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The Mount Picnic - Good Friends Enjoy Fun And Food



Bishop William F. Medley, at left, and four girls, above, helping set up picnic stands show what they think of being at a "The Diocese's Picnic" at Mount Saint Joseph on Sept. 11, 2011. Mel Howard Photos. For photo galleries of the 2011 Mount Picnic, turn to page 21

By Mel Howard

"Come on, clouds, go on over!" said Sister Laurita Spalding, O.S.U., about 9:30 a.m. Sept. 11, 2011 as she and many parish crews were at work setting up booths and preparing the food for the 41st Annual Mount Saint Joseph Picnic, thought by many to be the diocese's picnic. People from almost every parish come to help work the picnic which benefits the retired Ursuline Sisters, many of whom still pitch in to help with the work during the weeks before and the day of the picnic.

Visiting with old friends, and meeting new people is one of the perks of being at the Mount Picnic. Most who visit the picnic give it a thumbs up for the good food, the easily accessible layout of the grounds, the good parking fields and crew that parks the cars. This year that job was filled by the Brescia University baseball players and other athletes from the diocese's only Catholic university.

One visitor to the 2011 Mount picnic said that she came

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Christmas shopping in September at the Mount picnic.



Debbie Thompson helping Ernie Taliaferro calling Bingo at the Mount Picnic.

Thank You

...to the many volunteers who helped in any way to make our 41st annual picnic a great success! We appreciate all who attended, and we hope you enjoyed it!

All picnic proceeds will go to the Ursuline Sisters' retirement fund.

May God bless each of you for your kindness and generosity.



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2 God Calls Young Men By Name To Priesthood. Please Help Them Hear His Call



**Most Reverend
William F. Medley
Bishop of
Owensboro**

My dear sisters and brothers,

Now the bishop of Owensboro for more the 19 months, I am very pleased to report that I have celebrated Mass in all 79 parishes and missions of the diocese. Some of these gatherings are very small; a few dozen represent the entire Catholic population of a county. Others are large where Mass is celebrated multiple times every weekend in order to accommodate a large parish community. Many of our priests serve as many as three different parish communities and travel across three counties. Every one of the 32 counties of the Diocese of Owensboro has at least one Catholic Church.

We are very fortunate as a large rural diocese, where Catholics make up a relatively small percentage of the total population, to assure that Mass is offered in all of these churches each week. In addition to the priests of our diocese this wonderful availability of the Sunday Eucharist is made possible by the priests who have to come to us from other nations. Our local priests have been joined by six priests from the Church of the continent of Africa, six priests of the Indian order the Heralds of the Good News, and one priest from Mexico. Without their zeal and missionary generosity a realignment of our parishes may have been required long ago.

This year we have seventeen seminarians, seven in college at St. John Vianney in St. Paul, MN; seven studying philosophy or theology at St. Meinrad; and three participating in pastoral years within the diocese. These numbers are encouraging and we now reflect a modest trend being observed nationwide. We also know

that if every single one of these men is ordained in the coming years, that we would at best be "holding our own" in assuring that we have priests available to offer Mass every week in our churches and mission.

Our Diocesan Vocation Office is inaugurating in the coming weeks two programs to heighten awareness of the need for all the Church to be engaged in calling young men to consider the possibility of God's call to priesthood.

Called by Name is a program utilized before. It involves a public effort to have every parish name young men whose virtue and sense of service may suggest that they may be good candidates to consider such an extraordinary call. Every young man whose name is received will then be contacted by mail or email and provided information and an opportunity to talk with a priest. Those open to it will receive an invitation to a discernment retreat in the months to come that will be offered at Saint Meinrad.

A second initiative will be initiated on college campuses throughout the diocese. It is called the Melchizedek Project and will seek to identify young men with some interest in priesthood. Then a periodic discussion group will gather these young men together to pray and consider the call of God in their lives.

The key to both of these efforts is the Church, that's all of us, being bold enough to call and challenge and ask. Yes, most of the men whom we will invite to consider a vocation to priesthood will become husbands, and fathers and live out their lives as engineers, nurses, teachers, businessmen, etc., but, perhaps the simple act of this invitation will shape their Christian vocations in ways unimagined.

Give us a name. They have everything to gain!

Yours in Christ,

William F. Medley

+ Most Reverend William F. Medley,
Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar for October 2011:

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| • October 2 | 10:30 a.m. | Mass/Installation of Fr. John Thomas, Christ the King, Madisonville |
| • October 3 - 12 | | Pilgrimage in Rome |
| • October 17 | 9:30 a.m. | Priest Personnel Board Meeting, CPC |
| | 1:30 p.m. | Priests' Council Meeting, CPC |
| • October 18 | 8:00 a.m. | School Mass, St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville |
| • October 19 | 8:30 a.m. | Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, CPC |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Anointing at Mount St. Joseph |
| • October 20 | 11:00 a.m. | St. Paul of the Cross Feast Day Mass, Passionist Monastery |
| • October 21 | 6:00 p.m. | Mass and Blessing of Completed Renovation Project at St. Francis de Sales, Paducah |
| • October 23 | 2:00 p.m. | Marian Congress, Bowling Green |
| • October 24-28 | | Priests Retreat, Mount Saint Joseph, Maple Mount |
| • October 28 | 9:00 a.m. | Brescia University Board Meeting |
| • October 30 | 2:00 p.m. | Diocesan Marriage Celebration, Blessed Mother, Owensboro |

Come Celebrate Your Marriage With Bishop Medley!

Your commitment and the love you share is a gift to each other, your family, the community and society.

We do not take this for granted and would like to congratulate you and rejoice with you.

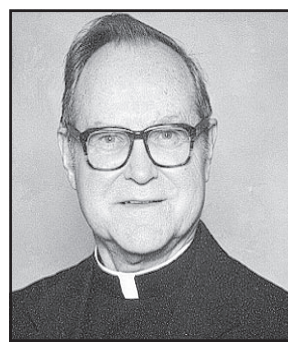
Join us on Sunday, October 30th at Blessed Mother Church in Owensboro for the annual Marriage Celebration.

Mass begins at 2:00pm with a reception immediately following.

All are invited and families are welcome, we only ask that those coming RSVP to Charlotte Hedges at (270)683-1545 or charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org.

Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office.

"Blessed Virgin Mary" Marian Retreat Oct. 7-9



Msgr. Bernard Powers

"The Blessed Virgin Mary" is the focus of an Oct. 7-9 Marian Retreat at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center, Maple Mount, Ky. Led by Msgr. Bernard Powers, the retreat will focus on the Blessed Virgin Mary's spiritual relationship (and our spiritual relationship) with Jesus. Weekend includes opportunities for solitude and communal prayer and the Eucharist. Retreat begins Friday at 6 p.m. and ends Sunday at 1 p.m. Retreat fee is \$175 for residents or \$120 for commuters. Contact Kathy McCarty at 270-229-4103, ext. 802 or kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org. Find a flyer online at www.mscenter.org. Limited scholarships are available.



Fr. Shonis

España/Spain: Land of Mystics & Artists-- Plus Lourdes, France. Fr. Anthony Shonis will lead a trip April 30-May 11, 2012 to visit famous shrines, cathedrals, museums, castles, etc. in Madrid, Barcelona, Santiago de Compostela, Avila, Lourdes (France) and more. The basic cost is \$3595 (deposits needed by September of this year). For more information contact Fr. Shonis at (270) 826-2096 (ext. 304) or ashonis@holynameparish.net, or see the online brochure at www.holynameparish.net (under Special Events).

Mary, Mediatrix of all Grace



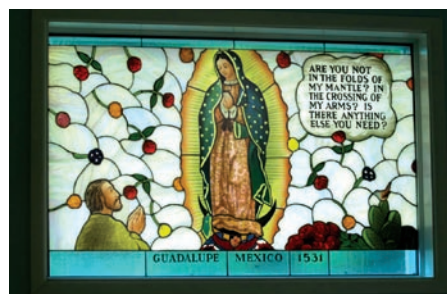
Conference Schedule

Saturday, November 12, 2011

- 7:30 Registration
- 8:00 Holy Rosary
- 8:20 Welcome - Fr. Ben Luther, Director of The Marian Shrine
- 8:30 Susan Tassone – “The Holy Souls in Purgatory”
- 9:30 Fr. Robert Lombardo, C.F.R. “Mary and Evangelization”
- 10:20 Break
- 10:30 Holy Mass – Fr. Ben Luther
- Music – Maria Spears
- 11:30 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:00 Fr. Wade L. Menezes, C.P.M. Reality Check: Death and Judgment
- 2:00 Fr. Robert Lombardo, C.F.R. “Mary, Model of the Church-How to say “Yes” and live with it!”
- 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet – Maria Spears
- 3:30 Dinner (on your own)
- 6:00 Fr. Wade L. Menezes, C.P.M. “Heaven and the Beatific Vision: God’s Desire for Us”
- 7:00 Susan Tassone – “Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal”
- 8:00 Break
- 8:30 Eucharistic Healing Service –Fr. Robert Lombardo, C.F.R.

Music – Maria Spears

St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Bookstore will be open during the conference and during lunch and dinner.



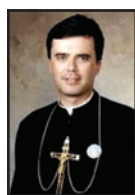
Marian Conference

Saturday, November 12, 2011
Blessed Mother Catholic Church
Parish Hall

601 E. 23rd Street,
Owensboro, KY 42301

Sponsored by the Marian Shrine Committee of the Diocese of Owensboro.

Fr. Wade L. J. Menezes, C.P.M.



is a member of the Fathers of Mercy, a missionary preaching Religions Congregation based in Auburn, Kentucky. He was ordained a priest during the Great Jubilee Year 2000. He served as Director of Vocations and Director of Seminar-

ians for the Fathers of Mercy for six years, and as the Chaplain-in-Residence at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Hanceville, Alabama. Fr. Wade has also been a guest on various episodes of EWTN’s “Mother Angelica Live” and “Life on the Rock”. He is host of the EWTN segment series, The Crux of the Matter.

Father Robert Lombardo, C.F.R.



In 2005, Father Robert Lombardo, C.F.R., was called by His Eminence Francis Cardinal George to Chicago from the Bronx where he was working with the poorest of the poor. The objective: To build a Catholic outreach on the west side

of Chicago in one of the poorest neighborhoods. He was charged with accomplishing the impossible with virtually no funding, just numerous volunteers and God’s help! Fr. Bob uses all of his talents, not just as a priest, but as a construction manager, fund-raiser, counselor, accountant, and friend to those in the neighborhood around the Mission and all of the volunteers who come week after week to help. He was a founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and has spent the last 20 years speaking, doing retreats and working to meet the needs of the poor. He has also been a speaker at several of the Owensboro Youth 2000’s.

Registration Form

Location: Blessed Mother Catholic Church Parish Hall

Registration is \$20.00 per person.

You may register by phone or by completing and returning the form below to:

Lisa Englert, Chairperson, 2123 Crestwood Drive, Owensboro, KY 42301
 For more information, Call Lisa Englert at (270) 684-0096 or (270) 993-8896.

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Lunch and Dinner on your own



Susan L. Tassone

is a longtime passionate champion for the holy souls in purgatory and is recognized as leading the “purgatory movement” in the United States. Tassone founded the Holy Souls Mass Apostolate in 1993. Since then, over \$2-million in Mass stipends have been

raised through her efforts. The author of five best-selling books on behalf of those in purgatory, Tassone is a popular speaker and frequent guest on radio and television shows. She was honored with two private audiences with Pope John Paul II, who bestowed a special blessing upon her and her ministry for the holy souls. She holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Loyola University in Chicago.



Maria Spears is a professional musician from Bowling Green, Ky. She finds her greatest joy in serving the Lord through music. At a young age, she vocalized her to desire

to the Lord to play all different genres of music for all different types of people, she also gave Him full permission to use her wherever and however He wanted. This past summer Maria played with Bob Rice and Band for the Conferences at Franciscan University of Steubenville, as well as singing in Spain for World Youth Day. This fall Maria is on the road again and is looking forward to spending the weekend with all of you at the Marian conference praising the Lord through song.

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Catholic schools represent a tremendous contribution to the Commonwealth

By Jim Mattingly, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Owensboro



The last several decades have seen a dramatic increase in education offerings for K-12 students both in Kentucky and nationwide. A Nation At Risk was published in 1983, and it seemed to serve as a catalyst for not only diversification of op-

tions but also thorough investigation of those options by concerned parents desiring a quality education for their children.

As a public school elementary school principal from 1988 through 2004, I witnessed a pronounced trend of parents of prospective students being more and more careful about their choice of schools. And especially after the passage of KERA (Kentucky Education Reform Act), I spoke with parents of prospective students who were looking into not only public schools but also Catholic schools, other private schools, and homeschooling. The trend has accelerated since then. Nationally, the list of options would now include virtual learning schools, magnet schools, and charter schools. And this is how it should be. Increased competition is healthy, and schools must either get on a high performance track or be run over by the train.

While other options (except charter

schools) exist in Kentucky, most students attend public schools, Catholic schools, or other non-public schools. As the political action arm of Kentucky's four Catholic bishops, CCK takes positions on a number of social and political issues. CCK's official position regarding K-12 education is that the Church advocates that ALL schools receive the support necessary to be effective, especially because strong schools of all types are critically important to the Church's mission of serving the poor and disadvantaged.

The passage of the federal No Child Left Behind Act in 2001 has further accelerated the movement to provide diverse options for schooling in the U. S. While the legislation's stated intent was to provide a quality education to every student in public schools, regardless of ethnicity, race, domestic situation, or disability, there is a substantial amount of skepticism regarding that stated intent. Many believe NCLB was designed so that most or all public schools would eventually be classified as "failing," in order to open the door for more federal and state government support of education alternatives. Regardless of the law's intent, it is a major public policy mistake to weaken public schools in any way. They must receive strong support if they are to succeed in their mission of learning for all.

At the same time, it cannot be overstated how important our Catholic schools are to the future of the Church as well as

to the vitality and well-being of our state and our nation. Generation after generation, Catholic schools turn out excellent graduates who provide invaluable leadership to their parishes, communities, and society as a whole. Because of their strong background in faith formation, Catholic school graduates tend to be leaders with high ethical and moral standards, the type of leaders our country truly needs.

Catholic schools in Kentucky exist due to the shared sacrifice of thousands of people, including pastors, parishioners, families, administrators, faculty and staff, students, relatives of students, the business community, and other generous donors. The list goes on and on. Parents of Catholic school students essentially pay for education twice. Like all citizens, they pay their taxes that support public schools, which guarantee children a free and appropriate public education as required

by law. But in addition to paying those taxes, parents and other Catholics practice another level of stewardship by giving of their time, talent, and treasure to support their Catholic school(s).

This support of Catholic schools by parishioners and parents who use them for their children's education actually saves state government the expense of educating their own children. This savings amounts to millions of dollars that the state would otherwise have to spend to give Kentucky's children the education they deserve. Catholic schools represent a tremendous contribution to the the state of Kentucky, providing their students with an excellent education armed with the information and skills they need to face the challenges ahead. Catholic schools help prepare them for the workplace and for a life in community that strengthens families and builds up the common good.



Father Joseph
Break Dancing

On Friday, September 9th students of St. Ann School were entertained with a "Break Dancing" demonstration by Father Joseph Aytona. Father Joseph, formerly of California, is a priest with the Fathers of Mercy from Auburn Kentucky. The Fathers of Mercy is a Roman Catholic Congregation of Priests whose primary Apostolate is to preach parish missions and retreats, with an emphasis on the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Confession. Father Joseph was visiting St. Ann School. Submitted by Beth Hendrickson.



Fall Day of Wisdom

Thursday October 6, 2011

St. Thomas More Church, 5645 Blandville Rd, Paducah Kentucky

Registration 8:15-9:15 a.m. Program begins at 9:15 ends appx. 1:30 p.m.

Speakers include Attorney Robert Goff - "Creating a Legacy, Attorney"; Police Officer Brent Obermark - "Safety for Seniors"; and Ginny Knight-Simon, Coordinator of Wisdom - "Focus"

There will be a door prizes, music, and fun! The cost of the day is \$5 which includes lunch. Deadline for reservations is October 4th

Send check to Office of Wisdom, Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street, Owensboro, Ky 42301

Please include you name, address and parish.

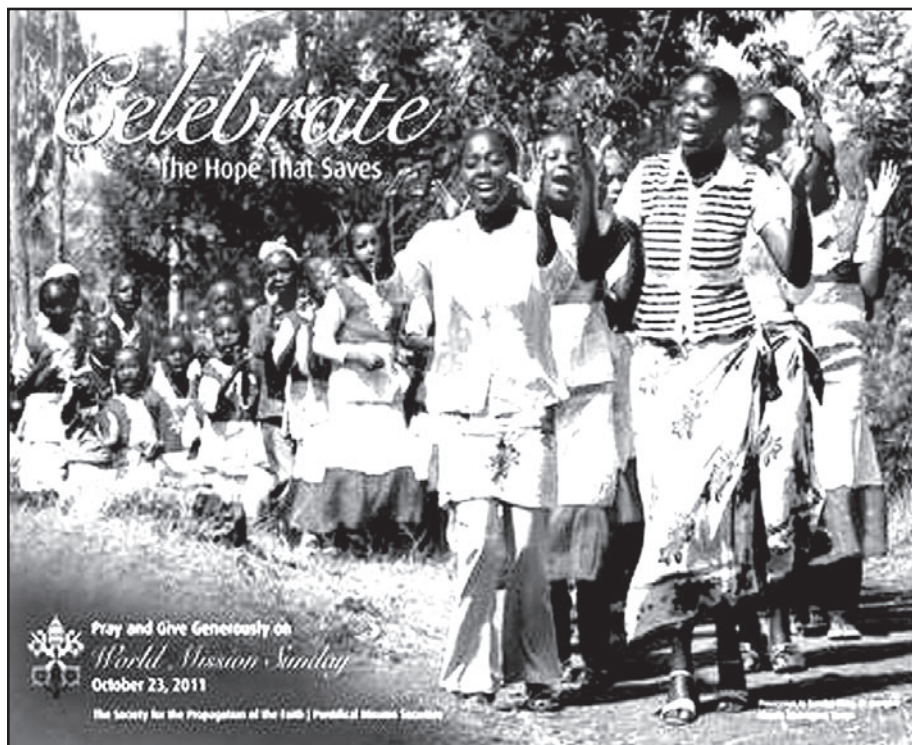
Bishop Soenneker Home Bible Group



Terri Reburn— Bible Leader.

Story and Photo by Tina Lantz
 KNOTTSVILLE, Ky. - Our Bible Group began during the Lenten season of 2009 by Jackie Cecil. It was then continued and carried on by Arlene Cecil. In this group is a very bible-loving resident, Terri Reburn. She has routinely on a daily basis read her Bible and makes daily visits to Saint William Church for adoration time. Her time with the Lord is a very important part of her life.

Terri prayed very hard and then asked Arlene if she might be able to lead the group. Arlene with great pride and joy placed her in charge. Terri says, "I have always wanted to be a Sister. But things happened and it never fell together. So I have a wonderful spiritual director that has been keeping in contact with me. She tells me that even though I can't be a Sister, I have a mission here at the Home. I thank God for many blessings and for my Home. So I will do my mission here where I dearly love."



World Mission Sunday, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. In 2011, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on October 23.

Annually, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday in October. As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world" (see *Redemptoris Missio* 81).



The members of the Bishop Soenneker Home Bible Group: seated - Corrine Calhoun, Terri Reburn, Debra Nugent; back row - Dorene Aud, Kathy Caulk, Randy Denham, Gary Horn, and Barbara Houk. Submitted Photos

When Terri first started the Bible Group, there were 5 residents present. Now it has grown to 10. Some who attend are of different faiths, ages, and learning abilities. It is quite a challenge she has accepted,

but she has met it head on, and is doing a fantastic job with God and the Holy Spirit guiding her. She plans to continue her mission as a disciple of God here at Bishop Soenneker Home.

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Sunday, October 23, 2011 2:00 - 5:00 pm

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

Theme: Holy is God's Name.

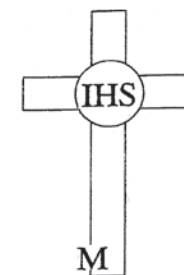
Parish Center: Music; Welcome; Crowning of Statue of Mary;

Speaker: Most Rev. William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro, "Holy is God's Name;" Refreshments; Display of Religious Articles; Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

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

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

Confessions: Heard throughout.



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Celebrate Your Marriage

Married couples wishing to celebrate their marriage are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Marriage Celebration with Bishop William F. Medley at Blessed Mother Parish on Sunday, October 30, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. A reception will follow the Mass.

Please RSVP to Charlotte Hedges by October 14th at (270)683-1545. Families Welcome!

Confirmation in Sebree Brings Hope and Highlights Challenges

by Patti Gutiérrez, Parish Life Coordinator

SEBREE, Ky. - On August 14th fifteen young people, representing the diversity of Webster County, Ky., were confirmed by Bishop Medley. Since only about 150 people can squeeze into Saint Michael Church and so many of the candidates' families speak different languages, two confirmations were held that day – one in English at 10:30am and one in Spanish at 12pm – both with a “packed house”. Although it made for a chaotic day, it was also a monumental one for our parish. Since the founding of our parish in 1976, there has only been one confirmation that surpassed that number and it was in 1993. In those 35 years, confirmations have only taken place every 2, 3 or sometimes 5 years.

This surge of youth participation at St. Michael's presents both hope for the future but also challenges for our parish. At a time when small, rural parishes like ours are fledgling for resources these young people are beacons of hope that parish life will go on. In an age of so much division and fear of “the other”, youth like these are the key to bridging the divisions of culture, race and language. The Holy Spirit has now been stirred up in them and many for the first time have been taught the basics of our faith. They have the potential to become faithful leaders of our parish community.



These fifteen young people, representing the diversity of Webster County, Ky., were confirmed by Bishop Medley. The 2nd largest confirmation class since the founding of St. Michael's Parish in 1976 was confirmed on August 14th: (front row) Felix Apolinar, Emily Fulkerson, Kayla Tennyson, Guartola José, Luis Lopez, Clarissa Rivera, Sonia Arroyo. (back row) Waldher González, Kolten Lynn, Bishop Medley, Miguel José, Hugo Barco and Scott Roland. Pictured on the side (top to bottom) are Gunner, Nick and Cainan Duncan who managed to leave before the group photo. Photos courtesy of the staff of St. Michael Parish, Sebree.

At the same time they challenge the entire parish community to find ways of truly engaging them and calling forth their gifts in service to God and his Church. These



What age is best to Make a Cursillo?

By Linda Hill,
Whitesville, Ky.

The first Women's Cursillo was held in the Diocese of Owensboro some 42 years ago. At age 22, I was part of that amazing weekend. A question I am often asked is, “What was the advantage of making it so young?” I had received an excellent Catholic education from the Sister of Charity for 12 years. What else did I need? What could I get from this Cursillo? I think this is a question that most people have when they are asked to make a Cursillo and it is a fair question.

First, let me remind you, 42 years ago besides the Mass the only tools we had for deepening our faith were parish missions and retreats. These were great helps but when they were over most went home and essentially returned to their same spiritual routine and life as before.

This is not the case with the Cursillo, which gives you the tools to deepen your faith and to make it an intimate part of your everyday life. These tools enabled me to

see Christ working in my life each day; I was able to build a stronger foundation for my faith to grow in Christ; and they gave me a community I could call on in good times and hard.

Through regular meetings with women whom I had shared the Cursillo, I learned that Christ cared about every area of my life every day of my life; that He walked with me every day as long as I allowed Him. Over time along with these meetings, Mass, the sacraments, and prayer I learned to truly trust in Christ.

At 25, I moved away from my hometown, my Cursillo group, and my church community, out into a world I had never experienced. It would take 35 years and I would travel from coast to coast before returning to my home. But along the way, the Lord gave me great Christian friends and wonderful church families and devout Cursillo group reunions. Yes, as I traveled I came in contact with other Cursillo groups.

As the writer for this Cursillo column in the WKC last month talked about the community she found here in our diocese,

that is what I found in these other towns. Each time I was welcomed as an old friend, not a stranger in a new town. I easily slipped into the community and found fellowship and love. Each time I found a “home church”.

Over the years and in several states I have met Cursillistas from virtually every walk of life. Some were young and single and others were old and widowed but they were all thankful God had brought them closer to Himself through a Cursillo.

