

ARISE Together In Christ

Diocese of Owensboro
Timeline - Preparation
Period and First Year

• **April 30 – May 4** - Reaching Out: Evangelization Training for the ARISE Parish Team
This workshop develops a Catholic understanding of evangelization and provides effective approaches for maximum parish participation. It



covers invitational strategies, organization of



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From March 19-23, the Owensboro Diocese launched ARISE: Leadership Training for the ARISE Parish Teams. The training provided formation and skills training for the ARISE Parish Planning Team who will be responsible for implementing ARISE in the parish. The sessions offered an overview of the entire process, time lines, materials, an understanding of faith sharing, and how to become a ministerial community. These sessions were for pastors, parish staff, and the ARISE Parish Planning Team.

In the photo above, Fr. Terry Devine discussed ARISE plans with his parish team from St. Agnes Uniontown, Linda Gough, Martha Girten, Mary Eckman, and Coordinator Lynda Peters. In the photo at right are Robin Ferrell, Fr. Shaiju Thomas, Paul Bachi, Fr. Bruce Fogle, Roxie Rhea, and Rosa Lee Coffey. They represent different parish teams. Mel Howard Photos



small communities, publicity, marketing, and web use. These sessions are for pastors, parish staff, and the ARISE Parish Planning Team.

• **September 10-14** - Small Community Leader Formation Workshop This workshop prepares small community leaders to lead Season One, Encountering Christ Today. It provides a basic theological grounding in the core belief that in Jesus Christ, God has fully revealed himself to humanity. It also highlights the practical skills needed to facilitate and maximize small communities as vehicles for prayer and faith sharing with a movement toward action. These sessions are for small community leaders and the ARISE Parish Planning Team.

Parishes launch the ARISE process with Sign-Up Sunday, and then invite support in prayer for the process with Prayer Commitment Sunday.

• **October 7- November 17** - The parish-based small communities participate in the six faith-sharing sessions of Season One, Encountering Christ Today.

For more information about ARISE Together In Christ/LEVÁN-TATE Unámonos en Cristo ,contact Sister Ethel-Marie Biri,SSND, at Sr.Ethel-Marie Biri@pastoral.org, or call 1-270-683-1545.

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2 April, 2012 Recent Travels Prompt Me To Ask Who Will Serve The Universal Church



My dear sisters and brothers,

Our worlds all too often can be very small considering the immensity of the universe that God created. We find plenty to keep us occupied in our own family and home, our schools

and workplaces. The same is true when we think about our faith and our church. The world is our parish or our diocese and we never know much about what lies beyond.

My world view, my church view, became more universal during some recent travels. I visited Mandeville, Jamaica and Para, Dominican Republic. Mandeville is the sister diocese of the Diocese of Owensboro. Para is the focal community where Fr. Stan Puryear's parish is found. Fr. Stan is a priest of the Diocese of Owensboro who began missionary service in the Dominican Republic in August of 2010.

In Mandeville, I visited Bishop Neil Tiedemann, an American Passionist priest, who became bishop there in 2008. Bishop Tiedemann has visited Owensboro a couple of times. The bishop took me on a day long tour of places that pilgrims from Kentucky have visited and worked. Catholics in Mandeville represent a very small percentage of the overall population of Jamaica. In this, their diocese mirrors our own where in many counties of western Kentucky Catholics only comprise 2 - 3% of the population.

We visited a medical clinic operated by missionary sisters from Kenya. Patients line up each day beginning around 6:00 a.m. for the clinic's opening at 9:00. The Missionary Sisters of Charity (Mother Theresa's order) care for the indigent elderly in a nursing home housed in an old school. It was a bright and cheerful place, and I noted that the laundry (sheets, towels, gowns) was hanging on banisters and railings to air dry. The sisters there were from India and Kenya.

The diocesan distribution center was a hub of activity where material donations from the United States and Canada come for redistribution. Adjacent to this center was the Catholic College of Jamaica.

Most of the graduates of this college will be teachers, though other areas of study are offered. A new campus is under construction, but it will be built only as donations are received --- and they have on hand only next month's needs.

Fr. Stan Puryear also took me on a day long driving tour. Geographically his parish is not huge by the standards of mission countries, probably no larger, if as large, than many of our individual counties. But within this parish Fr. Stan brings the Eucharist and sacraments to 16 churches and chapels. Before his arrival many of these outposts had not been visited by a priest for many years. The Dominican Republic, unlike Jamaica, is a predominantly Catholic country but with a severe shortage of priests and religious.

At San Antonio de Padua we had Mass in an open-air chapel. One can tell it was established a long time ago because it retains the structure of the altar from pre-Vatican II days. At 5:00 p.m. on a Thursday afternoon, 120+ people showed up for Mass. Most of these were children. As this was a chapel not visited by a priest for many years, "Padre" Stan had baptized virtually all the children there under the age of ten. Few of the children there have yet made their First Communion but the local catechists are working with Fr. Stan to ready the children for this. Most of the people walked to Mass, some coming several miles on foot to do so.

So this was life in just one of those sixteen stations. Resources are scarce but it is clear that faith is abundant.

My lesson learned, or I should say learned again, is the vastness and diversity of the Catholic Church throughout the world. You know that in almost every parish I visit across our diocese I appeal to young people to consider lives of extraordinary service to the church as priests or consecrated religious. How many chapels and missions in the world have not been visited by priests in years or even decades? Our diocese is so richly blessed in that priests now come to serve our people from India, the nations of Africa, and Mexico. I pray for the day that we call forth such an abundance of priests and religious that we will look out on the world and find places where the Fr. Stans of tomorrow will serve the universal church.

May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ.

+ William F. Medley

+ Most Reverend William F. Medley, Bishop of Owensboro

Bishop Medley's Calendar for April 2012:

- April 1 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass, St. Stephen Cathedral, CPC basement
- April 3 9:00 a.m. CPC Staff Mass and Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center
6:30 p.m. *Chrism Mass, Sportscenter, Owensboro*
- April 5 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- April 6 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Services, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- April 7 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass, Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- April 11 6:15 p.m. Mass, Faith Formation Gathering with Paducah Deanery, St. Mary Elementary School
- April 12 9:00 a.m. School Mass, St. Joseph School, Mayfield
- April 14 4:30 p.m. Confirmation, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Owensboro
- April 15 8:30 a.m. Confirmation, St. Edwards Parish, Fulton
10:30 a.m. Confirmation, St. Jude Parish, Clinton
5:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Pius X Parish, Owensboro
- April 16 9:30 a.m. Priests' Personnel Board Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center
1:30 p.m. Priests' Council Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center
- April 17 9:00 a.m. CPC Staff Mass and Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center
6:30 p.m. Confirmation, Blessed Mother Parish, Owensboro
- April 18 8:30 a.m. Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, Catholic Pastoral Center
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Mary of the Woods Parish, Whitesville
- April 19 10:30 a.m. Catholic Schools Rainbow Mass, Sportscenter, Owensboro
- April 21 10:00 a.m. *Diaconate Ordination, Julio Barrera, St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green*
5:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. John the Evangelist Parish, Paducah
- April 22 3:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Joseph Parish, Bowling Green
8:00 p.m. Campus Mass, WKU, Catholic Campus Center, Bowling Green
- April 23 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service for Healing, Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Hopkinsville
- April 24 10-3:00 Paducah Office, Lourdes Hospital
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Ann Parish, Morganfield
- April 25 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Pius X Parish, Calvert City
- April 26 11:00 a.m. Mass, St. Maximilian Kolbe Montessori School, Owensboro
6:30 p.m. Confirmation, St. Lawrence Parish, St. Williams Parish at St. Williams Church, Knottsville
- April 28 4:00 p.m. Confirmation, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Cloverport
- April 29 9:00 a.m. Confirmation, St. Elizabeth Parish, Curdsville

You are invited to join

Monsignor Bernard Powers

as he celebrates the 60th anniversary

of his ordination to the priesthood

on

Sunday, May 6, 2012

Mass at 2:00 p.m.

and

dessert social following in the parish hall



*Parish of the Immaculate
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Owensboro, Kentucky*

Music Minister sought for St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Skills required: piano and choir direction. Approximately 15 hours per week, including two weekend Masses and choir practice. Contact: Fr. Mike Clark at 270-683-1545 or 270-733-4341 for more information.

Christian Leadership Institute



June 24-29, 2012

For registration information contact your youth ministry leader today. Registration deadline is May 25th. Registrations after May 25th will cost \$25 more.

Young people ages 15-19 (who have completed their freshman year of high school or who just graduated), would you like to learn how to be a **BETTER LEADER?** The Diocesan Youth Ministry Office is sponsoring Christian Leadership Institute, June 24-29, 2012, at the Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center. If you: are, or would like to be, a youth leader; would like to serve on a retreat team; are a class officer or student council member, CLI is for you. You will learn and use skills in leadership, communication, planning and decision-making.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Blessed Mother Church
601 E 23rd St.
Owensboro
APRIL 15, 1:30
– 4:00 P.M.
Fr. Ben Luther
“Mary, Mother of Mercy”

“Be courageous. Do not fear apparent obstacles, but fix your gaze upon the Passion of my Son, and in this way you will be victorious.”
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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



Diocese of Owensboro
Prayer Service
for Protection and Healing
Monday, April 23, 2012,
6:30 p.m.
Sts. Peter and Paul Church
902 East Ninth Street,
Hopkinsville

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month we, as Church, are called to fearlessly witness to the healing power of God’s love in confronting the evil of child abuse. On Monday, April 23, at 6:30 p.m., Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Owensboro, will host the diocese’s second annual Prayer Service for Protection and Healing.

Bishop William Medley will preside and invites everyone to join him during this period of prayer: “Alongside our ongoing efforts to create a safe environment in our Catholic churches and institutions through education and training, our Church is called to pray for all those who in any way have ever been hurt in our Catholic community. Thus this opportunity for prayer is for those who have been victims and all of us who care for victims. Prayer is part of our wholesome and healthy embrace. We want to be instruments of the comforting grace of Jesus Christ the Healer. I invite all who share in this desire to join me.”

Diocesan Review Board Members Ready to Respond to Calls

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

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

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.



A Pastor's Greetings, Modesty 2012

Every year as the weather warms and winter clothing is retired for the season, I prepare and offer thoughts on "modesty." This, of course, will be my first foray into the fashions fray here in Hopkinsville. I offer the following as pastoral teaching. And, as a teacher, I do commit to practice what I teach, but admit that I am not an enforcer or police officer. I ask that parishioners observe these standards for God's sake and that of their neighbor. The true attractiveness of the human person is not to be found in "sexiness", but in the personal goodness by which he or she manifests the image of God. The beauty of sexual values is very real and its truth is found in the holy service of faithful love and life. "Sex appeal" in our culture, by contrast, refers to the lure of lust. The human person is worthy of more, much more.

The virtue of modesty upholds the personal dignity of the child of God. It practices a positive honoring of one's human dignity and honors the human dignity of others as persons. It honors the Creator who made us, body and soul, in the divine image. The opposing vices dishonor God, self, or others by way of lust, manipulation, abuse, or some other form of disrespect. It is more and more clear to me that Catholic teaching on modesty has to do with honoring the dignity of the embodied persons that we are. While clothing may in itself be a form of display, disguise, or even environmental protection, it mostly serves as a self-presentation of the wearer and has to do with honor in addition to any utility. Clothing and apparel when modest proclaim "I am a person created by the good God, beautiful in God's eyes, and am to be respected and valued. I am not to be used or treated as a thing."

Clothing helps us to look at and to see a person, a fellow human being, rather than merely view a human body as a "thing" or object for our use or pleasure. Problems with modesty stem, it appears to me, from a person's lack of a sense of inherent, personal goodness and value in themselves or others. To use our own selves, our own bodies, as objects to incite lust is self-dishonoring. It displays a sad hunger for and misunderstanding of love. The human being, body and soul, is made beautiful by God. It is a beauty to be honored and loved. It is not to be sold, bought, displayed, or consumed to sate lust. That being said, I assert: The Church's universal moral norm is—"always be modest."

The human being is sacred and beautiful before God. This is especially revealed in the Incarnation of the Word. Christian values flow out of reverence for God and reverence for the

human being as dear to God in Jesus Christ. So, always dress and behave modestly, thus in a chaste fashion, for church, school, work, play, etc. In these differing situations the requirements of modesty do vary, but modesty always applies.

Parents are responsible for seeing to the modesty of their children and teens. Please do not surrender this God-given role. Set the example and work with your children. Clothing considered modest for church employs the principles I stated above. For practical application when attending church, I recommend the following and I require it when one has a liturgical ministry or represents the parish. When shorts or skirts are worn, hem lines should just about reach the knees when standing. "Short shorts" are not appropriate for church for anyone— children, teens, or adults. Abdomens, chests, busts, and backs, likewise, should always be covered. The bare or baring midriff is completely unacceptable for church. Boxers and other inner-lower wear, sad that it must be said, should not be exposed to view. Shoulders (both) should be covered. Straps or strings alone will not do. Bare arms appear to present no problem for most Christians today, if the rest is covered. This excludes a great deal of casual, sports, and "evening wear" in church. Present fashions, however, keep dropping women's bust lines and exposing cleavage. Exposure is only aggravated, then, when the wearer bows or bends over. Please, have a care and be better covered. Also, clothing should be more loose fitting than tight, thus covering rather than over-accentuating the body's contours. In other words, outer clothing should not be a pseudo skin. Nor should parents put their little children in clothes of a style that would be immodest on a teen or an adult. It teaches bad habits.

In any circumstance, it is each person's responsibility, mine too, to keep a modest, chaste, and charitable mind. Parents, help your children. Adults and teens, discretely help each other. The goal is always and primarily charity and honor with respect for one's own and others' personal dignity. Certainly the adults and teens who minister at church should give an eye to their modest attire before leaving home. It is Christian kindness to have this modest regard for one another. Then, there is the special case of weddings.

I know many brides and bridesmaids these days do wear gowns with bare shoulders, even bare backs. While these styles may have some argument in their favor in secular settings, they have no warrant for appearing in church. At church, modesty requires dignified covering of the body of brides and bridesmaids. Please,

2012 Parish Picnic Schedule

DATE	SERVING TIME	PARISH
May 11-12	International Barbecue Festival	Downtown, Owensboro
May 19	11:00 a.m.	Carmel Home, Owensboro
May 27	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville
June 2	4:00 p.m.	Precious Blood, Owensboro
June 2	Noon	Saint Joseph, Leitchfield
June 2	5:00 p.m.	St. Ann, Morganfield
June 9	4:00 p.m.	St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro
June 16	3:00 p.m.	St. Romuald, Hardinsburg
June 16	3:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro
June 30	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter, Waverly
June 30	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho
June 30	2:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Peonia
July 7	3:00 p.m.	St. Anthony, Axtel (Rough River)
July 4	11:30 a.m.	St. Denis, Fancy Farm
July 14	4:00 p.m.	St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph
July 18	11:30 a.m.; 4:30 p.m.	St. Charles, Bardwell
July 21	4:00 p.m.	St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley
July 28	4:00 p.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, McQuady
July 28	3:00 p.m.	St. Paul, Leitchfield.
July 29	4:00 p.m., <i>parish family picnic</i> ,	St. Anthony, Browns Valley
Aug. 4	11:00 a.m.	St. Jerome, Fancy Farm
Aug. 4	Noon	Blessed Sacrament, Owensboro
Aug. 4	5:00 p.m.	St. Martin, Rome
Aug. 11	4:00 p.m.	Blessed Mother, Owensboro
Aug. 18	3:00 p.m. (EST)	Holy Guardian Angels, Irvington
Aug. 25	4:30 p.m.	St. Columba, Lewisport
Aug. 26	1:00 p.m. <i>parish family picnic</i> ,	St. Thomas More, Paducah
Sept. 8	4:30 p.m.	St. Agnes, Uniontown
Sept. 8	11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.	St. John the Evangelist, Paducah
Sept. 9	11:30 a.m.	Mount St. Joseph, Maple Mount
Sept. 15	11:00 am	St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro
Sept. 15	4:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception, Hawesville
Sept. 15	4:00 p.m.	Christ the King, Madisonville
Sept. 16	11:00 a.m.	St. Lawrence/St. William Parish
Sept 21-22		Holy Name Fall Festival, Henderson
Sept 22	3:00 p.m.	Immaculate, Owensboro
Sept. 23		St. Leo, Murray
Sept. 23	11:00 a.m.	St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

elegant shoulder wraps can and should be worn to cover, while in church, what more revealing gowns would expose. The bride and the beauty of her body is to be honored. The groom is about to vow: "I will love you and honor you all the days of my life." She is to vow the same to the groom. That being so, does an immodest presentation of the bride express the truth of the vows to be sworn before God? Even and especially in marriage lust and honor, not to mention love, cannot happily co-exist.

Modesty during the summer is a seasonal challenge. Styles from grunge to elegance today seem mostly to challenge virtue. I recognize and respect the complaint that it is nearly impossible to find modest fashions. Even so, we cannot before God surrender to economically driven morality. Modesty of mind and imagination is a continuous moral challenge, given our fallen human nature and facing the lustful content of styles, movies, television, internet, music, print, and all other media today. Charity, chastity, and modesty can nonetheless thrive through sacrifice by the grace of God. I pray that this grace of the Holy Spirit may guide all faithful Christians to bear witness to Christian virtue in our day.

- Fr. Richard Meredith, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Hopkinsville



St. Alphonsus Parish St. Joseph

The history of St. Alphonsus Parish begins with the local presence of Father Elisha Durbin around the years 1825-1831. Several years later in 1854 a local man, John Rodman, donated five acres of land for the parish grounds. The missionary priest overseeing the congregation at this time, Father Walter Coombs, had the first log church built on this property. Growing in stability, the parish was able to have mass once a month. Having arrived in 1861, Father Ivo Schacht was the first resident pastor of St. Alphonsus. He expanded the church and constructed a log cabin school. The Sisters of Loretto came in 1863 to teach at the school, known as St. Joseph Academy. Fire destroyed the school in 1870 and the sisters returned to their motherhouse. That same year Father Joseph Volk was assigned to St. Alphonsus and rebuilt the church that had burned in 1868. Fr. Volk personally played a part in the building of the church, which was made of brick and measured 84' x 45'. To reopen the academy, Fr. Volk sent for five Ursuline Sisters from Louisville to come teach. This school became Mount St. Joseph Academy and the property is now

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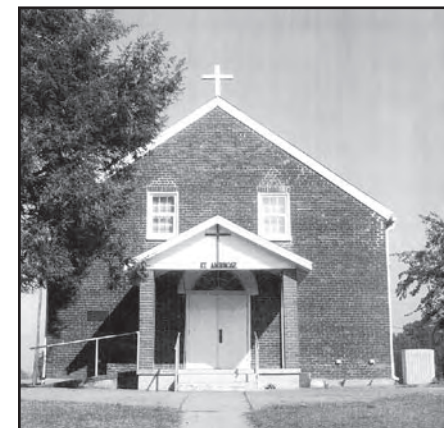
the motherhouse for the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. A brick grade school building was constructed in 1901 by Father Anthony O'Sullivan. It closed a year later due to financial reasons but reopened in 1913. During this time the church was remodeled and a sanctuary added. In 1941 a new brick school was erected by the pastor, Father James Higdon. The school operated as a grade school and high school until the Catholic schools in the county were consolidated in 1989. Currently, the pastor at St. Alphonsus serves as chaplain for the Ursuline Sisters.

St. Alphonsus Parish, 7950 Cummings Road, Owensboro, KY 42301
270-229-4164
http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=109
Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM

St. Ambrose Parish Henshaw

St. Ambrose Parish is located nine miles west of Morganfield near the Henshaw community. As with many churches, it was started through the efforts of Father Elisha Durbin. In the 1820s Father Durbin was pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Waverly and would minister to the Catholics in Henshaw. In 1832 he built a "lower" chapel in Henshaw on a 186 acre lot donated by Martin Thomas Cropper. Father Durbin and his assistant Father Edward A Clark served the congregation until 1860 when St. Agnes Church in Uniontown began to look after the parish.

In 1875 St. Ambrose Parish became an independent parish with the assignment of Father Theodore Kellenaers with several pastors following him. By 1913 it became necessary for the parish to once again be assigned a "mission" status. At this time St. Ambrose was tended by the pastor from St. Ann's Parish in Morganfield. This set up continued for most years until 1946 when the parish once again retained its own pastor. In 1952 Bishop Francis R. Cotton changed pastor assignments to give it the setup that continues to this day: St.



Ambrose and St. Francis Borgia in Sturgis sharing the same pastor. Beginning in 1962 the rectory was moved to Sturgis.

St. Ambrose continues to be a vibrant farm parish, focused on the spiritual growth of its parishioners.

St. Ambrose Parish, 5194 SR 270 W
Morganfield, KY 42437
270-333-1832
http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=110

Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:30 PM

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St. Benedict Parish
Wax

The exact establishment date of St. Benedict Parish is unknown, but, as the oldest grave in the cemetery is 1835, it can be assumed to be prior to that date. The first church built was a log church located on the north bank of Nolin River. Due to its close proximity to other Catholic Churches and small congregation, St. Benedict has never had a resident pastor. In its early days the parish was served by priests from St. John the Evangelist in Rineyville, then from Bethlehem Academy. Beginning in 1851 the first pastor of St. Augustine in Grayson Springs also served St. Benedict and St. Anthony in Clarkson. In 1940 a new church was dedicated by Bishop Francis R. Cotton. In 1941 a Catholic School opened at St. Benedict and was staffed by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Jo-

seph. A modern, concrete building was erected in the early 1950s and also provided living quarters for the sisters.

Being in the flood plain of the Nolin River Reservoir, the church property was purchased by the U.S. Government Corps of Engineers in the early 1960s. The school was torn down by parishioners and the material was used to build

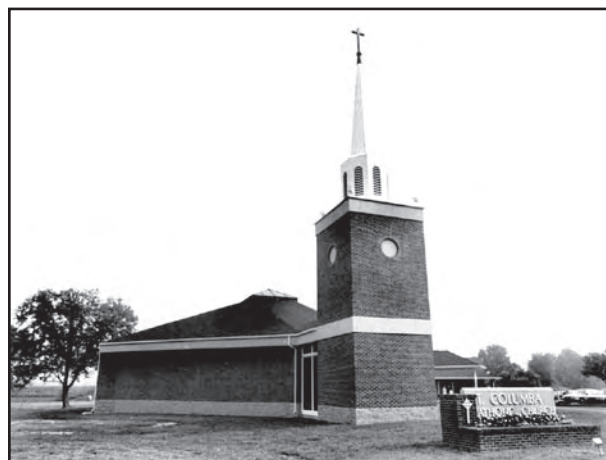
additional classrooms to the school in Clarkson, where the school children were being transferred. Under the direction of Father Walter Hancock, property was purchased about one mile east of Highway 479 where in 1961 the new church was built and the cemetery relocated. Almost a year to the day after it was dedicated, the new church was destroyed by a fire. An exact replica of the church was rebuilt on the same spot a year after.

Currently, St. Benedict, St. Anthony in Clarkson, and St. Augustine in Grayson Springs are served by the same pastor.

St. Benedict Parish

6874 Wax Road (HWY 479)
Clarkson, KY 42726
270-242-4791

http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=118
Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:00 AM



St. Columba Parish
Lewisport

In the mid-19th century, Catholics from St. Mary's County, Maryland migrated to Hancock County, Kentucky. Of a Scotch-Irish background, these folks chose the Irish St. Columba to be their patron. The first church, a log structure, was built in 1850 on land donated by Miley Johnson. Father Rock was the first priest who served the parish. At the time he was also serving the faithful at St. Lawrence in Philpot. In August 1867 Bishop Spalding of Louisville purchased a lot on Pell Street in Lewisport for the construction of the second church. This small frame church was served by the priests from St. Rose Parish in Cloverport. With the scarcity of priests and the small number of Catholics in the area, St. Columba closed in 1925.

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Starting in 1947 and continuing to this day, St. Columba and Immaculate Conception (Hawesville) Parishes are served by the same pastor. Located also on Pell Street, the fourth church was built in 1959 and a Parish Hall was added in 1968. This colonial design church served the parish until August 1989 when fire destroyed it. Using the Parish Hall during the three year interim, a new church was dedicated by Bishop John McRaith in August 1992.

St. Columba Parish

815 Pell Street, Lewisport, KY 42351
270-295-3682

http://rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=121
Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00 PM, Oct. - March
Sunday: 8:30 AM



St. Stephen, pray for us.

It was reopened in 1928 and, having been neglected for three years, underwent many repairs. Destruction from the 1937 flood made it necessary to build a third church, a small brick build-

Nomination for the Diocese of Owensboro Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award

Previous Recipients:

1999-2000	Sr. Maggie Cooper, SCN	2000-2001	Carol York
2001-2002	Sr. Ann McGrew, OSU	2002-2003	Sr. Margret Ann Aull, OSU, Rosemary Payne
2003-2004	Sr. Julia Head, OSU	2004-2005	Sr. Marie Michael Hayden, OSU
2005-2006	Franki Durbin	2006-2007	Denise Long
2007-2008	Sr. Rosanne Spalding, OSU	2008-2009	Danny May
2009-2010	Mary Helen Rhodes	2010-2011	Marie Rose

The Offices of Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, and Lay Ministry and Formation are asking for nominations for the Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Leader Award. The recipient of this award will be announced at the Appreciation Dinner for Catechetical and Youth Ministers on May 14, 2012 at the Catholic Pastoral Center in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Anyone from the Diocese of Owensboro may nominate an individual for this award. Nominees should be (or have been) professional ministers working for a minimum of 5 years in the Diocese of Owensboro in the field of catechetics. Some ministerial roles to be considered are Director of Religious Education, Coordinator of Religious Education, Pastoral Associate, Youth Minister, etc.

