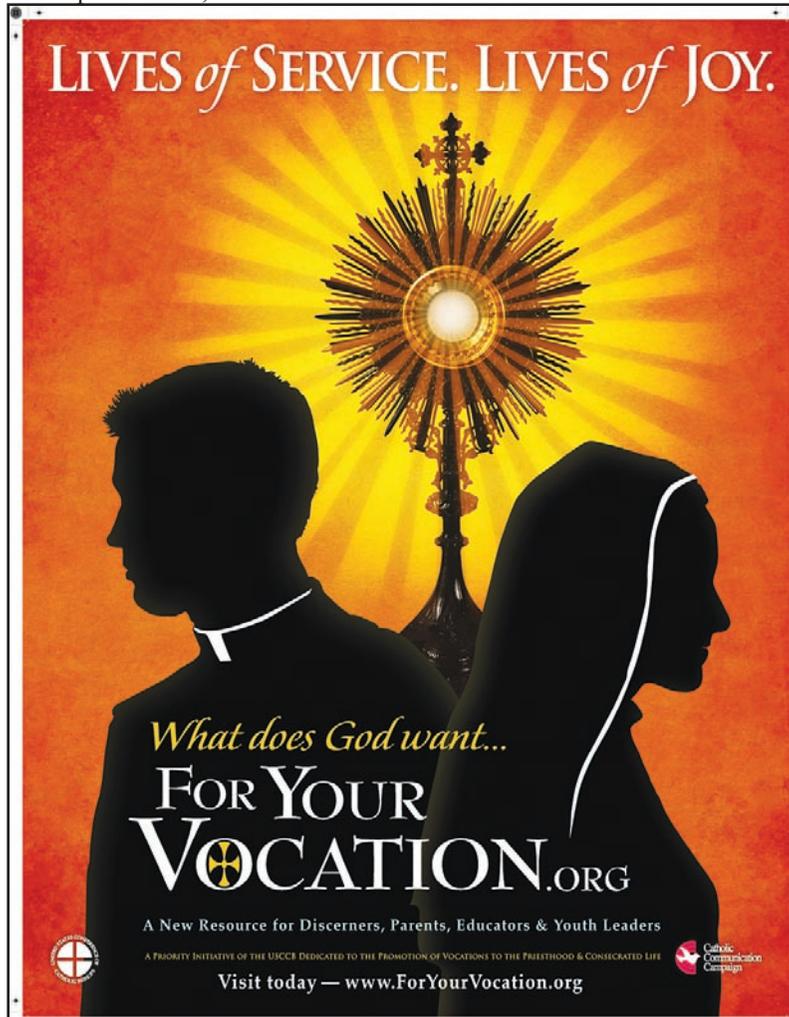
It is our hope that the poster you have received will be used at your parish or school to highlight the gift of vocations and raise awareness regarding the new website. Pope Benedict XVI's message for Good Shepherd Sunday is entitled "Witness Awakens Vocations." This theme is depicted in the poster as the priest and consecrated woman are being sent forth from the Eucharist to joyfully serve the Lord. We have purposefully used silhouettes in the poster, to represent any and all priests, brothers, religious sisters, and consecrated women. It is our prayer that the mystery and witness of vocations to priesthood and religious life will prompt our young people to consider the question: "What does God want *For Your Vocation*?" Please know of the gratitude of the bishops of the United States for your support in promoting vocations and witnessing the presence of the Lord through your important work.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap.
Archbishop of Boston, Chairman

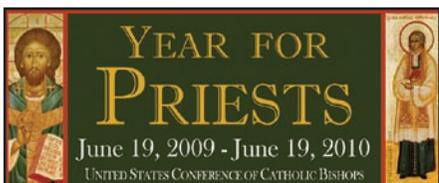
Mark your calendars for the Priestly Ordination of Deacons Brandon Williams, Steve Hohman and Uwem Enoh May 29, 2010 at St. Stephen Cathedral.



Diocesan seminarian, Jared Kaelin, is taking part in a study abroad program through the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. He is studying in Rome this semester as part of a well-rounded education. Here he is shown above on a side trip to Florence, Italy. Photo submitted by Jared Kaelin.



Deacon Brandon Williams, helps the Catechists and Catechumens light their candles as they prepare to participate in the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil at Sts. Joseph and Paul Church. Photo submitted by Lavidia Mischel.



40 It's Sophia Award Nomination Time Again!

Since the fall of 1999 the Diocese, through Office of Wisdom, has had a special annual mass and award celebration honoring the senior citizens of the diocese. The celebration is known as the Sophia Award presentation and celebration.

The idea of having this special mass came through the evaluations from the Spring Day of Wisdom and bus trips. All stated a want for a special mass for senior citizens. The Diocesan Committee for Aging got together and came up with a special day in the fall to celebrate the senior citizens. An award was also introduced at that time and Fr. Joe Mills aptly named it, the Sophia Award, which means wisdom in Greek. The trophy was selected and has remained the same since the first 42 were purchased by private donation in 1999.

After a brainstorming session the Committee for Aging came up with the following criteria to nominate a person or a couple for the Sophia Award:

- The nominee must be 65 years of age or older.
- The nominee can be single, divorced, widowed, a priest or religious; married people can be nominated as couple or singularly.
- The nominee should be an outstanding example of their Catholic faith whether they are involved in (one or all) parish, community spiritual or family life.
- The nominee can be a home bound person which is still active through prayer life, phone outreach, etc.
- The nominee can be nominated based on past outstanding contributions.
- A person can be nominated posthumously.

