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Diocese Celebrates Chrism Mass

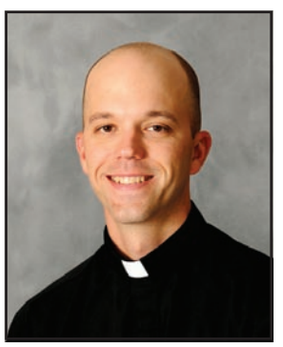
The Diocese of Owensboro celebrated the Chrism Mass April 19 in the Owensboro Sportscenter. The priests of the diocese renew their promises to the bishop during this Mass, and another central part of each Chrism Mass is the blessing of the Holy Oils.

Ms. Martha Hagan, co-director for the Office of Worship explained "Three oils are blessed during the Mass. Olive oil is used in all three sacramental oils. The Oil of the Sick is used for anointing the sick, and the Oil of the Catechumens is used for those preparing for baptism. The sacred Chrism oil has balsam in it and is used for holy orders, baptisms and confirmation. It is also used for building dedications.

"Father Richard Meredith makes the balsam, an aromatic oil, which includes myrrh, oil of cinnamon and cloves. Parish priests can bless oil if they need more for the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens during the course of a year, but only a bishop can bless the Chrism.

"There is a special character to that oil," Hagan said. "We believe that when someone is anointed with sacred Chrism, there is a change that happens in that person or place. ... There is a defining change that happens when that oil is used."

Rev. Mr. Ryan Harpole to be Ordained to the Priesthood for the Diocese of Owensboro



The Diocese of Owensboro Announces with Great Joy The Ordination
of
Rev. Mr. Ryan Harpole
Called by God and the Church To the Order of Presbyter
Though the Imposition of Hands And the Invocation of the Holy Spirit
By The Most Reverend William F. Medley D.D., Bishop of Owensboro
On Saturday, the twenty-first of May, Two thousand and eleven
Ten o'clock in the morning
At Blessed Mother Church, 601 East 23rd St. ,Owensboro, KY 42303

Reception to Follow At Blessed Mother School Cafeteria

The Priests of the Diocese of Owensboro renewed their promises to Bishop William Medley at the April 19 Chrism Mass in the Owensboro Sportscenter. At right, Bishop Medley breathed on the Oil of Chrism to symbolize the Holy Spirit coming down and said a prayer of consecration. After Mass, the oils, which signify an indelible mark placed on the soul, were divided up and given to representatives of each parish for sacramental ministries. Mel Howard Photos

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Remember That Even God Rested On The Seventh Day!

Most Reverend William F. Medley Bishop of Owensboro

My dear sisters and brothers,

"Thus the heavens and the earth and all their array were completed. Since on the seventh day God was finished with the work he had been doing he rested on the seventh day from all the work he had undertaken. God so blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation." Genesis 2: 1-3

How many times have we all read this conclusion of this first account of the creation of the world from the Book of Genesis, the first book of the Bible, and yet never paused to consider God "resting"? Our images of God as prime mover, supreme being, source of all life and energy do not seem to permit much time for resting. If it is God who brings up the sun in the morning and sends the gentle rains, if it is God who dwells in the corridors of hospitals around the clock, if it is God who bends an ear to hear the prayers of children, are we really comfortable with the thought of God resting? Suppose I am offering my prayers while God is off the clock.

Yet just after the scriptures tell us that God created us in the divine image they go on to tell us that God rested. The implication is unmistakable; we who are created in God's image are created to reflect the glory of God, and the glory of God will be manifest in our resting just as surely as in our noble and necessary labors. So emphatic is our God about this that it is revealed as one of the Ten Commandments: *"Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or the alien who lives with you. In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord blessed the seventh day and made it holy."* Exodus 20: 8-11

What has become of the Sabbath in our nation and in our culture? Now we must grant that we are not and cannot expect to return to the agrarian centered culture of ancient Israel, where God's chosen people first heard the word of God. But we do believe that the truth of the Bible is timeless and ageless. So all of us must assess what has become of the Sabbath in our lives and in our families' lives. For many it appears that the Sabbath has become the busiest if not the most stressful day of the week.

We see families pulled in scores of directions on Sundays. And sadly these rarely include old fashioned visits to grandparents or other relatives, times of rich leisure with the extended family who gives us roots and a sense of history, times with cousins. How many families still gather for Sunday dinners as the best and most lavish meal of the week? These laid back experiences that many of us knew as children are now relegated to an annual family reunion or a couple of hours on Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day.

We have replaced these family-oriented times with among other things athletic practices and games, certainly wonderfully valuable experiences within themselves. We hear of families routinely heading out by 6:00 a.m. many Sundays to travel to a soccer game for their eleven year-old half way across the state. The rewards are plenty, but are we pausing to consider the cost?

Christians throughout the centuries have observed the Sabbath as the Lord's day, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the first Easter Sunday, Christian Churches gather in prayer and praise on the seventh day. But in our culture, more and more families do not have time to gather with a church community to pray and worship. Not too long ago, I had a seven year-old boy who was preparing for his First Holy Communion, an important rite of passage in our Catholic tradition, to tell me, "Mom and Dad say that we're too busy to go to church on Sunday." Out of the mouths of babes.

This youngster's parents are good, hard-working people who believe in God and truly want to impart their faith and values to their children. They are making great sacrifices to give their children "the best of everything." They work overtime, they coach youth athletes, they serve on community committees and boards. Let's just hope they will remember that even God rested on the seventh day!

Yours in Christ,

+ William F. Medley

Most Reverend William F. Medley
Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar ...

... for May 2011 ...

May 1	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Mary, Franklin
May 3	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Pastoral Center Staff Mass and Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation, Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro
May 4	11:00 a.m.	Mass, Region V Vocation Dirs, Passionists Monastery
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Leo, Murray
May 5	Fredonia Correctional Center, KY Penitentiary	
May 9	5:30 p.m.	PC Leaders/YM Appreciation Meal, CPC
May 11	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, Sacred Heart, Union County
May 12	Presbyteral Day	
May 14	10:00 a.m.	Brescia University Graduation, Riverpark Center
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove
May 15	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation, Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation, Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
May 16	9:30 a.m.	Personnel Board
	1:30 p.m.	Priests' Council
May 17	9:00 a.m.	Catholic Pastoral Center Staff Mass and Meeting
May 18	8:30 a.m.	Administration/Finance Committee Meeting
May 21	10:00 a.m.	Priesthood Ordination of Ryan Harpole, Blessed Mother, Owensboro
	6:00 p.m.	Graduation, St. Mary High School, Paducah
May 22	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
	2:00 p.m.	Celebration for Fr. Jerry Calhoun, Christ the King, Madisonville
May 23	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Ann, Morganfield
May 24	10-3	Paducah Office, Lourdes Hospital, Paducah
May 25	CCK Board Meeting, Louisville	
May 26	10:00 a.m.	Mass, Gasper River Camp, New Summer Staff
	7:00 p.m.	Graduation, Trinity High School, Hines Center
May 28	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation, Sacred Heart, Russellville
May 29	2:00 p.m.	Graduation, Owensboro Catholic High School, Sportscenter

... for June 2011 ...

June 4	10:00 a.m.	Ordination, Fathers of Mercy, South Union
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Augustine, Reed
June 5	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation, Rosary Chapel, Paducah
	3:00 p.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr. Austin Litke, Holy Name, Henderson
June 11	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation, St. Stephen, Cadiz
June 12	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation, St. Stephen Cathedral
June 13-18	USCCB General Assembly, Seattle, Washington	
June 23	2:00 p.m.	Brescia University Board Meeting
June 24		Brescia University Board Meeting
June 26	3:00 p.m.	Corpus Christi Procession, St. Stephen Cathedral, Oboro
June 26	8:00 p.m.	Christian Leadership Institute, Brescia University
June 27-30	Episcopal Ongoing Formation Institute, Norfolk, VA	

... for July 2011

July 1	1:30 p.m.	Mass of Religious Profession, Passionists Monastery, Whitesville
July 29	9:15 a.m.	Mass, Prof. Dev. Day, Catholic School Principals and Teachers, Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
July 31	11:00 a.m.	Mass and Dedication, St. Leo Parish, Murray

SUPPORT THERE BE DRAGONS

Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Panke, President of the The National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors has asked Vocation Directors across the nation to support "There Be Dragons," a new mainstream, Hollywood film based on a true story that focuses on the life of a Catholic priest-Saint Josemaria Escriva will be in theater's on May 6th. This film is directed by Roland Joffe, who also directed "The Killing Fields" and "The Mission."

This film is an opportunity to promote vocations and uphold a positive image of the priesthood that we rarely see in the mainstream media.

Viewing There Be Dragons can provide a good opportunity for vocation promotion around World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

•Viewthetrailerathttp://www.youtube.com/therebedragonsfilm#p/a/u/1/kwg09sldmwU .

Please contact the NCDVD office at 631-645-8210 or office@ncdvd.org if you have any questions. Interested persons may also contact Owensboro Diocesan Vocations Director, Father Andy Garner, Secratary of the National Conference of Vocations Directors, at andrew@stjoseph.org, or Diocesan Associate Vocations Director, Dr. Fred Litke at Fred.Litke@pastoral.org or 1/270-683-1545.

CHRISM MASS 2011

Bishop William Medley spoke introductory prayers at the April 19 Chrism Mass in the Sportscenterassisted by Fr. Larry McBride, left, Deacon Ryan Harpole, Deacon Heriberto Rodriguez, CPC employee Mark Vollman holding the lectionary, and seminarian Julio Barrera. Mel Howard Photo

We Are All Called To Foster Vocations

Dr Fred Litke speaking to the Owensboro Serra Club April 8 in Owensboro. Mel Howard Photo

OWENSBORO,Ky. - Dr. Fred Litke was guest speaker for the Owensboro Serra Club's weekly meeting on April 8, 2011. He introduced his role as Associate Director of Vocations and Seminarians, and invited parishes and schools in the diocese to call on him to help with their vocations efforts to help young people hear and respond to God's call to priesthood and religious life.

A former president of the Henderson Serra Club, Dr. Litke has long been active in vocations ministry with his wife, Nancy, and his sons, one of whom, Jared, will be ordained in May in Washington, D.C. Many Owensboro seminarians know the Litkes well from knowing the many ways the couple supports our seminarians.

Dr. Litke, a Henderson optometrist for 25 years, retired from his practice in 2007, and wanted to do more for the church upon hearing many people, including Bishop Bill Medley, say to him that he was an effective Serran, and that the diocese needed his help to invite young people to the life of a priest or a vowed religious person.

Litke told the Serrans, "Involvement in in fostering vocations is important to us, This has to be important to every Catholic everywhere. Catholics have to answer with 'Mary's Yes.' We all need to be on the look out for young men whom we feel are hearing God's call to be a priest."

Litke said that our responsibility to foster vocations is a part of family life. He said that surveys show that about 88% of priests did not consider a call to priesthood in their life until someone asked them if they had thought about being a priest. "Priests come from families," he said, "God places that desire into a man's heart. We help the young man listen to his heart."

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Father Jerry Calhoun's Fifty Years of Priesthood Has Blessed Thousands in The Diocese

As was announced in last month's Western Kentucky Catholic,(WKC) Bishop William F. Medley has announced some changes in key administrative positions within the diocese to be effective in the months to come.

The Very Reverend Gerald Calhoun will retire as Vicar General. Father Calhoun is a native of Owensboro, KY and was ordained in 1961 and has served the Diocese of Owensboro in a variety of assignments over his 50 years of priesthood, most recently as Pastor of Christ the King parish in Madisonville, Ky. Having reached the retirement age of 75 in December, 2010, Fr. Calhoun will step down from these posts and plans to continue to live in the Madisonville area and assist as needed throughout the diocese.

The Western Kentucky Catholic asked Father Jerry about his ministry within the diocese for fifty years. His assignments have been:

Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville 1961-1964; St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro, 1964-1965; St. Sebastian, Calhoun, 1965-1968; Owensboro Catholic High School, 1965-1980. Teacher & Pastor, 1965-1968, Pastor at Calhoun; Dean of Students, 1968-1970, also Associate at Blessed Mother; Principal, 1970-1980, also Chaplain at Carmel Home; St. Mary High School, principal, 1980-1984. Pastor St. Joseph, Leitchfield, 1984-1989; Pastor Holy Spirit, Bowling Green, 1989-1997; Pastor St. Francis, Paducah & Rosary Chapel, 1997-2000; Pastor Christ the King, Madisonville, 2000-present.

The WKC asked Fr Jerry some questions about his life as a priest, and this is what he wrote for us:

"After fifty years as a priest there have been so many experiences that it is difficult to recall many of them. But then that might also be good.

"I was not a person who always thought that the Lord was calling me to the priesthood. I did not seriously consider it until the last week of my high school years. However, God must have been working in my life. I recall stopping in the Church one Saturday morning for a visit. I also recall saying, 'Lord, I don't know what you are asking of me. I just want to do whatever you ask even if it is to be a priest.'

"The week of high school graduation (1953), a friend of mine was talking about becoming a religious Brother. This caused

Fr Jerry Calhoun, Vicar General, at right, giving to Bishop John McRaith a Memory Book, gift from the priests of the diocese on March 17, 2009. Photo by Father John Vaughan

me to begin thinking about the priesthood. The week after graduation my girlfriend called and suggested that we go to a party the next day. What came out of my mouth I still can't believe. I said, 'No, I have decided to go to the seminary and I am not dating any more."' Then I decided to speak to a priest about my interest. After that I talked to my parents. They were surprised, but very supporting.

"In my high school years at Owensboro Catholic I had a great time. My twin brother and I both played on the varsity basketball team. We both worked at odd jobs and enjoyed an old car that we purchased. We did not really study in high school. I did just enough to pass the grade and remain on the basketball team. When I requested to enter the seminary, the authorities saw a big red flag. I had no language background and Latin was a necessity in the seminary in those days. On a trial basis I was allowed to enter St. Mary Seminary, Lebanon, Kentucky, where they specialized in special Latin classes. We had thirteen classes of Latin each week. I was forced to study for the first time in my life. When the grades were given at the end of the first quarter, I was convinced I would get my 'walking papers.' To my surprise, I had the next to the highest grade in my class. I could see the hand of God working in my life. Each year in the seminary was a challenge.

"Having completed my four years of undergraduate work I was assigned to St. Maur Major Seminary at South Union, Kentucky, for my four years of theology. I continued to get good grades and enjoyed those years. We even had meat for breakfast, an item that was served one time a year at St. Mary…Easter Monday. St. Maur Seminary was operated by the Benedictine Fathers for St. John's in Minnesota. It was the first interracial seminary in the South, having a number of African-American seminarians and professors. Having grown up in Western Kentucky, I had much to learn regarding interracial relations. I became good friends with several of the African-American seminarians. When one was to be ordained in St. Louis, he asked me to be the deacon in his First Mass. Traveling to St. Louis with three black seminarians and I only being white presented a different challenge when we stopped to eat. There were places that would not serve blacks and places that would not serve whites. Stopping at a large truck stop, one of the seminarians went in to 'test the waters.' Stopping at the counter, he asked a waitress for a glass of water. Instead of giving him a paper cup, she invited him to be seated. This was the unspoken signal that we all were welcome.

"I was ordained to the sub-diaconate in May of 1960 by Bishop Francis Cotton. This ordination as well as the Diaconate ordination took place in the seminary without much fanfare. However, the sub-deacon set one aside into the clerical state. The candidate made the promise to live a celibate life and to pray the Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours) in total each day of his life. The sub-diaconate ordination was a big step, but done in the privacy of the seminary.

"Prior to being ordained Deacons in the fall of 1960, we received word that Bishop Cotton had died suddenly of a heart attack. A couple of months after Bishop Cotton's death, Bishop Haggerty, a Benedictine Bishop of the Bahama Islands stopped in for a visit. He was commissioned to ordain the diaconate class…13 of us. I anxiously waited for the

Fr Jerry Calhoun blessing a Moument to the Unborn in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Madisonville, with parishioner Bob Schaefer. WKC File Photo

naming of a new bishop for Owensboro. About ten days after Henry J. Soenneker was installed as the second bishop of the diocese, I was ordained a priest on May 20, 1961.

"Things were different in the Church in 1961. I remember being escorted from the seminary to a practice session at the Cathedral the night before ordination. Then I was escorted to the chaplain's home at Mount Saint Joseph to spend the night. Then I was escorted to the Cathedral for the Ordination ceremony. After the ordination mass (not a concelebrated mass), people came to the communion railing and I gave an individual 'First Blessing' to all who came – and there were many.

"My family only lived a few blocks from the Cathedral. I recall leaving the Cathedral that Saturday morning as I was walking home, thinking, "free at last." I am actually going somewhere without being escorted.

"I was assigned as Associate Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, with Fr. Ezra Willett, the pastor. These were great years for me. I was so insecure I did not unpack the books from my car for a month. I felt I was intruding on the pastor's space since the rectory was small. I grew to love Fr. Willett, although he was very rigid according to our present standards.

"I was told up front that I was not to

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take a day off without his permission or to accept any outside marriages or funerals without his permission. Furthermore, I was not to accept any invitations to dinner with any of the parishioners unless he was invited also, and he would not accept any invitations without me being invited. That is the way things were done and I felt no resentment. I needed that type of guidance and after three years at Sts. Peter and Paul, I received a letter that I was being assigned to the Cathedral. My heart was broken as I left my first assignment. It didn't help any either as I saw Fr. Willet cry as he told me good-bye.

"The week after I arrived at the Cathedral I made a retreat with half of the priests of the diocese. The other half made their retreat the previous week. All priests had the same retreat master. Bishop Soenneker was present to welcome the priests for each retreat. As we were about to begin, the Bishop said to me, 'You need to register at Brescia next week.' That did not sound strange since he had me to attend an interracial seminar on race relations at St. Louis University and the University of Kentucky the two previous summers. I arrived at Brescia and asked to register for the seminar. I was told that there were no seminars. However, they were having registration for summer school. 'No, that is not why I am here,' I said. Then I learned that the Bishop had told the registrar that a young priest would be attending Brescia to prepare for teaching at Owensboro Catholic. That was the extent of my knowledge of events that led me into nineteen years in secondary education. During my first three years as a full time teacher, I was also pastor of St. Sebastian Church, Calhoun, Kentucky, and school bus driver. I transported kids to St. Martin School in Rome, Kentucky, and the high school students to Owensboro Catholic. My days were full.

"When I was asked to be the Dean of Students at OCHS, I was also assigned as a part-time associate at Blessed Mother Church, Owensboro. After my third year as Dean of Students, I was appointed Principal of Owensboro Catholic. These were great years, but years that also presented great challenges. Seeking to implement the teachings of Vatican II as we understood them presented a challenge to many families who knew we were not teaching the Catholic faith as they learned it, and thereby we must be wrong. Committees

Father Jerry Calhoun discussing an agenda item during a November, 2005 meeting of the diocesan Committee for Total Catholic Education held at Christ The King Parish in Madisonville. WKC File Photo

were chosen to examine our textbooks, etc. They were growing years for all and certainly wonderful years as the CBS group (Calhoun, Bradley, Shonis) had leadership at OCHS.

"After fifteen years at OCHS, Bishop Soenneker requested that I be the principal at St. Mary High School, Paducah. This task not only included being principal, but also to bring the three elementary schools together as one, and to develop a middle school that would be on the campus of St. Mary High School. I found the people of Paducah to be very cooperative in this project. That was the beginning of the present St. Mary School System.

"Bishop Soenneker retired after my second year at St. Mary. When Bishop John J. McRaith arrived, he visited the Catholic leaders in Paducah. When I told him I was in my 18th year in education, he responded, "You must be very happy in what you are doing." I remember saying, "They have been good years, but I don't want to die doing this." "Give me one more year," he said. The following year he called and I was assigned my first full time pastorate at St. Joseph, Leitchfield.

"The five years at St. Joseph were also learning years. The parishioners appeared happy to have me. We established a Parish Council, expanded the school board to include all parishes, and had an active Cursillo movement in the parish. All good things come to an end…but point to a brighter future.

"My next assignment was to Holy Spirit in Bowling Green. Since it was the second largest parish in the diocese, there was need to expand. Ultimately we built a parish hall, put offices in the former parish hall, and built a new rectory. While in Bowling Green, I took a four month sabbatical. It was a great renewal for me. In Holy Spirit, many parish programs were in place including a large Catholic school. Again it was a period of eight years filled with joy. My next move was to St. Francis de Sales parish. This is an older parish and I found great pride in the lives of parishioners in belonging to the parish of their ancestors.

"After only three years at St. Francis, Bishop McRaith requested that I move to my present assignment, Christ the King in Madisonville. I will serve here for eleven years before retiring. I find a great spirit of love for the faith in a community with a small percentage of Catholics. This also happens to be the parish in which my identical twin brother, Sherrell, his wife, and several children live. This has added to my joy in being in Madisonville. Many humorous events have taken place in the confusion of myself and my twin. For instance, he operated a large hog business. I went into a restaurant soon after my arrival in Madisonville and was greeted by a gentleman I had never met. I said, 'You don't know who I am.' I was wearing my clerics. He said, 'Sure I do, you are Sherrell Calhoun.' I said, 'No, I am his twin brother.' He said, 'What a relief. When I saw you dressed as you are I said to myself, 'Has the hog business been that bad?' There are many similar stories that have transpired.

"Having the unique position of serving as principal of two of the three Catholic high schools in the diocese, I have often been asked to make comparisons. I can only say that both schools had a great spirit and a great pride. Catholic High was much larger (over 1,100 students compared to 300 students at St. Mary) but both schools were proud of their accomplishments and both schools have a positive influence upon the Catholic community.

"During my fifty years as a priest, I have been asked to serve on various boards and committees. I have had the honor of being on the Diocesan Personnel Committee, the Priest Council, the Educational Board, Diocesan Consultor, and Vicar General.

"When asked what events have affected my life the most, I can easily answer, three. To be ordained a priest and all that was required was simply awesome. I could not help but see the hand of God forming a very insecure person. The second was receiving my Principal's Certification plus extra hours. Finally, being asked by Bishop McRaith to be the Vicar General of the Diocese and to have the appointment renewed by Bishop Medley was and is a great honor.

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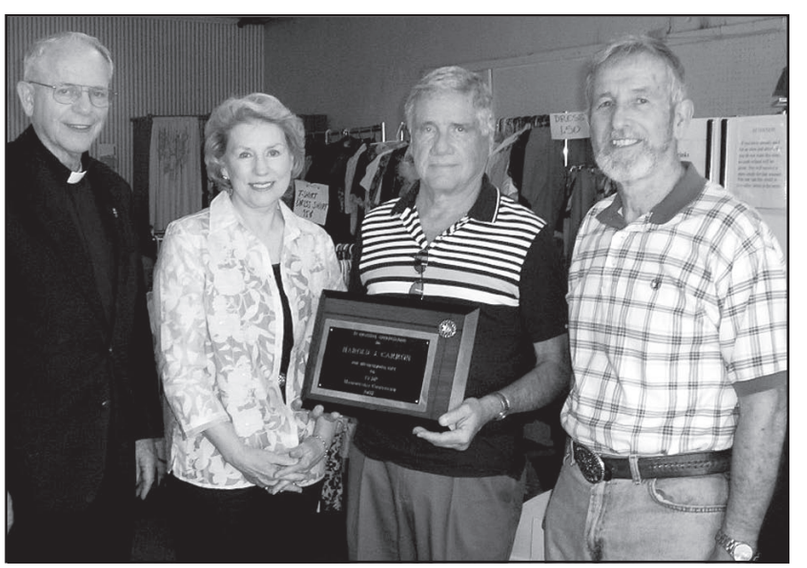
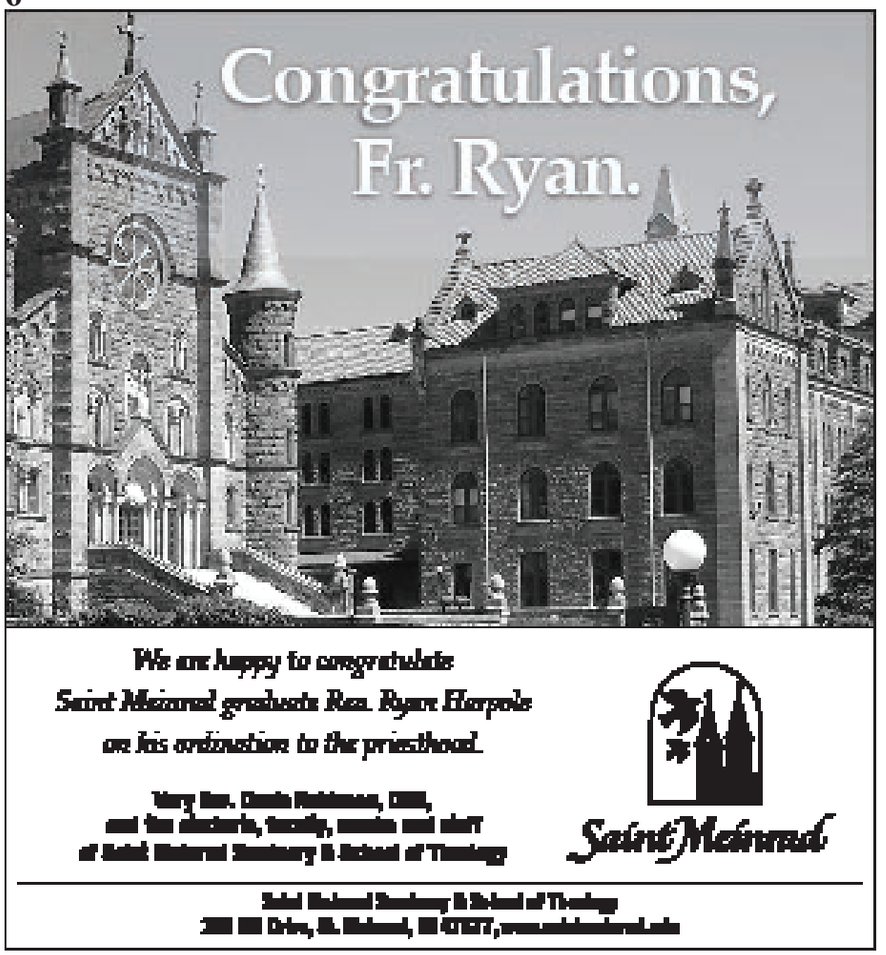


Bequest from the estate of Harold J. Carron. a plaque was placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Store in honor of Mr. Carron. Pictured here with the plaque are the Rev. Jerry Calhoun, pastor of Christ the King Church, Bonnie Burns, representative of the Carron estate, Joe Rocha, president of the St. Vincent de Paul Madisonville Conference, and Stan Kelly, vice-president. Submitted by Joe Rocha



Paducah KCs Host Annual Religious and Vocational Meal

PADUCAH,Ky. - The Father Jon Fallon Assembly #312 and the Holy Rosary Council #1055 Knights of Columbus hosted their annual Religious and Vocational Meal to express appreciation to the Priests, Sisters and Brothers that serve our communities on February 18th at the K of C Hall in Paducah. The Knights prepared the food and the Daughters of Isabel Youth Group served the meal to over 80 individuals. Bishop Medley, 3 priests, 6 sisters, 1 Deacon and 3 Deacons in training were recognized for their service to the area Catholics.

Sister Lucy Bonifas expressed her appreciation, "It is generous of the Knights to honor us and it is good to have an opportunity to get together with them. It is much appreciated." Bishop Medley commented, "It is a great occasion when people honor our priests and sisters. I wouldn't have missed it".

rt. to lt Sister Cecelia Joseph Olinger, OSU, Sister Mary Jude Cecil, OSU, and Sister Kateri Kaufman, OSF, Tiffin, OH; at center, standing, Sister Margaret Ann Seasly, OSF, Tiffin, OH Edie Keeney Photo

Sister Mary Jude Cecil said, "I have been coming to these Knight dinners for years. The Knights are always so generous, giving and helpful to the poor in our church and in the community."

Sister Margaret Ann Seasly added, "It's really nice to be together with these sisters and people from the parishes."

Lawrence and Rosetta Mlitchell from St. Edward Catholic Church in Fulton, KY were happy to attend. "We met and had a picture made with Bishop Medley."

