

St. Romuald Parish Celebrates Bicentennial

By Marie Rose

HARDINSBURG, Ky. - On Sunday September 25 at 2:00pm, St. Romuald Church celebrated 200 years of faith on the hill with a Solemn Mass with The Rev. William Medley, Bishop of the Owensboro Diocese presiding. Concelebrants for the Mass were Fr. Tony Bickett, pastor of St. Romuald; Fr. Brad Whistle, former pastor from 1991-1998; Fr. Pat Reynolds, former pastor from 1985-1991; Fr. Mike Williams, who was assigned to St. Romuald when he was a seminary student; Fr. John Vaughan, former teacher at St. Romuald High School; Fr. Bob Ray, a graduate of St. Romuald High School, now a priest in the Louisville Diocese; Fr. Tom Richstatter, O.F.M. from Indiana; and Fr. Bruce Fogle of the Owensboro Diocese. Fr. Dan Kreutzer, pastor of St. Rose of Lima and Holy Guardian Angel parishes, was also present and sang in the choir. Serving as acolytes were Will Thompson, a seminary student presently assigned to St. Romuald and parishioners Tony Anthony and Mike Wiedemer, who are deacons-in-training for the Diocese of Owensboro.

Special guests for the occasion were the Sisters of Loretto: Sr. Kate Misbauer, Sr. Anndavid Naeger, Sr. Kathleen Vonderhaar, Sr. Jean Johnson, Sister Claudette Lo Porto, and several Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph: Sr. Martha Keller and Sr. Clarence Marie Luckett, former pastoral associates at St. Romuald; Sr. Mary Angela Matthews, a daughter of our parish and former principal of St. Romuald School from 1974-78; Sr. Mary Matthias Ward, former teacher at St. Romuald School from 1958-63; Sr. Pauletta McCarty, former teacher at St. Romuald school from 1963-65; Sr. Patricia Rhoten, former teacher at St. Romuald School from 1980-82 and Grade School Principal from 1982-83; Sr. Melissa Tipmore, Sr. Emma Cecilia Busam, Sr. Joan Walz, and Sr. Mary Agnes VondeHaar; and County Judge Executive and Mrs. Maurice Lucas. The Sisters of Loretto were founded by Fr. Charles Nerinckx in 1812. He is buried in the cemetery at their motherhouse. We are indebted to the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph who taught in the school here and served in this parish for many years.

An organ prelude, "Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels," played by P.J. O'Donoghue on our the 9 rank pipe organ roused the congregation assembled for the beginning of this bicentennial celebration.

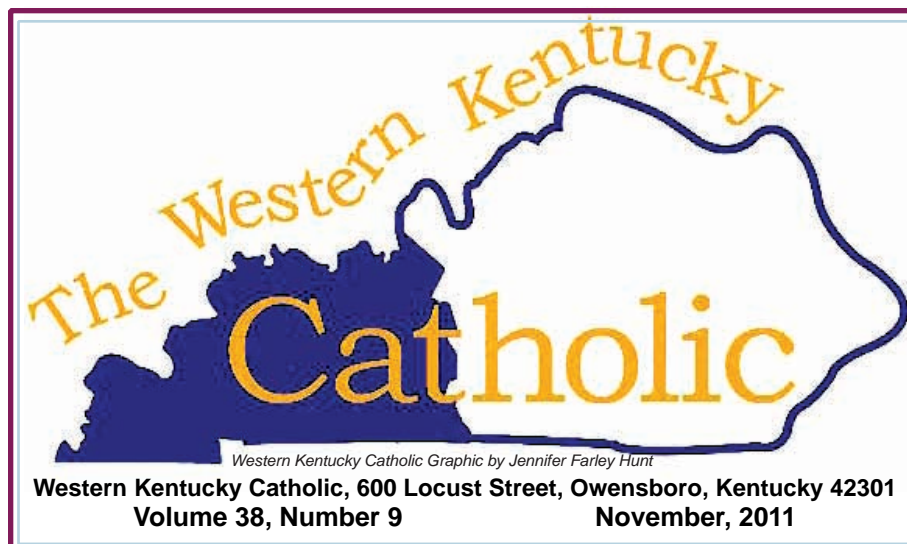


In the picture above left, Bishop William F. Medley delivering the homily. In the picture at right, priests during Eucharistic Prayer (left to right behind Fr. Tony Bickett and Bishop Medley were Fr. Pat Reynolds, Fr. Brad Whistle, Fr. Tom Rickstatter, Fr. John Vaughan, Fr. Bob Ray, Fr. Bruce Fogle, and Fr. Mike Williams. Submitted by Marie Rose.

Chuck McGary tolled the church bell, commissioned for the present church in 1895 before the church was even begun and restored in 2006, summoning the congregation to worship. A welcome was delivered by Rosa Hockenberry, who called our attention to the back of church for a very special ceremony.

Relics and a picture of our founder Fr. Charles Nerinckx, a gift to the parish from the Sisters of Loretto, were then blessed by Bishop Medley and carried forward in procession by Sr. Kate Misbauer SL and Sr. Mary Angela Matthews, OSU to be housed and displayed in a cherry cabinet, specially made for them by one of our parishioners.

In his homily, Bishop Medley spoke to us of the history of the area and the legacy of faith left to us by Fr. Nerinckx and the pioneer ancestors who had come before us.



Beautiful music and song was provided by organist P.J. O'Donoghue and cantor/soloist Alison Mattingly and a 25 member choir: Martha Rose and Erin O'Donoghue, Fr. Dan Kreutzer, George Walz, Carlos Matthews, Tom & Bridget Malewitz, Judy Tivitt, Sue Ann Hale, Jeanne Lee, Shannon Barr, Linda Carwile, Sadie Carwile, Marie Rose, Kathy Ables, Olivia and Lori Howard, Sherry Hicks, Millie Whitler, JoEllen McGary, Lyvenia, A. J., Jessica, Andrea and Joanna Anthony. The Mass of Creation was sung and hymns chosen for the special occasion were Gather Us In, Gather and Remember, Panis Angelicus, I Am the Bread of Life, Sow the Word, and Holy God We Praise Thy Name.

The celebration was followed by a reception in the school gym. The Altar Society and ladies in the parish provided

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2 Happy feast day, all you saints, all you holy ones of God



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

God from men and women who had lived heroic lives of faith, most especially the martyrs, who like Christ had poured out

My dear sisters and brothers,

The notion of saints in our Christian tradition is just about as old as Christianity itself. The patron saint of our diocese, St. Stephen, is recorded as the first martyr and veneration of him dates from the earliest of times. People of faith recognized that they had discovered something of the holiness of

their very blood.

November has traditionally been a month to venerate and remember the saints. The first day of the month is a holy day, All Saints Day. It is no coincidence that during this month we also direct our prayers on behalf of all the faithful departed, those whom we trust will, by God's grace and mercy, be joined with the saints in heaven.

As ancient as the custom of our veneration of the saints may be, it seems we have not been as attentive to passing on this tradition to the last couple of generations. Our young Catholics often do not know much about even the great and well known saints. When I was involved just a few years ago in proposing names for a new Catholic parish and a new Catholic school, many asked, "Where do you find names of saints?"

Many of you know that young people

preparing to be confirmed write letters to me and express to me their desire to be confirmed. Their process of preparation entails researching and selecting a patron saint for the occasion. Often some of their most interesting paragraphs are expressing the fascination they find in the lives of the saints. By the way, the most frequently chosen patrons are St. Sebastian for young men. He is the patron saint of athletes. The favorite among young women is Saint Maria Goretti, a young girl who was martyred in 1902 at the age of twelve and represents purity and chastity. Those who chose her often remark that she lived long enough to express forgiveness to her attacker, "for the love of Jesus," and that he lived long enough to attend her canonization in St. Peter's Square in 1947. He sat with her mother and members of her family.

Soon you may be looking around for a handy calendar for 2012. Find one that

notes the feast days of the saints. Celebrate these feasts with prayers to the saints. Perhaps you can make a call or send a note on the patron feast day of someone you know. Or remind someone in joy or crisis of a particular saint who might inspire or comfort them.

Saints are holy people. Because God alone is holy, to be a saint is to participate in, and be an image of, the holiness of God. Persons cannot make themselves holy. Only God can do that.

Happy feast day, all you saints, all you holy ones of God.

Yours in Christ,

William F. Medley

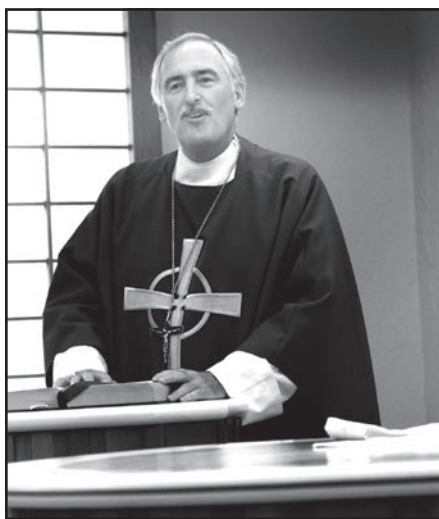
+ Most Reverend William F. Medley,
Bishop of Owensboro

Mandeville, Jamaica, Bishop Visits Diocese of Owensboro

Bishop Neil Tiedemann, Bishop of the Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica, visited in Owensboro on Oct. 11, 2011, along with his Vicar General, Fr. Anthony Aarons, and Business Manager, Deacon Ron Hamilton. Bishop Tiedemann has agreed to celebrate morning Mass with Catholic Pastoral Center staff.

Bishop Tiedemann and some from his diocesan staff were here in Kentucky visiting their partners in their work. They had several appointments throughout the day in Owensboro. The diocese hosted a reception in their honor later in the evening in the Pastoral Center.

The Bishop and his staff left on Wednesday morning to visit partners in the Louisville area and return to Jamaica on Thursday, Oct. 13.



**Bishop Neil Tiedemann, Bishop of the
Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica**

Bishop William F. Medley's Calendar for November 2011

- 1 12:05 p.m. School Mass, St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
- 5 10:30 a.m. Mass, conclusion of Hispanic Bible Study, Christ the King, Madisonville
- 6:00 p.m. St. Mary School System Auction, Paducah
- 6 11:00 a.m. Confirmation, St. Thomas More, Paducah
- 2:00 p.m. 175th Anniversary Celebration, St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
- 10 8:00 a.m. School Mass, Christ the King, Madisonville
- 11 8:00 a.m. School Mass, St. Ann, Morganfield
- 12-17 USCCB Conference/Meeting, Baltimore
- 18-19 National Catholic Youth Conference, Indianapolis
- 21 9:30 a.m. Priest Personnel Board Meeting, CPC
- 1:30 p.m. Priests' Council Meeting, CPC
- 22 Presbyteral Day, CPC
- 24 8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass, St. Stephen Cathedral
- 28-30 Priests' Council Provincial Meeting, Covington

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Fr. Shonis

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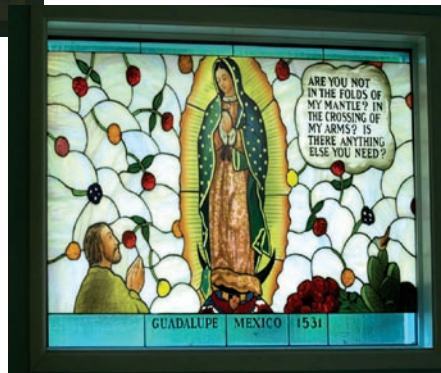
BARDWELL, Ky. - In their Pastoral Plan for Adult Faith Formation in the United States, the U.S. Bishops write: "The Church wisely and repeatedly insists that adult faith formation is essential to who we are and what we do as Church and must be situated not at the periphery of the Church's educational mission but at its center ... While most Catholic parishes place a high priority on the faith formation of children and youth, far fewer treat adult faith formation as a priority." At the parishes of St. Denis in Fancy Farm and St. Charles in Bardwell, we put adult faith formation at the center of our educational mission and take adult catechesis seriously. Starting this past September, Scripture Study programs are being offered.



Mary, Mediatrix of all Grace

Marian Conference

Saturday, November 12, 2011
 Blessed Mother Catholic Church
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Registration Form

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Lunch and Dinner on your own

Conference Schedule

Saturday, November 12, 2011

7:30 Registration	3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet – Maria Spears
8:00 Holy Rosary	3:30 Dinner (on your own)
8:20 Welcome - Fr. Ben Luther, Director of The Marian Shrine	6:00 Fr. Wade L. Menezes, C.P.M. "Heaven and the Beatific Vision: God's Desire for Us"
8:30 Susan Tassone – "The Holy Souls in Purgatory"	7:00 Susan Tassone – "Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal"
9:30 Fr. Robert Lombardo, C.F.R. "Mary and Evangelization"	8:00 Break
10:20 Break	8:30 Eucharistic Healing Service –Fr. Robert Lombardo, C.F.R.
10:30 Holy Mass – Fr. Ben Luther	Music – Maria Spears
11:30 Lunch (on your own)	St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Bookstore will be open during the conference and during lunch and dinner.
1:00 Fr. Wade L. Menezes, C.P.M. Reality Check: Death and Judgment	
2:00 Fr. Robert Lombardo, C.F.R. "Mary,	

Faith-filled Women

Above are some of the Scripture Study Course participants from Saint Charles Church, Bardwell, at The Bible and the Mass program. From left, Dawn Kupper, April Washer, Sharon Naas, Barbara Nelson, Susan Hayden, Carla Estrada, and Betty Steinbeck. Others not photographed here were Linda Holt, Beatrice Ellegood, Angie Boren, Janet Wilson, Betty Hayden, Lenny Estrada, Dean Thomas, and Debbie Thomas. Submitted by Sr. Ellen Frances Lenihan

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The Permanent Deacons in The Diocese of Owensboro

Let's Get To Know Terry and Barb Larbes

By Terry Larbes

Barb and I grew up in the Cincinnati, Ohio area. We both experienced 12 years of Catholic education although we did not attend the same school. After high school Barb remained under the Catholic umbrella by attending Catholic academic institutions.

We were 15 when we were introduced to one another at my cousin's house. Six years later in 1972 we were married. I was an engineering student at UK, Lexington; Barb was a nursing student at Good Samaritan hospital in Cincinnati. We have two children and two grandchildren. All of whom live in Paducah. Barb's professional background is nursing and then later in life tax accounting; my professional background is engineering and management and most recently part time contract engineering.

Our first interest in the Diaconate was in 1990, we were living in Bryan-College Station, Texas at that time. After a few months we "discerned" ourselves out of the program because of concerns with our children. I intended to join the Diaconate program when the next



Terry and Barb Larbes

class was formed.

We moved to Paducah in 1993 and became members of St Thomas More. After settling into Paducah, I was disappointed to find out that the diocese did not have a Diaconate program. So I waited and prayed ... waited and prayed. When the call for diaconal formation went out in late 2007, Barb and I knew that the time was "right". The first time the newly formed deacon aspirants prayed the Liturgy of the Hours together we knew we were home.

"Through The Years" we have been involved in Marriage Encounter, Engaged Encounter team, and Cursillo team plus a wide range of parish ministries. Currently Barb is active in choir and Terry is active in the Ecumenical Commission and the Paducah Cooperative Ministry.

Now, Let's Get Acquainted with Mike And Mary Clapp

Hi. I'm Mike Clapp.

Recently our diaconate class had opportunity to study the section in Matthew's gospel in which Jesus laments, "The harvest is rich, but the laborers are few." That statement is a pretty good description of why the Permanent Diaconate program has been instituted in the Diocese of Owensboro.

The world in which we live isn't a total loss, but one cannot question the fact that much can be done to fight against secularism, materialism and rampant sexual immorality. To go out and proclaim Catholicism's good news is not something to be left solely to the priesthood; everyone must take part. Deacons have the unique position of having one foot in ordained life and one in the secular world; it only makes sense to re-establish the diaconate



Mike and Mary Clapp

as a weapon to be used in this mission.

My own journey to this point, almost exactly a year from ordination as I write this, began some 15 years ago at St. Polycarp in Louisville. My wife Mary and I were standing with a group of friends near the altar after Mass when someone tapped

Let's Meet Bill and Joy Bach

Hello! My name is Bill Bach. I am from western Canada where I graduated from the University of Alberta School of Medicine. Following my internship, I married my wife Joy and moved to Pittsburgh for my residency training in General and Child Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School. Following two years of active service as a captain in the US Army Medical Corps, we returned to Pittsburgh where I was on the medical school faculty. I then moved on to be the executive and medical director of a community mental health center in western Pennsylvania. We moved to Owensboro, Kentucky in 1986 and I was appointed as medical director of the River Valley Psychiatric Hospital where I remained until I retired. Joy and I have five married children and sixteen grandchildren.

Raised a cradle Catholic, I have always been active in the Church. We joined Blessed Mother Church early in 1987. I have been altar boy, lector, Eucharistic minister, sponsor in the RCIA, and parish council member. I have been involved with the diocesan marriage tribunal and have served as a member of the diocesan sexual abuse review board. I am a member of the Passionist Oblates, as is Joy.

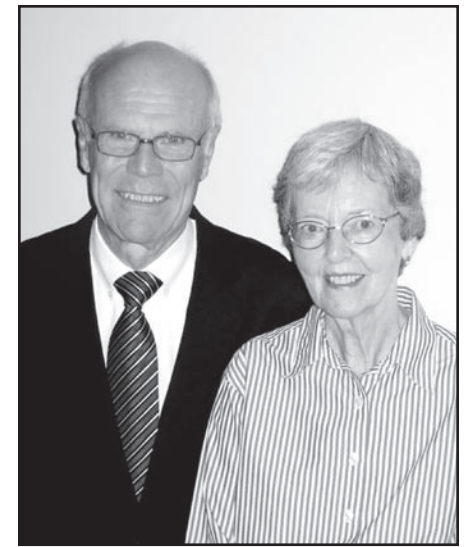
When the permanent diaconate training program began to surface within our diocese, I went to prayer and sought spiritual direction. I received acceptance into the aspirancy part of the program in 2007, having the full support of my pastor, and certainly my wife.

The diaconate is the third level of Holy Orders: Bishop, Priest and Deacon. As

me on the shoulder. I turned to find Tony Hasson, one of two deacons assigned to the parish. He looked straight at me, said "I think you would make a good deacon," turned immediately and walked away. Sneaky old man.

Tony accomplished his mission. He got me thinking about it, exploring the program, praying about it. After much deliberation, we tabled the idea since our three children were still quite young. The decision turned out to be proper, as we made the decision to move to Mayfield not three years after that momentous Sunday morning. In 2001, we became citizens of Graves County.

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Bill and Joy Bach

we read in Acts 6: 5 the twelve apostles recognized the need for some men (deacons) to tend to the needs of members of the community. They elected Stephen and six other men to take care of these needs. And so began the ministry of service. Today this would include the home bound, those in nursing homes, hospitals, and jails. Additionally, deacons can minister within the liturgy. They are called to proclaim the Word of God, to preach the homily when requested by the pastor. Deacons do not celebrate Mass but may serve the priest at the altar during Mass. Similarly, deacons do not hear confessions, do not confirm and do not administer the sacrament for the dying. But they may baptize, perform marriages, and conduct funerals and graveside services where there is no Mass. Deacons can provide faith formation, catechesis and provide counseling.

Following a long period where this third level of Holy Orders was abandoned, the Permanent diaconate was reinstated following Vatican II. The permanent diaconate has never been a substitute for the priesthood and must never be seen as a way to alleviate the shortage of priests.

St. Polycarp said (about deacons), "Let them be merciful and zealous, and let them walk according to the truth of the Lord, who became the servant of all." I beg the prayers of all of the faithful in the Diocese of Owensboro for truly Spirit led vocations for all of us men being prepared for ordination to the diaconate in 2012.

The Permanent Deacons in The Diocese of Owensboro

Meeting Mike and Mary Clapp

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With the diocese still some years away from forming its first permanent diaconate class, time went on, though the idea of becoming a deacon hovered on the back burner. When the announcement finally came in 2006 that what would be the first meeting for our class had been set, we were at Mass. Without saying a word, Mary turned to her left, looked at me, and I nodded. And here we are.

Before going any farther, I must publicly credit my better half. When we married, I was Cumberland Presbyterian. She never once put any pressure on me to join the Catholic Church, and never pressured me about the permanent diaconate, though believing I would be a good choice. Mary left the decision to God and me, and I am forever grateful. Before she could get her work schedule arranged, she would join me for those first Saturday morning meetings

in Hopkinsville after having worked all night and barely having time for a shower. She did what was necessary to support who and what she cared about. She is amazing.

As for the program itself, it admittedly hasn't always been easy to concentrate on it. Even if you're heading toward ordination, you're not immune from life's bumpiness. Our oldest son was diagnosed with cancer not three meetings into the program (he's doing fine). I've dealt with two bouts of unemployment. Family illness is a concern. And it's not just us. Many of the guys in the diaconate program have suffered loss of some kind or another.

And yet, by the grace of God, here we are about to begin the final year of classes, held now in Madisonville. We have had world-class instruction organized through St. Meinrad Archabbey. Ordination is now on the horizon, September 15 of next year.

Initial meetings have been held with a second class.

For those of you considering learning more about the program, please understand that one requirement is a leap of faith. We signed on, not for position or prestige, but to serve. We do not know how or where we are to be assigned after ordination. It's certainly not out of the question, but not guaranteed either, that we will be assigned to our home parishes.

But that's what faith is about. We trust that God, through Bishop Medley, will place us where we are needed the most, without putting undue strain on our families as our duties as husbands and fathers will not end.

A pressing need at this point is to get information out about the permanent diaconate; the program overall hasn't been promoted as well as it should have been at the parish level. We would love to answer your questions, either one-on-one or in a

group setting.

Many more men are needed for this program. When we are ordained, our area will have only about two dozen deacons actively working, including those who were ordained elsewhere and moved here. That's not nearly enough for a diocese the size of Owensboro.

And don't you dare think you have nothing to offer as a deacon candidate. No one in my class will tell you they are worthy of the honor to be given us next year. God is working through us, molding us into something we never would have thought possible. He will do the same for you. Don't be afraid.

Above all, pray for myself, my family, my classmates and their families. Pray that God give us the strength to be His stewards and go and do what needs to be done, for the harvest is indeed rich.

Let's Get Acquainted With Richard and Diana Beaven

Hello. My name is Richard Beaven. I reside in rural southern Henderson County. I was baptized as an infant at Holy Name of Jesus in Henderson. I grew up in Sturgis and was a member of St. Francis Borgia Parish. I am a cradle Catholic. I have been married for almost 20 years to my wife, Diana. She is also a cradle Catholic that grew up in Whitesville and belonged to St. Mary of the Woods. We joined Holy Name Parish when we got married. We have two children. They both attend Holy Name School. Matthew is an eighth grader and Meredith is a sixth grader.

I graduated from Union County High School. I attended Western Kentucky University for two years after graduating from high school. I decided to work in the coal industry and was a surface coal miner for 26 years. When the coal industry slowed down eight years ago, I went back to college and graduated from USI with a Bachelors degree and an Associates degree. I have been employed as an occupational therapy assistant at Regional Medical Center in Madisonville for the last six years.

I have always felt comfortable in church and have been a daily communicant all of my life when my work schedule would permit. I worked a lot of swing shifts for the coal mines which made at-



Richard and Diana Beaven

tending daily Mass sometimes impossible. Four years ago I felt called to the diaconate program. I don't know why. Having just graduated from college at 48 years of age, to enter a new profession to provide for my family, the last thing I wanted to do was to go back to school. I still just felt the need to check out this program. We started out with close to 50 men at the first diaconate formation meeting, and then the number dwindled to 30. There is about a one year formation process to see if God is calling you. When we actually started our academic classes, our enrollment number was 21. The number of candidates has been 18 for the last couple of years. The drop in numbers is not a bad thing. This is the way the discernment process works. God may have other plans for the ones who decided not to continue on with the program. The 18 presently in the class appear rock solid for being ordained but

God will decide. Though we all feel committed, we know that we won't be ordained unless it is God's will.