So, if you are asked to be a candidate or if you are looking for a candidate to make a Cursillo, don't think about age, especially that they may be too young (candidates must be at least 18 years old and able to receive the sacraments). We never know who needs these tools. We never know where God will take a person or how He will use them. Only God knows.

So, invite someone or if you are invited, say “yes” and let God do the rest. Because when God calls it is the right time and the right age to make a Cursillo.

De Colores!

young people represent a diversity that is now a permanent reality in parishes all across our diocese, state and nation. Their parents speak English, Spanish, Kanjobal and Mixteco. They come from diverse backgrounds, countries, cultures and socio-economic situations. Some are from single-parent households, mixed families, step-families or are being raised by grandparents. They are growing up in an ever more secular culture where their values and beliefs are questioned at every turn. This is our Church. How we respond will determine the future of the Church.

What a challenge! But what a blessing! May God send his Holy Spirit to move in the lives of these fifteen young people and in the entire parish community in astounding ways. St. Michael pray for us and defend us in this battle.

Bishop Medley Calls St. Lawrence Parish To Pray for Vocations, Send More Young People For Service To The Church

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By Mel Howard

SAINT LAWRENCE, Ky. - On September 4, 2011, Bishop William Medley presided at Mass at Saint Lawrence Church, the mother church of the Catholic churches in Daviess County, Ky.

Bishop Medley spoke from the readings of the day about forgiveness: "If we don't have a heart to forgive, we don't have the heart to receive forgiveness. God's Grace is directed toward sinners. We can't give up on those who need God's grace. Treat a person (whom you encounter) as a child of God, as a sister or a brother in Christ, as another Christ."

Bishop Medley shared that as of this day, he had visited for Mass all of the 79 parishes in the 32 counties of the diocese as well as the various chapels and monasteries since becoming our fourth bishop. He said that our diocese has 83 priests, and of this number there are 14 retired priests, many of whom still fill in for other priests who may need to be away from their Parish church on a weekend. Of the 69 priests assigned to parishes, 15 are foreign born priests, seven from India, and eight from Africa.

He said that many Catholics are surprised to hear that the USA is now a mission country. This country used to send missionaries abroad, but now more foreign-born priests are coming to serve the USA than there are US priests serving in missions elsewhere in the world.

"To have Mass in our 79 parishes every weekend," Bishop Medley said, "we need foreign born priests. In some other places, not every parish has Mass every Sunday." Bishop Medley then recounted that Saint Lawrence Church is the mother church of Daviess County, that in 1821, the first Mass was offered in a home near the present church site. The priest from Saint Lawrence at one time traveled hundreds of miles to offer Mass for the people of 13 mission churches. "We don't believe



Bishop William Medley speaking at St. Lawrence Church Sept. 4, 2011.

that we will get back to that point in this diocese any time soon," Bishop Medley said.

He said that over the years since the 1800s Saint Lawrence parish has sent 36



The Assembly standing as the petitions are read at Mass Sept. 4 at St. Lawrence Church in eastern Daviess County, Ky. Mel Howard photos



St. Lawrence parishioner Francine Wright asked Bishop Medley for his blessing during the reception after Mass. Ms. Wright gave the Bishop a quilt she made especially for him,

priests and religious to serve the Church. "How many," he asked, "has this parish sent in the last 10 years, 20 years, 30 years? As richly as God has blessed you, you owe the church some back! I see young men here who may be hearing God's call to carry the Gospel message to His people. I challenge you to pray for vocations, and not just pray for these young people, but to be sure to tell them that God may be calling them. Instill in the young a sense that we

At left, Bishop Medley and pastor Fr. Pat Bittel greeted St Lawrence parishioners and visitors in front of church Sept. 4.



St Lawrence parish native Sister Eula Johnson, S.C.N. spoke with Bishop Medley during a reception in the parish hall after Mass Sept. 4.

have a mission and it extends beyond this one corner of the diocese."

Bishop Medley said that he met Saint Lawrence pastor years ago when he visited Kentucky State Penitentiary as a pastor. "While visiting a Death Row," he said, "I met Father Pat (Bittel). Father Pat is kind of hard to forget!"

Bishop Medley concluded his homily this day, "Pray for Vocations. Also, if there is someone with whom you are not at peace this day, find a way to forgive them, to find peace with them. As Jesus did, treat the person as you would a gentile or a tax collector, that is as a Child of God."

Seven students from diocesan schools named Sen. Jeff Green Scholars

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

These students have also earned \$2,500 a year in Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) awards. Their awards may be renewed each year of college if they continue high scholastic achievement, making the total value of their KEES worth \$10,000.

The title honors the late state Sen. Jeff Green of Mayfield, who served in the Kentucky General Assembly from 1992 to 1997. Local students who earned this prestigious designation are: from Owensboro Catholic High School: Charles Kauffeld, Regina Powers; from St. Mary High School, Paducah: Sydney Edwards, Sarah Hendley, Jessica Jones, Peyton Vaughan, Samuel Whittaker.

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

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

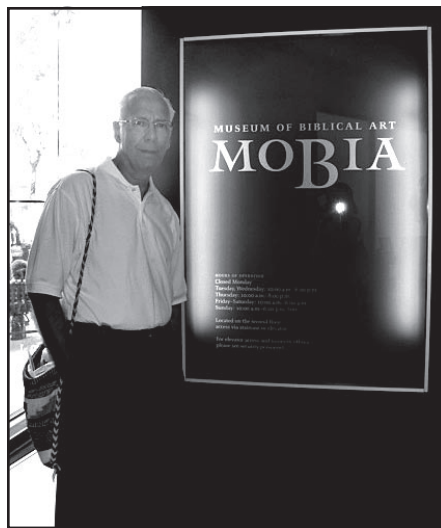
The Museum of Biblical Art - MOBIA

By Fr. Anthony Shonis

On my vacation home this summer to visit my mother I made arrangements to go to New York City and see the Museum of Biblical Art or as it is popularly known MOBIA. I had read about MOBIA last fall in *Commonweal* and on the spur of the moment I became a card-carrying member. So with my membership card in tow, I headed for the museum which is located at Broadway and 61st Street. If you know NYC, it is very close to Lincoln Center and the gallery itself is housed above the American Bible Society.

This is no Sunday school art gallery; it is a first rate museum exhibiting very fine pieces of biblical art. The one qualification is that they have to in 'some way' be related to the Bible. The operating budget for MOBIA is over 3 million dollars and since its opening in 1998, it has over 75,000 visitors.

This will give you a little sense of the art work that has been exhibited at MOBIA. "Coming Home: Self-Taught Artists, the Bible and the American South" were the inaugural show that opened the gallery in 2005. The Next Generation: Contemporary Expression of Faith 2006.



Fr Shonis in front of a MOBIA sign in NYC. Submitted photo

According to the explanatory note written by the artist, the piece demonstrates how "there is beauty in the places where people do not tend to look. What beauty is apart from God?" Stained Glass in the United States, 1999; Biblical Art and Private Devotion, 2002; The Art of Watanabe Sadano 2001; Art and Religion in Romanian Life

Diocesan Review Board Members Ready to Respond to Calls

The members of the Board who deal with sexual abuse allegations in the Diocese of Owensboro are as follows: Mr. Ken Bennett, Mr. Mike Boone, Ms. Kay Castlen, Chair, Rev. Mike Clark, JCL, Rev. Pat Connell, Mr. Jeff Ebelhar, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Mr. Nicholas Goetz, Mr. Brandon Harley, Ms. Teresa Henry, Mr. Dan Howard, Sr. Eula Johnson, SCN. Ms. Louanne Payne serves as the Bishop's liaison to the Review Board.

Any person who wishes to communicate with the Diocesan Review Board is asked to call the Catholic Pastoral Center at 1-270-683-1545 and ask to speak with a member of the Review Board. To speak with a particular member of this Board, tell the receptionist. In either case, the receptionist at the Catholic Pastoral Center will give the caller's information to a member of the Diocesan Review Board for follow-up.

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Take A One-Day Bus Trip

The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth are taking a one-day bus trip to Western Kentucky to a few sites where Sisters opened their first missions. The trip will be on Thursday, October 13, 2011. Charlene Jacobs, SCN, is organizing the trip. For more information, call her at (502) 331-4529 or email her at cjacobs@scnazarethky.org. The bus will pick up in Louisville at Nazareth Home at 7:45 a.m. and at Nazareth Motherhouse at 8:30 a.m.

The pelican is the traditional symbol of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Legend tells how this unique bird will feed her young with her blood when no other means of nourishment is available. The pelican, then, will give her life in order to save her children and future generations. In a similar spirit of love, the SCN Family provides care for those in need.

2004; Contemporary Expression of Art 2005; Ethiopian Art from the Walters Art Museum; Georges Rouault's *Misere et Guerre* 2006. Earlier this year, 2011 Passion in Venice an exhibit on Christ as "Man of Sorrows."

The exhibit I saw was "On Eagles Wings: The King James Bible Turns Four Hundred." What especially pleased me about this exhibit was that I, a Catholic priest, could learn something of the beauty and history of the King James Bible. The history of the King James Bible is complicated and involved (plenty of intrigue) yet through it all one can sense the deep love of the translators for the Word of God.

Some of the Bibles on display particularly caught my attention. A pocket size edition of the KJB reminded me of the pocket Bible people carry with them today. I felt like I could just pick it up and put it in my back pocket. On The Bible's vellum cover is its print date, 1640.

The other was the Chained Bible. This was a Bible with a chain still attached to it. The chain would have held it to a lectern

or a desk. Bibles were expensive and until the Gutenberg Press costly to reproduce so a Bible was chained in the church which owned them so people could see the Book and read it but not remove it. As books became less and less expensive, this practice was abandoned. However, I did have one regret about my visit to MOBIA - I was not able to attend the lecture by Clare Manias entitled "Conserving the King James Bible."

There is a deep relationship between the Bible and art. The spirit that God breathes into Adam in the Book of Genesis is the same spirit that expresses itself in art. And the spirit expressed through art can inspire, teach and lead to faith.

I should add that the gallery also features a beautiful painting by the artist Makoto Fujimura entitled "The Four Gospels." And so, if you are heading to the Big Apple, think of paying a visit to MOBIA (www.mobia.org) and by the way Happy Birthday to the King James Bible...400 years and still the poet's number one choice.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Marriage Celebrations for October

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

John & Suzanne Caudill, 25
Joe & Kathy Lowe, 40
Ernie & Lou Davis, 51
George & Mary Virginia Ballard, Sr., 68

Christ the King, Madisonville

Maurice & Patricia Jolley, 59

Christ the King, Scottsville

Samuel A. & Annette Harris, 58

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

Kenny & Martha Barger, 63

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

James & Janie Cunningham, 40
Rudy & Agnes Gibson, 60
Thomas & Sue Hagan, 56
Clarence & Margaret Kaminski, 62
Brad & Terri Meuth, 25
Peter & Lisa Perrone, 25
Ray & Evelyn Shoemaker, 64
Herman M. & Mary Ruth Thomas, 58
William & Virginia Thomas, 65

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Steve & Mary Jane Swigonski, 60
Alan & Judith Tourville, 53
Camille & Margaret Picciano, 68
Kris & Julie Bucy, 25
Tim & Donna Kanaly, 25

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Robert & Faye Gray, 50

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Thomas E. & Joann Castlen, 65
Martin & Jane Cravens, 52
Wm. D. & Velma Dunn, 54
David & Patricia Hamilton, 59
C. Edwin & Judy Logsdon, 40
Joe & Kathy Lowe, 40
Harry & Doris McCrary, 55
Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro
Michael & Sherry Alvey, 25
William & Janice Morton, 50
Lester & Helen Schaick, 62
Billy & Anna C. King, 61
George D. & Jennie Howard, 65
Hubert & Margie Terry, 53
J. C. & Mildred Higdon, 57
George L. & Anna Weldon, 55

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Joseph & Shirley Clayton, 40
Tom & Carole Peak, 40

Sacred Heart, Waverly

John & Cheryl Buckman, 40
Donald & Ellen Buckman, 57

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

Robert & Janette Warren, 55

St. Ann, Morganfield

Raymond & Sue Alvey, 66
Eddie & Peggy Salyers, 60
St. Anthony, Axtel
John & Shirley Coffey, 60
Alfred & Edna Critchelow, 51
Dan & Pat Rhodes, 51
William & Roswitha Clark, 50
Francis & Sue Henning, 50
St. Anthony, Browns Valley
Dan & Lisa McCarty, 25
St. Anthony, Peonia
James & Janice Ballow, 50
Eugene & Georgetta Smith, 53
Carlton & Betty Clemons, 52
St. Augustine, Grayson Springs
Kenny & Rhonda Jacobs, 25
St. Benedict, Wax
Russell & Rudell Higdon, 56
St. Francis de Sales, Paducah
Henry & Shirley Gollon, 51
Stuart & Lois Stephany, 51
Joe & Betty Tucker, Sr., 52
Siro & Marcella Pandolfi, 63
Paul & Catherine Floyd, 50
St. Henry, Aurora
William & Pat Day, 52
St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Bobby & Debbie Higgins, 25
Gary & Mazrilyn King, 40
Jimmy & Betty O'Guinn, 40
Jack & Mary Ann Purcell, 53
St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Larry and Dorothy Halvorson, 60
Gerald & Pat Roof, 51
Bob & Barbaranell Tackett, 51
Paul Louis & Martha Wurth, 51
Paul & Alice Roof, 40
Ray & Martha Levesque, 53
Charles & Margaret Ballard, 51
St. Joseph, Central City
Victor & Rose Rogier, 64
St. Joseph, Leitchfield
James P. & Nellie Alvey, 62
Roger & Mary Pierce, 40
St. Joseph, Mayfield
Mike & Nancy Bisto, 50
Harold & Barbara Hayden, 56
Joseph & June Elliott, 64
St. Lawrence, Philpot
Bernard & Kathleen Wright, 64
St. Leo, Murray
Dan & Jane Blankenship, 40
John & Marie Clark, 50
Alfred & Patricia Koehler, 54
Bruno & Helen Zubko, 67
St. Martin, Rome
James & Margaret Bickett, 56
John & Eloise Chandler, 56

Bill & Patti Wink, 56

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Bobby & Faye Millay, 53
William D. & Mary Ann Knott, 51

St. Mary of the Wood, Whitesville

Harold & Barbara Morris, 50
Val & Bernadine Payne, 50
M. C. & Barbara Roberts, 51

Audry & Martha Hagan, 65

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Orin & Vi8rginia Koch, 55

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Jerry & Kathleen Crawford, 40
Frank & Catherine Gawarecki, 52

St. Paul, Princeton

George & Carmen Richardville, 60

St. Peter, Waverly

Louie & Rita Mills, 56

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Steve & Sharon Clark, 25

St. Ronuald, Hardinsburg

Merl & Marty Kannapel, 65
Harold & Libby Osborne, 58

St. Rose, Cloverport

John & Libby Popham, 54
Richard & Dorothy Carter, 61

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Phillip & Pam Huff, 40
Ronald & Cissy Sullivan, 51
Jeff & Edna Murphey, 25

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Barry & Joanne Clark, 25
Joseph & Rita Mayo, 25
Kelly & Barbara Robinson, 53
Robert & Barbara Marty, 55

St. William, Knottsville

Ralph & Catherine Mudd, 52
Allen & Becky Payne, 51
Owen & Charlotte Cecil, 50

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Allen & Gina King, 25
Melvin J. & Maxine Fleischmann, 51
Chester & Deanna Kaminski, 51
James & Doris Mills, 54

Robert & Mary Helen Ward, 51

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Phillip & Ruby Carsone, 57
Lyndon & Sheila Goode, 51
Donald J. & Mary Langhi, 50
Lindall & Barbara Oatts, 51
Bill & Kathryn Whittinghill, 63

School Spirit

(We R OC!)

Just a little after sunrise, Matthew McGovern, an OCHS senior, at left, and his brother, Justin McGovern, OCHS freshman, walked to school through Owensboro's Moreland Park carrying their football helmets and cleats with pride on the morning of a game day later that evening. Both McGovern brothers are playing for the Aces for the first time this year. Mel Howard Photo



10 Minister Appreciation

Submitted by Rich Logsdon

AURORA, Ky. - Sunday, August 21 was a special day for all the various ministers at St. Henry Catholic Church here. A delicious dinner in the parish hall was a well-deserved thank you for their hard work all year long. After pastor Father Babu Kulathumkal offered his heartfelt thanks and urged everyone to keep up the good work, he gave the blessing; and the ministers partook of fried chicken, ham, mostaccioli, a variety of side dishes, drinks and a huge cake.

The parish has only about 120-125 families, and many of the family members offer their time and talent, some in more than one ministry, to God and for the betterment of the parish. Hospitality ministers, Eucharistic ministers, servers, lectors, cooks, grounds keepers, housekeepers, Parish Council, Finance Committee, gift shop, religious education, pastoral care, liturgy, fund raising and others are all part of the community that keeps St. Henry running smoothly.



2011 Governor's Scholars

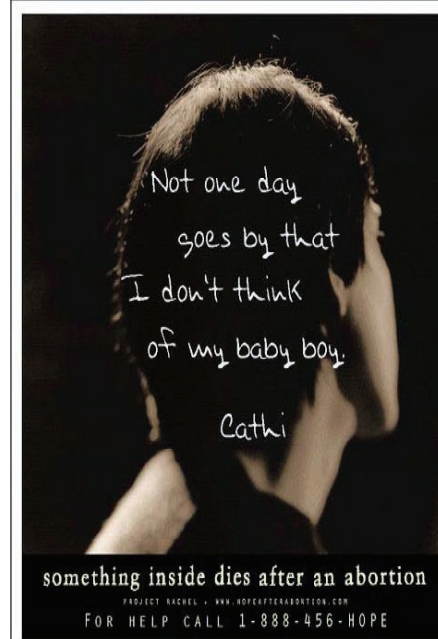
Two St. Mary High School students were named 2011 Governor's Scholars. Emily Ebelhar and Michael Smith were selected for this prestigious honor.

Emily is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ebelhar. Michael is the son of Drs. Michael and Kathy Smith. Submitted by Jackie Hopper



Sharing Faith, Games, Singing, and Lots of Laughter

Saint Anthony and Saint Mary of the Woods Vacation Bible School took a beach theme this past summer. At left is a picture of the whole group. Above, Mrs. Janice O'Donoghue and Mrs. Jenny Camp shared Bible stories with Pre-school and Kindergarten age children. Submitted by Gale Hinton



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HENDERSON, Ky. - In the August, 2011, edition of the *Voices in the Parish (VIP)* newsletter for Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson appeared several articles and pictures as part of the parish's Annual Report for July 2010-June, 2011.

Youth group activities, both from the parish and the Catholic elementary school in the parish, were prominently in the parish's Annual Report.

VIP: The Mission Trip to Flagstaff, AZ (shown in the picture above) was a fantastic trip out west for the 24 youth and adults that went. While there, we worked on several people's homes that were in need, painted and did upkeep for Catholic Charities, and filled nearly 3,500 food boxes for the St. Mary's Food Bank which serves all of northern Arizona. There was also time to see the Grand Canyon, hike Cathedral Rock in Sedona, and hang out in Albuquerque. Our Juniors and Seniors were a joy to travel with and represented our Parish very well. As a group, we would like to thank everyone who supported us both financially and with your prayers."

Youth Minister Charlie Hardesty said, "During this service trips in Flagstaff, our group did home repair projects in the community, painted some apartments for Catholic Charities, worked at St. Vincent De Paul, and filled 3,500 food boxes for the St. Mary's Food Bank, which serves all of Northern Arizona. The participants of the Flagstaff trip were Juniors and Seniors and it took place June 11-19.

"The Caruthersville Trip was for Freshmen and Sophomores and it took place July 3-10 in Caruthersville, MO. On this trip, we again took part in several home repair projects. We also built some picnic tables for the parish in Caruthersville and ran a Vacation Bible School in a community Park in Steele, MO."



VIP: The Mission Trip to Caruthersville, MO (shown in the picture above) was a tremendous experience for the 31 Youth and Adults that went. While there, we provided upkeep for a couple people's homes, fixed a woman's rotting deck, and build 3 picnic tables for the local parish. We also held a Vacation Bible School in the community of Steele, Mo. The youth were absolutely incredible and worked as hard as I have ever seen a mission team work. It was truly an honor to get to spend this time with the Youth of Holy Name Parish. As a group, we would like to thank everyone who supported us both financially and with your prayers.

"The Holy Name Parish High School Youth Ministry meets most Sunday and Wednesday nights throughout the year. Please see the website at <http://holynamemyouth.blogspot.com> for more details. For information regarding Holy Name's Youth Ministries, please contact Charlie Hardesty at (270)826-2096 or chardesty@holynameparish.net."

Hardesty said, "Both trips were fantastic experiences where our youth truly had a chance to be the hands and feet of Christ. The adults and myself were overwhelmed by the hard work and dedication of the youth and all that they were able to accomplish. They kids were truly able to shine their lights for Christ."

Editor's Note: These pictures and article were reprinted from Holy Name Parish Annual Report July 2010 - June 2011. Parishes in the Diocese of Owensboro are invited to send in news and pictures from their parish, school, or parish group activities for the people of the diocese to enjoy and be inspired. Send pictures and stories to the Western Kentucky Catholic's editor at Mel.Howard@pastoral.org.



Singing A New Song For A New School Year

St. Ann Catholic School choir students were singing during the opening school mass on August 19th. Photo submitted by St. Ann School, Morganfield, Ky.

12 Pelicans Forever, The Year Barataria Bay Turned Black

A Review by Mel Howard

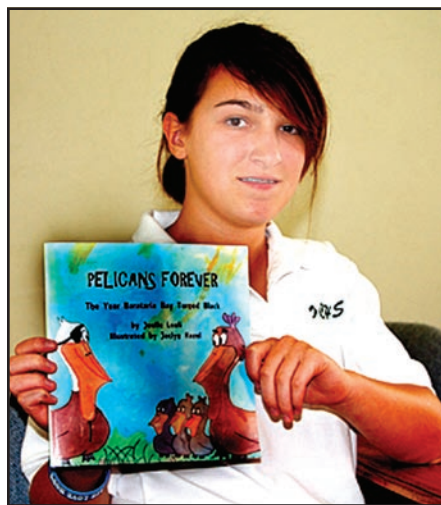
Pelicans Forever, written by Joelle Leali and illustrated by Jaclyn Hazel, introduces us to Parish and Pauline, two Louisiana Brown Pelicans. They live in Barataria Bay, a popular pelican nesting ground, near Grand Isle, Louisiana. These captivating characters are forced to deal with their habitat in their nesting ground near Grand Isle, La. as affected by the oil spill.

The intended audience is the young child aged 3-8.

Joelle Leali is married with three young daughters. She lives in New Orleans, La and is a speech and language therapist working with young children. She was inspired to write *Pelicans Forever* because the children in her life had so many questions regarding the recent oil spill.

Illustrated by Jaclyn Hazel. Jaclyn is a sophomore at Owensboro Catholic High School and loves art and animals. She has spent most of her summers enjoying the Gulf beaches, and was excited to illustrate *Pelicans Forever*.

Joelle Leali spoke of her book recently



Jaclyn Hazel, OCHS sophomore, holds *Pelicans Forever*. Mel Howard Photo

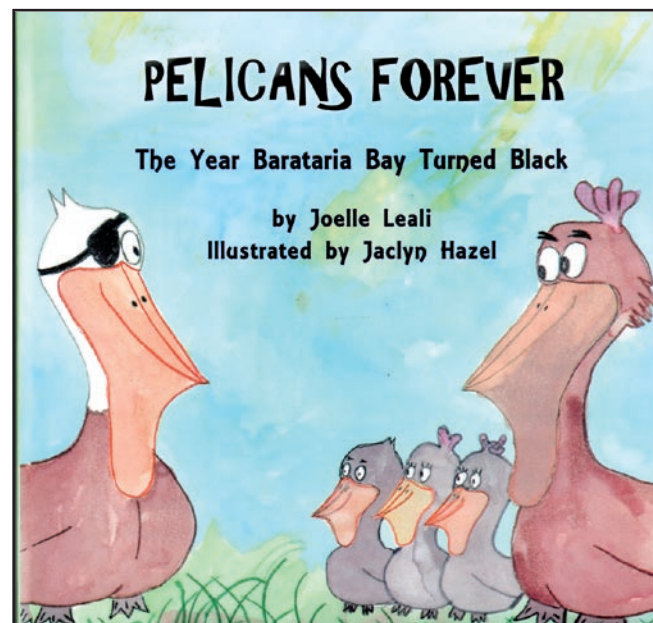
with *The Western Kentucky Catholic*:

"When I was putting *Pelicans Forever* together, I immediately thought it should be a "family project". We have all grown up enjoying the Gulf Coast beaches and the kids in my life were very distraught

over the animals effected by the spill. I asked Jaclyn to read my initial story idea and for her to draw some sketches. This is when Parish, Pauline, and the other captivating characters came to life. *Pelicans Forever* has done very well for a self-published book. It is on the shelf at several Barnes and Nobles and other independent stores across the coast as well as available online at Amazon at Books-A-Million.