Any person, young or old, can nominate someone for the Sophia Award. The



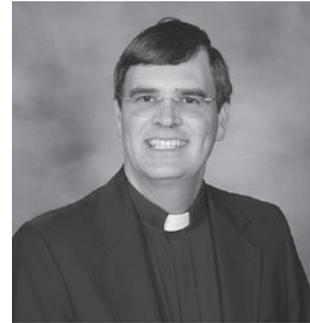
deadline for nominations is July 15, 2010. When all the nominations are received they will be counted and the winner will be notified, and then the parish will be notified. Please send your nomination along with some information to: Ginny Knight-Simon, 600 Locust St. Owensboro, KY 42301 or E-Mail: ginny.knight-simon@pastoral.org

I encourage your nominations as this day is meant to honor you and your contributions to the Church, your family and community. All families and friends are invited to come join the celebration. There will be a reception immediately following.

The Sophia Awards Mass Celebration will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 511 Second Street, Henderson, Kentucky, on Sunday September 26, 2010 at 2:30 in the afternoon. At that time the Most Reverend Bishop William Francis Medley will present each individual winning nominee a trophy.

If you have questions please contact Ginny Knight-Simon at 270.683.1545.

Catholic Ecumenism



By Fr. Tony Bickett, Ecumenical Officer

I have been Catholic all my life. Both of my parents were Catholic as well as all of my grandparents. My first ecumenical experience happened in 1970 when I was in the eighth grade at St. Ann

School in Morganfield. The associate priest at the time took my class on a field trip three blocks away to visit the United Methodist Church. This experience marked the beginning of my interest in learning about other Christians. What surprised me most was what we had in common. When we look closely at our two churches we come to see that we are much more alike than we are different.

Last Fall I was invited to preach one evening of a revival held at a United Methodist Church in Breckinridge County. I have attended several revivals and preached in various Protestant churches before but this was the first time I was invited to preach at a revival. This experience is just one of many signs of the progress we have made in ecumenism.

In the letter to the Ephesians Saint Paul tells us that there is one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all. We are indeed brothers and sisters in Christ and we need to act more as a family than as rivals. St. Paul urges Christians to strive for unity. The idea of all Christians being one with Christ is so central for St. Paul that this theme occurs some twenty times in this letter alone. We form one body in Christ.

At the Last Supper Jesus prayed that his disciples would all be one. Christians, by their very vocation, are called to foster unity with each other. One reason Pope John XXIII called the Second Vatican Council was to address our disunity as Christians. The Council reminds us that Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only. The Council stressed the scandal divided Christianity is for non-Christians in the world. Over these years we have not solved all of our differences but we have made much progress through prayer, dialogue and cooperation. All of us must continue to do our part to heal the divisions that remain in the Body of Christ.

The biggest change that has taken place in the ecumenical movement is the way we look at one another. For nearly 400 years Christians paid more attention to how we were different.

It is easy to see how we have been and sometimes

continue to be different. Most Protestants pad their pews while Catholics pad their kneelers. Protestants studied their Bibles while Catholics studied their Catechism. Protestants emphasized the important of preaching and placed the pulpits in the center of the sanctuary. Catholics emphasized Holy Communion and placed the altar in the center. Protestants had Sunday schools and we had Catholic schools. Protestants take up the collection before the sermon and Catholics take up the collection after the sermon or homily.

After Vatican II Christians began to emphasize more of what we share in common. All of our churches have outreach programs to the poor and to the un-churched. Many Protestant churches today observe the liturgical year. Several Protestant churches use a common Lectionary which contains the same scripture passages we use week after week. Some Protestant churches today even use an Advent wreath.

Our mission is the same because our mission is Christ's mission. So as we go forward in our ecumenical journey let us pray that the Holy Spirit, the source of the Church's unity, will lead us to that day when the full visible unity of the Church will once again be realized.

"Father, may they all be one"

- John 17:20

Summer Camps For Girls



Summer Camps For Girls, an experience of God and nature and friends.

Make plans now for Camp Marian, Summer Camps filled with fun, food, fire and friends. The Camp for girls who are currently in 5-6th grade is June 7-9 and the Camp for girls who are currently in 7-8th grade is June 10-12. Camps take place by Lake Marian at our Benedictine Monastery in Ferdinand, Indiana. Call Sister Agnes Marie at 812-367-1411, ex. 2831, or email vocation@thedome.org. Cost: \$40. Deposit: \$10. Camps are limited to 44 campers. Register online at www.thedome.org.

From the Diocesan Office of Wisdom

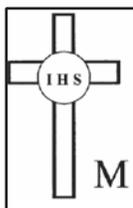
Spring Day of Wisdom

will be on May 20, 2010 at the Catholic Pastoral Center 600 Locust St. Owensboro. The cost for the day \$6.00. Preregister by sending check made to the Diocese of Owensboro to above address.

Deadline for reservations is May 18, 2010. Call Ginny Knight-Simon at 270.683.1545 to register or for more information.

Mother's Day Novena

A Symbol of Love for All our Mothers



Living and Deceased

Let Us Pray for your Mother.

The Diocesan Shrine, Mary, Mother of the Church and Model of all Christians invites you to enroll you Mother and other loved one in our Solemn Novena to all Mothers. Beginning on Sunday, May 11th, all those enrolled will share nine days of remembrance

at the Holy Mass, and in prayers offered at our Marian Shrine. Your petitions will be placed at the foot of the statue of our Mother, Mary, during the Solemn Novena with a "Bouquet" of sentiments as hundreds of carnations will be used as a backdrop for our Mother's Day Novena. Each carnation represents a mother, living (red carnation) or deceased (white carnation). This flower at the Shrine will become a symbol of love, gratitude and joy that our mothers have brought into our lives.



Prayer for Mother's Day Novena

Loving Mother of the Redeemer, Gate of Heaven, Star of the Sea, assist your people who have fallen, as we strive to rise again. To the wonderment of nature you bore your Creator, yet remained a virgin after as before. You who received Gabriel's joyful greeting, have pity on us poor sinners.