2011 Parish Picnic Schedule

Date	Serving Time	Parish
May 13-14	International Barbecue Festival	Downtown, Owensboro, Ky.
May 21	11:00 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
May 29	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
June 4	4:00 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
June 4	5:00 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
June 11	4:00 p.m.	St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro
June 11	11:00 a.m.	Saint Joseph, Leitchfield
June 12		Holy Spirit, Bowling Green, Ky.
June 12	11:30 A.M.	St. Pius X, Calvert City, KY
June 18	3:00 p.m.	St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
June 18	3:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
June 25	4:00 p.m. Mass; serving following-	St. Peter, Waverly
July 2	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
July 2	2:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Peonia
July 2	3:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Axtel (Rough River)
July 4	11:30 a.m.	St. Denis, Fancy Farm
July 9	4:00 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
July 16	11:30 a.m.; 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles, Bardwell
July 16	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
July 23	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
July 24	4:00 p.m., parish family picnic,	St. Anthony, Browns Valley
July 30	3:00 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield.
Aug. 2	5:00 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
Aug. 6	10:00 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Aug. 6	Noon	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Aug. 13	4:00 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Aug. 20	3:00 p.m. (EST)	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Aug. 27	4:30 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
Aug 28	1:00 p.m parish family picnic,	St. Thomas More,Paducah
Sept. 10	4:30 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
Sept. 10	11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 11	11:30 a.m. Mount St. Joseph,	Maple Mount
Sept 17	11:00 am	St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Sept. 17	4:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Sept. 17	4:00 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
September 18	11:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence/St. William Parishes Picnic
Sept. 18		St. Leo, Murray
Sept 23-24	Holy Name Fall Festival, Henderson, Ky.	
Sept 24	3:00 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
Oct. 1	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Father Jerry Calhoun ...

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"I will be retiring in June, 2011. I do so with mixed feelings. I have loved doing the ministry of a priest. I have really liked all my assignments, although others could and have done a better job. We all have our personal talents and must be grateful to God for his gifts. I will continue living in Madisonville, and expect to give weekend assistance to my brother priests in the future.

Father Jerry Calhoun at a Dinner for Priests on March 17, 2009. Photo by Father John Vaughan

Please Help if You Can!

By Ben Warrell

GASPER RIVER RETREAT CENTER - Registrations are coming for camp at a wonderful pace! It's so exciting to see how many camper forms will be in the mailbox each day. It's wonderful because each form represents a young person who is actively seeking God! There is no telling the wonders that the Holy Spirit will do for the campers, volunteers and staff this summer. So far, each summer has been more spiritually powerful than the last!

This is your camp. We try to tell each group and camper that comes here that "We work for them, they are our boss." We are here to serve the diocese and all those who live in Western Kentucky. We need your help with several things to ensure this summer builds on the others.

First of all, we need your prayers. Please make an effort to pray for this ministry. Prayer is the greatest gift we can give each other. There is nothing better than seeing the Holy Spirit change a child's heart right before your eyes! Please pray that the God will be experienced in amazing ways at camp this summer and offer prayers for the safety and grow of the campers, volunteers, staff and the camp grounds themselves.

Secondly, please help promote the camp. Encourage young people to come and be involved in their faith. Make their faith active! If you're too old to be a camper, come as a volunteer counselor. You will need to fill out the form on our website, www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org and be Safe Environment certified. There is no greater reward than knowing that God chose you to help make a difference in the life of a young person! If you'd like more information on camp, please contact our staff at 270-781-2466 and we'd be glad to come to your parish and share about the camp experience. Our goal this summer is 400 campers. Please help us exceed that goal!

Third, these are very tough financial times for many families. We've had more requests for financial aid this summer than we have in our first three summers combined. If you, your family, your men's or women's group, your parish, your Knights of Columbus Circle, or your youth group is able, please sponsor a camper to come to camp. The cost for a week of camp is $250 (this is less than half the national average for a week long camp experience) So many people have already accepted the challenge and we are so grateful for their generosity, again because we know that God will do amazing things with these gifts for the young people at camp. If you need any fund raising ideas, please contact our staff and we'll be willing to help in any way that we can.

Lastly, thank you for all of your support as we move forward in this ministry. We could not exist if not for the time, treasure and talents of so many people in our diocese. To our staff, this is true church. People of faith sharing their gifts to honor God and bring others closer to Him! What a blessing it is to serve the Catholic of Western Kentucky! Be sure to check out the pictures on our website to see all that is happening at camp this summer! Thanks and God bless. The Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center Staff.

Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon

Al Davis
Holy Trinity Parish, Morgantown, Kentucky

I found out very quickly while talking to Al Davis that he is a man of the Church. "I do all I can for the Church," said Mr. Davis. I'm originally from California and when I retired I prayed that I could be of service to God. Now everything I do is for the Church. I do everything that Father asks me to do. I buy the supplies, pick up the mail, unlock the church, serve on the altar, help with the picnic, clean, and start the opening prayers for Mass if Father is running late. I work 7 days a week for the Church," said Mr. Davis. "We all work in this church. There are a lot of people here who volunteer and do a lot of good things for our parish."

Mr. Davis is married to Shirley who is from Kentucky, and they came back to the Morgantown area from California after his retirement. They have four children between them. "Shirley is not Catholic and I was married out of the Church for about four years. When I came here I got back in the Church about 18 years ago."

Mr. Davis helps care for an elderly couple that are sick. "I take them to doctor appointments and visit with them to make sure they have lunch and I do errands for them too."

"I like to fish and I use to golf, but my real enjoyment comes from serving the Lord and working for the Church. My greatest blessing is coming here and this church. All I do I do for the Church." said Mr. Davis.

Diocese Of Owensboro Priest Assignments For 2011

PARISH PASTOR

• **Cash, Rev. Richard**: Pastor of St. Denis Parish, Fancy Farm and St. Charles, Bardwell, Kentucky effective June 14, 2011.

• **Kalombo, Rev. Jean Rene**: Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam, Saint John the Baptist Parish, Fordsville and Holy Trinity Parish, Morgantown, Kentucky effective June 14, 2011.

• **Kreutzer, Rev. Dan**: Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish, Cloverport and Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011.

• **McBride, Rev. Larry**: Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Henderson, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011.

• **Meredith, Rev. Richard**: Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011.

• **Riley, Rev. Eric**: Pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Mayfield, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011.

• **Suvakkin, HGN, Rev. Masilamani**: Pastor of Sacred Heart, Russellville, effective June 23, 2011.

• **Thomas, Rev. John**: Pastor of Christ the King, Madisonville, Kentucky, effective June 14, 2011.

• **Trawick, Rev. Greg**: Pastor of St. Ambrose Parish, Henshaw, Saint William of Vercilli Parish, Marion and Saint Francis Borgia Parish, Sturgis, effective June 14, 2011.

OTHER

• **Bradley, Rev. Ed**: given permission to retire as pastor. Volunteer Chaplain at Owensboro Catholic High School 2011/2012 school year.

• **Mikulcik, Rev. Ken**: Study Canon Law at Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

• **Calhoun, Rev. Jerry**: given permission to retire as pastor and Vicar General effective July 1, 2011.

• **Reynolds, Rev. Pat**: appointed Vicar General, effective July 1, 2011.

Travel to Rome November 4-12 with Fr. Tony Bickett and Fr. Dan Kruetzer

This nine day pilgrimage from Louisville to Rome includes Sunday Mass at St. Peters; Mass in area churches; an audience with Pope Benedict; visits to the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and Assisi. All 7 night at Hotel San Pietro, in walking distance of St. Peter. $2,248 For more information or to register call Golden Frontier (618) 234-1445 or Fr. Tony and Fr. Dan at (270) 756-2356.

Mass Times for Western Kentucky Catholic Parishes, Spring, 2011

AXTEL, St. Anthony
Vigil 5:00pm Winter, 6:00pm summer; Sunday 6:30am (Mem-Lab Day only) & 10:00 am

BARDWELL, St. Charles
Sunday: 10:00 am

BEAVER DAM, Holy Redeemer
Vigil English 4:00 pm & 5:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday English 9:30 am

BOWLING GREEN, Holy Spirit
Vigil 4:30 pm;
Sunday 8:00, 9:00 & 11:30 am

BOWLING GREEN, St. Joseph
Vigil 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish), Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

BROWNS VALLEY, St. Anthony
Vigil 6:00 pm; Sunday, 9:30 am

CALHOUN, St. Sebastian
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00 am

CENTRAL CITY, St. Joseph
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am

CLINTON, St. Jude
Sunday: 10:30 am

CLOVERPORT, St. Rose of Lima
Vigil 6:00 pm; Sunday: 8:00 am

CURDSVILLE, St. Elizabeth
Sunday: 9:00 am

DAWSON SPRINGS, Resurrection
Sunday: 10:00 am

EARLINGTON, Immac. Conception
Sunday: 8:00 am

ELKTON, St. Susan
Sunday: 10:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

FANCY FARM, St. Denis
Sunday: 8:00 am

FANCY FARM,St. Jerome
Vigil 5:00pm; Sunday 8:00&10:30 am

FORDSVILLE, St. John the Baptist
Sunday: 8:00 am

FRANKLIN, St. Mary
Vigil 5:00 pm;
Sunday 9:00 am, 12:00 pm (Spanish)

FULTON, St. Edward
Sunday: 8:30 am

GUTHRIE, Sts. Mary and James
Sunday: 8:00 am

HARDINSBURG, St. Romuald
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:00 & 10:00 am

HAWESVILLE, Immac. Conception
Vigil 5:00 pm (April-September);
Sunday 10:30 am

HENDERSON, Holy Name
Vigil 4:00 pm;
Sunday 7:30, 9:30, & 11:30 am,
1:00 pm (Spanish), 5:30 pm (Youth)

HENSHAW, St. Ambrose
Vigil 5:30 pm Saturday

HICKMAN, Sacred Heart
Vigil 5:00 pm Saturday

HOPKINSVILLE, Sts. Peter & Paul
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,
10:30am, 1:30 & 10:30pm (Spanish)

IRVINGTON, Holy Guardian Angels
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 11:00 am EST

KNOTTSVILLE, St. William Church
Vigil 4:00 pm;
Sunday 6:30 am, 10:00 am

LACENTER, St. Mary
Sunday: 8:30 am

GRAYSON COUNTY

• Clarkson, St. Elizabeth
Sunday: 10:30 am

• Grayson Sprgs., St. Augustine
Vigil 4:00 pm winter, 5:00 pm summer (changes with Daylight Savings time)

• Leitchfield, St. Joseph
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am

• Peonia, St. Anthony
Sunday-8:00 am

• St. Paul
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:30 am

• Wax, St. Benedict
Sunday: 10:00 am

LEWISPORT, St. Columba
Vigil 5:00 pm (October-March);
Sunday 8:30 am

LIVERMORE, St. Charles Borromeo
Sunday, 10:00 am

MADISONVILLE, Christ the King
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,
10:30 am, 10:00 pm (Spanish)

MARION, St. William of Vercelli
Sunday: 11:00 am

MAYFIELD, St. Joseph
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am,
10:30 am, 2:00 pm (in Spanish)

MCQUADY, St. Mary of the Woods
Sunday: 8:00 am

OWENSBORO:

Blessed Mother
Vigil 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:00 am & 10:00 am, 5:30 pm (LifeTeen)

Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Sunday: 10:00 am

Brescia University
Sunday: 10:00 am, 8:00 pm

Immaculate Parish
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Our Lady of Lourdes
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 8:00am and 11:00 am

Precious Blood
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Sts. Joseph and Paul
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday – 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm (Spanish), 6:00pm , 10:30pm (Spanish)

St. Pius Tenth
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 8:00 pm

St. Stephen Cathedral
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

PADUCAH:

Rosary Chapel
Sunday: 10:30 am

St. Francis de Sales
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

St. John the Evangelist
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 7:30 am and 9:30 am

St. Thomas More
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

MORGANFIELD, St. Ann
Vigil 5:00pm; Sunday 8:00 &10:30am

MORGANTOWN, Holy Trinity
Sunday:11:15 am, 12:30pm (Spanish)

MURRAY, St. Leo
Vigil 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm (Spanish), Sunday 8:00 am, 11:00 am
(6:00 pm **MSU Newman Center** Mass Fall and Spring semesters)

OAK GROVE, St. Michael Archangel
Vigil 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:30 and 11:30 am; Latin Mass - 2:30 p.m. (except last Sunday of month)

PHILPOT, St. Lawrence Church
Sunday: 8:00 am

PRINCETON, St. Paul
Sunday: 10:00 am

PROVIDENCE, Holy Cross
Vigil 5:30 pm

REED, St. Augustine
Vigil 5:30 pm (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec), Sunday 8:00 am

ROME, St. Martin
Vigil 4:00 pm (Nov-Mar), 5:00 pm (Apr-Oct), Sunday 7:00 am

RUSSELVILLE, Sacred Heart
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 9:30 am

SCOTTSVILLE, Christ the King
Sunday: 11:00 am

SEBREE, St. Michael
Sunday 10:30 am, 12:00pm (Spanish)

SORGHO, St. Mary Magdalene
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am

STANLEY, St. Peter of Alcantara
Vigil 5:30 pm (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov) Sunday 9:30 am

ST. JOSEPH, St. Alphonsus
Vigil 5:00 pm; Sunday 8:30 am

ST. JOSEPH, Mount St. Joseph
Sunday: 10:30 am

STURGIS, St. Francis Borgia
Sunday: 9:00 am

SUNFISH, St. John the Evangelist
Sunday: 8:00 am

UNIONTOWN, St. Agnes
Vigil 5:30 pm;Sunday8:00 &10:00 am

WARREN, St. Thomas Aquinas
Sunday: 10:00 am
(8:00 pm WKU Newman Center Mass Fall and Spring semesters)

WAVERLY, Sacred Heart
Sunday: 8:00 am

WAVERLY, St. Peter of Antioch
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday: 10:00 am

WHITESVILLE,
St. Mary of the Woods
Vigil: 4:00 pm, Sunday 7:00 am, 8:30 am, & 10:00 am

Passionist Nuns Monastery
Sunday: 8:00 am

THE LAKES:

Aurora, St. Henry
Vigil 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:30 am

Cadiz, St. Stephen
Vigil 6:30 pm; Sunday 8:00 am

Calvert City, St. Pius X
Vigil 4:30 pm; Sunday 10:00 am

Eddyville, St. Mark
Sunday: Vigil 6:00 pm, 8:00 am

Grand Rivers, St. Anthony
Vigil 6:00 pm (Memorial Day thru Labor Day Weekends)
Sunday 7:30 am

4H Purchase Area Communications Day Winners from Saint Mary, Paducah, Schools

The 4H Purchase Area Communications Day was held Saturday, March 26 at Ballard County Middle School. Saint Mary Elementary School, Paducah, students won first place in every age category, 9-15! The winners will now advance to the state communications contest held on July 9 at the University of Kentucky! Winners were: Age 9: Lexi Carter SMES; Age 10: Lindy King SMES; Age 11: Evan Culbertson SMMS; Age 12: Hannah West SMMS; Age 13: Davis Sims SMMS; Age 14: Katie Clark SMMS; Age 15: Katie Stewart SMHS. Photo submitted by Jackie Hopper

Catholic High Senior Recognized as National Merit Finalist

OWENSBORO,Ky. - Ann-Claude Rakotoniaina of Owensboro Catholic High School has been recognized as a National Merit Finalist, placing her in the running to receive scholarships and an exclusive honor. She was chosen as a finalist based on scores she received on the PSAT. Students who are named as finalists consist of only 1 percent of students who took the PSAT as juniors.

OCHS Interim Principal Kurt Osborne said the honor looks good for the school, but looks best for the students who achieve it. "I think it says from a school standpoint, we're doing some good things," Osborne said. "This is more a reflection on Ann-Claude and the work she's done than anything we do because it is an individual honor."

Ann-Claude said she hopes to attend Washington University in St. Louis to pursue a degree in biochemistry and molecular biology. She ultimately hopes to pursue a career in medicine.

"I think it's pretty neat," Rakotoniaina said. "I hope to get recognition from the school I want to go to, because it's a pretty difficult school to get into." But Rakotoniaina said otherwise, not much else has changed. "It's not that different from being the usual everyday me," Rakotoniaina said.

Ann-Claude hammered a nail into a stud wall of a new house being built by Habitat For Humanity chapters from OCHS and Brescia University. *(See story on page 8)* **Mel Howard Photo**

Connect, Awake, Share

MAPLE MOUNT,Ky. - The Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center welcomed 46 people on March 5 for a catechist retreat called "Connect, Awake, and Share." This professional development workshop provided new and creative ways to engage parents in the faith formation of their children through a series of activities, interactions, stories, reflections, and prayers. There was also a Loyola Press display.

Elaine Robertson takes notes during the Connect, Awake, Share workshop.

The two speakers for the day were Steve Conner and Nikki Doherty.

Quilting Friends volunteer their talents to benefit retired sisters

Eighteen accomplished quilters arrived at Maple Mount the evening of Feb. 20, ready to work hard for three days piecing quilt tops that will eventually be among the beautiful quilts raffled off each month as part of the Ursuline Sisters Quilt Club.

"I guess I'm obsessed," said Denise Stewart, of Dunnville, Ky. "Eat, sleep, sew, that's what I do," she said with a smile. On Feb. 22, she was working on a medallion quilt, which begins in the center and works its way out.

"I've been coming to Mount Saint Joseph for 20 years," Stewart said, first as a Runaway Quilter, then as one of the quilting friends who come each February. "I majored in clothing and textiles in college, but you can only make so many clothes, so I started making quilts."

All the women volunteer their time to make quilts for the raffle, the proceeds of which are used to support the Ursuline Sisters in their retirement.

"This is my eighth year to come here," said Merline Long, of Louisville. "It's a joy being here and supporting these sisters in (Saint Joseph) Villa. It's the best charity work I've ever done," she said. "It's loving work."

Brenda Schinzel comes from Bartlett, Tenn., near Memphis, every year with two friends, but this year neither of her friends could come. "There's not enough money to keep me from coming," she said. She was working on a red and white Valentine quilt. "The ladies I've been with have taught me so much."

There were a couple of mother-daughter teams on hand. Mary Teder, an Ursuline Associate from Farmington, Mo., was quilting the completed tops, and her daughter Ann Jacobs, from Moscow Mills, Mo., was stuffing pillows. Teder is Sister Amelia Stenger's sister. "I do whatever Sister Amelia asks me to do, she's my aunt," Jacobs said.

Denise Stewart at her sewing machine.

Mary Teder stitching a quilt. The name of the quilt is "Remembering the Civil War". The pattern is called a bear paw pattern and it goes back to the period of the civil war. The fabric in the quilt is all civil war reproduction material. The quilt will be auctioned at the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph annual dinner on April 30, "A Night at the Antique Auction." For dinner tickets, contact Sister Amelia Stenger at 270-229-2008. MSJ Photos.

Carolyn Carver stitching a quilt.

Margaret Fitzgerald and her daughter Sally, both of Bowling Green, Ky., were also on hand. "I've been quilting 48 years," Margaret said, and is glad she taught her daughter. "She kept saying, 'Do it for me,' and I said, 'You're old enough to do it for yourself,'" Margaret said. The two have been coming to the Mount for three or four years. Sally was working on a Water Lily quilt and Margaret was helping her iron pieces.

Margaret has proven to be a pied piper for some of the quilters present. Inez Brown, of Clay, Ky., made her second trip to Maple Mount after being invited by Margaret. "It's really nice here, they treat us so nice," Brown said.

Diane Dement had a much longer trip to make – all the way from San Antonio, Texas. She first came as a guest of Margaret's four years ago when she and her husband were living in Bowling Green. After her husband died, she moved back to San Antonio, but still makes the yearly trip to be with her quilting friends. She was working on "Inez's Quilt," designed by Inez Brown.

Madge Reising, of Benton, Ky., was using contemporary batik fabric to make a log cabin quilt. It was her second trip to the Mount, and she is so happy to be using her 50 years of sewing expertise to help the sisters.

"I'm a Catholic, it made it more wonderful and special, giving back the time that's been given to me," Reising said. "Catholic education has been a mainstay of my children's lives and now my grandchildren's."

Mari Lynn Korte, of Rockport, Ind., was also working on a log cabin quilt. This is her third year at the Mount. "I was invited by a friend, now Sister Amelia invites me," she said. "It's fun to sew with the quilters, and to make the quilts for the sisters."

Mary Ruth Clark, of Newburgh, Ind., was appropriately wearing a green sweater while she worked on her Evening in Ireland quilt. She enjoys the whole experience at the Mount. "It's my favorite retreat," she said. "You can be with the girls, or if you want to be alone, you can walk along the grounds. It's peaceful."

Carolyn Carver and Virginia Hancock are both from Paducah, Ky., where they volunteer as tour guides at the National Quilt Museum. "I started coming to the Runaway Quilters, some of the ladies told me about this," Carver said. "I thought it would be fun to do something for the community. We love to sew."

Carver was working on a Variable Star quilt, while Hancock was working on Jacob's Ladder. "I like the atmosphere and the people here," Hancock said. "It's just a fun thing to do."

Tickets for the remaining six drawings of the 2010-2011 Quilt Club are still available for $20 by calling (270) 229-4103, ext. 278, or by contacting an Ursuline Sister.

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Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon

Melvin and Mary Anne Bowles
Holy Trinity parish, Morgantown, Kentucky

On a recent visit to Morgantown, Kentucky I met with Melvin and Mary Anne Bowles. "I have been the Music Director here for over 15 years," Mary Anne said, sitting in church next to the organ. "When I first came here I only played the piano but Sister Mary Lynn wanted me to play the organ. We had the organ knobs all set and all was ready to go for my first Mass. When I played it sounded like a sack of baby pigs squealing! At that time the church was always open and I think someone came in and maybe was looking at the organ and changed the settings not realizing it. Everyone laughed and Fr. Fid said that I certainly tried. The next week I was at it again, but all had been reset," said Mary Anne with a laugh. "I owe my piano playing ability to my grandparents. When I was very young they paid for my weekly classes which, I think, cost fifty cents a class at that time! But my reward for all my years of classes is being able to play for Jesus Christ."

Melvin and Mary Anne will be married 43 years on October 5, 2011 and they have three daughters. "We came here from Louisville," Melvin said. "I was in the Air Force and knew I wanted to farm so I started looking for farm land. I saw an ad in the newspaper and came down here to Butler County and just loved it." They later got married and moved to the Morgantown area where Melvin is the President of the Butler County Cattlemen's Association and the Chairman of the Butler County Extension District Board. He still farms and he still loves it. "I derive a lot of enjoyment from farming," Melvin said. "I farm with my son-in-law now. Farming gives me a sense of accomplishment." Both Mary Anne and Melvin like being outdoors for the feeling of nature around them and the greatness of God and his creations. Melvin is big on environment issues and tries to steward the land the best way possible.

The Bowles both love music and have traveled to religious music seminars. "Music and singing is praying. The words to the songs are beautiful prayers set to music," said Melvin. "We had a choir here about seven years ago but it disbanded and we really miss it. I think a choir really adds to the celebration," said Mary Anne.

Mary Anne stays busy driving a shuttle bus to Western Kentucky University. She used to be a school bus driver for years in Morgantown and also a driver for the Bookmobile for the library. The Bowles both help with the bereavement meals for the parish and he is a Proclaimer of the Word.

"We are very blessed with our faith and our family," said Mary Anne and Melvin.

Principal Opening in Evansville, Indiana

Christ the King Catholic School in Evansville, Indiana, is a pre-K through 8th grade school seeking a dynamic principal. We are seeking candidates who will continue our tradition of excellence in education and with the Catholic identity of the school. The candidate should have a talent for promoting progress and growth. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to: Mr. Daryl Hagan, Superintendent of Schools, P.O. Box 4169 Evansville, IN 47724. Deadline for applications will be Friday, May 6, 2011.

60th ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

• ***Freedom Teen Rally***-6:30pm- 8:00pm Owensboro Christian Church. Sponsored be L.Y.N.C. Youth Ministries.

• ***Thursday, May 5th: Prayer Breakfast***: 7am – 7:45am YMCA - ***Bible Reading:*** 11:30am-11:50am Courthouse Sidewalks. Stand on the sidewalks around the Courthouse, while quietly reading scriptures aloud, so that the entire bible is read in 20 minutes. Bring your own bible. A scripture to read will be assigned to you at the courthouse flagpole.

• ***Prayer & Worship Service:*** 11:50am - 12:50pm Courthouse Lawn. Approximately a dozen people will be leading worship, prayer and song as well as testimonies to the power of prayer in the lives of the People of God. If you would like more information contact Rick Rhodes at 270.302.6982 or at rck.rhodes@gmail.com. "I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:2.

Safe Environment And The Audit

By Molly Thompson

Safe Environment

Field trip? Sports team? Youth retreat? Even chicken cooking? Every time anyone has an idea to bring adults and children together within the parish or Catholic school, the words "safe environment" immediately surface. That term comes from the U.S. Bishops' 2002 document "Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," (http://www.usccb.org/ocyp/charter.shtml), which addresses allegations of sexual abuse of minors within the Church and how to prevent future abuse.

The Diocese of Owensboro revised two main documents to reflect the goals of the Charter:

(1) The "Statement of Policy and Procedures on Sexual Abuse" addresses the protocol for responding to allegations of sexual abuse by Church personnel or volunteers, with a focus on assisting victims and cooperating with civil investigations.

(2) The "Policy Requirements Governing Diocesan, Parish and School Ministries involving Minors and Vulnerable Individuals" serves to help create safe settings for all ministries with minors.

The diocese created an Office of Safe Environment to organize its efforts regarding child safety and the Charter, and through that office, coordinates training (on child abuse and safety in ministry settings) and background screening for adults employed by the diocese or working with children. Safe Environment personnel also offer training tools for minors, who are to have annual age-appropriate training offerings that focus on their human dignity, their right to be safe, and ways to handle unsafe situations.

The Audit

Since 2003 the diocese has trained over 10,400 adults at least once regarding Safe Environment issues and has completed background checks on almost 11,000 individuals. Last year alone (7/09-6/10) the diocese completed 830 background checks and provided trainings to about 1,400 adults; over 6,000 minors received Safe Environment training. The Office of Safe Environment is currently gathering similar information for 2010-11.

The diocese relies on local parish and school contacts to help identify those adults assisting minors and see that all safety protocols are understood and being followed. Those efforts are vital to child protection processes.

Compliance audits, performed by an outside entity (The Gavin Group, in past years), serve two purposes:

(1) They evaluate the diocese's plan for keeping children safe and responding to allegations of abuse.

(2) They evaluate the implementation of that plan. How well are we doing what we say we want to do?

The Diocese of Owensboro has been found in compliance with the audit every year, and the auditors have always acknowledged the strong efforts made here. Still improvements can be made. The bishop and diocesan personnel plan to meet within the next month or two to discuss all Safe Environment policies, with the goal of further streamlining child safety work and clarifying policies to improve healing efforts. The prayers of all would be appreciated in this work.

As always, the Office of Safe Environment encourages individuals to ask questions when they have concerns about behavior and to use the resources found on the diocesan web site (see www.rcdok.safe) to help our Church advance in child protection efforts.

Lourdes Ladies of Service Society

The recently formed Lourdes Ladies of Service Society (formerly known "women's club") have been hard at work, hosting the "Women of Grace" Scripture study, a lunch for graduating seniors, and coordinating meals for St. Benedict Homeless Shelter, to name a few of their activities. The senior luncheon was held March 6, 2011 in the parish hall. For a first time event, attendance was outstanding and all the families enjoyed a wonderful meal.