"Jaclyn is such a great artist but also was somewhat introverted when it came to "marketing" her book. Her drawings have captured the hearts of many and I am very proud of her."

Jaclyn said that she did the drawing in *Pelicans Forever* during the summer of 2009, and it took her about a week working every day to draw the images first in pencil, and then in water color paint. The pelicans in her drawings look at objects and one another in ways that children view life, open-eyed, awed, smiling, except when they have to look at black oil on their feathers, in the water, and shore where their nests are. Then the pelicans' eyes grow larger, even fearful or angry. Girl pelicans



The cover of *Pelicans Forever*, written by Joelle Leali and illustrated by Jaclyn Hazel, published by Capture the Giggles in 2010.

have eyelashes; Parish the Pelican wears an eye patch over his right eye. These emotions are illustrated in the pelicans' eyes and mouths.

Once when Parish is out catching fish for his family's supper, he is caught in an old fishing line; then a boat's wake spills crude oil over the restraining boom onto his feathers, and he is trapped. Two volunteers find Parish, free him from the line, and take him to a rehab center. Parish worries that he will not see his family again.

Just like people who find themselves trapped by addictions, war, famine, or sin.

What saves Parish (us)? Just as in a Catholic Parish, it is the volunteers who save Parish from homelessness, unemployment, separation from family, even deportation. The volunteers bring Parish back to Barataria Bay, Pauline, and their chicks. Happy Days again!

Pelicans Forever does not cast blame at anyone for the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, but Parish and Pauline live in the "hope people will learn from their mistakes ..." Some notes at the end of the book tells people about brown pelicans, and oil, pollution, and offers young readers some experiments about oil and about birds.



A scan of one of Jaclyn Hazel's drawings from the book shows Parish the Pelican trapped in old fishing line and crude oil.

Join us for Reflection Days

- Oct. 7 - "Falling Leaves"
- Nov. 4 - "Faithful Love"
- Dec. 2 - "Homecoming"
- Jan. 6, 2012 - TBA

First Friday of the month

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Students at Sts. Peter and Paul Remember 9/11

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Gathered by the flag poles on Friday, September 9, 2001, students from Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville participated in a brief prayer service led by Student Council President Christina Ligibel. The prayer service was organized by the student council. All students were invited to wear red, white and blue and attend the prayer service to honor and remember those who perished on September 11, 2001. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



Preschool students hold tightly onto their flags and look skyward toward the large American flag while saying the pledge of allegiance during a memorial prayer service at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on Friday, September 9, 2011. All students and teachers of the school gathered by the flag poles that day to honor and remember those who died on the tragic day ten years ago. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



Fifth grade student, Eve Bratton, is joined by her mother, Jessica Burnett, a local fire fighter in Hopkinsville, on Friday, September 9, 2011, at Sts. Peter and Paul School for a brief prayer service. The prayer service was organized by the school's student council and was held in honor and memory of the many Americans who perished ten years ago on September 11, 2001. Local fire fighters and police were invited to attend. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

14 In Your Charity, Please Pray For The Repose of the Soul of Sister Darlene Denton, OSU



Maple Mount — Sister Darlene Denton, 63, an Ursuline Sister of Mount Saint Joseph, died Sept. 5 at Mount Saint Joseph, in her 28th year of religious life. She was a native of Louisville. Sister Darlene was a steadfast friend to many she ministered to, loyal and encouraging, and someone who led others to grow in their faith. Sister Darlene was director of the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center from 1994-97. She was a teacher at St. Romuald School in Hardinsburg from 1982-83, and also was a principal and taught in the Archdiocese of Louisville. She was a facilities director for a retreat center in Dayton, Ohio. Sister Darlene was a pastoral associate at Saint Helen/Mary Queen of Peace Parish in Louisville from 1998-2011.

Survivors include her brother, Michael Edward Denton, his wife Debbie, nieces Laura and Tracey, all of Louisville, and the members of her religious community.

The funeral Mass was Sept. 7 at Mount Saint Joseph, with burial in the convent cemetery. Glenn Funeral Home and Crematory, Owensboro, was in charge of arrangements. Memorial gifts for Sister Darlene may take the form of donations to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, KY 42356.

Join Us for the Lifting Up Mass 11-6-11, 2:30 pm, at the Wendell Foster Center

The Diocesan Disabilities Awareness Committee, along with the Wendell Foster Center, invites all persons with disabilities and their families to attend the sacred liturgy of the Mass, called the "Lifting Up Mass" with a reception following in their honor on Sunday, November 6, 2011 at 2:30 pm. The Mass will be celebrated in the Young Building on the Wendell Foster Center Campus, located at 815 Triplett St in Owensboro Kentucky and there will be signs directing participants to the gathering area. Parking is available in the main parking area off Triplett and parking assistance will be available if needed.

The main celebrant will be Brescia University President, Fr. Larry Hostetter. This liturgy will offer those in attendance the opportunity to actively participate as ministers of hospitality, lectors, petition readers, gift bearers, and Eucharistic Ministers. Those who would be interested in serving in a ministering role should call Michelle Clouse at 270/929-8501.

The reception with refreshments will follow the Mass and will also be held in the Young Building. Information on assistive technology will be available at the event. All Pastors and Associates are also invited to join in this celebration, that they may see how persons with disabilities can be easily integrated into all aspects of liturgy and worship.

Persons with one or more disabilities often find it difficult to find they are welcome in their Parish church for a wide variety of reasons. Reaching out on the part of the faith community is essential to holding open the door to membership and to express the sense of worth to these individuals. Please come join us for this "Lifting Up Mass" on November 6, 2011 at 2:30 pm in the Young Building on the Wendell Foster Campus in Owensboro.



BEREAVEMENT

The One You Love Has Died

By Betty Medley

Despite the popularity of the saying "Time heals all wounds," it's not exactly true. Time by itself will not heal the gash that has been created by the death of the one you love. Your healing is not simply a matter of waiting things out, of letting enough time pass by until you feel good again. True healing happens only after you get involved yourself.

This active involvement is not easy. It hurts to grieve. The way before you is not always clear. The ground around you may not feel firm. You may have doubts about what you're to do and how you're to do it, or even if you can do it. Grief is a very challenging process. It demands your determination, perseverance, and ingenuity. Although your grief experience-and therefore your challenges-will be uniquely yours, following are some of the more common challenges.

You may wonder why people aren't more understanding. People may not give you much opportunity to say what's on your mind and in your heart. They may say things that don't feel good and don't help you, like "I know exactly how you feel" when they really don't because they really can't — they are not you. They

may think they're encouraging you by saying, "Oh, it could be worse," when really they're discounting the seriousness of what has happened to you. They may avoid the subject of your grief altogether, acting as if nothing really happened. They may even avoid you altogether.

There can be many reasons why people act this way. They may not know any better because something like this has never happened to them. They may feel awkward and not know what else to say or do except offer a standard cliché. They may be focused on themselves, fearing what would happen to them in a similar situation. Then again, they may just be acting thoughtlessly.

Try to keep in mind that we're all products of our culture and that most segments of modern North American culture don't deal very well with death and grief — we're deficient in that way. Be forgiving when you can, but also be firm when you feel you must, letting people know when they're hurting rather than helping your process. Assert your personal right to grieve.



Betty Medley



Special Apostolic Catholic Evangelizers (SPACE) group singing the Our Father. Photos courtesy of Sister Audrey Gold

At right, Father Larry Hostetter preparing the gifts for the Mass. At left, seminarian Jaime Dennis, left, and Father Larry Hostetter preparing to begin Mass with liturgical ministers.



Membership Is For All

By Drew Hardesty

OUR LADY of LOURDES CHURCH, OWENSBORO, Ky. - Standing in the pew on August 14, I realized something about our parish. We are not a Members-Only-jacket-wearing community, our membership is for everyone.

The same can surely be said of any Catholic Church in the diocese, and all over the world, but I noticed it that Sunday at 11:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. From the opening to the closing procession, it was abundantly clear that the Catholic Church has a deep and profound love for all life; the unborn, the elderly, the disabled. Most of the ministers of this Mass were disabled, but the focus was not on their disabilities. The focus was on what they are able to do; read one of the readings, serve at the Mass, and even help distribute the Most Precious Body and Blood of Jesus. We were not excluding parishioners at this Mass, but rather including some, and it was long overdue.

The Gospel reading that weekend was about the woman with the possessed daughter. She had asked Jesus to have pity on her and her daughter.

ter. But this Canaanite woman was not supposed to even approach a Jew, much less talk to one. Jesus tells her, "My mission is only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." This seems like Jesus will not help her because she is not a Jew. What Jesus says next is probably the insult of all insults when he tells her, "It is not right to take the food of children and throw it to the dogs."

Fr. Brad in his homily says, "Frankly, I would not have blamed the woman if she had just walked away in frustration and anger. I would have been gone a long time ago." But she doesn't walk away and instead challenges this idea of Jews back then that salvation was for only them, for Members Only, the Chosen People of God. Jesus had come to bring salvation to ALL and it was out of her great faith in Christ that he healed the woman's daughter.



Bob Powers was a lector for Mass.



Chris Hagan carried the Crucifix during the processional and recessional.



Joe Lewis was also a lector for Mass.



A group of differently-abled parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish gathered with pastor Father Brad Whistle after the 11:00 A.M. Mass on August 14 to happily show that in the Catholic Church MEMBERSHIP IS FOR ALL! Photos by Sheila Hopewell

There could not have been a more relevant Gospel reading than that one for this occasion. There I sat watching as a man in a wheelchair read the First Reading, another man missing an arm read the Second Reading, two with mental disabilities helped serve the Mass; some confined to walking aids distributed Communion, and so many more. But

Lourdes didn't see that in them. Instead they were welcomed to assist in the great sacrifice of Christ, who years before had welcomed someone not too entirely different.

In closing his homily, pastor Fr. Brad Whistle put it best when he said, "...a new protocol has now been established. Is it for members only? No!! I don't think so. Not at all. MEMBERSHIP IS FOR ALL!!!"



Holding the banner is Jody Thomson.



Rose Carrico with hands folded in prayer chose to sit in the pew as others knelt.

Forgiveness Retreat



Mrs. Terri Ann Thornton and Ms. Betty Anne Watt's 4th grade classes from St. Joseph School in Bowling Green enjoyed Prayer Day at the Gasper Retreat Center. Using the theme of "Forgiveness," students had a wonderful day with lessons, and activities, which included praying the Rosary, using the Rosary Stones at the Gasper River Retreat Center. Students enjoyed making and eating pretzels, after learning that Monks made pretzels after fasting for forgiveness during Lent! Students participated in discussions, had prayer services and played games based on this theme. Students completed the day with a kick ball game, using the skills for forgiveness during the game. The Fourth Grade Retreat was an enjoyable and meaningful experience. Submitted by Betty Anne Watt

Taking Some Time Out Of Their Week To Gather For Prayer And Reflection



Each week the middle grades students at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic School (Whitesville) take time out of their week to gather for prayer and reflection together in the prayer garden. Classes rotate among themselves in leading everyone in prayer. Pictured in the photo above are Zeke Roberts, Zach Roberts, Sarah Smith, Allison Payne, Samantha Roberts, Caleb Goetz, and Valerie Wilkerson. Pictured in the picture at left is Middle Grade's Teacher Kay Howard with Eric Howard, Dylan Ward, Jack Goetz, and Noah Rhodes. Submitted by Erin Kamuf

Bishop Medley Installs Fr. Richard Meredith as Pastor, Fr. Daniel Dillard as Parochial Vicar

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By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - As he has done several times throughout the diocese this summer, Bishop William Medley presided over a ceremony during Mass on Saturday, August 27, 2011, at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville to install the parish's new pastor, Fr. Richard Meredith, with Fr. Daniel Dillard as Parochial Vicar.

Initiating the installation ceremony, Bishop Medley first officially introduced Fr. Meredith to the congregation. Having already been their pastor for nearly two and a half months, the applause from the congregation was loud and extended. Similarly, when the bishop introduced Fr. Daniel Dillard as their associate pastor, the applause was equally as strong.

Bishop Medley then formally introduced Fr. Meredith to the staffs of both the school and the parish. After an appreciative round of applause from the congregation for members of both staffs, the bishop then introduced the new pastor to his parish pastoral council. Following a prepared script, Fr. Meredith pledged to work closely with the parish pastoral council and seek its council on matters pertaining to the parish. He then led the congregation in the profession of the Nicene Creed followed by an oath before the bishop promising to hold and uphold the faith of the church and the magisterial authority of the pope and college of bishops.

Following the formal introductions, Bishop Medley began his homily by reflecting on the acceptance of both Fr. Meredith and Fr. Dillard by the congregation. "Perhaps we could have put an applause meter on that, but they seem to be equally welcome here," Bishop Medley quipped.

After recapping the gospel reading for that week and the preceding weeks, Bishop Medley characteristically tied the gospel messages into the reason for his presence at the parish. "St. Peter is one who can go from hero to zero in record time," Bishop Medley began. "Last week, Jesus called Peter the rock upon which he would build his church. Today, Jesus admonishes Peter by saying 'get behind me Satan!'"

"There is a message in there for all of us," the bishop continued. "Peter was the rock on which to build the Church, but he was still a very human person. The Church is very human. It is very apropos to think



Fr. Richard Meredith pledged an oath to Bishop William Medley on Saturday, August 27, 2011, as part of an installation ceremony conducted by the bishop to formally install the new pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. Fr. Meredith became the pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 14. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

about these readings as we install your pastor.

"Jeremiah was apropos also today saying 'I've been duped!' Fr. Richard might have felt that way when I asked him to pastor Sts. Peter and Paul," Bishop Medley said eliciting laughter from the congregation as Fr. Meredith mimed zipping his lips and locking them with a key.

"But he responded by saying, 'I will go where you send me,' which has been a hallmark of his priestly service," complimented Bishop Medley. "And of Fr. Daniel in his short time as a priest," the bishop added.

Continuing with his typical humor, Bishop Medley then poked fun at both himself and Fr. Meredith. "If you are as old as Fr. Richard, and I can say that because I'm 14 days older than he is! As young boys, we would never have imagined that the United States of America would be a mission nation," he said. With a more serious tone, he continued, "We never thought the day would come when we would have more foreign born priests than American born priests.

"The international priests coming to our diocese have spared us from making the decision to have to deny some parishes Mass on a weekly basis," Bishop Medley said with appreciation. "Where would we be without them?" he implored. "Where would we be without Fr. Richard and Fr. Daniel?"

"I call upon you as part of our celebration of this installation of Fr. Richard to pray for vocations," Bishop Medley requested. "When you see a young man doing something good, tell him! Many are called to the vineyard, but many youth are not answering. I have no doubt that there are



Bishop William Medley presided at Mass on Saturday, August 27, 2011, with Fr. Daniel Dillard and Fr. Richard Meredith at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. Bishop Medley was in Hopkinsville to formally install Fr. Meredith as the new pastor of the parish. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

young people out there that God is calling, but they are not listening."

At the end of Mass, Fr. Meredith had the opportunity to address the congregation. "Yes, he is older than me," he began, gaining appreciation from the congregation. "Bishop, thank you for being with us for this wonderful celebration.

"The promises and the oath I made are quite real, but as the bishop pointed out, even the great Peter stumbled. We will stumble together and rise together with the Lord guiding us along the way," Fr. Meredith said with humility and humor.

Bishop Medley concluded Mass by saying, "Thank you, Fr. Richard for saying yes to the priesthood and for saying yes to be the pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul." The congregation once again showered its new pastor with applause.

Parishioners enjoyed a reception of finger foods and drinks in the narthex following the Mass, giving Bishop Medley, Fr. Meredith and Fr. Dillard an extended opportunity to fellowship with those in attendance.

OCHS Golfer, Haley Ingram, to Attend First Tee Forum

Haley Ingram, a Junior at Owensboro Catholic High School, was selected as one of 50 teens nationwide that will go to The First Tee 2011 Future Leaders Forum in October at Disney World, Orlando. Selection was based on her application, essay, recommendations, and her status as a First Tee participant. She has been a member since 2004. OCS Photo



Meet Kathy and John Prough, one of three from Holy Name Parish in the Permanent Diaconate Program

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Out of the present class of 18 studying to become permanent deacons, three are from Holy Name parish. These three-family men come from wide-ranging backgrounds but have one common commitment. After the long journey of preparation, their ordination will take place in the fall of 2012.

John Prough was born in Akron, Ohio. His parents Sam and Anna are deceased. He is the youngest of three brothers. Attended catholic school for 12 years and later on graduated from the University of Akron.

John Said, "During my junior/senior year, thru excellent role-model priests, I became involved in a program, "Search For Christian Maturity," similar to today's TEC; it changed my life. Prior to this, I was introverted and had few friends. Now I worked as part of the team, made many new friends and grew close to our parish priest, Fr. Cuticchia.

"After high school, I joined the Army Reserve and took basic training at Fr. Campbell. Little did I know that much later in life, I would live so close by.

"I went to work at General Tire in Akron as mail boy—it was the only full-time, non-production job that was available. You could say: I learned the job from the ground up. I knew everyone from my co-workers to the company president—I also met my future wife, Kathy, who worked as an executive secretary. We met, soon married, and life started to move fast.

"When Kathy became unemployed, we started our family and I started college. Work covered my college tuition and with perseverance (it took 8 years), I was able to eventually graduate 'cum laude' with a 2 year and 4 year BS degree in Industrial Mgt."

John has been part of four different Catholic communities. St. Bernard, and St. Matthews, Akron, Ohio; St. Thomas Moore, Paducah, Ky.; and Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson, Ky. When the young associate pastor at St. Thomas Moore, Fr. John Thomas was assigned to Holy Name,



John and Kathy Prough

Henderson, John helped him relocate. This is when John met Fr. Ed Bradley for the first time.

When John became unemployed (unexpectedly), a job opportunity in Henderson lead him again to Fr. Bradley who not only helped secure an interview for the job but provided John with lodging in an apartment above the Sisters' home. It was Fr. Ed who first asked John about signing up for the new diaconate program.

John said, "My family is very supportive in my present endeavor. My wife of 40 years, Kathy, has been with me every step of the way, despite the fact that several years ago she was diagnosed with primary progressive multiple sclerosis. She continues to amaze me with her positive attitude. My four children, now grown, Maryann, Susie, Terry and John, Jr. are just as supportive.

"We have three grandchildren. As you can imagine, I am a target for kidding by the family when the new title 'deacon' comes up.

"My favorite Bible verse was Matthew 28:18-20, 'And behold, I am with you always until the end of the age'. I have often drawn strength from this. Then as an assignment to read and consider, John 15:16, there it was 'It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you. . . ."

Upon reflection, this is so true in John's life—how God has moved through his life to bring him to this place, this time, and his decision. Each setback at work or layoff moved him closer to his new home in Henderson, Ky.

John explained, "Studying for the diaconate, time devoted to understanding

my commitment—it's a whole bunch and then some. As a Christian, apostolic works should be a part of life. Reasons for doing for God, country, parish and others."

John is finishing his third year of study at Sts. Peter and Paul, Hopkinsville, Ky. Going over-night one weekend per month is required. Guess who is head of the diaconate program - Father John Thomas!

John said, "In September, we began

our final year of academic study leading up to ordination in September, 2012. I am currently Information Technology Mgr for Brenntag Mid-South but my hope is to retire in a few years and devote more time to my vocation as a permanent deacon. I plan to continue to serve the faith community of Holy Name and the church of Western Kentucky. I ask for your prayers for myself and my companions."

Getting To Know Bill and Debbie Grant

My name is Bill Grant, my wife is Debbie; we have been members of St. Augustine Parish at Grayson Springs, Kentucky for the past three years. I am originally a native of Louisville and Debbie is from Colorado. We have been married 41 years and have three children: Benjamin (Atlanta, GA), Jessica (North Hollywood, CA), and Will, his wife Karen and our grandson, Christopher (Denham Springs, LA). I am retired from AT&T/Bellsouth as a project manager/technical writer. Debbie is a retired CAT-Scan technician. Prior to returning to Kentucky, we lived for 25 years in Alabaster, AL. For the first two years of the diaconate formation, we commuted from Alabama to Hopkinsville each month for classes. Bishop McRaith was gracious to allow us to enter the program prior to our move to Kentucky.

My call to be a permanent deacon was a prolonged one. I, like many men, resisted the call of the Holy Spirit for many years. I can see now that His plan was for Debbie and I to serve in Western Kentucky all along. We have found our "bit of heaven- on earth" in Grayson County. We were immediately welcomed into this faith-filled, Tri-Parish Catholic Community in the county and have become active in many parish ministries. Father Brian Johnson has been very encouraging of our formation and ministry.

Permanent Deacons and their spouses are called to serve Christ and His Church in the Diocese of Owensboro in many, many ways. We are not here to replace the laity and take over the ministries that the laity are performing in the parishes. We are here to energize the laity. We are not here to replace the priests in the parishes. We are here to support and make the priests' life easier. We will



Bill and Debbie Grant

assist at the celebration of the Eucharist and we will preach. As deacons, we will be performing Baptisms and witnessing marriages. We will conduct wake services and bury the dead. We will lead RCIA and religious education programs. We will visit the sick in the hospitals and nursing homes. We will counsel parishioners. We are called to minister to the larger community, outside the parish, with acts of Christian Charity. The deacon and his spouse are called to be the eyes, the ears, the hands, the feet, and voice of Christ to His people. Deacons have been called the "foot-washers of the community."

What can the people of the Diocese do to help us adjust to our new assignment in the parishes? Please pray for us. We have one more year until our ordination. Pray that God continues to form us educationally and spiritually. After ordination, support us in our parish ministry. All of the deacon candidates and their wives feel that they have been greatly blessed by God. We have been called to be your servants. Allow us to devote our lives to serve God, His people, and you.

My Spiritual Journey

By Tony Anthony

It's funny sometimes how life can start out so good, or maybe comfortable is a better word, and then can twist and turn you until you barely resemble your family of origin. That's how I feel often. My family belonged to a small Methodist church out in the country. I was baptized when I was twelve years old and my family was very active in the church. I sang in the choir, played my cornet some Sundays at church, and helped start our own Gospel quartet.

My first glimpse inside a Catholic Church was during a band trip to Bardstown. I went along with some of the Catholic kids to the Proto-Cathedral there and immediately knew that there was a big difference between my church and this one. There was such a feeling of reverence and respect from everyone there in the



Tony and Lyvenia Anthony

church. I didn't know why since I knew nothing of the Blessed Sacrament and His true presence there in that building, but I sure could feel it.

A couple of years later, I met the girl I would marry and bear our eight children. She began to answer my questions about her faith and the reason for my experience in that church in Bardstown. I knew that I had found the real church

of God and that I needed to belong to this church.

God has led me down a lot of different paths since I became Catholic. From playing guitar and directing a choir before 500 people to teaching religion to the youth in our parish, God has put me in several uncomfortable situations that made me grow as a Christian and caused me to thirst for more knowledge about His church. Sometimes we need to step out of our comfort zone and see where God will lead us.

Becoming a Deacon is definitely out of my comfort zone. Many times I think, "Life would be so much easier and calmer if I hadn't started down this path." These thoughts usually come to me late at night when I am writing feverishly on a long procrastinated paper to be emailed before midnight. But I know in my heart that I would not be happy with myself unless I gave this my all. I cannot say no when I sincerely feel called to service as a Deacon.

There are two of us from St Romuald in this deacon class, myself and Mike Wiedemer. Our Pastor, Fr Tony Bickett has been one of our greatest supporters through all of our training and is now supporting us in our roles as acolytes. Mike and I serve every weekend mass and are starting to serve for funerals and weddings. We have even led some communion services with a short reflection. We are getting more at ease at the Altar which is helping us adjust to our new roles we will have next year as Deacons. We are fortunate to have such a supportive priest, parish and bishop.

