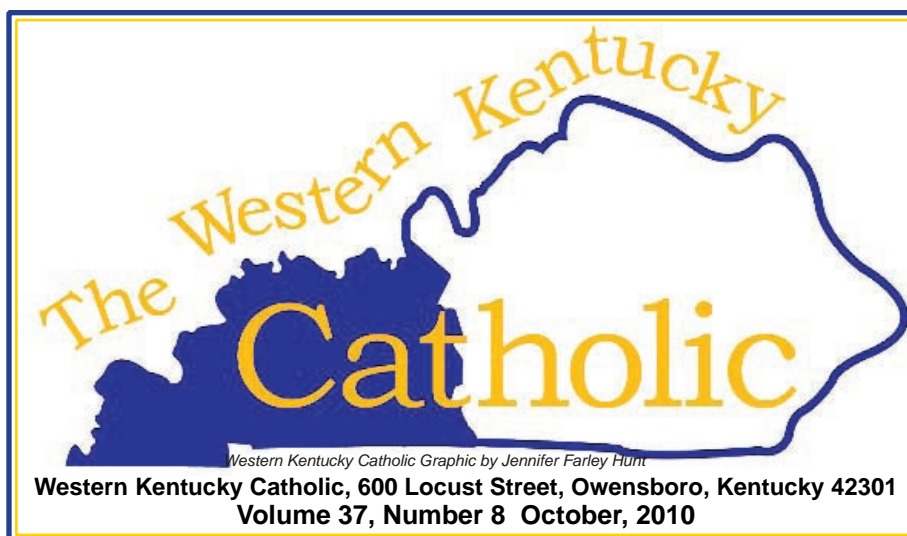




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**St. Romuald Parish Kicks
 Off Its Bicentennial**



Please turn to pages 22 & 23, 26 to see
Who Is My Neighbor?

Caring For Carly Roby Benefit
 The third in a series of articles about family and friends helping out families facing a challenging time in their lives.



**You are invited to pray the rosary at the annual
 Rosary Walk at Maple Mount
 Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010**



Please join us at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Help us celebrate the Month of the Rosary with a community gathering at the Memorial Rosary Walk on the grounds of Mount Saint Joseph in Maple Mount (12 miles west of Owensboro on Highway 56 at Cummings Road.)

For more information, call
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Diocesan Marriage Celebration

Bishop William F. Medley invites you to celebrate your marriage at the Diocesan Marriage Celebration on Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Stephen Cathedral, 610 Locust Street, Owensboro. All married couples are welcome to attend.

Families Welcome!

Engraved Bricks For Sale

St. Alphonsus Church's Dedication & Memorial Walk engraved bricks for sale. Remember your family or a loved one by purchasing a brick for a new walkway in front of Saint Alphonsus Church at Saint Joseph, Ky. Bricks are \$100 each. Call 229-4164 for more information.

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All Who Believe In The Dignity Of Life Still Strive To Call Our Nation To Its Own Ideals

My Dear People,



Most Rev. William F. Medley, D.D.

For many years the Catholic Church has observed the month of October as Respect Life month. The commitment was prompted by the 1973 decision of the United States Supreme Court to remove virtually all the restrictions on abortion. That decision, delivered by the court on January 22nd of that year, served as a wake-up call to all who assumed that our nation's promise of liberty and justice for all was indeed intended for all. Thirty-seven years later all who believe in the dignity of life still strive to call our nation to its own ideals.

As we embrace the challenge of observing Respect Life Month 2010 we are reminded in yet another way of the long road we as Catholic Christians must travel to proclaim the Gospel of Life so well articulated by the late Pope John II. On September 16th, the Commonwealth of Kentucky planned to execute Gregory Wilson. Wilson had lived on death row at Kentucky State Penitentiary since 1987 when he was convicted of a horrible

crime.

When he entered death row at the age of 29 Gregory had already spent more than twelve years of his life in prison. His terrible crimes certainly affirmed that at that time he was indeed a danger to society. Apart from the danger to society that he presented, the state had a legitimate interest in requiring some punishment for the harm he had caused.

In 1989 Gregory was baptized by Fr. Pat Bittell, then the Catholic chaplain at KSP. Some months later he was confirmed by Bishop John J. McRaith and began an unexpected life of prayer and evangelization within the prison. In April of this year I had an opportunity to celebrate Mass with a dozen men on death row. At that time Gregory asked for my special prayers as he was aware that his court appeals had come to an end and that the Governor could issue an order of execution at any time. After this order was executed, I travelled back on September 2 to KSP to visit Gregory. While still hopeful then that there might yet be a delay or a stay of his execution, he spoke with faith of what was before him. Never did Gregory deny or question the horror of his crime. He would easily



Gregory Wilson

acknowledge that he should be imprisoned for the remainder of his natural life. But he said to me, "Bishop Medley, I can do good right here in this prison, I can tell these men about God and the good things that God has done for me. I can try in some way to do good rather than the evil I have done in the past." Gregory's spiritual director, Sr. Mary Ellen Doyle, SCN described Gregory's life and routine in prison as being monastic, so constant was his prayer, scripture reading and meditation.

Gregory and I prayed together. We both expressed hope that we would visit again at KSP, but acknowledged that our next encounter may be before God's throne in heaven.

Some, even good and devout Catholics, are unsettled when the church teaches on such divergent and radically different issues as abortion and capital punishment in the same voice. But to believers these issues are not so radically different; both are rooted in the faith that all human life is created in the image and likeness of God and is, therefore, valuable and sacred. The dignity of human life comes not from what we ever do, but from the Creator. It is God's to decide when life begins and when life shall end.

Yours in Christ,

+ Most Rev. William F. Medley, D.D., Bishop of Owensboro, Ky.

Editor's Note: On Sept. 10, Judge Phillip Shepherd, A Franklin Circuit Judge, blocked the Sept. 16, 2010 scheduled execution of Gregory Wilson. Bishop William Medley wrote this letter on September 7, before he left to go to Rome for a New Bishop's Institute.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 40 Days for Life campaign is a nationwide time of prayer, fasting and vigil in an effort to put an end to abortion. Owensboro Right To Life is teaming with Evansville to stand for life during a 40-day peaceful public witness outside the Planned Parenthood facility at 125 N. Weinbach Ave, Suite 120, Evansville, IN. Owensboro pro-lifers will be covering Saturdays from September 22 to October 31, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. We are scheduling in 2 hour time blocks (example 7-9, 9-11 etc.). Please commit to as many Saturdays as you can and bring your family, friends or organization to witness for the defenseless. To view more information about the campaign go to www.40daysforlife.com <<http://www.40daysforlife.com/>>.

Please call Angela Mills at (270) 683-2577 or Amanda Reffitt at (270) 689-9101 to sign up or for more information. If you are unable to sign up please join with us for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

The Man We Would Execute

Gregory Wilson, our fellow Catholic and brother in Christ, was scheduled to be executed on September 16. In a previous column, without his name, I sketched his story as witness to the possibility of conversion. As he is now a topic of public discussion, I hope to put a face and character to the person who would be killed in the name of Kentucky's citizens--not the same person who committed the crime.

I have known Gregory for six years, through many letters and visits at the penitentiary. I know the story of his capital crime, also the story of his life before it, beginning with abusive "initiation" into his sexuality before he had even started school. He was also led into secrecy and confusion about himself and about moral action, and, predictably, into the juvenile justice system. Suffice to say that the rest of his story includes crime and years and years of incarceration, but no effective interventions, counseling, or education that might have saved both his life and Deborah Pooley's.

The conversion of the criminal into the man he is now began with pastoral interventions of persons who could see him as one redeemed by Christ. When he also could so see himself, he was converted and baptized into a life of prayer and weekly Eucharist, which he has led for two decades. He is deeply sorrowful for the suffering he caused both Deborah and her parents; his wish for years has been to ask their forgiveness. I have seen him interact with guards at the penitentiary, always with respect and courtesy, which they also show to him.

Gregory also has a good influence on his fellow inmates, an influence he could extend to younger men who will be released back into our society. So I ask again, is it either "practical" or moral to kill such a man?

Many Sundays, we hear a petition for "respect for life from conception to natural death," and we respond, "Lord, hear our prayer."

If we mean that, then we Catholics and Kentuckians must let our leaders hear from us by letters to them and to the newspapers, by all the means we have to make our voices heard.

- Mary Ellen Doyle, SCN, Louisville, KY 40205

Bishop Medley's Calendar for October 2010

October 1	4:00 p.m.	SPACE Picnic, St. Raphael's Farm
October 2	10:00 a.m.	Jubilee with the Council of Religious, St. Martin, Rome
October 2	4:00 p.m.	100 Anniversary Mass, St. Peter, Waverly
October 3	8:00 a.m.	Mass, St. Denis, Fancy Farm
October 3	2:00 p.m.	Diocesan Marriage Celebration, St. Stephen Cathedral
October 5	9:00 a.m.	CPC Staff Mass and Meeting
October 6	10:00 a.m.	School Mass, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
October 7	9:00 a.m.	School Mass, Owensboro Catholic Middle School
October 7	6:00 p.m.	Right to Life Banquet, Owensboro Sportscenter
October 18	9:30 a.m.	Personnel Board Meeting
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council Meeting
October 19	9:00 a.m.	CPC Staff Mass and Meeting
October 19	11:00 a.m.	School Mass, Brescia University
October 20	8:30 a.m.	Administration/Finance Committee Meeting
October 20	11:00 a.m.	Mass, Passionist Monastery
October 20	6:00 p.m.	Mass, St. Anthony Padua, Grand Rivers
October 21	11:00 a.m.	Anointing at Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount
October 21	5:00 p.m.	Catholic Foundation of Kentucky meeting
October 24	10:00 a.m.	Mass, St. Anthony, Axtel
October 25 - October 27		Priests Retreat, Mount Saint Joseph
October 28	2:00 p.m.	Brescia University Board Meeting
October 29	9:00 a.m.	Brescia University Board Meeting
October 31	8:30 a.m.	Confirmation - St. Mary, La Center



Calling all Competitors!

There will be a Chariot Race at Brescia University's Homecoming 2010 on Saturday, October 30.

To form a team you need three people, two wheels, and one strut! If it wheels, it races!

Find more information about Homecoming 2010, the Chariot Race rules, and how to register, visit www.brescia.edu/alumni/Homecoming_2010

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October 29-30



A Nice Meal ... And a Good Time ... All For a GREAT Cause!

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish's "Fall Frolic"

Reverse Raffle Fund-raiser Dinner

Reverse raffle (last ticket drawn wins grand prize) with a live auction half-way through and a silent auction throughout the night. All proceeds benefit youth ministry "mission budget" which will fund our mission trip next summer.

- Tickets are \$25. Only 275 printed.
- Buffet-style dinner: Pork loin (prepared by men's club), broccoli salad, pasta salad, and roll. Drinks provided.
- **Friday, October 22, 2010 in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall.** Doors open at 6:30. Meal and raffle start at 7pm.
- Reverse Raffle - Last ticket drawn wins grand prize of \$2,000!
- Prizes: \$2,000 (grand prize) 1st ticket drawn = \$50; 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th to last = \$50; 100th = \$100; 150th = \$150
- Live Auction Items: Apple iPad!!! Blu-ray Disc Player, Nintendo DS, Wii, Nikon Coolpix Camera, Asus Netbook laptop, Nook eReader, PSP 3000, Bose Earphones, and more... UK football tickets, Signed pics of John Calipari and Joker Phillips, signed UofL football, 4 concert tickets to Chris Tomlin, Ping Pong Table, Foosball Table, more...
- Silent Auction Items: "Bread for a Year" from Panera Bread. \$100 gift card from Cheetah Clean. 3 month membership at Health Park. Gift certificates from many different restaurants including Fazoli's, Cheddar's, ColdStone Creamery, Johnny B's, Little Caesar's Long John Silver's, Olive Garden, Old Hickory, Pizza Roma, Papa John's, O'Charley's, Penn Station, Roca Bar. Donations from Baker's Rack, Lifeway, MoonLite, Ivy Trellis, Clark's Health, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Wal-Mart, Willow Tree. More items being added everyday!
- Tickets available in office at Our Lady of Lourdes office. Questions? (270) 684-5369 or dmay@lourdescatholicchurch.com.



Fall Day of Wisdom

Thursday October 21, 2010

St. Francis de Sales Church, 116 S. 6th St., Paducah, Ky.

Sign in 8:30 a.m. Program begins at 9:30 a.m.

Cost for the day \$6.00, includes lunch

**Speakers: Kevin Kauffeld, Diocesan Director
Development and Stewardship**

Ginny Knight-Simon, Diocesan Coordinator of Wisdom

Featured Guest Speaker: Mr. Bob Park, Musician/Humorist/Entertainer
Reservation required (for adequate lunch preparation)

Send Check to Office of Wisdom, Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, KY 42301.

Please include your name, address and Parish.

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Owensboro's Carmel Home Announces

The Annual Christmas Bazaar

Date: Oct. 23, 2010

Time: Serving starts at 11:00a.m. with Bar-b-Que Chicken. Raffles, Home-made Bake Goods, Silent auction, Crafts, Christmas Items and much more.

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

October

- 1-3 Marian Retreat with Msgr. Bernard Powers
 2 Private Wedding Reception
 8-9 United Methodist, Madisonville, Women's Retreat
 10 Pray the rosary together in the Center Chapel
(No registration needed)
 15-17 Mount Hope Weekend
 15-17 St. Mary's, LaCenter Confirmation
 18-22 New Spiritual Direction Class starts
 22-24 Catholic Engaged Encounter
 25-29 Priests Retreat Week
 30-31 Women's Prayer Group

November

- 6-7 Academy for Young Leaders
 12-14 Thomas Merton Retreat with Fr. Anthony Shonis
 13 Yarn Spinners Day

To register or to schedule your event, call
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kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

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 Owensboro on Hwy. 56

- 19-20 Owensboro Christian Elders Retreat
 19-21 Pax Christi/Women's Retreat Lexington

December

- 9 Advent Day of Prayer with Msgr. Bernard Powers



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



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- Featuring all local talent. Good times, good food, good entertainment



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 - Directed by Jean Mattingly
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 Agnes Murphy - 295-6556;
 Lou Fleck - 295-3471
 Charlotte Payne - 295-6640
 Mary Masterson - 315-4549

- Tickets \$25.00

Limited seating will be according to purchase paid date.

Annual Fall Day of Wisdom to return to Paducah
You are invited

By Ginny Knight-Simon, Diocesan Coordinator of Wisdom

St. Francis de Sales in Paducah will host the Fall Day of Wisdom sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Wisdom on Thursday, October 21, 2010.

The featured entertainer this year is musician, humorist Bob Park, a Kentucky native. Bob was featured at the Spring Day of Wisdom several years ago in Owensboro, and was a tremendous hit with our crowd. I look forward to his presentation because I know you will laugh, sing and have a great time.

Bob says, "I like to laugh and I like to try to get others to join me." Bob learned the art of storytelling as a boy growing up in the small town of Taffy, Kentucky. His father was a regular occupant of the "liar's chair" at Bells Run General Store where locals gathered to share gossip and tell tales.

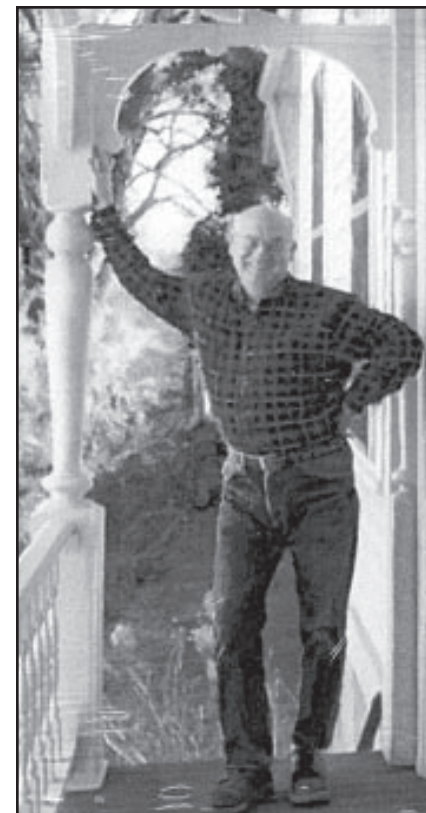
A former educator and Dean of Student Affairs at the University of Kentucky's Henderson Community College, Bob is a full-time speaker and entertainer, using original songs and gentle wit to convey the message: laughter is a good remedy for whatever ails you.

The day includes presentations from Kevin Kauffeld, Diocesan Director of Stewardship and Development, with a touching story of "Final Gifts."

Ginny Knight-Simon, Coordinator of Wisdom, talks about age and it's blessing "Holy Cow! How Old Am I?"

The day also includes the opportunity for Mass at noon, door prizes, lunch, fun and great company!

Sign in for the day starts at 8:30



Humorist Bob Park standing on his front porch.

a.m.

The cost for the day is \$6.00 and to make sure you have lunch please send in your check made out to **The Catholic Pastoral Center** to Ginny Knight-Simon, 600 Locust St. Owensboro, KY 42301.

The deadline for reservations is October 19th, 2010. When registering, please give your name, address, and the name of your parish.

Saint Benedict School Reunion, Wax, Ky.

Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010, after 10:00 am Mass

Basement of Saint Benedict Catholic Church

Bring a covered dish and enjoy visiting with classmates and families.
 Everyone welcome.

For more information, call LaMont Miller. 270-259-3303.

Christian Conversations
- Bridges to Visible Unity

Everyone is invited to be part of the conversation with the pastors of 4 Owensboro Protestant congregations and 4 Diocesan priests. Each will discuss history, baptism, Eucharist and ministry. There is no cost; however, you need to register by calling Debi at 771-4438 or emailing Fr. Tony at ftonyb@yahoo.com. This will take place at Brescia University Campus Center on Saturday, October 16 from 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM. An optional lunch will be available for \$5.

A Great Prayer for Life, an Urgent Need

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By Father Richard Meredith

Prayer for life, before all else, is always praise and thanksgiving, celebrating and welcoming the magnificent gift of God, the Author of Life. Given the magnitude of the assault against human life in our world, however, it is also a cry and petition to God for deliverance from evil. The USCCB's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities (2001) introduced its reflection on the role of prayer and worship on behalf of the cause of life (§ IV) with this citation of Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, no. 100:

A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God. . . . Let us therefore discover anew the

humility and the courage to pray and fast so that the power from on high will break down the walls of lies and deceit: the walls which conceal from the sight of so many . . . the evil of practices and laws which are hostile to life.

The Catholic Conference of Kentucky's pastoral plan, *Reverence for Life, The Pursuit of Justice* (1999), likewise, urged the pre-eminent role of prayer and liturgy (§II, B) in the sustained conversion needed in the cause of life.

It should be clear, by now, to everyone that this is not a short term urgency or commitment. The Church's call for us to pray for the cause of recognizing, reverencing, and protecting human life is and will remain essential to our fidelity as Catholic Christians from now on. There is simply no foreseeable point in the history stretching out before us in which we will have secured the cause of life against the threat of the seduction of death. The atrocities against human life and dignity in the 20th century, which continue into the 21st, have awakened the Church in a new way to the spiritual precariousness of human life in our world. May God preserve us from taking the sanctity, dignity, and security of human life for granted ever again.

Today we are conscious of a vast range of outright abominations against human life: legally sanctioned abortions on the scale of millions annually; untold levels of abortifacient contraception; the artificial, large scale creation of and destructive experimentation on human embryos; human cloning; legally sanctioned euthanasia and assisted suicide; genocides; the use and threat of weapons of mass destruction; indiscriminate, terroristic killings; trafficking in human lives and immorally obtained human organs; the abuse and neglect of the young, the elderly, and other vulnerable persons; and the murders of universally recognized criminal killings. The manifestations of what Pope John Paul II called a "culture of death" are mind-numbingly extensive.

There are also more ethically complex threats to human life. Properly constituted civil and military authorities, at times, have recourse to the use of lethal force. This may be virtuous, as a last resort, to protect the innocent against the grave threat of an unjust aggressor, or it may also be an unjust and malicious usurpation of lethal power. In the complexities of our world the ethical permutations of justice and injustice here can be bewildering. With civil and military authorities there is a frequent temptation to use excessive force, often with consequences of unintended, collateral wounding or killing of the innocent. This danger is only compounded in the case of armed invasions, civil wars, and insurrections. We also see, from the perspective of Catholic doctrine, a continuation of capital punishment in cases lacking moral warrant.

It is abundantly clear that the call to prayer and fasting for conversion here is on behalf of the entire human community. But, even should there be a vast conversion

leading to an almost universal culture of life, the Church would be obliged to maintain for the remainder of time a vigilant prayer for life. We have seen our fallen human capacity for an unspeakably evil inhumanity toward our own kind. This fallenness exposes itself as the same murderous inclination of Cain (see Genesis 4). Sin against life is a demon lurking at our door, at times an overpowering lure. By the grace of God we can conquer it. But what a spiritual battle this is proving to be! History will allow us no respite from

vigilance, nor will it be kind to indifferent or half measures. Cain sullenly asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Jesus answered with an unqualified, "Yes. Whatever you do or fail to do to one of these least ones, you do or fail to do to me."

Prayer, worship in Spirit and in truth, Eucharistic communion in the Lord Jesus Christ are ever the means to fight the good fight of our Faith. *Reverence for Life* asserts: "All initiatives on behalf of life — education, pastoral care, and civic involvement — must be initiated by and sustained with ongoing conversion which only God's grace in Word and Spirit can foster." Prayer is the means by which we as a people of and for life singly and together commune with God and in Christ become recipients and ministers of God's grace — ministers of the Gospel of life. How can we expect to have the heart for the long struggle for life unless new hearts are created within us? How can people for life promote a culture of life and the reign of God unless we kneel together before the One Source of all life? We are summoned to pray for life.

All manner of praying is encouraged by our bishops. The source and summit of our Christian lives is the worship and prayer of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, given us to share in the Eucharistic liturgy. The bishops have directed that "Parishes should include in the petitions at every Mass a prayer that ours will become a nation that respects and protects all human life, born and unborn, reflecting a true culture of life (see USCCB, *Pastoral Plan*, §IV, and *A People of Life & for Life*, 2002)."

The bishops urge recourse to the Church's liturgies and diocesan and parish sponsored programs of prayer and fasting. The web site of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky offers a wide variety of pro-life prayer texts, services, and vigils for various occasions as a resource to aid the prayer of the Church. Special meditations for praying the Holy Rosary and for the Stations of the Cross are recommended and readily available as devotions and prayers for the cause of life. Many practice the prayers of Spiritual Adoption, promoted by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. The USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities annually sends dioceses prayer resources and educational/formational materials in preparation for October as Respect Life month. The Church also observes January 22nd, the anniversary of the infamous US Supreme Court decisions, *Roe v. Wade*, and *Doe v. Bolton*, as a national day of prayer and penance for offenses against life. "Only with prayer — prayer that storms the heavens for justice and mercy, prayer that cleanses our hearts and souls — will the culture of death that surrounds us today be replaced with a culture of life (*Pastoral Plan*)."

Only God, of course, knows the earnestness and extent of the Church's prayer for the cause of human life. In that many who claim Catholic affiliation still promote and participate in the very evils against life named above, it is clear that redoubled efforts and greater spiritual intensity are always needed. To protect life, the virtues which are the guardians of life and true love need also to be strengthened, namely, chastity, humility, gratitude, generosity, welcome, and the obedience of faith. Can there be any question that lust and mistaken notions of autonomy in sexual matters fuel much of the dissent in the Church against our doctrines on sexual and conjugal virtues? We pray as we actually believe (*lex orandi, lex credendi*).

Increase of conversion even to pray is needed here in every heart. We also need to pray in this spiritual battle to be guarded from temptations to indifference, to a weary despair, or to raging violence facing the traumatic horrors, brutality, and extent of the killing. As St. Paul teaches in Ephesians 6:10-18, "our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens."

Everyone who participates in the killing, or who supports it or approves it, are nonetheless our fellow human beings for whom Christ died and is raised. They are special objects of our prayer and fasting, so that the devil may be overthrown and they be redeemed. We should never surrender anyone as lost but commend them to Christ.

Our prayer for life becomes also the law of our pastoral ministry, of our civil and political practice, and of the message of truth we proclaim and teach.

In all things we pray: "O God, guard us with your joy and your peace, for in you life is victorious (taken from a prayer for the closing of an abortion clinic)."

Rev. Richard Meredith is a member of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky ProLife Committee and pastor of St. Pius X Parish in the Diocese of Owensboro.

Garden of Hope Dedication

Please join the Diocesan Gospel of Life Committee in a Celebration of Hope for Life on October 10, 2010 at 2:00 pm at the Brescia University Quad. A remarkable bronze statue, featuring Jesus and an young mother and child, along with the surrounding garden, will be dedicated to hope for all life at this short service, followed by refreshments. All are welcome.



6 Fancy Farm LifeTeen Group and Sponsors Attend Steubenville Atlanta Conference

FANCY FARM, Ky. - 15 teens and 8 core members of the St. Jerome LifeTeen group here attended the Steubenville Atlanta Conference. The conference, held July 16-18 in Duluth, Georgia, brought together Catholic teens from around the country and provided powerful liturgies, dynamic talks and engaging worship for all.

In the picture at right: top row left to right- Andrea Puckett, Aaron Wilson, Nate Elder, Mandy Johnson, Shannon McLeary, Chris McLeary, Kelsey Bennett, Cathy Wilson, Jessica Lester, Katie Thomas, Tyler Dodson, Mary Ann Thomas, Angie Burgess, Leah Hayden, Kristen Elliott

Bottom row left to right- Alex Toon, Hannah Fickey, Nicole Smith, Kelsey Carrico, Mady Spillman, Emily Goin, Alison Hayden and Peyton Carrico

Article and photo written and submitted by Amy Vaughn



High School Juniors and Seniors - there will be a *Teens Encounter Christ* weekend at St Charles Church, Bardwell, 22-24 October.
Info: www.wkytec.org



Sister Margaret Ann in Memphis

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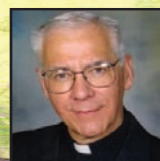


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Journey into Faith with Thomas Merton Weekend of Nov. 12-14, 2010

Our real journey in life is interior: it is a matter of growth, deepening, and an ever-greater surrender to the creative action of love and grace in our hearts.