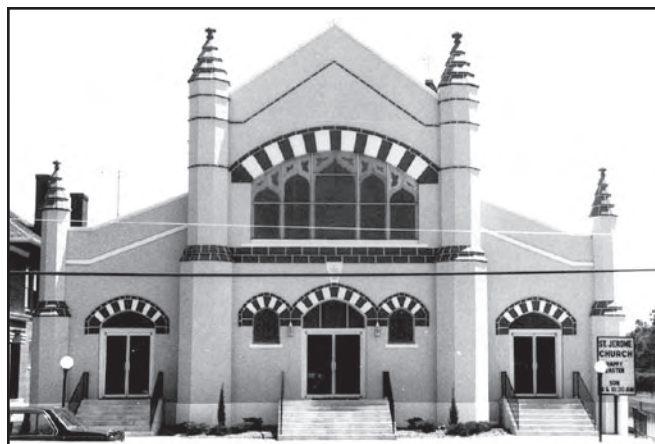
The recipient of the award is a role model as an outstanding human being; committed to Diocesan, Parish and Community service; shows a deep sense of spirituality; is knowledgeable, and committed to continuing their intellectual, spiritual and collaborative growth.

The deadline for nominations is April 27, 2012. All nomination forms should be mailed to the Religious Education Office, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301-2130 or e-mailed to elaine.robertson@pastoral.org by April 27, 2012.

Nominee _____ Address _____
Parish _____ Nominated by: Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Relation to nominee _____

On a separate page, please comment on the nominee's performance as a Catechetical Minister. Describe the nominee's performance in the following categories:

- Why should this person be honored with the Bishop John J. McRaith Catechetical Award?
- Describe this person's commitment as a Catechetical Leader.
- How has this person aided Catechists and/or Youth Leaders to improve their ministry?
- How is this person a Christian role model for Catechists, Youth Leaders and parishioners? Give an example.
- Does this person volunteer time and talent to the community apart from parish and diocesan duties? If so, give details of her or his involvement.
- How well does this person work with the pastor, professional colleagues and parishioners?



St. Jerome Fancy Farm

Catholic settlers started to arrive in Graves County in the early 19th century. Samuel and Elizabeth Willett are the founders of St. Jerome's congregation in Fancy Farm, having come from Washington County, Kentucky. Their family and many more Catholics soon followed, giving Fancy Farm a high Catholic population. Father Elisha Durbin served the community when he could and about the year 1836 purchased land on which to build a log church. The first pastor, Father Alfred Hagan, was assigned to the church around 1840. In 1857 a larger brick church was dedicated.

Father Richard P. Feehan established a parish school in 1882 and it was conducted by Franciscan Sisters. Recalled to their motherhouse in 1890, the school reopened in 1892 by the Sisters of Charity of Naza-

OASIS Chair-A-Tea Auction

OASIS, Owensboro's domestic violence program and substance abuse treatment facility for women and their children, is hosting a Chair-A-Tea fundraiser from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Settle Memorial United Methodist Church in Owensboro, KY. The event will feature a collection of hand painted chairs from individuals in the community, as well as a large variety of gift baskets donated by local businesses. Enjoy tea, light snacks, and spirited silent auction bidding while supporting a local nonprofit organization. Bidding will begin at 2:00 and end at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 a piece and can be ordered by calling (270) 685-0260.

reth. Growth in the parish led to the construction of a larger church, dedicated in 1893 and is still in use today. The school too was in need of a new building and in 1909 this was completed. A high school was added in 1917. Hardships during the Depression led the school to be state affiliated, hence relieving financial burdens. By 1975 there

were no more SCNs teaching at the St. Jerome School, which eventually closed in the early 1980s. In 1983 two SCNs returned as pastoral ministers.

This August will be the 136th parish picnic hosted by St. Jerome and has been listed in Guinness Book of World Records as the largest one day picnic. It is well know for its food and political speeches.

St. Jerome Parish

20 State 399 N., Fancy Farm, KY 42039-0038
270-623-8181

<http://fancyfarmky.topcities.com/>

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 AM

Wednesday: 6:30 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 PM

Catholicism By Fr. Robert Barron

Please join the Owensboro Young Adult Group as we view the acclaimed Fr. Robert Barron series Catholicism. This series will show participants what Catholics believe and why by exploring the art, architecture, literature, music and all the treasures of the Catholic tradition.

- **Location:** St. Stephen Cathedral Youth House, 508 7th Street, Owensboro
- Time: 7pm. • **Dates:** Monday nights, April 16-June 25(except Memorial Day)
- April 16: Episode I, "Amazed And Afraid: The Revelation Of God Become Man"
- April 23: Episode II, "Happy Are We: The Teachings Of Jesus"
- April 30: Episode III, "That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought - The Ineffable Mystery Of God"
- May 7: Episode IV, "Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, The Mother Of God"
- May 14: Episode V, "The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul & The Missionary Adventure"
- May 21: Episode VI, "A Body Both Suffering And Glorious: The Mystical Union Of Christ And The Church"
- June 4: Episode VII, "Word Made Flesh, True Bread Of Heaven: The Mystery Of The Liturgy And The Eucharist"
- June 11: Episode VIII, "A Vast Company Of Witnesses: The Communion Of Saints"
- June 18: Episode IX, "The Fire Of His Love: Prayer And The Life Of The Spirit"
- June 25: Episode X, "World Without End: The Last Things."

Questions? Call Robin or Sarah at 683-1545.



St. John the Evangelist Parish McCracken County

Around 1839 Father Elisha Durbin began visiting a community of German Catholic immigrants who had settle near Paducah. During this time Fr. Durbin's headquarters were at Sacred Heart Church, in Union County. In 1849 a parcel of land containing 20 acres was donated to Bishop Benedict Joseph Flaget, Bishop of Louisville, for the parish of St. John the Evangelist. Around this time the first church, a log building, was raised by the parishioners under the direction of Fr. Durbin.

in 1932-1933 during the pastorate of Father Paul Barrett. From 1938-1956, the second church was used for the church high school. It was eventually sold and dismantled.

In 2003, with guidance from Fr. Bruce McCarty, the parish undertook a general renovation project consisting of substantial exterior and interior repairs and a general updating of building systems. It also included the construction of an addition to include handicapped accessible restrooms, a reconciliation room and sacristy. A concerted effort was made to maintain and enhance the architectural and artistic integrity of the structure while bringing it in line with the liturgical needs of a 21st century parish.

On February 19, 2006, a Mass of Thanksgiving and Dedication of Altar was held with The Most Reverend John J. McRaith, Bishop of Owensboro, as celebrant.

St. John the Evangelist Parish

6705 Old US Hwy 45S, Paducah, KY
42003 270-554-3810

<http://stjohnpaducah.com>

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM

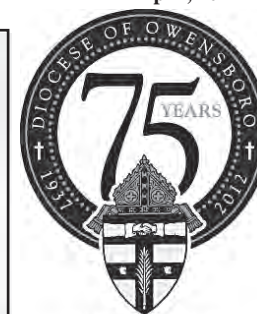
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM

Weekdays: 7:30 AM

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 PM,

and by appointment



St. Stephen, pray for us.

The log church burned and was replaced by a larger frame structure in 1869 under the direction of Father Peter Haeseley. The frame church was used for sixty-three years, until the construction of the third and present church building

Celebrating 75 Years of Parish Life in Western Kentucky



St. John the Evangelist Parish Sunfish

St. John the Evangelist Parish is located twenty miles west of Mammoth Cave and ten miles north of Green River. It is the only Catholic Church in Edmonson County and began its history with missionary priests serving the remote town. In 1817 the family of the future Father Elisha Durbin settled in the area. A log structure was built in 1845 and served as the church until 1893 when a larger, frame church was constructed. During those years the Catholic community was served by missionary traveling priests and those from nearby Grayson County.

The remote location of the church and its missionary status made it difficult for the church to grow. Several notable missions preached in the church during its history has brought many conversions to the parish. In 1938, not long after Bishop

Sts. Joseph & Paul School Reunion

SUNDAY MAY 6, 2012, 1:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall (514 E. 4th St, Owensboro, KY) Please RSVP, if possible, to: Joects@AOL.com, or 1Ptcrn1@gmail.com, or Marian J. Lanham (270)683-6070. Anyone who attended school at St. Joseph High School, St. Joseph Elementary School or Sts. Joseph & Paul Elementary School is invited. We would like to have the name, including maiden names, and the years you attended school.

Cotton was installed in the diocese, lightning struck the church in Sunfish and fire destroyed it completely. Father Louis Beruatto had providentially increased the insurance claim on the church just a few years prior and allowed the parish to recover more quickly from this disaster. In November 1938 Bishop Cotton was present for the dedication of the new church.

The availability of priests made it possible to name St. John an independent parish in 1942, no longer a mission of St. Joseph. The first residents were Glenmary priests from Ohio, the first pastor being Father Clemens Borchers. Glenmary priests stayed until 1971.

In 1941 the Sisters of St. Francis from St. Francis, Wisconsin came to start a parish school for St. John. The school was open for grades 1-12. Low enrollment led to the closing of the high school in 1961. The school eventually closed in the early 1980s. Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph came to Sunfish in 1990 to minister to the local people. St. John is currently served by the pastor of St. Joseph in Leitchfield.

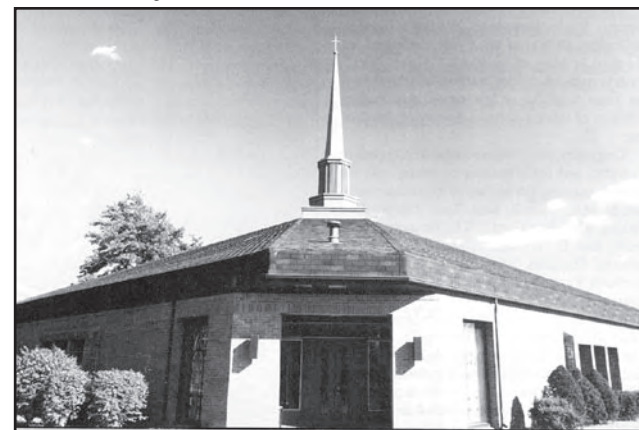
St. John the Evangelist Parish

430 Saint John Church Road,
Sunfish, KY 42210 270-259-3028
http://www.rcdok.org/parishes/?parish_id=132

Mass Schedule
Sunday: 8:00 AM



St. Stephen, pray for us.



St. Mary of the Woods Parish Whitesville

In the early 19th century, the number of Catholic families in eastern Daviess County led to the building of a small log church in 1845 which was the beginning of St. Mary of the Woods Parish. Richard W. Barrett donated an acre and five poles of land upon which a 30 x 46 foot log Church was built. The church was located on the present site of St. Mary's Cemetery. In 1878 St. Mary's became an independent parish with Fr. Kyran King as the first resident pastor. During his pastorate the third church, a brick building was constructed in 1884 on the present site in Whitesville. The Fr. Hugh O'Sullivan era (1893-1938) saw many improvements. A brick kiln was built on the property and used to fire bricks to build a rectory in 1898, a stable referred to as "Longtrail," named for Fr. O'Sullivan's horse, and a new school building completed in 1918, referred to as the O'Sullivan Hall. A portion of the Hall also served as a convent for the Sisters of Charity who came to reopen the school.

On October 6, 1978 the fourth and present church building was blessed and dedicated under the leadership of Fr. Philip Riney. In 1990 the stable underwent exten-

sive renovation to accommodate the parish office. Then in April, 2000 the Rectory was demolished to make room for the present Parish Center which was to include a large hall and offices. A new Rectory was constructed just a little south of St. Mary Grade School. When the Parish Center was completed in 2004, parish staff moved into the new offices and the old Longtrail building was torn down.

The parish schools were operated by the dedication of religious sisters. The first resident sisters in Whitesville were Franciscans who staffed St. Mary of the Woods School from 1882 to 1890. In response to an appeal in 1901 for sisters to reopen the school, three Sisters of Charity of Nazareth arrived. High School subjects were added in 1904, but there was no formal high school until 1917. During that year the faculty of four sisters moved into the new convent in the O'Sullivan Building which also included classrooms. The present grade school was completed in 1965. Kindergarten was added in 2007 and Preschool in 2008. In 1967, due to declining enrollment and an effort to improve the curriculum, St. William's High School closed and three parishes, St. William, St. Lawrence and St. Mary of the Woods, consolidated and became Trinity High School.

St. Mary of the Woods Parish

10534 Main Cross Street, Whitesville,
KY 42378 270-233-4196
<http://stmaryswhitesville.com/>
Mass Schedule

Daily: 8:00 AM Tues, Thurs, Fri; 6:30 PM Wed

Saturday: 4:00 PM (Winter schedule)

Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 PM and by appointment

Parish Inclusion Representative Training

Sponsor: Diocesan Disability Awareness Committee

Who: Representatives are sought from each Parish to assist persons w/ disabilities to obtain more access to involvement in our Parishes.

What: Training for this Role is set for current and new Reps on

When: April 14, 2012 at 9:00 AM till 2:00 PM

Where: Immaculate Parish Hall, 2516 Christie Place, Owensboro, KY 42301

How to Register: Please consider volunteering to your Pastor for this role and then contact Richard Murphy at 270/683-1545; or email at richard.murphy@pastoral.org. There is no cost for this workshop and lunch is available free to all who register.

Deacon Candidate Takes Next Step in Spiritual Journey

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Although born into a Catholic family and raised in the Church, Dr. William E. Sweet, M.D., arguably first realized his vocation to serve when he was a young high school student. "I've always had a sense of vocation," Sweet recalled. "Even back in grade school, certain events transpired that gave me that sense, such as talking to the nuns."

In high school, however, the need to follow a vocation grew stronger. "My pastor was a big influence in my life," Sweet fondly recalled. "He encouraged all high school students to go to TEC (Teens Encounter Christ). It was brand new at that time," he said. Taking the advice of his pastor, Sweet attended TEC # 27 in Springfield, Illinois, when he was 14 years old.

After high school, Sweet fulfilled his primary vocation by going to medical school. "I carried that same sense of vocation through medical school and by choosing family practice," Sweet explained. "Through medicine I have followed my vocation. It's not just an occupation."

Feeling a sense of vocation early in life does not make Sweet feel unique among his deacon candidate peers. "I think most of us in the program have had similar stories of early inclination of vocation," Sweet speculated.

"To me it was a progression of what he's done his whole life," explained Pam, Sweet's wife of 26 years. "It's just the next thing. He went to TEC, he made Cursillo, he became an oblate, so now he will become a deacon," she stated.

Studying to become a Benedictine Oblate, other than studying in medical school, has most closely resembled the preparation Sweet and the other deacon candidates are in the process of completing. "There was one year of study and discernment when I was a novitiate," explained Sweet. During that time, Sweet learned about Benedictine spirituality and the rule of Benedict.

"When you become an oblate, you make a promise to the Archabbot to the stability of life," Sweet explained. "Stability to the monastic life and its methods simply means to find God where you are," he added. Sweet became an oblate



Dr. William E. Sweet, permanent deacon candidate, and his wife Pam enjoy an evening at home together in January. After four years of study and preparation, Sweet and seventeen other men are in the final stage of formation to become the first permanent deacons in Diocese of Owensboro. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

in 2001, approximately two years after beginning the process.

Becoming a permanent deacon was simply the next logical step for Sweet. "Being an oblate has been a very constant part of my spirituality," he reflected. "It naturally lent itself to taking the next step to the deaconate." According to Sweet, many requirements to being an oblate are similar to the requirements of a deacon, such as praying the liturgy of hours and developing the ritual and attitude of prayer. "They're all about service. I think that's why it was a good fit and good preparation for what we're going to do," he surmised.

Needless to say, when the diocese first announced that it would be developing a permanent deacon program, Sweet was interested. When he learned that the diocese had chosen the program from St. Meinrad Seminary, he was reassured. "The choice of St. Meinrad made my decision real comfortable. I knew the directors of the program well and I know Benedictine spirituality well. Benedictine spirituality and dedication to educational excellence has really defined our program and us as deacons," Sweet summarized.

Defining the deaconate program has been somewhat of an evolution for this first class of permanent deacons in the Diocese of Owensboro. "There are national norms to define what a deacon is as defined by Vatican II documents and the U.S Council of Bishops. But each diocese is a bit different. How deacons serve is at the will of the Bishop," Sweet explained.

Entering a program that would have life-changing effects for these men required a great degree of faith. "Most of us already had positions in the church for a long time," Sweet explained, citing programs such as RCIA, youth ministry and music ministry. "For many of us, it was simply a choice to become something more for the Church, even

though we were unsure of what that would be.

"Most of us," Sweet continued, referring to the other seventeen men in the program, "while we may have had many ideas of why we came to the deaconate, share one commonality. We want to serve people and bring them to faith. That is our common thread."

The installation of Bishop William F. Medley in 2010 and the evolution of the men themselves have helped define the program and the men. "I think our sense of vocation has evolved as we have gone through the program," Sweet admitted. "The fact that we are the first class of deacons for the diocese has meant a lot for us. To study and define the deaconate in the diocese has been a growth process for all of us involved," he added.

"We've cultivated our similarities," Sweet said. "Some of the best parts of each of us have blossomed over the past four years. Each of us has found some inner qualities that have been cultivated through our social time and our study."

Noting that the eighteen deacon candidates come from all walks of life and have varying professions, Sweet further observed, "Each of us is very unique and very different, but we have become very similar, because we have all come to a single purpose of being servants of the Church. As a whole, I think our group is ready."

Looking ahead to life after ordination, Sweet does not anticipate significant or sudden changes in himself or his fellow deacons. "I don't think any of us will magically change after ordination," Sweet said with a laugh. "To become comfortable forming another person in their faith, however, is a bit daunting. But it's the grace of the office. It will come. We are all trusting in His Word."

Now that the calendar has turned over to a new year, the countdown has seemingly begun.

Only six months remain before this first class will be ordained on Saturday, September 15, 2012, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Bowling Green.

As one draws near the conclusion of any major phase in life, it is natural to look back and count one's blessings. "The course has been challenging and it has required a lot of sacrifice on the part of my family," Sweet reflected. "Every fourth weekend for the past four years has been dedicated to this. Without a supportive family, you couldn't do this. You just couldn't. You have to have a foundation from which to build."

"I've helped him by giving him a lot of practice," Sweet's youngest child, Daniel, added. Daniel, who is fifteen years old and the only child remaining at home full time, has learned much through his father's study. "I ask a lot of questions," he declared.

In addition to Daniel, Bill and Pam also have four daughters, another son and a grandchild. The two youngest daughters are currently in college, one in Kentucky and the other in Indiana. The oldest daughter lives in Illinois and the other one is married and lives in Texas. Their oldest son lives and works in Illinois.

Although both Pam and Bill were raised in Illinois, where they met, they have since lived in Hopkinsville for more than 21 years, during which they've been faithful members of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church. During the past year, Sweet has been an active acolyte at the parish, serving most every weekend and one day a week. "I was thinking the other day when he was on the altar, it just seems right for him to be up there," Pam observed.

By Jackie McCarthy

In August 2011 the St. Alphonsus Parish Confirmation Candidates went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands of Kentucky led by Sr. George Mary Hagan and St. Alphonsus DRE, Sr. Beth Akins, both Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph.

The class visited and toured St. Thomas Church w/ Bishop Flaget's House near Bardstown, the Trappist Abbey of Gethsemani, the Sisters of Loretto in Loretto, St. Rose Church and Priory, Springfield, Dominican Sisters of Peace/St. Catherine College in Springfield, and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth and the Basilica St. Joseph Proto - Cathedral, both in Bardstown.

At Gethsemani, the students met Brother Conrad Fleischman, formerly of Stanley, Ky., and enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch packed by Sr. Beth Akins, on the grounds. It was a great day trip and though we did experience some rain, our drive

In the picture above, left,, St. Alphonsus Parish Confirmation Candidates posing on the steps of Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. At top right, Visiting Brother

home ended with a perfect rainbow ushering us home. Our parish is very proud of our Confirmation Class. Our prayers are with you.



Conrad at Gethsemani. At right middle, enjoying a delicious picnic lunch at Gethsemani with Sister George Mary Hagan, OSU. In the picture at



bottom right, students hear history of St. Thomas Church.



A Special Blessing

Bishop William Medley's blessing for a special

group of youth, shown in this picture with Diocesan Vocations Director Father Andy Garner assisting, has become a tradition



Photos submitted by Jackie McCarthy

at Youth 2000. On the Sunday of Youth 2000, Bishop Medley visits with the youth, shares their prayers, their concerns, their powerful enthusiasm for experiencing the graced moments of Youth 2000, and grounded in the Holy Spirit, Bishop Medley asks for those youth who have considered responding to God's call to think about a Vocation to the priesthood or Religious Life. Bishop Medley asks the youth who have felt this response in their hearts to stand as a group for the whole assembly of Youth 2000 to witness. He then offers a prayer of blessing for the group; on March 11, 2012, about 35 youth stood to answer the question and accept the Bishop's blessing at Youth 2000. Later these youth filled out a form for the Diocesan Vocations Office who will keep in touch with the youth and their families. Photo by Larena Lawson

261 People Prepare To Enter the Church

Each year on Holy Saturday during the Easter Vigil, people are received into the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Owensboro. Parishes welcome these new members through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and at a liturgy bringing them into full communion with the Catholic Church. 112 elect (or catechumens – unbaptized) and 149 catechumens (already baptized) from many parishes within the Diocese of Owensboro are preparing to enter the Church at Easter.

At the Diocesan Chrism Mass on April 3 evening in the Owensboro Sportscenter, Bishop William Medley will consecrate the Sacred Chrism, a sign of the gift of the Holy Spirit being given to the newly baptized. It is also a sign of the link between the mission of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, who comes to the recipient with the Father in Baptism.



At the 2011 Chrism Mass Bishop William Medley handed bottles of the blessed Oil of the Sick, blessed Oil of the Catechumens, and the consecrated Chrism to Eddie Miller and his daughter Courtney who entered the Church last Easter. They represented Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Larena Lawson Photo

CANDIDATES

April Acosta
 Juan Manuel Aguirre
 Stephanie Rebecca Aguirre
 Allan Ashby
 Wilson Lee Augsburger
 Zachery Aull
 Faith Barber
 Christopher Chase Barker
 Christian Barrett
 Jeffrey Bell
 Mandy Bennett
 Anthony Brady
 Steve Bratcher
 Asha Brockman
 Douglas Brockway
 Bailey Brown
 Stephanie Madonna Brown
 Jennifer Louise Buckman
 Michael Buelow
 Donald Keith Byerly
 Jose Luis Carmona
 Chad Carter
 Laura Castlen
 Percy Clancy
 Gloria Jenette Cox
 LaVohn Crabtree
 Brittany Crowley
 Clay Daugherty
 Scottie Dionne Day
 Samantha DeYoung
 Patricia Doran
 Patricia Lee Dossett
 Jennifer Duncan
 Cassandra Durbin
 Chad Ellis

Charlie Estes
 Andee Ferguson
 Joseph Allen Fowler
 Albert Frambrough
 Gretchen Garrett
 Martha Jane Garvin
 Jared Gibbs
 Adirenne Gleeson
 Jennifer Glenn
 Bryant Goldbach
 Julia Gough
 Adam Granitto
 Lisa Guadarrama
 Kasey Hardin
 Jonathon Miles Hargrove
 Dustin Harvey
 Tonie Hatton
 Jack Hayes
 Elizabeth Whitney Haynes
 Erik Hays
 Aubry Hendricks
 Makenna Hendricks
 John Michael Henning
 Zach Henry
 Melisa Michelle Hill
 Jason Hillyard
 Josh Hines
 Angela Hite
 Tyler Holley
 Christian Holstein
 Betty Sue Howard
 Pat Hume
 Michelle Jacobs
 Jill Jagers
 Nathan Jagers
 Terry Lou Janelle
 Heather John

Emily Johnson
 Zachery Kauffeld
 Jennifer Keller
 James Kimble
 Zachary Joe King
 Stephanie Kingston
 Stacy Kuck
 Lincoln Latham
 Karen Marie Leachman
 David Littlepage
 Karis Littlepage
 Krisalyn Littlepage
 Thomas Manco
 Travis Mason
 Jax Matthews
 Richard Matthews
 Willow Matthews
 Blake McConnell
 Karen Marie McConnell
 Gregory Alan McCord
 Andrew McKannan
 Michael McMahan
 Pue Meh
 Sheh Meh
 Tawn Meh
 Wes Meserve
 Emma Miller
 Rebekah Miller
 Joye Mims
 Quincy Moorman
 Tesea Nicole Mudd
 Kristie Nale
 Scott Alan Neel
 Dan Nichols
 Alexis Parra
 Madison Phelps
 Patricia Pile
 Rhonda Raymer

Katie Reardon
 Emily Reeves
 Maw Reh
 Neh Reh
 Nga Reh
 Christina Ridenhour
 Alisha Rigsby
 Jason Rigsby
 Janet Roberts
 Amanda Rosas
 Jamie Lee Rosser
 Mary Sue Schalk
 Catherine Schartung
 Angela Schipp
 Renea Schwartz
 Steven Shaw
 Jennifer Sheets
 Kelsey Shelton
 Stephanie Sheppard
 Travis Benjamin Clay Shrum
 Cindy Slimak
 Anthony Smith
 Brittany Renee Stedl
 John Michael Stone
 Suzanne Sullivan
 Haley Thomas
 Stacy Thompson
 Chad Vannauker
 Ashlyn Vessels
 Helen Vinson
 Morgan Walters
 Jonathan Lee Whitman
 Jacey Wilhoite
 Maggie Wilhoite
 Rodney Williams
 Amber Wilson
 Jessica Witten
 Jacob Wray

CATECHUMENS

April, 2012 11

Ivan Aburto
 Thurman Balkey
 Emily Suzette Brasher
 Misty Brown
 Candist Clemons
 Kylee Cole
 Evelyn Cooper
 Joshua Corley
 Gage Crabtree
 Lew Crabtree
 Madlyn Crabtree
 Rashell Nicole Dalton
 Christopher Michael Davis
 Stephen Lance Dennee
 Jade Denson
 Wendy Devine
 Brianna Doran
 Chiara Doran
 Stephanie Dunn
 Melissa Edge
 Megan Everly
 Robyn Foote
 Jeff Fritts
 Jesse Greenwell
 Jonathan Hartman
 Dana Hernandez
 Abbey Hill
 James Lewis Hill
 Jasmine Marie Hill
 Joey Travis Hill
 Keri Hillyard
 Samantha Jane Holmes
 Crystal Johnson
 Paul Ray Johnson
 Bobby Jones
 William Jones
 Ethan Smith Laha
 Johann Loaiza
 Gabriel Lovelace
 Teresa Lovelace
 Alexis Maddox
 Richard Martz
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 Heather Newman
 Michael Newman
 Nora Newman
 Nathan O'Connell
 Ryan Peters
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 Shae Reh
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 Shel Reh
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 Beth Rhodes
 Matthew Scott
 Ron Sheets
 Addison Sheppard
 Tim Sheppard
 Traevon Simmons
 Sue Slaughterbeck
 Jamon Smith
 Daniel Smothers
 Kealan Lee Thom-
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 Joshua Van Meter
 Tony Vasquez
 Brittany Walker
 Madison Wheatley
 Mason Wheatley
 Micah Lee Whit-
 aker
 Jenifer White
 Mackenzie Aurelia
 Wilson
 Rhys Leila Wilson
 Amber Nicole
 Yanez
 Elizabeth Yanez
 Olivia Yanez

EnVision the Future – Building the St. Thomas More Chapel

By Missy Eckenberg

PADUCAH, Ky. - The Reverend J. Patrick Reynolds, JCL, led the Envision the Future Campaign, approved by Bishop William Medley to build a Eucharistic Chapel, renovate meeting rooms, add to the Endowment Fund, and provide our "Fair Share Goal" for the diocesan campaign raising \$1.8 million in October of 2010. After the completion of the campaign, the building committee took over the process, followed Diocesan regulations, and chose Fr. Mark Joseph Costello as the liturgical architect to guide construction of the new Eucharistic/daily chapel.