Mother of the Redeemer hold close to your heart all our mothers, living and deceased. Protect, bless and lead them to the joys of heaven now and forever. AMEN.

To have a carnation placed in the Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church/Model of All Christians, please send the name along with the coupon below and a donation of \$10.00 for each name. So that with each name a carnation will be placed near the statue of Our Blessed Mother along with your \$10.00 offering.

Clip and send the coupon below.

Dear Shrine Committee,

Enclosed is my donation. Please have _____ CARNATION(S) placed at the Diocesan Shrine. Mary, Mother of the Church/Model of All Christians, for the Mother's Day Novena, May 9-17, 2010. Please have the following person (s) remember during the Mother's Day Novena:

Please indicate if the person(s) is/are living or deceased.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Donor's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Send this remembrance and donation to: Marian Shrine, c/o Jean Fulkerson, 526 E. 13th Ave., Bowling Green, KY 42101-2639

The Vocation Of Motherhood

By Sr. Margaret Mary Lavonis

[mlavonis@cscsisters.org]

May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Besides honoring Mary in May, we also single out and thank our own mothers on Mothers Day. It might be a good time to reflect on what it means to be a mother.

First of all, the biological conceiving and birthing of a child doesn't automatically make a woman a mother in the true sense of the word. Most of us have read or heard stories of women who give physical birth to children, only to neglect or abandon them.

Like our Blessed Mother Mary, a mother is someone who says yes to the call to raise her children in love. The primary role or vocation of a mother is to nurture and protect her children. She helps to form their values and is a major influence on their emotional and spiritual development. The instruction in the rite of baptism tells parents that they are the first and primary educators of their children in the faith. Being a parent, a mother, is an enormous gift and responsibility.

When I was growing up I remember my mother being very involved in our parish. She belonged to the Sodality and the Altar and Rosary Society. She did everything from washing altar linens to becoming a Eucharistic minister, when the laity began distributing Communion. Even into her late 70s she still brought Communion to patients in the hospital. She often went to daily Mass and took us to special services like novenas. There is no doubt in my mind that her devotion and dedication was a great influence on my formation in the faith and ultimately my becoming a Sister of the Holy Cross.

Another attribute of motherhood is their lifetime concern for their children. Even though a component of motherhood is letting go of their grown children, mothers never cease to love and support them in good times and in bad,

Sometimes a mother can do everything right and a child may not respond well. There are families who have one child with problems and another who has enter religious life, yet both were brought up the same way. Children can cause much sorrow and discouragement, but parents, especially mothers, continue to bestow faithful love. Consider Saint Monica who prayed many years for the conversion of her wayward son who eventually became Saint Augustine and a doctor of the Church.

And there are those who are spiritual mothers. They may not give physical birth to children but serve as important mentors. These are often those who step in when a mother dies or is ill, or they can be women who befriend children who lack mothering in their own families.

Often we take our mothers for granted and neglect to show them our gratitude. It is important to show our thanks every day not just once a year. The vocation of motherhood is not always easy and often mothers make great sacrifices for their



Statue of St. Mary holding her Son, Jesus, at St. Mary of the Woods Church, Whitesville, Ky. WKC file photo

children. Flowers and candy are nice, but most mothers would just like a thank you once in awhile throughout the year. There are many ways to show our appreciation.

And if you never knew your mother or she is deceased, remember that Mary is also your mother and loves you very much.



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The Holy Father's message for World Communications Day is found online at http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/communications/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20090124_43rd-world-communications-day_en.html.

42 Evangelization

A simple way to witness

Fourth in a series by Carol Hulsey

Evangelizing is exciting business. I find it irresistible because it smacks of a love, full-blown, waiting to be unleashed. I love it because it is the Holy Spirit showering the fire of a New Pentecost over the land. Like the first Pentecost, a few disciples, fresh with the dew of new grace, rush out proclaiming something important and missing in the world that transforms the world.

We all have been given some charisma that we might obey the command to go out and make disciples of all nations. Our gifts and personality are our first clues as to how God wants us to spread his message of love and forgiveness. Most of us feel comfortable with the idea that we must try to witness our Christian faith with our lives. But talking about our faith! This kind of witnessing is scary and without practice, may be awkward.

Johnnette Benkovic provides a straightforward method of witnessing in her book Full of Grace. Stated simply the formula is: I was. God did; I am. Dr. Mark Ginter a professor at St. Meinrad School of Theology recommends that we should just write out our story, making sure it runs no longer than two or three minutes when read aloud. Once we have been able to gather our thoughts and write down our experience, we are better able to share our story when the opportunity presents itself. That doesn't seem too hard.

Let's give it a try. I was out of the Church and struggling mightily, albeit ineffectually to make a comeback. I tried one parish after another for a year or so. I must have looked needy or desperate or else my invisibility cloak was clinging about me, as no one spoke to me or acknowledged my existence. Then suddenly, happy day, my cloak dropped for a minute, and Fr. Pete Hughes saw my husband and me. But apparently we were only visible to him.

Pope's trip to Portugal will take him to Fatima, two other cities

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- On his first visit to Portugal, Pope Benedict XVI will meet with political leaders and celebrate Masses in three cities, including the Marian shrine in Fatima. The May 11-14 trip will mark the 10th anniversary of the beatification of Blessed Francisco and Jacinta Marto, two of the shepherd children who saw Our Lady of Fatima in 1917. The pope arrives in the Portuguese capital of Lisbon, where he meets with civil authorities and celebrates an outdoor Mass in the evening. He travels to Fatima May 12 for a series of encounters with bishops, priests, religious and the other pastoral workers and a Mass at the shrine the next day. On the last day of his trip, the pope will celebrate Mass during a six-hour stop in the city of Porto.