Retreat Director Father Anthony Shonis

Father Shonis is associate pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson and is an Ursuline Associate. He has presented numerous retreats and workshops.

Retreat begins 6:30 p.m. Friday. First meal is Saturday breakfast. Retreat ends after breakfast on Sunday.

To register, contact Kathy McCarty
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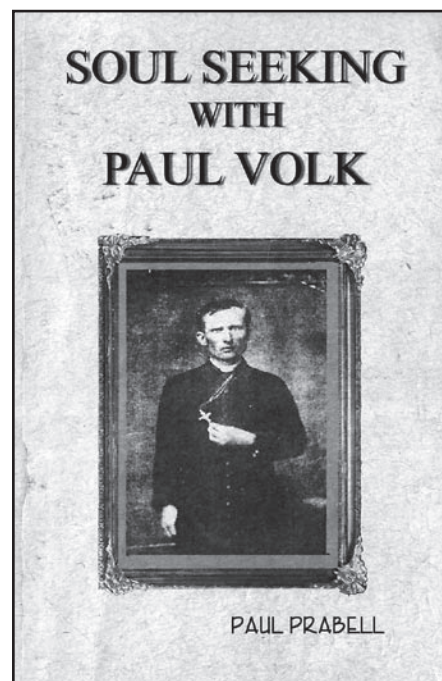
BOOKS TO READ

Soul Seeking With Paul Volk, by Paul Prabell A Review by Mel Howard

Paul Prabell, a priest of the Diocese of Lexington, Ky., wrote this book while on sabbatical from July, 2007 to January, 2008. Much of his sabbatical time was in the autumn of the year. He writes that autumn is a good time to make a retreat as it is a time when nature is changing with a hint about a dying away coming, and a time of deep trust and faith as we enter days of lying fallow, hoping for a new life, a new beginning. Always wondered what sabbatical was.

In the spring of 2010, the author contacted me by phone and email asking if I would read his book and write about it. We played phone tag a while, never meeting, but something in his phone messages and emails told me this was an authentic, Catholic man with integrity asking me to be a part of his message delivery. His words were calm, direct, happy, a little quirky, out of the blue, I mean, and reminded me of the lady in the gospel who would not take no for an answer from the judge, and got her way. So, now, has Paul Prabell whom I hope to meet one day. For one thing, I'd like to see his photograph of that statue of Our Lady of Lourdes with the cedar tree beside it at the Abbey of Gethsemani at Trappist, Ky., about which he wrote in this book, and to let him know about Lieutenant Dan whom Forrest Gump helped deliver from demons in the Viet Nam War era.

His book is filled with such photographic and verbal images, and this above all its many inspiring attributes, made this book one I read in snatches and could not put away until I finished it over a two-month span. The book is deceptively simple, humbly and craftily written with surprising phrases of humor that



sneak up on you. Prabell will make you laugh, scratch your head while re-reading a sentence or paragraph (Does this mean what I think it does?), pray with him, and pray with Paul Volk, a constant in the book as Prabell stops *in medias res*, and writes about what that pioneering missionary priest faced in the 1880s and 1890s building churches in Eastern and Western Kentucky and Panama.

Reading this orderly, very Germanic book, *Soul Seeking With Paul Volk*, is much like riding a roller coaster as the personalities of the three Pauls keep popping up in the story of Paul Prabell's sabbatical. All three felt themselves to be unworthy of the call to mission which each one felt, and all three needed some kind of surprise from God to get their acts together for His people. This connection is a reader's fascination in the book, and Prabell just keeps them coming, one con-

nection after another. The section about Octoberfests Prabell has known is hilarious, self-deprecating, gutsy, humbling, inspiring, a little macho, as this modern day pastor has to "man up" to his natural introversion and do the Bob Dylan/Elvis Presley gig in Lexington. The guy knows how to bring the reader along with him in his tale!

From the start, the author writes of himself as Paul, not as Father Paul. In one place of the book he writes about being called "Father" by parishioners and others, and he sees this title as a name used by the faithful of yesterday and today for a Catholic priest, and he hopes that our title for a priest of the future may change, but he doesn't expect to see that. A visionary concept, replete with innovation, with some controversy and a certain acceptance or accommodation of the status quo in church, his sense of the use of the title, "Father," for a priest surprises, an emotional response I found in this book from start to finish, and will tell of a few.

Here, I will refer to the author as

Paul, in keeping with his writing about the other two Pauls of this book, Father Volk and the Apostle Paul.

First, as I read his title, I wondered whose soul he was interested in, Volk's, his, the parishioners', his bishop's, his brother priests', yours - whose soul? Along about chapter 15 of 30, I started to notice the questions Prabell asks after each chapter (I resist school work!); but I caught that question on page 72, "What are the best qualities you bring to your work?" Surprise! I entered into the story; I connected. You will, too; maybe, if you're not too hard-headed like me, you can connect with Prabell on page 8 with his first question.

Go soul seeking with Paul Volk. It's my soul; it's your own soul that we readers are seeking in every phrase, every sneaky joke (laugh out loud, even!) every prayer, each paragraph and chapter.

As Forrest Gump said, "And that's all I have to say about that!"



**You are invited to pray the rosary with us
Sunday, Oct. 10, 2010**

**Please join us at 2 p.m. in the Mount Saint
Joseph Conference and Retreat Center
Chapel. All are welcome!**

Help us celebrate the Month of the Rosary with a community praying of the scriptural rosary led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU.

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St. Pius X Parish Mission, October 3-6

The Most Reverend John McRaith, Bishop Emeritus of Owensboro, will preach our 2010 Parish Mission on the theme of Catholic Evangelization and Stewardship. Bishop John will preside and preach at the Sunday Masses, October 3rd, as well as at the 8am morning Mass, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 4th - 6th. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights the Mission service will begin at 7pm. Those same nights (M, T, W) we will offer a supper of soups and sandwiches (no charge) in the parish hall from 5:30-6:45pm. All are welcome and invited to attend.

Catholic Engaged Encounter

For those who are serious about their marriage preparation

Weekend dates, 2010

October 22-24, 2010, 2011; February 4-6, 2011;

April 1-3, 2011; October 14-16, 2011

Contact your parish or the Diocesan Family Life Office for more information.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

October 31, 2010

A Celebration of Priesthood

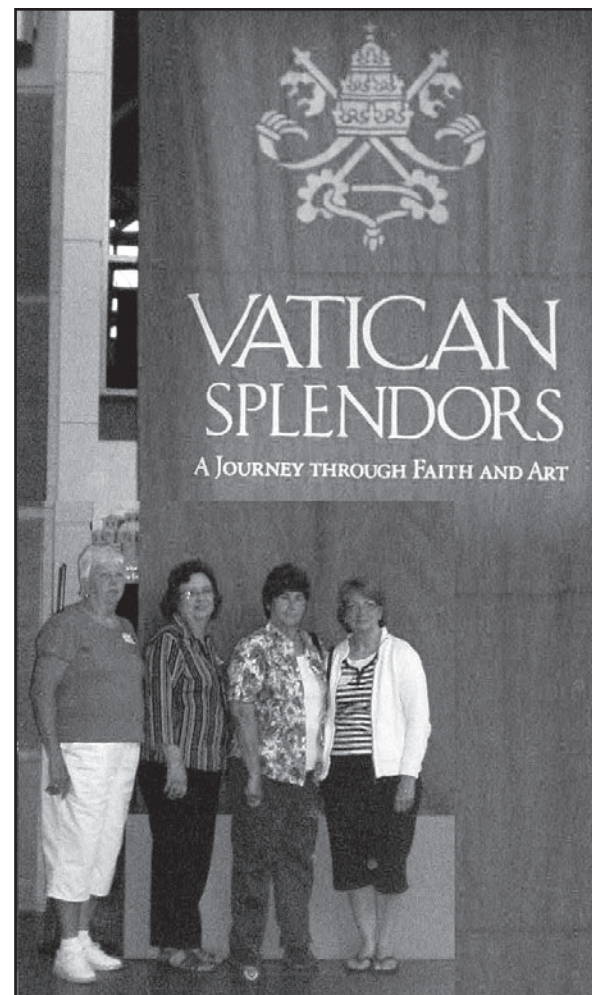
Be sure to honor the priests among us; show them our appreciation for their ministries. For ideas, go to www.priestsunday.org

Catholic Church Extension Society

Extension Society gives grants to make dioceses more self-sustaining

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Close to 60 dioceses in the United States, Puerto Rico and U.S. territories have received grants from the Catholic Church Extension Society to make them more self-sustaining. The Extension grants themselves total nearly \$980,000. The grants focus on three main areas. One is diocesan and parish fundraising, which accounted for nearly \$600,000 of all grant money. Another is diocesan and parish financial and facility management, for which about \$270,000 in grants were made. The third area of grants was for diocesan planning and operational efficiency projects, which received \$110,000. The Diocese of Tyler, Texas, got one of the biggest grants. According to Deacon Richard Lawrence, diocesan director of stewardship, Extension recently sent the diocese \$100,000 as part of a three-year, \$225,000 grant to support implementing a multiyear discipleship-stewardship program designed to increase the diocese's fundraising capabilities. "We're a new diocese.

Next year we're going to celebrate our 25th anniversary. That's young in the life of the church," Deacon Lawrence said. "The objective is to become more self-sustaining and not have to depend on the kindness of others to help make ends meet," he added, noting that the diocese depends on several foundations to help pay its bills. Deacon Lawrence said the diocese would likely launch the stewardship initiative in the next month and a half.



OFFICE of WISDOM:

On September 9, 2010 traveled to Saint Louis, MO, with the Office of Wisdom's bus trip to see Vatican Splendors: A Journey Through Faith And Art in the St Louis Museum of History and Art. Photo by Ginny Knight-Simon.



Witnesses For Life

Owensboro Serra Club member Marti Castlen, front center, with her two daughters Maria and Monica, and many pro-life supporters witnessed for life in the annual Right To Life Walk in Owensboro Sept 11, 2010, beginning at Our Lady of Lourdes Paris parking lot on Frederica St., going to Wesleyan Park Plaza and back. Photo by The Serra Communicator editor Larena Lawson.

Louisville Marian Center Conference

Catching the Vision:
For Such A Time As This

October 29, 30 & 31, 2010

Fern Valley Hotel & Conference Center
2715 Fern Valley Road Louisville, KY 40213

Speakers: Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC
Fr. Mark Baron, MIC
Fr. Scott LeMaster
Jerry Morin, Speaker & MC

For more information or to register contact:
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News Notes From The Diocesan Worship Newsletter

• November 1: Solemnity of All Saints

In 2010, the Solemnity of All Saints will fall on Monday, November 1. In accord with the USCCB decision of November 1991, confirmed by the Apostolic See in July 1992, the precept to attend Mass on this day is abrogated. Since the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated, the funeral Mass may be celebrated on this day.

• December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

According to the USCCB: "In 2010, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, falls on the Third Sunday of Advent. This feast may be observed on December 11 or 13 with the permission of the diocesan bishop. On December 12, the Third Sunday of Advent, Our Lady of Guadalupe may be appropriately honored in one or more of the petitions of the Prayer of the Faithful, in the homily, and perhaps in one of the hymns during the liturgy. The readings and the Mass formulary for December 12 are those for the Third Sunday of Advent."

• Christmas 2010

Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, which can make for a very busy weekend for priests and other ministers. Pastors and liturgy committees are encouraged to discuss whether or not their parish should celebrate the Saturday evening vigil Mass. Some of the issues to consider are the following:

- If there are "extra" liturgical celebrations in the parish for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, they may want to forego the Saturday night vigil mass.
- Christmas Day is a time spent with family – will many people even attend a vigil Mass?
- We should have some sensitivity for those who minister (particularly musicians) who are required to work long hours on Christmas. (Perhaps a Saturday night vigil Mass would just be too much for some parishes.) If pastorally necessary, parishes may choose to add a Sunday afternoon or evening Mass instead of a Saturday evening vigil Mass for Sunday.

• Jan. 1: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Because the solemnity falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass on January 1 is dispensed. However, even when the obligation is abrogated, ritual Masses are still prohibited (Marriage outside of Mass may be celebrated). Funeral Masses may be celebrated. The Saturday evening Mass (and Evening Prayer I) are for the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

• Easter Vigil

As you plan ahead for the Sacred Triduum, it is important to remember that the Easter Vigil may not begin before dark. In 2011, this means 8:00 p.m. on the night of April 23. To determine the exact time of the end of twilight in your city, visit: <http://www.usno.navy.mil/USNO/astronomical-applications/data-services/rs-one-day-us>

• Looking Ahead

The Rite of Election will be celebrated in 3 locations once again: Sunday, March 6, 2011 -- St. Jerome Parish, Fancy Farm at 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 13, 2011 -- St. Stephen Cathedral at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, March 13, 2011 -- Holy Name Parish, Henderson at 7:00 p.m.

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Owensboro Sportscenter.

"Am I Going Crazy?" 9

By Betty Medley



I have worked with many bereaved people and it is so common for me to hear from people the first month after their loved one has passed that they can't concentrate on anything other than their loss, they have mood changes at the drop of a hat, or their life seems incredibly empty. Some say they are overwhelmed by feelings of anger, guilt, sadness, or loneliness, while others tell her that they are numb and don't really feel anything at all. Some say they feel like sleeping all the

time, while others have difficulty sleeping. Some tell her that they cry constantly, while others say they've been unable to shed a single tear. Many describe how they have recurrent dreams about their loved one, and many say that there are even times when they think they hear their loved one's voice.

After people describe their grief experiences, the most common questions they ask is, "Am I going crazy?" My response to them is, "No, you're not going crazy. Crazy feelings are normal grief."

They were sure they were the only ones who had the thoughts or feelings they were having, so they began to fear that they were abnormal. But then they began talking with other people who were grieving and quickly discovered that most of them had or were having the same experiences. They discovered that their feelings were normal.

If you ever feel like you're going crazy, one of the best things you can do is to find others who are grieving or who know about grief and tell them what you're experiencing. In all likelihood you'll learn that your "craziness" isn't crazy at all—it's just a very normal part of grief.

Saint Benedict School Reunion, Wax, Ky.

**Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010, after 10:00 am Mass
Basement of Saint Benedict Catholic Church
Bring a covered dish and enjoy visiting with
classmates and families.**

Everyone welcome.

**For more information,
call LaMont Miller. 270-259-3303.**

Saint Meinrad youth program donates to charity



Participants in the "One Bread, One Cup" summer liturgical leadership conferences at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN, have raised \$954.91 for Catholic Relief Services.

The funds were raised during a project for one of the conference formation sessions, "Service in the Life of the Body of Christ." High school youth and their adult leaders were able to participate in the fundraising project during each of the three conferences. Two service projects were also conducted.

The "One Bread, One Cup" conferences are offered each summer at Saint Meinrad for high school youth and diocesan directors and campus and youth ministers. The conferences focus on teaching youth about their Catholic faith and the liturgy, with a theme of "Word – Sacrament – Mission." In the last four years, participants have contributed nearly \$7,000 to Catholic charitable organizations.

The conferences are led by an experienced team of Benedictine monks and catechists from throughout the United States. This summer, 256 high school youth and 103 adults participated in the conferences, which were staffed, in part, by 21 college interns.

President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, president-rector of Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology, spoke with OBOC participants during Week 2 in the School chapel, St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel. St. Meinrad Photo

10 Only God Can Give Us Peace, And A Big Buck!

By Deacon Ryan Harpole

Although I am a seminarian and studying for the priesthood, most conversations people have with me will eventually gravitate toward hunting. It is true and I do love hunting and would classify whitetail deer hunting as my biggest hobby. I have hunted for sixteen years and have enjoyed each and every minute I have in the woods, but not only because of the animals, but because it gives me a chance to get away from the world and talk with God. My purpose in this article is twofold. First to put our hobbies and hunting into perspective, but to also, as I enjoy doing so much, tell a hunting story.

As some of you may remember the month of October 2009 was wet and especially in the beginning. It just so happened that St. Meinrad (the seminary I attend) had scheduled two long weekends (no school Friday, Saturday or Sunday) back to back. This is a first since I have been in seminary but an opportunity I was not going to miss. The first long weekend was wet—very wet. I hunted in rain, drizzle, and a thunderstorm. I hunt in river bottom ground and so there was also flooding to contend with. All in all, the hunting was horrible. The first long weekend left me mad—mad at God. It may sound silly but for a hard core hunter missing out on an opportunity to hunt when those opportunities are few was frustrating. I remember asking God for a little help but it

At wilderness retreat, bishop helps men with spiritual survival skills

PITTSBURGH (CNS) -- The 108 men who attended a recent “Into the Wild” weekend learned many things: fishing and hunting, construction, wild-game preparation and cooking, to name just a few. But they also learned a few important spiritual survival skills from Pittsburgh Bishop David A. Zubik.

After administering the sacrament of penance for more than 90 minutes with six other priests Aug. 19 at Raccoon Creek State Park in southwestern Beaver County, the bishop fielded questions around the campfire about living the Catholic faith in today’s society.

He reminded the men that they are part of the body of Christ, which is the church, and from this church comes truth. “It’s through the church that we come to understand God’s love for us in the sacraments,” he said.

“It’s in the church that we come to understand the road map for us to get to heaven. “We are called to continue the work of Jesus,” Bishop Zubik added. “Even though we’re sinners. Sometimes the church becomes sinful. But in reality the basis of it all is the power of the Spirit working in and through us to convince us of God’s love, and give us the responsibility to go forth and to represent Christ and do his work in so many ways.”

Outdoorsmen Know A Life Rooted Heavily in Faith

By Father Joe Classon

“... As a passionate, avid outdoorsman, author of several hunting-and-fishing-themed books and the host of a Christian outdoors radio show (www.huntingforgod.com), faith is also at the heart and soul of my pursuits with rod and reel, bow and arrow, rifle and shotgun. Whether you are a person of religious/spiritual belief, I would wager that if you are an outdoorsman or woman, you are by default a person whose life is rooted heavily in faith. ... We hunt on and with faith...”

“...As members of the outdoor community, we have faith in what we do. We believe that hunting, fishing, trapping, and the shooting sports are, in the grand scheme of things, activities that produce good fruit. We believe that involvement in such pursuits can bring about an ongoing, constructive transformation not just in our own lives, but also in the lives of our family, friends, and the world at large. We also believe and have faith that our participation in outdoor activities can benefit the health and vitality of the natural world and all of creation.”

Excerpted from “The Faithful Outdoorsman,” in American Hunter, September, 2010, page 48.

continued to rain and flood. Again I was mad and thought why is God allowing all of this rain. I tried to convince Him that not only would less rain be good for me but for the local farmers who needed to get into the fields to harvest their crops. I tried everything but there was no Sun in sight. The following week of school I still found myself frustrated and upset with God, but there was still hope because of the next weekend—another long weekend.

As soon as I could I left seminary and headed to the bottoms for another weekend of hunting. It was October 16 (a Friday) and the weather called for cold temps (high 40’s) and gusty winds, but no rain. The river bottoms were wet but not flooded, which was nice. Earlier that day I had phoned a good friend and we talked about possible places to hunt. I told him that I was going to a “stupid place,” which basically means a place where you probably will not see any deer but if you do, it could be a big one. I knew of a strip of woods that might be a travel corridor from a bedding area to a shelled corn field. I figured the deer would use this thick strip to travel in safety and hopefully a shooter will walk by. It didn’t take long to find a suitable tree to climb with my climbing tree stand, and by 3:30 in the afternoon I was set-up and ready.

As I set in my stand I began praying as I usually do and just talking with God. It is hard to explain or to put into words but He helped me to realize how lucky I was just to be hunting, to have a place to hunt, and the physical requirements it takes to hunt. He helped me to put hunting into perspective. I had been so worried about the weather and hunting that I had lost sight of what was important. Even though I had been mad at God I continued to pray each day and it was this prayer life that helped me to



This is a picture of Deacon Ryan Harpole, right, and a friend, Jon Allinder, with the deer. Submitted Photo

get over this silly situation. Having that personal relationship with the incarnate God is what is so important. As the conversation continued I felt nothing but peace and was able to once again truly enjoy my time in nature with the Creator.

Back to the hunt—At around five in the evening I saw a few does work their way behind me in a (soy)bean field. I was right about them feeding in the corn field, but did not think I would see them in an open bean field. From then until 6:15 I saw nothing, until I heard a stick break. I looked to my left and from the opposite direction of the bedding area I saw this huge buck. He was walking right down the path I thought the deer would use, but down wind from me. For some reason, he did not wind me and continued on his path. I turned to the front of the stand because I was eyeing the bean field behind me and got ready for the shot. This buck was going to walk in a perfect shooting lane at around twelve yards. As I drew my bow, I clipped a small limb with the top limb of my bow, making a small sound. The buck jumped into the air and away from me at now about 30 yards. I had no shot and had to let my bow down. At this time I was thinking I had screwed up another chance at a big buck, but he decided to walk back the way he came, which gave me another chance. I drew again and just as I come to full draw and settled my 20-yard pin he stopped and looked at me. I figured he was spooked and may try to duck the arrow so I aimed a little low and released the arrow. It hit him in the shoulder but did not pass through. He took off very quickly and I was left thinking my arrow did not get good penetration and perhaps the shot was not lethal. All I could do was wait until dark, get out of the there and get some help.

Once I was out of the woods, I called my good friend Jon Allinder and told him about the situation, and that I would need some help in tracking the deer. About an hour later he arrived and he, my Uncle Damon, and I went to get the buck. To my surprise he had crashed only 55 yards from where I had shot him. All we could do was celebrate, and to this day he is definitely the biggest buck I have taken.

After some time to reflect on the whole hunt, I do think that God had a hand in helping me take my biggest buck. I don’t think His sole reason was for me to just harvest this deer but to leave me with a hunt I will never forget. Of course, I will remember the details of this hunt but I will also remember that on that day God reminded me of what was most important. Hunting is great and especially killing big deer but, like all things without God and a relationship in which you can share all things with Him, you will find yourself frustrated, mad, and empty. Only God can give us peace, and I hope many more days in the woods.

New Mount Saint Joseph Cookbook Available

Fans of cooking who may also have a connection to Mount Saint Joseph can blend both interests with the new Mount Saint Joseph cookbook. The "Food for the Soul, Memories for the Heart" cookbook contains over 400 recipes submitted by Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, Ursuline Associates, and faculty and alumnae of the former Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Junior College.

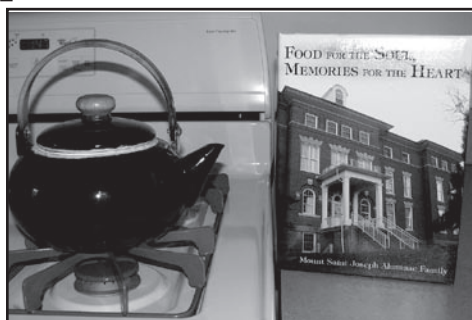
Along with recipes, there are memories and trivia from the Mount as well as helpful cooking hints.

"It's a beautiful example of a cookbook," said Nancy Mills, a 1972 Academy graduate who co-chaired the project. "I like the fact it has the memories in it, and the Mount facts, and the old pictures. We wanted the stories so that the stories aren't forgotten."

The Mount Saint Joseph Academy Alumnae Association compiled, typed, and prepared the cookbook for publication.

Along with Mills, other committee members were Carolyn Sue Cecil A'73, Paula Chandler Gray A'73, Mary Ford Vuncannon A'55, and Kathy Ford Young A'70. Marian Bennett, director of Ursuline Partnerships in the Mission Advancement office, served as the cookbook co-chair.

"So many people believed in the project and kept it on task," Mills said. "To me, the amazing part was, everyone jumped in and was willing to do her part. We wanted to agree and work as one, and we came out with something I'm extremely proud of." The cookbook has a hardback cover featuring a photo of the original Academy building on the front, and the pages are contained in a three-ring binder. Recipes are divided into six sections: appetizers and beverages; soups and salads; vegetables and side dishes; main dishes; breads



and rolls, and desserts.

The first Mount Saint Joseph cookbook, "Watermelon and Buttermilk," was published in 1996. Its title came from the first meal served to the Ursuline Sisters who traveled from Louisville, Ky., by flatboat in 1874 to begin Mount Saint Joseph Academy for Girls. It was a popular cookbook, and copies became scarce over the years.

When the committee checked on reprinting the "Watermelon" cookbook, it found that its publishing company was no longer in business.

"'Watermelon and Buttermilk' was such a success. It was out of print, though, so people who wanted one couldn't get it, and others didn't know about it," Mills said.

The committee decided to select some recipes from the original cookbook for use in a new book. The group wanted a variety of recipes, including those that were more unusual, Mills said. Academy alumnae submitted recipes for the latest book. About 40 percent of the recipes in the 2010 book are new, Mills said.

Cookbook proceeds benefit the alumnae association. This group helps defray the costs of alumnae weekend. It also pays half of the printing costs of the alumnae

newsletter, The New Mount. The association has also donated to Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (in the former Academy, which closed in 1983); Dorothy Day House of Hospitality in Memphis, Tenn., where Ursuline Sisters minister, and to other worthwhile causes.

The cookbook is available for a suggested donation of \$15. To reserve a cookbook for yourself or a friend, contact Marian Bennett at the Office of Ursuline Partnerships at 270-229-2006 or e-mail associates.msaj@maplemount.org. If the cookbook needs to be mailed, please send an extra \$5 per book for postage and handling.



I Asked God A Penny for His Thoughts

By Mary Hagan

As I sat in my office praying this morning, I wanted to give voice to my thoughts on Cursillo. It has been ten years since I went on the Cursillo weekend learning about my faith in an atmosphere of joy. I knew no one on the weekend but some have

become lifelong friends and the better I know them, the more I am in awe of God's love that He brought us together. I have joined a community of people who love each other unconditionally because God first loved us. I thought I knew Jesus before I went on the weekend, but I have learned so much more of His life today. He loves me with all His heart. He gives me all that I need and pray for, and even more.