The picture at left shows the seniors who enjoyed the senior luncheon with their families. The picture above shows some of the LLSS women who decorated and served the meal. L-R: Angie McCarty, Germaine Broxon, Shelly Houston, Brandy Oberst, Lori Gonzalez, Joanne Barnard, Marilyn Powers, Judy Schell, Front: Lindsey Barnard, Jennifer Hamilton. Submitted by Danny May, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

Boulware Mission
A Home for New Beginnings

Update on Boulware Mission

By Leigha Taylor

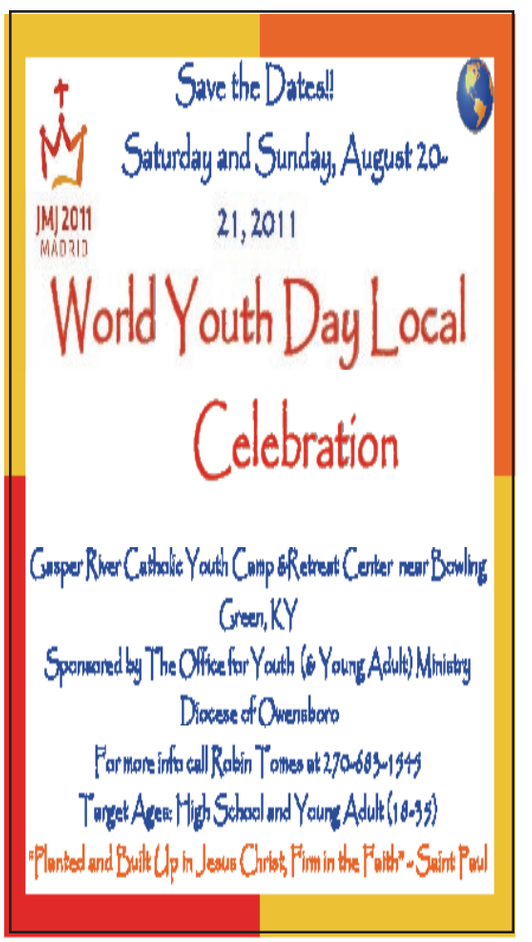
The past several months have been eventful for the Boulware Mission. In July of 2010, they welcomed a new CEO, Donna Mason and this January, Leigha Taylor came on board as the new Director of Development. In February, all staff and clients were moved to 609 Wing Avenue, completing the consolidation of the Hall Street and Wing Avenue campuses (a huge change for the mission!).

This March, Boulware opened it's "Intensive Outpatient Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment Program" to the public. The program provides licensed drug and alcohol treatment and aftercare support on an outpatient basis. Inquiries can be made by calling the mission.

In April, a new website was launched at www.boulwaremission.org. Also in April, in recognition of Alcohol Awareness month, the clients put together a walk-a-thon to raise money in support of the mission. They hope it will become an annual event.

But that is not all, the Board of Directors is planning a Leadership Breakfast to spread awareness about Boulware Mission. It will take place on Thursday, May 19th at 7:30 a.m. at Settle Memorial United Methodist Church. Plans are also underway for a golf scramble in August and the Second Annual Corn Hole Tournament. With God's grace, there will be even more good things to come. For more information about any of these events, please call the mission at: (270) 926-0771. Information will also be updated on the website as it becomes available.

Boulware Mission would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to visit the campus to tour or find out more about what they do. Contact Leigha Taylor, Director of Development, at: (270) 926-0771.



Lenten Retreat, Hispanic Community of Holy Name Parish in Henderson

By J.A. Brown

HENDERSON,Ky. - On March 19, the Latino Community from Holy Name Church participated in a Lent retreat at St. Margaret's Chapel in Henderson. The retreat started with a very emotive prayer lead by Father Anthony Shonis, who also welcomed the participants with a very insightful talk about the importance of prayer in our lives, especially during this season of Lent.

Each participant received a gift bag with prayer books, rosaries and inspirational materials. It was explained to them that it is also our responsibility to present the gifts of prayer, and our help to those in need. All were invited to take advantage of the transformation power of Lent by being generous with the three practices of Lent: praying, fasting and almsgiving that the Gospel invites us to observe during these Lenten days.

A very inspirational activity followed, were the participants planted a flower seed in a little pot and reflected of the importance of nurturing our lives with prayer as plants need water to grow, and how the Light of Christ works in us in the same way sunlight helps plants to grow.

The highlight of the retreat was the very piously participation in the Stations of the Cross of all the retreat participants. Each of them took turns carrying a heavy cross and wearing a crown of thorns while reciting and reflecting at each one of the stations. Latinos are very religious, and it really shows during "Semana Santa, or "Holy Week". You can really learn a lot about Latin America's traditional Roman Catholic beliefs during Lent.

Latinos bring a lot of very strong religious customs to America, like the one celebrated at Mexico City, home of the largest re-enactment of the Way of the Cross in the world. For months, people in Iztapalapa prepare for the re-enactment of the Passion of the Christ, and they have done it since 1843.

More than a million people visit the delegation on Good Friday to watch the processional and the crucifixion of Jesus. About 800,000 people come together to be part of the Stations of the Cross.

For the Latino Community in Henderson this was an opportunity to be part of a custom that brings a lot of meaning to this season of inner transformation and also a chance to strengthen their relationship with Christ.

The opportunity to carry the cross and the crown of thorns was a very powerful experience.

The community prayed while Ivan took his turn carrying the heavy cross.

Young men, women and Children were part of this Lenten experience.

Veronica Patena was very moved while carrying the Cross at the Third Station.

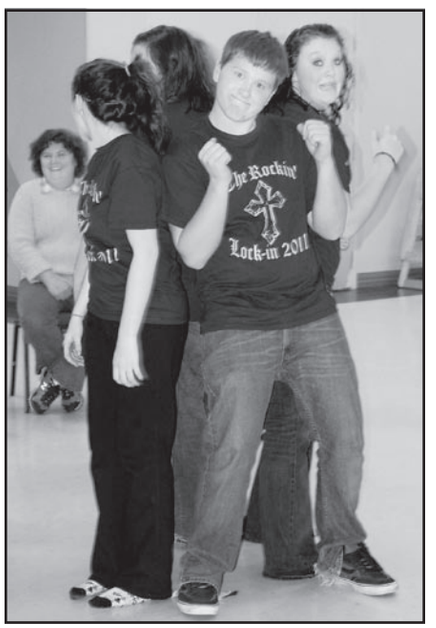
Participants of our 2011 Latino Lent Retreat at St. Margarets Chapel in Henderson, KY

Trinity High School Criminal Law Class Learns About Law Enforcement On The Job

Trinity Juniors Cody Morris, Katie Scott, Brandi Roberts, Shana Haynes and Cadie Williams listen attentively as Capt Billings speaks about the intake process.

Photo at right, The Criminal Law class from Trinity High School made a trip to the detention center on March 21, 2011. Pictured from back left are Joe Hester, Kathy Bickwermert, Kasey Gilmore, Cody Morris, Luke Merritt, Seth Bland, Brandon Wright, Abbie Hagan and Mrs. Armes. In front is Mr. Bland, Cadie Williams, Katie Scott, Brandi Roberts, Sara Boehman, Shana Haynes, and Elizabeth Rhodes. Submitted by Lisa Armes

Pilgrims in Trinity's Traveling Classroom Host Fundraiser "Rockin' Lock-In" March 26



Above, the participants of the Rockin' Lock-in, on March 26. Photos submitted by Christina Rhodes
In the picture at left, Traveling Classroom members Cory Smith, Hailey Roby, Kasey Gilmore & Jill Graham participate in one of the Lock-in activities. Photo below, more activities

By Christina Rhodes

WHITESVILLE,Ky. - Through The Traveling Classroom program at Trinity High School, several Trinity High School students will have the opportunity to travel to Italy in October 2011.

They plan to visit Venice, Florence, Assisi, and Rome, with possible visits to Siena and Pompeii. They will study literature and art, but, more importantly, they will study the history of our Catholic faith in the very locations where much of that history took place.

The pilgrims are currently raising funds to make the trip more affordable per student. On Saturday, March 26, they hosted the Rockin' Lock-In for local middle school students. Trinity students, who make up (most of) the band Allyd, performed musical sets throughout the evening. Other activities included video games, musical games, singing and dancing.

Allyd performed for us free of charge. Three of the members are THS students, Isaac Rhodes & Nathan Nash, both seniors, and Chris Hamilton, a sophomore, and Jarrod Rhodes, Isaac's cousin, also gave us his Saturday night to help us out. They volunteered without even being asked. This is just another recent incident in which Trinity students give of themselves.

Please keep all of Trinity's pilgrims in your prayers as they turn this journey of a lifetime into a wonderful memory. Your prayerful support is greatly appreciated!

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Pilgrims in Trinity's Traveling Classroom Host Fund Raiser Rockin' Lock-In March 26

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Trinity faculty members Joe Bland and Christina Rhodes are the chaperones going with the Pilgrims. They plan to provide some study of the Church and of Italian literature, though the curricula aren't yet finalized. Ms. Rhodes said, "We hope that there will be an opportunity for high school or college credit hours, but we're still checking."

The cost of the trip is approximately $2,200 per student. The program was not started with any seed money. The idea for the trip has been stirring since Father Richard Powers was priest-pastor for the St. Mary of the Woods Elementary and Trinity High school. He often encouraged Trinity's teachers to show students the world, to take them places they might not think they'll ever see, to show them the possibilities. Fr. Richard and a group of THS students made a trip to Rome when he served in Whitesville.

The Traveling Classroom decided to go to Italy for the first Pilgrimage because of the rich culture, Church history, art, and literary heritage it provides. Joe Bland said, "I am excited about taking the students to the streets where centuries of saints have walked." Joe traveled to Rome last year, and Christina is planning a family trip to Italy in 2012.

In order to participate, the students went through an elaborate process. They had to write letters, provide recommendations, interview with the chaperones, and commit to fundraising involvement. The THS faculty members were asked to evaluate the students' maturity and ability to approach the journey with the deserved respect.

Fund-raising activities, so far, include: a Bob Evans Night, a Beef O'Brady's Night, a McDonald's Night (all three restaurants provided a percentage of an evening's receipts); a Mary Kay sale (Tammy Hamilton, Mary Kay representative donated portions of sales we made); snack sales, after lunch, at school; and the Rockin' Lock-in. They raffled off a hand-crafted UK Raggedy Ann & Andy set (donated by Frankie Howard) on April 12; cleaned roadsides through the Cash For Trash program, participated in another McDonald's Night on April 26. They plan a golf scramble (organized by David Lanham) in May; and hope to sell barbecued meat (with Jerry Morris' help) in the spring.

Traveling Classroom members: Joe Bland, Seth Bland, Luke Merritt, Max Lanham, Cory Smith, Lauren Reynolds, Kayla Barr, Jessica Beyke, Brooklyn Gray, Kasey Gilmore, Beth Millay, Jill Graham, Hailey Roby, Kacey Jo Roby & Rachel Russelburg (Katie Scott not pictured). Photos submitted by Christina Rhodes

Other fund raising opportunities haven't been finalized, but students are also searching for sponsors who will make the trip more affordable for them. Sponsors can donate funds directly to the students, who can use the money to pay toward their accounts. One hour of sponsorship is $12.50; one full day of sponsorship is $300. Sponsors may donate any amount, though. The Pilgrims will host a dinner for their sponsors, upon returning from Italy, and will share their stories and their photographs from the trip. They also will be praying for all those who have helped them on this journey, as they travel from one holy place to the next during our pilgrimage.

Lauren Reynolds hopes the trip provides her " a sense of confidence, independence and responsibility," and she plans to "use every opportunity to grow, both spiritually and intellectually."

Cory Smith, who traveled to Rome last summer, says that "if you throw a coin into the Trevi Fountain, you are guaranteed to return to Italy some day." He's excited that his coin toss paid off.

Kacey Jo Roby is excited about "being in the presence of the holy buildings and monuments."

Brooklyn Gray is looking forward to seeing "the burial site of Pope John Paul II," a pope she admires "because of his patience, respect and love for the people." She wants to see the famous buildings "with [her] own two eyes, touch them with [her] own hands, and stand in the same place that [holy men and women for] centuries have stood."

Katie Scott notes that she has "read in… textbooks the descriptions of the historical monuments, but seeing all of them would make [what we've studied] come to life for us."

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Join us for Reflection Days

- May 6 - "A Rushing Wind"
- June 3 - "Seeking and Finding"
- Aug. 5 - "Hearts on Fire"
- Sept. 2 - "Instruments of God"
- Oct. 7 - "The Falling Leaves"
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The St. Mary School System

PADUCAH,Ky. - St. Mary School System swept the McCracken County 4-H Speech Competition held on February 28 taking 1st place honors in every category. St. Mary students competed against approximately 50 students from Concord Elementary, Paducah Middle School, and the Heavenly Clover Home School Club. Pictured below are representatives from St. Mary Middle School who advanced to the regional competition.

St. Mary Middle School 6th Grade Speech Winners: Front Row: John MacCauley, Evan Culbertson, Mitchel Garrett; 2nd Row: Hannah West, Karina Romero, Lauren Tashjian, Ellie Vaughn. Evan Culbertson won the Regional 11-year old division, and Hannah West won the 12-year old division. Photos submitted by Jackie Hopper

St. Mary Middle School 7th Grade Speech Winners: Front Row: Rachel Steiner, Kristin Merges, Hannah Waltmon. 2nd Row: McKenna Brown, Anna Wilson, Kelly Stewart. Photos submitted by Jackie Hopper

St. Mary Middle School 8th Grade Speech Winners: Caroline Curtsinger, Paul West, Maggie Swift. 2nd Row: Amanda Wurth, Davis Sims, Katie Clark. Davis Sims won the regional 13-year old division, Katie Clark won the 14-year old division, and Katie Stewart won the 15-year old division. Photos submitted by Jackie Hopper

Pilgrims in Trinity's Traveling Classroom

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Seth Bland is looking forward to learning about a new culture. "There's a whole world out there that does not do things the same way we do."

Jessica Beyke says that she has always loved history classes. "I've always loved learning about the Romans, Greeks, Egyptians, and Mayans. In Italy, I can learn so much more about [Italian] history and culture and really experience everything that I have seen in pictures." She also says that "Our Mother Church is in Rome, and going there to learn about Church history would help me see the beauty of our past, how we reached our present, and that we'll last long into the future."

Max Lanham is looking forward to seeing "Vatican City, the Sistine Chapel and the Basilica of St. Peter." He also wants to "learn about history by taking tours of the coliseum, where crowds gathered to see gladiators combat" one another.

Rachel Russelburg hopes to "understand more about our faith" and also hopes that the trip will endow her with a "more outgoing and courageous attitude."

Seth Bland, back right, and beside him his Dad, Joe Bland, led cheers during the Rockin' Lock-In March 26 at St. Mary's Parish Center in Whitesville.

Hailey Roby's grandmother is from Italy and they've spent a lot of time talking about the places we'll be going. "Nina and I spent all weekend talking about Italy and our family's history there. I showed her the brochures for the trip and she has not only been to all these places, she had a story for all of them."

Luke Merritt commented also on the importance of interacting with members of another culture. "Communicating with people [you don't know] sometimes puts you out of your comfort zone, but [communicating with them] makes the world better. Positive interactions with others make for a better world and a better you."

Kasey Gilmore notes that "the earth is an enormous place and exploring it [is] an amazing way [to learn]."

Kayla Barr hopes to "grow spiritually, because in visiting all these places that have so much to do with the history of the Roman Catholic Church, [she] will learn about her faith and life in general."

Beth Millay looks forward to the "language, food, architecture, music, people and overall setting," which is "completely different" from that of the United States." She wants to see St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City and Pompeii.

Jill Graham is excited about seeing the "beautiful architecture" of Vatican City. She wants to "see what is out there, and to experience new things." She also is excited about being able to say "I've been there, done that," when she returns to Trinity High School.

Christina Rhodes said, "I am excited about the trip, but I knew I'd be going to Italy in 2012. I think what has me excited about October is being there with the students and watching as they experience something new. Several years ago, I went on a class trip to Gulf Shores, Alabama, and one of the students had never seen a body of water that large. I remember watching him stand on the beach, awed by the vastness of the Gulf. That memory always makes me smile, and I look forward to seeing the awed expressions of my 15 Pilgrims as they walk the streets of Italy. We'll be making memories together that will make us smile for a lifetime."

Brescia University Honors Three As Distinguished Alumni

Brescia University held its Distinguished Alumni Banquet on April 9, 2011. Since the inception of this prestigious recognition, Brescia has awarded 45 alumni with the Distinguished Alumni title. This award was created to honor those graduates who exemplify the elements that encompass The Brescia Difference: Respect for the Sacred, Devotion to Learning, Commitment to Growth in Virtue, and Promotion of Servant Leadership. Because of the breadth and scope of their life's work, the magnitude of their impact on the regional, national, and (often international scene), and their examples of service and leadership, alumni who receive this esteemed honor have distinguished themselves among their peers.

The 2011 Distinguished Alumni are Kevin Carrico '86, Sr. Michele Morek, OSU '66 and Shirley Hawkins Raymond '69.

Kevin Carrico graduated from Brescia University in 1986 with a Business Administration degree. He went on to graduate from the Kentucky School of Banking in 1994 and graduated from Leadership Kentucky in 2008. For nearly 30 years, Kevin has been working with the same bank, PNC. Kevin started at the very bottom as a part-time teller while attending Brescia to become the Senior Vice President/Regional Manager. Kevin is responsible for supervising 14 retail banking operations in Owensboro, Bowling Green, Elizabethtown, and Bardstown.

Kevin credits several Brescia faculty members for helping him achieve his academic, as well as, personal goals. There are two faulty members in particular he remembers fondly for their unrelenting guidance, Sally Asefa and Alan Braden. Kevin came to Brescia as a transfer student from the University of Kentucky. He said the closeness and bond he felt at Brescia is what made it easier for him to succeed.

Kevin has served on the Wendell Foster Board, Cliff Hagan Board, Kiwanis, and is the past president of the American Institute of Banking and Rotary Club. He has been on the Brescia Board of Trustees since 2007 and is a founding member of the Society of the Arch.

Kevin and his wife Deborah live in Owensboro with their children, Cameron, Chase, Colin, and Cassidy.

Shirley Raymond graduated from Brescia University in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology. She has served for forty years in Southern Indiana in various social work positions. She was the Executive Director of Harrison County Community Services, Inc. for 25 years and was responsible for agency program budget development and staff management.

She has coordinated many inter-agency teams to develop various social work services in southern Indiana. She coordinated the county's human service planning council which developed early childhood education programs, child care system development, and school-based programs of Case Management for high risk students including homeless youth. She was a part of the First Steps Council, Healthy Families Council, Affordable Housing Task Force, and Early Intervention Council with the Department of Child Services. She participated in a community -wide response team, and developed the local alternative school along with several juvenile diversion programs.

Shirley is the past president of Kiwanis of Historic Harrison County; past president of Local Coordinating Council for Drug Free Indiana; past board member with the New Albany Deanery Board of Education; a Catholic Youth Leadership sponsor and catechist for 15 years; on the founding board for the New Albany Catholic Charities; on the founding Board for Harrison County Habitat for Humanity; a Court Appointed Special Advocate of Harrison County Board member; and founding board member and immediate past-president for Infolink of Southern Indiana.

Shirley has received the Community Servant Leader award from Harrison County Leadership; the Father Charles Saffer Alumni Hall of Fame Award from Brescia University in 2001; the Coordinated County Lions Club Community Service Award; and the Indiana State Board Member of the Year Award from CASA of Indiana.

Shirley lives in DePauw, Indiana with her children and their families on a farm that has been in their family for five generations. Her children work in education and social work following in the footsteps and example that Shirley has set.

Sister Michele Morek has been educated by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph since she entered the 6th grade. She left Northern New Mexico to move to Kentucky and to enter the novitiate in 1961. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Brescia College with a minor in Math along with a lifetime secondary teaching certificate in 1966. She then earned her PhD in Biology from Notre Dame in 1972, where she specialized in embryology and cancer research for the National Institute of Health.

For 33 years Michele was professor of Biology, Chair of the Division of Math and Natural Science, Academic Dean and Vice President of Academic Affairs at Brescia. Outside of her work at Brescia, she was instrumental in designing the National Dental Associations Dental Admissions Test, working with the Educational Testing Service for Advanced Placement Testing in Environmental Science and Biology, and teaching in the Governors Scholar Program.

Michele also served the community through her leadership with the Kentucky Allied Health Consortium, Barren-Green River Area Health Education Advisory Board, Owensboro Strategies for Tomorrow Education Task Force, Kentucky Pre-College Curriculum Committee, Daviess County Emergency Planning Committee, and Owensboro Diocese Rural Life Commission. She also taught CPR for 20 years around the community.

In 2004 Michele was elected as the Congregational Leader for the Ursulines for a six year term. She has received the following honors and awards: Alpha Chi Honor Society Teaching Excellence Award, Sears Foundation Teaching and Campus Leadership Award, Owensboro Business and Professional Woman Achievement Award, Alpha Chi and Delta Epsilon Sigma Teacher of the Year Award, Brescia's Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2004, and the Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission Earth Day Award.

Michele is presently living in New York City and is experiencing an internship with UNANIMA, a non-governmental organization with the United Nations, working mainly in the areas of water, climate change, poverty, and sustainable development.

Brescia's School of Education News

It has been a great year for Brescia University's School of Education. The following four students scored in the top 15% in the nation on their Praxis II exams: Sondra Williams, Erica Murphy, Audrey Popham, and Stacy Robertson. Students interested in teaching must take the Praxis in their respective fields and pass. These four students not only passed the exam, but scored in the top 15% in the nation. Congratulations to our students for their hard work and perseverance.

Meg Gatten, who graduated from Brescia University in 2002 with a degree in Elementary Education, and again in 2010 with a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, has been appointed by Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear to the State Advisory Council for Gifted Education. She begins her term in May. Congratulations to Meg!

The School of Education has added yet another degree program to their list: Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education. Students who participate in this program will be certified to work with children from birth through kindergarten, including those children with disabilities. This program is ideal for students interested in working in early intervention programs with infants and toddlers through the kindergarten level or those who currently work in childcare or preschool facilities who desire a professional degree.

Classes will be offered this fall in traditional and late afternoon/early evening formats to accommodate all interested applicants. Those interested should contact our Office of Admissions at 1-877-BRESCIA or email admissions@brescia.edu.

Supreme Court Rules in Az. Choice Case

In a landmark decision in school choice jurisprudence, the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday dismissed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Arizona statute that provides state residents with tax credits for contributions they make to school tuition organizations. The 5-4 decision clears the way for other states to enact similar legislation.

The court threw out a challenge to the tax credit program, saying the plaintiffs had no standing because they were not forced to participate in a tax credit program.
In 2002 in Zelman vs. Simmons-Harris, the Supreme Court ruled that vouchers were constitutional based on a Cleveland voucher program that was challenged all the way to the nation's highest court.

This case brought by the Arizona ACLU challenged a tax credit program that gives Arizona parents choices other than their neighborhood public schools.

Robert Enlow of the Foundation for Educational Choice stated: "The Arizona Tax Credit Program --- like tax credit programs in many states -- gives individuals the right to contribute their own money to scholarship organizations that offer kids school choice." "The Supreme Court today clearly said that individuals should have the right to contribute to any tax-free scholarship program just as they would contribute to the Red Cross, a homeless shelter or any other charity."

Arizona residents may contribute to Student Tuition Organizations and claim a dollar-for-dollar credit up to $500, and married couples filing jointly may claim up to $1,000. STOs are privately-run, no-profit organizations that offer private school scholarships. The tax credit program also allows individuals to claim up to $200 per individual and $400 per couple for contributing to a public school for extracurricular activities or character education programs.

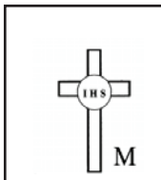
In 2009, 27,582 students earned scholarships averaging $1,889 in Arizona, thanks to the tax credit program.

Enlow further stated: "With the Supreme Court ruling Monday, we should see more of these tax credit programs emerge throughout the country." "And this has been a year for school choice. Legislatures are embracing tax credit programs and vouchers, and this ruling should encourage even more of this educational choice."

The Kentucky League for Educational Alternatives (KLEA), as advocates for Catholic education in the Commonwealth, is extremely encouraged by yesterday's ruling and has been working to enact such legislation for all non-public schools in Kentucky. Now we renew our efforts knowing it is constitutional and a just cause.

4-H Speech Winners

St. Mary Elementary 4th grade students took 1st Place honors at the Regional 4-H Speech Competition. Pictured with their ribbons and medals are Lexi Carter and Lindy King. Photo submitted by Jackie Hopper



Give the Gift of Prayer for Mother's Day

Mother's Day Novena
A Symbol of Love for All our Mothers
Living and Deceased

Let us Pray for your Mother

The Diocesan Shrine, Mary, Mother of the Church and Model of all Christians invites you to enroll your Mother and other loved ones in our **Solemn Novena to all Mothers**.

Beginning on Sunday, May 8th, all those enrolled will share nine days of remembrance at the Holy Mass, and in prayers offered at our Marian Shrine.

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

Prayer for Mother's Day Novena

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

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

AMEN

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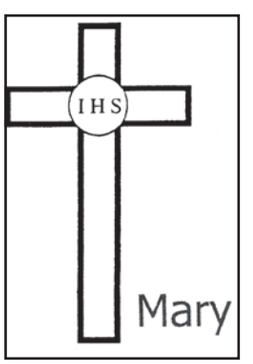
Marian Observance



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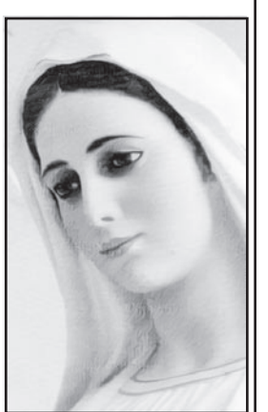

"The best index to a person's character is how he treats people who can't do him any good, and how he treats people who can't fight back" – Abigail van Buren

Father's Day Novena
A Symbol of Love for All our Fathers Living and Deceased

In June we honor our spiritual father, St. Joseph and our earthly fathers at our **Diocesan Shrine, Mary, Mother of the Church/Model of All Christians**, at St. Joseph Church in Bowling Green, KY, with a bouquet: of sentiments as hundred of carnations will be used as a backdrop for our Father's Day Novena. Each carnation represents a father, living (red carnation) or deceased (white carnation). This flower at the Shrine will become a symbol of the love, gratitude, and joy that our fathers have brought into our lives.

During the Novena, **June 19-27th, 2011** prayers will be said each day at the Shrine. Throughout the Novena names of all the Fathers will be read out loud in the Shrine.

To have a carnation placed in the Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church/Model of All Christians, please send the name along with the coupon below and a donation of $10.00 for each name. With each name a carnation will be placed near the

Prayer for Father's Day Novena

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

Teach our *Fathers* that they do not labor alone. Teach them how to find Jesus near them, to greet Him with grace, and to guard Him faithfully, as you have done. Grant that in every family, in every factory and place of work—wherever a Christian labors—all may grow in charity, patience, justice and in seeking to do the right, so that a flood of gifts may descend from heaven. AMEN.

St. Joseph, Pray for us!!!

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Enclosed is my donation. Please have _____CARNATION(S) place at the Diocesan Shrine, Mary, Mother of the Church/Model of All Christians, for the Father's Day Novena, June19-27th, 2010.
Please have the following person(s) remembered during the Father's Day Novena:
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Send this remembrance and donation to:
Marian Shrine Committee
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740 Covington Grove
Bowling Green, KY 42104

Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center
Calendar of Upcoming Events

May 2011
- 2-6 Spiritual Direction (Week 3)
- 6 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 7 Yarn Spinners Day
- 14-15 MSJ Academy Alumnae Wkd.
- 18 4-6 Campus Youth Prayer Day
- 21 Day of Reflection for Associates
- 23-24 Riney Hancock Workshop

June 2011
- 3 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 4 Private Birthday Party
- 11 Associates & Sisters Day
- 11 Private Wedding Reception
- 16-27 Writers Retreat Workshop
- 18 Private Wedding Reception
- 25 Grief Camp for Children

NOTE: Center-sponsored programs are in bold type. Please call to register.

July 2011
- 6-8 Ursuline Community Days
- 9 Motherhouse Jubilee
- 10-16 Sisters' Conference and Directed Retreat
- 10-16 St. John's Youth/Michigan Habitat
- 17-24 Centering Prayer Retreat
- 25-29 Spiritual Direction (Week 4)
- 29-31 Susan Scrapbooking

August 2011
- 5 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 6 Yarn Spinners Day
- 7-12 St. Francis DeSales - Youth Choir Retreat
- 19-21 Retrouvaille
- 28 Yoga & Meditation Retreat

September 2011
- 2 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 11 Mount St. Joseph PICNIC

To register or to schedule an event, call Kathy McCarty 270-229-4103 ext. 802
kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org
www.msjcenter.org
(Located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56)

Mount Saint Joseph
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8001 Cummings Road
Maple Mount, Kentucky 42356-9799

Have you considered deepening your spirituality as a woman religious? For information, contact Sister Martha Keller, OSU: 270-229-4103 ext. 212

St. Joseph

Interparochial School in Bowling Green, Ky. will celebrate 100 years of its existence in the Bowling Green-Warren Co. community with a gala anniversary weekend scheduled for September 17 and 18, 2011. Currently, the development office and reunion committee are looking for anyone who has ever attended Saint Joseph School so they may receive information on the weekend activities. Alumni may visit the school website at www.stjosephschoolbg.org and go to the Alumni tab to fill out information as to where they are today. Former faculty and staff are also asked to contact the school. For additional information, contact Martha Simpson in the school development office at (270) 842-7462.