The Two Arms Of The Bishop: Presbyterate And Diaconate

Rev. J. Ronald Knott

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight. Moses' hands, however, grew tired. Meanwhile Aaron and Hur supported his hands, one on one side and one on the other, so that his hands remained steady till sunset. Exodus 17:12

I cannot read the story of Aaron and Hur holding up the arms of Moses without thinking about one of the best descriptions of the diaconate and its relationship to the presbyterate that I have ever read. It is in Walter Cardinal Kasper's book *Leadership in the Church: How Traditional Roles Can Serve the Christian Community Today*. Here is an overview of some of his insights.

One of the great things to come out of Vatican Council II was the restoration of the diaconate. Various motives were proposed for this restoration, including a vision of relieving the pressure of a future priest-shortage. The Council, however, rejected this idea because the diaconate is an autonomous grade of the sacrament of orders, not a substitute in places where priests are lacking, nor is it one particular form of lay ministry.

In choosing to go back past medieval developments to early church ordination liturgies and patristic theology, the Council Fathers saw the diaconate as vitally necessary to the life of the church and, with



Rev. J. Ronald Knott

the presbyterate, one ordained ministry, of which the episcopacy is the fullness. The diaconate and the presbyterate, they said, have different tasks and denote two different structures, but they collaborate with one another because both participate in the bishop's ministry and both are immediately subordinate to the bishop.

The Council saw the diaconate and

the presbyterate as graded participation in the bishop's ministry. The diaconate is not subordinate to the presbyterate. The presbyterate and the diaconate are subordinate to the bishop directly – they are his two arms so to speak. The deacon is not an "almost priest," nor is he one who fills in the gap where no priests are available.

The main role of the deacon, as the bishop's representative, is to lead, inspire and motivate the whole church to service in collaboration with priests. Deacons do not do service for the church, but make sure the church is doing service. This necessary leadership role does not dispense the laity, the bishop or the priest from their own service tasks. Deacons are charged with promoting the diakonia of the whole church - with inspiring, motivating and training others for diaconal service, not just to do service for the church.

At liturgy, it is the deacon's responsibility to bring the needs of the community, especially the poor, to the table. It is the deacon who trains and guides volunteers, as well as lay ministers. The deacon is the contact person to governmental services. No matter what he is doing, the deacon's role is to make sure the church is serving, not to be an "almost priest" or, as I have experienced on occasion, to be merely a cultic leader who likes to be around the altar wearing liturgical robes and displaying pectoral crosses bigger than the bishop's

himself, but who couldn't care less about servant leadership.

Neither priests nor deacons carry out their own ministries. Both help the bishop to carry out his ministry. These gradations of participation in the bishop's ministry denote two separate arms, both having different tasks which must collaborate with one another in unity. That unity is symbolized when the bishop has traditionally worn a chasuble, dalmatic and tunic all at once. In the ministry of the bishop, the presbyterate is one arm of the bishop and the diaconate the other. In a real sense, the diaconate and the presbyterate make the same bishop present in the communities entrusted to them, each in their own way.

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20 A World Youth Day Testimony

by Mary Monaghan

Often when asked about the experience of World Youth Day, a pilgrim will respond, bursting about the strangely potent feeling that surrounded his own encounter with the Holy Father. He might describe with such energy how incredibly moving it was to be in the midst of such a young and alive crowd, all gathered in the name of Christ, that one believes he was at the absolute center of action. The powers and graces given to one man and the graces given to the Church are combined in that week, and the result is an overwhelming burst of grace into the air that a pilgrim cannot help but breathe. Truly amazed by encountering grace with such certainty, he returns and is asked to tell those at home about his trip.

My own experience at World Youth Day included the amazement at the crowds and the pope. Upon returning home, I found I was affected by witnessing such an event. The action of grace I saw was in a different place than I expected, and not always in the crowded parks or metros full of screaming pilgrims, nor necessarily in the catechesis sessions full of young adults who desired to learn more about Christ. At our nightly group meetings, those were the times I was truly aware of the effect of God's grace. There, everything we had seen, loved, and participated in came to fruition by how we responded to one another at the close of the day.

Our group leader, Mary Reding, asked us to share what she called 'Holy Spirit Moments,' times throughout the day when we were witnesses to the Holy Spirit's grace. It opened my eyes to recognize God in His creation, among His people. He wants to be looked for, seen, and shared, and that was the point of our nightly meetings. At times, things were difficult because people were tired and uncomfortable or impatient and annoyed, but we all had to stay and share a story of the Holy Spirit. Towards the end of the pilgrimage, I finally started to get it. It was here at these meetings that the Holy Spirit was moving; it was at these meetings that we could really show the charity we were inspired to share from our catechesis sessions.

The sight of two million people that participated in World Youth Day was awe-inspiring and overwhelming. They were everywhere. Every time I saw a pilgrim standing out in the Madrid sun with his bright yellow hat, yellow shirt and orange fan, he reminded me not only of the reason why we were gathered in Spain, but of the ultimate reason of why we gather at all: to give God His glory. Yet while the message conveyed by two million youth coming to Spain to see the Pope and learn about Catholicism is truly moving, my own heart was more deeply moved during the moments where there were less people and a greater amount of intimacy.

As there were only twelve of us in our group, it was easier to know each other and to understand that the group was not just a concept, but it was a name for twelve living persons who need and want love. I could only understand this by coming to know one person at a time. I could not start loving the group until I loved a part of the group, and I could not grow in grace with the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, until I grew in grace with one other person. In short, I learned that to truly love Christ I must truly



In the picture- Left to right, Front row: Emily Martin (Bowling Green), Maggie Smith (Lebanon), Paul Conrad (Smith's Grove); Back row: John Sohl (Shepardsville), Beth Avis (Cox's Creek), Jacob Martin (New Haven), Michelle Smith (Evansville, IN), Mary Reding (Bowling Green), Terence Monaghan (New Hope), Jessie Reed (New Haven), Father Joshua McCarty (Bowling Green), Mary Monaghan (New Hope). Photo, story submitted by Mary Reding, Campus Minister for St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Campus Center in Bowling Green, KY

love my brother; that Christ will expand my love if I but give Him a sample.

During the opening Mass, before Communion, I felt a tap on my shoulder and turned to see my (familial) brother handing me a Divine Mercy book and pointing to a specific passage. It read:

I desire to unite Myself to human souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things...They treat Me as a dead object. (1385)

This informed my week in Spain. I learned that in order to really be united with Christ during Holy Communion, I had to unite my actions to His will, to live the virtues of obedience and charity. These I had to live around my fellow Christians, as I found it was impossible to be obedient to God but not obedient to the people he has placed in authority over me. I learned that in order for my will to be His will, I had to take on the will of another here on earth. Sacrifice is not a once in a lifetime occurrence, but a daily struggle. The Holy Spirit

Moments allowed me to understand the order of living as a Christian in the world, of being part of a whole.

I can never take my eyes off of the goal, but I must also make sure I do not reach it alone.

Mary Monaghan, New Hope, was one of 12 pilgrims that attended World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain. Members of the group included pilgrims from both the Archdiocese of Louisville and the Diocese of Owensboro. The trip was organized by the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Campus Center at Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green.

Come & See Event

Sisters of St. Benedict, Ferdinand, Indiana - October 14-16, 2011 For single, Catholic woman between the ages of 18 to 40. Get to know our Benedictine sisters, share in our community life and prayer, and meet other women who are considering religious life - no pressure, no commitment! For more information or to register online, visit www.thedome.org/vocations, call Sister Michelle Sinkhorn at 800-734-9999, or email vocation@thedome.org.



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there for a retreat as a high school senior and had not been back in 39 years. She was sitting at a picnic table under a tree, people-watching. Frannie said that many things had changed at the Mount, and the memorable things for her had not changed. "God gives us what we need," Frannie told me. "Ask God exactly. God gives what we need. The simplest things in life usually is what we get with God's help. Ask God, then wait," Frannie said.

She works nights, and had come to the picnic this day after work. She nodded off a couple times under that shade tree. "I don't worry here where I am safe," Frannie said. "I can take a little snooze and not worry."

I shared with her Sister Laurita's simple prayer. Frannie said, "We don't get everything we ask for, but the simplest things do come our way. 'Live simply so others may simply live' is one of my favorite sayings. I think that these Sisters live that."

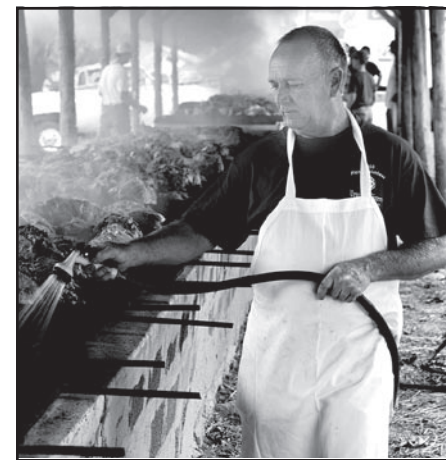
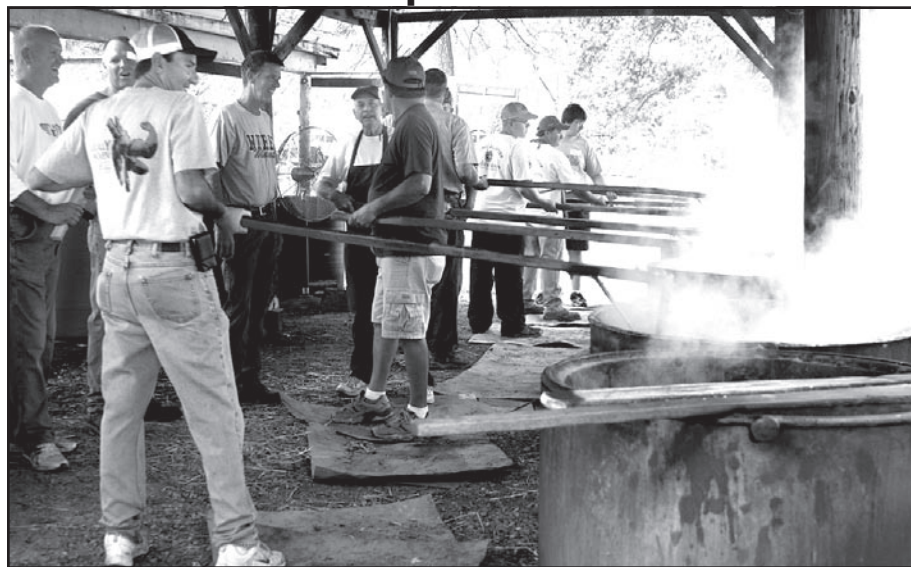
Frannie spoke about the elderly Ursuline Sisters whom she saw at the picnic visiting with all the people or lending their hands staffing the booths. "I look around at these Sisters and see that we're all getting older."

Though she had not been at the Mount since she was 18, Frannie has felt a kinship with the Sisters all these years. "I see these older Sisters," Frannie said, "they take it one day at a time. They live real simple, and give all their trust and hopes for life to God. God provides us with exactly what we need, maybe not what we think we have to have, but simply what is the best for us. God knows. All we have is His; we call it 'mine,' but it is all God's. The Sisters know that way."

Later, I saw Bishop-emeritus John McRaith and I was reminded of a stewardship lesson he gave many times. I asked him to repeat it for me. Bishop John said, "We think it is all mine. Mine! Mine! Mine!"

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Mount Saint Joseph Picnic 9/11/11



Holy Helpers

Here's the list of parishes involved in the 2011 Mount Picnic: Blessed Mother, Christ the King, Madisonville, Holy Name, Henderson, Parish of the Immaculate, Our Lady of Lourdes, Precious Blood, St. Alphonsus, St. Anthony, Browns Valley, St. Joseph, Central City, St. Mary, La Center, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Martin, Rome, St. Peter, Stanley, St. Pius X, Owensboro, St. Stephen, St. Sebastian, Calhoun, Sts. Joseph & Paul. ALSO: Brescia students & faculty, OCHS students, OCMS students, Trinity HS, Whitesville, students, Owensboro MSJ Associates, Western Kentucky MS Associates, and Grayson County Associates.



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That is cute when a three-year-old says it, but not when a thirty-year-old goes around saying 'Mine!Mine!Mine!' We still think that all we have is mine, but it is all God's. We need to live that way."

Kindred spirits, Frannie and Bishop John: poets and prophets? Both see life in a mystical way now. I looked around at the crowd of the 41st MSJ picnic after meeting these two, and I felt that the Holy Spirit was really working in us this

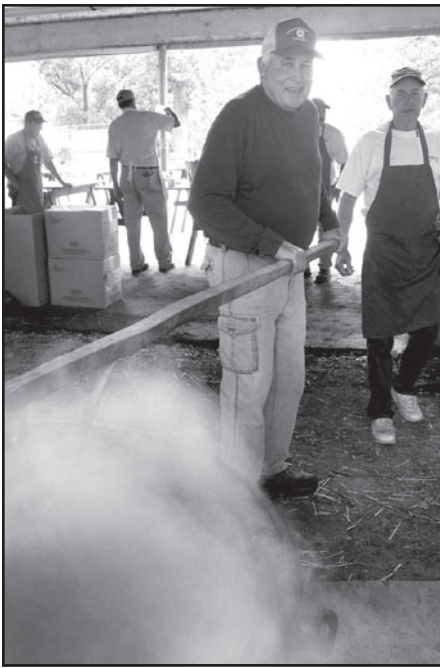
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day at the Mount Picnic. This was likely the largest crowd to attend a Mount picnic in years. We all stayed, socializing with others for the afternoon. The weather was heavenly. I haven't heard what the financial results of the picnic were, but I believe that God answered a Sister's prayer that day as the skies cleared, the sun came out, and all the bright faces of the people were glowing with smiles.



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24 New Campaign to Identify Our Future Priests

By Dr. Fred Litke,

Associate Vocations Director

Most men who enter the seminary have something in common, besides their strong faith and a love for the Church. Nearly all of them say that someone mentioned the possibility of priesthood to them—and often this occurred more than just once! A recent report shows that many of these men had not considered a vocation to priesthood... until someone

the average age of our current priests, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to continue to adequately serve our 79 parishes and missions.

To bridge the gap, the diocese has increasingly sought the help of religious priests and priests from other countries. Most experts, though, see this as a short-term solution that can't be sustained indefinitely.

Vocation Director Fr. Andy Garner believes there's hope for a turnaround. "In my travels around the diocese, I've met lots of good and faithful Catholic men,

but I think most just don't have enough information about priesthood to know whether it is their true vocation," he said.

"That's a big reason for Called by Name—to use the eyes and ears of our priests, teachers, and all parishioners in the Diocese of Owensboro to help us identify our future priests."

Called by Name is an old idea that has been implemented in dozens of Dioceses, including the Diocese of Owensboro over ten years ago. It was started by the SERRA Club in St. Louis, many years ago. Unfortunately, it never

yielded very good results, mainly because of the logistics of a paper-and pen process utilizing mail-in forms. Follow-up was difficult and tedious. And in many cases, it was never done.

Now the diocese is updating the program to be web-based utilizing email and our Vocations website. The Called by Name campaign coincides with the launch of a brand-new web site for the vocation office, www.gopriesthood.org.

The Vocations website includes many useful resources not only for men considering priesthood, but also for teachers, parishes, parents, and priests also.

Throughout October, hundreds of people will be receiving emails Vocation Director, Fr. Andy Garner and from Bishop Medley with links to the new web site. On the website, there is a prominent area devoted to the Called by Name program. A special form is provided where names can be submitted.

Once names are submitted, the Vocation Office will contact these young men and provide them with information concerning vocations, ESPECIALLY PRIESTHOOD VOCATIONS. They will also receive



mentioned it to them.

That's the idea behind Called by Name, a new diocesan-wide campaign to be launched in October 2011.

The Called by Name campaign asks Catholics in our diocese to submit the names of young men who show signs of a priestly vocation. The Vocation Office will contact these men, provide them with information about the priesthood, and invite them to events and retreats.

"One of my highest priorities is making sure we have enough priests to serve the people of God in Western Kentucky," said Bishop Medley, who is spearheading the campaign. His hope is to find men from our own parishes and schools who will consider seminary."

The need for more priests in the diocese is growing. Since 1990, the number of diocesan priests has declined by one-third. When you consider that fact along with



How to Participate in the Called by Name Program

If you know a young man who may be a good candidate for seminary, visit the Vocations website at www.gopriesthood.org. Click on Called by Name

You will then be asked to fill in the contact information for that young man.

Please note that we are looking for young men who are high school juniors or older.



an invitation to attend a special Vocations Discernment Retreat being held at St. Meinrad Seminary in December.

"My prayer is that all our parishioners, teachers, Religious educators, priests, and parish staff really pray about the young men in their lives—their sons, grandsons, nephews, friends, and students—and take the time to give us their names," said Bishop Medley.

"It only takes a moment, but it could make a world of difference."



Who are our future priests?

By Dr. Fred Litke,
Associate Vocations Director

The Most Rev. Robert J. Carlson, Archbishop of St. Louis, and Chairman of the Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations gives us a glimpse.

On April 25, 2011, he released the CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) report which is a survey of the most recently ordained priests throughout the entire country. This report included responses from over 300 of the men who were ordained in 2011.

Upon releasing the survey, he noted several important points which may help all of us to identify a future priest. Here are the main ones:

- Most were between the age of 25 and 34.
- Family plays a big role in their chosen vocation because over half were from families where both parents were practicing Catholics.
- 71% had been altar servers
- 66% were encouraged by their parish priest and over 80% indicated that they were encouraged by a family member, friend, or teacher.
- A majority were around age 16 when they began to consider a vocation to priesthood.
- Most attended a Catholic school for more than one year during their education.

So what does this mean to all of the rest of us?



Holy Father, Benedict XVI said in his address on Vocations Sunday that EVERY Catholic should consider themselves a local church vocation director. He explained that the survival and existence of the Catholic Church is dependent upon each of us helping to identify future priests because without the ordained priest, we are not Catholic!

So, who are our future priests? If you consider the survey results, you can see who they are and where they come from. They are most likely going to be:

- Between the ages of 18-30 years of age.
- They are going to come from our families.
- They are going to be young men who have been involved in their parish, such as altar servers.
- They may not have thought about becoming a priest until someone suggested it to them.
- And, they have attended one of our Catholic elementary schools, high schools, or universities.

So what do we need to do with this information? Look around your parish. Pay attention to which young men have been involved. Take notice of who attended your Catholic schools. Who fits these criteria in your OWN family?

If you identify a young man who has these characteristics, ask him if he has ever considered a vocation to priesthood. Tell him that you are would like to submit his name to the Diocesan Called by Name program.

Fishers or Men-- 25 Not Keepers of Aquariums

"I hope and pray that we who have been entrusted with vocational promotion and seminary formation may never forget one of the most important duties we have: to discern, recognize, and acknowledge holiness in the young men entrusted to us. We must be discerners of holiness, fishers of men and not keepers of aquariums. Our task is not only to teach and form future ministers, but to call forth saints for the new millennium"

Fr. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B., September 14, 2010



Go to our Diocesan Vocations website, at www.gopriesthood.org and submit his name in the Called by Name section. Pray for him and his vocation and encourage him to continue to pray about it, too.

"God continuously calls men to priesthood... always has and always will! Many times a young man is expecting a clap of thunder, a loud voice, or a bolt of lightning to be a sign of his call to vocations. However, it is often just a whisper from God... or it may even come as a suggestion from a friend, family member, or parish priest." - Fr. A. D. L.

Prayer for Vocations

Gracious God, You have called me to life and gifted me in many ways. Through Baptism You have sent me to continue the mission of Jesus by sharing my love with others. Strengthen me to respond to Your call each day. Help me to become all You desire of me. Inspire me to make a difference in others' lives. Lead me to choose the way of life You have planned for me. Open the hearts of all to listen to Your call. Fill all with Your Holy Spirit that we may have listening hearts and the courage to respond to You. Enkindle in my heart and the hearts of others the desire to make the world a better place by serving as Lay Minister, Sister, Priest, Brother or Deacon. Amen.

26 Trinity Senior Seth Bland Wins National Ascension Press Theology of the Body essay contest

Essay by Seth Bland

My Theology of the Body experience is unlike any other; my father was my teacher. At my school, Theology of the Body is integrated into the sophomore religion course. Before school started, my mother asked my father if he would drop the sophomore religion class. She had good intentions in mind: avoiding awkward moments and potential fights between the two of us. My father thought about this decision for a long time. I also thought about the situation for a while. Finally, I decided it would be selfish of me to make my father give up something he loves so much.

My father being the teacher made me reserved and reluctant to speak during our class conversations. Talking about sex and the importance of purity is not what any sixteen year old wants to be doing with his father every other day. My opposition during this class made me miss out on everything during the early part of the year. I did not listen nor pay attention.

During my freshman year, all I wanted to do was show to everybody that I was nothing like my father. I looked for parties and sexual relationships everywhere. I was leading a double life between my "party life" and the life I knew I should live; it was getting so hard to manage both that I didn't know where to turn.

Theology of the Body was my wakeup call. As I opened myself to the truth, God grabbed me by the collar, shook me hard, and said, "Seth, this is not you at all! Snap out of it." It took a while, but I eventually heard God's message. When the class split between girls and guys, I started to open up. My father told the boys about his wilder teenage years, and I realized that he was not always the role model I know him to be today. He talked about his past life and how it affected him today. After that day, I realized how my choices now could affect my life drastically. I started to participate much more in classroom conversations. I started to take everything to heart and to let everything said sink in. My friends and I started talking about what we were learning in the classroom outside of school. What I was learning during that class was affecting my everyday life.

My eyes were open to the way the world treated sex and women. I stopped watching some of my favorite shows on MTV and stopped searching for parties and sex. I had new-found respect for women



Name: Seth Bland, Age 17
School: Trinity High School,
Whitesville, KY
Second Place Winning Essay

and started to view women as gifts and not just objects for sex. I stopped worrying about what people thought about me, and did not care that my dad was my teacher. He is an intelligent man and has so much to teach me. I just wanted to be me. I surrounded myself with better friends and that made life easier. When I have a genuine support group, every choice is easier to make. The people I surrounded myself with had the same core values as I. I could be with these friends and not have to worry about being myself. I finally felt like that was where I belonged. Our friendships were centered on God and that truly made all the difference.

As time went on, life seemed to get harder. Basketball season started, and my tight knit group of friends slowly went their own ways, whether it was college or their own sports. I was being bombarded daily with pressures from everywhere. I started relating my life more and more to Brian Butler, Theology of the Body spokesperson. I wanted to model my life after his. He was an athlete, just like I have been my whole life. In the videos, he always talked about how the hardest place for him to be was the locker room. I agreed with him because that was my weakest area, too. I reverted back to many things he would say and tried to apply them to my daily life. I would often find myself keeping quiet in the locker room, not wanting to engage in inappropriate conversations.

I have kept hold of the values that I learned in Theology of the Body about a year ago. After my own awakening, I vowed to myself that I would be a virgin until I married. I saw the importance of giving this gift to my future wife. I think for a new, married couple, this is the best gift they can give one another. I pray every night for my future wife. I pray that she will stay pure for me, as I am trying for her. I want us to share in this incredible gift from God for the first time together. Staying a virgin for her is the best thing I can do.

I often think about what my life would be like without Theology of the Body. I often wonder if I would still be wandering around, trying to be someone I am not. Though sometimes I have struggled, I have become a better person. I have learned a lot from my mistakes and Theology of the

Body has helped me tremendously along the way. I thank God all the time for what I learned in that class. They truly have changed my views about everything. Not just sex and purity, but the kind of people I surround myself with. I would not change my past for anything, but I am looking forward to a brighter future.

I am now a junior and am thinking more and more about college every day. I plan to attend a four-year university and live on campus, away from home. I look forward to the challenges that I will face. The lessons that I learned will always be with me. I hope to go to college and be a role model for other people to follow. I'm going to stay pure and chaste for my future wife, and continue to pray for her daily. College will be the biggest challenge my young faith life will face, but with the help of God, anything is possible.

OCHS Fall Athletic Program Dedicated to Fr. Ed Bradley



At the Daviess County game August 26 in Steele Stadium, OCHS principal Gates Settle read an announcement about the OCHS Fall Athletic Program being dedicated to Fr. Ed Bradley. The Aces won the game with the Panthers 49-7. OCS photo

Dean of Students. Over the years he taught math classes, sponsored classes and eventually became Principal. It was under his guidance that Soenneker Hall was created. But more than owning a title, Fr. Bradley owned the affection and devotion of hundreds of students and parents whose lives he touched with his love of God's people. He still does.