Here's an example of His giving what I need. I had been praying everyday to God, my Father, Jesus, my Brother, and Mary, my Mother to find us a car that would be dependable and long lasting, in good condition (because only God knows the future and what my future needs would be.) It had to be a good price because we have very limited resources. And I wanted a sign that God had chosen the car for us because I know little of cars and nothing of the future. I asked for God to put a penny in the car that we were supposed to buy.

I went to three dealerships, and the last one had a van. I looked in about 12 cars from the 3 dealerships. The van had 2 pennies and a quarter in the console. I felt a huge grin come on my face, and a light of God's love flowing through me. God had answered my prayers. I had been praying about a month. The matriarch of our family had provided the money and God had given us a car. My belief in God soared with the eagles that day, and still does as I thank Him when I get in the car.

How good God is! He answers our prayers. I could hardly wait to tell my prayer group (Thurs. at 5 at Bob Evans restaurant) and the community at Ultreya as we prayed, grouped, sang and witnessed together. I know my eyes shine when I talk of God's love for us.

I am extending my prayer time with a book I have started again called *At Home With The Spirit, On Retreat in Daily Life* by Tom O'Hara, S.J. It has Bible readings related to the week's chapters. Next, is the personal conversation with God. Reflection asks "What struck me? How did I relate to God? Where is the Lord leading me now?" Journaling with these questions keeps me on track with the book which is the basic principle of Ignatian Spirituality.

Cursillo has brought me so much closer to Jesus, God, and Mary to whom I pray each and every day.

Mary Hagan lives in Maceo, KY

Called to be Holy



Catholic Charismatic Conference

October 22-24, 2010

Flaget Center - 1935 Lewiston Dr., Louisville, KY

Keynote Speakers: (Friday 6pm EST) Archbishop **Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.**, Louisville, (Saturday 8am EST) **Ralph Martin** is the President of Renewal Ministries and the host of the weekly television program *The Choices We Face*.

Saturday Mass of Hope and Healing: 7:30 p.m. (EST) followed by healing and personal prayer ministry. (All invited to Saturday Mass - registration is not required)

Registration: \$30.00 includes Saturday lunch (Priest Deacons, Seminarians, Religious, no charge for registration, \$12. Meal charge for lunch) **For information** on over-night stay at the Flaget Retreat Center and Registration information contact: Bob Garvey (502) 435-6186 or visit web site at www.ccrloouisville.org to download a flyer.

Right to Life of Owensboro 18th Annual Fund Raising Banquet

Date: 10/07/2010

Time: Doors open at 6:00; Dinner begins at 6:30

LOCATION CHANGE

Hines Center, 1 Wellness Drive, Philpot, KY 42366

Tickets are FREE this year, BUT we still need table hosts. If you are willing to HOST a table (fill a table of 8) then give us a call to reserve your spot. We MUST HAVE all of our tables filled to raise the funds we need to continue our mission in the following year. Your assistance in this would be so wonderfully appreciative.

Call 270-685-4922 to make your reservation.

12 St. Romuald Parish Kicks Off Its Bicentennial

By Marie Rose

HARDINSBURG, Ky. - St. Romuald Church in Hardinsburg kicked off the celebration of its bicentennial year with a ceremony commemorating the installation of a Kentucky Historical Society marker on August 27th at 10AM.

God gifted us with a bright and beautiful summer day as morning preparations for the marker dedication ceremony began. Early morning was bustling as many were at work to see that the day would be one to remember – Kim, Sheila, Martha Rose, PJ, and Shannon were busy getting balloons ready, Tony arrived early to set up the sound system before he went into work, school students brought down chairs to set under the tent (put up the day before with several willing hands), ladies of the parish were dropping off cakes for the reception, the marker was draped in a green cloth furnished by the state for the unveiling ceremony, a podium was put in place and Alvin came to our rescue to make it stable, programs were placed, Mass preparations were being made, ... It took many hands to get ready for the day and we were grateful for them all.

Charmaine, Tommy, and Wayne greeted those who arrived for Mass and helped to seat some of our out-of-town guests who had traveled here for this occasion. The church was filled and a sense of "something special happening" was in the air. The Church bell was rung to summon us to Mass. This was a regularly scheduled Mass for the school children, but plans were made to involve children from every class in some way for this special day. Bishop Medley, joining us for the dedication, presiding at Mass and Fr. Tony Bickett, Fr. Greg Trawick, and Fr. Dan Kreutzer concelebrated. Children sang in the choir, read the readings, carried up the gifts, and teachers were Eucharistic ministers. Bishop Medley reminded us it was the feast of St. Monica and how she prayed for many years for her son. "We do our best, when we do what God wants us to do," said Bishop Medley. As the petitions were prayed, we remembered the infant Richard Rhodes, the first to be interred in our cemetery, for whom this Mass was offered. Then the church resounded with the refrain of "God is so good, oh, so good to us."

We could not help but feel that today was different, special.

As Mass ended, those gathered walked from the church down the hill to where the marker was placed. Standing beneath the trees and watching them sway in the breeze; one could not help but feel the presence of those gone before us in faith gathering with us on this holy ground.

Fr. Tony welcomed the crowd of about 400 guests, which included dignitaries, Bishop Medley, Ursuline Sisters, Sisters of Loretto, parishioners, students, teachers, and relatives of Zachariah Mattingly. He led us in prayer and reminded us that this was a special date in our history – on August 27, 1903 Bishop Denis O'Donoghue consecrated our present church building. In those days a church could not be consecrated until the debt was paid off. He jokingly suggested to the Bishop that he might also consider doing that.

Dana Cox, Director of the Kentucky Historical So-



Bishop William Medley sprinkled Holy Water on the St Romuald Historical Marker. Photo by Karen Jarboe

ciety Foundation, commented on her own Catholic education and the joy at seeing the students present for the dedication ceremony before she spoke about Kentucky's historical marker program.

Bishop Medley then came forward to address the crowd noting he was honored to be here for such a historic occasion. He reminded us that Zachariah Mattingly did not donate the three acres of land in 1810 just so that his name might appear on a plaque, but he gave the land out of generosity for the good of the church. He said great people do great things, not to get their name in bronze, but because it is the right thing to do.

Jimmy Payne was invited forward to assist the Bishop in the unveiling of the marker. Jimmy, a great-great-great-grandson of Zachariah Mattingly, represented the relatives of Zachariah. Many relatives joined us that day including great-great-granddaughter Mary Catherine Payne, great-great-great-granddaughters Brenda Elder, Anita Gossett, and Ruth Board and great-great-great grandsons Phillip Payne, Danny Payne and Pat Hartlage. There were many other relatives present for the occasion. As they unveiled the marker which read: *Founded in 1810 by Fr. Charles Nerinckx, a Catholic missionary from Belgium. It is the oldest parish remaining at one location in the Diocese of Owensboro. Original 3 acres of land donated by Zachariah Mattingly. First log church built in 1810; second church built in 1841, outgrown by congregation; third and present church built between 1897-1900.* The crowd erupted in applause; Bishop Medley then blessed the marker.

Fr. Tony invited Sr. Kate Misbauer, a Sister of Loretto, to the podium. She presented the parish with booklets and a framed sketch of Fr. Nerinckx. Fr. Nerinckx founded their order – the first native American order of sisters. Our founder,



At the unveiling of the historical marker with Bishop William Medley is Jimmy Payne, a great-great-great-grandson of Zachariah Mattingly. The children are Jimmy's grandchildren (from L-R) - Kailey, Emma, and Zack. Photo submitted



At left is Sr. Kate Misbauer, a Sister of Loretto, and archivist at the Loretto Motherhouse, who presented St Romuald Church with a framed sketch of the parish's founder, Fr. Nerinckx. Marie Rose held the picture. Bishop William Medley, at right back, who had just spoken, and Fr. Dan Kreutzer, at left back, who was next to present the dedication address, listened as Sr Kate spoke. Photo submitted

Fr. Nerinckx is buried on their motherhouse grounds at Loretto.

Fr. Dan Kreutzer, whose idea it was to apply for the marker, stirred those gathered with his dedication address. Noting that in 1810, Fr. Nerinckx sent a letter to Bishop Carroll, in Baltimore, stating that the church in Hardinsburg possessed three acres of land for a church and that today's date was the anniversary of the consecration of the present church, he said:

"August is a very good and memorable month for the people of faith of St. Romuald Parish. As we begin the bicentennial year for this historic parish, we remember and celebrate the legacy of hope and faith that abides here... God has dwelt here, on this holy hill, among his chosen ones from the very beginning... When this parish was established this was wilderness, part of the untamed and unnamed American west. Like her patron, the parish of St. Romuald became a bridge for the faith from the east to the west... The presence of St. Romuald school children today joyfully reminds us that education is always a part of Catholic parish life. In 1876 the first school was built here, staffed by Sisters of Charity. They were succeeded by the Ursulines of Louisville and Maple Mount over the years. And today, at the beginning of the Third Century for Saint Romuald Parish, people are dreaming of ways not only to continue St. Romuald School but to enhance its quality

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and outreach into the surrounding community. Surely the Lord is in this place. Shepherded by 36 pastors over the two hundred years always under the diligent patronage of St. Romuald, the parish has grown geographically and spiritually. From a small tract of land on the 'dark and bloody ground' of Kentucky, where native Americans hunted among the lush preserves of nature, the people of this parish have consistently responded in gratitude to God's blessings individually and collectively built up their faith, the faith of their children and the faith of the community. Each successive generation has both harvested the fruit from both faith, hope, and love planted deep in the soil on this holy hill and also planted seeds of faith, hope, and love for us future generations to harvest. The psalmist says, 'Except the Lord build this house, the laborers work in vain.' Surely the Lord is the architect and builder of this parish community. On land donated and hallowed by countless men, women, and children, in buildings consecrated by bishops, St. Romuald arrives at the end of the second century of faithfulness and turns toward the third century. Based on the historic record of God's providence and goodness toward us, grounded in the rich soil of Catholic faith and tradition, guided by holy men and women of God, inspired by God's ageless Word, nourished by the holy sacraments, and sustained in community life, St. Romuald Parish rejoices at the many gifts God has bestowed. And with St. Romuald as our beloved patron, we renew our faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of the one true God, promising to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to our care and what He will entrust to us and our descendants.

"As we gather today to remember and to celebrate, St. Romuald's 'Little Rule' guides us forward: *'Sit [where you are] as in Paradise; put the whole world behind you and forget it; watch...like a good fisherman watching for fish; realize that you are in God's presence...; empty yourself completely and sit... content in the grace of God...; St. Romuald, pray for us.'*"

Fr. Dan was followed by Ray Powers, Breckinridge County Judge Executive. As a graduate of St. Romuald High School, he noted with pride his days at St. Romuald School and commented on the many contributions of faith based communities to this



St. Romuald Interparochial school children, under the direction of Jessi LaGrange, entertained the crowd with the song, "Today is the Day." Submitted photo

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Then, St. Romuald Interparochial school children, under the direction of Jessi LaGrange, entertained the crowd with the song, Today is the Day.

Fr. Tony closed the ceremony with a blessing and invited those gathered to come up the hill to the reception and to watch the balloon release by the children.



St. Romuald Church in Hardinsburg kicked off the celebration of its bicentennial year with a ceremony commemorating the installation of a Kentucky Historical Society marker. Saint Romuald pastor, Fr. Tony Bickett, closed the August 27, 2010, ceremony with a blessing and invited those gathered to come up the hill to the reception and to watch the balloon release by the children. Submitted Photo

GARDEN OF HOPE DEDICATION

Please join the
Diocesan Gospel of Life Committee
in this Celebration of Hope for Life
October 10, 2010 at 2:00 pm
Brescia University Quad

DeColores

To all **new, present, past and future** Cursillistas

A Fourth Day Spiritual Retreat

Led by: Sister Elaine Burke O.S.U

Sunday, November 7, 2010

12 Noon until 4 PM

Saint Margaret Chapel

685 Watson Lane

Henderson, Kentucky

Thank You, Diocese of Owensboro

From the Motherless and Abandoned Babies Unit Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Hospital Jaleymi, Osogbo, Osun State, Nigeria.

To The Brothers and Sisters of Owensboro Diocese.

As the Sister In-Charge of Motherless and Abandoned Babies Unit of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Hospital, Jaleymi, Osogbo, I would like to express my gratitude to all of you for your support and care for these motherless and abandoned babies, and to let you know that the contributions you sent through Sr. Margaret Alokun, O.S.F., was delivered (\$80.00, \$500.00, and \$200.00).

I also thank and appreciate all those who purchased scented candles in the mission appeal to care for our less privileged of our community, especially the above named babies. Thank you very much and God bless.

Our needs are numerous, we are still unable to complete the building to house the grown up among these children of God. Your continuous financial assistance will be highly appreciated.

May God continue to shower you with his blessings so you can continue to help the helpless.

Sincerely yours,

Sr. Mary Elizabeth Akinlotan, O.S.F. And Mrs. F.M. Famiwo, Matron In-Charge.



Sister Margaret Alokun, O.S.F., a member of the Owensboro Diocesan Tribunal Office, traveled to parishes in Western Kentucky to sell, with the pastor's permission, scented candles outside the church doors after weekend liturgies. Sister Margaret's Mission Appeal for the babies in Nigeria was well received in those parishes which opened their doors to her appeals.

Sr. Margaret has been to several parishes in our diocese with the candles, and so far the parishioners have purchased some. To purchase candles from Sr. Margaret Alokun, OSF, people can contact her at kyrielok@yahoo.com Phone # 270 929 6412.

Submitted photo



In the photo above, nurses in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Hospital, Jaleymi Osogbo, Nigeria care for some of the motherless and abandoned babies brought to them.

In the photo at right, a woman stands in her home in the village of Ilesa, in Osun State, Nigeria, with some bags of rice which Sr. Margaret brought her.

Photos submitted by Sr. Margaret Alokun, O.S.F.



All, especially Byzantine Catholics,

are invited to meet His Grace, Bishop John Bura

Apostolic Administrator of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Eparchy of St. Josaphat -- Parma, OH (an Eastern Catholic Eparchy in communion with our Holy Father, Benedict XVI) when he celebrates Divine Liturgy at St. Nicholas Ukrainian Greek Catholic Mission in Nashville, TN, on Monday, Nov 1st at 6:30 pm.

A catered reception will follow.

St. Nicholas meets at St. Patrick Catholic Church,
1219 Second Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37210.

For more information visit <http://byzcath.org/Nashville>
or call (931)647-7338



Bishop John Bura



TEC #163

July 24-26, 2010

Christ the King,
Madisonville

Picture Roster:

Row 1: (Left-Right) David Wathen, John Johnston, Zach Owen, Coy Murphy, Aaron Carrico

Row 2: Laura McBride, Fr Fid Levri, Callie Critchelow, Carla Crespo, Stephanie Carrico, Matt Hunt, Sr Alicia Coomes, Gina R. Creason, Jerry Morris, Amber Krampe

Row 3: Kelli Storm, Matt Monsour, Kelly Carrico, Cassie Benson, Jordan Hagan, Sara Bellew, Austin Elliott,

Fr Eric Riley, Andrea Finley
Row 4: Kenny Nash, Meagan Tincher, Cody Shupe, Dustin Grillon, Ryan Vogt, Lee Scarbrough, Marcus Payne, Seth Reddick, Danny May



Bishop Soenneker Home, Our Personal Care Home

KNOTTSVILLE, Ky. - Bishop Soenneker Home was established as a 66-bed Personal Care Home on November 18th, 1968, and is owned by the Diocese of Owensboro. The Home has diligently served the needs of the aged, disabled (both physically and mentally), and convalescent people of Daviess County regardless of color, creed, nationality or social status. We provide a homelike environment for persons in need. At present 52 residents reside at the Home and occupancy has been below full capacity for several years.

We extend an open invitation to visit our home-like atmosphere. Our goal is to make improvements that will allow us to continue to faithfully serve the people of Daviess County well into the future and to enhance an already desirable facility into one the aged and disabled look forward to calling home. We believe the improvements will increase occupancy and allow us to be more self-sufficient. Unfortunately, our expenses outweigh our income much of the time. The State did not raise our monthly rate of \$1,134 per person for 2010. With the cost of living so costly making ends meet is nearly impossible.

If you can see it in your budget to donate to our Home, it would be most appreciated. Any amount large or small would be a tremendous help. Note also that our Home is non-profit and all donations are tax-exempt and can be taken off your taxes. God Bless You and may the Holy Spirit guide you in your decision.



Bishop Soenneker Home's address is 9545 Hwy. 144, Philpot, Ky. 42366. It is located just east of Saint William Catholic Church on KY Highway 144 in Knottsville, Ky.

If you have any questions please contact Paula Hazel at 1-270-281-4881 or 1-270-281-5804.

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. 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.

The Carpenter's Son

That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." ~2 Chronicles 1:6-8

By Teresa Anne Hayden

A life built around a full-time job, three children, and a husband who worked the midnight shift was wearing me down. There had to be more to my life than paperwork, potty training, and ridiculous factory schedules. And then there was that nagging thought that kept tugging at my skirt like a whiny child: "There's something else you should be doing." It refused to stop begging for attention.

When I read the announcement in my church bulletin, I knew it was just what I needed: a retreat. Maybe there God could answer the restlessness in me.

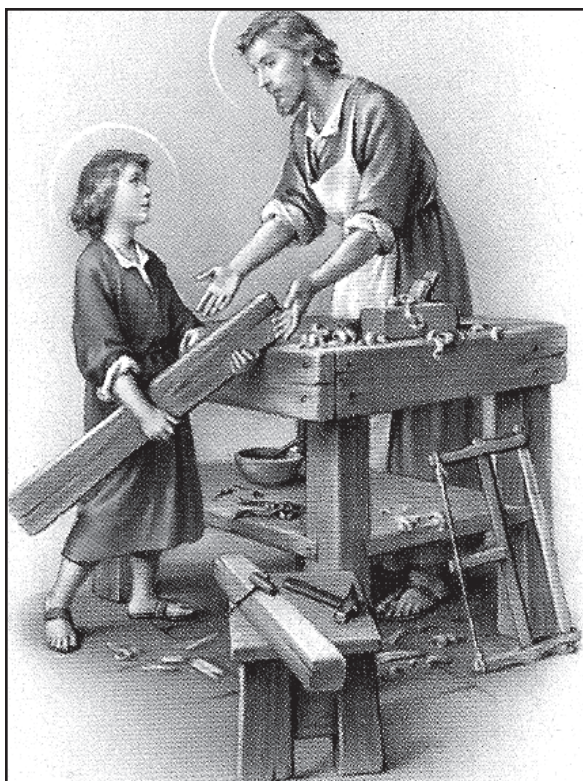
The weekend retreat was to be held in a convent. I had never been to one. Walking onto the grounds, I passed towering brick buildings that stood like soldiers guarding holy ground. Standing regally in the center of the compound was an elderly oak tree. Years of rain, like holy water, had blessed it with a long life. Its massive bouquet of branches reached for the sky like hands lifted in charismatic prayer. I stopped for a moment under their gesture of praise, letting the holiness of this place enfold me.

Later, having navigated to my room, I lay my suitcase on the bed and surveyed my surroundings. The room was stark and simple: a bed, desk, Bible, and dresser. A crucifix hung on the gray wall.

"Things look pretty bleak around here," I thought. Peace may have escorted me in, but I wondered if simplicity and I would be good room-mates.

That night I crawled into bed and cocooned myself in blankets, trying to make myself cozy. Silence crept around the drab space. The quiet made me uncomfortable. But, in spite of my uneasiness, exhaustion tucked me in and I quickly fell asleep.

I don't know how long I had been slumbering when my eyes sprung open. I gasped, then yelled. Looming before me was a goliath ghostly figure of a boy standing as tall as the



ceiling! A thin band circled his head like a leather halo, holding his long, curly hair away from his face. His body was wet with sweat. His head tilted upward with an affectionate gaze aimed toward heaven.

In the second it took to open my eyes, I was infused with knowledge, a holy resume introducing my spiritual intruder: This is Jesus, the Carpenter's Son. He has been working long grueling hours helping his father build.

And then I heard the words, not audibly, but inside me. "It's hard work building the Kingdom."

I sat upright in the bed and speedily brushed my hand over the figure like I was erasing a chalk board. And, just like that, He was gone.

Bewildered, I lay back down and tried to assimilate what had just happened. I stared at the dull gray wall that had been the backdrop of this mysterious visitation. My heart pounded like a hammer. "If that was Jesus, then why am I so afraid?"

The answer came to me in the memory of a Bible passage I had read. The disciples were on a boat in the middle of a storm when Jesus headed their way, walking on the water. At first they didn't recognize him. "It's a ghost!" they screamed out in fear.

I knew just how those guys felt. I was terrified. Evidently, holy fear is a very scary thing. But, the revelation that Jesus had scared the devil out of his disciples, too, comforted me. The consoling thought wrapped its arms around me, calming my fear until I drifted back to sleep.

The next morning was Sunday. I went to Mass with the previous night's encounter on my mind. As Mass started, I was distracted by my thoughts,

but praying none the less. "Lord, was that really you last night?"

When the time came for the priest to deliver the homily, he paced slowly at the front of the church. Stroking both sides of his chin, as if engrossed in deep thought, he said, reverently, "Jesus the Carpenter's Son. What a beautiful name for Jesus."

I was stunned.

"This is no coincidence," I told myself. "God is definitely trying to tell me something!"

I felt like someone had plugged me in; electric currents surged up and down my body. I was vibrating. Goose bumps sprung up all over me. The phenomenon reoccurred in waves throughout the sermon and did not stop until Mass ended.

Thoughts of Jesus traveled with me on the long drive home. Trying to understand why He would appear to me as the Carpenter's Son, I asked myself questions: "What does a carpenter do?" He builds things. "What does Jesus, the Carpenter, do?" He builds lives.

As soon as I got home, I sat down at my computer and wrote about Jesus, the Carpenter's Son, the builder of lives. On a whim, I submitted what I had written to the editor of my diocesan newspaper. To my surprise, he invited me to write a monthly column for the newspaper. I heard the Call. I started writing.

A short time later, I was asked to be a cantor and music minister at my church. Again, I heard the Call. I started singing.

One thing led to another and suddenly, I had plenty to do. Seems there's a lot of heavenly work out there. The floodgates opened and I just went with the flow.

My visit from the Carpenter's Son was over twenty years ago. Not one day since then have I been idle; I always find something worthwhile to do for Jesus. Like writing, singing, visiting nursing homes, or teaching catechism to my grandchildren. Often, I get tired. Sometimes I want to quit. But, for the most part, when weariness comes a-calling, I just take a break. Then, I look to heaven and wipe the sweat from my brow, remembering that Jesus once told me that it's hard work building the Kingdom of God.

~ Teresa Anne Hayden is a writer who lives in Cayce, Kentucky, with her husband Mike. They have three children and six grandchildren. Her work has appeared in Catholic Digest, the Rural Kentuckian and The Western Kentucky Catholic where her column, "Pray About It," spanned a decade.

Decision to follow Christ requires support from others, pope says

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- The decision to follow Christ is not an easy one to make, so young people should look for support from the Christian community and the church, Pope Benedict XVI said in his message for World Youth Day 2011. "Do not believe those who tell you that you don't need others to build up your life! Find support in the faith of those who are dear to you, in the faith of the church," the pope wrote in his message, released Sept. 3.

Pope Benedict called on all young people, even those who are no longer active members of the church as well as nonbelievers, to attend the World Youth Day celebrations in Madrid Aug. 16-21, 2011. He said the international gathering offers people a powerful experience of Jesus Christ and his love for everyone. "The decision to believe in Jesus Christ and to follow him is not an easy one. It is hindered by our personal failures and by the many voices that point us toward easier paths," he said. The pope urged youths to not be discouraged and to look for the support of the Christian community and the church. The theme of World Youth Day 2011 is: "Planted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith."

Mary Hill Is A Catholic Role Model Whose Daily Prayer Lifts Us All Up

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OWENSBORO, Ky. - This is the poem that earned Mary Hill, 100, the Golden Poet (1990) recognition given by World of Poetry (founded by John Campbell). The award plaque (with engraved words of her poem) hangs on the wall of her room in Hillcrest Nursing Home, Owensboro.

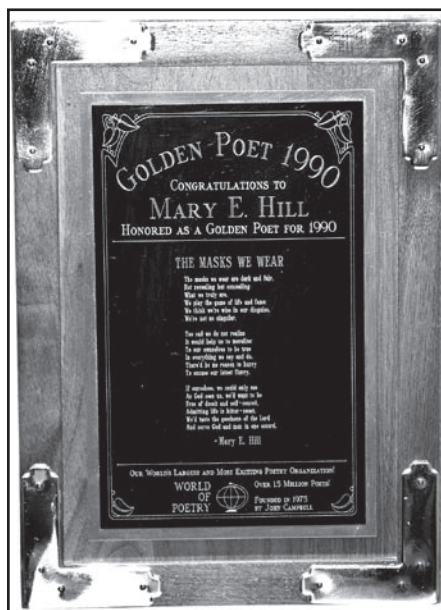
The Masks We Wear

The masks we wear are dark and fair
Not revealing but concealing
What we truly are.
We play the game of life and fame.
We think we're wise in our disguise.
We're not so singular.

Too sad we do not realize
It would help us to moralize:
To our own selves to be true
In everything we say and do.
There'd be no reason to hurry
To excuse our latest flurry.

If ourselves, we could only see
As God sees us, we'd want to be
Free of deceit and self-conceit.
Admitting life is bitter-sweet
We'd taste the goodness of the Lord
And serve God and man in one accord.

The Western Kentucky Catholic visited Mary Hill at Hillcrest Nursing Home. One of the first things she asked was which church we attended. The next thing she spoke about was the 2008 Blessed Mother Parish Directory with her wedding picture.