Sister Dolorita Robinson, OSU, 88, Died March 23, 2011

Maple Mount — Sister Dolorita Robinson, 88, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died March 23, 2011, at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 69th year of religious life.

A native of St. Mary, Ky., she was received into the novitiate in 1942 and made temporary profession in 1944 and perpetual profession in 1947.

Sister Dolorita was known for her hard work, her deep spirituality, and her desire to help whoever was in need. An educator for 39 years, she taught at St. Paul School, Leitchfield (1944-52), St. Joseph High School, Central City (1958-64), and Mary Carrico School, Knottsville (1967-73). In 1976-83, she returned to St. Paul, Leitchfield, as principal and teacher. She also taught and was principal in the Archdiocese of Louisville and served in pastoral ministry at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Sunfish, 1990-98.

At Mount Saint Joseph, she served as local superior and worked in crafts, as director of activities, and on the archives staff. She also served in pastoral ministry in Sunfish. Survivors include her sister, Florine White of Lebanon; nieces and nephews, and the members of her religious community.The funeral Mass was March 25 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery. Glenn Funeral Home and Crematorium, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements.

Gifts in memory of Sister Dolorita Robinson may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

Emerald Players Production Went Like Clockwork

The Owensboro Catholic High School Emerald Productions presented a murder/mystery/comedy called "Clockwork" by Pat Cook on March 25th - 27th at OCHS. The Emerald Players in this cast were: Back Row, L-R: Becca Boom, Nicholas Grey, Lindsey Whitehouse, Allie Payne, Megan Berry, Seth Todd, Jacob Linn, Jessica Bradshaw; Front Row, L-R: Stephen Hyland, Ann-Claude Rakotoniaina, Sarah Beth Caudill, Erin Ballard, Alex Dotsey, Christopher Hayden, Molly Tichenor, Joel Ciaccio. Photo by Nicole Gray

By Katie Pagan

"Clockwork," a murder mystery comedy by Pat Cook, ran March 25, 26, and 27 at Owensboro Catholic High School. The production hosted approximately 35 students making up the cast and crew.

It all started with over 30 kids trying out for a spot in the 15-cast play. How in the world do you cut 15 students when they all bring their own character and gifts to the stage? I look at seniority first, because I want those seniors, especially those who have never acted, the opportunity to perform once. Then you look at dedication, talent, and enthusiasm. And still seniority.

The play provided me with an opportunity to challenge my actors. Senior Alex Dotsey had to learn two characters – the family patriarch Zack Dunwoody who early on dies from laughing and the money hungry Messenger who is really the very much alive Zack. Senior Molly Tichenor branched into the flighty and slightly ditsy role of Frieda. And Senior Megan Berry had to transform herself into the melodramatic, "poor me" wife of Monroe. For some of my actors, this was a first. First time on stage for Senior Lindsey Whitehouse who played the lovely cook Gladys and Junior Christopher Hayden who played the always-drunk Monroe. First time on stage at OCHS for Freshman Nicholas Grey and Senior Jacob Linn. Both of these gentlemen have performed with Theatre Workshop of Owensboro. For others, it was old hat, particularly for my Seniors and Juniors. It's always bittersweet for my seniors who are performing their final play on the hallowed stage of Soenneker Hall, but we always have fun.

Practice started in early February with just the cast coming to practice. Blocking and learning lines is the most important, and often frustrating, part of the play. Because our students are involved in so many activities, it is always hard to have everyone at every practice. We work around that by having other students, usually crew, read for that person. As it gets closer to show time, the crew starts appearing more regularly to help with lights and sound. Sound was an integral part of the play because every time the clock chimed, someone died. We ordered a grandfather clock which turned out to be a grandmother clock! Needless to say I did not read the size specifications closely and ordered a 4 foot clock rather than a 6 footer! We certainly laughed about it, nicknamed her Lucille, and used her anyway with a nice gong chime provided by Nicholas Grey and Grey Sky Music. Then there was Lucifer, the goldfish, and our next addition to the Emerald Players. In the play, Alex Dotsey, as Zack, makes the comment that he should have had goldfish for children. I agreed to let the students buy a "drama goldfish" and he resided on the bookcase the entire play. He now lives in my classroom. We went through countless wine glasses because Christopher Hayden, in his "drunken" stupor, seemed to break one on stage every night the week of the play. Ann-Claude Rakotoniaina had to learn not to laugh when she came down the stairs to say her daughters were electrocuted through the Princess phone. Christopher Hayden's death by poison was probably the most comical of deaths, which cracked every single person up, actor and audience.

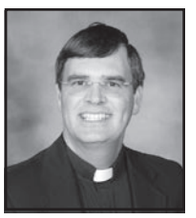
Sundays are usually the best or worst performance day, mainly because the students love to ad lib, or change, a few of their lines. Sometimes I know they are going to do it, but often times I don't. Erin Ballard's Sunday performance garnered many laughs with her no nonsense attitude, complete with smoker's voice and faux cigarette. Stephen Hyland decided to take a bath with some of Nola's citrus fizzy balls as he stomped upstairs with a towel wrapped around his head, only to drown minutes later.

I love working with my theatre kids. They are always so full of energy and bring me loads of laughter, even when I really should be mad at them. The OCHS Emerald Players is a great group of students, banding together to entertain and excite with their performance on stage. For some, it is what they want to do the rest of their lives. For others, it is merely a love of the stage and being the center of attention for that brief hour and a half. But for all of us, we are a close-knit group who care for one another and would do anything for the other, just as if we were a member of any of the other academic or sports teams. Theatre is our passion.

The OCHS Theatre Arts class, in conjunction with Emerald Productions, is producing a children's play called "The Bremen Town Musicians" in May for the K-3 campus, and will perform it one evening for the general public to see.

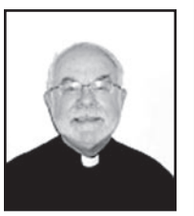
Rome in November

9 Days



Fr. Tony Bickett

You are invited to come along on a Nine-Day Pilgrimage to Italy November 3-11 with Fr. Tony Bickett and Fr. Dan Kreutzer. We will see all the major Shrines of Rome, attend Sunday Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, have an audience with Pope Benedict XVI, and visit the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, and Assisi, Italy. The cost for this trip leaving from Louisville is $2,248.00. For more information contact, Fr. Tony Bickett at (270) 756-2356.



Fr.Dan Kreutzer

WHOLE AGAIN

The Diocesan Family Life Office offers a support group for those experiencing a separation or divorce.

The Whole Again Support Group will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, from 7:00-8:30pm at the Catholic Pastoral Center (main floor lounge), 600 Locust St., Owensboro. Feel free to contact Tami Schneider for further information at tami.schneider@pastoral.org or 270-683-1545, ext 377.

Diocese of Owensboro Welcomes 273 for Easter Sacraments

OWENSBORO. Bishop William F. Medley accepted 100 catechumens and 173 candidates for admission to the Sacraments of Initiation and full communion with the Catholic Church, respectively, during the annual Rite of Election and The Call to Continuing Conversion in three locations of the diocese in March: in Fancy Farm (16 catechumens; 42 candidates); Owensboro (60 catechumens; 105 candidates); Henderson (24 catechumens; 26 candidates). The 273 people represent 32 parishes from across the diocese.

A catechumen is a person who has never been baptized who seeks the Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, Eucharist, confirmation). A candidate is one who has been baptized in another Christian tradition (or a Catholic) who is seeking confirmation and Eucharist and full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

During the rite, the bishop accepted the catechumens and declared them to be "the elect," promising them initiation at the upcoming Easter Vigil. The elect then signed their names in the Book of the Elect.

For those already baptized, the Call to Continuing Conversion challenged the candidates to look within themselves for what needs to be changed, purified, or made holy, so that they may fully enter into communion with the church.

Because candidates may be confirmed and receive Eucharist, when they, the parish Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults team, and their pastor determine that they are prepared, many parishes celebrate these sacraments with the candidates throughout the year, rather than only at the Easter Vigil.

After acceptance from Bishop William Medley, the catechumens of the diocese signed the Book of the Elect during the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion March 13 in St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro, Photo by Mel Howard

2011 Candidates

Carolina Alfaro, Christopher Alfaro, Gloria Alvanez, Morgan Atwood, Kendra Rhea Ballard, Sherry Ballard, Tammie Ballard, Matthew Scott Beeler, Jeffrey Mark Bennett, Haley Nicole Blythe, Sherece Boyd, Bunny Brinkley, Bobby Brown, Jacqueline Brown, Jennifer Ann Brown, Jacque Buckman, Nathaniel Charles Bundy, Ambrosia Burgess, Sonya Burns, Wesley Burns, Sean Caldwell, Howard Campbell, Shirley Ann Canery, Christina Casebier, Laura Casebier, Florence Chappell, Dixie Childers, Rachael Lynn Clark, Dawn Coleman, Melanie Denise Combs, Pedro Jeronimo Contreras, Donald Edward Cook, Brenda Coombs, Craig Cope, Emily J. Correa, Erica Crabtree, Jerry Crabtree, Scott Crafton, James Craig, Brenda Crawford, Rozetta Crook, Richie Davis, Pennie Day, Jeanean Decker, Kristen Dillon, Rackel Elaine Fentress, Lauren A. Fitzmaurice, Stephen Tyler Flint, Kalyn Frizzell, Carolyn M. Girten, Norris Mitchell Girten, Ethan Glenn, Lindsey Glenn, Brock Goldsberry, Heath Hatfield, Kyle Lynn Hayden, Kimberly Haynes, Gordon Ronald Heider, Lisa Marie Hercula, Timothy James Hess, Barbara Higdon, Mary Hill, Melisa Michelle Hill, Robin Holder, Deana Dale Holdman, Melissa Gale Horsley, Nikki Houle, Deborah Howard, Nickie Diane Howard, Jeremiah James, Christopher Jarboe, Lori Jones, Frances Claire Kaminski, Peter Kaminski, Tony Paul Keeling, James Donald Kessler II, Andrew Kai Lian Khai, Joseph Kam Khai, Daniel Kirkendoll, Dodie Lynn Kirkendoll, Patricia Lee, Misty Leistner, Jasmine Leszczewicz, Gabriel Go En Lian, Mackdell Long, Luis Antonio Lopez, Chris Lovell, Doris Mallory, Raymond Martin, Frieda Martinez, Linzi Diane Mattingly, John Edward Mattingly III, Katie McNutt, Bu Meh, Law Meh, Shae Meh, Thwar Meh, Amanda Lorene Mejia, Cindy Millay, Courtney Miller, Mary Lydia Miller, Eddie Miller, Timothy James Mitchell, Carmelo Morabito, Jr., Michelle Murillo, Ben Murphy, Teri Jo Murphy, Vung Hau Niang, Deana Dale Nichols, Bethany Jo Ore, Chris Payne, Todd Allen Payne, Nikki Pergande, James Denis Phelps, Samantha Nichole Phelps, Pau Deih Piang, Terry Posey, Jr., Paul Edwin Price, Sylvia Jean Priest, Claire Quinn, Laveda Sue Rader, Sarah Raines, Paula Marie Reynolds, Callie Unn Rezek, John Cole Rezek, William Rhodes, Tina Gail Richardson, Townya M. Ritzie, Amanda Michelle Roach, Tonya M. Robinson, Jack Ruddell, Chad Rudolph, Tiffany Russell, Matthew Edward Rutter, Carla Elaine Schmitt, Lindsay Schmitt, Kenny Short, Emily Suzanne Shoulta, Meri Nicole Siler, James Frederick Siler II, Adam Daniel Smith, Theresa Smith, Lesley Spalding, Elizabeth Mary Spencer, Henrietta Standifer, Kamilah Stark, Brandon D. Stewart, Eric Brian Stuber, Theresa Szemethy, Michael Kam F Thang, Michael Thomas, Stephanie Thomas, Ashley Nickole Thompson, Christopher Michael Thompson, David Tilley, Patricia Tompson, Judy Velazquez, Jamie Rae Vieitez, Thomas Vysa, Raymond Walker, Danielle Whitledge, Nathan Whitledge, Paula Marie Whitworth, Jeffery Williams, Cathryn Wolfe, Brandon Yates, Bradley L. York, Mark Joseph Yurchisin II

2011 Catechumens

Kendall Blair Alexander, Alberto Arellano, Brandon Arellano, Jerardo Esequiel Arellano, Chris Ayers, Robert Andrew Back, Katherine Lee Bashor, William Jodie Beadles, Tiffany Beck, Aaliyah Ashley Bloomfield, Melissa Boarman, James Robert Brown, Jr., Zach Burden, James Cain, Jr., Christian Chappell, Jason Chappell, Luke Chappell, Shannon Chappell, Wyatt Chappell, Jason Chappell, Jr., Julia Childers, Eli Cope, Elizabeth Jane Correa, Tiffany Nicole Coursey, Keith Crowe, Nathan Crowe, Summer Davenport, Kara Nicae Dearing, Dulan Chandler Dickerson, MackKenzie Drury, Julie Lynn Eadens, Nichole Eastman, Tyler Embry, Allen Emmick, Maurice Ferrell, Michael Fossett, Timothy Fossett, Jeffrey Earl Fox, Kimberly Frizzell, Shelby Fulkerson, Kaler Dawn Girten, Latasha Goldsberry, Brandy Nicole Gough, Lindsey Renee Graham, Gaylan Ray Haire, Haley Hamilton, Jacob Hamilton, Sri Ramulu Haridashyam, Meghan Elizabeth Hempen, James Travis Henry, Connie Hess, Carol Hicks, Susan Alicia Hinton, Alexis Catherine Brooke Hockenberry, Kelsey Shea Lynn Hockenberry, Ivory Houle, Bubby Howard, Jordan Elliott Howard, Craig A. Johnson, Jonathan Travis Johnston, Ashlyn Drew Kirkendoll, Robert Joe Lacer, Savannah Lee, Jennifer Lindsey, Lucy Elaine Love, Alma Lee Martin, James Dale Mattingly, Rickey Alan McKinney, Taw Meh, Terri Jean Miller, Anthony Moore, Joel Morrison, Michelle Muncy, Cliff Odom, Laura Cazares Pagdilao, Brooke Payne, Joshua David Allen Payne, Megan Katherine Payne, Brad Phelps, Angel D. Pierce, James Potocnik, Eva Rock, Sarah Rudy, Judith Shelton, Rachel Erin Shoemaker, Ramona Shoulta, Autumn Nicole Siler, Melissa Simpson, Brent Smith, LaTosha Smith, Steve Smith, Atley Solomon, Ashley Nicole Spalding, Conni Stoner, Mary Rita Szczecinski, Sam Thrasher, Sean Vaughn, Joseph Walker, Adam Welch, Lora Danielle Wellman, Chad Wells, Stephanie Wells, Kim Wilson, William Jodie Yeisley.

Sister Joseph Angela serves the diocese with deep faith

(The following article was written by Jerry Birge in 2006 for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph website. It has been updated for this publication.)

Director of administration, director of finance, and chancellor (overseer of archives, all properties, all legal documents), for the Diocese of Owensboro. Chairwoman of the Diocesan Building Committee. Chairwoman of the Diocesan Administration Committee. Member of the Brescia University Board of Directors. Member of the Catholic Charities Board. Member of the Boulware Mission Board and chairwoman of the Boulware Mission Building Committee.

One would think it would take two or three people to fill these important positions, but they have all been filled simultaneously by Sister Joseph Angela Boone, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph.

"Sister Joseph Angela is a religious Ursuline with a very deep faith and she lives that faith with the way she serves the people of the Diocese of Owensboro," said the Most Rev. John McRaith, bishop-emeritus of Owensboro. He was her supervisor from the time she went to work in the diocesan office July 1, 1989 until his retirement in 2009.

Bishop William Medley said, "As I have gotten to know Sr. Joseph Angela since my coming to Owensboro, I have been awed by how very broad has been her generous reach in service to the Church. In the classroom, the Ursuline Sister's administration, and then in the diocese, she has served in a stellar fashion. She has moved graciously from one demanding position to another. The die was cast for her success in her large, Catholic family, and then molded in her religious community. She exemplifies how God can use so well those who embrace vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and surrender their wills to the will of the Lord."

"She is one of the most dedicated, intelligent, and caring individuals that I know," says Kay Hardin, assistant treasurer for the diocese.

"I'm so impressed with all of the different things that she handles," says administrative assistant Elaine Thomas. "Somehow, she always manages to get the job done. And she's a real good person, too."

"Sister is a very dedicated, hard working person," says administrative bookkeeper Margaret Mary Drury. "It is a pleasure to work with her."

Sister Joseph Angela Boone, OSU. Photo by Matt Weafer

On July 1, Sister Joseph Angela will relinquish her role as chancellor and chief financial officer for the diocese after 22 years of service. She will remain a full-time member of the finance and administrative team and continue to serve on numerous boards and councils throughout the diocese, including those at Brescia, Boulware, and Catholic Charities.

She is now in her 64th year of ministry as an Ursuline Sister – including 20 years as a teacher, and 19 as treasurer at the Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse in Maple Mount.

For almost as long as she can remember, Sister Joseph Angela wanted to be an Ursuline Sister. Two of her older sisters were members of the Ursuline community – the late Sisters Aloise and Regina. Both entered the community when she was a young girl. "My parents were so proud of them," she recalls, "they were so very special. As little children sometimes to keep us occupied my mother would say, 'go write a letter to your older sisters!' That made it special, for them to be in the convent, and it was always something I wanted to do." A native of LaRue County, Sister Joseph Angela was one of 12 children raised on a farm near New Haven. Her father was a farmer, her mother stayed home with the children.

She attended elementary and high school at St. Catherine in Nelson County where she was taught by Ursuline Sisters from Mount Saint Joseph. Ursuline Sister Joseph Therese Thompson, who taught her high school math and physics, was one of the most influential people in Sister Joseph Angela's life, she said. "She was a very good teacher and I wanted to be just like her."

Following her graduation, she followed her two older sisters and came to Mount Saint Joseph as a postulant, the first step toward becoming the third Ursuline Sister in her family.

Three years later she began her teaching career at Sts. Joseph and Paul School in Owensboro, where she taught third-graders for two years.

She moved on to teach at St. Denis School in Louisville for eight years before returning to Sts. Joseph and Paul for two more years. Sister Ruth Gehres, who also taught at Sts. Joseph and Paul during this time, remembers how Sister Joseph Angela's composure and quick wit kept them both afloat during those challenging days.

"We got up before sunrise, prayed and ate and ran to school, where we taught all day and cleaned classrooms before leaving — on several afternoons and evenings — for the classes we were taking at Brescia College, often returning after all the other sisters were asleep," Sister Ruth said. "Sister Joseph Angela was always playing practical jokes or telling highly improbable stories that kept us both laughing and awake." Sister Ruth now ministers at Casa Ursulina in Chillan, Chile.

Sister Joseph Angela left teaching for two years to further her education, earning her master's degree in math and a minor in physics at Catholic University in Washington, D.C.
She returned to Owensboro for an eight-year tenure on the faculty at Brescia College (now University) as a mathematics and general physics instructor. Larry O'Bryan, an Owensboro certified public accountant, has fond memories of Sister Joseph Angela in the Brescia classroom.

Bishop John McRaith sharing a laugh with Sister JA during the Sisters Jubilee September 15, 2007 Larena Larson Photo

Sister JA assisting Bishop-emeritus John McRaith in witnessing with his signature Bishop William Medley's Oath of Fidelity as Fr. Larry McBride and Bishop Medley look on. Larena Lawson Photo

"My math courses in high school were very limited, so I needed the course in fundamental mathematics," he said. "Sister Joseph Angela taught me Math 103 in the fall of 1968 and the spring of 1969. She was very friendly and helpful as a teacher, but she expected each student to do his homework — can you believe that!" The 1970 Brescia graduate said, "She was all business, and I feel her math course helped me achieve my degree in accounting. I have worked with Sister Joseph Angela on the Brescia board and have the greatest respect for her as a person and as a business leader. I feel she is still teaching by her example."

She left the classroom for good in December 1969 to serve the Ursuline Motherhouse as treasurer and business administrator for 19 years. She was also elected to serve as a councilor on the leadership Council from 1972-1976.

"I did miss teaching when I first left it,"

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she said. "I loved teaching. Some of my fondest memories are the students. I loved to see them get excited about learning."

Sister Joseph Angela's last career move was on July 1, 1989, when she became director of administration, finance, and chancellor for the diocese.

"As director of administration she handles the financial aspects of the diocese and she does a superb job," Bishop McRaith said. "She is wonderful to work with, one of the most cooperative and supportive persons to work with as a co-worker."

Her other co-workers echo his kind words. "When I told people I was going to work for Sister Joseph Angela in the diocesan office, I quickly learned how well known and respected she is in the community," Thomas said. "Of course, I learned that myself when I came to work. I also learned how very dedicated she is to the diocese."

"I have a very good working and personal relationship with Sister," Drury said. "It is amazing how she manages to find time to complete all of her many work and volunteer projects."

"She's always there to assist all of us in the administration office, even though her plate is the fullest," Hardin said. "And somehow she finds time to be very supportive of all of us on a personal basis. She has always taken an interest in my family and me and that means a lot."

In addition to her heavy workload in the diocesan office, Sister Joseph Angela manages to find time to work with Catholic Charities, Brescia University, and the Boulware Mission.

Sister Joseph Angela has a subtle sense of humor. She loves to share funny anecdotes. Here she shared one with Kevin Kauffeld at the Mount during a stewardship conference in the summer of 2005. WKC File photo

Sister JA was always up for the photo opportunity of receiving a check for the diocese. Here she received one from Trinity High School student Allison Scott in 2010. WKC file photo

"She's our financial person, and has always been a supporter of Catholic Charities," said Rita Heinz, director of Catholic Charities. "She has such a sharp mind."

Brescia honored Sister Joseph Angela twice in the past five years. In recognition of her selfless sacrifice of service to others, in 2006 she was awarded the Father Charles Saffer Alumni Hall of Fame award by the Brescia University Alumni Association. In 2009, the 1962 Brescia graduate was honored as one of the school's Distinguished Alumni.

The Boulware Mission is a faith-based servant to the destitute. The mission took over the Passionist Nuns monastery in 2006, and Sister Joseph Angela led the renovation committee.

Being able to help people in the parishes do their jobs is the most rewarding aspect of her ministry, she said, and finding time to get it all done is the most challenging.

"I do think I've made a difference in the laity's lives for the most part that have worked in parishes," she said.

Ursuline Sisters: Fran Wilhelm (60), Joseph Angela Boone (60) and Rosemary Keough (50) cheer while listening to a mariachi band during a celebration on August 11, 2007 to celebrate their anniversaries in religious life. WKC FIle Photo by Tami Schneider

Las hermanas Ursulinas: Fran Wilhelm (60 años), Joseph Angela Boone (60 años) y Rosemary Keough (50 años) aplauden mientras escuchen a unos mariachis durante una celebración el 11 de agosto para festejar sus aniversarios de la vida religiosa. WKC FIle Foto pr Tami Schneider

Sister Joseph Angela was joined by two of her sisters, Catherine Keene, left, and Teresa Marie Thompson, center, following the April 18, 2009 ceremony of Brescia Univeristy's Distinguished Alumni. MSJ Photo

Father Bradley Retires as Pastor of Holy Name Church

By Kamille Stich

HENDERSON,Ky. - In June, Father J. Edward Bradley will officially retire as Pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson, Kentucky, after 16 years of service. While he may have grown a few gray hairs since he arrived, it is our Parish and our community that have changed positively as the consequence of his spiritual leadership since this man with big ideas, endless energy, and tremendous faith came to Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

The Gospel of John Chapter 21 contains a beautiful and tender dialogue between the Risen Jesus and the Apostle Peter. This account describes the third time Jesus appeared to his followers and three times, Jesus asks whether Peter loves him or not. Three times, Peter responded "yes" to Jesus' question and was commanded by Jesus to feed and tend to the sheep. While this passage is rich with meaning, it very succinctly outlines the role of the priesthood as shepherds of the flock. Jesus entrusted Peter and the other apostles with the spiritual care of the people who had accepted him as the Messiah since he would no longer be a visible presence. However, the role of shepherd and priest is not for the faint of heart, especially the role of Parish Priest which Father Bradley filled at Holy Name.

Feed My Sheep – Holy Name Church

Father Bradley's first ten years as a priest were spent at Owensboro Catholic High School as Dean of Students for three years and Principal for seven years. In 1985, he was assigned to St. Stephen Cathedral as Pastor and served there for ten years. He was assigned to Holy Name Parish in June of 1995. In no time, his 18-hour workdays and twenty years of experience brought changes to the Parish. Those ministries that were begun by him include the Stewardship Committee, the Social Concerns Committee, the Welcoming Committee, the Parish Nurse Program, the Radio Ministry, and the HNS summer basketball camp, among other things. His keen vision for the future of Holy Name and the perpetuation of the Parish led to numerous expansion and restoration projects. Our side chapel was transformed into a Eucharistic Chapel. He oversaw the construction of the Saint Margaret Chapel and Retreat Center. The Church Sanctuary and Choir Loft both received restoration. He was involved in the beautification of the St. Louis Cemetery. Most recently, new Church offices were constructed along with a multi-purpose room and youth ministry room. But the most intimate way in which he fed the sheep, was his loving pastoral care for the 1,500 Catholic families who were entrusted to him. He lovingly nurtured our faith through his beautifully-written and thoughtful homilies. He joyfully baptized our babies, he married our young people, and he grieved with us as he buried our loved ones who passed before us.

Father Ed Bradley at Holy Name Church in Henderson, Ky. Photo submitted by Kamille Stich

He counseled us through the most difficult parts of our lives and, when he himself suffered through cancer, his thoughts still turned to us. Father Bradley published "The Lessons I've Learned in the School of Suffering." He took up his cross and shared that experience so that we might bear our cross with more faith and insight. He experienced first-hand the anxiety, uncertainty, and isolation through which he had helped so many people, and yet he urged us to look for the "subtle signs of suffering" in others. He wanted us to know that "many, many people are hurting, quietly aching and pained, or secretly suffering." In his own darkest hour, he was feeding the sheep.

Throughout the years, he became woven into the stories of our lives. Even in retirement, he remains with us in our hearts, in our family photo albums, and as we continue our faith journey that was strengthened by the holy way he lives his life.

Tend My Sheep – Holy Name School

When Father Bradley graduated from high school in 1960, he received a scholarship to Bellarmine College in Louisville, Kentucky. After his first year in college, he joined the Brothers of the Poor of St. Francis, a religious order of monks. He received his undergraduate degree in Mathematics and Economics from Loyola University in Chicago. He received two Master's degrees: one in Secondary School Administration and another in Clinical Psychology from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. As a Franciscan, he taught mathematics. All of Father Bradley's higher education made him a natural and passionate advocate for Catholic education. When he arrived at Holy Name Parish, the School quickly became one of his favorite ministries. In 1999, Father Bradley oversaw a $2 million expansion that included four classrooms, office space, the Erminia Evans Library and a second technology lab.

He established the HNS Preschool program and even secured free buildings from the Henderson Community College in which to house the new endeavor. Eventually, when those donated buildings became obsolete, he encouraged the construction of our state-of-the-art Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten addition to the School.

He began the Holy Name Endowment Fund by which the long-term operation of the School will be secured, as well as for tuition assistance to needy Catholic families, among other things. He approved the construction of a large storage building behind the School.

Father Bradley's commitment to Holy Name School was again evidenced by the fact that, during his tenure as Priest, he never reduced the subsidy from the Church to the School, fully recognizing that without Catholic education in our community, the faith of future generations would only suffer.

He conducted weekly Masses and nurtured the faith of our school children. He counseled HNS families of all faiths through difficult times. He was present in the School for everyone, including the faculty and staff. He cheered our academic and athletic victories. He offered high fives and hugs up and down the hallways. He was a regular attendee at School Council meetings and worked closely with former principal, Daryl Hagan, and current principal, Sandy Fleming. He gave of himself fully to the School, tending the littlest of the sheep.