It is good to know that once again Fr. Bradley is in the building and available to our students. It is good to know that once again we will see him cheering our athletes from the sidelines. It is good to know that once again his witness to God's love will be visible at Catholic High. It is good know Fr. Bradley has come home. Welcome back."

OWENSBORO, Ky. - August, 26, 2011 - From the Owensboro Catholic High School athletic program, "A wise man, whose name remains unknown, once said, "Homecoming means coming home to what is in your heart." That quotation is the ideal choice to open the dedication of the 2011 Football program. It describes the contents of all whose hearts are happy because Fr. Ed Bradley has come home. It is in his honor that this dedication is made and it is with great job that he is welcomed back home.

"Fr. Bradley began his association with OCHS in 1976 when he became the

Western Kentucky's World Youth Day

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By Danny May

GASPER RIVER RETREAT CENTER - There were several from our diocese who were fortunate enough to go to the World Youth Day celebration this year in Madrid Spain. But for the rest of us, the Diocese provided a local World Youth Day event at Gasper River Catholic Retreat Center. The crowd of nearly 200 people who participated in the WYD event at Gasper had a memorable weekend and imparted a real sense of the global church!

The goal of the local event was to be as authentic to the experience in Madrid as possible, hitting on all the highlights from the World Youth Day. Diocesan Youth Ministry Director Melinda Prunty, Camp Director Ben Warrell, and a group of youth ministers from our diocese met and planned for almost a year to coordinate this event, and it wouldn't have been possible without all the volunteers who showed up as chaperones and support staff for the weekend. In addition to the summer camp staff and a security team, all 17 of the seminarians from our diocese were on hand to help with lots of behind-the-scenes work to keep things running smoothly. Many Religious were present as well; some involved in the prayer experiences, some to work the information booths for their orders, and some to just hang out and mingle with the young people.

Based on feedback from the young people, one of the most moving experiences was Adoration, led by Father of Mercy Priest Father Tony Stephens. Under the light of the stars, the Holy Spirit was undeniably moving in the hearts of young people. It was amazing to see so many kneeling before the Blessed Sacrament, raising hands in worship and standing in line for Confession.

The event started with a "pilgrimage" walk into the camp property Saturday morning and continued with a full day of activities going late into the night. The morning session was led by Fr. Uwem Enoh, who explained the Catholic culture of his native Nigeria, Africa, with help from Rosary Chapel, Paducah, Nia Dancers and Sr. Margaret Olokan. Emcee Greg Walton kept the day moving by introducing the local bands, adoration, Taize Prayer, and the recorded prayer Vigil from Madrid.

Even the weather was authentic! Late Saturday night, we watched a recording of the Vigil with the Holy Father, giving us all a sense of the enormity of the crowd gathered in Madrid. It was impressive to see over a million people gathered, all exuberant and waving flags from their



homelands. As soon as Pope Benedict was about to stand and address the crowd, the wind picked up and the skies poured down rain on the still cheering



crowd. Ironically, thirty minutes later, it was raining at Gasper and we had to take shelter inside.

Sunday concluded with morning prayer led by Fr. Ken Mikulcik, followed by Mass with Bishop William Medley who gave a great homily about Peter being the rock of our church. Our Bishop's challenge to the young people was to "continue to be the rock" and remain "rooted firmly and built up in the faith."

It has already been announced that the next World Youth Day will be celebrated in Brazil in July 2013, which means that plans will soon be underway on the coinciding local event at Gasper River that same weekend.

Be the Voice of the Unborn: March for Life 2012



The Diocesan Gospel of Life Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to Washington D.C. to take part in the March for Life on January 23, 2012. You are invited to join them to speak up for the rights of the unborn.

Reason for the Trip:

Every 26 seconds in this country a child dies as the result of an abortion. You can take a stand with thousands of other Americans to be the voices of our unborn children. You can help assert their right to life and liberty promised in the Declaration of Independence, and tell those representing us to grant that most basic birthright to the unborn. Citizenship is not a spectator sport. We must stand together to effectively advocate for the rights of our little brothers and sisters. It is estimated that 400,000 people participated in the rally in 2011.

Plan for the Trip:

The Gospel of Life Committee is working to set up a bus trip to and lodging in the Washington D.C. area to allow those interested in going to make their voices heard. Currently, the plans for the trip are under consideration, but many of the most important details are clear. Arrangements for travel will be with Toby Tours Bus Lines that will provide a late model bus with bathroom facilities and with passenger capacity of either 47 or 55 people. The size of the bus to be booked for the trip will be based on those making reservations by November 15, 2011. Please note that the final balance due should be paid by January 10, 2012.

The group will depart from the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro on Saturday night at 8:00 PM on January 21, 2011, and arrive in Washington on Sunday afternoon on the 22nd in time to check in at

the hotel, freshen up and visit the convention in progress. The group will be staying at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington on Capitol Hill where the Convention takes place. It may be possible for the group to attend a mini rally at the White House set to take place between 12:00 to 2:00 PM EST. On Sunday

night the group will go to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the Mass for Life, and then return to the hotel that night.

The morning of the March for Life will find the group attending a pre-march Congressional Breakfast. The March for Life takes place in the early afternoon. It will be necessary to travel there by late morning. The group will stay the night of Monday, January 23 at the Hyatt. Some may have an interest in attending the March for Life's fundraising event called the Rose Dinner. Arrangements can be made to attend this event; however it will be at a cost beyond what the trip cost is listed.

The next morning January 24, 2012, the group will depart for home at 8:00 AM, and should arrive back in Owensboro in the early morning of January 25, 2011. Cost for the Trip including Bus Fare and Two Nights at the Hyatt.

The cost of a room at the Hyatt is quoted at \$191.22 including tax per night and the group will stay two nights, for a total of \$382.44 for a single person, but the cost of the room could be shared by 2, 3 or 4 people and this cost could be cut down considerably. If shared by 4 people, then the cost would be \$95.61 per person for both nights.

The cost of the bus taken will depend on the size of the bus taken. Toby Tours quotes a price of \$5,280 for a 47 passenger bus and \$5,930 for a 55 passenger bus. If the Group took a 55 passenger bus, then the cost per person would be \$107.82 for the bus. The group will be responsible for parking fees and toll costs and possibly a few other incidentals.

Please note that meals and souvenirs for the trip are at the additional expense of



the traveler. Even with all of these expenses, it is estimated that a person staying four in a room, could make the trip for about \$300.

Registration for the Trip:

To insure an accurate count for the number of rooms to reserve and to determine the size of the bus to take, it is necessary to set a date certain for registration of November 15, 2011. If you believe that you would like to be part of this pilgrimage of faith, fellowship and exercise of citizenship, then please send a check payable to the Diocese of Owensboro for \$50 per registration and mail it to: Diocese of Owensboro, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, Ky 42301, Attention: Richard Murphy. All travelers are asked to have their final payments in by January 10, 2012.

Let's go make our voices heard for the unborn to recognize their most fundamental rights.



Father Bradley back at OCHS after 26 years

By Mary Hilda McFarland

"I am the most spoiled priest in this diocese!" That's the first thing Father Ed Bradley said to me when he invited me into his new office at Owensboro Catholic High School. "First, I was assigned to Catholic High for 10 years, then I was sent to St. Stephen Cathedral for 10 years, then to Henderson Holy Name for 16 years. And now I get to come back to Catholic High." The interview took place in a classroom office located in the Religion Department wing where Father was seated at his desk, with comfortable chairs welcoming guests. On one corner of his desk was a large basket, filled with lollypops--"Like Bruce Embry used to have," Father said.

Coach Embry's name came up again when Father was asked what was different about the school, this second time around. He said he missed some of the faces, and expected any minute to have Joan Perry or Coach Embry drop in. He said some faces still mean so much to him. Of all the teachers who shared their time with him back in the 70's and 80's, only about nine are still on the staff. Still he has been impressed with the newcomers and their dedication to the mission of the school. "They are continuing the tradition," he said. "The school is strong in its Catholic identity." And in this way he saw little change since he left those many years ago.

Father Bradley noted the small size in the student population and how much quieter the halls are now. Channel 1 was not a part of the school day, and Catholic High did not have an FFA chapter, in those earlier years. Father Bradley remarked on the many renovations that have taken place and cited the most recent, the renovation of the Large Gym. Included in those renovations were the air conditioning, the courtyard, the Media Center, and the elevator. "Harold Staples did a wonderful job with improvements while he was principal," Father said - and asked that his comment be included in the interview.

Father would like to start having Masses after school, especially for special occasions, such as before a big ball game or opening night of a drama production. It was he who later that day celebrated the Opening Mass along with Father Brad Whistle.

Father Bradley continues to be the University of Louisville Basketball Team's Chaplain and will attend their home games. And he intends to enjoy the Aces' various sports as well.

One thing Father will miss now that he is no longer at Henderson Holy Name is his association with the children of the parish school there. Near his desk was a stack of art work sent to him by some of them. One of the signs, autographed by "Andrew" read: "I love God because of you."

Catholic High students will likely come to that same conclusion, now that Father Bradley is back in the building.



Fr. Bradley and the OCHS students asked the Lord's blessings and guidance upon the faculty at the staff recommitment ceremony during the August 18 Opening Mass. Harold Staples Photo

A Catholic School's Identity

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- I can't explain it, it's just different

By Gates Settle,

Principal, Owensboro Catholic High School



Gates Settle

Over the years, when I have asked students, parents, alumni or anyone having any connection to Catholic High why they love OCHS so much, I very often got the answer, "I can't really explain, it's just different."

I really never knew what to make of that response but I heard it over and over. After having spent my entire career in the school business in five different schools, I knew that kids were kids, parents were parents and school staff were all there to go about the routines of educating students and running the schools. When I began at OCHS, I didn't anticipate much of a difference in any of those areas. The one thing I did know was that there was always some uneasiness and nervousness about being the "new guy" so I was somewhat prepared for that part. I officially took over here on July 1 of this year, but started coming over during the last school year a few times to meet as many staff members as possible. I could tell right away there was a difference.

As a former teacher and high school administrator for seventeen years and a middle school principal for eleven, I felt comfortable about knowing what to expect from a school "routine" standpoint even though I was always pretty anxious the day before school starts and usually have trouble sleeping. The morning before the first day of school this year, my wife Angela, asked me if I was nervous or anxious as I always was about the first day. I said that as strange as it was, I had a feeling of calmness that I couldn't remember having and that I slept like a baby last night. She responded, "Well I am sure you have a lot of people praying for you!"

This really got me thinking about the differences that I had already experienced and I began noticing other things too.

The part that I was not prepared for and I could sense on the first day was a feeling that permeates the entire school. The closeness, the acceptance and the welcoming attitude that is here, is not here by accident. My guess is that it has been here for a long, long time and continues each day because of the focus by the adults and the students on what is most important in our daily lives and the reason why OCHS exists. As I have heard and seen many times since I have started with OCHS, the number one goal of Catholic High and all of its programs are to teach and model Christian beliefs and behavior on a daily basis. Our goal is to strive each day to fulfill our mission of being a Christ-centered institution that provides a variety of opportunities to all our students.

All schools have a mission statement, but one thing is for sure, the Catholic identity of OCHS is evident, is obvious and in my opinion, is the reason why the environment is what it is. I know I have only been here for a short time but I am not new to schools and even though I have only been here a few months, I am starting to understand what all those people meant, because, "I can't really explain what it is, it's just different!"

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New OCHS ACT scores are exciting

Excerpted from a *Catholic High Parentlines*, September 8, 2011 article

by Kurt Osborne, OCHS Assistant Principal

"... The graduating class of 2011 scored a composite score of 22.3 tying the ranking as the second highest in school history! In addition to these great scores, 97% of the graduating class took the ACT, widely regarded as the College Readiness Test. The testing policy adopted by the Owensboro Catholic Schools system, the aligning of the curriculum from kindergarten through twelfth grade, and the hard work by faculty, students and parents are continuing to pay dividends for students taking the ACT.

"The ACT score is so much more than a number. It is a clear indication of how prepared students are for college. ACT scores are one component that is considered during the admissions process. ACT predicts success for students in college courses based upon their college readiness benchmark scores. ..."

We'd Better Change And Start Living Right



Julie Murphy

Have you ever started reading a book and wanted to read it again because you don't want to forget one single word? Sometimes a book can make such an impression and give a foretaste of what I want to do to become a holy child of God. I wish I could just tell my brain to memorize the whole book. Anyway, such a book has inspired me to share a few of its ideas with others: "Is Jesus Coming Soon?" written by Ralph Martin, published by Ignatius Press.

This is a book that can light a fire within a reader; it lets us know that we better change and start living right. It wasn't a book of a bunch of "feel good" prayers, but a history lesson from our Lord on how we are to live and recognize the signs of our times.

Speaking only for myself, I want to be ready and waiting for that great Day of Our Lord. I don't like surprises for which I am totally unprepared. I'm a person who loves a head start to prepare for the things that matter. And what does matter to me, and was reinforced after reading this book, is that I want my soul ready for that jubilant time when He calls us Home.

You know, there is no doubt that this topic can be a little unsettling, but it's not like Jesus hasn't left us with instructions to achieve this goal. Not only do we have instructions from our Blessed Lord in Scripture, but the giving keeps coming with heavenly messages of great importance, warnings to change our hearts.

"What's it going to take?"

"Will it take a two by four hit on our head to get it?"

I've heard these expression many times, but my goodness, it's so true when it comes to our life choices we make.

We all could jeopardize our salvation if we don't pull ourselves to-

gether and just make the necessary changes to make our souls worthy of that gift of salvation. Make a change in our lives that will mean something in the end. That something is Eternity with God. Change is hard, especially when it involves giving up things that we think makes our life better. That's one of our biggest blunders, that we think we know it all, we have the answers. We have to start thinking like God does! We have to implement God's rule into our daily living.

In Rom 14; 10, 12 - We shall all have to appear before the judgment seat of God... everyone of us will have to give an account of himself before God. Each person was judged according to his conduct. (Rev 20: 12-13) Consider the kindness and severity of God- severity toward those who fell, kindness towards you, provided you remain in His kindness; if you do not, you, too, will be cut off. (Rom 11:22)

Martin states in "Is Jesus Coming Soon?", pages 106 and 107, a passage that really awakened an understanding of those who are lukewarm in their faith: "This may come as a surprise, but scripture indicates that lukewarm Christians have a chance of being damned." I was surprised, even shocked, when I studied what God's word said about this. Some preaching, religious education, and theological topics today can convey the impression that damnation is not a serious possibility for a lukewarm Christian. God's word points in quite a different direction. Jesus' general attitude toward lukewarmness is vividly expressed in Revelation 3:15: "I know your deeds: I know you are neither hot nor cold. How I wish you were one or the other- hot or cold! But because of you are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold, I will spew you out of my mouth!"

May God bless us all with a desire to seek His will and follow His commandments.

+JM+ Julie Murphy

Brescia Welcomes Medical Mission Sister to Campus November 3 at 7 pm.

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Brescia University, through its Contemporary Woman Program, is delighted to invite the entire community to a presentation by Medical Mission Sister Miriam Therese Winter Ph.D., on November 3 at 7 pm. Her presentation, "Spirituality in a Quantum Universe," will be held in Taylor Lecture Hall, located in the Brescia Science Building.

Sister Miriam Therese currently is a professor of liturgy, worship, and spirituality at Hartford Seminary, in Hartford, Connecticut.

She is a composer, singer, author, and professor. Her album went gold in the U.S. and Australia in 1966. She has gone on to record more than a dozen additional albums and toured in Africa, Australia, Europe, New Zealand, and North America.

Sister Miriam Therese earned a Master's Degree in Religious Education from McMaster Divinity College in Ontario, and a Ph.D. in Liturgical Studies from Princeton Theological Seminary. In

1980, she became the first female on the faculty of the Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, where she now serves as Professor of Liturgy, Worship, Spirituality, and Feminist Studies in the Center for Faith in Practice. She is also Director of the Women's Leadership Institute in Hartford.

Author of numerous books and dozens of articles, Sister Miriam Therese lectures and travels extensively.

Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. They are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Contact Sr. Rose Marita O'Bryan, Director of the Contemporary Woman Program, at 270-686-4275 or rosemarita.obryan@brescia.edu for more information.



Sister Miriam Therese Winter, MMS, Ph.D.

Pope asks forgiveness for 'cradle Catholics' who did not evangelize

By David Kerr

Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Aug 30, 2011 (CNA).- Pope Benedict XVI has asked forgiveness on behalf of generations of "cradle Catholics" who have failed to transmit the faith to others.

"We who have known God since we were young, must ask forgiveness," said Pope Benedict to a gathering of his former students at the papal summer residence of Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome, on Aug. 28.

The Pope said an apology is due because "we bring people so little of the light of His face, because from us comes so little certainty that He exists, that He is there, and that He is the Great One that everyone is waiting for."

Pope Benedict said that believers should ask Christ—who is the living water—to send them "those who seek the living water elsewhere." Just days after the success of World Youth Day in Madrid, he also asked for particular

prayers for young people.

The homily for the Mass was delivered by another former student of the Pope – Cardinal Christoph Schonborn of Vienna - who spoke of the need for complete renunciation of self required by radical Christian discipleship.

"Only by not conforming ourselves to this world, can we recognize the will of God and make it the foundation of our lives," he said.

Pope Benedict's academic career spanned 26 years and saw him teach at universities in Bonn, Munster, Tübingen and Regensburg, prior to his appointment as Archbishop of Munich and Freising in 1977. Despite his increasing responsibilities, he has always attended the annual gathering of his alumni, even after becoming Pope in 2005.

Source: <http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news>.

España/Spain: Land of Mystics & Artists-



Fr. Anthony Shonis

Plus Lourdes, France. Fr. Anthony Shonis will lead a trip April 30-May 11, 2012 to visit famous shrines, cathedrals, museums, castles, etc. in Madrid, Barcelona, Santiago de Compostela, Avila, Lourdes (France) and more. The basic cost is \$3595 (deposits needed by September of this year). For more information contact Fr. Shonis at (270) 826-2096 (ext. 304) or ashonis@holynameparish.net, or see the online brochure at www.holynameparish.net (under Special Events).

Kiddie Cheer Camp

The OCHS Cheerleading Squad held a kiddie cheer camp on August 20. The participants then performed during halftime at the OCHS vs. Daviess County football game on August 26 at Steele Stadium. The picture



above shows cheerleaders Emily Lorenzen, Joelle Boarman and Mary Grace Boarman with some of the camp participants. OCS Photo

Give The Honor To Mary, The Praise to God



On September 15, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows, Sr. Laurita Spalding's class planned a beautiful Liturgy for Kindergarten through Fourth Grades at Holy Name School. Sr. Laurita's students displayed pictures of the Seven Sorrows of Mary for the congregation. Narrator, Rose Wheeler, at the ambo, right rear, recounted each of the Sorrows and gave all those in attendance a deeper appreciation for experiences of our Blessed Mother. Kamille Stich photo.

THE FOUR LAST THINGS

If anyone would like to come to a live taping of an EWTN new series at the Fathers of Mercy Chapel you are more than welcome to attend. The topic will be the Four Last Things... hosted by Father Wade Menezes. the Dates and Times are as follows, Wednesday Oct. 19th, 2011 at 1:30 pm - 4:pm and Thursday Oct. 20th at 9:30 am - 11:00 am.

There will be five shows taped during this time, and there will be breaks along the way. However, it is very important to know that you must be seated in the chapel 10 minutes prior to taping. If you would like more information, please call the Fathers of Mercy @ 1- 270-542-4146 ex. 304

Thank you and God Bless you, Father Tom Sullivan, CPM

P.S.: there will be Community Mass at 8: am everyday for those of you who would like to come to Mass also Please invite as many people as you can to join us in this very special event.

P.P.S.: This is a great way to spread the Faith!

Even Bishops Blog and Tweet?

If St. Peter, St. Ignatius, St. Francis de Sales (Patron Saint of Journalists) and St. Augustine had access to today's New Media, what would they do? Our Sunday Visitor's newest book release, *The Church and New Media*, surmises they would use it in spades!

The Church and New Media shares stories and examples of how New Media can be effectively used to promote evangelization, faith formation, and good old fashion communication.

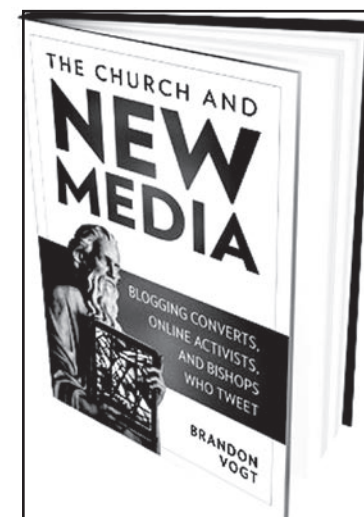
So no matter where the parishes and parishioners of the Owensboro diocese stand on the continuum of technology adoption, reading *The Church and New Media* for inspiration and direction can be the perfect trigger on how to start. For others, it is a confirmation to stay the course.

The Church and New Media bridges the old and the new on many levels. It exemplifies not only Pope Benedict's call to new evangelization, but the Church's timeless call to reach out and reach forward to touch the hearts of others in the name of Christ.

Ninety percent of children over five use the Internet. Over 96% of young adults have joined at least one online social network. Kids 9-17 now spend more time using social media than watching television. The Internet, blogs, social networking, and text messaging have profoundly changed The Millennial generation's world.

Check into what Catholic new media expert Brandon Vogt writes as he explains the Church's wisdom on media and the family in *"The Church and New Media: Blogging Converts, Online Activists, and Bishops who Tweet."* Vogt blogs at www.ThinVeil.net and was one of 150 Catholic bloggers recently invited to the Vatican to dialogue with Church officials about social media.

New Media has a foreword written by Cardinal



(and blogger) Sean O'Malley, and an afterword by Archbishop (and blogger) Timothy Dolan. There are chapters by Fr. Robert Barron, Mark Shea, and Lisa Hendey, among others. The reader gets a vivid and revealing glimpse at how social communication in the church is carried out these days — with everything from Kindle to Facebook to podcasts.

See more about Brandon and his book at www.churchandnewmedia.com. "Everyone involved in communications and evangelization should read this book. — Cardinal Sean O'Malley, O.F.M., Cap., Archbishop of Boston

Saints Peter and Paul Parish Continues Scripture Study

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - After concluding the study of the Acts of the Apostles during the summer months, members of Sts. Peter and Paul parish began the study of First Corinthians early in September. The study of First Corinthians is the third study explored by parishioners partaking in the "Foundations in Faith" scripture study program developed in the parish late last year.

The "Foundations in Faith" program, which was initiated and continues to be managed by permanent deacon candidate, Dr. William Sweet, continues to thrive in the parish. "As we intended, we are developing small communities of faith within and throughout our parish," Sweet explained. "We are growing closer as a parish community as well as stronger in our personal faith," he added.

The adult catechesis program, which began prior to his arrival to the parish, has received the complete support and endorsement of Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul. "The study of scripture is critical to one's development



Several members of the "Foundations in Faith" scripture study program at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville gathered on Saturday, August 13, 2011, to celebrate the conclusion of studying the Acts of the Apostles. Participants in the program are now studying First Corinthians. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

as a Christian," Fr. Meredith explained. "God's Word is alive

and ever addressing our individual needs. Therefore, it is essential to continually seek His guidance through His Word," he added.

By way of transition between studies, the "core leadership team" – who assists Sweet with the ongoing operations of the program – once again hosted a "wrap-up celebration" on August 13, 2011, in the parish hall. Following the same format as was used for the first celebration, those attending provided the potluck meal.

To conclude the study of the Acts of the Apostles, Associate Pastor Fr. Daniel Dillard was asked to speak about one aspect of the book of Acts which he felt the study participants should retain. "Asking me to summarize the Acts of the Apostles down to one point is quite a challenge indeed," said Fr. Dillard with a laugh that evening. "One message that speaks clearly to me in the Acts of the Apostles, however, is stewardship," he explained. Fr. Dillard then spoke briefly about two examples in the book involving stewardship – both a good example of stewardship and a poor example.

Introducing First Corinthians that evening, Fr. Meredith talked about how this particular book of the Bible is a microcosm of the church and it shows how we develop, even today, as a church. "One of the key ideas of 1 & 2 Corinthians is that of

the Body of Christ. This variously refers to the body of Jesus crucified and risen, to the individual Christian, to the community of the church, and to the Blessed Sacrament," he explained.