Mary Hill, 100, was born on Saint Patrick's Day, an O'Brien, Irish, and she married Robert Hill Feb. 23, 1949. Mel Howard photo



First Church Wedding
Mary Elizabeth O'Brien
& Robert Hill
Feb. 23, 1949

Mary and Bob Hill were the first couple to be married at Blessed Mother Church in 1949. She would also spoke about the Sacred Heart Statue donated by her parents (O'Brien). Mary attended daily Mass at Blessed Mother for years and donated the

money for the new Sanctuary Lamp when the Church was most recently redone.

Editor's Note: Thanks to Bill and Joy Bach, and Helen Meister, all of Owensboro, for their help in getting this story.

High School Juniors and Seniors - there will be a Teens Encounter Christ weekend at St Charles Church, Bardwell, 22-24 October. Info: www.wkytec.org



Walking For Life

With help from their Moms and teachers, students from The Owensboro Catholic Schools formed the St. Therese The Little Flower Group of girls. Here the group led the Walk for Life in Owensboro on September 11, 2010. Photo by Larena Lawson



Therese Martin. The world came to know Therese, later known as Saint Therese of the Child Jesus through her autobiography, "Story of a Soul".



OCHS FFA Participates in State Fair

The Owensboro Catholic FFA participated in the KY Beef Council elementary student education booth at the 2010 Kentucky State Fair on August 25th. Members of Owensboro Catholic FFA made several presentations to Greater Louisville elementary school students throughout the day. After participation in the Beef Council Booth the OC FFA Beef Team enjoyed the sights and food of the State Fair. OC FFA Beef Team member are:

Seated: Maggie Wilson, Maddie Zoglmann, Becca Millay, Kaylee Murphy
 Standing: Luke Riney, Jordan Thomas, Matt Johnson, Tyler Grant, Matthew Jacobs, Zach McCarthy The OC FFA faculty sponsor is Susan Zoglmann

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OCHS Students Attending Gatton Academy

Congratulations to Owensboro Catholic High School students Will Bickett and Nathan Lasley who were accepted and are attending the Gatton Academy of Math and Science on the campus of Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

Will attended OCHS through his sophomore year and Nathan, an OCHS Junior, is currently dual-enrolled at Gatton and at OCHS.

Will is the son of Gary and Karen Bickett and a member of St.



Nathan Lasley



Will Bickett

Martin parish.

Nathan is the son of Kevin and Mary Lasley and a member of Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

A Sign of Blessings

At right, on Friday, August 20, Father Tony Shonis, Principal Sandy Fleming, faculty and staff, and the entire student body gathered in front of Holy Name School for the blessing of the new electronic sign. Local business and families generously contributed funds to cover the cost of this new technology which can display eight messages as well as graphics. The sign was installed in June and helps Holy Name to fulfill the command of Jesus found in Matthew 5:16: "You must let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Submitted by Kamille Stich



First Day of School

At left, new Holy Name Elementary School principal Sandy Fleming and Mrs. Kim Stallings welcomed new Kindergartners on their first day of school. The photo below is of Assistant Principal Mary Caton welcoming student Morgan Farris on the opening day of School which was August 5. Holy Name School photo submitted by Kamille Stich



PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

October 31, 2010

A Celebration of Priesthood
 Be sure to honor the priests among us; show them our appreciation for their ministries. For ideas, go to www.priestsunday.org

Celebrate!

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

October 31, 2010

Hi, Western Ky Catholic Readers!



From Left in the picture: Teresa Westerfield, Mary Hagan; Back row: Karen Murphy, and JoEtta Mayfield

We are the Thursday after 5 pm Cursillo Friendship Group. Please pray with us "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and we shall be recreated and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: Oh, God who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant by the same Holy Spirit, that we may be wise and ever rejoice in His consolation through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen."

We would like to share with you how our friendship group started and how we persevered in our Fourth Day by growing in our friendship with God and each other. Originally our group began in early September, 2004. Teresa Westerfield, Cursillo #64, and Mary Hagan Cursillo #43, 1990, were riding home from the School of Leader's Meeting in Lewisport, KY. Bear in mind, the topic for the monthly meeting was "Friendship Grouping". The other two ladies in the car were in established groups, while Teresa and Mary were searching for one. Mary asked if she could join their groups. However, the other women felt their groups would be too large. Then, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, Teresa and Mary decided to form their own small friendship group.

Their plan would be to meet weekly in the Owensboro area, welcoming other Cursillista women to join them. They first began meeting at Mary's house in Maceo, then occasionally at the Carmel Home. The Carmel Home offered a nice meeting room and an opportunity to pray the Rosary with the residents and staff. They also met in the park and at an occasional restaurant with a determination to persevere in their weekly friendship grouping.

In 2005, Joyce Ballard joined them for a short time but family complications arose and she could not meet regularly anymore. JoEtta Mayfield was introduced in February, 2007, after Cursillo. At the Grand Ultreya in Madisonville, KY, she was welcomed with open arms. During the closing of the Cursillo in Hawesville, KY, in 2008, Teresa, by the power of the Holy Spirit, went to the podium with her friends, Margaret Bennett, Tina Powers, Mary Hagan, and JoEtta Mayfield, to announce that their small friendship group would welcome newcomers at any time. Kelly Christian came forward to introduce his girlfriend, Karen Murphy, and she joined our group at that time.

You may be asking, "How do you group?" Our group begins with a prayer, then the following three questions:

1. Piety: When did you feel Christ's presence this week? Our responses vary, for example, while at Mass, while praying, reading the Bible, or calling a sick friend.
2. Study: What did you read this week? Response: the Bible or the Word Among Us. We have occasionally shared some quotes from a book we have read. This quite interesting and helps build our spirituality.
3. Action: what are we going to do next week? We try to read more by picking up the Bible, or Cursillo literature; by making a Eucharistic Holy Hour, or by praying the Rosary, etc.

In conclusion, dear readers, after six years, the Holy Spirit continues to draw us closer together as sisters in Christ. We meet with a true attitude of being confidants and loving friends who enjoy each other's company and prayers. We are thankful for each other and continue to keep an open arms policy for any Cursillista woman to join us at Bob Evan's Restaurant on Highway 54 in Owensboro, KY. Drop in on Thursday at 5:00 PM and ask for Tale 75 and see how the Holy Spirit moves among the four ladies.

DeColores!!!!



Vatican International Exhibit EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church
902 East Ninth Street, Hopkinsville, KY
42240

Saturday, January 8, 2011 2:00PM
– 7:00PM

Sunday, January 9, 2011 8:00AM
– 2:00PM

This exhibit includes photos, art and stories of 126 Vatican authenticated miracles associated with faith in and worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic miracles inspire in us a deeper awareness and more ardent love of our Lord's Real Presence.

For more information on the exhibit:

<http://www.bodyofchristoutreach.org/exhibit2.htm>



Register For

"Christians Conversations:
Bridges to Visible Unity"

8 Local Pastors-Theologians will:
Discuss their beliefs and practices
Share ideas on Making Christ more visible

WHEN: Saturday, October 16
WHERE: Brescia University
Campus Center Study Pavilion
(second floor)
Beginning at 8:00 AM and
Concluding at 3:30 PM

9:00 Rev. Rick Grover, Pastor
Owensboro Christian
10:30 Rev. James Byrd, Pastor
Third Baptist
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The Diocesan Marian Shrine Committee of Owensboro presents...

Mary, Our Spiritual Mother ...a one day Marian retreat November 6, 2010

The Carmel Home, 2501 Old Hartford Road, Owensboro, KY

• Guest Speaker: A national speaker, Rich May has a BA in Theology from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas and an MA in theology from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Rich will be speaking on Mary as a co-worker of redemption with Christ, the Immaculate Conception, Mary's Spiritual Motherhood and Marian Consecration. His presentations include audio visual with beautiful slide photography and free handouts.

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• Registration begins Saturday, November 6th at 8:30 am

Bishop William Medley will be celebrating mass with us!

• Register by November 1, 2010! Registration is \$20.00 per person. You may register by phone or by completing and returning the form below to: Heather Clemens ~ 2159 Sheffield Court, Owensboro, KY 42301. Call (270) 683-1570

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\$20 per person - Total :\$_____ (Priests and Religious – no charge)

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Are You Called To The Permanent Diaconate?

The Permanent Diaconate Program of the Diocese of Owensboro is in the fourth year of preparation for the ordination class of 2012. The formation of permanent deacons is a five-year program. The first year allows interested men to meet and have the opportunity to ask questions. At the conclusion of the first year, application is made for the Aspirancy Year through which formal discernment and academic preparation is made. The next three years are spent in spiritual, emotional, and academic formation toward diaconal ordination. For those men who are interested, we are beginning the program for the ordination class of 2015.

If you are a male age 35 – 60 and are interested in the permanent diaconate, you might wish to begin discussion with your pastor, and personal reflection on the following qualities sought in a deacon candidate:

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

We will meet from 10:00 AM – 12 Noon at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Hopkinsville, KY on the following dates: September 25, October 23, November 19, December 17 These are informal gatherings for prayer, discussion, and discernment. If you would like more information or have questions about the program, please contact: Reverend Father John M. Thomas, Director of Permanent Diaconate , SS Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 902 East Ninth Street, Hopkinsville, KY 42240, jmthomas@stspchurch.org. Tel. 270-885-8522. Fax. 270-885-5296



Do You Want To See A Picture of the Prettiest Girl at the Mount Picnic?

Grae Greer, right, shows a little girl her newly painted face in the mirror at the Mount Saint Joseph picnic's face painting booth Sept. 12. In the background painting faces is Claire Kaminski. Both volunteers are students at Owensboro High School. Jennifer Kaminski Photo

Clean Aprons?

At right, volunteers, David Ebelhar, left, and John Warren, stir barbecue dip that will flavor grilled chickens, pork, and mutton at the Mount Saint Joseph picnic. Jennifer Kaminski Photo



Ursuline Community Treasurer Sr Catherine Marie tried her hand at the Bottle Pitch. At right, Sr Lennora took a stroll during the picnic afternoon.



Smile, Jesus Loves You!

Owensboro Catholic Middle School students Anna Lopez, Haley Davis, and Claire Lewis found a picture of Jesus in the Yard Sale booth at the Sept 12 Mount Saint Joseph picnic and just had the best time going up to people, showing them the image, and saying, "Jesus Loves You!" Photo by Bev Howard, OCHS Counselor



Stephanie Wright Mattingly received the proclamation about September as Chiari Awareness Month from Mayor Mike Nugent on Sept. 7, 2010 in Whitesville City Hall. Mel Howard Photo

CITY OF WHITESVILLE, KENTUCKY

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Chiari is a birth defect affecting over 300,000 people in the United States, and
WHEREAS, Chiari is a neurological disorder where the bottom part of the brain, the cerebellum,, descends out of the skull, crowding the spinal cord, which puts pressure on the brain and spine, and
WHEREAS, A study of over 300 Chiari malformation patients found that 57% had at one time been told by a doctor they were suffering from a mental or emotional problem, and
WHEREAS, Many patients undergo serious brain surgery in an attempt to stop symptoms from progressing, and research has shown that surgery can improve symptoms for about 80% of patients, and
WHEREAS, Chiari can place physical, mental, and economic strain on patients and their families.
Now Therefore, I, Michael L. Nugent, Mayor Of The City Of Whitesville, Kentucky, Do Hereby Proclaim September, 2010 As: "Chiari Awareness Month"

*Signed and Sealed This 7th Day of September, 2010
Michael L. Nugent*

Naturally Curly Hair In Style

As her big sister, Sara Beth, left, helps her, little sister Katherine Caudill prepared to win a soft drink at the Bottle Pitch stand during the Mount Picnic. At back is their mother, Suzanne Caudill. Bev Howard Photo



Who Is My Neighbor?

Third in a series of articles about family and friends helping out families facing a challenging time in their lives.



A roadside banner helped the hundreds of people find the Caring for Carly Benefit July 31 near Knottsville. Mel



Dustin and Carla Roby with Carly as they thanked the crowd of friends and family who came to the Caring For Carly Benefit July 31 near Knottsville, Ky.

KNOTTSTVILLE, Ky. - Carly Roby, daughter of Dustin and Carla Roby, was born Sunday, June 20, 2010. She is the granddaughter of Carl and Kay O'Bryan and Russell and Sheila Roby. Carly was born with Anophthalmia, a rare disorder with no cure where both eyes are absent. She was treated at Kosairs Children's Hospital in Louisville for many days after her birth.

On July 31, 2010, the family and friends of Dustin Roby and Carla (O'Bryan) Roby held a "Caring For Carly Benefit" barbecue and auction at Jason Morris' home near Knottsville, Ky. A large gathering of about 500 people brought their folding chairs and picnic things to the Morris home with big shade trees situated high on a hill overlooking a lake and corn fields. The benefit was carefully organized so that participants found a place to park their vehicles and find a good place to arrange their little island of blankets, coolers, and chairs around a family picnic shelter and uphill from a trailer



Family members and friends of Dustin and Carla Roby served tables of food and desserts July 31 for the Caring for Carly Benefit July 31. It was a totally "thumbs-up" afternoon as people all pitched in to help do whatever needed doing for the benefit. Mel Howard photo



Melissa Miller, standing on stage at back right, kept track of Jerry Morris' (standing with the mic) auctioneering at the caring for Carly Benefit. Josh Merritt with guitar on stage was one of many musicians who entertained the big crowd during the meal and benefit. Mel Howard photo

The silent auction items were arranged along the driveway to the cooking area so that visitors could easily view the many items donated for the benefit.



From left, Melissa Miller, Kara Miller, and Tiffany Milan helped organize the July 31 Caring for Carly Benefit at Jason Morris' house near Knottsville to help the Dustin and Carla Roby family meet expenses for medical costs of Carly's hospital visits. Mel Howard Photo

"I Knew We Needed To Do Something."

By Tiffany Milan

On June 19, Kara Miller, Melissa Miller (friends of Carla and Dustin) and I (Tiffany Milan, first cousin to Dustin) got together and went to Carla and Dustin Roby's house to cook a huge supper for everyone. Our husbands grilled, and the ladies cooked everything else. We wanted to let Carla rest because we knew she was worried, and tired. We put together a hospital bag for them to use in Louisville. We even helped her put some of her baby things up in the nursery. We talked for a

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Don And Emma Cecil of Owensboro greeted Dustin and Carla Roby at Caring for Carly Benefit July 31. More than 120 donated auction items and about 500 people contributed to the benefit. Mel Howard Photo



People attending the Caring for Carly Benefit July 31 had easy access for bidding on the auction items set up on trailers. Mel Howard Photo

long time, and we let Carla know that everything was going to be OK. She knew she was going to have to have the baby in Louisville, because they thought the baby needed to have surgery right after she was born to repair a hole in the esophagus. They didn't know about anything else, Carla was so afraid that she'd go into labor before she got to Louisville.

The Roby's friend, Kara Miller, said "Happy Father's Day" to Dustin as they were leaving their house. Little did he know that Carla would give him a Father's Day gift just before bed time. Her water broke a little after 12:00 a.m. on Father's Day

On June 20, when Carla and Dustin had Carly, and I heard about the situation, I knew we needed to do something. It all just started happening, when I called to tell Melissa and Kara that they had the baby, and that she had Bilateral Anophthalmia,

the first question asked was "What can we do for them?" We started talking about different ways to raise money for them. We set a date to meet and we told everyone that wanted to be there, that they were welcome. We decided on a benefit.

We had one the year before for my aunt and we had a wonderful turn out. We had plenty of people who had done this in the past to talk to, and we wanted to take it a step further.

Sarah O'Bryan put together the "Cookies for Carly," and sold the cookies at 2 different churches after masses.

I put together another fundraiser for Carly held August 11, 2010 at Beef O'Brady's restaurant in Owensboro. 10% of all proceeds on that day from eat-in and carry-out meals served between 4pm-8pm went to Caring For Carly.

Family and friends got together and came up with the idea for a larger benefit.



David Mills, left, and John Miller dipped a barbecued chicken before serving the meal of the Caring For Carly Benefit July 31. Mel Howard Photo



Father Pat Bittel, left, pastor of St. William and St. Lawrence parishes, and Warren Lanham enjoyed the entertainment on stage at the Caring for Carly Benefit July 31. Mel Howard Photo

We had 4 meetings before the benefit. The first meeting we figured out what we wanted to do, and when. We also started on all the donations and gave specific people certain jobs to take care of. The second meeting, we got together to see what donations we had. We went over the fliers I made, and passed them out, and to see where we stood on the other items. The 3rd meeting, we got together and figured out the layout of the benefit, and to go back over all the items to see where we stood. The last meeting was the Sunday before on the 25th. We got together to check over

everything, to see if we needed any last minute items taken care of, and to make sure we had all the trailers we needed.

As for advertising I made a flier and we e-mailed it out to everyone we knew. Kara set a page up on Facebook, and Melissa handed the fliers out and posted them at stores. Someone else had it announced on the radio, and it was put in the Catholic parish bulletins at Knottsville, Saint Lawrence, and Whitesville.

Rhonda and Dwayne Knott came up with the design for the t-shirts. They had

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24 Sewing For Haiti

By Mel Howard

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - A group of women and a home school family were busy in the Saint Mary of the Woods Parish Center sewing dresses for little girls in Haiti on Wednesday, August 25.

An announcement in some local Catholic parish bulletins got people's attention. A couple statements in particular helped women who sew know that they could do this: "The pattern is very simple and one dress takes approximately 1 hour to complete. If you are interested in helping with this project (we need people to cut, pin or sew). Please contact Connie Hagan 729-2904 or Emma Whistle 729-4039. Bring material."

About 30 ladies who like to sew from St. Mary's parish and from a few neighboring parishes, notably Saint Pius Tenth Parish in Owensboro, arrived Aug. 25 and brought their sewing machines, needles and threads, cotton material of solid colors, prints, and stripes. By mid-morning, they had a table top mounded with dresses in little girls' sizes ready to be taken to Haiti.

They called them "pillowcase dresses" because the garments were basically straight line dresses with straps over the shoulders, modest and suited for a tropical environment.

This was an interfaith effort. Emma Whistle, mother of Father Brad Whistle, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro, learned about the dress-making idea from Darlene House of Utica Baptist Church whose grand-daughter Heather Darlene Green, also a member of Utica Baptist church, had been making pillowcase dresses and taken some to Part au Prince, Haiti, on a mission trip. She found the little girls just loved her dresses, so she came back home determined to make 1,000 pillowcase dresses by the end of October, 2010, when she planned to get back to Port au Prince to deliver more dresses.

The idea seemed so simple that ladies who sew who heard about it, but may not have volunteered their time, talents, and treasure of materials before for a church ministry said to them selves, "Well, I



On August 25, this group of seamstresses from St. Mary of the Woods parish, Whitesville, and some parishes in Owensboro show some of the pillowcase dresses they're making for girls in Haiti. Mel Howard photo

can do that!" Mrs. Whistle said. And so they stepped up to get involved with this Work of Mercy to help people who need some clothes.

The Western Kentucky Catholic asked Heather Green about her ministry for the people in Haiti. She said, "I heard a talk given by someone from Mission of Love (in Hartford, Ky.) at our church, and I just felt that, hey, I can do this. I know people hear talks like this and wish they could help, and they really can."

Ms. Green signed up to make a trip with the pastor of her church and people from the Mission of Love in July, 2009. She has been back twice since then, bringing steel barrels of shoes and clothes for boys and girls, as well as candy, shampoo, flip-flops, pillowcase dresses, purses, soccer balls, and household goods that people need every day. The next time she goes, Ms. Green said she hopes to take some Bibles translated in Creole, the language most people speak where she visits near Port au Prince.

Ms. Green said that one item they bring to people is a five-gallon bucket of chemicals that can purify water for drinking in about 30 minutes. The bucket costs about \$10.00 and can last a Haitian household for about a year.

The Majesty Academy senior says that there is a lot of hiking up steep hills, across dirt roads, and trails to get to the places where the people live. She said, "I have come to know that this mission work (organizing food and other supplies to bring to the people of Haiti) is God's work through me."

Ms. Green said she has spoken at other churches since July 2009 about her mission work.

"People just need to hear our mission story. Then they know that 'Hey, I can do this!'"

For more information about the Haitian mission, contact Sewing For Haiti contact person Emma Whistle, 270-233-4039.



Charlotte Johnson and Miranda Ward working together to make a dress while Sewing for Haiti in St. Mary's Parish Center August 25. Mel Howard photo



Above, Reuben Morris, 11, on Aug. 25 in St. Mary's Parish Center putting together a hem to be sewn into a pillowcase dress for a girl in Haiti. At left, Darlene Crabtree, left, and Loretta Edge Bailey worked at stitching together pillowcase dresses for girls in Haiti on Aug 25. Mel Howard photos



By Mary Hilda Macfarland

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Likely, the last time I had seen these six young men it had been in a hall or a classroom at Owensboro Catholic High School. Likely, the conversation had been something along the lines of "Tuck your shirt-tail in," or "Where's your belt?" I might have asked one to turn around and sit still. Likely.

But today, August 26, in a pew at St. Stephen Cathedral, there was no conversation. But there were many things I might have said.

Six OCHS students had been asked by OCHS Counselor Mrs. Bev Howard to serve as pall bearers for an eighty-eight year old Cathedral parishioner. Mrs. Howard had been contacted by grief counselor Betty Medley at Glenn Funeral Home asking for some volunteers for Eddie Jaskolski's funeral.

Michael Polio and Allen Rakotoniaina from St. Stephen's Parish said yes. Josh Buckman and Charlie Greenwell from Blessed Mother Parish said yes. Nolan Miller from St. Augustine's Parish and Jacob Fullenwider from St. Pius X Parish said yes, too. They could have refused. But they didn't. Only Charlie had ever served as a pall bearer. They could have pleaded a lack of familiarity with what would be expected of them. They didn't. They all said yes.



The OCHS students who served as pall bearers August 26 at St. Stephen Cathedral are from left, Charlie Greenwell, Allen Rakotoniaina, Josh Buckman, Nolan Miller, Michael Polio, and Jacob Fullenwider. Mel Howard photo



Tricia Buckman adjusted the tie and flower for Michael Polio before the funeral for Edward at St. Stephen Cathedral on August 26. Mel Howard photo

And as they filed in the Cathedral ahead of the casket, I became very much aware of their participation in a Corporal Work of Mercy. Later, when questioned, they admitted knowing their Works of Mercy and that this was one of them.

As they stood on the front row, I also became very much aware of the shirttails tucked in, the presence of the belts, the perfect posture during the Mass. Their crisp dress shirts, the carefully knotted ties, the solemn attention to the service – all moved me to pride in these young men and their generous gift to Mr. Jaskolski's family...a wife and a niece, according to the obituary.

The six young men were later interviewed about their experience and reported that Mrs. Jaskolski, as they prepared to place the casket in the hearse, came up to them and said, "If you knew how much this meant to me..." They knew...or at least they

were beginning to know.

Asked to write a comment about the experience, Allen wrote: "Being a pall bearer for Eddie Jaskolski truly was almost too great for words. I was extremely honored to be part of his entrance into new life. About halfway through the service I got this chilling feeling as if I was playing a minor role in a bigger picture. I felt as though this was something that God would be proud of me for."

Charlie wrote: "This experience made me realize how well other people view our school, that they would trust us to be pall bearers at their family member's funeral."

Nolan wrote: "I was honored to be one of those chosen. Although I did not know him personally I was glad that we could help out the family."

Josh wrote about honor, too, and added: "This was the first time I was ever a pall bearer and the experience helped me to learn a lot about a part of life that we cannot escape."

Jacob wrote: "After carrying in the casket, I felt like I did the right thing for not only God, but the family. It had a good feeling to it. I was sad, but feeling good that he was going into the new Jerusalem."

Michael wrote of feeling sorry for the family, but added "I could tell they were very gratified and happy that we could do this for them. Just from meeting the family, I could tell Eddie was a very caring man and I'm sure he is in heaven looking down on us now."

Near the end of the funeral at which he officiated, St. Stephen pastor Fr. John Vaughan paused, gestured toward the young men on the front row and thanked "the students from Owensboro Catholic High School who served as pall bearers."

They have my gratitude as well. I smile as I remember untucked shirts, absent belts and the inability to sit still. But even warmer is my heart as I realize what wonderfully generous men these boys are becoming. And I have told them so.

Catholic Charities Adoptions

Catholic Charities of Owensboro provides assistance to women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and to couples seeking to adopt. For more information, call us at 270-852-8328.



CARING for CARLY *(continued from page 23)*

the shirts printed up and everyone worked on pre-selling them. We sold them for \$10 each and was able to make a \$6 profit from each shirt sold.

Kara, Melissa, and I headed up the donations for the gifts. I made a list of 118 places to call and ask for donations. We called places and people, we e-mailed some, and we went door to door. Everyone was willing to donate something and we had a great turn out. People are so generous. We had to come up with a flier, and a letter that told them about the family, what they have been through, what happened, what she had and what was ahead of them. Once we had that together, we were able to collect a lot of really nice things. Melissa, Kara, and I spent many nights working on collecting boxes and wrapping them along with making labels for all the gifts. It was a lot of really hard work, and it was worth every minute of it. I'll do it all again if we need to.

We had the men take care of the cooking and the food. They headed all of that up. They took care of getting workers to help cook, all the orders and deliveries and pick-ups of the food. We had all the cousins bring drinks, the Aunts brought desserts. We had people volunteer to serve and work all day. We had volunteers come help the night before with cutting up 90 pounds of food for the burgoo. Others helped with the picnic tables and set-up. We had people dropping off tents just because they thought we could use them. Everyone was willing to help out and do something.

We had so many people tell us to just let them know what they needed to do. Everyone wanted to help and was willing to let us use anything they had if we needed it. People never thought twice about letting us use their equipment for the benefit and their donations; they were just glad to be able to help out.

How Caring For Carly Helped the People of Knottsville Strengthen Community Spirit

By Tiffany Milan

Carly is the first child of Carla and Dustin Roby will be celebrating their first year anniversary this October. About seven weeks after they got married, they found out they were expecting. It was such a wonderful time in their life. So many great things were happening for them.