Feed My Sheep – The Henderson Community

When Father Bradley was assigned to Holy Name Parish, his heart brought him to the entire community of Henderson. The scope of his shepherding was not limited to the Catholic families who were entrusted to him. Father Bradley's heart moved him to reach out to all who were in need regardless of faith. Again and again, he said "yes" to all tasks to which he felt called by God.

Projects and ministries within the Henderson community for which Father Bradley was responsible include the creation of the Emergency Shelter for Women and Children, the Women's Addiction Recovery Manor (WARM), the St. Joseph Community Apartments which provides housing for the elderly of all faiths. He serves as Chaplain of the Henderson Police Department, counseling individual policemen and women. He performs jail ministry every Tuesday morning, counseling individual inmates as requested by jail personnel, and he takes Communion to Catholic inmates. He served on local boards for organizations that are too numerous to list, but which include the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Green River Area Development District, River Valley Behavioral

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Father John Judie Speaks At Black Catholic Day of Reflection

By Kamille Stich

HENDERSON, Ky. - On March 26, 2011, Holy Name School hosted the Diocese of Owensboro Black Catholic Day of Reflection. Veronica Wilhite, Director of the Office of Black Catholic Ministry for the Diocese opened the program at 10 a.m. with a welcome to all.

Fathers Ed Bradley and Anthony Shonis of Holy Name Parish, Father John Judie of Louisville, Kentucky, and Bishop Bill Medley all participated in this day that included the Nia Dancers of Paducah, Kentucky, small group sessions, raffle drawings, and lunch. Father Judie delivered the keynote address and later concelebrated the Mass at 4:00 p.m. at which Bishop Medley presided to end the program.

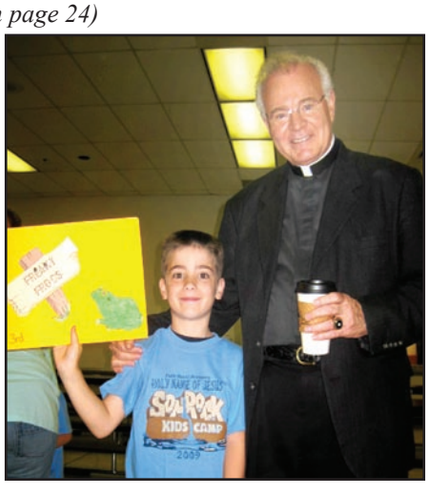
Bishop Medley with Mother and Daughter, Diedra Chandler & Alyssa Scott from Rosary Chapel in Paducah

At left, Father Ed Bradley & Bishop William Medley. Kamille Stich photos

Father Bradley Retires as Pastor of Holy Name Church *(Continued from page 24)*

Health, the Foster Care Review, and St. Anthony's Hospice. In fact, he was so integrated into the Henderson community, the Henderson Chamber of Commerce named him "Citizen of the Year" in 2007. He was recognized as a person who had a "mission to help create a better life for everyone that he could, regardless of one's race, creed or religious affiliation." And further, "Helping those that could not help themselves has been his focus." For the Henderson community, with a specific emphasis on women and children, Father Bradley faithfully fed the sheep.

And while he was keeping a close eye on the flock, he provided us with excitement along the way. Whether you bleed blue or red, Father Bradley's friendship with Coach Rick Pitino provided us a lot of entertainment as we cheered for our Bluegrass teams. No matter where your allegiance fell, we were all watching for Father Bradley, who served as team chaplain, on the sidelines during televised games. Roundball wins and losses were a constant topic of conversation between Holy Name parishioners and Father Bradley. And, staying true to his mandate to "feed the sheep," Coach Pitino's players credit Father Bradley for his paternal leadership, his good counsel, and his spiritual advice.



Fr. Ed Bradley with Holy Name School students. Photo submitted by Kamille Stich.

Any attempt to summarize Father Bradley's contributions to Holy Name of

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Welcoming the Roman Missal third edition

The Eucharistic Prayer: our response to God's invitation

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

What congregations say and hear at Mass will change with the new English translation of the Roman Missal, but the meaning of what one Catholic theologian calls the greatest prayer of the church is unchanged.

The Eucharistic Prayer, heard in the middle of every liturgy around the world, recalls the saving mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection and is the highest point of every Mass, says Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, professor of liturgy and director of liturgical formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington, New York.

The new translation does not change what's happening during the Mass, especially during the consecration, he says. It just brings the words said closer to the literal Latin translation.

"We believe that when the church prays the Eucharistic Prayer, that mystery is actually made present," Msgr. DeGrocco says. "Within that prayer, as part of that making present the mystery, the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ."

Various forms of the Eucharistic Prayer will continue to be used throughout the year, depending on liturgical seasons and special occasions, Msgr. DeGrocco says. Each form expresses the essential beliefs of the Catholic Church, but emphasizes different aspects of the theology, he says.

In addition to four principal Eucharistic Prayers, Eucharistic Prayer forms exist for Masses of reconciliation and Masses for various needs and occasions.

Essentially the priest is free to choose whichever prayer he wants to use, but there are guidelines and aspects of good liturgical practice and theology that make some prayers more appropriate at times than others.

The reconciliation canons are usually prayed during Lent or during other times of public repentance or calls to repentance and forgiveness.

The canons of various needs and occasions can be prayed when a group is gathered for a particular purpose, such as an assembly of school teachers, or a Eucharistic Congress, or a convention of musicians. While the assembly is probably not a regular Sunday congregation, it would be appropriate to pray one of the versions of this canon at a Eucharistic celebration that, for example, missions the parish council or liturgical ministers.

In 1973, Eucharistic Prayers for Masses with children were added to offer a simplified version of the Eucharistic Prayer to help children better understand the mystery and be engaged in the prayer, says Father Peter Mitchell, a professor of liturgy at St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, Neb. These prayers were reserved for liturgies where young children were the primary assembly. While these texts are not included in the new edition of the Missal, the Conference of Bishops will consider their future use.

The Eucharistic Prayer is the Body of Christ's response to the invitation it receives from God through the Word. The response is always gratitude and it is always transformative, but no words can possibly say it all.

By listening to the different Eucharistic Prayers throughout the year, people gain a better understanding of the beliefs of the Catholic Church. The greater number of texts allows us to explore and enter in to the mystery of Christ in all its richness and various facets in a deeper way.

The Eucharistic Prayer is the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification that takes place at the center of the Mass. During the prayer, one hears an account of Jesus' actions and his words at the Last Supper and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Eucharistic Prayer takes place after the Liturgy of the Word and the offertory and is introduced by a Preface. The congregation kneels or stands during the Eucharistic Prayer, which ends at the singing of the Great Amen.

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.

"I'm Sticking To the Union"

By Fr. John S. Rausch

Wisconsin under the leadership of Governor Scott Walker recently passed a law that strips most government workers at the state, county and local levels of their collective bargaining rights. Only police, firefighters and the state patrol are exempt from the law, but teachers and public health workers are not. To seek pay raises higher than the consumer price index, unions need to win approval by a public referendum, and every year union members must vote to continue being represented by their union. The unions fought the legislation to the last vote.

Ostensibly the law was passed to address part of Wisconsin's $3.6 billion structural budget deficit caused by the Great Recession. The legislation requires state employees to pay 12.6 percent of their health care coverage and half of their pension costs. The measure could save the state $30 million in the short run and possibly $300 million over the next two years. During the legislative debate the unions accepted the financial give-backs in a gesture of conciliation, but stood fast about their collective bargaining rights. After the bill passed stripping those rights, many wondered about the real intent of the law.

Archbishop Jerome Listecki of Milwaukee reflecting Catholic teachings on labor issued a statement in favor of the workers' rights: "Hard times do not nullify the moral obligation each of us has to respect the legitimate rights of workers." He reminded us, "Every union, like every other economic actor, is called to work for the common good ... However, it is equally a mistake to marginalize or dismiss unions as impediments to economic growth." This last statement contains the core of the continuing moral debate about unions.

What caused the Great Recession? Most economists would agree it was the sub-prime mortgage bubble and the hyper-speculation of Wall St., not the pay scale of teachers and nurses. The recession came after three decades of neo-liberal economics that enshrined freedom and individualism at the expense of community and the common good. Trade liberalization, outsourcing, deregulation, privatization, restrictive labor rulings plus revised accounting and financial rules slowly turned the middle class into a "debtor class" as workers struggled to maintain their standard of living. While productivity expanded by a vigorous 20 percent between 2000 and 2006, real wages edged up only 2 percent. In reality, 65 percent of all growth in household income between 2002 and 2007 went to the richest 1 percent!

Economist John Kenneth Galbraith saw unions as a countervailing force to stand against the immense power of capital so labor could share fair gains. From a moral perspective, Pope John Paul II wrote in 1981 that a "union remains a constructive factor of social order and solidarity, and it is impossible to ignore it" (*Laborem exercens* #20, emphasis in original.) Without unions little will prevent egregious structural sins against distributive justice, which demands a fair share and dignified life for everyone one in society.

In Wisconsin proponents of Gov. Walker's law tried to discredit public workers as lavishly overpaid, but John Schmitt of the Center for Economic Policy Research matched public and private sector workers according to age and educational levels. He found overall public sector workers made 4 percent less that their private sector counterparts.

At the heart of Catholic social teachings lies a sense of solidarity and community. Pitting private and public sector workers against one another ignores the just claim every worker has to adequate pay, health care and retirement pension. Justice demands we not make workers the scapegoats of budget deficits caused by cruel neo-liberal economics.

Fr. John Rausch, a Glenmary priest, is the Director of the Catholic Committee of Appalachia."

Principal Opening in Evansville, Indiana

Christ the King Catholic School in Evansville, Indiana, is a pre-K through 8th grade school seeking a dynamic principal. We are seeking candidates who will continue our tradition of excellence in education and with the Catholic identity of the school. The candidate should have a talent for promoting progress and growth. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to: Mr. Daryl Hagan, Superintendent of Schools, P.O. Box 4169 Evansville, IN 47724. Deadline for applications will be Friday, May 6, 2011.

THROW THEM TO THE SHARKS!

The Chaplain's Corner

By Fr. Anthony Shonis

This country was built on the backs of working men and women who came from Poland, Italy, Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, Slovakia, Russia and the rest of the European countries. Would these men and women have been allowed on the Mayflower? They probably would have thrown them to the sharks.

No, our ancestors did not actually come over on the Mayflower. But don't let anyone try to tell us we are not Americans because our ancestors did not come over on the Mayflower; that is unless you are looking for a fight. Because in a deeper sense we were all on the Mayflower and we are all refugees and immigrants and we all made the crossing to America on the Mayflower. It doesn't make any difference if we were naturalized last week or two hundred years ago, we are all fully American.

However, it was the immigrants who came to this country that formed the backbone of the union movement. They came from a Europe where unions were already beginning to form, albeit in the midst of bloodshed and violence, and they brought their desire for unions with them to the new country.

This last session of the Kentucky legislature, Senate Bill #6 was a poorly crafted immigration bill that would have caused more problems and probably not solved any. We who are the descendents of the European immigrants that came to our country and help build the nation into an industrial powerhouse can ill afford to forget that when we look at our newest immigrants and migrants that two and three generations ago we were they.

For unions to support the Dream Bill and actively take part into the struggle for justice with the immigrants is an investment in the future. When these migrants finally come into their own and are citizens, they will remember that it was the unions who befriended them in their hour of need, and from them will come the next generation of union people.

Source: The Rank and File Catholic (Connecting the teaching of the Church with the struggles of Labor), Volume 7 Number 1 Paducah, Kentucky March, 2011. Father Tony Shonis is Chaplain for The Rank and File Catholic.

The entry of Millwright Local 1080 with a Western Kentucky union hall located in Owensboro and office in Paducah, in the 2010 Labor Day Parade in Paducah, Ky. Source: http://millwrightlocal1080.com/photos.html

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Father Ed Bradley presiding at a wedding at Holy Name. Photo submitted by Kamille Stich

Jesus Parish and the community of Henderson over 16 years seems anemic. In addition, many of us hold in our hearts the memories that mean the most to us personally. His positive energy, his warm smile, and his spiritual guidance touched us all.

Matthew 25 tells the story of the servant who was given five talents and who, with those talents, earned five more. Upon his master's return, it was discovered that he had been a good steward of his master's valuables. No doubt, as Father Bradley retires from this assignment and moves to his next one, God smiles with favor on his humble worker's time at Holy Name Parish and proclaims, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

The parishioners of Holy Name thank you, Father Bradley, for all you have done for us and for all you mean to us. May God be with you as you serve the students of Owensboro Catholic High School as Chaplain and as you carry on feeding Christ's sheep. We ask you to continue to pray for us as we will continue to pray for you. We love you, Father Bradley!

"A Celebration of Service"

You are invited to attend a reception in honor of Father J. Edward Bradley on June 9, 2010 from 6 to 8 o'clock in the evening in the Holy Name School gymnasium at 628 Second Street in Henderson, Kentucky on the occasion of his retirement from Holy Name of Jesus Parish.

Father Bradley has requested that expressions of friendship take the form of donations to the Holy Name School Endowment fund.

Holy Name School Collects "Coins For Chris"

By Kamille Stich

HENDERSON,Ky. - On Dec 7, 2010, nephew of Holy Name School teacher, Francine Hatfield, Corporal Christopher Montgomery, was leading his unit under fire in Afghanistan when he stepped on a mine. Five lives were lost and two soldiers lost their legs. Chris, only 23 years old, lost both of his legs. One leg was obliterated above his knee and the other at his hip.

Upon hearing of this tragic event, the 5th and 6th grade students at Holy Name School joined together for a service project in January called "Coins for Chris." The project ran for two weeks, and the response was phenomenal. Holy Name students raised $1,573.78! While everyone was generous in their support of this project, 5th grader, Carter Phipps, was particularly touched by Chris' story. Carter spent several snow days off school shoveling snow for his neighbors and contributed $649 on his own.

The "Coins for Chris" project also motivated the 7th and 8th graders to contribute $300 from the proceeds of their Valentine's Day dance.

The generosity of Holy Name students demonstrates the value of a Catholic education that educates the whole child. With faith, academics, and service as a way of life at the center of each school day, heartwarming responses to those in need become a natural response by the students.

Carter Phipps with Angela Johnson, his fifth grade homeroom teacher. Holy Name School Photo

In the picture at right, is Marine Cpl. Christopher Montgomery, a 23-year-old former Union County, Ky., resident; his father, Reggie Montgomery, and stepmother,Ayda Montgomery, attend Our Savior Church in Mobile, Alabama; his mother, Debbie Yates, attends St Ann Church, Morganfield. "Chris said, 'God had a plan for me,'" Debi Yates said. "He said 'I don't know what it is yet, but there's a plan, and whatever it is, I will fulfill it.'" Photo submitted by Holy Name School

Happy Anniversary!

Marriage Celebrations for May
Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and Over 50 Years

Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Jimmy & Donna Brooks, 25
Brad & Donna Hinton, 25
Jim & Rose Hodgkins, 40
Joseph & Lucille Goetz, 50
Bucky & Suzanne Coomes, 53
Charlie & LaVerne Speaks, 59
Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
George & Shelby Webster, 55
Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
Benson & Patricia Campbell, 40
William & Sheila Cardwell, 55
Casey & Norma Davis, 53
Marvin & Patricia Fulkerson, 56
George Meuth & Carmen Andrew, 25
Robert & Dee Dee Sellars, 40
James & Beatrice Stanley, 62
Jackie & Gayle Sutton, 53
Jerry & Linda Thacker, 25
Ed & Sherry Whelan, 25
Doris & Barbara Wilson, 61
Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Michael & Kimberly Brownfield, 25
John & Jenny Boustani, 25
Michael & Diane Hite, 40
Jerry & Carolyn Allred, 40
Thomas & Mary Gaietto, 55
Richard & Cynthia Gensler, 55
Immaculate Conception, Earlington
Daniel & Janet Hartline, 51
William & Karol Welch, 40
Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
Dwayne & Lois Decker, 25
William & Lillian Haynes, 56
Thomas & Mary Riney, 64
Bob & JoAnn Vessels, 58
John & Norma Wilkerson, 50
Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro
Britt & Gina Gray, 25
James E. & Annette Rubsam, 60
Thomas & Rose Curtsinger, 57
Precious Blood, Owensboro
John & Clarice Kuegel, 56
George & Anna Carol Murphy, 50
Rosary Chapel, Paducah
Clifford & Pat Robinson, 57
John & Mary Piercefield, 63
Sacred Heart, Waverly
Tommy & Rose Danhauer, 62
St. Agnes, Uniontown
Chris & Marilyn Wolfe, 25
John & Debbie Henshaw, 40
Jerri & Carrie Floyd, 25
St. Ambrose, Henshaw
Leroy & Ann French, 56
St. Ann, Morganfield
Lawrence & Mary Frances Strehle, 65
Thomas & Rose Danhauer, 62
Billy Ray & Virginia Clements, 61
William & Virginia Adams, 53
St. Anthony, Axtel
William & Laverne Vincent, 60
Fredrick & Alice Whelan, 55
Bernard & Marquita Campbell, 52
St. Anthony, Peonia
Gary & Debbie Higdon, 40
St. Augustine, Grayson Springs
George & Trecy Smith, 63
St. Augustine, Reed
Herman & Martha Miller, 55
Posey & Violet Newman, 61
St. Benedict, Wax
Damon & Tiny Meredith, 54
St. Columba, Lewisport
Clyde & Georgene Poole, 54
St. Edward, Fulton
Richard & Maria Hartz, 51
St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
Edward & Alberta Morrison, 56
St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
Michael & Kathy Kepner, 40
Danilo & Dynthia Ignao, 25
Joseph E. & Mary Pat Blandford, 53
Danny & Mary Myatt, 40
Lawrence E. & Nora Hayden, 56
St. Henry, Aurora
Gene & Martha Davis, 58
Joseph & Dorothy Sienkiewicz, 53
John & Marie Stepanek, 51
Joseph & Theresa Poremba
St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Tim & Susan Carrico, 25
Delbert & Lydia Hobbs, 59
Leon & Dorothy Carrico, 59
St. John the Baptist, Fordsville
Paul & Mary Rose Rusher, 56
St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Harold & Imogene Davenport, 57
George & Thelma Kaufman, 57
Joseph E. Celeste Russell, 57
Frank & Gretchen Slawinski, 52
Paul & Dorothy Kaufman, 59
Donald & Mary Campbell, 50
Henry & Betty Englert, 60
St. Joseph, Bowling Green
Dr. Paul & Susan Moore, 25
Robert & Peggy Jameson, 50
St. Leo, Murray
Max & Matilde Canady, 40
Thomas & Mary Ann Dowdy, 51
Robert & Joan Herndon, 52
Robert & Patricia McDermott, 51
James & Susan O'Neill, 52
Ronald & Carolyn Reimer, 51
St. Mary, Franklin
John & Susanne Mechkowski, 25
St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
Randy & Tina James, 25
Scott & Martha Beyke, 25
Paul & Dorothy Knott, 57
Kenneth & Stansell Ebelhar, 63
St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Danny & Lisa Ling, 25
Mel & Bev Howard, 40
James & Mary Ann Higdon, 50
Robert C. & Doris Howard, 59
Tony & Bernadine Dean, 55
Joseph & Jean Ann Rearden, 61
Aloysius & Doris Knott, 57
St. Michael, Oak Grove
Richrd D. & Katsuko Vermette, 40
St. Paul, Leitchfield
Doug & Mary Smith, 25
Loyd & Candas Milliner, 54
St. Peter, Waverly
Burch & Teresa Wolfe, 40
St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City
Bernie & Pat Fendler, 53
Lee & Irene Myers, 64
Marilyn & John Brooks, 56
St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro
Bruce & Joyce Yeiser, 40
Charles & Norma Bivins, 55
Don & Agnes Powers, 57
St. Ronuald, Hardinsburg
Bob & Linda Rhodes, 54
Willard & Lydia Aldridge, 53
George & Helen Brown, 25
Tom & Tommie Priest, 56
Gerald & Rosemary Hinton, 67
St. Rose, Cloverport
Michael & Beverly Himmelhaver, 54
St. Stephen, Cadiz
William & Verna Nurczyk, 52
St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
David & Rebecca Millay, 51
Robert D. & Joyce A. Ballard, 51
Leon & Peggy Clark, 54
Dean & Diane Behnke, 25
St. Thomas More, Paducah
Patrick & Anita Fitch, 25
Bill & Rose Ann Walker, 51
Norbert & Amilda Schmitt, 58
Bob & Mary Riedfort, 63
St. William, Knottsville
Clemie & Jacqueline Cecil, 53
Samuel J. & Mary Frances Fulkerson, 68
Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro
Donald J. & Mary Jane Blandford, 51
Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville
William & Marsha Pater, 25
Steve & Pam Carlton, 50
Samuel & Patricia Chesnut, 52
Patrick & Joann Fields, 59
Charles Mary Ann Keel, 52
Marvin & June Mahoney, 54
Francis & Eleanor Rogers, 65

Marriage Celebrations for June

Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Paul & Joyce Warren, 40
Bill & Joy Bach, 50
Joseph A. & Lena Aull, 54
Joan & Ernest Adams, 61
James & Teresa Conder, 54
Russell & Virginia Corley, 51
Thomas & Martha Payne, 60
Robert & Connie Hood, 53
Paul & Carol Hodskins, 56
Bob & Frances Osborne, 55
Christ the King, Madisonville
Bernard & Rita Rich, 65
Christ the King, Scottsville
James L. & Rosalie Barnard, 66
Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
John & Nancy Robinson, 50
Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
James & Dorothy Alvey, 55
George & Mary Austin, 62
Donald & Stacey Brown, 25
Bobby Joe & Betty Christian, 53
Ronnie & Bernadine Cooper, 51
Bruce & Patricia Farley, 25
William & Faye Goldey, 50
Laddie & Carol Jankura, 53
John & Agnes Marchand, 58
Francis & Mary Emma Mellen, 71
Roger & Gloria O'Nan, 66
James & Maxine O'Nan, 55
Norman & Margene O'Nan, 61
Ronald & Karen Rosenhamer, 25
Billy Ray & Mary Jane Thomas, 50
Randy & Sandra Thompson, 25
Joseph E. & Anna Wurth, 40
Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Mary & Nace Magner, 25
Daniel & Michelle Garrett, 25
Carl & Sylann Smith, 25
Anthony & Marie Meffert, 58
Albert & Helen Skees, 57
Robert & Elizabeth Crowe, 52
James & Ann Meador, 52
Richard & Shirley Jakel, 60
Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Larry & Judy White, 25
John & Dottie Himes, 51
Donald & Gloria Tharp, 52
Elbert & Bonnie Tindle, 52
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Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
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Robert & Vicky Cundiff, 40
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Jerry & Betty Rouse, 51
Robert & Paula Taul, 50
Thomas & Mary Thompson, 54
Edward & Thelma White, 53
Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro
Richard & Michele Belfiglio, 25
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Larry & Brenda Hayden, 40
Ronald & Karen Goetz, 40
James R. & Dorothy Schartung, 40
Leander & Janet Goff, 54
Charles L. & Ruth Adams, 51
Don & Jo Ann Augenstein, 56
Charles W. & Margaret Smith, 61
Charles & Lucy Adams, 54
James H. & Martha Clark, 65
William & Elizabeth Jane Cavin, 65
Joseph L. & Jean Yeand, 64
Bernard & Betty Blandford, 57
Clifford & Bettie Hall, 58
Resurrection, Dawson Springs
Norman & Imelda Thomas, 53
Sacred Heart, Russellville
Thomas & Judith Hoover, 50
Robert & Elizabeth Mason, 59
St. Agnes, Uniontown
Earl & Lynda Peters, 51
Bedford & Lynell Greenwell, 40
Greg & Nancy Girten, 25
Dwight & Alice Grundy, 40
St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
John M. & Louise Mulligan, 62
St. Ann, Morganfield
Greg & Dianna Buckman, 25
William & Debby Tapp, 40
Bruce & Sally Beaven, 40
Tommy & Margaret Clements, 56
Charles & Mary Lou Duncan, 53
James & Margie Smith, 52
St. Anthony, Axtel
Donald & Wanda Fell, 53
Dave & Joan Elder, 51
Frank, & Cathy Jones, 50
St. Anthony, Browns Valley
Charles & Karen Austin, 25
Wallace & Marge Howard, 53
St. Anthony, Peonia
Alfred & Allice Grant, 50
Glenn & Etta Pierce, 56
St. Augustine, Reed
James & Betty Davis, 58
St. Benedict, Wax
Calvin & LaConda Stasel, 25
St. Columba, Lewisport
Leo & Eileen Basham, 58
St. Elizabeth, Clarkson
Jerry & Beverly Mattingly, 40
John & Eula Gross, 52
St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
George & Joan Cooper, 56
John & Donna Trogolo, 56
Mike & Patricia Sullivan, 54
Cletus & Mary Ettensohn, 65
St. Henry, Aurora
Frank & Annette Sopcak, 61
William & Jean Roth, 54
Milton & Mable Keifer, 60
William & Pat Forster, 56
St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Thomas V. & Regina Jones, 50
Rudy & Judy Elliott, 58
Robert & Sara Elliott, 56
Bernard & Dolores Toon, 64
Albert Louis & Jane Toon, 58
Leo & Willene Thomas, 51
Joseph P. & Lois Burch, 60

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Marriage Celebrations for June

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St. Joseph, Bowling Green
Allen Dolores Dodd, 58
Adrienne & Alan Dieball, 53
St. Joseph, Leitchfield
Roger & Stella McClure, 40
St. Joseph, Mayfield
Maurice & Ursula Thompson, 50
Joseph & Jackie Skinner, 52
John & Inez Lee, 57
St. Lawrence, Philpot
Joseph & Faye Hughes, 53
Bob & Kay Henderson, 40
St. Leo, Murray
David & Clemencia Cignoni, 25
Steven & Helen Jezik, 74
James & Janice McAllister, 50
Charles & Henriella Montgomery, 53
Norman & Jorae Peiffer, 52
St. Mary, Franklin
Jesu's & Elsa Echipare, 25
Douglas & Joyce Alvey,56
St. Mary, LaCenter
Paul & Joan Holt, 50
Billy Don & Shirley Marshall, 60
St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
Alva & Joyce Merritt, 50
Herman & Edith Payne, 56
Sylvester Mary Higdon, 54
St. Martin, Rome
Preston & Barbara Fulkerson, 53
St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
David & Patti Bartley, 25
Bob & Margie Elder, 54
Robert & Linda Schwartz, 51
St. Michael, Oak Grove
Francois L. & Kim Y. Coulombe, 40
Francis P. & Harriett W. McDermott, 56
St. Paul, Leitchfield
Sherman Paul & Rita Cripps, 58
St. Peter, Waverly
Eddie & Rose French, 54
St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City
John & Jean Bailey, 59
Charlie & Jerretta Cash, 53
Shirley & Earl Henderson, 55
Joan & Dick Rosa, 61
George & Paula Humphreys, 25
Lou & Marilyn Stockbridge, 57
Merle & Marilyn Wysock, 55
St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro
Keith & Cathy Franey, 25
Dan & Robin Higdon, 25
Robert & Alice Freels, 40
Wm. Doug & Agnes Crowe, 59
Hugh & Therese Higdon, 60
St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
Beavin & Ginna Thornsberry, 60
Curtis & Susie Mattingly, 40
Greg & Sandra Hinton, 25
St. Sebastian, Calhoun
Richard Devins & Donna Dant, 25
Alvin & Betty Bickett, 60

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Michael & Karen Young, 25
Richard D. & Faye Booth, 50
James & Martha Crisp, 50
William E. & Dorothy Lanham, 50
Todd & Sarah Brock, 55
Don & Sharon Brown, 51
William J. & Helen Blandford, 65
Joseph A. & Olivia Murphy, 63
Frank & Moggie Riney, 40
J. R. & Jo Ann Roberts, 54
Maurice & Roberta Schaefer, 69
Leo & Melba Schemmel, 54
Paul & Dorothy Pearl, 61
William & Helen Blandford, 65
Paul & Betty Staples, 57
Joseph P. & Rose Bender, 59
St. Thomas More, Paducah
Richard & Annette Ellis, 25
James & Amy Harris, 25
Jim & Vicki Woods, 25
Jim & Marianne Potina, 40
Bill & Martha Cash, 51
James & Patsy Carroll, 53
John & Nancy Smith, 53
Frank & Marietta Alvey, 56
Bob & Cleo Higdon, 58
St. William, Knottsville
Ernie & Martha Payne, 54
Pat & Patricia Cecil, 50
Hugh Michael & Marie Payne, 40
Michael & Karen Young, 25
St. William, Marion
Paul & Shirley Manker, 54
Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro
Doug & Dorothy Hood, 50
Herbert & Martine Millay, 59
John & Bonnie Horn, 52
Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville
Jeffrey & Barbara Goulet, 25
Krancois & Kim Coulombe, 40
Robert & Ginger Kormelink, 51
Neil & Joan McGillivray, 51