The chapel is connected to the east side of the original church, allowing for a small meditation garden. The tabernacle is prominently positioned to be visible from both the sanctuary and the chapel. The chapel also features a covered entry, vestibule with rest rooms, seating for 76 people, sacristy, and a reconciliation room. Bishop Medley is scheduled to dedicate the new chapel June 23, 2012.

Two Ferdinand Benedictine Sisters Profess Final Vows

Sister Jill Marie Reuber and Sister Kathleen Marie Cash made their perpetual monastic profession as members of the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana, on October 1, 2011 at Monastery Immaculate Conception Church in Ferdinand.

Bishop Charles C. Thompson, of the Diocese of Evansville, presided at the Mass, and Sister Kristine Anne Harpenau, prioress, gave the reflection.

Sister Jill Marie, 31, from Celestine, Indiana, is the daughter of Paul and Linda Reuber. She has two sisters and one brother. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College near Terre Haute. She is studying for a master's degree in education, with a reading specialty, at the University of Southern Indiana.

Before entering the monastery in August 2003, she worked at the Jasper Dairy Queen and the Evansville diocesan youth camp near Santa Claus. At the monastery, she worked in the Vocation Office. She made her first profession of vows in 2006. After her profession, she was a teacher assistant at St. Benedict Cathedral School,



St. Thomas More pastor, Fr. Pat Reynolds, stands beside the entry of the new chapel.



The chapel is connected to the exiting roof line.



Brick is added to the exterior.

In the photo at right, the majority of the exterior structure is complete.
Missy Eckenberg Photos.



Sister Kathleen Marie Cash Evansville, and a teacher at St. John the Baptist Catholic School, Newburgh, and St. Bernard Catholic School, Rockport. She currently teaches first grade at St. Patrick Catholic School, Louisville, Kentucky.

Sister Kathleen Marie, 29, from Eddyville, Kentucky, is



Final Profession and acceptance, perpetual monastic profession, Sister Jill Marie Reuber, Sister Kathy Cash. Benedictine Sisters Photo. <http://www.thedome.org>

the daughter of Marilyn and Bill Terry and the late Fred Cash. She has an older brother and sister. She has a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Brescia University in Owensboro. She is working toward a master of education degree in teacher leadership, with an emphasis in mathematics, at the University

of Louisville.

Before entering the monastery in August 2004, Sister Kathleen Marie was a lifeguard at Kentucky Kingdom in Louisville and the YMCA in Owensboro, Kentucky. After 2004, she worked at North Spencer Alternative Education Center, Dale, Indiana, and as an instructional assistant at Forest Park High School, Ferdinand. She made her first profession of vows in 2007. She taught for a year at St. Francis DeSales High School, Louisville, and is currently in her fourth year at Trinity High School, Louisville, where she teaches math and directs the liturgy band.

The Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand number 160 and serve in schools, parishes, church institutions, health care facilities, retreat centers, and social service agencies in Indiana, Kentucky, Minnesota, Rome, and Peru.

microFEST

Did you know that just a few U.S. dollars can literally break the chains of poverty for families in third world countries? It's true.



Catholic Relief Services and many other organizations have been liberating families from poverty through micro-

finance programs for decades now. Microfinance means literally giving small loans to clients (69.9 percent are women) in third world countries who in turn start a small business or trade which allows

Paducah St. Mary's Students Excel at Governor's Cup

PADUCAH, Ky. - Six St. Mary students recently finished in the recent Regional Governor's Cup Competition.



Above Left: St. Mary High School Future Problem Solvers team-tied for fourth place: James Mayfield, Olivia Romero, Caitlin Hodges, Sarah Herricks. Above right: St. Mary High School winners in Written Assessment/Composition: Olivia Romero-2nd in Written Composition;

Creating Global Change From Pocket Change



them to provide for their families indefinitely. CRS currently has microfinance programs reaching more than 1 million clients in 36 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Example: \$40 can provide seedlings to cacao farmers in the Philippines. \$20 can purchase of

flock of chicks, which provide eggs to eat and sell. \$30 can buy a hive of bees, which provide honey to use and sell.

"microFEST" uses music to raise money for microfinance, literally creating global change from pocket change. Now in its second year, microFEST has become a movement of artists, musicians, and socially conscious fans who want to make a difference. Gasper River Retreat Center will host microFEST on Saturday, June 2nd from noon -10pm.

One thing that makes microFEST very unique is there is no admission fee. Instead, guests are asked to make a donation for microfinance. Bands are also not paid to play and instead donate their normal fee. The official line-up will be announced on www.microfest.info on May 2nd, but artists who have already agreed to play are Lazar Lazar (Nashville), Lee Roessler Band (Covington, KY), Johnna Day Band, (Owensboro), HiRize Hillbillies (Nashville), Jared Seastrand (Nashville), and Criss Cheatham of August Christopher (Nashville.) Clint Campbell is emcee.

Remember, keep checking www.microfest.info for updates and links to band websites or call Ben at Gasper at 270-781-2466. If you know a band or artist who is interested in performing at microFEST, email campbellclint@rocketmail.com. "Like" it on Facebook.



Matt Osterhaus-4th in math; Grace Babbs-5th in Arts and Humanities. Photos submitted by Jackie Hopper



Blooming Flowers Remind Students of Pledge To Remain Drug And Alcohol Free

St. Ann students planted daffodil bulbs in the fall during Red Ribbon Week to signify their pledge to remain drug and alcohol free. Students have been excited to see the bulbs bloom into beautiful flowers. They each commented on which particular flower is theirs, where they planted their bulb, and the promise they made. Pictured are several students with the flowers. Pictured front row, L to R: Paige Steward, Avery Waller, (Eva Cassidy is hiding behind Avery), Morgan Beaven, Walker Farmer, Heather Crowdus, and Abby Jones. Back row, L to R: Jarett Gough, Holly Greenwell, Katie Dezember, Macy Peak, Christopher Price, and Gray Greenwell. St. Ann students will be reminded yearly of their promise to remain drug and alcohol free when the flowers bloom. Funds from KY-ASAP were used to purchase the daffodil bulbs. Submitted by Beth Hendrickson

Mount Saint Joseph Retreat Day *maple* for Administrative Professionals Wednesday, April 25, 2012

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Primarily for Administrative Assistants/Secretaries

Directed by Sister Mary Matthias Ward, OSU

Cost: \$15 (includes lunch)

To register, contact
Kathy McCarty
(270) 229-4103, ext. 802
kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org

Mount Saint Joseph is located
12 miles west of Owensboro
on Hwy. 56.



OCS Students Learning On A Fast Track



8th grade science at Owensboro Catholic Middle School completed labs solving for speed. The students had to record their speed as they walked the length of the gym. They had to walk slow, fast, normal, and an unusual way. They students then had to calculate their average speed. The second part of the lab involved racing hot wheels. Students selected a hot wheel car and they had an opportunity to do time trials on their individual cars before the race started. In the picture above, students work on their calculations. OCS Photo

Pictured at right is Jeffrey Day, son of Joe Day of Immaculate Parish. Joe, Jeffrey and Richard Evans (grandpa) built the car for the cub scouts wolf pack in Owensboro. Jeffrey is in 2nd grade at K-3 campus and he won 7 out of 8 heats to be the District champion. The pine wood derby took place Feb. 25, 2012 at the National Guard Armory in Owensboro. (Nicole Gray photo)



UNDEFEATED The OCMS 8th Grade Girls Lady Aces basketball team was undefeated in regular season play and won both the Conference Tournament and the Diocesan Tournament. Back row Head Coach Keith Piersawl, Coach Bruce Elliot; Back row: Mary Keaton Clemens, Madeline Reid, Annabel Moore, Caroline Hayden, manager Nina Wathen, Sarah Riney, Eva Cash. Front row Coach Hannah Gertisen, Katie Fulkerson, Emily Marshall, Mikayla Berry, Lauren Brown. OCS Photo



Congratulations to this Dream Team! They are Owensboro Catholic 3rd/4th grade Basketball Tournament Champs for the 2011-2012 year. Coaches: Phil Riney, Tony Jones, Jeff Garvin. Players: Andrew Gray, Chance Jones, Hunter Garvin, Logan Davis, Clayton Lewis, Andrew Riney, Will Murphy, Dylan Durbin – moved. Photo Submitted by Nicole Gray

Join us on our next Spinning Day! Saturday, May 5

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

Future dates: Aug. 11 and Nov. 10.
Call Kathy McCarty to register: 270-229-4103 ext. 802 • kathy.mccarty@maplemount.org



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New OCMS Beta Club Members Inducted



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Thirty-four new members were inducted into the Bishop Medley Chapter of Junior Beta

Club on Thursday, February 23rd during a ceremony in the OCMS cafeteria. The current 8th grade officers (Lucy Kurtz, president; Emily Marshall, Vice President; Annie Pfeiffer, Secretary; Caroline Hayden, Reporter; and Alex Danhauer, Chaplain) carried out the speaking roles and did a great job leading the ceremony. Thanks to Mr. Rasp for attending and leading our opening prayer.



In the pictures, new beta club members are inducted. Annie Pfeiffer leads part of the ceremony.

The newly inducted members are Alyssa Bickett, Sarah Brown, Casey Carmon, Nathan Carmon, Billy Cason, Chloe Cecil, Ally Delaney, Ashleigh Deno, Harper Dotsey, Danielle Durbin, Niki Edelen, Allie Ford, Hannah Garvin, Clay Glenn, Lauren Goodwin, Kennedy Hamilton, Adaira Hatchett, Will Hyland, Wes James, Will James, Hope Johnson, Jacon Johnson, Allie Kuntz, Carson Lee, Holly Logsdon, Reagan Neal, Emma Oakes, Molly Payne, Alyssa Ramsey, Brooklyn Reynolds, Sydney Sandefur, Thomas Self, Alli Thompson, Tricia Thompson, Erin Walker, Maleia Ward, David Weafer, and Grace Wright

Waiting For Snow For Your Igloo?

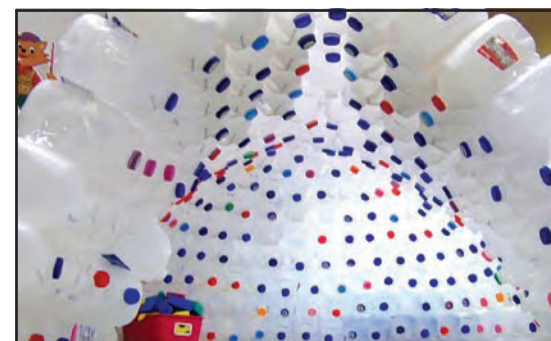
St. Romuald Preschool Makes Their Own Igloo

HARDISBURG, Ky. - Ms. Katera' Preschool Class at St. Romuald School got tired of waiting for snow and decided to create a winter wonderland of their own inside their classroom by building an igloo consisting of 347 Gallon Milk jugs. It is really something to see!

Pictured are: Ms. Katera White, Ms. Rhonda Walz, Owen Barton, Wade Dowell, Kylie Carby, Isaac Miller, Josie Mitcham, Dwight Dowell, Maddie Sterett, Tyler Davis, Amelia Foran,



Gavin Tucker, Barbara Gail Wright, Elli DeHaven, Bayleigh O'Reilly, Brady Brockman, Isaac Buckham, Jonah Miller, and Sophia Board. Submitted by Cindy Payne



Paducah Team Good At Solving Future's Problems

St. Mary Elementary School Academic Team placed 2nd in the District Governor's Cup Competition. The Future Problem Solving Team placed 2nd. Individual winners in Written Assessment are: Science - Cash Mayo, 4th Place and Bryan Truong, 5th Place; Social Studies - John Ryan Curtsinger, 4th Place; Language Arts - Maddie Kerr, 1st Place and Abby Kuntz, 4th Place; Arts/Humanities - Ryan Gillituk, 2nd Place Julianna Moore, 4th Place, Abbi Vannatter, 5th Place; Written Composition - Maddie Kerr, 3rd Place and Dorian Record, 5th Place. Submitted Photo

16 April, 2012 Jerry's Unsung Award: "It's about Whitesville and everybody working together."

By Mel Howard

WHITESVILLE, Ky. - Jerry Morris came to Trinity High School's Senior Night here during Catholic Schools Week on Jan. 31, 2012 because a grand-daughter was involved in the celebration. Little did he expect that he and his family would be celebrated and honored that night, too.

Jerry Morris and his company construct buildings. When he learned in 2009 that Scott and Charlotte Johnson needed a better house within which to raise their daughter, Ashley, who lives with Lennox-Gastault Syndrome, and their two sons, Jerry and his wife Vickie agreed that "Hey, we can build them a house." They helped create the Angels for Ashley Foundation to accomplish the build.

Jerry had recently been involved with helping another local family get a new home, courtesy of the television show, *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*. He saw how the materials, the skilled labor from local suppliers, and the outpouring of support from the community for this project happened. The Morris family felt it could happen in Whitesville, too. And so Jerry Morris and others formed The Angels For Ashley Foundation to help children with disabilities, and to build the Johnson's new home. The people of Whitesville held fundraisers and donated time, labor, and money to help build the home. The John-



Jerry Morris, right, accepts the Unsung award from Ashley Johnson on Jan. 31, 2012 in Trinity High School's gym as Help Someone, Inc. Director Randy Lanham, right back, looks on with Scott and Charlotte Johnson and their sons, Matthew and Nicholas. Jerry Morris said, "It's about Whitesville and everybody working together."

son family moved in February, 2010. Because of his leadership in guiding

the people of Whitesville in the financing and building of a new home for the John-

son family in 2012, Jerry Morris caught the attention of Help Someone Inc., an Owensboro-area non-profit dedicated to "promoting volunteerism and supporting those in need in the Owensboro, KY and surrounding area." (<http://highhopesmusic.tripod.com/helpsomeone/index.html>). The group felt that Jerry Morris deserved recognition for his efforts with the Angels For Ashley Foundation. So Randy Lanham, the director of Help Someone Inc., came to the Trinity Gym Jan. 31 to make a video for Unsung TV of Jerry Morris receiving Help Someone, Inc's Unsung award, to be shown on Owensboro's cable TV.

Their website states, "Unsung TV is a show that honors the ordinary that do the extraordinary. We find stories of people helping people in a special way. We team up with someone who has been helped by another, and after getting their story, we plan a surprise to publicly thank and honor their hero." The show will be starting soon on Time Warner channel 8 in Owensboro, KY. Interested persons can learn more about it at randy@helpsomeone.us.

The Angels For Ashley Foundation has continued to bring together volunteers from local businesses and from the community to lend a hand for new construction of needed buildings and also for helping to raise money with the public's help for efforts aimed at helping children with disabilities.



The Angels for Ashley Foundation has done a lot of Cooking for St Jude's Phonathan, once on May 6, 2011 and again on Feb. 24-25, 2012. Men from Whitesville joined resources to offer slow-hickory-smoked Boston butts, BBQ chickens, ribs, pork sandwiches, and lunches to the public, raising \$10,000 in both years for St Jude's. Volunteer cooks in the picture here are from left, Pete Morris, Jeremy Payne, Doodle Morris, Jerry Morris, Wilson Nash, David Nash, Joey Dickens, Roger Morris, and Kenny Nash. These cooks and their families who helped serve the food agree that the heroes on this cool and windy day in February were the people of the community who came out to support the annual St. Jude Phonathan.



Jerry Morris, center, and other men from the Whitesville area helped put up the trusses on Jan. 24, 2012 for the new Whitesville Baptist Church. The Angels For Ashley Foundation agreed to help the church build a new fellowship hall. Jerry Morris said that the people of the church helped build the Scott and Charlotte Johnson Home in 2009-2010, and it was time to call other people in the community together to return the favor. Mel Howard Photos

A heart for those who suffer

By Sister Constance Carolyn Veit, lsp

Each February, the Church celebrates two events of special significance to Little Sisters of the Poor. On February 2, the Church celebrated the World Day of Consecrated Life, a day important to all men and women religious. On February 11, the World Day of the Sick was observed. Each of these special days offered an opportunity for us to affirm our vocation as consecrated women devoted to the Church's mission of compassion through the ministry of healthcare.

Preparing for these special days led me to recall my experience in Lourdes many years ago. At the time I was a newly professed Little Sister of the Poor assigned to one of our homes in Paris and was asked to accompany a group of our elderly Residents on a two-week trip to the Pyrenees, which would include several excursions to the famous Marian shrine in Lourdes.

When we first arrived at Our Lady's shrine I was overwhelmed by the sheer number of people participating in the outdoor ceremonies. The cacophony of languages being spoken simultaneously and the chaos of hundreds of people milling about, many being pushed in wheelchairs or stretchers and more than a few aggressively vying for the best spot in the procession, was disconcerting. But once I got used to the crowd, I witnessed something quite beautiful – and something I have never forgotten.

Whether it was at the culmination of the candlelight procession on the esplanade in front of the rosary basilica or in the hushed shadows of the grotto of the apparitions, I saw suffering humanity seeking consolation and refuge in the arms of Our Lady, and, through her, in the heart of the Church. It was a profoundly moving sight, but that was not all. As a woman religious in the midst of this great sea of humanity, I was approached over and over by people asking questions or simply confiding their problems to me and asking me to pray for them. I realized that as a consecrated person, it didn't matter where I was from or what language I spoke – to these people I represented the Church, and as such, the love and mercy of God.

In Lourdes I realized that just as Our Lady smiles down on those who kneel before her at the grotto, and just as the great

rosary basilica seems to embrace the crowds gathered in her shadow, so as consecrated women devoted to the elderly we Little Sisters of the Poor have been commissioned by Christ and his Church to be the face and hands of Divine compassion in a broken world. Christ is counting on us to make our hearts a refuge for suffering humanity.

In his 1995 work *Vita Consecrata*, Blessed John Paul II wrote that consecrated life is a life of self-giving love, of practical and generous service to the poorest and the neediest. "The Church looks with admiration and gratitude upon the many consecrated persons who, by caring for the sick and the suffering, contribute in a significant way to her mission," he wrote. John Paul II encouraged us to follow in the footsteps of the Divine Samaritan and to devote ourselves to the sick "with profound understanding and compassion."

As we celebrate the World Day of Consecrated Life and the World Day of the Sick, please join us in praying for an increase of vocations to a life of self-giving love, and for authentic compassion



At Jeanne Jugan Residence, Bronx, NY, Father Robert Dunn administers the sacrament of the anointing of the sick to Rev. Robert Savage, S.D.B. during a Lourdes celebration for the home's Residents. Assisting are Sister Leema Rose and seminarian Sean Suckiel.

for the suffering who seek comfort in the loving arms of Christ and his Church.

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Sisters of the Poor in the United States. She can be reached at communications@littlesistersofthepoor.org.



Souper Bowl of Caring Confirmation candidates of Holy Spirit Church, Bowling Green are presenting a check for \$1,829.00 to representatives of St Vincent de Paul Society, Holy Spirit Conference, Bowling Green. left to right: Connor Powell presents

check to Eva Davis, Kathy Dale & Dianne Meffert of St. Vincent de Paul, The youth collected donations in "Soup pots" after all the Masses on Super Bowl Sunday as they participated in the annual "Souper Bowl of Caring". Holy Spirit Youth have participated in the "Souper Bowl of Caring" for 13 years. Submitted by Carol Kunkel.

ARISE/Levántate Hopes to Start Fire in Diocese

By Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - What began as conversations between Bishop William F. Medley and the priests in this diocese shortly after his ordination in 2010 is now coming to fruition slightly more than two years later. "ARISE Together in Christ/Levántate, Unámanos en Cristo" is a relatively new program of parish renewal offered by RENEW International. Having first launched in Boston just four years ago, Bishop Medley has been instrumental in bringing ARISE/Levántate to this diocese.

During the week of February 12-16, representatives from RENEW International held seven informational sessions throughout the diocese for pastors, pastoral staffs and lay leaders of the 79 parishes in the diocese. Due to a conflict in Bishop Medley's scheduling, the session held at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on Thursday, February 16, 2012, began with a pre-recorded video of the Bishop speaking at an informational session held earlier in the week.

"I began talking about this with the priests soon after I was ordained," Bishop Medley explained. At the time of the recording, Bishop Medley had been Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro for two years and two days.

Bishop Medley recalled that in 1985 and 2000 this diocese participated in RENEW. At that time, he said, it was thought that if a fire was started, it would last. He now says it is time to bring that fire to "renew the new generation."

Speaking specifically to the lay people, Bishop Medley said, "I trust that our pastors can entrust you to share in this ministry."

The objective of the informational sessions, of course, was to introduce the ARISE/Levántate program to all parishes and encourage their participation. Sr. Kass Collins, Dr. Laura Kolmar and Fr. Alejandro Lopez-Cardinale were the three representatives from RENEW International at Sts. Peter and Paul. Sr. Collins and Dr. Kolmar introduced the program to 55 people from twelve different parishes in the parish hall, while Fr. Lopez-Cardinale presented the program in the school building to more than 30 Hispanic parish representatives. Dr. Kolmar and Fr. Lopez-Cardinale will be the RENEW International representatives who will



Sr. Kass Collins of RENEW International spoke to representatives from twelve different parishes in the Diocese of Owensboro on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville. Sr. Collins had the privilege of announcing that the cost of the program for each parish has been waived due to an arrangement reached between Bishop Medley, the Catholic Extension Society and RENEW International. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

provide the on-site training and formation for the diocese.

According to Sr. Collins, the three primary reasons to invite RENEW International into the diocese are that they offer strong leadership formation on-site, ongoing pastoral support off-site, and solid, effective resources. "All the materials provided are Catholic. They have been reviewed and approved and all possess an imprimatur," she explained.

Dr. Kolmar further explained the advantages of ARISE/Levántate: It is diocesan wide, but parish centered; it meets identified diocesan needs; it is offered in several languages; there are flexible options for parishes; it increases activity on behalf of justice; and it offers something for everyone. In the past, their programs and resources were only geared toward adults, but now they have materials for grades one through three, four through six, middle school and high school, college students and young adults.

"There are five seasons of ARISE/Levántate," Dr. Kolmar explained. "Each is broken down into six sessions within a season." According to Dr. Kolmar, this approach works well with the liturgical calendar as well as with personal calendars



Pastors, members of pastoral staffs and lay leaders from twelve different parishes gathered at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on Thursday, February 16, 2012, for an informational session about "ARISE: Together in Christ/Levántate" to begin this fall in parishes

and will span the better part of three years. The first season is expected to begin this fall and the second will begin with Lent next year. Seasons III, IV, and V will also alternate between fall and Lent.