On Father's Day June 20, 2010 Carly Michelle Roby was born. Carly's parents knew there was a possibility their daughter had a small hole in her esophagus. The doctors were prepared to repair the esophagus with surgery in Louisville as soon as she was born. The Robys had prepared themselves for that and were ready, however they were not prepared for what the doctors told them after Carly was born. After Carly's birth, she was life-flighted to Kosair Childrens Hospital in Louisville. The doctors had discovered that when Carly was born she was missing both eyes. This condition is called Bilateral Anophthalmia, a rare disorder and only happens once in 10,000 births.

Carla stayed at OMHS in Owensboro while they flew with Carly to Louisville, and Dustin rode up with family members. Dustin told the family what the doctors told them about Carly: at the time all they said was that they thought she was missing both eyes. Once Carly got to Louisville, the diagnosis was made about the bilateral Anophthalmia.

The word about Carla and Dustin having the baby spread through both family members, who told friends. When I got the call about Carly being born, I could tell there was something bigger going on before they ever told me. There was worry in everyone's voice. No one could believe what was happening. We had never heard of this before.

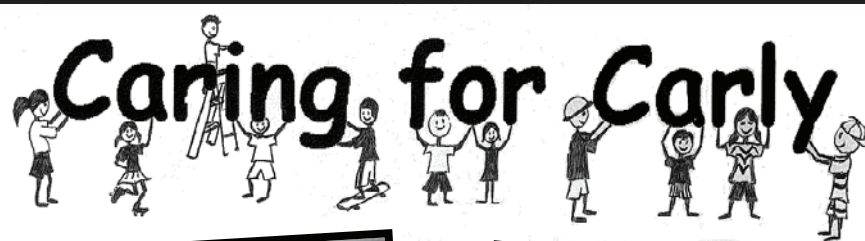
Carla spent several days at OMHS because of complications after the birth; Dustin stayed in Louisville with Carly. Carla was only able to hold her baby for a couple minutes before they flew her out. It was a week before she was able to see Carly or Dustin again.

Family members did everything they could for all of them. It wasn't a question of should we do something. It was clear in everyone's mind that we would do something to help them out. The only thing asked is "What are we going to do?" From past experiences, we knew a benefit would be the best thing to do. We cleared \$35,000 the day of the benefit. Knottsville is a wonderful community, where everyone knows who you are. The community always pulls together in a time of need to help someone out. With the Caring for Carly benefit we didn't just help out the Roby family, we got the whole community together. That brings people together.

Many people, upon hearing Carly's story, have asked "What can we do to help?" This young couple will encounter huge medical bills over the coming years as Carly will need to have several operations as she grows. Contributions may be given by a check made out to The Dustin Roby Carla Roby Trust at Old National Bank.



Preparing for a barbecue benefit takes a lot of help from many people. Here some of the barbecue cooks enjoyed a joke: from left, Eddie Lanham, Chris Morris, Daryl Cecil, and Roger Morris. Mel Howard Photo



Carly Michelle Roby

Born on father's day June 20th, 2010

Daughter of Carla and Dustin Roby

Granddaughter of Kay and Carl O'Bryan, and Sheila and Russell Roby

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for all their hard work and support preparing for Carly's benefit.

The benefit was a great success. We could not be more thankful for living in such an awesome community. We are very blessed for the money given to Carly. The money was put into a trust fund for Carly.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the benefit. You have all been so kind and wonderful. We would most especially like to thank you for your prayers.

Carly is doing well.

Sincerely,

Dustin, Carla, and Carly Roby.



Above, Young children, teens, Moms and Grandparents working together to complete their final craft.

At top right, carrying the Ark of the Covenant around the "city of Jericho" is from left, Zac Paris, Noah Watson, Katie Mathieu, Lilly Waston, Ben Paris, Elizabeth Garvin, and Austin Lane. Submitted photos

By Jeanette Phillips

MARION, Ky. - Saint William Parish held their annual Vacation Bible School in July. The theme was "Heroes of The Old Testament," and the children and adults studied Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Eli, Samuel, Judith, Esther, and Jonah.

The teachers developed the program with songs and activities correlating with each biblical figure.

The VBS was well-attended by the children and our parent and grandparent support was outstanding. Our biggest supportter was our pastor Fr. Larry McBride.

High School Juniors and Seniors - there will be a Teens Encounter Christ weekend at St Charles Church, Bardwell, 22-24 October.
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Father Larry McBride along with all the children of St. Francis Borgia located in Sturgis, Ky. are having fun at our 1st Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Ladies Guild. Picture furnished by Irene Price



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28 Nine students from diocesan high schools named Sen. Jeff Green Scholars

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Nine students from diocesan schools have been named Sen. Jeff Green Scholars. Students earn this designation by achieving a 4.0 grade point average all four years of high school and scoring at least a 28 composite on the ACT.

As Sen. Jeff Green Scholars, these students are eligible for \$2,500 a year in Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) awards. Students may earn up to \$10,000 toward their higher education expenses if they continue high scholastic achievement in college.

The title honors the late state Sen. Jeff Green of Mayfield, who served in the Kentucky General Assembly from 1992 to 1997. Students from diocesan high schools who earned this prestigious designation are:

- Owensboro Catholic High School: Erica Hamilton, Abigail Riney, Melinda Thomp-

son, Ellen Wright.

- St. Mary High School: Eric Butterbaugh, Sean Butterbaugh, Paige Harrison, Lesley Nash, William Parson.

KEES awards are funded by net Kentucky lottery proceeds and may be used at most colleges and universities in Kentucky. In some cases, the award may be used at out-of-state schools if the major the student is pursuing is not available in Kentucky. No application is necessary for KEES awards, and students may access their KEES account information on www.kheaa.com by setting up a Zip Access account.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, go to www.gotocollege.ky.gov. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798; or call (800) 928-8926, ext. 6-7372.

Fifty-Seven OCMS 7th Graders Qualify for Duke Talent Search

Congratulations to the following Owensboro Catholic Middle School 7th graders who qualified for the Duke Talent Search based on criteria from standardized tests. These students have been invited to take the ACT or SAT in the coming months.

Hannah Adkins, Raychel Bahnick, Becca Ballard, Jackson Bittel, Joseph Boarman, Matthew Caldwell, Lindsey Carrico, Eva Cash, Evan Christodoulou, Michael Clore, Alex Danhauer, Katelynn Dorris, Madeleine Edge, Payton Ford, Katie Fulkerson, Sarah Haleman, Trey Hamilton, Isaac Hamilton, Caroline Hayden, Jacob Hayden, Chandler Head, Samantha Horsley, Emma Hyland, Nick Jackson, Natalie Jones, Ashlyn Kirkendoll, Kelby Krampe, Samantha Krampe, Lucy Kurtz, Emily Linn, Emily Marshall, Noah McCormack, Andrew McIntosh, Olivia Miller, Lydia Mills, Annabel Moore, Nolan Mullican, Michaela Murphy, Cameron O’Nan, Luke Payne, Annie Pfeifer, Joseph Phillips, Luke Reid, Paul Reid, Mikala Riney, Sarah Riney, Mason Robertson, Isaac Settle, Camille Settles, Sydney Taber, Daniel Teets, Brent Thompson, Abigail Tignor, Elizabeth Warren, Noah Weis, William Wright, John Augenstein.

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.

Catholics @ the Capitol: Western Kentucky Gatherings Planned

Planning has begun to organize four regional legislative advocacy sessions in the Diocese of Owensboro prior to the main part of the work of the 2011 Kentucky General Assembly. These gatherings are based on the Catholics at the Capitol approach offered every other year in the state Capitol, and offered in 2008 in regional format during a short 30 day session of the General Assembly as is the case in 2011. You are invited to take part in these gatherings that will allow you to meet with your area Legislators and discuss issues they will face in the next General Assembly.

Here is the list of the planned legislative gatherings, dates, times, places and contact person:

- November 6, 2010 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, 902 East 9th St. Hopkinsville, Ky, contact Patti Gutierrez at (270) 302-2782 for more information;

- January 8, 2011 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Holy Spirit Parish, at their new location at 4754 Smallhouse Rd, Bowling Green KY contact Eric Smith at 270/842-7777 for more information;

- January 15, 2011 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at St. Pius X Parish, 3814 US Hwy 60 East, Owensboro, Ky; contact Karen Jarboe at 270/683-1545;

- January 22, 2011 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at Lourdes Hospital, 1530 Lone Oak Rd., Paducah Ky, contact Marianne Potina at 270/444-2115 for more information.

These legislative gatherings are designed to (1) developing relationships with legislators, (2) communicating our viewpoint on our moral priorities, (3) several CCK issues we anticipate will be considered in 2011. The goal is to reduce travel and overnight lodging expenses and increase involvement and direct contacts with legislators. Each diocese will conduct the programs with the assistance of staff from the Catholic Conference of Kentucky, the lobbying arm of the Bishops of Kentucky.

The programs generally follow a set schedule which includes: (1) welcome, prayer, introductions; (2) CST explanation as a basis for our moral priorities; (3) an issues education session in the context of Faithful Citizenship, and with legislators invited to comment; and (4) an invitation to a Q/A session between constituents and Legislators. Four general issues are discussed. These are pieces of legislation related to respect for life, economic justice, criminal justice and education issues.

Come join in this effort as a faithful citizen to share our viewpoint on moral issues and legislation that could affect our fellow citizens. Remember that citizenship is not a spectator sport. We need one another to make a difference for the common good.

Monte Cassino pilgrimages to be held in October

Saint Meinrad Archabbey’s pilgrimages to honor the Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine have been scheduled for the Sundays in October.

The pilgrimages begin with an opening hymn and a short sermon, followed by a rosary procession. The service ends with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn. Speakers and topics for the pilgrimages are:

- October 3—Fr. Sean Hoppe, OSB, “Mary, Queen of Peace”

- October 10—Br. Maurus Zoeller, OSB, “Marian Shrines and Pilgrimages”

- October 17—Fr. Prior Kurt Stasiak, OSB, “Mary, One Who Trusted the Lord”

- October 24—Fr. Joseph Cox, OSB, “Mary, the Good Soil”

- October 31—Fr. Pius Klein, OSB, “Mary, Mother of Faith”

Services begin at 2 p.m. Central Daylight Time. The public is invited. The Monte Cassino Shrine is located one mile east of the Archabbey on State Highway 62 in St. Meinrad, IN.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Marriage Celebrations for October Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 & over 50 Years of Marriage

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Ernie & Lou Davis, 50
George & Mary Virginia Ballard, 67

Christ the King, Madisonville

Maurice & Patty Jolley, 58

Christ the King, Scottsville

Samuel A. & Annette Harris, 57

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Rudy & Agnes Gibson, 59
Carl & Dorothy Snider, 63
Clarence & Margaret Kaminski, 61
Ray & Evelyn Shoemaker, 63
Herman & Mary Ruth Thomas, 57
William & Virginia Thomas, 64
Peter & Lilia Doll, 25

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

William & Marianne Wilson, 25
Steve & Mary Jane Swigonski, 59
Alan & Judith Tourville, 52
Camille & Margaret Picciano
Richard & Joan Crinion, 51

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Steve & Gloria Baker, 40
Clinton & Marsha Terry, 40
Joseph B. & Marilou Blanford, 58
Thomas E. & Joann Castlen, 64
Martin & Jane Cravens, 51
William D. & Velma Dunn, 53
David & Patricia Hamilton, 58
Harry & Doris McCrary, 52
Joseph E. & Joyce Williams, 50
Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro
J. C. & Mildred Higdon, 56
George D. & Jennie Howard, 64
Lester & Helen Schaick, 61
Hubert & Margie Terry, 52
Melvin & Mary Eleanor Wathen, 58
George L. & Anna Weldon, 54
James P. & Sharon Reid, 40
Billy & Anna C. King, 60

Sacred Heart, Russellville

Mark & Tina Updegraff, 25

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Donald & Ellen Buckman, 56

St. Ann, Morganfield

Eddie & Peggy Salyers, 59

St. Anthony, Axtel

Alfred & Edna Critchelow, 50
Dan & Pat Rhodes, 50
Herman & Thelma Howard, 56
John & Shirley Coffey, 59

St. Anthony Padua, Grand Rivers

James & Dorothy Thompson, 59

St. Augustine, Reed

Steve & Rita Haire, 40

St. Benedict, Wax

Joseph & Rudell Higdon, 55

St. Charles, Bardwell

John & Judy Willett, 40

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Jessie & Maracy James, 25

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Henry & Shirley Gollon, 50
Stuart & Lois Stephany, 50
Edmundo & Brenda Aviles, 40
Todd & Janet Pruemer, 25
Joe & Betty Tucker, 51
Siro & Marcella Pandolfi, 62
Jesse & Krista Mitchell, 25
P. E. & Theresa Newman, 40

St. Henry, Aurora

William & Pat Day, 51

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Jack & Mary Ann Purcell, 52

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Gerald & Pat Roof, 50
Bob & Barbaranell Tackett, 50
Paul Louis & Martha Wurth, 50
Charles & Margaret Ballard, 50
Ray & Martha Levesque, 52
Charles & Rosella Shoulta, 56

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

James & Janice Renusch, 52

St. Joseph, Central City

Victor & Rose Rogier, 63

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

James P. & Nellie Alvey, 61

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Harold & Barbara Hayden, 55
Joseph & June Elliott, 63

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Bernard & Kathleen Wright, 53

St. Leo Murray

Bruno & Helen Zubko, 66
Alfred & Patricia Koehler, 53

St. Martin, Rome

Tony & Thomasine Weise, 54
James & Margaret Bickett, 55
John & Eloise Chandler, 55
Bill & Patti Wink, 55

St. Mary, LaCenter

Charles & Rose Elrod, 40

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

William D. & Mary Ann Knott, 50
Bobby & Faye Millay, 52

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady

Mike & Brenda Moorman, 40

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Martin & Gwen Howard, 40

William & Opal Boarman, 67

Audry & Martha Hagan, 64

St. Michael, Oak Grove

Orin & Virginia Koch, 54

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Frank & Catherine Gawarecki, 51

St. Paul, Princeton

William & Barbara Adams, 40
George & Carmen Richardville, 59

St. Peter, Stanley

Robert & Mary Ann Alvey, 40

St. Peter, Waverly

Louie & Rita Mills, 55

St. Pius X, Calvert City

Scott & Karen Coleman, 25

St. Pius X, Owensboro

Nick & Janet Wink, 25

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Merl & Marty Kannapel, 64
Charles & Louise Roach, 62
Harold & Libby Osborne, 57

St. Rose, Cloverport

John & Libby Popham, 53
Richard & Dorothy Carter, 60

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Charles & Betty Head, 61

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Fred & Martha Hall, 40

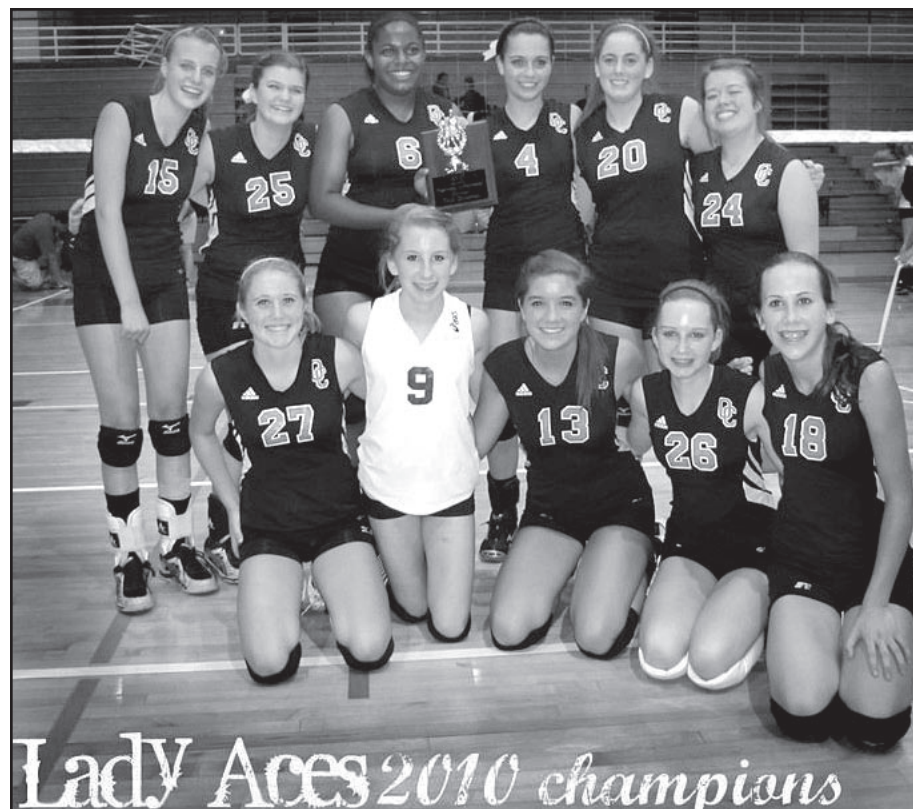
St. Thomas More, Paducah

Steve & Suzanne Dannenmueller, 25
Kelly & Barbara Robinson, 52

St. William, Knottsville

Ralph & Catherine Mudd, 51
Allen & Becky Payne, 50
Martin R. & Clara M. Johnson, 40
Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro
Fred & Martha Hall, 40
John & Emma Hess, 40
Melvin J. & Maxine Fleischmann, 50
Chester & Deanna Kaminski, 50
James & Doris Mills, 52
Robert & Mary Helen Ward, 50
Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville
Phillip & Ruby Carsons, 56
Lindall & Barbara Oatts, 50
Lyndon & Sheila Goode, 50
Bill & Kathryn Whittinghill, 62

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OCHS Freshmen Volleyball – 1st Place Gold in Apollo Invitational

September 7, 2010 The OCHS Freshmen Volleyball team placed 1st in the Gold division at the Apollo Invitational Tournament. The team went undefeated in 5 matches vs. Hancock County; Henderson County; Ohio County; Castle, IN; and Greenwood. Team members include: (Front row) Alex Mitchell, Ashley Mattingly, Simmie McCormack, Hannah Aull, Stephanie Hayden (Back Row) Rebecca Gross, Abby Dickens, Danielle Hogg, Elizabeth Kuntz, Lydia Miller, Kyra Vanover. Katie Wright is the coach. OCS Photo

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

October 31, 2010

A Celebration of Priesthood

Be sure to honor the priests among us; show them our appreciation for their ministries. For ideas, go to www.priestsunday.org

In Your Charity, Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sister Mary Rosaria Ray, OSU

MAPLE MOUNT, Ky. - Sister Mary Rosaria Ray, 88, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Saturday, August 21, at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 68th year of religious life. She was a native of Payneville in Meade County.

An educator for more than 45 years, she ministered for 40 years in the Diocese of Owensboro. She taught at St. Alphonsus School, St. Joseph (1944, 1957-58), St. Paul School, Leitchfield (1944-47), and St. Peter of Alcantara School, Stanley (1947-51). She served as principal of St. Joseph School, Mayfield (1965-68), Sts. Joseph and Paul (1968-78) and Immaculate (1978-81) schools, Owensboro, and Mary Carrico School, Knottsville (1981-91). She taught and was principal in other schools in Kentucky, New Mexico, and Nebraska. From 1991-94 and 1995-98, she served in pastoral ministry in Saint John the Evangelist Parish, Sunfish. She also worked in crafts and mail distribution at Mount Saint Joseph. She took a deep interest in all of her religious community's activities.

Survivors include two sisters, Anna O'Bryan of Ekron and Mary Patricia Ray of Brandenburg; one brother, Joseph Patrick Ray of Guston; nieces and nephews, and the members of her religious community.

The funeral Mass was August 24 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery. Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements. Gifts in memory of Sister Mary Rosaria Ray may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.



Sr. Mary Rosaria Ray, OSU

In Your Kindness, Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Sister Mary Jovita Milner, OSU

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Sister Mary Jovita Milner, 89, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died August 24 in her 69th year of religious life. She was born in Platteville, Colo., and grew up in Grayson County.

An educator for more than 50 years, Sister Mary Jovita was a compassionate person who lived her life by the words, "Lord, whatever you want." She taught at St. Elizabeth School, Curdsville (1942-46, 1962-64), St. Joseph School, Owensboro (1946-49), and St. Anthony School, Peonia (1955-59). She also taught in New Haven, Harrodsburg, Louisville, and New Mexico. Since 1983 she had served as a teacher, tutor, parish minister, and religious presence at St. Bartholomew Parish in Louisville.

Survivors include a sister, Marcella Smith of Whiteland, Ind., an adopted brother, the Rev. Peter Hsu, of China, her longtime caretaker Betty O'Cana, of Louisville, nieces and nephews, and the members of her religious community.

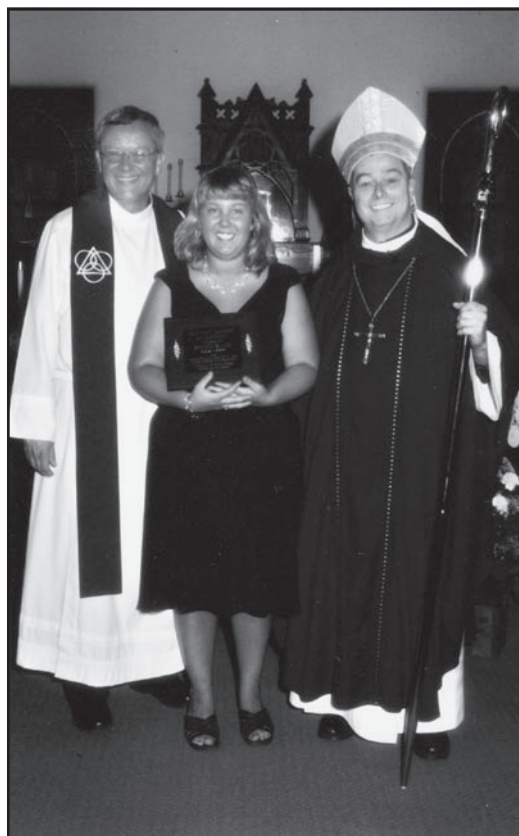
Funeral Masses were August 26 at St. Bartholomew, and August 27 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery. Ratterman Funeral Home, Louisville, and Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, were in charge of arrangements. Memorial gifts for Sister Mary Jovita Milner may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.



Sister Mary Jovita Milner, OSU

Annual Homecoming

St. Augustine Church at Reed, KY will host our annual homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2010. A potluck dinner will be served at 1:00 PM. Barbecue chicken; burgo; and drinks will be provided. Past and present parishoners; family; and friends are invited to come and join us for a great day of food; fun; and relaxation.



Saint Rose of Lima Parish Recognizes 2010 SLIM Award Winner

Brooke Bland is the 2010 Servant Leader in Ministry (SLIM) Award winner from Saint Rose of Lima Parish in Cloverport. She is pictured at left with pastor Father Greg Trawick, left, and Bishop William F. Medley. Submitted Photo

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Saint Meinrad enrollment highest since 1985

Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN, began its fall semester with 136 seminarians, the highest enrollment since 1985, and a continuation of a trend the Catholic seminary has seen over the past several years.

The seminarians represent 30 dioceses and archdioceses and five religious houses and come from 14 countries.

Fall enrollment includes 48 new seminarians. A large influx is coming from college seminaries, as well as from a wide range of other backgrounds. Previous careers range from medical doctors

and engineers to millwrights, newspaper editors and maintenance workers—even a former member of the Swiss Guard.

“College seminary enrollment is on the rise,” says enrollment director Fr. Brendan Moss, OSB, who has seen several of the college seminaries he visits at peak enrollment. “Saint Meinrad’s reputation is also being well received by our client dioceses,” he says. “I do think there’s also been a rise in interest in priesthood as a life vocation and young men are more open to discern whether God is calling them to be a priest.”

Lay Degree Program

Like the seminary program, Saint Meinrad’s Lay Degree Program has seen steady growth, including serving a wider geographic area. “We have students from Atlanta, Birmingham, the Bahamas, Missouri, Minnesota and Wisconsin,” says Kyle Kramer, the program’s director.

The fall semester began with 97 students enrolled in 414 credit hours—the highest number of students in the history of the current program, says Kramer.

The School is also offering a greater number of alternative format courses, both online and weekend-based, that attract lay degree students who also have job and

family responsibilities.

“Saint Meinrad’s reputation in ministry formation is stronger than ever,” adds President-Rector Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB. “In addition to the increases in the Seminary and School of Theology, new dioceses are being added to the Permanent Deacon Program and new initiatives are coming for the Institute for Priests and Presbyterates. It’s a very exciting time and we’re doing what we have always done, grown and adapted to serve the needs of the Church.”

St. Francis and the Millennials: Like Speaks to Like

CINCINNATI—They’re young, they’re mobile and they want meaningful lives. They are the millennial generation—those born after 1982—and they are setting themselves apart from previous generations by avoiding material pursuits and by fulfilling a need for community. Many Catholic millennials have found a kindred spirit in St. Francis. Using him as a guide, these young men and women are changing the face of the Catholic Church.

The influence of the millennial generation is the subject of October’s cover article entitled, “St. Francis and the Millennials: Kindred Spirits,” by Daniel P. Horan, O.F.M., himself a millennial and Franciscan friar who teaches religion at Siena College in Loudonville, New York. After September 21, the article will be posted at: <http://www.AmericanCatholic.org> <<http://www.americancatholic.org/>>

Millennials have grown up in a time of increasing global consciousness, accessible travel and instant communication. The hyper-connectedness of technology, however, leaves some millennials wanting more. They see the story of St. Francis and the Franciscan tradition as an alternative. The Franciscan way of viewing relationships includes a focus on community, a commitment to solidarity and a life lived in fraternity—aspects that attract many young Catholics.

Millennials hunger to be connected to something larger than themselves—a trait that has been highlighted by many generational researchers and one that serves as a connecting point for young adults seeking a spirituality that is not about just “me and God.”

Additionally, the commitment



St. Francis of Assisi, Apostle of the Mixed Life*

to solidarity—advocating for the poor—speaks to the hearts of young people. Millennials can see in St. Francis’ conversion to live among the lepers a reflection of their own desire to work toward a world where each person’s human dignity is protected and celebrated.