Pope Benedict XVI arriving at Catholic University of America April 17, 2008. CNS file photo



My husband was not Catholic at the time, and his attendance was more sporadic than mine. Although I was not attending Mass regularly, I signed up for the first Renew held in the mid '80s, but I didn't have the strength to go. After all, I had no faith to share. Enter Darrell and Ladonna French. What a couple! These people just didn't know how to take no for an answer.

When I missed the first week, I received a call from the group leader wanting an explanation. The night of the next meeting Ladonna called, "I hope you are coming to the meeting. We missed you last week."

"Well, no, actually I am pretty tired," I said, "but thanks for calling."

Ladonna is friendly, and not the least bit timid. "Darrel and I are picking you up in fifteen minutes. See you then." And she actually hung up. Now I could have ignored the doorbell, pretending I went to bed, or maybe just told her to buzz off, but that would have been ugly. So I ended up going. The exact same thing happened for the next two weeks, but after that, I was hooked. I found a group to support my faith life during my reentrance to the Church.

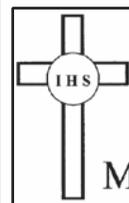
I credit Darrell and Ladonna for my coming back into the Church, but, of course, it was not just them, but the whole RENEW group that brought me back to knowing and accepting the love God had for me. Joy, mercy, and peace reentered my life when I received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and returned to Jesus in the Eucharist. And the blessings have just multiplied since that time.

I was miserable and invisible, God intervened in my life through the efforts of some wonderful people; now, I know that I am loved by a great and wonderful Good Shepherd who stayed faithful to his lost little lamb.

If you have a conversion story, send it along to the WKC (email: Mel.Howard@pastoral.org).

I would love to read it!

Father's Day Novena A Symbol of Love For All Our Fathers Living And Deceased



In June, we honor our spiritual Father Saint Joseph and our earthly Fathers at our Diocesan Shrine, Mary Mother of the Church/Model of All Christians at Saint Joseph Church in Bowling Green, Ky. with a bouquet of sentiments as hundreds



of carnations will be used as a backdrop for our Father's Day Novena. Each carnation represents a Father, living (red carnation) or deceased (white carnation). This flower at the Shrine will become a symbol of the love, gratitude, and joy that our Fathers have brought into our lives.

During the Novena, June 20-29, 2010, prayers will be said each day at the Shrine. Throughout the Novena, names of all the Fathers will be read out loud in the Shrine.

Prayer For Father's Day Novena

Saint Joseph, Guardian of Jesus and chaste spouse of Mary, you passed your life in perfect fulfillment of duty. You supported the Holy Family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect our Fathers who trustingly turn to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes; and our Fathers turn to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You, too, have known trial, labor, and weariness. But, even amid the worries of material life, your soul was filled with deep peace and sang out in pure joy through intimacy with the Son of God entrusted to you and with Mary, His tender Mother.

Teach our Fathers that they do not labor alone. Teach them how to find Jesus near them, to greet Him with grace, and to guard him faithfully, as you have done.

Grant this in every family, in every factory and place of work. - wherever a Christian labors - all may grow in charity, patience, justice, and in seeking to do the right, so that a flood of gifts may descend from heaven. AMEN.

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Please indicate if the person(s) is/are living or dead.

Name _____ Name _____
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Send this remembrance and donation to: Marian Shrine,
c/o Jean Fulkerson, 526 East 13th Street, Bowling Green, Ky.
42101-2639

OWENSBORO, Ky. The phone call about 10:20 a.m. April 10, 2010 was from Father Carl McCarthy, pastor of Saints Joseph and Paul Catholic Church in Owensboro. Fr. Carl had called Jane Brand of Philpot to tell her that she had won a new \$150,000 home in an Owensboro subdivision which Owensboro Catholic Schools and SS. Joseph and Paul church offered in a fund raiser raffle through most of the winter of 2010.

Just about everyone in the packed house of St. Joseph and Paul Parish Center had hoped they would win, even Father Carl who said he had plans for the house already. They all heard Jane gasp and then blurt out, "Oh my God!" over the speaker phone. An immediate cheer and applause went out to Jane and her family; she heard it, was quiet a moment as Father Carl kept speaking with her on the line. Then she told the crowd that she'd never won anything like this in her life, and all felt that this was right, the home was going to a good winner.

Jane Brand bought a raffle ticket for the Jagoe home back in January after seeing it



Bishop William Medley holds the winning ticket which belonged to the house winner, Jane Brand of Philpot, on April 10, 2010 at SS. Joseph and Paul Parish Hall. "Oh my God!" she said over a cell phone on speaker. The funds raised from the raffle will benefit Owensboro Catholic Schools and SS. Joseph and Paul Church. Tami Schneider photo

in an OCS letter. The Brand family has a

son, Caleb, who is a freshman at OCHS. Mrs. Brand is a parishioner at SS. Joseph and Paul, and was married there.

She told Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer reporter Steve Vied that she "... didn't recognize the number (on her Caller ID), but I do know Father Carl. I'm sure I sounded like an idiot. I hollered at my husband. I had to sit down." She added, "I'm not moving out of my house, so it (her newly won house) will probably be sold," she said.

Keith Osborne, Marketing Director for the Owensboro Catholic School system, said 2,889 tickets of 3,000 available for \$100 each were sold for the home raffle. The school system and SS. Joseph and Paul Church will split about \$200,000, he said. Bill Jagoe had explained to the crowd that almost everything in the home was donated. Osborne said the school system and parish were pleased with the response to the raffle, and that about 1,300 tickets were sold in the final few weeks before the drawing.