After each season, parishes will be encouraged to invite more and more people to attend the next season. "It's much easier to ask someone to participate in a six-week program than it is to ask them to commit to a 30-week program," Dr. Kolmar stated.

Season I, "Encountering Christ Today," will explore how we encounter Jesus in the four Gospels and St. Paul's letters, and our experience of the Risen Jesus today in the community called Church.

Season II, "Change Our Hearts," covers the Lenten theme of conversion.

Season III, "In the Footsteps of Christ," will explore modern discipleship and social justice.

Season IV, in Lent of 2014, is entitled "New Heart, New Spirit." This season explores the power of forgiveness.

Finally, Season V, "We Are the Good News!" focuses on evangelization.

Small Christian communities are the foundation of the five seasons of ARISE/Levántate. "Faith sharing is the vehicle we use within small Christian communities,"

throughout the diocese. Here, Father Richard Meredith, in left foreground, and Father Daniel Dillard listened to a speaker from RENEW International explain the ARISE/Levántate program details. Photo by Dawn C. Ligibel.

explained Dr. Kolmar. "It provides the opportunity to see where we have encountered Jesus in our lives and how scripture helps us understand that."

Dr. Kolmar then explained the timeline and activities leading up to the first season this fall. At the end of each informational session, parishes were asked to sign up and then begin building a parish team. Those parish teams attended two training sessions. The first, during the week of March 19 through 25, was "Leadership Training for the ARISE/Levántate Parish Team." This session provided formation and skills training for the ARISE/Levántate parish planning teams who are responsible for implementing ARISE/Levántate in the parish. The second, scheduled from April 30 through May 6, is titled "Reaching Out: Evangelization Training for the ARISE/Levántate Parish Team." This workshop develops a Catholic understanding of evangelization and provides effective approaches for maximum parish participation.

In September, Dr. Kolmar and Fr. Lopez-Cardinale will hold workshops for the small community leaders who will be leading Season I. It will highlight practical

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ARISE/ Levántate Costs To Be Minimal For Parishes

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skills needed to facilitate and maximize small communities as vehicles for prayer and faith sharing with a movement toward action.

As one might expect, all the time, travel and materials required for the numerous training sessions as well as the off-site pastoral support that is provided cannot be provided without a cost. Normally, any parish that chooses to participate in ARISE/Levántate would need to pay \$1,800 a year for the three years the



Dr. Laura Kolmar of RENEW International spoke during an informational session about "ARISE: Together in Christ/ Levántate" at Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville on Thursday, February 16, 2012. Parishes throughout the diocese are encouraged to participate with ARISE over the next three years. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

program runs. However, as Sr. Collins explained, "Bishop Medley, the Catholic Extension Society and RENEW International have worked out a plan to alleviate the parish cost for the program."

All that remains for each parish is to purchase the ARISE/Levántate Parish Kit, which can be purchased in its entirety for \$249. If a parish chooses, they may purchase parts of the kit if there is an additional need, such as extra handbooks, small group leader books or materials for children, youth and young adults.

After Sr. Collins sprung the good news regarding the grants covering parish costs, Dr. Kolmar addressed the best way to form an ARISE/Levántate Parish team. Ideally the parish team consists of five



Sr. Ethel-Marie Biri, SSND, Director of Planning and Parish Services for the Diocese, and liaison with RENEW International for the Diocese, listened to a woman reflect on her thoughts after hearing the story of Jesus curing the paralytic (Mark 2:1-12) during an orientation session at St. Joseph Parish Hall in Leitchfield Feb. 13, 2012. Photo by Mel Howard.

to ten people, and includes a coordinator and the pastor or a member of the pastoral staff. "The coordinator will need to communicate with the diocese as well as with RENEW International," explained Dr. Kolmar. "Having the pastor involved is the key to success," continued Dr. Kolmar. "It's good for them to be visible, involved and attend the formation."

As diocesan coordinator of ARISE/Levántate, Sr. Ethel-Marie Biri, SSND, accompanied the representatives from RENEW International to each informational session throughout the diocese. "It's been encouraging," she exclaimed regarding the attendance at the informational sessions.

"The number of people who have turned out and the pastors' support has been excellent. There is a lot of interest and a lot of excitement. Those who experienced RENEW in the past know what it can be like."

Having been involved with similar programs throughout her career, Sr. Biri is delighted to have ARISE/Levántate come to the diocese. "I hope that it helps parishes come to know Jesus better. That's the beginning of all of it. It's the fire that makes everything happen," she said.

"I think we'll find people who are more aware of their relationship with Christ," Sr. Biri continued. "People will want to express their response to Christ. There will be more people participating in the parish

life. Time and talent will increase. WE will be evangelized."

"Anytime we bring people together to share their faith and their life stories, it brings a lot of life to the parish," agreed Fr. Larry McBride, pastor of Holy Name Parish in Henderson. Fr. McBride attended the informational session held in Henderson on Tuesday, February 14, 2012.

With 1,500 families registered in his parish, Fr. McBride values the opportunity to create small communities of faith. "It's important to have connection between people with as many people as we have. The small groups allow that connection in the parish," he stated. "It just brings people together to share their faith and

that's always a good thing."

When asked what Bishop Medley's hopes are for the diocese by participating with ARISE/Levántate, Sr. Biri did not hesitate in her response. "He is looking for a great spiritual growth and an increase in vocations," she stated. "As Bishop, that's his job, to help people grow in their faith. As Canon Law puts it, 'it is about the care of souls.'"

At the conclusion of the evening, Sr. Biri made one more sales pitch for parishes to participate in the ARISE program. "If somebody is giving you this gift of \$1,800 per year, per parish, don't pass it up!" she exclaimed. "How can you not say 'yes'?"

2011-2012 Nomination Form for Diocese of Owensboro Catholic School Educator of the Year

The Catholic Schools Office and Principals Association are again asking for nominations for Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year.

The winner will be announced at the dinner following the annual Professional Development Day.

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

The educator must currently be employed in the Diocese of Owensboro and must have taught for a minimum of five years in the Diocesan Schools.

The outstanding Catholic School Educator must be a role model as an outstanding human being; have a major influence in the lives of students; show concern with the faith development as well as the physical, mental and emotional development of students; and encourage students to improve their abilities and talents.

The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2012. A committee will serve as judges. All nomination forms should be mailed to the Catholic Schools Office, 600 Locust St., Owensboro, KY 42301-2130.

Nominee _____

Address _____

School _____

Subjects, Grades Taught _____

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

1) Why should this person be honored as Outstanding Catholic School Educator of the Year?

2) Describe this person's commitment as an educator.

3) How has this person helped students become better people?

4) How is this person a Christian role model for the students? Give an example.

5) Is the educator active in the community and Church, apart from the school-related activities? If so, give details of his or her involvement.

6) How well does the nominee relate with professional colleagues and parents of the students?

Nominated by: Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Relation to educator _____

Sts. Peter and Paul Pastor Creates Teaching Moment at School

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Fr. Richard Meredith, Pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, has numerous hobbies. One of his favorites is to build and shoot potato cannons, usually using "blanks" or wet "splash" balls. Taking advantage of the fact that the eighth grade students in the parish school had some rare free time on Monday, January 30, 2012, after hosting the diocesan spelling bee, Fr. Meredith built a potato cannon and explained the scientific processes involved. The eighth grade teacher, Lynn Hensley, is also the science teacher for the middle school.

"This is a muzzle loading cannon," explained Fr. Meredith as he prepared the surfaces of the PVC parts for assembly. Using solvents which are dangerous in an enclosed space, Fr. Meredith opened both doors in the classroom to ensure proper ventilation and moved his assembly operation in front of the back door through which the breeze was flowing. "Never use this solvent or glue in an enclosed area," Fr. Meredith taught. "They can be very harmful and can even cause brain damage." "The glue he is using actually dissolves a layer of the PVC or plastic and then it welds together," Hensley explained, teaching as Fr. Meredith worked on the project.

After gluing caps onto the end of a small diameter, long PVC pipe, Fr. Meredith declared, "The ram rod is now ready. The firing chamber is next. It's a step down from four inches to two inches," he explained.

"Are we going to shoot a potato today?" asked Tatum Rose, an eighth grade student. "Do you have one?" responded Fr. Meredith, to the delight and entertainment of the students.

"The consistency of the glue is viscous," said Fr. Meredith. "A more common word would be snotty," he added. After assembling all the parts which resembled an elbow, Fr. Meredith said, "This is the pressure explosion chamber. This is where the explosion will occur."

Fr. Meredith proceeded to assemble the cannon with help from two of the students. "The solvents themselves are combustible," he further explained. "When they are captured in the chamber and you set the charge, an explo-

sion can occur." After warning the students to cover their ears, he ignited the cannon which did explode much to the surprise of the students.

At that time, the students, teacher and pastor congregated in the school parking lot to demonstrate the cannon's ability. Loading "blank" ammunition, otherwise known as a small paper cup, Fr. Meredith recruited help from the students to ram the cup in place and fill the ignition chamber with hair spray before he ignited the cannon once again. "Any cheap hair spray will do," Fr. Meredith declared.

As the students were helping prepare the cannon for another shot, Fr. Meredith continued to teach. "This PVC is translucent. There's another word for you, translucent. It means light passes through it. So if you fire the cannon at night, you can see the flames through the PVC."

Under his close supervision, the students were then allowed to complete the entire process two more times, taking turns at each step. When the cannon was fired the last time, Fr. Richard declared, "It's yours now."

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After building a potato cannon as an impromptu science lesson for the eighth grade class on Monday, January 30, 2012, Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville, closely supervised the students as they helped prepare the cannon for firing "blanks," otherwise known as small paper cups. Here Jacquise Smith fills the firing chamber with hair spray while Marissa Knight holds the cannon. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

Returning to the classroom, Fr. Meredith packed up his solvents and tools. "That was an interesting start to Catholic Schools Week," he concluded.

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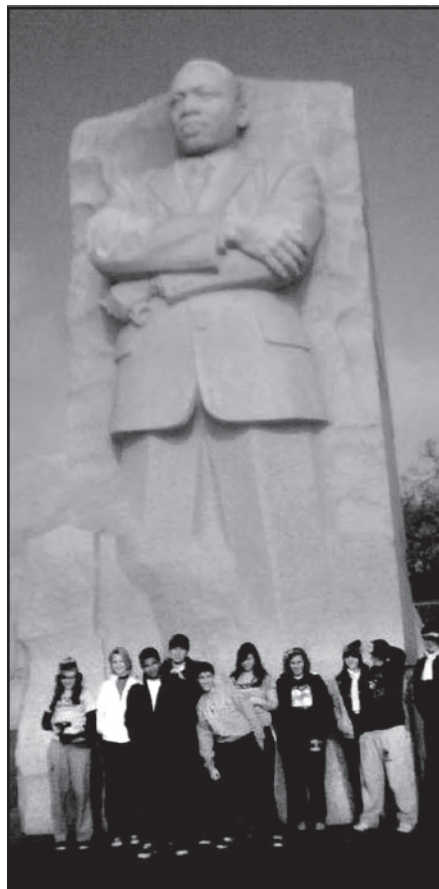
The Owensboro Catholic Middle School Fellowship of Christian Athletes once again made their annual pilgrimage to Washington DC for the March for Life. The theme for our pilgrimage this year was “Mary, the Mother of the Savior”. The focus of the trip is definitely on the march motivated by love for life from conception to natural death. Students not only were able to attend the March, but also attended a youth rally for life where they were provided with the tools to go out and continue their fight for life when they return to Owensboro.

A big part of participating in the pilgrimage is work done by each student prior to leaving. Each student was required to participate in three service projects, be in good academic and discipline standing, and enter the March for Life Poster, Poetry and Essay contest. OCMS was once again honored to have one of our students recognized on stage at the March for Life. Sarah Riney was introduced as the national winner in the March for Life poster contest. This is our third national winner in the past eight years.

Fr. Steve Hohman was able to go with us this year. This gave us the great opportunity for not only Mass, but Fr. Steve was able to hear confessions on the back of the bus during the trip. We were also able to say the rosary daily and remember several special intention requests given to us before we left. The pilgrimage was a prayerful experience the entire way.

Along with the things surrounding the March for Life, we were also able to use some time to experience some of the great things our nation’s capital offers us. We toured the White House, US Capitol, Smithsonian’s of Air and Space, American History, and Natural History, and the US Holocaust Museum. We were also able to go the Washington Memorial, World War II Memorial, Vietnam Wall, Korean War Memorial, Martin Luther King Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, and the Franklin D Roosevelt Memorial.

One thing that made this year’s pilgrimage incredibly nice was a donation from the Michael E. Horn Family Foundation for a charter bus. We have typically been blessed to use OCHS athletic buses for this trip, but the space and comfort on the charter bus was an incredible luxury. With a video system on the bus, we were also able to show pro-life videos on the trip.



Photos, top left, OCMS Fellowship of Christian Athletes at the Martin Luther King Memorial; top right, the group posing in front of a bus chartered courtesy of the Micheal E. Horn Family Foundation; lower left, OCMS students experiencing sights of Washington, D.C. during the trip; lower right, OCMS students braving the weather to march in witness for life. Photos submitted by David Ralph





Nick and Amy Hardesty

By Nick Hardesty
OWENSBORO, Ky. - On Saturday, Feb. 11, the St. Stephen's Cathedral chapter of the National Fellowship of Catholic Men hosted the first "Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky." The venue was the campus of Brescia University, specifically the Campus Center and the auditorium in the Science Building. Both buildings were full to bursting as over 300 men from across the Diocese of Owensboro were in attendance.

They all came with a single question: "What does it take to be a good, Catholic man in a secular world?" Jesse Romero, Richard Lane, and Bruce Sullivan gave talks throughout the day to help them answer this question. Each speaker addressed the theme of the conference in his own way and with great courage and dynamism.

So that the conference would truly be a moment of grace as well as learning, the Sacrament of Reconciliation was made available during the lunch break, with many priests available to hear confessions. When the men weren't receiving the sacrament, they were in the cafeteria where free sack lunches were provided. They were also browsing the lobby area, where various tables were set up to advertise local Catholic ministries and businesses.

The conference concluded with Mass in the campus chapel, presided by Bishop William Medley.

I was fortunate enough to be one of the men in attendance and I must say that, considering this was the first attempt at a men's conference for our diocese, it was a rousing success.

As a board member for WIMM, the local Catholic radio station, it was my job to help man our booth in the lobby of the Campus Center and to record radio spots from the speakers and the participants throughout the day. When I arrived early in the morning to get acclimated and prepared for the day's events, it was bitterly cold! The wind was sharp and biting, and I wondered how it might affect attendance for the event.

With microphone and digital recorder finally in hand, I took my seat in one of the front rows of the auditorium in the Science building and waited to see how many men would arrive. I learned very quickly that inclement weather can't keep a good Catholic man down! The auditorium just kept filling and filling until, with about five minutes left before the conference was to begin, every seat was taken and there were men even standing against the wall in the back! This was my first indication that the day was going to be a good one.

There is not sufficient space to discuss each of the 6 presentations, but I am able to say a few words about the ones that are still very memorable to me so many weeks after the fact.

The first speaker was Jesse Romero. If you've never heard Mr. Romero speak before, then let me tell you why this was a good idea (those of you who have heard him before already know why!). This man demands attention. He is full-throttle, volume at 11, from beginning to end. When you have a room full of guys who probably aren't used to getting up very early on a Saturday, no one can get them awake and ready to tackle the day like Romero can. He had a microphone, but honestly, he didn't really need it. He had some notes from his talk projected on a screen, but he really didn't need those either. Romero just lets it rip! When his passion for Catholicism and authentic manliness starts pouring out of his heart, there's no stopping it.

Romero's first talk was about biblical manhood as it is seen in the creation accounts from the Book of Genesis. He elaborated upon God's will for our sexuality and our marriages. He also showed us how we can learn from Adam's mistakes and be better protectors of the souls of our wives and children. This all might sound very scholarly and theological, but like I said, Romero delivered it with passion. He was very good at injecting some humor into his presentation as well.

While all of this was very good and informative, I think I learned more not so much from what he presented but from



Many men filled the seats at Brescia University's Science Lecture Hall for the first "Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky." Photo by Jerry Kuntz

how he presented it. His great energy and zeal reminded me that I needed to snap out of my complacency and start aggressively and manfully pursuing the holiness and masculinity that God has in mind for me.

After a short break (everyone needs a breather after hearing Jesse Romero speak!), Richard Lane was the next presenter. Lane is one of the few African-American Catholics engaged in full-time evangelistic ministry. I wasn't familiar with him myself, but I quickly saw why he is such a popular speaker.

Lane's talk was not quite what I expected. Typically, a conference speaker has a list of points that he progresses through in a systematic way until he has proven or aptly illustrated his position on a particular topic. Lane didn't really do that. He might have intended to, but it didn't really come out that way. Instead, his style was very conversational. He engaged the audience with various questions, many of them having to do with current events, and let



Seminarian Emmanuel Udoh, Fr. Brandon Williams, and seminarian Julio Barrera who will be ordained a transitional deacon by Bishop William Medley April 21 at St. Joseph Church in Bowling Green, and seminarian Will Thompson were hanging out at Brescia University during a break. At right are Charlie Payne and Randy Clemens Photo by Jerry Kuntz

the Spirit guide the conversation however He willed. Lane did return often to a few common themes: the importance of knowing Scripture well, of standing up for what you believe in, of being courageous, and prayerful, and holy ... but it was all very fluid.

A lot of the guys present seemed to really enjoy it. As someone who has more college years under his belt than he cares to admit, I prefer a more structured presentation. But, I can see how that doesn't really appeal to everyone and so a talk like the one Lane provided is

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necessary to provide some variety to the presentations.

The last presentation of the day was a Q&A session with Bruce Sullivan. I am honored to say that I know Bruce personally. He lives not far from Lindsey Wilson College so when I was a student there I was able to visit him at his house and spend a good amount of the day talking about our experiences defending the faith online and going over a few good books. That was almost 10 years ago, so I was curious to see if he would remember me. I was also very much looking forward to seeing how he would answer the questions from the audience.

Bruce is one of those people who has a lot of pent up energy, so once you get him going, he's off to the races, as the saying goes. I remember being very impressed by how quickly he was able to recall Scripture passages and Greek words and other bits of Catholic information. He's like a walking computer.

He did not disappoint. During the Q&A session, the floor was open for anyone to ask him a question about the Catholic faith, and he had a great answer to every question. One person asked why we believe that Mary remained a virgin her whole life if the Bible refers to the brothers and sisters of Jesus. He was sure to point out that the Greek word that we translate as "brother," adelphos (or adelphas for "sister"), actually has a wide range of meaning. It can refer to a sibling, but it can also refer to a cousin, a nephew, someone of the same tribe, or even a close friend. He went on to say that it is likely that these "brothers" and "sisters" of Jesus were actually extended relations of some kind, not Jesus' actual siblings. This, according to Bruce, is because if Jesus had other siblings, He would have placed His mother into their care instead of placing her into the care of John

the Apostle. I think Bruce nailed that question, and the crowd was very impressed.

A Q&A session like this may not seem at first to be relevant to a conference about being a good, Catholic man in a secular world, but I think it was very much in accordance with the theme of the day. If someone asks you why you believe a certain Catholic teaching and all you can do is look around and twiddle your thumbs ... well ... that's not very manly. We need to be able to make a robust defense of our faith. Bruce showed us how important it is to be intimately familiar with Scripture and with the teachings of the Church. I think that's a valuable lesson for every man.

By the way, when I approached him after the session to record a radio spot, he remembered me right away and began updating me on our mutual friend of ours and his journey to the Catholic faith. I was very pleased.

The Mass with Bishop Medley at the end of the day was really the icing on the cake. I had already gone to Confession during the lunch break and so I was able, fully edified and full of grace, to really enter into the Mass and receive the Eucharist with a pure heart. Plus, Bishop Medley is such a warm and welcoming man. I think he must have greeted all 300+ of us as we entered the chapel, and we could tell by his opening words and his homily that he was so thankful and glad that we were there, striving as best we could to be holy men of God. I was certainly glad to be there.

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By Marian McClure Taylor, Executive Director, Kentucky Council of Churches

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Bishop Medley Connects With Families of Parish Religious Education; Hopes To Celebrate Parish Faith Formation in Each Deanery

By Mel Howard

Bishop William Medley has been visiting schools and parishes since he became the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Owensboro. He has celebrated Mass with every Catholic School community in the diocese and visited with every parish community, celebrating Mass in most of our parish churches and chapels of the diocese.

Bishop Medley has confirmed hundreds of people in the parishes of this diocese and welcomed hundreds more at Easter who are entering the Church through the RCIA programs in our parishes.

Starting at 2:00 p.m. on the second Sunday of Lent, Bishop Medley visited with the Parish Religious Education families of the West Daviess County Deanery on March 4 at Immaculate Church in Owensboro. The UK basketball game in Rupp Arena, Lexington, with Florida had been won by the Cats earlier this day, so Bishop Medley didn't have that to contend with. There was a very good turn-out of families and students in Parish Religious Education of the parishes of the West Daviess County Deanery: Blessed Sacrament, St Mary Magdalene, Immaculate, Precious Blood, St. Alphonsus, St. Augustine, St. Elizabeth, St. Martin, St. Peter of Alcantara, St. Sebastian, and St. Stephen Cathedral.

On a bright, sunny, warm March afternoon, Bishop Medley welcomed the families and the students into Immaculate Church under a banner over the front door, "Welcome! Bishop Medley". He greeted every person and hugged the children and youth, asking their names and which parish they attended. Many of the youth Bishop Medley recognized from Confirmation ceremonies in the parishes and from youth events. He spoke familiarly with all of



Bishop Medley greeted each family who entered Immaculate Church on March 4 for the afternoon celebration of Parish Religious Education in the West Daviess County Deanery. Here Bishop Medley greeted Cooper Bishop and his Mom Geneva Bishop, from St. Charles in Livermore. Photos by Danny Thompson and Mel Howard



Sitting on the front pew for a good view, Jessenia and Juan-Javier Garcia sang the songs and closely watched what Bishop Medley was doing throughout the March 4 Celebration.

those who came for the celebration.

As Mass started, Bishop Medley spoke to the people saying he was grateful for the opportunity to meet the boys and girls, young men and women, and their families who participate in their parish's religious education programs. Most of these Catholic young people attend public schools in the deanery area. Bishop Medley invited the assembly to strengthen their efforts



Father Tony Jones, at right center, Pastor of The Immaculate Parish in Owensboro hosted the March 4 celebration with Bishop William Medley for West Daviess County Deanery Parish Religious Education students and their families.



This group of students and parents from St. Sebastian and St Charles Parish Religious Education classes wore t-shirts with their parish name so Bishop Medley would easily know who they are. As the picture shows, Bishop Medley and these families had a good feeling about connecting and getting to know one another.

through Lent as the Church undertakes a "Campaign of Christian Service" this Lent. He suggested that we all take time this Lent to "grow, to do something extra, read a spiritual book, do Christian service,

or go to Mass more in a week's time.

He said, "We get to Christ's glory by following Christ to the Cross. We have to

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Ash Wednesday Prayer

Grant, O Lord, that we may begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service, so that, as we take up battle against spiritual evils, we may be armed with weapons of self-restraint. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

(Collect - Ash Wednesday)

be willing to pass through the suffering in life to follow Him to the Cross.

Bishop Medley then spoke of his recent travels to the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, and to be with Fr. Stan Puryear in Paya, in the Diocese of Bani, Parish District of Saint James the Apostle (Santiago Apostol), in the Dominican Republic. He spoke of riding in Father Stan's truck to 5:00 p.m. Mass one Thursday afternoon. Every so often, Fr. Stan stopped to let people get on the truck, and by the time they got to church, there were dozens of people aboard.

Then at Mass, Bishop Medley experienced how all those young people knew the prayers and sang the songs of the liturgy wonderfully. "Their parents and catechists had been teaching them the prayers and the music and songs for participating in Mass" at Saint James the Apostle Church.

Bishop Medley then spoke about the Lenten Campaign of Christian Service more. He spoke of the people in the sixteen churches, missions, and chapels in which Fr. Stan ministers. "When we speak of giving up something for Lent, we may think of skipping desserts, but that is not really suffering during Lent for most of us, Sometimes suffering comes to us; we don't have to go looking for it."

Bishop Medley urged the youth and their families to "celebrate what it is to be a part of the Catholic Church."

He said that as he visited with the people in the Dominican Republic, he thought about the bright young children of our diocese, and in Daviess County: "I can see you as the future of the Church" in Western Kentucky. "We depend on young people hearing the call of Jesus Christ. I love the children of the Diocese of Owensboro. You're very special to me. I hope to see you grow up, and pray that you will know what God is calling you to in this life. I pray that you will have the grace to do whatever it is that God wants of you."

Bishop Medley got to know each family member of those who participated in the March 4 Celebration of Parish Religious Education at The Immaculate Parish, Owensboro. In the photo at right center, Bishop Medley spoke with Juanita Garcia and her son Juan-Javier as the rest of the family shared the moment. From left, Jessenia, Juanita, Bishop Medley, Juan-Javier,



Bishop William Medley makes his poster with the Parish Religious Education students from Saint Alphonsus as Sister Beth Akins, OSU, parish DRE, watches.