Francis also serves as a model for Catholic millennials who want more out of life than a BMW and a country club membership. After all, Francis was in his early 20s when he began his holy way of life. He once aspired to riches as his family’s financial means increased. Millennials are challenged to ask themselves whether they are motivated to make profit or to live as a prophet. The call to hold back nothing of oneself provides a message of hope and value that market capitalism simply cannot deliver.

Melissa Cidade, director of Pastoral Assistance Surveys and Services at the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) at Georgetown University, says that millennials report the highest participation in certain Lenten practices including abstaining from meat, receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday and giving to charity. Cidade points out, however, that “one third (33 percent)

report attending Mass ‘rarely or never.’”

These contradictory trends can confuse Church leaders. Cidade suggests the data tell us, “Millennials are trying to figure out what is core and what is peripheral to their faith.”

What has often been the standard mark of a “good Catholic” no longer offers a satisfactory test of committed faith. That is not to suggest that millennials want to do away with Mass, but it should not be the only indicator of their generation’s religiosity. Because of this shift, they are looking for faith communities that welcome them in their journey of religious discovery and exploration, and accept them as they are at the moment.

And it’s Francis’ simple living that many Catholic millennials strive to follow. “As millennials experience, embrace and pass on the Franciscan tradition to those who follow them,” Horan writes, “the spirituality of the saint from Assisi continues to live on, inspiring others for another eight centuries.”

*Thomas Merton, in his book *No Man Is An Island*, describes St. Francis in glowing terms as the exemplary “Apostle of the Mixed Life”.



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32 Auxiliary Bishop of Mexico Visits Hopkinsville



Bishop Jose Luis Mendoza Orzo, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Mexico, baptized Courtney Elyse Scott on August 22, at Sts. Peter and Paul Church while he was in Hopkinsville visiting Fr. Carmelo Jimenez, one of his priests who is on mission to the Diocese of Owensboro. Photo taken by Jim Creighton.

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Bishop Jose Luis Mendoza Orzo, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Mexico, traveled to Hopkinsville on August 22 to visit with one of his priests on mission to the Diocese of Owensboro, Fr. Carmelo Jimenez. What Bishop Mendoza experienced during his travels and his visit held many surprises.

As a first-time visitor to the United States who speaks no English, Bishop Mendoza encountered his first challenge when he missed his connecting flight from Dallas to Nashville. "Not speaking English and visiting America for the first time, that felt like death," Bishop Mendoza explained to a crowd gathered in the rectory of Sts. Peter and Paul for a dinner held in his honor on Wednesday, August 25. "But once I arrived here, it felt like I was in glory," he added with affection.

Bishop Mendoza's next surprise was much more pleasant than the first. Having had to spend Saturday night in Dallas, he barely arrived in time to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul. Put simply, Bishop Mendoza was surprised at the warm reception he received at that Mass and at the 1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass during which he presided.

During the 10:30 a.m. Mass, one family was honored to have Bishop Mendoza baptize their child. Courtney Elyse Scott, daughter of Tim Scott and Tina Anderson, was baptized by Bishop Mendoza. "It was really special," said Anderson.

At the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m., Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul extended his gratitude for the Bishop's visit. "You honor us by your presence. Thank you for sending Fr. Carmelo to us. We are so thankful and we simply want you to know how much we love Fr. Carmelo and to see how much he does for so many," Fr. Thomas said.

"I could tell there was a lot going on the minute I arrived, and I could tell how much you love Fr. Carmelo," Bishop Mendoza said at the conclusion of the 1:30 p.m. Mass. "I do not speak English," he continued, "but through the Mass, we are all brothers and sisters as we gather around the same altar."

What may have been Bishop Mendoza's greatest surprise, however, was the outpouring of love the parishioners showed for Fr. Jimenez. "People came to me after Mass saying 'Please don't take Fr. Carmelo away.' I have felt their love for him," admitted Bishop Mendoza. "They showed affection and gratitude in actions and in words for having Fr. Carmelo here," added Bishop Mendoza.

"He was a little surprised," explained Ana Etheridge, a parishioner who is native to Mexico. "He couldn't believe how much the American people love Fr. Carmelo. He expected the Hispanic people to, but was amazed how much the whole church loves him," she added.

"He was moved by the way he was received. That really impressed him, the warmth," agreed Maria Creighton, another parishioner of Hispanic origin. "He could see how Fr. Carmelo is treated and the way he is loved, and that was important to him," she added.

After Mass, Bishop Mendoza then hosted a retreat in the parish hall for the Hispanic community. "He came to visit, but he also came to work," said Etheridge. "He wanted to spend time with the Hispanic people while he was here," she elaborated.

Monday morning Bishop Mendoza and Fr. Jimenez traveled to Owensboro to meet with Bishop William Medley. "Fr. Carmelo told me that Bishop Mendoza was warmly received by Bishop Medley," relayed Fr. Thomas. "Although they had to communicate through translators, they seemed to enjoy their visit."

In the company of Fr. Jimenez and a family of parishioners from Sts. Peter and Paul, the Bishop then traveled to Chicago on Tuesday of that week. "The Bishop wanted to see some of America since this was his first visit," explained Fr. Jimenez. "He really enjoyed Chicago," Fr. Jimenez added.

Upon returning to Hopkinsville on Wednesday, Bishop Mendoza was the guest of honor at a dinner hosted by Fr. Thomas in the church's rectory. As many parishioners, friends and fellow priests gathered in the kitchen before the meal, Fr. Thomas spoke to Bishop Mendoza. "What you see here is love," said Fr. Thomas. "We already formally welcomed you in Church, now we welcome you more informally in our home. Look around the room. What you see is love. Love for the Church and love for Fr. Carmelo," he elaborated.

"Fr. Carmelo and Fr. Thomas have shown me much affection for being here," Bishop Mendoza responded. "Today is my patron saint's day," Bishop Mendoza explained. Patron saint's day is another way in Mexico of saying it's one's birthday. "By divine providence, today being a day for my family, I dedicate this day to my family back home," said Bishop Mendoza. "But he is here now with his new family," Etheridge proclaimed to the crowd's delight and applause. The gathering proceeded to sing 'Happy Birthday' to the Bishop in Spanish, immediately followed by the English version.

Before eating, as has become a custom for Fr. Thomas during special occasions, he requested that everyone in attendance pray the Our Father in their native language. As to emphasize the diversity of those gathered, the prayer was then spoken consecutively in Spanish, English, Vietnamese, Korean, Tamil, Annang and Arabic.

"It was an important gathering of a Bishop with Mexicans, other Latinos as well as Americans," said Creighton. "It meant a lot, the bringing of various cultures together. We did not have boundaries of



Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, left, enjoys a moment after dinner with Bishop Jose Luis Mendoza Orzo, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Mexico, and Fr. Carmelo Jimenez, Associate Pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul. Bishop Mendoza traveled to the United States for the first time to visit Fr. Jimenez, one of his priests who is on mission to the Diocese of Owensboro. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

cultures. We could see that we are all one," she explained. "I think he brought something really beautiful," she added.

After dinner, Bishop Mendoza entertained the crowd by playing the guitar and singing. Up to that point, the Bishop had seemed reserved or even shy. Once he began to play the guitar, however, he became animated and obviously enjoyed himself. "He was really in his element once he got that guitar," said Creighton. "Forget the shyness. It was so neat that he was able to communicate like that," she added.

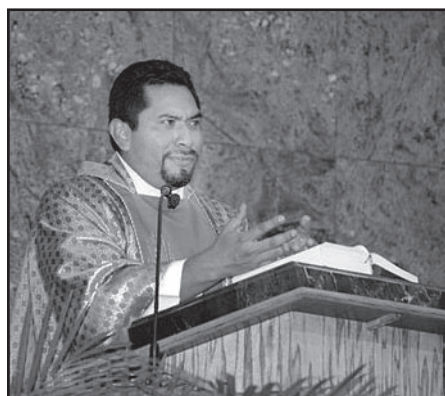
"I didn't even know he could play," said Etheridge referring to the Bishop playing the guitar. "He was really enjoying his time in America. It was just amazing having him here," she continued. "He really enjoyed his few days here, but wished he could have spent more time," Etheridge added.

"I am almost sure he will be back to visit," predicted Creighton. "I just have that feeling and that would be neat."



Bishop Jose Luis Mendoza Orzo entertained the crowd gathered in rectory at Sts. Peter and Paul parish on August 25 by playing the guitar and singing several songs after a dinner offered in honor of his visit to Hopkinsville. Bishop Mendoza was in Hopkinsville to visit one of his priests, Fr. Carmelo Jimenez, who is on mission to the Diocese of Owensboro. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

10:30 Mass is Priest's Favorite



Fr. Carmelo Jimenez, Associate Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, delivers his homily to the parishioners attending a Mass held at 10:30 p.m. on Sunday nights. This Mass was added to the schedule of weekend Masses to meet the needs of parishioners who typically work during other Mass times. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



Rosa and Jose Cruz attend the 10:30 p.m. Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. The Mass, which is offered in Spanish, was added to regular weekend options of Mass times nearly two years ago to accommodate members of the Hispanic community who normally work during the hours of other Mass times. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - As with most any Mass throughout the world, some parishioners arrive early while others slip in just on time or even a little late. Also as with most any Mass, servers busily prepare themselves in the sacristy while several parishioners come in to greet their presider. What is slightly unusual about the 10:30 p.m. Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville is the number of parishioners attending compared to the other Masses held on the weekend, and the love and

admiration Fr. Carmelo Jimenez, Associate Pastor, feels for his parishioners.

When parishioners come into the sacristy, the priest's eyes truly fill with love and joy and his smile widens as he greets each and every member with enthusiasm. The parishioners, too, all seem grateful to see their priest.

During the Mass, which typically includes anywhere from ten to 30 or 40 parishioners from the Hispanic community surrounding Hopkinsville, Fr. Jimenez preaches with heartfelt conviction as if he

were speaking to the multitudes.

The 10:30 p.m. Mass, which was added to the regular schedule of weekend Masses nearly two years ago, was done so precisely to meet the needs of the community who work during the hours that the other Masses are held.

"This is my favorite Mass," admitted Fr. Jimenez. "These people, they work so hard. All day they work and then come to Mass. They want to be here," he concluded.

Given the uniqueness of the time and the dedication of those who attend, Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, and Fr. Uwem Enoch, Associate Pastor, also enjoy their opportunities to preside at the 10:30 p.m. Mass.

Meet OCHS Football's Mr. 110%

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Zach Brett, Austin Wood, Jacob Linn, and Alex Thompson carried Eric May on their shoulders at the end of the Aug. 27, 2010 football game against Warren East. May scored the final touchdown of the game. Photo by Michelle Lin

Owensboro Catholic Senior, Eric May had a goal to score a touchdown before the season was over and his high school football career was up. Showing up to practice and giving 110% every day, he helped motivate his team to give their all towards everything they did. Through all of his hard work and practice, he accomplished his goal in just the second game of the year. During the Independence Bank Border Bowl, Eric ran in a nine-yard touchdown on third and goal to score the last touchdown of the game, making the score an overwhelming 56-14 win over Warren East. Eric was carried off the field on his teammate's shoulders in celebration of his accomplishment. "It's good for him and good for the rest of the team," Coach Edge said.

The Aces don't really pass out game balls, but as gift for his encouragement and support for his team Coach Edge handed Eric the ball he scored with. The whole team plans to sign it as an awesome piece of memorabilia for Eric to remember his time with the Aces. Great job Eric and good luck with the rest of the season!

Reprinted from *The Sporting Times*, September, 2010, page 19, gosportingtimes.com.

In Your Charity, Pray For The Repose Of The Soul Of Sister Marie Bernadette Cormier, A.D., 94



Marie Bernadette Cormier, A.D., 94, a Sister of the Lamb of God, in her 44th year of religious life, passed from this world to eternal life on Sept. 14.

Sister Marie Bernadette gave many years of service to her religious community as a homemaker and seamstress. She also cared for a child for five years and helped with the parish mailings. She will be remembered by all

who knew her for her gentle manner, her warm and friendly smile and her ability to listen with compassion to others. She was a native of Massachusetts.

Survivors include two nephews, Paul and David Cormier; two nieces, Noreen Reynolds -and Marion Abbott; several other nieces and nephews and her religious community of sisters.

Funeral services were held at Immaculate Catholic Church, where Father Tony Jones will officiate. Burial was in Resurrection Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of donations to the Sisters of the Lamb of God Mission in Juarez, Mexico, 2063 Wyandotte Ave., Owensboro, KY 42301. Online condolences may be left at www.glennfuneralhome.com.

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Saturday, October 30th

9:15 a.m.	Rosary and Confession
10:00 a.m.	1 st Conference
11:15 a.m.	Holy Mass
12:00 a.m.	* Lunch (Bring your own Brown Bag)*
12:45 p.m.	Talk given by Knights in Father Rauzan Hall
1:15 p.m.	Private Prayer and Confession
2:00 p.m.	2 nd Conference
3:00 p.m.	Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
	Chaplet of Divine Mercy/ Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney
4:00 p.m.	Benediction

There is no cost for the conference, but free-will
 Donations will be gratefully accepted

For further information, please contact The Fathers of Mercy
 270-542-4146, x304

34 Brescia Freshmen Visit The Mount

MAPLE MOUNT, Ky. - Nearly 130 freshmen at Brescia University culminated their four-day New Student Orientation on Aug. 24 by touring the grounds at Mount Saint Joseph and visiting with some of the sisters. Students integrate into campus life through the First-Year Experience at Brescia, participating in BU 101 courses. One facet of BU 101 is learning the rich heritage surrounding the founding of Brescia by the Ursuline Sisters, who named the school after the Italian city where Saint Angela Merici founded the Order of Saint Ursula in 1535.

Each of the students wore an orange T-shirt with this verse from Saint Angela's First Counsel concerning service: "Rather regard yourself as a minister and servant, reflecting that you have more need to serve them than they have to be served by you...and that God could very well provide for them by other means even better than you. But in God's mercy God has wanted to use you as God's means for your greater good."



Sister Pam Mueller, right, campus minister at Brescia, led students on a tour of the park, where the maintenance crew was constructing booths for the 40th Mount Saint Joseph Picnic on Sept. 12. MSJ Photo



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Owensboro's Carmel Home Announces

The Annual Christmas Bazaar

Date: Oct. 23, 2010

Time: Serving starts at 11:00a.m. with Bar-b-Que Chicken. Raffles, Home-made Bake Goods, Silent auction, Crafts, Christmas Items and much more.

Owensboro Diocese Youth Conference

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ABOUT MIKE PATIN

Mike lives in Lafayette LA. He is a husband, and a dad of one daughter. He spent 6 years as a high school teacher and coach, and has worked in youth ministry since 1990. Mike always wanted to have super powers and do something spectacular...being ordinary was no fun...headlines, spotlights, and doing great things were what would bring happiness. This weekend, Mike will take us all on a journey of looking at HEROES of faith in real life in 2010...and maybe being surprised at where we fit in it all.

WHEN:

Friday, November 19, 2010

Registration: 6:30pm * Conference: 7:30-10:30pm

Saturday, November 20, 2010

Conference: 8:30am-7:00pm

WHO:

Grades 6-12

WHERE:

The Sloan Convention Center
Holiday Inn University Plaza
1021 Wilkinson Trace
Bowling Green, KY 42103

COST:

\$25 Per Person

CONTACT:

Your Parish Youth Minister/Coordinator

By Tony Rossi

"It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

If that saying is familiar to you, it's probably thanks to The Christophers, a non-profit media organization founded in 1945 by Father James Keller, M.M. Born in 1900, he developed a missionary spirit and joined the Maryknoll Fathers to spread the Good News far and wide.

On a 1928 trip through the Far East, he visited China and grew troubled at the growing power of communism. This, combined with his experience of the Great Depression and two World Wars, focused his belief on the potential of each individual to create a better world. Father Keller realized that the course of human history wouldn't improve until more individuals took the initiative to follow Christ's commandments in every facet of life. After all, he reasoned, God created every human being with a purpose, and we each have a responsibility to fulfill that purpose.

One day, Father Keller attended a meeting at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City. Upon entering the auditorium, all the lights were off and he couldn't see a thing. The man accompanying him lit a match so he could find the light switch. Father Keller wrote in his autobiography, "The sight of that tiny flame made an indelible impression on me. Insignificant as it was, it was greater than the darkness. All that was needed to banish the darkness completely was to multiply that flicker of light."

That experience dramatized Father Keller's belief in the Chinese proverb, "It's better to light one candle than to curse the darkness," which became The Christophers' motto. He believed it echoed St. Paul's advice, "Be not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Aware that a negative attitude wouldn't accomplish anything, Father Keller concluded, "One of the best ways to cure a starving patient is to build him up with nourishing food; the best way to cure this disease in our society is to build up society itself with good ideas and ideals."

In 1945, Father Keller officially took the concepts of God-given purpose, individual responsibility, and constructive action and used them to form the foundation of the Christopher movement. He chose that name because it meant "Christ-bearer" in Greek. The goal was to encourage people to bear the truths of Christ to the world at large, especially in areas of influence such as government, education, and media.

With a message that crossed denomi-

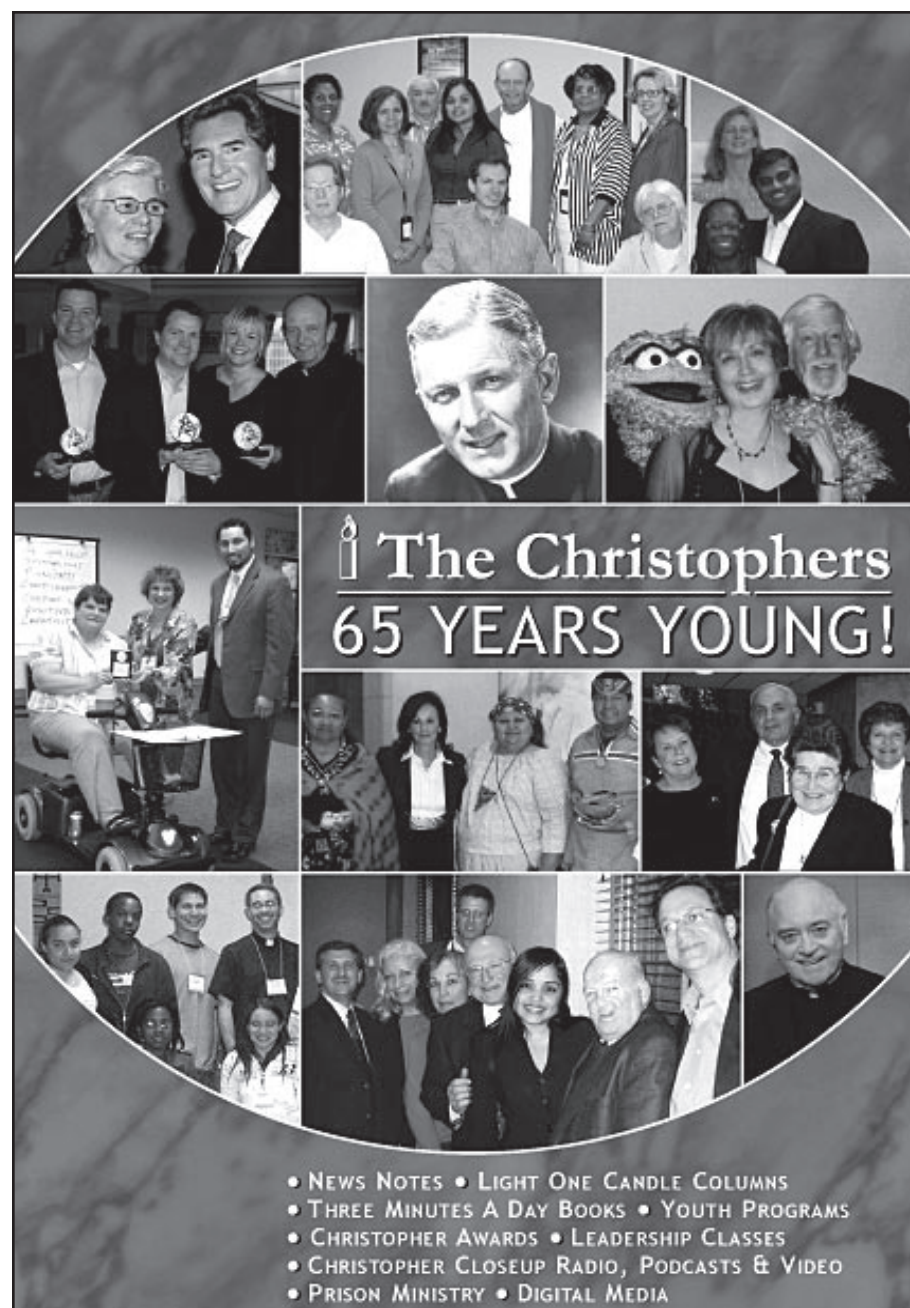


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national boundaries, Father Keller spread the word about The Christophers through speaking engagements and Christopher News Notes, bulletins showing how people can apply divine principles to modern life. In 1948, The Christophers exploded in popularity with the publication of Father Keller's book, "You Can Change the World." It became a best-seller and attracted Hollywood's attention.

With Academy Award-winning director Leo McCarey (The Bells of St. Mary's) on board, a film entitled You Can Change the World was produced to reach a wider audience with the Christopher message. Bob Hope, Bing Crosby, Jack Benny, Ann Blyth, Loretta Young and more stars contributed their talents to creating this entertaining, insightful half-hour movie.

The advent of television led to Christopher films establishing a weekly presence on TV stations beginning in 1952. One popular presentation was "A Link in the Chain," a story about a teacher who made a difference in his students' lives. It starred actor James Cagney in his first-ever TV appearance. The dramas evolved into a talk-show format in which Father Keller visited with different guests - some famous, some not so famous - to chat about their lives, work, and how they see Christopher principles at work in the world.

Father Keller influenced many people, but one of the most notable examples is

Joan Ganz Cooney. After hearing him speak about being a force for good in the media, Ms. Cooney pursued a career in television. She went on to create the PBS series Sesame Street which has educated and inspired generations of children.

Father Keller died in 1977. The person most closely associated with the movement since then is Father John Catoir, who served as Director from 1978 to 1995. The Christophers' Vice President since 2008, Mary Ellen Robinson, says, "We're celebrating our 65th anniversary and we remain as relevant as ever. We receive many 'thank you' notes from people whose lives are impacted by our message and mission."

As it was during Father Keller's lifetime, the world today is going down a dangerous road. Society is experiencing war, a decline in traditional values, and a spiritual drift away from God. But now, as then, the solution lies in each person's ability to act as a Christopher, embodying the virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

As Father Keller said, "The efforts of even the least among us can be blessed with results that will exceed the fondest hopes of anyone. God is behind us. He will supply His grace in abundance...It is a great time to live."

The Christophers Today

Now celebrating our 65th anniversary, The Christophers continue using the media to motivate others.

1. Christopher literature includes News Notes, newsletters that cover spiritual values & social issues (mailed free upon request) and the Three Minutes a Day book with daily reflections. These items are also donated to prisons and the military to share a message of God's love.

2. Christopher Closeup is a weekly radio show & podcast featuring interviews with inspiring guests.

3. Christopher Leadership Courses help people build confidence & communication skills.

4. Christopher Awards celebrate books, films & TV programs that affirm the highest values of the human spirit.

5. Annual high school poster contest and college video contest asks students to artistically convey the power of one person to make a difference.

A complete list of Christopher activities can be found online at www.christophers.org (<http://www.christophers.org>) or by calling 1-888-298-4050.



Bluegrass band Kings Highway gets tuned up on stage August 28 at Trinity High School's Battle of the Bands. Photos by Mel Howard



Madi Clark played guitar and sang her music on stage with Blake Knott accompanying.



From left, judges Gayle Rhodes, M.D., Todd Roberts, and Josh Merritt judged the bands' performances.

Trinity Hosts Battle of Bands, BBQ Cook-Off

PHILPOT, Ky. - Trinity High School hosted a Battle of the Bands and BBQ Cook Off on August 28, 2010 at the Daviess County Fairgrounds here. About 150 Trinity parents, students, and friends participated in the fund raiser for the benefit of the school's general fund. Trinity High School parents organized the band contest, parked cars, cooked barbecue pork, served the sandwiches, drinks, and concessions, helped set up the stage and bleachers for the crowd, helped with clean-up, and worked to be sure everybody who came to this first-time event had a good time, and had many chances to support the students and the school.

Trinity High School students Mercedes Varble, Blake Knott, Madi Clark and Kaitlyn Howard performed country and rock music for the crowd between acts.

Trinity High School opened in 1968 in the buildings of the former Saint Mary High School in Whitesville.



THS Senior Mercedes Varble, left, sold Trinity High School memorabilia among the crowd at Trinity's Battle of the Bands Aug 28.



Asked if he was having a good time at the Battle of the Bands, longtime Trinity booster Jimmy Aud said, "I always enjoy myself being at Trinity's games and activities."



Trinity High School parents Dwayne and Rhonda Knott talked with band members of Insulated. Dwayne, at right, is a Trinity School Board member and Fundraiser Coordinator.



Trinity High School Student Council members Nathan Huff and Brett Roberts staffed a booth of Trinity High School t-shirts and other memorabilia August 28 at Trinity's Battle of the Bands. Other students sold shirts near the concession stand in photo at left.

Holy Spirit Welcomes Burmese

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By Kristina Harvey and Fr Steve Hohman
BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - Holy Spirit Catholic Church celebrated a bilingual Burmese/English Mass on Sunday, August 29, 2010. Father Philip Aung Nge, a Burmese priest, presided over the Mass that was offered in both languages.

The Burmese Catholic community at Holy Spirit Catholic Church numbers 25 families, approximately 85 natives. Most are very recent immigrants, and few of the adults speak English. Many of them have come from very difficult and oppressive conditions back in Burma (Myanmar) under its military government, and some have been in refugee camps in Burma or Thailand. For the most part, they arrived here in the US with almost nothing. They actually speak any of four different languages.

Father Jerry Riney said that while some Burmese children are learning English well, many of the adults still do not know the language, so having Fr. Philip there was beneficial.