Marriage Celebrations for July, 2011 - Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and over 50

Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Kenny & Patricia Hamilton, 25
Daniel & Dawn Johnson, 25
Bobby & Peggy Hicks, 45
Charles & Carol Hendricks, 50
Donald & Barbara Mattingly, 50
Paul & Jane Coomes, 50
Pal & James Fitzhugh, 58
William & Martha Hayden, 58
Omer & Lucy Harpe, Jr. 51
Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Herbert & Bernice Bertke, Jr. 53
Charles & Joan Collins, 52
James & Joyce Dant, 50
Wilfred & Mary Lois Hagan 60
Frank & Martha Hardesty, 50
Tom & Joni Hayden, 25
Wayne & Grace Mattingly 53
Tony & Andrea White, 25
Christ the King, Madisonville
John & Peggy LaMure, 54
Holy Cross, Providence
David & Beth Nall, 40
Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson
Joseph & Zelda Alvey, 56
Robert & Dorothy East, 69
Kirk & Tracey Hazelwood, 25
Bobby & Sue Liles, 57
Ricardo & Zenaida Maddela, 40
Mark A. & Eleanor Martin, 53
Paul & Ann Metzger, 25
Clarence & Kathy Osborne, 50
Charles & Mary Rose Shade, 59
Jimmy & Janice Williams, 40
Walter & Kathy Wolfe, 40
Holy Spirit, Bowling Green
Alan & Michelle Simpson, 25
Rick & Kathy Smith, 25
John & Judy Bates, 40
William & Judy Liscomb, 50
Robert & Monica Eversoll, 51
Gene & Peg Walschon, 58
Robert & Carole Lastufka, 57
Eugene & Gladys Faller, 60
Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro
Richard & Connie Trogden, 25
Eugene & Ruby Estes, 63
Joseph & Barbara Payne, 53
Donald E. & Mary Teresa Hayden, 54
Leonard J. & Patricia Norcia, 53
Anthony & Margaret Cox, 65
William J. & Laura Goins, 53
Precious Blood, Owensboro
Jim & Joyce Riney, 40
Victor & Carol Howard, 40
Sacred Heart, Waverly
Tommy & Marilyn Jenkins, 53
St. Agnes, Uniontown
Doug & Mary Girten, 56
Donald & Paulette Wolfe, 40
St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
Eugene & Dorothy Fleischmann, 53
St. Ambrose, Henshaw
Tom & Joan Stevenson, 40
St. Ann, Morganfield
Larry & Vicki Bickett, 40
Henry & Margaret Watson, 61
St. Anthony, Axtel
John & Wanda Lanham, 57
St. Anthony, Browns Valley
Gene & Pauline Wink, 52
St. Augustine, Reed
Walter & Kathy Wolfe, 40
St. Columba, Lewisport
Dan & Agnes Murphy, 40
Jim & Lillie Lanham, 54
St. Edward, Fulton
Conrad & Neva Antosiak, 65
St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
Louis & Janet Metzger, 61
St. Henry, Aurora
Ray & Pat Lents, 65
St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Steve & Connie O'Guinn, 25
Mike & Julia Ivie, 40
John & Joan Mills, 40
Emil & Dorothy Clazaretta, 50
Wm. Dewey & Mary Ruth Hobbs, 60
Raymond & Norma Thompson, 57
Will Ed & Charlene Mills, 53
Joseph E. & Marietta Spalding, 56
William J. & Donna Thomas, 56
Ross & Elizabeth Curtsinger, 66
St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Joe & Barbara Felts, Jr., 59
Dewain & Sara Gipson, 25
Wm. & Joann Taylor, 51
St. Joseph, Bowling Green
Jerry & Jodie Fulkerson, 65
James & Jodie Fulkerson, 65
William & Judith Liscomb, 50
Dan & Joan Martter, 40
Joseph & Patti Millea, 50
St. Martin, Rome
Al & Becky Buck, 25
St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro
Carl & Mary Evans, 40
B. Thomas & Carol Payne, 40
St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Gene M. & Nancy B. Clark, 59
Frank & Skippy Hayden, 62
David & Mary Lou Haycraft, 53
Gene M. & Nancy B. Clark, 59
Mills & Monika Logan, 53
Jerry & Barbara Huff, 40
Delbert & Margaret Mattingly, 67
George A. & Charlotte Hagan, 50
Ron & Denise Payne, 40
Charles & Lorraine Riccio, 25
Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro
Gerald & Debra Sims, Jr., 25
Michael E. & Helen Hardesty, 40
William & Carla Payne, 51
Fred & Joan Roberts, 57
Louis P. & Bertha Wedding, 62
Paul & Mary Hamilton, 54

Mr. & Mrs. Cinnamond

Bob And Sharrie Cinnamond on their wedding day, June 10, 1961.

Bob & Sharrie Cinnamond will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from 11AM to 4PM June 12 at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Whitesville, KY where a reception for friends and family is being hosted by their children.

The couple was married by the Rev. Patrick Kilfoil at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Evansville, IN on June 10, 1961. Attending the couple were Charlie Welp and Pam Broerman.

Bob & Sharrie have four children, 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Their daughters are Debbie (Gary) Hagan of Reynolds Station, Anne (Danny) Howard of Knottsville and Sue (Lee) Mills of Whitesville. Their son is Don Cinnamond of Philpot Ky. Bob & Sharrie have spent the last 39 years building the Kingdom of God through TEC, YES, REC, Cursillo, Koinonia, and Walk to Emmaus.

Bob And Sharrie Cinnamond today.

It's Sophia Award Nomination Time again!

By Ginny Knight-Simon, Coordinator of Wisdom

HENDERSON,Ky. - The Diocesan Sophia Award Celebration is scheduled for September 18, 2011 at Holy Name of Jesus Church in Henderson, Kentucky.

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

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

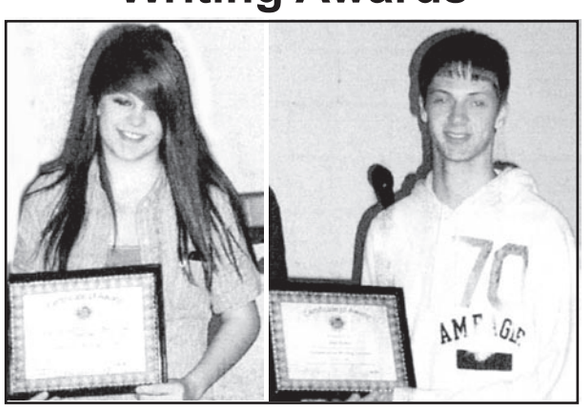
- The nominee must be 65 years of age or older.
- The nominee can be single, divorced, widowed, a priest or religious; married people can be nominated as couple or singularly.
- The nominee should be an outstanding example of their Catholic faith whether they are involved in (one or all) parish, community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

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

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

The Sophia Awards Mass Celebration will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 511 Second Street, Henderson, Kentucky, on Sunday September 18, 2011 at 2:30 in the afternoon. At that time the Bishop William Francis Medley will present each individual winning nominee a trophy. If you have questions please contact Ginny Knight-Simon at 270 683-1545.

Trinity High School Students Win Writing Awards



Trinity Lexi Aud and Max Bickett. THS Photos

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - Several Trinity High School students were recently recognized by the Daviess County Conservation District for their entries in the "Kentucky's Soil: All Hands In" writing contest. Max Bickett received first place in the county and school. Lexi Aud placed second place in county and school, and Jessica Beyke placed third in school. Students received cash prizes at the awards banquet on March 10, 2011. Mrs. Barb Huskisson received the Teacher Award, a $350 gift certificate for use at any Kentucky State Park.

Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon

You're Invited!

Come celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Spring Day of Wisdom on May 26th, 2011 at the Catholic pastoral Center, , 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, Kentucky. We will open with welcome and prayer. The remainder of the program will be filled with entertainment!

Bluegrass music: "Mystery guests;" Sing-a-long; and a special guest star; a Ventriloquist; Janie Jett Mason; And Jerry.

Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.; Program begins at 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Cost $6 which includes lunch. Please register by May 23rd.

For information call Ginny Knight-Simon @ 270-683-1545

This will be a great celebration. Hope to see you there!

2011 Spring Day of Wisdom Marks Our 15th Anniversary

It's hard to believe that 15 years have gone by since the Diocesan Office of Wisdom sponsored the first Spring Day of Wisdom on May 30, 1996.

The day of Wisdom is a diocesan event and is open to any senior citizen in the Diocese of Owensboro. In keeping with the national recognition of May as National Senior Citizen month, it was the perfect time to celebrate God's gift of years through a special day.

On Thursday May 30th, 1996, our first Wisdom Day program featured Dr. Jane Marie Thibault, Gerontologist, M.D. and author. Bishop John J. McRaith, and previous Diocesan Stewardship and Development Director, Tom Lilly were also on the program that started at 9:30 a.m. and ended at 4:15 p.m. You later told me the day needed to be shortened. I followed your advice. The focus was on the question, "Would we want to live to be 120 years old?" And we talked about the biblical story of Sarah and Abraham.

Over the years we've had presentations on life insurance, long term care insurance, funeral planning, and wills. We've learned about container gardening, what to do in weather related disasters, and how to recognize scams. We've been quizzed on our driving skills and myths about aging. We've exercised, sang songs, and prayed together. We've been serenaded by The Healing Harp, an old time fiddler, and a senior hand chime choir. We have seen videos about the people of the Diocese of Mandeville, fire safety, auto safety and The Red Cross. We've been entertained by comedians, storytellers, and a naturalist. We've heard from many wonderful speakers who have left us with enriching spiritual messages. And, we've shared our own stories of fun, sadness, adventure and faith, too.

The Spring Day of Wisdom has been so successful that we are into our fifth year of Fall Wisdom Days in Paducah each year on a day in October or November.

I hope you will make some time and come celebrate the 15th anniversary celebration of Wisdom Day on May 26th, 2011 at the Catholic Pastoral Center. Please make your reservations early. This program will be filled with entertainment, fun and a few "unexpected" guests. If you have never attended Wisdom Day in the past – this is the time to start! A wonderful time is guaranteed!

High School Basketball Coaches Needed

Trinity High School in Whitesville, Ky. Is accepting applications for the positions of Head Coach, Boy's Basketball and Head Coach, Girl's Basketball. These are both nonteaching positions. Interested applicants please mail a resume with cover letter to Coach, Trinity High School, 10510 Main Cross Street, Whitesville, Ky. 42378

Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov

George Takei and Patty Duke Join Forces to Tell Americans to Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov Using Social Security's Online Services Are So Easy "Even Kirk Could Do It" Cyberspace: the final frontier. These are the voyages of George Takei and Patty Duke. Their mission: to seek out baby boomers and people of all ages and tell them to Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov

Entertainment icons George Takei and Patty Duke have teamed up to tell Americans to Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov to apply for retirement, disability, Medicare, and so much more. The two celebrities are joining forces in a new campaign to help the Social Security Administration promote its online services as an easy and secure way for people to do business with the agency.

"Social Security has a great website and the top-rated online services in the U.S.," said Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security. "We now have a fun new way to get the word out. Having George join forces with Patty will help us reach the millions of people who can take advantage of this convenient way of doing business with Social Security. Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov to plan for your retirement and to apply online so that you too may live long and prosper." "Won't filing for Social Security benefits online be confusing?" George asks Patty in one of eight new commercials. "It's simple and easy," Patty assures George. "It's so easy, even Kirk could do it." Those ready to retire, apply for disability benefits, or delay retirement and apply only for Medicare, can do so from the comfort of their home or from any computer. Two million people took advantage of Social Security's convenient online benefit applications last year. People already receiving Social

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• The Barren River Area Development District is sponsoring a **Healthy Aging Conference on May 25th, 2011** at the Carroll Knicely Center in Bowling Green, KY. Registration is free, but is limited to the first 250 participants. The conference is designed for seniors and caregivers to attend educational sessions, visit vendors, and have screenings to learn more about how to stay healthy. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

• **Purchase Area Senior Games May 9-13, 2011.** Call 1-877-352-5183 for information and registration form or go to the Purchase Area Development District's Website, www.purchaseadd.org/aging for a complete schedule of events and a registration form..

• Green River Area Development District **Senior Games** Call Leslie Wilson at 800-928-9094 for more information or email her at lesliewilson@gradd.com You may download the entire schedule of events and registration form at www.gradd.com

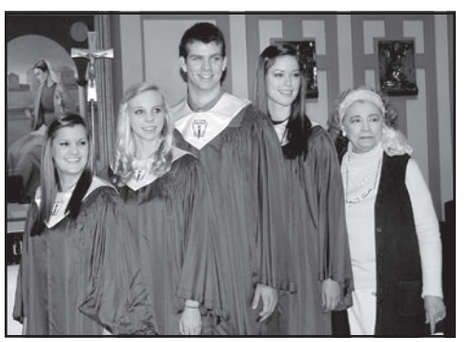
• **Senior Health & Activity Festival.** Wednesday, May 18, 2011 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Panther Creek Park, 5160 Wayne Bridge Road, Owensboro,Ky. Total Fee: $3.00. No fee if you participate in any other games listed.

• **Bowling**. Thursday, May 19, 2011 10:00 a.m., Diamond Lanes South, 410 Carlton Drive,Owensboro, Ky. Total Fee: $11.00. Includes 3 games, shoes and GRRSG registration fee.

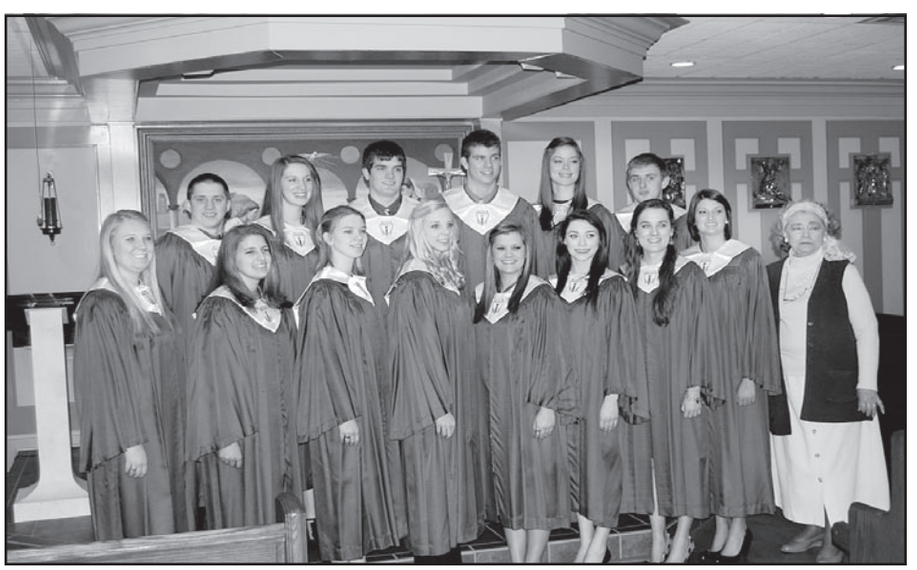
• **Track and Field.** Saturday, June 11, 2011 9:00 a.m. at Daviess County High School, 4255 New Hartford Road, Owensboro, Ky. Total Fee: $3.00. Must bring own javelin.

St. Mary High School National Honor Society Inducts New Members

PADUCAH,Ky. - Thursday, March 10, 2011 - The senior officers of the Saint Mary High School National Honor Society inducted the members of the junior class who met St. Mary High School guidelines. The Honor Society allows students to enter based upon their outstanding performance in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Students are required to have a 3.75 grade point average, show service to community without compensation, show positive leadership, and be of good character.



The Saint Mary High School Junior class members inducted - back row - L to R – Luke Meredith, Jimmy Harris, Paul DeNeve, Drew Shever, Andy Clark; front row – Alexa Brandon, Michae Word, Cynthia Maglasang, Mary Farrell, Emily Ebelhar, Rachael Guess, and Abby Powell.



In the picture at upper left, Saint Mary High School National Honor Society 2011 officers – L to R – treasurer, Danielle Dome', secretary – Peyton Vaughn, vice president – George Smith; president – Sarah Hendley; teacher/sponsor – Ms. Laura Lambert

In the picture at left, Saint Mary High School Senior NHS members – back row – L to R – Sam Whittaker, Jessica Jones, Evan Bickerstaff, George Smith, Sarah Hendley, Taylor Weitlauf; front row – Sydney Edwards, Alana Miller, Coleen Spoden, Peyton Vaughn, Danielle Dome', Alessandra Mayo, Ellen Ebelhar, Morgan Bucher, Ms. Laura Lambert Photos submitted by Missy Eckenberg

Parish Interviews Ursuline Sisters About School's Story for 125th Anniversary

Sts. Joseph and Paul Church in Owensboro, Ky., is celebrating its 125th anniversary in the coming year, and is collecting memories from people involved in the former St. Joseph and St. Paul parishes and schools. On March 12, five members of the parish – Lavida Mischel, Kathy Mischel, Braun (Brownie) Mischel, John Wells and his wife Laura Wells came to the Saint Ursula Community Room at the Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse to record stories of the Ursuline Sisters who went to school at the parish or who taught there.

Present were former students Sister Catherine Marie Lauterwasser, Sister Philomena Cox, and Sister Emma Cecilia Busam, who also later taught at the school; and former teachers Sister Jean Madeline Peake, Sister Lennora Carrico, Sister Frances Miriam Spalding, Sister Clarita Browning, and Sister Ann Patrice Cecil. Sister Eileen Howard stopped by for a little while, she was a music minister at the parish in the mid-1980s. Unable to attend were former teacher Sister Jane Miriam Hancock, and former student Sister Melissa Tipmore.

Ground was broken for St. Paul Church on July 6, 1887. In 1948, it was announced that St. Paul and St. Joseph churches – which were across the street from each other, one initially a German church, the other Irish – would merge. "Though the anniversary date is one from St. Paul's parish, we are also celebrating the roots of St. Joseph Parish," said Lavida Mischel, chairwoman of the anniversary committee.

The church in downtown Owensboro will kickoff the anniversary year July 10 by sharing some of the memories gathered with parishioners. In July 2012, the parish is planning a huge celebration, "inviting all those who have helped make our parish and faith family what it is today -- including the sisters and past priests," Mischel said.

Included in the anniversary celebration will be a book of photo memories s that Mischel is working on. She is gathering pictures through August, with the plan for the book to be done by early 2012. The church recently replaced the slate on its steeple with copper, and is selling the more than 100-year-old slate for a fund-raiser.

Above, John Wells, a member of the Joseph and Paul anniversary committee, speaks with the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph about their experiences teaching at Sts. Joseph and Paul School. The committee is gathering information for the church's 125th anniversary in 2012.

At left, Sister Clarita Browning, center, relays a memory of her year teaching at Sts. Joseph and Paul School, 1950-51, as Sister Philomena Cox, left, and Sister Lennora Carrico listen. Sister Philomena was taught by Sister Lennora at St. Joseph High School in the 1940s.

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

Submitted by Jeff Hedges

OWENSBORO,Ky. - The Diocese of Owensboro Catholic Committee on Scouting recently celebrated its annual Religious Emblems Awards Mass with Bishop William F. Medley at St. Pius Tenth Catholic Church in Owensboro, KY. Bishop Medley presented religious awards to 15 Girl Scouts and 35 Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Girl Scouts receiving the "Marian Medal" were Kelly Word, Makenzie Rose Garland, Alexis Wagner, Olivia Romero, Grace Babbs, Alexandra Goreing and Tabetha Sisk. Earning the "International Awareness Emblem" were Jessica Blanton, Katie Elder, Selena Elder, Nicole Smith, Elizabeth Abreu, Jennifer Armstrong, Tara Magee, Sara Neihoff and Michael Armstrong. Cub Scouts receiving the "Light of Christ Award" were Noah Brooks, Hayden Clark, Kaleb Daugherty, Joseph Fusco, Thomas Gonzalez, Kyle Joiner, Matthew Murphy, Malcolm Reynolds and Russell Tichenor. Webelos Scouts receiving the "Parvuli Dei Award" were Gabe Russell, Robert Fowler, Lucas Adkins, Cory Benson, Luke Johnson, Alex Wheeler, Cory Wilson, Andrew Edwards, Brandon Ballard, Jarred Deno, Javier Gaynor, James Haynes, Logan Jones, Spencer Osborne, Noah Brooks, Andrew Wood, Louis Scott, Conner Sheehan and Jarod Ballengee. Boy Scouts receiving the "Ad Altare Dei Award" were Joseph Galipeau and Chris Miller. The "Pope Pius XII Award" was earned by Chase Ledford and Alexander Miller.

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

Saints Peter and Paul Pastor to Transfer after Sabbatical

By Dawn C. Ligibel

It's certainly not unusual for a Roman Catholic parish to experience the transfer of their pastor; even a beloved pastor such as Fr. John Thomas of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. It may not even been highly unusual for a parish to experience its pastor taking a sabbatical to further his education. How often, however, does such a transition take place at the same time?

After serving at Sts. Peter and Paul for eight years, Fr. Thomas will become the pastor of Christ the King parish in Madisonville. First, however, he will be on sabbatical for nearly three months continuing his education. "I requested the sabbatical," Fr. Thomas admitted. "I did not request the transfer," he quickly added with a laugh. "However, it is part of the job," he conceded.

Although Fr. Thomas knew of both his sabbatical and transfer for some time before it became public knowledge, he struggled with the best way to announce his departure to his parishioners. "I knew what I had to say, but I wasn't certain how to introduce the topic until during that first Mass on Saturday evening," Fr. Thomas recalled. "During the Liturgy of the Word, it's not uncommon for me to look at the altar. It was then that I saw the step and knew how I would lead into the announcement," he explained.

While standing before his congregation on Saturday, March 26, Fr. Thomas told a story of when he first came to Sts. Peter and Paul. "After presiding at Mass for the first time, an elderly parishioner came up to me and said I looked like John the Baptist's head on a platter standing behind the altar," he recalled with a laugh. "I ordered the construction of that four and a half inch step that very day," he continued.

"Well, it's time to remove the step," he announced. "The bishop has notified me that I am to be transferred." At each Mass that weekend, when Fr. Thomas uttered those eleven words, a clear and audible gasp resounded throughout the church. He then went on to explain about the sabbatical which would require his earlier than normal departure.

As is typical of his style when dealing with change, Fr. Thomas focused on the positive. "Fr. Baker was here for fourteen years. He did many wonderful things and touched many people during that time.

Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville for eight years, who left on sabbatical on April 27, will be the pastor of Christ the King parish upon his return. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

But I can tell you, the very first time I processed down this aisle, I touched people he couldn't touch. And you know what? In June, another priest is going to process down this aisle for the first time and he will touch hearts I couldn't reach. That is the beauty and grace of a transfer and God's grace is enough."

While there may never be a "good" time to transfer or even take a sabbatical, his leaving just before the first of May saddened many parishioners, particularly parents of children receiving sacraments this month. As in many parishes, May is a busy month. Significant events such as First Communion, Confirmation, Eighth Grade Graduation and a Graduation Mass honoring the parish's high school graduates are among the many events Fr. Thomas will miss due to the timing of his sabbatical. "In addition to that, there are three weddings I will not be able to perform because I'll be on sabbatical," he added.

"There is never a good time to take a sabbatical," Fr. Thomas explained. "Since there are so many things that come into play when scheduling a sabbatical, you pretty much have to go when they schedule you," he added, explaining that the diocesan office handles the scheduling of sabbaticals for priests in the diocese.

The first portion of Fr. Thomas' sabbatical will take him to Menlo Park, California, where he will study at St. Patrick's seminary for six weeks. Upon completion of that portion of his continuing education, he will then travel to San Antonio, Texas, to take part in a total immersion course in Spanish. "I will not be learning conversational Spanish," Fr. Thomas explained. "I will be learning liturgical Spanish. Hopefully after completing that course I will no longer call the Pope a potato," Fr. Thomas said with a laugh recalling a time when he did just that during a Spanish Mass. Upon returning to Kentucky, he will then assume his role as Pastor of Christ the King.

Fr. John Thomas (center) leaves Sts. Peter and Paul parish in the capable hands of his two associate pastors, Fr. Uwem Enoh (left) and Fr. Jose Carmelo Jimenez (right) for six weeks while he is on sabbatical. On June 14, the parish will welcome their new pastor, Fr. Richard Meredith. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Although their pastor will not be present for six weeks before their new pastor arrives, Sts. Peter and Paul parishioners are very fortunate to have two associate pastors. "Most likely one of them will be acting pastor during that time frame," Fr. Thomas predicted. Fr. Jose Carmelo Jimenez has been at Sts. Peter and Paul for nearly five years and Fr. Uwem Enoh was assigned to Sts. Peter and Paul after being ordained a priest May of last year.

Fr. Thomas assured his parishioners that they will like their new pastor, Fr. Richard Meredith. Fr. Meredith has been pastor of St. Pius X Parish in Owensboro since 2000. "He is different than me, but he is good," Fr. Thomas concluded.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish Wraps Up First Scripture Study Session

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

The Foundations in Faith adult catechesis program at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville wrapped up its first scripture study session on Thursday, March 31, 2011, with a potluck dinner, reflections on the importance of scripture study, and a trivia game. The first study, which covered the Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus, began early in February. The materials used where purchased from Little Rock Scripture Study.

For the wrap-up celebration, participants gathered in the parish hall. Each small study group was asked to bring enough food to feed their group which was then shared with all those who attended. As with most potluck dinners, there was plenty of food to share and plenty to spare.

75 members of Sts. Peter and Paul parish attended a wrap-up celebration after completing the first session of scripture study. As part of the parish's Foundations in Faith adult catechesis program, approximately 160 parishioners studied the Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus since early February. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

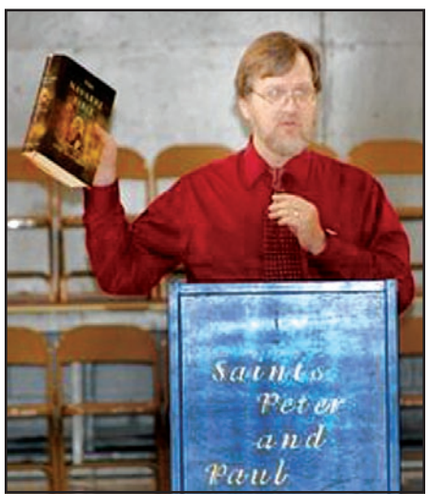
Following dinner and dessert, everyone gathered on and in front of the stage for a group photograph. "I would like to document with photographs those who participate in each study," said Dr. William Sweet, coordinator of the Foundations in Faith program.

Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, then spoke for a few minutes about the importance of not only reading scripture, but sharing scripture with one another. "God's Word is meant to be read aloud. It is meant to be proclaimed," Fr. Thomas explained. "When we proclaim God's Word with one another, we grow closer to Him and to one another," he added.

Sweet took a few moments to review ways to establish personal prayer time and personal study time in one's life. He also offered several resources the participants can use to continue their personal study until the second scripture study begins shortly after Easter.

Missy Craft, another member of the core leadership team, gave a short talk entitled "Remain in Me." Reading from John 15:1-11, Craft emphasized verse seven. "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you," she quoted. Her message was clear. "The way to remain in Him is to remain in the Word," she concluded.

The evening was essentially concluded with a trivia game which was used to review the material studied in the first session. Questions and answers were provided by each small study group. While the intent of the game was to review the material, the tone of the game was purely fun. With questions ranging from "How much does 100 pounds of myrrh and aloes weigh?" to "What were the names of Simon of Cyrene's sons?" the group enjoyed the good natured competition.