The young people in The Immaculate Parish Hall March 4 for the West Daviess County Parish Religious Education Celebration enjoyed connecting and sharing a class exercise with Bishop Medley. In the photo at right, Bishop Medley shared Michael Swift as his mother Sandy, Dad, Kevin and sister, Alex shared the moment.



Javier Garcia, and Josafina.

In the photo at bottom right, Ben McCarty, 4th grader at West Louisville Elementary gave a thumb's-up for his teacher, Sister Beth Akins, OSU, Director of Religious Education at Saint Alphonsus Parish. Photos by Danny Thompson and Mel Howard.



Students Compete at Diocesan Spelling Bee

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - On Monday, January 30, 2012, the first day of Catholic Schools Week, twenty-one students from schools throughout the diocese, teachers, principals and parents gathered in the gymnasium at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School to compete in the diocesan spelling bee.

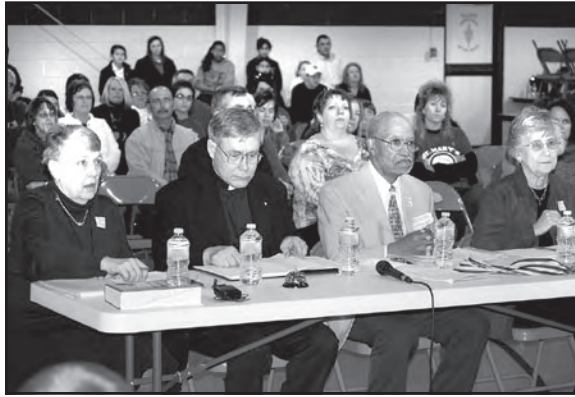
Traditionally held the first day of Catholic Schools Week, the location of this spelling competition rotates from one school to another each year. "It was just our turn," explained Sarah Kranz, principal of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m., the event kicked off a few minutes early once all students were properly registered. After drawing numbers out of a hat, the students from the lower division took their seats in chairs numbered one through twelve. The lower division included students from fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

Fr. Richard Meredith, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul, officially began the event with a prayer. He then introduced Kranz who first recognized Jim Mattingly, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Owensboro, who was in attendance. She then proceeded to announce the rules of the spelling bee. "When you spell the word, look only at the judges," she cautioned. After explaining the specifics of the competition, such as not altering the spelling of a word without starting over, Kranz said that if they misspelled a word they would hear a bell and then they should take a seat in the audience.

At the conclusion of the rules, Kranz introduced the panel of adults who would run the contest. Lynn Hensley, eighth grade teacher at Sts. Peter and Paul, acted as the judge. Fr. Meredith had the responsibility of ringing the bell when a student misspelled a word. Sharon Suddeath, one of the sixth grade English teachers at Sts. Peter and Paul, read definitions of the words, used the words in sentences and provided origins of the words when requested. Levi Peterson, retired educator and parishioner of Sts. Peter and Paul, was the pronouncer of the words.

"I asked Levi because of his background and love of education," Kranz explained. Peterson was a teacher for many years and a principal in one of the



Four adults from Sts. Peter and Paul in Hopkinsville served as the official panel during the diocesan spelling bee on Monday, January 30, 2012. Seated from left to right are: Lynn Hensley, Fr. Richard Meredith, Levi Peterson and Sharon Suddeath. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

local high schools.

Continuing with the rules, Kranz then explained that when only two students remained in the group of spellers, each would have to spell two words correctly before a champion would be identified. If both students spelled both words correctly, they would continue in that fashion until a winner was declared. "We wish you all good luck. Spell well," Kranz concluded.

At that time, the contestants were asked to approach the podium and introduce themselves. The twelve contestants in the lower division, in the order they were seated, were: Jerome de la Rosa, 4th grade, St. Mary Elementary; Olivia McClure, 5th grade, St. Joseph in Mayfield; Laura Holmes, 5th grade, Sts. Peter and Paul; Leigh Ann Seitz, 6th grade, St. Mary Middle School; Erin Kinsey, 6th grade, Mary Carrico; Joshua Sloan, 6th grade, Owensboro Catholic; Jayme Galloway, 5th grade, St. Romuald; Davis Howell, 5th grade, Holy Name; Theresa Mattingly, 6th grade, St. Mary of the Woods; Aashka Sheth, 5th grade, St. Joseph in Bowling Green; and Carson Greenwell, 6th grade, St. Ann.

After six rounds, the contestants were reduced to two: Leigh Ann Seitz from St. Mary Middle School and Carson Greenwell from St. Ann. After two rounds where both students misspelled their words, it took two more rounds before Greenwell was declared the winner after spelling both telepathic and cauliflower correctly. A total of 63 words were used in the lower division competition.

Kranz then had the privilege of awarding the two finalists their medals.

The nine students from the upper division were then called forward and asked to choose numbers from the hat to determine their seating arrangement. The contestants in the upper division, in the order



Winners of the diocesan spelling bee in the lower division pose for a photo after the competition. On the left is Carson Greenwell from St. Ann who won first place and on the right is Leigh Ann Seitz of St. Mary Middle School who took second place. The lower division consists of students from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. The diocesan competition was held at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School on Monday, January 30, 2012. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

seated, were: George Boyd, 8th grade, Sts. Peter and Paul; Mikaela Mills, 8th grade, Mary Carrico; Lucy Kurtz, 8th grade, Owensboro Catholic Middle; Abby Booker, 7th grade, St. Mary of the Woods; Nikko Quijano, 8th grade, Christ the King; Ellie Moore, 8th grade, St. Ann; Renner Wehr, 8th grade, Holy Name; Priyanka Sheth, 8th grade, St. Joseph in Bowling Green; and Kenzie Ulmer, 7th grade, St. Mary Middle School.

It only took eight rounds and 44 words to declare a winner in the upper division. Beginning with round six, only two contestants remained: Lucy Kurtz from Owensboro Catholic Middle and Priyanka Sheth from St. Joseph in Bowling Green. In the final and eighth round, Sheth won the contest by correctly spelling both mortgage and amphibian. Once again, Kranz awarded both final contestants with two medals; one for the spelling bee and the other showing which place they finished.

Winning was nothing new for Sheth as this was her fourth consecutive time winning the diocesan spelling bee. One reason for Sheth's success as a spelling bee

champion might be her consistent request for definitions and using the words in sentences. Each and every time Sheth was asked to spell a word, she would first request that the word be repeated then ask either for the definition or for it to be used in a sentence, or both. Sometimes she would even ask the origin of the word.

The main reason Sheth does well, according to her, is that she reads a lot. "Reading helps my vocabulary," she explained. In addition to reading, Sheth also spends time studying the spelling word list about 30 minutes a day prior to the competition.

Greenwell, champion of the lower division, attributes her success to studying. "I spent lots of time studying," she admitted. She wrote all the words several times and used her iPad to learn the proper pronunciation. In addition, her parents would quiz her each night. According to Greenwell's mother, Shelly, Carson and her father stayed up past midnight most nights preceding the competition. "I feel accomplished," Greenwell concluded.



Priyanka Sheth from St. Joseph in Bowling Green (left) and Lucy Kurtz of Owensboro Catholic Middle (right) revel in the spotlight following their winning performance at the diocesan spelling bee. The event was held on Monday, January 30, 2012, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Hopkinsville. Sheth earned first place for the fourth consecutive year at the diocesan level. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

**Attention all Parish Members
and all former Students of
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SPP Takes Second in District Cup Match



By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - Building on the progress made last year by Coach Lynn Hensley, the middle school students at Sts. Peter and Paul School in Hopkinsville improved their performance at the Governor's Cup district competition on January 17 and 21, 2012.

After a multi-year hiatus, Hensley, who is also the eighth grade and middle school science teacher, recreated an academic team prior to last year's competition. Working with some returning students and recruiting more, the team moved up in the ranks this year.

Somewhat notably, the students participating in the future problem solving competition came out on top, capturing the first place ribbon for the district. Members of the future problem solving team included Joseph Baxter, eighth grade, Rebekah Holmes, seventh grade, Jordan Kelly, eighth grade, and Bradley Roeder, eighth grade.

In addition to taking the crown for future problem solving, the students competing in the quick recall competition also performed well by taking second place in the district. Team members for the quick recall competition included Christian Barefield, George Boyd, Christopher Pape, Nathan Tillman, Austin Stevens and Sam Wilkins. All members of the quick recall team are in the eighth grade with the exception of Wilkins who is in the seventh grade.

Members of the Sts. Peter and Paul

Members of the Sts. Peter and Paul academic team proudly displayed their medals and trophy after placing second overall in the district Governor's Cup competition held on Tuesday, January 17 and Saturday, January 21, 2012. The team also competed at the regional level on Tuesday, January 31 and Saturday, February 4, 2012. Team members pictured from left to right in the front row are: Coach Lynn Hensley, Nathan Tillman, Jordan Kelly and Rebekah Holmes. In the back row are: Sam Wilkins, George Boyd, Christopher Pape, Christian Barefield, Austin Stevens and Coach Rochelle Dickerson. Photo taken by Yvette Holmes.

team also competed well in the individual events. Boyd placed first in composition and fourth in arts and humanities. Wilkins placed third in social studies. Antha France, seventh grade, placed third in science. Pape placed fifth in language arts. Barefield placed fifth in arts and humanities.

As a result of the entire team performing well at the district level, the team was awarded with second place overall in the district. "I am so proud of the students that participated all year in Governor's Cup," remarked Hensley. "It is quite a commitment for the students."

The regional competition was held on January 31 and February 4. Although the school's team did not place as high at the regional level, Boyd placed third in composition and will compete at the state event on March 10 through 12, 2012.

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Holy Name School Academic Team Wins District 9 Governor's Cup Competition

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HENDERSON, Ky. - Holy Name School's 5th and 6th Grade Academic Team under the direction of Coach and Spanish Teacher, Denise Roethemeier, recently took first place in the District 9 Governor's Cup Competition. They competed at the regional level on Saturday, March 17.

The students are pictured as follows, front row: Andrew Moats, Connor Sauer, Lauren Alexander; second row: Jyotirmayi Jadhav, Nolan Durham, Katie Ivie, Ally Groves, Jonathan Hauke, Abigail Haley, Will White' third row: Cole Fogle, Ashley Fulkerson, Hannah Payne, Hayden Krampe, Lucas Humel, Sam Hodge. Article: Kamille Stich; Photo Credit by Denise Roethemeier

Holy Name Students Attend Kentucky UN Assembly

By Kamille Stich

A group of students from Holy Name School in Henderson attended the Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA) at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville on March 4-6.

The Kentucky United Nations Youth Assembly is a branch of the YMCA and, according to their website, "is a three-day experiential learning conference in which students participate directly in simulated international diplomacy. As ambassadors emulating the culture and representing diverse interests of UN member countries from around the world, students dive deeply into the culture of another nation and are encouraged to re-examine the world from another perspective. Students offer solutions for international issues by writing, presenting, debating, and voting on proposals. Students also celebrate cultural diversity by presenting aspects of their chosen country's culture

at the Global Village and International Stage. Officers elected by students serve as conference leadership, supported by YMCA professionals, advisors, and parent volunteers."

Holy Name students, along with first-time advisor and teacher Christina Shires, were assigned several African and one Asian country for which they wrote proposals which offered solutions to the major challenges facing those countries.

Holy Name received several honors as follows:

- An 8th grade proposal to improve the Kenyan water sanitation system was passed. The proposal authors were students Davis Mitchell, Adrian Etensohn, and Renner Wehr.
- A 7th grade proposal urge the use of excess Angolan oil dollars for education and health care passed. The proposal authors were students Julia Eakins, Max Maloney, Rachel Payne,



Hannah B. Says Camp Really Does Change Lives!

Submitted by Ben Warrell

Registrations for summer camp and coming in faster than they ever have before! It's been great to see how the word about camp and what happens here is spreading among the young people of the Diocese of Owensboro. A big part of this is the youth that are sharing their experience at Gasper River with others. Here's one example!

The summer of 2011 was my fourth straight my summer going to Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp and Retreat Center. Each year I see God in a different way, become closer to Him, and take more of my faith back home with me after I leave. The first year I saw God everywhere in the nature surrounding me, in my fellow campers, and in the staff. Soon all my fellow campers become my best friends and still remain my best friends to this day!

The second year I saw God in all the campers, and started to figure out my role in this world and in my relationship with God. My third year I saw God in the staff mostly, they really helped me out with all my questions about my faith and just life in general! That year I became super close with one of my most favorite friends. She is different from all my other friends, because unlike all my other friends from home, I can talk to her about my faith.

My fourth year even though I still attended camp with campers my own age and loved it and became super close with

all kinds of new people, I experienced something totally new. I worked as a volunteer counselor for the 3&4 and the 5&6 grade camps! This was such an AMAZING experience for me because I saw kids at the age when I started going to camp who are growing in their faith the same as I was. I became very close with some of the kids, and I very much enjoyed watching them grow in their faith all week. Their curiosity about God and his creation is so much alive at their age! They are so excited to learn about him and participate in all activities that sometimes we big kids do not like to participate in, including mass. Their liveliness for their faith encouraged me to pray more and to live life to the fullest. When I left after my final week of summer camp I felt so active in my faith, and my relationship with God was so much better than ever before! Gasper River really does change lives! And I would encourage anyone to go there, why else would I go back every year! - Hannah B.

Remember to visit our website, www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org for more information about the camps and for all the forms you'll need to attend this summer! We've added four new elements to the Team's Course and so many new adventures and faith filled moments await you this summer. Come and see what God has planned for you! Space is limited so don't miss out and get your forms in as soon as you can.

and Samuel Ricketts.

- Student Ashley Shires was named to the Leadership Team.
- Student Katarina Vinitski was voted Parliamentarian.
- Student Trey Book, Holy Name's candidate for Secretary General was a finalist.
- Student Cheyenne Warren was honored for her duties as Campaign Manager.
- Teacher Christina Shires was awarded "Rookie Advisor of the Year."

Parish and School Benefit Greatly from Bequest

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

Shortly before becoming pastor of Christ the King in Madisonville, Fr. John Thomas learned some news that would greatly benefit his new parish and school. A long-time parishioner, one he had never met, had recently died and had made the parish the primary beneficiary. "When he received word of the bequest, Fr. Jerry told the congregation that a sizable bequest had been made and that they would learn all the specifics after I arrived," Fr. Thomas explained referring to Fr. Jerry Calhoun, long-time pastor of the parish. "That was very gracious of him to allow me the opportunity to inform the parish of how the monies would be used for the various needs of the parish and community," he added.

Upon arriving at the parish, Fr. Thomas soon learned that the bequest was nearly one million dollars. "If the market hadn't dipped right around that time, it would have been more than a million dollars," he observed.

"Luetta Dotson lived a very simple life. The many people who encountered her on a daily basis would have never imagined she was capable of offering such a large bequest. She was not proud, lavish or attention seeking. Her heart was one of service and generosity. She worked, saved and invested all with the intent to benefit the Church," Fr. Thomas described the donor. "What a testament she made. She lived the way she died, giving and serving," he added.

Not long after his arrival, Fr. Thomas wrote a detailed letter to the parish outlining the plans for the gift. "The parish pastoral council, finance council and I have prayerfully decided that some of these monies might be used for various activities in the life of our church," he explained in his letter. "However, together, we decided to leave at least \$500,000 in the account with the diocese as good and worthy stewards of her gift and our responsibility in insuring the financial security of our parish family."

Fr. Thomas was quick to remind his new parish that none of Dotson's gift should or would be used for regular upkeep or maintenance. "All regular expenses should come from the ongoing generosity of all parishioners," he reminded.

In addition to saving a good portion of the gift, Fr. Thomas and his parish pastoral council also quickly decided another way to use some of the money. Nearly \$200,000 was immediately designated for the school. "Because of her bequest, we have been able to update our kitchen equipment, the textbooks, technology and the curriculum," Fr. Thomas explained.

One way of updating the curriculum involved purchasing projectors and computers for most of the classrooms. Many of the textbooks are now projected during class versus using individual books.

Another major purchase for the school was laptop computers for the middle school students' use. Instead



Sarah Lutz, a seventh grade student, worked on her laptop during class at Christ the King Catholic School in Madisonville. Every middle school student at the school was given a laptop for their use during the school year as part of recent changes and technological upgrades made possible by a will bequest made by a parishioner. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

of hauling books back and forth to school, the students now have most of their textbooks on their computers. "We have social studies and literature on them as well as English," explained Sarah Lutz, who is in the seventh grade. "I like them better than textbooks. You can do your work, save it and keep the work with you. It's less to pack around," she added.

The laptop computers also made a recent project easier. In January, all middle school students created presentations about where they would like to take their annual class trip. "We all made slide shows about where we want to go," explained McKenzie Shoulders, a sixth grade student. After the presentations were given, Beth Herrmann, the school's principal, and Fr. Thomas made the final decision. This year, the class will be traveling to Cincinnati.

"At my first meeting with the school board, I told them that I have expectations and my expectations are high," Fr. Thomas said explaining why he wanted to immediately make improvements to the school. "We offer a service. We offer a quality education in a Catholic environment. Why should a parent pay this money if the test scores are low?" he asked.

"Children rise to expectations and I have expectations," he reiterated. "I expect that they behave a certain way. I expect that they dress a certain way. I expect that they behave in class a certain way. I expect that they learn and understand the teachings of Jesus and His Church. I expect that they behave in Mass a certain way. And I expect our test scores will reflect that level of achievement.

"It's hard to have a Catholic identity when sixty percent of the student body is non-Catholic," Fr. Thomas admitted. "But we are a Catholic school. That's our greatest strength: our Catholicism. It's just who we are and that's a good thing.

"We have had teachers here for many years and they are very dedicated. With all the new digital information



Collin Garrett and Hayden Terry, both students at Christ the King in Madisonville, are seen here in line for lunch. In the background are new appliances purchased as part of a recent kitchen renovation. Money used on the kitchen was donated by several parishioners and was in part received from a will bequest. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

in the school, it changed the curriculum," he continued. "I know I've asked a lot of the teachers this year, but they too are rising to my expectations."

Another significant change to the school, which was made possible by Dotson's gift as well as donations from other parishioners, was renovating the kitchen. "In this day and age, some children never sit down to eat a meal at home," speculated Fr. Thomas. "But they will here. We now have real utensils, real plates, real trays and real meals for lunch," he indicated. "I also expect them to behave a certain way in here," Fr. Thomas added while overseeing the children eating lunch. "I make them sit at the table and use simple manners. It changes how they do all kinds of things.

"It used to be that the older students ate with the older and the younger ate with the younger," Fr. Thomas continued. "Now the older students eat with the younger students so they can assist the younger ones by opening things or cleaning their trays. It's more of a mentor arrangement."

Many of the students seem to like the new changes at the school. "I like how nice everyone is, all the teachers and the students," added sixth grade student, Chris Haag.

"I like it here because it's a lot smaller than most schools," commented Archie Jungblom, an eighth grade student. "You really get to know everyone here and you're not just walking past strangers in the hallway."

Eighth grade student Katlyn Napier is actually a little sad that she will be leaving the school after graduating this year. "We're all like family," she stated.

While not all of the changes at the school have anything to do with the money left to the parish by Dotson, her gift certainly made some of the changes possible. "She changed the life of this church with her gift," stated Fr. Thomas. "More importantly, she caused all of us to think about the end of our lives and how we can benefit the Church," he added.

"All of us are called upon to uphold and serve the Church," Fr. Thomas wrote in his letter to the parish. "Some of us are called to be extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist

Pastor Initiates Change to School Masses

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By: Dawn C. Ligibel

Arriving at his new parish just one day before the school year began in August, 2011, Fr. John Thomas, pastor of Christ the King in Madisonville, quickly decided to make some changes. "As soon as I made the sign of the cross at the first Friday all-school Mass, I knew the church was full of children who were not Catholic," Fr. Thomas explained. "I had to adapt. Right from the beginning, I knew I had to teach them about the Mass." Sixty percent of the school's students are not Catholic.

When the time came for his homily that day, Fr. Thomas started by instructing the children in the same way he used to as pastor at Sts. Peter and Paul. "Children, sit up straight," he said. He continued to instruct the children. "We stand differently and we sit differently. This is Church, not the lunchroom," he said. "I am their pastor and the president. I also became their teacher," Fr. Thomas recently reflected.

Instructing the children on how to sit and stand was just the first step he took to integrate the children into the Mass. "When I arrived, there were only a few students qualified to serve at Mass," he explained. "I thought, 'What am I going to do?' I knew I had to do something. So I immediately went to my book to see if I was allowed to use non-Catholics. When it refers to altar servers, it implies they be Catholic. So I don't call them altar servers. Everyone is now called a server," he explained. The non-Catholic students serve as cross and book bearers. The Catholic students serve at the altar.

The first step, of course, was to train the students about all aspects of the Mass, including what all the objects used are called. "At the end of each all-school Mass, I would quiz them on what things were called," he recalled. He then began training all students from fourth grade and higher to serve at Mass.

"I immediately saw a difference in the kids," Fr. Thomas claimed with enthusiasm. "They were paying attention to see what the other students were doing. They were proud that someone in their class was serving. You could see it in their posture and their excitement. When their classmates would serve, they would wait for them after Mass to congratulate them and walk them back to school. It was very exciting," he exclaimed.

Fr. Thomas' assessment of their enthusiasm was not imagined. "I was like really nervous that I was gonna drop something," Katlyn Napier, an eighth grade student, said remembering her first time serving. "It was really fun, because I got to serve with all my friends."

"It gives me a chance to try out what the Catholics do that we don't get to do at our church,"



Soon after becoming pastor of Christ the King in Madisonville, Fr. John Thomas began training non-Catholic students in the parish school to serve at Mass. Now both Catholic and non-Catholic students serve at each school Mass. Non-Catholic students serve as cross and book bearers. Pictured here from left to right are Chris Haag, Hayden Terry, Fr. John Thomas and Isabella Henning. Photo provided.

observed seventh grade student Skylar Majors.

"I like that he made it so non-Catholics can serve," said Kaitlin Stanfield, who's in the seventh grade. "I like serving because at the beginning of the year it was only for Catholics. I like putting out the gifts because I feel like we get to do it for God," she added.

"I think people get to understand how the Church works better behind the scenes at Mass," explained seventh grader, Sarah Littlepage.

"I'm happy with it," said school parent Becky McCabe, who is Catholic and has one child in the school and two who have graduated from the school. "If they go to school here, they should get to do what the other students do. They should be included. I think that's very important."

In addition to teaching his students more about the Mass, involving his non-Catholic students, and raising the overall excitement level for attending Mass, Fr. Thomas experienced yet another, totally unexpected blessing from the changes he made. "Parents are now coming to Mass," he exclaimed. "My intention is not to make the children or the parents Catholic, but just to help them understand what the Church teaches about the Eucharist," he explained. "We had six sets of parents at Mass this morning, and four of them were not Catholic. They are coming to watch their kids serve and proclaim the Scriptures."

Fr. Thomas then recalled one of his first encounters with a set of non-Catholic parents. "Two weeks after we began practicing, the new students hadn't begun to serve yet. As I processed out after an all-school Mass, I noticed a couple sitting in one of the back pews. I could tell they wanted to talk to me. I thought, 'Here it comes. I'm gonna get it.'" Fr. Thomas remembered. "The man approached me as said, 'We just want to thank you. The first day you had practice, that's



Skylar Majors, a seventh grade student at Christ the King Catholic School in Madisonville, recently began serving during school Mass and is enjoying the experience. Although Majors is not Catholic, Fr. John Thomas, pastor of the parish and school began training all students in the school from fourth grade up to serve during Mass. Non-Catholic servers are book and cross bearers. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

all our son talked about that night. He is so excited. He was teaching us about the Mass and what everything is called."

Not long after his encounter with that first set of parents, Fr. Thomas received another affirmation about his decision. "The first time the Bishop visited, he just laughed when I told him," Fr. Thomas said. "The Bishop said that for Masses with children, the norms allow for all kinds of adaptations."

"Bishop Medley visited again just recently for the close of Catholic Schools Week," Fr. Thomas continued. "We celebrated Mass at one o'clock that Friday and we had Catholic and non-Catholic servers, even for the Bishop."

"They really have been so excited about serving," Fr. Thomas exclaimed. "They feel included instead of excluded. They know it's an honor and a privilege to serve. They'll always remember that," he speculated.

Fr. Thomas, who has not received one negative comment about inviting and training non-Catholics to serve, was blessed once again due his decision regarding servers. "One of the non-Catholic students recently asked me a question right before she served for the first time. She said, 'If I wanted to be baptized, what would I need to do?'" he recalled. "She had already talked to her mom about it," he added with wonderment in his voice.

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By Father Stan Puryear

It has been a very exciting month here at Distrito Parroquial Santiago Apóstol (Saint James the Apostle Parish District) in Paya. The Bishop has announced that in on July 25, the Feast of Saint James the Apostle, our “parish district” will become a self-standing “parish” and I will become its first pastor. Though many other priests have ministered here over the years, they were all assistant pastors of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Regla. All baptisms and other sacramental activities have been recorded at the Cathedral, which means that now I get to keep up with the sacramental registry books. Somehow, with every “promotion”, more work comes along.