What is a deacon? Let's first look at what a deacon cannot do. A deacon cannot celebrate Mass, forgive sins in the confessional, or anoint the sick. These roles are reserved for the priest. What can a deacon do? A deacon can assist the priest at Mass. There are roles in the Mass reserved for the deacon. A deacon may proclaim the Gospel and preach the homily. A deacon is an ordinary minister for lecturing and administering communion because of his ordination. The laity are extra-ordinary ministers for lecturing and administering communion. A deacon can run a parish, teach catechism classes and RCIA, perform jail ministry, perform baptisms and funerals, witness marriages, conduct communion services, and any other needs of the bishop.

When a man is ordained to the diaconate, he will make a vow of obedience to the bishop, as he will be working for the bishop. His direct supervision will come from the pastor of the parish he is sent. The role of the priest and deacon are similar but different. A priest is clerical. He puts God first and his church second. The

priest is married to his church. A deacon has one foot in the clerical and one foot in the secular. A deacon puts God first, his own family second (because of his commitment by the sacrament of Matrimony), and third, his church. A deacon may or may not be married.

Four years ago when I answered the call to the diaconate, I felt the need for the church to reach out to people who don't have the typical nine to five jobs. Adoration of the Eucharist and receiving the Eucharist is what sustains us. Our priests work very hard. They have many commitments. I feel we should have communion services to meet the needs of people who work odd shifts, whether it be the second shift father who works in a hot factory, nurses who work with the sick and come in contact with various diseases, boat pilots who try to control large barges in swift currents, linemen who try to keep the electricity going during storms, teachers who need strength to teach to the best of their ability, coal miners who go to work knowing that the roof has been cracking a lot lately, construction workers who work high above the

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6 *The Permanent Deacons in The Diocese of Owensboro* The Diaconal Ministry: Striving To Mobilize Faith Into Service Of Others

My name is Tim Nugent. My wife Tammy and I have been married for 18 years. We have been blessed with three wonderful children, Nathan (15), Jonathan (13), and Kaitlin (10). We are members of Saint Anthony's Parish in Browns Valley. At the age of 42, I am easily considered to be the "baby" of the first diaconate class. I have lived most of my life in Daviess County. I attended elementary school at Blessed Mother and Saint Peter of Alcantara. I graduated from Owensboro Catholic High School in 1987. I graduated from Brescia College in 1991. In 1992, I completed my MSSW (Masters of Science in Social Work) degree from the University of Louisville. In 1996, I became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Since 1992, I have served the region as a social worker, working through River Valley Behavioral Health until 2000, and through the University of Kentucky's Targeted Assess-



Tim and Tammy Nugent

ment Program until this past August. I am pleased to report that I am now working as an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Brescia University.

As I ponder my journey to the diaconate, I am reminded of just how privileged I have been. From the very beginning, I have been blessed with family rooted

in faith. From my grandparents' devotion to the faith, to my parents whose faith brought them through adversity, to my many uncles and aunts who witnessed faith to others, my family has remained a constant source of nourishment for my faith. This has certainly continued in my marriage as Tammy's many sacrifices behind the scenes have allowed me to pursue the permanent diaconate.

I have further been fortunate in experiencing the powerful witness of community. I gratefully recall the heroic efforts of the Stanley community who supported my family through the dark nights of my father's injuries during my childhood. I am thankful for my co-workers who have supported and encouraged my journey through the diaconate program during the past four years. I will never forget

the encouragement and nourishment I have received from my home parish of Saint Anthony's, and our pastor, Father Mike Clark. I have been especially touched by the witness of faith I have experienced through the RCIA Program

During the course of my career of serving the community, I have seen first-hand the needs of the community. I have witnessed the devastation that can occur in people's lives, the hunger of others seeking a better way, the joy of discovering inner strengths, and the power of a community of support. I will strive to bring these experiences into my diaconate ministry. The needs of the community are many, but they are no match for an energized faith community. I will strive to mobilize this faith into service of others through my diaconal ministry.

Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB, named professor emeritus

Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB, has been named professor emeritus of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, St. Meinrad, IN. He is the first faculty member to receive this recognition in the Seminary and School of Theology.

He was honored by students, staff and faculty at a school banquet on September 27. He currently teaches Church history at Saint Meinrad.

Fr. Cyprian is a national leader in historical studies of the African American Catholic Church in the United States. The author of numerous articles and books on the history and spirituality of African American Catholics, he wrote *The History of Black Catholics in the United States* for which he received the John Gilmary Shea Award from the American Catholic Historical Association. Other books include *The Church: A Living Heritage*; *Stamped with the Image of God: African Americans as God's Image in Black*, which he co-edited with Jamie Phelps, OP; *Henriette Delille: Servant of Slaves, Witness to the Poor*; and a

book of historical essays about Saint Meinrad, *To Prefer Nothing to Christ*.

Fr. Cyprian joined the Benedictine community at Saint Meinrad Archabbey in 1951 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1956. He began teaching in 1957, later taking time off to earn a licentiate in 1963 and a doctorate in 1977, both in historical sciences from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium.

He has received honorary degrees from the University of Notre Dame in 2001, the Catholic Theological Union in 2002, St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, PA, in 2003, and The Catholic University of America in 2006.

In 2002, he was awarded the Johannes Quasten Medal for excellence in scholarship and leadership in religious studies from The Catholic University of America. In 2004, he received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Saint Meinrad Alumni Association. He also received the Marianist Award



Fr. Cyprian Davis, OSB

from the University of Dayton in 2007 and the Acacia Award in 2010 from the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Fr. Cyprian is the archivist for the Archabbey, the Swiss-American Benedictine Congregation and the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, of which he was a founding member in 1968.

Getting Acquainted With Richard and Diana Beaven

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ground, and etc. I feel a deacon could help in this area.

I am writing this letter at 3:00 AM, in the middle of my nights sleep. I cannot tell you how many times in the last four years I have awoken from my sleep and worked on my diaconate homework.

I was talking to my neighbor and friend the other day and told him I only had a year to go until ordination and that I am starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. My neighbor said "I hope it's not a train!" We both laughed. I later reflected on his comment and decided it just might be God's grace shining through that tunnel that I will receive at ordination.

God willing, all 18 of us will be ordained in about one year. Our class just finished a week of homiletics at St. Meinrad. We were totally amazed how the Holy Spirit was working in each of us as we listened to our classmates give practice homilies. Only by the will of God could we have come this far.

God Bless,
Richard Beaven, Deacon Candidate

P.S.: A second class of deacon candidates is presently in formation. It's not too late to come and see if God is calling you to serve as a deacon. Contact Fr. John Thomas (pjohnmthomas@gmail.com) at Christ the King Church in Madisonville (christthe kingchu!bellsouth.net); 1-270-821-5494.

St. Romuald Parish Celebrates Bicentennial

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cake and punch for the event. A delicious supper was provided in the Parish Hall for out-of-town priests and sisters traveling here for the celebration by Dolores Mattingly, Nora Dailey, Tina Payne, Millie Whitler, and Sheila Sills. Fr. Phil Riney, while not able to be present for the Mass, joined those gathered for the meal. Millie Whitler had elaborately decorated the hall for the meal. Don Payne also provided assistance to the ladies who prepared the meal.

The week of September 25 – October 2 was filled with special events to commemorate our 200th anniversary. Throughout the week a museum was open in the church displaying items used by and belonging to our founder Fr. Charles Nerinckx, on loan to us from the Sisters of Loretto Museum. We were very blest to have on display the following items of his - a set of vestment he considered to be his best set, rosary with a reliquary crucifix, walnut host box, movable tabernacle with crucifix, portable writing desk and traveling ink jars, 2 framed picture reliquaries that he brought back from Europe, sanctuary bell, small statue of Mary with the infant Jesus and case, metal travel containers for sacred oil, missal stand, and 2½" dipper used in Dutch liturgies to dip the



The Choir: Organist P.J. O'Donoghue, soloist/cantor Alison Mattingly, and 25-member choir. At right, a cabinet with relics specially made by a parishioner. Submitted by Marie Rose

drop of water from the cruet into the chalice. The museum also included other church historical information and pictures.

On Tuesday, a fun evening dubbed "A Night with the Knights" was hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The evening included face painting and a cake walk for the children, bingo, and chili, hotdogs and cake. Wednesday was a day of prayer as we celebrated the Church's Liturgy of the Hours at 3am, 6am, 9am, noon, 3pm, 6pm, 9pm. Thursday was designated a special day for the school children. Mass with the blessing of pets was celebrated at 9am. Then, beginning at noon a guided tour of the church



and grounds was given to grades 3 and up by members of the parish and followed by ice cream treats for the students. The week closed with an Open House on Sunday, October 2, which included a guided historical tour of the church and grounds, and a reception in the parish hall sponsored by some members of the cookbook committee.

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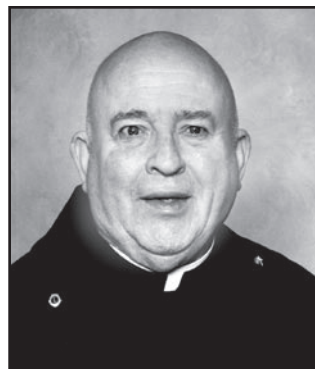
Rev. Maurice J. Tiell, 78, died suddenly on October 15 at Carmel Home.

Fr. Tiell was born on April 3, 1923 to Albert and Evangeline Tiell in New Riegel, Ohio. He was ordained on June 3, 1950 and has ministered as Associate Pastor at St. Stephen. Pastor at St. William, St. Lawrence, Knottsville, Precious Blood and SS Joseph and Paul, Owensboro, St. Francis de Sales, Paducah, Holy Cross, Providence, St. Michael, Sebree, St. Mark, Eddyville, and St. William, Marion. Fr. Tiell served at St. Joseph, Bowling Green, for five years in semi-retirement.

He has been Chaplain at the Kentucky State Penitentiary and Western Ky Correctional Complex in Eddyville.

Survivors include a brother Herman J. Tiell, Tiffin, Ohio and a sister Clara Rose Schilling of Fort Wayne, Indiana

Visitation at St. Stephen, Cathedral on Monday, from 2:00 pm to 7:30, with Prayer service at 6:30 pm. Funeral Liturgy will be celebrated at St. Stephen, Cathedral at noon on Tuesday, October 18 with Burial in Resurrection Cemetery. Expressions of Sympathy to the Retired Priests of the Diocese.



Fr. Maurice Tiell, Thank You For Your Saying "Yes" To God's Call

By Father Stan Puryear

Here is Fr. Stan Puryear's homily preached at Fr. Tiell's 60th Anniversary Mass at which Bishop Medley presided, at St. Joseph Church, Bowling Green.

The first time I met Fa-

ther Maurice Tiell was in St. Paul Church in Princeton, Kentucky. I had returned home for the summer after my first year in the seminary at the Josephinum, excited to hear that my home Lyon County was to once again have a Catholic Church. The previous church in the county, St. Stephen's in today's Land Between the Lakes, had been closed before I was born. On that summer day, I stopped by St. Paul's in Princeton, and was praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament, when an unknown priest entered the church looking for Fr. Bittel.

I'm not sure what Fr. Tiell found more optimistic during that first meeting at Saint Paul's Parish. Either it was that I was praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament when we met, or that I was attending his alma mater, the Pontifical College Josephinum, but he agreed to let me lead him around Lyon County, where I introduced him to local Catholics and non-Catholics, where I showed him the property that Fr. Frank Roof had acquired for the construction of a new church, and where Lyon County's newest apartments were located.

Fr. Tiell shared with me that day how his dream was finally coming true. Years ago, when a seminarian went to the Josephinum to study, many were without affiliation. Although they might have some idea of where they were going to be serving, most of the young men did not know their exact diocesan assignment until they individually knelt before the Apostolic Delegate during the Diaconate Ordination, and promised obedience and respect to the Bishop of whatever diocese and his successors.

Fortunately, the Diocese of Owensboro was not a great surprise to Father Tiell on that day, as he had already met with Bishop Cotton and had agreed to being open to coming to Western Kentucky. But we were not his first choice. Father's first choice was to go to eastern Kentucky where he would be able to start parishes. Bishop Cotton promised him that if he would come to western Kentucky and the then 12-year-old diocese of Owensboro, he would be able to start parishes here. And it only took him 37 years to get that opportunity, when he founded my home

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8 The People of the Diocese Write Book To Guide Ministry for Next Three Years

By Mel Howard

and Sr. Ethel-Marie Biri, SSND.

The purpose of a Diocesan Pastoral Plan is to identify a common, focused and intentional way to live out our Baptism, which calls us to carry forth the Mission of the Triune God.

In February of this year our diocese began pastoral planning by hosting a series of Listening Sessions to gather data from as broad a base as possible. In addition to the Listening Sessions, people were encouraged to give input online. In total, there were 424 respondents, which is just short of 2% of the estimated active Catholics in Western Kentucky.

The responses were weighted, tabulated, analyzed and published in a bound volume titled Strategic Planning Data. In one view, this is a book that the people of the diocese wrote about what works and what can be strengthened in the



following areas: worship and prayer, leadership, parish life, faith formation, evangelization, human dignity, and stewardship.

The Planning Committee wrote goals and objectives based on the 424 responses printed in "Strategic Planning Data." The planning committee members are Sr. Georgia Acker, OP and Sr. Geri Hoye, OP, of Bowling Green; Paul Bachi, Eddyville; Sr. Ethel-Marie Biri, SSND, Martha Hagan; Kevin Kauffeld, Ernie Taliaferro, all from the Catholic Pastoral Center; Patty Blair, Maceo; Franki Durbin, Hopkinsville; Fr. Pat Reynolds, Saint Thomas More, Paducah; John Prough, Henderson; Fr. Darrell Venters, Saint Jerome, Fancy Farm. Bishop Wil-

liam Medley was present at most meetings. Mr. Michael Barton of Madisonville served as Facilitator.

At this point in the process, action plans and strategies that support the objectives are being designed by the staff at the Pastoral Center. They have been assigned objectives that are relevant to their ministry. Their involvement is essential since they will assist the Bishop in making the plan a reality.

In a nutshell, planning creates a road map or a GPS! As we move through the process, we may even have to do some "recalculating!" Stay tuned to the Western Kentucky Catholic for more about "the book that the people wrote."

Diocese Of Owensboro Pastoral Planning Goals And Objectives

STRATEGIC GOAL 1: To foster and enhance spirituality and worship as a response to our universal call to holiness.

- **Objective 1:** To provide formation and education on the Eucharist to youth and adults in order to enhance their appreciation and understanding of the celebration of the liturgy
- **Objective 2:** To provide prayer and retreat experiences to foster a deeper spirituality and prayer life.
- **Objective 3:** Recognize and promote the Liturgy of the Hours as the preferred prayer option in our parishes, especially during Advent and Lent.

STRATEGIC GOAL 2: To form and support commitment to life long faith formation and the universal call to Holiness.

- **Objective 1:** To provide formation and education opportunities for the faithful.
- **Objective 2:** To assist parishes with resources for training those involved in parish ministries.
- **Objective 3:** To review the importance and financial stability of Catholic Schools in the diocese.
- **Objective 4:** To inaugurate and promote a diocesan initiative in adult faith formation.

STRATEGIC GOAL 3: To embrace the mission of evangelization by sharing the gospel through effective communication.

- **Objective 1:** To promote a greater under-

standing of the RCIA process among the faithful of western Kentucky.

- **Objective 2:** Launch a self-study of our current communication efforts and tools, social media, print media, etc.
- **Objective 3:** Assess the use of social media and technology to educate, invite and Welcome.
- **Objective 4:** Provide resources to parishes to invite and reach out to Catholics. (To invite people back to the Catholic Church)

STRATEGIC GOAL 4: To identify stewardship opportunities that lead parishioners to share their time, talents and treasure as an integral part of their commitment to the Church. (Original goal – To promote stewardship as an integral part of Catholic life.)

- **Objective 1:** (To help people identify their gifts and to understand their Baptismal call to place their gifts in service to others.)
- **Objective 2:** To facilitate the sharing of resources among parishes.

STRATEGIC GOAL 5: To promote the dignity of all persons especially the poor and vulnerable.

- **Objective 1:** Promote education for adults and youth on Catholic social teaching and current social issues, especially immigration issues.
- **Objective 2:** Evaluate current office of Catholic Charities along with other diocesan ministries (i.e. Ofc. Of Black Catholics, Hispanic Ministry, Justice for Immigrants) that reach out to the needy

and marginalized.

- **Objective 3:** Support universal Catholic Church's efforts to promote teaching of the dignity of life from conception to natural death.
- **Objective 4:** To encourage parishes to work with other faith traditions in the local community in providing for the needs of the poor and vulnerable.

STRATEGIC GOAL 6: To promote the sanctity of vocations: marriage, single life, consecrated life, and Holy Orders.

- **Objective 1:** To promote sacramental

marriage through education, preparation, and identify successful educational models.

- **Objective 2:** To identify opportunities to uphold the dignity of single life such as the widowed, divorced and single individuals.
- **Objective 3:** To increase awareness of the importance of consecrated vocations to the Catholic Church and the community they serve.
- **Objective 4:** To promote the vocation of the deacon and priest as an integral and essential part of the diocesan church.

Abby Johnson Warns Pro-Lifers To Step Up Efforts To Combat Legalized Abortion

The October 20, 2011 Right To Life of Owensboro Banquet at the Hines Center in Philpot was the largest crowd, 800 people, who have attended the fundraiser in recent years, RTLO Board President Laura Ebelhar said.

The banquet speaker this year was Abby Johnson, a former director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas. She quit her job and became a pro-life advocate. Johnson urged the pro-lifers in attendance to help fight Planned Parenthood (PP) by refusing to do business with corporations that fund its deadly agenda. She gave the name of a website, www.fightpp.org, that lists such corporations, some surprisingly with dual agendas to help people but also to help provide Planned Parenthood-supported 325,000



Abby Johnson speaking at the RTLO banquet in the Hines Center, Philpot, Oct. 20, 2011. Mel Howard photo

abortions per year. PP gets \$363 million a year in federal money, Johnson reported.

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH CONFERENCE AND RETREAT CENTER CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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



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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

February 2012

- 3 Reflection Day of Prayer
- 4-5 Catholic Engaged Encounter
- 11 Yarn Spinners Day
- 11 Process for Vocation
Ministry: Ursuline Sisters,
Associates and Friends
- 26 Lourdes Environmental Day

**NOTE: Center-sponsored programs
are in bold type. Call to register.**



To register or to schedule an event, call Kathy McCarty
270-229-4103 ext. 802
kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org
www.msjcenter.org
(Located 12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56,
8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount, Ky.)

Schedule your next event at Mount Saint Joseph!



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

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collect set for Nov. 19-20, 2011

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is an instrument of the Catholic

Church working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ, "... to bring good news to the poor ... release to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops and works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a hand out.

It has a complementary mission of educating on poverty and its causes. This dual pastoral strategy of education for justice and helping people who are poor speak and act for themselves reflects the mandate of the Scriptures and the principles of Catholic social teaching.

CCHD also provides the Catholic faithful with concrete opportunities to live out the love of God and neighbor in ways that express our baptismal call and continuing Eucharistic transformation.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is made possible by the generous support of Catholics in the United States, especially through an annual parish collection set for the weekend of November 19-20, 2011. CCHD's grants to local anti-poverty efforts are screened, awarded and monitored in close partnership with local Catholic dioceses. CCHD grants to groups in a local community require the explicit approval of the bishop of that diocese. One out of every four dollars stays in the diocese to utilize for assisting needy poverty programs in this area. Please consider donating generously again this year.

Diocesan Review Board Members⁹ 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.

Callers may choose to remain anonymous for the initial call to the Catholic Pastoral Center receptionist. The phone numbers of the members of this Board will not be made public.

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

Patriotism

Students in 3rd grade at the OCS Elementary K-3 Campus have been learning about the meaning of Patriotism. They read the book *America the Beautiful* and made Crosses with God Bless America on them. The students said special prayers for all of our soldiers and for our Country as they celebrated the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Dallas Buchanan, daughter of Darrell and Stephanie Buchanan, shows off her art project. Dallas' father, Darrell, just returned from serving in Afghanistan. OCS Photo



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This QR Code is for use with smart phones. When it is scanned, for instance by an iPhone, then a website pops up on the phone. This code is for the diocese's website, www:redok.org. Courtesy of Drew Hardesty

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10 Following the Trail

By Fr. Ryan Harpole

A few years ago I wrote an article about a whitetail deer I had shot and how that experience helped draw me closer to God, I learned that without peace and God in my life nothing really matters. I believe God takes what He has created, namely our uniqueness, our personhood, and teaches us about Himself, about love, and about truth. Once again God used my love for the outdoors and hunting to remind me to put my faith in him. So I get to do what I enjoy doing so much, which is to tell a hunting story.

I was ordained a priest on May 21 of this year and with that I found myself looking forward to so many things. My first Mass, my first confession, getting an office, finally finding a place to rest my head for more than a few months at a time, and because I no longer had to return to seminary in the fall—elk hunting. Because of seminary I had to forego five years of hunting elk in Colorado. I do love to hunt and more than almost anything else I love to hunt in the Rocky Mountains. God draws me to himself in those mountains and many times I feel my closest to Him while enjoying the scenery, the sounds, the smells, and the brotherhood of fellow hunters.

This year, unlike others, was a bit different. For the first time, I actually killed an elk. I had been six years previously and was never able to take an animal, which was always fine by me. This year it seemed too easy though. I was hunting with my Uncle Denny Mackey and his son-in-law Mitchell Hutchinson. We were spot and stalking down the side of a mountain, which meant we were moving slowly and looking for elk ahead of us, when I felt that I should sit down on a rock that lay just ahead. I am not sure where the urge came from, maybe it was the Holy Spirit or maybe I needed a break, but as I was sitting and glassing a mountain across the valley my Uncle says, “I see a bull raking his antlers on a tree.” I quickly nocked an arrow and started to stalk toward the bull. The wind was blowing uphill, which meant the bull could not smell me and it was blowing pretty hard, which allowed me to move quickly and get into bow range. Again it seemed too easy because the bull was feeding with his head down the entire time and after a few minutes he walked within thirty yards perfectly broadside. I stood there, drew back the bow string on my bow, rested the sight on the middle of his rib cage and let the arrow go. I hit him where I aimed and he went running down the mountain. After the customary wait of thirty minutes we started to look for him.

Due to the fact that the arrow was still in him when he ran down the mountain and the arrow did not penetrate the other side of his rib cage, we found little blood. The blood trail was hard to follow and we found ourselves backtracking and searching hard for any sign. We were three Kentucky boys who had many years of experience when it came to tracking animals and so we were confident we would find him. But my confidence did begin to fade a few times when we could not find any sign, after all there were a million places he could be and an animal that big could travel several miles even when mortally wounded. Eventually, I had to have help from someone who knew where that elk was, so I prayed and asked God to guide me in my search. He told me, to “follow the trail.” The trail was an old one that we had marked years ago with orange



Fr. Ryan Harpole with the bull elk he took in Colorado by following the trail after the shot. Photos submitted by Fr. Ryan Harpole

marking tape so that when we went into the back country we could follow the marking tape back out. So I followed the trail. Whenever the blood trail dried up I would look for the next orange piece of tape still clasping a tree limb. Eventually the trail came to an end and once again I found myself asking the Holy Spirit for a little help, he replied by saying, “follow the trail.” I finally heard Him this time and realized He wanted me to “follow the trail,” and so I looked for some more marking tape. About fifty yards to my left I found a small piece of orange faded tape on a limb. I told myself this time I was going to go to the tape and keep walking in that direction until I found him. Sure enough I found him not fifty yards past the tape. We had overlooked this area because of how thick it was with dead falls—we had not thought an animal would travel into an area that thick, especially one that was wounded.

Once again the Holy Spirit took an opportunity

The Tiny, Whispering Sound



Father Robert Barron

By Rev. Robert Barron

I have long loved the cycle of stories in the first book of Kings dealing with the prophet Elijah. In fact, I’ve often told people who are just getting interested in the Scripture to commence with the fascinating, adventurous, and often comical stories concerning this prophet. His name tells us all we need to know about him. “Elijah” is the Anglicization of the Hebrew Eliyahu, which means, “Yahweh is God.” People can be named from what they worship, what



Father Ryan's Uncle Denny Mackey and his son-in-law Mitchell Hutchinson.

to teach me a valuable lesson—trust in God. If I would have followed the trail from the beginning I would have found the elk in a matter of minutes instead of two hours. I told my companions that we were not going to find this elk until I trusted in God—thank God I finally did.