Dr. William Sweet, coordinator of the Foundations in Faith adult catechesis program at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, reviewed materials that can be used for personal scripture study during a wrap-up celebration held in the parish hall on Thursday, March 31, 2011. The parish plans to begin its second study session shortly after Easter. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Shortly after Easter, participants of the Foundations in Faith program will begin the second scripture session covering the Acts of the Apostles. The program is once again using materials purchased from Little Rock Scripture Study.

Sister Helen Hermreck, OSU, 87, Died March 27, 2011

Maple Mount — Sister Helen Hermreck, 87, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died March 27 at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 72nd year of religious life. She was a native of Scipio, Kan.

Sister Helen was an Ursuline Sister of Paola, Kan., until the merger of that community with Mount Saint Joseph in 2008. She was a joyful, always gracious woman, who loved to read and to be outside enjoying nature.

She was a teacher in Paola and Kansas City, Kan., Bartlesville, Okla., and in or near Sacramento, Calif. She was novice director for her community (1957-63) and was executive director of the Lakemary Center for those with special needs from 1968-69. She served in pastoral ministry in Placerville, Calif., from 1980 until her retirement in 2005. She moved to the Mount Saint Joseph Motherhouse in 2009.

Survivors include three sisters, Fran Dennis, of Chester, Calif., Edith Foster, of Anderson, Calif., and Rose Perisot, of Chico, Calif.; her brother Everett Hermreck of Citrus Heights, Calif.; nieces and nephews and the members of her religious community. The funeral Mass was held March 30, at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the Motherhouse cemetery. Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, handled arrangements.

Gifts in memory of Sister Helen may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

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Security benefits can go online to let Social Security know about a change of address or phone number, start or change direct deposit, get a proof of income letter, or replace a lost Medicare card.

Social Security's website "is for everyone," Patty tells George in another spot. Workers can get an online estimate of their future retirement benefits and use Social Security's planners to plan for a secure retirement. In addition, Patty says, "Young people can help their grandparents with retiring online or getting extra help with their Medicare prescription drug costs." To which George concludes, "Everyone, of all ages, should go to www.socialsecurity.gov." Social Security's online services not only provide a convenient option for the public, they are a lifeline for the agency in a time of fast growing workloads as baby boomers begin retiring in record numbers and millions more need Social Security's services due to the economic downturn.

To learn more about Social Security's online services and to view the new George Takei and Patty Duke public service announcements, Boldly Go to http://www.socialsecurity.gov/boldlygo/index1.html. Like George, you may find yourself saying, "Oh my!"

Sp.A.C.E. Asks Better Inclusion Of Persons With Disabilities In Parish Life

Sp.ecial A.postolic C.atholic E.vangelizers (Sp.A.C.E.) group giving a testimony. Submitted by Sister Audrey Mary, Sister of the Lamb of God

OWENSBORO, Ky. - They came from as far away as Fort Campbell, Fordsville, Bowling Green, Aurora. Representatives from more than 20 parishes and the Newman Center of Murray, gathered at The Immaculate Parish Family Center on Saturday, March 19th. What was it that drew them together? It was their concern for a better inclusion of persons with disabilities in total parish life. All benefited from a five-hour workshop on "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors." Dick Murphy and the Diocesan committee for persons with disabilities provided an agenda for the day with much variety and hands on experiences. The day's work culminated with the opportunity for participants to role-play situations in which a person with a disability or their family member approaches the parish advocate and the advocate has to deal with the challenge with the pastor. Those participating are looking forward to sharing with fellow parishioners this new ministry and to be open hearts to those with special needs in order that each parish may truly be one family.

Saints Peter and Paul Parish Welcomes New Music Director

By Dawn C. Ligibel

After several inquiries and one other visit from potential music directors, Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville has hired a new Music Director for the parish who will also serve as music teacher for the school. Rich Barnett, who likes to be called Mr. B by the school children, begins at the parish on May 1.

When Barnett visited the parish and school on Friday, March 18, he played both the organ and the keyboard throughout the all-school Mass that morning. At the beginning of Mass, Fr. John Thomas, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, introduced Barnett who was warmly welcomed by the congregation. At the conclusion of Mass, Fr. Thomas asked the school children, "Should we keep him, or send him back to New Jersey?" Before Fr. Thomas could complete his sentence, the entire congregation cheered and clapped to drown out the remainder of Fr. Thomas' question.

Because Barnett wasn't able to stay in Hopkinsville for more than that day, he requested that all the children from the school be retained in the church immediately following Mass. After walking to the front of the church and without saying a word, Barnett simply clapped his hands in a rhythm. Clap, clap…clap, clap, clap. The children, from pre-school through eighth grade, immediately responded in kind.

Barnett then proceeded to teach the children a fun song while touching his toes, knees, chest and head while singing "Tony Chestnut." The children delighted in trying to keep time with Mr. B. Likewise, Barnett was impressed with the students' enthusiasm and attentiveness. "The kids were great," he commented later in the day.

Before leaving the church, Fr. Thomas said quietly to Barnett, "Watch this." At that time, only the eighth grade children and their teacher remained in the church. Upon ringing the bell to signal Fr. Thomas was preparing to repose the Blessed Sacrament, the children and the teacher immediately dropped to their knees as a show of respect. "Wow. That was impressive," Barnett said after the Blessed Sacrament was reposed.

Following the time Barnett spent with the school children, Fr. Thomas commented, "I'm sold. Now it's simply a matter of whether or not he wants to work here." Fr. Thomas added that he had been communicating with Barnett for more than a month by phone and e-mail prior to the visit.

Rich Barnett, music director for the parish and music teacher for the school at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, sang a song (involving many hand gestures and body movements) with sixth grade students on March 18, 2011, that he had taught them earlier in the day following the all-school Mass. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

After interviewing with Fr. Thomas and two other parish members for nearly two hours, Barnett was given a tour of the school. Stopping in each classroom, the children greeted Barnett warmly and expressed their hope that he would become their music teacher.

Barnett, who has had much experience working with children, looks forward to teaching the children at Sts. Peter and Paul. "We are really excited to have a music teacher at the school," exclaimed Sarah Kranz, Principal of Sts. Peter and Paul School. "But even more, we are excited to have a children's choir. He plans to begin that process with a free, two-week summer camp. God has truly blessed us," Kranz said.

In addition to working with the school children, Barnett plans to build a music program for the entire parish. "I have every confidence that Rich will fully develop a music program for this parish," said Fr. Thomas. "He plans to increase the size and reach of the choir. He will train and encourage cantors of all ages, and he will educate the parish about the significance of music in the celebration of the liturgy," Fr. Thomas concluded.

May 7, 2011

National Day of Prayer for Vocations in the Black Community

National Black Catholic Seminarians Association

The second National Day of Prayer for Vocations in the Black Catholic Community will commemorate the 125th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Father Augustus Tolton, the first recognized Black priest in the United States. A convergence of local communities sharing a common prayer intention, the National Day of Prayer for Vocations in the Black Catholic Community exemplifies the relational dynamics of the Church—social and spiritual.

We invite Catholic Communities across the country - parishes, schools, Newman centers, Seminarians, Knights and Ladies of Peter Clave, Knights of Columbus, and others - to prayerfully consider participating in the National Day of Prayer for Vocations in the Black Community. There are several ways communities and individuals can join us in prayer: Mass Intention; Holy Hour; Rosary, General Intercession, Youth /Young Adult Activities.

For more information contact: nbcseminarians@gmail.com

A Special Day for the Lovely Women of Wisdom at Blessed Sacrament Chapel

OWENSBORO,Ky. - Sunday, February 13, 2011 was a special day for the lovely Women of Wisdom at Blessed Sacrament Chapel. These women are a guiding light to the parish for their years of dedicated stewardship. Honorees included: Gloria Adams, Rose Chapman, Dorothy Fulton, Jean Higgs, Georgia Holland, Maggie Howard, Elizabeth Johnson, Louise Johnson, Frances Johnson, Sister Joella, Sister Angela, Joyce Moorman, Loretta Wathen, Bernice Williams and Shelby Webster. The women of the parish, including "little" women, planned and prepared a lovely tea to celebrate the gifts these women have been to us all. We want to acknowledge their part in our parish development:

Gloria Adams served as pastoral associate at Blessed Sacrament until 2003. She is a Sunday lector and works at the annual picnic, Thanksgiving dinner, and various fundraisers.

Rose Chapman works at our annual picnics, helps at funeral meals and annual Thanksgiving dinner.

Jean Higgs is an unofficial greeter for all visitors to Blessed Sacrament, making everyone feel welcome and part of our parish family. She works at the annual picnic and various fundraisers and has been in the choir.

Georgia Holland frequently volunteers in parish activities and can be counted on to make phone contacts for the parish. While she lives in Rockport, Indiana, she makes Blessed Sacrament her faith community home. She volunteered with the free tax service at Blessed Sacrament. Maggie Howard was unable to attend the tea. She has been active in kitchen activities for fundraisers.

Elizabeth Johnson is actively involved in parish activities, helping with activities at the parish hall. She volunteered with the tax program and is an usher.

Frances Johnson ministers to the parish weekly as a member of the choir and also tabulates the church collections after mass each Sunday. During the annual picnic she spends the week coordinating kitchen activities in preparation for the big event.

Sister Joella is a wonderful new addition to the Blessed Sacrament Parish. Our celebration of the Mass is greatly enriched by her musical talent as organist. She has helped every choir member to grow in their musical abilities. The parish is very grateful for all that she does to enrich our lives.

Sr. Angela is graciously involved with parish activities.

Joyce Moorman is a dedicated member of Blessed Sacrament. She has worked as a catechist, supports all parish fundraisers especially the annual picnic.

Bernice Williams, an octogenarian at Blessed Sacrament, is an inspiration to everyone with her contributions to parish life. She can be found in the kitchen during luncheons, Thanksgiving dinner, and the annual picnic. She has been a catechist and works during spring and fall break activities at the parish for our young people.

Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson and Dorothy Fulton actively participate in fundraising activities such as garage sales and the annual picnic. They help prepare and serve funeral meals and the annual Thanksgiving dinner.

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Saint John The Evangelist Parish

Confirmation was held on Sunday, March 6, 2011, at St. John the Evangelist Church near Paducah, Ky. From left Fr. Tom Buckman, Gracen Wheat, Alexis Wagner, Bp Medley, Miranda Meier, Autumn Sturm, Makenzie Garland, Jon Darnell, Katie Gipson, Alexandra Durbin, Bradley West, Paul Deneve, Alex Miller and Zeke Wheat,and Father Frank Roof. Photo Submitted by Gwen Taylor, DRE.

38 Brescia and Catholic High Students Co-Sponsor Owensboro Daviess County HFH House #95

By Mel Howard

Owensboro-Daviess County Habitat for Humanity's (HFH) goal is to build six houses in 2011. When the Daviess County chapter finishes the sixth house the local chapter will have built 100 new homes intended for low-income families or individuals..

Virginia Braswell, the local Habitat's executive director, said last year's builds came together better than expected. The organization planned to build three houses, but wound up doing six, with an additional three renovations. "The Lord just blesses us," Braswell said.

After an opening moment of thanksgiving and petition led by Virginia Braswell who starts every build with prayer, Habitat House #95 got under construction at 2314 W. Ninth St. in early March with HFH chapters from Brescia University and Owensboro Catholic High School students volunteering for that build. The students and HFH workers met on March 19, the feast of Saint Joseph The Builder, to put up the outside stud walls.

Mrs. Bev Howard, OCHS counselor and faculty adviser for the school's Habitat chapter, led by junior Stephanie Dooper, brought about a dozen OCHS students to work with about the same number of Brescia students showing up with Dr. John Marvin, Brescia's sponsor. All wore bright green construction helmets and brought hammers.

Father Larry Hostetter, Brescia University president, offered a prayer of blessing for the site, the work, and the lunch on March 19, invoking the help of Saint Joseph The Builder for the construction work.

Just as Saint Joseph helped Jesus learn his carpentry and building trade, the volunteers connected with HFH enlisted by AmeriCorps VISTA, the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty, showed the students how to nail together a stud wall, lining up the boards as marked by a carpenter, then hammering 16-penny nails to put the walls together. Americorps volunteer George Pettigrew directed the students which were mostly young women which boards to carry to the job, started nails in the boards, and then stood back as the students finished hammering the nails. The air rang all morning long with the clanging of hammers on nail heads. Amazingly, only one girl got a scraped knee from tripping on a board this day. In Build #95, the Habitat For Humanity model of constructing affordable housing for those who apply and qualify was a wondrous synergy of leaders and volunteers as each stayed focused on what was happening around them and being ready to work when called. Interesting, no one got in anyone else's way; the Americorps volunteers insisted on safety first in every movement, and acting as a part of a team. It is a good method and makes for wonderful new homes for HFH applicants.

A Lot of Work, But Many Hands

Owensboro Catholic and Brescia University began building walls on Habitat House #95 on the feast of St. Joseph the Builder, Mar. 19,2011, and will continue working until the house is completed. Many hands will be needed to complete this house. Mel Howard Photo

Front Row (Left to right): Dolores Kiesler, Katie Westerman, Austin McReynolds; Second Row (Left to right): Carla Crespo, Audrey Popham, Krystal Lucas, Emily Gatton, President of Brescia's habitat chapter, Virginia Braswell, Director of Owensboro Habitat for Humanity, Sr. Pam Mueller; Back row (Left to right): Chelsea McFarland, LeAnne Myers, David Ruiz, Dr. John Marvin, Associate Professor of Chemistry. and Fr. Larry Hostetter. Photo by Tina Kasey

The Owensboro Catholic High School chapter of Habitat For Humanity working on Build #95 in Owensboro are in the picture at left, from left to right: Stephanie Dooper, chapter president, Tessa Holcomb, Hadley Shepherd, Emma Miller, Stephanie Hayden, Katie Brown, Henley McCormack, Audrey Castlen, Ann-Claude Rakotoniaina, Cassidy Clark, Regann Boothe, OCHS Counselor and Habitat chapter sponsor Bev Howard. Not pictured was Luke Robertson who had to leave for work. Mel Howard Photo

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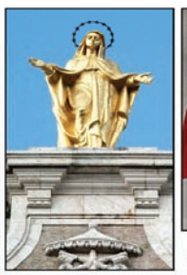

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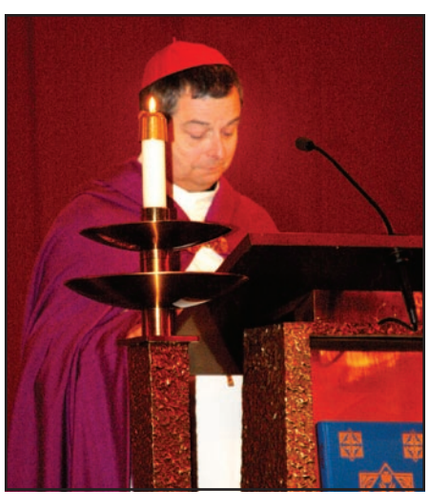
Diocese Hosts First Prayer for Protection and Healing April 11 in Cathedral

By Mel Howard

OWENSBORO,Ky. - Bishop William Medley presided at a Prayer for Protection and Healing April 11 in St. Stephen Cathedral. In its ongoing commitment to protect children, the Diocese of Owensboro plans to acknowledge Child Abuse Prevention Month in April by hosting an annual prayer service at alternate locations in the diocese. This year's event at St. Stephen Cathedral was open to the public to join with Bishop William Medley in prayer for those harmed by physical, emotional, or sexual abuse that they may find healing and that faith communities everywhere continue their efforts to protect the children under their care.

The Diocese of Owensboro strengthened its safety policies for youth in response to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, and that process continues. The Diocese of Owensboro continues to seek healing for those who have been sexually abused, especially those whose abuse was caused by those in positions of trust within the Church.



Bishop William Medley paused a moment to gather his thoughts just before ending his April 11 homily: "Go in Peace." Mel Howard Photo

About a hundred people came to the Cathedral the evening of April 11 to pray that those harmed by physical, emotional, or sexual abuse may find healing through the Catholic community's loving response and that faith communities in this diocese may effectively protect the children under our care.

Many phrases of the hymns, readings, prayers, and homily carried strong meanings and resonated in the mind: "...my soul is deprived of peace and I've forgotten what hope is ...," "...encounter people in the depths of despair..," "wormwood and gall ...," "we were all baptized into one Body ...," "...speak, Lord, your servant is listening ...," " ...come to realize the unspoken pain of child abuse ...," "... for children assaulted...," "...for those who find themselves unable to trust...," "for those who cannot love...," "Come, open your heart! Show your mercy to those in fear!" "...heal the brokenness in all victims of abuse ..." "insure that the past won't repeat ..." "I will give you rest ..." "... how long? ... until the end of the ages."

Bishop Medley ended the prayer with the final phrase, "Go in Peace."

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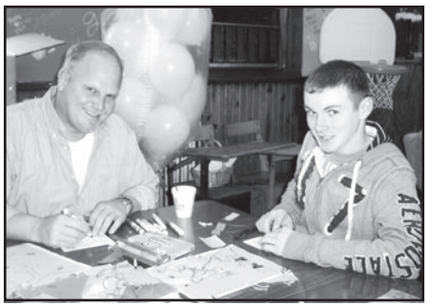
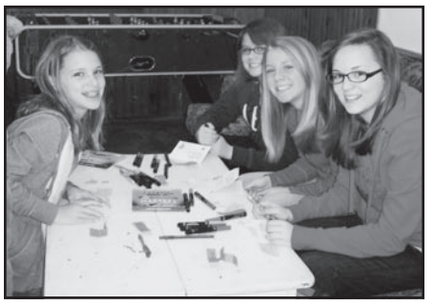
Change of Meeting Site

In order to be accessible to more people throughout the diocese, Pilgrims of Hope is rotating its meeting site. We will meet in the Parish Hall at St. Ann's Parish in Morganfield. If you are interested in discovering more about Pilgrims of Hope, please join us at one of our meetings. Our next meeting will be Saturday, May 21, from 1-3 pm. Come share your gifts in service to our Jamaican brothers and sisters.

Nancy Wilson Retirement Reception May 22

St. Joseph Catholic School in Mayfield will be hosting a retirement reception for Nancy Wilson on May 22nd after the 10:30 Sunday mass. All friends, colleagues, former students, parents, and parishioners are invited to attend. We would love to have a large turnout to wish Nancy a happy retirement and to thank her for all her years of dedication to St,Joseph Catholic School. A reception will be held in the St.Joseph Parish Center.





Celebrations at Saint Alphonsus

• Top Left, Saint Alphonsus Parish in Saint Joseph, Ky. catechist Marty Clouse helps Caleb Murphy, right, prepare prayer cards for First Communion Class.

• Top Right, Students Allie Schadler, from left, and Emma Clements, Brittany Boyle, Brittany Clouse preparing prayer cards.

• At left, On the weekend of March 5-6, eleven youth from Saint Elizabeth, Curdsville, and St. Alphonsus received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Father Ray Goetz is pictured with First Communicants, sisters Alexis and Abby Thompson.

• In the group First Communion picture with catechists Kim Howard and Angie Green are Gus Lattus, Jenna Glenn, Thomas Clouse, Maddy Calhoun, Ben Armour, MacKenzie Green, Carson Millay, Haley Thompson, and Joseph Murphy. Photos submitted by Carol Rummage

An Invitation for a Service Trip with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth to Belize

BELIZE - The Sisters of Charity have been serving in this small country in Central America since 1975. In 1999 Sr. Maggie Cooper, a native of Owensboro and former Coordinator of the Ministry Program at Brescia University, joined others in ministry there. She serves as Liaison Administrator of Loyola Institute for Ministry Extension Program where church and school leaders can receive a Master's degree in either Religious Education or Pastoral Studies. Sister is also Coordinator of the Ministry Resource Teams for the Diocese.

Sr. Maggie is one of seven Sisters of Charity stationed in Belize. The others serve in various positions: President of Catholic Public Schools, physical therapist for an agency who works with children with special needs, a social worker and pastoral minister working to develop resources for impoverished neighborhoods, a nurse who works with children with HIV/Aids, and another SCN who serves as a youth minister in a village.

If you have an interest in a short service trip to Belize, the SCN Lay Mission Volunteer Program, sponsored by the Sisters of Charity, invites you to link with them and Hand in Hand Ministries, to build a house for an economically poor family in Belize. These trips are made two times a year to Belize. Others short trips are sponsored for service in Mexico, Appalachia and New Orleans. If you have an interest, call Sr. Luke Boiarski at 502-348-1581 or e-mail her at lukescn@scnazarethky.org.

Maggie Cooper, SCN, third from right front, celebrated her Golden Jubilee in Belize City, Belize on August 28, 2010. SCN Belize Photo

OCHS Athletic Director, David Blanford, Named Regional AD of the Year

OWENSBORO,Ky. - David Blanford, OCHS Athletic Director, has been named the 3rd Region Athletic Director of the Year. David will be recognized on April 27 at the State AD Conference during the opening session. He will receive a plaque recognizing this achievement.

David has been OCHS Athletic Director for 11 years and this is the first time he has received the award.

David Blanford, OCHS Athletic Director, has been named the 3rd Region Athletic Director of the Year. OCS Photo

Monte Cassino pilgrimages to be held in May

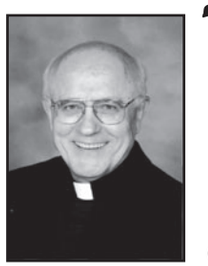
Saint Meinrad Archabbey's pilgrimages to honor the Blessed Mother at the Monte Cassino Shrine have been scheduled for the Sundays in May.

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:

- May 1—Fr. Godfrey Mullen, OSB, "Mary, Spouse of Joseph"
- May 8—Fr. Columba Kelly, OSB, "Mary, the Greatest Human Success"
- May 15—Br. Zachary Wilberding, OSB, "The Heart of Mary"
- May 22—Br. Elijah Luckett, OSB, "Mary, Mother of Mercy"
- May 29—Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB, "Mary, Queen of Peace"

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.

At right, pilgrims outside the Shrine of Monte Cassino, St Meinrad Archabbey Indiana



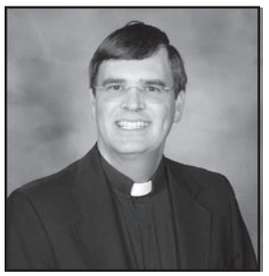
The Holy Land

11 days

hosted by Rev. Frank Ruff
September 20-30, 2011

Fr. Frank Ruff, a Glenmary priest serving in Todd County, KY is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land September 20-30, 2011. For information and a free brochure, contact him at 364 Watts Rd, Trenton, KY 42286, 270-466-5457, or fruff@glenmary.org Fr. Frank promises this will be a "Journey of a Lifetime." This will be his ninth trip, so he is well experienced.

Renewing the Ecumenical Spirit



Fr. Tony Bickett

By Fr. Tony Bickett, Ecumenical Officer

For the past several years, Christian leaders have seen a declining enthusiasm for ecumenism. Christians however can never settle for a divided Christianity. Many will say that we have been divided for so long that the Churches will never get back together. If we believe this, then we will do nothing and little will happen for us. We must confess that a divided Christianity in not the will of God. It is not the will of Christ. While some may desire separation, Catholics can never settle for anything less than full visible unity in faith.

From the very beginning of Christianity, Christians have argued and disagreed about many things. However a divided Christianity is a contradiction of what we profess to believe, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28). The New Testament call for unity among Christians is in fulfillment of Jesus' prayer, "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). The greatest sign of visible unity is found in the Eucharist, because in the Eucharist Christ's prayer becomes our prayer.

Cardinal Kurt Koch, president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity has used a metaphor to describe the past 50 years of the Vatican ecumenical activity. He said, "it is like a plane trip -- there is much activity and excitement in preparing for the trip, everyone feels something happening during take-off, but when cruising altitude is reached, no one notices how fast the plane is moving, and passengers start to fidget and wonder if they ever are going to arrive. Ecumenical activity may have appeared to level off, but it still is moving forward, and people must trust that it will reach its destination".

Cardinal Walter Kasper, former president of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity said, "The great danger is that we get use to this situation of division, taking it simply as a fact. The existence of confessional churches, one alongside the other, is a reality that contradicts the will of the Lord and is the fruit of sin. Christians cannot take shortcuts to unity or gloss over differences that, in fact, may reveal they are not united in faith," he said. "Good-natured coexistence, cooperation in social service projects and shared events during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity are all positive developments," Cardinal Kasper said, "but they are not enough to fulfill Christ's will for his church".

Pope John Paul II, in his 1995 Encyclical Ut Unum Sint, reminds us that "at the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church committed herself irrevocably to following the path of the ecumenical venture. The Catholic Church embraces with hope the commitment to ecumenism as a duty. To believe in Christ means to desire unity; to desire unity means to desire the Church; to desire the Church means to desire the communion of grace … Such is the meaning of Christ' prayer: 'Ut unum sint'. Concern for restoring unity pertains to the whole Church, faithful and clergy alike."

The Second Vatican Council urged all Catholics, not just some, to take an active part in the work of ecumenism. If you would like to learn more or become involved in the work of ecumenism, contact me at ftonyb@yahoo.com or 270/756-2356.

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.

CCK Director: Educate The People About Catholic Social Teaching, Invite All To Become Faithful Citizen Advocate at http://www.capwiz.com/ccky/mlm/signup/

Diocesan Catechetical leaders meet monthly to share ideas for their Catholic Education ministries among Western Kentucky Catholics. On April 11, they shared ideas with Father Pat Delehanty, Executive Director of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky whose mission is to represent the Church and the state's four Roman Catholic dioceses in public policy matters on both the state and federal level.

In the photo at left, Fr. Delehanty explained the CCK's mission as Diocesan DRE Elaine Robertson and others listened. In the group photo above, Blessed Mother Parish DRE Nick Hardesty, back row, fifth from right, asked Fr Delehanty, "What can DREs do to help fulfill the mission of the conference?" Fr. Delehanty gave examples of using Catholic Social Teaching in their interactions with all Catholics as catechetical instructors. Mel Howard Photos

Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez ...

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comenzando a discernir su llamado como diacono, me hablo acerca de este ministerio.

Comencé mis estudios en el diaconado en el año 1998 pero no fue hasta el 24 de octubre del 2009 recibí la ordenación sagrada como diacono permanente. Esta ha sido algo que ha llenado ese vacío que tenía en mi corazón.

Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez

Desde 2004 estuve trabajando en algunas parroquias de la diócesis de Wilmington como Director Hispano. Desafortunadamente el añ0 2010 no fue un año bueno para muchos. Nuestra diócesis de Wilmington se amparo en la ley de quiebras para poder reorganizarse y así salir adelante. En la parroquia donde trabajaba, San Juan Bautista-Santos Ángeles, también sufrió problemas financieros y tuvieron que cerrar algunas plazas de trabajo, y la mía fue una de ella.

En búsqueda de empleo encontré que en la diócesis de Owensboro necesitaban un líder para el cuidado pastoral y administrativo para dos parroquias, Santos Maria & Santiago y Santa Susana. Otra vez sentí el llamado de Dios en servir en otro lugar. Las conversaciones comenzaron en septiembre del 2010 y por fin me ingrese a la diócesis de Owensboro el 8 de diciembre del 2010. Todo esto verdaderamente fue un misterio de Dios. Pero gracias a Él estoy aquí para servirle a El sirviendo a los demás.

Mis metas en este nuevo proyecto es cumplir la declaración de misión de cada parroquia. Cumplir el mandato de Jesucristo de anunciar el Reino de Dios. En las dos parroquias hay misas en ingles al igual que en español. Hay veces que tenemos que traerlos juntos para dejarles saber que somos una comunidad, una iglesia y esa es unas de mis metas. Nuestros jóvenes necesitan dirección en esta jornada, y a ellos pondré mucha atención. Somos una iglesia caminante, que evangeliza y la catequesis para los adultos también necesita su atención. Hay mucho trabajo en la viña de nuestro Señor, pero si nos unimos podremos lograr mucho. Solo pido al Señor que nos de la sabiduría y conocimiento, la fuerza y el valor para seguir adelante en el llamado que El nos ha hecho.

The Month of May

By Luis Aju

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flowers, as an expression of the profound love and gratefulness for their sacrifices in raising their children. We also don't forget that our Planet Earth is also called our Mother Earth. Many would say that we are mistaken but let me explain the reason: the earth is very similar to a mother full of love that makes food grow to give us to eat and to feed the animals so that we may eat them, she filters the water for us to drink. Also as those who understand the natural plan of the family, the cycles of a mother gives life during certain times, as does the earth germinate the seed in her maternal womb, so why not see it from this point of view?