As exciting as being named a parish, the people of Santiago Apóstol were also excited to have an esteemed visitor from the United States this past month. Our own Bishop William Medley included Paya as a stop in his Grand Caribbean Tour (sort of makes him sound like a rock star). After visiting with Bishop Neil Tiedemann, C.P., in the Diocese of Mandeville, Bishop Medley flew via Miami to Santo Domingo. Unfortunately, there are no direct flights between Jamaica and the Dominican Republic, which meant that after a very long day of travelling, Bishop Medley arrived very late on February 29.

On March 1, after sitting on the balcony in the sun while enjoying a breakfast of locally produced fresh fruit, the Bishop received a tour of the communities where I am privileged to minister. Though I’m certain it was all he could do to contain his enthusiasm, he also got to meet most of the menagerie with whom I live: dogs, turkeys, and the hen who mysteriously appeared in the backyard one day. Bishop Medley seemed especially impressed with the “church bus,” albeit he may have been somewhat surprised to see how many people could fit into the back of a pickup truck. Celebrating Mass at the community of Saint Anthony of Padua in Carretón, the Bishop was welcomed by a crowd that included a significant number of smiling children.

The most stressful part of the Bishop’s visit for me was our having dinner on Thursday at noon with Bishop Freddy Bretón of the Diocese of Baní. Though Bishop Bretón reads and writes English well, his conversation skills are somewhat rusty, meaning I had the task of translating for the dinner. I have to say

that it was a great time for all. Though Bishop Bretón and Bishop Medley have very different personalities, they are both spiritual men who answered the unsolicited and unexpected call to the episcopacy. Their love of God and God’s Church is evidently shared, and in that they found a common bond that transcended the spoken word.

On Friday, before he departed for the land of super-sized all-beef hamburger combos (I probably should not write these columns when I’m hungry and craving a taste of home), I offered Bishop Medley a brief tour of Saint Thomas of Aquinas Seminary (the only theology seminary in the country) and the Colonial Zone of Santo Domingo. At the seminary, we met a Bishop who was visiting from France, and the rector gave us a tour of the seminary chapel that was consecrated by Blessed John Paul II in 1992, in commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of Columbus’ arrival to the New World (and the Island of Hispaniola). As I translated the rector’s words into English, another priest was translating into French. The universality of our Church is often unexpectedly manifested. In addition to meeting a foreign fellow Bishop, Bishop Medley met a few of the seminarians from the Diocese of Baní. Though Mel Howard is probably not going to be happy with me, I forgot to take a picture of Bishop Medley with the three men who will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Baní this year, in what is coincidentally the diocese’s twenty-fifth anniversary.

No trip to Santo Domingo is complete without visiting the Colonial Zone and the first Cathedral in the Western Hemisphere. The Archdiocese of Santo Domingo, on August 8 last year, celebrated the 500th Anniversary of its establishment. Construction on the “Metropolitan Cathedral of Our Lady of the Incarnation (First Cathedral of America)” began in 1512 and was completed in 1540, although side chapels were added later. Needless to say, Bishop Medley was impressed. I first met the priest who was to become Bishop Medley many years ago when he was the pastor of Saint Joseph Proto-Cathedral of Bardstown, the first Catholic Cathedral west of the Allegheny Mountains, construction of which began in 1816. Hence, our Bishop understands the significance that buildings serve in preserving and declaring the history of our Church. After seeing a few other sites, we sat in the shade of 500-year-old trees listening to a band play merengue while sipping freshly-squeezed limeade. And then it was off to the airport.

On a lighter side, I got the impression that Bishop Medley did not appreciate the fine art that is viewed while driving in the Dominican Republic. More than once I saw him bracing for impact in encounters that were not even close calls by our standards here. An Italian priest once explained the difference between driving



Bishop William Medley with some of the people who rode to church with him as Father Stan drove the “church bus,” that is, his truck. Photo submitted by Fr Stan Puryear

in the United States and driving in Italy – and the comparison holds true here as well: “You Americans are all about following the rules and maintaining order, waiting for the red light to turn green, going only one way on one-way streets. For us, driving is a personal, one-on-one relationship.” Part of driving here is carrying on this personal relationship at 100 kilometers per hour (60 mph) while dodging cows, goats, and potholes. What the Bishop didn’t experience fully was that this is normally done while bachata blares on the radio and the driver engages in an animated hand-waving conversation on the telephone. But I wanted to save a few things for Bishop Medley’s next visit.

Parish and School Benefit Greatly from Bequest

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(both at Mass and for the homebound). Many of us are called to read the Scriptures at Mass, serve at the altar, offer ourselves as hospitality ministers, or sing in the choir. Some are called to help prepare food for a funeral meal, assist in the parish office, or help clean the church. All of us are called to share our income as a sign of offering our work and its reward to God and his Church. We are all called to live like Ms. Dotson and recognize our hearts of service and generosity for the good of others.

“Are you sharing what you have been given?” he asked in his letter. “Have you thought and prayed about your regular gift to the Church? Is it time for you to think about your wishes at your time of death? To whom are you leaving your life’s work? How will you show honor and thankfulness for a life well lived? Ms. Dotson has shown each of us how to live, but also how to die; offering our lives and ourselves for others.”



Ginger Ashby, fourth and fifth grade teacher at Christ the King Catholic School in Madisonville, worked with Chase Garrett using new technology in the school. Computers, projectors and laptops for middle school students were made possible by a will bequest from a generous parishioner. Photo taken by Dawn C. Ligibel.

In the two photos at right, Over fifty couples attended a Prayer Service and dinner hosted at Immaculate Parish Owensboro on Saturday, January 28 honoring marriages. During the service led by Fr. Tony Jones, couples expressed their love for each other by renewing their wedding vows, and received a blessing. Couples present ranged from one year of marriage to 66 years. Afterwards, the couples were treated to a catered dinner of chicken and roast beef. (Pictures by Diane Willis)



Prayer for Vocations

In the two pictures at left, the focus of last Sunday of the month Adoration at Immaculate Parish, Owensboro in January was vocations. Many parishioners came throughout the day to pray for an increase of vocations of young people to the priesthood and religious life. Over 40 Ursuline Sisters were present too for Adoration and Evening Prayer and Benediction at the conclusion of Adoration. Those who attended the service got to hear the Ursuline Sisters sing a beautiful rendition of the Magnificat a capella. Afterwards, the Ursulines were invited to a delicious meal cooked and hosted by Pam & Dan Shepherd, Joe & Vicki Mills, Mike & Elaine Mills and Bill & Gulley Mills. (Pictures by Jennifer Kaminski)

Any Catholic Can Come And See What Cursillo Is About



By Brett Mills

A little more than six months ago an unexpected thing happened to me during my very first Mount Saint Joseph Picnic. I became the Lay Director of the Cursillo Movement in the Diocese of Owensboro. The Cursillo Secretariat has a commitment to help the Mount Picnic by running a soft drink station, and then holds its own September meeting there afterwards. I don't drive, and although I've been on the Secretariat since 2007, the Picnic schedule keeps the usual drivers busy out there, so I'd never made it to a September meeting, but this time one of my Secretariat friends was inspired to make a round trip to get me.

At our outdoor Secretariat meeting, the time was right to allow previous Lay Director Cecelia Hamilton to relinquish the position so she could accept a likely role with the Regional Secretariat. She placed three names from among the Secretariat for consideration, and I was surprised to be one of them. One of those named declined right away. I accepted consideration of my name because I believe that discernment requires a choice, and I believe in Divine Providence. The two of us under consideration stood apart as the rest decided who would complete the remainder of Cecelia's term. I honestly thought God was trying to teach me a lesson about what should be my ability to continue working closely with the other man when he became the Lay Director. Cecelia called us back over and told us that I had been selected to complete her

current term. I was numb, but I knew that it was God's Providence, and I moved forward in acceptance, entrusting Cursillo more to His care than to my own.

What's been entrusted is the spiritual growth, charismatic sense of community, and Catholic evangelization that the Cursillo Movement has brought to the Diocese of Owensboro since 1969, strives for now, and will transform the future toward. As an Apostolic Movement, the Cursillo experience has the deepest depth the Church can offer and is still present through people in community. Sometimes, the wisdom that comes from that depth helps when changes are necessary. For example, the next Men's and Women's weekends – originally scheduled for April – now have new dates in the fall.

The Men's 68th Cursillo is now scheduled Aug. 30 – Sept. 2, 2012. The

Women's 69th Cursillo is now scheduled for October 4 – October 7, 2012. Any Catholic who has tested the waters of retreats and encounters should prayerfully consider their interest – their calling to the resonating depth of a Movement.

Please get to know about Cursillo. Our local web site is www.cursillo-owensboro.org. You're welcome to visit our monthly gathering of groups that we call Ultreya every fourth Monday at Blessed Mother's Parish Life Center @ 7 PM. The members of the Cursillo community continue to be here to earn your friendship, to be your friends, and – in a spiritual community of friendship—find Christ together.

34 April, 2012 Diocese of Owensboro Office of Black Catholic Ministry To Host Orientation and Brunch

If you are interested in serving the church by fostering positive role models and activities for youth, promoting education and vocations in the church particularly in the Black community, serving those who are often the forgotten and proclaiming the word of Jesus Christ through good works you might be a good candidate for the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary.



The petition for establishment of the Knights and the Ladies in the Diocese of Owensboro has been approved and a date has been set for an Ori-

entation.

Please join the Diocese of Owensboro Office of Black Catholic Ministry for Orientation and Brunch with District Deputy of Knights, Sam Simms and District Deputy of Ladies Auxiliary, Janice M. Gray at Blessed Sacrament Parish Fellowship Hall, 602 Sycamore St. Owensboro, KY on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

Applications for Knights and Ladies are now available and will be mailed out in late March. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve, fellowship and promote our faith.

The Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. is the largest historically Af-

rican-American Catholic lay organization in the United States. The Order is named for St. Peter Claver, the Spanish Priest who ministered to African slaves. The Order was founded in Mobile, Alabama and is presently headquartered in New Orleans. In 2006, a unit was established in San Andres, Colombia, South America.

The organization consists of six Divisions: Knights of Peter Claver, Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Junior Knights, Junior Daughters, 4th Degree Knights and Ladies of Grace. The Order is governed by a Board of Directors and is under the leadership of the Supreme Knight and Supreme Lady, KPCLA. The Order is operated under the direction of the Executive Director and his staff.

Divided into six Districts and States across the country, each district or state is represented by a Deputy and other conference officers. Districts, States, and other Divisions are represented on the Board of Directors.

The Junior Division welcomes Catholic youth between the ages of 7-18. They are organized using the same structure of the Senior Division. There is a Junior Supreme Knight, Junior Supreme Lady, along with Junior District or State Presidents and Officers. Interested youth must have made their First Holy Communion.

The purpose of the Knights is

to render service to God and His Holy Church, render aid and assistance to the sick and disabled, and promote social and intellectual association among our members.

PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS:

The National Vocations Committee of the Knights of Peter Claver and Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary was founded to encourage vocations in the African-American Community. The fertile will be the Junior Knights, Junior Daughters and any Ministry to youth within the confines of the local parishes and wider community.

The Knights of Peter Claver, Inc. donated \$100,000.00 toward the construction of Our Mother of Africa Chapel in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Council and Courts contributed toward this donation. Other Catholic organizations, religious communities and dioceses also made extraordinary sacrifices to contribute to this monument of African American Catholic faith. This chapel was dedicated at the Closing Liturgy of the 8th National Black Catholic Congress in August 1997. It represents African American history and its deep root in Catholicism. It speaks of the dreams and hopes of our ancestors, ourselves and our descendants. As the largest

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predominately African American Catholic organization in the world, we are proud to take our rightful place in this magnificent Shrine, which is dedicated to our Mother.

As an organization that supports education for our youth, we are fervent supporters of UNCF. Since 1989, the KPC UNCF program has donated nearly a half a million dollars to UNCF including a recent \$300,000 donation for Xavier University, founded by St. Katherine Drexel and the only Black Catholic University in the Western Hemisphere.

The Tree of Life Foundation was adopted at the 1987 National Convention. The purpose of the Foundation is to aid the relief and cure of persons with Alzheimer and to enhance and increase religious vocations at all levels

For more information contact: Veronica Wilhite, Office of Black Catholic Ministry (270) 926-4741; oobcm@bellsouth.net



Catholic Charities Adoptions

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



St. Gerard Life Home



Providing housing and services to pregnant women and their babies. If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis or unplanned pregnancy, call us at 270-852-8328; toll-free: 1-877-803-5064.



Traveling in Uganda with Father Titus Ahabyona

By Gayle Rhodes, M.D.

Uganda is in central Africa, one of 13 countries in world that lies on the equator. Lake Victoria lying within its boundaries is the second largest fresh water lake on earth and is the source of the Nile, the longest river in the world. This is where my mother, Juanita Smith, age 72, was determined to go.

Two years ago she began to sponsor a young student, Lusiba Steve Rosco, who is enrolled in a university in Uganda's capital city, Kampala. They really took a liking to each other so last year Mom offered to pay his way to the United States. When he was unable to get a visa to travel here Mom decided she would go there. Not wanting to travel alone she enlisted me, my brother Jessie Rhodes and my sister Rhonda Smith to accompany her. Rhonda's husband Tom offered to come along and my daughter Amanda Edge said she was not going to miss it for anything.

Last fall tickets were purchased to go to Uganda during the dry season in January 2012. Our main goal was simply to visit with Steve, see where he lived and went to school and meet his family and friends. We planned 10 days in country and had a couple of ideas about hotels and possibly a van to rent but the itinerary was lacking specificity.

Coincidentally about this time Father Titus Ahabyona Winyi, a native of Uganda, was saying Mass in our home parish of St. Lawrence in eastern Daviess County. Father had been serving 5 years in the Owensboro diocese working at the Tribunal and I knew he was soon to



Father Titus and Gayle Rhodes on the grounds of Father's former high school.

return to Uganda. I told him of our plans and he was delighted to help us. After several planning meetings all the details were set.

Father Titus returned to Uganda one week before we were to travel and set everything in motion. When we landed at Uganda's international airport in Entebbe late one evening we were met at the door by Father's brother Chris who works in cargo at the airport. He helped us get through customs and gather our luggage. Father Titus was waiting for us out front with Steve; Mom's sponsored student, and his girlfriend Flavia. We were glad to see them all and they quickly took us to a nearby hotel to recover from the 32 hour journey.

The next morning Father Titus had a rental van pick us up at the hotel. Robert, the driver, stayed with us for the duration of our trip and we adopted him as part of our



Boyhood home of Father Titus. left to right; Gayle Rhodes, Flavia, Father Titus's Dad, Sara, Father Titus's Mother, Father Titus, Rhonda Smith, Juanita Smith. Front row; Amanda Edge, Steve, Tom Smith.

family. Father got us acclimated to Africa as he led us in his small SUV through the chaotic streets of Kampala avoiding potholes, ruts, numerous motorcycles and pedestrians all while driving on opposite side of the road. Somehow after many turns on roads not well signposted we arrived at the St. Augustine Training Institute where his superior Bishop Robert happened to be that day. After introductions we thanked the bishop for sharing Father Titus with the Catholics of western Kentucky. He was pleased

we were visiting Uganda and wished us well with a blessing.

Father Titus saw us settled into a hotel near Kampala where we spent the next 3 days visiting with Steve, Flavia and their friend Deon. Mom was ecstatic in finally getting face to face time with our young Ugandan friends. They are hardworking, enthusiastic, and full of hope. They are quick to smile, genuinely appreciative of Mom's generosity, proud to be African, and very interested in America. Like other Ugandans we met I was impressed that despite a low standard of housing, poor roads, spotty electricity, and scarce indoor plumbing they seemed to be happy.

Uganda was a British protectorate for 80 years until 1960. English is taught in schools and most people can speak it in addition to their tribal language. Everyone has an English name and a pet name of tribal origin. Billboards and signs are

in English. The currency is shillings with one U.S. dollar equivalent to 2400 shillings so a dollar goes a long way.

The country is largely rural and agriculture is the primary way of life. Most crops are grown in small plots around simple homes. Bananas, Irish potatoes, yams, sweet potatoes, cassava, pineapple, tomatoes, corn, mango, pawpaw and passion fruit were very common and the work is mostly done by hand. Some families have a few cattle, goats, pigs or chickens. As such, hunger is not usually a problem. There were a few tea and sugar cane plantations that invariably used Massey Ferguson tractors to till the land.

Traveling to western Uganda with our young Uganda friends we rejoined Father Titus in his home district of Kyenjojo. The following day was Sunday and it began with an open air Mass in the parish at Butiti. The church was in need of a new floor so Mass was celebrated outside until they can get funds to redo it. Singing was a big part of Mass and numerous verses were sung with drums the primary musical instrument.

Following Mass the chairman of the parish gave a formal report on the history of Butiti and the needs that face the congregation. Those from the parish that were able gave money or

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Father Titus with visitors in front of his new parish, St. Charles Lwanga, Fort Portal. Photos submitted by Dr. Gayle Rhodes



Gifts received at St. Cecilia Church; left to right, Amanda Edge, Rhonda Smith, Juanita Smith, Father Titus, Church Catechist.

a product of their labor such as potatoes or bananas. Those of us from the U.S. pooled our monetary contributions and Father Titus announced the amount given and the congregation applauded in sincere appreciation.

We all quickly followed Father Titus to St. Cecilia, his home church, to again celebrate Mass. The church was packed and an overflow crowd peered through open windows from outside. We were seated up front and witnessed a lively service with joyous singing and dancing all in the Rutooro tribal language. After Mass and a formal report from the chairman we gave a donation. We were then given gifts of a live rooster, melon, jackfruit, sugarcane and a stalk of bananas.

Father's parents joined us and we drove to their home to see their farm where they raise bananas and cows. Father comes from a family of 11 siblings and some still live at home. Luckily they had a well drilled about 100 yards from their house so water is easily accessible.

After leaving their house our entourage made a slight detour to a church currently under construction. A group of people met us after waiting several hours for us to arrive. They were a group from St. Cecilia that wanted to start a new church so they would not have to walk the hour to where St. Cecilia is located. Already they had put up the walls of the church but were in need of funds to finish

the sacristy and roof. The catechist for the new church was very well spoken and full of enthusiasm for the project. We left a donation and they were most grateful.

By now it was mid-afternoon and we made our way to the Home Again orphanage where lunch was waiting for us. We were welcomed by Faith Kuni-hira, the founder and executive director of Bringing Hope to the Family, an organization that provides housing, medical care, and education to children who have

lost their parents to HIV/AIDS. After a generous meal we were shown the facility where 78 children ranging in age from just a few months to 18 years old live. Some are HIV positive and we met one small child, Moses, only 3 years old, who was on the verge of death when he arrived. Now he is chubby and happy as we held him on our laps. We were told that life-saving anti-viral drugs only cost 5 dollars a month. Faith has

been able to touch the lives of 3000 children in the local area whose lives have been affected by HIV. She showed us a medical clinic she is building on campus that should be completed this year. Finding doctors to work there is proving to be difficult due to funding. More can be found on her website at www.bringinghope.org where you can watch as she tells the story of Moses. Faith is a cousin of Father Titus. She says he used to walk with her to school and carry her across a marsh. He says it was easy to walk through the mud since he had long legs and did not wear shoes.

That evening we stayed at the rectory in Butiti. They have several extra rooms for visitors. They do not have indoor plumbing or flushing toilets. A shower could be had with water trickling from a storage tank that is filled periodically from jugs. The 2 priests currently at Butiti serve 40 churches in the surrounding countryside. They try to get to each church at least once a month. One of the vehicles that transports the priests is in need of repair.

In Uganda it is important not to spend just one day at a place and rush off. So the next morning we were treated to singing, dancing, and drama by the Family Support



Dancing at Butiti.

Group. They perform to bring attention to the adults suffering with HIV and to raise money to provide them medical care and nutrition. They told us they need lab machines to determine CD4 counts, a blood cell marker for AIDS.

We left Butiti and its wonderful people and drove to Fort Portal, the cleanest city in Uganda, says Father Titus. Fort Portal has the cathedral of the diocese, Our Lady of the Snows. On a clear day you can see the snow-capped Rwenzori Mountains from the city. The palace of the king of the Tooro tribe sits on a hill overlooking the city.

Father Titus showed us his new parish, St. Charles Lwanga. It is named after the leader of the Uganda Martyrs. It is located on the main road and a primary school sits in front of it. Father Titus began being pastor there on February 1.

In the city lies the mother house of the sisters

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Family Support Group, Butiti.

Traveling in Uganda with Father Titus *(Continued from page 36)*



Boat cruise. Left to right; Deon, Amanda Edge, Juanita Smith, Father Titus, Flavia, Jessie Rhodes, Rhonda Smith, Tom Smith, Gayle Rhodes, Steve.

of St. Theresa of Lisieux, the patron saint of foreign missions. The 350 nuns there serve all over the diocese as teachers in primary schools, nurses in hospitals, and in parish ministry. They also run a hotel where we stayed 2 nights.

About 2 hours south of Fort Portal we crossed the equator where the land turns to savannah with several large lakes. It is an ideal habitat for the animals we normally think of living in Africa. Our group of eleven entered the Queen Elizabeth National Park and checked into a safari lodge overlooking the massive Lake Edward. Wart hogs roamed the grounds and exotic birds were free to come and go in the lobby and dining area. Near the evening we hired a boat and saw herds of water buffalo, elephants and hippos as they came down to the shore to drink and swim. Crocodiles basked in the sun.

The next morning we got up before sunrise, hopped on a safari truck and headed out to the savannah for big game hunting. Armed with cameras we were not disappointed. With the rising sun in the distance we were thrilled to see several families of elephants lumbering near us and crossing the road in front of us. Then camouflaged by the tall golden grass we saw 4 lions stalking a small herd of antelope. Paying no attention to us the lions would intermittently raise their heads above the grass as they systematically approached their prey. The antelope however were quite vigilant and were lucky enough to slip away before the lions could mount a charge.

Later that day we watched salt being mined from a salt water crater lake and then we toured the tunnels of a copper



Father Titus, at right, with the Rhodes family group on Safari

mine. On the hills surrounding the mine young women would descend the hills with large bags of passion fruit on their backs. Each bag had a strap extending around the women's forehead to support the weight instead of balancing the load on the top of the head as was done in the flatter parts of Uganda. A hospital was located in the mining town and Father knew one of the nuns that worked there. We met up with her and she showed us the facility. We walked along a veranda and peered into rooms that only opened to the outside. I looked through an open window into a lab with technicians in neat uniforms looking through microscopes. Another room had people dressed in scrubs and wearing rubber boots preparing for surgery. I could see a pharmacy and an x-ray department. At admissions a large board depicted the prices for 2012. Among the selections was a blood test for malaria that cost the equivalent of 40 cents in U.S. currency, a tooth extraction for 2 dollars, a delivery by midwife for 4 dollars, a C-section for 60 dollars, and the price for a night's stay for one dollar and fifty cents.

The last activity prior to leaving Uganda was celebrating the feast day of the Uganda martyr, St Adolf, commemorated each year on January 26 in Katoosa, his home town. He and 21 other Ugandans were martyred in 1886 on the order of the Buganda king. Inspired by their sacrifice Roman Catholicism has become the majority religion in Uganda. A national shrine to the Uganda Martyrs is in Kampala. On the eve of St Adolf's feast day we watched from our hotel as truckloads of people went by singing on their way



Amanda Edge, left, Rhonda Smith, and Tom Smith with parishioners of St. Cecilia.



Father Titus at Orphanage.

to the site. At 9 pm Father Titus drove us down a small dusty road to Katoosa. About 2 thousand people were packed onto the grounds. The only entry was a small narrow passageway lined by people on all sides. The entry was blocked by teenagers holding 6 feet long poles across the road. When they saw that it was Father they allowed us to pass. In a similar way we passed through 2 other checkpoints, one guarded by women and the last by young men. We got out of the car behind a building and Father went inside to change into his vestments for Mass. The rest of us were ushered through the crowd by young people holding poles straight up over their

heads. The crowd parted as we meandered to the front where an altar was set under a veranda. Everywhere you looked were people sitting on the grass with just a few lights for illumination. There were 4 priests celebrating mass besides Father Titus. The main celebrant was Father Richard Potash, a Caucasian priest of the order of the Holy Cross and a native of Indiana. Father Titus attributes his desire to become a priest to Father Richard who was pastor in Butiti for 35 years and still works in the Fort Portal diocese. Father Richard said Mass and delivered the sermon quite expertly in the Batoora language. The ceremony lasted 3 hours with extended periods of singing and dancing. Sometimes the excitement reached a feverish pitch especially once when hundreds of people began speaking in tongues. Father Richard explained to me later that the Holy Spirit has become very active in the community since the early 1990's. As soon as Mass was over another set of 4 priests and a new choir took its place and Mass began again. That pattern was to be repeated throughout the night and the next day.

After a good night's rest Father Titus got us back to the airport with plenty of time to catch our flight. We left Uganda with an appreciation of its people who share many of the same ideals we in America do. As members of a universal Catholic Church we felt at home even in the center of Africa. Thanks again to Father Titus for giving us a genuine insiders look into his native land. I am sure he would do the same for anyone else who might be interested in a visit.

38 April, 2012 Saints Peter and Paul School Fares Well in Robotics Competition

By: Dawn C. Ligibel

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. - During the summer of 2011, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School formed a robotics team and began preparing for competition in the FIRST Lego League in December. Not knowing what the official challenge would be, there was only so much they could accomplish before the challenge was made available by league officials in September. With that information, the team began preparing in earnest for competition.