So many times in our own life we find ourselves wanting to make our own path without consulting or asking God if we are on the right path. Many times we even know what God is whispering in our ears, but would rather ignore it and try and do it ourselves. Whether we are tracking elk in Colorado or discerning a call to priesthood or marriage, listening and following the voice of the Holy Spirit is always easier than trying to do it on your own.

I cannot tell this story without thanking all those who helped me hunt, track and pack out that elk. Thanks to my Uncle Denny and Mitchell Hutchinson for the help and most of all for being a part of the experience. Most of all, thanks to God for all He does for me in my life, for a healthy mind and body, and for a little help in pointing me in the right direction once again.



...After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound... they hold to be of highest value. Thus, someone who values her

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Ahab; because he is a Yahweh man, he is forced to flee the persecution of Queen Jezebel; because he is a Yahweh man, he seeks refuge on Horeb, the mountain of God.

While sojourning on Horeb, he hears that the Lord will be passing by. A mighty wind, an earthquake, and a devouring fire ensue, but the Lord, he knows, is not in those events. Then, he hears “a tiny, whispering sound,” and he knows that the true God is about to speak. What is this barely noticeable sound which Elijah finds infinitely compelling? It is, I submit, the voice of the conscience, that instinct of the heart by which we determine the difference between right and wrong. John Henry Newman referred to the conscience as “the aboriginal vicar of Christ in the soul.” Newman held, of course, that the Pope is the legitimate Vicar of Christ on earth, and yet he thought that the conscience is a more fundamental, a more elemental, a more interior rep-

resentative of Christ. Now I realize that, as post-Freudians, we are all too willing to write off the conscience as the internalized voice of our fathers, as the inherited prejudices of our society, or as the bitter fruit of all of our irrational repressions and hang-ups. Nevertheless, try as we might to dismiss it, the conscience quietly but firmly reasserts its authority, rewarding us when we do something morally praiseworthy and rather sharply punishing us when we do something immoral.

A comparison might enable us to see the distinctive profile of the conscience more clearly. When I compose a column (which I do weekly), I usually have a sense, born of many years of experience, whether the piece is relatively good or relatively weak. My writer’s sensibility, accordingly, either “rewards” me or “punishes” me for my effort. Much the same could be said of a golfer’s inner sense that tells him whether he has swung smoothly or awkwardly. Now if I have written a less than stellar article, I might feel disappointed and regretful, and I might feel the obligation to get back to work and improve what I’ve composed. But my writer’s sense never makes me feel ashamed of what I’ve written. But the conscience, which accuses me of immoral behavior, produces precisely this sense of shame, the kind of feeling I have when I have hurt someone that I love. Concomitantly, when I perform an act of great generosity, forgiveness, or compassion, my conscience produces in me a feeling of satisfaction akin to that which I have when I have pleased someone that I love.

This is because the conscience is much more than a sensibility or a criterion of judgment; it is indeed the representative in us of Someone that we love. And this is why, Newman concluded, we refer quite rightly to the voice of the conscience, though we wouldn’t be tempted to refer to our aesthetic or athletic sensibilities as voices. It is the voice of Someone who is himself the final criterion of right and wrong and who is capable of probing the

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— Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.,
Archdiocese of Chicago

“Clarity, intelligence, passion and elegance— these are the marks of a writer in top form, and Father Barron brings all these gifts to bear in this extraordinary reflection on the Catholic faith. If you read one book this year on what Catholics believe and why, this is the book to read— and to share with others.”

— Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap,
Archbishop of Philadelphia

human heart in its deepest interiority and finding us wherever we are: “Lord, you search me and you know me; you know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar. Before ever a word is on my lips, you know it, Lord, through and through” (Ps. 139). In our culture, we have all been strictly trained to notice and deplore neurotic guilt, but we are often slow to appreciate the appropriate guilt which is the fruit of a robustly functioning conscience. The sense of moral desolation should not be automatically covered up, denied, or medicated, for it can be tantamount to a keenly felt experience of God.

Elijah could hear the tiny, whispering sound of God’s voice, even amidst the clamor of so many competing sounds, precisely because he was a man of Yahweh. His heart and mind and feelings were attuned, above all, to God. As has always been the case, people today (especially young people) hear myriad voices promising joy, peace, success, fulfillment. Sex, pleasure, ambition, political power, wealth—they all have avatars who shout in the public arena. But the only voice that matters is the tiny, whispering sound of the conscience, and you will hear it clearly if you become another Elijah, another man or woman of God.

Father Robert Barron is the founder of the global ministry, Word on Fire, and the Francis Cardinal George Professor of Faith and Culture at University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein. He is the creator and host of a new ten episode documentary series called “Catholicism” premiering this Fall on PBS. Learn more about his ministry at www.WordOnFire.org. Source:<http://www.catholicismseries.com/>

Residents Encounter Christ Held At Daviess County Detention Center

By Dr. Bob Cinnamond

REC (Residents Encounter Christ) #6 was held September 9-22 at the Daviess County Detention Center. It was a very powerful weekend with 24 men giving their life to Christ and the rest renewing their commitments.

Many of the men were struggling with deep hurts from their friends and family. Some had never heard the message of Christian love. Some of the men did not have fathers; others were raised by their grandparents and friends and had never been inside a church.

Probably the most powerful experience for the men was a healing service held on Saturday night. Each team member prayed over each of the inmates that they would receive the healing power of Jesus in their lives. Many tears followed.

One young man was crying, he stood up and asked forgiveness from another young man on the other side of the room for stealing his drugs before the men were placed in jail. The other young man responded with forgiveness then they ran to each other and hugged in the middle of the room. Many other healings took place. The Holy Spirit is truly amazing!



A Great Gift for Christmas



Campers breaking open a piñata at the New Year's Party.

By Ben Warrell

This December, Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center will host its second Christmas/New Year's Camp for high school aged camp-

ers. The camp was started at the urging of Camp Lifers who wanted another opportunity to get together with friends they made at camp, to meet new friends and to celebrate the Sacraments at a very special



Fr. Mike Williams celebrating Mass to start the new year.

time of the year. We planned last year's camp and were hoping to have at least 25 campers attend. We were pleasantly surprised when 37 campers registered for the event and had a wonderful time. The campers played games, had a gift exchange, watched movies, did some folk dancing, zip-lined, decorated the Christmas tree, had Adoration and celebrated

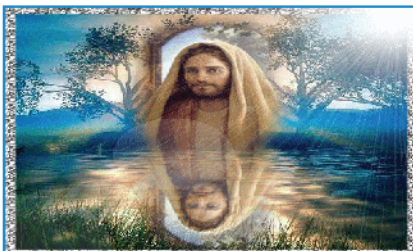
the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. On New Year's Eve, the party ended quickly and mass was celebrated by Fr. Mike Williams. It was an amazing way to start of the new year-putting God first for the year! Each camper was also assigned a prayer partner for the year, someone to lift in prayer daily.

This year the camp will take place from December 29th and run through January 1st. The only complaint from last year's camp was that it wasn't long enough! So, we've added an additional day this year. The cost is only \$75 and would make a wonderful Christmas present for any high school student out there! For more information, please contact our office at 270-781-2466.

The fall has been incredibly busy with youth and school retreats and we are already planning for the summer 2012 camps! Please pray for the staff and for the camp that God will continue to provide for our needs and help enrich the lives of the young people of our diocese.

Join us for Reflection Days

- Nov. 4 - "Faithful Love"
- Dec. 2 - "Homecoming"
 - Jan. 6, 2012 - TBA
 - Feb. 3, 2012 - TBA



First Friday of the month

Time:
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

There will be group prayer, quiet time, lunch, faith sharing, and a different presentation each month.

Reflection days will be led by Sister Ann McGrew, OSU.

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(270) 229-4103, ext. 802
kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

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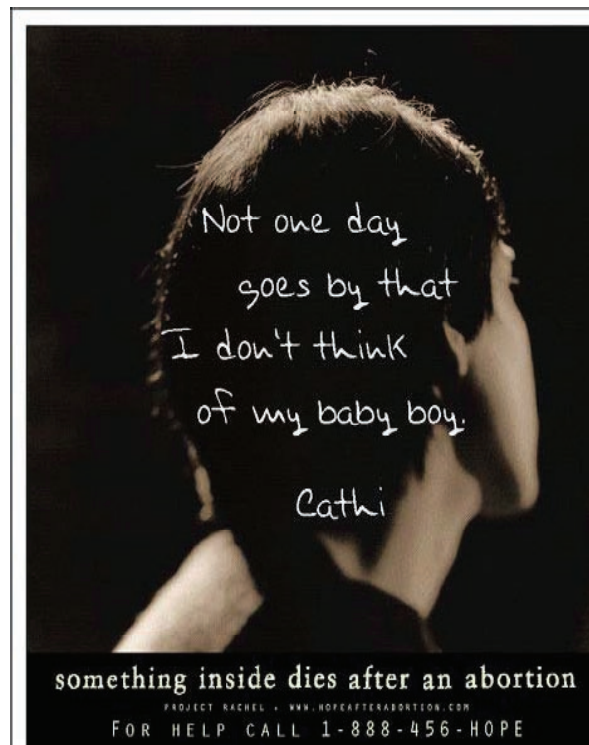
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Fr. Pat Bittel, left, and Fr. Brandon Williams officiated at a ceremony to unveil a Kentucky historical marker Sept. 17, 2011 on KY Hwy. 144 just outside of Knottsville, on the site of the



William E. Meserve Farm, at 9964 Kentucky 144. The marker honors the family who built the first homestead in the area in 1827, the Leonard and Mary Knott family



who were also among the founding members of St. Lawrence Parish. The marker also recognizes the man who named the town as Knottsville in 1834, James Millay, a store owner and postmaster. Larena Lawson Photos

Catholic Faithful Publicly Defend The Right To Life in Walk



James A. Smith, 77, a staunch defender of life and long-time supporter of the Right to Life of Owensboro, receives the award for the oldest walker who participated in the RTL Walk for Life on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011, in Owensboro. He receives the recognition from Kelly Hedges, a RTL board member and owner of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Books and Gifts. Photo by Larena Lawson



Father Suresh Bakka, HGN, center, Pastor of St. Peter in Stanley and St. Augustine in Reed, holds a sign, "Jesus Forgives and Heals," as he waits for the RTL Walk for Life to begin. He is joined by 300 other walkers of all ages, including Brady Hancock, at right, who rode in his stroller, the length of the walk, which began at Owensboro Catholic's K3 Campus on Frederica Street, going to McDonald's in Wesleyan Park Plaza and back. Photo by Larena Lawson



In The picture at far left, the Owensboro Catholic Middle School football team won a prize for raising the most money by a group, \$456.50.

14 Trinity High School Students Take Pride in Presenting Their School Campus

By Lisa Armes

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - Trinity High School had 50 members of the Y Club and Ag Club stay after school Wednesday, September 21st to clean the inside and outside of school, as well as plant trees and spread mulch. The Y Club has been doing this project twice a year for 10 years and the Ag Club made it a joint effort between the two clubs when they joined in a few years ago.



Senior, Brandi Roberts cleaning the toilets.



Freshman Skyler Dickens shoveling mulch.



Many members of the Trinity High School Y Club awaiting their job responsibilities during the Sept. 21 After School Cleaning Day. Lisa Armes Photos



Junior Rachel Russelburg cleaning the lockers.



Sophomores Mary Wathen, Liza Howard and Kirsten Beatty cleaning the trophy case.



At right, Seniors Seth Bland, Luke Merritt, Will Howard and Cody Morris taking a break from cleaning to pose for a picture.



Freshman Shelby Ballard vacuuming the rugs.

Whatever is Worthy of Praise

“Whatever is Worthy of Praise” was the Prayer Day theme for Mrs. Larimore and Mrs. Anthony’s 5th grade classes from St. Joseph School, B.G. Gasper River Retreat Center could not have been a more perfect place to gain an appreciation of God’s creation. Students worked in groups to brainstorm things that they saw as being worthy of praise. There was also time for students to self-reflect on how they themselves were worthy of praise. Fr. Josh McCarty joined the group for Mass outdoors and enjoyed teaching them the song “Are You Worthy of Praise.” Along with the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross students made their own cross and reflected on the significance of the Cross. Students ended the day with a deeper understanding of how they can live their lives to be “Worthy of Praise.” **Submitted By Rita Larimore**



Saint Peter of Antioch Annual Christmas Bazaar

December 4, 2011

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Dinner will begin at 11:00 am

Ham Crockpot Potatoes Green Beans Hot Roll
Dessert Drink

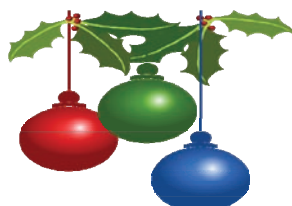
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See you there



Mrs. Larimore and Mrs. Anthony’s 5th grade classes from St. Joseph School, B.G. Top Row: Bria Garvin, Sophia Baumgarten, Jake Wilson, Reagan Burgess, Mary Catherine Thomas, Beth Anthony, Sam Vitale, Fr. Joshua McCarty, Andrew Wood, Nick Carter, Jessica Sutton, Campbell Mattingly, Luke Overmohle. 2nd Row: Chris French, Tenzapa Wakombe, Gavin Moore, Aashka Sheth, Samantha Sutton, Logan Tronbak, Nick Malmquist, Olivia Johnson, Trapper Whitney. 3rd Row: Felicity Cing, Carlos Quintanilla, Sean Campau, Andrew Stringer, Rithik Reddy, Corinne Mobley, Kate Lawless, Natalie Noble, Katie Crabtree, Riley Medlock, Lily Melchiori, Andrew Thurman, Clara Manning; Bottom Row: Elizabeth Daniels, Madison Fera, Bosco Piang, Kelin Guardado, Hope Wells, Rachel Heltsley, Annemarie Knutson, Faraaz Kazmi, Ethan Elliott, Amber Ferrell, Noel Cash.

St. Joseph students out enjoying God’s creation and finding everything he has created, worthy of praise. From left, Andrew Wood, Bria Garvin, Luke Overmohle, Gavin Moore, Elizabeth Daniels, Riley Medlock, Samantha Sutton, Logan Tronbak, Ethan Elliott

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16 Fr. Maurice Tiell, Thank You For Your Saying “Yes” To God’s Call *(Continued from page 7)*

parish of St. Mark’s in Lyon County, Kentucky. He remained at that parish until his semi-retirement and move to St. Joseph’s here, twenty years after that first meeting, where once again I helped him find a place to live.

I should point out, however, that in the intervening years after his ordination and the move to Lyon County, Father did not sit around. There are many, many stories about him, some I have heard, and some I have not. His first assignment was at the Cathedral, where he somewhat promptly wrecked the parish car on his way to the country to anoint a dying parishioner. And among his many duties there, perhaps the most important was running the diocesan mimeograph machine. To us, with the internet and cell phones and personnel boards and other forms of instant communication, that may not sound so important today. But in those days, priests found out about their assignments and other important diocesan decisions by a mailed mimeograph copy of a bishop’s letter. Only the most trustworthy of priests could be given such an assignment.

Fr. Tiell has had many other important achievements and distinctions over the years. He walked western Owensboro conducting census work, an exercise that eventually led to the establishment of the boundaries of Precious Blood Parish. He oversaw the construction of not only St. Mark’s in Eddyville but also Mary Carrico school in Knottsville – which is a great story in itself. He was undertaking ecumenical outreach before it even had a name, being the first Catholic priest in many areas to join the local ministerial associations. And I’m not sure we would even be able to count the number of people in Western Kentucky who, over the years, introduced themselves to me as “one of Fr. Tiell’s converts”.

This past Saturday, as we were ordaining three new priests for our diocese, I was reminded of how rich our lives as priest can truly be, and how we are a part of something so much greater than any individual. Fr. Tiell, with 60 years of service, was able to lay hands on the heads of those three whom, we pray, will have at least 60 years of service each. He has done that at the ordination of nearly every priest present here today – except in one case, Fr. Powell laid hands on Fr. Tiell’s

head at his ordination. I might add that in my own ordination, Fr. Tiell was the one who vested me with the chasuble that Bishop Medley is wearing this evening.

As part of the celebration on Saturday, Bishop Medley anointed the hands of the three newly ordained and said aloud: The Father anointed our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. May Jesus preserve you to sanctify the Christian people and to offer sacrifice to God. That anointing as priests creates a special identity in our Church that is greater than an individual and the accomplishments he achieves throughout priestly ministry. It speaks to our ontological identity that is greater than the work we do. For in ordination to the priesthood, we are not only workers in the kingdom of heaven, but we are men reconfigured to the person of Christ. I do not here mean to downplay the role of others, for as Holy Father Benedict has said, we are coresponsible for the work of the Church, but priests bring a unique sacramental identity to our work.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York last week gave a lecture at St. Patrick’s College in Maynooth, Ireland, marking this Year for Priests, which will end June 11. In his address, the archbishop said a few things that say it better than I do: “Priesthood is not, first and foremost, something we do, but someone we are. The priesthood is a call, not a career; a redefinition of self, not just a ministry; a way of life, not a job; a state of being, not a function; a permanent, lifelong commitment, not a temporary style of service; an identity, not a role.” As part of that identity, there is a bond that exists among us that is transcends one day in Lyon County.

Father Tiell, this evening, we come not only to celebrate with you this great event in your life, we also come to thank you for your saying “yes” to God’s call. Yours is a life that has been a witness to the presence of Jesus in our world. Your ministry has borne many fruits, including bringing many people to this Church that we all love so greatly. And your example has for me been an inspiration, especially these last three year. Seeing you get up and trudge over here to the chapel every day through all sorts of weather at an hour before Jesus himself wakes up has even made me pause (a couple of times) before

complaining about some of the things I have to deal with. Of course, it doesn’t hurt that, on the occasions when you hear me complaining, you’ll just laugh and say, “You’re the pastor” and keep right on walking.

I close this evening with the words we heard Bishop Medley say over the three young men being ordained this past Saturday, the prayer of the Ordination of a Priest. I think they are just as fitting for you this day, the vigil of your 60th anniversary to priesthood, as they were Saturday, or at any ordination:

“Almighty Father, grant to this servant

of yours the dignity of the priesthood. Renew within him the Spirit of holiness. As a co-worker with the order of bishops may he be faithful to the ministry that he receives from you, Lord God, and be to others a model of right conduct. May he be faithful in working with the order of bishops, so that the words of the Gospel may reach the ends of the earth, and the family of nations, made one in Christ, may become God’s one, holy people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

The Impact of Boulware Mission

By Leigha Taylor

OWENSBORO, Ky. - There is no such thing as immunity from homelessness. It can strike a person of any age, any race, and any upbringing. Homelessness can effect anyone. It exists in our community and is more widespread than the average citizen realizes. Just about every household has been touched by or knows someone who has been homeless or near-homeless.

Homelessness is about more than affordable housing or jobs. Although the two leading causes are addictions and mental disorders, low educational achievements, family breakup, poor coping and problem solving skills, and lack of necessary life skills are among some of the issues that contribute to the homeless epidemic.

Boulware Mission has been serving the homeless of this community for 90 years. We understand that serving the homeless begins with providing for a person’s basic needs of food and shelter, but that breaking the cycle is reached only through lifestyle changes...this is what Boulware does best. We believe that it is time to stop managing homelessness and start ending it. Our mission is to alleviate homelessness, one life at a time, through education, treatment, and services.

Boulware Mission serves over 500 individuals annually. Our clients are everyday people effected by hardship. When they come to us for help, they have usually hit rock bottom. Most suffer from some sort of addiction or mental disorder, are separated from their family, and have no hope for the future. Boulware Mission literally saves lives by providing people the tools they need to become productive and

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contributing citizens...we help them see the light at the end of the tunnel and once again have hope.

Boulware provides treatment for addictions and aids our clients in receiving help for mental ailments. We offer life skills, job skills, and financial management classes. Many participate in GED instruction offered on-site and some enroll in Owensboro Community and Technical College or vocational school.

Boulware teaches responsibility by expecting those capable to obtain and keep a job. Each person develops a budget with their case manager and any money not spent on child support or outstanding bills goes into savings. Everyone participates in “giveback” - time set aside each week to do chores or community service.

Boulware Mission is not the easy route for anyone. Those residing at Boulware have chosen to be there and have made a commitment to work on their issues. The average stay is 5 months, but we encourage people to “stay longer to grow stronger”. The longer a person stays, the more equipped he/she is to handle life upon leaving. Achieving self-sufficiency is the ultimate goal of each and every client; and the impact made in each individual in turn effects our community by their positive impact on industry, education, the economy, the judicial system, and on families.

Connie Mills
St. Augustine Parish, Reed, KY
2011 Sophia Award Recipient

"When I received the Sophia Award I felt very humbled and a little embarrassed, because I know there are many others who should get it. When I took the award I had a feeling that I was accepting it in my dad's place (Arnold Mills) and thinking "I'm sorry you didn't get it." If priests were able to marry my dad would have been a great married priest. He really connected with people; he was so caring and understanding. He was a Godly man and a great dad and husband to my mom, Rose. There are eight out of nine of my siblings still living."

Over much appreciated coffee and tasty pumpkin bread, Connie told me that her family, "were church mice." "We grew up around St. Augustine and were involved in all of the activities. Dad was the caretaker and grounds keeper of the church and was on the Board of Trustees.



I think that's what it was called back in those days."

"I can't say enough about my Catholic education. I was blessed to have the Dominican Sisters, the Ursulines at the Mount and the Sisters of Charity at

Owensboro Catholic High school as my teachers. These women were of deep faith and had so much more to pass on than a pietistic holy card. Their faith went much deeper. I learned a lot from these wonderful women."

Connie credits Sister Joseph Marie, a long time librarian at Mount St. Joseph, for her own vocation as a librarian. "She was very stern in appearance and in fact. But, she was very fair and wanted her students to be intelligent and progressive." Connie's Catholic education took her to Brescia (University) and on to do graduate work at the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, where she worked in the Kentucky Library and Museum for 27 years. "I was a member of Holy Spirit Parish where I enjoyed being a Lector and singing in church when I could. When I retired I wanted to moved back here, home, and live and be part of the community again instead of being brought back home to be buried! I still have lots of cousins who live in this area and I enjoy being a member of St. Augustine again, it feels life family. Family background is

very important. We need to pass on our traditions to each generation. We need to know who we are."

Connie, of course, likes to read! She likes to travel too. "I really like Jewel Quest!" (A computer game) She said with a sparkle in her eyes! "I do wish there were more activities in the parishes for older singles, widowers and widows. I think it would be very hard to get out and try to get reacquainted with single life after the loss of a spouse."

"My greatest blessing so far in life?" "On this earth it is my family, especially my brothers and sisters. We all love our parents and appreciate them, but I think no one knows us like our brothers and sisters do. We are all there together in the time of our life when we are growing and becoming ourselves. We grow to love and respect each other as people."

As I waved good bye and got in my car I felt very privileged that I am able to meet people like Connie Mills as a part of job. I felt like I made a new friend.

Fall Day of Wisdom, 2011, A Great Day To Socialize, Learn About One's Legacy, Safety, Keeping On Track, And A Sing-A-Long

By Ginny Knight-Simon

The Fall Day of Wisdom was held on Thursday, October 6th at St. Thomas More Parish Hall in Paducah. The day is geared for senior citizens or those 55 and over for a day of learning, fun, spirituality, music and food.

Fr. Pat Reynolds opened the program with prayers. The agenda included Attorney, Robert Goff - "Creating a Legacy"; Police Brent Obermark, - "Safety for Seniors"; Ginny Knight-Simon, - "Focus"; and beautiful piano music by Mary Grinnell.

Pictured in the near right photo is Office Obermark explaining how easily a person's identity can be stolen. "Never give out your social security number unless you know for sure why. Be extremely cautious with your credit card. If you can get your card company to do it, have "an ask for ID" request when the card is used. Scams and identity theft become come more prevalent during economically hard times like we are in now. If someone calls saying your bank needs to verify your account number don't give out the information. Your bank should have your



number! It's a scam! The internet is also a great place to get scammed. Some one may call you and want you to send them money saying it is a credible charity. Do some research before you give money to a charity. Do some research before you have a contractor do work for you. Try to use a local busi-

ness when possible."