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER
CALENDAR OF EVENTS MAY - AUGUST 2010
"GIVE PEACE, QUIET, AND PRAYER A CHANCE"

May

- 1 Yarn Spinners (open to all)
- 7-8 Hispanic Youth Retreat
- 8 May I Walk You Home Retreat for Caregivers
- 15-16 Mount Saint Joseph Academy Alumnae Weekend
- 27-28 Riney Hancock Workshop
- 29 Private Wedding Reception

June

- 1-5 Discover Music, Nature and Maple Mount Camp for ages 10-12
- 5 Private Wedding Reception
- 6-19 Writers Retreat Workshop
- 9-10 Brescia Cabinet Workshop
- 12 Private Wedding Reception
- 25-27 Private Family Reunion
- 28-29 Daviess County High School Panther Leaders

July

- 4 Private Wedding Reception
- 5-9 Spiritual Direction - Week 8
- 10 Associates & Sisters Day
- 12 Holy Name Staff Day
- 13-16 Ursuline Community Days
- 17 Ursuline Jubilee Celebration
- 17 Private Wedding Reception
- 18 Ursuline New Council Installation
- 18-24 Sisters' Conference with Fr. David Knight/Directed Retreats
- 30-31 Swarm Scrapbooking

August

- 1-6 Youth Choir Retreat - St. Francis de Sales Oratory
- 7 Yarn Spinners (open to all)
- 13-15 Retrouvaille
- 20-22 Yoga and Meditation Retreat
- 27-29 Retreat for Married Couples
- 27-3 Centering Prayer Retreat



Mount Saint Joseph 40th annual picnic is Sunday, Sept. 12!

Center-sponsored programs in bold. Please call to register.



Ursuline Sisters
of Mount Saint Joseph

To register or to schedule your event, call **Kathy McCarty: 270-229-0200, ext. 413**
kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

The Center is located 15 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56

8001 Cummings Road
 Maple Mount, Kentucky 42356-9999
 270-229-4103
 www.ursulinesmsj.org
 info.ms@maplemount.org



Pilgrims of Hope

Pilgrims of Hope will travel Sept. 19-26 to Mandeville, Jamaica, to work among the poor.

If you are interested in joining us on this mission trip, contact Suzanne Rose at kyrose@att.net for information.

Pilgrims of Hope meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at Christ the King Catholic Church in Madisonville. Join us for prayer and reflection.

Marian Observance

Carmel Home
 May 7, 2010, 7:00 P.m.

Speaker: Deacon Bob Imel
 His Topic: "Virgin Mary, Mother Of All Priests"

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La Semana Santa y la Pascua desde La Tradición y Visión Latina

Por Luis Ajú

Después de nuestra profunda reflexión, ejercicios y avances en nuestra práctica de encontrar un equilibrio, en lo material, emocional y espiritual de nuestras vidas desde nuestra experiencia de Dios, en el tiempo de la cuaresma, podemos decir que hemos logrado buenos resultados. Ha llegado la Pascua en la que todo el universo y por ende nosotros las personas experimentamos cambios profundos por buscar otros modos de vivir en nuestras vidas.

Sentimos cambios profundos en nuestras vidas diariamente, a la par del universo que nos rodea, llegó el tiempo de la vida, en que toda la naturaleza tiene un cambio, las plantas, los árboles etc., vuelve a su vida normal. Igualmente la persona, sale de sí mismo, inicia su nueva plantación, tiempo del crecimiento y llegará hasta lo máximo, hasta que al final dará su fruto, comparado a nuestra vida, vamos por el mismo camino, esperamos que después de los momentos fuertes de reflexión de las semanas anteriores nos haya llevado a un estilo de vida mejor que antes y la experiencia nuestra será diferente pero en forma positiva en todos los ángulos de nuestra existencia.

Se ha dicho en otras ocasiones que la tierra no nos pertenece, sino nosotros pertenecemos a ella, ojala se pueda ver en nuestra manera de vivir, actitudes, comportamientos humanos, gestos etc., tenga una nueva y buena dirección, así como la naturaleza cambió, esperamos que así sea para nosotros como personas que se nos note el cambio.

Semana Santa en América Latina: El Pan de Semana Santa es muy tradicional. Se come solo pan con miel de abeja el Jueves Santo por la mañana. Después se reparte a los amigos y vecinos. También si existen animales en casa se les da el mismo pan para ese día. Durante el día tenemos una sola comida especial para poder asistir a los servicios en la noche en la parroquia. El día Viernes Santo se come pan y miel. En otras comunidades se come el pan con garbanzo, un tipo de frijol, otra vez en la mañana, una sola comida en el día, para luego participar en las celebraciones de la comunidad así como las majestuosas procesiones con imágenes impactantes del Vía Crucis por la mañana y por la tarde acompañar a Jesús en el Santo Entierro con alfombras elaboradas por personas devotas del Viernes Santo en las calles con flores y aserrín de colores como parte de la devoción al Señor Sepultado que recorre las principales calles de las ciudades y pueblos con bandas tocando música sacra especial para ese día hasta las 12:00 de la noche. Cabe mencionar que esto es asistido por miles y miles de personas, aun de diferente nominación de fe. Entonces el día Domingo de Pascua, se hace una comida especial, con tamalitos frescos, acompañado de un plato de comida original de la comunidad, también se comparte con los vecinos esa comida especial celebrando el Triduo Pascual, Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús.