Fr. Steve Hohman has been working with the Burmese Community and when Holy Spirit has asked the Burmese what it is they



Holy Spirit pastor, Father Jerry Riney, at left, posed with members of the Burmese Catholic community at Holy Spirit Catholic Church which numbers 25 families, approximately 85 persons. Submitted photo

want from us, they have tended to answer things like: baptism of their children, prayer cards, rosaries and crucifixes. Rarely have they

asked for more material possessions. Nonetheless, the parish has been immensely generous when they have been asked. For example, we collected about 105 backpacks for them to start their school year.

This ministry has been helped greatly by a small but very dedicated group of volunteers who have given much of themselves and their time to make them feel welcomed. Through the work of many, Holy Spirit



Father Philip Aung Nge, a Burmese priest, baptized this infant at Holy Spirit Church in Bowling Green. Submitted photo

has been able to get the Burmese to church each week. They also gather before mass for a session to learn prayers, songs and hear the scripture readings in their own language.

Bishop's School Visits

On August 26, Bishop Medley kicked off his tour of the Diocesan Catholic Schools by celebrating Mass at Holy Name Church with the entire student body. Pictured here are Bishop Medley and Second Grade Teacher, Jackie Caudill, welcoming new student Jack Ramer to the Mass. Bishop Medley will visit all 19 schools during the year and encouraged our youth to consider whether God was calling them to a vocation of service to the Church as a priest or a nun. Principal Sandy Fleming presented Bishop Medley with a spirit shirt reflecting Holy Name School's theme of "Peace" for the 2010-2011 school year. Holy Name School photo submitted by Kamille Stich.



Right to Life of Owensboro's 18th Annual Fund Raising Banquet.

Date: 10/07/2010

Time: Doors open at 6:00

Dinner begins at 6:30

LOCATION CHANGE

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Call 270-685-4922 to make your reservation.

Raped in her own home,



Heather Gemmen's terror went beyond her own safety: Were the kids sleeping soundly in the next bedroom, or did their silence mean something else? Would her husband

save her, or would he face the same knife she did? Heather was left terrified, disoriented—and pregnant. Her internationally best-selling memoir, *Startling Beauty*, tells the story of her courageous journey from rape to restoration. This gripping true-life drama offers undeniable proof that God can bring blessings out of the worst situations in our lives.

Heather is a sought-after speaker for conferences, women's retreats, and pro-life events around the world. Her sweet spirit, confident authenticity, and obvious joy—combined with the incredible power of her testimony—make her uniquely able to identify with her audiences and to inspire them to wholeness.

38 When Does The Hurting Stop?

By Betty Medley

The journey through grief is difficult...and painful. We are forever changed by a major loss experience. Clearly, we will never be the same person we were before this loss became part of our lives. The real struggle occurs when we consciously or subconsciously resist the change that must take place if we are to survive and learn to live with our loss. (It is difficult to get to know and accept this new person who is emerging.)

Grief is a complex process, unique to each individual, based on personality type, circumstances of death, and our relationship with the person who died. There are, however, emotions common to almost all bereaved persons.

Understanding is the KEY to the tolerance and patience necessary to accept and integrate loss into our lives.

There will be a bereavement support group for anyone who has experienced a death at any time of his/her life. This group will run every Monday for four consecutive weeks and is open to all the public at no charge.

Bereavement Program-four Week Sessions

Where: St. Romuald Parish Hall Time: 6:00-8:00 Pm

Contact Person: Betty Medley (270) 683-1505
or Sharon Herbert (502) 624-3916

- Oct 4 What Grief is Really Like: Some common reactions to a Situation no one is ever prepared to handle. Why we feel the way we do and why no one seems to understand.
- Oct 11 Depression: Sadness, loss, and the feeling that nothing will ever be the same. Physical symptoms; healing can happen.
Anger: Nice people DO get angry. Recognizing our anger, coping with it and getting over it. (Address suicide and our feelings of outrage and shame.)
- Oct 18 Guilt: Blaming ourselves for what has happened, handling the "what ifs..." and "if onlys..." (touch on suicide, and our responsibility or lack of it.) From Grief to Living Again: Putting grief in perspective, learning to share our lives with the living and realizing that we will never "get over" our grief, but we can learn to live with it.
- Oct 25 MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Labor Movement and Living my Faith

By: David Suetholz, Kentucky Labor Cabinet, Office of General Counsel, General Counsel, Mother of God Parish, Covington, KY David.Suetholz@ky.gov

"For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself,'" Galatians 5:14. Caring for one's neighbor as much as oneself is embodied in a core principle of the Labor Movement, namely "solidarity." It is the principle that compels us to contribute to a strike fund for strangers, to feel righteous indignation at their mistreatment and to stand up shoulder to shoulder when asked.

The Labor Movement has become a way that I can live my faith in Jesus in my professional life. Much like the early Church, the labor movement is much maligned because it promotes values that cut against the greed that is preached in our corporate



The pictures of the strikers is from the American Memory Collection, The Library of Congress. / www.westga.edu/~bquest/2000/lcycle.html

culture.

Where the television promotes "me, me, me" and "buy, buy, buy" the labor movement instills "we, we, we" and "share, share, share." I had the great fortune of studying Catholic theology at Villanova University as well as becoming a student and friend of the great Peruvian theologian Gustavo Gutierrez while I was in law school at Notre Dame. My studies

Ferdinand Benedictine To Profess Final Vows

FERDINAND, Indiana -- Sister Jeana Visel will make her perpetual monastic profession as a member of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand on Saturday, October 2, at a 1 p.m. ceremony at Monastery Immaculate Conception Church in Ferdinand. Rev. Gerald A. Gettelfinger, bishop of the Diocese of Evansville, will preside at the Mass, and Sister Kristine Anne Harpenau, prioress, will give the address. The public is invited to the Mass and a reception following the ceremony.

Sister Jeana, 31, from Winnebago, Illinois, is the daughter of Gerard and Gloria Visel. She has three brothers and one sister. She has a bachelor's degree in religious studies from Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, where she also served as president of the Newman Club. She has continued theology studies since entering the monastery.

Prior to entering the monastery in August 2003, she worked for two years with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Chicago. She made her first profession of vows in 2006. Since 2006, she has taught theology at Our Lady of Providence Junior-Senior High School in Clarksville, Indiana.

She also serves on the RCIA team at Holy Trin-



Sister Jeana Visel

ity Parish in Louisville.

The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand currently number 164 and serve in schools, parishes, church institutions, health care facilities, retreat centers, and social service agencies in Indiana, Kentucky, Italy, and Peru.

20th Diocesan Marian Congress

Sunday October 10, 2010 "10-10-10" 2:00-5:00 pm

Diocesan Marian Shrine "Mary, Mother of the Church and Model of All Christians" located at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 434 Church Street, Bowling Green, KY

Theme: Mary, Mother of the Church and Model of All Christians

Parish Center: Music; Welcome; Crowning of Statue of Mary; Speaker - Rev. Ben Luther, Shrine Director, "History of the Marian Shrine;" Refreshments; Display of Religious Articles; Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Outdoor Procession: Our Lady of Fatima Statue; Porters - Knights of Columbus; Rosary; Hymn

Church: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament; Homily; Eucharistic Procession with Blessing of Sick; Reposition of Blessed Sacrament

Confessions: Heard throughout



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and reflections on the Gospels led me to conclude that the life well-lived is not spent amassing fortunes for oneself, but rather to tend to the least among us.

The labor movement gives those who would be powerless by themselves, dignity and power to stand up and assert themselves against entities that would otherwise brush them aside. I have proudly watched as ordinary people (extraordinary in God's eyes) stood together in unity to defend each other and demand a share of the fruits of their labor. Because I take the commandment 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself' seriously, I am proud to celebrate Labor Day as a part of the labor movement and the labor family.

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Welcoming the Roman Missal third edition

On Sunday, November 27, 2011, all Catholic parishes across the United States will begin using a new translation of the Roman Missal.

Starting in the fall of 2011 there will be a slightly different experience of the liturgy. New English translations of liturgical texts will be incorporated into the Mass.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II announced a revised version of the Missale Romanum, the liturgical book containing the texts and rubrics for the celebration of the Mass. The New Roman Missal will include prayers for the observances of recently canonized saints. It will contain additional prefaces for the Eucharistic Prayers as well as updated and revised rubrics for the celebration of the Mass. Additionally, there will be updated translations of prayers, responses and acclamations.

Aiding in the new translations was the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) comprised of bishops from 11 Bishops' Conferences around the world. These translations were submitted to the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments and have received approval, or recognitio. A special committee of English-speaking bishops and consultants called Vox Clara was appointed in 2001 and has advised on translations of Latin liturgical texts into English, assisting the Congregation for Divine Worship.

On April 30, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI gave an address to Vox Clara. "Many will find it hard to adjust to unfamiliar texts after nearly forty years of continuous use of the previous translation. The change

will need to be introduced with due sensitivity, and the opportunity for catechesis that it presents will need to be firmly grasped. I pray that in this way any risk of confusion or bewilderment will be averted, and the change will serve instead as a springboard for a renewal and a deepening of Eucharistic devotion all over the English-speaking world."

The Diocesan Office of Worship has already met with the priests of the diocese to give them an overview of the new Missal. The priests will also spend their annual Convocation in January focusing on the topic of the new Missal. We have scheduled several seminars across the Diocese to introduce the changes to liturgical leaders and parishioners. Those will be happening in January and February next year. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

There will be ongoing opportunities for learning until implementation takes place in Advent 2011. This column will be a regular monthly occurrence in the Western Kentucky Catholic. We'll also be passing information along to parishes to share with you in a variety of ways.

In the meantime, if you'd like to do more reading on your own, you'll want to visit the U.S. Bishops' website: <http://www.usccb.org/romanmissal/>

Questions or comments may be directed to: Fr. Larry McBride (fatherlarry@bellsouth.net) or Martha Hagan (martha.hagan@pastoral.org) in the Office of Worship.



The next Spinning Day is Saturday, Nov. 13

Whether you are an experienced spinner, knitter, or a beginner, you are welcome to attend the Arts at the Mount quarterly spinning gatherings at Mount Saint Joseph (12 miles west of Owensboro on Highway 56). Enjoy the fellowship of those who appreciate this traditional skill. **Sessions begin at 10 a.m.** Lunch is \$10. The group plans to "spin, knit, and talk until we're done!"

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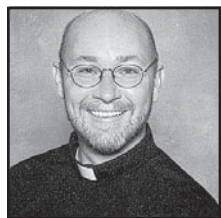
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Greetings from Bani



By Father Stan Puryear

Actually, I am writing this from the town of Paya, Peravia, Dominican Republic, a town that belongs

to the Diocese of Bani. With the permission of Bishop Medley of Owensboro and Bishop Breton of Bani, I'll have the privilege of serving as a priest "on loan" to the Dominican Republic for the next few short years.

The path that has brought me to this place has been one full of God's graces, blessings, and designs. I first visited the Dominican Republic in 1987 while still a seminarian studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. With only ten words of Spanish in my vocabulary, I found myself riding a mule into the mountains of the Cordillera Central to a community where a priest visited, at that time, perhaps twice per year.

In the days after that mule-top experience, the group of seminarians with whom I had traveled had a few days of reflection and retreat in Santo Domingo with Dr. Marina Herrera. Dr. Herrera is a native of the Dominican Republic who has worked extensively with the USCCB and with the Washington Theological Union. Marina was also the first U.S. resident Hispanic woman to achieve a doctorate in Catholic theology. During the retreat, Dr. Herrera asked us seminarians one question that remained with me over the years: "What in the future can you bring to the people of the Dominican Republic that will have a positive impact on their lives?"

In hindsight, I can say that it was that question echoing in the recesses of my mind that led me to study harder and work more diligently for the inclusion of Hispanic Catholics in our Church in the United States. That question led to my work as our diocese's first Director for Hispanic Ministry, as a board member of the National Association for Diocesan Directors for Hispanic Ministry, and in my latest endeavor, as pastor of the most ethnically diverse parish in our diocese, St. Joseph in Bowling Green. That question also led me to giving back to the people of the Dominican Republic the most precious gift as a priest that I have: my ministry.

With the retirement of Bishop McRaith in January, 2009, the time felt appropriate to pursue service in the Dominican Republic. At the time of my ordination to the priesthood in 1995, I had two dreams

for my priesthood that I prayed would one day be fulfilled: to serve as a missionary in the Dominican Republic, and to serve as pastor of St. Joseph's in Bowling Green. When Bishop McRaith called me in 2003 to serve as pastor of St. Joseph's, I was beyond ecstatic. After seven years of serving in such a truly blessed setting, I heard the call to move on. Through God's grace, what God needed me to accomplish at St. Joseph's was complete, and in my heart (although I can't quite put it all into words), I knew that the time to move was approaching.

An issue I have witnessed affecting the church over the past years is comfort: we want our religious experience to be comfortable. For those who live in the world and are sometimes overwhelmed by the tides of change, retreat into the comfort-

able can be a life-giving blessing. Unfortunately, our blessings can also become a hindrance, especially when we forget that they are first and foremost gifts from God. Such is the case with comfort, for it can lead not only to complacency but also entrenchment. As that occurs, we too closely identify with the status quo of religious life so much so that any challenge or change becomes a personal threat. The situation becomes even more amplified when leadership fails to renew itself.

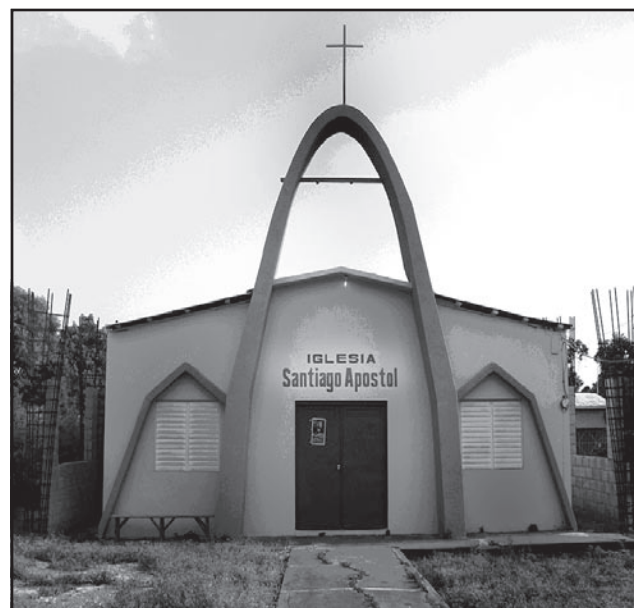
To state the situation with a simple yet intentionally over-generalization: a priest who stays in a parish too long begins to want "my parish" to follow "my plan," and will feel attacked if anyone brings up any detail that does not fit into that plan. Please note here that I speak of priests not to point the finger at anyone other than myself. Being a priest in the Church is the primary experience from which I have to draw. I am sure there are laity and religious who can also become too entrenched in the status quo, but that is an article for another day by another person. Likewise, there are many priests who have spent many years in one parish and still have the amazing God-blessed ability to continue to renew their commitment and their spiritual selves. Of them, I have to admit, I am a bit envious.

Although I pray that I had not yet reached the point of entrenchment as pastor of St. Joseph in Bowling Green, I do realize I was beginning to quickly make progress in that direction. And thus, with Fr. Mike Clark's consent, I begin to look into serving for a few years in the Dominican Republic. After meetings with Bishop Breton of Bani, after much assistance from Dr. Marina Herrera, and finally with the permission of recently ordained Bishop Medley of Owensboro, on August 10th of this year, I left St. Joseph Parish in Bowling Green and drove to Miami, Florida. After spending some time with friends and an evening dinner with Fr. Frank Roof, I boarded a flight on August 13 for Santo Domingo. Upon arriving, I was met by the diocesan administrative director, who informed me that I would become pastor of the quasi-parish of St. James the Apostle in Paya, and that I would begin the very next day, August 14.

Located 5 kilometers (3 miles) east of Bani, the Parish of Saint James the Apostle includes around 36,000 people, of whom at least 70% profess to be Catholic. Of those, approximately 10% attend Mass at least once per month. Although that sounds like a great deal of work, there are parishes in the diocese even larger in size. The Diocese of Bani includes more than 800,000 Catholics with only 30 active priests. Add to the reality that many priests here are forced to accept second jobs in order to make ends meet (for example, teaching at a university or being a military chaplain), and the overwhelming positive morale of



Gathering for Mass in Catalina Arriba community



St. James the Apostle Parish Church. Photos submitted

the priests in the diocese is absolutely incredible. Although workload and responsibility is greater here and the pay is less than one-third what I had in Kentucky, the camaraderie among the priests and the sharing of scant resources is greater than anything I have ever seen in any diocese in the United States.

That is not to say, however, that everything is perfect, and adjustments are a great part of my routine in these first few weeks. For example, in the Diocese of Owensboro, many people are accustomed to driving several miles to attend Sunday Mass. That is not the case here. Paya is the largest town in the parish, yet there are currently ten other communities in the parish where Mass is celebrated at least twice monthly. For numerous reasons – cost, infrastructure, transportation, security, to name a few – many individuals do not have the option to attend the weekly Mass at the parish's central location. Instead, the priest visits the people in their

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"I Have A Lot To Learn, Lord"

By Julie Murphy

Here I am this morning, writing again; but first, a prayer: Holy Spirit, open my ears to know you in someone else's pain.

A girl I know who was addicted to smoking died recently; she smoked until the day she died, and I can't help thinking that smoking was a part of what killed her. She keeps jumping into my thoughts.

Because of her dying, I've been thinking a lot about what seems to be lack of compassion in what I see or hear. I know that I am just as guilty of not accepting the Holy Spirit's gift of compassion.

Many times in conversation with people or in overhearing a conversation, I realize that I don't really acquire a certain gift of understanding, or empathy so to speak, until a similar tragedy has happened in my life. Until it happened to me, I could not have empathy for another experiencing a difficult time in their life, even if by caring about them, I would have totally altered my life!

Have you ever said, "I don't feel sorry for that person? They don't even try to make their lives better!"

The girl I mentioned had emphysema and was on oxygen, but couldn't fight an addiction to cigarettes. She used an oxygen tank to breathe, yet still smoked that cigarette. We all may get really irritated to see something so crazy. We may ask, "How could they do that? How reckless and irresponsible is that?"

Should I lift that person up in prayer, or look at them with disgust? Consider a person who has battled with obesity throughout life: should I accuse that person of not caring or trying? Could there be something within that individual whose heart has a lot of pain and they eat their emotions for comfort?

I've never had an addiction, but I do have many faults that I have never fully overcome. Here is what helps me when I just can't seem to understand the things I can't overcome.

Before I act, I take a step back and look at the lives of the saints. For example, some of our greatest saints were overweight! Even our most treasured and beloved saints had many imperfections to overcome, just like we all do. When I struggle with these feelings, I like to read about the lives of the Saints. They were human and they, too, had imperfections. Being human doesn't give us an excuse to give up or not try to overcome flaws. We still need to pray very hard for strength and guidance, not getting a little greedy with prayer, and being persistent with God for those special graces to overcome what is causing the pain.

What I want for myself is to pray and utilize the seven gifts from the Holy Spirit, those treasures that we have from God, from our church to help us. The Catechism of the Catholic Church discusses the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit:

"The moral life of Christians is sustained by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. These are permanent dispositions which make man docile in following the promptings of the Holy Spirit. (1830) The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord. (1831) The fruits of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory." (1832)

The tradition of the Church list twelve of them, and they are music to my ears because just the meaning of these words sound so beautiful and what makes a human being glow with the peace of Christ in their hearts: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, modesty, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control, and chastity.

To me, all of these sum up compassion. If we not have compassion, then we have nothing at all! If we don't have compassion, we can't really open love's potential to grow in another's heart. When I see someone's compassion, it makes me want to be a better person. When I truly try not to judge, and try to see someone's pain then I can pray for others and ask God to ease their suffering.

Another section of The Catechism lists some of the gifts I truly need to utilize in my life.

"Prudence disposes the practical reason to discern, in every circumstance, our true good and to choose the right means for achieving it." (1835)

Need some prayers with that one! Sometimes I am not very prudent, so please pray for me.

"Fortitude ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of good." (1837) Yeah, I can say I definitely need more of that!

Once, I heard something from my sister, Susan, that has stayed with me for many years and has helped me not be judgmental. Susan said, "Julie, some people eat too much, drink too much, gossip too much, brag too much," and the list went on. Susan wanted me to know that we are human and we are all flawed, but not to stop trying to overcome these faults. It may take years and many setbacks. I think it's these very flaws that keep our communication open with God.

We need His divine help and a personal relationship with Him.

God bless,

+JM+ Julie Murphy



Central City Youth Do Holiday World

A Youth group with sponsors made a trip to Holiday World on Sunday, Aug. 15. They attended Mass at Mary Help of Christians Church in Mariah Hill, IN, prior to spending the day at the park. It was a good experience to attend Mass elsewhere. It was a good day. First row: Evan Poole, Mikayla Koos, Raven Koos, Rebecca Doll, Emma Poole, Kara Ferguson, Allie Poole; Second Row: Lisa Poole, Melinda Prunty, Megan Poole, Mariah Kline, Kelly Storm, Neal Kirkpatrick; Third Row: Corey Nannie, Carmen McKay, Ashley Walsh, Ryan Kirkpatrick; Fourth Row: Eddie Prunty, Matthew Gaston, Maria McKay, Bryan Davenport; Fifth Row: Tyler McKinney, Ron Poole Submitted photo

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respective communities, celebrating Mass in community chapels or in a backyard under a tree.

The greatest adjustment for me has been adapting to the insanity that disguises itself as the Dominican electrical grid. The country does not have the ability to produce enough electricity at any one time for every household and business in the country. Thus, no part of the country counts on having electricity twenty-four hours per day seven days per week. In Bani, electricity is usually present from 7:30pm to 5am and from 11am to 3pm. Where it goes the other 10½ hours of the day is anyone's guess. Without electricity, fans and air conditioning do not work. Fortunately, the breeze coming in off the ocean keeps us from getting too warm.

Another significant adjustment, especially for someone from Kentucky, is living in a country that is completely obsessed with baseball. At this time of the year in western Kentucky, high school football is getting into swing, making for a nice diversion until begins the true sport of sports: UK Wildcat basketball (with due consideration given to U of L fans, of course). So far, I have yet to see here a basketball hoop, a soccer goal, nor anything even beginning to resemble the uprights of football. I have, however, on far too many occasions already, been completely startled with the sound of a foul ball hitting the tin roof of the Church in the middle of Mass, an event that is followed shortly thereafter by half a baseball team searching the church grounds for the baseball that is somewhere amidst the banana trees.

If God, the internet, and the Dominican electrical grid are agreeable to the notion, I'll be writing a monthly column in the Western Kentucky Catholic about my life in the Caribbean. Until next month, please feel free to follow my life as a missionary in the Dominican Republic on my facebook page.

Lourdes Charity Golf Event Draws Record Numbers

PADUCAH, Ky- Lourdes Foundation celebrated its 11th annual charity golf event on Monday, August 30 at the Country Club of Paducah with record participants and proceeds. Nearly 200 golfers turned out in support, raising \$55,000 in net proceeds.

Marquette Transportation served as the event's title sponsor.

"Each year, our donors and community step forward with overwhelming generosity to support Lourdes Foundation," said Steven Grinnell, Lourdes President and CEO. "This was our most successful charity golf outing yet, providing valuable funding for Lourdes' healing ministry."

Nearly \$500,000 has been raised in the event's 11-year history. Donations to Lourdes Foundation improve the health of our community by providing support to purchase advanced technology, equipment and facility upgrades which enhance patient care.



Marquette Transportation won the morning flight; team members from Marquette include – John Eckstein, Ric Webster, Tim Lambert and Kelly Cromwell.



The Utilities Dynamics team took first place in the afternoon; the team consists of Gary Zakutney, Kevin Baer, Dan Weeks and Jason Cates. Submitted photos

Paducah's Daughters of Isabella Circle 258 Celebrates 87th birthday



St Mary Elementary Choir performing for the 87th birthday celebration of The Daughters of Isabella Circle 258

By Sheri Babbs

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Daughters of Isabella Circle 258 celebrated its 87th birthday in the month of August. The event was commemorated by a pot luck and entertainment by the St. Mary Elementary Choir led by Susan Piper, music director.

The Circle was formed in 1923 as part of the International Daughters of Isabella organization. The Daughters of Isabella is a Catholic Women's organization that originally derived from the Knight's Of Columbus Women's Auxillary in Connecticut in 1897. The local Circle 258 follows the organization's motto of Unity Friendship Charity. Together as a sisterhood, the D of I strives to uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church, bringing spiritual benefits to our members and contributing to the common good of humanity.

Through fundraisers and works of charity, Circle 258 supports charities including Child Watch, Hope Unlimited,

Ups and Downs Buddy Walk, Girl Scouts Troop 809, St. Mary Schools, Breast Cancer Awareness, and KY Right For Life. Fundraisers sponsored by Circle 258 are bake sales at Knights of Columbus functions and a November spaghetti dinner. The Circle prays monthly together and organizes Novenas and Rosaries for special intentions and deceased members. There are monthly social activities, such as the August Birthday party celebrated on August 25 to promote the unity and friendship of the Order.

Daughters of Isabella, Circle 258, is sponsoring a "Jr D of I" that will be known as the Sisters of Service for Catholic girls 10-18 years of age. The Sisters of Service is organizing and will be doing hands on charity work in the Paducah Community.

For more information about the Daughters of Isabella or Sisters of Service, contact Regent Sherri Speis at 270-519-9762 or speisfamily@bellsouth.net



The Daughters of Isabella Circle 258

Daughters of Isabella Convene in Montreal

Sheila Thomson, Delegate from Owensboro, Martha Floyd from Paducah, and Sherri Speis from Paducah attended the 2010 International Biennial Convention of the Daughters of Isabella in Montreal, Quebec August 1-4, 2010. Headquarters for the convention was the Hilton Montreal Bonaventure Hotel.

International Regent Elaine Leger from Bradenton, FL, presided at the meeting. The Episcopal Adviser was Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane from Venice, FL. The theme of the convention was "You and I Toward The Future." There was a Respect Life display, a baby shower, and a walkathon for breast cancer awareness held during the convention.