Attorney Goff, explained the importance of having a Will and keeping it updated as well as having someone you trust to be your power of attorney.

Ginny Knight-Simon talked about Focus and the importance of keeping our self on track spiritually, mentally and physically.

Mary Grinnell is pictured playing the piano during the entertainment and sing-a-long segment of the day. The crowd was delighted with popular show tunes and sing-alongs.

The day ended with several door prize drawings.



Submitted by Erin Kamuf
WHITESVILLE, Ky. - St. Mary
of the Woods School has started
an academic team under the di-
rection of Kateri Lambert.

Pictured are students
practicing for competitions.
The picture below is Cameron
Wright and Corbin Mills. The
picture at near right is Caleb
Jones.



The picture above shows Lisa Reilly, Ursuline Associate and YDOSA founder spoke with the YDOSA members at St. Mary of the Woods School. YDOSA stands for "Young Daughters of St. Angela." Pictured with Ms. Reilly are Chassity Roberts and Silva Stoffer, who were looking at pamphlets Ms. Reilly brought.



At OCS 4-6 Campus: A Chinese delegation visited the fifth grade students at the Owensboro Catholic Elementary 4-6 Campus to teach them Chinese letter writing, dance and other interesting information about their culture. The delegation consisted of around 15 young men and women. OCS Photo



At OCMS Campus: As part of their service for confirmation preparation, OCMS 8th grade students assisted Immaculate parish with the parish picnic set up. OCS Photo



At right, even with iphones and ipads and stuff, reading is still cool to do. OCMS held a book fair to benefit its library book collection. At right, Alexa Foster and Grace Wright preview a book. OCS Photo



At left, the FCA group from Owensboro Catholic Middle School assisted at the Mount St. Joseph picnic in September. At left, is the student group taking a rest during the picnic. OCS Photo

Below are two pictures of OCMS students marching in the Owensboro Right To Life Walk in September. OCS Photos



The 6th Grade students had a lot of fun and enjoyed composing a short composition in music class at the OCS Elementary 4-6 Campus. Sixth grade students created their composition, recorded it and were assessed on following the musical concepts of the assignment. Pictured are Erika Lambert and Carlie Burden work on their project. OCS Photo

Volleyball Lady Aces Win Region, Advance to State Tournament, Players Named to All Region Tournament Teams, Band Excels

Congratulations to the Owensboro Catholic High School Lady Aces Volleyball team on capturing the Regional title and advancing to the State Tournament. The State Tournament begins on Friday, October 28 at Bellarmine University in Louisville.

Congratulations to Katherine Hagan, Mary Kate Clemens and Emily Taul for being named to the All Region Tournament team.

Congratulations to Isaac Wilkerson and Sean Brown for being named to the Boys Soccer All Region Tournament team.

Congratulations to the Marching Aces on placing 4th out of 14 bands at Regionals on Saturday. The band also earned a Distinguished Rating-scoring over 80 points.

This is only the 3rd time in school history the band earned a Distinguished Rating at Regionals. The band earned a Distinguished score from 5 of the 6 judges.

20 Educators Seek to Bolster Catholic Identity of Schools

By McCarthy, Mary F.

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Until the 1960s, nuns in habits and the Baltimore Catechism made Catholic schools easy to identify. Two generations and a cultural sea change later, a group of the nation's diocesan school administrators and teachers — mostly lay people — met this week in Washington, D.C., looking for ways to keep Catholic schools Catholic.

The conference, "The Catholic Identity of Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools," took place Oct. 2 to 4 at The Catholic University of America. St. John's University of New York co-hosted the event. The invited guests included about 100 educators, school and university administrators, and researchers.

Their aim was to determine what Catholic school personnel understand about the Catholic character of schools, what constitutes evidence of Catholic identity, and how Catholic institutions of higher education can help bolster it in Catholic elementary and secondary schools.

The speakers and attendees acknowledged that Catholic schools should be understood first as Catholic, but in some cases look more like just another option in the pool of academically rigorous private schools.

School administrators and teachers must refocus in an "intentional" way on the fundamental mission of Catholic education, Most Rev. David M. O'Connell, bishop of Trenton and former Catholic University president, said in his Oct. 3 keynote address at the conference.

"The idea of Catholic identity is very simple. A Catholic school derives its identity from Jesus Christ, from the Gospels, from the Church and its teaching — all of its teachings in integrity, from the history and tradition of the Church," he said.

"Our Catholic identity is who and what we are," he continued, noting it is not an "add-on. It's a mission in our religion classes, but it's also the mission in our math classes, computer classes, and everything else that we do." Catholic education, he explained, "brings good news to every human situation."

It is critical, he added, that those individuals leading Catholic schools "must believe in Catholic identity."

During the conference, John Convey presented a national survey he and Leonard DeFiore conducted on the issue of Catholic identity in diocesan Catholic

schools. At Catholic University, Convey is the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Professor of Education and DeFiore is research associate professor and Brother Patrick Ellis Professor of Education.

The survey responses indicated there was little agreement among teachers and administrators to an open-ended question about what constitutes the Catholic identity of a Catholic elementary or secondary school. Out of 3,389 responses to open-ended questions, just 261 used the terms "Eucharist," "Mass," or "liturgy;" 131 used the term "Christian;" and only 50 said "Catholic Church teachings."

Just over half — 61 percent — of respondents said it was "essential" to integrate Catholic teachings throughout the curriculum, and 39 percent said it was essential that most teachers in a Catholic school be Catholic.

The results startled some participants. In a round-table discussion, Michael Boyle of Loyola University said he was "surprised" that only 75 respondents used the term "Christ-centered." He said he "hoped it would have been higher."

Sister Mary Grace Walsh of the Diocese of Bridgeport wondered aloud whether in the drive to compete in academics with other schools, some Catholic schools "say they're Catholic" but see religion only as another subject. "It's a growing concern of mine," she said.

"I think the participants in the conference were lamenting the lack of a common vocabulary to define the nature of Catholic identity," Convey noted afterward.

DeFiore addressed some practices that he suggested lead to a dampening of schools' Catholic identity.

Unlike their predecessors — religious sisters, brothers, and priests — most lay teachers in Catholic schools now are educated in public universities. Moreover, he said, most schools of education in Catholic universities prepare students to teach in public, not Catholic, schools.

Catholic educational institutions, including universities, exist in a growing secularism that is "indifferent or sometimes hostile to religious practices and ideas," Catholic University President John Garvey explained in his remarks.

He cautioned educators against "the temptation that we all face to fit in the crowd we hang out with" and to not yield to what's "fashionable" with secular aca-

democratic associations that believe "religion has no place in biology class." In fact, Catholicism adds to the academic life "to make it better," he said.

Speaking as a parent and "consumer" of elementary and secondary Catholic education, Garvey said he has seen an improvement in Catholic education in the United States over the last 20 years. He urged teachers to do more.

Referring to Catholic University's work to bolster Catholic identity on its campus, Garvey told the audience, "Like us, your teachers will have to rededicate

themselves to the proposition that all of us need to teach our students about Jesus all the time."

Speakers and participants suggested a variety of ways to assist teachers in that and to strengthen the Catholic identity of their schools. They included making a school's mission clearer in writing, delivering curriculum support to help teachers integrate the faith into secular subjects, and providing catechesis for teachers.

"The bishops have to be very, very attentive to the ongoing faith formation of every single faculty and staff member in the school," said Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, bishop of Portland, Maine.

Forty-One 7th Grade Students from Owensboro Catholic Middle School Qualify for Duke Tip

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

Alyssa Bickett, Margaret Booth, Sarah Brown, William Cason, Chloe Cecil, Coby Daugherty, Ashleigh Deno, Thomas Dotsey, Danielle Durbin, Lauren Flatgard, Allison Ford, Alexa Foster, Hannah Garvin, Lauren Goodwin, Charlie Hall, Hayden Hartz, Adaira Hatchett, Brendan Higgins, Jacob Hyland, Wesley James, Jacob Johnson, Alison Kuntz, Joseph Kuntz, Holly Logsdon, Megan McCarthy, Mary Ann Murphy, Matthew Newton, Micah Norcia, Emily Oakes, Iona Palmer, Molly Payne, Max Rafferty, Alyssa Ramsey, Brooklyn Reynolds, Thomas Self, Alli Thompson, Jacob Thompson, Patricia Thompson, Matthew Tichenor, David Weafer, Grace Wright



Undefeated

Catholic School sports teams present an image of Catholic identity to the public: humility in winning and courage in defeat. Trinity JV finished their season undefeated with a record of 21-0. They are front left Hannah Armes, Liza Howard, Madi Perez, back row Shawna Aud, Elizabeth Howard, Kirsten Beatty, Jamie Mattingly, Katie Wathen. Not pictured Kacey Roby. Photo by Lisa Armes

School Hosts Annual Fall Festival

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Every school year, the students of Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville anxiously await the annual Fall Festival. Anticipation for the event, which usually builds throughout the month of October, barely began to build this year when it was already time for the event. Normally held later in the month, this year it commenced on October 1. Regardless of the early timing of the event this year, the school children, as always, greatly enjoyed gathering at the school for fun, games, food and festivities.



Second grade student Jacob Murphy shows off his "bat" costume during the Sts. Peter and Paul School's fall festival which was held on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

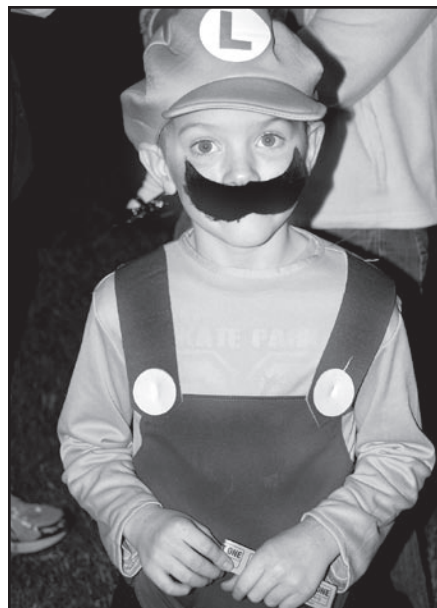


Fr. Daniel Dillard, associate pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, falls victim in the dunking booth as a child successfully sinks the priest during the school's annual fall festival. The fall festival was held on school and parish grounds on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



12th District Champs

The Trinity High School Girls' Volleyball team captured the 12th district championship October 12, 2011 defeating Grayson county. Pictured... Left front: Coach Shannon Payne, Chelsea Howard, Cadie Williams, Liza Howard, Hannah Armes, Amanda Roby, Kelsey Armes. Back row: Coach Adam Huff, Madi Perez, Kalie Winkler, Hannah Coomes, Sophie Henderson, Elizabeth Howard, Kirsten Beatty, Katie Wathen, Jamie Mattingly, Shawna Aud, Coach Richard Armes, and Coach Tony Hamilton. Photo submitted by Shannon Payne



Luke Sunderhaus, a first grade student at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, enjoyed the school's fall festival dressed in costume. Traditionally held later in October, many children and parents still came in costume to enjoy the festival held on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Fr. Richard Meredith, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, made many sounds and shared many smiles with children and adults who tried to get him wet in the dunking booth at the school's fall festival which was held on Saturday, October 1, 2011. Although the water in the dunking booth was warm, the chilly air that evening made being in the water more pleasant than being out of the water. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Green Living Symposium

More than 100 people registered for the first Green Living Symposium held at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center on Sept. 28. The Symposium was hosted by the Green River Area Development District in an attempt to educate participants on developing more eco-friendly lifestyles to preserve the region's natural resources. GRADD represents seven counties in western Kentucky. The symposium replaced the GREENing Western Kentucky Expo, which the Center co-sponsored for three years.

Aloma Dew, right, a representative of the Cumberland Chapter of the Sierra Club and a planning committee member for the symposium, and Rodney Berry, president of the Public Life Foundation of Owensboro, talk with Jiten Shah,



Eighth grade students Christina Ligibel and Tatum Rose portrayed "zombies" in the eight grade's "scary house" during the Sts. Peter and Paul School fall festival held on Saturday, October 1, 2011. School tradition allows the eighth grade students to build and host the festival's "scary house" each year. Photo provided.



Ligibel.



left, executive director of the Green River Area Development District prior the beginning of the symposium.

MSJ Photos



Commuters and visitors to Owensboro have been doing double takes of a billboard located at 18th St. and KY 54 from the Catholic Church welcoming them. The message is getting the public's attention and adds a vivid spot of color to a plain corner of road. Mel Howard Photo

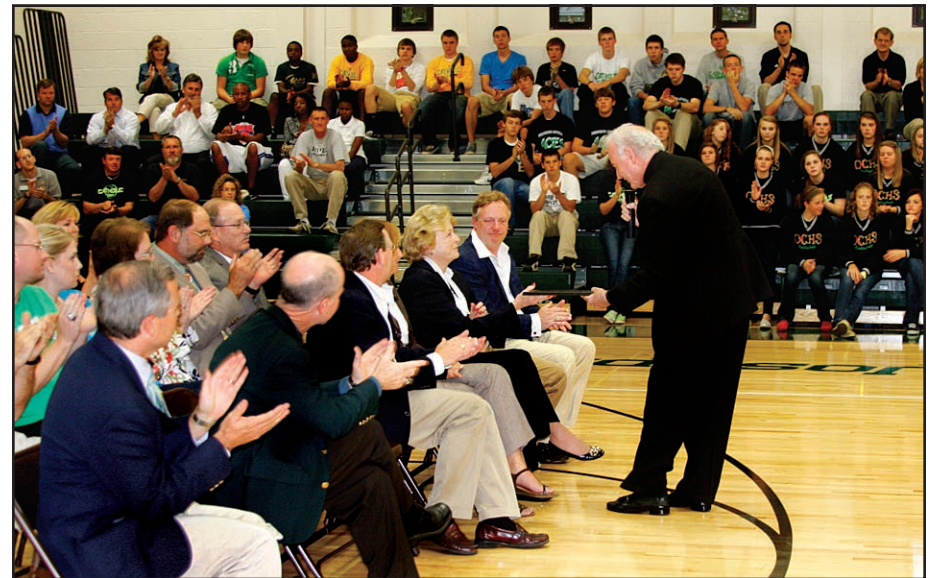
An idea for a Catholic Church welcoming of anyone entering the city of Owensboro began at a Parish Catechetical Leaders (PCL) Appreciation dinner May, 2011 in a conversation with Bishop Medley. At that time, the question was raised as to how to get our Church's message out there especially to invite people to the RCIA process. From that, the PCL group thought that it would be cool to do something like billboards, door fliers, etc. Through much discussion, the group decided a billboard would be great. They took the idea to the two Owensboro deaneries and PCL meeting asking for support, ideas, and thoughts. All, if not most, were behind the concept of a public billboard to advertise the Catholic Church's welcoming. E-mails went out from the group to local pastors, DREs, and youth ministers asking their thoughts.

In the end, a diocesan number in the Religious Education Office was added to give a central location that could send people out to parishes where they live if these inquiries came.

Cliff Russell, Drew Hardesty, and Danny May designed the board which went up in September, 2011 at the intersection of 18th Street and KY 54 in Owensboro.



OCHS Holds Reception For Fr. Ed Bradley, OCHS Chaplain, And Dedication Of Remodeled Gymnasium



On October 4, Fr. Ed Bradley presented a plaque similar to the one that will grace the OCHS gym to Ruth Helen Wright, daughter of W.M. O'Bryan and wife of Glen (deceased) and mother of Pat, Helen, John, and Bill. Seated with Ms. Wright are from left, Gates Settle, OCHS principal, Harold Staples, John Wright, Kathy Wright, Will Wright (Bill's son), and Bill. Mel Howard Photo

OWENSBORO, Ky. - A reception for Fr. Ed Bradley was held October 4, 2011 in the remodeled Owensboro Catholic High School Large Gymnasium

About one hundred students, faculty, and friends of the school welcomed Fr. Ed Bradley back to OCHS as campus minister, met Gates Settle, new OCHS principal, and participated in the dedication of the

remodeled large gymnasium.

Fr. Brad Whistle introduced the evening with praise for the people with the vision to make the gym's remodeling project happen - former OCHS principal Harold Staples, Athletic Director David Blanford, and former principal Kurt Osborne. Father Ed Bradley spoke about the principal benefactors for the project, the William Martin O'Bryan family. The gym was named the William Martin O'Bryan Gymnasium, in honor of the former president of Owensboro Grain Co., and one of Owensboro's leading financiers, industrialists and landowners until his death in 1967.

The court was named The Francis-Joseph Court in honor of Fr. Bradley who was formerly a Franciscan brother. Fr. Bradley said, "When I think of this name, I think of St. Frances and St. Joseph High Schools from whom this Catholic High School was formed."

Principal Gates Settles described the renovations: new lighting, a new and expanded basketball floor, a new acoustical ceiling, new seating, a new concession stand, and a new entrance. Future plans call for video screens in the foyer, a digital marquee in front of the gym, and championship banners for the north wall.

Letting The Light Shine Through

In the photo at left, Tim Dassel working with a company from Evansville, In., was bringing his lift down from work on the exterior of a window of Saint Stephen Cathedral Oct. 4, 2011. Dassel has been refurbishing the exterior of the Cathedral's storm windows, removing the polycarbonate panes, repairing any damaged window frames, cleaning the outside of the stain glass windows, and installing new aluminum frames, 1/4" plate glass panes that stay clear, and installing metal flashing around the window bottoms to deflect rain water from the window structures. Photo by Mel Howard

Church Social Media Rule: Let's Talk

Posted by Sr. Mary Ann Walsh



Hispanic Ministries Director Luis Aju texting during a meeting at the Catholic Pastoral Center in October. Mel Howard Photo

The social media phenomenon offers both challenge and opportunity for the church. Social media reaches people – millions are on Facebook and Twitter every day. The church cannot ignore them. They are interactive, however, and don't work when conversations are one-way. They involve dialogue, something not always welcome by clergy, teachers and other leaders.

"Because I said so" doesn't cut it in social media, a fact regretted by parents and leaders who for ages have resorted to the phrase when exasperated with the petulant "But ..." and plaintive "Why?"

For oldsters, such dialogue takes getting used to. A few years ago I took a course in church social teaching. It was to be an intellectual treat – until I got into the classroom with students who sought to debate the prof. The lecturer loved the interactivity, but I groaned inwardly at each sidestep. A former teacher, I appreciated the back-and-forth that helps minds expand, but I wanted the teaching clear-cut and wanted to soak up all the renowned prof had to offer. It may have been my inner dinosaur peeking out.

The church has a solid history of such top-down didacticism. It has libraries of tomes that explore theo-

logical truths. But that is only one part of the church.

Another side of the church – the pastoral side – is open to dialogue. It has validated such conversations as far back as the Gospels (see woman conversing with Jesus at the well). On the one-on-one level, the dialogue that ensues after a "Can we talk?" encounter has been an integral part of the church for years, a comfort to worried parents, frustrated spouses, abused workers and confused children.

Perhaps social media can help the church engage more in such dialogue. It is not easy. It takes energy, especially emotional energy. Talk – or dialogue – is work.

Many business leaders boast they have a web presence, but don't take questions and avoid interactivity, though they might send an auto-reply: "Thanks for your message." Better they post comments on a billboard, with the honest implication that they don't want feedback. To be genuine on social media you have to answer questions. You have to discuss. You have to accept and even embrace being challenged.

At the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, we have Facebook and Twitter accounts. They offer opportunities to share, but also give rise to points of contention inherent in all dialogues. Some people agree with you, some don't. Some want to fight. All of them, however, belong to our virtual community and so deserve respect. Some people who post ask the community to share in their sorrow, perhaps over the death of a spouse. Others muse on the feast or Scripture reading of the day, giving others a new twist on a moment in the church. Some are ready for a fight and evoke the urge to push "delete." We try not to do that since the whole point of the virtual community is dialogue. If a virtual scrimmage breaks out, we hope all, including virtual bystanders, come away more enlightened. It is a risk worth taking. Virtual conversations grow in importance as church attendance decreases and fewer have relationships with a parish to which to tether themselves in life's storms.

The Internet, of course, cannot replace the community at Mass, where you know strangers by the pew they choose and as their children grow. There's nurturing warmth even in the nodding acquaintance with those with whom you pray every week.

Social media has a place in the 21st century church, though some oldsters may have to be drawn into it, collars, veils, rosaries and lapel crosses askew. Facebook, Twitter and other social media can be worthy instruments of the Gospel to nurture our faith life, though some are just warming up.

Source: <http://uscgbmedia.blogspot.com/>

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- Family members will learn how to respond when dementia causes unpredictable behaviors. There are more than 10,000 families affected by Alzheimer's Disease in Western Kentucky and almost 100,000 across the state. These programs help to give caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's Disease or Dementia some source of hope & peace.
- Register at infokyn@alz.org or
- Call 1.800.272.3900 to register for this free presentation.



In the picture above, left, Sr. Pauletta McCarthy, OSU, receives a certificate from Bishop William F. Medley on Sept. 24, 2011 in Saint Martin Church, Rome, Ky.; at right is Sister Eula Johnson, SCN, and Sister Pam Mueller, OSU. In the picture at top right taken in the parish hall during the luncheon provided by the Serra Club, are, from left to right, Sr. Clarence Marie Luckett, Sr. Nancy Murphy, Sr. Helena Fischer, Sr. Susanne Bauer, Mercy Father John Agapito, CPM Sr. Joella Mauer, Sr. Pauletta McCarthy, and Sr. Rosanne Spalding. At lower right, Sr. Rosanne Spalding greets Bishop Medley as he presents to her a certificate of appreciation. Larena Lawson Photos



2011 Diocesan Jubilarians

SAINT MARTIN CHURCH, ROME, Ky. - On Sept. 24, 2011, the Diocesan Council of Religious with the Owensboro Serra Club, hosted the 2011 Diocesan Jubilee Celebration for women religious celebrating anniversaries of making their final vows to enter religious life and priests celebrating anniversaries of their ordination.

The 2011 Diocesan Jubilarians are:

- 70 years: Sister Pauletta McCarty, OSU, and Sister Jean Gertrude, OSU
- 60 Years: Sister Susanne Bauer, OSU, Sister Clarence Marie Luckett, OSU, Sister M. Andrea Niehaus, DCJ, and Sister Joelle Mauer, SCSC.
- 50 Years: Sister Helena Fischer, OSU, Sister Julia Marie Head, OSU, Sister Nancy Murphy, OSU, Sister Rose Marita O'Bryan, OSU, Sister Rosanne Spalding, OSU
- 40 Years: Sister Therese Marie Pritchard, CP
- 25 Years: Rev. John Agipito, CPM, Sister Esther Ordonez, MAC, Rev. Frank Sherry, CPM, Very Rev. David Wilton, CPM



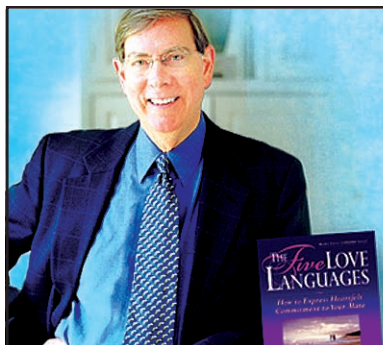
At left, Sister Nancy Murphy, OSU, received a certificate of appreciation from the diocese from Bishop William F. Medley. Sister Nancy, with all the other sisters and priests serving in the Diocese of Owensboro who are celebrating their jubilees this year, were congratulated and thanked for their service. The Council of Religious and the Serra Club sponsors this annual time of thanksgiving and recognition. Serran Larena Lawson Photos

Owensboro Serra Club Invites You To Adopt A Priest



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

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



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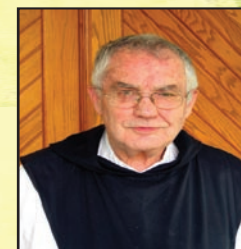
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The Alzheimer's Association of Greater Kentucky and Southern Indiana invite you to a special event featuring two of the most respected speakers in family dementia care. Mary Sharp and her daughter, Rachel Kail, have made it their mission to teach to others what they have learned firsthand about caring for someone with dementia. That experience came about when they took Mary's mother, Mildred, home to care for her. In their presentation, they tell the story of how they chose to see Mildred "as is" instead of "was" or "could have been." With sensitivity and humor, Mary and Rachel teach families how to relate to their loved ones so that frustration is minimized and enjoyment is maximized on both sides. By sharing their personal experiences and learning, they have touched the hearts of thousands of caregivers who simply want to give their utmost to their loved one with dementia. Join us for a time of laughter and learning, as Mary and Rachel provide new insight and hope to families striving to provide the very best care to those they love.