Allowed by league regulations to have six to ten members on a team between the ages of nine and fourteen, the team at Sts. Peter and Paul eventually leveled out with seven. "We had some students try and decide they didn't want to participate. We also had some join a little later," explained Rich Barnett, the team's coach. "We finally ended up with four fifth graders, two seventh graders and one eighth grader."

Barnett, who is also the school's music teacher and the music director for the parish, brought the idea of robotics to Sts. Peter and Paul from his past experiences. As a computer teacher for many years in Richmond, Virginia, Barnett has coached numerous robotics teams.

Robotics competitions are a growing interest throughout the world. FIRST Lego League is an international program in which students build robots using Legos and then program the robots to perform certain activities required for competition. (FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.")



Seven students from Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Hopkinsville formed a robotics team led and coached by their music teacher, Rich Barnett. After qualifying during a tournament in Owensboro on December 3, 2011, the team competed at the state level in Bowling Green on January 14, 2012. Pictured from left to right are Rebekah Holmes, Shane Ethridge, Myles Milligan, Jonathan Kinnard, Christopher Pape, Joey Chaudoin, and Laura Holmes. Photo provided.

The theme for this year's FIRST Lego League competition was "Food Factor," and the challenge involved programming the Lego robot to attempt many tasks within a two and a half minute "challenge round." In addition to building and programming the robot, the team of seven students also had to research the topic and prepare a presentation that was delivered during the tournament. This presentation involved all team members and had to cover the challenge topic, the design of the robot and the core values of the competition.

"One of the primary objectives of the program is team building," explained Barnett, which is accomplished through designing and building the robot as well as re-

searching the topic and preparing the presentation. "Building the robot is way down on the list of priorities. It's more about team building and decision making," he clarified.

In order to prepare for the qualifying round of competition, the team met an average of two times a week to prepare for the tournament. As the date for competition drew closer, the students and their coach met every day after school as well as on Sunday afternoons.

During the qualifying stage, a team can choose whichever qualifying round they want to attend within the state. The end result of this initial competition is that the team either earns the right to compete at state, or they don't and are finished competing for the year.

With 24 teams competing at the qualifying round in Owensboro on December 3, 2011, Sts. Peter and Paul finished in the top seven, thereby qualifying to compete at state. "This was a great accomplishment for our first year," Barnett declared.

With that victory under their belt, the team continued to meet daily and on Sundays to prepare for the state competition which was held on January 14, 2012, in Bowling Green.

"The competition was far greater at the state level," Barnett explained. "But we were ranked right in the middle, which really isn't bad for the first year. We finished 27th out of 42. The important part is that we improved in every area of the competition from the qualifying tournament," he added.

"It was a very successful year. As we look toward the future, participating in competitions allowed our students to see the design of other robots; analyze them; and discuss how the other teams came up with those designs," he observed.

With the school's first year of competition behind them, Barnett is excited about the future. "We had four fifth graders compete this year and they learned a lot. I'm glad it's a young team. It gives us room to grow."

One improvement Barnett would like to make for the team before next year is to acquire a second kit with which to prepare for competition. "If we had two kits, they could simultaneously build and demonstrate their ideas without having to wait around for a turn to experiment. This would keep them busier and allow for more creativity," Barnett concluded.

"The experience of being a sponsor was special and I would definitely do it again."

By Edie Keeney

PADUCAH, Ky. - Sixteen teens and their sponsors from St. Francis de Sales spent the afternoon of February 18th in retreat before the youth were confirmed by Bishop William F. Medley. A reception in the parish hall followed the Mass. Elisabeth Keeney and her sponsor, Jennifer Reed, were among the group.

Jennifer became friends with Elisabeth and her parents several years ago, and when Elisabeth asked her to be her sponsor for Confirmation, she was honored to say "Yes". Jennifer recalled, "It was my first time to be a sponsor. I had gone through the process with my son and daughter but this was different. It



Elisabeth Keeney, left, and Jennifer Reed. Submitted Photo

was something that we prepared for and we spent a lot of time together talking about the different assignments. It was

a really nice experience and a time that I found myself looking forward to each week. I got to know Elisabeth more and enjoyed spending the time with her. I think she enjoyed it too. She talked about her thoughts about being confirmed and what it meant to her. We discussed many things. She told me that she could talk to me, share her thoughts and that I wouldn't judge her. Or as Elisabeth said, "not call for the white coats to come for me."

At first all of the kids were singles and as time went on they became more unified and were concerned about each other. There was a community spirit about the group.

Jennifer said, "It was a lot different than my Confirmation. We didn't have a retreat and no weekly group meetings; I was mostly there with my sponsor. In our groups we read stories in the Bible and discussed how they could be relevant now in our lives. The experience of being a sponsor was special and I would definitely do it again."

Elisabeth commented, "I enjoyed the group and our discussions. I asked Jennifer to be my sponsor because she is fun and I could talk to her about things that we were discussing and also talk to her about personal things. She knows me."

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Mike Benallo
Chicken Enchilada

Best Dessert

Mike Hoersting
Cake Pops
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Best Soup/Chowder

Jeb Medley
Italian Sausage & Butternut Squash Soup
CASA of the Ohio Valley

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Chris Poynter
Seafood Salad on
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Best Side Dish

Kyle Aud
Stuffed Mushrooms
Independence Bank

Best Main Dish

Mike Benallo
Chicken Enchilada

Best Decorated Apron

Father John Vaughan
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People's Choice - Best Dish

Jeb Medley
Italian Sausage & Butternut Squash Soup
CASA of the Ohio Valley

Best Decorated Table

Chris Poynter
Time Warner

Honorable Mention

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Charles Goins (Best Decorated Apron)



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Eucharistic Adoration † Benediction
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Youth 2000 - St. Sebastian Youth Group had a great time during Youth 2000. David Scott, Justus Hayden, Jacob Labod, Jesse Hayden, OCHS senior Sam Rasp, Laurine Scott, Chloe Dempsey, Karissa Miller, and Miranda Miller. Submitted by B. Miller



Back row: John & Beth Clements; Front row: Elliot, Fr Titus, Caroline, and Samuel Clements Photos by Tom Rhodes



Saint Pius Tenth Parish, Owensboro, Koinonia #12, would like to thank all the participants and volunteers for making this a very Spiritual and uplifting weekend.

Koinonia 2012 Participants - Dan Bennett, Meredith Campbell, Brenda Coombs, Marisa Cooper, Susan Damin, Madison Dayberry, Maureen Duvall, Natalie Estes, Lyle Grantham, Lauren Jackson, Sherry Jones, Zack Kauffeld, Amber Klee, Wesley Mattingly, Robin McKenney, Dominique Mognett, Sherry Nash, Dawn Spencer, Hugh Stallings, Taylor West & Rose Wheatley

Koinonia 2012 Volunteers - Kim Bennett, Helen Bennett, Ed & Linda Calhoun, Clint Campbell, Denny & Jill Campbell, Scott & Vickie Crisp, Beverly & Gary Estes, Donna Favors, Donna Feldpausch, Jeannie Foster, Gertie Frey, Nancy Greenwell, Charlotte Hedges, Fr. Julian Ibemere, Amanda Jones, Jeff & Michelle Jones, Candice Lanham, Craig & Kristen Lanham, Kenny & Debbie Lanham, Mallory Leucht, Ed & Tammy Mattingly, John & Carolyn McCarty, Gary & Nettie Noel, Lindsay & Tim Payne, Carol & Tom Payne, Becky & Tim Pedley, Gail Ray, Tom & Betty Rhodes, Shawn Roberts, Carol Schlachter, Tim Schwartz, Bailey & Caleb Stiff, Eddie Stallings, Katelyn Stallings, Whitney Stallings, Karen Stiff, Seth Stiff, Pat & Wil Storm, Bettie Wagner, Melanie Wallace, Joe & Sara Wathen, Alicia & Jerry Wells, Karen Wells, Aaron & Cathy Williams, Bill Zambrano. Photo by Tom Rhodes

See page 41 for more of the St. Pius Tenth parishioners pictures with father Titus Jan. 7

Special to the Western Kentucky Catholic

OWENSBORO, Ky. - On January 7, 2012 St Pius X parish as well as other parishes gathered together to wish Fr Titus farewell as he returned home to Uganda.

How Does A Parish Say Goodbye To A Beloved Priest? One way is to pose in a keepsake picture with their priest, as many St. Pius Tenth parishioners wanted to do Jan. 7. Many of these pictures are seen here; it's like being part of a family album!

Fr Titus served many parishes here in Kentucky. He touched many lives in the community by his gentle affection and warm embrace to all he came in contact with. He quickly became a household favorite at many cherished family events and was loved wherever he went. We are saddened that his time with us seemed so short, we wish him all the best as he returns home to carry out God's will.

Tom Rhodes is a member of a Communications Group in Saint Pius Tenth Parish, Owensboro.



Back Row: Denny Campbell, Reese Hendershot, Fr Titus; Front Row: Jill, and Meredith Campbell, Mason Payne in the arms of his mother is Lindsey Payne, and Tim Payne holding his son Max.

In the photo at right, Fr. Julian Ibemere, Pastor of St Pius X, posed with his priest-brother Fr. Titus Ahabyona.



Fr Titus with Ralph and Judy Ward





The Andy and Mary Edwards Children, from left, Kira, Eli, and at back Andrew are presenting Fr Titus with a picture of themselves to take back home with him to Uganda.

ARISE: Together In Christ!

In the picture below, members of St. Pius Tenth Parish, Owensboro, who attended the Feb. 16, 2012 ARISE Orientation session at St. Pius Tenth Parish Hall: from left, front row: John McCarty, Mary Lou Storm, Carolyn McCarty, Nancy Greenwell, Marisa Cooper & Donna Favors; back row: Ed Calhoun, Charlotte Hedges, Mary Edgell, Gene Strehl & Jane Strehl. Photo by Tom Rhodes



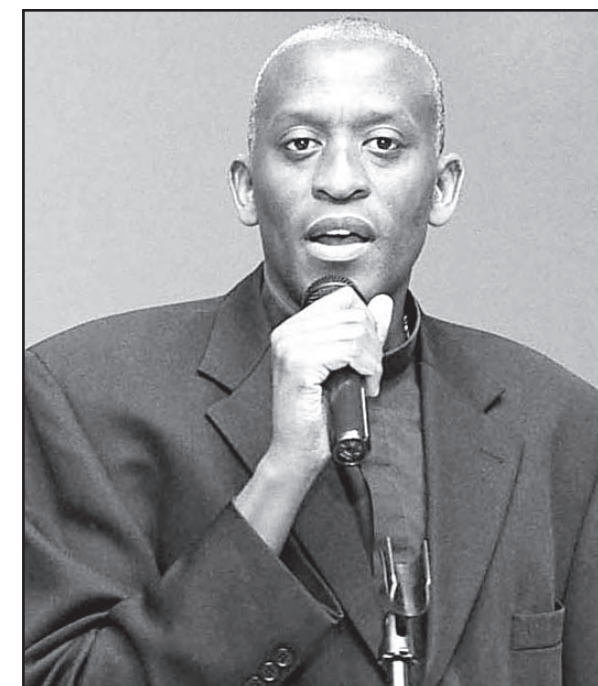
The Roberts Family: Back row: Shawn, Luke, Fr. Titus and Michelle; Front row: Karie, Jacob CoraAnne, and Sam.



With Father Titus, from left to right Ben, Emily, and Lori Ferguson.



Fr. Titus receiving the Ky. Colonel commission from District Court Judge John McCarty.



Fr Titus thanking everyone at St Pius Parish. Photos by Tom Rhodes for St. Pius Tenth Parish.

**Marriage Celebrations for April 2012
Anniversaries of 25, 40, 50 and over 50
Years of Marriage****Blessed Mother, Owensboro**

Thomas & Shirley Coomes, 53

Louis & Mary Aull, 51

Darrell & Sharon Payne, 40

Kenneth & Wanda Ward, 62

Dennis & Thelma Clark, 60

Albert & Joan Hofmann, 53

Carl & Mildred Spurrier, 59

Paul & Joyce Christian, 63

Christ the King, Madisonville

Dan & Beth Herrmann, 25

Holy Name of Jesus, Henderson

Dick & Sheila Beaven, 40

Gary & Mary Caton, 25

Robert & Virginia Davidson, 64

Chris & Diana Melton, 40

Albert & Nadine Schwallier, 60

Steve & Pina Sizemore, 25

George & Lisa Warren, 25

Holy Spirit, Bowling Green

Michael & Christine Fouts, 25

John & Kathy Hamilton, 25

Andrew & Kathleen Martineau, 25

Sharlene & Jerry Beckham, 40

James & Helen Bailey, 56

John & Constance Barbalas, 57

Rena & Robert Livsey, 59

Cecil & Cacilda Phelps, 52

Immaculate Conception, Earlington

Gene & Edna Clark, 60

Bob & Beverly Steckler, 59

Immaculate Conception, Hawesville

Clayton & Gloria Gray, 50

Kenneth & Jeanie Hanks, 57

Our Lady of Lourdes, Owensboro

Tony & Eileen Mattingly, 40

James G. & Barbara Alvey, 57

Gordon & Rose Cobb, 50

Joseph & Helen Howard, 65

Brad & Beverly Hamilton, 52

Ken & Dorothy Raley, 55

Ralph & Judy Thomas, 53

Charles & Anna Ruth Thompson, 56

Maurice & Shirley Wink, 53

Parish of the Immaculate, Owensboro

Frank B. & Ann R. Harris, 61

James D. & Rachel L. Mahoney, 51

Joseph B. & Mary Mudd, 59

Charles A. & Mary Lois Payne, 51

Thomas & Martha Rhodes, 60

Simon & Patricia Sander, 55

Robert L. & Mary Vollman, 59

Frank & Barbara Crump, 57

David & Stephanie Winklepleck, 25

Precious Blood, Owensboro

Eldred & Eulaine Robertson, 55

Sacred Heart, Waverly

Richard & Nancy Mayes, 54

Thomas & Sue Mary Wedding, 55

St. Agnes Uniontown

James & Gladys Austin, 66

William & Nadine Hargrove, 63

Benedict & Rita French, 58

St. Alphonsus, St. Joseph

J. T. & Angela O'Bryan, 63

Donald & Ginny Peters, 50

St. Ann, Morganfield

Mac & Jane Adair, 40

St. Anthony, Browns Valley

Tom & Kathy Zaleski, 56

St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rivers

Bob & Lois Tashjian, 56

St. Charles Livermore

Ron & Patty Humphrey, 40

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Clarkson

Lester & Betty Gibson, 40

St. Francis de Sales, Paducah

Philip & Marilyn Wright, 40

Ronnie & Mary Katherine Knudsen, 64

Jim & Clorinda Covert, 53

Jeff & Jeanne Nash, 25

David & Andrea Berschied, 40

James A. & Lila Hayden, 52

John & Doris Sergeant, 61

St. Jerome, Fancy Farm

Algene & Mary Vernon Goatley, 53

St. John the Evangelist, Paducah

William T. & Mary E. Willett, 57

St. Joseph, Bowling Green

Julian & Betty Durbin, 62

St. Joseph, Leitchfield

Murrell & Jackie Richardson, 53

St. Joseph, Mayfield

Joe & Anne Mikez, 57

St. Lawrence, Philpot

Victor & Lois Johnson, 57

Anthony & Mary Helen Rhodes, 51

Kenneth & Kathy Roberts, 25

St. Leo, Murray

Raymond & Lillian Urbanovich, 67

St. Martin, Rome

Raphael & Antoinette Ebelhar, 61

St. Mary, Franklin

Calvin & Lois Oshefsky, 59

St. Mary Magdalene, Sorgho

Mike & Sherleye Goff, 51

Bernard & Patty Ann Beyke, 63

St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville

Edgar & Amelia Evans, 59

St. Paul, Leitchfield

Robert & Anna Frances Portman, 56

St. Peter, Waverly

Joe & Rose Curry, 54

St. Peter of Alcantara, Stanley

Robert S. & Nancy Edelen, 40

Joseph A. & Dolores Wathen, 56

Joe & Jean Coomes, 63

St. Pius Tenth, Calvert City

James & Rose Drury, 53

St. Pius Tenth, Owensboro

Tracy & Maria Cole, 25

Joe & Beverly Maxwell, 40

Alan Robert & Shirley Howard, 53

James & Jeannetta Mayfield, 58

Charles & Ruth Ann Mayfield, 59 years

John T. & Wanda Williams, 56

St. Romuald, Hardinsburg

John & Helen O'Reilly, 53

Carl & Thelma Jarboe, 51

Larry & Martha Severs, 40

St. Rose, Cloverport

Paul & Peggy O'Reilly, 25

James & Mary Basham, 40

Herbert & Shirley Reardon, 58

St. Sebastian, Calhoun

Ralph & Judy Ward, 51

Tommy & Brenda England, 50

St. Stephen, Cadiz

Paul & Dawn Cunningham, 52

Alfred & Victoria Gremillion, 56

St. Stephen Cathedral, Owensboro

Archie & Angela Clark, Jr., 57

Anthony E. & Mary Alice Higdon, 60

Fred & Faye Whelan, 57

Waitman & Patricia Taylor, 25

St. Susan, Elkton

Lloyd & Linda Case, 40

St. William, Knottsville

Jerome & Betty Hamilton, 57

Paul & Theresa Crowe, 50

Joseph Ronald & Rebecca Howard, 40

Christopher & Mary Ballard, 25

Sts. Joseph & Paul, Owensboro

Mike & Lynn Wilkerson, 25

Joseph & Brenda Bean, 40

Jim & Sharon Embry, 40

Kenneth & Mavis Cain, 55

Darrell & Lois Hood, 52

Henry & Mary Patton, 64

John & Clara Patton, 56

Sts. Mary & James, Guthrie

Ed & Dorothy Kacer, 64

Sts. Peter & Paul, Hopkinsville

Fred & Wendy Anderson, 25

Kenneth & Mary Dean, 53

Billy & Harriette Hancock, 57

Anthony & Sandra Mueller, 64

Clifford & Carol Simpson, 51



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(Bl. John Paul II: [Rich in Mercy](#) #15)

Is God Calling You to Spread the Gospel to your local community?

Its easy with Low Power FM



By Dr. Matt Carico

I was a lapsed Catholic and a Medical student stuck in Lexington traffic during my drive home from the hospital. It was a slow day for UK athletics so I pressed the “scan” button on my car radio hoping to find the latest in UK basketball recruiting news when I found something that

changed my life.

Just a few weeks prior I began dating the women of my dreams. She was an on-fire Evangelical protestant and as our relationship deepened, questions of faith began to arise. One day, she asked a question that awoke me from my spiritual slumber. “You know Matt, it does not bother me that Catholics believe things that are not in the bible, what bothers me is when Catholics believe things that contradict the bible. Like purgatory, that completely contradicts the bible! How do you explain that?”

I was speechless, unable to mount even a basic defense of Catholic doctrine. It suddenly became apparent that I knew next to nothing about my faith. If this relationship was going to work out, I had to “book-up”. I went to the library, I met with a local priest, and I looked everywhere I could think of to try to find specific answers to her questions. I was not having much luck.

Then I hit the “scan” button and it landed on WMJR, Catholic Radio in Lexington, Ky. The topic of that episode was “Purgatory in the Bible”. I was immediately hooked and spent the next hour joyfully driving around Lexington soaking up the information. I had never heard such a clear and winsome explanation of any Catholic doctrine.

That day my life changed. I could not wait to share what I learned with my girlfriend. This was truly the start of my love affair with the Catholicism. Heavy traffic never felt so good! Over the next two years, I would tune in every day to Catholic Radio and then share what I learned with my girlfriend. The more I listened,

the more I desired to learn and practice and share the glories of the Catholic Faith. Not only did Catholic radio lead me back to the sacraments and the practice of Catholicism, but my girlfriend later was Confirmed in the Catholic Church and we were married.

The Holy Spirit used Catholic Radio to call my wife and I home to the Catholic Church. Could the Holy Spirit be calling you to answer the call of the New Evangelization with Catholic Radio in your community?

I share my story with you in hopes that you will consider a once in a lifetime opportunity to expand Catholic Radio throughout the Diocese of Owensboro. This summer the FCC will open a window to submit applications for new Low Power FM station. This is an opportunity that occurs less than once a decade. There will be dozens available in our Diocese, but we must act soon.

Low Power FM, like WIMM in Owensboro or WSPP in Hopkinsville, is the cheapest and easiest way to start a radio station. As a low power station, they have a range of approximately 7-15 miles, enough to serve most small to midsize cities. This form of a radio station has the fewest regulations and is the easiest to operate.

Why Catholic Radio?

If radio is not highly influential, then why would those seeking a return on their investment sink billions of dollars into a medium of communication that did not influence those it reached? Would advertisers, whose sole purpose in advertising is to convince listeners to buy their product or service, spend billions of their marketing dollars on radio advertising each year if it had not proven to be particularly effective in driving consumers to their respective products?

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council understood the emerging role of media in evangelizing the world when they wrote, “The most important of these inventions are those media which, such as radio..., can, of their very nature, reach and influence, not only individuals, but the very masses and the whole of human society” (Inter Mirifica, 1)

Today, even with all the competing media outlets, radio remains the most influential. A 2011 Arbitron study on media consumption showed 93% of Americans listen to AM/FM radio daily. As a me-

dium, radio is uniquely capable of offering in-depth content in a fast paced world. Furthermore, radio has distinctive access to a diverse group of people of many different religions, ethnicities, ages, and walks of life. Finally, Catholic Radio is cost effective. Dollar for dollar radio costs less than any other medium; it reaches more people in less time for less money with less staff.

As Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his 2008 message to Catholic Radio broadcasters, “The words which you transmit reach countless people, some of whom are alone and for whom your word comes as a consoling gift, some of whom are curious and are intrigued by what they hear, some of whom never attend church because they belong to different religions or to no religion at all, and others still who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ, yet through your service first come to hear the words of salvation.”

On this side of heaven, we will never know when the Holy Spirit prompts someone to press the “scan” button on their car radio only to find a message that draws them closer to God.

The Fruits of Catholic Radio

In 2010 over 3,500 Catholic Radio listeners were polled about how Catholic Radio has impacted them. As you read the statistics, apply them to your local community and imaging the effect of Catholic Radio.

- 94% say I am more spiritually engaged and inspired
- 38% say I’ve learned more about my faith from Catholic Radio than from any other source
- 29% say I have come back to the Church
- 48% say I attend mass more often
- 52% say I am more active in my parish
- 40% say I tithe more
- 63% say I am better equipped to pass on the Catholic Faith to my kids

How to get started?

The FCC requires that applicants for low power FM must be a non-profit entity with an educational goal, which would be furthered by the station. This could be an unincorporated association, prayer group, parish, school, Knights of Columbus Home Corporation, etc. The residence of the entity members must be within 10 miles of the proposed station transmitting antenna.

The cost to engineer and apply for the license will likely be \$900-1500. It takes the FCC about 18 months to process the application and award the stations. Once the station is awarded, the up front costs to purchase the transmitting equipment are \$10-15,000. Ongoing costs run from \$600-1,000 per month.

At WIMM, our overhead is covered by area businesses who underwrite our programming in exchange for on-air publicity. We also receive private donations from our listeners primarily through participation in the National Catholic Radiothon that is produced and organized by the Catholic Radio Association.

No one of the board of WIMM has any training in radio. With modern technology and the assistance of the Catholic Radio Association and EWTN, station operation is very simple. Basically, the station runs on autopilot. Our satellite receives the signal from the EWTN radio network and retransmits the signal through our antenna. More work is required for original programming. However, this can be done with basic recording equipment available on a home computer. We do not even have a studio.

The time commitment of a board member is reasonable. I have a full time medical practice, three boys under 6, coach sports and still have time to maintain the radio station. Like any ministry, if we take on more projects it will take more time. But once the station is up and running, there is minimal routine caretaking required to maintain basic operation.

If you feel the Holy Spirit may be calling you to take a unique role in the New Evangelization, consider starting a low power FM station in your community. More information on the impact of Catholic Radio and how you can start one in your community can be found at www.makeyourvoiceheard.net, a website inspired by the Episcopal Advisory Board of the Catholic Radio Association. The Catholic Radio Association stands ready to assist any local community in starting this process. You may also contact me at manager@wimradio.com.

44 April, 2012 Middle Schoolers Can Experience God During Power Week

Happy Sweet 16th Birthday Power Week, June 25-29, 2012!

What is Power Week? More than 1,000 former campers can answer that question. Each summer during the last week in June approximately 100 campers and a staff of 40 travels by chartered bus to Land Between the Lakes. There they spend an awesome week at Brandon Spring campground near Dover, Tennessee. The camp, which runs from Monday afternoon to Friday afternoon, is for students entering 7th, 8th, or 9th grade. The purpose of the camp is to provide experiences of the power of God's love in the lives of young people and to foster a greater appreciation of the Catholic faith in a recreational environment. Other hopeful outcomes are a building of self-confidence, trust and respect of others and their feelings, self-esteem, team work, problem solving and communication skills. The scriptural theme for Power Week is 1 Corinthians 4:20 – For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk, but of power.