Esto es lo que traemos en nuestro corazón al llegar a esta nación, pero al llegar significa enfrentar un cambio de vida porque esto implica haber dejado parte de nuestra familia, amigos, vecinos, comunidad hasta nuestros animalitos, pero gracias a Dios la Iglesia Católica de este país, abre sus puertas a los recién llegados, con la atención y delicadeza de las comunidades hispanas en las parroquias para dar la bienvenida a cada uno. Pero estas tradiciones no pueden morir, siguen siendo parte de nuestra expresión de fe, aun vive en nosotros, y con el apoyo de nuestras comunidades aun puede ser mas profundo su significado porque como individuo apreciamos lo que tenemos hasta que estamos lejos de nuestra Patria, pero estas partes culturales están bien arraigadas en nuestro existir.



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until they become ripe and give fruit, so the course of our lives should evolve in much the same fashion. We hope that our moments of deep reflection throughout Lent have brought us to positive changes in all areas of our lives so that we live in better ways than we were before.

Holy Week and Easter From the Latin Point of View

By Luis Ajú

After deep Lenten reflection, spiritual exercises, and steps forward in the practice of finding material, emotional, and spiritual balance in our lives, which comes from our experience of God during Lent, we hope to be able to say that we have achieved positive results. Easter has arrived, and the whole universe and all people go through deep change as we seek out new and better ways to live our lives.

We experience profound change in our lives everyday, just as the universe changes all around us. Spring has arrived, and all of nature changes: the plants, the trees, all return to their normal life cycle. Hopefully, people will also come out of themselves so that our way of living, our attitudes, our human behaviors, and gestures have a new and better direction. Just as new crops are planted and begin to grow

Holy Week in Latin America:

Holy Week bread is very traditional. We eat only bread with honey on Holy Thursday morning. Afterwards, it is shared with friends and neighbors. If the family has animals, they are also given bread that day. During the day, we have only one meal in order to participate in evening services at the parish. On Good Friday, we also eat only one meal in the morning, usually bread with honey, or in some communities, bread with garbanzo beans. Then the whole community participates in celebrations throughout the day. There are grand processions with striking images of the Way of the Cross in the morning and in the afternoon, we accompany the Corpus of Jesus to the Holy Tomb. The people come with beautiful rugs, handmade by those who have a special devotion to Good Friday. They fill the streets with flowers and colored sawdust as part of the devotion to the Lord who is now in the Tomb. They pass through the main roads of the cities and towns with bands playing sacred music until midnight. Thousands and thousands of people attend these celebrations, even those of other denominations. On Easter Sunday, a special meal is made, with fresh tamales and an original dish from that particular community. This meal, in which we celebrate the Easter Triduum, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ, is also shared with neighbors and friends.

This is what we carry in our hearts as we come into the United States. Our arrival here implies facing lifestyle changes because we have left behind part of our family, friends, neighbors, community, and even our animals. But thanks be to God, the Catholic Church of this country opens its doors to those who come and welcomes each one into the parish Hispanic communities with open arms. At the same time, these traditions cannot die, and they continue to be a part of our expression of faith. They are still alive within us, and with the support of our communities, can have even deeper meaning. We appreciate what we have even though we are far away from our native countries, because these cultural traditions are deeply-rooted within us.

Calendario de Actividades del Ministerio Hispano

7-8 de mayo 2010

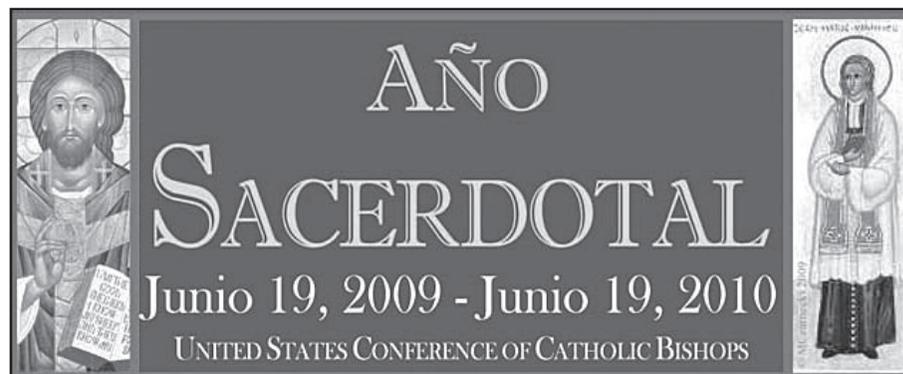
- Retiro juvenil en el Monte de San José.

Fechas variadas en la primavera

- Congresos Regionales

12 de junio

- Encuentro Diocesano con el Obispo Medley



4 Los Agentes del Ministerio Hispano se Reunen en Ferdinand, IN para un Retiro



Luis Ajú, Director del Ministerio Hispano, enciende una vela en preparación para un tiempo de oración y de compartir durante su retiro el 25 de marzo. Fotos por Tami Schneider.



A la izquierda, el Obispo Medley (derecha) vino a visitar a los agentes del Ministerio Hispano durante su retiro. Allí escuchó sus inquietudes y les felicitó por su trabajo tan estupendo en la Diócesis.

FERIA DE LA SALUD PADUCAH, KY

1 de Mayo
Salón Parroquial de Santo Tomás Moro
Servicios como: Revisión De la glucosa, presión, Mamograma, diabetes, dentista etc.

HORARIO:
8:A.M. A 4:00P.M.
TE ESPERAMOS CON TU FAMILIA!
Pasa la voz.

CONSULADO MOVIL

5 de Junio
St. Mary's High School
1234 Elmdale Road
Paducah, KY 42003

Las personas interesadas en recibir servicios en un Consulado Móvil, deberán contar con una CITA que pueden obtener llamando a MEXITEL, al siguiente número telefónico gratuito: 1-877-639-4835 y dando el número de código postal (42003) ya puede hacer su cita.

Las Comunidades de Beaver Dam y Morgantown Celebran el Tercer Aniversario del Ministerio del Apóstol San Mateo



Unos jóvenes participan en una dinámica durante la celebración del Tercer Aniversario del Ministerio del Apóstol San Mateo el 4 de abril.