"Prayer in Thomas Merton and the Coming Season of Advent" Weekend Retreat Nov. 11-13, 2011

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26 Two Receive Sophia Award from Sts. Peter and Paul

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Both Shirley Prunitsch and Robert "Rocky" Spader of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville have been honored as recipients of the diocesan Sophia Award this year. While each received the individual award and are not required to share the distinction, both recipients feel honored to "share the spotlight" with one another.

"I'm delighted," exclaimed Prunitsch, who is 77 years old. "I've known Rocky for years," she added.

"It makes it special because I know Shirley and the type of person she is," Spader explained. He is 75. "She far outshines me," he added.

Good friends, going back many years, both Prunitsch and Spader share somewhat similar life stories and experiences. Most importantly, both share the same strong values, love of family, and commitment to the church. "I spend a lot of time at church," Prunitsch admitted.

"I'm into a lot of stuff," agreed Spader. "I'm always involved in doing something for somebody," he admitted. "I can't do everything, but I do what I can. And I do things, not like I'm expecting a pat on the back," he added. "I can't sit around," Spader emphasized waving his hands as he frequently does when talking. "It'd drive me crazy. I'd go nuts!"

Having similar values and strong work ethics most likely comes from fairly traditional backgrounds. Both award winners were raised in strong ethnic communities by hardworking parents. As a full-blooded Italian, Prunitsch was raised in Illinois and made her way in life by going to college and earning a teaching degree. She taught for two years before marrying her life-long love, Karl Prunitsch. "We went to kindergarten together. We had always known each other," Prunitsch explained, looking off in the distance remembering fond memories. After marrying at the age of 23, Prunitsch continued to teach in various locations for 30 years and celebrated 50 years of marriage before her husband suddenly died in December of 2008.

Spader, a full-blooded Hungarian, was raised in Connecticut and also worked hard throughout his life. At the age of 17, he began working with a small company and continued working in his chosen profession as a tool maker for 45 years. Not always having the easiest life growing up, Spader nevertheless appreciates all



Shirley Prunitsch and Robert "Rocky" Spader, both parishioners at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, were honored and awarded the diocesan Sophia Award on September 18, 2011. In addition to both being very active in their parish, Prunitsch and Spader have been good friends for many years. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

his life experiences. "All the lessons the good Lord put me through was to make me who I am today," Spader admits humbly. Acknowledging that he has always had a certain goodness in him, Spader quickly deflects responsibility. "That was my mom," he said almost bashfully.

Also married at the age of 23, Spader and his wife JoAnn have been married now for 52 years. "My wife; she's my rock. She's a great kid," Spader said sweetly. "She's a great mom and a great grandmother."

When asked if his wife appreciates all the time he spends doing things for others, Spader quipped with a laugh, "It keeps me outta her hair! She's all about the grandkids. That's her life," he said with obvious affection. "The Holy Spirit is the one directing me. It's not me. I just enjoy doing things," Spader added with a more serious tone.

Another similarity between the two award winners is how they ended up living in Hopkinsville. In both cases, Spader and Karl Prunitsch moved with their jobs. Both families subsequently built lives here. "People asked me if I would move back to Connecticut when I retired," Spader explained. "My three kids are here, and my

eight grandkids! I'm not going anywhere," he exclaimed. Spader has three children: a daughter in Hopkinsville, a son in Bowling Green, and a son in Nashville.

Likewise, Prunitsch, who has two daughters, one in Nashville and the other in Florida along with her only grandchild, has no plans to leave the area. "I have no family here, but my church is my family," she admitted.

Being active and busy members of the parish is what likely got the attention of those who nominated Spader and Prunitsch for the Sophia Award. "I'd say it was the exposure to school," Prunitsch speculated. "That opened me up to a whole new group of people." Although Prunitsch has been active in many avenues of parish life for many years, she began assisting as an aide in kindergarten after Karl died. "Fr. John was trying to find something for me to do when I lost Karl," Prunitsch explained, referring to Fr. John Thomas, previous pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul. "I started with Gina (the kindergarten teacher) three years ago."

Another recent "high exposure" opportunity Prunitsch was involved with was presenting "Theology of the Body for Teens" to the high school youth of the parish. "The feedback from the parents was amazing," she exclaimed. "Mothers walked up to me and said 'Thank you! They wouldn't listen to me,'" Prunitsch recalled with a laugh. "I think I learned as much in that program as the kids did,"

she added laughing.

In addition to her recent involvement with the school and the high school youth, Prunitsch has been planning weddings at the parish for six years. "When we finished the new church, I attended a big wedding and the church was still such a mess," she explained. "While Karl and I were traveling for six months, every time I'd see a cross in the sky, we stop and ask how they handled weddings." She then compiled a notebook of procedures to follow for weddings held in the parish. "I'm not going to criticize unless I'm willing to work," she firmly stated. She submitted the notebook to Fr. Thomas who approved her efforts and she has been planning weddings since. "I love it. I absolutely love it!" she exclaimed.

Prunitsch's involvement does not end there; she also assists with providing food for bereavement meals, hospitality events and emergency meals as well as welcoming a deacon candidate and his wife in her home once a month for the past four years. "I am so excited about that deacon program. They are such wonderful men," she enthused.

One other way Prunitsch stays involved with her parish is through Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, which she has been doing since it began in the parish nearly ten years ago. In fact, Prunitsch is convinced that the best way to commit to an hour of prayer is by sharing the hour with a partner. Describing her adoration hour as "the most wonderful gift," Prunitsch

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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 for 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!



Most of the 53 Sophia Award winners for 2011 were present at Holy Name Church Sept. 18, 2011 for the Mass, award ceremony and reception and were photographed with Bishop William F. Medley by Mayo Photographic, Henderson, Ky. For more photos of the Sophia Awards go to www.Mayophotographics.com Click on Photo Proofing, then click on Events. Use the password sophiaawards or call for copies of Allen Mayo Photos at 270-826.3252

2011 Sophia Award Winners:

Blessed Mother, Owensboro: **Mike Clark & Rose Clark**; Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro: **Phillip & Joyce Moorman**; Christ the King, Scottsville: **Bill & Nancy Wooldridge**; Christ the King, Madisonville: **Richard and Ruth Dale**; Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson: **Fr. Ed Bradley**; Holy Spirit, Bowling Green: **Don & Judy Dobernic**; Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro: **Jane Pfeifer**; Immaculate Conception, Hawesville: **Jean Mattingly**; Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro: **Ralph Thomas**; Precious Blood, Owensboro: **Mamie McDaniel**; Rosary Chapel, Paducah, **Rosemary Lane**; Sacred Heart, Hickman: **Jimmy Ray Blanton**; Sacred Heart, Waverly: **Alvin & Mary Lyon**; St. Agnes, Uniontown: **Jack & Sue Miller**; St. Ann, Morganfield: **Jim Scott**; St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph: **Cecilia R. Clouse**; St. Anthony, Peonia: **Glen & Etta Pierce**; St. Augustine Parish, Grayson Springs: **Charles & Catherine Kelty**; St. Augustine, Reed: **Connie Mills**; St. Benedict, Wax: **Geneva Childress**; St. Charles, Livermore: **George & Carol Rhodes**; St. Columba, Lewisport: **Robert & Alice Fallin**; St. Denis, Fancy Farm: TIE: **Albert Ray Kunkle & Joe Kunkle**; St. Edward, Fulton: **Tom & Barb Clevelan**; St. Elizabeth, Clarkson: **Juanita Higdon**; St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis: **Cletus & Peggy Russelburg**; St. Francis de Sales, Paducah: **Rose Mary Kloss**; St. Jerome, Fancy Farm: **James & Fay**

Johnson; St. John the Baptist, Fordsville: **James L. Montgomery & Barbara L. Montgomery**; St. John the Evangelist, Paducah: TIE: **Gerald T. Roof & Paul S. Roof**; St. Joseph, Bowling Green: **Deacon Bob Imel**; St. Joseph, Central City: **Bill & Laura Smith**; St. Joseph, Leitchfield: **Carol Gatto**; St. Joseph, Mayfield: **David & Barbara Koonce**; St. Jude, Clinton: **Louise & Nina Letanosky**; St. Leo, Murray: **Thomas & Mary Ann Dowdy**; St. Mary's

Franklin: **Gail B. Kelly**; St. Mary Parish, LaCenter: **Karen Mayer**; St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho: **Martha Riney Kamuf**; St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville: **Emma Whistle**; St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove: **Patricia Jurisin**; St. Paul, Princeton: **Carmen Richardville**; St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly: **Alice Houston**; St. Peter of Alcantara Stanley: **Louise Morris**; Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville: TIE: **Robert "Rocky" Spader & Shirley Prunitsch**; St. Sebastian, Calhoun: **Mike & Margaret Dantl**; St. Stephen, Cadiz: **April Washer**; St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro: **Rose Ann Payne**; St. Thomas More, Paducah: **Dolores Webber**; St. William, Marion: **Carole Naber Guess**.



On Sunday September 18, 2011 the 12th annual Sophia Awards Mass and presentation was held at Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Henderson, Ky with Bishop William F. Medley presiding. The Sophia Award is presented to an outstanding senior citizen or couple from each parish. Bishop Medley has a big smile for Alice Houston as she receives the award for St. Peter of Antioch, Waverly, Ky.

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has been sharing her hour "since the first day" with fellow parishioner MaryAnn Moore. "We love to pray together," Prunitsch admitted. In addition, Prunitsch proudly declared, "In all the years, we've never had to ask anyone for help to cover our hour."

Sharing another commonality, Spader has also committed to an hour of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration from the beginning. In addition to serving that ministry, Spader also serves on the parish pastoral council as vice chair and liaison to the finance committee. He also serves on the maintenance committee and the parish picnic committee. In addition, Spader is a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus where he is currently serving as a warden and a member of the golf scramble committee.

With all of his volunteer activities at church over the years, it was most likely two fairly recent circumstances



James and Fay Johnson recipients from St. Jerome in Fancy Farm are pictured here on Sept. 18 with their family. Photography by Allen Mayo Photographic, Henderson



From left, Rita Ryan, Lexington, Ky., Jean Mattingly (winner of a Sophia Award for her work in Hawesville parish), Mike Mattingly, Jean's husband and Jane Fugate, Lexington, Ky. Photography by Allen Mayo Photographic, Henderson, Ky.

that earned Spader the attention needed to receive the Sophia Award. Nearly one year ago, a good friend of Spader, Peter Milbauer, died after a long battle with cancer. Spader not only provided transportation, care, and companionship for his friend, but he was also the executor of the estate. Although he treated his fellow parishioner as a life-long friend during the last three years of his life, Spader had really only known Milbauer for those three years.

"I met Pete through church. We would chat after church sometimes," Spader remembered. "One day, I got a call from him asking for a ride to and from Nashville where he needed to go for treatment," Spader explained. For three years, Spader became the main support system for Milbauer. Even today, when talking about his friend, Spader cannot hold back the emotion or the tears.

In addition to the devotion and care he showed his new-found friend, Spader was also instrumental this past year in bringing the diocesan lunch program to the school at Sts. Peter and Paul. Initially opposed to bringing the program to the school due to the financial concerns of the parish, Spader eventually became the champion of the program. Once it was decided to implement the program, Spader single-handedly raised the money needed as well as supervised all of the construction

and installation of the new kitchen equipment.

"When I take on something, it's one hundred percent or it's nothing. That's the way I am," Spader stated with force, referring to his involvement both with Milbauer and the school lunch program. "It gives me a sense of satisfaction when I accomplish something and people are pleased," he added.

While both award recipients from Sts. Peter and Paul plan to continue with their parish involvement, both are also quick to look back and count their many blessings. "I loved Karl with everything I had," Prunitsch stated emphatically. "Karl was the most absolutely perfect partner for me," she added. "The girls," she continued with a laugh. "The girls are who we are. When Kris calls, I hold on for dear life," she exclaimed, grabbing two sides of the table. "Kim is the rock of Gibraltar. She is just like her dad," she concluded, softening her voice.

"The man upstairs has been guiding me all along. He had me by the hand all along and I never knew it," Spader admitted referring to his younger years. "I really started realizing it when my family



Mike and Margaret Dant from St. Sebastian in Calhoun, Ky, "We are very honored to be selected."

started growing and we started having kids." When retelling many stories of his youth, Spader is quick to say, "See, there's God again. He always had a hand in what I was doing. I've been blessed. I really have been blessed," concluded Spader.

Given their hard-working and serving attitudes, both Spader and Prunitsch were surprised when they learned that they had

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From St. John The Evangelist Parish near Paducah, brothers Gerald and Paul Roof tied for the Sophia Award. They are shown here Sept. 18 with their family after Mass. Photography by Allen Mayo Photographic, Henderson, Ky.

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Sixteen students from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville were inducted into the Student Council on September 23, 2011. The eight officers and eight representatives were elected into office by their peers during elections held earlier in the month.

After an opening prayer by Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, and an introduction by Vicki Luckey, fifth grade teacher and student council sponsor, guest speaker Levi Peterson spoke a few words of inspiration about the nature of leadership. Peterson is a retired educator who was also the principal at one of the local high schools for many years.

"If I take care of my character, my reputation will speak for itself," he began. He went on to say how one's reputation and character define one's integrity. "Integrity is defined as the adherence to a code of values."

"Your position should be used as an attempt to mold you," Peterson continued. "Some people use their position to exult themselves. A good leader, however, leads by example. Leadership does not mean to control others. You will be more influential by how you walk than how you talk."

After Peterson's talk, the eight officers of the student council were asked to stand while repeating their oath of office as led by Principal Sarah Kranz. The eight representatives then rose to repeat their oath of office.

After reciting their oaths, all members of the council were invited to form a semi-circle in the front of the church while facing those in attendance for a candle ceremony. One after another, their candles were lighted. After all the candles were shining brightly, Luckey concluded the ceremony. "Students of the student council of Sts. Peter and Paul will be the light of the student body," she announced. "Thank you for leading."

Members of the 2011-2012 Student Council are: Christina Ligibel, president; Jonathan Kinnard, vice president; Antha France, secretary; George Boyd, treasurer; Bradley Roeder, sergeant of arms; Rebekah Holmes, publicity; Jacquise Smith, publicity; Virginia Cincotti, historian; and class representatives, Jordan Kelly,

Nathan Tillman, Darren Shrum, Jeremy Tillman, Olivia Folz, Emma Sunderhaus, Laura Holmes and Landry Thomas.

Newly inducted members of the Sts. Peter and Paul Student Council silently hold lighted candles as all members of the council light one another's candles. The candle ceremony, which took place at the end of the student council induction on Friday, September 23, 2011, signified the members calling to be the light of the student body. Pictured from left to right are: Christina Ligibel, president; Jonathan Kinnard, vice president; and Antha France, secretary. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



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been chosen to receive the Sophia Award. While Prunitsch eventually received her letter from Owensboro, she first heard of the honor "through the grapevine." "I had just gotten back from Florida (from visiting family), and I rushed home to change clothes so I could get up to school for the meet and greet," Prunitsch explained. "It

was there that someone came up to me and congratulated me. I said, 'thank you, but for what?'" she said with a laugh.

When he received the letter from Owensboro saying he had been awarded the Sophia Award, Spader was more than surprised. "I was in awe," he said. "I was humbled right to my knees. To be recog-

nized at this level, to know that people think of me this much, means so much," admitted Spader.

Not surprisingly, Spader and Prunitsch traveled to Henderson together on September 18 to receive their respective awards from Bishop Medley. Accompanying the pair was Spader's wife JoAnn and daughter Debbie.

Students Celebrate Constitution Week

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - "Today is the day we start building our foundation for the future," said Kentucky State Senator Joey Pendleton. While his closing remarks could be mistaken for a stump speech along the campaign trail, Pendleton was actually speaking to the kindergarten through eighth grade students of Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville on Monday, September 19, 2011.

As part of Constitution Week 2011, the Daughters of the American Colonists sponsored a "Patriotic Program" at the school which included talks by both Pendleton and Michael Pape, District Director for U.S. Congressman Ed Whitfield, parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul, and father of two children attending Sts. Peter and Paul School.

"When Miss Laura called to invite me to speak, I was so excited, until she told me I only had three minutes!" Pendleton quipped to begin his talk about "Opportunities for Citizens." One such opportunity Americans have as citizens of the United States is to serve in the military. "How many of your parents are

military?" Pendleton asked. After many hands flew into the air, he said, "I want to thank your moms and dads."

After Pendleton's conclusion, Pape began his talk with a question. "What is the greatest country in the world to live in and to be born in?" After one young student answered with "Kentucky," many older students responded with a resounding "The United States!"

"Everyone who sits in this room is blessed," Pape enthused. "Why is this the greatest country in the world?" Pape asked. "Freedom," answered one student.

After asking the students to name some of the things they should consider doing as citizens of this country, Pape emphasized the importance of voting. Noting that Iraq enjoyed an 80 percent turnout rate for their 2005 election, he then compared that to the last general election here where only 46 percent in the United States voted while 51 percent in Kentucky went to the polls. "Sometimes we take this right for granted," Pape concluded. "I know when you get older,



Kindergarten students, Livie Jorgensen and Erin Murphy, from Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville led an assembly of all students in saying the Lord's Prayer during a "Patriotic Program" held at the school on Monday, September 19, 2011. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

you're going to change that, because you will go out and vote!"

Laura Waldron, Regent Colonel of the John Green Chapter of the NSDAR and parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul, then presented Gina Cayce, the kindergarten teacher at the school, with an American flag that had been flown over the United States Capitol in honor of the teachers and students of Sts. Peter and

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30 Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Honors Faithful Servant

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Standing before the congregation at the end of the 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 2, 2011, Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul here, began to describe a particular parishioner and her many years of faithful service to the parish. "The reception prepared in the narthex is not, despite what had been implied when asking people to bring home made finger foods, in reality for celebrating the priests' birthdays," explained Fr. Meredith.

"That cause, what Mark Twain would characterize as a 'blessed lie,' was rumored to preserve the surprise for the real honoree. The parishioner to be honored has served the parish so long, so well, and in so many ways, one and all had conspired to honor her and to thank God for her."

As the suspense grew and the faces in the audience were held in rapt attention, Fr. Meredith finally announced the parishioner's name of which he spoke - Mrs. Helen Brown. Brown immediately dropped her head into her hands and began to cry. The congregation, however, instantaneously broke into loud and appreciative applause. It did not take long for several to begin a unanimous standing ovation.

As Brown made her way to the front of the church, wiping tears from her face, members of the choir perched in the choir loft sang a song the music director composed for the occasion. "We love you Helen, O yes we do! Today we honor you for all you do! You work so hard for us - it's true. O Helen, we love you!"

Joining Fr. Meredith in front of the altar, Brown attempted to compose herself as the applause continued to rain down upon her. Once the congregation quieted, Fr. Meredith explained that he had some gifts for her. "I will give them to you in the order of importance," he said, "saving the best for last."

The first gift was a commendation written and signed by Hopkinsville Mayor Dan Kemp and Christian County Judge Executive Steve Tribble and framed by a fellow parishioner. Fr. Richard proceeded to read the commendation, which he noted included many "whereas(s)." In addition to noting Brown's 80th birthday, which she celebrated in July, the commendation cited Brown's many volunteer efforts she has made and continues to make in the Sts. Peter and Paul parish. Included among her efforts were: chair of the bereavement committee, chair of the hospitality committee, cleaning the rectory and laundry for the parish priests, cleaning and pressing the altar server vestments, cleaning and pressing altar linens, housing for seminarians and parish guests, a parish newsletter, St. Vincent de Paul volunteer, and the 2003 recipient of the diocesan Sophia Award.

As words of recognition flowed over Brown, she continued to battle the ever present tears. At one point while reading the commendation, Fr. Meredith also began to choke up with emotion. "Here I am getting emotional, and I just got here," he quipped with a laugh. Fr. Meredith was transferred to Sts. Peter and Paul in June this year.



Helen Brown, long-time parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, accepted an Apostolic Blessing, which was received from the Vatican, from her pastor, Fr. Richard Meredith. Brown was recognized and honored at the conclusion of the 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 2, 2011, for her many years of faithful service to the parish. Photo taken by Rocky Spader.

After the commendation, Fr. Meredith then presented Brown with a framed Kentucky Colonel Certificate, signed by Governor Steve Beshear and Secretary of State Elaine Walker, amidst notable murmurs of appreciation from the congregation and head shaking from Brown. "The highest honor awarded by the Commonwealth of Kentucky is that of the Kentucky Colonel," states the Secretary of State's website. "Commissions for the Kentucky Colonels are given by the Governor and the Secretary of State to individuals in recognition of noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding service to a community, state or the nation."

As promised, saving the best for last, Fr. Meredith then presented Brown with a beautifully framed Apostolic Blessing received from the Vatican on behalf of Pope Benedict XVI (signed and sealed by the papal archbishop eleemosynary—official in charge of the popes almsgiving). The new tears which sprang from Brown's eyes were accompanied by an audible gasp from the congregation followed by a smattering of applause. Brown continued to shake her head back and forth as Fr. Meredith read the text. When he finished reading, Brown simply responded, "This is too much."

Once again, the congregation offered a lengthy, warm applause along with another standing ovation as Brown made her way back to her pew. Immediately following dismissal and the final hymn, congregation members swarmed around Brown to offer hugs and congratulations. "I had no idea who he was talking about," Brown emphasized with her typical humility. "He could have been talking about anyone in this parish," she claimed.

"I think this is just fantastic," enthused parishioner Nancy Schaffer. "She's a real inspiration to all of us."

"That was wonderful," echoed Carol Gillingham.

Caught somewhat speechless, Pat Puckett could only exclaim, "Wow! Oh my gosh."

Once Brown was able to leave the sanctuary, she was greeted with a reception in the narthex. While Brown did not organize this reception as she had for many years as the chair of the hospitality committee, she was however asked to contribute food under the guise that the reception was to celebrate Fr. Meredith's birthday (October 1) and Fr. Daniel Dillard's birthday (October 2). "If she had found out we were having a reception and hadn't asked her to bring something, she might have gotten her feelings hurt," explained Libby Downs, pastoral associate.

Milling around in the narthex enjoying the breakfast finger foods that many volunteers provided, words of excitement, appreciation and joy could still be heard. "It's a great start to the day. A wonderful way to start the day" exclaimed Imelda Gorman. "It's a two Klenex morning!"

"I just started crying," admitted Vicki Kinnard. "You could see Fr. Richards' face getting red. To see a man get emotional, really means something," she added. "Then when he said 'And I haven't even been here long,' that was wonderful," she concluded.

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Paul Catholic School. Cayce was instrumental in making arrangements for the patriotic program.

Other elements of the program included the Lord's Prayer, led by kindergartners Livie Jorgensen and Erin Murphy, and the pledge to the flag, led by Bryan Linares and Tobias Duncan, also in kindergarten. After reciting the preamble to the Constitution of the United States, the music director of the parish and the school, Rich Barnett and his wife Luci Hughes led everyone in singing "America the Beautiful." Barnett and Hughes also led the singing of "God Bless America" to conclude the program, during which Pendleton held his hand over his heart while singing and discretely wiped tears from his eyes at the song's conclusion.

Another assembly was also held at the school during Constitution Week. In fact the day after the patriotic program was held, the regional director for the Kentucky YMCA Youth Association, Beth Malcom, gave a presentation to students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades about the association's Kentucky Youth Assembly program.

"The Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA) is a three-day, experiential learning conference in which students participate directly in the Commonwealth's democratic process," states the association's website. "Acting as Senators and Representatives, students write, debate, and vote on legislation that affects them. KYA offers students the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of issues, develop critical thinking skills, and articulate their beliefs while engaging constructively with those who hold like and opposing views."