As with the previous wrap-up celebration, the evening was again concluded with a trivia game to highlight the lessons learned while studying the Acts of the Apostles. "That was great, a lot of fun," said Luci Hughes, a participant of the study and the celebration. Not too surprisingly, the table winning the contest included both the person who provided most of the questions and Fr. Meredith!

Still using materials from Little Rock Scripture Study, the core leadership team has understandably already decided to proceed with Second Corinthians after this current 10-week study is concluded. The wrap-up celebration for First Corinthians has been set for Saturday, November 12, 2011, following the 5 p.m. Mass.

"It is our intention to offer this formal opportunity for scripture study indefinitely," said Sweet. "It's perpetual. It's not really a program as much as it's a way of developing a personal and parish faith life. Scripture study is one portion of developing a personal spiritual life as well as a parish spiritual life based on scripture and the liturgy," he concluded..

*"Great tranquility of heart is his who cares
for neither praise nor blame."
- Thomas à Kempis, author of The Imitation of Christ.*

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 2011

- 3-7 **Spiritual Direction (Week 5)**
- 7 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
- 7-9 **Marian Retreat**
- 11 Red Hat Ladies
- 15-16 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 17 Owensboro Catholic School System Workshop
- 17-18 Owensboro Christian Church
- 21-23 **Fall Women's Retreat with Martha Little**
- 24-28 Diocesan Priest Retreat
- 28-29 Owensboro Christian Elders

November 2011

- 2 **All Souls Day Prayers**
- 4 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
- 5-6 Academy for Young Leaders
- 11-13 **Thomas Merton Retreat**
- 12 **Yarn Spinners Day**
- 18-20 Mount Hope Weekend

December 2011

- 2 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
- 8 **Advent Day of Prayer with Msgr. Bernard Powers**

January 2012

- 6 **Reflection Day of Prayer**
- 7 **Yarn Spinners Day**
- 13-15 Retrouvaille
- 16-20 **Spiritual Direction (Week 6)**
- 23-29 St. Meinrad Retreat



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Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon

Cecilia Head Clouse
St. Alphonsus Parish, St. Joseph, KY
2011 Sophia Award Winner

"Living alone takes some getting use to," Cecilia Clouse told me on a recent visit to her home. "My husband, Harold, everyone always called him "Hook," passed away; it will be 3 years ago this December. All five of our children and our seven grand children live right here close, so I still have my family all around me.

"Our families knew each other and were farmers, but I really met my husband when I worked at Harold's Drug store in town (Owensboro). He came in a lot to get medication for a family member and he asked me out one day. We dated about 16 months when we got married. We were married 42 years when Huck passed away. We raised our children here on the family farm and we worked it as a family. Our children we never bored because there was always something to do on the farm. I would put the babies in the shade with toys where I could see them and we would all work in the hay and the older ones got to drive the tractor. It was definitely a family farm! We always had extra help from the kids' friends too."

"When I was growing up and farming, it was the same way, we all worked together. There were always extras at the table because we were bringing someone home with us. Mom was a



great cook and everyone always liked to eat with us! My parents taught all of us by example. We didn't have a lot of money, so we made our own entertainment. We always had fun too. My dad played the harmonica and we sang and we played games. When it was Mom's turn to help clean the church, we all went with her and we helped. We all worked on the farm too. We would say the

rosary each night and went to church on Sunday and every other time something was going on. We all went to confession each Saturday whether we had anything to confess or not!

"My children did the same thing. When it was my turn to clean the school and church they all went with me to help. I'm no longer able to clean but my girls still clean the church. We all go to 8:30 Mass together each Sunday and after Mass we all come here and we have a big breakfast. It's our family time to all be together at the same time.

"I've been working for Owensboro Catholic High School for about 8 years. I'm secretary in the Athletic Department and I really like it. I like working with figures and I sell tickets so I get to see a lot of people. I'm a people person and I like that part of it too. I started working as secretary at St. Alphonsus back when mimeograph machines were what we used to make the bulletins! What a mess they were! One year I was the Principal/secretary for the St. Alphonsus school. I later taught math in the city schools for awhile and subbed

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for awhile. I really like where I am now, though. Everyone at OCHS was so good and caring to me and my family when my husband died. They are a great bunch of people.

"I was very shocked to learn that I was to get the Sophia Award for our parish this year. It is very humbling because there are so many more that are deserving. I do like to help at church and have been on the picnic committee several times and the parish council and several different terms at the president of the altar society.

"For fun or hobby I like to sew and do some alterations. I'm making some "Sadie Hawkins" shirts now for the upcoming dance. I love any kind of needle work, needle point, and cross stitch. I like getting together with friends. Ten of us went to the movies and out to eat last week and I like being with my family.

"I would say my motto would be Faith-Family- Friends...that's all you need. My greatest blessings in life: my husband and children."

The National Catholic Register Launches Radio News Program

Register Radio airs weekly on EWTN Global Catholic Radio Network

Irondale, AL (EWTN) — The National Catholic Register (NCRegister.com), a long-standing national biweekly newspaper, announces the launch of its first-ever radio program, Register Radio.

"Register Radio will possess the same vibrancy and incisiveness to media coverage surrounding the Catholic faith that the Register brings to its print and electronic editions," says managing editor Tom Wehner. "It's a natural outgrowth of what we do already."



Register Radio is hosted by Thom Price, director of programming and pro-

duction for EWTN Radio, and the Register's senior writer Tim Drake who has appeared on Vatican Radio, EWTN, Fox News, Ave Maria Radio, and Relevant Radio.

Register Radio airs on Fridays at 2 p.m., with encores at 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. on Sundays (all times eastern). The show runs for 30 minutes and will include interviews with the writers, bloggers and newsmakers behind the prominent news stories featured in the Register and on NCRegister.com.

Register Radio will also cover the news stories affecting the Church and the world, entertainment reviews, interviews with the Register's leading bloggers and listener feedback.

"Another feature we're excited about is Media Watch, where we'll shine the light of truth on how the media is reporting on events surrounding the Catholic Church. As the host, I'm excited about bringing the Register's distinctive voice to new and different audiences," says Drake.

Register Radio — with EWTN's Global Catholic Radio Network and 170 U.S. affiliates — will reach more than 103 million potential listeners via AM and FM and more than 13 million potential listeners via SiriusXM Satellite Radio in the U.S. and Canada.

How To Tune In To Catholic Radio Within The Diocese of Owensboro

Register Radio may be heard in three locations within the Diocese of Owensboro. These are low-power FM radio stations and have a limited radius of reach within these three communities:

• **WEUC 88.7 FM** **Morganfield** **KY** **(270) 389-4281**

• **WIMM-LP 107.9 FM** **Owensboro** **KY** **(270) 686-3989**

WIMM-LP is planning a move to a new tower behind The Carmel Home in Owensboro. After the move in September, the WIMM-LP signal changes to 107.9 FM. To find out about the changes and current information about WIMM-LP 107.9, look online at <http://wimradio.com>.

• **WSPP-LP -- 93.5 FM** **Hopkinsville** **KY** **(270) 885-0501**

For information and a schedule of programming from Catholic Radio in the diocese look online at <http://wimradio.com/>, the web site for the Owensboro low power FM station, WIMM-LP 107.9 FM

34 Celebrating A Baptism in Grand Rivers

Recently, there was a Baptism at St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Grand Rivers, KY. A Baptism is a rare event here given the age of most parishioners. Fortunately, adult children of the parishioners return here for special events and Baptism is certainly a special event!

In the photo, parishioner Diane Quayle is holding her grand daughter

being baptized by Pastor Anthony Ottagan. The baby's name is Lhotse Jey Carrera with parents Jennifer and Jason Carrera looking on. Maternal parents and Godparents are Mr. & Mrs. Paul Quayle and Uncle Dan Quayle. Present also were paternal grandfather Terry Carrera & Uncle Jacob Carrera, with Helen Krivan as Server. Submitted by Steve Krivan.



"The Blessed Virgin Mary"

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Oct. 7-9, 2011

With Retreat Director Msgr. Bernard Powers



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Archbishop Dolan Asks Nation's Clergy To Preach On Poverty, Educate And Advocate For Poor And Jobless

WASHINGTON—Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan of New York, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), urged bishops and other Catholic clergy nationwide to bring the issue of poverty into their homilies.

He also underscored the need for educational and advocacy efforts on behalf of the poor and jobless. Archbishop Dolan made the appeal in a September 15 letter to the nation's bishops at the urging of the USCCB Administrative Committee. The Committee oversees USCCB work between plenary sessions and met in Washington, September 13-14.

"Widespread unemployment, underemployment and pervasive poverty are diminishing human lives, undermining human dignity, and hurting children and families," he wrote. "I hope we can use our opportunities as pastors, teachers, and leaders to focus public attention and priority on the scandal of so much poverty and so many without work in our society." The entire letter can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/economic-justice-economy/letter-to-bishops-on-economic-situation.cfm>

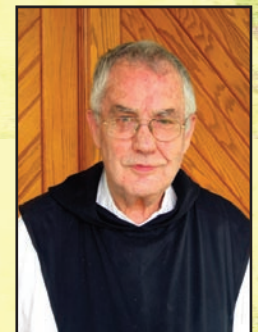
Archbishop Dolan added, "Sixteen million of our children (almost one out of four) are growing up poor. It is especially disheartening that African-Americans and Hispanics live with unemployment and poverty at far higher rates than others. Immigrant workers are especially vulnerable to exploitation and unfair treatment. These realities contradict our national pledge of 'liberty and justice for all,'" he said. "They also contradict the consistent teaching of our Church. Our Catholic tradition begins with respect for life and the dignity of all, requires a priority concern for poor and vulnerable people, reflects the ties and bonds of solidarity, respects the mutual relationships of subsidiarity, and promotes the dignity of work and protection for workers."

"Prayer in Thomas Merton and the Coming Season of Advent"

Weekend Retreat Nov. 11-13, 2011

Retreat Director: Father James Conner

Father James Conner is a monk of the Abbey of Gethsemani. He entered Gethsemani in 1949. He was a student under Thomas Merton from 1951-55 during his years as master of students. After ordination to the priesthood in 1957, he served as undermaster of novices under Merton from 1958-61. He attended the Gregorian University in Rome and received a Licentiate of Sacred Theology. His past ministries include Chaplain at Osage Monastery in Sand Springs, Okla., and Superior and Abbot of Assumption Abbey in Ava, Mo.



Father serves at Gethsemani as chaplain to the Abbey Retreat House.

Retreat begins 6:30 p.m. Friday. First meal is Saturday breakfast.

Retreat ends after breakfast on Sunday.

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Six Ursuline Sisters Beginning New Ministries



Sister Joseph
Angela Boone

The following Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are embarking on new ministries in the Diocese of Owensboro this year:

Sister Joseph Angela Boone is now a consultant for the Finance and Administrative Team of the diocese. She retired after 22 years as chancellor for the diocese.

Sister Alicia Coomes is now a pastoral associate at three Kentucky parishes: St. Francis Borgia in Sturgis, St. Ambrose in Henshaw, and St. William in Marion; and director of temporary professed for the Ursuline Sisters. She previously served in health care at the Motherhouse.

Sister Mary Sheila Higdon is the new part-time coordinator of formation for Ursuline Partnerships (associates and Mount Saint Joseph Academy/College alumnae). She previously served full-time in pastoral ministry in southeast Missouri.

Sister Martha Keller is now a full-time director of vocation ministry for the Ursuline Sisters. She previously split her time between vocation ministry and parish ministry in Paducah, Ky.

Sister Michele Morek is the new director of Career Services and grants coordinator at Brescia University. She was previously congregational leader and a UN-ANIMA intern in New York City.

Sister Teresa Riley is providing outreach in the Benton, Ky., area. She formerly served in hospitality at the Motherhouse.



Sister Martha
Keller



Sister Michele
Morek



Sister Teresa
Riley



Sister Alicia
Coomes



Sister Mary
Sheila Higdon

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- The Nashville, TN retreat will be the weekend of Nov. 18-20, 2011. For more information go to www.hopeafterabortiontn.com or www.rachelsvineyard.org
- The Whitesville, KY retreat will be the weekend of Jan. 20-22, 2012. For more information go to www.hopeafterabortionky.com or www.rachelsvineyard.org

When she was 17, her mom told her the abortion would only hurt for a little while...



but 40 years, 2 sons and 3 grandkids later, it still hurts.

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ALL SOULS DAY Prayer Service

Wednesday, Nov. 2
11 a.m. • Center Chapel

Led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU

As the Church celebrates the commemoration of all the faithful departed on this date, we invite you to join us in prayer for loved ones you wish to remember. You may also wish to pray to the saints.

There is no fee for this event.

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Annual Christma Bazaar

December 4, 2011

at the Knights of Columbus Hall

in Waverly, Kentucky

Dinner will begin at 11:00 am

Ham Crockpot Potatoes Green Beans

Hot Roll Dessert Drink

FEATURING:

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Come have your picture made with Santa Claus

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See you there. All Are Welcome.



36 Greetings from Bani

By Father Stan Puryear

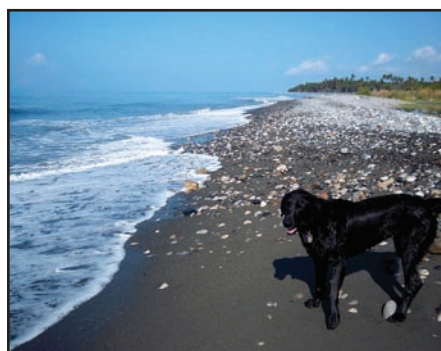
As it turns out, no matter how bad we think we may have it, we can always find someone who has it worse. As I was beginning to feel the burden of the heat Dominicans associate with hurricane season (the warm ocean temperatures provide energy to storm systems), I returned to Kentucky to experience the super-oppressive heat and stifling humidity of August. At least here in the Caribbean, there is almost always a breeze coming in off the ocean to provide some relief. And when the heat is exceptionally bad, a quick trip to the beach or a half-hour's drive into the mountains provides comfort. Although western Kentucky has an abundance of rivers and lakes, during August the water is so warm and the breeze so intermittent that even an aquatic outing is insufficient to ease the burden. The only difference is that Kentucky has a reliable and relatively inexpensive electrical grid so that all have air conditioning in their homes. Electricity here is at least four times the cost per kilowatt (and the median income far below that of Kentucky), and that is when there actually is electricity.

Nevertheless, I found my first visit back to Kentucky in five months to be a much needed respite from my life here. Beans and rice provide excellent nutrition and I have learned exactly how much hot sauce is needed to liven them up – to the chagrin of all Dominicans who witness the offense to their national dish. However, nothing beats Mama's chicken and dressing or barbecue from one of the many Kentucky establishments who vie for the title of best in area or a fresh green salad that doesn't include a faint residue of chlorine (all lettuce is soaked for an hour before being consumed). Among the events on my brief Kentucky interlude were the annual Croxton family reunion (my mother's family) and the September gathering of diocesan priests in the Diocese of Owensboro.

My visit back was shortened on the front end because of Hurricane Irene's disruption to air travel. As it turns out, after she flooded us substantially, Irene moved to the east coast of the United States just in time to hinder my travel plans. Trying to readjust a travel schedule is frustrating enough when one is in the United States, but here, such an endeavor is an exercise in futility. After two days of phoning and emailing and calling down the wrath of



Baptism in Los Quemados Community of the parish.

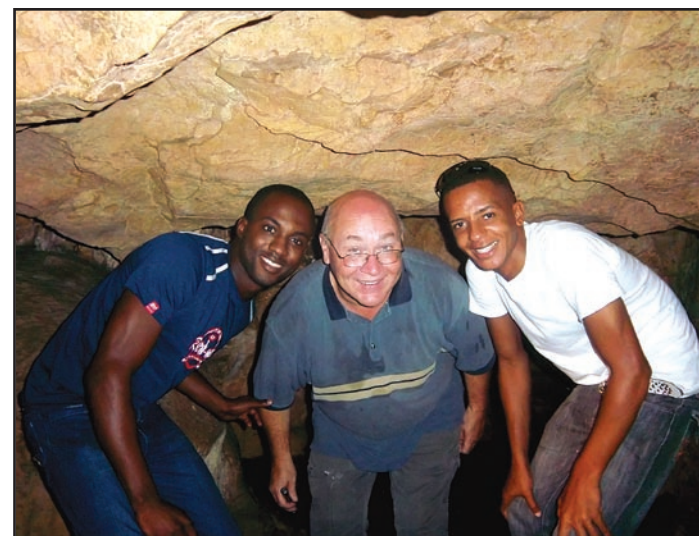


My dog Harmony enjoying a moment on the beach. Since this picture was taken, what little beach existed has been washed away by Tropical Storms Emily and Irene.

God on Delta Airlines, I finally got in the truck and drove to the Santo Domingo airport, where a wonderful Delta employee was able to resolve my situation in less than fifteen minutes. I was actually quite content to learn that I was only delayed arriving in Kentucky by three days, as the lady at the next counter learned that the earliest flight out she was able to get was a delay of 8 days and she was paying \$125 per day at an all-inclusive resort.

Fortunately, here in Bani, we have (as of this writing) been spared the worst of what the hurricanes have to offer. In Paya, the worst that occurred was that a couple of turkey hens had to abandon their nests; it seems that the back yard tends to flood after 12 inches of rain within a 24-hour period. One of our priests reported that his sister, who lives in San Cristobal, was lucky to escape with her three children from their home after the local river unexpectedly rose. Even more frighten-

ing, a 9-year-old neighbor was miraculously plucked from the water after being swept away. For most of us here, due to the geology of the southern part of the island, the biggest danger is flooding and landslides. Please keep all of us in your prayers as the hurricane season continues until the end of October.



From left to right: Diocese of Bani Seminarian Wilson Sanchez, some goofy looking white guy who sort of resembles me, and self-proclaimed coolest guy in Barrio Santa Cruz Jimmy Zapata in the Cuevas Pomier near San Cristobal. Inside the caves are many pre-Columbian indigenous drawings and thousands of bats. Submitted Photo

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Parish Sends Young Pianist Off with a Full Bucket

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Submitted by

Pearl A. Payne

PADUCAH, Ky. - Music has always been a special part of the worship service at Rosary Chapel in Paducah. So, Rose Lowery, the music director, and all of the parishioners were very excited when young Shawn McGowan responded to an ad seeking applicants for a pianist last August. Shawn, then a high school senior at Paducah Tilghman, more than met the needs to accompany the choir. Not only does Shawn play piano, but he also plays guitar, saxophone and sometimes trumpet. The sacred music and liturgy in song were elevated when Shawn joined the Rosary music family. During Mass we honor God through our song. Shawn continued the tradition of making music an intrinsic, rather than supplemental, part of Mass. His piano lifted us up in our praise of God each Sunday.

Shawn, who also attended St. Mary's, graduated from Tilghman High School in May and is leaving to study at the Jacob School of Music at Indiana University in Bloomington. Shawn spent much of the spring traveling and auditioning at different schools of music. He chose IU after



Rose Lowery, Choir Director, presents Shawn with a Djembe drum following a potluck lunch at Rosary Chapel on Shawn's final Sunday as the pianist for the Church Choir. At right, Shawn McGowan with the choir of Rosary Chapel Catholic Church. Submitted by Pearl A. Payne

a successful audition and awards of three scholarships. There he will major in jazz studies. Though he may work as a professional musician in the future, his primary ambition is a future in music education.

Members of the Rosary choir and Parish gathered for a pot luck lunch following Mass on Sunday, August 21, to bid farewell to Shawn. The clever theme of 'Carry a Tune in a Bucket' was chosen for the send-off. Since many individuals were critical of their own singing voices, they said farewell to Shawn by writing little notes or verses and leaving him gifts of a note (\$1, \$5, \$10, etc.) as a good-bye present. The bucket of



notes was presented to Shawn at the luncheon. The choir gave him a huge 'college care package,' including a semester-long supply of Ramen noodles. Rose Lowery also gave Shawn a Djembe drum. This traditional musical instrument of West Africa is often used in traditional gatherings and "Djembe" literally translates as "everyone gather together in peace." Djembe - very fitting gift for the young protégée from his mentor. Clearly the celebration at Rosary

on this Sunday was one of peace and joy as parishioners said good-bye to the young musician. When asked what the year at Rosary had been like for him, Shawn said: 'I will miss everyone. Being here has really been helpful to my growth as musician and as a person. I thank everyone who has been a part of that, especially, Miss Rose and Father Julian.' We look forward to Shawn's visits in the coming years. Our prayers for safety and success go with him.

Paducah's Lourdes Foundation Hosts 12th Successful Charity Golf Outing

PADUCAH, Ky.— Lourdes Foundation hosted its 12th annual charity golf event on Monday, August 29 at the Country Club of Paducah, featuring Marquette Transportation as title sponsor. Over 200 golfers and volunteers turned out to support Lourdes Foundation.

The event cleared over \$55,000 in net proceeds to directly benefit programs and services at Lourdes Hospital. "We are so grateful to the community for their generous support of our golf outing," said Tara Miller, executive director. "Every dollar raised translates into real support for the patients we serve and better healthcare for our entire community." Over \$550,000 has been raised in the event's 12-year history.

Donations to Lourdes Foundation improve the health of our community by providing support to purchase advanced technology, like new state-of-the-art hybrid operating rooms scheduled to open in 2012.

Submitted by Stacy Puckett, Development Specialist for Lourdes Foundation



Marquette Transportation, above, won the morning golf flight, while Superior Care



Home, at right, took first place in the afternoon. Team members from Marquette include – (L to R) Ric Webster, Kelly Cromwell, John Eckstein and Tim Lambert. The Superior Care Home team members are (L to R) Hunter Ford, David Sykes, Chris Sims and Mike Sims.

**Mike and Rose Allen Clark
Blessed Mother Parish,
Owensboro, Kentucky
2011 Sophia Award Winner**

When I called Mike and Rose Clark to ask for an interview for this column they said, "yes", but they wanted to come to my office in Owensboro's Catholic Pastoral Center so that I wouldn't have to drive so far out in the county to their house. That's the kind of people they are - always thinking of others.

We talked about several things but they both said they were "surprised and flabbergasted" to learn that they had won the diocese's Sophia Award from their parish. I think it only makes sense that these two delightful hard working people were chosen. Rose is a convert from the Methodist faith. "I went to a Psalm Sunday service with Mike and was absolutely in awe of it all. I was intrigued. I wanted to learn more. I took instructions and joined the church. This was about 39 nine years ago right before we were married," Rose said.

Both Mike and Rose are from the Stanley, Daviess County, area, but they met in Indianapolis while at school. He was teaching and she was in nursing. They started sharing rides home and then it turned to dating. They got married and had three children. One is now deceased, one is a special needs daughter and one is married with 2 sons which are the "apples



of our eye," Rose said with a smile.

The Clarks have always been about helping others through good works and volunteerism. Rose is an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister for Hillcrest Nursing home. She is a Lector, and works on the parish picnic and bereavement dinners. Both were in the RENEW movement and we co-leaders; they were in Cursillo and have made several Koinnias. Mike went to Africa for 7 years with the Brothers of the Holy Cross. "I only came home one time during that 7 years."

Mike said. That was before he and Rose married. Mike is also a member of the Serra Club.

Erin, their special needs daughter has been their inspiration in many things they have done. "We have a couple of horses and I love to ride; so does Erin. I looked at Rose one day and said, "there are places in other sates that have therapeutic horses. We can do it here." We opened Dream Riders of Kentucky in 2003 on highway 60 in Daviess County with the help of Donnie and Bonnie Bittel. This is a type of non-traditional therapy that provides a unique opportunity for individuals with disabilities to improve the health of their bodies, minds, and spirit. Every year, we serve about 300 individuals with all types of disabilities, including those with cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, autism, epilepsy, neurological disorders, vision and hearing impairments, and orthopedic disabilities as well as some teenagers with drug and alcohol problems," said Mike. The program is like a completed circle because it not only helps the individual who is there for the therapy but its helps the community and the volunteers. It's a chance for them to give.

"Rose and I knew our daughter needed to make her first communion and be confirmed just like

anyone else. Her spirit needed nourishment like ours. With the help of Sister Kathy Gallo, O.S.U., we started (the SPRED program which is now called) the SPACE program (Special Apostolic Catholic Evangelizers) for special needs Catholics," Mike said.