El grupo musical toca durante unos momentos de oración y alabanza en el gran salon McHenry durante el evento el 4 de abril. Fotos por Luis Ajú.



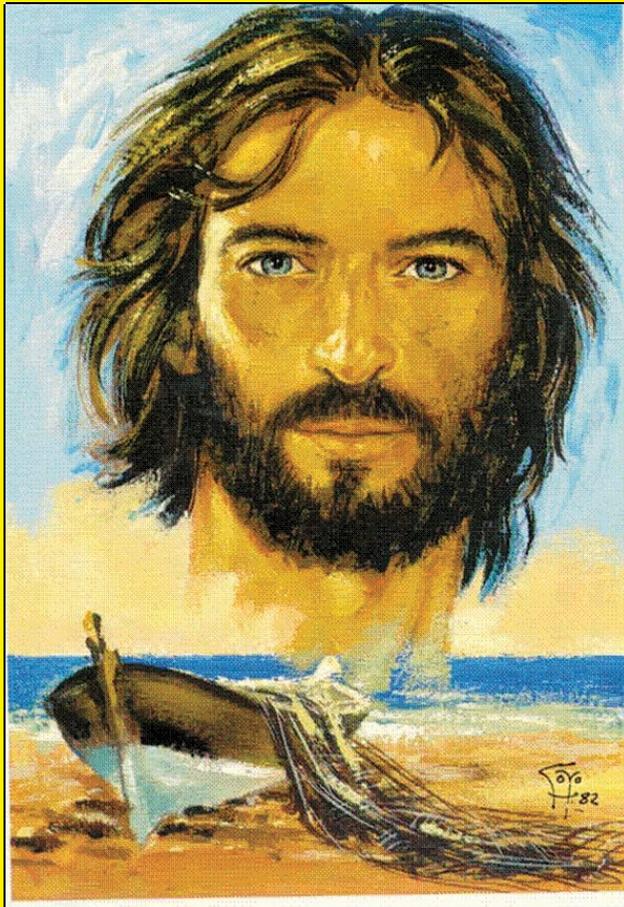
Parte de la comunidad de Morgantown se quedó después de la Misa para recibir la invitación al Encuentro Diocesano el 12 de junio.

Retiro

Juvenil

"Cristo Cuenta

CONTIGO!"



***Todos de
15-30 años
están
invitados!!***

7-8 de mayo del 2010
 Centro de Conferencias
 del Monte de San José
 de las Ursulinas
 8001 Cummings Road,
 Maple Mount, KY 42356
 (14 millas afuera
 de Owensboro)
 Pueden llegar a partir de
 las 5:00pm. Solo traigan
 sus cosas personales,
 una Biblia, un cuaderno,
 y la mente y el corazón
 abiertos!

Encuentro Hispano Diocesano

**Marquen sus
calendarios
para el 12 de
junio, 2010.**

**Todos los
Hispanos de
la Diócesis
nos vamos a**

**reunir con
el Obispo
Medley en**

**la Parroquia
de Santo**

**Tomás Moro
en Paducah.**

**Espero verles
a TODOS allí!**

Palabras de Su Eminencia, El Cardenal Roger Mahony Arzobispo de Los Angeles

Misa Para Inmigrantes - 21 de Marzo, 2010

...¡El presente sistema de inmigración NO ESTA TRABAJANDO! ¡Tenemos un sistema inmoral que toma ventaja de los inmigrantes y sus familias; un sistema que beneficia de su labor sin la protección de nuestras leyes; y un sistema que manda a seres humanos a las manos de coyotes y hasta la muerte!

Hoy estamos aquí -- ciudadanos, residentes, inmigrantes -- todos unidos para que nuestros líderes puedan escuchar claramente la voz de nuestro pueblo inmigrante y de los millones de Americanos quienes apoyan una reforma migratoria.

Nosotros hemos visto el impacto de las leyes migratorias y las continuas redadas: Nuestras comunidades inmigrantes viven con miedo, niños están siendo separados de sus padres, trabajadores están siendo explotados por un sistema que los mantiene como una permanente clase inferior que vive en las sombras de la sociedad.

Hoy compartimos con nuestros líderes y la nación esas historias que vemos todos los días.

Historias como la de María y Juan quienes vinieron a este país cuando eran niños. Tienen hijos nacidos aquí, hablan inglés, trabajan duro, pagan impuestos, y contribuyen en su comunidad como voluntarios. Son ejemplos del sueño Americano, pero viven cada día con el miedo que pueden ser separados de sus hijos.

Esa es una pesadilla que fue hecha realidad para la familia de Gabby, una niña de solo catorce años. Ella y sus hermanos, todos ciudadanos, perdieron a su padre que fue deportado hace cinco años y ahora viven con el miedo que su mamá también será deportada dejando a los seis niños completamente solos...

Como una nación de inmigrantes, no podemos rechazar a nuestros hermanos inmigrantes. Podemos y debemos mejorar esta situación. ¡La solución es una reforma migratoria ESTE AÑO!

Les aseguro que la Iglesia Católica seguirá luchando a lado de todos ustedes hasta que se realice una reforma. No vamos a parar de abogar por los inmigrantes y seguiremos defendiendo sus derechos como miembros de nuestras comunidades y esta nación. ¡Vamos a seguir llamando a nuestros líderes que paren con la política antiinmigrante y pasen leyes migratorias humanas!...

Todos ustedes están en mis oraciones, y que Dios los bendiga.



A la izquierda, personas de todas las razas y lenguas, se reunieron en la Parroquia de San Aloysius en Washington D.C. el 21 de marzo para una Misa para Inmigrantes celebrado por el Cardenal Roger Mahony, Arzobispo de Los Angeles. Foto por Minerva Castillo.