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Marriage Celebrations for November

Blessed Mother, Owensboro

Harry & Charlene Baumgarten, 55
Kenneth & Alice Cole, 52
Eldridge & Lois Owens, 55

Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro

Phillip & Joyce Moorman, 54
Donald & Rita Moorman, 40

Christ the King, Madisonville

Randy & Kim Hardesty, 25

Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington

Charles & Janet Doan, 25
Maurice & Catherine Crews, 61
James & Betty Hardesty, 52
Alvin & Loretta Heck, 60

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

John & Kris Beckham, 40
Larry & Jane Denton, 52
Billy & Betty Gatten, 62

William & Sandra Haynes, 50

Bobby & Della May Marlin, 54

Boynton & Marian Merrill, 59

J. Ralph & Jeannine O'Nan, 53

Charles & Faye Pippin, 54

Ernest & Mary Schreiner, 50

Ray & Sharon Thompson, 50

Andre' & Louise Trawick, 56

Ronald & Judy Wilkerson, 50

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Richard & Marie Owen, 54

Bernard & Lois Schwitzgebel, 52

Lonn & Pam Sorrell, 25

Robert & Kim Stanford, 25

Randy & Jean Thompson, 50

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Joseph & Kathy Russelburg, 25

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Robert & Mary Hagan, 53

James & Clara Simon, 60

Virginia & Roy Stevens, 40

Joseph E. & Joyce Williams, 51

Gene & Shirley Zogelman, 51

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Neil & Shirley Kennedy, 25

Joseph & Jo Ann Tessandori, 40

Robert G. & Marsha Bell, 40

Haymen & Marie Ward, 50

John & Patricia Mountain, 55

William J. & Carolyn Mulligan, 65

Stewart & Barbara Coomes, 57

Thomas & Mary Louise Cecil, 61

Tom & Rosella C. Whitsett, 61

Joe Bill & Nancy Smith, 51

Donald & Mary Blanford, 58

Robert W. & Marjorie Slack, 52

Charles R. & Mary Jane Bowlds, 59

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Louis & Liz Cecil, 67

Charles & Shirley Merimee, 55

James & Doris Schrecker, 57

Sacred Heart, Hickman

Morrison & Paula McCuure, 54

St. Agnes, Uniontown

Ross & Jane Thomas, 52

Pat & Peggy Thomas, 59

Gerald & Marilyn Greenwell, 50

Fred & Mary Evelyn Eckmans, 52

David & Beverly Clements, 40

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

William A. & Elizabeth Mattingly, 65

William & Daisy Gibson, 55

Murray & Jean Murphy, 60

Maurice & Margaret Drury, 64

Robert & Mary Ann Mattingly 54

St. Ann, Morganfield

James & Betty Hancock, 66

Larry & Sharon Cissell, 55

Harold & Kathy Thomas, 52

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Simon & Rita Wink, 55

St. Anthony, Peonia

Arthur & Linda Pierce, 50

St. Augustine, Reed

Billy Joe & Philomena Bollinger, 50

St. Edward, Fulton

Doug & Connie Lorton, 55

Bill & Jean Fenwick, 59

Steve & Ann Lindsey, 57

St. Elizabeth, Curdsville

Richard & Birgit Jones, 37

St. Francis Borgia, Sturgis

Paul & Bernadette Farr, 57

Fred & Rita Williamson, 63

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Hayvert & Catherine Sutton, 52

Larry & Joyce Hooks, 52

St. Henry, Aurora

Randy & Peggy Potempa, 25

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Glenn & Olga Hayden, 25

Charles & Betty Cash, 61

Bernard & Wilma Hobbs, 62

Charles & Mary Ann Thomas, 53

Joseph & Magy Wilson, 63

St. John the Baptist, Fordsville

Ralph & Martha Payne, 50

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

Leroy & June Kaufman, 59

Francis & Dorothy Scheer, 57

George & Emma Bourgois, 57

Johnny & Louise Kaufman, 58

Ambrose & Mary Denise Willett, 65

Bennie & Doris Durbin, 61

Allen & June Dossey, 25

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

James & Barbara Bowers, 52

Michael & Elizabeth May, 25

William T. & Louise Moore, 58

St. Joseph, Central City

Jim & Mary Beyke, 52

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Eddie & Laquita Clemons, 25

St. Joseph, Mayfield

John & Helen Riley, 55

Douglas & Hilda Webb, 63

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Claude & Tina Knott, 25

St. Leo, Murray

Leonard & Elenor Lankford, 52

John & Joan Mullins, 40

Kenneth & Carolyn Ramsey, 55

St. Martin, Rome

James & Joan Johnson, 50

Larry & Sharon Gillim, 52

George & Patti Osborne, 56

Paul & Mary Schrecker, 65

St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady

Billy & Karla Mattingly, 25

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Robert & Diane Higdon, 40

Pat & Doris Waldeck, 40

Lou & Martine Boarman, 63

J. W. & Mary Morris, 59

Gordon & Evelyn Millay, 57

St. Michael the Archangel, Oak Grove

Joseph R. & Joanna B. Grady, 25

St. Peter, Waverly

George & Regina Vogel, 63

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

George & Rose Mary Clary, 50

Hugh & Betty Cecil, 58

Delbert & Shirley Fulkerson, 58

St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City

Gayle & Jerry Seay, 58

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Timothy & Stacie Meyer, 25

Fred & Becky Petri, 40

Dennis & Charlotte Gatton, 52

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

Harold & Dorothy Burnette, 59

Paul & Debbie Flood, 40

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After showing a brief video about the program, Malcom worked to garner interest in the students. "This is your opportunity to tell your peers throughout Kentucky what is important to Christian County, what is important to the students of Sts. Peter and Paul, and what is important to you," she said.

This will be the second year that Sts. Peter and Paul will bring a delegation to Louisville and Frankfort for the KYA conference. Fifteen students from the school plan to attend the conference from December 8 – 10, 2011.

Constitution Week was concluded at Sts. Peter and Paul School with a Student Council induction ceremony on Friday morning, September 23. Sixteen students from the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, who were voted into office by their peers, were inducted into office for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. (See "Student Council Members Inducted" article, page 29.)

Joe Paul & Phyllis Flood, 54

Victor & Lillian Henning, 54

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

James Andrew & Diana Groves, 25

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

David & Judy Argo, 25

Glenn & Ruth Helen Wright, 56

Gil & Joann Moore, 54

John & Marybelle Darnell, 65

Jim & Jolene Hudson, 55

Bill & Jean Danhauer, 61

St. Thomas More, Paducah

Mark & Gretchen Thompson, 25

Wayne & Margaret Hagan, 53

Ron & Mary Cecilia Chappell, 54

George & Emma Bourgois, 57

George & Joanna McMinn, Sr., 57

St. William, Knottsville

Leon & Patricia Lanham, 54

Frankie & Elsie Lindsey, 55

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Robert & Vicki Bowles, 25

Marvin & Emma Blincoe, 65

Wm. Sid & Anna Clark, 53

Charles & Florence Howard, 56

Richard & Rita Stiff, 56

Donald & Martha Hare, 56

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

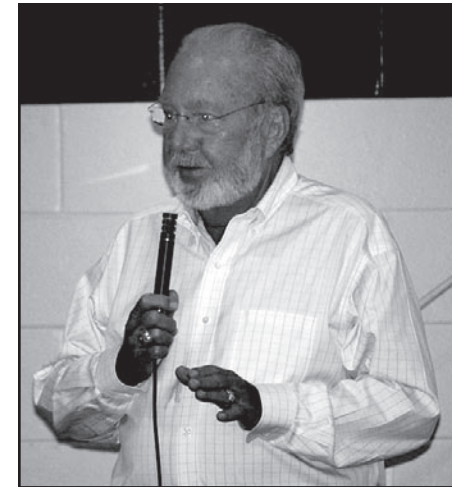
Danny & Teresa Hayes, 25

Arnold & Julia Borders, 56

Charles & Judy Folz, 50

Henry & Hannelore Kumpfmuller, 54

Thomas & Winnie Wilson, 59



Senator Joey Pendleton visited Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville on Monday, September 19, 2011, to participate in a "Patriotic Program" sponsored by the Daughters of the American Colonists. Pendleton spoke to all the children of the school about opportunities for citizens of the United States. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

32 In Your Charity, Pray For The Repose of the Soul of Fr. Severin Messick, OSB, 57

Fr. Severin Messick, OSB, a monk of Saint Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, IN, died on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, in Greenfield, IN. He was 57.

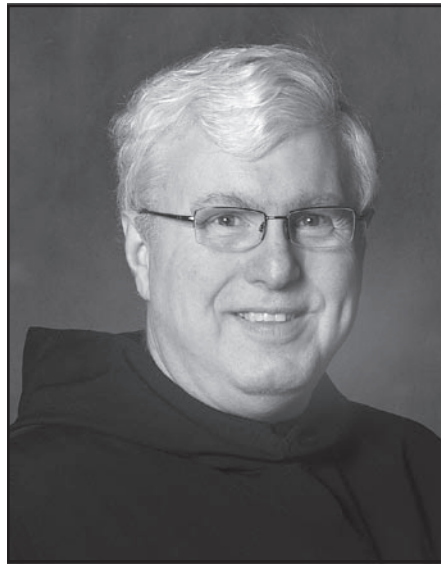
Fr. Severin was born in Indianapolis, IN, on July 12, 1954, to Henry and Anna (McGuire) Messick, and was given the name Mark Stephen at his baptism. He is survived by his mother.

After completing his elementary education at Immaculate Heart of Mary School in Indianapolis, he attended Chatard High School in that city. He is a 1977 graduate of Saint Meinrad College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in the classics. He was invested as a novice in 1977, and professed his simple vows on August 6, 1978. Fr. Severin was ordained to the priesthood on May 2, 1982.

After his ordination, Fr. Severin completed a year of graduate studies in classics at The Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Following this, in the late summer of 1983, he was assigned to teach at Trinity High School in Whitesville, KY, and was named associate pastor of St. Mary-of-the-Woods Parish in Whitesville.

In 1985, he became associate pastor of St. Ann Parish, Morganfield, KY. The following year, he was assigned to St. Mary Parish, Huntingburg, IN, for six years. He returned to his former parish of St. Ann in 1992, where he exercised his first pastorate.

In 1996, he became co-pastor of a three-parish cluster in southern Indiana, composed of St. Paul's (Tell City), St.



Michael's (Cannelton), and St. Pius V (Troy). The following year, he was named administrator of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus (Little Flower) in Indianapolis.

In 1998, he began his longest pastoral assignment, pastor of St. Michael's in Greenfield, where he served until his death. He also served as judge of the Metropolitan Tribunal for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for nearly seven years.

The Office of the Dead was prayed at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 3, in the Archabbey Church, followed by visitation in the Archabbey Church, and the funeral Mass in the Archabbey Church. Burial followed in the Archabbey Cemetery.

BEREAVEMENT THE GRIEVING PERSON'S BILL OF RIGHTS



Betty Medley

By Betty Medley

1. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPERIENCE YOUR OWN UNIQUE GRIEF. No one else will grieve in exactly the same way you do. When you turn to others for help, don't allow them to

tell you what you should or should not be feeling.

2. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TALK ABOUT YOUR GRIEF. Talking about your grief will help you heal. Seek out others who will allow you talk. As much as you want, as often as you want, about your grief.

3. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO FEEL A MULTITUDE OF EMOTIONS. Confusion, disorientation, fear, guilt and relief are just a few of the emotions you might feel as part of your grief journey. Others may try to tell you that feeling angry, for example, is wrong. Don't take these judgmental responses to heart. Instead, find listeners who will accept your feelings without condition.

4. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE TOLERANT OF YOUR PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL LIMITS. Your feelings of loss and sadness will probably leave you feeling fatigued. Respect what your body and mind are telling you. Get daily rest. Eat balanced meals. And don't allow others to push you into doing things you don't really feel ready to do.

5. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXPERIENCE GRIEF ATTACKS.

"Sometimes, out of nowhere, a powerful surge of grief may overcome you. This can be frightening, but it is normal and natural. Find someone who understands and will

let you talk it out.

6. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE USE OF RITUAL. The funeral ritual does more than acknowledge the death of someone loved. It helps provide you with the support of caring people. More important, the funeral is a way for you to mourn. If others tell you that rituals such as these are silly or unnecessary, don't listen.

7. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO EMBRACE YOUR SPIRITUALITY. If faith is a part of your life, express it in ways appropriate to you. Allow yourself to be around people who understand and support your religious beliefs. If you feel angry with God, find someone to talk with who won't be critical of your feelings of hurt and abandonment.

8. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEARCH FOR MEANING. You may find yourself asking, "Why did he or she die? Why this way? Why now?" Some of your questions may have answers, but some may not. And watch out for the clichéd responses some people may give you. Comments like, "It was God's will" or "Think of what you have to be thankful for." Are not helpful and you do not have to accept them.

9. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO TREASURE YOUR MEMORIES. Memories are one of the best legacies that exist after the death of someone loved. You will always remember. Instead of ignoring your memories, find others with whom you can share them.

10. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO MOVE TOWARD YOUR GRIEF AND HEAL. Reconciling your grief will not happen quickly. Remember that grief is a process, not an event. Be patient and tolerant with yourself and avoid people who are impatient and intolerant with you. Neither you nor those around you must forget that the death of someone loved changes your life forever.

Learning About Hobbies

In the picture at left, Owensboro Catholic High School football assistant coach, Adam Flowers, spoke with Mrs. Flower's (his wife) 1st graders at the OCS Elementary K-3 Campus about the importance of working hard in school. He said, "You have to get good grades to be able to do the things you love outside of school, such as playing sports."

Adam also told the class about the importance of having hobbies. One of his hobbies, besides coaching football is doing voice impersonations! In the picture attached is Adam doing a puppet show for the class. OCS Photo



Parish Picnic Attracts All Ages with Activities

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Holding the parish picnic on church grounds for the first time in many years, parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville enjoyed many fun activities in addition to the excellent food with which they have grown accustomed on Sunday, September 18, 2011. The activities included corn hole, a soccer goal challenge, bobbing for apples, water balloon toss, a "win it in a minute" game, a petting zoo and a Jello eating contest. A favorite among the children was when Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor, and Fr. Daniel Dillard, associate pastor, launched wet "splash" balls into the air from Fr. Meredith's potato cannons.



Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, prepared his potato cannon with wet "splash" balls which he launched into the air to the delight of parish children who would catch and retrieve the balls for their pastor during the parish picnic held on Sunday, September 18, 2011. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

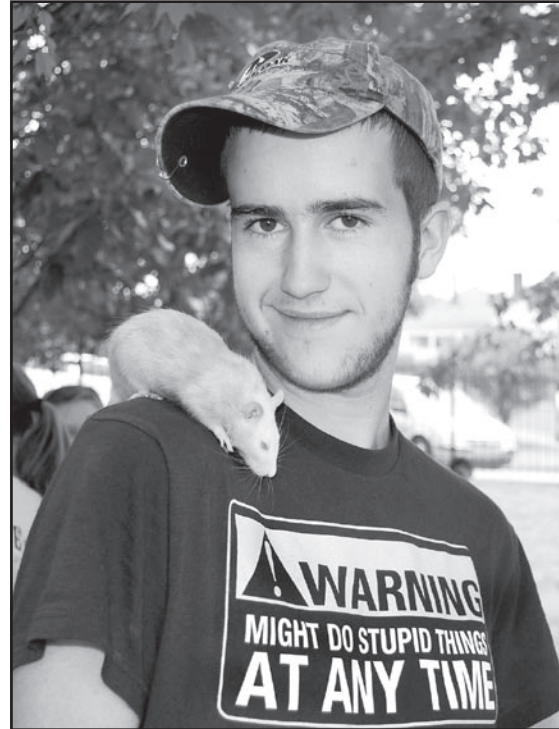


Emma Sunderhaus, parishioner and sixth grade student at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, tried to beat the clock and place a lamp shade on her head using only a fishing pole while playing "Win it in a Minute" at the parish picnic on Sunday, September 18, 2011. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

In the picture at right, Jonathan Kinnard, parishioner and seventh grade student at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, competed during the Jello eating contest at the parish picnic on Sunday, September 18, 2011. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



In the picture at right, middle, Kylee Spurr, parishioner and third grade student at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, enjoyed her attempts at apple bobbing during the parish picnic held on Sunday, September 18, 2011. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



Joseph Whitfill, parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville and a sophomore in high school, enjoyed time with Ratatouille, a pet rat which was part of the petting zoo at the parish picnic on September 18, 2011. Ratatouille's owner, Sherry Viall, dyed the rat's natural gray pelt to make the friendly rodent seem less intimidating for the children visiting the petting zoo. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

A father and son team, Tony and James Folz, competed in corn hole during the Sts. Peter and Paul parish picnic in Hopkinsville on Sunday, September 18, 2011. For the first time in many years, the parish held its picnic on church property and included many activities for people of all ages. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.



Editor's Note: Some wonder why the WKC shows so many people's faces on our pages. It's because the people send them in. This diocesan paper, largely people-written, shows the news the church values.

34 Runaway Quilters Celebrate 25 Years

This is the 25th year for the Runaway Quilters, and the 20th that they've been coming to the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. Terry Russelburg, of nearby Philpot, Ky., organizes the Runaway Quilters retreat each year, and said 120 quilters from nine states came to Maple Mount from Sept. 20-23, from as far away as Georgia, Florida and South Carolina. "I think Kentucky has the fewest," she said. "Tennessee has the most."

In celebration of the 25th year, the participants made maple leaf blocks, which will be put in piles of 15 and given away as prizes to the participants. "They'll take them home and make quilts," Russelburg said.

Carole Crane, of Ashland City, Tenn., was working on a Dresden Star quilt on Sept. 21. This is her fifth year to come to the Mount. "This is such a nice place to come, you get pampered and don't have to fix dinner," Crane said. "It's such a pleasant place, there's such peace here. I'm in my own world."



Libby Smith of Brentwood, Tenn., left, instructs Rita English of Pleasant Ridge on the intricate Log Cabin Star design.



Susi Willis adds a piece to her Autumn Bonfire quilt on the floor of the gymnasium. "I made this exact quilt for a friend who was turning 50, and I decided I wanted one too," she said.



Hughetta Dale, of Beaver Dam holds up her One Block Wonder quilt with Carol Sexton. Dale was working on this quilt during the 2010 Runaway Quilters retreat.



At left, Carol Crane of Ashland City, Tenn., sews blocks for her Dresden Star quilt that is hanging to her left. "I took a class in Fort Wayne, Ind., from the woman who designed the pattern, Edyta Sitar," she said.

At right, several handmade quilts were on display in the courtyard at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center when the Runaway Quilters came for their September retreat.

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By Dickie Nally

MORGANFIELD, Ky. - Our Lady smiled down on Union County, Ky. on a gorgeous Fall afternoon on Sat. Oct. 15, as over 175 souls gathered at the Renaissance Corner in downtown Morganfield to join in as one of 7,515 Public Square Rosary Rallies across the USA and around the world. These rallies are the initiative of America Needs Fatima with intention to publicly pray primarily for our country, that God would grant our national leaders the wisdom and knowledge necessary to solve America's complex problems.

The program was attended by members from the six parishes in Union County: St. Ann, St. Agnes, St. Ambrose, St. Francis Borgia, St. Peter, & Sacred Heart. It was attended and had the participation of 3 of our priests, Fr. Gerald Baker, Fr. Freddie Byrd, and Fr. Terry Divine. The Luminous Mystery decades of the rosary were led by Jim Scott, Edna Messamore, Diana Day, Momma Dot Buckman, and Ray French. The program also included The Angelus, The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a prayer of total consecration (by St Maximilian Kolbe), a prayer for the Union County Catholic School building project, and the Divine Praises. It was also interspersed with 4 beautiful Marian hymns by our musicians Gabriella Federico and Sally Beaven.

We also got a special treat from the St. Ann Confirmation class under the guidance of Christi Edwards. This group started early that morning making a giant helium filled balloon rosary that was released just prior to the recitation of the rosary.

It was pretty awesome, symbolically sending our prayer into the heavens!

The pictures on this page are scenes from the Rosary Rally at the Renaissance Corner in downtown Morganfield, Union County, on October 15 attended by about 175 people from among the Catholic parishes of Union County, St. Ann, St. Agnes, St. Ambrose, St. Francis Borgia, St. Peter, & Sacred Heart. Article and Photos submitted by Dickie Nally



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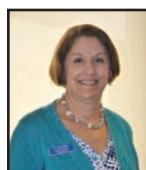
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Bishops Reaffirm Forming Consciences For Faithful Citizenship As Guiding Teaching In Political Life

WASHINGTON-In advance of the 2012 elections, the U.S. bishops reaffirmed their 2007 document, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, in this coming election cycle and beyond, as the “continuing teaching of our Bishops’ Conference and our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy.”

Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), joined the chairs of nine USCCB committees in offering an Introductory Note to the document. “We urge our Catholic pastors and people to continue to use this important statement to help them form their consciences, to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue, and to shape their choices in the coming election in the light of Catholic teaching,” the bishops wrote. “It does not offer a voter’s guide, scorecard of issues or direction on how to vote. It applies Catholic moral principles to a range of important issues and warns against misguided appeals to ‘conscience’ to ignore fundamental moral claims, to reduce Catholic moral concerns to one or two matters, or to justify choices simply to advance partisan, ideological or personal interests.”

The Introductory Note does not modify or interpret the document itself and emphasizes the importance of religious freedom. It raises six “current and fundamental problems, some involving opposition to intrinsic evils and others raising serious moral questions.” These are: abortion and threats to the lives and dignity of the vulnerable, sick or unwanted; threats to Catholic ministries, including health care, education and social services, to violate their consciences or stop serving those in need; intensifying efforts to redefine marriage; unemployment, poverty and debt; immigration; and wars, terror and violence, particularly in the Middle East.

The USCCB is launching a new website for Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/. It will offer a wide range of web-based and written materials and tools to assist pastors, parishes, Catholic organizations and individuals. The document with the new Introductory Note will be available in print by the end of October and is already available online: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/upload/Forming-Consciences-for-Faithful-Citizenship-2011.pdf



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Picnic At St. Henry, Aurora, Ky.

Submitted by Rich Logsdon

AURORA, Ky. - Rain, rain, rain! Although the annual parish picnic at St. Henry Catholic Church on Sept. 25 was plagued by an all-day rain and relegated to the parish hall, the parishioners still managed to make the best of it and have a good time. Many of the children's games had to be curtailed, but the bingo, cake walk and food drew rave reviews.

With no fee to play, about 50 people decided to try their luck at bingo to win the money prizes donated by a few parishioners. The final coverall worth \$50.00 was

the highlight of the games.

A cake walk with 30 cakes and pastries (mostly homemade) assured that all participants, both children and adults, took home some goodies.

The day was topped off with hamburgers, hot dogs, chili and many side dishes, as well as a variety of delicious desserts.

Rain or not, the fun and companionship made it all worth while. A big "Thank You" goes to Father Babu Kulathumkal and picnic organizer Myra Fassett and all her helpers. (See Photo at right.)

Ursuline Sisters receive hospital grant to buy exercise equipment

The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph will receive more than \$4,000 through a grant program from Owensboro Medical Health System to purchase new exercise equipment for the sisters.

During an announcement on Sept. 9, the Ursuline Sisters learned they would receive \$4,555.98 for a fitness and nutrition project for the targeted senior population. The hospital gave out \$480,177 for health and fitness projects and another \$145,000 for arts and cultural organizations through its Community Benefit Grants program. The money supports 54 programs for 49 organizations in the 11-county region served by the hospital.

"We are committed to supporting nonprofit community organizations and public entities whose charitable purposes align with our mission to heal the sick and to improve the health of our community," said Debbie Zuerner Johnson, manager of community outreach. "In addition to providing health care services, OMHS recognizes that there are a number of agencies and organizations in our region which can make a significant impact on community health."

Sister Amelia Stenger, director of development for the Ursuline Sisters, wrote the grant proposal and represented the community during the grant announcement.

"We'll use the money to buy two treadmills, two stationary bicycles and one tread climber," Sister Amelia said. As part of "Project: Sisters Stay Active," 20 sisters who live at the Motherhouse have agreed to exercise at least three times a week for 30 minutes each time, or a total of 90 minutes a week, Sister Amelia said.