Acudamos a la Virgen María, ahora en el mes de Mayo y para siempre. Source: http://ourhopefulhome.blogspot.com/2009_12_01_archive.html

I invite you to think about why there are some of us that just like we destroy the earth, we also destroy our Mother with indifference or abandonment. We forget that we owe her much respect and gratefulness for raising us, but many times we forget that we arrived as babies and that we were attended to by mom.

In closing, with my heart in my hand, the Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of Owensboro, KY asks for the Intercession of the Most Holy Virgin Mary that you may receive a blessing from heaven and I express my congratulations and blessing for all of the Moms. You deserve our admiration for being a mom. Happy Mother's Day.

El Calendario del Monseñor Medley para Mayo del 2011

+Monseñor William Medley, Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro

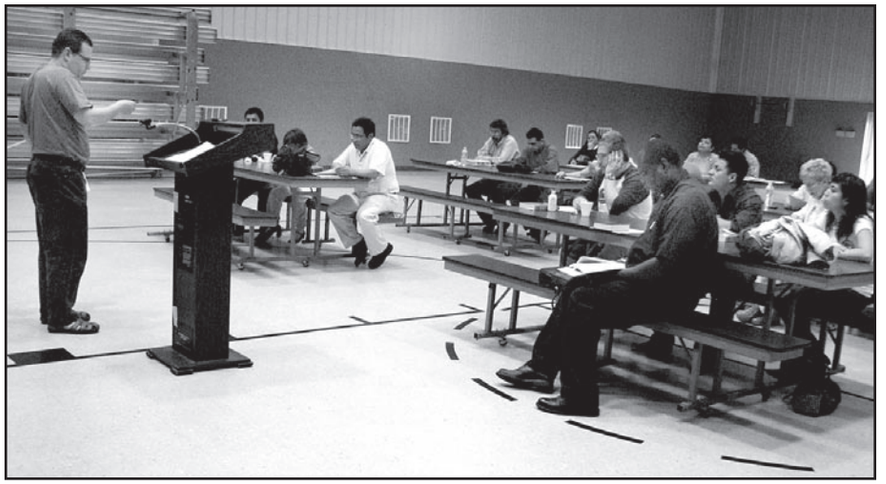
1 de Mayo	9:00am	Confirmación, Santa María, Franklin
3 de Mayo	9:00am	Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano, CPC
	6:30pm	Confirmación, Parroquia Madre Santísima, Owensboro
4 de Mayo	11:00am	Misa, Directores Vocacionales de la Región V, Monasterio de las Pasionistas
	6:00pm	Confirmación, San Leo, Murray
5 de Mayo		Centro Correccional de Fredonia, Penitenciaria de KY
9 de Mayo	5:30pm	Cena de Agradecimiento para los Líderes Catequéticos de la Pastoral y Ministros Juveniles, Centro Pastoral Católico
11 de Mayo	6:00pm	Confirmación, Sagrado Corazón, Condado de Unión
12 de Mayo		Día del Presbítero
14 de Mayo	10:00am	La Graduación de la Universidad de Brescia, Centro de Riverpark en Owensboro
	5:30pm	Confirmación, San Miguel el Arcángel, Oak Grove
15 de Mayo	10:30am	Confirmación, Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville
	5:30pm	Confirmación, Santo Nombre de Jesús, Henderson
16 de Mayo	9:30am	Reunión del Comité del Personal Sacerdotal
	1:30 pm	Reunión del Concejo de los Sacerdotes
17 de Mayo	9:00am	Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano, CPC
18 de Mayo	8:30am	Reunión del Comité de Administración/Finanzas
21 de Mayo	10:00am	**Ordenación Sacerdotal de Ryan Harpole, Madre Santísima, O'boro**
	6:00pm	Graduación, Preparatoria de Santa María, Paducah
22 de Mayo	9:30am	Confirmación, San Pedro de Alcántara, Stanley
	2:00pm	Celebración para el Padre Jerry Calhoun, Cristo Rey, Madisonville
23 de Mayo	6:00pm	Confirmación, Santa Ana, Morganfield
24 de Mayo	10am-3pm	Horas de la Oficina de Paducah, Hospital de Lourdes, Paducah
25 de Mayo		Reunión de la Mesa Directiva del CCK, Louisville
26 de Mayo	10:00am	Misa, Campamento de Gasper River, Personal del Verano
	7:00pm	Graduación, Preparatoria de la Trinidad, Centro de Hines
28 de Mayo	5:00pm	Confirmación, Sagrado Corazón, Russellville
29 de Mayo	2:00pm	Graduación, Preparatoria Católica de Owensboro, Centro Deportivo

El Calendario del Monseñor Medley para Junio del 2011

4 de Junio	10:00am	Ordenación, Padres de Misericordia, South Union
	5:30pm	Confirmación, San Agustín, Reed
5 de Junio	10:30am	Confirmación, Capilla del Rosario, Paducah
	3:00pm	Misa de Acción de Gracias para el Padre Austin Litke, Santo Nombre de Jesús
11 de Junio	6:30pm	Confirmación, Santo Esteban, Cadiz
12 de Junio	9:00am	Confirmación, Catedral de Santo Esteban, Owensboro
13 - 18 de Junio		Asamblea General del USCCB, Seattle, Washington
23-24 de Junio		Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de Brescia
26 de Junio	3:00pm	Procesión de Corpus Christi, Catedral de Santo Esteban
26 de Junio	8:00pm	Instituto de Liderazgo Cristiano, Universidad de Brescia
27 - 30 de Junio		Instituto de Formación Continua Episcopal, Norfolk, Virginia

El Calendario del Monseñor Medley para Julio del 2011

1 de Julio	1:30pm	Misa de Profesión Religiosa, Hermanas Pasionistas, Monasterio de las Pasionistas, Whitesville
29 de Julio	9:15am	Misa, Día de Desarrollo Profesional, Rectores y Maestros de las Escuelas Católicas, Santo Espíritu, Bowling Green
31 de Julio	11:00am	Misa y Dedicación, Parroquia San Leo, Murray



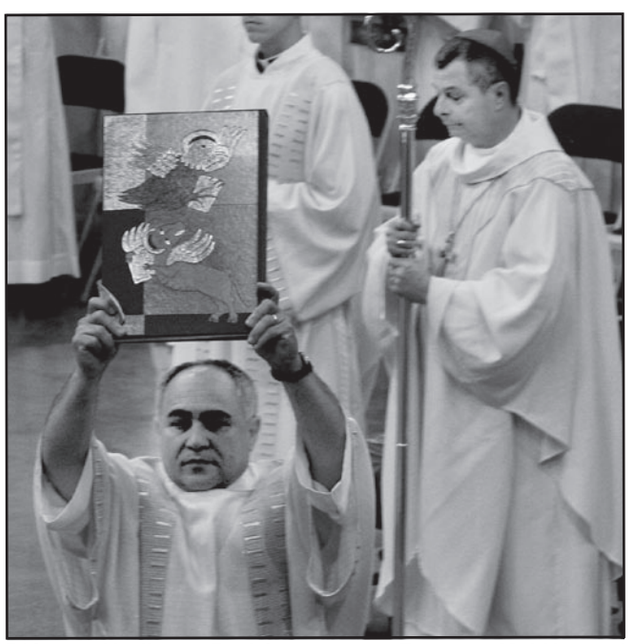
La comunidad Hispana de la Diocesis de Owensboro en su segunda etapa del Estudio de la Biblia, esta vez fue dirigido por la Parroquia de Santos Jose y Pablo de Owensboro, KY El P. Juan Rene y Cristobal Gutierrez, han sido los facitadores de los Temas: Interpretacion Biblica e introduccion de los Evangelios. Foto por Luis Aju

El grupo partiicipante del curso, atentos siguiendo la guia de estudio que se nos repartio, todos ellos viene de las comunidades de la Diocesis. Luis Aju

Los mismos participantes, en un momento de alabanza durante el curso, todos con un espiritu de querer aprender el contenido de los temas. Felicitamos a todos los que han participado. Luis Aju

Tambien agradecemos infinitamente a nuestros dos expositores que han hecho un buen trabajo.

Bienvenido Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez y Familia a la Dióce-sis de Owensboro KY!



Diácono Heriberto Rodríguez. Foto por Mel Howard

Mi nombre es Heriberto Rodríguez, nací en Humacao, Puerto Rico la isla del encanto como mucho le llamamos, un 14 de febrero del 1959. Son mis padres Benito Rodríguez que reside en Puerto Rico, juntos a mis 12 hermanos: 4 mujeres y 8 varones, y Andrea Martínez que regreso a vivir en el paraíso eterno junto a nuestro Padre celestial. Mi querida esposa Dora Rodríguez que me apoya en todas las cosas que Dios me ha llamado hacer en este lindo lugar. Y, por supuesto Beto, que es nuestra mascota, el es un perro Cocker Spaniel que nos llena de alegría con sus travesuras en nuestro hogar.

Comencé mis estudios con un grado asociado en administración de empresas en Caribbean University en año 1977. Este año, después de años de trabajo arduo, recibí mi titulo de sicólogo de la Universidad Ashford.

En el año 1981 vine por primera vez a los Estados Unidos para ver nacer a mis dos hijos, Heriberto Jr. y Roberto. En ese tiempo no me gustó nada este lugar y me regresé a mi Puerto Rico. Años mas tardes, 1993, regresé a los Estados Unidos para estar cerca de mis hijos. Esta vez venía con un pensamiento muy diferente, pues era Dios quien maneja mis caminos. El estaba trabajando en mi corazón y haciendo un cambio en mí. Sentía en mi corazón un gran llamado de servirle a Él, pero no sabía en qué. Así que, busque ayuda en la dirección espiritual.

Padre Lorenzo, un sacerdote franciscano y Párroco de la parroquia donde yo asistía, fue mi director espiritual. Inmediatamente bajo su dirección comencé a servirle sirviendo en diferentes ministerios como: catequista, lector, ministro de la eucaristía, visita a los enfermos, visita en las cárceles, consejo parroquial en si en casi todo y todavía encontraba en mi ser un vacío que no podía entender. Hasta que un día mi amigo Ángel Rivera y ahora diácono para la diócesis de Wilmington, de donde yo provengo antes de llegar a la diócesis de Owensboro, y que estaba

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La parroquia de Santo Tomas More, en Paduca

La parroquia de Santo Tomas More, en Paduca ha tenido un retiro el dia 2 de Abril, bajo la coordinacion de la Hermana Maria Imelda Quechol, siendo expositores del Tema de la Familia por Cristobal Gutierrez y la Reconciliacion por P. Rafael Clark y los visitantes, Hnas. Esperanza y Eloisa, P. Thomas y Luis Aju Director del Ministerio Hispano de la Diocesis, para apoyar a dicha comunidad.

Esposos Juan y Sandra

Esposos Pablo y Alejandra

Esposos e hijo Micaela, Kevin y Alvaro

La comunidad en un momento de oracion y adoracion al Santisimo expuesto durante el retiro.

Patty y su Esposo

Esposos Teresa y Luis

En la foto a la izquierda ,Esposos Maria y Adrian fotografias por Luis Aju

Estos esposos y muchos mas, asistieron en el retiro, adelante hermanos aunque no estuvieron en el lente de la camara, pero si estaban en las pupilas de Nuestro Señor, que Dios los bendiga.

La Parroquia Del Cristo Rey De Madisonville

P. Al Bramer, con los pocos feligreses de la parroquia del Cristo Rey de Madisonville, celebraron la Misa Dominical el dia 27 de Marzo. Visita a la comunidad y foto por Luis Aju

"En Nombre de Dios"

The Month of May

By Luis Aju

A Month dedicated to the Most Holy Virgin Mary. A Month dedicated to the holy mother of each person. A Month also called, month of the flowers.

Of course we dedicate a reflection to the Virgin Mary, chosen by Dios to be the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God and our mother, those of us who trust in her. We also put her name on high in a special place in our lives for her great love for all humanity when she accepted the will of God without condition, giving us an opportunity to return to the Father.

For Latinos, in many families, we pray the rosary every day during this month. You can say that Latin America is very Marian.

The month of May is also a time of flourishing, month of the flowers because it is dedicated to Mary and all of the mothers of the world, for their tenderness, the care and the love that a mother has for her children.

At all times Mary is a primordial part of the History of Salvation because through her came the salvation of the whole world, giving us the example of humility, obedience and simplicity. These are the virtues that she had to be chosen, that brought her to be the Mother of the Son of God, and all of humanity.

There are mothers that are moms and wives at the same time. But there are also mothers who dedicate their time to raising their children without their fathers because of different circumstances. They work to provide food for their children and they suffer knowing that they along have to bring their children from day to day. There are also mothers that have been abandoned, suffering the loneliness, abandonment and having no hope amidst so many difficulties that our world suffers today. In our latino world, Mother's day we hold them in our prayers. In Latin America, all of the private and public schools celebrate Mother's Day, calling all of the mothers, without seeing their personal history to dedicate them a special poem and offer them

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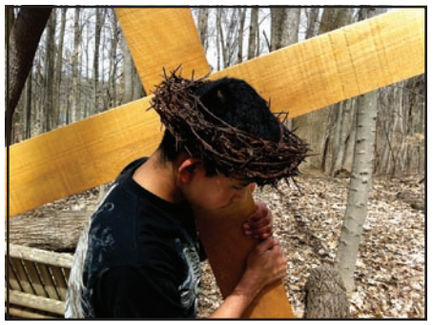
Retiro Cuaresmal de la Comunidad Hispana de la Parroquia de Holy Name en Henderson

HENDERSON, KY. – El 19 de Marzo, la comunidad Latina de la Iglesia del Santo Nombre participó un un retiro cuaresmal en la capilla de Santa Margarita en Henderson. El retiro inició con una muy emotiva oración dirigida por el Padre Antonio Shonis, quien también recibió a los participantes con una profunda plática a cerca de la importancia de la oración en sus vidas, especialmente durante este tiempo de cuaresma.

Cada participante recibió un regalo con libros de oración, rosarios, y materiales espirituales, se les explicó que también es nuestra responsabilidad el de presentar regalos de oración y nuestra ayuda a los más necesitados. Todos fueron invitados a aprovechar la fuerza transformadora que de la Cuaresma siendo generosos con las tres prácticas cuaresmales: hacer oración, ayuno, y dar ayuda a los pobres, que se nos invitan a hacer en el Evangelio durante estos días de cuaresma.

Una actividad inspiradora siguió, donde los participantes plantaron una semilla de flor en una pequeña macetita y reflexionaron en la importancia de nutrir nuestras vidas con oración. Así como las plantas necesitan agua para crecer, nosotros necesitamos el poder de la oración para crecer, y de la misma manera que la Luz de Cristo trabaja en nosotros así lo hace la luz del sol con la plantas para ayudarlas a crecer.



La oportunidad de llevar la cruz y la corona de espinas fue una experiencia muy poderosa.

La comunidad rezaba mientras Ivan tomaba su turno al cargar la pesada cruz.

Jovenes, mujeres y niños tomaron parte de esta experiencia Cuaresmal.

Verónica Patena estaba muy conmovida cuando cargaba la cruz en la tercera estación.

La parte más importante de este retiro fue la piadosa participación de la comunidad Latina en el Viacrucis, cada uno tomo el turno cargando una pesada cruz, también llevando una corona de espinas mientras que recitaban y reflexionando en cada una de las estaciones. Los latinos somos muy religiosos y verdaderamente se demuestra durante la Semana Santa. Uno puedo aprender mucho de la tradición cultural Católica de Latinoamérica durante la cuaresma. Los latinos traen muchas costumbres religiosas a América como el Viacrucis viviente más grande del Mundo que es celebrado en la ciudad de México. Por meses, las personas en Iztapalapa la gente se prepara para llevar a cabo la representación de la Pasión de Cristo desde 1843.

Más de un millón de personas visitan la delegación el Viernes Santo para ver la procesión y la crucifixión de Jesucristo. A cerca de 800,000 se juntan para ser parte del Viacrucis. Para la Comunidad Latina de Henderson está fue una oportunidad para ser parte de una costumbre que trae mucho significado de esta temporada de una transformación personal y también una oportunidad para fortalecer nuestra relación con Cristo.

Participantes del Retiro Cuaresmal del 2011 de la Comunidad Latina en la Capilla de Santa Margarita en Henderson, KY.

2 Recuerde que incluso Dios descansó el séptimo día

+ Monseñor William Medley, Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro

Queridos hermanas y hermanos,

"Así estuvieron terminados el cielo, la tierra y todo lo que hay en ellos. El día séptimo Dios tuvo terminado su trabajo, y descansó en ese día de todo lo que había hecho. Bendijo Dios el Séptimo día y lo hizo santo, porque ese día descansó de sus trabajos después de toda esta creación que había hecho." Génesis 2,1-3

¿Cuántas veces hemos todos nosotros leído esta conclusión de esta primera versión de la creación del mundo del Libro de Génesis, el primer libro de la Biblia, y nunca nos hemos parado para considerar que Dios "descansó"? Nuestras imágenes de Dios como el ponente primordial, el ser supremo, la fuente de toda la vida y energía parecen no permitir mucho tiempo para descansar. Si es Dios que hace subir el sol en la mañana y quien manda las lluvias suaves, si es Dios quien mora en los pasillos de los hospitales en toda hora, si es Dios quien se presta para escuchar las oraciones de los niños, ¿estamos de veras cómodos al pensar que Dios descansa? Supongamos que yo estoy ofreciendo mis oraciones cuando Dios ya "dejó de trabajar".

Sin embargo justo después de que las escrituras nos dicen que Dios nos creó a la imagen divina, nos dicen que Dios descansó. La implicación es inequívoca; nosotros que somos creados a la imagen de Dios, somos creados para reflejar la gloria de Dios; y la gloria de Dios se manifestará en nuestro descanso de una forma verdadera igual como en nuestras labores nobles y necesarias. Dios es tan empático sobre este punto que lo reveló como uno de los Diez Mandamientos*: "Acuérdate del día del Sábado, para santificarlo. Trabaja seis días, y en ellos haz todas tus faenas. Pero el día séptimo es día de descanso, consagrado a Yavé, tu Dios. Que nadie trabaje: ni tú, ni tus hijos, ni tus hijas, ni tus siervos, ni tus siervas, ni tus animales, ni los forasteros que viven en tu país. Pues en seis días Yavé hizo el cielo y la tierra, el mar y cuanto hay en ellos, y el séptimo día descansó. Por eso bendijo el Sábado y lo hizo sagrado."* Éxodo 20, 8-11

¿Qué ha pasado con el Sábado en esta nación y en nuestra cultura? Hay que conceder que no vamos a regresar y tampoco podemos regresar a la cultura centrada en la agricultura como fue la del Israel antiguo donde el pueblo escogido por Dios escuchó por primera vez la Palabra de Dios. Pero sí creemos que la verdad de la Biblia es eterna y aplica a todas las edades. Entonces todos nosotros tenemos que evaluar qué ha pasado al Sábado en nuestras vidas y las vidas de nuestras familias. Para muchas personas parece que el Domingo se ha hecho el día más ocupado y tal vez el más estresante de toda la semana.

Vemos que hay familias que están jaladas por todas partes los Domingos. Tristemente muy raramente incluyen las visitas tradicionales a los abuelos u otros familiares, tiempos libres con la familia extendida que nos dan raíces y un sentido de historia y tiempo con los primos. ¿Cuántas familias todavía se juntan para las cenas del domingo como la mejor y más rica comida de la semana? Estas experiencias informales que muchos de nosotros conocíamos de niños ahora solamente se hace en una reunión familiar anual o unas horas el día de Navidad, Pascua o el Día de las Madres.

Hemos reemplazado estos tiempos en familia con cosas como ensayos y partidos deportivos entre otras experiencias ciertamente valiosas en sí. Escuchamos de muchas familias que con frecuencia salen antes de las 6:00am los domingos para viajar a un partido de futbol con su hijo de once años casi al otro lado del estado. Hay bastantes recompensas, ¿pero nos hemos parado para considerar el costo?

Los Cristianos a través de los siglos han observado el Domingo como el Día del Señor, conmemorando la resurrección de Jesucristo en el primer domingo de Pascua, Iglesias Cristianas se juntan para orar y dar alabanza el séptimo día. Pero en nuestra cultura más y más familias no tienen tiempo para juntarse con la comunidad de la Iglesia para rezar y alabar a Dios. No hace mucho tiempo un niño de siete años que se estaba preparando para su Primera Santa Comunión, un rito de iniciación importante de nuestra tradición Católica, me dijo, "Mi mamá y mi papá me dijo que estamos demasiados ocupados para ir a la Iglesia los Domingos." De la boca de los niños.

Los papás de este niños son gente buena que son buenos trabajadores quienes creen en Dios y realmente quieren inculcar su fe y sus valores a sus hijos. Están haciendo gran sacrificios para dar a sus hijos "lo mejor de todo." Trabajan tiempo extra, son entrenadores de los equipos juveniles de los deportes, sirven en muchos comités y mesas comunitarias. ¡Ojalá se acuerden que aún Dios descansó el séptimo día!

Suyos en Cristo,

+ William F. Medley

+ Monseñor William F. Medley,
Obispo de Owensboro

"En Nombre de Dios"

El Mes de Mayo

Acudamos a la Virgen María, ahora en el mes de Mayo y para siempre.

Mes dedicado a la Virgen María Santísima.

Mes dedicado a las santas madres de cada persona.

Mes llamado también, mes de las flores.

Cómo no dedicarle alguna reflexión a la Virgen María, elegida por Dios para ser la Madre de Jesús, el Hijo de Dios y madre nuestra, quienes confiamos en ella. También ponemos en alto su nombre y en un lugar muy especial en nuestras vidas y su gran amor a toda la humanidad al aceptar la voluntad de Dios sin ninguna condición dándonos a nosotros la oportunidad de volver al Padre.

Para los Latinos en muchas familias se reza el Rosario todos los días, durante todo el mes. Se puede decir que América Latina es muy Mariana.

El mes de Mayo se toma, como el tiempo del florecimiento, mes de las flores porque es dedicado a María y todas las madres del mundo, por la ternura, el cuidado y el amor de una madre para con su hijo.

En todos los tiempos María es parte primordial de la Historia de la Salvación, porque por ella vino la salvación al mundo entero, siendo así ejemplo de humildad, obediencia y sencillez. Son las virtudes que ella tenía para ser elegida, todo esto la llevó a ser la Madre del Hijo de Dios, y de toda la humanidad.

Las Madres de este tiempo que son mamás y esposas al mismo tiempo. También existen mamás que dedican su tiempo a crecer a sus hijos sin los papás por diferentes situaciones, ellas trabajan para llevar de comer a sus hijos, también tienen un sufrimiento que solo ellas saben cómo llevarlos día a día. Existen también madres abandonadas, sufriendo la soledad, el abandono, la no esperanza en medio de tantas dificultades que nuestro mundo padece el día de hoy. En nuestro mundo latino, en el día de la madre, las llamamos en nuestra oración. En América Latina, todas las escuelas privadas y nacionales, celebran el día de la madre, llamando a todas las mamás, sin ver su historia personal para dedicarles un Poema especial y ofrecerles un ramo de flores, como expresión de amor profundo, y agradecimiento por sus sacrificios al crecer a sus hijos.

No olvidemos que a nuestra Planeta Tierra, también le llamamos Nuestra Madre Tierra. Muchos dirán que estamos errados pero explico la razón: La tierra se parece mucho a una madre llena de amor que hace crecer todos los alimentos para darnos de comer, dar de comer a todos los animales para que podamos comerlos, filtra el agua para poder beberlo. Así como los que conocen el plan natural de la familia, que los ciclos de una madre engendra un nuevo ser en cierto tiempo, así como la tierra germina la semilla en su seno materno entonces porque no verlo desde este punto también.

Lo invito a pensarlo porqué existimos personas que así, como destruimos la tierra, hemos destruido a nuestra Madre, con la indiferencia o el abandono., Olvidamos que le debemos mucho respeto y agradecimiento por crecernos, pero muchas veces se nos olvida que llegamos bebes y olvidamos que fuimos atendidos por mamá.

Para terminar con esto, con el corazón en la mano el Ministerio Hispano en la Diócesis de Owensboro, KY, pide la Intercesión de la Virgen María Santísima que reciba una bendición desde el cielo y expresa su felicitación y bendición a todas las Mamas. Usted merece nuestra admiración por ser mamá. Feliz Día de la Madre.

Retiro para los Ministros Hispanos de la Diócesis de Owensboro

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CONVENTO DE LAS PASIONISTAS, WHITESVILLE, KY. - Los días 17 y 18 de Marzo se convoco a los Ministros Hispanos de la Diócesis a un retiro espiritual con el objeto de reflexionar y rezar juntos en medio de las toneladas de actividades que rodea a cada uno. También sirvió para vivir una cuaresma siendo parte de la trascendencia del dolor de Jesús a la par del los muchos dolores de toda la gente que formamos la humanidad sobre la tierra.

Nosotros los Ministros Hispanos, tenemos dos retiros al año, uno en la Primavera y el otro en el Otoño, estos días tienen por meta, refrescar nuestras ideas como personas para luego compartir nuestras experiencias en el campo de nuestro ministerio. Esto no es sencillamente la ejecución de un plan pastoral Diocesano para el Ministerio Hispano elaborado por las varias comunidades y antecesores míos como Director. Los realizamos no solo porque esta en un plan, sino porque necesitamos una reflexión personal, si nuestro aporte como lideres a las comunidades que servimos es autentico, en el sentido de que nuestro ministerio no es solo un empleo, sino es algo mas porque toca la vida de varias personas por lo que debe ser articulado con la vocación como Laico comprometido, como Hna. Religiosa, como Sacerdote, como Diacono, conectado con la Diócesis y la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano Diocesano. Nos dimos cuenta del valor de trabajar juntos, esto crea en nosotros una fuerza para seguir adelante

Cada uno de los retiros que tenemos, siempre nos alimenta salimos con mas calma pero también con mucha energía porque sabemos que mis luchas también son los mismos de los otros.

Esta vez, el P. Rafael Clark nos guío las reflexiones, nuestro tema fue, Cristología, tema que lo vimos desde una perspectiva de ayer, hoy y siempre.

Querido amigos lector, si pedimos a la comunidad hacer retiro sobre algún tema de interés en la comunidad, es porque su Ministro Hispano en su parroquia ya lo hizo, y sabemos que tan beneficioso es para cada uno, lo invito para que asista a los retiros que ofrecen en su parroquia. Espero que la Pascua de Resurrección le de fuerzas para seguir adelante y con la esperanza de que un también resucitaremos.

En esa toma, podemos apreciar a todos los miembros del equipo del Ministerio Hispano de la Diocesis. En su orden de siempre izquierda a derecha. Cristobal, P. Carmelo, Patti, Hna. Esperanza, P. Juan Rene, Hna. Pat, Hna. Panchita, Luis A., Hna. Eloisa, P. Rafael, Hna. Imelda, Hna. Luisa y Diacono Heriberto. Hicieron falta dos Ministros. Fotos por Luis Aju

En el caminar por la vida, seguro que necesitamos momentos de oracion, asi como estas personas, despues del Via-Crusis, cada quien camina pero con los otros, nunca solo. Son los mismos Ministros que caminan hacia el lugar del acogimiento.

Se culmino el retiro de los Ministros Hispanos, con la Celebracion de la Eucaristia. P. Rafael Clark, maestro del retiro presidio la Misa con los Concelebrantes P. Jose Carmelo Jimenez, director Espiritual del Ministerio Hispano, P. Juan Rene K. Pastor Asociado Ministerio Hispano de la Parroquia de Stos Jose y Pablo de Owensboro, KY. F.Luis A.

Todos los Ministros Hispanos, rezando con profunda devocion las estaciones del Via Crusis, en el camino que se encuentra en los campos del Centro de Retiros de las Hermanas Pasionistas de Whitesville, KY. Una oracion con profundo sentido del tiempo de la Cuaresma de estos dias.

P. Rafael, en uno de sus expociones sobre Cristologia, en el salon de conferencias en el convento de las hnas. Pasionistas. Es interesante que en este cuadro se pueden ver, la Virgen Maria, Jesus en la Cruz, un expositor y la pequeña comunidad, profundizando el tema. F. Luis Aju