A la derecha, un grupo de participantes de la Diócesis de Owensboro se unieron a la "Marcha por América: El Cambio Requiere Valor y Fe." A la izq., la Hna. Panchita Wilhelm, OS, Directora del Centro Latino, y a la der. Patti Gutiérrez, coordinadora local de la Campaña de Justicia para los Inmigrantes. Foto por Tami Schneider.



Varios jóvenes de la Diócesis de Owensboro van caminando hacia la manifestación masiva con un letrero grande que dice "Ahora llegó nuestro turno de apoyar al inmigrante desamparado e indefenso. Frente a esta injusticia pido a mis Hermanos de todas las razas a que se unan para trabajar por leyes más justas." Foto sometida por Rolando Pastor.



Un grupo de residentes de la Región 1, de la Diócesis de Owensboro visitan la oficina del Representante Ed Whitfield para instar la Reforma Migratoria después de la Manifestación Masiva en Washington D.C." Foto por Chris Gutiérrez.



La Comunidad de Fe de Kentucky Occidental se Reune a Rezar por la Reforma Migratoria Preparándose para la Manifestación Masiva en Washington, D.C.

Por Patti Gutiérrez, Mel Howard y Tami Schneider

OWENSBORO, Ky. – En el día de San Patricio, 17 de marzo, los Católicos de Kentucky Occidental asistieron a una Misa celebrado por el Obispo William Medley en la iglesia de Santos José y Pablo para rezar por el gobierno y para pedirle a Dios que les mandara la sabiduría y liderazgo para instar a los miembros del Congreso Estadounidense a pasar una reforma migratoria que mantenga las familias unidas, que cree vías hacia la ciudadanía, y que proteja la dignidad de todos los trabajadores. Los participantes disfrutaron una recepción después con comida y diversión que reflejó la variedad de culturas representadas en nuestra Diócesis.

Además de servir como una preparación para la manifestación nacional masiva, esa Misa en Kentucky Occidental también formó parte de una movilización nacional llamado “Juntos, no Divididos: Las Familias No Pueden Esperar por una Reforma Migratoria,” la cual incluyó el envío de cientos de miles de postales promoviendo la reforma a miembros del Congreso, y más de 100 eventos en las comunidades por todo el país.

La Misa y celebración en el día de San Patricio precedió por tan solo unos días la ida de una delegación de 54 feligreses de la Diócesis de Owensboro (y Lexington) a Washington, D.C. el 21 de marzo para unirse con cientos de miles de personas para *La Marcha Por America: El Cambio Requiere Valor y Fe*, una manifestación masiva apoyando la reforma migratoria, patrocinado por grupos religiosos, civiles, migratorios, familiares, y laborales, y para asistir a una Misa celebrado por su Eminencia el Cardenal Roger Mahony, Arzobispo de Los Ángeles. Inmediatamente después, miles de personas de fe se reunieron para un servicio ecuménico, patrocinado por más de 35 organizaciones religiosas de diferentes creencias e ideologías, para demostrar el apoyo unificado de la comunidad religiosa por la reforma migratoria. (El sitio del Internet de esa comunidad de fe que organiza la gente para participar en ese esfuerzo es: www.changetakesfaith.org.)

El día siguiente, los miembros de la delegación se unieron a los esfuerzos de instar al gobierno, reuniéndose con los Senadores McConnell y Bunning y los Representativos Whitfield y Guthrie. Los grupos de Kentucky Occidental recibieron una calida bienvenida y los escucharon con apoyo y mente abierta. Las parroquias alrededor de la Diócesis ofrecieron sus Misas por la intención de la reforma migratoria los días 17, 20, y 21 de marzo en solidaridad a esos eventos. Y ¿Cuál es el mensaje? Que la gente de fe no va a quedarse quieto mientras nuestro sistema migratorio destroza a las familias, y el enfado, la frustración y la falta de entendimiento dividena nuestra nación. Con la Marcha por America, las comunidades de fe por todo el país se están declarando a favor de las familias y las comunidades para crear la urgencia moral que los líderes políticos necesitan para enfrentar este asunto tan importante.

Aunque todos pasaron cansancio por tener que pasar dos noches en un autobús, todos tuvieron calor por el sol tan fuerte y después se mojaron por la lluvia tan fuerte, hubo mucha energía y un espíritu muy positivo entre todos. Todos quisieron hacer una diferencia por ellos mismos y por los demás. Fueron allí para declararse a favor del cambio. Fueron allí para participar en la manifestación, para instar a los gobernadores y para rezar.

Patti Gutiérrez, la coordinadora diocesana de la Campaña de Justicia para los Inmigrantes comentó, “Como gente de fe, lo vemos como un asunto moral y por lo tanto somos obligados a hablar de parte de aquellos que hayan sido afectados negativamente por el sistema migratorio roto en nuestro país. Estos inmigrantes son miembros de nuestra “una familia bajo Dios” y muchos viven aquí mismo en nuestra Diócesis. Cada día más familias están separadas. La reforma migratoria comprehensiva ya no puede esperar más.”



A hispano joven levanta ambas la bandera Estadounidense y la bandera Mexicana juntos mientras su amigo al lado levanta un letrero que dice: “Yo soy el sueño Americano.” Foto por Jason Muhlenkamp.



Una delegación de 51 personas por toda la Diócesis de Owensboro (y 3 de la Diócesis de Lexington) viajaron a la capital de nuestra nación para abogar por la Reforma Migratoria. Foto por Tami Schneider.

En la página 2 encontrarán más fotos del viaje a Washington D.C. y las palabras del Cardenal Mahony durante la Misa para la Reforma Migratoria.