The one-year program will begin in January, when it's difficult for sisters to exercise outside. At the beginning, each sister will have her blood pressure, weight and body mass index measured, and those same indicators will be retested every four months, Sister Amelia said.



Pictured is Jeff Barber, CEO of Owensboro Medical Health System (OMHS) and Sister Amelia Stenger, Director of Development for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph.

"What we hope will happen is someone will be able to talk to the sisters about nutrition and encourage them to continue," Sister Amelia said. "The more we're active, the less we're 'attending' the hospital. The sisters are excited about it."

Sister Amelia submitted the dollar amount based on pricing she found online. The money should arrive by the end of September and equipment will be ordered then. The equipment will replace some dated exercise machinery.

The hospital's Community Benefit Grants program is open to nonprofit organizations that provide plans for specific programs and services addressing identified community health



Are You Missing Out?

By Cecelia Hamilton

In December it will be fourteen years since I made my Cursillo weekend. If I knew then what I know now about the transformation my life would take, I would have asked why no one told me about Cursillo earlier. During the past few years we have had someone write an article on their Cursillo experience so more people would know about this life changing experience. There are weekends scheduled in April for both Men and Women. If none of your friends have asked you to come, please check out the Owensboro Cursillo website for information.

My journey has taken me to Waco, TX, Kansas City, MO, Indianapolis, IN, Memphis, TN and many other places. On these trips I have met many faith-filled people and have come away enriched from the witness they provided and the workshop sessions we attended. However, this is not my favorite part of Cursillo although I do enjoy these times.

I'm sure you have heard the expression – "No man is an island." I am blessed with a loving family, who has supported me through thick and thin since I was a child. Cursillo provided me with another Christian family. My prayer group brought food over to me when I was working long hours with a software change at work. You can guess who supported me when my young niece died. Recently we visited and shared a glass of wine with one of our group after her surgery. Not only do we support each other this way, we remind each other that it takes knowing, loving and serving God on our journey to becoming saints. Good Christian friends are my favorite part of Cursillo.

I have had the pleasure of serving as the Lay Director of the Owensboro Diocese for the last 4 ½ years with Brett Mills assuming the position mid-September. During the first weekend in October I was voted onto the Regional Service team as treasurer and will have the opportunity not only to be around the wonderful Cursillo community in our diocese, but several other dioceses in the area. I'm glad that I haven't missed out on the growth in spiritually Cursillo provides. Are you missing out?



needs. To qualify, activities must provide measurable improvement in health status, access to care, or use of healthcare resources.

St. Thomas More EDGE Lock-In

PADUCAH, Ky. - St. Thomas More EDGE youth ministry kickoff lock-in was held on September 2-3rd. It was a hit with over 50 youth in attendance. The lock-in games and talks revolved around "Sacraments", this semester's EDGE theme. Pat Osterhaus, Ross Whittaker, Grace Babbs, Olivia Romero, Ben Hopper, Caitlyn Hodges, Kayla Speis, Alexandra Goering, and Emily Teitloff were the high school students who provided awesome leadership for the lock-in. Marianna Romero, Kelly Veatch, Jennifer Hodges, and Cheri Babbs are a few of the EDGE core adults who dedicated their time and talent to the lock-in too. Many thanks goes to the dedicated adult

chaperones such as Marilynn Teitloff, Jennifer Nettles, Shelly Eason, and Shayne Veatch who stayed up all night to keep the youth safe.

The lock-in began with an activity called "Idol Chef." In groups, the youth had to create their own pizza and song and perform for a table of judges. This was a great game to get all the youth engaged and involved. After this opening activity, the semester theme of "Sacraments" was introduced as the high school students came out dressed like the seven sacraments. They participated in a sacrament scavenger hunt that came



Line dancing late into the night.



The youth play a game of "ha ha ha."



The youth dress up like the seven sacraments for a scavenger hunt.

back for a talk by Nicole Strasser, the youth minister. Afterwards, the youth broke up into small groups to discuss the seven sacraments.

At night Fr. Pat Reynolds joined us for an XLT (Eucharistic Adoration). During the XLT the youth sang songs and reflected on scripture verses and saint quotes. After the XLT the youth had a bonfire with s'mores. Then, for the rest of the night the high school students led a variety of activities for the middle school students that included icebreakers, the rosary, a church tour, line dancing, watching the sun rise, and morning prayer (liturgy of the hours). The EDGE lock-in was a great way to kick off this semester of youth ministry.

St. Thomas More LIFETEEN Kick-Off



The high school students gather in the Sacred Heart Room to hear the opening semester talk on "Veni Sancte Spiritus" Latin for "Come Holy Spirit."

PADUCAH, Ky. - On Labor Day, St. Thomas More LIFETEEN high school youth ministry kicked off with Mass at 6pm with Fr. Pat Reynolds. The youth led the music for mass and served as altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, etc. Following Mass we had games and an opening talk on "Veni Sancte Spiritus." "Veni Sancte Spiritus" is Latin for "Come

Holy Spirit" and is the annual theme for LIFETEEN. This semester topic for LIFETEEN is "The Church" so the talk also introduced that topic to the youth. Following the talk, the youth roasted hotdogs and marshmallows over a fire. The kick-off night concluded in a prayer service with the imposition of hands, an ancient form of prayer inviting the outpouring of

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the Holy Spirit on the teens. Nicole Stegman, Susan Tyson, and Tina Eggemeyer are serving as LIFETEEN core this year. The LIFETEEN core is still in the process of recruiting some more adult help. Additionally, there will be some juniors and seniors in high school to serve on the LIFETEEN core this year. This junior LIFETEEN core is still in formation.

The Elderly Are a Blessing, Not a Burden

By Sister Constance Carolyn Veit, ISP

As the 20th century came to a close, the United Nations celebrated the International Year of Older Persons, heralding the vision of “A Society for All Ages.” The first years of the new millennium have been anything but that, with the abandonment of frail seniors during natural disasters from New Orleans to Japan, the legalization of assisted suicide in several U.S. states and foreign countries, and political rhetoric that seems to consider the growing population of seniors merely as a drain on our health care system and the federal budget. Is this the society for all ages we envisioned in 1999?

Rather than looking upon the growing numbers of older persons as a burden, Pope Benedict – like his predecessor, Blessed John Paul II – has called them a blessing for society. “Every generation can learn from the experience and wisdom of the generation that preceded it,” he affirmed in speaking to the elderly at St. Peter’s Residence in London last September. The Pope insisted that “the provision of care for the elderly should be considered not so much



To Live Each Day with Dignity

At The Little Sisters of the Poor, all ages get to know one another and share one another’s blessings. Recognizing the natural affinity between the old and the young, Pope John Paul II once asked, “How many children have found understanding and love in the eyes and words and caresses of the aging?” The Little Sisters are often witnesses to touching intergenerational encounters, such as this moment at St. Joseph’s Residence in Enfield, Connecticut. Submitted Photo

as an act of generosity but as the repayment of a debt of gratitude.”

The Pope’s words should give us pause. We might also recall a bit of Biblical wisdom: “With your whole heart honor your father; your mother’s birth pangs forget not,” Sirach tells us. “Remember, of these parents you were born; what can you give them for all they gave you?” (Sir 7:28). Sirach admonishes us, “My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate with him; revile him not in the fullness of your strength. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, it will serve as a sin offering – it will take lasting root.” (Sir 3:12–14).

To realize all that we owe the elderly and to honor them as a blessing, perhaps we need to slow down a bit and look at each one as if they were our own parent or grandparent. Maybe we need to see ourselves in them – for we too will be old one day, if we are blessed to enjoy a long life. Perhaps what we really need to do is to look upon the elderly as Pope Benedict does – as persons imbued with inviolable dignity, and thus worthy of our respect and care, simply because they have been made in the image and likeness of God and are sustained by his Providence. “Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary,” Benedict said in his first homily as Pope and again to the elderly last September in London. “Life is a gift, at every stage from conception until natural death, and it is God’s alone to give and to take.”

This October, American Catholics once again observe Respect Life Month. When we think of pro-life activities, we naturally think of the unborn, and rightly so. But this year, we would do well to reflect on the elderly – the contributions they have made to our families and society, their wisdom and experience, the care and assistance they need and the

Elder Facts

- By 2030, 1 in 5 Americans will be elderly.
- Women outlive men by 13–14 years.
- Elderly women who are widowed or single are especially vulnerable to poverty and various forms of abuse.
- Over 1.3 million seniors live in homes for the elderly in the U.S. and the number is growing as Baby Boomers age into the retirement years.
- Medicaid is the single largest source of long-term care financing in the U.S., assuring 43% of all nursing home care nationally.
- Although it is the largest source of funding, Medicaid covers only a fraction of the actual costs of care.
- In general, Medicaid covers only 50–60% of our regular operating costs. That’s why we Little Sisters rely so heavily on the generosity of others!

respect they deserve as human persons created in God’s image. The U.S. Bishops recently published a statement on assisted suicide entitled *To Live Each Day with Dignity* (<http://www.usccb.org/toliveeach-day/>). It is a valuable read for anyone who cares about the dignity of human life.

As Little Sisters of the Poor, we are committed to the accompaniment and care of the needy elderly, following the advice of our foundress, Saint Jeanne, who said, “Never forget that the poor are Our Lord ... Making the elderly happy, that is what counts!” We are caregivers – not politicians or policy makers. But we do know that caring for the elderly poor is growing more difficult all the time because of funding cuts, a chronic shortage of qualified professional and paraprofessional care givers, and the attitudes of a society becoming increasingly callous with regard to the sacredness of human life. During this Respect Life Month we invite you to pray for the triumph of the Culture of Life, to advocate for better financing of care for low-income seniors and better educational programs and benefits for caregivers, and simply to cherish the elders in your own family or community.

Sister Constance Carolyn Veit is director of communications for the Little Sisters of the Poor in the United States.

“Never forget that the poor are Our Lord.” - Saint Jeanne Jugan



All made in the image and likeness of God

By Denise Bossert

My first encounter with the elderly and dying came when I was eighteen. I was a nurse's aide for about five months. That's how long it took me to realize I was not meant to be a nurse.

I dropped my plans to go into nursing, but the memories of the people I met in that Nebraska nursing home have stayed with me for nearly three decades.

I remember the stroke victims. The woman who spent each day repeating "Mana, mana, mana." The man who was able to say a handful of words clearly. All expletives.

Another woman reminded me of Edith from All in the Family. She would nervously apply red lipstick when her handsome husband visited. I remember how much I disliked him as he stood there with his arm around his girlfriend and urged his adolescent daughters to give their invalid mother a hug.

I remember the woman named Mary who said she'd never had cross words with her husband of fifty years. I wondered if she was being honest. I still wonder.

And there was the man who demanded our immediate attention, saying he was related to William Buckley, Jr. I was only eighteen. I had no idea who William

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Denise Bossert writes at her blog (www.catholicbygrace.blogspot.com)

Buckley, Jr., was. I asked the other nurses. They hadn't heard of him either.

The residents of that Omaha nursing home fascinated me. I wanted to sit with these people. Talk to them. Find out their stories. Was Mary a saint, or was her husband just easy to get along with? Had the man who swore a blue streak been a swearer before his stroke? Did "Edith" really think her husband would be impressed with her red lipstick? Did it kill her spirit to see him with a mistress, both of them standing near her like they had done their

good deed for the year?

Was Mr. Buckley really related to the Mr. Buckley, Jr.?

The first floor of that nursing home was busy, sometimes downright chaotic. There was never a moment to sit and simply be with the patients. There was little dignity in getting old. And something in me said this isn't right.

I remember one day in particular. Three patients had to be bathed before the evening meal. I gently washed a frail woman, the second of the three patients on my list. I did all the talking while she simply submitted to the process. She weighed almost nothing. I could lift her from the wheelchair to the bath chair and back again by myself. She looked at me quietly as I dressed her, putting on her gown and robe and slippers. If I hurried, I would get the last patient bathed before the floor nurse announced that the kitchen was open.

I wheeled the woman to her room and collected my final patient. A few moments later, the head nurse entered the shower room. She asked me if Lydia had seemed okay when I bathed her. "She was quiet, but nothing unusual. Why?"

The nurse told me that Lydia was dead. I was the last person who had touched her body, bathed her, spoken to her.

And I didn't know anything about her, except her name.

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In that moment, I knew that the elderly deserve more than the hurried care our society gives them. We are so advanced. And yet, we often forget the dignity of the human person.

The unborn.

The man in prison.

The cast-off wife with her lipstick-smile.

The one who spends all day saying mana, mana, mana or a string of profanity. The one who thinks about her deceased husband all day, every day.

I have decided that I want to go to a Catholic nursing home when I'm old. I want to spend my final hours and minutes in a place where I can go to Mass, where a nurse can wheel me into an Adoration Chapel, where I will be surrounded by rosaries and crucifixes and images of Our Lady. I want to pass from here to there with the faith and the faithful all around me.

As Catholics, we believe in the dignity of the human person. I plan to spend my final days in a place where the caretakers know that I am made in the image and likeness of God. And maybe, I will share a few words with a young nurse's aide, and perhaps she will remember me with a smile.

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Wisdom by Ginny Knight-Simon

Mamie Clouse McDaniel, Precious Blood Parish, Owensboro, 2011 Sophia Award Recipient

On my recent visit to Mamie McDaniel's home, it was very evident that she loves flowers and gardening. Her yard was vibrant with the bright beautiful colors of autumn mums and the last of summer annuals.

I noticed Mamie's Sophia Award displayed on a table in her living room. "I was very much humbled when I received my letter telling me that I had been chosen from our parish to receive the award. I know there are many more deserving that should receive it. I am very proud, too!" Mamie told me. "Most of my 13 Godchildren were there at the Mass and awards reception I felt very blessed that they came. There were a few generations represented. There were several great great's there! Everyone thought the Mass and the award presentation was just wonderful."

Mamie met Gene McDaniel when he



Mamie Clouse McDaniel

stopped by their house, in the St. Joseph area, with her brother. "My mom and dad made all of us say the rosary each night when were at home. When Gene and I

were dating, we would usually take some of my friends with us. Before we got home, we would all say the rosary in the car so I wouldn't have to do it when I got home! The girls always said I was saying the rosary for Gene to propose! Nobody ever believed that we actually did that, but we did!"

Mamie and Gene got married in July 1960 and moved to Owensboro. "In September of that year Precious Blood Parish was started and we joined the parish. I've lived in the same house for about 51 years. Gene passed away 16 years ago on December 13th."

"After 38 years at GE, I retired in 1992. I really enjoy gardening, both flowers and veggies. It keeps me pretty busy in the summer. I enjoy my work with St. Vincent de Paul in our parish. I take all the calls that come in from the secretary. It's easier for one person to take the calls than to have them overlap. The secretary at church calls me when someone needs to be visited. This summer most of the calls have been for help with OMU (electricity) bills because

the summer was so hot. Some calls are for gas to go to out of town doctors. I don't mind the home visits, someone has to do it. I take communion to a nursing home each month. I work with the bereavement meals and I sing in the funeral choir. I use to help with the picnic but I haven't for the last couple of years, but I do help with parish special events."

"We have had a lot of death in our family there are 3 out of 8 siblings left. Through the deaths I fell that I have gotten closer to God. I really don't know how people with no faith can get along without God in their live."

I asked Mamie what she liked to do other than gardening of course. "I really like to read and I like to watch TV and spend time with my family."

Mamie walked me to my car and when I got in the car and pulled away, I thought I heard her say "I've got to do something with all these leaves!" I enjoyed my visit Mamie and I realized what good volunteers we have in our church and community. Thanks to all of you.

42 Greetings from Bani

By Father Stan Puryear

Sometimes I have so much to say and so little space or time to say it. Of course, anyone who knows me well knows that's the truth and that one of my greatest faults is that sometimes I don't know when to keep my mouth shut. In fact, some of them might even say that I never know when to keep my mouth shut. Nevertheless, I will try to keep this to one page so that Mel Howard doesn't have to edit too much.

This week, I learned a very important lesson about stopping for traffic accidents in the Dominican Republic. I came upon the scene about two minutes after a car struck an elderly man driving his motorcycle. Unfortunately, this is a far-too-often occurrence here, and when I stopped, I steered myself so that I could once again say prayers over a gruesome scene. Fortunately, the impact had not been that great, and the elderly fellow was still alive. Once that was realized and that mine was the only automobile nearby (as the driver who hit the man had already fled the scene), someone yelled, "Father can take him to the hospital". Before I could say anything, a profusely bleeding elderly man whom no one recognized was in my truck as I sped away to a hospital that I vaguely remembered passing one day on some street on the far side of town. The dear soul is expected to recover from his injuries, and the police did not hold me in jail until the accident was investigated (as is the legal requirement here). And once again, I thank the Knights of Columbus of Bowling Green and an anonymous donor who helped make possible the purchase of the parish truck/church bus/local ambulance. (My apologies for not taking the time to take a picture.)

Other than such adrenaline inducing moments, life here in the Caribbean is beginning to slow down as the hurricane season winds up. WHEW. Fortunately, when it wasn't raining ten inches of water a day and the washed-away roads had been repaired sufficiently for transit, I was able to visit the mountains for a few days for a respite from the heat. Los Cacaos is a small town in the mountains of San Cristobal Province where residents live by planting and harvesting coffee and cocoa. It is also at a high enough altitude that the temperature makes for perfect sleeping weather. The only disadvantage is that one is tempted to sleep in, and all restaurants stop serving at 1pm in the afternoon.

Time away from one's environment makes for very good rest for the soul. The demands of ministry even in a tropical paradise can be taxing on the system. The time away also gave me an opportunity to think about what happens to priests in the third world when they are no longer able to minister to the people of their parish for physical, emotional, or spiritual reasons? With the shortage of priests and the lack of economic resources, the answer sometimes is that entire parishes are left without access to the Sacraments of the Church – as has been the case in Los Cacaos for the past few years.

Time away from one's environment makes for very good rest for the soul.



Not all is hard work. Deacon Jose Miguel Peña relaxes beside a very cold mountain stream while Harmony and Callista cool off. Deacon Peña is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood on November 12.

In one instance that has occurred here, one of the priests is unable to continue ministering in his mountainous parish because of physical limitations. The blessed soul suffers from varicose veins, which in the Diocese of Owensboro would not be a big issue. But the altitude and the need to drive on very poor roads is causing serious issues. It was first thought that switching from a manual transmission to an automatic transmission might alleviate the suffering, but driving on what passes for roads in the mountains still involves lots of accelerating and braking. The doctor has ordered a change of assignment, and the bishop is willing to accommodate. Unfortunately, with fewer than 30 active priests to attend to the needs of 800,000 Catholics, the shortage of priests does not give the bishop much leeway in making a choice.

Physical limitations are not the only issues that affect priests here. Something I have witnessed both here in the Dominican Republic and in the Diocese of Owensboro's sister Diocese of Mandeville is the difficulty that priests face when they reach the point of burnout. In the United States, many opportunities are available, including education on how to prevent ministry fatigue. Our own Diocese of Owensboro has a wonderful sabbatical program for priests of which probably too few take advantage. Also, we receive adequate remuneration for our work and are thus able to take stress-reducing vacations. If depression is an issue, our medical insurance takes care of top-notch psychological services.

I recognize the signs of burnout among a couple of my brother priests working in the Caribbean because I was at that point a year ago. I was truly blessed that assistance and options were available to me. And even more, the Diocese of Owensboro is so blessed with great priests that two wonderfully holy men of God were willing and available to take my place once I made the decision to ask for a move to the Dominican Republic. Hence, Bishop Medley was able to allow me his opportunity to serve as a missionary.

In the Caribbean, the resources are insufficient for priests to take sabbaticals or even seek counseling services. As I have mentioned in a previous column, priests here barely make enough to survive, and thus many cannot even afford a decent vacation, exacerbating the problem of burnout. Even should they find a place willing to offer a sabbatical at little or no cost, there are no other priests to take their places in the parish. On top of those



Drums and güiras are the primary musical instruments at most Masses.

two serious factors, as much as I want to tell the priests that they should go to the Diocese of Owensboro and have Bishop Medley find them a place to relax for a few months, the U.S. Department of State doesn't give out entrance visas to priests simply because they need some time away to rest.

On a very positive note, the Diocese of Baní will be ordaining a new priest on November 12 of this year. Jose Miguel Pena, a good friend I have made here, will be ordained by Bishop Breton at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Regla in Baní. Unfortunately, I will not be able to be physically present because I committed to a wedding in Bowling Green on November 11, and the Italian family whose granddaughter's wedding I will be witnessing would hunt me down and break my kneecaps if I didn't honor my word. I have to admit, even given that reality, I was still torn between the wedding and the ordination, as I was the one who taught future Father Jose Miguel how to drive a stick shift. Helping someone learn how to use a clutch is a bonding experience that cannot be captured in words. To make up for my absence, I plan to buy Peña a very meaningful gift, but I cannot decide between a portable propane water heater or a solar rechargeable fan. It's those little things in life (such as a hot shower) that helps one deal with the day-to-day often-very-unexpected challenges of priesthood.

6 Saludos desde Bani

Por el Padre Stan Puryear

A veces tengo mucho que decir y poco espacio o tiempo para decirlo. Pero, los que me conocen personalmente saben esa verdad y que uno de mis mayores defectos es que a veces no sé callar la boca. Algunos quizás dirán que nunca sé cuando callarme. Sin embargo, intentaré no decir demasiado para que Mel Howard no tenga que editar demasiado.

Esta semana, he aprendido una lección muy importante sobre parar para accidentes de tráfico en la República Dominicana. Llegué a la escena unos dos minutos después de que un automóvil golpeó a un hombre mayor manejando su moto. Lamentablemente, eso pasa con demasiada frecuencia aquí, así que cuando me paré, me preparé para otra vez rezar sobre una escena espantosa. Afortunadamente, el impacto no ha sido tan fuerte, y el hombre estaba vivo aun lastimado. Una vez que se realizó y que la mía fue el único automóvil cerca (como el conductor que golpeó al hombre ya se había huido de la escena), alguien gritó, “El Padre lo puede llevar al hospital”. Antes de que podía decir ni una palabra, un hombre con una profusa hemorragia a quien nadie reconocía estaba en mi camioneta mientras yo manejaba con toda prisa hacia hospital que recordaba pasar un día en alguna calle en el otro lado de la ciudad. El hombre ya se esta recuperando de sus lesiones, y la policía no me encarceló hasta que se investigó el accidente (como es el requisito legal aquí). Y una vez más, doy las gracias a los Caballeros de Colón de Bowling Green y un donante anónimo que ayudaron a hacer posible la compra de la camioneta/bus/ambulancia parroquial. (Pido disculpas por no tomarse el tiempo para sacar una fotografía).

Mas que esa momento lleno de adrenalina, la vida aquí en el Caribe está comenzando a tranquilizarse con el termino de la temporada de huracanes. ¡Gracias a Dios! Y cuando no estaba lloviendo diez pulgadas de agua al día y las carreteras habían sido reparadas suficientemente para tránsito, pude visitar las montañas unos días para un descanso del calor. Los Cacaos es una comunidad en las montañas de la provincia San Cristóbal, donde los residentes viven de la siembra y la cosecha de café y cacao. También está en una altitud que la temperatura es perfecta para dormir. La única desventaja es que uno se siente tentado a dormir tarde, y todos los



Toda la vida no es difícil. El Diacono José Miguel Peña al lado mientras las perras Armonía y Calista disfrutaban el agua fría de las montañas. El Diacono Peña será ordenado al sacerdocio el 12 de noviembre.



Tamboras y güiras son los instrumentos musicales mas usados en las Misas.

restaurantes dejan sirviendo comida a la 1 de la tarde.

Tiempo fuera de su ambiente norman es muy bueno para el alma. Las exigencias del ministerio en un paraíso tropical también pueden cansar a uno. El tiempo me dio una oportunidad para reflexionar de lo que sucede a los sacerdotes del tercer mundo cuando ya no son capaces de servir a la gente de su parroquia por razones físicas, emocionales o espirituales. Con la escasez de sacerdotes y la falta de recursos económicos, la respuesta a veces es que algunas parroquias se quedan sin acceso a los sacramentos de la Iglesia – como ha sido el caso en Los Cacaos los últimos años.