"We try to live the Gospel which is responding to others' needs, helping others and living to serve. That's why we teach," said Rose." Both Rose and Mike are teachers. He has been retired for 2 months now! He has taught in the public schools and Catholic schools and as well as serving as a principal in both school systems. She still does 2 days of clinical nursing each week.

They love to travel and Mike is a fitness enthusiast. He sometimes rides 70 - 100 miles on his bike per day. For him, a short ride consists of 40 miles. He has a Honda VTX 1300 that they travel on occasionally. Mike likes the outdoors and spends a lot of time at the Dream Riders barn.

Rose likes to garden and loves roses. She likes to shop with Erin. They live on 8 acres and there always something that needs to be mowed, mended or repaired. "In our spare time we rest," Rose said with a big laugh.

Rose said Mike is her biggest blessing in life and, of course, Mike said Rose is his biggest blessing.

When they left, I thought what an amazing couple the Clarks are, really reading the word of the gospel and living it everyday.

Boulware Mission Golf Event

Submitted by Leigha Taylor, Boulware Mission, Inc.

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Boulware Mission was blessed by the outpouring of support of their first annual golf scramble. Participants had a great time during the 18 hole tournament at the beautiful Ben Hawes Golf Course on Friday, August 19th. Overflow Café, Chick-fil-A, and Atmos Energy provided delicious food throughout the day; and, thanks to the contributions of many local businesses, everyone went home with a prize! They had 18 teams registered and 28 hole sponsors for the first event. Congratulations to the winning team: Susan Anderson, Phil Durham, Jarrod Malone, and Kenny Malone. Due to everyone's generous support and participation, the Mission was able to raise close to \$10,000 to help sustain the myriad of services that Boulware delivers to the homeless of this community.

The staff of Boulware know that their efforts are only possible because of the contributions they receive from the generous people of our community, and want to thank their supporters for believing in and supporting their mission. Boulware Mission and the title sponsor, Don Moore Automotive * Overflow Café, plan to make next year's even bigger and better; they hope that you'll make plans to join them on August 17, 2012, for the second annual charity golf event!



Sister Mary Timothy Bland: A life in teaching God's little ones

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By Dan Heckel

In 1969, two years after she began teaching the third and fourth grades at St. Teresa School in Glenndonville, Mo., Ursuline Sister Mary Timothy Bland was approached by the superior and asked to teach the first grade temporarily.

"I'd done my student teaching in third and fourth grade, and all my full-time teaching there," Sister Mary Timothy said. Comforted by the superior's words that the assignment was "just temporary," she took over the first grade class at St. Teresa.

Next she taught the first grade classes at St. Christopher School in Radcliff, Ky., St. Angela Merici School in Florissant, Mo., St. Joseph School in Bowling Green and Blessed Mother School in Owensboro – all just "temporarily."

"I taught first grade for 20 years, then moved to the second grade in 1988," she said. She has been teaching the second grade ever since in Owensboro, now at the Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus, in this her 44th year in the classroom.

"I like that age. This is the sacramental year, and they get to write in cursive," Sister Mary Timothy said. "They are still innocent enough, anything you do for them, they are appreciative."

The staff at the Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus is glad Sister Mary Timothy has made a career of teaching the early grades.

"She's awesome," said Principal Lori Whitehouse. "She has been a teacher a long time, she has seen education come full circle. She's always willing to embrace whatever comes along," Whitehouse said. "She does such a beautiful job preparing children for the sacraments."

Carolyn Taylor has taught with Sister Mary Timothy for 25 years. "She's so dedicated to the children and her mission," Taylor said. "She's very patient with the children, and they love her."



It's beneficial having a sister in the school, Taylor said. "It's just really good to see that part of our Catholic heritage and our faith. Because she is a religious, she exudes that."

Sister Mary Timothy's love of teaching is what keeps her coming back to

the classroom.

"The summer I don't look forward to going back, I need to start looking for something else," she said. "Having children that you can teach a skill, that 'aha' moment, that just makes it worthwhile."

Sister Laurita Spalding, who teaches at Holy Name School in Henderson, recognizes the excellence and dedication Sister Mary Timothy brings to the classroom.

"She is able to meet the students where they are and help them grow and mature in their own time frame," Sister Laurita said. "She truly has a passion for teaching."

Sister Mary Timothy has no plans to minister elsewhere. "I plan on teaching until God tells me it's time for something else," she said.

For the young girl from a tiny central Kentucky town who always wanted to be a sister, the past 47 years have worked out well. "Becoming a sister is the best decision I ever made," she said.

To read the full article on Sister Mary Timothy, visit the Ursuline Sisters website, www.ursulinesmsj.org.



Sister Mary Timothy shows the class pictures from one of her student's baptism. MSJ Photo



One of Sister Mary Timothy's students shows the class the candle that was used during her baptism. MSJ Photo



Sister Mary Timothy stands in the back of the room as her second-graders recite the rosary to begin religion class at the Owensboro Catholic K-3 Campus. MSJ Photo

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June 15, 1919 ~ Fr. Jolly Hayden, left, stands next to Fr. Edward Fitzgerald after celebrating his 1st Solemn Mass at St. Paul's Church.

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In obtaining photos, stories and compiling history on these 125 years,



CELEBRATING OUR 125th ANNIVERSARY **Sts Joseph & Paul Catholic Church**

Saints Joseph and Paul parishioner Julie Boone provided the photo at right of her uncle, Fr. Jolly Hayden. Fr. Hayden was the pastor of the Church of the Holy Cross, Holy Cross, Ky., from 1919 to 1935. During his pastorate he caused to be erected the beautiful Crucifixion Group to be seen on the grounds of the church, which marks the site of the first Catholic church west of the Alleghenies, and marks also the grave of nine of the first group of Trappists to come to America. It was at this spot that the Diocese of Louisville celebrated the 150th anniversary of the coming of the first colony of Catholics to the wilderness of Ky, a celebration that took place on August 18, 1935. In this photo: Rev. Knue, Fr. Francis R. Cotton, Bishop John Floersch - bishop of Louisville and Fr. Jolly Hayden is on the right, with the Sr. of Loretto behind him.



Readers Write

Time For A Dress Code In Our Churches?

Is it time for a dress code to be established for Mass attendance in our diocese?

Summer is almost over, so we may soon be able to attend Mass without being affronted by the lack of modesty and decency in dress so prevalent in our churches today as evidenced by the short shorts, plunging necklines, strapless and backless dresses, etc., so commonly seen in Church today.

I am not suggesting that we return to the time that proper Mass attire for men was a suit and tie, and for women, dresses, hats, and gloves – although they did look nice. But there is truth in the adage that “how you dress for an occasion, indicates the degree of importance placed on it.” This is a sad commentary on the degree of importance placed on the Holy Sacrifice. Would you attend a dinner at a fine restaurant dressed in this fashion?

Casual attire has its place and can be modest, decent, and acceptable even at Mass. But casual seems to have reached its limit and gone beyond.

Fashion trends come and go, and we Catholics would do well to refresh our minds to St. Paul's admonition to the Romans about conforming to this age as opposed to conforming to the will of God and what is pleasing to Him. (Rom. 12:2) Or better yet, read the words of Jesus, Himself, about woe to the world because of things that cause sin and the ones through whom they come. (Matt 18:7)

Dignity and decorum in dress for Church is one way parents can instill in their children the virtues of modesty and chastity, consequently teaching them respect for themselves, their fellow parishioners, the Blessed Sacrament, and the Holy Space.

Perhaps, it's time to follow the example of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and other churches in our own country, by posting examples of inappropriate attire at the entrance to churches in our Diocese.

- Julie Boone, Owensboro, Ky.

St. Benedict School Reunion Set for October 16

The Saint Benedict School Reunion will be Sunday, Oct. 16th. in the basement of St. Benedict Church, Wax, Ky. The Wax, Ky. Catholic School's Reunion will start after 10:00 am Mass. We will share a Pot luck lunch. All former students, teachers, family and friends welcome.

Thanks, Betty Miller

2011 Communications Collection

We have received your recent check for \$7,853.57. This amount has been posted to the 2011 Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign and will appear in our annual report.

I am grateful for your assistance in facilitating the generous gifts of the parishioners in your diocese.

- Mary Mencarini Campbell, USCCB Office of National Collections

REC goes to Florida

By Dr. Bob Cinnamond

In the spring of 2010 the chaplain of a large jail in Sanford, Florida was visiting Owensboro and attended a REC at Daviess County Detention Center. After the REC he asked us if we would travel to Florida and start the REC program in his jail of 2000 men, so on July 27, 2011, nine men journeyed from Owensboro in the "Friends of Sinners Home" van to lead REC#1 in Sanford, Florida.

While in Florida we slept in a church parish hall a few miles from the jail. Six other men from Sanford joined our team to learn the REC process. They also felt their faith deepened during the REC weekend and are excited about starting REC's at their jail. The REC was wonderful as 34 men gave their lives to Christ. Their joy

and excitement was awesome, their lives truly transformed. The REC was worth every moment of the 28 hours that we spent on the road to and from Florida.

REC, (Residents Encounter Christ) is a three-day Christian Experience similar to Koinonia and Cursillo that is designed for men and women that are incarcerated or have had problems with alcohol or drugs. To date six men's REC's have been held at Green River Correctional Complex in Central City, six REC's at Daviess County Detention Center for men, three REC's at Daviess County Detention Center for women, and many more for women at Blessed Mother Catholic Church and at the Catholic Pastoral Center. For more information contact Bob or Sharrie Cinnamond at 233-1510 or bobc@brescia.edu.



Men's team and helpers for REC#1, Florida, July 27, 2011

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When: Saturday October 29, 2011; Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Trivia starts at 6:00 p.m. till 10:00 p.m.

Where: Precious Blood Parish Hall 3306 Fenmore St., Owensboro, KY

Cost: \$200.00/Team; Maximum 8 persons per team, must be 18 or over
Contact Danny Triplett 270-684-2826 or the Precious Blood Parish Office 270-684-6888 to reserve your table. Payment must be made at the time of your reservation; Only 22 tables available.

Bring your own drinks and food. Chips and pretzels will be available. Silent Auction will begin when the doors open

Door prize drawings will be held throughout the night. Prizes Awarded: 1st place \$400.00, 2nd place \$300.00, 3rd place 200.00 Prizes will be awarded for **Best costume** and **Best decorated table**.

Readers Write

Dear Friends for Life,

"If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

The fall campaign for 40 Days for Life is set to begin and we are excited to say that this is the largest campaign yet with 297 cities across the globe participating! God is faithful and will surely bless our country and families as we persevere in the effort to end abortion. Please mark your calendars as this session begins on September 28 and will run through November 6.

Once again we are coordinating with Evansville and are covering Saturdays during the 40-day period. However, this session our vigil will run from 6am to 6pm. We are asking that you commit to a 2-hour block of time on as many Saturdays as you can (example 6-8, 8-10 etc..).

Office of Wisdom Bus Trip! December 3, 2011

Christmas Spectacular at Grand Rivers

Come join in on the fun as we travel by bus with Cajun Tours to Grand Rivers, Kentucky the Badgett Playhouse Variety Theater! The Branson style family Christmas show has something for all ages!

We will pick up on Saturday, December 3rd at Audubon Plaza on Parrish Avenue in Owensboro, Kentucky, (in front of the St. Vincent de Paul store) at 10:00 a.m. We will arrive at "11:30 ish" at the South West Grill just outside for lunch. The menu has a wide variety of foods and price range. The lunch is on your own. After lunch, we will arrive at the Theater just in time for the Christmas Spectacular Variety show at 2 pm. We will



return to Owensboro at 6:30 pm.

The cost per person for round trip transportation and admission to the show is \$48.00. For reservations please contact Ginny Knight-Simon at 270- 683-1545. Register now!

We will be walking in prayerful vigil outside of Planned Parenthood at 125 North Weinbach in Evansville. If you are unfamiliar with 40 Days for Life or want the latest information about the campaign visit <http://www.40daysforlife.com>. Owensboro prolifer's are asked to cover Saturdays 6:00am-6:00pm during the campaign. Evansville is covering the other days. People may contact Amanda Reffitt or Angela Mills to sign up for a 2-hour time slot of prayerful, peaceful vigil on one or as many Saturdays as they can.

Please make this sacrifice of your time and join with us! Bring your family or organization and witness for the unborn. Thank you and please also pray for the success of 40 Days for Life.

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La Confirmación en Sebree Trae Esperanza y Resalta los Desafíos

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Por Patti Gutiérrez, Coordinador de la Vida Parroquial

El día 14 de Agosto quince adolescentes y jóvenes, representando la diversidad del Condado de Webster, KY, fueron confirmados por el Monseñor Medley. Solamente 150 personas pueden acomodarse en nuestra iglesia y muchas de las familias de los candidatos hablen diferentes idiomas, por lo tanto hubo dos confirmaciones este día – una en inglés a las 10:30am y una en español a las 12pm – los dos con “la casa llena”. Aunque fue un día con mucho caos, también fue un día monumental para nuestra parroquia. Desde la fundación de nuestra parroquia en 1976, solamente hubo una confirmación más grande y fue en 1993. En estos 35 años las confirmaciones solamente se han llevado a cabo cada 2, 3 o hasta 5 años. Este aumento de participación juvenil en la parroquia de San Miguel nos presenta esperanza para el futuro pero también desafíos para nuestra parroquia. En un tiempo cuando parroquias pequeñas y rurales como la nuestra están luchando por la falta de recursos, estos jóvenes son luces de esperanza que la vida parroquial continuará. En una era de tantas divisiones y miedo “del otro”, jóvenes como ellos son la clave para superar las divisiones de cultura, raza y lenguaje. Por la gracia del Sacramento de la Confirmación se ha

movido el Espíritu Santo en sus vidas y muchos de ellos aprendieron por primera vez las primicias de nuestra fe. Ellos tienen el potencial para ser los líderes fieles de nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Al mismo tiempo ellos retan a la comunidad parroquial entera a buscar maneras de involucrarlos y animarlos a poner sus dones al servicio de Dios y su Iglesia. Estos jóvenes representan una diversidad que hoy en día es una realidad permanente en las parroquias a través de nuestra diócesis, estado y nación. Sus padres hablan inglés, español, kanjobal y mixteco. Vienen de diversas experiencias de vida, países, culturas y situaciones socio-económicas. Algunos vienen de casas con madres solteras, familias mezcladas, familias reconstruidas con padrastros y hermanastros o medios hermanos o son criados por sus abuelos. Están creci-



El segundo más grande de la clase de confirmación desde la fundación de la parroquia de San Miguel, en 1976 se confirmó el 14 de agosto: (primera fila) Félix Apolinar, Emily Fulkerson, Kayla Tennyson, Guartola José Luis López, Clarissa Rivera, Sonia Arroyo. (última fila) Waldher González, Kolten Lynn, Medley obispo, Miguel José, Barco y Hugo Roland Scott. Foto en el lado (de arriba a abajo) son Gunner, Nick y Duncan Cainán que lograron escapar sin previo aviso antes de la foto de grupo.

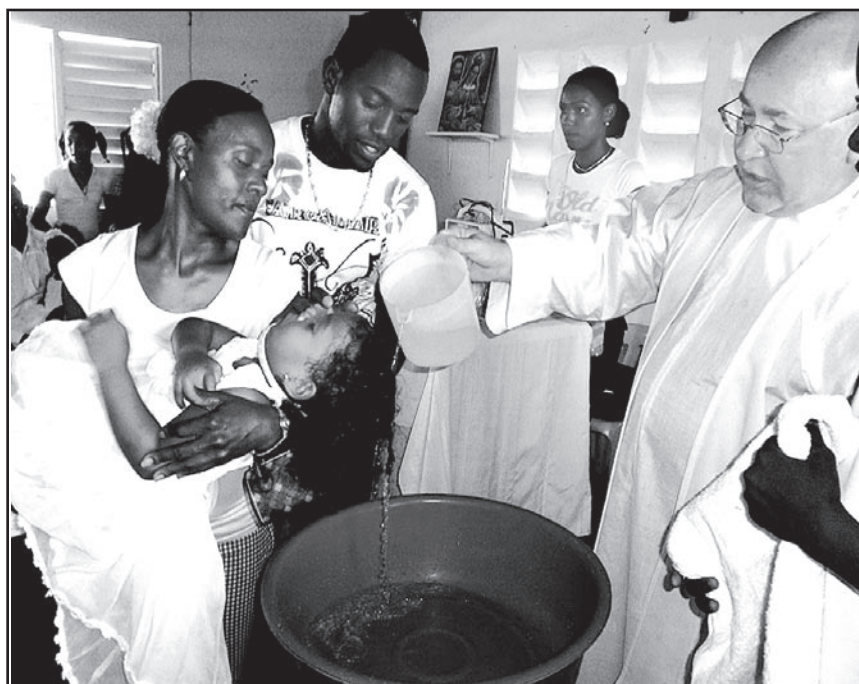
ndose en una cultura que desconoce o rechaza a Dios más cada día y que pone en duda sus valores y creencias cada rato. Esta es nuestra Iglesia. Como respondemos a esta realidad determinará el futuro de la Iglesia.

¡Qué desafío! ¡Pero qué bendición! Que Dios nos mande su Espíritu Santo para moverse en las vidas de estos quince adolescentes y jóvenes y en la comunidad parroquial entera en maneras que ni siquiera podemos imaginar. San Miguel ruega por nosotros y defiéndenos en esta batalla.

Saludos desde Bani

Por el Padre Stan Puryear
(Viene de la página 5)

suerte de escapar con sus tres hijos de su hogar después de que el río local subió inesperadamente. Aún más aterrador, un vecino de 9 años de edad fue milagrosamente desplumado del agua después de ser llevada. Para la mayoría de nosotros aquí, debido a la geología de la parte sur de la isla, el mayor peligro es inundaciones y deslizamientos de tierra. Guarde todos nosotros en sus oraciones como la temporada de huracanes continúa hasta finales de octubre.



Bautismos en la Comunidad Los Quemados, parte de la parroquia.



Mi perra Armonía disfrutándose en la playa. Después de que esta foto fue tomada, la poca arena en la playa fue arrastrado por las Tormentas Emily e Irene.

6 Muchas gracias por todo lo que ha hecho para nuestras parroquias

El día 3 de Septiembre, 2011, la Comunidad Ingles, dio una despedida muy sincera a la Hermana Luisa, agradeciéndole por su presencia y misión en la parroquia.

El día Sábado 17, 2011, de Septiembre, las comunidades de la parroquia del Santo Redentor, Beaver Dam y de la Santísima Trinidad en Morgantown, las dos comunidades Hispánicas dieron una despedida muy calurosa a la Hna. Luisa Bickett por el Feliz Terminó de su tiempo como Ministro Hispano de la Diócesis de Owensboro, con música de los dos grupos musicales de las dos parroquias y mucha comida especial, la celebración fue después de la Misa. La Hermana Luisa Bickett fue homenajeada por los parroquianos por su labor que realizó en sus 23 años de servicio teniendo como vocación el amor al prójimo, viviendo, acompañando y estando presente en las diferentes situaciones de las familias de la comunidad hispana. Esto fue una muestra de agradecimiento por su trabajo en dicho lugar. Hna. Luisa se va, pero estará presente en los hogares de las comunidades y su recuerdo será para siempre.

También la Hna. Luisa B. atendía a la pequeña comunidad de Horse Branch, en el Centro Comunitario de San Francisco, ellos también agradecen su presencia y

Sister Luisa Bickett, O.S.U., As You Retire from Parish Ministry, Grateful Parishes Thank You for All You Have Done For Us

Historia Hna. Luisa

By Luis Aju

Sr. Luisa Bickett, O.S.U., shared her story about her leadership in these two communities. It is evident that her vocation has always been to serve God by serving others as she arrived to these communities.

Father Joe O'Donnell, GHMS, the pastor at the time, invited Sr. Luisa to serve the community of Horse Branch and evidently she accepted. She says that when she told Bishop John McRaith, his reaction was that one of his dreams had come true. Then the three thought of building the community center of St. Francis. Since the year 1987, the community has enjoyed the services that this place offers.

misión.

En la comunidad de Beaver Dam, Hna. Luisa tiene a tres hermosas niñas, que llevan su nombre LUISA, en honor a ella, porque en el momento de su nacimiento de cada una estuvo presente apoyando a la madre y al padre de la niña. No había otro gesto de agradecimiento que ponerle el nombre de la Hna. Luisa. Esperamos que las tres tengan la misma vocación de la Hermana Luisa.

Hna. Luisa, la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Owensboro, se une a expresarle, nuestro profundo agradecimiento por su estabilidad y su servicio de amor a toda la gente, especialmente a los pobres, es un ejemplo para todos nosotros. Dios la bendiga y estaremos rezando por usted.



Los feligreses de la Parroquia de la Santísima Redentor, VeaverDam, despiden con afecto a la Hemana Lisa Bickett, OSU durante l fiesta de despedida el 28 de Agosto en el salon parroquial. foto cortesía de P. Jean René Kalombo.

Sr. Luisa OSU has been living for twenty-three years in the community of Horse Branch. She was invited by Fr. Joe O'Donnell, GHMS to start a mission under the positive approval of the bishop.

Since then she has been attending to the needs of the English-speaking community of Horse Branch. Even though she is of a different religion from many whom she serves, she welcomes the people and they have come to trust her.

Sr. Luisa takes care of the Hispanic Community of Holy Redeemer Parish in Beaver Dam. She has been dedicated to the social work with a mysticism that fulfills her vocation and for her means serving

On September 3, 2011, the English community of Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam, gave a very sincere farewell to Sister Luisa Bickett, O.S.U., thanking her for her presence and mission in the parish.

On Saturday, September 17, 2011, the two Hispanic communities of Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam and the Holy Trinity in Morgantown, gathered at Holy Redeemer Parish Center to offer a very warm farewell to Sister Luisa for the successful completion of her time as a Hispanic Minister in the Diocese of Owensboro. With music by two bands of the two parishes and a lot of special food, the celebration was after the Mass. Sister Luisa Bickett was honored by the parishioners for her work during 23 years of service.

They recognized her vocation of love for others, living, accompanying and being present in the different situations of the families of the Hispanic community. This was a token of appreciation for her work in that place. Sr. Luisa goes to other ministry at Mount Saint Joseph, but her presence in the families' homes and communities will always be remembered.

Also, Sister Luisa Bickett attended the small community of Horse Branch, at the Saint Francis Community Center. The people from Horse Branch acknowledge her presence and mission among them.

In the community of Beaver Dam, three beautiful girls are named Luisa, in honor of Sister Luisa, because at the time of their births she was present to support the mother and the father of the child. The parents' naming of their children for Sister Luisa was another gesture of thanks to her. We hope that all three have the same vocation of Sister Luisa.

Sr. Luisa, the Office of Hispanic Ministry of the Diocese of Owensboro, wants to express our deep appreciation for your stability and loving service to all people, especially the poor, and your ministry is an example to us all. God bless and we will be praying for you.

Parishioners from Holy Redeemer Parish, Beaver Dam, bid a fond farewell to Sr. Luisa Bickett, O.S.U. During a going-away party Aug. 28 in the parish hall. Photo courtesy of Fr. Jean René Kalombo.

every week who eat together. This group of elderly women enjoys each other's company.

- Each Thursday afternoon, a group of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) has their meeting in the center, and each week 20 people gather there. Some are Catholic and others are not, but they attend these support groups.

- Some weekends there are gatherings and people are using the room all day and it's a support for the community.

- Sr. Luisa said that the Center was created especially to attend the poor no matter what their cultural group.

The situation with the Hispanic Community in Beaver Dam is as follows: Sr. Luisa serves all of the community. Every day she sees to different cases for people, and she feels satisfied for having served them well. The Horse Branch community has a great appreciation for her work.

Activities of the St. Francis Center

- At this time Fr. Jerry Dorn, Glenmary priest, has Mass in the Center whenever Sr. Luisa invites him.

- Sr. Luisa facilitates a group of quilt makers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Octubre: Mes del Rosario *(Viene de la página 2)*

para escucharlo. Cuando iba a empezar a hablar, se soltó una tormenta con rayos y viento muy fuerte que hizo que la gente se asustara. Todos los presentes pudieron ver que la imagen de la Virgen que estaba en la catedral alzaba tres veces los brazos hacia el Cielo. Santo Domingo empezó a rezar el salterio de la Virgen y la tormenta se terminó.