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The closing Mass and installation of new officers was in the Cathedral Basilica Marie-Reine-du-Monde.

Burmese and Holy Spirit Catholics Overcome Ministry Challenges, Worship As One 43

By Victoria Gottfried

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - In recent months parishioners of Holy Spirit Catholic Church here have found a new opportunity to put their faith into action — by ministering to a group of Catholic refugees from Burma. These refugees are but a small percentage of people who have found sanctuary in the US after being displaced from their homes by wars.

In the past twenty years, some 300,000 Burmese people have emigrated from refugee camps in Thailand to countries throughout the world, including the US. They have been relocated in communities where they have the opportunity to work in various industries, including the Purdue chicken industry. Though they face many challenges here in the US, they are the lucky ones, since many more remain in refugee camps in Thailand or other nearby countries. Their history is a sad one. Burma, now officially the Union of Myanmar, is the largest country in mainland Southeast Asia. Though it was once one of the wealthiest countries in that part of the world, it is now one of the poorest, due to decades of mismanagement and isolation. While a British colony, Burma enjoyed a high rate of literacy and a thriving economy which utilized a wealth of natural resources. This began to change when a military government came to power in 1948. Catholic missionaries who ran schools throughout the country were forced to leave and the schools were subsequently nationalized. A rapid decline of literacy and economic well-being ensued. Perpetual civil wars have left the country ravaged and forced more than one million people to flee the country. The homes, farms, and villages of these people were burned, leaving them with no place to go and no way to live. For those still in Myanmar, unemployment levels are so high that many young people work illegally in neighboring countries.

Many of those who fled Burma were placed in refugee camps in bordering countries, including Thailand. Many who have come to the US lived upwards of 15 to 20 years in squalid refugee camps where they were passive recipients of only the basic necessities of life. Once there, they were trapped—bidden from leaving the camps to return to Burma or enter Thailand. As a result they are largely uneducated, unskilled, demoralized, depressed, and anxious about their future. During their internment in the camps, they rarely saw a priest. Thus, their spiritual and moral development have suffered as a result. Approximately 28 Burmese immigrant families have settled in Bowling Green and



Fr. Philip with two Burmese boys.

In the picture above right, Burmese gather around the baptismal font for baptisms



Please see a companion story about The Burmese Catholic community at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on page 43.

In the picture at right, Who is that big kid? Fr. Steve Hohman plays soccer with the Burmese youth. Submitted photos

chosen HSCC as their home parish. Efforts to minister to them effectively is fraught with many challenges. Chief among them is the language barrier, since most do not speak any English. To further complicate matters, they do not all speak the same dialect, rather, they speak four distinct dialects: Burmese, Karenni, Karen, and Chin. Ministry to these recent immigrants began with transporting them to and from their homes for Sunday mass. A few of the young people have served as interpreters, facilitating the church's efforts to communicate with them about basic needs.

Fr. Steve Hohman, who arrived at HSCC fresh from seminary in July to serve as parochial vicar, has energetically taken on this ministry with the assistance of several lay people. Recently one of the local Burmese residents told Fr. Steve about Fr. Philip Aung Nge, a Burmese priest studying dogmatic theology at Saint Joseph seminary in Yonkers, New York. Over the past several months Fr. Philip has graciously devoted much of his school break and holiday time visiting parishes with Burmese populations throughout the US, assisting with efforts to minister to them. Thanks to Fr. Steve's persistence, Fr. Philip visited Holy Spirit parish August 26 through 29.

For the first two days Fr. Philip visited our Burmese families in their homes with Fr. Steve and members of the lay ministry team, in order to better assess their material and spiritual needs. His visit culminated in a first for the diocese of Owensboro: a Burmese/English mass concelebrated by Fr. Philip and Fr. Steve. During this special mass, scripture readings were proclaimed by Burmese lay people in two different dialects, and Fr. Philip delivered one homily in English and one in Burmese. Those of us who have never been displaced from our native land got a small taste of what these people experience constantly as newcomers to a land where the native language is foreign to them. Perhaps the most moving part of the mass was the singing of the Lord's Prayer by the Burmese in Karenni. Following the mass, Fr.



Philip spent a couple of hours instructing the Burmese people in matters of faith and encouraging them to look to the American priests as their priests.

After this, a potluck meal was served in honor of Fr. Philip and the Burmese people. Many of the English speaking parishioners mingled with the Burmese in an effort to make them feel welcome among us. Following the meal Fr. Philip baptized six Burmese babies. It was a full and thrilling day for everyone involved. However, for many of the youth the day would not be complete without the soccer game Fr. Steve had promised. While the first of the people boarded the buses that would take them back to their homes, Fr. Steve and several of the youth were chasing a soccer ball up and down the field.

Those of us on the ministry team have many hopes and dreams for future ministry to the Burmese community. A team of parishioners will be working with them to learn to speak English weekly after Sunday mass, assisted by two young Burmese people who speak English relatively well. Many of the Burmese people are eager to learn our language, which is an important first step toward adapting to our culture, much of which is alien to anything they have ever known. Of course efforts have been made and will continue to assist them with basic material needs. With characteristic generosity, Holy Spirit parishioners poured out their support by donating backpacks filled with school supplies for the children. Parishioners have donated various household items as well. We also hope to draw the youth together by transporting them to the parish grounds to play soccer, which is a favorite activity for them. Since many of the Burmese were farmers and are eager to raise crops for food again, we hope to provide part of the property God has so generously placed in our care for the interested Burmese to use for gardening. Our ultimate goal is to equip them to live successfully in our community. Fr. Philip encouraged us in this, pointing out that the years they spent in refugee camps stripped them of their ability to support themselves and conditioned them to become passive recipients. Although it will be a long-term effort, we hope to see them restored in all aspects of life, including physical, social, and spiritual.

Mis Primeras Semanas Como Misionero

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En los días después de la experiencia de andar en mula, el grupo de seminaristas con quien venía, tenían unos días de reflexión y retiro en Santo Domingo con la Dra. Marina Herrera. La Dra. Herrera es paisana de la República Dominicana, y ha trabajado extensivamente con el USCCB y la Washington Theological Union. Marina también era la primera mujer hispana, residente de EEUU que logró un doctorado en teología católica. Durante el retiro, la Dra. Herrera nos hizo una pregunta a los seminaristas que se ha quedado conmigo a lo largo de los años: “En el futuro, ¿que puedes traer a la gente de la República Dominicana que influirá de manera positiva a sus vidas?”

Mirando para atrás, puedo decir que fue esa pregunta hacienda eco en lo más profundo de mi mente que me llevó a estudiar más duro y trabajar con más diligencia para incluir a los católicos hispanos en nuestra Iglesia en los Estados Unidos. Esa pregunta guió mi trabajo como el primer Director de Ministerio Hispano en nuestra diócesis, como miembro del comité de la National Association for Diocesan Directors for Hispanic Ministry, y más recientemente, como pastor de la parroquia más diversa étnicamente en nuestra diócesis, San José en Bowling Green. Esa pregunta también me llevó a dar a la gente de la República Dominicana el don más precioso que tengo como sacerdote: mi ministerio.

Después de que se jubiló el Obispo McRaith en enero del 2009, sentí que era la hora apropiada para buscar servir en la República Dominicana. A la hora de mi ordenación al sacerdocio en 1995, tuve dos sueños para mi sacerdocio que le pedí a Dios que un día se realizaran: servir como misionero en la República Dominicana, y servir como pastor de San José en Bowling Green. Cuando el Obispo McRaith me llamó en el 2003 para servir como pastor de San José, me puse más que emocionado. Después de servir por siete años en un lugar verdaderamente bendecido, sentí el llamado de seguir adelante. Por la gracia de Dios, cumplí con lo que Dios quiso que realizara en San José, y en mi corazón (aunque no logro ponerlo todo en palabras), supe que la hora para mudarme se acercaba.

Un asunto que veo que ha afectado a la Iglesia durante los últimos años es la comodidad: queremos que nuestra experiencia religiosa sea cómoda. Para aquellos que viven en el mundo y a veces quedan agobiados por las olas del cambio, esconderse en lo cómodo puede ser



La comunidad de Catalina Arriba se congrega para la celebración de la Misa. Foto sometido por el P. Stan Puryear.

una bendición vital. Desafortunadamente, nuestras bendiciones también pueden llegar a estancarnos, especialmente cuando se nos olvida que vienen primero y más importante como regalos de Dios. Así es con la comodidad, porque nos puede llevar no tan solo a ser satisfechos con nosotros mismos, sino también a estancarnos. Mientras esto ocurra, nos identificamos demasiado cercanamente al status quo de la vida religiosa, tanto que cualquier reto o cambio se nos presenta como amenaza personal. Esta situación se amplifica más cuando el liderazgo no se renueva.

Expresando la situación con un dicho sencillo pero intencionalmente demasiado generalizado: un sacerdote que se queda en una parroquia demasiado tiempo empieza a querer que “mi parroquia” siga “mi plan” y se siente atacado si alguien trae a la mesa cualquier detalle que no cabe en esa plan. Por favor, sepan que cuando hablo de los sacerdotes aquí, no lo hago señalando a otros, sino a mí mismo. Siendo un sacerdote en la Iglesia es la experiencia primaria de lo cual saco esto. Estoy seguro que también puede haber laicos y religiosos quienes puedan estancarse mucho en el status quo, pero eso es un artículo para otro día, escrito por otra persona. Al mismo tiempo, hay muchos sacerdotes quienes hayan pasado muchos años en una sola parroquia y, por la bendición de Dios, todavía tienen la habilidad abrumador de seguir renovando su compromiso y sus seres espirituales. De ellos, tengo que confesar, estoy un poco envidioso.

Aunque espero que todavía no hubiera llegado al punto de estancarme como pastor de San José en Bowling Green, me doy cuenta de que muy rápidamente estaba progresando en esa dirección. Por

lo tanto, con el visto bueno del P. Mike Clark, empecé a buscar oportunidades de servir por unos años en la República Dominicana. Después de reuniones con el Obispo Breton de Bani, de mucha ayuda de la Dra. Marina Herrera, y finalmente con el permiso del recién ordenado Obispo Medley de Owensboro, el 10 de agosto de este año me salí de la parroquia de San José en Bowling Green y manejé hasta Miami, Florida. Después de pasar un tiempo con amigos y una cena por la tarde con el P. Frank Roof, me subí al avión el 13 de agosto para Santo Domingo. Al llegar, me encontró el director administrativo diocesano, quien me informó que iba a ser pastor de la quasi-parroquia de San Santiago el Apóstol en Paya, y que iba a empezar el día siguiente, el 14 de agosto.

Colocado a 5 kilómetros (3 millas) al este de Bani, la Parroquia de San Santiago el Apóstol incluye alrededor de 36,000 personas, de quienes por lo menos 70% profesan ser católicos. De esas, aproximadamente 10% asistan a la Misa por lo menos una vez al mes. Aunque suena como muchísimo trabajo, hay parroquias aún más grandes en la diócesis. La Diócesis de Bani incluye más de 800,000 católicos con tan solo 30 sacerdotes activos. Además de eso, la realidad es que muchos sacerdotes tienen que aceptar un segundo trabajo para sobrevivir (por ejemplo, enseñar en la universidad o ser capellán militar). A pesar de eso, el moral positivo de los sacerdotes de la diócesis es absolutamente increíble. Aunque la carga de trabajo y la responsabilidad es más grande aquí, y la compensación es menos de un tercio de lo que tenía en Kentucky, la amistad entre los sacerdotes y como todos comparten de sus recursos escaseces es mucho más de cualquier otra

cosa que he visto en otro diócesis en Estados Unidos.

Sin embargo, no quiero decir que todo es perfecto, y una gran parte de mi rutina en estas primeras semanas es ajustarme. Por ejemplo, en la Diócesis de Owensboro, muchas personas se acostumbran a manejar varias millas a asistir la Misa dominical. Aquí no es así. Paya es el pueblo más grande en la parroquia, pero actualmente hay otros diez comunidades donde se celebra la Misa por lo menos dos veces al mes. Por varias razones - costo, infraestructura, transporte, seguridad, para nombrar algunos - muchos individuos no tienen la opción de asistir la Misa semanalmente en la localidad central de la parroquia. A cambio, el sacerdote visita a la gente en sus respectivas comunidades, celebrando una Misa en la capilla de la comunidad o en el campo debajo de un árbol.

El ajuste mayor para mi ha sido adaptarme a la locura que se disfrace como la red de suministro Dominicana. El país no tiene la habilidad de producir suficiente electricidad para todas las casas y todos los comercios en el país a la vez. Así que, ninguna parte del país cuenta con electricidad veinticuatro horas al día, siete días a la semana. En Bani, normalmente tenemos electricidad de 7:30pm a 5:00am y de 11:00am a 3:00pm. Quien sabe donde se encuentra los otros 10½ horas del día. Sin electricidad, los abanicos y el aire acondicionado no sirven. Afortunadamente, la brisa del océano nos ayuda a que no nos dé demasiado calor.

Otro ajuste significativo, especialmente para alguien de Kentucky, es vivir en un país completamente obsesionado con el béisbol. En estas fechas en Kentucky del occidental, ya ha empezado la estación de fútbol Americano en las preparatorias, lo cuál es una diversión amena antes de que empiece el deporte de todos los deportes: UK Wildcat basquetbol (con consideración apropiada a los que prefieren U of L, por supuesto). Hasta ahora, no he visto ni una cancha de básquet, ni de fútbol (soccer), ni ninguna cosa que incluso parezca como un fútbol americano. Pero sí, ya en demasiadas ocasiones, me ha asustado completamente el sonido de una pelota fowl pegando el techo de estaño en medio de la Misa, después de lo cual, la mitad del equipo de béisbol empieza a buscar por todo el terreno de la iglesia la pelota perdida entre los bananos.

Si Dios, el Internet, y la red de suministro Dominicana se encuentra de acuerdo, voy a estar escribiendo una columna cada mes en el Western Kentucky Catholic sobre mi vida en el Caribe. Hasta el mes que sigue, pueden seguir mi vida como misionero en la República Dominicana en mi página de Facebook.

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Lecciones de Un Verano en el Extranjero

Por Mar Muñoz-Visoso*



Mar Muñoz Visoso

Mi esposo y yo hemos comprado los materiales escolares con tiempo este año, excepto uniformes y zapatos. Los niños — edades 9,7 y 4 — han pasado el verano con sus abuelos maternos en España. Mi madre dice que han crecido mucho durante el verano y hemos decidido esperar para acertar con las tallas.

Cada vez que hablo con mis hijos por teléfono, me doy cuenta de cuánto ha mejorado su español en sólo seis semanas. En casa hablamos en español, la mayoría del tiempo, pero sabiendo que ambos padres hablamos y entendemos inglés, ellos no siempre hacen el esfuerzo de responder en español aunque sí lo entienden.

La experiencia de “casi total” inmersión parece haber sido efectiva. Mis padres no hablan inglés —porque no lo necesitan— y eso ha forzado a nuestros hijos a aprender cómo pedir las cosas en español y a buscar la manera de darse a entender, incluso cuando uno no encuentra las palabras para decirlo.

De vez en cuando, mis hermanos,

uno maestro y el otro ingeniero en computación, aparecen para echarles una mano y también para practicar su inglés aprovechando la oportunidad de tener allí a sus sobrinos americanos. Ambos, así como mi hermana, pueden darse a entender más o menos en inglés gracias a una educación que exigía que estudiáramos un segundo idioma desde la escuela elemental.

Antes de dejar a los niños allí nos aseguramos que entendieran la importancia de hacer sus tareas de verano. Hasta el que está en edad preescolar tenía su libro de conectar puntos y colorear, y barajas con letras y números para “jugar”.

Mi padre decidió que el lenguaje de los números es internacional y no se achicó a la hora de explicar y revisar operaciones matemáticas como sumas, restas y multiplicaciones básicas en español. Mis hermanos llegaban al rescate cuando el abuelo no podía leer algún problema en inglés o para revisar otras tareas de lectura.

Los niños han aprendido mucho. Se han sumergido en una cultura y modo de vida diferentes. Han probado nuevas comidas y formas de comportarse en la mesa, y también que lejos de casa existen igualmente normas y que va en su propio beneficio el seguirlas.

Después de la inicial lucha de voluntades, Patricia, nuestra hija mediana, concedió que la abuela era la que mandaba y decidió que aunque no le gustara seguiría sus indicaciones. Como venganza, hablaba en inglés con nosotros por teléfono para que la “yaya” (como llaman a las abuelas en la región levantina) no pudiera entenderla — y no para hablar mal de ella, sino sólo por el gusto de molestarla. Escuchar a Patricia relatar su versión de los eventos en inglés calmó nuestros temores de que al regresar los niños pudieran necesitar algo de apoyo con su inglés. Ella también ha mejorado mucho su dominio del español, lo cual es un consuelo pues es a quien más se le dificultaba hablarlo.

El más pequeño, Rafael — que

creció escuchando español principalmente gracias a su abuelita mexicana quien lo crió durante los dos primeros años de su vida en Colorado, pero que se había pasado totalmente al inglés al ingresar a la guardería — también se dio cuenta en seguida que le iría mejor si hablaba español. Para comenzar, debía poder comunicarse con su compañero de travesuras, un primo un año menor que lo seguía a todas partes pero se quedaba parado cuando le hablaba en inglés. Además, tenía que hacerse amigo del abuelo, quien había prometido llevarlos al parque o a la piscina cada día si acababan sus tareas temprano.

Gracias a Dios por Elena, la mayor, que además de ser completamente bilingüe y actuar como intérprete cuando era necesario, también asumió el rol de segunda mamá con ellos.

Mientras esperamos ansiosos el regreso en los próximos días de nuestros tres mosqueteros acompañados de sus valientes y probablemente exhaustos abuelos, también hemos estado pensando qué más podríamos hacer para ayudar a nuestros hijos a estar preparados para un nuevo año escolar.

La verdad es que no les hace falta nada. Han aprendido lecciones muy importantes durante este verano — mayormente en español — y continuarán aprendiendo otras nuevas — principalmente en inglés — durante el resto del año. Mientras tanto, el “spanglish”, de forma lenta pero segura, volverá a ser el idioma oficial alrededor de la mesa familiar.

La capacidad de los niños para aprender es verdaderamente admirable. Los políticos, a veces, ¡les dan tan poco crédito! El mundo sería mejor si más personas fuéramos bilingües o multilingües. Pedir a alguien de otra cultura que se integre, y ayudarlo a hacerlo, es un deber. Exigirles que se olviden de quiénes son y de dónde vienen, o peor aún, que aborrezcan la cultura de sus padres, es un sinsentido cruel que nos empobrece a todos.

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Retiro Bianual de Los Agentes del Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Owensboro



Durante el retiro bianual de los Ministros Hispanos en el Monasterio de las Pasionistas en Whitesville, El Monseñor José Luis Mendoza Corzo, Obispo Auxiliar de Tuxtla, Chiapas, México, tocó un canto en la guitarra. Abajo, el Obispo escucha al P. Carmelo Jiménez proclamar el Evangelio durante la Misa. También salen la Hna. Patricia Sullivan y el P. Juan René Kalombo en la foto.



Los Agentes del Ministerio Hispano: Atrás: P. Carmelo Jiménez, Hna. Patricia Sullivan, Luis Ajú, Tami Schneider. En medio: Hna. Esperanza Rivera, Hna. Imelda Quechol, Obispo Mendoza, Hna. Eloisa, Hna. Fran Wilhelm En frente: Patti y Chris Gutiérrez. P. Juan René Kalombo y Carl Schmidt. Fotos por Tami Schneider.

Planificando el Próximo Retiro Juvenil



Un grupo de jóvenes, junto con sus Ministros planifican el próximo retiro juvenil, programado para el 8-9 de octubre en el Campamento de Gasper River. Se reunieron en Hopkinsville el 5 de septiembre para poner el tema y el horario.



Un joven aporta su opinión mientras los demás lo escuchan. Cada año, los mismos jóvenes planifican su propio retiro con un tema que les llega a su realidad. Fotos sometidos por Luis Ajú.

“En Nombre de Dios”

La Convivencia De La Cultura Norteamericana Con Las Personas De Origen Latino

Por Luis Ajú

De parte de ambas partes valorar la cultura de cada uno, luego ver los valores que están en cada uno, entendiendo la diversidad de culturas del país donde vivimos. Al saber que las culturas todas traen sus valores culturales de muchísimos años y que por tradición aún lo conservan como parte del diario vivir y desde luego en forma muy particular, esto no significa que los otros son malos solamente son diferentes pero que son partes de nuestra vida como personas, pero que poco a poco estamos aprendiendo uno del otro lo que son sus elementos que forman su cultura.

Para la Iglesia Católica en particular en Estados Unidos, desde las parroquias exhortamos a los Anglos escuchar y ver la diferencia cultural de nuestras comunidades, no podemos decir que todos los de origen latino son todos mexicanos o todos centroamericanos, todos son suramericanos, o todos son del Caribe, también en el contexto latino, existe una variedad cultural, procedente de países diferentes deben de ser respetados como comunidad humana, diferente en su expresión de fe, en sus celebraciones en familia, y en comunidad, aun diferente Idioma que no es el Español tampoco el Inglés, no tiene nada de malo, solamente es diferente.

Es oportuno mencionar que entre los mismos latinos existen diferencias bien notables, pero por hablar un casi mismo idioma tratamos de comprendernos unos a los otros, apoyándonos en la lucha por la vida, ganando el pan nuestro de cada día para la familia, cerca o lejos de nosotros.

Una lección para la comunidad no latina (Anglos) es comprender la presencia de la diversidad de culturas en nuestra Iglesia, el reto mas grande es construir día a día lo que profesamos en nuestra profesión de fe: “creo en la Iglesia que es Una, Santa, Católica y Apostólica.” Esta exhortación va también para todos, los países que conformamos ser hispanos, si queremos que nos entiendan, queda en nosotros el comprender a los otros.

Para nosotros los Latinos, también nos es un reto expresar nuestra educación en todas partes, ser corteses, saludar bien a la gente, ser amable con todos, no sentirnos más que los otros porque hemos caminado el mismo camino que nos hizo llegar a esta cultura. Es muy cierto que no hablamos el inglés, pero debemos de aprender al menos como saludar a todos, como aprendimos de nuestros mayores allá en nuestros países de origen.

Conclusión: Tenemos un solo Dios, una sola Fe, una verdad absoluta, que todos somos llamados a escuchar y trabajar por la Unidad en la Diversidad.



Luis Ajú

The Coexistence of the North American Culture With Those of Latin Roots

By Luis Ajú

Translated by Tami Schneider

Each culture has its own unique value. What is necessary is to capture the values present in each one, understanding the diversity of cultures of the country we live in. Knowing that each culture brings with it its own cultural values from many, many years back and that by tradition is still conserved as part of everyday life in a very particular way, does not mean that the other cultures are bad, only that they are different and they are part of our lives as people. Little by little we learn from each other the elements that form the others' culture.

For the Catholic Church, and in particular the Church in the United States, at the parish level we exhort the Anglos to listen and observe the cultural differences in our communities. We cannot say that all of those with Latin roots are Mexican, nor are all Central American. All are not South American nor are all from the Caribbean. Among Latin Americans, there is also a variety of cultures that proceed from different countries and all should be respected as a human community. Each one is different in its expression of faith, in its family celebrations, and in community. Some even speak a different language that is neither Spanish nor English.

It is also a good time to mention that among Latinos there are some significant differences, but because we speak practically the same language, we try to understand each other and support each other as we struggle along in this life, earning our daily bread for our families, whether they be far or near.

One lesson for the non-Hispanic community, i.e., the Anglos, is to understand the presence of cultural diversity in our Church. One of the biggest challenges is to build, day by day, what we profess during the Profession of Faith: “we believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.” This exhortation is for all of us, for those of us from Hispanic countries as well. If we want them to understand us, then we need to understand them, too.

For us Latinos, it is also a great challenge to express our education wherever we go, to be courteous, to greet people warmly, to be amiable with everyone, and not feel above others, because we have walked the same path in order to arrive to this culture. It's very true that we don't speak English, but we should at least learn how to greet others, just like we learned from our elders in our own native countries.

Conclusion: We have one and the same God, one and the same faith, and one absolute truth. We are all called to listen and work towards unity amid our diversity.

Mis Primeras Semanas Como Misionero

Por P. Stan Puryear

Traducido por Tami Schneider

Saludos desde Bani. Bueno, para ser más preciso, estoy escribiendo del pueblo de Paya, Peravia, en la República Dominicana, un pueblo que pertenece a la Diócesis de Bani. Con el permiso del Obispo Medley de Owensboro y el Obispo Breton de Bani, tengo el privilegio de servir como un sacerdote “de préstamo” a la República Dominicana por unos cortos años.

El camino que me ha traído a este lugar ha sido uno lleno de las gracias, bendiciones y designios de Dios. Visité la Republica Dominicana por primera vez en 1987 mientras todavía era seminarista estudiando en el Pontifical College Josephinum en Columbus, Ohio. Sabiendo tan solo diez palabras de español, me encontré arriba de una mula en las montañas de la Cordillera Central, yendo hacia una comunidad que el sacerdote visitaba, en aquel tiempo, a lo mejor dos veces al año.

A la derecha se ve la Iglesia de San Santiago Apostol en Paya, Peravia, un pueblo que pertenece a la Diócesis de Bani en la República Dominicana. El Padre Stan Puryear, de la Diócesis de Owensboro, ahora es Pastor de esa parroquia, como se encuentra allí por unos años haciendo trabajo misionero. Foto sometido por el P. Stan Puryear.

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El Obispo Mendoza platica con un grupo de señoras durante un tiempo de descanso durante el mini-retiro que dio el 22 de agosto en Hopkinsville.



Tanto jóvenes como adultos se incaron a adorar al Santísimo durante unos momentos de oración durante el retiro. Fotos sometidas por Luis Ajú.

Mini-Retiro por el Obispo de Tuxtla, México



Unos de los momentos más fuertes de cualquier retiro pueden ser los momentos de oración. Aunque sea en silencio o con música, adorar al Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento con sinceridad llena el alma de paz y gozo.

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