Brandon Spring, provides a wonderful atmosphere for group gatherings. The camp allows us to create our own activi-

ties and use many of the camp's excellent facilities. The campus is divided by a main building which houses our Chapel and the cafeteria. There are four dorms on each side of the main building. Each of the eight air-conditioned dorms has 12 beds in the main sleeping area and four beds in private counselors' quarters. There are two showers, two toilets, two sinks, a water fountain, and a small gathering area in each dorm. The counselors' room has a shower, toilet, sink, and a table with chairs. All dormitories have smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, and clearly marked exits. The campers enjoy three hot meals a day provided by a fully staffed cafeteria. There is a large activity building where we gather throughout the day for arts and crafts, as well as indoor games. This building also serves as our gathering space for our evening activities. A large outdoor amphitheater, a pool, a large lake (Bard's Lake), several ball fields, well maintained trail systems and a low-elements challenge course complete the camp. Throughout the week, trained facilitators, lead the campers through each of the 12 low elements. This activity provides a great platform for team

building.

Each dorm of 12 campers is supervised by two adult team members plus a Junior Counselor (JC) and a Dorm Assistant (DA). The schedule of a typical day includes physical activities such as swimming, archery, canoeing, sports, and games all centered on the importance of teamwork. Each evening provides spiritual reflection, praise and worship, group prayer activities along with skits and dramas. The week is based around the seasons of the Church year and the activities are geared to reflect those seasons. The campers will experience Advent, Christmas, Lent and it all comes together in our Easter celebration.

Over the past 15 years, life at camp has improved with the addition of a second senior counselor for each dorm, former campers returning as gofers and dorm assistants and more music, skits and dramas. One of the biggest changes was creating a chapel where the staff prays for two 30 minute prayer times each day. During this prayer time the staff prays for each other, the campers and other prayer requests.

There are many reasons why young people are interested in attending a Catho-

lic week long sleep over camp. Among the top reasons are making new friends, developing better social skills, growing closer to God, associating with positive role models, building good memories and of course having FUN.

Former campers were asked what their favorite thing was about Power Week. Alex and John Thomas Priar said, "The friends we made and the trust we built with the campers in our dorm group." Dillion Schueler added, "The week helped me grow closer to Christ." And Hannah Baird was impressed by the concern and caring of the counselors.

Give your middle school youth the opportunity to experience the power of God. We are now taking applications for Power Week 2012. Cost of camp is \$225 per camper with some financial help available. Power Week staff will be making visits to several Catholic schools and applications will be available at parish religious education classes. Applications can also be found online at www.lourdesyouth.com. More information about the facilities at Brandon Spring can be found at www.lbl.org/EEBrandonSpring.html.

Submitted by Cliff Russell



Men Who Can Cook; Just Ask Them!

The St Pius X annual Cooking Team Breakfast was held Sunday, February 26, 2012, with 39 members present and 9 additional new members recruited. The highlight of the morning festivities was the presentation of ST. Pius X monogrammed Cooking Team Jackets to three long-standing members of the Cooking Team. Each with over 40 years of dedication and service. From Left to right Tom Fogle, Tommy "Papaw" Hayden, and Joe Rhinerson displaying their Jackets. David Fleischman presiding. At back, third from left, Roger Horn looks on. Submitted by Tom Rhodes; Photo by Russ Payne



Spinning Retreat at Maple Mount

Judy Mason of Henderson, left, and Debbie Webb, right of Clarkson, coordinated a retreat for yarn spinners (weavers, knitters, crocheters) March 9-11 at Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center. More than 20 women were in attendance. Everyone is invited to the Center's quarterly spinning days, where lunch is served for \$12. The next spinning day is Saturday, May 5. MSJ Photo

Latino Health Fair 2012

By J.A. Brown

HENDERSON, Ky. - Holy Name Parish's 2012 Latino Health Fair was a great success with more than 160 Participants, a fun event with a focus on healthy lifestyles and free health screenings. It was held on Sunday, February 26, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Holy Name's Multipurpose Room and encompassed all aspects of a healthy lifestyle. It began with a Healing Mass in Holy Name Church followed by a very interesting talk that focused on good nutrition, given by Nutritionist Melanie Humbert.

We successfully accomplished our goal, which was to foster awareness about the health problems that particularly affect the Latino community, as well as provide important information on health prevention and local health resources. The Henderson County Latino population continues to grow. Currently, 75% of the Area Latino community is under the age of 35. The attendance was doubled from last year's participation.

This event gave many organizations the perfect opportunity to introduce their services to the Latino families; they offered preventive care services, nutritional information, dental care, legal assistance, cancer prevention talks, breast examination techniques and many other services. Holy Name's Latino Health Fair 2012 also provided an educational outreach opportunity for organizations to inform Latino families of local services, resources, and contacts needed to lead healthy and active lifestyles.

It was a free, family oriented event that also featured fun activities for kids under the supervision of Beth Probus and the Girl Scout troop. Also offered were: very relaxing massages by Brad Smith, health screenings including cholesterol and glucose test by Methodist Hospital and the Henderson Community College School of Nursing, and Cancer prevention talks by Patricia Borgardt from the KY Cancer Program.

The American Red Cross represented by Pat Conner, Tanya Curtis and Oscar Chavira shared very important information about Disaster preparedness and invited the Hispanic Community to be part of their next blood drive. Christa Cole from Methodist Hospital, Janet Meyer and Marlena Buchanan from the Henderson Community College coordinated the nursing students who helped with the health screenings and also presented very valuable information about High Blood Pressure, diabetes and other diseases that affect our Hispanic Community. Dr. Jaime Tiu and Dr. Steve Todd, Becky Morris and Phil O'Nan from St. Camillus Urgent Care Clinic in Henderson also offered dental screenings and health checkups for many participants.

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Dr. Laura Hancock doing a dental checkup for one of the participants. JA Brown Photos.



Dr. Mike Farina offering information to Trino and Sixta.

Kim Major and Suzanne Craig from the Henderson County Health Department shared information about the resources available at the local health department. Adam Libbert and Emily Murray from the USI School of nursing also presented very important information to the health fair participants. Gail Clancy from Holy Name's Parish Nurse Program shared information in Spanish about preventive health care. Greg Gibson presented the Big Brothers Big Sisters program to the Latino Community. Dr. Laura Hancock, Dr. Tom Keen and Kim Dean offered numerous dental screenings and dental care information; this was one of the most demanded services at the 2012 Health Fair.

Susan Morgan and Melanie Humbert helped us with the Nutrition Information of our health fair. Melanie brought interesting hands on examples to explain the sugar content in different foods and drinks we consume daily. Annette Garrison from Henderson Family YMCA made information available of all the exercise activities offered at our Local YMCA, she also distributed many Financial Assistance applications for low income families that were interested in joining the YMCA. Monica Landaeta from HOLA offered information about different programs available for the Latino Community in the Tristate area. Megan Mortis

Catholic Campaign For Human Development 2012 Local Grant Request Information

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

Each year in November, the Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky participates in the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection. From that collection, 25% of monies are retained to provide grant funding to local organizations, which meet CCHD criteria. Catholic Charities administers and allocates the grant funding, by consulting with a group of panelists who review and recommend allocations to various groups that meet funding criteria.

To apply, please request an application from Richard Murphy by calling at 270/683-1545, or emailing Richard.Murphy@pastoral.org. The application will ask for a brief narrative of your organization, budgeting information, how your organization would meet the CCHD criteria of systemic change, what community organizations your group receives support from, and whether your organization's policy-making board has one-third low-income members (if your board does not contain one-third of its members who are low-income also include an explanation of why this is not so).

Applications for grant funding must be received by June 10, 2012 so that grants can be awarded by June 25, 2012. The grant is a non-renewable and must be applied for each year. Three years is the total number of years any one group can receive this grant. Each year several grants are awarded averaging between \$800-\$1200 each.

In 2010, seven programs request local CCHD funds. The available monies were \$6500. All seven were awarded some funds.

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

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

3. The applicant's projects efforts must seek to benefit a poverty group.

4. The applicant's project must seek to create institutional or systemic change by changing the structures that keep people poor and powerless.

5. CCHD will consider favorably only those projects, which demonstrate respect for the dignity of the human person. CCHD will not consider projects or organizations, which promote or support abortion, euthanasia, the death penalty, or any other affront to human life and dignity.

6. The activity for which funding is requested must be consistent with the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

7. Projects should generate cooperation and solidarity among and within diverse groups in the interest of a more integrated and mutually understanding society.

8. Projects should document that as a result of CCHD funding there are possibilities of generating funds from other sources or of moving towards becoming self-supporting within the time lines established in the proposal.

presented information about the services provided by St. Anthony's Hospice. Anisa Evans from Matthew 25 offered information about HIV and STD's in Spanish and HIV testing.

Midge Stribling, and all the Staff from the Henderson County Migrant program offered information of all the resources and services available for migrants in Henderson County, they also made transportation available for 30 participants to come to the Health Fair.

Special thanks to the Welborn Baptist Foundation and to Fr. Anthony Shonys, Shannon Long, Mary Ann Correll, Dr. Mike Farina, Dr. Rogelio Silva, Dr. Howard Campbell, Monica Landaeta, Gail Clancy and Ann Huertas who helped us coordinate this very successful Latino Health Fair.

Feria Latina de Salud 2012



Por Abraham Brown

HENDERSON, Ky. - Nuestra Feria Latina de Salud 2012 fue todo un éxito con más de 160 participantes, un evento divertido con enfoque en estilo de vida saludable y chequeos de salud gratuitos. La feria fue llevada a cabo este 26 de Febrero de 2pm a 5pm en el centro multiusos de la Parroquia del Santo Nombre de Jesús en Henderson, Kentucky. La feria tuvo de todo, empezamos con una Misa de Sanación en la Iglesia seguida de una muy interesante plática ofrecida por la nutrióloga Melanie Humbert y traducida por Patricia Parrillas.

Con mucho éxito cumplimos con nuestro objetivo, el cual era crear conciencia de los problemas de salud que afectan particularmente a la comunidad latina, de igual manera, proveer información sobre prevención y proveedores locales de servicios. La comunidad Latina



Cecilia recibiendo la bendición del Padre Carmelo

del condado de Henderson continua creciendo, en este momento el 75% de los Latinos son menores de 35 años. La participación fue duplicada con relación a la del año pasado.

Este evento le dio la oportunidad a muchas

organizaciones de introducir sus servicios a la comunidad Latina y sus familias; ofrecieron servicios de prevención, información nutricional, cuidado dental, información legal, charlas sobre prevención del cáncer, técnicas para revisión de los senos y muchos otros servicios. La Feria Latina de Salud de la Iglesia del Santo Nombre de Jesús ofreció una oportunidad de ayuda a las organizaciones que quieren asistir a la comunidad Latina con sus necesidades. Fue una oportunidad de compartir recursos, contactos y servicios para mantener una buena salud y un buen estilo de vida.

Fue un evento gratuito el cual también contó con actividades divertidas para los niños ofrecidas por el equipo de Girl Scouts coordinado por Beth Probus.

Seguido de la Feria se tuvo un rico almuerzo, premios y la oportunidad de poder convivir con la comunidad mientras se hacía lo propio por la salud de cada uno de los participantes.

Queremos darle un agradecimiento especial a la Fundación Welborn, al Padre Shonis, Shannon Long, Mary Ann Correll, Dr. Mike Farina, Dr. Rogelio Silva, Dr. Howard Campbell, Monica Landaeta, Gail Clancy y Ann Huertas quienes nos ayudaron a coordinar una muy exitosa Feria Latina de la Salud.

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de Dios, y en eso encontraron un vínculo común que trasciende la palabra hablada.

El viernes, antes de que partió para la tierra de combos super-sized de hamburguesas (probablemente no debo escribir estas columnas cuando tengo hambre y tengo deseo de comer la comida de mi patria), ofrecí al Monseñor Medley un breve recorrido por el Seminario Nacional Santo Tomás de Aquino y la Zona Colonial de Santo Domingo. En el seminario, encontramos a un obispo de Francia que estaba de visita, y el rector nos dio un recorrido por la capilla del seminario que fue consagrada por el Beato Juan Pablo II en 1992, en conmemoración del 500° Aniversario de la llegada de Colón a la Isla Española. Mientras yo traducía las palabras del rectoral inglés, otro sacerdote traducía al francés. La universalidad de la Iglesia Católica se manifiesta en momentos inesperados. Además de conocer a un colega obispo extranjero, el Monseñor Medley conoció a algunos de los seminaristas de la Diócesis de Baní. Aunque Mel Howard probablemente no va a estar feliz conmigo, se me olvidé de tomar una fotografía del Monseñor Medley con los tres hombres que van a ser ordenados al sacerdocio este año para la Diócesis de Baní.

No está completo una visita a Santo Domingo sin conocer la Zona Colonial y la primera catedral en el hemisferio occidental. La Arquidiócesis de Santo Domingo, el 8 de agosto del año pasado, celebró el 500° Aniversario su creación. La construcción de la "Catedral de Nuestra Señora de la Encarnación (Primada de América)" comenzó en el año 1512 y se completó en 1540, aunque capillas laterales fueron añadidos posteriormente. Ni que decir tiene, el Monseñor Obispo Medley quedó im-



Obispo William Medley, con algunas de las personas que viajaron a la iglesia con él como Padre Stan condujo el camión. Foto presentada por el padre de Stan Puryear.

presionado. La primera vez que encontré al sacerdote que iba a llegar a ser el Monseñor Medley fue desde hace muchos años cuando el era párroco de la Proto-Catedral de San José de Bardstown, la primera catedral católica al oeste de las Montañas Allegheny (construcción se comenzó en 1816). Por lo tanto, nuestro Monseñor entiende la importancia que sirven los edificios en declarar la historia

de nuestra iglesia. Después de ver algunos otros sitios, nos sentamos a la sombra de árboles de 500 años escuchando una banda de merengue mientras tomamos limonada. Y después, llegó la hora de ir al aeropuerto.

En una parte media chistosa, me quedé con la impresión de que el Monseñor Medley no apreció el arte que es manejar un

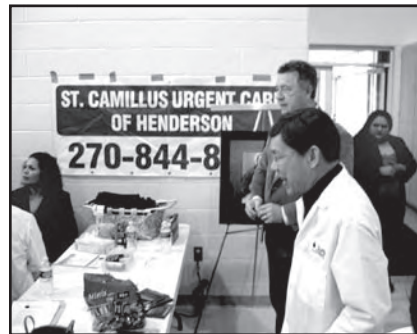
carro en la República Dominicana. Más de una vez lo vi preparándose para un impacto que ni fue causa de asusto según las normas dominicanas. Un sacerdote italiano explicó la diferencia entre manejar en los Estados Unidos y conducir en Italia – y la comparación sirve para aquí también: "Los estadounidenses están preocupados con las reglas el orden, y por eso esperan que la luz roja se cambia a verde, y van en una sola dirección en las calles unidireccionales. Para nosotros, conducir es una relación personal, uno-a-uno". Parte de conducir aquí es haciendo esa relación personal mientras uno corre a 100 kilómetros por hora (60 mph) y evita hoyos, vacas y cabras. Lo que el Monseñor no experimentó fue que todo esto se hace normalmente mientras hay bachata en la radio y el conductor en una conversación animada en el teléfono. Pero quería guardar algunas cosas para la siguiente visita del Monseñor Medley.

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por una multitud de gente que incluía a un número significativo de niños sonrientes.

La parte más estresante para me de la visita del Monseñor Obispo fue la comida de mediodía del jueves con el Monseñor Bretón. El Monseñor Bretón lee y escribe al inglés bien, pero no tiene oportunidad de conversación. Esto significaba que yo mismo tenía la tarea de traducir. Fue un encuentro bien para todos. Aunque el Monseñor Bretón y el Monseñor Medley tienen personalidades muy diferentes, ambos son hombres espirituales que respondieron a la llamada inesperada para el episcopado. Fue evidente que comparten amor por Dios y la Iglesia



Poco aprendizaje Valeria cómo suena el corazón.



Elvia Segovia recibir un examen dental del Dr. Todd

A la izquierda, El Dr. Jaime Tiu ofrece información de la Clínica San Camilo

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Sr. Fran obtener información de Methodist Hospital. Foto presentada por el padre de Stan Puryear.



El Obispo William F. Medley

Calendario del Monseñor Medley para Abril del 2012:

1 de Abril	11:00 a.m.	Misa Domingo de Ramos, Catedral de San Esteban, Sótano del CPC
3 de Abril	9:00 a.m.	Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano, CPC
	6:30 p.m.	Misa Crismal, Sportscenter, Owensboro
5 de Abril	7:00 p.m.	Misa Jueves Santo, Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento
6 de Abril	7:00 p.m.	Servicios de Viernes Santo, Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento
7 de Abril	8:00 p.m.	Misa de Vigilia Pascual, Capilla del Santísimo Sacramento
11 de Abril	6:15 p.m.	Misa, Evento de Formación de Fe en Decanato de Paducah, Escuela Primaria de Santa María
12 de Abril	9:00 a.m.	Misa Escolar, Escuela San José, Mayfield
14 de Abril	4:30 p.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, Owensboro
15 de Abril	8:30 a.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia de San Eduardo, Fulton
	10:30 a.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia San Judas, Clinton
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia San Pío X, Owensboro
16 de Abril	9:30 a.m.	Reunión del Comité del Personal Sacerdotal, CPC
	1:30 p.m.	Reunión del Concejo de los Sacerdotes. CPC
17 de Abril	9:00 a.m.	Misa y Reunión del Personal Diocesano, CPC
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia de la Santísima Madre, Owensboro
18 de Abril	8:30 a.m.	Reunión del Comité de Administración/Finanzas, CPC
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia Santa María del Bosque, Whitesville
19 de Abril	10:30 a.m.	Misa "Arcoiris" de las Escuelas Católicas, Sportscenter, Owensboro
21 de Abril	10:00 a.m.	Ordenación al Diaconato, Julio Barrera, Parroquia San José, Bowling Green
	5:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia San Juan el Evangelista, Paducah
22 de Abril	3:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia San José, Bowling Green
	8:00 p.m.	Misa del Campus, WKU, Centro Católico del Campus, Bowling Green
23 de Abril	6:30 p.m.	Servicio de Sanación, Parroquia de Santos Pedro y Pablo, Hopkinsville
24 de Abril	10-3:00	Horas de la Oficina en Paducah, Hospital de Lourdes
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia Santa Ana, Morganfield
25 de Abril	6:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia San Pío X, Calvert City
26 de Abril	11:00 a.m.	Misa, Escuela de San Maximino Kolbe, Owensboro
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia de San Laurencio, Parroquia de San Guillermo @ Parroquia de San Guillermo, Philpot
28 de Abril	4:00 p.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia Santa Rosa de Lima, Cloverport
29 de Abril	9:00 a.m.	Confirmación, Parroquia Santa Isabel, Curdsville

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Viajes Recientes Me Hacen Preguntar ¿Quién Servirá a la Iglesia Universal?



El Obispo
William F.
Medley

Estimados hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Con mucha frecuencia nuestro mundo puede ser muy pequeño considerando el universo tan inmenso que creó Dios. Encontramos bastantes cosas para mantenernos ocupados en nuestra familia

ya y casa, nuestras escuelas y trabajos. Lo mismo pasa cuando pensamos de nuestra fe y nuestra iglesia. Nuestro mundo es nuestra parroquia o nuestra Diócesis y nunca sabemos mucho de lo que hay más allá.

Mi vista del mundo, mi vista de la iglesia, se hizo más universal durante mis viajes recientes. Visité a Mandeville, Jamaica y Para, Republica Dominicana. Mandeville es la Diócesis hermana de la Diócesis de Owensboro. Para es la comunidad central donde se encuentra la parroquia del Padre Stan Puryear. El Padre Stan es un sacerdote de la Diócesis de Owensboro que empezó su servicio misionero en la Republica Dominicana en Agosto del 2010.

En Mandeville visité con el Monseñor Neil Tiedemann, un sacerdote Pasionista americano, quien fue nombrado obispo allí en el año 2008. El Obispo Tiedemann ha visitado Owensboro unas veces. El obispo me llevó a un tour de todo el día de los lugares donde los peregrinos de Kentucky han visitado y trabajado. Católicos en Mandeville representan un porcentaje muy pequeño de la población total de Jamaica. En este sentido su diócesis es similar a la nuestra donde en muchos condados de Kentucky occidental los Católicos solamente son 2-3% de la población.

Visitamos a una clínica médica operada por las hermanas misioneras de Kenia. Los pacientes hacen cola cada día empezando a las 6:00am para la apertura de la clínica a las 9:00am. Las Hermanas Misioneras de la Caridad (la orden de la Madre Teresa) cuidan a los ancianitos en un asilo que se hizo en una escuela vieja. Fue un lugar brillante y alegre y noté que el lavadero (sábanas, toallas, batas) estaba colgado en los pasamanos y rejas para sacar. Las hermanas eran de India y

Kenia.

El centro diocesano de distribución era un lugar de mucha actividad donde las donaciones materiales de los Estados Unidos y Canadá vienen para ser distribuidas. Junto con ese centro está el Colegio Católico de Jamaica. Muchos de los graduados de este colegio serán maestros, pero ofrece muchas áreas de estudio. Se están construyendo un campus nuevo, pero solamente se va a poder construir si se recibe las donaciones – ahora solamente tienen a mano el dinero para las necesidades del próximo mes.

El Padre Stan Puryear también me llevó a un tour en el carro todo un día. En términos de geografía su parroquia no es gigante comparado con países de misión, tal vez no pasa del tamaño de muchos de nuestros condados. Pero en su parroquia el Padre Stan lleva la Eucaristía y sacramentos a 16 iglesias y capillas. Antes de su llegada, muchos de estos lugares alejados no habían recibido una visita por un sacerdote en muchos años. La Republica Dominicana, en cambio a Jamaica, es un país predominantemente Católico pero con una escasez enorme de sacerdotes y religiosos.

En San Antonio de Padua tuvimos la Misa en una capilla al aire libre. Se ve que fue establecida hace mucho tiempo porque todavía tiene la estructura del altar que se usaba antes del Vaticano II. A las 5:00pm en una tarde del jueves 120+ personas llegaron a la Misa. La mayoría eran niños. Como esta capilla no fue visitada por un sacerdote por muchos años, Padre Stan había bautizado casi todos los niños allí bajo la edad de diez años. Algunos de los niños allí todavía no han hecho su primera comunión pero las catequistas locales están trabajando con el Padre Stan para prepararlos. Mucha de la gente caminaba a la Misa, algunos viajando varias millas a pie para llegar.

Así era la vida en solo uno de los 16 locales. Los recursos son escasos pero es claro que la fe abunda.

La lección que aprendí, o debo decir que aprendí otra vez, es la vastedad y diversidad de la Iglesia Católica a través del mundo. Ustedes saben que en casi cada parroquia que yo visito en nuestra diócesis le ruego a la gente joven a considerar vidas de servicio extraordinario a la iglesia siendo sacerdotes o religiosos consagrados.



¿Cuántas capillas y misiones en el mundo no han recibido una visita por un sacerdote en años o hasta décadas? Nuestra diócesis es tan bendecida que ahora sacerdotes vienen para servir a nuestra gente desde la India, países de África y México. Le pido a Dios que un día podamos convocar una abundancia de sacerdotes y religiosos para mirar al mundo y buscar lugares donde los Padre Stan's de mañana servirán a la iglesia universal.

Suyos en Cristo,

Monseñor William F. Medley
Obispo de Owensboro

Saludos de Baní. Por Padre Stan Puryear

Hemos pasado un mes emocionante aquí en Distrito Parroquial Santiago Apóstol en Paya. El Monseñor Freddy Bretón, Obispo de Baní, ha anunciado que el día 25 de julio, Solemnidad de Santiago Apóstol, nuestro “distrito parroquial” se convertirá en una parroquia autónoma, con yo siendo su primer párroco. Aunque muchos otros sacerdotes han servido aquí durante los años, eran todos vicarios de la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de Regla. Se han registrado todos los bautizos y otras actividades sacramentales en la Catedral, lo que significa que ahora tengo que mantener los libros del registro sacramental. De alguna manera, con cada “promoción”, más trabajo la acompaña.

Aun eso nombramiento como parroquia fue emocionante, el pueblo del futuro Parroquia Santiago Apóstol estaba mas entusiasmado de tener un estimado visitante de los Estados Unidos. Nuestro propio obispo, el Monseñor William Medley llegó a Paya como una parada en su Gran Gira del Caribe (se parece una estrella de música). Después de vis-

itar con el Monseñor Niel Tiedemann CP, Obispo en la Mandeville en Jamaica, el Monseñor Medley voló a través de Miami a Santo Domingo. Lamentablemente, hay no hay vuelos directos entre Jamaica y la República Dominicana, lo que significa que después de un día muy largo de viajar, el Monseñor Obispo llegó muy tarde el 29 de febrero.

El 1 de marzo, después de sentarse en el balcón en el sol mientras disfrutaba un desayuno de fruta fresca producida localmente, le llevé al Monseñor en una gira por las comunidades a quienes tengo el privilegio de servir. Aunque estoy seguro de que casi no podía contener su entusiasmo, también introduje al Monseñor Medley a la muchedumbre con quien vivo: perros, pavos, y la gallina que misteriosamente apareció en el patio un día. El Monseñor fue impresionado por el “autobús” de la parroquia, aunque fue sorprendido al ver cuántas personas podrían subir en la parte trasera de una camioneta. Celebrando la Santa Misa en la comunidad de San Antonio de Padua en El Carretón, el Monseñor fue recibido

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