En un caso que ha ocurrido aquí, uno de los sacerdotes es incapaz de seguir ministrando en su parroquia montañosa

debido a limitaciones físicas. El hombre sufre de varices, que en la Diócesis de Owensboro no sería un gran problema. Pero la altitud y la necesidad de manejar en carreteras de malas condiciones están causando problemas serios. Primero se pensó que cambiando de una transmisión manual a una transmisión automática podría aliviar el sufrimiento, pero manejar en los caminos en las montañas incluye mucha aceleración y frenado. El médico ha ordenado un cambio de asignación, y el obispo está dispuesto a acoger. Desgraciadamente, con menos de 30 sacerdotes activos para atender las necesidades de 800,000 católicos, la escasez de sacerdotes no da al obispo muchas opciones.

Las limitaciones físicas no son los únicos asuntos que afectan a los sacerdotes aquí. Algo que he visto aquí en la República Dominicana y la Diócesis de Mandeville en Jamaica (diócesis hermana de la Diócesis de Owensboro) es la dificultad que sacerdotes cara cuando llegan al punto de cansancio completo. En los Estados Unidos, muchas oportunidades están disponibles, incluyendo la educación sobre cómo prevenir la fatiga del ministerio. Nuestra propia Diócesis de Owensboro tiene un programa sabático maravilloso para los sacerdotes de que probablemente demasiado pocos aprovechan. Además, reciben una remuneración adecuada para el trabajo así que puedan tomar vacaciones para reducir el estrés. Y si la depresión es un problema, nuestro seguro médico paga servicios psicológicos.

Reconozco los signos de fatiga entre un par de mis sacerdotes hermanos trabajando

en el Caribe porque estaba en ese momento hace un año. Verdaderamente, fui bendecido de que asistencia y opciones estaban disponibles para mí. Y aún más, la Diócesis de Owensboro es tan bendecido con buenos sacerdotes así que dos hombres santos fueron dispuestos y disponibles para tomar mi lugar en Bowling Green después de que yo tomé la decisión de pedir un traslado a la República Dominicana. Por lo tanto, el Monseñor Medley pudo permitirme esta oportunidad de servir como misionero.

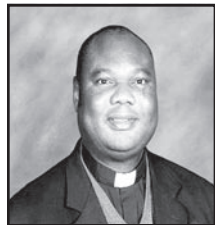
En el Caribe, los recursos son insuficientes para que los sacerdotes puedan tomar años sabáticos o solicitar servicios de aconsejas. Como he mencionado en una columna anterior, los sacerdotes aquí apenas hacen lo suficiente para sobrevivir, y así incluso muchos no pueden permitirse unas vacaciones decentes, exacerbando el problema de fatiga. Y aún pueden encontrar un lugar dispuesto a ofrecer un año sabático con poco o ningún costo, no hay otros sacerdotes que pueden tomar su lugar en la parroquia. Mas que esos dos factores graves, aun quiero decirles a los sacerdotes que deben ir a la Diócesis de Owensboro para que el Monseñor Medley les busque un lugar para relajarse unos meses, el Departamento de Estado de los Estados Unidos no da visas de entrada a los sacerdotes simplemente porque necesitan algún tiempo para descansar.

En una nota muy positiva, la Diócesis de Baní ordenará a un nuevo sacerdote el 12 de noviembre de este año. José Miguel Peña, un buen amigo mío, será ordenado por el Monseñor Bretón en la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Regla en Baní. Lamentablemente, no podré estar presente físicamente porque estoy comprometido a atender a una boda en Bowling Green el 11 de noviembre, y tengo miedo que la familia italiana de la boda me rompa las rodilleras si no honro mi palabra. Tengo que admitir, incluso teniendo en cuenta esa realidad, todavía estaba desgarrado entre la boda y la ordenación, como yo era quien enseñó al futuro Padre José Miguel manejar un carro de transmisión manual. Ayudando a alguien aprender a manejar es una experiencia que no se pueda capturar en palabras. Para compensar mi ausencia, planea comprar Peña un regalo muy significativo, pero no puedo decidir entre un calentador de agua o un ventilador recargable solar. Los detalles de la vida (como una ducha de agua caliente) que ayuda a un sacerdote manejar los desafíos cotidianos.

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Rev. P. Jeane Rene K. Parroco de las Parroquias de la Santísima Trinidad en Morgantown y del Sto. Redentor en Beaver Dam. Esta trabajando fuertemente en la

formacion de sus feligreses, El quiere que su comunidad este bien formado, juntamente con los programas de la diocesis.

Luis Aju. Director del Ministerio Hispano de la Diocesis de Owensboro, KY.



Hermana Luisa Bickett, Ministro Hispano de la Parroquia de Santo Redentor, en Beaver Dam. Ella esta dejando por su jubilacion. Gracias Hna. por todo su trabajo

hecho.



Hna. Panchita, una de los forjadores del Ministerio Hispano en la Diocesis, en sus primeros años de mision es encontrar y velar por el bien de los imigrantes de todas partes. Directora del

Centro Latino, hace un excelente trabajo. Ademas hemos canalizado sus servicios con el Ministerio Hispano diocesano.



Patti Gutierrez, es la Coordinadora de la vida Parroquial y Ministro Hispano en la Parroquia de San Miguel, en Sebree. ademas ha servido como la coordinadora de los asuntos migratorios de la diocesis, tambien

lucha por el bien de los imigrantes. Buen trabajo Patti.

A la izquierda, Rev. P. Carmelo, miembro del equipo diocesano, Director Espiritual del MH de la diocesis, consejero del Director del MH. y Vicario de la Parroquia de Sts. Jose y Pablo en Owensboro KY. F. Luis Aju

Los Condados de Ohio y Butler son Bendecidos por Conocer a la Hermana Luisa Bickett, O.S.U., y Estiman su Amistad

Por Lisa Whitehouse

Las personas de la Parroquia Santo Redentor en Beaver Dam, junto con muchos, muchos otros del Condado de Ohio le desean a la Hermana Luisa Bickett una jubilación feliz.

La Hermana Luisa llegó a la Parroquia de Santo Redentor en el año 1984.

Ella llegó a vivir en una casa en un lugar rural de Horse Branch para poder vivir y servir mejor a la gente de la comunidad. Inmediatamente ella empezó a llamar, visitar y mandar cartas con frecuencia. No solamente a unos cuantos, sino que ella mandaba cartas a todas las personas en la lista de correos en Horse Branch. Después de conocer más a la gente a su alrededor ella sentía segura que la comunidad necesitaba un edificio de múltiples usos para servir a la comunidad. En 1997, la Diócesis de Owensboro compró la casa en que estaba viviendo ella junto con la propiedad a un lado, y este mismo año se construyó el Centro de la Comunidad de San Francisco. El edificio todavía se usa hoy en día las personas del área para sus celebraciones de cumpleaños y aniversarios, encuentros familiares, reuniones y hay almuerzos servidos cada martes y miércoles para los mayores de edad. La Hermana Luisa ha trabajado incansablemente con los hispanos del área. Ella ha dado de su tiempo y sus talentos diariamente.

Nosotros aquí en Santo Redentor junto con los demás del condado fuimos bendecidos por conocerla y siempre estimaremos su amistad.

Ohio and Butler County Blessed To Know Sr. Luisa Bickett, O.S.U., and Treasure Her Friendship

By Lisa Whitehouse

The people from Holy Redeemer Parish in Beaver Dam along with many, many others in Ohio County wish Sister Luisa Bickett a happy retirement.

Sister Luisa came to Holy Redeemer Parish in 1984. She moved to a house in rural Horse Branch so could live and better serve those in the community. She started immediately calling, visiting, and would send out mailings often. She didn't just mail out a few, she sent letters to everyone on the mailing list for Horse Branch. As she got to know the people in her area and the surrounding areas she felt sure that the community needed a multipurpose building which could serve the community in many ways. In 1997, the Diocese of Owensboro purchased the house that she had been living in along with the property next to it, that same year the St Francis Community Center was constructed. The building is still being used today by the people in the area for birthday and anniversary celebrations, family reunions, meetings and Tuesday and Wednesday lunches served for senior citizens. Sister Luisa's work with the Hispanics in the area has been impeccable. She has given daily of her time and many talents.

We here at Holy Redeemer along with the rest of the county are blessed to know her and will always treasure her friendship.



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

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En la izquierda de la fotografia se ve a la Madre Superiora, Beatriz Tenaco, en visita a sus Hermanas en mision, en las parroquias de San Jose Mayfield y St. Thomas More, Paduca. Todos nosotros los Ministros Hispanos le dimos la bienvenida y agradecimiento por su visita. F. Luis Aju



P. Daniel Dillard, Vicario de la Parroquia de Sts. Pedro y Pablo en Hopkinsville, integra el equipo Diocesano, para elaborar el programa del retiro que se llevo a cabo en Octubre. Bienvenido P. Daniel, en la comunidad hispana usted encontrara un poco de salsa picante.

Hna. Patricia Sullivan OP. Ministro Hispano de la Parroquia del Sagrado Corazon, en Russellville, KY. Atiende a la comunidad en el crecimiento de la Fe y promocion humana. F. Luis Aju



Hna. Eloisa Toralba, Ministro Hispano de la comunidad de San Jose de Mayfield. Esta a cargo de la formacion de la comunidad y de los jovenes de

la parroquia. Ella siempre muestra un entusiasmo en su ministerio. F. Luis Aju



La Hermana Esther Ordoñez, tambien se ha recientemente al equipo diocesano, ella atiende a la Parroquia de St. Thomas More, en Paduca. ella ha expresado su alto interes en acompañar a la comunidad hispana. Le damos la bienvenida, esperamos que se siente en casa. F.Luis Aju

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El Sr. Diacono Heriberto con su Esposa quien la acompaña en la reunion y tambien se le dio la bienvenida. Ellos sirven a la Parroquia de Sta. Susana de Elkton, Gathrie KY. Heriberto es el Coordinador Parroquial y Ministro Hispano de la parroquia.



El equipo Diocesano del Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Owensboro

Por Luis Aju.

Quienes somos y donde servimos como agentes de la Pastoral Hispana en esta Diócesis y en este Estado de Kentucky.

¿Que hacemos?:

Cada uno fue nombrado por la Parroquia conjuntamente con la administración de la Diócesis, se supone que después de una exhaustiva investigación de su historia personal, luego enviado y todos estamos en el lugar preciso para ejercer nuestro ministerio. Mucha gente se pregunta ¿a que nos dedicamos? Cada uno esta en su lugar para servir a todas las personas con necesidad, sin distinción de nacionalidades, color y lengua. Pero uno de las columnas vertebrales de nuestra misión es llevar la Buena Nueva de Jesús a todos, llevar la palabra de fe, esperanza y caridad para todos. Tenemos una filosofía que llevar; la formación integral de cada persona, de todas las edades, que como tal tiene que vivir su vida integralmente como individuo, como familia y como parte de una comunidad. No vemos nuestra misión como un negocio adquisitivo, sino una formación que se va progresando desde la experiencia de cada uno, como educadores nunca podemos medir la Fe de las personas, es solamente El y Dios sabe que tan grande o tan pequeño es la fe que lleva en su corazón. Por esta razón los Ministros Hispanos de las parroquias que tienen comunidad Hispana estamos desarrollando programas de formación integral a todos los miembros pero especialmente a los líderes para que el día de mañana sean ellos mismos los que guiaran a su comunidad, juntamente con sus otros lideres. Por otra parte somos defensores

de la dignidad de cada persona respetando su cultura, su origen que en conclusión es el mismo Dios bueno y bondadoso con sus creaturas. Estamos a punto de terminar el tiempo estipulado para la ejecución del Plan Pastoral para los Hispanos en la Diócesis, pero en el fondo de este plan, se trato de iniciar una convivencia de Fe, en una iglesia multicultural, rica en muchas formas de vivir el compromiso con Dios, seguramente no pudimos lograr el 100% de los fines, pero creemos que tenemos las bases, pero no se hizo por cumplir solamente un plan, sino porque es necesario abrir los ojos y ver al pueblo de Dios las necesidades que nos rodean

Los tiempos cambian, hemos llegado a una investigación de campo, todas las parroquias tuvieron la oportunidad de expresar sus éxitos, sus planes, sus esperanzas en las sesiones de consulta para elaborar un Plan Pastoral Diocesano, como dice el canto "Saber que vendrá, saber que estará" todos estamos a la expectativa en ver nuestro espacio en el futuro plan. Como se dice "en esto estamos"

¿Porque lo hacemos? Porque estamos convencidos de que la misión que estamos haciendo es una vocación, un llamado para servir y no a ser servido (Jesús). Por eso un Ministro Hispano para mí como Director, debe tener su visión y su criterio amplio para poder servir y conducir una comunidad pluricultural. Así sea.

¿Y usted que hace en su comunidad?

Cristobal L. Gutierrez, Ministro Hispano de la Parroquia de Santos Jose y Pablo en Hopkinsville, Consejero del Director del MH. El lleva varios años sirviendo a la comunidad, tambien gracias por su entrega pastoral a la gente que necesita de El. F. Luis Aju



El Sr. Carl Schmith, Ministro Hispano a medio tiempo de la Parroquia de Sts.

Pedro y Pablo en Hopkinsville. Sirve a la comunidad con buena atencion. El siempre esta atento a lo que pasa en el Ministerio Hispano de la Diocesis, siempre

trata de tener lugar para las reuniones diocesanas. F. Luis Aju

La Vida Sacramental



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ALa Derecha, P. Rene hace las preguntas a los contrayentes, para hacer saber a la feligresia el Consentimiento de la Pareja de vivir su compromiso de por vida. Ellos comprenden de que es ser esposa y esposo es una bendicion de Dios.



Momentos en que los contrayentes salen de la Iglesia, cuando venian con sus velas encendidas, simbolo de su bautismo, de cada quien como casados debe de llevarlo iluminado. Felicitamos a la pareja, esperamos que tengan una vida de muchas bendiciones. F..Luis Aju



En esta fotografia, se encuentra el niño Juan Pablo en brazos de su padrino, y la niña Catarina Gomez en brazos de su padrino que no podemos verla cuando el P. Jeane Rene, y el acolito Al, se preparan para unguir a los dos niños con el Santo Crisma. Para luego ser bautizado. F. Luis Aju



A La Izquierda, , Estos jovenes, muestran el rostro de varias parroquias, que estan formados por varios jovenes, en la Diocesis podemos apreciar la presencia de gente joven activo en la Iglesia. En este caso es Morgantown. F. Luis Aju



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Una pareja joven y varios jovenes oran alegremente junto a la pareja que acaba de casarse, no podemos verlos, pero es la ocasion, despues de la Misa todos nos fuimos al salon Parroquial para escuchar mensajes tipo predicacion y estar con la pareja contrayente. F.Luis Aju

2 Felices día de la fiesta, todo lo que los santos, todo lo que los santos de Dios



+ **Mons. William Medley**, Obispo de la Diócesis de Owensboro

Mis queridas hermanas y hermanos,

La noción de los santos en nuestra tradición Cristiana es casi de la misma edad que el Cristianismo en sí. El santo patrón de nuestra diócesis, San Esteban, es reconocido como el primer mártir y lo han venerado desde los tiempos más anti-

guos. Personas de fe reconocieron que habían descubierto algo de la santidad de Dios en hombres y mujeres que habían vivido heroicas vidas de fe, especialmente los mártires, quienes como Cristo derramaron su propia sangre.

Noviembre tradicionalmente ha sido un mes para venerar y recordar a los santos. El primer día del mes es un día de precepto, Día de Todos los Santos. No es coincidencia que durante ese mes también dirigimos nuestras oraciones por parte de todos los fieles difuntos, quienes esperamos llegarán, con la gracia y misericordia de Dios, a estar con los santos en el cielo.

Aunque venerar a los santos es una costumbre antigua, pareciera que no hemos sido tan atentos en pasar esta tradición en las últimas generaciones. Nuestros Católicos jóvenes muchas

veces no saben mucho ni siquiera de los santos de más renombre y más reconocidos. Cuando yo estaba involucrado hace unos años en proponer nombres para una nueva parroquia Católica y una nueva escuela Católica, muchos me preguntaban, “¿Dónde encuentras los nombres de los santos?”

Muchos de ustedes saben que los adolescentes que se están preparando para recibir la confirmación me escriben cartas y me expresan su deseo de ser confirmados. Su proceso de preparación incluye investigar y escoger un santo patrón para la ocasión. Muchas veces los párrafos más interesantes están expresando la fascinación que tienen sobre las vidas de los santos. Por cierto, el santo patrón más escogido por los varones es San Sebastián. El es el santo patrón de los atletas. La favorita entre las mujeres es Santa María Goretti, una joven que fue martirizada en 1902 a la edad de doce años y representa la pureza y la castidad. Los que la escogen con frecuencia cuentan que ella vivió suficiente tiempo para expresar su perdón para el hombre que la atacó, “por el amor a Jesús”, y que él vivió suficiente tiempo para asistir a su canonización en la Plaza de San Pedro en 1947. Él se sentó con la madre y miembros de la familia de María Goretti.

Pronto estarán buscando un calendario para el año 2012. Busca uno que tenga apuntados los días festivos de los

santos. Celebren estos días festivos con oraciones a los santos. Tal vez pueden llamar o mandar una nota en el día del santo patrón de algún conocido. O recordar a alguien que tiene alegría o en un momento de tristeza un santo en particular que le podría inspirar o darle consuelo.

Los santos son personas santas. Porque solamente Dios en sí es santo, para llegar a ser santo es participar en, y ser imagen de, la santidad de Dios. Las personas no pueden hacerse santos. Solamente Dios los puede hacer.

Feliz día de fiesta todos ustedes los santos, todos ustedes las personas santas de Dios.

Suyo en Cristo,

William F. Medley

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Bishop Medley's Calendar for Noviembre 2011:

- 1 12:05 p.m. Misa Escolar, San Romuald, Hardinsburg
- 5 10:30 a.m. Misa, clausura del Curso Bíblico Hispano, Cristo Rey, Madisonville
- 6 6:00 p.m. Subasta del Sistema Escolar de Santa María, Paducah
- 11:00 a.m. Confirmación, Santo Tomás Moro, Paducah
- 2:00 p.m. Celebración del Aniversario de 175 años, San Jerónimo, Fancy Farm
- 10 8:00 a.m. Misa Escolar, Cristo Rey, Madisonville
- 11 8:00 a.m. Misa Escolar, Santa Ana, Morganfield
- 12-17 Conferencia del USCCB / Reunión, Baltimore
- 18-19 NCYC, Indianápolis
- 21 9:30 a.m. Reunión del Comité del Personal Sacerdotal, CPC
- 1:30 p.m. Reunión del Concejo de los Sacerdotes, CPC
- 22 Día del Presbítero, CPC
- 24 8:00 a.m. Misa del Día de Acción de Gracias, Catedral de San Esteban
- 28-30 Reunión del Concejo de los Sacerdotes de la Provincia, Covington

“En Nombre de Dios”



Luis Aju

Historia del Curso de la Biblia

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y se puso bajo su responsabilidad investigarlo y presentarlo en forma de tema en la fecha en que le tocaría exponerlo.

3. Todos seguimos el plan, y se dio inicio al curso en el mes de Marzo 2011.

4. La Oficina del MH de la Diócesis, también desarrolla una meta en delegar a cada ministro hispano la oportunidad de desarrollar su liderazgo como Líder en las comunidades, también en ellos se ha visto un gran proceso de alcanzar manejar un método que alcanza las metas de

una enseñanza, usando sus talentos y capacidad, para exponer una unidad bien definida.

5. La participación de las comunidades fue muy satisfactoria, case todas las unidades fueron atendidas con 40 asistentes, solo dos veces fueron solamente 26 ó 27 personas.

6. Para nosotros los Hispanos, no basta con rezar y decir que somos católicos o hacemos buenas obras sin conocer los orígenes de nuestras acciones, por lo que buscamos el verdadero sentido de ser Cristiano Católico, conociendo lo que Dios ha querido revelarnos en su Palabra, que es la Biblia, así como también

la Tradición oral y por escrito de la Iglesia Católica, este es una de las razones porque nos comprometimos a tener un curso introductorio de la Sagrada Escritura.

7. A todos los que fueron nuestros profesores, les damos las gracias por su esmero y prontitud en investigar y estudiar y compartir con nosotros las fuentes de nuestra Fe Cristiana Católica.

8. Gracias a la parroquia de Cristo Rey, por su hospitalidad por permitir que se lleve a cabo este curso en su salón Parroquial.

9. También gracias a la Diócesis por su apoyo, en seguir adelante con el Ministerio Hispano y sus actividades Parroquiales y Diocesanas

10. No tenemos actividades con todas las comunidades hispanas en los meses de Noviembre y Diciembre a nivel diocesa-

no, porque dejamos lugar a que cada parroquia desarrolle sus propias actividades en lo que respecta a Día de los Santos y Difuntos, Novenas a la Virgen de Guadalupe, Posadas Navideñas y Navidad. Todas estas tradiciones toman un lugar importante en la vida de fe de nosotros los Latinos.

11. Todos los del equipo diocesano del MH. estamos contentísimos de llegar al final del curso, ha sido una gran experiencia como también darles un reconocimiento a los participantes y que también es una fiesta para nosotros puesto que el día 5 de Noviembre vendrá el Señor Obispo de la Diócesis a clausurar el curso con la celebración de la Eucaristía y concelebrantes y recibiremos de El, y del Director del Ministerio Hispano un reconocimiento por haber culminado el estudio. A Dios le damos las gracias.



Historia del Curso de la Biblia en la Diócesis de Owensboro, Oficina del Ministerio Hispano

Por Luis Aju

A finales del año 2010 (noviembre) en una reunión trimestral, traíamos a la mesa de discusiones el tema de desarrollar un curso de la Biblia durante el año 2011 a efecto de responder a las necesidades tangibles de las varias comunidades hispanas de la Diócesis.

Previo a la reunión trimestral, se pidió a todos los Ministros Hispanos, consultar a todas las comunidades para expresar su interés en aprender de cualquier rama de la educación en la fe y conocimiento de varios otros temas actuales de la iglesia Católica. Casi en su totalidad habían pedido un Estudio de la Biblia por lo que se procedió de esta manera.

1. Elaboración del plan de estudios por la Oficina del M.H. y Ministros Hispanos.
2. Elaboración de un programa de estudios, juntamente con los Ministros Hispanos, así como establecer las Unidades de estudio, los contenidos de cada Unidad. Se dividieron las Unidades con sus respectivos temas. Cada Ministro Hispano tomo una unidad

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A La Izquierda, los responsables en impartir esta ultima unidad fueron Los Sacerdotes: Fr. José Carmelo y P. Juan Rene Kalombo, ambos atienden a tres parroquias con comunidad hispana. Nuestro agradecimiento a ellos por tan especial presentación. (Foto por Luis Ajú)



P. Carmelo explica que tan importante es hacer y vivir en comunidad, durante su homilía esta explicando como debemos de seguir el llamado de Dios para cada uno de nosotros. (Foto por Luis Ajú)



Para el curso bíblico, se dio para todas las edades, vinieron jóvenes y adultos, hombres y mujeres, esto quiere decir mucho, que mucha gente tiene hambre de Dios, con este tipo de programas la Diócesis esta sirviendo a la comunidad hispana. (Foto por Luis Aju)

El club de Español de la Magna Universidad del Brescia

El club de Español de la Magna Universidad del Brescia, inicia un evento en la Parroquia de Santos Jose y Pablo con la

comunidad Hispana, para apoyar y acompañar programas de formación de la parroquia. Felicitamos a todos los integrantes del club por esta labor a iniciarse y apoyamos a los estudiantes con este afán de servir a la comunidad multicultural en Owensboro.

Foto de la directiva del club quien son empujando del la izquierda James Pierre juega futbol Luis Aju jr. (presidente del club) estudia Accounting y trabaja en Independence bank, Abigail Boyd es estudiante de Lenguística y Speech therapy, Brycen Garrett juega Basketbol y estudia Espanol, Chelsea Mcfarland (vicepresidente del club) juega volleybol y estudia Espanol, Carolina Campos es estudiante de educacion y espanol, Carla Crespo estudiante de Metemáticas y espanol, y Martin Velez profesor de espanol.



P. Carmelo durante la misa en uno de los hogares de la comunidad de Lewisport, esto repite en la ocasiones en que se solicite.