En otra ocasión, Santo Domingo tenía que dar un sermón en la Iglesia de Notre Dame en París con motivo de la fiesta de San Juan y, antes de hacerlo, rezó el Rosario. La Virgen se le apareció y le dijo que su sermón estaba bien, pero que mejor lo cambiara y le entregó un libro con imágenes, en el cual le explicaba lo mucho que gustaba a Dios el rosario de Avemarias porque le recordaba ciento cincuenta veces el momento en que la humanidad, representada por María, había aceptado a su Hijo como Salvador.

Santo Domingo cambió su homilía y habló de la devoción del Rosario y la gente comenzó a rezarlo con devoción, a vivir cristianamente y a dejar atrás sus malos hábitos.

Santo Domingo murió en 1221, después de una vida en la que se dedicó a predicar y hacer popular la devoción del

Rosario entre las gentes de todas las clases sociales para el sufragio de las almas del Purgatorio, para el triunfo sobre el mal y prosperidad de la Santa Madre de la Iglesia.

El rezo del Rosario mantuvo su fervor por cien años después de la muerte de Santo Domingo y empezó a ser olvidado.

En 1349, hubo en Europa una terrible epidemia de peste a la que se le llamó "la muerte negra" en la que murieron muchísimas personas.

Fue entonces cuando el fraile Alan de la Roche, superior de los dominicos en la misma provincia de Francia donde había comenzado la devoción al Rosario, tuvo una aparición, en la cual Jesús, la Virgen y Santo Domingo le pidieron que reviviera la antigua costumbre del rezo del Santo Rosario. El Padre Alan comenzó esta labor de propagación junto con todos los frailes dominicos en 1460. Ellos le dieron la forma que tiene actualmente, con la aprobación eclesiástica. A partir de entonces, esta devoción se extendió en toda la Iglesia.

En la actualidad rezamos los siguientes Misterios, y para que usted los aprenda, los publicamos para que no tenga duda como lo encuentra en este orden:

veces el costo por kilovatio (y el ingreso promedio muy por debajo de Kentucky), y además hay escasez de electricidad.

Sin embargo, la primera visita a Kentucky en cinco meses me trajo un descanso necesario a mi vida. Habichuelas (como aquí se llaman frijoles) y arroz proporcionan nutrición excelente y he aprendido exactamente cuánto salsa picante es necesario para tengan buen sabor (al disgusto de todos los dominicanos). No hay comida mejor que el pollo de mi madre ni la barbacoa que se puede encontrar en tantos lugares de Kentucky ni una ensalada verde fresca que no incluya un residuo tenue de cloro. Entre los acontecimientos en mi breve interludio de Kentucky fueron la anual reunión familiar Croxton (familia de mi madre) y la reunión de septiembre de sacerdotes diocesanos en la Diócesis de Owensboro.

Mi visita fue acortada debido a una interrupción a viajes aéreos caribeños por el Huracán Irene. A nosotros en la República Dominicana nos dio varias inundaciones antes de hacer peor en los Estados Unidos.

Los Misterios

Los veinte misterios que se rezan nos recuerdan la vida de Jesús y, dependiendo del día, se rezan de la siguiente forma:

LUNES Y SÁBADO MISTERIOS GOZOSOS VIRTUD *(sugerida)*

1. La Anunciación del ángel a la Virgen. La obediencia.
2. La Visita de la Virgen a su prima Isabel. Amor al prójimo.
3. El Nacimiento del Hijo de Dios. Desprendimiento
4. La Presentación del niño Jesús en el templo. Pureza de intención.
5. El Niño Jesús perdido y hallado en el templo Sabiduría en cosas de Dios.

MARTES Y VIERNES MISTERIOS DOLOROSOS VIRTUD *(sugerida)*

1. La Oración de Jesús en el huerto. Verdadero arrepentimiento de los pecados.
2. La flagelación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Espíritu de sacrificio
3. La coronación de espinas. Desapego a lo material
4. Jesucristo es cargado con la Cruz. Paciencia por mi cruz.

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5. La crucifixión de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Generosidad

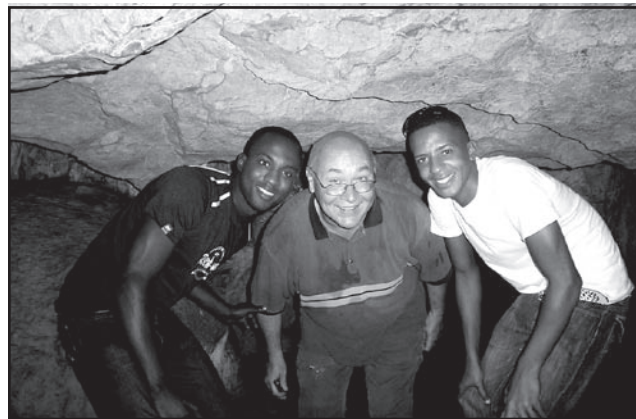
MIÉRCOLES Y DOMINGOS. MISTERIOS GLORIOSOS VIRTUD *(sugerida)*

1. La Resurrección de Jesucristo. Fe, Esperanza y Caridad
2. La Ascensión del Señor a los Cielos. Deseo de ir al Cielo
3. La venida del Espíritu Santo. Deseo de vivir en Gracia
4. La Asunción de la Virgen a los Cielos. Amor a María
5. La Coronación de la Virgen en los Cielos. Perseverancia

JUEVES. MISTERIOS LUMINOSOS

1. El Bautismo de Jesús en el Jordán 2 Co 5, 21; . Mt 3, 17.
2. Las bodas de Caná; Jn 2, 1-12.
3. El anuncio del Reino de Dios Mc 1, 15; Mc 2. 3-13; Lc 47-48.
4. La Transfiguración; Lc 9, 35.
5. La Institución de la Eucaristía, expresión sacramental del misterio pascual. Jn13, 1.

De izquierda a derecha: Seminarista de la Diócesis de Bani, Wilson Sánchez; un hombre blanco de apariencia rara que me parece algo; y, según él mismo, el joven mas chévere en el Barrio Santa Cruz, Jimmy Zapata, juntos el las Cuevas Pomier cerca de San Cristóbal. Dentro de las cuevas son muchos dibujos indígenas precolombinos y miles de murciélagos.



Tratando de adaptar un programa de viajes es frustrante cuando uno se encuentra en los Estados Unidos, pero aquí, es un ejercicio de futilidad. Después de dos tratando de comunicarme con la línea aerolínea Delta por teléfono y correo electrónico y oraciones, solo podía recibir ayuda por manejar hasta el aeropuerto de Santo Domingo. Afortunadamente, esa línea Delta tiene unos empleados buenísimas en Santo Domingo y se pudo resolver la situación en menos de quince minutos. A mi solo fui retrasado llegando en Kentucky por tres días; una señora en la línea conmigo

aprendió que el vuelo más temprano que ella pudo conseguir fue un retraso de 8 días y ella estaba pagando \$125 por día en un resorte.

Aquí en Bani, (a partir de este escrito) no hemos sufrido de lo peor de lo que los huracanes tienen que ofrecer. En Paya, lo peor que ocurrió fue que un par de pavas tuvieron que abandonar sus nidos: el jardín trasero se inunde después de 12 pulgadas de lluvia en un plazo de 24 horas. Uno de nuestros sacerdotes informó que su hermana, que vive en San Cristóbal, tuvo la

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Saludos desde Bani

Por el Padre Stan Puryear

Aun uno piensa que la vida le ha llegado mal, siempre se puede encontrar alguien en una situación peor. Al momento que casi ya no podía soportar el calor que dominicanos asocian con la temporada de huracanes (las temperaturas cálidas del océano dan energía a los sistemas de tormentas), volví a Kentucky para experimentar el calor opresivo con su humedad sofocante del mes de agosto. A lo mejor, aquí en el Caribe, casi siempre hay un viento que viene del mas que trae alivio. Y cuando el calor es excepcionalmente malo, un rápido viaje a la playa o en la carretera una media hora llegando a las montañas hace la vida mejor. Aunque Kentucky Occidental tiene una abundancia de ríos y lagos, durante agosto el agua es tan cálida y la brisa tan intermitente que hasta una excursión acuática es insuficiente para aliviar la carga. La única diferencia es que Kentucky tiene una red eléctrica confiable y relativamente barata, por lo que todos tienen aire acondicionado en sus casas. Electricidad aquí es por lo menos cuatro

Actividades del Ministerio Hispano Florece en la Diócesis de Owensboro



P. Juan Rene Parroco de las dos comunidades y Luis Aju D.M.H. han conducido una reunion con los lideres de las comunidades de Santo Redentor y de la Santisima Trinidad el dia 20 de Agosto, para formar un programa de formacion para las dos comunidades. F.Luis Aju.



Como parte de la reunion celebrada en Beaver Dam, hemos escogido un tema de la Biblia, sobre la obra magnifica de de Dios, el Hombre imagen y semejanza de Dios. La tierra puesto bajo la responsabilidad del mismo hombre como fuente de la comida diaria de todos. F.Luis Aju



El dia 20 de Agosto, Luis Aju DMH. viajo a Paducah, para expresarle en nombre del Ministerio Hispano, la Diocesis y la Comunidad de Sto. Thomas More, la cordial bienvenida a la Hna. Esther Ordoñez C. todos estamos dispuestos en colaborar con ella para que se sienta en familia. F.Luis Aju



En esta fotografia, podemos apreciar a varios de las comunidades de alrededor de Owensboro, visitan el HL Neblett Community Center para el Festival de la Salud encabezado y organizado por la comunidad del HAGO (Hispanic Alliance of Greater Owensboro) donde se disfruto de varios servicios e salud. F. Luis aju



Ala izquierda ,en el festival de la salud los fieles catolicos, asistieron en la Misa celebrado por el P. Albert B.tambien asistio como participante del evento. muchisima gente a disfrutado, mil gracias a los organizadores. F.Luis Aju

Por debajo de esta foto, muestra los focos de atencion de nuestro retiro, Cristo grande en medio, los miembros del equipo diocesano y el P. Luis C. Ochoa dirigiendo una de las ponencias que se le pidio, teniendo como tema central "La Iglesia Latina en USA" hoy dia. F. Luis Aju.



Ala izquierda , en esta espectacular F o t o g r a f i a apreciamos a los Ministros Hispanos que sirven en las comunidades hispanas en la Diocesis. de izquierda a derecha se encuentran: Cristobal G., Luis Aju, Luis Carlos Ochoa el P. que guio el retiro, Hna. Pat, P. Juan Rene, Diacono Heriberto, Hna Eloisa en medio, Patti G. con Gabrielito, Hna. Luisa B. Hna Ester Ordoñez y la Hna. Panchita.



La Confirmación en Sebree Trae Esperanza y Resalta los Desafíos

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Por Patti Gutiérrez, Coordinador de la Vida Parroquial

El día 14 de Agosto quince adolescentes y jóvenes, representando la diversidad del Condado de Webster, KY, fueron confirmados por el Monseñor Medley. Solamente 150 personas pueden acomodarse en nuestra iglesia y muchas de las familias de los candidatos hablan diferentes idiomas, por lo tanto hubo dos confirmaciones este día – una en inglés a las 10:30am y una en español a las 12pm – los dos con “la casa llena”. Aunque fue un día con mucho caos, también fue un día monumental para nuestra parroquia. Desde la fundación de nuestra parroquia en 1976, solamente hubo una confirmación más grande y fue en 1993. En estos 35 años las confirmaciones solamente se han llevado a cabo cada 2, 3 o hasta 5 años.

Este aumento de participación juvenil en la parroquia de San Miguel nos presenta esperanza para el futuro pero también desafíos para nuestra parroquia. En un tiempo cuando parroquias pequeñas y rurales como la nuestra están luchando por la falta de recursos, estos jóvenes son luces de esperanza que la vida parroquial continuará. En una era de tantas divisiones y miedo “del otro”, jóvenes como ellos son la clave para superar las divisiones de cultura, raza y lenguaje. Por la gracia del Sacramento de la Confirmación se ha

movido el Espíritu Santo en sus vidas y muchos de ellos aprendieron por primera vez las primicias de nuestra fe. Ellos tienen el potencial para ser los líderes fieles de nuestra comunidad parroquial.

Al mismo tiempo ellos retan a la comunidad parroquial entera a buscar maneras de involucrarlos y animarles a poner sus dones al servicio de Dios y su Iglesia. Estos jóvenes representan una diversidad que hoy en día es una realidad permanente en las parroquias a través de nuestra diócesis, estado y nación. Sus padres hablan inglés, español, kanjobal y mixteco. Vienen de diversas experiencias de vida, países, culturas y situaciones socio-económicas. Algunos vienen de casas con madres solteras, familias mezcladas, familias reconstruidas con padrastros y hermanastros o medios hermanos o son criados por sus abuelos. Están creciéndose en una cultura que desconoce o rechaza a Dios más cada día y que pone en duda sus valores y creencias cada rato. Esta es nuestra Iglesia. Como respondemos a esta realidad determinará el futuro de la Iglesia.

¡Qué desafío! ¡Pero qué bendición! Que Dios nos mande su Espíritu Santo para moverse en las vidas de estos quince adolescentes y jóvenes y en la comunidad parroquial entera en maneras que ni siquiera podemos imaginar. San Miguel ruega por nosotros y defiéndenos en esta batalla.



Antes de la Celebración dominical, los miembros de coro de la Iglesia de San Miguel de Sebree, ensayan los cantos que se serán entonados en la Misa y Celebración de la Confirmación con la Comunidad. Gracias a éstas voces que hacen más alegre la celebración. Foto por Luis Aju



El Obispo Medley toma esta fotografía con uno de los Padrinos y una mamá de alguno de los jóvenes que fueron confirmados, en señal de agradecimiento, pasan todos a tomarse la foto. Foto por Luis Aju



El momento en que el Obispo Medley, impone sus manos sobre los confirmantes, señal que el Espíritu Santo es bajado sobre la cabeza de cada uno. La imposición de manos siempre ha significado la fuerza del Espíritu Santo que viene a través de sus Ministros sobre los feligreses. Foto por Luis Aju

2 Dios Llama a Jóvenes por su Nombre al Sacerdicio. Por Favor Ayúdales a Escuchar su Llamada



+ Monseñor William Medley, Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro

Mis queridas hermanas y hermanos,

Ahora que ya he sido el Obispo de Owensboro por 19 meses, me emociona el informarles que he celebrado la misa en todas las 79 parroquias y misiones de la diócesis. Algunos de estos encuentros han sido

pequeños; unas docenas que representan la población entera de un condado. Otras han sido grandes, donde la misa se celebra hasta varias veces cada fin de semana para así acoger una gran comunidad parroquial. Muchos de nuestros sacerdotes sirven hasta en tres parroquias diferentes y viajan a través de tres condados. Cada uno de los 32 condados de la Diócesis de Owensboro tiene por lo menos una Iglesia Católica.

Somos muy afortunados como una diócesis rural y grande, donde los Católicos somos una parte relativamente pequeña de la población total, para poder asegurar que la misa se celebre en cada una de estas iglesias semanalmente. Además de los sacerdotes de nuestra diócesis esta accesibilidad a la Eucaristía dominical se hace posible por los sacerdotes que han venido a nosotros de otras naciones. Nuestros sacerdotes locales se han unido con seis sacerdotes de la Iglesia del continente de África, seis sacerdotes de la orden

religiosa india de Los Heraldos de la Buena Nueva, y un sacerdote de México. Sin ese celo y una generosidad misionera puede ser que tuviéramos que haber reorganizado nuestras parroquias hace mucho tiempo.

Este año tenemos diecisiete seminaristas, siete en la universidad de San Juan María Vianney (El Santo Cura de Ars) en San Pablo, Minnesota; siete estudiando filosofía o teología en San Meinrad; y tres desempeñando su año pastoral dentro de la diócesis. Estos números nos alientan y sabemos que reflejan una tendencia pequeña observado en todo el país. También sabemos que si cada uno de estos hombres se ordenaran en los próximos años, lo mejor que podríamos hacer es “mantener lo mismo” de tener sacerdotes disponibles para ofrecer la Misa cada semana en nuestras iglesias y misiones.

Nuestra Oficina Diocesana de Vocaciones estará estrenando en las próximas semanas dos programas para así crear conciencia sobre la necesidad de que toda la Iglesia participe en llamar a los jóvenes a considerar la posibilidad de un llamado de Dios al sacerdocio.

Llamado por tu Nombre es un programa que se ha utilizado antes. Se involucra un esfuerzo público donde cada parroquia nombra a jóvenes quienes reflejan virtudes y un sentido de servicio que se les hagan buenos candidatos para considerar una llamada tan extraordinaria. Cada hombre joven que es nombrado será con-

tactado por correo o e-mail para proveerles información y una oportunidad de hablar con un sacerdote. Los que estén abiertos recibirán una invitación para asistir a un retiro de discernimiento en los próximos meses que se ofrecerá en San Meinrad.

La segunda iniciativa comenzará en los campus de universidades a través de la diócesis. Se llama El Proyecto de Melquisedec y pretende identificar hombres jóvenes con algún interés en el sacerdocio. Uno grupo de discusión se reunirá de vez en cuando para reunir a estos jóvenes para rezar y considerar el llamado de Dios en sus vidas.

La clave de los dos esfuerzos es la Iglesia toda, es decir de todos nosotros en ser audaces, llamar, desafiar y preguntar.

Sí, la mayoría de los hombres que invitaremos a considerar una vocación al sacerdocio serán esposos y padres de familia y vivirán sus llamados como ingenieros, enfermeros, maestros y hombres de negocio, etc. — pero tal vez el simple hecho de invitarles moldeará sus vocaciones cristianas de una manera que no podemos siquiera imaginar.

Nombra a alguien. ¡Todo será para su provecho!

Suyo en Cristo,

Mons. William F. Medley,
Obispo de Owensboro

“En Nombre de Dios”



Octubre: Mes del Rosario - La Iglesia ha dedicado el mes de Octubre, para honrar a María con el rezo del Santo Rosario

**Por Luis Aju
Origen e historia de esta devoción:**

Siempre es bueno saber el origen de muchas devociones que tenemos en la Fe católica, como por ejemplo el origen del rezo del rosario. Respetando la diversidad de advocaciones que tenemos en la Diócesis, por venir de muchos países con devoción particular a la misma Virgen María saber lo que pasa cuando rezamos el rosario en nuestras comunidades. Por lo tanto ofrezco este material para que su devoción a María sea aun más fuerte.

En la antigüedad, los romanos y los griegos solían coronar con rosas a las estatuas que representaban a sus dioses, como símbolo del ofrecimiento de sus corazones. La palabra “rosario” significa “corona de rosas”.

Siguiendo esta tradición, las mujeres cristianas que eran llevadas al martirio por los romanos, marchaban por el Coliseo vestidas con sus ropas más vistosas y con sus cabezas adornadas de coronas de rosas, como símbolo de alegría y de la entrega de sus corazones al ir al encuentro de Dios. Por la noche, los cristianos recogían sus coronas y por cada rosa, recitaban una oración o un salmo por el eterno descanso del alma de las mártires.

La Iglesia recomendó entonces rezar el rosario, el cual consistía en recitar los 150 salmos de David, pues era considerada una oración sumamente agradable a Dios y fuente de innumerables gracias para aquellos que la rezaran. Sin embargo, esta recomendación sólo la seguían las personas cultas y letradas pero no la mayoría de los cristianos. Por esto, la Iglesia sugirió que aquellos que no supieran leer, suplantarán los 150 salmos por 150 Ave-marias, divididas en quince decenas. A este “rosario corto” se le llamó “el salterio de la Virgen”.

Cuenta la Historia que un día, a finales del siglo XII, Santo Domingo de Guzmán quien sufría mucho al ver que la gravedad de los pecados de la gente estaba impidiendo la conversión de los albigenses, decidió ir al bosque a rezar. Estuvo en oración tres días y tres noches haciendo penitencia y flagelándose hasta perder el sentido. En este momento, se le apareció la Virgen con tres ángeles y le dijo que la mejor arma para convertir a las almas duras no era la flagelación, sino el rezo de su salterio.

Santo Domingo se dirigió en ese mismo momento a la catedral de Toulouse, sonaron las campanas y la gente se reunió

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Calendario del Monseñor Medley para Octubre del 2011:

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| 2 de Octubre | 10:30 a.m. | Misa/Instalación del Padre Juan Thomas, Cristo Rey, Madisonville |
| 3 – 12 de Octubre | | Peregrinación a Roma |
| 17 de Octubre | 9:30 a.m. | Reunión del Comité del Personal Sacerdotal, CPC |
| | 1:30 p.m. | Reunión del Concejo de los Sacerdotes, CPC |
| 18 de Octubre | 8:00 a.m. | Misa Escolar, Santa María del Bosque, Whitesville |
| 19 de Octubre | 8:30 a.m. | Reunión del Comité de Administración/Finanzas, CPC |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Unción en el Monte San José |
| 20 de Octubre | 11:00 a.m. | Misa del Día de Fiesta de San Pablo de la Cruz, Monasterio de las Pasionistas |
| 21 de Octubre | 6:00 p.m. | Misa y Bendición para el Proyecto de Renovación Terminada en San Francisco de Sales, Paducah |
| 23 de Octubre | 2:00 p.m. | Congreso Mariano, Bowling Green |
| 24-28 de Octubre | | Retiro de los Sacerdotes, Monte San José, Maple Mount |
| 28 de Octubre | 9:00 a.m. | Reunión de la Mesa Directiva de la Universidad de Brescia |
| 30 de Octubre | 2:00 p.m. | Celebración Diocesana del Matrimonio, Madre Santísima, Owensboro |



Hermana Luisa Bickett, O.S.U. se retira de su Ministerio Parroquial.
Foto por Luis Aju



La capilla de oración de la Hermana Luisa Bickett
Luis Aju Photo

Muchas gracias por todo lo que ha hecho para nuestras parroquias

Historia de Hna Luisa

Por Luis Aju

El Párroco de Beaver Dam invito a la Hna. Luisa atender la Comunidad de Horse Branch ella evidentemente acepto. Ella cuenta que al informarle al Obispo McRaith, su reacción se volvió en uno de sus sueños, entonces los tres involucrados pensaron en construir el Centro Comunal de San Francisco, en el año 19887, desde entonces la comunidad disfruta de los servicios que se les presta en esa localidad.

Hna. Luisa tiene 23 años viviendo en la comunidad de Horse Branch, invitada a comenzar una misión, por el P. Joe O'donnell de la Comunidad de Glenmary y el visto bueno del Obispo.

Desde entonces atiende a la Comunidad de Horse Branch a la gente de habla Ingles, aun siendo de diferente religión los acoge y la gente tiene confianza en ella.

Atiende a la Comunidad Hispana en la Parroquia de Beaver Dam, se ha dedicado a la obra social, con una mística que llena su vocación, que para ella significa servir al mismo Cristo. Traduciendo a la gente de habla Hispana, en la Corte, en el hospital, en la Policía, asistiendo a las necesidades básicas de la gente.

La historia continua con la Hna. Luisa Bickett, ella comenta que desde que inicio su misión en Horse Branch, tuvo misa en la comunidad por el Párroco en el tiempo de los Glenmarys en la Parroquia.

P. Eric actual Párroco de Bearver Dam ha visitado solamente UNA Vez desde que es Parroco y nunca más llegó y no se sabe porque el abandono. (información de la Hna. Luisa)

Actividades en el Centro San Francisco

- En la actualidad P. Jerry Dorn Sacerdote de Glenmary tiene la Misa en el Centro cada vez que la Hna. Luisa lo invita.
- La Hna. Luisa tiene un grupo de cosedoras de quilts, los Martes y los Miércoles, de cada semana, comen juntas el almuerzo y conviven juntas este es un grupo de mujeres avanzadas de edad.
- Cada Jueves en la tarde, el grupo de los AA(alcohólicos anónimos) tienen su reunión, en cada semana se juntan 20 personas, como se sabe algunos son católicos otros no lo son, pero que asisten a estos grupos de apoyo.



Hermana Luisa Bickett, OSU, hablando en noviembre de 2010, en Noviembre 2010, con la gente que viene al Centro Comunitario de San Francisco, Ky para comer y estar juntos. "Mi preocupación son los hispanos y las otras personas en el condado de Ohio, dice la hermana Luisa. "Yo sólo quiero cuidar de su integridad física, asistencia sanitaria, vivienda y necesidades especiales de lo mejor que puedo."
Luis Aju Foto

- Algunos fine de semana se reúnen, usan el salón todo el día y es un apoyo a la comunidad.
- Hna. Luisa informa que el Centro fue creado especialmente para atender a los Pobres, sin importar su grupo cultural.

